

Twelve Talk

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Special Summer Meeting
First



Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April

RWM Bro Alan D Beck Westhaven 44 Denholm Street Greenock PA16 8RJ (07739514242)
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Our last meeting 19th February 2013

We had another good turn out of brethren for the initiation of Tony Buckley on 5th February. 20 visitors were led in by RWM Bobby Shaw of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275. Bobby is a former police commander in Greenock. He was on his first visit to No XII as was Bro Barry Banks, the renowned Operatic Tenor. Barry's

Mother Lodge is Independent Royal Arch No 2 in New York where he resides. Barry gave us a spectacular performance of *O Sole Mio* after the meeting. His voice rang round the Saloon and he received rapturous applause from the assembled brethren when he finished. Nobody attempted to follow him – even the Great Caruso himself was silenced! . Barry is friendly with RWM Bro Alan Beck and he brought fraternal

greetings from his Worshipful Master Bro David L Sharp. The degree team was **Obligation** Bro Alan Beck RWM; **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM; **Apron** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **NE Corner** Bro Hector Macphail PM XII; **Working Tools** Bro Allan Glen SD; **Charge** Bro James S Adams PM.

Bro Kenneth MacLeod

Bro Kenny MacLeod was a native of Shawbost in the Isle of Lewis and joined No XII in 1951 when he was 26. A Police Constable, he was in the company of a number of his colleagues in the Lodge at the time. Bro Kenny was a regular attender and keen visitor until his illness a few years ago. One of The 3 Amigos - (with Bros Crawford Kirkpatrick and Eddie McGill) - they were given Hon Membership by Lodge 624 in Skelmorlie. He served for many years on the lodge General and Enquiry Committees. Our thoughts are with Kenny's daughter.

Bro John McFadyen

Bro John McFadyen, our Almoner, passed to the Grand Lodge above recently after a short illness. John has been a No XII stalwart since he joined the Lodge in 1972. He served us faithfully in many offices, including Depute Master and always had an enthusiastic approach to the Craft. Typical of John, he recently joked with the RWM that the only person who had taken unwell since he became Almoner was himself! Our thoughts are with John's family. John's son Brian is our architect.

Bro William O Lothian

Bro Willie Lothian also passed to the Grand Lodge above recently. Willie affiliated to No XII in 2009 and gave great support to the Lodge over that time, serving as Almoner and Chaplain. He was of course a Past Master of his Mother Lodge - Greenock St John's No 175 – and RWM of the Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814. Our thoughts go out to Willie's family too at this very sad time.

Our next Meeting Tuesday 5th March 2013

The next meeting is a Passing and the Candidate is Bro Tony Buckley. The Degree team is: **Obligation** RWM Bro Alan D Beck; **Secrets** Bro James S Adams PM; **Apron** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Working Tools** Bro Allan Macfeate DM; **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM; **Charge** Bro Robert J Bain PM. It is also the Annual Visitation by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.

Visits – Diary Dates

Monday 1 st April 2013 at 7pm	The Prince's Lodge No 607 (Glasgow)	Entering
Thursday 14 th March 2013 at 730 pm	Lodge Shalom No 1600	XII conferring 2 nd
Tuesday 30 th April 2013 at 730 pm	Lodge Burns Dundonald No 1759	XII conferring Mark

Reports on Visits

The RWM, Office Bearers and brethren of No XII continue to do a power of work visiting sister Lodges.

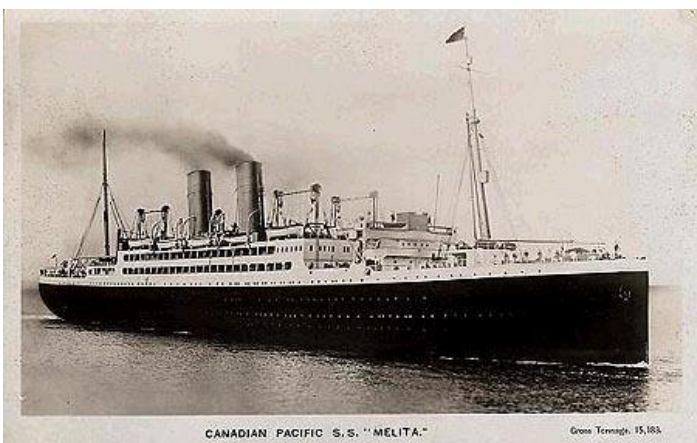
Reports:

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 7th February 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Martin Anderson, Bro James Adams PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Bob Crossan and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 8th February 2013 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro David Miller, Bro Joseph Fogarty and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 10th February 2013 (Annual Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, and Bro James Adams PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626 on 11th February 2013 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro James Adams PM (all as PGL Office Bearers), Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Joseph Fogarty
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 11th February 2013 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Martin Anderson
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 12th February 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Neil Forbes
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning No 624 on 13th February 2013 (Entering Exmpl) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro James Adams PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 14th February 2013 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Joseph Fogarty
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 18th February 2013 (Passing Exmpl) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro James Adams PM and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 21st February 2013 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro James Adams PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and HM Bro James Strachan

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged. The RWM thanked the Brethren for their support.

A little from the History of No XII

Monday 4th September 1933



Bro John Waddell, RW Master, in the Chair

Bro PR Jacobs SW referred to an interesting meeting he was present at on board the CPR liner 'Melita' on a trip to Spain in July which was attended by over thirty brethren, four of whom were members of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning.

Bro Jacobs was a local solicitor, joined the Lodge in 1921 and became RWM in 1934.

A little research brought the following information about 'Melita'.

Her keel was laid down at Barclay, Curle & Co. of Glasgow in 1913, she was intended for the Hamburg America Line. World War I intervened, however, and while on the stocks she was purchased by Canadian Pacific. After being launched as Melita in 1917, she was towed to Harland & Wolff in Belfast for the installation of her engines and fitting out.

She entered service with a 25 January 1918 maiden voyage from Liverpool to St. John, New Brunswick. Before being overhauled in Antwerp in 1920, she served on Canadian Pacific's Liverpool-New York route and made a Glasgow-Bombay voyage in 1919 for the British government.

During the period from 1922 to 1927, Melita was in Canadian Pacific's Antwerp-St. John service and was refitted in 1925 at Palmers Co. of Jarrow. She then returned to service from Britain to Canada, beginning with an April 1927 sailing from Glasgow and Belfast to Québec and Montréal and ending with a March 1932 trip from Liverpool, Belfast and Greenock to Halifax and St. John.



Then, after 146 Atlantic crossings, Melita was used for cruising (when PR Jacobs sailed upon her) until she was sold for scrapping in Genoa in 1935. She was bought from the breakers by Italia, renamed Liguria and used as a troop transport. After being damaged in a 1940 air attack on Tobruk, she was scuttled there in January 1941. She was raised and scrapped in 1950.

Melita was called after the town of the same name in Manitoba which was a stop on the Canadian Pacific railroad. The photo alongside shows the station at Melita around the time the ship was built.

Iain White PM