

## Meetings 2023-24

- 16.01.24  
Jack and Alistair Glenny Memorial  
Lecture  
Bro. Rev. Iain Ramsden PM
- \* 06.02.24  
Passing and PGLRW Annual Visit (715 start)
- \* 20.02.24  
Passing
- \*05.03.24  
Mark  
Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No. 626
- \* 19.03.24  
Lecture  
Bro. Janes Gardiner PM
- \*02.04.24  
Raising
- \*16.04.24  
Mark  
Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No. 370
- Saturday 24. 02.24  
Burns Supper (630 for 7pm)  
Held in 626 Masonic Hall, John Street, Gourock
- Thursday 06.06.24 (TBC)  
Special Summer Meeting  
Entering by PMs of the Lodge



**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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June**  
**Burns Supper – Last Saturday in February**

RWM Bro Jim Livingstone 60 Stuart Road Bishopton PA7 5BY (07800629999)  
Secretary Bro Ken McDougall PM 6 Stirling Drive Gourock PA19 1AH (07810270787)  
Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourock PA19 1JY (07887904910)



## Master's Musings 6

*With the Installation of our new Master, Bro. James P Livingstone (left), we have a new look to the front page of Twelve Talk. Jim has again given us his thoughts in the opening article.*

A heavy dose of the cold somewhat curtailed my visits during the month (I think the older you get, the longer it takes to get over it) but I still managed to get to eight meetings and enjoyed every one and my thanks to those brethren from No. XII who came along to represent and support the Lodge. Of course, the period covered also included the Lodge's Annual Burns Supper which was held in 626 as we had anticipated that the Town Hall would be unavailable. I think we approached the event with a little trepidation as the venue was smaller than we are used to and of course, we were using a new caterer. However, we should not have worried as, by the comments received afterwards, everyone who attended thought the evening to be a huge success. The speakers were hugely entertaining, the meal was excellent (so much so that the cheeseboards were largely untouched), the refreshments were very competitively priced, the acoustics were perfect and everyone had a wonderful time. What would have been nice would have been to see a few more faces from the Lodge in attendance (maybe next year). At the end of the night, around £4,000 was raised for charity.

The next big charity event will be the Provincial Summer Ball on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May and tickets are now on sale priced £30. I would commend this event to you and we have always managed to take two or three tables at this event. It is a chance to spoil our long-suffering wives and girlfriends a little, with an excellent meal (where can you get a meal for £30 nowadays), plus an evening's entertainment in the very best company. So, if you have not attended before, please give it a try. I am certain you will not be disappointed.

Looking forward to March, we have a Mark Degree which will be conferred by my Mother Lodge, Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourock No. 626, which always puts on a good show with its Mark Degree ritual. The Mark Master on the evening will be Brother Graeme Wallace, Immediate Past Master, who is a regular supporter of No. XII. Although we only have one candidate, Brother Blair Fisher, we are delighted to accommodate a request from Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No. 1121 to allow two of their brethren to take their Mark on the evening so it should be excellent.

I would also commend the meeting at Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217, on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March when another good friend and supporter of the Lodge, Brother Jefferson Taulbut, will have the pleasure of conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on a live candidate in his Mother Lodge for the first time during his tenure of office and the first for some years. It would be great to give Jeff the support he deserves for all his dedication.

In the meantime, stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

Yours aye,  
Jim

## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Passing

46 members of No. XII and visiting brethren were in attendance. The Masters of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68, Bro. Bert Hill, and Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No. 626, Bro. Brian McClure joined our Master in the East.

Bro. Alexander Easdale was then Passed. The Degree team was **Prayer:** Bro Bob Bain PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro James P Livingstone **Secrets:** Bro Allan T. Glen PM **Apron:** WSW Bro Robert Marshall **Working Tools:** WSW Bro Paul Branchfield **The Tracing Board:** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **The Charge:** Bro Bob Bain PM.

## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Mark Degree

The next Lodge meeting is a Mark. It will be conferred by the Office Bearers and Brethren of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No. 626. The Lodge will open at 730pm.

## Annual Charity Burns Supper Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024

As described in the Master's Musings (above) the Burns Supper was a great success in every way an around £4,000 was raised for the Charity Drive. The Provost, Bro. Drew McKenzie has again nominated Ardgowan Hospice as his charity of choice. We shall also continue our support for Children in Poverty Inverclyde to enable Pat Burke and his team of helpers to make a difference for young people in our community.



