

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2017-18

*16.01.18 1.
Business meeting

* 06.02.18
Installation of remaining Office
Bearers and Illustrated Lecture:
*From No XII to the King
Emperor by way of the Scotts and
the Cairds*

* 20.02.18
Raising and Annual Visitation of
the Provincial Grand Lodge (at
715)

* Saturday 24.02.18
Annual Burns Supper at 630 for
7pm Immortal Memory – Bro
David Vennard PM
Lassies – Bro Kenny Wilson

* 06.03.18
Entering

* 20.03.18
Raising

* 03.04.18
Passing by Lodge Renfrew County
Kilwinning No 370

* 17.04.18
No Meeting owing to new floor
being laid in Saloon

* 24.04.18
Visit to The Scots Lodge No 2319
(EC) in London



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 Previous Meeting

Tuesday 20th February Raising and Annual Visitation of PGLRW

The Lodge was well filled when RWM Bro Allan Glen invited all RW Masters and Past Masters to the East. Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro David Stevenson, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, Bro Scott McLaughlin, RWM of Lodge Sir Michael No 989 and Bro Robert Rice, RWM of Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 accepted the invitation. Already 17 visiting brethren were in the Lodge when the RWM Bro Allan Glen received a Deputation of 16 Brethren from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, headed by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Bro Robin McIntyre. The RWPGM was conducted to the East along with the PGL commissioned Office Bearers. The RWPGM advised the Brethren that the PGL Visit this evening was in accordance with Law 85 of the Constitution & Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and that he would take control of the Lodge for the time necessary to conduct the official business.

No XII received a clear minute reflecting the excellent work of the Bo Secretary and Bro Treasurer.

The Lodge Degree Team conferred a Raising. The Candidate was Bro Michael Pierpoint. The workers were **Prayer:** Bro Alistair Glen PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan Glen **Retrospect:** WJW Bro Brian McFadyen **Raising:** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Secrets:** Bro Kenneth Morrison PM **Apron:** WSW Bro Bob Crossan **Working Tools:** IPM Bro Allan MacFeate **Traditional History:** Bro Bob Bain PM **The Charge:** Bro David Stevenson Treasurer

Our Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th March Entering

Tuesday's meeting is an Entering, including The Tracing Board. The Candidate is Mr. Jamie Samuel McEwan. The Degree will be conferred by the brethren of No XII

Ivan Cyril Scott

1st September 1930 – 1st March 2017



Bro Ivan passed to his rest and reward just over a year ago. It has taken some time, but now the information has been gathered to do justice to him in an appreciation of his life and his time amongst us.

Bro Iain White PM

Bro Ivan Scott PM hailed from Alfreton in the Amber Valley in Derbyshire. The town is said to have been founded by King Alfred and hence its name. His father was a miner and Alfreton had a thriving mining and iron industry until the 1960s. Young Ivan was not destined for the pits. When he left school, he became an apprentice joiner and worked as such until 1949 when he joined the Royal Marines for his National Service. He did his training at Chatham and was thereafter stationed in London. It was during this period that he started thinking seriously about joining the police and did so, in the Nottingham City force, after his spell in the Marines. It is said that during his time on the Nottingham police, he

came in from a foot patrol on a cold, damp winter's evening and saw an advertisement for the Hong Kong Police Force. On 18th August 1955, Ivan landed in Hong Kong!

Ivan started as Sub-Inspector and the Hong Kong Police was his life for the next 32 years. For many of these, he was stationed in the New Territories tackling illegal immigration from China. Ivan loved the countryside and his visits to the villages where he got to know the local people and was made very welcome.

In 1963, he met his wife Margaret who was from Gourock and, an adventurer like Ivan, was in Hong Kong working as a teacher. They were married on 23rd January 1965 in St John's Church, Gourock. In due course they were blessed with their three sons, Robb, Craig and Dirk.

Ivan progressed through the ranks in the course of a successful career in the Hong Kong Police. In the early 1970s, he received a commendation for tackling corruption in the prisons; in 1985 he was awarded the Colonial Police Medal for meritorious service by Her Majesty, the Queen; in 1987, he retired as a Senior Superintendent being the proud possessor of the Colonial Police Long Service Medal with First and Second Clasps.

