

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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Our Next Meeting 19th November

Annual Installation

The next meeting on Tuesday 19th November is the Annual Installation when RWM Bro Alan D Beck will be installed for his second term as Right Worshipful Master. Things are a little different this year. The starting time is the same – 630pm. However we held the Annual Meeting was held at our previous meeting. This means that the admission of the visiting brethren will be much earlier. We are aiming at

Annual Divine Service

The Divine Service will be held in the Saloon on Tuesday 17th December and worship will be led by Bro Jack Glenny, a Past Master of No XII

As a Reader of The Church of Scotland, Jack has conducted services around the country, In 2009, Jack was invited to address the Scottish Parliament at their "Time for Reflection" which they hold at the beginning of each new session.

Jack was Moderator of the Greenock and Paisley Presbytery in 2006.

Given all of the above the service promises to be both entertaining and spiritually uplifting

645pm. This should let us get the ceremonial finished a earlier too. The supper after the meeting will be soup, chicken and cheese and biscuits and is free to all brethren. The Lodge is picking up the tab. There will be 2 raffles. One will be a 'big' draw for a gallon of whisky; the other is a more conventional raffle for the usual prizes for bottles and other prizes. Brethren are asked to bring along **donations** for this one. At the supper we shall be entertained by Craig Dunsmore and Polly Beck.

Bros Alan Craig and Allan Glen will also take part. The Installing Masters on the evening are Bros Iain White, Hector Macphail and Ken McDougall, all Past Masters of No XII.

Tuesday 3rd December

We shall be welcoming our good friends from Lodge The Gael No 609 on Tuesday 5th December. It is a Second Degree and we look forward greatly to the visit. We may run a sweep on how many pipers will lead the deputation in! On the last occasion they visited there were 11!



Henry's not on the move!

Bro Henry Tibbles PM celebrated his 94th birthday the day after the 50th edition of XII Talk was issued. The bif news was of course that he and Muriel were to move south to Kent. However, things change in these 21st Century times. Henry and Muriel have decided that they will **not**, in fact, be

moving. Brethren wishing to contact Henry can do so at 01475-520604. Please call before tea time!



Our RWM-Elect

Bro Alan Duncan Beck

In being elected Right Worshipful Master, Bro Beck followed in a long line of distinguished citizens who previously held this office. During his first term, Bro Beck led the lodge to continued growth, with a steady flow of new members and attendances at the Regular Meetings up by 56%. Its involvement in the community was further enhanced, with its significant charitable work raising in excess of £6000 for causes like Erskine Home, the Beacon Youth Theatre and local schools. The brethren of No XII also gave support to sister lodges in Scotland and beyond. The No XII Charity Burns Supper, held annually in Greenock Town Hall, has quickly grown to be the largest in Inverclyde.

A native of Lanarkshire who was educated at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and Glasgow University, Bro Beck is a well-known and highly accomplished musician. A winner of several distinguished singing competitions, he spent the first years of his professional musical career as a principal solo tenor at the State Opera in Stuttgart, Germany and has also performed for Scottish Opera, English National Opera, Welsh National Opera and Opera Ireland. He is a founder member of the three tenors group Caledon with whom he has performed all over the world including for HM The Queen at the opening of the Scottish Parliament, HE Kofi Annan at the UN Headquarters in New York and at venues such as The Sydney Opera House, T-in-the-Park and Hampden Park for the Scottish international football team.

As a music teacher, Bro Beck has taught at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland and the Royal Northern College of Music. He is currently a member of the teaching staff of Scottish Opera and Clydeview Academy. He has also had great success as a composer of children's music having recently received two commissions from the Scottish Arts Council, Creative Scotland.

He lives in Greenock with his wife, Polly who is also a well-known musician, and their sons Adam and Reuben



Attendances

A lot of hard work has gone in over the last few years by masters and brethren of the Lodge. Obviously, we are all delighted by how it is going. At the Regular Meeting on 5th November, we had over 30 brethren of No XII in the Lodge and a total attendance of almost 60. The table below shows attendance figures for the last 3 years.

Year	Average Attendance	Percentage Increase
2010-11	26	
2011-12	39	50% on 2010-11
2012-13	60	56% on 2011-12; 131% on 2010-11

RWM Bro Alan Beck's **140 visits to sister lodges** over his year in the Chair have undoubtedly been a factor in the support we have received from visiting brethren.

