

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
Passing by The Glasgow
Kilwinning Lodge No 4
- * 18.10.16
Raising
- * 01.11.16
Annual Meeting and
Passing by The Glasgow
Kilwinning Lodge No 4
- * 15.11.16
Installation
Installing Masters Bros Iain
White, Kenneth C
MacDougall and Alan D
Beck
- * 06.12.16
Annual Divine Service
- * .04.16
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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

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Next Meeting Tuesday 20th September Nomination and Election of Office Bearers and Passing by Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370

The meeting has the nomination and election of Office Bearers first and as a result visitors will be admitted at 8pm. Thereafter, the second Degree will be conferred by the brethren of Lodge Renfrew County Kilwinning No 370, our old friends from Paisley. There was a long relationship between our Lodges but, sadly, it had fallen into abeyance for some years recently. Aided by the efforts of IPM Bro Alan D Beck whilst he was in the Chair and Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM, the relationship between the Lodges is now very much back in place and it is a great pleasure to welcome the brethren from 370 back again to work a degree. They did so previously on 15th September 2015. Hopefully, this further cements a relationship that will thrive and grow into the future.

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 email from Bro Stevenson or speak to him directly.

No XII Archives

The Lodge took delivery of a fireproof secure storage unit for the safekeeping of our archives. Bro Bob Crossan WJW researched and ordered the safe and oversaw its installation. Already our Lodge archivist Bro Iain White PM has organised all the minute books, attendance books, Mark records and the like and located them in the new safe. These records not only tell the story of No XII. They are part of the social history of Greenock and feature brethren who stood on the world stage in the chosen fields e.g. RL Scott in shipbuilding, fencing and arms and armour collecting, DFD Neill in sailing, Arthur FR Caird in shipbuilding, J Reid Kerr in sugar refining, rugby and cricket.

Previous Meeting Thursday 2nd June Entering

As has become the case, there was a large turnout of brethren for the Special Summer Meeting with 37 brethren of No XII and 47 visitors packing the Saloon. 14 apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of brethren of No XII. It was an Entering and a Past Masters' Degree to boot so there were a few arthritic limbs taking a rare trip to the Lodge carpet, itself an item of some antiquity having been gifted to the Lodge on 29th April 1902 by Bro RL Scott and his friend Bro Major Playfair of the Royal Garrison Artillery.

RWM Bro Allan MacFeate had the honour of inviting 8 reigning Masters to join him in the East, viz. those of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 from the Province of Renfrewshire West accepted the invitation and from Lodge St John Kilwinning No 173, Lodge Ellangowan No 716, Lodge Pollok No 772, Lodge Canmore No 1175 and Lodge Clydebank No 1234 from outwith the Province.

The degree team was **Chair** Bro Derek A. Kirkpatrick (1999-2001); **IPM** Bro Alan D. Beck (2012-2014) – Prayer and Secrets; **WSW** Bro Murray Thomson (1997-1999) – Apron; **WJW** Bro Robert J. Bain (2003-2005 and 2011-2012) – NEC; **SD** Bro Iain White (1989-1991) – Tracing Board; **JD** Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall (2007-2009)–Charge; **IG** Bro Alistair Glenny (1983-1985) - Working Tools. It was a great pleasure to see Bro Murray Thomson PM through from Fife and Bro Derek A Kirkpatrick up from his home in England. Bro Derek took the Chair. The auld yins (photo below) pulled out all the stops and conferred an excellent First Degree on the candidate, Alexander Robert Johnston.



**Back Row: Bros Jack Glenny, Murray Thomson, Derek Kirkpatrick, Alan Beck and Ken MacDougall
Front Row: Alistair Glenny, Bob Bain, Allan MacFeate, Kenny Morrison and Iain White**

On the evening, as again is now the usual practice charity collection was then uplifted and it amounted to £206.

Also at the Summer Meeting, Bro Robert Paterick was presented with his 50 Year Jubilee Diploma. Robert has been a faithful member of No XII over the years and served, for a time as Lodge Secretary.

