



Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2024-25

*07.01.25
The Jack and Alistair Glenny Memorial
Lecture
The local (1st/5th) Argylls in Gallipoli
Alan Cumming and Iain White

21.01.25
No Meeting – Inverclyde Music Festival

04.02.25
Passing

18.02.25
Entering

Saturday 22.02.24
Burns Supper (630 for 7pm)
Held in 626 Masonic Hall, John Street,
Gourock
*Immortal Memory by Bro. Alex
Shuttleworth Senior Grand Chaplain*
Toast to the Lassies by Bro. Graham Hill

04.03.25
Raising

18.03.25
Passing

01.04.25
Raising

15.04.25
Mark Ceremonial

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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Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII Burns Club
Annual Charity Burns Supper
Saturday 22nd February 2025
630 for 7 pm in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock

The 2025 Burns Supper will go ahead!

The numbers may be smaller than what we have been accustomed to, but the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII Burns Club Charity Burns Supper **will go ahead** on Saturday. Today is the closing date for ticket returns. Any cancellation from midnight tonight will require payment. We must take this approach because of the smaller numbers.

Our caterer, Jim Williams has been very generous and has maintained the meal cost to us. This was a significant factor in allowing the function to go ahead.

The toast to the Immortal Memory will be delivered by Bro. Rev. Alex Shuttleworth who is an eminent Burns Speaker and is Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as well as being Master of the Lodge in which Robert Burns was Depute Master – Lodge St. James (Kilwinning) Tarbolton No. 135. Bro. Graham Hill, a member of The Prince’s Lodge No. 607 in the Province of Glasgow, will Toast the Lassies. Like Bro Alex, Graham is a well-known Burns Speaker.

Tickets may still be purchased but on the understanding that it is on a **NO RETURNS** basis. Contact Bro. Alan Beck PM (07739 514242) or Bro. Iain White PM (07533112242) by text or phone to reserve a place. There isn’t much time left...

Brethren are reminded that raffle prizes and auction items are requested. Also, those not able to attend may donate to the Lodge Charity drive directly through the Bro. Treasurer. There are many ways to support our charitable work.

Time and the modern man

Part 2 of the mini-series will follow in a subsequent edition!

Our Previous Meeting Passing, Provincial Grand Lodge Annual Visitation and 50th Jubilee Certificate Presentation Tuesday 4th February 2025

There was a large attendance with 70 brethren in attendance by the time the Provincial Deputation entered the room. The following Masters accepted the invitation of Bro. Robert Marshall RWM to accompany him in the East: Bro Bert Hill, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro Alistair Lindsay, RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, Bro Stewart McFadyen, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121, from within the province, and Bro Edward Meek, RWM of The Prince's Lodge No 607, Bro Andrew McLean, RWM of Lodge The Gael No 609 and Bro Calum MacDougall of Lodge Tobermory St. Mary's No 1310 from out with the province.

After the customary presentation of the Gavel to RWPGM Bro. John Black, the PG Secretary and PG Treasurer gave their reports. RWPGM, found both reports to be highly satisfactory and consequently granted the Lodge a Clear Minute in accordance with the Constitution & Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The RWPGM congratulated the Lodge on its work and efforts over the period and for all the hard work and commitment by the brethren with special commendation for the work of Brother James P. Livingstone as RWM and his administration and financial team.

The Passing was conferred on Bro Julien Allee by the following brethren - **Prayer:** Bro Bob Bain PM; **Obligation:** RWM Bro Robert Marshall **Secrets:** Bro Alan Beck PM **Apron:** WSW Bro Paul Branchfield **Working Tools:** Bro Jordan Kincaid **The Tracing Board:** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **The Charge:** Bro Brian McFadyen PM

Presentation of 50th Jubilee Certificate:

The PGLRW Director of Ceremonies, Brother Hector Macphail conducted Brother Iain White PM to the centre of the floor, commenting upon their mutual friendship of some 60 years.

The RWM and RWPGM came from the East to congratulate and compliment Brother Iain White PM on attaining 50 years in Freemasonry and serving the lodge with distinction since his initiation on 3rd December 1974. Brother White PM has held many offices in the lodge and was the Master 1989-1991. Brother White's other roles include lodge historian, librarian and archivist and he produces the lodge's e-magazine Twelve Talk. Brother White PM is a PPSGW and has affiliation and honorary membership with other lodges both within and out with the province. He is now serving on the Grand Lodge Information and Communication Committee and has recently been made the Convenor of the History and Heritage Subcommittee.



