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7pm

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Summer Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

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Our Next Meeting Tuesday 2nd October Entering

The brethren of No XII will confer an Entering on Mr Callum Robert Price. The Degree Team is: **Admit Candidate** Bro Robert Marshall IG **Prayer** Bro Alex Johnson BB **Obligation** Bro Allan T Glen RWM **Secrets** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **NE Corner** Robert Marshall IG **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM

No XII and The Great War Tuesday 6th November A Very Special Occasion

No degree will be worked on Tuesday 6th November. It will be a very special occasion of commemoration and thanksgiving where the contribution of No XII to the war effort in The Great War will be described and the 10 brethren of the Lodge who made the supreme sacrifice will be remembered in particular. We shall also give thanks for the 4 No XII brethren who were decorated for gallantry. The evening will have a religious observance, a series of mini lectures and music, song and poetry from the period.

Brethren attending are invited to wear something red, white and blue rather than black ties of mourning and to bring their best singing voices for the hymns and for joining in the choruses of the Great War songs.

The evening will be a prelude to RW Master Bro Allan T Glen laying a wreath on behalf of the Lodge at the Greenock Cenotaph in the Well Park on Sunday 11th November, the Centenary of the end of the Great War.

Lest we forget ...



Charity Burns Supper 2019 Saturday 23rd February

Arrangements are being made for the 2019 Charity Burns Supper. It will take place in the Town Hall on Saturday 23rd February.



**Our Previous Meeting
Tuesday 18th September
Passing
*The High School Degree***

After RW Master Bro Allan T Glen had opened the Lodge and discharged a few pieces of business – including the Nomination and Election of Office Bearers for 2018-19 – he presented the James S Adams Memorial Gavel to Bro Alistair Glenly and the *High School Degree* was under way! Bro Alistair asked the Office Bearers of No XII to vacate their offices in favour of the brethren of Bo XII who were Former Pupils of Greenock High School and who were in the Degree Team. He then introduced the team members in turn, saying a few words about what had become of each of them in their working lives after the inspirational educational foundation stones were laid during their schooldays at Dunlop Street.

A Passing was conferred upon Bro Robert Borland Thomson.

The Degree Team and their years at the High School

RWM Bro Alistair Glenly PM (1961 - 64)
IPM Bro Jack Glenly PM (1953 – 57)
WSW Bro Iain White PM (1966 -72)
WJW Bro David Stevenson (1962 – 67)
SD Bro Ken McDougall PM (1968 – 1974)
JD Bro Campbell Snoddy (1956 – 62)
IG Bro Allan MacFeate PM (1959 – 61)



The floor workers were **Admit Candidate** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Prayer** Bro Jack Glenly PM **Obligation** Bro Alistair Glenly PM **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM **Apron** Bro Iain White PM **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro David Stevenson.

In addition to the Degree Work, the Brothers Glenly – Alistair and Jack – related amusing tales about their time in the school and the characters who had been teachers in their day.

Bro Alistair announced that there would be just one collection and that it would be in aid of the Inverclyde Musical Festival whose financial plight had been highlighted in the Greenock Telegraph a few weeks past. Greenock High was a centre of excellence for Music in the 1960s, especially when the Music Department consisted of Alistair Massey and Olive McCrorie. A number of the brethren in the Degree Team had sung at the Festival in the School choirs.

The collection amounted to £170 and the brethren agreed that this would be increased to £250. Isabelle Lind (nee Doull), a member of the Festival Committee, and herself a High School FP, would be approached to come at the next meeting to receive the cheque. She had featured in the newspaper article detailing the financial challenges being faced.

The members of the Degree Team are shown in the front row of the photo below resplendent in their High School ties and royal blue and white ribbons in the school colours made by Campbell Snoddy's partner, Alison. In the back row are some of the other High School Former Pupils who were present.



