

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April**

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### Our Next Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Raising on 2 candidates. No XII will work the Degree

### Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

The brethren of No XII conferred a Passing upon Bro Ian Dyer and Bro Bryce MacLeod. The lodge was again well filled and RWM bro Gerry Robertson of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 was welcomed to the East. Prayer: IPM Bro Robert Bain Obligation: RWM Bro Alan Beck Retrospect: WJW Bro Allan Glen The Raising: Bro Kenneth Morrison PM Secrets: Bro Kenneth Morrison PM Apron: Bro Ken MacDougall PM Working Tools: Architect Bro Brian McFadyen Traditional History: IPM Bro Robert Bain Tracing Board: IPM Bro Robert Bain The Charge: Bro Ken MacDougall PM

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### Bowling Matters

The Orr Masonic Bowling Competition will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Grosvenor Bowling Club starting at 10.00am. Any Brother interested in participating should contact Bro Kenny Morrison who will be organising the entries on behalf of No XII.

Bro Kenny has also advised that the annual bowling challenge match with Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 is likely to be arranged sometime at the end of May 2014. Further details will follow.

### The Alexander Drummond Masonic Ball - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014

As previously notified, the Alexander Drummond Ball, will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm in the Greenock Town Hall. It forms part of the Provincial Grand Lodge's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, which commemorate the appointment of Bro Alexander Drummond, RWM of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII, as the first-ever Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Craft.

This formal event, for Freemasons only, along with their spouses/partners, will include a superb 4 course meal, raffle and dancing until midnight to the fabulous 17 piece Capitol Big Band. The Ball is for Masonic brethren and partners. This is the first Masonic Ball in the area for decades and our RWM hopes that No XII will take 4 tables – that is, 20 brethren and their partners.

Dress Code is black tie - dinner suit or highland dress. Tickets (£25 per person) available from RWM Bro Alan Beck.

## Visit to The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March



**No XII at The Lodge of Erskine  
From Left: RWM Bro Alan Beck (XII) RWM Bro Ian Wood (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566)**

From RWM Bro Alan Beck who led the deputation and has provided this report:

On Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>, for the third time in as many weeks, No XII conferred a Raising: this time at The Lodge of Erskine 1566. No XII has developed a very strong relationship with 1566 over the past few years, thanks to our Architect Bro Brian McFadyen who is currently WSW in Erskine, his affiliate lodge.

Fourteen Brethren of No XII represented the lodge on this much anticipated evening and after being warmly welcomed into 1566 by RWM Bro Ian Wood, our own RWM, Bro Alan Beck assumed the Chair, exchanged the offices and began the ceremony. The excellent candidate, Bro Kenny Shearer, was Raised in the usual No XII manner, described by RWM Bro Ian as "very different but superbly professional nonetheless". The degree team for the evening was as follows:

Obligation- RWM A Beck  
Retrospect - A Glen  
Raising & Secrets - KK Morrison  
Apron - K MacDougall  
Tools - B McFadyen  
Traditional History & Tracing Board - Bob Bain  
Charge - K MacDougall

Of course, in The Lodge of Erskine, because of its peculiar history and traditions, (for instance, the Brethren are allowed to remain seated throughout the ceremony) No XII's particular rendering of the Raising fits very well in the lodge and this was commented on in the reply on behalf of the visitors by Bro Alan Provan, RWM

of Lodge Georgetown Cardonald 1170 who described the standard of the ritual as "tremendous".

At the harmony which followed the meeting, the Brethren of No XII were treated to homemade soup (RWM Bro Alan's favourite), pies (RWM Bro Alan's favourite) and sausage rolls (RWM Bro Alan's favourite) and a very liberal supply of spirits (IPM Bro Bob's favourite).

1566 will be guests of No XII on October 7th when their (newly installed) RWM, Bro Brian McFadyen (if it be the will of the Brethren) will receive the Bro James S Adams PM gavel and confer a Passing in his own Mother Lodge just three days after assuming the Chair in his Affiliate Lodge, and we look forward to the opportunity of strengthening the bonds of friendship between our two lodges once more.

Alan D Beck RWM

### **Cajun Barbecue Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014**

RWM Bro Alan Beck is organizing a Cajun barbecue at Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!!

### **Reports on Visits**

- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Passing Exemp. Conferred by Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Joseph Fogarty and HM Bro David Wilson
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Raising Exemp.) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenly PM, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro James Miller and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae.
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro Neil Forbes and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Passing) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and HM Bro James Lever
- Lodge Galen No 1285 on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Annual Visitation by the PGL of Glasgow) – attended by Bro John Keogh
- Lodge Shalom No 1600 on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Raising conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Gordon Thomson, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro

Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill

- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Entering) - attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Bryce MacLeod and HM Bro Iain MacLeod

### **From the old minute books of No XII**

#### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1908**

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Meetings to be summoned by advertisement

Bro J J Park moved the motion of which he gave notice on 21<sup>st</sup> ult. to the effect that 'In future that meetings of the Lodge be summoned by advertisement instead of by postcard as at present.' Bro Hutchison, secretary, seconded and the motion was agreed to on the understanding that the post card notice will be given to the Office Bearers of the Lodge, to Candidates for Degrees and to Brethren resident out of town.

*Perhaps it wasn't surprising that the Secretary seconded this motion. With literally hundreds of members at the time, it must have been a mammoth task to hand write addresses on post cards and get them into the mail!*

**Iain White PM**  
**29.03.14**

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