

# 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 Glenny 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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## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 19th November Annual Installation

*The following was submitted to the  
Greenock Telegraph for publication.*

Instituted on 27th December 1728, Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII is the oldest and longest surviving organisation in Inverclyde. Recently, No XII held its 292nd Installation Ceremony. Bro J. Robert (Bob) Crossan was installed into the Chair as Right Worshipful Master in the Town Hall Saloon. The RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 led the deputation of visiting brethren, as is the tradition. In this case the man at the head was Bro James Hamilton. The Installing Masters were Bro Iain White PM, Bro Kenneth K Morrison PM and Bro Alan D. Beck PM, all Past Masters of No XII.

At the Harmony in the main Town Hall the brethren enjoyed dinner and the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were observed. Bro Bob Crossan RWM toasted Her Majesty the Queen. His Toasts to The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West were replied to by Bro John W Black, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Depute. Past Master Bro Captain Allan I. MacFeate, himself a former Master Mariner in the Merchant Navy, delivered a heartfelt toast to Her Majesty's Forces whose theme was the poems of the two World Wars. The Right Worshipful Master, Bro Crossan toasted the Installing Masters.

The reply to these came from Principal Installing Master Bro. Iain White PM PPSGW. Bro Brian McFadyen WSW toasted the Visiting Brethren and, as is traditional in No XII, the reply was given by Bro James Hamilton RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68.

As is the custom in No XII, Inverclyde Council was represented at the Installation Dinner and Harmony. On this occasion, the brethren were delighted that Provost Martin Brennan attended. Provost Brennan addressed the assembled brethren and spoke of the long and close connection between No XII and the town of Greenock and he especially highlighted the charitable work carried out by the Lodge. He was very appreciative of being invited to nominate a charity to be one of the beneficiaries each year and was pleased to be present when the cheque to his choice, Ardgowan Hospice was handed over. The Lodge awaits Provost Brennan's nomination for 2019-20. Provost Brennan concluded as he extended his good wishes to the new RWM and Lodge for the forthcoming session and expressed thanks its support for the community.

Bro Bob Crossan RWM spoke of his pleasure at taking the chair again and of the plans that he had for the Lodge in the year ahead. A major charity drive is again under way.

Musical contributions from Joanna Crossan, accompanied by Polly Beck on piano were much enjoyed by the company and gave a real family feel to the evening, Joanna being the daughter of the Right Worshipful Master and Polly being the wife of Bro Alan D. Beck PM. The extremely happy evening finished with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three hearty cheers!







**The Office Bearers 2019-20**

**Back Row from Left: Bros. Hector Macphail PM, Kenneth C MacDougall PM, Edward Molloy, Scott A. Branchfield, Robert Thompson, David D. Stevenson, James McGregor Jnr., James McGregor, Fraser Cameron, Allan I. MacFeate PM**

**Front Row: Bros. Brian McFadyen, Allan T. Glen IPM, Alan D. Beck PM, Iain White PM, J. Robert Crossan RWM, Kenneth K. Morrison PM, Alistair Glenny PM, Robert J. Bain PM**



**Bros. McGregor Jnr., McGregor and Macphail**



**The Master**

**Welcoming the Top Table**





**What a Half Back Line!**

**Bros. Brian McClure (626) James Watson (RWM 989) Graham Wallace (RWM 626)**

**The Port Table!**

**Bros. Jeff Talbut (217) Eric Sweeney (RWM 217) Danny Blaney (PM 217) Billy Mooney (Piper 68)**



**Orr Masonic Bowling Competition**

**Bros David Stevenson and KK Morrison receive the Orr Cup from the RW Master. Bro. George Felgate was the third bowler in the victorious No. XII triple**

## **Our Next Meeting Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 Annual Divine Service**

We shall have the Annual Divine Service in the Saloon of the Town Hall on Tuesday coming. The service will be conducted by our Almoner Bro. Alistair Glenny PM and the scripture readings will be by Bro. Robert J. Bain PM and Bro. Brian McFadyen WSW. The theme for Bro. Alistair's address will be *The Almoner and the Samaritan*. There will be a collection for the Charity Drive.

## **Annual Charity Burns Supper Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

The Burns Supper of the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII Burns Club will be held in the Town Hall on the last day of February. The Immortal Memory will be proposed by the President of The Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club) who just happens to be our own Past Master Bro. Alan D. Beck. Tickets will be £25.

## **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 £45, 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.

## **From the Old Minute Books**

*As we have recently had the ceremonies of Remembrance, it seemed appropriate to highlight the contributions of No XII to local and national War Memorials. Further, the generosity of the brethren may be seen in the donations given to local medical and social charities back in 1921.*

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1920**

Bro John D Macpherson, RW Master, in the Chair

Festival of St John the Evangelist

Address by Rev. D Macarthur

Bro Revd. Dun Macarthur, Chaplain, gave an interesting address on the spirit of St John the Evangelist in Masonry. The appreciation of the manner in which Bro. Macarthur dealt with the subject was amply shown by the brethren.

Greenock War Memorial

The offering taken on behalf of the Greenock War memorial amounted to £8:9:6

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1921**

### **Bro John D Macpherson, RW Master, in the Chair**

Charitable Donations

It was the recommendation of the General Committee that the sum of £39:18/- should be given as this year's donation to local organisations was moved and seconded by Bros. Dan W. Sinclair and Jas. M. Chalmers. To be allocated as follows: -

Greenock Hospital and Infirmary	£10: 10/-
Medical Aid Society	£ 6: 6/-
Prevention of Cruelty to Children	£ 6: 6/-
District Nursing Association	£ 4: 4/-
Children's Convalescent Home	£ 4: 4/-
Eye Infirmary	£ 4: 4/-
Ear and throat Infirmary	£ 4: 4/-

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1921**

### **Bro John D Macpherson, RW Master, in the Chair at a Meeting of the General Committee at the close of the Lodge meeting**

Scottish National War Memorial

An intimation from the Earl of Atholl PGM regarding the Scottish National war Memorial at Edinburgh Castle.

It was stated that the General Committee, on 5<sup>th</sup> October last, had agreed to take an offering on the evening when the members of Provincial Grand Lodge made their annual visit.

After further consideration, it was resolved to recommend the Lodge to guarantee the sum of £12:12/- and should the sum collected that evening not reach the sum guaranteed, that the Lodge should make up the difference.

Greenock War Memorial

It was agreed to recommend the Lodge to grant the sum of £20 towards the Greenock War Memorial Fund. This sum to be in addition to the amount of the Special Collection (£8:9:6) subscribed on St John's Night.

## Lodge War Memorial

In connection to a memorial to our members who gave their lives during the War, it was proposed that it should take the form of a memorial altar with the names of the fallen inscribed thereon and that the members of the Lodge should get an opportunity of subscribing.

*It should be noted that the £28:9:6 given to the Greenock War Memorial Fund would have a purchasing power of £1241.00 today in 2019. It is humbling to think that No. XII made such a significant contribution to the wonderful Cenotaph at which we remembered a few weeks ago.*

## 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 [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**  
29.11.19

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