

Twelve Talk

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Annual Meeting and
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- * 21.11.17
Annual Installation at
615pm
- * 05.12.17
Annual Divine Service
- * 19.12.17
No meeting
- * 16.01.18
Lecture by Bro Iain White
PM
*From No XII to the King
Emperor by way of the
Scotts and the Cairds*
- * Saturday 24.02.18
Annual Burns Supper at
630 for 7pm

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Summer Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

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Our next Meeting Tuesday 5th December 2017

The Annual Divine Service

Tuesday is the Annual Divine Service and it will be held in the Saloon of the Town Hall. Although it is a Regular Meeting night, the Lodge will be in recess for the service and so family and friends a very welcome to join us in worship.

The service will be conducted by Bro Jack Glenney PM. Bro Jack is a qualified Church of Scotland reader who preaches all over the country and is much sought after. It will certainly be a spiritually uplifting experience and we are guaranteed an interesting and thought-provoking message from Bro Jack. The theme for his sermon is *Building and promises*. As was the usual practice in bygone days, and reintroduced by us last year, the Scripture Readings will be delivered by the Worshipful Wardens, Bro Bob Crossan and Brian McFadyen. This years' service will be enhanced by a musical item from

The Clydevie Academy Boys' Vocal group. Adam and Reuben Beck, Nathan Dunsmore and Alan Hunter will sing *Abide with Me*. Adam and Reuben are, of course, the sons of Bro Alan Beck PM and Polly.

The offering will be in aid of the No XII Charity Drive and will go to help one of the very worthy causes that have been identified for our support this year.

A very special part of the service this year will be when Bro Jack dedicates the new Lodge Masters' Boards to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe and to the memory of Bro Gordon H Dickie from whose bequest to the Lodge the Boards have been purchased. They will be a fitting memory of the mason and the gentleman that Gordon was. These will be additions to our Lodge Room in the Saloon and, to our knowledge, are something that we have not had in No XII before. So, while we are busy consolidating the genuine traditions of the Lodge we can move forward too! While they will enhance the appearance of the Lodge, they will also be a reminder to all brethren at all meeting of the brethren who have gone before us over a period of almost 3 centuries. A glance at the names will emphasise that we walk in the footsteps of giants of the Craft and our community.



Our Previous Meeting - Tuesday 21st November The Annual Installation of Office Bearers

Bro Allan Thomas Glen was reinstalled into the Chair as Right Worshipful Master in front of a large number of brethren from within and out with the province of Renfrewshire West in a busy Town Hall Saloon. The deputation of visiting brethren was led, as always, by the RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. In this case the man at the head was Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson RWM.



**RWM Bro Allan T Glen and his Installing Masters
From Left: Bro Alan D Beck PM Bro Iain White PM Bro Allan T Glen RWM Bro
Kenneth C MacDougall PM**

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.

At the Harmony in the main Town Hall, our top table guests were piped in by our newly installed Lodge Piper Bro Andrew Muir, thereafter a large number of brethren enjoyed a delicious supper, expertly prepared and served by our President of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley and his staff from ICE Scotland.

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 Robin McIntyre Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Elect. Past Master Bro Robert J. Bain, himself a former regular soldier, delivered a heartfelt toast to Her Majesty's Armed Forces.



As is the custom in No XII, Inverclyde Council was represented at the Installation Dinner and Harmony. On this occasion, we were delighted that Provost Martin Brennan was with us and he 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. Provost Brennan concluded as he extended his good wishes to the new RWM and Lodge for the forthcoming session. He also responded positively to the Lodge's request that he identify a charity for us to support in 2018. He will give us the name of the Charity in due course.

The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Glen toasted the Installing Masters and the reply given Principal Installing Master Bro. Iain White PM. Bro J. Robert Crossan WSW toasted the Visiting Brethren and, as is traditional in No XII, the reply was given by Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68.



The artistes were toasted by Bro Brian McFadyen WJW.

Musical contributions from Cheryl Forbes and her accompanist husband Gordon Cree were very much enjoyed by the company.

The extremely happy evening finished with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three hearty cheers!



Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII Office Bearers 2017-2018

Back row: Dir of Music Bro Paul Stevenson, Sword Bearer Bro James McGregor Jnr, Architect Bro James McGregor, Pres of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley, Piper Bro Andrew Muir, Junior Deacon Bro Campbell Snoddy, 1st Assistant Steward Bro Fraser N Cameron, Senior Deacon Bro David Martin, 2nd Assistant Steward Bro Mark I Robertson, Inner Guard Bro Robert Marshall, Treasurer Bro David Stevenson, Chaplain Bro Allan I Jess, Bible Bearer Bro Alexander R Johnson

Front row: WSW Bro J Robert Crossan, Bro Robert J Bain PM, Director of Ceremonies Bro Kenneth K Morrison PM, RWPGM & Depute Master Bro James P Livingston, Bro Alan D Beck PM, Substitute Master Bro Iain White, RWM Bro Allan T Glen, Secretary Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM, Almoner Bro Alistair Glenny PM, IPM Bro Allan I MacFeate, Marshal Bro Hector Macphail PM, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen

I am grateful to Bro Bob Crossan WSW for this report.

Recognition for KK



Bro Kenneth Kennedy Morrison PM, or KK as he is affectionately known to us all, was honoured by the Grand Master Mason at The Annual Installation of Grand Lodge on Thursday 30th November 2017 when he bestowed Honorary Grand Rank of Grand Architect upon him. In masonic parlance, this recognition of Kenny is “peculiarly appropriate and well deserved.” Bro Kenny is the first member of No XII to be so honoured in this way since Bro John Adamson PM in the 1990s. Before that it was Bro Archie Campbell PM in the 1970s who received Honorary Grand Rank.

Assistance to Callum McMichael by No XII



Bro James McCorkell ('Corky') is a very regular attender at No XII and acts as tyler for us often. His grandson Callum McMichael 1 suffers from a degenerative muscle disease. He will start by the end of the month at Craighalbert Centre, Cumbernauld. A number of Lodges in the Province have supported Callum financially, including Corky's Mother Lodge, Lodge Crawfordsburn, which presented a very handsome cheque for £2,500. At our meeting on 7th November, RWM Bro Allan T Glen presented a cheque for £250 to Corky for Callum on the evening when Lodge Crawfordsburn conferred a Passing. We all hope that Callum benefits greatly from his new experience.

The January Meeting

We shall have just one meeting in January because of the Festive holiday. On Tuesday 16th January, Bro Iain White PM will deliver a Lecture entitled "From No XII to the King Emperor by way of the Scotts and the Cairds." The Lecture will take a quirky look at aspects of the history of No XII.

Monthly Draw

The 2017 Monthly Draw is well under way and payment is now being accepted. Treasurer Bro David Stevenson is keen that we support this handy fund raiser that is a great help with the day-to-day running costs of the Lodge.

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 entrant's 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 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

From the old Minute Books of No XII

The extract from the Minute Book of 1918 (below) tells of the donation of a Bible for the Altar by Depute Master Bro John W Turner.

Thursday 21st March 1918

Bro John D MacFarlane, RW Master, in the Chair

Presentation of Bible from Bro JW Turner DM

In accepting a Bible for the Altar, from Bro John W Turner DM, the RW Master expressed his appreciation that of the Lodge for this very handsome and useful gift

The appreciation of RWM Bro John D MacFarlane was genuine and well-focused. At the Installation on 21st November, the Bible on the Altar at the Installing Board was this one, presented by Bro John W Turner nearly a century ago. .

Reports on Visits

- ✧ Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 8th November 2017 (Raising by Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68) – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro David Martin, Bro James Livingstone and Bro David Wilson HM
- ✧ Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 9th November 2017 (Raising) – attended by Treasurer Bro David Stevenson
- ✧ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 13th November 2017 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Bob Bain PM,

Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro David Martin, Bro Alex Johnson, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Paul Stevenson

- ✦ Lodge Montefiore No 753 on 13th November 2017 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Alan Beck PM
- ✦ Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 17th November 2017 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro David Martin and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- ✦ St Marks Lodge at Glasgow No 102 on 17th November 2017 (Annual Installation) – attended by WJW Bro Brian McFadyen
- ✦ Lodge St. Modan, Roseneath No 1015 on 18th November 2017 (Annual Installation) – attended by WJW Bro Brian McFadyen

On all occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanked the Brethren for their support.

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. 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
03.12.17

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