Ivan led a very full life and, most of all, was devoted to his family which grew to embrace 5 grandchildren. His interests were many. He loved music – especially that of brass bands and the big bands that were all the rage in his earlier years. He was a sportsman. In his youth he had semi-professional trials with Nottingham Forest and as a tennis enthusiast he coached the Hong Kong junior Davis Cup teams.

Of course, we know Ivan best from the Lodge. He and Margaret came to live in Gourock in 1995. By this time his experience in freemasonry was extensive. Ivan was initiated into Lodge Shamrock No 712 (Irish Constitution) in Hong Kong on 21st January 1960 and was Worshipful Master thereof in 1970-71. He was an affiliate member of Lodge Cosmopolitan Hong Kong No 428 (SC) which he joined on 3rd December 1994. Bro Ivan was also an affiliate member of The Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC), our friends in London.

It was after his move to live in Gourrock that Bro Ivan came amongst us in No XII. He affiliated on 3rd November 1998 because, as he told me once, he had 'visited a number of Lodges but I felt most at home in No XII'. This was followed through by his conscientious and committed membership, serving as Inner Guard for a number of years and as a General Committee member. In the latter years, even when he was experiencing pain and had difficulty walking, Bro Ivan and his stick would be found sitting in the South East of the Lodge, in the back row, just behind where I sat as Director of Ceremonies. I would always enjoy the wee chats that we had.

My fondest memory of Bro Ivan is one of our visits to the Scots Lodge. As usual, we had travelled down by the Caledonian sleeper. After a really enjoyable meeting with the brethren of Scots, and generous hospitality at the Dinner, we were getting back on to the sleeper and Bro Ivan said, 'I want you all to meet me in the Bar so that I can buy you a wee nightcap.' And, so he did, a lovely Speyside malt as I remember it and the usual convivial chat to accompany it into the wee sma' hours. Happy days!

After Bro Ivan's wife Margaret had passed to her rest and reward, he moved into a flat at Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home where he spent his last couple of years. True to form, he threw himself into researching Sir Gabriel Wood because he felt that he 'must have been a freemason.' We talked often and corresponded about his efforts, but Bro Ivan never proved his hypothesis.

Through the Colonial years in No XII, we had a number of brethren who went to the East and became eminent masons. Bro Ivan Cyril Scott was an eminent mason from the East who came our way and enriched the Lodge by his presence. An enthusiast, the sort of mason that we should all aspire to be and a true gentleman in every sense of the word we miss him, but we are so fortunate that he came our way.

No XII Charity Burns Supper Saturday 24th February 2018



The Annual No XII Charity Burns Supper was a great success. After a welcome from the Chair, RWM Bro Allan T Glen, we were led in seeking Grace by Rev Owen Derrick. Our meal, prepared by Bro Tony Buckley's ICE team was superb and received innumerable favourable comments. Thereafter, we heard a humorous and informative Immortal Memory from Bro David Vennard PM (Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4) and were greatly amused by the Toast to the Lassies delivered by Bro Kenny Wilson (Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121). As usual Bro

Alan D Beck PM sang magnificently supported by Craig Dunsmore, Jamie Stables and Andy McAlees in the band. Readings were from Bro David Docherty (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626) who gave us a glorious *Tam o' Shanter* and Sandy Reddy HM XII who took us back to

the days of Davie Bowie with *Who Biled the Bell?* Bro Ken MacDougall PM offered the Vote of Thanks.

Over £4,00 was raised for Poppyscotland, Jayden's Rainbow (nominated by Provost Martin Brennan) and Children in Poverty Inverclyde.

A more expansive report on the proceedings may be found in the Twelve Talk Special Edition compiled by our roving reporter Bro Bob Crossan WJW.

The Monthly Draw

For 2018, our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson, has increased the draw pay out to £25 per month. This will make a total prize payout of £300 which is up on the 2017 amount by £50.

