

## 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  
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 4<sup>th</sup> October Passing

There was again a good atmosphere in the Lodge with 31 Brethren of No XII and 7 visiting Brethren in attendance. Apologies were received on behalf of 11 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 Anthony Stewart HM, RWM Elect of Lodge The Prince's No 607 and Bro Stewart Aitken, PM of The Glasgow Star Lodge No 219 accepted the invitation. The ceremony of Passing was conferred upon Bros Callum Rae and Andrew Muir. The degree Team was **Prayer** Almoner Bro Alistair Glenly PM **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan MacFeate **Secrets:** IPM Bro Alan Beck **NEC:** Bro Martin Anderson **Apron:** WSW Bro Allan Glenly **Working Tools:** Bro David Martin **The Charge:** Secretary Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

Special mention was made of Bro David Martin who illustrated the Working Tools for the first time and did an excellent job of it, delivering the lecture with panache and precision. Bro Davie has made a welcome return to No XII after having been domiciled in England for

Well over 20 years. Such is his commitment, that he travels through from Fintry for all of our Regular Meetings. When asked, he said that he had, in fact, illustrated the Working Tools before, but this had been in Kent, whereupon much confusion ensued as the RWM's aging ears thought that Bro Davie had said Ghent! However, all was well when the relevant flags were raised, the message therein received and understood, the charts consulted again and the good ship No XII was back on course!! Bro Davie's Dad, the late Bro Dougie Martin, was a regular-attending 'backbencher' at No XII back in the day and I had the pleasure of working with him outside of No XII when we both taught in Cowdenknows High School in Dunlop Street in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Many of our members, including Past Masters Bro Hector Macphail and the late Bro Jim Adams, were taught Technical Subjects by Bro Dougie in their schooldays. Bro Davie's 3 brothers are all members of No XII too.

## 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.

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

A Raising Degree will be conferred by the Office Bearers of No XII at our next meeting. The candidate will be Alexander Johnston whose proposer is Bro Martin Anderson

## Deputation to Lodge Kelburne No 459 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October

*Report by Bro Iain White PM*

7 brethren from No XII, led by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, assisted by RWM-elect Bro Allan T Glen, completed the Millport landings on the Isle of Cumbrae on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October to join the Brethren of Lodge Kelburne in celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lodge. We were drawn there by our friendship with Bro Stewart Aitken. While Bro Stewart is a Past Master of The Glasgow Star Lodge, as a Cumbrae resident, he is also prominent in Lodge Kelburne. After the landings were successfully negotiated we repaired to Fraser's for refreshment and while away the time before the Ceremony. A convivial hour or so was spent, with sustenance in the shape of some very fine sandwiches coming from a function taking place in Fraser's at the time. We were impressed by the generosity of the islanders!

In good time, and aided by Bro Alan Jess's encyclopaedic knowledge of the geography of the island, we joined well over 120 brethren at the Rededication ceremony in a hall at the Garrison, conducted by a Deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland led by Substitute Grand Master Bro George R Kelly, Grand Junior Warden Bro Rev Andrew E Paterson officiating. As ever, the work of the Grand Lodge deputation was carried out with quality, dignity and decorum and it befitted the special day that it was for Lodge Kelburne. The members of the No XII deputation were all presented with very handsome commemorative 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary jewels by Bro Stewart Aitken and we may be seen wearing them proudly in the photograph below. Interestingly, the Consecration of Lodge Kelburne in 1866 was carried out by Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart 7<sup>th</sup> Bart of Ardgowan, Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West who was, of course, a member of No XII and later was Grand Master Mason from 1873 to 1882.



**From Left: Bros Alan Jess, Paul Stevenson IG, Allan T Glen WSW (RWM Elect), J Robert Crossan WJW, Alan D Beck IPM and Iain White PM**

As is ever the case, when Masonic travels are made, we were pleased to meet friends from hither and yon. In particular, Lodge Rothesay St John No 292 was well represented in the Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Argyll and the Isles with Past Masters Frank Baxter, James MacMillan and Ellis Rutherford all in attendance. We spoke of happy days spent at the Installations on Bute. They had been joined in the Deputation by Bro Bobby Diamond PM of Lodge St Munn Ardnadam No 496 a frequent visitor to No XII in the past and often seen in Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626.

