

# Twelve Talk

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## Meetings 2022-23

- 06.09.22  
Passing
- \* 20.09.22  
Entering
- \* 04.10.22  
Passing
- \* 18.10.22  
AGM and Nomination and  
Election (Members Only)
- \* 01.11.22  
Passing
- \* 15.11.22  
Annual Installation (615 pm)
- \* 06.12.22  
Annual Divine Service
- \* 20.12.22  
No meeting
  
- Saturday 25.02.23  
Burns Supper (630 for 7pm)



**Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII**  
**The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock**  
**Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April**  
**Summer Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June**  
**Burns Supper – Last Saturday in February**

**RWM Bro Brian McFadyen 47 Renshaw Road Bishopton PA7 8HL (07810008075)**  
**Secretary Bro Ken McDougall PM 6 Stirling Drive Gourrock PA19 1AH (07810270787)**  
**Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourrock PA19 1JY (07887904910)**

## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 Passing and Act of Remembrance

A good turnout of brethren saw the office bearers of the Lodge confer a Passing. The Candidate was Bro. Finlay Campbell and the Degree Team was

**Prayer:** Bro Bob Bain PM

**Obligation:** RWM Bro Brian McFadyen

**Secrets:** IPM Bro Robert Crossan

**Apron:** IPM Bro Robert Crossan

**Working Tools:** Bro Paul Branchfield

**The Tracing Board:** Bro Ken MacDougall PM

**The Charge:** Bro Bob Bain PM

The RWM informed the brethren that Bro John Black, Past Master of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and current Depute Master of Provincial Grand Lodge, had been confirmed and elected as the next Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West by Grand Lodge at the recent communication. The RWM advised that Bro Black has confirmed that Bro Alan Beck PM will be the new Substitute Provincial Grand Master. The RWM and brethren congratulated Bro Alan Beck PM on his appointment.

The Act of Remembrance for the 10 members of No. XII who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Great War was conducted by Bro. Alan D. Beck PM. The Brethren were

**Private Archibald Lindsay Barr 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion  
Scots Guards**

**Engine Room Artificer. George William  
Campbell Royal Naval Reserve**

**Lieutenant James Hannah Royal Garrison  
Artillery**

**Pioneer Henry Hay Royal Engineers  
1<sup>st</sup> Engineer Arthur Johnston Mercantile  
Marine**

**Private John Duncan Macfarlane 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders**

**Engineer Sub Lieutenant David Rankin  
Fleming MacKail Royal Navy**

**Lance Corporal Alexander Niven Russell 6<sup>th</sup>  
Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Joseph Henry Sanders 10<sup>th</sup>  
Battalion Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

**Serjeant James Ritchie Smith 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Argyll  
and Sutherland Highlanders**

## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 Annual Installation of Office Bearers

The Installation Meeting will begin at the earlier time of 615pm. This year's Installing Masters are Bro Iain White PM, Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall PM and Bro. Hector Macphail PM and the RW Master-elect is Bro Brian McFadyen. This is a re-installation for Brian and, because of that, the ceremony will be conducted entirely in the Saloon. There will be no Installing Board. A complimentary dinner will follow the meeting.

No. XII office bearers are invited to a pre-installation buffet at 5pm. 1

## Remembrance Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 The Service at Greenock Cenotaph in Well Park

The Lodge was very well represented at the Remembrance Sunday parade and wreath laying. In the parade were Bros. Brian McFadyen RW Master and Bro. Bob Bain PM; waiting in the park were Bros. Iain White PM, Hector Macphail PM, Alex Johnston WSW, Paul Branchfield JD, Cameron White and James Lever HM. The RW Master laid a wreath on behalf of the Lodge. RW Master John McKenzie of Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175 and RW Master Ian Hair of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121 also laid wreaths.

Unusually for remembrance Sunday the day was beautiful and warm. Of course, the Remembrance was led by Inverclyde's first citizen, Provost Bro. Drew McKenzie PM of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121.