Our last Meeting Tuesday 6th September Passing

No XII started back with a bang at the first meeting of the new session. 27 brethren of No XII and 16 visitors were present and 17 apologies for absence were tendered on behalf of brethren of No XII. RWM Bro Allan MacFeate invited Bro Gordon Leitch, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Bro Nicholas Stetz, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 to join him in the East.

The Fellowcraft Degree was conferred on Bro Alan Robert Johnston. The floor workers were:
Prayer Chaplain Bro Robert Bain PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan MacFeate **Secrets** IPM Bro Alan Beck **Apron** WSW Bro Allan Glen **Working Tools** WJW Bro Bob Crossan **Tracing Board** Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM **The Charge** WSW Bro Allan Glen

Come fly with me ...



Bro Bob Bain PM in flight

Bros Bob Bain PM and Allan Glen WSW flew across the Clyde in May from the top of the iconic Finnieston Crane to the BBC Headquarters in Glasgow. The last XII Talk had photos of Bro Allan and now we have Bro Bob in flight. £100,000 was raised for the Prostate Cancer Charity.

Charitable Gifts

We have been busy distributing the money that we have raised in our charity drive. The photographs and reports below appeared in the Greenock Telegraph.

Erskine and the Govan Schools' Pipes and Drums Association



Bro Alan D Beck IPM, Anne McCallum of Erskine, Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM and Bro Iain White PM, Chair GSPDA

As freemasons, the brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII have the concept of helping those in need at the heart of all that they do. This is reflected in the importance placed on the annual charity drives. Recently Right Worshipful Master Bro Capt. Allan I. MacFeate presented a cheque for £1500 to Anne McCallum, Community Fundraiser at Erskine. RWM Bro MacFeate said, 'The forces' charities are very close to the hearts of all freemasons because of the great respect that we have for the service and sacrifices of British servicemen and women on behalf of us all. No XII is delighted to be able to support the great work done at Erskine for our veterans.'

Anne McCallum, Community Fundraising Officer for Erskine was delighted to receive the cheque on behalf of their brave veterans he said “The veterans that we care for at Erskine are truly delighted for the generous donation from Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII once again, following your previous donations in 2013 and 2015. A donation of this size goes a long way to allowing Erskine to ensure that our brave veterans get the highest possible care”

Erskine has been supporting veterans in Scotland for almost 100 years, re-building shattered lives, restoring dignity and providing first-class care to ex-service men and women.

On the same evening, Past Master Bro Iain White received a cheque for £500 on behalf of the Govan Schools Pipes and Drums Association of which he is Chairman. GSPDA is proud and delighted to have progressed, in just over two years, to being able to form a band and enter an International competition. GSPDA entered the Novice Juvenile B category at the World Pipe Band Championship in Glasgow on 13th August for the first time and what a terrific experience it was for the young people to hear all the bands in all the various categories, to soak up the atmosphere and to actually compete in the event. While the band is only the tip of the iceberg having 15 to 20 players, GSPDA does, however, reach just under 100 pupils with free tuition and free use of the instruments in six schools in Govan. The band is a tangible result of the work undertaken with e children and is a target, focal point and aim for the pupils who are receiving the tuition.

Bro White said, ‘Govan Schools Pipes & Drums Association is a non-profit making registered charity that depends 100% on fund raising, donations and grants to continue the work of furthering the culture and heritage of bagpipe and drum playing in Scotland and giving children in a disadvantaged district of Glasgow an opportunity to learn many skills for life. This generous cheque from No XII is a great boost.’

