

Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2019-20

*17.09.19
Nomination and Election of Office
Bearers
Passing

* 01.10.19
Entering

* 15.10.19
Raising

* 05.11.19
No XII Burns Club AGM
No XII Annual Meeting
Notice of Motion

* 19.11.19
Annual Installation (615pm)

* 03.12.19
Annual Divine Service
Bro Alistair Glenly PM

*17.12.19
No Meeting

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
Burns Supper – Last Saturday in February

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The Summer Meeting Thursday 6th June Entering by the Past Masters

As has been the case in recent times, the special Summer Meeting was very popular and successful. We had just over 100 brethren in attendance, over 60 of them being visitors. There is certainly an appetite for meetings at this time of the year. We had 6 RWMs in the Lodge – from Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, Lodge Sir Michael No 989 and Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 from the Province of Renfrewshire West and the Masters of Lodge St John Kilwinning No 173, Lodge Wilsontown Ironworks St John No 236 and Lodge Canmore No 1175. RWPGM Bro Robin McIntyre also came along with 8 of his Provincial brethren.

Before RWM Bro Bob Crossan asked Bro Kenneth C. MacDougall PM, our Lodge Secretary, to take the Chair this year, Bro Robert Rolf Grundmann, a member of Kurt Tucholsky Lodge No 1060 (United Grand Lodges of Germany), was called to the altar whereupon, his friend, Bro Hector Macphail PM, also a member of Kurt Tucholsky Lodge No 1060, conferred the Obligation of Affiliation. On completion, RWM Bro Robert Crossan and the PGM came from the East and congratulated Bro Grundmann on his affiliation to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII.

Bro Grundmann thanked the RWM and Brethren of No XII for approving his affiliation and regarded it as a great honour to be a member of such a distinguished Lodge. Bro Grundmann then presented a book and jewel from Kurt Tucholsky Lodge No 1060 to the RWM and Brethren of No XII. The RWM thanked Bro Robert and welcomed him to No XII. Bro Grundmann also thanked Bro Hector Macphail PM, a good friend and Brother, for facilitating the affiliation and for hosting his visit to Scotland this week.

Bro Grundmann then proceeded with a presentation of a jewel to Bro Hector in recognition of his support to Kurt Tucholsky Lodge No 1060. Bro Hector thanked Bro Grundmann for such a kind gesture.

The Degree Team was
RWM - Bro Ken MacDougall PM
WSW - Bro KK Morrison PM
WJW - Bro Alistair Glenly PM
SD - Bro Derek Kirkpatrick PM
JD - Bro Allan T Glen IPM
IG - Bro Bob Bain PM

The Floor Workers were
Prayer - Bro Hector Macphail PM
Obligation - Bro Ken MacDougall PM
Secrets - Bro Alan Beck PM
Apron/Badge - Bro KK Morrison PM
NEC - Bro Bob Bain PM
Tools - Bro Allan MacFeate PM
Tracing Board - Bro Iain White PM
Charge - Bro Derek Kirkpatrick PM

The Candidate was Mr Paul James Branchfield upon whom a very fine Degree was conferred.



**D Day
75th Anniversary
6th June 1944 – 6th June 2019**



At the Summer Meeting, RWM Bro Bob Crossan advised the Brethren that it was being held on the 75th Anniversary of the Normandy landings in World War II and asked the Brethren to be upstanding for a period of silence in memory of all who lost their lives that day from all nations. A Minute's Silence was observed, before which the RWM said the following Words of Remembrance.

D-Day 6th June 1944

Today marks the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings, which would see the definitive turning point of liberating Europe during the Second World War.

It was the largest seaborne invasion force in history

In the D-Day landings, 156,000 allied troops landed in Normandy, across 5 beaches. 7,000 ships and landing craft were involved and 10,000 vehicles. D-Day was successful, despite challenging weather and fierce German defences.

4,400 from the combined allied forces died on the day and roughly 9000 were wounded or missing. Some had drowned when they were accidentally dropped off too soon in deep waters. It is estimated that there were 4,000 - 9,000 German casualties. Thousands of French civilians also died

Today 6th June 2019

Around 300 veterans were waved off on the cruise ship MV Boudicca as it set off for the Normandy commemorations. But two veterans - Harry Reid, 95, and John Hutton, 94, - parachuted back into Normandy, 75 years after their first landing.

This time, they jumped in tandem with members of the Army's Parachute Regiment display team, the Red Devils - and were greeted by rousing cheers.

Brethren I would now ask you to be upstanding and pay our respects to all of those from all nations who paid the ultimate sacrifice during this day 6th June 1944 and also during all of that dreadful war.

Lest we forget.