It was deemed fitting that Brother White's son, Cameron, should present the Jubilee Certificate from Grand Lodge to his father along with a 50-year lapel badge (left). Brother Cameron White duly made the presentation which was gratefully received.

Brother Iain White PM thanked the RWM, RWPGM and all the brethren in attendance and commented that he was proud, privileged and thankful to receive his certificate and that his service to the lodge, province and freemasonry in general has really been a labour of love over all these years. He was particularly honoured that the Masters of all the Lodges of which he is a member were in attendance viz. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West (Past Senior Grand Warden; Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII (Past Master and now Senior Deacon); Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 (Hon. Member); The Prince's Lodge No. 607 (Affiliate member and Senior Deacon); Lodge the Gael No. 609 (HM); Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No. 1121 (HM). Bro. White was delighted that so many of his friends had come along and that he and his son Cameron were both honoured that Bro. Cameron presented the certificate.

The brethren showed their appreciation and congratulations with hearty applause for Brother White's service and achievement.



The Masters and the Whites

From left: Bro Edward Meek, RWM of The Prince's Lodge No 607, Bro Calum MacDougall of Lodge Tobermory St. Mary's No 1310, Bro John W Black RWPGM of Renfrewshire West, Bro Bert Hill, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro. Iain White PM and SD XII, Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, Bro Cameron White JD XII, Bro Stewart McFadyen, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, Bro Robert Marshall RWM XII, Bro Alistair Lindsay, RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, and Bro Andrew McLean, RWM of Lodge The Gael No 609,

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

Test Fees are now overdue. Owing to increases levied by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the No. XII Test Fees are now £65. If you have not paid your Test Fees you cannot take or hold office, visit other Lodges or vote in the Lodge.

Capitation Fees The Lodge has to pay Grand Lodge £45 for each Life Member. Life Members are encouraged to support the Lodge by covering this sum. They have no Test Fees to pay, but the Grand Lodge still requires payment for them.

Monthly Draw

The Draw has restarted. Contact the Bro. Treasurer to take part. Tickets are £1 per month and multiples may be purchased. *The Draws for January and February will be made at the meeting on Tuesday.*

The Monthly Draw provides your Lodge with an important source of income and this year I have been able to transfer £420 to the Tercentenary Fund. It is time to renew your subscription. If you pay by Standing Order then you have nothing to do and thank you for your continued support.

To renew or join the Monthly Draw please send £1 per number per month - i.e., £12/£24/£36 etc as you wish -

RBS

Sort code 83 22 20

account 10000509

Name - Greenock Kilwinning No X11 Social

Ref - your name /draw

Alternatively, set up a Standing Order for the required monthly amount - same bank info

Where I can, I shall use the same numbers you had for 2024. Good luck to all participants,,,,,

I would like to thank various Brethren who, upon being told of their monthly win, very kindly donate the money back to the Lodge. Typically, these Brethren do not want their name publicised but their contribution is very much appreciated. *DS Treasurer No. XII*

Tercentenary Rededication – Date Confirmed

Grand Secretary has confirmed in an email that the date we requested for the Tercentenary Rededication has been confirmed as Wednesday 27th December 2028. The Feast of St John the Evangelist will also be celebrated as it was at the Bicentenary on 27th December 1928 and, in 2018. 27th December is the exact 300th Anniversary.

Rededications are normally done on Saturdays only, but our Wednesday date is confirmed because No. XII is considered a special case by Grand Lodge.

Tercentenary Jewels and No. XII rituals



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.

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!

No XII on the Road (1) Burns Supper Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 Friday 31st January 2025

Bro. Billy Mooney's loss was Bro Iain White's gain when the postponement of LDK 68's Burns Supper because of the severe gales on 24th January led to its rearrangement to a date when Bro. Billy was unavailable owing to birthday celebrations. Bro Iain was asked to step in as piper and happily did so. It was a great Burns Supper. The Immortal Memory was delivered by Bro. Jim Donnelly PM of 217, the Toast to the Lassies by Bro. Ross Nugent PM, also of 217, and the reply by Bro. Bert Thomson BB of 68. Bro. Gordon Leitch PM of 217 Toasted the Lodge.



Bros. Gordon Leith and Ross Nugent – maybe somebody would like to suggest a caption for this one!





**Bros. Donnie Cunningham
WSW 68 and Iain White PM XII
and HM 68**



The Rock Stars of LDK 68

Our Next Meeting Tuesday 18th February 2025 Entering

Tuesday coming will be a First degree, conferred by the brethren of No. XII. The Degree Team is: **Obligation** Bro Robert Marshall RWM; **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM SD; **Northeast Corner** Bro Hector Macphail PM DoC; **Working Tools** Bro Jordan Kincaid IG; **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM Secy.

