

## 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)

## Bro. Kevin Barton takes the Chair Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Installation of Lodge St. Munn Ardnadam No. 496 Sandbank, Argyll

Bro. Kevin Barton, whose Mother Lodge is No. XII, took the Chair in his Affiliate Lodge, St. Munn Ardnadam No. 496 in a well-filled Sandbank Village Hall. It was an excellent Installation with a great atmosphere, top quality work from the Installing Masters, a confident display from Bro. Kevin when he took charge and tremendous hospitality.



Bro. Kevin RWM and his Installing Masters  
Bros. Arthur French PM 496, Kevin Barton RWM 496, Allan Davidson  
PM 496 and John Fletcher PM 335

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. They are seen overleaf at the Installation in November 2009.



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 Kevin RWM and the Brethren of 496**



**Bro Iain White PM XII and Bro. Kevin RWM 496**

**Our Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**  
**Raising**

The next Lodge meeting is a Raising by the Office Bearers of the Lodge. The candidate is Bro. Alexander Easdale.

**Our Previous Meeting**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**Lecture - *The Clydebank Blitz***  
**Bro. Jim Gardiner PM Lodge Barns o' Clyde No. 1018**



The number in the lodge was smaller than usual. It is a real pity that so many brethren do not see the relevance of lectures and talks. One wonders if they fail to understand that education, in its widest sense, is an integral part of Freemasonry. Just saying...

RW Master Bro James P. Livingstone invited the following Brethren to the East: Bro Iain Shirley, RWM of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and Brother Jim Gardiner, Past Master of Lodge Barns O' Clyde No. 1018 and currently Provincial Grand Chaplain of the PGL Dunbartonshire.

After the business was conducted, RW Master Bro. Jim introduced our guest, Bro. Jim Gardiner (left with JPL). Jim proceeded to give us a detailed lecture on

the horrors of the Clydebank Blitz and its devastating impact on the town of Clydebank and its environs. While what Jim had to tell us, based upon years of painstaking research, was of great interest it was, at times, harrowing especially when he focused on the injuries and loss of life.

His own Lodge, Barns o' Clyde had a meeting that night. Brethren who had attended thereafter lost their lives in the cataclysm that ensued.

Personally, I was so absorbed in what Bro. Jim was saying that I found myself unable to take notes. I am grateful to the National Records for Scotland for what follows and I apologise to Bro. Jim for any inaccuracies that result.

*On the nights of 13-14 and 14-15 March 1941 Luftwaffe bombers raided Clydeside and inflicted casualties in several industrial centres. Glasgow suffered the highest number of fatalities (about 650), but in proportion to its population of about 50,000 the burgh of Clydebank suffered the worst. According to an official count in 1942 the Clydebank raids killed 528 people and seriously injured 617, compared to totals of 1,200 people, and 1,100 in the whole of Clydeside.*

*The Germans' main targets in Clydebank were the armaments factory in the Singer Sewing Machine works, John Brown & Company's shipyard, and Beardmore's engine works. Singer's lost a valuable stock of timber, other works suffered partial damage, but the engine works of Aitchison Blair were completely destroyed. A report by the Civil Defence Regional Commissioner on 3 April included an assessment of the impact on industrial production on Clydeside. After 'first-aid' repairs to many buildings were carried out, it was claimed that production returned to near normal levels, except at badly damaged works.*

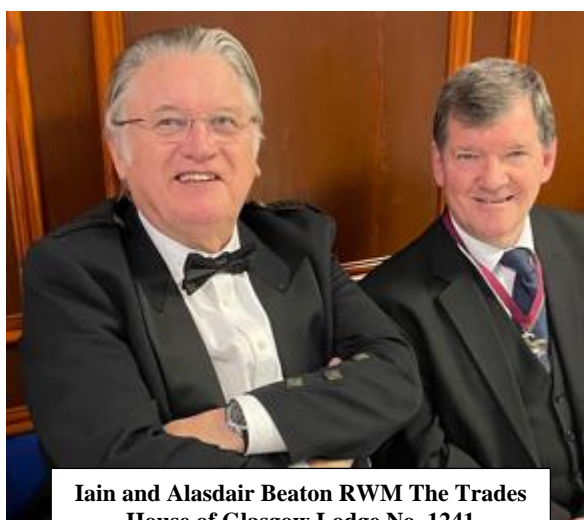
*Industrial production was affected by the severe casualties and the evacuation of the town after the raids, causing difficulties in getting the workforce to the workplace. Immediately after the raids people left in droves. Some found shelter with family or friends in Glasgow and other places, and the authorities evacuated many people in buses and provided them with accommodation in rest centres elsewhere. On 17 March 1941 the figure of homeless people who had been given accommodation stood at 11,350.*

*Near the river, tenement housing stood close to Clydebank's industries, and here some of the worst casualties occurred. Eighty people died when several houses in Second Avenue were hit. In Dalmuir, between the railway line and the Forth and Clyde Canal off the Dumbarton Road, a cluster of tenements took direct hits from high explosive bombs. In Pattison Street there were 43 fatalities, and when a high explosive bomb destroyed the end tenement at no.78 Jellicoe Street, 31 people died, including 15 members of the Rocks family.*