Past Masters at the Summer Meeting Thursday 16^h June 2019



The Past Masters

From left: Bros Derek Kirkpatrick PM, Iain White PM, Allan T Glen PM KK Morrison PM, Alistair Glenny PM, Bob Crossan RWM, Kenneth C MacDougall PM, Robert J Bain PM, Allan I MacFeate PM, Alan D Beck PM (Missing from Photo Bro Hector Macphail PM)

Test Fees now Due

If you do not pay your Test Fees by standing order, they are now due to be paid to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Similarly, those Brethren who are Life Members and support the Lodge by covering the Annual Capitation Fee to the Grand Lodge of Scotland should also speak to Bro David about payment as soon as possible. It is important that we all meet our financial obligations to the Lodge.

Test Fees are now £40, and the Annual Capitation Fee is £35.

Lodge Memorabilia

In his role as Lodge Librarian, Bro Iain White PM is still very keen to have any documentary or other links to the past – installation programmes, Orders of Service, postcards, flyers etc. etc. If they are lying in a cupboard at home, please bring them in to enhance our understanding of No XII's past.



Past Masters' Dinner Friday 14th June 2019

Bro. Alan D. Beck PM organised the second Annual No. XII Past Masters' Dinner and the brethren had a most enjoyable time in the Tontine Hotel. Unfortunately, Bro Hector Macphail PM was unwell and unable to attend. His presence was greatly missed by the rest of the brethren. It is good that he has subsequently been restored to health!

We had a very welcome visit from Bro Andrew S McKenzie, Past Master of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121, who was at a family dinner in another room and popped in.

The Past Masters are seen with special guest, Bro Bob Crossan RWM, in the traditional Tontine photo pose on the left. A quirk of the camera seems to show that great and glorious luminary of God's Creation shining its blessing on them!

From left they are: Back Bro Iain White PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro KK Morrison PM, Bro Derek Kirkpatrick PM, Bro Alan D Beck PM, Bro Robert J Bain PM, Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM, Bro J Robert Crossan RWM, Bro Allan T Glen IPM, Bro Allan I MacFeate PM.



Lodge Kelvin Partick No 1207 3rd September 2019

There being no Meeting of No. XII because of the floor being re-laid in the Town Hall, Bro Donnie Finlayson PM HM and I took the opportunity of visiting Lodge Kelvin Partick whose WSW, Bro Alex Ferguson, is a friend. Who did we bump into but No XII stalwart Bro David Martin? He was there with the RWM of his affiliate Lodge in Callander, Lodge Ben Ledi No 614. Fraternal greetings were exchanged! (IW)

Bros David Martin, Donnie Finlayson and Iain White

The Way We Were – The Grants (Continued)

I am still working on the feature on the late Bros. Grant (Stewart and Ian) who were members of No. XII and were lived in the Bow Road opposite our Bros. Glenny. As I said in the last 2 editions, it all began some time ago when Stewart's son Keith contacted Lodge Secretary Bro. Ken MacDougall PM, and I am now involved in a flurry of emails with the Grant family. I am now in contact with another Grant – Euan – who is a cousin of Keith, Calum and Ian (The latter two are Ian's sons and Calum is a member of No XII). Since the last edition, I have been in touch with them all again and await further feedback.



Bro Stewart Grant, Initiated into Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII on 18th April 1944. This photo was taken after he had moved to Hong Kong. He worked there as a joiner in the Taikoo Dockyard. He became Worshipful Master of Cathay Lodge No. 4373 E.C. in 1962/63.

In the meantime, a photo of Bro Stewart Grant as Worshipful Master of the Cathay Lodge in Hong Kong is shown below.



WM Bro Stewart Grant is in the centre of the front row. This may well be his Installation in 1962.

Next Meeting Tuesday 17th September 2019

Our meeting on Tuesday will get us back in the groove after the recess. It is a Passing and the Candidate is Bro Paul Branchfield. The Degree will be worked by the Brethren of No XII and the floor workers are:

Prayer - Bro Alex Gray BB
Obligation - Bro Bob Crossan RWM
Secrets - Bro Alistair Glenny PM
Apron/Badge - Bro Brian McFadyen WSW
Tools - Bro Allan I MacFeate PM
Tracing Board - Bro Iain White PM
Charge - Bro Alan D Beck PM

From the Old Minute Books The Mark Degree 1920

Bro Stewart Grant of No XII taking the Chair in a Lodge in the Far East has been mentioned in recent XII Talks, including this one. He had at least 1 distinguished predecessor as may be seen below.

Tuesday 17th January 1922

Bro Duncan C Kerr RWM in the Chair

Congratulations to Bro J Watson on his appointment as RWM of Lodge St Andrew in the Far East, Shanghai

The RW Master read a letter which had been received from Bro John Watson who was recently installed as RW Master of Lodge St Andrew in the Far East No 493 SC in Shanghai.

Bro Kerr mentioned that Bro Watson had joined Lodge Greenock Kilwinning in January 1917 and spoke of the pleasure that it gave him to learn that one of our members had reached this exalted position.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Bro Watson conveying the gratification of the Lodge for the honour which had been conferred on him.

Of course, prior to the total Japanese occupation in 1941 Shanghai had a large number of British residents and a number of masonic lodges under the Scottish and English constitutions.

Lapel Badges

For many years, the late 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 treasurno12@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
14.09.19

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