

Twelve Talk

Meetings 2024-25

- 03.09.24
Raising
- * 17.09.24
Mark by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68
- * 20.10.24
Passing
- *05.10.24
Entering
- * 19.11.24
Annual Installation of Office Bearers
- *02.12.24
Annual Divine Service
- *16.12.24
No Meeting

- Saturday 22.02.25
Burns Supper (630 for 7pm)
Held in 626 Masonic Hall, John Street, Gourock
Immortal Memory by Bro. Alex Shuttleworth Senior Grand Chaplain

- Thursday 06.06.25 (TBC)
Special Summer Meeting
Entering by PMs of the Lodge



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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Since the Installation of our new Master, Bro. James P Livingstone (left), we have a new look to the front page of Twelve Talk. Jim has again given us his thoughts in the opening article.

“Count your blessings”!

I'm writing this as I have just finished having a read-through the ritual (yes - believe it or not, I do my best to get that No. XII ritual in my head) in preparation for the forthcoming Master Mason's Degree on Tuesday, which will kick-off our new session and I trust that you are all looking forward to it as much as I am.

Summer recesses always seem to fly by so quickly but I did try to make the most of the time by visiting some of the Lodges out with the Province including Newton Mearns, Largs St. John, Renfrew County Kilwinning, Gleniffer and Erskine. Degree work was always carried out to a high standard and with great enthusiasm but what differed was the support that each of those Lodges received for their meetings. Some were very busy but some were very quiet and in a couple of cases, there were barely enough office-bearers present to open the Lodge!

Over the last couple of months, I am aware that in our neighbouring Provinces of Renfrewshire East and Glasgow, there have been some Lodges merging together where the membership figures have fallen to the extent that the Lodges were in danger of going into darkness. They have taken the sensible approach to putting aside self-interest for the greater good of simply surviving. In one case I attended a Lodge where the visiting Lodge carrying out the degree was such a Lodge created by a merger of two otherwise struggling Lodges. The deputation was impressive and their ritual work flawless but what was noticeable was the average age of the deputation. Let's just say that I kept getting called “Son” and I'm in my “three score years and ten plus”!

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From a position of some vulnerability some years ago, the Lodge currently has a solid member base. In spite of the difficulties caused by the pandemic, our attendance figures remain healthy. We have sufficient candidates to take us through the next twelve months (although new blood would be welcome) and we have experienced office-bearers and more particularly, young office-bearers coming up through the ranks to provide a continuity of service to the Lodge for the foreseeable future. We have youth in our ranks and we have a wonderful Tercentenary to look forward to in four-year's time which will assuredly give a further boost to the Lodge. In short, we have much to be thankful for at "Number XII"!

Count our blessings certainly, as long as we are not complacent. Let's look forward to the new session with pride at what's been achieved and also with confidence for the future.

In the meantime, we have our own degree on Tuesday and I hope to see as many there as possible to get the session off to a great start and the other meeting which I intend to attend this coming week, is on Friday when The Anchor Lodge of Research No. 1814 starts its session with a meeting and talk by Brother Liam Stewart, SPGM of the Province of Ayrshire. Brother Liam will give a talk on "Music and Masonry". If you don't know Liam, then he is one of Ayrshire's "young Masons", a world-class accordion player and entertainer and I am certain that it will be a very enjoyable meeting.

I would also intend being at Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626 on Monday 9th which is conferring a Master Mason's degree (I believe I'm down for the "Emblems") and then on Wednesday 11th, I'm attending a meeting at Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No. 624 which is conferring an Entered Apprentice degree and apparently I'm delivering the "signs and secrets." Considering I think that the last time I did that would have been around 35-years ago, that might be an interesting night! It would be good to see any friendly faces from "Number XII" at any of the aforementioned meetings.

In the meantime – count your blessings!

Yours aye,

Jim.

It's funny how connections are made...

When our Master emailed me the Master's Musings this morning, he urged me to check the grammar and syntax carefully, because he had his "grandson blethering in my ear as I tried to compile it so it's likely to contain some mistakes". This was duly done!

However, Jim went on to say, "He is now practising his chanter and if I hear "I see Mull" once more I'm going to move there"! Aha, I thought, that's a connection.