The High School Degree

Back Row: Donald McRae (Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121) Alex Black (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) Bro Ian Howe PM (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175) Bro Alex Gray (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Fraser Cameron (Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) Bro Ronnie Hawthorn (Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121)

Front Row: Bro Allan I MacFeate PM Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM Bro Iain White PM Bro Alistair Glenny PM Bro David Stevenson Bro Campbell Snoddy Bro John C Glenny PM (all No XII)

General Data Protection Regulations

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) are upon us. These regulations have been a focus for me in my professional life and I thought it best to say a word about GDPR in the context of *Twelve Talk*. If you are reading this edition having received it by email from me, obviously it is because I have your email address. This is the only piece of data that I hold for you and, unless you are a member, it is not held by No XII because *Twelve Talk* is not formally an official communication from the Lodge. It more my own personal musings designed to keep members and friends up to date. As is always stated, the views expressed are not necessarily those of No XII. They belong solely to the author. That is mostly me, but I am assisted by others from time to time. The source of all material is always acknowledged.

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Nomination and Election of Office Bearers for 2018-19 **6th September 2018**

The following Office Bearers were elected:

Right Worshipful Master	Bro J Robert Crossan
Substitute Master	Bro Alan D Beck
Worshipful Senior warden	Bro Brian McFadyen
Worshipful Junior Warden	Bro Robert J Bain PM
Secretary	Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM
Treasurer	Bro David Stevenson
Almoner	Bro Alistair Glenney PM
Director Of Ceremonies	Bro Allan I MacFeate PM
Chaplain	Bro Allan I Jess
Senior Deacon	Bro A. Campbell Snoddy
Junior Deacon	Bro Robert Marshall
Librarian	Bro Iain White PM
Architect	Bro James McGregor
Jeweller	Bro John W Dyer
Bible Bearer	Bro Alexander Gray
Sword Bearer	Bro James McGregor Jnr
Director of Music	Bro Michael A. Pierpoint
Piper	Bro Andrew Muir
Marshal	Bro Hector Macphail PM
Inner Guard	Bro Alexander Johnson
President of Stewards	Bro Anthony Buckley
1 st Assistant Steward	Bro Fraser N Cameron
2 nd Assistant Steward	Bro Mark I Robertson
3 rd Assistant Steward	Bro Edward Molloy
4 th Assistant Steward	Bro Jamie S McEwan
5 th Assistant Steward	Bro M Barry Banks
Tyler	Bro Ewan MacLean

Monthly Draw

The 2018 Monthly Draw is well under way and payment is now being accepted for 2019 too!! Treasurer Bro David Stevenson is keen that we support this handy fund raiser.

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 entrant's 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 by any of the means above. **Capitation Fees** are £35 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

From the Old Minute Books

The Lodge intends to celebrate the Festival of St John the Evangelist on 27th December this year. This was a common event in the local Lodges, including No XII, in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries. In No XII, at least, the practice was interrupted by the Great War but returned in 1920 (as may be seen from the Minute below).

Also, the minute provides evidence that No XII's civic awareness and involvement in the life of the community in Greenock, led to a collection being made at the celebration for the Greenock War Memorial. This is, of course, the Memorial in the Well Park at which RWM Bro Allan T Glen will lay a wreath on behalf of the Lodge on 11th November this year. It is reassuring, and humbling, to know that No XII contributed to the creation of this striking edifice which is now so much part of the Greenock landscape.

In 2018, the celebration of the Festival of St John the Evangelist will be combined with marking the 290th Anniversary of the Lodge and looking forward to the Tercentenary in 2028.

Tuesday 14th December 1920

Bro John D MacFarlane, RW Master, in the Chair at a Meeting of the General Committee

Festival of St John the Evangelist

After an expression of opinion by members of the Committee, it was agreed that the Lodge should celebrate the Festival of St John the Evangelist on Monday 27th December. The meeting to be held in the Saloon and, that owing to the limited accommodation, it should be restricted to our qualified members and visiting brethren who were members of deputations.

It was stated that the Festival of St John the Evangelist was last celebrated by the Lodge in December 1913.

The Sub Committee appointed to carry out arrangements to consist of the RW Master, Secretary, Dir of Ceremonies, Dir of Music and Chief Steward.

It was resolved that an Offering on behalf of the Greenock War Memorial should be taken that evening

Old Installation Programmes

To further build our archives, I am looking for Installation programmes from the following years: anything before, and including 1955, 1957, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1993, 2008 and 2010. So, brethren, look in the loft, that foostie old case or the cupboards and presses in the house and see what you are able to come up with.

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
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