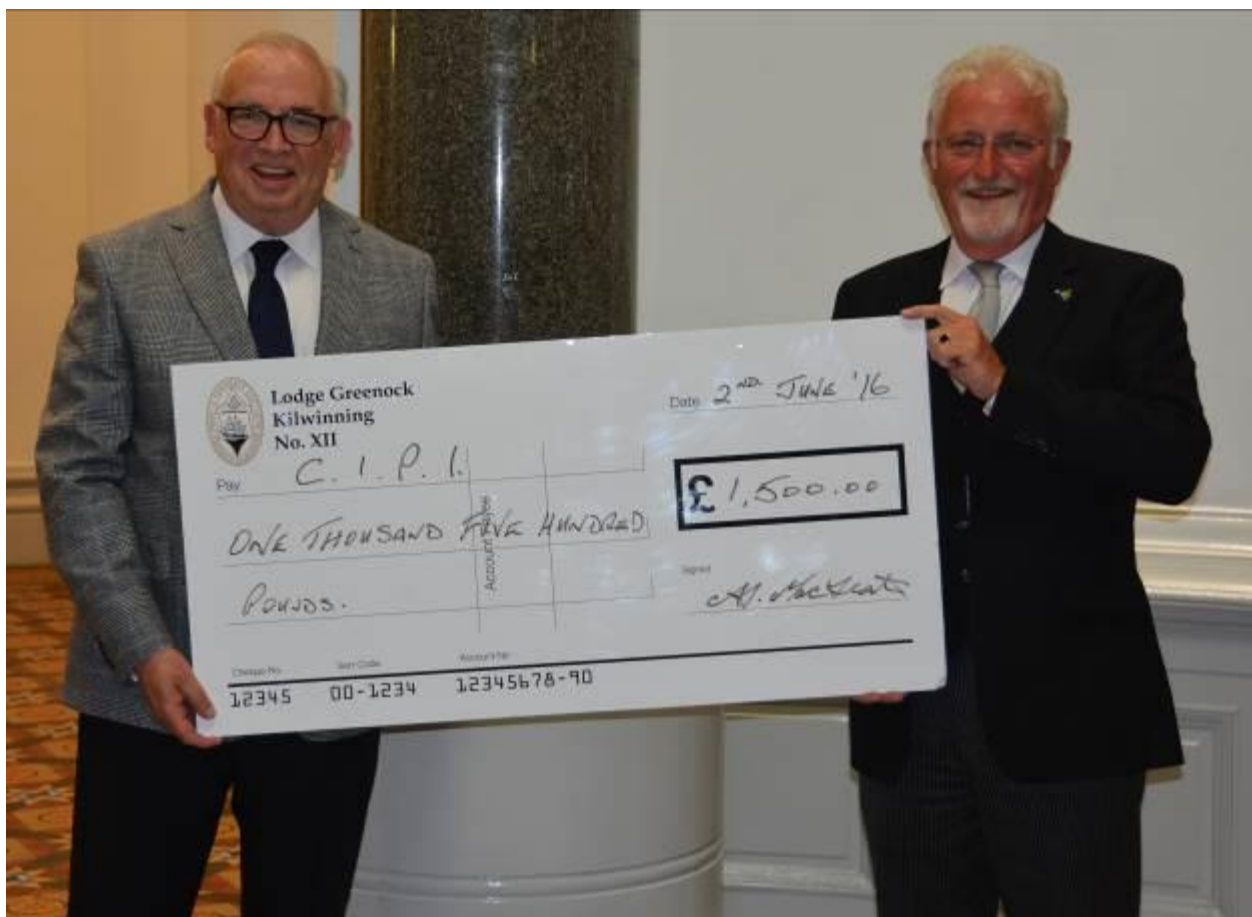
This year the brethren of No XII will distribute over £6000 and more presentations are yet to be made.

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Reach for Autism and Children in Poverty Inverclyde



RWM Bro Allan MacFeate presents the cheque for Reach for Autism Inverclyde to Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson. Reach for Autism was chosen by Provost Moran



Pat Burke of Children in Poverty Inverclyde receives the cheque from RWM Bro Allan MacFeate

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RWM Bro. Capt. Allan I. MacFeate recently presented a cheque for £1500 to Depute Provost Bro David Wilson, an Honorary Member of No XII, to be passed to REACH for Autism Inverclyde. RWM Bro MacFeate said, 'In No XII we are anxious to make a difference for those who are perhaps not as fortunate as ourselves. We are very happy to pass this cheque over to help REACH for Autism for it was the group that Provost Moran nominated for us to help.' Deputy Provost Wilson received the cheque on the Provost's behalf and said that he was delighted that the money would go to such a worthy cause. The close links between No XII and the Corporation of Greenock and now Inverclyde Council stretch back to 1766. Each year the Provost is asked by the Lodge to nominate a charity in recognition of this special relationship

Also, a cheque for £1500 was presented to Pat Burke, the Chair of Children in Poverty Inverclyde. RWM Bro MacFeate said, "We are very happy with our developing link with Children in Poverty Inverclyde which began two years ago when it was the group that Provost Moran nominated for us to help. It has been a great pleasure to be part of the work that it has done and to have helped with its development. "

Charity chairman Pat Burke said, ' I wish to thank Lodge No. XII for their very generous donation from their annual charity fund. Since our foundation in January 2014, No.XII has been pivotal in making a real difference in providing holidays and Christmas trips for deprived children in Inverclyde. Our charity extends its appreciation to the No. XII members for their humanity and compassion and wish them continued success with their exemplary charitable work in Inverclyde.'

