

Twelve Talk

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Saturday 19.02.22

Burns Supper



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

Burns Supper – Last Saturday in February

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Previous Meeting

Tuesday 15th February 2022

Passing

Our previous meeting was a Passing, and the Candidate was Bro Cameron White. Again, there was a large attendance of brethren from within and beyond the Province. The Degree Team was **Prayer** Bro Robert J Bain PM; **Obligation** Bro Brian McFadyen RWM; **Secrets** Bro J Robert Crossan IPM; **Apron** Bro Iain White WSW (Acting); **Working Tools** Bro David Stevenson; **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM; **Charge** Bro Robert J Bain PM.

It was also the Annual Visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. The deputation was led by RWPGM Bro. Robin McIntyre. We were delighted that the Lodge received a clear minute and so much of that success is due to the sterling work done by Secretary Bro. Ken MacDougall PM and Treasurer Bro. David Stevenson. They are, indeed, the backbone of the Lodge.

Also at the meeting, Bro. H Campbell Barr PM was presented with his certificate for 50 years' service. Bro. Campbell served the Lodge as Secretary for several years and then, as RW Master between 1985 and 1987. It was nice that the RWPGM Bro Robin McIntyre was able to assist our own RW Master in the presentation. Bro Campbell expressed his thanks to the Lodge and said that it had been an honour to serve as Master.

A cheque for £100 was presented to the RWPGM for the PGL Benevolent Fund.

After the meeting, an enjoyable time was spent in harmony with our guests. Bro. Tony Buckley's haggis, neeps and tatties pies were much enjoyed as were the special sausage rolls and bridies. We are grateful to Bro. Tony for the significant contribution he makes to the success of our hospitality for members and friends.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Passing

The next meeting (on Tuesday) is again a Passing. The Candidate this time is Bro. Craig Scott McFadyen, the son of our RW Master. The degree team is the same as for the previous meeting.

Provincial Grand Lodge Ball

Saturday 21st May 2022

Greenock Town Hall

The Provincial Grand Lodge Summer Ball is back again. It will be the usual grand affair with a sumptuous 4 course meal from Tony Buckley's ICE Catering and dancing thereafter to the Capitol Big Band. Tickets (priced £25) are available from Bro. Alan D. Beck PM, in person, or by calling him on 07739 514242.

Monthly Draw

Bro David Stevenson, our Treasurer, tells me that the uptake for the Monthly Draw is quite good but we can always do with more participants. It is £1 per number per month, ideally by Standing Order to

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
Royal Bank of Scotland
Sort Code: 83 22 20
Account Number 10000509

Failing that, cash or cheque is quite acceptable and £12 per number may be given to David.

Lodge Memorabilia

In my role as Lodge Librarian, I am still very keen to have any documentary or other links to the past – installation programmes, Orders of Service, postcards, flyers etc. etc. If they are lying in a cupboard or drawer at home, please get them to me to enhance our understanding of No XII's past.

I put this in *Twelve Talk* in each edition, but I don't get as many responses as I would like. I know there is 'stuff' out there! Things that seem, on the face of it, to be trivial can play a vital part in piecing together the history of the Lodge and filling gaps in the Minutes.

Gift from Bro Andrew Piggott PM Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 1st February 2022



At the end of the meeting on 1st February Past Master Bro Andrew Piggott of Lodge Firth of Clyde, rose to his feet in the West. He had in his hand a beautiful solid silver antique Steward's Jewel. He had been given it by a friend into whose possession it had come. Recognising it as a Masonic artifact, he passed it to Andrew who, in turn presented it to us (left with RW Master Bro Brian.)

It was originally presented by Bro. Walter WB Rodger PM in 1896. Bro Rodger was an eminent Greenockian and was Provost of Greenock in 1889-93. He was in the Chair of No. XII between 1889 and 1891.

We shall have more about Bro Rodger and the jewel in the next edition.

Charity Burns Supper Saturday 19th February 2022



Around 100 brethren and guests were the Greenock Town Hall Saloon for the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII Burns Club Supper. The Burns Supper returned after a 1-year COVID hiatus. The evening was greatly enjoyed by those who attended and over £4500 was raised for the 2022 charities, Erskine Veterans, Children in Poverty Inverclyde (Nominated by Provost Martin Brennan), Robert Burns World Federation Schools' Competition and Inverclyde Foodbank. Cllr. Graeme Brooks represented the Provost at the Burns Supper. The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West, Bro Robin McIntyre, attended.

It was an evening filled with fun and laughter and there was a great community spirit and atmosphere in the Saloon. After the haggis had been piped in by Duncan Luke, and addressed by Bro Colin B Reddy, Lodge Greenock St

John's No 175, Rev Jonathan Fleming delivered grace. A tremendous meal was enjoyed by all provided by Tony Buckley's ICE Catering. The Chair for the evening, RWM Bro Brian McFadyen proposed the Loyal Toast. Bro Ross W McLennan of Lodge Prince of Wales Renfrew No 426 (above) delivered an amusing and thought - provoking Immortal Memory, linked to the COVID challenges that we have had to face. Bro Iain T Gordon, RWM of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 and PM of Lodge The Prince's No 607, proposed a hilarious Toast to the Lasses (right). There was an energetic recitation of *Tam o' Shanter* by Bro Ross Nugent, Past Master of



Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217. The accompanist for the evening was Craig Dunsmore. He was joined on trumpet by Jamie Stables and Bro Alan Beck PM sang.

The success of the fund-raising was undoubtedly due to the persuasive powers of No XII's auctioneer, Bro Alan Beck PM. The Lodge was delighted with support given by other local organisations. Of course, numerous other Lodges within and beyond the area were represented and many friends of No XII attended.

The company singing the *Star of Robbie Burns* and *Auld Lang Syne* rounded off the evening.



The Performers

**Back: Rev Jonathan Fleming Bro Ross Nugent PM Bro Colin B Reddy Duncan Luke
Front: Bro Iain T Gordon Bro Ross W McLennan Bro Brian McFadyen RWM Bro Robin McIntyre
RWPGM Cllr. Graeme Brooks**

Test Fees

Further to a recent question regarding the current amnesty in relation to the payment of test fees, the Provincial Grand Master, Brother Robin McIntyre has confirmed that this will cease at the end of February. Up until then, a defaulting member can bring himself into good standing by paying the current year's test fee only.

As from the 1st March, this will revert to the normal requirement of requiring to pay the current year plus two years.

As to Lodge Test Fees, these are overdue and should be paid to Lodge Treasurer Bro David Stevenson asap.

Reports on Visits

- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 3rd February 2022 (Regular Communication) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Crossan and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 9th February 2022 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Craig McFadyen
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 9th February 2022 (Raising) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge St George Helensburgh No 503 on 14th February 2022 (Passing) – attended by WM Bro Brian McFadyen

Lapel Badges

For many years, the late 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. He passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *Twelve Talk*. It has been, and remains, 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.

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