**Left: the RWMs approach the Cenotaph**

**Right: The RWMs lay the wreaths**



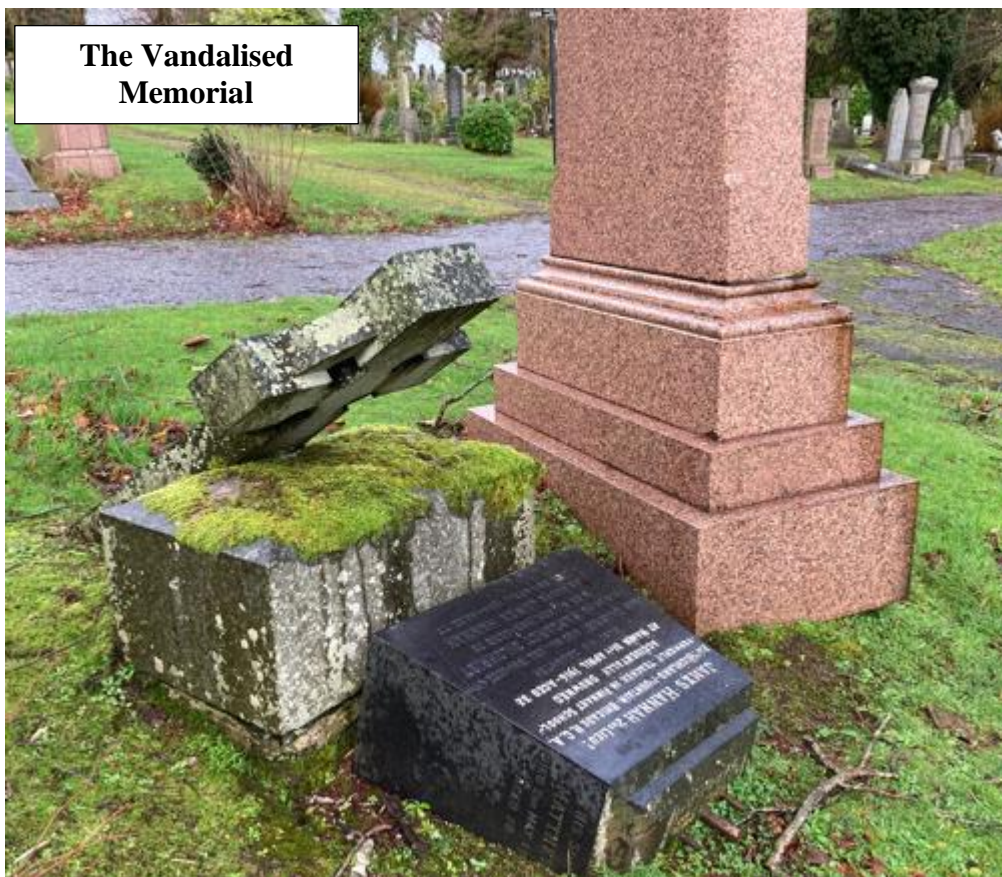


## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Bro. James Hannah Royal Garrison Artillery

Bro. James Hannah is one of the No. XII brethren lost during the Great War. He was accidentally drowned whilst serving at Nairn.

Having visited memorials to No. XII members who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War in London and in Flanders, I thought it time that I go to visit 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant James Hannah, Royal Garrison Artillery, who lies in Greenock Cemetery. My intention was to place a Poppy Cross on 11<sup>th</sup> November, but I thought it best to have a preliminary sortie to locate the grave first. I failed at my first attempt and, since it was on Wednesday past, I got well and truly soaked for my efforts. I returned on Thursday. The weather was kinder and I found the place at last, up near the Ness Road entrance and close to the wall.

Funnily enough, although Bro. James is commemorated on the Commonwealth War Graves Website, his memorial stone is a family one and not, as you would expect, one of the grey, rectangular CWGC ones.



**The Vandalised  
Memorial**

I was very upset when I found him. His gravestone has been vandalised and now lies in 3 pieces. I cannot begin to understand what people get from committing such sheer wanton acts of vandalism. It is depressing to see how many stones have been similarly treated and makes you wonder about the society we live in.