On a personal level, I was delighted to meet up with Bro Frank Mapes, (see photo below) Past Master of Lodge Kelburne and Past Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles. I used to see Bro Frank regularly at the Installations at lodge Rothesay St John in the late 1980s and 1990s when he would be on Provincial business and I was, on several occasions, an Installing Master. I was Assistant Rector at Rothesay Academy from 1987-1992 and a colleague at that time, Bro Stewart Shaw, is a Past Master of 292. It was a double pleasure as Bro Frank's father was actually a member of No XII and, in years gone by, I had managed to find all the relevant information about his Dad from the No XII records. Many of you will have come across Bro Mapes either directly, or indirectly, in the past. Prior to his retirement, he owned the cycle hire shop in Millport! I was further delighted to meet Bro Lindsay Hunter, Past Master of Lodge Innellan and Toward No 1435. At the time I worked in Rothesay Academy, Lindsay was a Principal Teacher of Guidance in Dunoon Grammar School. Lindsay may also be seen in the photo below. As a by the way, the RW Master of Lodge Innellan and Toward, at present, Bro Alasdair Henderson, like me is an honorary member of Lodge The Gael No 609 and he has been in No XII on a few occasions when on duty as one of Lodge the Gael's pipers.



**From Left: Bros Lindsay Hunter Iain White Frank Mapes**

When the Ceremonial was over we did not have tickets for the sell out dinner, so we repaired again to Fraser's and had a handsome lunch and some refreshment. Strengthened by the steak pie, curry, scampi and fish and chips, and suitably fortified by other refreshments, we boarded WJW Bro Bob Crossan's big car and headed for the safety and security of the mainland.



Still in a mood of of conviviality, a pit stop was made at the Royal West of Scotland Amateur Boat Club where we met good friends of No XII – Bros Donnie Cunningham and Eric Dickson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 – and the first report on the Millport landings was made. In due course we headed for home, resolving to return to Millport for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2066. Well, Bro Alan Jess, at least, has a fighting chance of being there ...

## **50 Years and Counting (1)** **Bro Kenneth Kennedy Morrison PM**

It was a great pleasure for us all to see ‘KK’ receive his Golden Jubilee Diploma at our last Regular Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> October 2016), 50 years to the day since he had been initiated in 1966. Although Bro



Kenny's Dad, the late Bro Duncan Morrison was a member of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, as was Kenny's brother, the late Bro Donald Morrison, Kenny obviously found his way to the Saloon all these years ago much to the ultimate benefit of No XII. In presenting his diploma, RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate spoke of Kenny's position as the senior active Past Master in the Lodge and his ongoing service to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West as an Office Bearer. Over all the years, Kenny has rarely missed a meeting and took the Chair in 1979 serving the usual two-year term with distinction. He then had the honour of being asked by the Lodge to take the Chair again for the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year in 2003 and he did so, again giving great service and commitment to the Lodge. No mean booler, Kenny joined George Felgate and David Stevenson to win the Orr Masonic Bowling Trophy, competed for by the Lodges in the Province of Renfrewshire West, in 2015 and has managed to led the No XII team to an occasional victory over Lodge Crawfordsburn in the annual challenge match. A Past President of Ardgowan Club, Kenny was honoured to be asked

to return to the President's chair to take the helm for the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations this year. Of course, the anniversary year has been a great success under Kenny's leadership.

In responding to the RWM's presentation remarks, Kenny was his usual modest self, saying that he had found it a great pleasure to serve the Lodge over the years and had found many good friends through No XII and the Craft.

Over the years, Kenny has been an Installing Master in No XII many, many times. He has also taken this role in Lodge Rothesay St John No 292 and Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425. He was made an Honorary Member of 1425 in recognition of this support

## **50 Years and Counting (2)**

### **Bro Alexander Galbraith PM Lodge Greenock St John's No 175**

### **Substitute Master Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Bro Alex Galbraith, affiliate member of No XII and our Substitute Master, received his Golden Jubilee certificate in his Mother Lodge, Lodge Greenock St John's No 175. A couple of weeks before his contemporary, Bro Kenny Morrison, Alex was receiving his Diploma also 50 years to the day from when he was Initiated into Lodge Greenock St John's No 175. Like Kenny, Bro Alex's Dad, also Bro Alex Galbraith, was a member of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, but Alex was drawn by his knowledge of, and admiration for, 175 Past Masters Bros John Wasson and Tommy Dorrance to West Stewart Street. Many of us older brethren will remember these esteemed Past Masters and the quality of their work. I certainly do.

