

Meetings 2013-14

- * 03.09.13
Entering
- * 15.09.13
Passing by Lodge Greenock
St John's No 175
- * 01.10.13
Entering
- * 15.10.13
Passing by The Bridgeton
and Glasgow Shamrock and
Thistle Lodge No 275
- * 05.11.13
Annual Meeting
Passing
- * 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 Glenny PM
- * 05.06.14
Summer Meeting
Past Masters' Degree
Entering



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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Henry's on the move!

Bro Henry Tibbles PM of No XII (and a member for 71 years) will be on the move soon. He and Muriel are moving to Kent so that they can be near to their daughter Wendy. Henry reckons that all arrangements will be concluded so that they can go south in about a month's time. Henry Sebbon Tibbles is a remarkable character in many ways and a very special gentleman. He was 70 years a member of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII on 10th November 2012 and received his Platinum Jubilee Diploma

At this time he brought a deputation up to the Town Hall when Bro Kenneth K Morrison was Master of No XII and very strong links between the two Lodges began to develop. These have been further cemented over the years by visitations to Greenock and London. Henry has held many senior positions in the craft and amongst these are the following: London Grand Rank (1989), Worshipful Master of Scots' Mark Master Masons Lodge No 406 (EC) (1984), Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England (1987), President of the Board of Grand Stewards (1987), Commander of the Scots' Lodge Royal Ark Mariners No 406 (EC) (1994), Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank (1999) and Honorary Provincial

at the Lodge Annual Divine Service in the Town Hall in December.

Born on 4th November 1919 in Minster, by Sheerness (Kent), he took his first degree during the Second World War on 10th November 1942. At that time he was in the Royal Navy and stationed locally. He spent all of the war years in the Navy, marrying Gourock girl Muriel along the way. They have now been together for over 70 years. When Henry returned to Civvy Street, the printing trade beckoned and he rose to the position of Company Director. Unfortunately for No XII, promotion took Henry to

Senior Grand Warden of Renfrewshire West (2003). He has membership of many other Masonic Orders.

After Henry's retirement and return to Scotland, No XII was delighted to welcome him back on a regular basis. His great dedication to the Craft led him to perform a number of duties to help No XII, for example filling the offices of Tyler, Treasurer and Worshipful Senior Warden. He assumed the chair of his Mother Lodge for the first time in 2001, aged 82 years and 16 days. Henry was awarded Distinguished

London, but XII's loss was The Scots' Lodge's gain and he joined No 2319 (English Constitution) on 24th April 1969. Henry's enthusiasm led him to be installed as Worshipful Master of The Scots' Lodge in 1980.



Service Membership by No XII in 1990, received his 50 Year Jubilee Diploma in 1992 and his Diamond Jubilee Diploma 10 years later.

He is well respected by the brethren of the Scottish and English constitutions, but by none more so than those here in his Mother Lodge. We shall miss Henry.

Brethren wishing to bid Henry bon voyage can do so at 01475-520604. Please call before tea time!

Our Previous Meeting

Fellowcraft Degree by The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275

Another great night in No XII! We had three deputations and 66 brethren in the Lodge. First, RWM Bro Alan Beck welcomed a deputation of 19 visiting Brethren from within and out-with the Province headed by our old friend, Bro Ian Howe, PM of Lodge Greenock St. John's No 175 and accompanied by Bro Andrew Piggot, RWM Elect of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM Elect of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 and Bro Joseph Fogarty, RWM Elect of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 who were invited to the East. Second, the RWM welcomed the Conferring Deputation. 14 Brethren from The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock & Thistle Lodge No 275 headed by their RWM Bro Robert Shaw and accompanied by Bro Ian McPherson, RWM of Lodge The Prince's No 607, Bro Graham Miller, RWM of Lodge Saint Conval Giffnock No 1359 and Bro Ian Wood, RWM of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 who were invited to the East. Third, last but by no means least, RWM Bro Alan welcomed a deputation of 4 Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West headed by the Provincial Grand Master Bro James P. Livingstone.