How funny it was that the tune being practised for it was written as the Gaelic song "Chi mi Muile" by Greenock Gael Duncan C. McLellan who, as well as being a musician (singing and playing the piano and bagpipes), lived in Brisbane Street in Greenock and worked firstly as a butcher and then, as so many butchers in his day did, moving to IBM from where he retired. Duncan won the Gold Medal for Gaelic singing at the National Mod in Dundee in 1937.

The same Duncan McLellan was Initiated into No. XII on 19th March 1946, Passed on 3rd September 1946 and Raised on 24th December 1946. (Yes, imagine that a meeting on Christmas Eve). For many years thereafter he was a regular performer at Lodge events and harmonies giving the brethren the benefit of his superb tenor voice. I remember piping at ceilidhs for *Comunn Tìr Nam Bean*, the Greenock Gaelic Association, in my late teens and early twenties when Duncan was on the programme. He would have been in his 60s by then but he still had a fine voice.

Our First Meeting Tuesday 3rd September 2024 Raising

The first Lodge meeting was a Raising by the brethren of No. XII. The candidate was Bro. Alexander McCoist. The degree team was as follows: **Prayer** Bro Bob Bain PM; **Obligation** Bro. James P. Livingstone RWM; **Retrospect** Bro. Hector Macphail PM; **Raising** Bro. Allan Glen PM; **Secrets** Bro. Iain White PM; **Apron** Bro. Robert Marshall WSW; **Working Tools** Bro Jordan Kincaid; **Traditional History** Bro Ken meeting back, the degree went tolerable well and Bro. Alexander seemed to enjoy the experience.

The Master, Bro. Jim Livingstone was pleased to welcome the Masters of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, Bro. Gilbert Burns Hill, and Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No. 626, Bro Brian McClure, to the East. He was delighted to see them both and, indeed, all of the visitors.

The highlight of the evening was the lecture on the Third Degree Tracing Board by Bro. Bob Bain PM. He did an excellent job of this informative lecture and it was all the more impressive as it was done on the Lodge's newly refurbished Tracing Board (see later in this issue for details).

Our Next Meeting Tuesday 17th September 2024 Mark Ceremonial

Again, we have a Mark Ceremonial, and our good friends from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 will visit us to confer it. The Candidate is Bro. Alexander McCoist and we have candidates from 68 and 1121 too. We look forward to the company of the brethren from 'the Doric' and to the high quality degree that they will confer for us. A good attendance is expected, so Tony will need some extra pies!!

The evening will also see the Affiliation of our regular visitor Bro. Ndukwe Ibe.

Our Meeting before the Recess Tuesday 16th April 2024 Mark Degree Conferred by Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370

We had a great evening in the Saloon. RWM Bro James Livingstone invited all Masters and Past Masters to the East. Bro Gilbert Hill, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro Jeff Taulbut, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Brian McClure, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, accepted the invitation.

A deputation of 12 brethren from Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370, headed by their RWM, Brother Scott Ewing, was then admitted and presented to the RWM. Lodge No. 370 has a long association with No. XII going back over 100 years and we were delighted to welcome its brethren in such numbers. Bro Alec Gemmell, PM of No 370, was the RW Mark Master for the degree and he and his team delivered a fine ceremonial for the Candidate, Bro Alexander Easdale.



The RCK No. 370 Deputation

In the centre are RWM Bro. Scott Ewing (370) and RWM Bro. Jim Livingstone (XII)

Thereafter, most of the brethren stayed back for some further fellowship at the Harmony

Rituals

The new rituals are available to all qualified brethren of No. XII at the price of £15 from Treasurer Bro. David Stevenson. Over half the Rituals have been sold already!

Tercentenary Jewels



The Tercentenary Jewel (left) commemorating the Lodge's 300th birthday on 27th December 2028 is available to ALL brethren from the Bro. Treasurer and the price is £12 per jewel.

Information from the Treasurer

Lodge Ties are back in stock and are available from the Bro. Treasurer priced £16 each

Anniversary Badges These are £7 and are also available from the Bro. Treasurer. There are badges for various years' anniversary, from 25 years to 70 years plus the always popular Grumpy Past Master. £2 from each badge sale goes to Grand Lodge Benevolence

Lodge Kurt Tucholsky No. 1060 Munster, Germany



I received further very interesting information below from Bro. Hector MacPhail PM following the previous piece on the installation in Germany.

