

Meetings 2019-20

- *07.01.20
Lecture by Bro. Alan D. Beck PM
(Mozart, Freemasonry and the
Magic Flute)
- * 21.01.20
No meeting – Inverclyde Music
Festival
- * 04.02.20
Passing
- * 18.02.20
Entering and PGLRW Annual
Visitation (715 pm)
- * Saturday 29.02.20
Annual Charity Burns Supper (630
for 7pm)
- * 03.03.20
Raising
- *17.03.20
Passing – **Cancelled**
- *07.04.20
Raising - **Cancelled**
- *21.04.20
Mark – **Cancelled**
- *06.06.20
Special Summer Meeting
Entering by the Lodge Past
Masters - **Cancelled**



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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COVID-19/Corona Virus Pandemic

In the last edition of Twelve Talk that I published on 15th March, the impacts of the virus on society was highlighted but the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th March was still going ahead. Little did we know ...

However, after it was issued, our RWM Bro Bob Crossan took the very wise decision to cancel that meeting. This was done just before the Grand Lodge of Scotland issued the instruction that all meetings were to cease until further notice.

Over 7 weeks on, the enormity of the catastrophe is apparent to us all as the death toll mounts. We have heard in our Province of many of our brethren, and their relatives, who have succumbed to the virus. No XII has not been unscathed losing two members, Bros. Ryan Storrie and James Strachan HM. Also, during this time we received the sad news that HM and Past Provincial Grand Master Bro. James W. Miller had been called to The Grand Lodge Above.

We have been in lockdown, or confined to barracks as the old soldiers would have it. This does not mean that Masonic activity has ceased. On the contrary, Lodges and individual members have been busy applying the principles of the Craft, none more so than Brotherly Love and Relief. Their activities have not been confined to looking out for and contacting their Masonic Brethren.

Far from it. We are seeing the Craft at its very best as we all look out for our fellow humans in so many different ways. Errands have been run for neighbours; gifts and donations of food and other vital supplies have been given to deserving causes

by Lodges and individuals; Brethren have been volunteering to help out other organisations. I am sure that much of it will be unheralded because, like other decent folks, the Brethren are just getting on with it.

Who knows when all this will come to an end and we shall be safe and get back to normal? But what is normal? Will things ever be the same again? Politicians and commentators have been talking about a “new normal” and it seems to hint at a long continuation of measures like social distancing, limiting numbers in food shops, one-way routes in shops, home working, much less travel - but we don’t know. Personally, I suspect that things will never be the same or “normal” again.

Masonic meetings obviously don’t fit into these sorts of constraints and it is difficult to see when large gatherings of people will be permitted. I think we have to ask ourselves an important question viz. how will members of the Craft react when meetings become possible again? Will they return in large numbers, having missed the regular meetings, enthused and ready to jump back in where they left off on March 17th, 2020? Or will they be more reticent, with some who have ‘got out the habit’ of attending meetings finding it difficult to return or preferring to follow other pursuits? Would some prefer a slightly different approach from their Lodge given the experience that we have been through? Might we have to consider making changes in our approach? After all, we do live in a society where the rate of change has been rapidly accelerating. It is said that if you lived in the UK before the industrial revolution (which began around 1760 in the early days of No XII) you could go through your whole life and not notice the pace of change. You certainly could not say that now!

In my professional life, I came across David F. Jakielo, the American leadership consultant and coach. He said, of the need for change in society and the business world, “If you don’t like change, you’re going to like irrelevance even less.” Our membership has been continuing to fall and now we face a situation where we might potentially lose a proportion of the less committed. Should we take the opportunity that this crisis has given us to pause for thought? Just asking ... **Iain White PM**

Sadly, circumstances, including the Corona Virus pandemic, have resulted in several members of No XII being called to The Grand Lodge Above of late. Their obituaries follow.

