



# XII Talk *Special Edition*

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## Burns Supper a resounding success!

Almost 140 guests packed into the Greenock Town Hall for the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII Burns Supper on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. This made it the largest Burns Supper in Inverclyde this year. The evening was greatly enjoyed by those who attended and over £2100 was raised for the two nominated charities, *Help for Heroes* and the 1<sup>st</sup> Greenock Company, The Boys' Brigade.

It was an evening filled with fun and laughter with a great community spirit in the magnificent old hall. Originally planned for No XII's usual home, The Saloon of the Town Hall, the popularity of the event led to it being moved to the main hall with a couple of days to go.

After the haggis had been piped in by Bro Alasdair Beaton of Lodge The Gael No 609, and addressed by Bro Arthur Young IPM, Rev. David Young led the brethren in grace. Bro Iain White PM of No XII delivered an amusing and thought - provoking Immortal Memory and Bro Iain Gordon (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) had the audience rolling in the aisles with his hilarious Toast to the Lassies. Bro Alasdair Henry (Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) replied in like manner. Readings



were given by Bro Sandy Reddy (HM XII) and Bro Ross Nugent (RWM The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814). The accompanist for the evening was Bro Dr Fraser Gray (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) and Bros Alan Beck WSW and Arthur Young IPM of No XII sang. A haunting saxophone interlude was played in *My luve's like a red, red rose* by No XII's newest entered apprentice Bro Allan Glen. Bro Ian Ross PM (No XII) was chairman for the night. RWM Bro Bob Bain proposed the Loyal Toast and a hearty Vote of Thanks. .

The success of the fund raising was undoubtedly due to the persuasive powers of our auctioneer, Bro Paul Galbraith (No XII). The Lodge was delighted with support given by other local organisations that had numbers of guests present, particularly the Greenock Golf Club, the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club, the Greenock Arts Guild, the Rotary Club of Gourock, Greenock Wanderers RFC, Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Lodge Shalom No 1600. Of course, numerous other Lodges were represented.

The evening was rounded off by the company singing the Star of Rabbie Burns and Auld Lang Syne.



**Back: Rev David Young Bros Alan Beck Fraser Gray Paul Galbraith Alasdair Beaton  
Front: Bros Iain Gordon Iain White Ian Ross Bob Bain Alasdair Hendry**

The Burns Supper in 2013 will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Tables are filling up fast!