Bro Alex's honours in Freemasonry are very difficult to compute because they are so numerous. Aside from being RW Master of his Mother Lodge on 2 occasions, he is a Past Master of The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814, Past Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West and a Past Substitute Grand Master .

No XII was well represented at the meeting and supper thereafter. A Deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, headed by Substitute Grand Master RW Bro George R Kelly was also in attendance as was a Deputation from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.



**From left: Bro Marshall North IPM 175 R.W. Bro. George R. Kelly, Substitute Grand Master R.W. Bro. Alexander Galbraith, Past PGM & Past Substitute Grand Master Bro. John R. S. Keith, Depute PGM Bro. Bud Gauld, Grand Director of Ceremonies.**

Whilst speaking of Bro Alex and his masonic honours, on Friday 7th October 2016 while attending other Masonic business in Bucharest Bro Alex was absolutely astonished when he was presented with **'The Order of the Grand Collar in Rank of Grand Officer'** of the National Grand Lodge of Romania. The presentation of the diploma and jewel was made by the Grand Master MW. Bro. Radu Balanescu

## The way we were

The feature in the last Twelve Talk led Past Master Bro Alistair Glenny to send me a couple of photos taken at No XII. One of these is here and it 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



Bro Henry S Tibbles joined No XII when based here during the War with the Navy. After the war, business commitments took him South to live but Henry's enthusiasm for the Craft led him to be installed as Worshipful Master of The Scots' Lodge in 1980. At this time, he brought a deputation up to the Town Hall when Bro Kenneth K Morrison was Master of No XII and very strong links between the two Lodges began to develop. The photo was taken on the evening of that deputation's visit. Of course, much later Bro Henry became RW Master of No XII after returning to Scotland in his retirement.

## 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.

## Reports on Visits

\* The Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge No 4 on 21st September 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Allan Glen and Bro James Livingstone Lodge The Gael No 609 on 22nd September 2016 (Raising) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck



\* Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 23rd September 2016 (Jubilee Certificate presentation Bro Alexander Galbraith) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM and Bro Campbell Snoddy  
Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 26th September 2016 (Passing conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Campbell Snoddy,

\* Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 26th September 2016 (Passing conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Alex Gray, Bro Martin Anderson, Bro Robert Paterick, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Alex Johnson, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM

\* Lodge Pollock No 772 on 27th September 2016 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck  
Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27th September 2016 (Raising) – attended by WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Paul Stevenson

\* Lodge Royal Blues No 399 on 28th September 2016 (Passing) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Bob Bain PM  
Lodge St John's Operative on 30th September 2016 (Raising conferred by Lodge St John's Busby No 458) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro James Livingstone

\* The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 1st October 2016 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck  
Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 3rd October 2016 (Entering conferred by Reigning Masters) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate (Working Tools), WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Allan Jess, Bro Tony Stewart HM and Bro Donald Finlayson HM

\* Report from Bro Hector Macphail PM: On Tuesday 13th September 2016, Bro Hector Macphail attended Lodge Kurt Tucholsky 1060 (GC) in the Katherinhoff Ring Hotel in Unna, Germany. The occasion was the Initiation of Bro Hector's former colleague and friend, Jochen Wawrzniowski. At the end of the meeting, Bro Hector extended the fraternal greetings of the RWM, Office Bearers and Brethren of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII to their Lodge. Their Worshipful Master, W.Bro Karl Goebel, then reciprocated in similar fraternal terms. At the Dinner afterwards, Bro Hector was asked to propose a toast to "The New Initiate", which he was pleased to do, but had to do it in the English language. An unusual aspect of this Lodge is that every Member has a link in a chain, which is extended as Brethren join. Sadly, as Brothers depart to The Grand Lodge Above, their link is solemnly removed and hung on a hook in the East where they form a celestial chain of Brotherhood.

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 [treasurerno12@aol.com](mailto: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**  
**16.10.16**

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