

Twelve Talk

16.02.20

Issue 129

Meetings 2019-20

- *07.01.20
Lecture by Bro. Alan D. Beck PM
(Mozart, Freemasonry and the
Magic Flute)
- * 21.01.20
No meeting – Inverclyde Music
Festival
- * 04.02.20
Passing
- * 18.02.20
Entering and PGLRW Annual
Visitation (715 pm)
- * Saturday 29.02.20
Annual Charity Burns Supper (630
for 7pm)
- * 03.03.20
Raising
- *17.03.20
Passing
- *07.04.20
Raising
- *21.04.20
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Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Summer Meeting – 1st Thursday in June
Burns Supper – Last Saturday in February

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Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 4th February Passing by Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626

The Lodge was well filled by brethren of No XII and visitors, including RW Masters Bro Eric Sweeney, of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217, Bro James Watson, of Lodge Sir Michael No 989 and Bro Sidney Alexander, of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425. The visiting deputation from Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 was then shown in by DoC Bro Capt. Allan I MacFeate PM. It contained over 30 brethren of 626 accompanied by a handful of brethren from Lodge Prince of Wales Renfrew No 426. RW Master Bro Graeme Wallace of Lodge of Firth of Clyde, who headed the Deputation, was introduced along with Bro Ross McLelland the RW Master of Lodge Prince of Wales who accompanied him. Extra seating was almost required! The brethren of 626 then worked what can only be described as a truly excellent Fellowcraft Degree for Bro Innes Ross Nelson of No XII. RW Master Bro Wallace is the great nephew of the late Bro Roy Drainer PM of No XII who would have been very proud of his work.

Our Next Meeting Tuesday 18th February Entering

On Tuesday we have an entering which will be conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of No XII. The Degree Team is **Prayer** Bro Robbie Thomson Bible Bearer **Obligation** Bro J Robert Crossan RWM **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Brian McFadyen WSW **NE Corner** Bro Robert Marshall JD **Working Tools** Bro Robert J Bain PM **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM **Charge** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM. There will be 2 candidates: Mr Alan Stuart Hunter and Mr Cameron White, each of whom is a Lewis.

The evening also marks the Annual Visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West and so the Lodge will open 15 minutes earlier than usual at 715pm

Test Fees now Overdue!

If you do not pay your Test Fees by standing order, they are now due to be paid to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Similarly, those Brethren who are Life Members and support the Lodge by covering the Annual Capitation Fee to the Grand Lodge of Scotland should also speak to Bro David about payment as soon as possible. It is important that we all meet our financial obligations to the Lodge. Test Fees are now £45, and the Annual Capitation Fee is £35.

Bro Alistair Glenny PM 1950 –2020

In fond memory by Bro. Iain White PM.



It was a great shock when we heard that Bro Alistair Glenny had passed to the Grand Lodge Above in the early hours of Sunday 8th February in Inverclyde Royal Hospital after a short illness. Alistair's sad passing came just after he had been out in Penang, Malaysia for his annual sojourn to visit his daughter and her family. It is all the sadder, if that is at all possible for the family, and for No XII, that this came a mere 8 weeks after his brother Jack, also a Past Master of No XII, had lost his battle with illness.

“The Glennys” were brought up in Greenock’s Bow Road and Alistair attended Greenock High School after successfully negotiating his Qualifying Exam at Lady Alice Primary. Whilst in the High School, Alistair was a keen footballer and played in a very successful team, shown below as McMillan Cup Winners. His Winner’s Medal is also shown (right)



McMillan Cup Winners 1963

Back: Alistair Glenny, Ronnie Hawthorn, Eddie Strachan, Donald Blair, Russell Brown, Ronnie Rodger.
Front: Craig Lapsley, Billy Aitken, Ian Samuel (Captain), John Piggott, and Robert Gilmour

Alistair had the idea in 2018 that, in keeping with making things different for folk and raising interest levels, we should have a degree where all floor work was done by former pupils of Greenock High. Thus, the 'High School Degree' came into being. It was a very successful evening, with a big crowd in attendance and where the degree team FP members were all resplendent in High School ties. Alistair was proud of being a 'High School boy.'



In his youth, Alistair was an enthusiastic Scout being a member of the famous JJ Swan's 45th Troop that met in the hut on Robertson Street, Greenock. He moved through the ranks and became a leader in the troop before transferring to help out at the 33rd Renfrewshire. I first met Alistair when I was a youngster in the 45th Troop, and he was one of the leaders. I remember him taking us on camping weekends to Everton in Inverkip and teaching us scout craft. We had a good laugh and learned a bit too!



The photo above has Alistair as a Patrol Leader at a 45th Summer Camp in the 1960s. The inspection is being conducted by Scouter Jim Bell.

