

## 1. Meetings 2016-17

- \* 06.09.16  
Passing by No XII
- \* 20.09.16  
Nomination and Election of  
Office Bearers  
Passing by Lodge Renfrew  
County Kilwinning No 370
- \* 04.10.16  
Entering
- \* 18.10.16  
Raising
- \* 01.11.16  
Annual Meeting and  
Passing by The Glasgow  
Kilwinning Lodge No 4
- \* 15.11.16  
Annual Installation  
RWM-Elect Bro Allan T  
Glen  
Installing Masters Bros Iain  
White, Kenneth C  
MacDougall and Alan D  
Beck
- \* 06.12.16  
Annual Divine Service



**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**  
**Special Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> 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)

## Last Meeting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Raising

23 Brethren of No XII and 8 visiting Brethren were in attendance and apologies were received on behalf of 22 brethren of No XII. RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate invited all reigning Masters, Past Masters and RW Masters-elect to join him in the East. Bro William Lawson, RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Bro Gordon Leitch, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Nicholas Stetz, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde No 626 accepted the invitation. The ceremony of Raising was conferred upon Bro Alexander Johnson. The Degree Team was **Prayer** Almoner Bro Alistair Glenly PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate **Retrospect** Bro Brian McFadyen **Raising** Bro Kenneth K Morrison PM **Secrets:** Almoner Bro Alistair Glenly PM **Apron:** WSW Bro Allan T Glen **Working Tools:** Bro Martin Anderson **Traditional History** Bro Robert J Bain PM **The Charge:** Treasurer Bro David Stevenson

## No XII Monthly Draw

Treasurer Bro David Stevenson tells me that the 2017 Monthly Draw will start in January but payment will be accepted from now on.

Number(s) are available at £1 per number per month There is no limit to the number of entries and each entrant can have as many as they like! Payment can be made (1) by cash to Bro David (2) by cheque made payable to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII - Social Fund (3) by internet banking to Bank RBS Sort Code 83-22-20 Account Number 10000509 as a one off payment in multiples of £12 with the entrants name shown in the payment reference box or (4) by standing order to same bank details as above for your chosen monthly amount.

Where possible Bro David will use the same numbers as in previous years unless asked otherwise

## Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion). These both may be paid by any of the means stated above for the Monthly Draw. Please note that the payment is to a different account if you are doing it online – 10000495. All other bank details are the same.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
**Annual Meeting and Passing by Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4**

The Annual Meeting of the Lodge will take place on Tuesday and will be followed by a Passing. The meeting will start at the earlier time of 7.15 pm with visitors admitted from 7.45pm.

The Passing will be conferred by Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4. As far as I am aware, this will be the first time that Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 has conferred a Degree in No XII and the Brethren will be very welcome when they join us.

Of course, in recent times links have begun to develop between the Lodges. A significant catalyst has been the membership of No 4's Sister Lodge, The Prince's No 607, of some of our members – IPM Bro Alan D Beck is presently RWM of The Prince's and HM Bro Tony Stewart is RWM-Elect. Also, we have been pleased to see brethren from Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4 visit us. Also, Bro David Vennard, presently RWM, delivered Tam o' Shanter at the No XII Burns Supper in 2015 and Bro Duncan McFadyen PM proposed the Toast to the Lassies in 2016.

I have the following information about the Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 from its website. **The first Minute Book is held in the Mitchell Library and can be accessed by permission of the lodge. The Charter of the lodge, inscribed in pigskin, indicates the lodge was founded on the 1st of April, 1735, in John Henderson's tavern in the Gallowgate, Glasgow. John Clark was appointed as the first RWM by John Anderson of the lodge of Kilwinning held at Edinburgh. This is likely to be a reference to Canongate Kilwinning one of the 4 sponsor lodges which included lodges at Maybole, Peebles and Perth. A well-known Glasgow merchant John Murdoch was admitted on that night into a lodge which clearly had many members from the merchant class known colloquially as "the Tobacco Lords". Inspection of the boards of those Glasgow citizens who held the post of Lord Dean of Guild in the Merchants House in West George Street reveals many members of No.4.**