Bro Ryan Storrie
12th March 1980 – 31st March 2020



Bro Ryan Storrie was a young man of 40 with a young wife, Hilary, and family of two boys, Aaron 13 and Andrew 11. He lost his battle with the virus, and was called to The Grand Lodge Above, whilst home from Dubai on a family holiday. Bro Ryan had worked in Human Resources in the Middle East for many years and consequently he had not been able to be amongst us for some time.

Ryan was Initiated on 2nd November 2004, Passed on 15th February 2005 and Raised on 5th April 2005. He took his Mark on 4th October 2005. Almost immediately thereafter, he was Installed as President of Stewards on 15th November 2005. He served in that Office until the Installation in 2006. He was then Treasurer between 2006 and 2008.

Ryan's brother Derek is also a member of No XII.

Bro James Strachan
23rd December 1939 – 29th March 2020



Bro James Strachan was called to the Grand Lodge Above, aged 80, on Sunday 29th March, having been admitted to hospital suffering from the virus. Initiated into Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27th September 1966, Bro Jimmy – as we all knew him – was a staunch supporter of his Mother Lodge and an ever present at its meetings. The same was true at No XII and, for that reason, he was made an Honorary Member on 15th March 2011 in recognition of his commitment to this Lodge. A regular at the No XII Burns Suppers, Jimmy was a founder member of the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII Burns Club in 2019.

Jimmy received his 50th Anniversary diploma on 13th September 2016 and was awarded the Honorary Grand Rank of Architect on 28th November 2019 by the Grand Master Mason at the Festival of St Andrew in Edinburgh – an event that he attended for 36 years in a row!

A retired engineer, Jimmy was also active in other Masonic Orders and a Committee Member at the 175 Club where he was Past President and a keen member of the Golf Section for many years. He was also a regular at the annual Bowling Challenge matches against no XII in the Crawfurdsburn team. Jimmy is survived by his wife Marion and son, Ian.

Bro James Wilson Miller PPGM
12th July 1936 – 30th April 2020

Bro. James Wilson Miller was born on 12th July 1936. His distinguished contribution to Freemasonry began when he was initiated into Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No. 1121 on 24th October 1972. An electrician by profession prior to his retirement, we remember him as a “Gaffer” in Scotts, working on the submarines.



As a Mason, Jimmy – as he was known to us all – rose through the ranks in his Mother Lodge and was Master between 1985 and 1987. I remember his time in the Chair as a successful one; he was always renowned for the precision and accuracy of his floorwork and the clarity of his enunciation. In more recent years, it has been said in Crawfurdsburn that Jimmy certainly remembered the “McDougall Street Way”; he liked things to be “done right”. He was very proud to attend the Centenary celebrations of Lodge Crawfurdsburn in September 2013 as Immediate Past Provincial Grand Master and his enjoyment of the occasion is exemplified in the photo on the left, taken in the Tontine Hotel just before the dinner.

Jimmy served as Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West between 2008 and 2013, having previously been Treasurer, Substitute and Depute. He was a very regular attender at No XII for many years. He was made an Honorary Member of No XII on 19th January 2010 in recognition of invaluable support and guidance that he had been giving to the Lodge, in challenging times, from his position as Provincial Grand Master. He was active in other Masonic Orders.



Having been brought up on Grieve Road, Jimmy became a regular attender at St Margaret’s Church right from his days at Sunday School, and it remained that way throughout his life. Outside of the Craft, he was a very keen ‘booler’ at Grosvenor Bowling Club and then at Gourock Bowling Club where he was President in 2006. For many years he ran the Provincial Bowling Competition in June for the Orr Trophy and was Crawfurdsburn’s Captain for the annual Challenge Match with No XII in May. He much enjoyed Crawfurdsburn’s all too regular victories in the latter! He is seen (on the left) in a very happy frame of mind receiving the trophy from Bro Bob Bain.

Jimmy had been in failing health for some time before passing to The Grand Lodge Above on 30th April. He is survived by his wife Betty, daughter Fiona and son Colin.

