

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 3rd December

Passing by Lodge The Gael No 609

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 they had 11. They are

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

coming by special bus from Glasgow so I think that probably indicates that the Harmony will be of as high a quality as the ceremonial. The degree will be under the direction of Bro Donnie Finlayson PM. Donnie is, of course, an honorary member of No XII and piped at the No XII Installation along with Alasdair Beaton, the Gael's RWM, who has played for us so often.



The Pipers at
the
Previous Visit

The Charity Drive

Also on Tuesday, Bro Alan Beck will present a cheque for £2500 to Alan Moss from Erskine Home. Erskine was identified by the RWM as one of the major beneficiaries from our Charity Drive in 2012-13. The forces' charities are very dear to the hearts of the brethren of No XII. The amount distributed will rise to £5300 with this presentation. Further presentations will follow.

Bro Alex More PM

Bro Alex More was RWM of No XII when I joined in 1974. For many years now he has lived out of town and he is presently in Luncarty in Perthshire. He had actually planned to be with us for the Installation but unfortunately a whole set of circumstances prevented his being there. Alex wrote to me

to explain and said that he was very disappointed because he was overjoyed at the thought of being able to join the brethren of No XII again. He does hope to be with us soon. I'm sure Alex will be surprised to read about himself in XII Talk! In closing his letter he said, 'I'd like to wish the RWM and brethren of No XII an Installation of the usual XII standard, coupled with a very successful 2014.' Hopefully we'll see Alex in the Saloon with us ere long.

Our previous Meeting – Annual Installation on Tuesday 19th November 2013

No XII held its 286th Installation Ceremony and Bro Alan D Beck was installed into the Chair as Right Worshipful Master in front of a large number of brethren from within and out with the province of Renfrewshire West in a packed Town Hall Saloon. It was the biggest Installation attendance for many years. The deputation of visiting brethren was led, as always, by the RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. In this case the man at the head was Bro Richard Harrison. The Installing Masters were Bros Iain White, Kenneth C MacDougall and Hector Macphail all Past Masters of No XII.



**Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson Bro Iain White PM Bro Alan D Beck RWM
Bro Hector Macphail PM Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM
taken in the Provost's Room**



At the Harmony in the main Town Hall around 80 brethren enjoyed supper and the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were observed. Bro Alan D Beck RWM toasted Her Majesty the Queen, after which two verses of the National Anthem were sung lustily and enthusiastically by the assembled brethren.. Bro Alan's Toast to The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West was replied to by Bro John RS Keith Right Worshipful



Provincial Grand Master Depute. A heartfelt toast to Her Majesty's Armed Forces was delivered by Immediate Past Master Bro Robert J Bain, himself a former regular soldier. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Beck, toasted the Installing Masters and Bro. Iain White PM replied. Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM toasted the Right Worshipful Master. Bro Alistair Glenny toasted the Visiting Brethren and, as is traditional in No XII, the reply was given by Bro Richard Harrison RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. The artistes and stewards were toasted by Bro Allan T Glen WJW.

As is the custom in No XII, Inverclyde Council was represented at the Installation Supper and Harmony by Inverclyde's First Citizen. Since Provost Robert Moran was unable to attend, Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson addressed the assembled brethren and spoke of the long and close connection between No

XII and the town of Greenock and the Lodge's historic right to meet in the Saloon of the Town Hall. He also expressed his pleasure at being in attendance again at a No XII function, extended his good wishes to the Lodge for the forthcoming session and good luck with their ongoing charitable work. Bro Wilson had attended the Installation ceremony and hosted the RWM and his Installing Masters in the Provost's Room.



In his reply to the Toast to the RWM, Bro Alan D Beck spoke of his pleasure at taking the chair again and of the plans he has to build on the successes of his first year in the Chair. A major charity drive is under way again. Musical contributions from Polly Beck and Craig Dunsmore were much enjoyed by the company as was the piping of Alasdair Beaton, RWM of Lodge The Gael No 609.



Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII Office Bearers 2013-14

Back: Bro David Stevenson (Treasurer) Bro Gordon Thompson (Inner Guard)
Middle: Bro Ewan McLean (Tyler) Bro Iain Hanlon (Assistant Steward) Bro John Keogh (Junior Deacon) Bro Bob Crossan (Senior Deacon) Bro Allan Glen (Worshipful Junior Warden) Bro Albert MacLean (Bible Bearer) Bro James McGregor Snr (Almoner) Bro James McGregor Jnr (Sword Bearer) Bro Tony Buckley (President of Stewards)
Front Row: Bro Kenny Morrison PM (Director of Ceremonies) Bro Alex Galbraith PM (Substitute Master) Bro Ken MacDougall PM (Secretary) Bro Iain White PM Bro Alan D Beck RWM Bro Hector Macphail PM (Marshal) Bro Alan Macfeate (Depute Master) Bro Bob Bain IPM Bro Derek Macfeate (Chaplain)

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.

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.

Lodge Rothesay St John No 292 Installation Saturday 30th November 2013

Three intrepid brethren travelled over the sea to Bute on St Andrew's Day to attend the installation of lodge Rothesay St John No 292 RWM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Allan Glen and PM Bro Iain White. Arriving in plenty of time, we had a wee dinner along Montague Street and discovering the West End chippy was yet to open, we headed round to the front and had a nice lunch in Ghillies in the Victoria Hotel. Thus fortified, we took the short walk to the Temple and were surprised when the meeting started almost on time and almost at 1 o'clock.

It was a great Installation in 292's magnificent, atmospheric lodge room. We renewed old acquaintances, made some new ones, had a dram or two and ate a delicious St Andrew's Day meal of soup, haggis, neeps and tatties and cheese and biscuits. Bro Craig Baxter PM was installed into the Chair of King Solomon. The Installing Masters, Ellis Rutherford and James McMillan, both Past Masters of 292 did a fantastic job. It was particularly pleasing for me to be there as RWM was Craig was a pupil in Rothesay Academy when I worked there between 1987 and 1992 and PM Bo Ian Ross and I installed his Dad, Frank, a few years ago.



Bro Allan Glen WJW Bro Alan Beck RWM Bro Craig Baxter RWM Lodge Rothesay St John Bro Iain White PM

Our ferry companions were Bros Alasdair Beaton RWM of Lodge The Gael No 609, and Gary Gilchrist RWM and Robin Shields PM of Lodge St Vincent Sandyford No 553, all of whom are well known to us and good pals of No XII. We had a couple of refreshments to sustain us on the way back and Alasdair gave us a wee tune on the pipes (see below)



A wee tune from Alasdair on MV Bute

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 Glen, Bro Allan Macfeate and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge Saint Conval Giffnock No 1359 on 18th October 2013 (Exemplification of Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Allan Glenn
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 19th October 2013 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Tony Buckley and Bro James Livingstone
- 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 The Gael No 609 on 23rd October 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Bob Crossan, HM Bro H McLachlan, HM Bro D. Bryce and HM Bro D. Finlayson
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 24th October 2013 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro Ken MacDougall, Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro James Lever
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 28th October 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro John Keogh, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Kelvin Partick No 1207 on 29th October 2013 (Dramatisation of a Passing by Lodge Union and Crown No 307) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and HM Bro Donald Finlayson
- United Lodge of Dunkeld No 14 on 31st October 2013 (Lecture on VC Freemasons) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 1st November 2013 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, PM Bro Ken MacDougall, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone and HM Bro James Lever
- 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 D. Finlayson, HM Bro H. McLachlan and HM Bro W. Bryce
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 4th November 2013 (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

As we had a visit to Argyll and the Isles yesterday, it seems that the sojourns of some of our esteemed predecessors might be appropriate. It would seem that 107 years ago in that province, they encountered the same level of welcome and hospitality as we did yesterday!

Thursday 20th September 1906

Bro Wm. Gray PM, in the Chair

Note

The acting RWM intimated a cordial invitation from Lodge Campbeltown St John No 141 for a Deputation to visit the Lodge and confer the first degree on Wednesday 26th inst. He asked for the names of those who wished to accompany him.

Thursday 4th October 1906

Bro John Barbour IPM, in the Chair

Report from Deputation to Campbeltown

Bro Wm. Gray PM reported in a humorous and graphic speech how the deputation to Campbeltown fared and he paid a high compliment to the masonic bowlers of that town in the capacity of bowlers and also as dispensers of hospitality.

Iain White PM

01.12.13