RWM Bro Alan Beck presented the James S. Adams memorial gavel to RWM Bro Robert Shaw for the purpose of conferring the degree. The Second Degree was then conferred on the candidate, Bro David Ramage, by the office bearers and floor-workers of Lodge No 275. The Conferring Master was Bro James Cassidy, PM and Treasurer of No 275. At the conclusion, RWM Bro Robert Shaw said that it had been an honour and a privilege for No 275 to have conferred the degree this evening and thanked RWM Bro Alan Beck and the Brethren of No XII for the opportunity to do so and expressed the hope that it was to the Brethren's satisfaction. On receiving the gavel, RWM Bro Alan Beck congratulated RWM Bro Robert Shaw, Bro James Cassidy PM and the No 275 Degree team for a most excellent and exceptional rendition of the Fellowcraft Degree and a most enjoyable evening which further cemented the bond of friendship between both Lodges. This was the first time that No 275 had conferred a degree in No XII.

The friendship will continue in the New Year when Bro Iain White PM will propose the Toast to The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns at 275's Burns Supper in February whilst RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Allan Glen SD will provide the musical entertainment. On Saturday 1st March, RWM Bro Bobby Shaw of No 275 will Toast 'The Lassies' at the No XII Charity Burns Supper.



From left: RWM Bro Ian A Macpherson MBE (Lodge The Prince's No 607) RWM Bro Ian Wood (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) RWM Bobby Shaw (The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275) RWPWM Bro Jim Livingstone Bro David Ramage (Candidate) RWM Bro Alan D Beck (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) RWM Bro Graham Miller (Lodge St Conval Giffnock No 1359) Bro John Keogh (Affiliate) RWM Bro Alasdair Beaton (Lodge The Gael No 609)

Our Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 5th November and will be a Passing conferred by the brethren of No XII. Visitors will be admitted a little later than usual (around 8pm) because the degree is preceded by the Annual General Meeting and Nomination and Election of remaining Office Bearers.

Our New Website

Our new website is now fully functioning, with another couple of new features coming soon. The address for the website is www.lgk12.com

The site is also available from mobile devices such as smartphones or tablets, as well as the normal desktop route. You will note that on the mobile version the menu has a vertical layout with the contents of each selected page appearing underneath, so you have to scroll down to find it, sorry it's just the way it works.

You can open XII Talk and The West Column via the 'documents' button on the menu.

If you are a Lodge member and you have a login (create one via login – create account – has to be verified by admin first), you will also have access to other items such as lodge minutes. I will be adding a 'contacts' page to the members area very soon, which will contain details of our lodge brethren. If you would like to be included in this, please drop me a line at the address below.

We also have a fully functioning Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LodgeGreenockKilwinningNoXII Please 'like' the page and follow us if you have not done so already.

I intend adding all the upcoming meetings/functions within our Province, and in the future a few selected out with the Province, on a weekly basis.

This will be on the Website Events (seen on the home page, under the syllabus link) and also on Facebook page events too. So you will be able to easily pick some meetings to go along and support our sister lodges

Should you have any problems accessing any of the features or have any comments, good or bad, please speak to me or drop me an email at robert.crossan@virginmedia.com

If you have anything to add to the web site send it to Bob at the above address.

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.

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 boollers!! Again it will be an Entering conferred by the Past Masters and the Chair will be taken by Bro Kenny Morrison PM. 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.

Reports on Visits

Extensive visiting by the brethren of No XII continues:

- PGLRW on 2nd October 2013 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 3rd October 2013 (Raising) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 4th October 2013 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Thomas Hamilton and HM Bro James Strachan
- PG Lodge of Argyll & The Isles on 5th October 2013 (Installation of PGM) - attended by SD Bro Allan Glen and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 5th October 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- The funeral of Bro Phil Robertson on 6th October 2013 – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Kenneth Morrison, PM Bro Ian Ross, PM Bro Iain White, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Allan Goodall and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 7th October 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White, Bro Tony Buckley and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge Prince of Wales No 426 on 8th October 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Thomas Hamilton, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 9th October 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan Macfeate, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro James Lever
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 10th October 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Thomas Hamilton
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 10th October 2013 (Tatties & Herring night) – attended by SD Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge St John's Whiteinch No 683 on 11th October 2013 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge St Kilda No 881 on 12th October 2013 (Entering Exemplification by Lodge The Gael No 609) – attended by SD Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 14th October 2013 (Raising) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan

Masonic Buildings in the East

Bro Alistair Glenny PM has family connections in the Far East. Recently he sent me this interesting information for inclusion in *XII Talk*.