From Hector

Further to the article in Iain's Twelve Talk, I forgot to mention the jewels. Every German Master wears a plain collarette but at the Installation of Lodge Kurt Tucholsky on 30th November 2013, special permission was sought and given by the German Grand Lodge, for their Master to wear, in perpetuity, a unique silver Lodge Foundation Jewel that you will see on the Master's collarette. If you

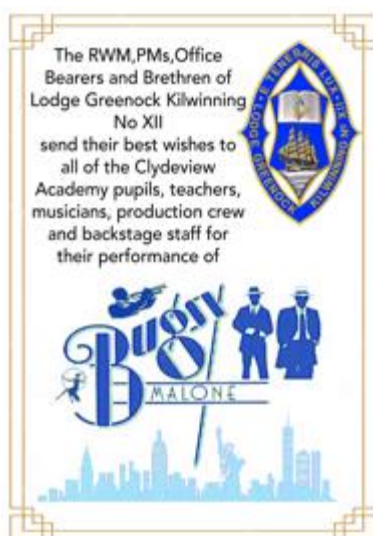
zoom in, you will see that Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII appears on the engraving. I presented it to Lodge Tucholsky, on behalf of No. XII, to mark their foundation and it is nice to think that this jewel will always be worn, and form a tangible link, to our Lodge".

How to Publicise your Lodge (1)



Our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson was in the USA on holiday. He was in Wildwood, New Jersey and "...took a run down the coast to Cape May for the day. It was a beautiful town right on the coast and we had a lovely day there..." Bro. David was impressed by the sign as they entered Cape May, publicising the Lodge meetings. That is one way of getting your name in the public eye and increasing the visibility of the Lodge and the Craft. This is very common in the USA and you will see similar signs for Buffaloes, Lions, Rotary etc.

How to Publicise your Lodge (2)



A bit closer to home, for the first time, No XII took the opportunity to take an advert in the School Show programme at one of the local secondary schools – Clydeview Academy – this year. Of course, the financial contribution from the Lodge helped with the production costs but also gave some positive publicity for No. XII.

Sporting Exploits (1)
Annual Bowling Challenge Match
No XII vs Lodge Crawfurdsburn
May 2024

The Annual Bowling Challenge was played on the greens of the Gourrock Bowling Club. Apparently No XII lost – again. Bro Sammy Hunter of 1121 says that he has a special wooden spoon trophy waiting for us!

Sporting Exploits (2)
Royal Arch Annual Bowling Competition

The Royal Arch Chapter No. 17 Bowling Team won the local Provincial Championship and then the Inter-Provincial Championship last month. This is the second time in three years that No. 17 has won the trophy and six times in all. No. XII had two members in the rink viz. Bros Colin Reddy SD and his dad Sandy HM. A photo of the happy boolers follows!



Royal Arch Chapter No. 17
Interprovincial Bowling Trophy Winners 2024

From Left: Companions Sandy Reddy (Lead) Andrew Fleming (PGSE of Linlithgowshire – competition organiser) Colin Reddy (Skip) Robert Harron (Second) Duncan McConnachie (Third)

Sporting Events (3) Golf this Time

From Left: Bros Cameron White, Robert Marshall, Frank Molloy (175) and Iain White



3 No. XII members and fellow Mason from 175 headed off at the beginning of August for a week's golf on Spain's Costa del Sol. 6 games were played, over 2 courses, in the searing heat at La Cala Golf Resort. The buggies were more of a necessity than a luxury. Unfortunately, the 3 No. XII brethren were seen off by the 175 brother who was crowned *Champion Golfer of the Year*.



We did have a number of amusing incidents on the trip as you would imagine. The courses were very challenging with many water hazards, tree plantations and villas being built adjacent to the course. Some of us were more successful than others in finding these hazards and the wayward shots were often punished by the ball not being recovered. The biggest victim was Robert and he had to resort to desperate measures as he was running out of golf balls! You can see him in the photo having negotiated a golf ball purchase with a local entrepreneur who is in the background. We all hoped that he wasn't buying some of his own golf balls back again!