The Candidate is Mr. Thomas Phillips

Learning Masonic Ritual

One of the things we are beginning to do on the Grand Lodge Information and Communication Committee is to write support and advisory documents for brethren which will ultimately provide a set of evolving materials that will provide information and advice on various aspects of the Craft.

One such will provide information on ways to go about learning the Ritual so that this may be done as quickly, easily and effectively as possible.

I have been given permission to let readers of *Twelve Talk* see a sneak preview of one such document. It was written by Bro. John Hayes of the Committee and concerns itself with different ways to get the Ritual into your head!

Whilst it is not finalised, you are free pass it to any young masons that you are in touch with or older masons who feel the need!



The author, Bro. John Hayes PM describes himself thus:

Bro. John Hayes, was born and bred in Arbroath and a proud 'Red Lichtie'. John is a Senior Lecturer in History and Politics at Dundee and Angus College, married to Shoanna and between them have four children. John is a proud supporter and season ticket holder of Arbroath Football Club, 'The Lichties'.

John has been a member of the Lodge since 2014 and is a committed Freemason. John is Past Master of Lodge Panmure No. 299, WJW of his Affiliate Lodge The Bruce No. 593 and Tyler is his other Affiliate Lodge, The Robert Burns Lodge of Dundee No. 1788. John is also Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Forfarshire, Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and a member of other Masonic Orders including Royal Arch, Hope Chapter No. 9, the Angus Sovereign Chapter of Princes Rose Croix No. 169 and the Royal Order of Scotland in The Provincial Grand Lodge of The Counties of Aberdeen and Kincardine.

Another one of John's greatest passions is Robert Burns and is currently President of Arbroath Burns Club (Established 1888) and has appeared on the Burns circuit for over 40 years giving recitals of poems and performing Burns songs.

Memorising Masonic Ritual: Fears, Solutions and the Hybrid Approach

by

Bro. John A. Hayes PM, Grand Lodge Information and Communication Committee

1. Introduction

Freemasonry involves memorised rituals and traditional practices that some men may find off-putting. The initiation rituals, symbolic language, and formalised learning requirements may feel intimidating or outdated to prospective members.

In an era that values transparency and straightforwardness, the time-intensive nature of memorising Masonic ritual may seem overly complex or unnecessary to some, leading them to question their commitment to the fraternity or attracting new candidates. For others, however, these rituals are central to the fraternity's appeal, offering a sense of tradition and purpose.

There is also the fact that literacy and memory are closely linked, as memory plays a crucial role in the process of learning and retaining new literacy skills later in life. Adults who struggle with literacy often face unique challenges, as their memory abilities may be influenced by years of limited reading practice, which affects the brain's comprehension function.

This notion, therefore, has raised questions concerning literacy, language and learning in the Masonic fraternity and the recent Literacy Initiative being promoted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland has raised important side questions regarding retention, memory and ritual work and whether there is scope to promote a discussion on the necessity to learn ritual for the purposes of Masonic meetings and the wider issues regarding recruitment and retention of members.

2 Memorising Masonic Ritual

Memorising Masonic ritual can be a source of concern for many Masons, especially those who are new to the fraternity and for those who are approaching their senior years and, perhaps, less mentally agile for remembering ritual, charges etc.

The rituals are often long, detailed, and precise, with specific language and gestures that must be performed accurately.

The following sections outline common concerns and outline some ways to address them:

Fear of Forgetting or Making Mistakes

- Concern: Many Masons worry they'll forget lines or miss a step, especially in front of their fellow Brethren.
- Solution: Remember that everyone goes through the same learning curve, and the fraternity should be supportive rather than judgmental. Practicing with more experienced Masons can help build confidence. They often understand that mistakes are part of the learning process.

Difficulty with Old-Fashioned Language

- Masonic rituals often use archaic forms of language, which can feel unfamiliar and difficult to memorise.
- Solution: Practice in small sections and focus on understanding the meaning behind each part. When you understand the intent, the words often come more naturally. Reading through the ritual slowly and repeatedly can also help build familiarity with the language. It may also be personally interesting to research the meaning and usage of such words in the historical context.

Time and Commitment

- Concern: Freemasons often lead busy lives with work, family, and other commitments. Fitting in time to memorise rituals can feel overwhelming.
- Solution: Try breaking down the material into smaller chunks and practicing for short periods each day. Consistent, shorter practice sessions are often more effective than long, infrequent study sessions. Alternatively, try recording the ritual onto a mobile phone or other recording device and playing it back repeatedly. Memorising through recording and playback allows individuals to reinforce information by hearing it repeatedly, which aids retention and recall.