(I am grateful to Bro Donald J. McRae, Secretary of Lodge Crawfurdsburn, for the detailed information on the two Jimmys)

Charitable Work

No XII, like the sister lodges, has been involved in much outreach work amongst our members, and in the local community, since the start of the crisis. Bro Robert Marshall SD came up with the idea of keeping in touch with our older members who might need assistance or support or even just a wee blether. His idea was a simple one namely a wee call on the phone from time to time. A number of brethren volunteered to assist, and the scheme got quickly under way.

Former Senior Warden, Bro Martin Anderson had the idea to have a collection amongst the members to raise funds to help local charities continue their good work supporting local citizens. This initiative raised £1,100 from donations from individual Lodge members. The money raised was split equally between the Belville Garden Community Trust and Inverclyde Royal's Patient and Staff Amenities Endowment Fund.

In addition, the Lodge donated £400 to a cross – Province initiative to provide seriously ill patients tablets and iPads that can be used to contact relatives. This sum came from existing Lodge funds.

No XII's work complements that of other Lodges in the Province and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West itself. Of course, No XII plays an active part in Provincial.

The Lodge has also made a £500 donation to PPGM Bro Jim Livingstone's proposed abseil from the Forth Bridge. While this has been postponed meantime, our Substitute Master Bro Jim already has the money!

All of the above is in addition to the random acts of kindness that all Masonic Brethren are involved in during the present crisis.

Bro Brian McFadyen WSW with the Cheque for The Belville Community Trust. RWPGM Bro Robin McIntyre to his left has a cheque from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West.



Kind freemasons donate iPads to elderly in isolation

By Claire Amber Young
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KIND-HEARTED freemasons from lodges across Inverclyde are making sure isolated older people can still get in touch with their families during lockdown.

Lodges in the Renfrewshire West province teamed up to purchase eight Android tablets and 14 iPads for people who are unable to receive visits from friends and family.

Robin McIntyre, provincial grand master for Renfrewshire West, said that the province had lost some of their brethren and family members to coronavirus in recent weeks, and that the lodges wanted to do something to help families who are living with the impact of the virus at the moment.

Lodge Gourock 626 Firth of Clyde presented eight Android tablets to the hospice, and the 14 iPads will be donated across Inverclyde Royal, the Larkfield Unit and the Marcus Humphrey House Quarriers care home in Bridge of Weir.

The province has also donated money and supplies to Inverclyde Foodbank.

Robin is very proud that the lodges have been able to make a difference during lockdown.

He said: "Visiting restrictions make it very difficult for people in hospital to see their families. "We just thought that this



Picture: George Munro

would allow them to keep in touch using Facetime or Skype.

"We're very happy to be able to provide something for the community which will help people keep in touch with their families at this very difficult time.

"Everyone in the brethren has really rallied round since the idea was first mooted.

"The response has been phenomenal."

Malcolm Sinclair, of Lodge Crawfurdsburn 1121, came up with the idea of donating the equipment and the nine lodges across Inverclyde have all been involved.

Iain Hair of IT Computer Products in Shore Street, Gourock, sourced the iPads, which now

have to go to the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde IT team to install approved software.

Robin hopes that the equipment will help older people feel less isolated.

He added: "It's so important for people to talk to their family, especially at this time.

"We're happy that we can do something to help."

Bros Malcolm Sinclair and Robin McIntyre RWPGM from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West at Inverclyde Royal presenting the iPads

VE 75 – 8th May 2020

Commemoration of the End of the Second World War in Europe

8th May was the 75th anniversary of VE Day, the day in 1945 when victory in Europe over the Nazi regime was confirmed. In the Province of Renfrewshire West, a commemoration event, with a focus on piping, was planned, led by Bro Donald McRae of Lodge Crawfurdsburn. Of course, it could not take place. However, this is regarded as a postponement rather than a cancellation and a new date will be found when circumstances permit. The new date will incorporate VJ Day which signalled the end of the war in the Far East. VJ Day was on 15th August 1945.