However, when I circulated the images to Lodge Members, we quickly determined that we should get the stone restored so that it becomes a fitting

memorial for our departed brother. During my Presidency of Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club), we restored the Rae Brown family memorial in the grounds of the Old West Kirk. It too had been broken into 3 pieces. Today, I shall be contacting the monumental sculptor who did the work in the hope that he will come to have a look at Br. James's stone and see what can be done.

Undeterred, I revisited the grave on Friday for the silence at 1100 am. What a day it was! Whilst bright and sunny it was blowing a gale, almost enough to blow me off my feet. The plot where Bro. James lies is in a high, very exposed part of the Cemetery. Before observing the silence, I placed a suitably inscribed Poppy Cross on the grave and recited the words of the Exhortation

*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them.*

Robert Laurence Binyon *For the Fallen*

and the message from the Kohima Epitaph

*When you go home, tell them of us and say,  
For your tomorrow, we gave our today*  
John Maxwell Edmonds

After the silence, I played *The Dark Island* on the pipes, a lovely slow air which happens to be the favourite pipe tune of our RW Master.



**The Poppy Cross**



**The Memorial Stone**





**After The  
Remembrance**

The story of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Bro. James Hannah is a particularly sad one and one which resonates with me. He was a well-qualified man with many interests. This led him not only to support various organisations in the area but also to be involved in their management. Like myself, he was a teacher by profession, working in Finnart School whose building survives today as Ardgowan Primary School in Newton Street Greenock. I visited the school the other day on Burns Club business. It was amazing to think that Bro. James Hannah's feet trod the corridors in that building, just as they did the Saloon of the Town Hall in the same way that mine now do. A member of the Burns Club, as I am, he was its secretary. He played golf at the Club – Greenock – where I was Captain and played for most of my life. Bro James was a bowler at the Grosvenor Bowling Club in Dempster Street where I was, for a time a member, many years ago. His life and mine have so many similarities but sadly his was tragically cut short at the age of just 32. So much promise, so much more to offer and yet given so little time.

More detail on bro. James follows on the next page, including Greenock Telegraph cuttings from April 2016..



In Memory of  
Second Lieutenant  
**James Hannah**

2nd/4th Highland Mountain Bde., Royal Garrison Artillery who died on 21 April 1916 Age 32

Son of James and Margaret Gilchrist Hannah, of 99, Dempster St., Greenock.

Remembered with Honour  
Greenock Cemetery



Commemorated in perpetuity by  
the Commonwealth War Graves Commission

**CWGC Certificate**

INDEX No. DAVIS, Serg. H., 20257. 4th Bn. The Cameronians (Scot. Regt.). 3rd Nov. 1908. Age 27. Husband of Jessie Simpson Waters (formerly Davis), of 6, Deane Place, Lower Largo, Fife. TT. 289.

DENBOLD, Prob. Flt. Officer Robert Miller, R.N.A.S. (Chingford). 26th July 1917. Age 18. Son of John Douglas, of "Lawthorn", 13, Octavia Terrace, Greenock. Born at Greenock. CC. 3020.

DOHERTY, Pte. W., 20553. 1st Arty. and Sutherland Highlanders. 28th May, 1917. QQ. 528.

DONALD, Pte. A., 43431. 11th Bn. Royal Scots. 29th April, 1919. Age 34. NNN. 289.

DOWDS, Pte. H., 201254. 2nd Bn. Northamptonshire Fusiliers. 10th Aug., 1918. DD. 131.

FERGUSON, Spc. F. J. M., 214. Royal Engineers. 28th April, 1917. LLL. 488.

FERGUSON, Ldg. Transport J., 2001. ST. R.N.R. H.M. Whaler "Ball Whale". 4th April, 1918. MMM. 191.

FORSYTH, Pte. B., 2176. 5th Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 4th Feb. 1915. LLL. 690.

GILLAN, Pte. W., 21418. 1st Bn. Highland Light Inf. 4th Jan. 1919. Age 30. Husband of B. Gillan, of 6, Kilburn St., Greenock. QQ. 97.

GIVEN, Pte. S., 5/20927. 2nd Bn. Seaforth Highlanders. 9th March, 1918. TT. 7. 612.

