

## 1. Meetings 2016-17

- \* 06.09.16  
Passing by No XII
- \* 20.09.16  
Nomination and Election of  
Office Bearers  
Passing by Lodge Renfrew  
County Kilwinning No 370
- \* 04.10.16  
Entering
- \* 18.10.16  
Raising
- \* 01.11.16  
Annual Meeting and  
Passing by The Glasgow  
Kilwinning Lodge No 4
- \* 15.11.16  
Annual Installation  
RWM-Elect Bro Allan T  
Glen  
Installing Masters Bros Iain  
White, Kenneth C  
MacDougall and Alan D  
Beck
- \* 06.12.16  
Annual Divine Service  
Bro John C Glenn PM



**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**

RWM Bro Allan T. Glen 41 Morris Crescent Blantyre Glasgow G72 0DA (07736060280)  
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## Next Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December Annual Divine Service

The Annual Divine Service will take place in the Saloon of the Town Hall on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and will be conducted by Bro John C Glenn PM. Bro Jack has many strings to his bow. As well as being an accomplished ritual worker and a lover of the Craft, he is a keen angler, a regular at Cappielow to support Morton, a much sought after dinner speaker and a renowned Burnsian. A Past President of The Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club), Jack had the unique honour of being invited to propose the Toast to the Immortal Memory at the Annual Celebration, thereby becoming the Club's Honorary President for a year. The honour is unique because ordinarily a club member cannot propose this toast. Most importantly, Jack is a Reader of The Church of Scotland, and 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 Lodge will open in the adjacent and the service will start at 8pm. Would brethren please note that spouses, partners and friends are very welcome at the service? Bro Jack's sermon theme will be 'The Potter's Wheel.'

Given all of the above the service promises to be both entertaining and spiritually uplifting

## No XII Monthly Draw

Treasurer Bro David Stevenson tells me that the 2017 Monthly Draw will start in January but payment will be accepted from now on.

Number(s) are available at £1 per number per month and there is no limit to the number and each entrant can have as many as they like! Payment can be made (1) by cash to Bro David (2) by cheque made payable to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII - Social Fund (3) by internet banking to Bank RBS Sort Code 83-22-20 Account Number 10000509 as a one off payment in multiples of £12 with the entrants name shown in the payment reference box or (4) by standing order to same bank details as above for your chosen monthly amount.

Where possible Bro David will use the same numbers as in previous years unless asked otherwise

## Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid either by any of the means above. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion). These may be paid by any of the means stated above for the Monthly Draw. Please note that the payment is to a different account if you are doing it online – 10000495. All other bank details are the same.

## XII Lodge Diaries

Bespoke Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII diaries are available from Treasurer Bo David Stevenson. Especially suitable for those who think that smart phones are stupid, and traditionalists who have a hankering for a return to the good old days when the world was black and white, they are priced at just £5. For the technocrats amongst us, the diary allows the forthcoming visits to be noted during the meeting without running the risk of accidentally switching your phone off silent mode and the consequent potential for acute embarrassment when it rings. Whatever way you look at it, the No XII Diary is a product not to be missed!

### Previous Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November The 289<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation

*The Annual Installation meeting was a great success with almost 140 in attendance and 70 waiting for the dinner after the meeting. The purvey, supplied by I.C.E. Scotland (our President of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley's company) was absolutely first class and Polly Beck gave affirmation to the quality of the evening by her wonderful songs and thoroughly professional delivery. Bro Jonathan Buchan of Lodge The Prince's No 607 provided suitable accompaniment on the Town Hall Grand Piano. This article and photograph of the RWM, his Installing Masters, Bro David Wilson HM Deputy Provost and Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart, were submitted to the Greenock Telegraph.*



**From left: Bro David Wilson HM Deputy Provost; Sir Ludovic Houston Shaw Stewart 12t Bart.; Bro Iain White PM Principal Installing Master; Bro Allan T Glen RWM; Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM Installing Master; Bro Alan D Beck PM Installing Master**

Instituted on 27<sup>th</sup> December 1728, Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII is the oldest and longest surviving organisation in Inverclyde. Recently, No XII held its 289<sup>th</sup> Installation Ceremony. Bro Allan T. Glen was installed into the Chair as Right Worshipful Master in front of a large number of brethren from within and outwith the province of Renfrewshire West in a packed Town Hall Saloon. The RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 led the deputation of visiting brethren, as always. In this case the man at the head was Bro William Lawson.

A native of Lanarkshire, Bro Glen moved to Boston to study at the prestigious Berklee College of Music after graduating from the University of Strathclyde. An accomplished and highly sought after saxophonist, Bro Glen has toured extensively in Europe and America working with many different ensembles and artists.