**A famous Glasgow and international historian Sir Archibald Alison, at one time Sheriff of Lanarkshire (in Glasgow) and an author and gentleman of repute, stated that the lodge was probably in existence at the start of the 18th century. That this is very likely is shown by the fact that at the very first meeting new members were Passed and Raised to the 3rd Degree there being Master Masons present who were members and capable of undertaking the degree work necessary. This is an indication that "Speculative Masonry" was that practiced in the lodge. The lodge would not appear to have evolved from a practicing Masons craft-lodge such as The Lodge of Journeymen Masons No.8 in Edinburgh.**

**Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No.4 has been meeting since 1945 in the Trades Hall in Glassford Street, right in the heart of the city. It has earned the nickname of "a city-centre lodge". It has never wandered far from its birthplace just to the East of Glasgow Cross and during its 277-year history businessmen, both large and small, the professions, tradesmen and others have all been well represented, people who, we like to think, put the "go" in Glasgow, people who try to put something back into this still-great city of ours, be it in service to the city, service to the community or in its charitable giving.**

## **Lest We Forget** **Remembrance Service at the Well Park, Greenock** **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 1245**

As is the usual custom, a wreath will be laid at the Remembrance Service in the Well Park on behalf of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII by RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate. Brethren of the Lodge are encouraged to support the RWM, and the Act of Remembrance, by their attendance.



Of course, No XII lost 10 brethren in the Great War – Bros. George W Campbell, James Hannah, Henry Hay, Arthur Johnstone, Duncan MacFarlane, David RF Mackail, Alexander N Russell, Joshua H Sanders, James Ritchie Smith and Archibald L Barr - and their names are engraved on the Lodge Memorial Altar.

The Lodge Bicentenary Historical Sketch of 1928 has the following: *A memorial to the members of the Lodge who fell in the Great War was unveiled and dedicated on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1922. It took the form of an altar in Gothic design, made of Scottish oak. It stands about 2ft. 10 in. from floor level. The names, inscribed by sinking the background are Bros. George W Campbell, James Hannah, Henry Hay, Arthur Johnstone, Duncan MacFarlane, David RF Mackail, Alexander N Russell, Joshua H Sanders, James Ritchie Smith and Archibald L Barr. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart, Bart., CB, Provincial Grand Master, who was accompanied by his Office Bearers. The reading of the Roll of Honour was carried out by Bro. RS Murray, Provincial Grand Secretary and the Last Post was sounded.. Bro Rev Duncan MacArthur, Lodge Chaplain, offered up the prayer of dedication and Bro Duncan C Kerr MC RWM accepted custody of the Altar.*