Feeling Compared to More Experienced Masons

- Concern: Newer members might feel intimidated when compared to experienced Masons who seem to have everything memorised effortlessly.
- Solution: Remember that everyone started as a beginner. Experienced Masons often took years to reach their current level of proficiency, and they understand the journey. If you need help, many are willing to guide you or share their own experiences of initial struggles.

Pressure to Perform in Front of Others

- Concern: The ritual performance aspect can add a layer of pressure for those who are not comfortable with public speaking or performing in front of others.
- Solution: Practicing with a small group or a mentor first can help build confidence. When you're ready to perform, focus on the ritual's meaning and purpose rather than focusing on the audience. Masonic ceremonies are about the collective experience, and small errors are often forgiven or go unnoticed.

Retention Over Time

- Concern: Many worry they'll forget the ritual after they've learned it, especially if they don't perform it often.
- Solution: Reviewing even a few lines regularly can help reinforce memory. Practicing with others or teaching a newer member can also reinforce retention by keeping Brethren actively engaged with the material.

Final Thoughts

Masonic ritual is learned gradually, often over many years and the process of memorisation often serves to deepen one's understanding and commitment. Lodge members should not hesitate to reach out to more experienced Brethren for advice; they've

likely faced similar challenges. The journey is as important as the memorisation itself, and many find that it enhances their experience and connection to the fraternity.

3. Negotiating the Shift from Memorised to Scripted

Shifting Masonic rituals from being memorised to being scripted is a significant change, and it can come with both benefits and challenges. The age profile of the Brethren and the reluctance of new members to learn ritual is presenting challenges.

The following sections present an overview of factors that are often considered in making such a transition:

Consistency and Accuracy

- **Memorised Ritual:** Memorisation can lead to high accuracy as participants internalise every word and phrase, but it may also result in minor variations over time as individuals make subtle errors that then become part of the ritual.
- **Scripted Ritual:** Using a script ensures that the ritual is performed verbatim each time, preserving the exact language and intended structure without the pressure on participants to remember each line perfectly.

Accessibility and Inclusivity

- **Memorised Ritual:** Requiring memorisation can be challenging, especially for newer members, those with less time, or those who find memorisation difficult e.g. through the ageing process. It can exclude or discourage some members from participating in key roles.
- **Scripted Ritual:** A scripted approach makes it easier for everyone to participate, potentially encouraging more engagement and a more diverse membership, as the entry barrier of expected memorisation is lowered.

Focus on Ritual Meaning

- **Memorised Ritual:** Memorisation can deepen personal understanding of the ritual, as members invest time and effort in internalising the words. This commitment can enhance the ritual's personal and symbolic significance.
- **Scripted Ritual:** By removing the stress of memorisation, participants can focus more on the meaning and intention of the ritual itself. This can lead to a more relaxed and reflective atmosphere, with more emphasis on interpretation than on recitation.

Performance Quality

- **Memorised Ritual:** When members are confident in their memory, memorised rituals can be performed smoothly and with strong delivery. However, memory lapses can disrupt the flow and impact the experience for everyone present.
- **Scripted Ritual:** With a script as a backup, participants can focus on their delivery and expression, likely creating a more fluid and confident performance without fear of forgetting lines.

Tradition vs. Modernisation

- **Memorised Ritual:** Memorisation is deeply traditional and is valued by many for its connection to Masonic heritage. It also emphasises discipline and dedication, which are virtues highly esteemed within Freemasonry.
- **Scripted Ritual:** Using a script may be seen as a modernisation that aligns with the changing dynamics of society. Some members may welcome this as a practical and inclusive step, while others may see it as diminishing the discipline traditionally associated with Masonic practices.

Ideas for Transitioning

- **Hybrid Approach:** Some Lodges implement a hybrid model, where core elements are memorised, but scripts are available as support for more complex parts.
- **Workshops and Support:** Providing regular practice sessions or workshops can help members gradually memorise parts while using scripts in actual rituals.

- **Wider Decision-Making:** Consultation with the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the membership and discussing the potential impact on tradition and accessibility can help find a balanced approach that respects the values of Masonic ritual

Overall, shifting to a scripted ritual can make Freemasonry more accessible and inclusive, though it requires careful planning and respect for the traditional elements that many members value.

Appendix 1 - Learning Masonic Ritual with Dyslexia

Learning Masonic rituals with dyslexia can be challenging, but there are strategies you can use to make the process easier and more effective. Dyslexia often affects reading and memorization but using multisensory learning methods can help. These could include:

Break It Down Into Sections

- Divide the ritual into manageable chunks rather than trying to memorise large portions at once.
- Focus on one section or paragraph at a time until you feel confident before moving on.

