

## 1. Meetings 2016-17

\* 17.01.17

Visitation by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and  
Lecture by Bro Iain  
McPhee PM

\* 07.02.17

Entering

\* 21.02.17

Raising

\* 07.03.17

Passing and Provincial  
Visitation

\* 21.03.17

Raising

\* 04.04.16

Passing

\*18.04.17

Mark

Thursday 01.06.17

Summer Meeting

Entering by Past Masters



**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**

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## Next Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January Visitation by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566

Happy New Year to all of our readers! We hope that you all had a restful Festive Season and that you have returned to Freemasonry, refreshed and energized. No XII has its first meeting of 2017 on Tuesday. Our visitors are The Lodge of Erskine No 1566. The relationship between the Lodges has grown in recent years with Bro Brian McFadyen as the catalyst. Bro Brian has been a member of No XII for many years, following in the footsteps of his late father, Bro John McFadyen, when he came into the Craft in No XII. Bro John, of course, was an enthusiastic member of No XII serving in numerous Offices including Depute Master,

Bro Brian affiliated to The Lodge of Erskine as he lives up that way and was its RWM in 2015-16. Now as IPM, he is Worshipful Junior Warden in No XII – a real Masonic enthusiast. The two Lodges have now exchanged a number of visits and we look forward to Tuesday when Bro Iain McPhee, a Past Master of The Lodge of Erskine and Substitute Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire East, will give us an insight into the history of his Lodge and how its inception and workings have been influenced by the presence of the Erskine Hospital for veterans in its vicinity. Bro Iain is an excellent communicator and we can look forward to an entertaining and instructive evening.

## 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 and there is no limit to the number 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 either by any of the means above. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion). These 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.

## **Previous Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December The Annual Divine Service**

The Annual Divine Service was again conducted by Bro John C Glenny PM. We are very fortunate to have Bro Jack to support us in this capacity, for as well as being an accomplished ritual worker and a lover of the Craft, Bro Jack is a Reader of The Church of Scotland, and has conducted services around the country, In 2009, he was invited to address the Scottish Parliament at their "Time for Reflection" which they hold at the beginning of each new session. Bro Jack was Moderator of the Greenock and Paisley Presbytery in 2006.

The whole service was spiritually uplifting and delivered in Bro Jack's customary engaging style. After the readings Psalms Chapter 36 verses 5-9 and Jeremiah Chapter 18 verses 1-6 delivered by Bro J. Robert Crossan WSW and St John Chapter 15 verses 9-17 by Brian McFadyen WJW the theme for Bro Jack's sermon was 'The Potter's Wheel'. The potter, Bro Jack told us, is one of the oldest jobs in manufacturing and requires great skill. Jeremiah is sent to the potter and sees him at work, creating artefacts of beauty and acknowledges the skill of the craftsman. On occasion, the work may not be so good and the product does not meet expectations. However, nothing is wasted for the clay can be remoulded and reshaped. Bro Jack told us that the Bible saw God as the potter and the clay as his people. We are moulded in His image and it is comforting to know that when times are difficult or confusing, we may be remoulded into something new. The connections between the Lodge and its members as the potter and his clay are clear as we all work to best serve His purpose.

We were delighted to be joined again by family and friends at the Service as well as brethren from Provincial Grand Lodge and visiting Lodges.

### **Renfrewshire West at Grand Lodge**

The Province was well represented by RW Masters at the Installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason Bro Charles Iain Robert Wolridge-Gordon of Esslemont at the end of November. Caught posing for the camera are, from the left, Bro Malcolm Sinclair (Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121), Bro Jim Cowan (The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814), Bro Nicky Stetz (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourcock No 626) and our own RWM Bro Allan Glen.



