

1. Meetings 2015-16

* 05.01.16

Lecture

The History of
Freemasonry in
Renfrewshire West by Bro
Alex Galbraith SM PSGM
PPGM

* 19.01.16

Raising

* 02.02.16

No Meeting – Music festival

* 16.02.16

Entering

* 01.03.16

Passing

* 15.03.16

Raising

* 05.04.16

Raising

* 19.04.16

Mark

* Thursday 02.06.16

Entering by the Past
Masters of the Lodge



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)

Previous Meeting Tuesday 16th February Entering

The Lodge was well filled and RWM Bro Capt. Allan I MacFeate invited all reigning Masters and Past Masters to the East. Bro William Lawson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro Edward Ross, RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, Bro Gordon Leitch, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Nicholas Stetz, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 accepted the invitation. . The RWM welcomed Bro Peter R Sinclair PM, who is now resident in England on his visit to No XII The Lodge proceeded to carry out the First Degree ritual on Mr Barry Thomas Rodger. The floor workers were: **Prayer:** Chaplain Bro Bob Bain PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan MacFeate **Secrets:** IPM Bro Alan Beck **NEC:** Bro Martin Anderson **Apron:** WSW Bro Allan Glen **Working Tools:** WJW Bro Bob Crossan **The Charge:** Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM. AN obituary was given and a silence observed for Bro Gordon Dickie who had passed to the Grand Lodge Above.

Next Meeting Tuesday 1st March Passing and Annual Visitation of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West 715pm

There will be a Passing on Tuesday and the Candidate will be Bro Allan Jess. The degree will be worked by the brethren of No XII. It will also be the Provincial Annual Visitation, the most obvious demonstration of its regulatory role over the Lodges in the Province. Prior to the visit, the books of the Lodge Secretary and Treasurer are examined by their Provincial counterparts and a report is made to indicate if they meet the requirements set by Grand Lodge. The floorwork of the Lodge is also examined on the evening and commented upon by a Senior Provincial Office Bearers. The meeting will start 15 minutes earlier than usual at 715.

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 directly.

Freemasonry in Banff, Alberta or What you find on a Skiing Holiday

In January, wee Susie White was left at home with Gran and Granda and the rest of the family – Iain, Gail, Cameron and Kirsty – travelled to the Canadian Rockies to ski at Banff Alberta. It was a wonderful experience, skiing in perfect conditions and on blemish free powdery snow over 7,000 feet above sea level. Banff, now with a population of over 8,000, was first settled in the 1880s, after the transcontinental railway was built through the Bow Valley. In 1883, three



Canadian Pacific Railway workers stumbled upon a series of natural hot springs on the side of Sulphur Mountain. In 1885, Canada began promoting the area as an international resort and spa as a way to support the new railway. The area was named Banff in 1884 by George Stephen, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, recalling his birthplace in Banff, Scotland. The Canadian Pacific built a series of grand hotels along the railway line and advertised the area as an international tourist resort.

In between taking chairlifts up the mountains and then whizzing down beautifully groomed ski trails between huge pine, fir and spruce trees we did find a little bit of time to explore in town of Banff. I looked across the road



on Caribou Street and saw a large square and compasses sitting in a snowy garden. It was the temple of the Cascade Lodge No 5, named after the great mountain that towers over the main street in the town and dominates the skyline of the surrounding area.

The Lodge was instituted in 1888, and has been meeting since then. Originally located in Anthracite (a small mining town between Banff and Canmore) the Lodge was known as Cascade Lodge No 42 of the Grand Registry of Manitoba (Alberta not yet a province). The Lodge moved to Banff from 1892 until 1897 when it returned to Anthracite. In the early days of the Lodge, meetings were often held in different locations amongst the surrounding mountains. One such meeting was held in 1901 at Tunnel Mountain.



From 1901 to 1905, the population of Anthracite all but disappeared and in 1905 the Lodge relocated to Banff.

On October 12, 1905, the last meeting of Cascade Lodge No 42 was held and on November 23, 1905, the first meeting of Cascade Lodge No 5 of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was held.

The present Lodge was constructed in 1924 and was first used in February 1925. It was designed by architect James A. MacDonald of Calgary and built by Arthur Unwin of Banff. It has been in use as a Masonic Lodge for over 90 years.

Many of Banff's most notable citizens have served as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge since it was chartered in 1888 (Grand Lodge of Manitoba 1888 - 1905; Grand Lodge of Alberta 1905 – present). Affiliated organizations associated with the Lodge have been the Order of the Eastern Star, Royal Arch Masons and the Banff Shrine Club. The Lodge was the center of social activity in the town for many years being that most of the hotels would close for the winter season and it was one of the largest buildings in town.

The Lodge meets on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August.