Undeterred, as part of the National Commemoration, pipers of the Province played at their own homes on 8th May, at 3pm, the time when Prime Minister Winston Churchill had broadcast on the radio 75 years ago. Known to me, 4 of our brethren played. There may have been more. In Gourock, Bro Donald McRae, Secretary of Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 played the tunes "The Battle's O'er", "VE 75", and "10th Battalion Highland Light Infantry Crossing the Rhine"; Bro Iain White PM PPSGW Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII played "The Battle's O'er", "10th Battalion Highland Light Infantry Crossing the Rhine", "Scotland the Brave" and "Highland Laddie"; in Port Glasgow, Bro Billy Mooney WSW Lodge

Doric Kilwinning No 68 played “The Battle’s O’er”, “The Green Hills of Tyrol” “Scotland the Brave” and “The 51st Highland Division at Wadi Akarit”; in Greenock Bro Billy McCready, Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121, played “The Battle’s O’er” and a few ‘family favourites’.

The brethren are pictured below on the day; you can see that Bro Iain White has put on so much weight during the lockdown that his kilt had to stay in the wardrobe!



Bro Donald McRae



Bro Iain White



Bro Billy Mooney



Bro Billy McCready

At least 2 of the Brethren played “The 10th Battalion Highland Light Infantry Crossing the Rhine”, a stirring march in 6/8 time written by the Battalion Pipe Major at the time, Donald Shaw Ramsay. The 10th Bn HLI Pipes and Drums are shown in the photo below, led by PM Ramsay (left of photo in the front rank), as the salute is taken in Germany after the Rhine had been crossed. He became Pipe Major at just 20 years of age and was the youngest in the British Army. After the War, PM Ramsay led the Edinburgh City Police PB to the World Championships in 1950 and 1954 and then Invergordon Distillery to every major championship, save the Worlds, in the mid-60s. He was shot and seriously wounded whilst serving in the Police and had to retire early. Having thereafter gone to California, he came home to lead the Invergordon Distillery Pipe Band. Donald Shaw Ramsay died in 1998 at the age of 78.



Test Fees now Overdue!

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 my role as Lodge Librarian, I am 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 get them to me to enhance our understanding of No XII's past.


I have received some very interesting bits and pieces which belonged to Bro James Conn, who was RW Master of the Lodge in 1930-32. They came from his grandson Jim after Jim's father

Bro. Duncan Campbell McLean Conn passed to The Grand Lodge above. I shall feature the Conn family in the next edition of Twelve Talk.

Bro John Scott IV (1830 – 1903)

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Viator's Talk of the Towns



Shipbuilder had a passion for collecting rare books

WHAT was then one of the largest book sales in British auction history started on March 27, 1905.

It was the library of Greenock shipbuilder John Scott, who died in 1903 at the age of 75.

His collection at the family home of Halkhill, Largs, extended to around 12,000 volumes.

The sale at Sotheby's in London, took 11 days to complete and the auctioneer was on the rostrum for 40 hours.

It fetched £18,250, a considerable figure in 1905.


The last day of the auction coincided with the Royal Navy disposing of 31 warships. The top price achieved - for a 17-year-old battleship - was £18,150.

John Scott was the eldest son of Charles Cunningham Scott, and the fourth in the family to be named after the man who founded the Greenock shipyard in 1711.

He was born in 1830 in the family house which was then at the corner of Kilblain Street and Nicolson Street.

At the age of 21 he was made a partner in the firm. With his brother Robert Sinclair Scott, he was responsible for the progress of the business.

The brothers completely reconstructed the Cartdyke yard, then bought the shipbuilding yard and dry dock of Robert Steele and Sons. On this site they established the



Cartsburn yard which was equipped and laid out for naval construction.

Outside of the yard, John Scott was a busy man.