*The Register of Deaths for Old or West Kirkpatrick registration district in 1941 is largely filled with the names of over 450 of the fatalities in the Clydebank air raids. The cause of death is starkly stated as 'Due to war operations.' The first death registered was of a seven year-old girl who died of injuries from falling masonry, and whose body was found in a shelter in Burns Street, Dalmuir, in the early hours of Friday 14 March. Her father, a shipyard worker, registered her death later that day. The registration of deaths resumed on Monday 17 March and continued in an unbroken sequence at first, and later sporadically. Deaths recorded from July until the last in autumn 1941 were on the basis of information from the Procurator Fiscal rather than relatives, an indication of the difficulties of confirming the identities of air raid victims.*

The Inverclyde area had its own blitz (usually known as the Greenock Blitz) on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 1941. Many who were present in the Lodge could recall stories from family folklore and some had lost relatives. The civilians took the brunt of the attack during the blitz which began around midnight on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and 271 people were killed and more than 10,200 injured during the intense bombing. 5,000 homes were completely destroyed and a further 25,000 were damaged.

**No. XII on the Road**  
**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**The Trades House Lodge No. 1241**  
**Lecture by Bro. Iain White PM XII**



**Iain and Alasdair Beaton RWM The Trades House of Glasgow Lodge No. 1241**

Bro. Iain was invited by Bro. Alasdair Beaton, Master of The Trades House Lodge, to come to Glasgow to deliver the Lecture he had previously done in Lodge Houston St. Johnstone No. 242 viz. 'Leadership in the Craft – An accident waiting to happen.' It was 1241's Annual Provincial Visitation. There was also a deputation from Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No. 4. 2 Past Substitute Grand Masters were also in attendance. As its name suggests, Lodge 1241 meets in the Trades Hall and we were in the Saloon for the Lecture. The Saloon is a magnificent venue for a masonic meeting with its wood panelled walls and details of bequests to the Trades House, from benefactors over the years, in gilt letters.

Iain's presentation facilitated a lively debate on the future of the Craft and the way ahead, in the same way that it did when he presented on the topic, giving his personal views, recently at Lodge 242.

In his professional life, Iain was Headteacher of 2 secondary schools over a period of 25 years. He now runs his own business *Iain White Creative Leadership*. Leadership is Iain's business; it is what he does. The presentation is based on an analysis of leadership in the Scottish Craft Iain has done from a professional perspective, based on his skill set and expertise. It covers the following areas:

- A leadership perspective
- The Scottish Craft in crisis
- Creativity or not?
- Effective leaders and leadership
- The change imperative
- Change versus irrelevance
- "I'm responsible"

If you are interested in Iain presenting at your Lodge, contact him on [Iain's Leadership Talk](#)

(Please note that Iain's presentation does not represent the views of any organisation of which he is a member; it is a personal analysis from the perspective of a leadership consultant).

After the presentation and discussion, everyone moved to the Main Hall where we were treated to a magnificent 3 course meal and hospitality refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were observed.

**Annual Bowling Challenge Match  
No. XII vs Lodge Crawfurdsburn  
Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Gourock Bowling Club**

Players are required for this year's 'Clash of the Titans'. No bowling experience or expertise is required. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes (like trainers) and the desire to represent your Lodge. All those interested contact Bro. David Stevenson on **07887904910**.

**Provincial Grand Lodge (Renfrewshire West)  
Annual Charity Ball  
Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Greenock Town Hall**

The rebranded Charity Summer Ball will be held in Greenock Town Hall on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 in the Town Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £30. This will cover the meal and fantastic dance music from the Capitol Big Band. There will also be a raffle, an auction etc.

Brethren are encouraged to attend with friends and partners. The charity beneficiary is Children in Poverty Inverclyde which, as we know in No. XII, is a very worthy cause indeed. No. XII has supported Pat Burke's organisation for many years now.

## No. XII 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!

## No. XII Tercentenary Jewels



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

## 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! Set up a standing order and forget all about it till the prize money comes rolling in!

## Reports on Visits

- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone, IPM Bro Brian McFadyen, WSW Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone and IPM Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No 2 on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 (Entering) – attended by Bro Allan Glen PM
- Lodge The Prince's No. 607 (Glasgow) on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Burns Supper) – attended by Bro Iain White PM (Reply to Lasses) and Bro Alan D Beck PM (Address to the Haggis and Songs)
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Gleniffer No 1219 on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (In Memorium Service and a Raising conferred by Lodge Georgetown No 1170) – attended by RWM Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Prince of Wales No 426 on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Brian McFadyen (Working Tools) with The Lodge of Erskine No 1566
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Mark Master Mason degree conferred by Lodge Mother Kilwinning No 0) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Inchinnan No 1405 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 attended by IPM Bro Brian McFadyen (Working Tools) with The Lodge of Erskine No 1566
- Lodge Saint Conval Giffnock No 1359 on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Lecture by The Grand Master Mason, Bro Dr Joseph J. Morrow HM) – attended by Bro Hector Macphail PM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Entering and Annual Visit by the PGL Renfrewshire West) – attended by Bro Hector Macphail PM

On these occasions, Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanks the brethren for their support on these visits.

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31.03.24