

Meetings 2013-14

- * 07.01.14
Visit by The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 to deliver a Lecture
- * 21.01.14
No Meeting
- * 04.02.14
Raising
- * 18.02.14
Passing
- * 04.03.14
Passing
- * 18.03.14
Raising
- * 01.04.14
Raising
- * 15.04.14
Mark

- * Thursday 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 Tuesday 7th January

The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 Visit

Our next meeting is an interesting venture and a first for No XII. Bro Robert P Shields, RWM of the Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814, will bring a deputation to No XII to take the meeting.

1814 is the youngest Lodge in the province and received its Charter on 1st August 1996. The first RWM was Bro William McKillop who had been RWPGM of Renfrewshire West between 1979 and 1988 and RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 from 1964 to 66.

Being a Lodge of Research, 1814 does not work degrees but what its brethren will do is take over at No XII and a lecture will be delivered followed by a question and answer session.

Bro Archie Hoey PM will deliver the Lecture. Archie was RWM of The Anchor Lodge in 2001 having previously been RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217. More recently, Bro Archie has been RWM of Lodge Randolph No 1434 Scotland's first "Lodge of Enlightenment". It invites speakers on any subject, has a dinner and a question and answer session.

Tuesday will be a first time on the road for The Anchor Lodge and that, along with a Lecture delivered by Bro Archie, means that a very special evening awaits us.



Charity Burns Supper 2014

**Saturday 1st March
630 for 700 pm**

The Town Hall Greenock

A significant contributor to our fundraising efforts is the Charity Burns Supper, which has become the largest in Inverclyde. The next one will be held in No XII's home, the Town Hall, Greenock, on Saturday 1st March 2014 when, Past

Master of the Lodge and eminent Burnsian, Jack Glenly will deliver the Immortal Memory. Between the Divine Service and the Burns Supper we are keeping Jack busy. Bro Bobby Shaw IPM of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 will Toast The Lassies. Individual tickets and tables may be reserved by contacting Bro Alan Beck on 07739514242. Tickets will also be available at Tuesday's Lodge meeting.



Our Meeting of 17th December – Annual Divine Service

The Lodge had around 60 brethren in attendance for the Annual Divine Service. It was again held in the Saloon of the Town Hall. After conducting some items of business with the brethren of No XII, RWM Bro Alan Beck welcomed a deputation of 18 visiting Brethren from within and out-with the Province headed by Bro William Lawson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and accompanied by Bro Marshall North, RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, Bro Gerard Robertson, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217, Bro Andrew Piggot, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Bro Joseph Fogarty, RWM of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 who were invited to the East. RWM Bro Alan Beck then welcomed a deputation of 14 Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West headed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro James P. Livingstone who took his rightful place in the East along with his commissioned Office Bearers. After the RWPGM had received and returned the James S Adams Memorial Gavel the lodge was put in recess.

At this point, the families of the brethren were admitted. In this innovation, the RWM had extended the invitation to friends and family to further enhance the inclusiveness of the Lodge and bring our families into our life and work.

Bro Jack Glenny, a Past Master of No XII, led the Divine Service. 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. The Scripture Readings from Amos 7: 7-9 and Matthew 13: 13-16 were delivered by Bro Robert J Bain IPM. The theme for Bro Jack's sermon, taken from the readings, was 'The Plumblin' and it was most thought provoking and spiritually uplifting. We were reminded of how our upright actions as members of the Craft had a positive influence on society and how we must ensure that the positive light of freemasonry shines out to make our world a better place.

Thereafter, we all sat down to a special festive supper prepared by our president of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley. It was so pleasant to be in harmony not just with our brethren but with the families too. This innovation of brethren and families in worship and harmony together worked very well and hopefully can grow and develop in the future.

Cajun Barbecue Saturday 3rd May 2014

RWM Bro Alan Beck is organizing a Cajun barbecue at Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club on Saturday 3rd May. The man at the barbecue will be Chef Gary Lewis. Gary is a champion Cajun Chef having won competitions in Las Vegas. Many of us enjoyed Gary's cuisine at the Gourmet Evening at the Greenock Golf Club in September.

Names to the RWM please. Do not miss this superb evening. Bring your friends along – no 'masonic' requirement!!