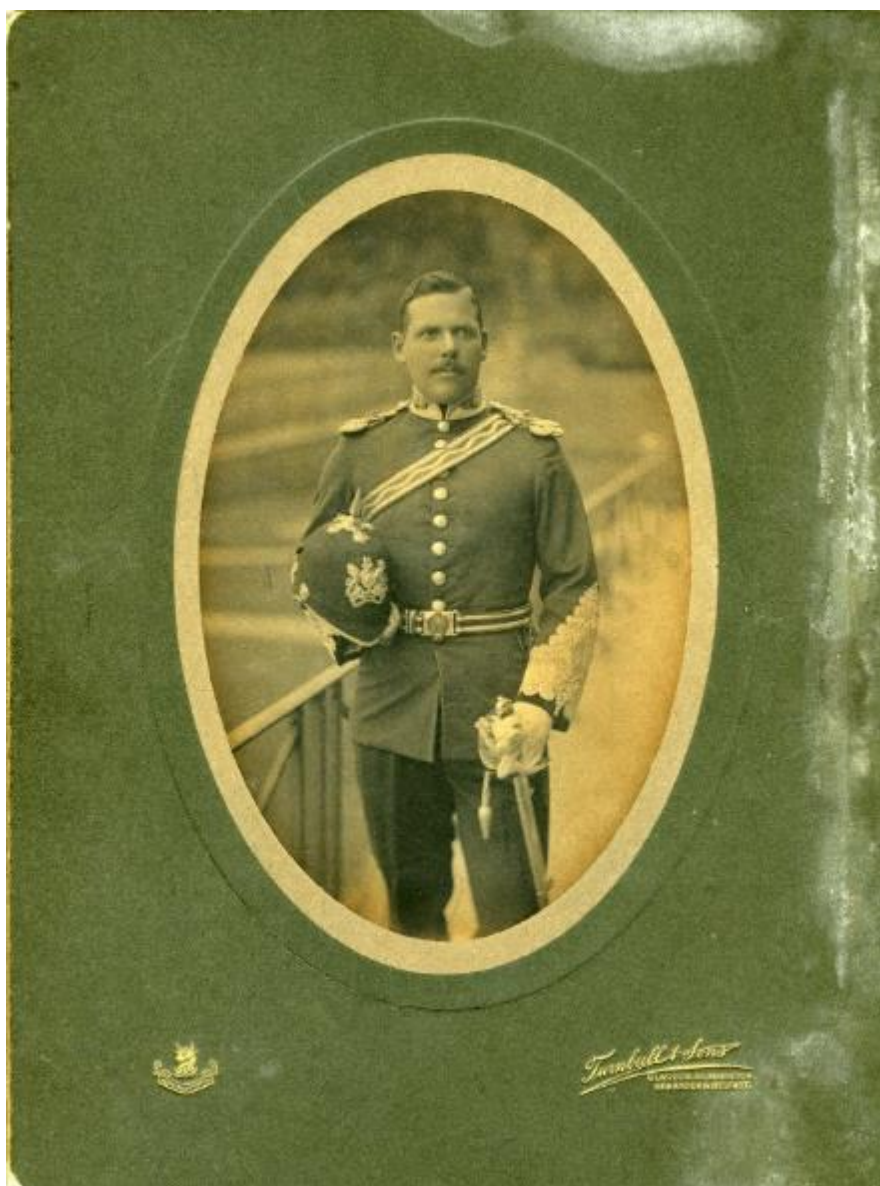
As in previous years through the Grand Lodge of Scotland and Poppy Scotland, the Lodge is participating in the Masonic Lodges' Remembrance display of poppy crosses. The names of the 10 fallen Brethren on the Altar of No XII have been depicted on the crosses and the Brethren have been requested to sponsor a poppy cross in this regard.

### **3 Brethren of No XII Distinguished by being Decorated during their Service to King and Country**

My repeated journeys through the Lodge minute books and records have led me to discover that 3 Brethren of No XII were decorated in the Great War viz. Bros, Duncan Campbell Kerr, Duncan Ferguson Dempster Neill and Sir Walter Guy Shaw Stewart. Bro DC Kerr was in the 1<sup>st</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and received the Military Cross, Bro DFD Neill served in the Royal Engineers and received the Distinguished Service Order and Bro Sir Walter Guy Shaw Stewart in the Coldstream Guards and was awarded the Military Cross. In the Great War, Bro Kerr held the rank of Lieutenant, Bro Neill Lieutenant Colonel and Bro Shaw Stewart Major, later being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

This discovery prompted me to seek to find out more and I have been grateful to my friend, and former colleague at Govan High School (where he was Librarian), Ian McCracken, for his expertise, assistance and time. Already there have been many hours of on-line research and a half day spent in the Mitchell Library in Glasgow. We plan visits to the Paisley Museum and Greenock's McLean Museum where History Curator Vincent Gillan has already been extremely helpful on-line. We are discovering fascinating information about all three Brethren and the journey continues. At some point in the future we shall be able to make our findings available to you in a format that is informative and interesting. In the meantime, we should all be proud of the contribution made by these three Brethren.