Sporting Exploits (4) The Orr Masonic Bowling Trophy

Back to bowls – No XII took part in the Orr Trophy on Saturday 7th September for Lodges in the Province. A rink from Lodge Firth of Clyde came out on top at Gourrock BC. A good day was had by the brethren.

Bro. Neil Forbes

5th January 1938 – 9th April 2024

**Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121 and
Honorary Member of No. XII**



Neil Forbes was a character, known to us as *Neilly*, *Big Neilly*, *the Bombardier* or *Blood Boots*. The series of nicknames conjure up different pictures of the same brother that we knew and loved. Neilly's Mother Lodge was Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121 but as well as being an ever present there, he rarely missed a meeting at No. XII. His commitment to attendance was so great that he was made an Honorary Member of No. XII on 18th January 2011. Neilly accepted the award with a great deal of pride – and humility. There were many things in his life of which Neilly was very proud – his wife Irene and their 3 daughters, his upbringing, membership of the Boys' Brigade, his National

Service in the Royal Artillery (hence the nickname *Bombardier*), Lodges 1121 and No. XII, his sporting prowess at football, golf and latterly bools and last, but by no means least, The Rangers.

Neilly was brought up at 'the heid o' the hill' in Greenock, an area which was unequivocal in its allegiances and this shaped the lives of all who lived there back in the day.

NEIL FORBES Private Service Number: 3323785	7th Bn. Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) United Kingdom	Died Between 23 October 1942 and 24 October 1942 28 years old	EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY Coll. grave XVII. A. 10-19. Egypt
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In Memory Of
Private
NEIL FORBES
Service Number: 3323785
7th Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders) who died on 23 October 1942 Age 28
Son of David and Jane Forbes, of Greenock, Renfrewshire; husband of Jean Forbes, of Greenock.

Remembered with Honour
EL ALAMEIN WAR CEMETERY
Coll. grave XVII. A. 10-19



COMMONWEALTH
WAR GRAVES

It cannot have been easy for Neil, his sister and his mum because his dad, also Neil, was killed at the second battle of Alamein in 1942 whilst serving with the Black Watch. Neil was just 4 years old.

Neil was bright and did well at Primary school, passing his 'Qualifying Exam' and gaining entrance to the Senior Secondary School just down the road from where he lived, Greenock High. Like many of us in a similar position, Neilly was proud to have been a 'High School boy'.

On leaving school, Neilly 'served his time' in an apprenticeship. After his time was out, he joined the Greenock Police and served for some years as a cop on the beat. It was in the police that he

met his wife-to-be, Irene. It was from his later time in the IBM factory in Spango Valley that many remember him best and the stories emanating from his time there gave much laughter over the years. Unfortunately, I do not have any that are suitable to be told here! After IBM early retirement, Neilly also worked as a hospital porter and a security guard at the Ardgowan Medical Centre car park. He definitely had a varied career!!

Neilly was a footballer of some repute; an uncompromising left back (hence *Blood Boots*) who played with Stirling Albion and Junior teams including Renfrew, Dunoon and Port Glasgow. During his time at the Port, the Club enjoyed considerable success winning the Kirkwood Shield and the Pompey Cup, competitions open to all the Junior Clubs in Glasgow and District. Neilly also helped Greenock Police to win the Scottish Police Championship and was capped twice for the Scottish Police team.

In his post-football days, Neilly was a very successful golfer, getting down to a single figure handicap and winning the Whinhill trophy at the Beith Dam course and the Tennent Trophy at Greenock GC. As the joints began to creak a little, Neilly took to bowls and he greatly enjoyed his membership at the Ardgowan Club.

He was also a member of the 175 Masonic Club and served as Hon. Secretary there for a while and, of course, was a season ticket holder in the Copland Stand at Ibrox.

Big Neilly was a larger than life character who was firm in his beliefs and was never afraid to let them be known. He was also a kind and thoughtful man as my own family experienced and, of course, so too in plenty did Irene and the girls.

Although we had not seen him around the Lodges for the past 4 years or so owing to his deteriorating health, he is greatly missed amongst us. Neilly will be remembered always by those of us who were lucky enough to know him and by his family. His humour, be it conscious or unconscious, was legendary. The world was better for his presence and the Grand Lodge Above now benefits from his attendance which, I am sure will be extremely regular. I hope the harmony food is as good as Tony Buckley's which he enjoyed so much at No. XII washed down by a wee dram or two.



