

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2013-14

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Entering

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Passing by Lodge Greenock
St John's No 175

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Entering

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Passing by The Bridgeton
and Glasgow Shamrock and
Thistle Lodge No 275

* 05.11.13

Raising

* 19.11.13

Annual Installation at
630pm

* 03.12.13

Passing by Lodge The Gael
No 609

* 17.12.13

Annual Divine Service
Bro JC Glenn PM



Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April

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Fellowcraft Degree by Lodge Greenock St John's No 175

17th September 2013

RWM Bro Alex Johnstone led a deputation of 17 brethren into the Saloon to confer a Second Degree. RWM Bro Alan Beck had already welcomed a deputation of 16 brethren led by Bro Gerry Robertson RWM Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning

No 217, Bro Ian McFadyen Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 and Bro George Carson Jr RWM Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121. By the time the No XII brethren are added, that gives an attendance of almost 60 brethren. The floor work was absolutely outstanding and the candidate Bro Bryce Macleod was most impressed as were we all! The brethren then enjoyed Tony Buckley's

homemade steak pies. That completed a very pleasant evening.

Speeding Things Up!

The reading out of minutes at No XII is over and many minutes will be saved as a result!!! Taking advantage of 21st Century technology, the Bro Secretary now emails minutes out for the brethren to peruse. Hard copies are provided in the adjacent for brethren who do not have internet access. We believe that this will improve our communication with our members.

The Summer Meeting

The date for the summer meeting has been set. It will take place on Thursday 5th June. We have deliberately moved away from our usual Tuesday because this is the night when the inter club matches in the Greenock and District Bowling league are played and we want to be able to accommodate the vast number of brethren who are boolers!! Again it will be an Entering conferred by the Past Masters and the Chair will be taken by Bro Kenny

Morrison. We hope that there will be a great attendance. There seems to be an appetite amongst the brethren for meetings during the recess. Perhaps it helps to allay the withdrawal symptoms! The collection at the meeting will again go to the charity drive, something that is becoming an integral part of the Lodge activities.

Test Fees and Life Member Contributions

Annual subscriptions or Test Fees are now due for 2013-14. These are set at the very reasonable level of £30 in No XII. Also, the Lodge has to pay a Capitation Levy for all Life Members to The Grand Lodge of Scotland. This amounts to £25. Over the last couple of years we have been grateful to all of the Life Members who have made a donation to cover this. Fees and contributions are payable to the Treasurer.

Tuesday 17th September – Passing by Lodge Greenock St John's No 175



Bro Alex Johnstone RWM Lodge Greenock St John's No 175
Bro Bryce MacLeod Fellowcraft No XII and Candidate for the evening
and Bro Alan D Beck RWM



The 175 Deputation with RWMs at the front and our candidate

Gourmet Dinner

The gourmet dinner at the Greenock Golf Club on Saturday 21st September was a great success. Golf Club Chef, Gary Lewis, created a magnificent menu for us and the food was beautifully prepared and presented. 11 members attended and had a most enjoyable time. We were entertained by Polly Beck and IPM Bro Bob

Bain who sang for us. Bro Bob summed up the evening in an impromptu speech. He commented on the how good it was for us to get together with our partners in the way that we used to do in days gone by. It is hoped to run a similar event in the spring.



A word of welcome from RWM Bro Alan



A song from IPM Bob



The diners



Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 Centenary Meeting

No XII was very honoured to be invited to attend the Centenary Meeting of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on Tuesday 24th September and exemplify the Second Degree. The 'candidate' on the evening was our old friend Bro Malky Sinclair. It was a great evening. Bro George Carson Jr welcomed us into the Lodge and a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, headed by RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone, was also in attendance.

There was a big crowd at the meeting and the degree went very well. The team was

Prayer	Bro Iain White PM
Obligation	Bro Alan D Beck PM
Secrets	Bro Bob Bain IPM
Working Tools	Bro Allan Macfeate DM
Tracing Board	Bro Ken MacDougall PM
Charge	Bro Bob Bain IPM

At the end of the ceremonial, Bro Alan D Beck RWM presented RWM Bro George Carson Jr with a suitably engraved Quaich, on behalf of No XII, to mark the Crawfurdsburn Centenary



The 'candidate' Bro Malky Sinclair and RWM Bro Alan Beck



Back: Bro Bob Crossan JD Bro Dugald Rankin Bro Eddie McGill Bro Jas McGregor Jr Bro Gordon Thompson IG Bro Allan Macfeate DM

Front: Bro Jim Lever HM Bro Alistair Glenney PM Bro Iain White PM Bro Alan Macfeate RWM Bro Bob Bain IPM Bro Ken MacDougall PM Bro Martin Anderson WSW

Monthly Draw

Bro Allan Glen is going to restart the No XII Monthly Draw. Cheques or cash should be passed to him. For details contact Allan on 07736060280.

Reports on Visits

The RWM, Office Bearers and brethren of No XII continue to do a power of work visiting sister Lodges.

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 5th September 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Bryce MacLeod (Fagel)
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 6th September 2013 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Bryce MacLeod (Fagel)
- Lodge Montefiore No 753 on 9th September 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 10th September 2013 (Entering Ex.) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, HM Bro James Strachan, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro James Miller
- Lodge Montgomery Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 11th September 2013 (Passing conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Albert MacLean, Bro Allan Macfeate, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Gordon Thomson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Anthony Buckley, Bro James McGregor Jnr and Bro Dugald Rankin
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 12th September 2013 (Passing) – attended by Bro James Livingstone, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Ugie No 939 on 14th September 2013 (Mark) – attended by Bro David Stevenson
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 16th September 2013 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

A look back in time



Bro Alex Galbraith was telling me about this photo and I asked him for a scan. It was taken of the 'Old Boys' at the centenary parade of the Boys' Brigade in Greenock. If you look carefully in the photo, you will see Bro Neil Forbes (Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 and Honorary Member Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Alex Galbraith (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 and Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Adam Piggott (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) the late Bro Jim Hotchkiss (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) Bro Hector Macphail (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) and the late Bro Jim Adams (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII). I myself was in the parade but at the front of this column playing in the pipe band. Happy days.



Iain White PM
29.09.13