Alongside, the photo is enlarged showing (I think) from left Gordon Chalmers, Patrick McQuade, unknown and definitely PL Alistair

At around the same time, he had become bass drummer in Greenock and District Scouts Dunrod Pipe Band and then the Greenock Burgh Pipe Band. Both bands won numerous prizes in Grade 4 in the 1960s and Greenock

Burgh was promoted to Grade 3. I was a piper in the Greenock Burgh with Alistair as was Bro Hector Macphail PM.

When he left Greenock High, Alistair joined one of Greenock's premier, long established garages West Renfrew Motors in Brougham Street, just at the corner of Campbell Street. He served his apprenticeship as a coach painter and this led him to great success in the motor trade, later working for paint manufacturers and travelling the length and breadth of the UK.

Bro Alistair was Initiated into No XII on 19th September 1972, Passed on 3rd October 1972 and Raised on 7th November 1972. He served as Right Worshipful Master, very successfully, between 1983 and 1985. I served in his team as Senior Deacon and I remember his work as being clear, proficient and precise.



Alistair with his brother at Jack's Installation into the Chair in November 1981. This was Alistair's favourite photo with Jack. Below is Alistair's photo from his own Installation Programme 2 years later

LODGE GREENOCK KILWINNING No. XII
 HOLDING UNDER GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND
 Instituted 1728. Represented at St Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh,
 at Institution of Grand Lodge of Scotland, 30th November, 1736.

Installation of
Bro. ALISTAIR GLENNY



SALOON OF THE TOWN HALL, GREENOCK
TUESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 1983 at 6.45pm

INSTALLING MASTERS:
Bro. JOHN ADAMSON, PM
Bro. K. K. MORRISON, PM
Bro. JOHN C. GLENNY, IPM



On left, Bro Alistair Glenny RWM, immediately after being Installed into the Chair of King Solomon on Tuesday 15th November 1983

In recent times, Bro Alistair was a great servant to the Lodge, applying his talents, character and personality to various roles and tasks. He was, for the past few years, Lodge Almoner and this was a role that was particularly suited to him. Being a man who had empathy with, and sympathy for, others who were having a struggle with their health, his kindness, care and consideration meant that his visits, phone calls, cards and flowers were much appreciated. His ready wit would cheer folk up greatly. Indeed, it was Alistair who came up with the idea of having special cards printed (on right) that could be sent out from the Lodge.

Alistair's suitability for the Almoner's role was further recognised when he took up that position for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. He was very committed to discharging his duties conscientiously and well as was humanly possible. This was further recognised in November 2017 when he was given the Honorary Grand Rank of Almoner by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. I would doubt that anyone ever deserved it more.



Alistair applied his practical skills to the benefit of No XII, refurbishing the 3rd Degree Altar, The War Memorial Altar, the RWM and Wardens pedestals and, most recently in the summer recess of 2019 the Deacons Rods and Candlesticks and the old Wardens' Columns. Examples of his handiwork are in the photos.



I was never aware of Alistair being asked to do anything for the Lodge that he did not happily agree to. He would often volunteer when something needed done. Since his brother's illness, Alistair conducted Divine Services and Remembrance Ceremonies at the Lodge. Also, he would fill in for any absent Office Bearer at the drop of a hat.

Like me, he had a keen interest in the history of No XII and had done a lot of research into Bro Alexander Drummond, RWM of No XII in 1738 and Scotland's first Provincial Grand Master. He used this information to great effect at our Installation Ceremonies and he was preparing a PowerPoint that was to be the basis of a lecture on the Drummonds for us. In the past few years, Alistair would help me conduct the Inventory of the Lodge artefacts and prepare the report for the Annual Meeting. We would go into the Town Hall and spend a morning on the task. I thoroughly enjoyed these mornings. It was Alistair's company really and, if we hadn't done so much blethering, the job could have been done in half the time. He was such good company and would have me in stitches as we looked at various relics and they brought back happy and humorous memories from the years gone by.

Alistair lived in a house with a beautiful view over the river and he was a regular contributor to the *Greenock Telegraph*, sending in photos of ships sailing past his window with a wee story about each.

Alistair is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Lynette, daughters Gillian and Jennifer, his sons-in-law Simon and Kevin and 5 grandchildren. All of them he loved dearly.

We shall all miss Alistair. He was a kind, generous, caring, compassionate, talented and humorous man. He was a very knowledgeable Freemason and would be always up for passing that on through anecdotes, stories and reminiscences. The Three Grand Principles on which our order is founded are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and Alistair fully embodied all of these. If the world had more folk like Alistair around, it would be a much better place.

Iain White
16.02.2020

Alistair took ill on his way home from Penang. Each year when he visited, I looked forward to the reports and photos that he would give me for Twelve Talk. Indeed, we had been communicating via WhatsApp during his break this year. He was really looking forward to Addressing the Haggis at the Burns Supper of Lodge Scotia No 1003, one of the many that he visited each year, and he did a great job. He made many masonic friends there over the years. One such is Dr. Kenneth Khoo who sent a beautiful message to Lynette. I asked his permission to reproduce it in Twelve Talk. He has readily given this. I shall include this in the next edition of Twelve Talk.