Big Neilly – Husband and Dad, booler and golfer

A Sad Evening Lodge Concord No. 1341 Prepares to Close

With his permission, I have reproduced this piece from Bro. Grant MacLeod's excellent Monthly Newsletter from Lodge Houston St. Johnstone No. 242, The Cross Keys. It provides food for thought for us all. It tells us the story of the demise of a Lodge, Consecrated on August 6th, 1925, just a year before its Centenary.



On Monday 21st May 2024, Lodge Concord held a Masters' Degree with 16 Masters in attendance. Heading the Deputation, Brother Kenneth Shepherdson, Master of Lodge Commercial No.360.

The Deputation was welcomed into the Lodge by the Master of Lodge Concord No.1341, Brother John S.C Cowan and delivered an excellent exemplification of the E.A Degree on Stand in Candidate

Brother Edward A' Hara.

After the Degree concluded the Master of Lodge Bishopbriggs No.1259, Brother William Newlands Congratulated the Masters that took part in the Degree.

Why was this Masters' Degree any different from others??? This could be the last time that any deputation or visitor would be welcomed into the Lodge as earlier in the business the Master of the Lodge read a Notice of Motion to put the Lodge into Darkness. This was an extremely sad moment for all in attendance, not just the Lodge Members.

It's something we should all think about. Brethren if Lodge Concord can go, SO CAN YOURS. If you haven't been to the lodge for a while, please contact the Lodge; they will be happy to see you back.

Thanks to the PGL of Glasgow website for this info.

Unfortunately, over the next few years, this situation is likely to become more and more common. It might be natural evolution and we probably have too many lodges today. However, if we are to survive, there are so many issues that need addressing, such as allowing young masons (i.e., less than 50) to have a say in Grand Lodge and have a positive impact on decisions by being active on committees, taking away the PM requirement that seems to be an unwritten precursor to anything in PGL and GL (with the exception of Chaplains, etc).

Let's get radical!

How about brethren have a say in choosing a Grand Master Mason?

How about we take an active role in people under 18 with possible GL grants for lodge projects?"

Thank you, Grant. There but for the Grace of God...

Diamond Day for Kenny and Cathie and an honour bestowed by Ardgowan Club



Our Senior Past Master in regular attendance at the Lodge, Bro. Kenneth K. Morrison and his wife Cathie celebrated their Diamond Wedding in the Ardgowan Club surrounded by their family and friends. It was a very happy evening with much fun and laughter as the night was danced away. In this day and age where so much is transitory, to see such an innings from a married couple is refreshing. Just a few weeks previously, the couple were made Honorary Members by the Ardgowan

Club in recognition of their 40 years' unstinting service. Kenny has been President on 3 occasions and Cathie has been active behind the scenes doing work in the bar, helping at functions, selling raffle tickets etc. It is great to see our Lodge Members contributing to the community.

Golden Day for Jim and Elspeth

Our Master Jim, and his wife Elspeth (right), celebrated their Golden Wedding last month and may be seen in the photo with what looks like a very tasty cake to mark the occasion.

I believe that they spent some time 'on the ocean wave' as a treat to commemorate their years of marriage.



**Masters' Deputation
Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No. 624
Wednesday 11th September 2024**

Our Master, Bro Jim Livingstone sent me the following report.



I had the pleasure of leading a small deputation of Masters into 624 where we carried out an exemplification of an Entered Apprentice Degree with yours truly attempting the First Degree Secrets for the first time since 1989! There were a few well known faces in the deputation and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. It was a great chance to catch up with old friends. In the photo you might recognise Robert Little (Stinchar Valley 1705), John Muir (Meridian 1779), Les Pearson (Largs 173), and the Masters of Burns Dundonald No. 1759 and Burns St. Mary No. 505.

Refurbishing the Third Degree Tracing Board

The Lodge Tracing Boards were donated by an eminent and grateful Brother, Bro. Joseph G. Shanks in the 19th Century. Unfortunately, despite a bespoke storage box being manufactured in 1878, they have been subject to much damage over the decades owing to careless handling and storage. All three were in much need of repair and refurbishment. Since the Third Degree Tracing Board was most in need of attention, the General Committee decided that it should be seen to

first. It even had a tear in it occasioned by a careless brother in the 1980s – or so a source tells me who claims to have witnessed the accident!