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 25th 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.

No XII Stateside

I am grateful to Bro Bob Crossan WJW for the photographs and report on the No XII Deputation's visit to New York city in July. Many more photos may be seen on the No XII website.



We were on a lodge visit to Bologna back in June 2014 when it was first suggested that our next lodge outing could be to New York and perhaps even exemplify a Passing. The idea sounded wonderful at the time but this may well have been slightly influenced by the beer goggles we were all wearing that night. However it grew arms and legs and before we knew it we had successfully applied for the correct dispensation required from The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Grand Lodge of New York to exemplify a Passing whilst visiting the Mariners Lodge No 67.

The Mariners Lodge No 67 of New York State happens to be the Mother Lodge of one of our Affiliate Members, Bro Barry Banks, and it was probably discussions with him in Bologna that kicked the process off.

After many enquiries about costs etc. we ended up with eight Brethren from our Lodge, along with Bro Ricky Kennedy from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, embarking on the long haul over to the USA.

On the afternoon of the meeting, Wednesday July 13th we all turned up for a tour round the Grand Lodge of New York. Once the tour was over we all then made our way back to our respective hotels to get changed into our highland outfits.

We all met up back at Grand Lodge and made our way to the 8th floor where the Doric Room is situated. Following the opening of The Mariners Lodge, we were allowed in as a deputation. Leading the way was Bro Hector Macphail who piped us in magnificently. After the usual formalities, we exchanged office bearers and proceeded to astonish our hosts and visitors with our exemplification of a Passing. Originally Bro Barry Banks was to be the candidate but at short notice he was called away on business and Bro Ricky Kennedy of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 very kindly agreed to take his place.

The degree work finished and before handing back the gavel our RWM Bro Allan MacFeate said a few words. On taking over the gavel the WM of The Mariners Lodge No 67, Bro Anthony Kofi A. Osei-Tutu then passed a few comments and we received a standing ovation from the 90 or so Brethren assembled. We then changed offices once again and the lodge was put into recess. Of course they do things differently in the USA and at the recess brethren were allowed to leave the lodge. Some of us wanted to see how they closed their lodge and waited behind to witness what can only be described as completely different, if not alien to our way of closing.

After the meeting closed we were asked to stay behind to allow some photographs to be taken and we were then invited to their version of our harmony - the Festive Board. Again it was completely different to ours, in that they had lots of drinking, eating and singing. Oh wait, I guess that is pretty much what we do!! However, they had more structure to their Festive Board by creating a starboard and port sides of the 'ship', because they are a Mariners lodge, even singing sea shanties.

Once everyone was fed and watered, our RWM rose to his feet and continued where he had left off from the meeting and spoke of the new bond between our lodges. He went on to present their WM with a few gifts from our Lodge. We had purchased a new Fellowcraft apron to take with us which we all signed and was the first of many gifts to be set free from the RWM's case. Next up was a beautiful glass 'Hands Across the Sea' gift, then a wonderfully crafted (by our own Bro Robert Marshall) square and compasses to mark the occasion. He also presented a lodge 275th anniversary jewel along with 20 Mark Pennies, 20 Lodge history handbooks and 12 Scottish lapel pins. Bro Ricky Kennedy then presented their WM with a lovely Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 pendant and Lapel pin.

The WM of The Mariners Lodge reciprocated and presented all of us with a Lodge Mariners No 67 lapel pin and a lovely boxed coin.