Our previous Meeting – Passing on Tuesday 5th November 2013

After the Annual Meeting, RWM Bro Alan Beck welcomed a deputation of 24 visiting Brethren from within and out-with the Province headed by Bro Marshall North, RWM of Lodge Greenock St. John's No 175 and accompanied by Bro Andrew Piggot, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 and Bro William Duncan, RWM of Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 who were invited to the East.

The Lodge then proceeded to carry out the Second Degree ritual for Bro Thomas Hamilton. The Degree Team was

Prayer: BB Bro Albert MacLean
Obligation: RWM Bro Alan Beck
Secrets: Bro Kenneth K. Morrison PM
Apron: WSW Bro Martin Anderson
Working Tools: IPM Bro Robert Bain
Tracing Board: Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall PM
The Charge: SD Bro Allan Glen

The brethren were richly complimented by the visitors at the end for the quality of the degree work.

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.

Lest we forget

Brethren of the Lodge purchased Poppy Crosses in memory of our brethren who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War and who are remembered on the oak memorial altar – George W Campbell, Henry Hay, Arthur Johnstone, Duncan McFarlane, David RF Mackail, Alexander N Russell, James Ritchie Smith, Joshua H Sanders and Archibald L Barr. These crosses were then placed in the Grand Lodge of Scotland section of the Remembrance Garden in Princes Street, Edinburgh. The efforts of the Scottish brethren raised in excess of £16,000 for Poppy Scotland.

To my knowledge this year was the first when the Right Worshipful Master of No XII laid a wreath at the Cenotaph in Greenock's Wellpark. A number of us joined Bro Alan on a beautiful Sunday morning at what was a very poignant ceremony. It brought back memories to me of the many years when I accompanied my father there with so many of his contemporaries who served King and Country during World War II. Not many of them left now, but of course the sterling service of our Armed Forces in conflicts and wars continues ... It is my belief that it is but right that No XII should be involved in this public ceremony of remembrance and gratitude.



The No XII wreath

The RWM at the Wellpark



The Wreath Laid

Reports on Visits

Extensive visiting by the brethren of No XII continues:

- Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 on 16th October 2013 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan Macfeate, Bro Allan Glen and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge St Conval Giffnock No 1359 on 18th October 2013 (Exemplification of an Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 18th October 2013 – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 19th October 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro James Livingstone (PGM), HM Bro Kenneth McCrae, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro James Lever
- Lodge Mother Kilwinning on 22nd October 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley and Bro John Keogh
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 22nd October 2013 (Entering) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 24th October 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley and Bro John Keogh
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 25th October 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro James Strachan, Bro Alexander Galbraith (RWIM), HM Bro Sandy Reddy, HM Bro James Lever, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and Bro James Livingstone (PGM)
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 27th October 2013 (Divine Service) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 28th October 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro John Keogh, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone (PGM), HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Kelvin Partick No 1207 on 29th October 2013 (Dramatisation of a Passing by Lodge Union & Crown No 307) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and HM Bro Donald Finlayson
- United Lodge of Dunkeld No 14 on 31st October 2014 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 31st October 2013 (Regular Communication) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro James McGregor Jnr, HM Bro James Miller (IPPGM) and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- Sir Robert Moray Lodge No 1641 on 31st October 2013 (Lecture) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro James McGregor Jnr, Bro John Keogh and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 1st November 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro Kenneth MacDougall, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro James Lever and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- Lodge Prince of Wales No 426 on 2nd November 2013 (150th Anniversary) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow on 3rd November 2013 (Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), HM Bro Donald Finlayson, HM Bro B Bryce and HM Bro H McLachlan
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 4th November 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White, Bro Allan Glen and Bro Bob Crossan

From the old minute books of No XII

A focus this time on Brethren being honoured in 1906

Thursday 17th May 1906

Bro John Barbour IPM, in the Chair

Honour to Bro Jas. McNeil, Jeweller to the Lodge

Bro RC Smith, D of C, drew the attention to the Lodge of the honour which had been conferred on Bro James W McNeil by the City of London in making him a Freeman of that Ancient and Honourable Corporation, and

it was unanimously agreed to record the event in the Minutes. The Secretary was also instructed to convey the congratulations of the Lodge to Bro McNeil.

Thursday 14th June 1906

Bro Col DF Neill RWM, in the Chair

Congratulations

The congratulations of the Lodge were heartily accorded to the Worthy Chaplain, Bro Lennie, on the recent occurrence of his semi-jubilee of his ministry.

Also to Bro Pearcey on the occasion of his return from Foreign Service and his promotion to a commission in the Royal Engineers.

Bro Captain Peden was also warmly welcomed back to the Lodge.

Iain White PM
17.11.13