He was a Colonel in the Volunteers, vice-chairman of the Harbour Trust, president of Greenock Burns Club, Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, a member of the Institute of Naval Architects, the Institution of Civil Engineers and the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, commodore of the Royal Clyde Yacht Club and a prominent Freemason.

He also found time to be a staunch Conservative and, on three occasions, he stood as a Parliamentary candidate for Greenock but was unsuccessful each time.

Despite all his commitments, he had a hobby - collecting books.

His library contained many rare first editions.

Its Scottish shelves were particularly interesting. A large proportion was devoted to works relating to the religious

controversies of the time of Mary Queen of Scots and included original editions of works by Scottish reformer John Knox.

His collection of manuscripts included beautiful specimens of books written before the introduction of printing. He had copies of the first books printed in Greenock and Glasgow, and the only book ever written by James Watt.

On the fifth day, which raised the highest total, the first of almost 400 lots dealing with Mary Queen of Scots came under the hammer. These were said to contain some of the finest literary treasures relating to the ill-fated Queen to have been included in a private collection.

One of the main items was a 14-page letter of 1562. After keen bidding, it was knocked down for £900.

Because it was unfinished and unsigned, but accepted to be in the Queen's hand, it just missed beating the record sum achieved for a letter at that time - the £1,050 paid in 1964, also at Sotheby's, for a letter to Lady Hamilton written by Admiral Lord Nelson.

On the final day of the sale of John Scott's collection, the last 1,000 lots were put up in one batch and sold for £1,500. They were bought by an Edinburgh dealer for a client.

This feature on eminent member of No. XII, Bro John Scott IV, appeared in the *Greenock Telegraph* recently. This Bro Scott did not take the Chair but did serve as Warden. His son, Bro Robert Lyons Scott,

did (1906 – 1908) and is one of the foremost brethren in our history. He shared his father's passion for collecting, in his case Medieval arms and armoury and books on that subject. The collection was donated to the Glasgow Museums and a part of it may still be seen on display at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. The rest is in storage specifically developed for the purpose at Nitshill. Bro RL Scott and another son, Bro Charles Cunningham Scott, donated the Lodge Charter Case in 1905. They all served as Chairman of the family firm, Scotts' Shipbuilding and Engineering Company.

The Missing Years

No XII has a proud history stretching back to December 27th, 1728. We know so much about the Brethren over the years from our collection of archive materials. Sadly, we do have what I have come to call "The Missing Years". These are the years where we have no Minute Books in our possession at present. They have gone missing at some point; so too have the years that they covered to a large extent, but not absolutely. We do have some information.

Recently, a some of us have begun a search of online and hard copy sources of newspapers, periodicals, Masonic publications, minute books at other Lodges and the like with a focus on 'The Missing Years'. The great news is that we have been experiencing some success.

The years in question – for which we have no Minute Books – are in two periods

1796 – 1854

1867 – 1873

No XII is not alone in this. For example, The Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club), founded in 1801, does not have a Minute Book for its earliest years. It is not known how it was lost, but it was recorded as being missing in 1927. In No XII we are fortunate in having the first Minute Book. However, it was lost for a long period of time and came to light, on 7th February 1905, when it was presented to the Lodge by a gentleman who found it while turning over some books and papers in his office. This chance finding, and thoughtful return, allows us to retain some hope for the other books, although as time goes on, the likelihood probably diminishes!

Turning to the successes, Bro Alan D. Beck PM has sourced information, from online copies of 'The Greenock Advertiser' on the British Newspaper Archive.

Greenock Advertiser 28.12.1849

Bro JG Lawrie first took the Chair of No XII in 1849 and not 1851 as we previously thought

Greenock Advertiser 31 December 1850

Bro Donald McNicoll was RWM in 1850 as may be seen in the clip from the Advertiser below.

