

Meetings 2015-16

- * 01.09.15
Raising

- * 15.09.15
Nomination and Election of
Office Bearers
Passing by Lodge Renfrew
County Kilwinning No
370

- * 06.10.15
Passing

- * 20.10.15
Passing

- * 03.11.15
Annual Meeting and
Passing

- 17.11.15
Annual Installation of
Office Bearers (615pm)

- * 01.12.15
Annual Divine Service



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

RWM Bro Capt. Allan I. MacFeate 40 The Esplanade Greenock PA16 7RY (07855332738)
Secretary Bro Ken McDougall PM 8 Mount Stuart Drive Wemyss Bay (07810270787)
Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourrock PA19 1JY (07887904910)

Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 1st September 2015

The session started on Tuesday 1st when 2 candidates were Raised. The attendance at the meeting was good and the RWM was pleased to welcome Bro Clive Taulbut RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Andrew Piggott RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 to the Lodge and invite them to join him in the East. The degree team was: **Obligation** Bro Allan MacFeate RWM **Retrospect** Bro Allan Glen WSW **Raising** Bro Alan Beck IPM **Secrets** Bro Alistair Glenny PM IG **Apron** Bro Allan Glen WSW **Working Tools** Bro Bob Crossan WJW **Traditional History** Bro Ken MacDougall PM Secy. **Charge** Bro David Stevenson Treas.

Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid either by standing order or direct to Bro David Stevenson, Treasurer. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion) and again these may be paid by standing order or direct. For details either see the recent email from Bro Stevenson or speak to him.

No XII in New York

Bro Barry Banks' lodge in New York is to invite No XII to exemplify a degree (dispensations pending from PGL and GLoS, of course) on July 13th 2016. This is just a heads up to you all to gauge interest. The RWM will probably organise a meeting with those interested in going on this trip now that the holidays are over.

Next Meeting Tuesday 15th September 2015

On Tuesday coming we have our Nomination and Election of Office Bearers meeting at 730. Visitors are welcome to the subsequent degree and will be admitted at 8pm. We apologise for the slight delay. The degree itself will be a Passing and will be conferred by Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370 who meet in Paisley. There has been a long association between the Lodges going back at least as far as 1906. In recent times the connection between the Lodges had faltered a little but Bro Alan D Beck IPM and Allan I MacFeate RWM have been breathing some life into the old relationship ably assisted by the brethren of 370. It goes to the next level on Tuesday with the degree worked by 370.

Lodge the Gael No 609 10th September 2015



Back Row: Bros Keith Bowes PM 609 HM XII Alasdair Beaton PM 609 Piper XII Allan T Glen WSW XII Alan D Beck IPM XII Bob Crossan WJW XII Paul Stevenson XII Gary Lewis XII Iain White PM DoC XII
Front Row: Bros Donald Iain Finlayson PM 609 Fraser Cameron XII Crawford Kirkpatrick XII Keith J Bowes RWM 609 Allan I MacFeate RWM 609 Alistair Glenny PM IG XII Hamish MacLachlan PM 609 HM XII Ken McDougall PM Secy. XII Donald Finlayson PM 609 HM XII

A deputation of brethren from No XII travelled the well-known road to Blackie Street in Partick to visit our very good friends in Lodge The Gael no 609. It was a special evening as No XII was to give an exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree. The volunteer candidate on the evening was Bro Alex Ferguson of Lodge Kelvin Partick No 1207. The No XII degree team did an excellent job, conferring the degree with dignity and decorum. The team was: **Obligation** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **Secrets** Bro Alan D Beck IPM **Working Tools** Bro Bob Crossan WJW **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM Secy. **Charge** Bro Allan T Glen WSW



Of course at the conclusion of the meeting we adjourned to the adjacent for 'a few hours of Lodge The Gael Harmony'. We had excellent mince and tatties provided by Past Master Donnie Finlayson and spiced up with a 'wee sensation of chili'. Loyal and masonic toasts were delivered and the wonderful traditions of Lodge The Gael Harmony were observed – the first item being a tune on the pipes and the first song in Gaelic.

It was great to continue the friendship between the two lodges and look forward to some of us making the trip to Rothesay St John No 292 in October when Lodge The Gael will make its annual visit to an island (this time Bute) and confer The Pipers' Degree which is, of course, an Entering.

Bro Iain White XII with Bro Alex Ferguson 1207 the 'candidate'

