

## Meetings 2014-15

- \* 06.01.15  
Lecture by RWPPGM  
(Ayrshire) Bro Archie  
Chalmers
- \* 20.01.15  
Raising
- \* 03.02.15  
No Meeting – Inverclyde  
Music Festival
- \* 17.02.15  
Raising
- \* Saturday 28.02.15  
Annual Charity Burns  
Supper
- 03.03.15  
Passing and PGL  
Renfrewshire West  
Annual Visitation
- \* 17.03.15  
Raising
- \* 07.04.15  
Passing by Lodge The Gael  
No 609
- \* 21.04.15  
Mark
- \* Thursday 04.06.15  
Entering by Lodge Past  
Masters



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  
Special Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June

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## The Summer Meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015

There will be a Summer Meeting again this year. It will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, moving from our usual Tuesday slot so that we do not clash with the booleers' league night. The degree will be an Entering and it will be conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro Alistair Glenny PM will take the Chair and **the degree team** is as follows: **RWM** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **IPM** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **WSW** Bro Alan D Beck PM **WJW** Bro KK Morrison PM **SD** Bro Iain White PM **JD** Bro Ken MacDougall **PM IG** Bro Robert J Bain PM **DoC** Bro Hector Macphail PM. The **floorworkers** are: **Prayer** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Obligation** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Alan D Beck IPM **NEC** Bro Robert J Bain PM **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

There will be a focus on our charities with a Grand Raffle and a £5 Draw for a Gallon Bottle of Grouse. The collection will also support the Charity Drive

## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### Annual Mark Degree

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Mark degree now back in its traditional place as the last Regular Meeting of the session. There are 5 candidates The Degree team will be **RWMM and Obligation** Bro Alan D. Beck IPM; **Master Overseer** Bro Robert J. Bain PM; **Senior Overseer** Bro Alistair Glenny PM; **Prayer** Bro Albert MacLean BB; **Conductor and Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM; **Lecture** Bro James P. Livingstone PM; **Working Tools** Bro Allan I. MacFeate RWM; **Badge and Jewel** Bro Allan Glen WSW; **Charge** Bro Alan D. Beck IPM

## Bowling - Challenge Match with 1121 and Orr Trophy

Past Master Bro Kenny Morrison is looking for players for the Annual Bowling Challenge against Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121. It will take place on the green of the Ardgowan Club on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015 at 1000. Also, players are requested for, the PGL Orr Trophy which will be held at the Grosvenor BC on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 1000.

## **Our Previous Meeting - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April Lodge The Gael No 609 confers a Second Degree**

Our last meeting saw No XII receiving a visit from our great friends from Lodge The Gael, 609 to confer a Passing on two of our Apprentices, Bros Gary Lewis and Paul Stevenson. 90 Brethren in all were in attendance for the meeting which saw 609 piped in by 5 pipers, sporting the new lodge banners attached to their instruments. The degree was in the capable hands of Bro Tommy Boyce and saw our two brethren passed in the usual 609 style with the majority of the degree lectures given by PM Bro Donald Finlayson, an honorary member of No XII. The harmony afterwards was typical 609 with Bro Finlayson beginning with Gaelic standard *Cailin mo rùin-sa*, his party piece, and the song that no harmony involving Lodge The Gael would be complete without. This was followed by various other items including Bros Keith Bowes (the Dad) and Dougie Bryce piping (Bro Bowes playing his own composition, *Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII*). The RWM, Bro Keith Bowes Jnr also gave his party piece "The Lads of 609" and I was forced into a rendition of *O Sole Mio* by an over-enthusiastic Bro Finlayson who struggled to understand my claims that opera and whisky do not mix!!

Bro Tony Buckley and President of Stewards, Bro Ian Dyer, excelled themselves with a chicken curry with rice and chips and the brethren were very appreciative of the hospitality ... especially of the four litres of whisky which were consumed.

All in all it was a super night and one which will go down as a highlight of No XII's recent history.

**Alan D. Beck IPM**

## **Visit to Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370**

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, a deputation of 18 brethren travelled to Paisley to the Masonic Temple in Maxwellton Road to visit Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370. We were pleased to have in our deputation Bro Richard Kennedy of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and Bros Alistair Anderson and John Freeburn of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425. This visit is going some way to rekindle an old relationship between the brethren of 370 and No XII following IPM Bro Alan Beck's solo excursion last year and a deputation of nearly 20 brethren coming down from Paisley to No XII's summer degree in June.