GREGG, Transport John, 1204. ST. R.N.R. H.M. Trawler "Vale of Leven". Drowned 9th July, 1917. Age 33. Husband of Sarah Gregg, of 2, Beguine Walk, Greenock. MMM. 448.

HAMILTON, Ldg. Supt. John, 31777. D.S.M. R.N.R. H.M.S. "Victory". 20th Dec., 1918. Age 41. Son of George and Katherine Matheson of Banton; husband of Mary Elizabeth Hamilton, of 28, Ann St., Greenock. Born at Newcastle. TT. 482.

HANNAH, 2nd Lt. James. 2nd/4th Highland Mountain Bde. Royal Garrison Artillery. Drowned at Nairn 21st April, 1916. Age 32. Son of James and Margaret Gilchrist Hannah, of 99, Dempster St., Greenock. MMM. 2.

HEAD, Pte. John, 27579. 1st Arty. and Sutherland Highlanders. 21st Jan., 1916. Age 31. Son of John and Mary Head; husband of Jean Lafferty Head, of 28, East Corwood St., Greenock. DD. 569.

HEPURN, Gnr. Henry, 19266. Gunner. 1st Arty. Royal Garrison Artillery, formerly 2nd Arty. Died of wounds (gas) 6th Nov., 1918. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hepburn; husband of the late Catherine Maitland Hepburn. Born at Greenock. TT. 593.

HERON, Lov. Ch. J., 20483. Depot, Seaforth Highlanders. 14th Jan., 1918. MMM. 147.

HILL, Pte. Thomas, 5/12486. 4th Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 19th Feb., 1918. Age 27. Son of Robert and Elizabeth Hill, of 11, Greenock St., Greenock. Born at Greenock. SS. 130.

HOUGHTON, Pte. Patrick, 5/1817. 1st Arty. and Sutherland Highlanders. 2nd Nov., 1918. Age 25. Son of Patrick and Mary Houghton, of 19, Prospect Hill St., Greenock. Born at Johnstone. TT. 454.

ISAAC, Spc. David, 41075. R.N.R. H.M.S. "Amethyst". Died of pneumonia 28th Nov., 1918. Age 40. Husband of Margaret Stewart Isaac, of 17, Shaw St., Greenock. MMM. 55.

JAMIESON, Pte. W., 25857. 4th Bn. The Cameronians (Scot. Regt.). 4th June, 1917. Age 24. Son of James and Janet Jamieson, of Main St., Port William, Wigornisholm. MMM. 130.

JOHNSTONE, Spc. P.O. Thomas, 20510. R.N. H.M.S. "Nonsuch". 28th Oct., 1918. Age 36. Husband of Elizabeth R. Johnstone, of 25, Mount St., Dronoway, Dronoway. F. Bann. 40.

KENNEDY, Pte. James, 1256. Royal Army Medical Corps. 5th May, 1918. Age 38. Husband of Helen Kennedy, of 10, Tindal St., Greenock. TT. 481.

KERR, 2nd Lt. Lawson Arthur. 9th Bn. Royal Scots Fusiliers. Accidentally killed 4th April, 1915. Age 27. Son of William Arthur and Laura Lee Kerr, of 6, Belgrave Terrace, Glasgow. Born at Glasgow. MM. 439.

LANE, A.R. G. E., 127202. R.N. H.M.S. "Pembroke". 17th Jan., 1916. J. Bann. 9.

LEE, Pte. Robert, 5/1790. 2nd Bn. Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. 28th April, 1916. Age 23. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee, of 3, Broomfield St., Greenock. III. 149.

**Grave Record Index**

## GREENOCK OFFICER'S DEATH.

### Finnart School Teacher Accidentally Killed.

At the week-end news reached Greenock of the death, as the result of an accident, of Lieut. Jas. Hannah, R.G.A., who was a well-known member of the teaching profession in Greenock. About a year ago deceased joined the Cameron Highlanders, and, receiving his commission some months later, was posted to the Bute Mountain Battery. Latterly he was attached to the Ross Battery, R.G.A., at Invergordon, and was proving an efficient officer, taking up the duties of his new life with enthusiasm. The mishap by which he lost his life occurred at Nairn.