It was decided that the job had to be done properly by a professional in the field. The board already had the evidence of amateurish approaches including some ‘work’ in felt pen. A quick internet search brought us Sylvia Krauss, an art restorer in Glasgow. I made contact and, with IPM Bro. Brian McFadyen, visited her, with the Tracing Board, at her studio in the former Templeton Carpet factory beside Glasgow Green. Sylvia gave us a detailed description of what needed done and the General Committee agreed to accept her estimate for the works.

The results of her labours are outstanding. Before photos are on the left and after on the right below, with a full view of the front on top and a view of the tear on the bottom.



As an indication of the detail of the work involved, the scheme of works is reproduced below.

Sylvia Krauss Paintings Conservation

Treatment Report

Object: Masonic Tracing Board, framed

Technique: oil on canvas

Treatment carried out

(finished on 23.07.24)

Treatment:	Method used/ remarks:
Consolidation:	Lifting paint around areas of canvas damage, scratches or along the edges was consolidated with sturgeon glue and the help of a heated spatula.
Structural:	Mirror plates were screwed on across two of the corner connections for stabilisation.
Surface cleaning:	A light surface cleaning was carried out in preparation for varnish removal with deionised water only.
Tear repair:	Repair to punctures and the large tear was carried out via thread end to thread end gluing with diluted polyvinyl acetate emulsion (ph neutral Lineco in deionised water 1:1) and the help of a heated needle. Missing threads or those too far damaged at the large tear were replaced with length of new linen threads of a similar strength. Those and any free ends of original threads were woven together into the correct position before securing the opposing ends.
Varnish removal:	Removal of the discoloured and dirty varnish and amateur retouching was carried out with a solvent mixture of IsoPropanol and Iso Octane 1:1.
Filling:	Losses of paint and ground layer were filled with chalk bound in polyvinyl alcohol (10% Mowiol in deionised water). After drying and levelling the fillings were isolated with conservation standard acrylic (10% Paraloid B72 in Methoxypropanol). The very shallow losses to the paint layer only were left without filling.
Retouching:	A preliminary layer of retouching was applied with watercolours.
Isolating varnish:	An isolation layer of varnish was applied by brush, using 16% dammar in a special mixture of white spirits (30% aromatics) and the addition of 3% UV-absorber Tinuvin 292.
Final retouching:	Final adjustments to the retouching were applied using Gamblin conservation colours (pigments ready bound in stable synthetic resin Laropal A8).
Final varnish:	A final layer of varnish (16% dammar as above) was applied by brush.
Preventive:	A wadding infill (polyester wadding cut to size and adhered onto a sheet of Melinex with ph neutral polyvinyl acetate Evacon-R) was attached onto the reverse of the stainer frame with strips of Beva film (heat activated conservation adhesive).
Frame:	The frame received a light surface clean with deionised water and some touching up of scratched and dents. A build-up was constructed onto the back in pine and toned to match.
Fitting:	The painting was secured into the frame rebate with mirror plates. A backing of foam board was attached across the back and sealed with gummed paper tape,

We aim to have the other two Tracing Boards refurbished in time for the Tercentenary Celebrations in 2028.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No. 626 on Monday 22nd April 2024 (Mark Ceremonial) - attended by RWM Bro James P. Livingstone, WSW Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Cameron White, Bro Alex Gray, Bro Brian Campbell-Black, Bro Blair Fisher, Bro Alexander Easdale, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Robin McIntyre HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM.

- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 9th May 2024 (Entering) – attended by Bro Iain White PM (Hon Member of Lodge The Gael), Bro Alan Beck PM (Hon Member of Lodge The Gael), Bro Cameron White, Bro Iain D MacLeod (Doric Kilwinning No. 68 and Hon Member of No XII), Bro Keith A Bowes (PM Lodge The Gael and Hon Member of No XII), Bro Donald Finlayson (PM Lodge The Gael and Hon Member of No XII), Bro William Bryce (PM Lodge The Gael and Hon Member of No XII). Bro Iain White PM participated in the degree playing the pipes and delivering the Working Tools.

On these occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanks the brethren for their support on those visits.

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15.09.24