## Bro W. Crawford Kirkpatrick 50 Years and Counting

Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick celebrated 50 years in No XII at our meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A regular at our meetings (and those of all the other Lodges in the Province and lodges beyond), Bro Crawford is one of the Province's best known Masons. It so happened that he received his 50 Year Diploma exactly 50 years to the day from his Initiation. Bro Crawford's Father, Bro Alexander A Kirkpatrick, served as Lodge Secretary between 1959 and 1965 years and was RW Master in 1968-70. Bro Derek Kirkpatrick, Bro Crawford's son, was RW Master of No XII between 1999 and 2001 and is proud to wear his grandfather's Past Master's jewel. The Kirkpatrick family connection with No XII began in 1911 when Bro Crawford's Grandfather, Bro William Crawford Kirkpatrick (strange similarity there), joined the Lodge on 14<sup>th</sup> December.

Bro Derek lives in the south of England, his work having taken him there, so he does not get to our meetings as often as he would like, but he came up specially to see his father get his diploma. All in all it was a very happy addition to our Annual Divine Service meeting.



From left: Bro Derek A Kirkpatrick PM, Bro W Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Allan T Glen RWM

## Bros Crawford and Eddie honoured by 626

This *Twelve Talk* is like the Crawford Kirkpatrick fanzine! Bro Crawford features again because he and that other staunch member of No XII and prolific visitor, Bro Eddie McGill, were given Honorary Membership of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2016. There was a huge attendance at the meeting because, although the word was out there, in another sense it was the best kept secret in Freemasonry! Included in the company were a large number of members of No XII and a deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. Of course, Bros Crawford and Eddie have Honorary Grand Rank in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.



**From Left: Bro Allan T Glen RWM (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro W Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Nicky Stetz RWM (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626), Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James P Livingstone RWPGM**

## Typo

I am grateful to the ever vigilant Bro Bob Bain PM for spotting the typo in the *Twelve Talk* edition 91 of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016. The visit by The Scots Lodge to No XII was, of course, in 1984 not 1994. Thanks Bob! I have modified the originals for posterity and historical accuracy.

## Lecture by Bro Iain White PM at Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121



RWM Bo Allan T Glen (No XII) Bro Iain White PM No XII HM 1121  
Bro Malcolm A Sinclair RWM (1121)

*From RWM Bro Allan T Glen*

They say curiosity killed the cat but I think this couldn't be further from the truth. Curiosity should be encouraged not deterred. I've always been a curious person by nature and curiosity was one of my main reasons for joining Greenock Kilwinning No XII and for affiliating to The Anchor Lodge of Research 1814. But, if I'm honest, my knowledge of the history of No XII is limited at best. However, I doubt I'm alone in this. I suspect that few new members of any masonic lodge are aware of the rich history that their lodge contains. That topic, however, may be the subject of another article (that is, if Bro Iain asks me to write one).

When I had heard that PM Bro Iain White was delivering a lecture on "The

Curious History between No XII and 1121" it seemed obvious to go, not only to represent No XII as RWM but also to learn something new. On a side note, after being installed into the Chair, I took some time to look at all the jewels on the Master's collar. Low and behold, the jewel from 1121 is inscribed "Presented to RWM I. White XII 13-3-1990 Entering Conferred at 1121".

Bro Iain's lecture was fascinating; full of amazing research and delivered with an obvious passion for the subject. I've always enjoyed hearing Iain speak, whether it's at a Burns Supper, delivering a paper or just chatting at harmony. It's just a shame that Bro Iain's research was hampered by holes in the minute books and other documentation. Sadly, we may never fill these holes as all of the brethren involved have passed to the Grand Lodge Above. A poignant reminder that our great fraternity's history may, one day, be lost because newer members didn't take enough interest in the history of their lodges and speak with some of the older brethren. I hope Bro Iain publishes his research. I know I would be one of the first in line for a copy.

Singing Christmas carols and enjoy some ginger wine and mince pies in the company of friends was the perfect end to the evening and the perfect way to get well and truly into the Christmas

spirit. My only request to RWM Malcolm Sinclair is that next year we sing “O Come All Ye Faithful” in a lower key. I haven’t had to sing that high since I was at university!

Maybe these ‘history meetings’ should become a regular occurrence. I’m sure newer members (and even some older members) would welcome to opportunity to learn more about their lodge. I always tell my students that if you leave any of my classes having learned just one thing then I’ve done my job. Needless to say, Bro Iain was incredibly successful in his that night.