Bro Glen is currently a member of the music faculty at Edinburgh College, teaching composition, orchestration and film scoring. He is also the Musical Director of the Edinburgh College Big Band. He also teaches saxophone at Newcastle University and previously taught at the University of Strathclyde.

A keen golfer, Bro Glen is a member of East Kilbride Golf Club and hopes to one day get his handicap down to scratch.

At the Harmony in the main Town Hall a large number of brethren enjoyed supper and the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were observed. Bro Allan T. Glen RWM toasted Her Majesty the Queen. His Toasts to The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West were replied to by Bro James P. Livingstone Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. Past Master Bro Robert J. Bain, himself a former regular soldier, delivered a heartfelt toast to Her Majesty's Armed Forces. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Glen toasted the Installing Masters and the Immediate Past Master. The replies to these came from Principal Installing Master Bro. Iain White PM and Bro Allan I. MacFeate IPM, respectively. Bro J. Robert Crossan WSW toasted the Visiting Brethren and, as is traditional in No XII, the reply was given by Bro William Lawson RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. The artistes were toasted by Bro Brian McFadyen WJW.

As is the custom in No XII, Inverclyde Council was represented at the Installation Dinner and Harmony. On this occasion, Depute Provost Bro David Wilson, a member of Lodge Sir Michael 989 and Honorary Member of No XII, represented the Provost. Depute Provost Bro Wilson addressed the assembled brethren and spoke of the long and close connection between No XII and the town of Greenock and the Lodge's historic right to meet in the Saloon of the Town Hall. This dates back to April 1765, when an agreement was made with the magistrates and council of the Burgh of Greenock that by contributing financial assistance to the project (equivalent to over £2 million today) the Lodge would hold a share in the property, and would thereafter secure the right in perpetuity to conduct its meetings and business in the new Town House and its replacement, the current Town Hall. The first meeting in the new venue was on 10th September 1766, and but for a short space between 1858 and 1865 while the current Town Hall was being built, all meetings were, and still are, held in the Municipal Buildings.

Bro Wilson concluded as he extended his good wishes to the new RWM and Lodge for the forthcoming session.

Bro Alan D. Beck PM proposed the Toast to the House of Ardgowan. Sir Ludovic Houston Shaw Stewart, 12<sup>th</sup> Baronet of Greenock and Blackhall replied and thanked Bro Beck for his kind words. Sir Ludovic particularly appreciated the way in which the long connection, stretching back to the 1840s, between the Shaw Stewart family and No XII was highlighted. His forebear, Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart 7<sup>th</sup> Baronet was Grand Master Mason of Scotland between 1873 and 1882.

Bro Allan T Glen spoke of his pleasure at taking the chair and of the plans that he had for the Lodge in the year ahead. A major charity drive is again under way.

Musical contributions from Polly Beck were much enjoyed by the company. The extremely happy evening finished with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three hearty cheers!



**Front Row from left:** *Worshipful Senior Warden Bro. J Robert Crossan; Bro Alan D Beck PM; Bro David Wilson HM; Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart 12<sup>th</sup> Bart; Director of Ceremonies Bro. Iain White PM; Right Worshipful Master Bro. Allan T Glen; Immediate Past Master Bro. Allan I MacFeate; Secretary Bro. Kenneth C MacDougall PM ; Depute Master Bro James P Livingstone RWPGM; Substitute Master Bro. Alexander Galbraith PRWPGM; Worshipful Junior Warden Bro. Brian McFadyen*  
**Back Row from left:** *Architect Bro. Bro. James McGregor; Almoner Bro. Alistair Glenly PM; Senior Deacon Bro. Paul Stevenson; Junior Deacon Bro. A. Campbell Snoddy; Sword Bearer Bro James McGregor Jr; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Steward Bro. Fraser N. Cameron; Chaplain Bro. Robert J. Bain PM; Bible Bearer Bro. Kenneth K Morrison PM; Treasurer Bro. David D. Stevenson; President of Stewards Bro. Anthony Buckley; Inner Guard Bro. David G. Martin; Director of Music Bro Robert Marshall*



**Bro J Robert Crossan WSW; Bro Allan T Glen RWM;  
 Bro Brian McFadyen WJW**

## The Installation of Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370



This large deputation from No XII, led by RWM Bro Allan T Glen, and supported by his two Wardens, attended the Annual Installation at 370 on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Also in the Deputation was Bro Tony Stewart, RWM of The Prince's Lodge No 607 and Honorary Member of No XII. Our Depute Master, Bro James P Livingstone was also in attendance, but in his role as RWPGM. Bro Tony was out at the car and missed the photo shoot. Bro Jim was probably involved in Provincial matters!