Annual Charity Burns Supper Saturday 29th February



The Annual Charity Burns Supper now held under the auspices of the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII Burns Club will be held in the Town Hall on the last day of February. The Immortal Memory will be proposed by the President of The Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club) who just happens to be our own Past Master Bro. Alan D. Beck. Bro Brian McFadyen WSW and Past Master of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 will Toast "The Lassies". Tickets are £25 and may be obtained from Bro. Alan at 07739 514242 or Bro. Iain White at 07533 112242.

We would also be grateful for raffle and auction prizes.

The Lodge Burns Club has a handsome new logo produced by our multi-talented RW Master Bro Bob Crossan and it is shown on the left. Well done RWM and thanks!!

Lodge Memorabilia

In his role as Lodge Librarian, Bro Iain White PM is still very keen to have any documentary or other links to the past – installation programmes, Orders of Service, postcards, flyers etc. etc. If they are lying in a cupboard at home, please bring them in to enhance our understanding of No XII's past.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 8th January 2020 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, WJW Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Scott Branchfield, Bro Robbie Thomson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Livingstone
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 9th January 2020 (Entering) – attended by WSW Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 10th January 2020 (Annual Installation) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM (who stood in as SD)
- Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No 626 on 13th January 2020 (Passing) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 13 January 2020 (Passing by Lodge Dalry Blair No. 290) – attended by Bro Iain White PM and Bro Iain D MacLeod HM
- Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 on 14th January 2020 (Raising & AV PGLRW) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Allan MacFeate PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Branchfield, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 16th January 2020 (Entering & AV PGLRW) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, WSW Bro Brian McFadyen, WJW Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Kelvin Partick No 1207 on 21 January 2020 (Annual Burns Supper) – attended by Bro Iain White PM and Bro Donald Finlayson HM
- Lodge St. John Largs No 173 on 21st January 2020 (Entering) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM and Bro Andrew Paton

- Lodge Georgetown No 1170 on 22nd January 2020 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Brian McFadyen
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 23rd January 2020 (Passing by Lodge Inchinnan No. 1405) – attended by WSW Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Greenock St John No 175 on 24th January 2020 (Entering) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 & Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 26th January 2020 (Divine Service) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Kenny Morrison PM, Bro Bob Bain PM and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No 626 on 27th January 2020 (Entering & AV PGLRW) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Kenny Morrison PM

From the Old Minute Books – 1859 Part 3

I am currently involved in some research regarding the Lodge in the 1850s for a contribution to another journal, and, as part of the task, I have been reading, and transcribing, the minutes for all 6 meetings of the Lodge that were held in 1859. The third of these is below in transcription. It is exactly as in the Minute Book. I have not added any punctuation, altered any spellings etc. It does make an interesting read.

At a meeting of the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning held in the Royal Hotel Greenock on the evening of 6th December 1859

Present Brother Wm McClure RWM
 Adam Leitch acting SW
 T Ballantine acting JW
 D Macintyre JW
 James Newton SD
 John Scott Yst JD
 JC Sicklemore
 Alexander Anderson
 Shanks
 Albert Lew
 JM Ironson
 FR Reid

The Lodge having been opened in due Masonic form the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved of. Br McMaster of the Greenock St John's Lodge and Bro Roulstone RN of Union Lodge No 588 of England were duly introduced and received into the Lodge. It was then proposed by Br James Newton and seconded by Brother John Scott Yst that Benjamin Martell be admitted a member of this Lodge which was carried unanimously. Brother James Newton then introduced Benjamin Martell and Br Adam Leitch introduced Alexander Anderson the candidate proposed at the last meeting who were duly entered Apprentice Masons passed and raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Brother McAllister of St Marks Lodge Glasgow having requested admission into the Lodge was after due examination admitted thereto. The Lodge then agreed to adjourn till the evening of the 21st Inst at ½ past seven O'clock for the prosecution of business and the election of Office Bearers and after partaking of refreshments was duly closed in Masonic form.

Signed by Bro Wm McClure RWM

More of interest to follow in subsequent editions.

Lapel Badges

For many years, the late Bro Henry S Tibbles PM sold anniversary lapel badges in aid of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund through the West Column, the monthly newsletter of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. Recently, he passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *XII Talk*. This will now be a regular feature.



Lapel Badges for 25, 40, and 50 years' service are available at a cost of £5.50 each. A special "gem" set badge for 60 years is also available at £10. **All prices are excluding postage.** For every badge sold, £2 will be donated to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. All cheques should be made out to *David Stevenson*

Badges, may be purchased individually by qualified Brethren, or in bulk by Lodges who may wish to make presentations to deserving Brethren, for meritorious service. All enquiries and orders to treasurerno12@aol.com. Please make cheques payable to *David Stevenson*.



Grumpy Past Masters badges are also now available from David at a cost of £5.50 each, excluding postage.

Iain White PM
16.02.20

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