Use Audio Resources

- Record yourself or a fellow Mason reading the ritual aloud. Listen to the recordings repeatedly to internalise the words and rhythms.
- Use text-to-speech tools i.e. ClaroSpeak and Speechify to convert written parts of the ritual into audio files.

Multisensory Learning

- Write out the ritual by hand while saying it aloud. The combination of writing, speaking, and hearing can help reinforce memory.
- Create flashcards with key phrases or symbols to review visually.
- Pair physical movement, like pacing or gestures, with reciting lines to engage muscle memory.

Use Mnemonics and Visualisation

- Create visual images or stories in your mind to associate with key phrases or ideas in the ritual.
- Use acronyms or rhymes to remember sequences or difficult parts.
- An example of a Masonic mnemonic is the acronym 'G.R.L.A.G.A.M' to remember the seven liberal arts and sciences: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Astronomy, and Music or 'G.A.O.T.U' for the Great Architect of the Universe. These acronyms could help Masons with Dyslexia recall the sequence easily by using the first letters of each subject.
- Books such as *Solomon's Memory Palace: A Freemason's Guide to the Ancient Art of Memoria Verborum* and *Masonic Lodges: Esoteric Secrets of the Art of Memory* provide step-by-step instructions on how to construct memorisation techniques and discusses the ties between the art of memory and Speculative Freemasonry.

Practice With a Mentor

- Partner with a trusted Brother who can guide you through the ritual and provide constructive feedback.
- Rehearse in small, informal sessions to reduce anxiety and build confidence.

Adapt Text for Accessibility

- Use tools such as MyStudyBar to enlarge and space out the text, such as apps that format reading materials for dyslexia.
- Highlight key words or phrases with different colours for easier scanning.

Use Repetition and Spaced Practice

- Repeat the material frequently over time rather than trying to cram it in one session.
- Schedule regular, short practice sessions to help solidify your memory.

Record Progress

- Keep track of what you've learned and celebrate small victories. This will help maintain motivation and a sense of achievement.

Use Technology

- Consider apps like Quizlet for digital flashcards, or apps designed for dyslexia support, like ClaroSpeak, Speechify and MyStudyBar.
- Speech recognition tools can help you practice by allowing you to recite parts and receive feedback on accuracy.

Be Patient and Persistent

- Allow yourself extra time to learn, and don't hesitate to ask for support from your Lodge.
- Remember that many Masons will respect your effort and be willing to accommodate your learning process.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 10th January 2025 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall
- Lodge Mossspark No. 1329 on Saturday 11th January 2025 (Annual Burns Supper) – attended by Bros. Iain White PM, Cameron White JD
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 13th January 2025 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 14th January 2025 (Fellowcraft exemplification and Annual Visitation by the PGLRW) – attended by IPM Bro James Livingstone, Bro Brian McFadyen PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Ken MacDougall PM
- The Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No. 4 on Wednesday 15th January 2025 (Annual Installation) – attended by Bros. Iain White PM, Donnie Finlayson PM 609 HM XII
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 16th January 2025 (Fellowcraft exemplification and Annual Visitation by the PGLRW) – attended by IPM Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Ken MacDougall PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on Saturday 18th January 2025 (Annual Burns Supper) – attended by Bros. Robert Marshall RWM, Iain White PM, Paul Branchfield WSW, Colin B Reddy WJW, Cameron White JD, JP Livingstone IPM. A Buckley PoS, Iain D MacLeod MM 68 HM XII
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 26th January 2025 (Joint Annual Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Ken MacDougall PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 27th January 2025 (Entering and Annual Visitation by the PGLRW) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall, IPM Bro James Livingstone, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Brian McFadyen PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM and Bro Cameron White
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 28th January 2025 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall

- The Prince's Lodge No. 607 on Friday 3rd February 2025 (Entering) – attended by Bros. Iain White PM, Alan D. Beck PM

Annual Hospitality Levy 2024-25

We all know that the hospitality at No. XII's post meeting harmonies is famed far and wide for its generosity and, of course, President of Stewards Tony Buckley's superb food. However, all the drams and suppers do not come without a cost. Accordingly, each Office Bearer should bring WJW Bro. Colin Reddy a bottle of spirits as soon as possible. He is overseeing collection of the Levy. Of course, brethren of No. XII who wait behind who are not Office Bearers and enjoy the harmonies may wish to contribute too. What they give will be very welcome.

Bro. Colin would welcome raffle prize donations too from all members.

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IW 16.02.25