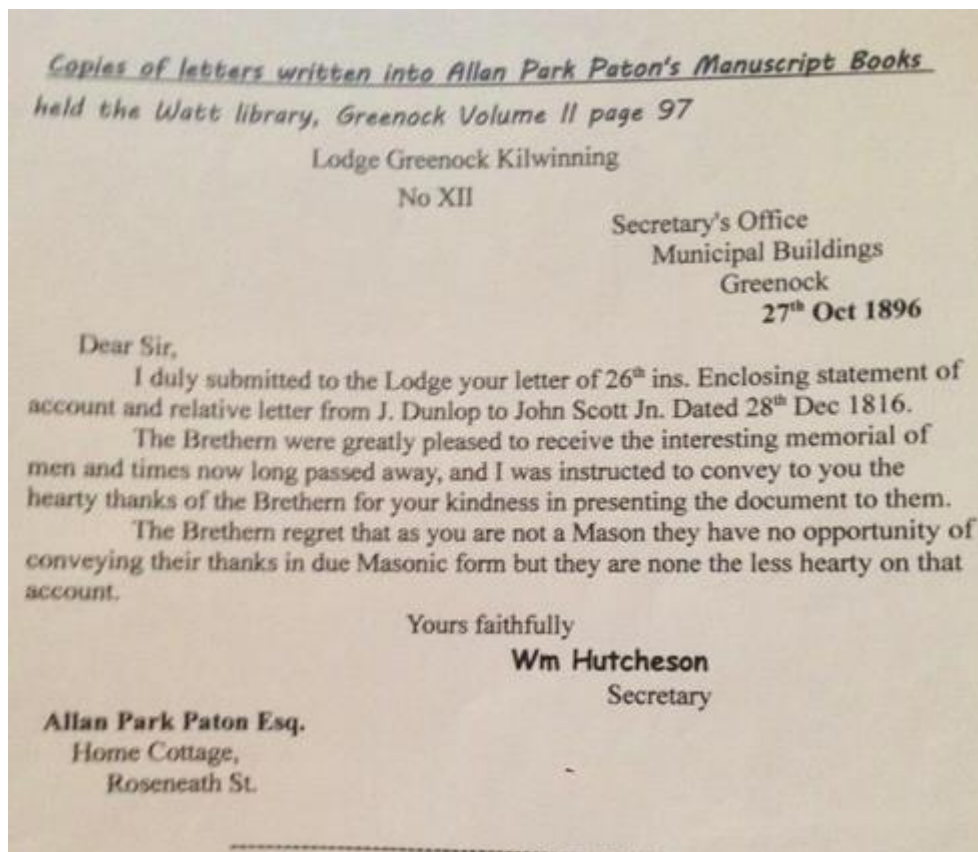
Greenock Advertiser - Tuesday 31 December 1850

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We trust his example may be felt and followed in other
quarters, where the means and the power of doing like
good things are not wanting. The new Academy has
been talked of for twenty years or more, and we are sure
that the Town Council and the committee will now see
their way through many difficulties which have hitherto
beset their path.
The members of **Lodge Greenock Kilwinning** No. 12,
celebrated the festival of St. John the Evangelist, and the
122d anniversary of this very ancient and honourable
Lodge in their hall, on Friday last, in their usual credit-
able style.
Mr D. McNicoll presided as R.W.M., supported by
Messrs John Scott, jun., and D. M. Latham, Wardens.
The Rev. C. Cole, Chaplain.
Messrs James Stewart and Q. Leitch, Deacons, &c.
During the course of the evening, deputations were re-
ceived from **Lodges Greenock** St. John, Port-Glasgow
Cumbland **Kilwinning** and Caladonian Railway which

A strange connection between this Bro McNicoll and a missing Lodge Minute Book may be seen in the section 'From the Old Minute Books' below!