FREEMASONS HALL SINGAPORE

Freemasons in Singapore meet in the fine building depicted below in Coleman Street Singapore



The Hall is the venue where 29 Masonic Lodges, Chapters, and other Masonic bodies work within the English Constitution – under the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago, The Scottish Constitution

- under the District Grand Lodge of the Middle East, and The Irish Constitution - under the Inspectorate for South East Asia.

Under the District Grand Lodge of the Middle East, one Lodge in particular, is Lodge Ailsa No 1172 and in the middle of the Lodge penny is depicted the Firth of Clyde island of Ailsa Craig!



Lodge Ailsa 1172 was consecrated on March 30th 1918 and chartered on May 2nd 1918; An early proxy Master being the 12th Earl of Cassillis, Baron and subsequently Marquis of Ailsa whose Kennedy Tartan has been adopted by the Lodge.

During World War two, the last regular meeting of Lodge Ailsa 1172 was held on January 31st 1942 just 15 days prior to the fall of Singapore. Records and Masonic items were lost in the War and bombing which took place, resulting in a duplicate charter being issued in 1946. Lodge Ailsa 1172 was again at work.

FREEMASONS HALL PENANG MALAYSIA

A sponsoring Lodge at the consecration of Lodge Ailsa 1172 was Lodge Scotia 1003, a Lodge based in the Malaysian Island of Penang the main town being Georgetown so called after King George III. Lodge Scotia and other Masonic bodies meet in the Lodge building pictured below in Georgetown.



In Georgetown, Penang there are other “Scots” reminders as well as the Masonic Lodge in that the following street names exist:-

Macalister Road, Leith Street, Argyle Road, Campbell Street, Farquhar Street, and believe it or not Downing Street!

Across the straits on peninsular Malaysia there is the Cameron Highlands and Bukit (Hill) Fraser.

From the old minute books of No XII

As we approach our AGM, I thought this from 1911 was both appropriate and interesting

Wednesday 29th November 1911

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

The Treasurer's Report

Bro George Allan then submitted his financial report which was certified as correct by the Auditors, Bros Robert Thexton and Andrew Main. The principal features of the report show

No of Intrants

This year 47 and Affiliates 1

Last year 32 and Affiliates 1

Amount of General Fund

This year £210-3-2

Last Year £282-17-7

Amount of Benevolent Fund

This year £92-9-11

Last Year £107-1-11

The auditors referred to the prosperous condition of the Lodge and spoke in complimentary terms regarding the excellent condition in which they found the Treasurers' Accounts.

There are a few points of interest. The popularity of the Craft may be seen in the fact that No XII had 47 candidates in the year 1910-11. What would we give for those numbers today?

Also, the financial statistics are interesting! The Lodge's account balances had dropped but in the year, donations of £50 were given to the fund to build the new Grand Lodge building in Edinburgh, £75 to the Greenock Infirmary Centenary Fund and relief to distressed brethren of £40. These sums have a greater impact when a little work on Google gives you the comparators for today.

General fund	£210	2013 equivalent sum is £20,939.60
Benevolent Fund	£92	2013 equivalent sum is £9,173.54

... and the donations

£50 donation to the building of Freemasons' Hall	2013 equivalent sum is £4,985.62
£75 donation to the Greenock Infirmary Centenary Fund	2013 equivalent sum is £7,478.43
£40 donations to distressed brethren	2013 equivalent sum is £3,988.50

It fair makes you think ...

And Finally

This is the 50th edition of *XII Talk*. Little did I think back in January 2010 when I made a suggestion to the General Committee that the journey would take us here?

Iain White PM
03.11.13