To keep our surplus level the same, we need a few more brethren to contribute so please, if you are not yet a Draw contributor, see Bro David asap and sign up! Also, if you are already in, please consider taking a number or two more. Every wee bit helps! The numbers are building so let's keep up the momentum.

Visit to the Scots Lodge No 2319 (EC) Tuesday 24th April 2018

It is a few years since we had an exchange visit with our friends at 'Scots' in London. That will be remedied when RWM Bro Allan T Glen will lead a deputation to the April meeting.

Any brethren interested in attending please let Bro Bob Crossan WSW know.

Archives Installation Programmes

As well as researching the huge amount of archive material that we have in the Lodge, I am starting to make a serious attempt at organizing and cataloguing it all. I shall be approaching members and friends looking for missing links in the archives as I find out about them. As a start, if anybody has an Installation programme lurking in a drawer, case or box at home from the following years, I'd be happy to receive it: anything before, and including 1957, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1991, 1993, 1996, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Members, Partners and Friends Dinner at Gourock Golf Club Saturday 24th March – 7pm for 730

No XII is hosting a dinner at the Gourock Golf Club on Saturday 24th March at 7 for 730 pm. The dinner is open to all - members, their partners and friends and partners. The cost of the evening will be £26 per person (exclusive of wines and staff gratuity) and the menu is below, created and prepared by Club Chef Adrian Magnano. You may get a flavour of the Gourock Golf Club dining experience by following this link <https://www.gourockgolfclub.com/restaurant/>

** reserve your tickets with Bro Iain White PM at 07533112242 or iainwhite4@btinternet.com*

** all reservations by Friday 16th March*

** meal choices must be made before the event and be with Bro Iain by Friday 16th March*

** no cancellations after Friday 16th March - after that you will be liable for the cost of the meals if you cancel!!*

Our menu is on the next page



No XII Dinner – Saturday 24th March

Meal @ £25.95 pp

Starters

Tomato Soup & Crusty Roll

Sweet Chilli Crispy Beef

Thai Fish Cakes

Main Course

Roast Halibut, Parsley Sauce, Dauphinoise Potatoes & Wilted Greens

6oz Scotch Sirloin, Pepper Sauce, Sauted Potatoes, Roasted Mushrooms, Tomatoes & Onion Rings

Roasted Red Pepper Frittata & Crispy Salad

Dessert

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Bread & Butter Pudding

Berry Pavlova

Tea/Coffee & Tablet

Drinks

Red/White Wine - £13 per bottle

Prosecco - £17.95 per bottle

From the old Minute Books of No XII

1918 is, of course, the 100th Anniversary of the end of the Great War. The Lodge is planning a special evening in November to mark No XII's involvement in the conflict. The Minute Book extracts below reflect that. Sadly, one refers to the loss of Bo Engineer Lt David Mackail whose name, of course, is on the Lodge Memorial Altar.

Tuesday 10th September 1918

Bro John D MacFarlane, RW Master, in the Chair

Bro George Allan Treasurer to join Army

As Bro George Allan, Treasurer, has been called up for Military Service, and may have joined up before the Lodge again meets, The RW Master took advantage of the occasion to wish him God Speed.

Monday 30th September 1918

Bro John D MacFarlane, RW Master, in the Chair

Illness of Bro Barbour PM and death of Bro Dav MacKail

The RW Master referred to the illness of Bro John Barbour PM and expressed the hope that he would soon be better and able to continue his interest in the affairs of Greenock Kilwinning.

The RW Master also referred to the death of Bro Engineer Lt. David MacKail, one of our young members who early responded to his Country's Call by joining the Army and recently transferred his services to the Navy.

It was resolved that regret for his loss should be recorded in the minutes and that the sympathy of the Office Bearers and Members should be conveyed to his father – Bro John G MacKail who is an old Office Bearer – and the members of his family.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 8th February 2018 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan on 8th February 2018 (Passing) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 12th February 2018 (Entering) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 12th February 2018 (Passing) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick

On all occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanks 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 treasurno12@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
03.03.18

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