I was very unlucky because the Lodge meeting was the evening when we flew into Calgary and the Annual Installation was 2 days after we left for home. However, I was able to go into the Lodge because it operates as a Museum and the following are views of the upper room, looking East and below looking West.



In conversation with the volunteer Curator, a retired electrical engineer, I learned that the Lodge had donated the building to another local charitable organisation. I discovered the following, On-line when I did a wee bit of research.

Cascade Lodge No. 5, known locally as the Masonic Hall, is one of Banff's many heritage resources and come April 1 it will be under new ownership.

Banff Masons are donating the lodge and the lease for the triangular piece of property it sits on bounded by Lynx, Bear and Caribou Streets, to the Peter and Catharine Whyte Foundation, effective Tuesday (April 1).

Brett Oland, the foundation's executive director, said adding the lodge to its inventory of heritage properties will free the Banff Masons to focus on what they do best, which is community support, and at the same time it provides the foundation with a hall that has strong historical value that can be used for the foundation's growing event-based business.

Along with taking ownership of the Masonic Hall, the Peter and Catharine Whyte Foundation is also planning to sell one of its heritage residential properties, Mary Schäffer's home, Tarry-A-While.

The donation of the lodge and the sale of Tarry-A-While will allow the foundation to better meet its core mandate, which is operating the Whyte Museum, Oland said in a recent interview with the Outlook.

"With the recent acquisition of the culturally significant Cascade Lodge No. 5, the Whyte Museum continues its stewardship of the historical fabric of the Bow Valley. Not only will the Lodge now have a secure and enduring future, it will also give the Whyte a dedicated space in which to conduct expanded programs, meetings and special events to showcase its impressive collection of artifacts and fine art," Oland wrote in a follow-up email.



A view of Cascade Mountain

Reports on Visits

- ✠ The Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No 1555 EC in Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia on 6th January 2016 (Entering) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenn PM
- ✠ Lodge Shamrock No 938 IC in Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia on 8th January 2016 (Lecture) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenn PM
- ✠ Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 22nd January 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- ✠ Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 22nd January 2016 (Burns Supper) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- ✠ Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 on 23rd January 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✠ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 25th January 2016 (Raising) – attended by IG Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Norrie Frizzell and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 26th January 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Bain PM and Bro James Livingstone
- ✠ Lodge Scotia No 1003 SC in Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia on 28th January 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenn PM
- ✠ Provincial Grand Lodge of Dunbartonshire on 30th January 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, SM Bro Alexander Galbraith and Bro James Livingstone
- ✠ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 31st January 2016 (Joint Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Treasurer Bro David Stevenson, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Miller HM
- ✠ The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 1st February 2016 (Passing and Burns Supper) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck (RWM of No 607), WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IG Bro Paul Stevenson, DoC Bro Iain White PM, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Alexander Gray, Bro Tony Stewart HM and Bro Iain McPherson HM
- ✠ Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow on 2nd February 2016 (Regular Communication) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✠ Lodge St John Kilwinning Largs No 173 on 2nd February 2016 (Entering) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- ✠ Grand Lodge of Scotland on 4th February 2016 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), SM Bro Alexander Galbraith (IPSGM), Bro Alexander Gray and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✠ Lodge Sir George Cathcart No 617 on 4th February 2016 (Re-dedication) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- ✠ Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 4th February 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Strachan HM
- ✠ PGL Renfrewshire West on 5th February 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenn PM, SM Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro James Miller HM
- ✠ Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 8th February 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, JD Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae H
- ✠ The Trades House of Glasgow Lodge No 1241 on 8th February 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- ✠ Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 9th February 2016 (Passing conferred by Lodge Springburn No 1198) – attended by Bro James Livingstone, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- ✠ Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 10th February 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone, Bro David Wilson HM and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- ✠ Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 10th February 2016 (Raising) – attended by Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick

- ✦ Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 11th February 2016 (Passing and Annual Visitation of PGL Renfrewshire West) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Treasurer Bro David Stevenson, Bro Alistair Glenny PM and Bro Bob Bain PM
- ✦ Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 12th February 2016 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IG Bro Paul Stevenson, Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Treasurer Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James McGregor, Bro Norrie Frizzell, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro David Wilson HM and Bro James Miller HM
- ✦ Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 15th February 2016 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Miller HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM

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

From the old No XII Minute Books

Tuesday 24th December 1912

Bro RC Smith, RW Master, in the Chair

Explanation of Tracing Board to Apprentice Masons by Bro WG Buchanan PM

After the Lodge had been closed in due and ancient form, Bro WG Buchanan PM gave a lecture to apprentice masons using the Tracing Board to illustrate his remarks. So far as is known, this is the first lecture of its kind in the Lodge and it was much appreciated by those present. At the close, Bro Buchanan was accorded a vote of thanks

The First Degree Tracing Board is a Lecture not commonly heard in Lodges even today. In No XII it is done a couple of times a year by our Past Masters Bros. Iain White and Ken MacDougall.

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
17.02.16

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