Back Row from  
Left: Bros. Colin  
Reddy (Readings)  
John McKenzie  
(RWM Lodge  
Greenock St. John's  
No. 175) Bro. Rev.  
Jonathan Fleming  
(Grace) RWM Bro.  
Bert Hill (Lodge  
Doric Kilwinning  
No. 68) Iain White  
(Piper)  
Front Row from  
left: Bros. John  
Black (RWPGM)  
Bobby Shaw  
(Immortal Memory)  
James P.  
Livingstone RWM  
Martin Cassidy  
(Lasses) Bro.  
Provost Drew  
McKenzie



The Master's in Charge!



Bobby Shaw delivers the Immortal Memory

The Lassies from Martin Cassidy with Provost Drew and Rabbie beside him

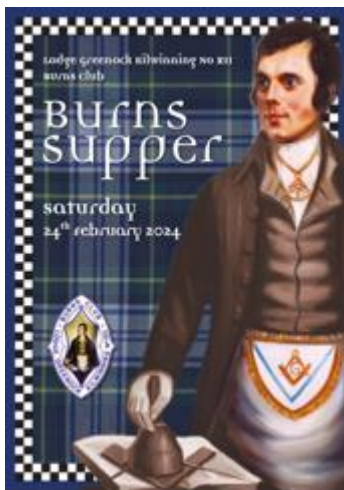


The Star

The Star Again



No. XII's Young Bloods: Bros. Cameron White, Colin Reddy, Robert Marshall, Craig McFadyen and Paul Branchfield



**No. XII on the Road (1)**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
**Installation of Lodge Kurt Tucholsky No. 1060**  
**Munster, Germany**

Bro. Hector Macphail PM is off to Germany for the Installation at his friend Bro. Robert Grundmann's Lodge on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Many of you will remember Robert as he affiliated to No. XII and is a Past Depute Grand Master in Germany. The Lodge previously met in Unna but is now in Munster.

Should anyone wish to accompany Hector please contact him for details.

**No. XII on the Road (2)**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**  
**Installation of Lodge St. Munn Ardnadam No. 496**  
**Sandbank, Argyll**



A bit closer to home, the Installation of No. 496 across the water holds interest for No. XII too. Going into the Chair will be Bro. Kevin Barton whose Mother Lodge is No. XII. Bro. Kevin served in a number of offices in No. XII and, of course, his Grandfather, the late Bro. Arthur Young, served two 2-year terms as Master in 2005-2007 and 2009-2011.

Kevin and Arthur are seen on the left at the Installation in No. XII in November 2009 when Arthur returned to the Chair and Kevin became Senior Warden. Bro. Arthur was a real old-fashioned gentleman, generous in every way and very proud of his membership of No. XII; Kevin is a real nice guy too! He visited us in the Saloon before the New Year with a couple of brethren from across the water.

I shall be going across to the Installation. The Ceremony is at 230 pm in Sandbank Village Hall and then into Dunoon Argyll No. 335 for the Dinner and Harmony. Should anybody wish to join me for what is sure to be a good day out, please get in touch.

## **Rituals**

The new rituals are available to all qualified brethren of No. XII at the price of £15 from Treasurer Bro. David Stevenson. Over half the Rituals have been sold already!

## Monthly Draw

The Monthly Draw for 2024 is now under way and if you haven't confirmed your entry yet, please contact our Treasurer Bro. David Stevenson. It is £1 per month per ticket. The good news is that you can buy as many numbers as you like! The winner in January was Bro. Tony Buckley and Bro. Norrie Frizzell in February.

## Tercentenary Jewels



The Tercentenary Jewels (left) commemorating the Lodge's 300<sup>th</sup> birthday on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2028 are available to ALL brethren from the Bro. Treasurer and the price is £12 per jewel.

## Bro. Alex More PM - 98 Years Young

Our Senior Past Master, Bro Alex. More, will be 98 years young on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024. He was in hospital recently after a fall but has returned home and is well on the road to recovery. Although he has lived in Helmsdale for a wee while now, Alex still takes a great interest in the Lodge and enjoys *Twelve Talk* when he receives it. He was in the Chair of No. XII from 1973 to 1975.

Many Happy Returns, Alex!

## Reports on Visits

- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Passing Exemplification and AV of PGL of Renfrewshire West) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro David Stevenson and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Thistle No 127 (Stewarton) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Burns Supper) – attended by Bro Iain White PM (Immortal Memory)  
Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Passing) – attended by WSW Bro Robert Marshall and Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone and IPM Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone, IPM Bro Brian McFadyen, WSW Bro Robert Marshall, Bro David Stevenson and Bro Eddie McGill  
Lodge Royal Arch West Kilbride No 314 on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Entering) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone and IPM Bro Brian McFadyen

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03.03.24**