Doon the Watter – Saturday 21st June 2014

A sail 'Doon the Watter' on the paddle steamer Waverley is being organised by the PGL of Glasgow for 21st June to mark the 275th anniversary of the appointment of Bro Alexander Drummond (yes, No XII's Alexander Drummond) as the first Provincial Grand Master in the Scottish Craft. The Lodge has the option of a pair of tickets (£50) It was agreed that the Lodge would take up the option and purchase the tickets. The tickets will be sold to the successful Brother whose name is drawn from the names of all those Brethren wishing to attend the trip.

Names will be taken at our Regular Meetings.

Annual Installation - Lodge The Gael No 609 – 12th December 2013

RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Hector Macphail PM were privileged to attend Lodge The Gael along with Bro Nicky Stetz WSW (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626) and see an excellent Installation ceremony conducted by Bros Keith Bowes Snr. PM, and Peter MacLachlan PM. Bro Keith is, of course, an Honorary Member of No XII. Bro Gareth Gardner was being installed into the Chair, following another good friend of No XII, Bro Alasdair Beaton.

The quality of the ceremonial was matched only by the quality of the Harmony, which, in true Lodge The Gael manner, lasted for 'a few hours'.



Bro Alan Beck RWM XII Bro Alasdair Beaton IPM 609 Bro Iain White PM XII
Bro Hector Macphail PM XII

Forthcoming Visits to Confer Degrees

Friday 10 th January 2014	The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275	Raising
Thursday 13 th March 2014	Lodge Shalom No 1600	Raising
Thursday 27 th March 2014	The Lodge of Erskine No 1566	Raising

Reports on Visits

Reports on extensive visits by the brethren of No XII

□□Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 6th December 2013 (Annual Installation) - attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), HM Bro James Lever and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae

□□Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 9th December 2013 (Entering) - attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty, Bro James Livingstone and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae

□□Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 10th December 2013 (Raising) - attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro James Miller and HM Bro James Strachan

□□Lodge The Gael No 609 on 12th December 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Iain White, PM Bro Hector Macphail, HM Bro D. Finlayson, HM Bro H. MacLachlan, HM Bro B. Bryce and HM Bro K. Bowes

□□Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 13th December 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Hector Macphail, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Joseph Fogarty.

□□Lodge St John's Whiteinch No 683 on 13th December 2013 (Annual Installation) – attended by PM Bro Iain White and HM Bro Donnie Finlayson.

□□Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 16th December 2013 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, PM Bro Hector Macphail, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro David Stevenson, Bro James McGregor, Bro James McGregor Jnr, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Thomas Hamilton

From the old minute books of No XII

The extract below is interesting for a number of reasons. The new RWM Bro RL Scott has missed his first meeting in the Chair because of the death of his Mother. The Festival of St John the Evangelist is being celebrated in No XII, as in the other Lodges in the Province and beyond. The RWM's friend, Bro Playfair, is being Installed into the Chair of his affiliate Lodge in Fife just a couple of weeks after Bro RL Scott himself was installed into the Chair in No XII.

We heard about Bro Playfair from Bro Drew McKenzie PM (Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121) when he gave us his Lecture on RL Scott a couple of years ago in the Lodge.

The festival of St John the Evangelist used to have great importance in No XII and in other Scottish Lodges. A wee Google on the Internet will give you much more information on this topic ...

Thursday 27th December 1906

Bro Col. DFD Neill IPM, in the Chair

(Festival of St John the Evangelist)

Vote of Condolence with RWM

Thereupon Bro Neill made reference in most sympathetic terms to the bereavement which had fallen on the family of the RW Master (*Bro RL Scott*), through the death of his Mother, and it was agreed to record in the Minutes the deep sympathy felt by the Brethren for the RW Master and his Brother Mr. Chas C Scott and the Secretary was instructed to intimate same to them.

Deputations Despatched and received.

Deputations were despatched to visit Lodges No 68, Doric Kilwinning, No 175, Gnk St John, No 217, Cumberland Kilwinning, No 626, Firth of Clyde, and No 989, 'Sir Michael' Kilmacolm. In the course of the evening Deputations were received from the same lodges and also from No 370, Renfrew County Kilwinning and No 624 Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie.

Harmony

The Lodge was then called from Labour to refreshment and the Toasts customary to the occasion were duly given and honoured. The health of Bro Major Playfair who was today being Installed as RWM of Lodge No 91 Leven, Fifeshire, was proposed by Bro Neill and was most heartily responded to. Bro Wm Gray responded on behalf of Bro Playfair as he was the RWM when Bro Playfair was initiated. The Secretary was instructed to inform Bro Playfair of what had been done

Iain White PM
12.12.13

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