Mr Hannah had been in the service of Greenock School Board for a number of years, and at the time of his enlistment was on the staff of Finnart School. He was a capable teacher, and possessed likeable qualities which endeared him to the young people under his care. A member of Greenock Burns Club, he for some time acted as joint hon. secretary, and did much to promote the interests of the club. He was a keen golfer, was connected with the Grosvenor Bowling Club, and was also a member of Lodge Kilwinning, No. 12. A pathetic circumstance is that he was coming home this week to be married.

From the Greenock Telegraph of 24<sup>th</sup> April 1916 announcing the death of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Bro. James Hannah

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# MILITARY FUNERAL IN GREENOCK.

## LATE LIEUT. HANNAH.

The funeral of Lieutenant James Hannah, of 4th Highland (Mountain) Brigade, R.G.A., took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his parents, 99 Dempster Street, to the local cemetery. A military contingent from Bute attended, and the cortege, headed by a pipe band and a string party of fifty, slowly passed down Orange Road into Inverkipp Street, the playing of "The Land o' the Leal" adding to the impressiveness of the scene. Finnart School, in which deceased taught prior to enlisting, was represented by the headmaster and other members of the staff, and the general body of mourners included representatives of the Seniors Board, Burns Club, Lodge Greenock Kilwinning, and golf and bowling clubs. Rev. V. J. Nichol, Service was the officiating minister. The coffin was wrapt in the Union Jack, and many beautiful wreaths were placed on the grave. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs J. D. McGregor & Co.

The sad circumstances of the occurrence touched the sympathies of the people of Nairn, as the party of four—the late Lieut. Hannah with his brother officer and two friends, who had gone to Nairn for a motor spin—appeared to those who saw them such a perfectly happy little company. Lieut. Hannah had left them to take a short stroll until the others get the lamps lighted and things fixed up for the return run. The fighting restrictions, the blackness of the night, and the treacherous nature of the road, which as a stranger he unfortunately took, terminated in what to those who have a knowledge of the place was almost an inevitable fate.

A service was conducted in Nairn Parish Church at 10.30 on Monday night by Rev. Dr. Pirie, and was attended by prominent local professional men, and members of the congregation, as well as by the Citizen Training Corps. Members of the latter body carried the coffin from the church to the station.

## JUVENILE COSTUME BALL.

The funeral of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Bro James Hannah as reported in the Greenock Telegraph on 27<sup>th</sup> April 1916

Form of Burial

Name and address of Firm, GREENOCK COFFIN WORKS (INCORPORATED) LTD. 100, BATH STREET, GREENOCK.

Name of Cemetery, WESTWOOD CEMETERY, GREENOCK.

Signature of Firm, JAMES HANNAH.

These particulars to be completed with names and addresses of persons to be interred in the cemetery (this form to be used only when the body is to be interred in the cemetery).

Name (last, first and middle initials)	Sex	Age	Religion	Date of Birth	Age	Religion	Place of Birth	Place of Death
1000/11	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/12	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/13	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/14	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/15	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
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1000/17	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
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1000/19	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/20	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/21	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/22	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/23	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/24	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/25	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/26	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/27	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/28	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/29	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/30	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock

Gravestone Details

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1000/35	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/36	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/37	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/38	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/39	M	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock
1000/40	F	18	Anglican	1898	18	Anglican	Greenock	Greenock



**Lodge St Vincent Sandyford No. 553**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022**  
**Presentation by Bro. Robin Shields PM**  
***Glasgow Freemasons in Flanders Fields***

Bro Robin Shields has an encyclopaedic knowledge of the contribution of Glasgow Masons to the Great War and, in particular, those who paid the supreme sacrifice. I became aware of its extent when we were roommates on the Lodge The Gael pilgrimage to the Flanders cemeteries in April this year. Therefore, we were expecting a treat when we went to his Lodge Remembrance meeting in Ardery Street on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We were not disappointed. He took us on a tour of the area mentioning many Glasgow Lodges and the brethren they had lost. Using Google Maps, he took us to the memorials and cemeteries and his background research enabled him to tell the stories behind many of the names.