The links between No XII and 370 go back into the mists of time. Through our Minutes, I have managed to locate deputations inter-visiting as early as 1906. Sad to say, this relationship between the Lodges had fallen into abeyance for some years in the early part of this century until the sterling efforts of Past Masters Bro Alan D Beck and Bro Allan I MacFeate began the resurgence. Since 2013, the Lodges have visited one

another several times and conferred degrees. We were so delighted to see a large number of Brethren from 370 at the No XII Installation last month and were pleased to reciprocate on Thursday. It was also very pleasant to see RWM Bro Nicky Stetz and IPM Bro Andrew Pigott of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 there too.



### Honour for Tony as he becomes RWM of Lodge The Prince's

Our Honorary Member, and maker of exquisite shortbread, Bro Tony Stewart was placed in the Chair of King Solomon on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November when he became RWM of Lodge The Prince's No 607 in Glasgow. In taking the Chair, he follows Bro Alan Beck (far left), our PM, who was one of his Installing Masters. The others were well kent faces in No XII, Bros Bobby Shaw (far right) and Ian A MacPherson MBE (second left) both Past Masters of The Prince's.

## From the old Minute Books of No XII

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1916**

Bro J Grieve Graham, RW Master, in the Chair

The RW Master stated that in response to an invitation from the RW Master of Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121, he had visited that Lodge accompanied by a number of Office Bearers on Friday 25 Feby. The work of the Lodge was taken over by the RWM and Office Bearers of Greenock Kilwinning who conferred the EA Degree on four candidates

Present of Contribution Box from Bro. of 1121

Bro Graham in referring to the fraternal feelings which existed between this Lodge and Lodge Crawfurdsburn expressed his appreciation for a contribution box he had been asked to accept on behalf of a member of Crawfurdsburn who wished to remain anonymous.

*This is an interesting insight into the relationship between Lodge Crawfurdsburn and No XII. The box mentioned is likely to be the one that we use to this day – 100 years on – in the NE Corner in the First Degree.*

## The way we were - 1994

I am again indebted to Bro Alistair Glenly PM for supplying this edition's photo. It is again of a visit to No XII by brethren of The Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC). The visit took place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1994 when Bro Alistair was RWM of No XII. The deputation from Scots was led by WM Bro Ewan Macpherson. On that occasion, the visit was marked by the presentation of a cheque for £100 by Bro Henry S Tibbles, Past Master of The Scots Lodge, for Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home. Bro Henry's Mother Lodge is, of course, No XII and he subsequently became our RWM in 2001.



RWM Bro Alistair may be seen in the centre of the photo with Bro Henry Tibbles on his right and Bro Jimmy Anderson of The Scots Lodge on his right. Bro Jimmy became an Honorary Member of No XII some years later. The two Bro Pipers should be recognizable to you as (now) Past Masters Iain White and Hector Macphail who were, at that time, Senior and Junior Deacon respectively. They have worn so well over the years that you would pick them out right away! To show that some things do not change, PM White's dram may be seen nestling on the window ledge just within reach and certainly within vision in the interests of security. As Para Handy once said, 'Aye, pipers is thirsty folk ...'.

I am further indebted to Bro Bob Crossan WSW for his skills in using Photoshop. Bro Alistair's original photo was in a pretty sorry state but Bro Bob worked his technological magic on it to bring it back to life.

## **Charity Burns Supper 2017**

No XII is able to make significant Charitable Donations each year because of the efforts of the brethren. Much of the funding is raised at the Charity Burns Supper. In 2017, it will take place in the Town Hall, Greenock on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Bro Ian MacPherson MBE, Past Master of Lodge The Prince's No 607 will propose the Immortal Memory and the Toast to the Lassies will be given by or own Past Master, Bro Ian M Ross.

## **Reports on Visits**

- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 4th November 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 7th November 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Allan Jess, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Tony Stewart HM (RWM Elect No 607) and Bro Donald Finlayson HM
- Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759 on 8th November 2016 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 8th November 2016 (Business Meeting) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 9th November 2016 (Raising Exemplification by Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Alex Gray, Bro Allan Jess, Bro James Livingstone, Bro David Wilson HM and Bro Neil Johnston HM
- Remembrance Day Service at the Wellpark Cenotaph on 13th November 2016 (Laying of Wreath on behalf of the fallen Brethren of No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Iain White PM, Treasurer Bro David Stevenson, Bro Alex Gray and Bro Allan Jess.
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 (Entering) - attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Alex Johnson, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro Neil Johnston HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM

## 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*

Badges, may be purchased individually by qualified Brethren, or in bulk by Lodges who may wish to make presentations to deserving Brethren, for meritorious service. All enquiries and orders to [treasurerno12@aol.com](mailto:treasurerno12@aol.com). Please make cheques payable to *David Stevenson*.



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

**Iain White PM**  
**13.11.16**

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