Bro DFD Neill was RWM of No XII in 1905-06 and Bro DC Kerr in 1921-23. Bro Sir Walter Guy Shaw Stewart was Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West from 1943 till 1967.



**DFD Neill in ceremonial military uniform**

**Sir Walter Guy Shaw  
Stewart in the uniform  
of the Coldstream  
Guards**



**Duncan C Kerr in the uniform of the  
Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders**

## **From the old Minute Books of No XII**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1913**

Bro RC Smith, RW Master, in the Chair

At a meeting of the Executive held in the adjacent

Light in Form of a Star

Bro John Lyle JD suggested the adoption by the Lodge of a light, in the form of a star, to be used in the conferring of the Master Mason Degree. He submitted a pattern of his idea and explained where it could be erected behind the Master's Chair, but, after discussion, it was agreed that we continue as at present.

*It would seem to me that the Junior Deacon, Bro John Lyle, had a good idea which was rejected! Did it meet with opposition from the Past Masters? Was it considered to break with the 'traditions' of No XII? We shall never know the answers to these questions. However, what we do know that his idea must have been considered worthy at some time later for we certainly have such a star and have had for all of my 42 years in the Lodge!*

## The way we were

The last Twelve Talk, with the photo (below) supplied by Past Master Bro Alistair Glenny led us to get in touch with the late Past Master Bro Bill Irving's youngest daughter Mhairi through IPM Bro Alan Beck. Actually, Mhairi and I were in school in Greenock High together. Having now been in touch with her by email, I know that she was delighted to receive the photo from us and is going to look out some photos she has of her Dad associated with No XII. These will be a welcome addition to our archives. She is also providing some interesting information about her Dad, his working life, his interests and how important No XII was to him. Further to that I had a letter from Luncarty from our senior Past Master Bro Alex More who was in the Chair immediately before Bill. Bill's term started in November 1975. Alex too was speaking fondly of Bill. I hope to do a feature on PM Bro Bill in the future once I have all the relevant information.

Just to remind you, the photo features, from the left, Bro William W Irving IPM Bro Alistair Glenny WJW Bro Henry S Tibbles WM The Scots Lodge No 4219 (EC) Bro KK Morrison RWM



Speaking of Bro Alex More PM, and 'the way we were', in the photo below we can see why he is affectionately known to us as 'Big Alex'. He is one of the Installing Masters at the Installation of Bro Wilson J McCulloch in 1978. Alex is at the right of the photo. Very smart they all are too in the days when the installation garb for the RWM and Installing Masters was the Morning Suit with tailed jacket.



**From Left: Bro RJ Drainer Jnr PM  
Bro Wilson J McCulloch RWM Bro  
Archie Miller PM Bro Alex More PM**

## Charity Burns Supper 2017

No XII is able to make significant Charitable Donations each year because of the efforts of the brethren. Much of the funding is raised at the Charity Burns Supper. In 2017, it will take place in the Town Hall, Greenock on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Bro Ian MacPherson MBE, Past Master of Lodge The Prince's No 607 will propose the Immortal Memory and the Toast to the Lassies will be given by or own Past Master, Bro Ian M Ross.

## Reports on Visits

- Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on 5th October 2016 (Regular Communication) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick. Also in attendance IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenny Morrison PM and Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM)
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on the 7th October 2016 (Lecture on German Freemasonry) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen (No 1814)
- Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 on 7th October 2016 (Annual Dinner) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Kelburne (Millport) No 459 on 8th October 2016 (150th Anniversary meeting & Re-Consecration) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Allan Jess
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 10th October 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Montgomery Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 12th October 2016 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 13th October 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Brian McFadyen and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock & Thistle Lodge No 275 (AGM) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 15th October 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bo Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Miller HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro Hamish McLachlan HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 17th October 2016 (Passing conferred by Lodge Dumbarton Kilwinning No 18) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged

## 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 [treasurer12@aol.com](mailto:treasurer12@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**  
**29.10.16**

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