The Scottish Rite Cathedral, Galveston Texas

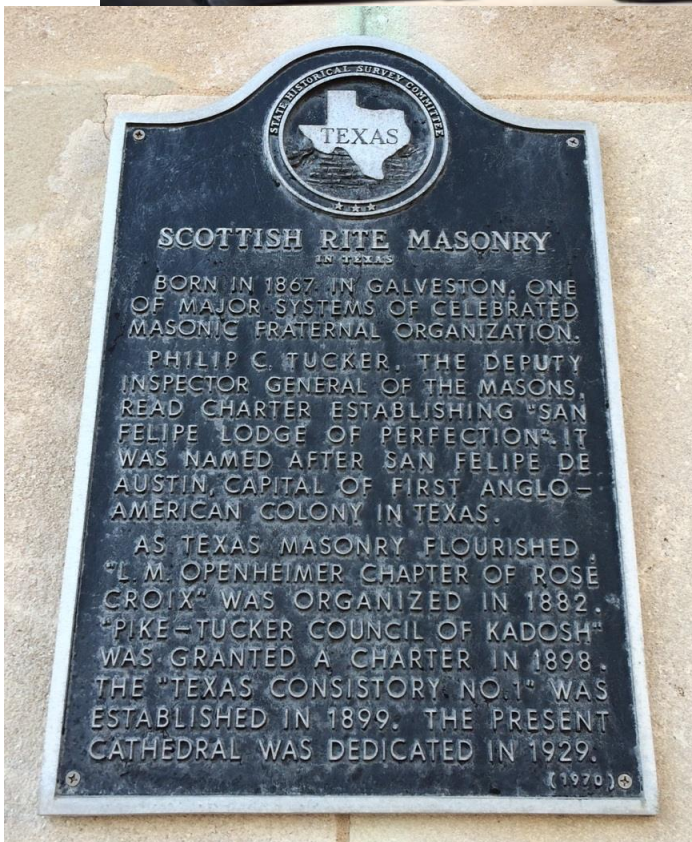


These images were sent to me by my nephew Ruairidh. He works in Texas for the Wood Group and was on a visit to Galveston when he took these photos of The Scottish Rite Cathedral which he sent to me saying that he thought they would be of interest. The plaque in the image below can just be seen in the photo opposite on the right-hand side of the door. A wee bit of internet research

got me the following information about the building. Built in 1929 in the Art Deco style, the Scottish Rite Cathedral boasts a 400-seat theatre with hand-painted scenes capable of transporting audiences from the Roman catacombs to lush forests to Greek temples and beyond. The mood is enhanced by a 1256 pipe, original pipe organ and a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system. Next to the theater is the Grand Ballroom with an elevated orchestra pit and an attached commercial kitchen.

A marble staircase leads downstairs to an amazing library, filled with Masonic memorabilia and some of the finest antique furniture in the area. The cathedral was added to the US National register of Historic Places in 1984. This web address will allow you to see some truly spectacular images of the inside of the building.

<http://galvestonscottishrite.org/about-building.php>



Reports on Visits

- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 22nd April 2015 (Homes Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Kenny Morrison PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro David Wilson
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 and Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 24th April 2015 (joint Mark Degree) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro James Lever
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 27th April 2015 (Mark Degree) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tam Hamilton, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 28th April 2015 (Mark Degree) – attended by Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, HM Bro Kenny McCrae and HM Bro James Lever
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 29th April 2015 (Passing conferred by Lodge Georgetown No 1170) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 1st May 2015 (Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Kenny Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- PGL Renfrewshire West on 6th May 2015 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenny Morrison PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Miller
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 14th May 2015 (Mark Degree conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales No 426) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Prince of Wales No 426 on 9th June 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 11th June 2015 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Fraser Cameron and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- Lodge Mother Kilwinning No 0 on 23rd June 2015 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Brian McFadyen and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- Hiram Lodge No 12, Prague, Czech Republic on 25th June 2015 (Business) – attended by Bro Ken MacDougall PM and Bro David Stevenson
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 9th July 2015 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alasdair Beaton, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, HM Bro Donald Finlayson, HM Bro William Bryce, HM Bro Keith Bowes, HM Bro Hamish MacLachlan and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- Glasgow Star Lodge No 219 on 31st July 2015 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Paul Stevenson
- Lodge Robert King Stewart No 919 on 5th August 2015 (Passing exemplification conferred by Lodge Airdrie St John No 166) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Paul Stevenson
- Lodge Prince of Wales No 426 on 11th August 2015 (Passing conferred by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Iain Hanlon, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Paul Stevenson and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- PGL of Kilwinning on Tuesday 18th August 2015 – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- PGL Renfrewshire West Masters Dinner on 26th August 2015 – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate

- Lodge Stinchar Valley No 1705 on 27th August 2015 (Lecture) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Campbell Snoddy and HM Bro Tony Stewart

From the Old Minute Books of No XII

Like the last issue, gifts again but this time by the Lodge rather than to it.

Wednesday 20th December 1911

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

At a meeting of the Executive held in the adjacent on Wednesday 20th December 1911 at 8pm

Present to HW Jones, Director of Music

The Secretary reported the amount subscribed by the Office-Bearers for a present to Bro HW Jones Dir of Music. A timepiece was suggested, the selection to be left to Bros John Ritchie and Robt Smith

The Treasurer

The suggestion made by Bro Andrew Main, one of the auditors at the Lodge meeting on 29th November that the services of the Treasurer should be recognised in a tangible form was considered. The RW Master spoke in appreciative terms of the manner in which Bro Allan carried out his duties and it was unanimously agreed to grant an honorarium of five guineas.

Wednesday 27th December 1911

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

At a meeting to celebrate the Festival of St John the Evangelist.

Presentations to Bros HW Jones and Geo. Allan

In the course of the evening, the RW Master on behalf of the Office-Bearers presented Bro HW Jones Dir of Music with a marble timepiece to mark the occasion of his recent marriage and Bro WG Buchanan, on behalf of the Lodge, presented Bro Geo. Allan, Treasurer, with an Honorarium of five guineas in recognition of his services. Suitable replies were made by Bros Jones and Allan.

Just by way of interest, Bro George Allan's Honorarium would be £550 today!

Lapel Badges

For many years, 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. Recently, he passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *XII Talk*. This will now be 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.

Iain White PM
28.08.15

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