I can vividly remember, as a very young freemason in the mid-1970s, the days when 370 and No XII would have reciprocal visits to the respective Mark Degrees at the end of the session. We would travel to Paisley Town Hall where 370 used to meet. There was a great similarity between the two Lodges in many ways. At the Harmonies at that time, brethren of 370 who were members of a Glee Club used to entertain us very professionally. If my memory serves me correctly, one of them was a very charismatic and amusing individual called Harry McGlashan. We always looked forward to these occasions because they were great fun! Sadly, the relationship with Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning fell into abeyance in the late-1990s.

Back in the 1970s, I remember asking the question, why 370? It was explained to me by a Past Master that the origin of the relationship between the lodges lay with Bro Robert J Drainer who was RWM of No XII in 1951 - 1953. Bro Bob had, I was told, been Headmaster at Camphill

Senior Secondary School in Paisley in the 1950s. That all made sense to me until very recently when I was, sad man that I am, looking thorough some old minute books and found the following evidence of a strong relationship with Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning

***Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 fallen on the family of the RW Master (Bro RL Scott), through the death of his Mother, and it was agreed to recording 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 Dispatched and received.*

*Deputations were dispatched 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.*

***Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1907***

*At a Meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12, held in the Saloon of the Town hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 1907 at 730pm to celebrate the Festival of St John the Evangelist*

*Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair*

*Deputations Dispatched*

*Deputations conveying the fraternal greetings of the Lodge were dispatched to the following sister Lodges; Doric Kilwinning No 68, Greenock St John No 175, Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Firth of Clyde No 626.*

*Harmony*

*The Lodge was then called from Labour to Refreshment and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.*

*Deputations Received*

*Deputations were received and welcomed from the above-mentioned Lodges and also from **Lodge No 370 Renfrew County Kilwinning Paisley** and Lodge Sir Michael No 989 Kilmacolm. The Brethren of these Deputations ably assisted the Brethren of the Lodge in providing a varied and enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music.*

So it seems that the relationship had actually existed 50 years before Bro Bob Drainer ever went to work in Paisley! I believe that the relationship must have been strong back then for the

brethren to travel, presumably by steam train, in the depths of winter, and two days after Christmas, from Paisley, in the days before the almost universal ownership of the motor car.

So perhaps yet another No XII urban myth is exposed! There is no doubt that the relationship MAY have strengthened through Bro Bob Drainer working in Paisley but he does not seem to have been its instigator. Unfortunately, by the time I was asking the question back then, Bro Bob had passed to the Grand Lodge Above and I never took it up with his son Bro Roy Drainer (also a Past Master of No XII and one of my Installing Masters in 1989 and 1990) because I took what I was told at face value and I know that the Past Master concerned spoke to me in all sincerity.

I was telling Bro Nicky Stetz, WSW of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 this story just yesterday and we had an interesting discussion. Bro Nicky, in turn, told me of similar urban myths that he has discovered in 626. I suppose the lesson to be learned is that we should all beware of alleged traditions in Lodges and assertions from Past Masters!

All of this has led me to do a little research into Bro Bob Drainer PM of whom I have fond memories. I shall share this in the next issue.

## Reports on Visits

### Reports:

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro David Miller, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370 on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro James McGregor, Bro James McGregor Jnr, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro Tony Stewart HM.
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Miller HM.
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Iain MacLeod HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 (Intender Programme) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2015 (Passing) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck (WJW No 607), Bro Iain White PM (WSW No 607) and Bro Tony Stewart HM

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

## Lapel Badges

For many years, Bro Henry S Tibbles PM sold anniversary lapel badges in aid of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund through the West Column, the monthly newsletter of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. Recently, he passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *XII Talk*. This will now be a regular feature.

Lapel Badges for 25, 40, and 50 years service are available at a cost of £5.50 each. A special “gem” set badge for 60 years is also available at £10. **All prices are excluding postage.** For every badge sold, £2 will be donated to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. All cheques should be made out to *David Stevenson*



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Grumpy Past Masters badges are also now available from David at a cost of £5.50 each, excluding postage.

**Iain White PM**  
**19.04.15**

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