



XII Talk

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Visit by Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC) Tuesday 20th March 2012



We had another big night in No XII with the visit of a deputation of our great friends from the Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC). The Scots Lodge was consecrated on 27th July 1889. The Lodge was established to cater for ex-patriot Scotsmen and men married to Scots women who worked and lived in London.

For the last 116 years the Lodge has maintained strong links with The Grand Lodge of Scotland and though the Lodge no longer requires its brethren to be of Scottish descent it still proudly preserves many fine Scottish traditions.

The Scots Lodge was the brainchild of Vero Shaw - an Englishman! In 1889 Bro. Shaw determined to establish the Lodge after discovering that no Lodge existed to meet the masonic needs of itinerant Scotsmen who found themselves living and working in the capital.

HRH The Prince of Wales (later Edward VII,) granted his Warrant in June 1889 and the Lodge was consecrated in the following month.

The early years of the Lodge are characterised by a succession of delegations to and from Scotland and the establishing of strong ties which remain to this day. Indeed in 1907 the installation meeting was attended by no less than 267 brethren, many of high masonic and aristocratic rank, an event the Daily Telegraph described as 'the most impressive and resplendent ever seen in a private Lodge in London'. In the same year the Scots Lodge was in a position to sponsor the Royal Arch Chapter. The first half of the 20th century though mired in war saw the continuing development of Scots Lodge and its ties with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The years between the wars saw the establishment of Scots Lodge's first Daughter Lodge - Lodge Freedom and Courtesy No 4762.

The jubilee year of 1939 was celebrated in typical grand style with the Grand Master



Mason and Pro Grand Master The Earl of Harewood (left) attending the Installation meeting.

The sixty years since the end of WWII like the fifty years before saw visitations to and from Scotland notably to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning XII, Lodge Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel) No. 1, Canongate Kilwinning No.2 and Tarbolton St James No. 135.

In 1989, some 25 years after having first occupied the Master's Chair, W. Bro James Gordon Boyd Anderson was again installed as Master for the Centenary Year. The Scots Lodge is a founder member of Metropolitan Grand Lodge.

The Scots Lodge thrives to this day and looks forward to another hundred years of freemasonry in the capital.

On 20th March, Worshipful Master Bro Paul Treadwell led a deputation of 16 brethren into the lodge, the largest deputation from Scots ever to visit No XII. It contained 9 past Worshipful Masters, including Honorary Member of No XII Worshipful Bro Jimmy Anderson. The brethren of Scots exemplified a First Degree. The Degree Team was W. Bro Paul Treadwell WM, W. Bro Hugh Devine SW, W. Bro Vivian John JW, W. Bro Ian Rainford SD, W. Bro Ali Macleod JD, Bro Victor Robbin IG, Secrets and Signs W. Bro Geoff Searson, NE Corner W. Bro Eddie Asafi-Adjaye, Working Tools Bro Alastair Fulton, Charge after Initiation W. Bro Vivian John. The 'candidate' for the evening was Bro Allan Glen of No XII. The Right Worshipful Masters of the following visiting Lodges were in attendance: Scoon and Perth No 3, Greenock St John's No 175, Cumberland Kilwinning No 217, Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 and The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814.

The degree was well received by the assembled brethren with comments being made as to how similar the rituals of Scots and No XII actually are. After the ceremonial, there was a traditional Scottish harmony with an appropriate light supper, prepared by our Michelin star chef, Bro Alan Beck – pie and beans! It was a truly memorable evening enjoyed by a big attendance of almost 70 brethren.



The Scots Lodge No 2319 Deputation led by W. Bro Paul Treadwell WM along with RWM Bro Bob Bain and PMs Murray Thomson and Hector Macphail of No XII

The Harmony



Trying out the East

**Worshipful Master Paul Treadwell
receives his raffle prize from Bro Jim McGregor**