## **Lodge Dunoon Argyll No 335 Burns Supper**

Honorary Member of No XII and Burns impresario, Bro Iain D MacLeod, was again, this year, the Chair at the Burns Supper of Lodge Dunoon Argyll on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January and put the team of entertainers together. No XII was well represented as Bro Iain White PM Proposed The Immortal Memory and Bro Ian M Ross replied on behalf of the Lassies. The rest of the team comprised Bro John Lanigan of 335 who toasted the Lassies and Bro David Docherty of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 delivered the readings and sang.

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

### **Meeting on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1938**

RWM Bro William W Buchanan in the Chair

At a Meeting of the General Committee

Lectures

The question of having one or more lectures during the winter was considered and it was agreed that an endeavour should be made to approach Bro John Adam, RC Smith and DC Kerr in this connection.

*It would seem that we have both a case of déjà vu and great minds think alike with RWM Bro Allan Glen’s suggestion regarding history meetings (above) and that being considered by the Committee nearly 80 years ago in 1938.*

## **No XII 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 our own Past Master, Bro Ian M Ross.

## The way we were – 1994 Re-installation of Bro Ian M Ross

We turn the clock back and this time it really is 1994 - November 1994 to be precise with Bro Ian Moore Ross shown on the night with his Installing Masters. Of course Bros Kenny Morrison and Iain White are still around (and we have not changed a bit) but Bro John Adamson passed to the Grand Lodge Above some time ago. 'Big Jock;' was one of the Lodge's real characters. A retired senior police officer, he had an additional job or two after that, so much so that we called him the man with 3 pensions! Notwithstanding this, he would only ever speculate with 1 ticket at the raffle. In proffering his 10p he'd say when challenged, 'It only takes one ticket to win.' In these days before morning suits were de rigeur for Office Bearers and Past Masters, John had a distinctive dark, green, checked suit. As young office bearers, we speculated that it must be the only suit he had until the evening of the Provincial Visitation came around and Big Jock appeared resplendent in a dark blue number. Away from the Lodge, Bro John was a rugby enthusiast and was involved with Greenock Wanderers. In fact he lived down at Fort Matilda opposite the playing fields. After his passing, No XII presented a trophy to the Wanderers. It is awarded annually to their young player of the year, No XII regularly sponsors the Wanderers financially as part of our desire to support young people in the community.

Not to forget Bro Ian M Ross, he had two very successful terms as RW Master and he regularly Chairs the Burns Supper for us and will Toast the Lassies this year.



From left: Bro KK Morrison PM (Installing Master) Bro Ian M Ross RWM Bro Iain White (Principal Installing Master) Bro John Adamson (Installing Master)

## Reports on Visits

- Lodge Acacian-Malmohus, Malmo, Sweden on 17th November 2016 (Raising) – attended by Bro Allan Jess
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 21st November 2016 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, SD Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro Allan Jess
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 22nd November 2016 (Raising Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen and Bro Iain White PM
- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 24th November 2016 (Annual Communication & Festival of St Andrew) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM) and Bro Alexander Galbraith (PSGMM)
- Children in Poverty Inverclyde presentation at Morrison's Supermarket in Greenock on 24th November 2016 – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate in the company of Provost Robert Moran and Mr Pat Burke, Chairman of CIPI. Acknowledgement and thanks for all the charitable support received by the charity.
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 25th November 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Ken MacDougall PM and other Brethren of No XII
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 25th November 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Bridgeton & Glasgow Shamrock & Thistle Lodge No 275 on 26th November 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27th November 2016 (Annual Divine Service) – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alexander Galbraith Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 28th November 2016 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro Neil Johnston HM and Bro Sandy Reddy HM
- Lodge Pollok, Pollokshields No 772 on 29th November 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370 on 1st December 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, JD Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Kenneth Morrison PM
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 2nd December 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Ken MacDougall PM and other Brethren of No XII
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 5th December 2016 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson SD, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM



## 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*



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Grumpy Past Masters badges are also now available from David at a cost of £5.50 each, excluding postage.

**Iain White PM**  
**15.01.17**

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