**From left: Bros. Cameron White, Robin Shields PM and Iain White PM**

The Lodge also held a very solemn and poignant Act of Remembrance for its own brethren with the last post sounded by Bro. Robin himself. There was a very large attendance, including a Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow headed by RWPGM Andy Mushet.

**Charity Drive Beneficiary**  
**The Robert Burns World Federation**



Bro. Alan D. Beck PM is President of the Robert Burns World Federation (RBWF). In the photo on the left he is seen receiving a cheque for £500 from No. XII on behalf of the RBWF. It will be used to support the work that the Federation does with young people.



## From Bygone Days - Bro R.J. Drainer Jr. PM



### Part 2

The photo from Barbara this time is of Bro. Roy's own Installation as RW Master which took place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1970. Bro. Roy's Installing Team was unusual in that it had 4 Past Masters of the Lodge and not the usual 3. They were Bros. RJ Drainer (his Dad), Archie Miller, James L. Black and David M. Leith.

In the photo below, the back row, from the left, has Past Masters Archie Miller, Bob Drainer and Jimmy Black; in the front are the new RW Master Roy Drainer, shaking the hand of Bro. Bailie James McVicar Wylie and David Leith. The photo is taken in the Provost's Room in Greenock Municipal Buildings and Bro Bailie Wylie (a member of No. XII) would be representing the Provost of the time [who was William TC Riddell, (owner of Hastie's Steering Gear)].



## An Invitation for No. XII

The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 has invited No. XII to confer a Master Mason Degree at its meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The RW Master Bro. Brian received the support of the brethren to accept the invitation and we look forward to working in the RWM's affiliate Lodge again - where, of course, he is a Past Master.

## The Monthly Draw

Bro David Stevenson, our Treasurer, tells me that the uptake for the Monthly Draw is quite good but we can always do with more participants. It is £1 per number per month, ideally by Standing Order to

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII  
Royal Bank of Scotland  
Sort Code: 83 22 20  
Account Number 10000509

Recent lucky winners have been

September	Alex Gray (No. 9)
October	Paul Stevenson (No. 26)

## Test Fees

From Bro. Treasurer

“We are now in a new financial year and that means that all Test Fees are now due.

**Cost this year is, again, £45.**

I would be obliged if you would arrange to pay in one of the usual ways -

**By cash or cheque** to me on a meeting night. - or post cheque to me at - 5 Broomberry Drive , Gourrock PA19 1JY - cheque made payable to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No X11

**By bank transfer** -

Transfer to Royal Bank of Scotland  
Sort code 83 22 20  
Account 10000495

Payment Reference - your name & Test

If you wish to set up a **standing order** then please pay £45 NOW and then start your monthly payment from Oct (this is because the Lodge has to pay all fees to GLOS in November)  
Use same bank info as above.”

**Life Members** - Any donation you care to make would be appreciated as your Lodge has to pay GL a capitation fee for you.



## Reports on Visits

**Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624** on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Regular Meeting) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM

**Greenock Royal Arch Chapter No 17** on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Alex Gray to witness IPM Bro Robert Crossan being installed as First Principal

**Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121** on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Robert Crossan PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM and Bro Eddie McGill

**Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370** on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Brian McFadyen

**Lodge Greenock St John's No 175** on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, IPM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Cameron White and Bro Edward Molloy

**Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68** on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 (Raising conferred by Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) – attended by RWM Bro Brian McFadyen

On all occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanked those brethren for their support.

## Lodge Memorabilia

In my role as Lodge Librarian, I am 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 or drawer at home, please get them to me to enhance our understanding of No XII's past.

## Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII Burns Club - Annual Burns Supper 2023

The Burns Supper will be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 in The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock. As ever, a great night will be in store. Bro. Bobby Kane, Past President of The Robert Burns World Federation will propose The Immortal Memory.

It will, as usual, be a fund raiser for our Charity Drive.

## 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. He passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson.



Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *Twelve Talk*. It has been, and remains, 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](mailto: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**  
**14.11.22**

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