



# ***XII Talk***

## ***Special Edition No 15***

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### **No XII Charity Burns Supper 2018**

**Over 110 in attendance and estimated more than £4,500 Raised for Charity!**

The 8<sup>th</sup> No XII Burns Supper was another success! Just over 110 sat down in the Greenock Town Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February to a sumptuous meal prepared and served by our President of Stewards, Tony Buckley's staff from ICE Catering.



*RWM Bro Allan T Glen welcomes everyone*

Our Chairman for the evening RWM Bro Allan T Glen gave his welcome address.



*Bro David Docherty address to the Haggis*

Having demanded admission, the Haggis was then piped in by our good friend from Lodge The Gael No 609 Bro Donnie Finlayson and addressed in lusty fashion by Bro David Docherty.

Rev Owen Derrick sought Grace on our behalf and the meal got underway.

The menu for the evening was Cock-a-Leekie Soup followed by Haggis, Neeps and Tatties then Sirloin Steak with Dauphinoise Potatoes, Veg and creamy peppercorn sauce, followed by Cheese and Biscuits, Coffee or Tea and Mints.

After Dinner RWM Bro Allan T Glen gave the Loyal Toast before a short interval.

The main part of the evening then got underway with a song from Bro Alan D Beck PM.



*Bro Alan D Beck PM*

Our main speaker for the evening Bro David Vennard PM of Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 was suitably introduced by the RWM. We have heard him before at the No XII Burns supper when he delivered Tam o' Shanter in 2015. Bro David's Immortal Memory was very interesting and thought provoking and the material was well received, thanks to the wide appeal of the Bard.



*Bro David Vennard delivers his Immortal Memory*

HM Bro Sandy Reddy, Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 and Honorary Member of No XII, gave an address of a piece entitled 'Who Biled the Bell' allowing us to remember David Bowie, the Gourock Bard.

Unfortunately, Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson of Lodge Sir Michael No 989 and Honorary Member of No XII was unable to attend but he had prepared a short letter which the RWM read out. Get well soon, David!



*Bro David Docherty - Tam o' Shanter as only he can deliver*

Bro David Docherty then entertained us with his unique and incomparable Tam o' Shanter, a treat for everyone, with perhaps the 'volunteers' not feeling it was such a 'treat'!!



*Bro Kenny Wilson - Toast to the Lassies*

The Lassies were toasted by Bro Kenny Wilson of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, in his usual amusing fashion.

Bro Alan D Beck then entertained us further with another song.





Bro Ken MacDougall PM vote of thanks

Bro Ken MacDougall PM gave a hearty Vote of Thanks and this was followed by everyone joining enthusiastically in *The Star o' Rabbie Burns* and *Auld Lang Syne*. IPM Bro Alan D Beck's singing was of the highest quality as were his accompanists, Jamie Stables on trumpet, Andy McAlees on drums and Craig Dunsmore on keyboards.

In between times, Bro Alan D Beck PM conducted our charity auction event. This and the raffles brought an estimated profit from the evening of around £4,500 to go to our charities Poppyscotland, Children in Poverty Inverclyde, Jayden's Rainbow (*Nominated by Provost Martin Brennan*), Greenock Wanderers RFC, Greenock Cricket Club.



The Calm before the Storm







*Address to the Haggis*



*Toast to the Haggis*



*The immortal Memory*



*Bro Sandy Reddy – 'Remembering David Bowie'*





*Bro David Docherty and his willing 'volunteers'. Poor Meg looks like she's on her last legs and Tam's struggling to hang on*



*Bro Iain White PM table*



### **Top Table 2018**

**Back Row: Iain White, Alan D Beck, James P Livingstone, Ken MacDougall, Donald Finlayson**

**Front Row: Rev Owen Derrick, Sandy Reddy, Allan T Glen, David Vennard, Kenny Wilson, David Docherty**

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**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**  
**Summer Meeting – Past Masters' Degree (Entering) – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June**

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*From darkness, light*

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