Then it was back to more drinking, eating and merriment. The Festive Board finished at 11pm and we were informed that the building needed to be empty by midnight. Of course we had to be almost the last out after a few more photographs and exchanging of yet more stories. As

some of us were still feeling a little thirsty, we then went into the bar right next door to the Grand Lodge, for a few more sherbets. Most of us made it back to our hotels at around 2am.

The next day, some of us had booked to go and visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial at 1pm. The museum was quite an emotional experience. After this we then ventured up the One World Observatory, which had lifts that take you from the ground up to the 102nd floor in 60 secs!! The OWO is the 4th tallest building in the world.

Arrangements had been made with The Lodge of Mariners No 67, later that night to meet up at a restaurant called Lombardis, which was the first pizza restaurant in America! Unfortunately, a few of our guys could not make it along but the rest of us, with our families met in the restaurant. We had a fantastic meal and then headed off, hoping to find a place to get our sweet as the pizza restaurant did not cater for this. We found a small place and all had tea, coffee and sweets, and a few more refreshments. We all then said our goodbyes and headed off to our hotels. Our USA visit had come to an end.

Everyone had a wonderful time visiting our new friends at The Mariners Lodge No 67 and look forward to welcoming them over to Scotland at some future date.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 21st April 2016 (AV PGLRW and Exemplification of a Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM (PGL), Bro Kenny Morrison PM (PGL), Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), Bro James Miller HM (PGL) and Bro Iain MacLeod HM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 22nd April 2016 (Joint Mark Degree with Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Norrie Frizzell, Bro Robert Marshall and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 25th April 2016 (Mark Degree) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 26th April 2016 (Mark Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro James Lever HM and Bro James Miller HM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 27th April 2016 (Homes Degree) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alexander Galbraith, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Norrie Frizzell, Bro Alex Gray, Bro Allan Jess, Bro James Miller HM, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on 4th May 2016 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck (PGL), Bro Alexander Galbraith (PGL), Bro Alistair Glenny PM (PGL), Bro Bob Bain PM (PGL), Bro Kenneth Morrison PM (PGL), Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM (PGL), Bro James Miller HM (PGL) and Bro James Strachan HM
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 6th May 2016 (Annual Installation and Annual Visitation of PGLRW) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM (PGL), Bro Alistair Glenny PM (PGL) and WSW Bro Allan Glen (No 1814)

- Lodge McLaren No 1688 on 11th May 2016 (Entering) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 12th May 2016 (Mark Degree conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales No 426) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Thistle & Crown No 1167 on 19th May 2016 (Lecture) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan and IPM Bro Allan Beck (No 607)
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 4th June 2016 (Passing exemplified by Lodge Gibson No 87 IC) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan
- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 9th June 2016 (Regular Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Alexander Galbraith(GLoS), Bro Fraser Cameron and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Prince of Wales Renfrew No 426 on 11th June 2016 (Entering conferred by the Provincial Grand Masters) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen and Bro James Livingstone (PGLRW)
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 24th June 2016 (Passing) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Mariners Lodge No 67 New York, USA, on 13th July 2016 (Exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree by Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Bob Bain PM and Bro Derek MacFeate. Accompanied by Bro Richard Kennedy of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 who acted as the Candidate for the Degree.
- Lodge Prince of Wales Renfrew No 426 on 9th August 2016 – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro James Livingstone
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Kilwinning on 16th August 2016 (Regular Communication and Lecture) – attended by WSW Bro Allan Glen and Bro James Livingstone (PGLRW) and IPM Bro Alan Beck (PGLRW)
- PGLRW Masters' Dinner at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 22nd August 2016 – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate
- Town Hall, Greenock, on 23rd August 2016 to discuss the continued installation of stained glass windows with Council Officers – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate and WJW Bro Bob Crossan
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 25th August 2016 (Entering) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Burns Memorial No 1730 on 27th August 2016 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan and IPM Bro Alan Beck
- PGLRW Seminar at Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 31st August 2016 to discuss the new reporting procedures to Grand Lodge – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM and Treasurer Bro David Stevenson
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 1st September 2016 (Exemplification of a Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate and Bro Fraser Cameron
- The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 on 2nd September 2016 (Lecture) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Alex Johnson and WSW Bro Allan Glen (No 1814)

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 treasureno12@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
16.09.16

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