Also, we have known that the Lodge was hale and hearty in 1816 because Allan Park Paton (1818 – 1905)– Greenock Librarian, Shakespearian scholar, author and poet – presented a letter to the Lodge in September 1896 which had been sent from J Dunlop to John Scott III (both Brethren of the Lodge) of date 28th December 1816 relating to the accounts for the celebration of the Festival of St John The Evangelist and other matters. We had this from the Lodge minutes. It is further confirmed by the letter of receipt copy which is below.



Expect the Unexpected

As is happening a lot during the present lockdown, I received an email from a friend with a link to a film. He said it is worth a watch because there are some good photos in it. Here is the link ...

<http://inverclyde-tv.com/stories/5388-the-boy-who-lived-in-the-mansion>

You may have seen it before – I hadn't. It was of interest to me on a number of levels. It is the story of Garvel House, the Garvel Drydock and the James Watt Dock through the eyes of a boy (Billy Cooper) now in his 60s who used to live in the house. Garvel House was the mansion that stood in James Watt Dock and came to be owned by Greenock Harbour Trust and then Clydeport.

This is interesting from a social history point of view. It is also interesting to me because I know somebody who lived in that house with his family – none other than Bro John McMaster of Lodge

Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121. John and I were in school together. Further, I worked with a colleague at Newlands Junior College whose family owned the drydock at one time.

However, as I watched the film, there was footage where a memorial bench erected at the Garvel Drydock to remember workmates who had passed away. One of the names on the bench is our much-loved and respected Past Master Bro James S Adams who passed away so suddenly and unexpectedly on 26th April 2013 aged just 58. Jim was a Storeman at the drydock. His name can be seen 12 minutes and 08 seconds into the film.

Strange thing life ...

From the Old Minute Books

Bro Donald McNicoll was mentioned above as being the RW Master of No XII in 1850. This was during the time where the Minute Books are missing. A read through the Minute from 1859 transcribed below will let you see that the aforesaid Bro Donald McNicoll was at the heart of at least 1 of these Minute Books being missing, having given up the post of Secretary but failing to hand the Minute Book in.

The John Scott Yst mentioned is John Scott IV from the article above. John Scott Jr is John Scott III

At a meeting of the Lodge Greenock Kilwinning held with the Royal Hotel Greenock on the evening of 8th November 1859

Present	Wm McClure RWM	JF Mackay SW
	D Crawford acting JW	Jas Newton SD
	John Scott Yst JD	J Scott Jr Secy

Brethren D Latham JC Sicklemore A Leitch BBB H Crawford

The Lodge having been duly opened the minutes of two previous meetings were read when the meeting proceeded to consider the state of the Lodge accounts and property and resolved unanimously

1st That the Grand Lodge accounts be immediately settled

2nd That all arrears of annual subscriptions be got in without delay and that the new subscription be called for at next meeting.

Senior warden Mackey reported that the cost of a copper plate of the kind mentioned at the last meeting was found to be £10 to £12 and that the funds of the Lodge would not admit of his procuring it at that time Bro David Crawford moved and Br Latham seconded a solution that was carried unanimously that this plate and 50 copies on Vellum be procured immediately. The RWM reported that he had not yet recovered the Minute Book from Br Donald McNicoll the late secretary. It was unanimously resolved that the RWM would take what steps as may be necessary to recover the Book and that the Minutes be then written up and completed. If he do (sic) no recover the book that he report the case to the Provincial Grand Lodge Master.

It was resolved that the election of Office Bearers take place on the first Tuesday of December. Brother Adam Leitch proposed, and Brother Sicklemore seconded that Alexander Anderson be admitted a member of the Lodge. Brother Sicklemore proposed, and Brother D Crawford seconded the proposal for affiliation of Lieut Bridges of HMS Hogue. The Lodge unanimously approved of these proposals and that the gentlemen be invited to next meeting. Thereafter, the Lodge partook of refreshments and after pleasantly Harmonizing in the light the Lodge was closed in due Masonic form.

Signed by Bro Wm. McClure RWM

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 treasurer12@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
15.05.20

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