

Twelve Talk

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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 by Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No. 626
- * 18.02.20
Entering and PGLRW Annual Visitation
- * Saturday 29.02.20
Annual Charity Burns Supper (630 for 7pm)
- * 03.03.20
Raising
- *17.03.20
Passing by The Lodge of Erskine No. 1566
- *07.04.20
Raising
- *21.04.20
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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 7th January Lecture - Bro AD Beck PM

The attendance of the brethren of No XII was again swelled by visiting brethren including Bro James Watson, RWM of Lodge Sir Michael No 989, and Honorary Member of No. XII. After the meeting had concluded, Bro Alan D. Beck PM treated us to a lecture entitled 'Mozart, Freemasonry and the Magic Flute'. It was a *tour de force* from Bro Alan as he told us of the life of the genius Mozart and how his works became hugely popular in his lifetime and have remained so in the centuries since his death. Mozart was a Freemason for the last 7 years of his short life and the influence of the teachings of the Craft may be seen in many of his works, none more so than The Magic Flute. Bro. Alan spent time taking us through the allegorical messages in the opera and how these can be seen to be Masonic. The Brethren showed their appreciation of Bro. Alan's insightful, informative and enjoyable lecture.

Mozart



Annual Charity Burns Supper Saturday 29th February

The Annual Charity Burns Supper now held under the auspices 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. The Lassies will be toasted by Bro. Brian McFadyen WSW and Past Master of The Lodge of Erskine No.1566. Tickets are £25 and may be obtained from Bro. Alan at 07739 514242 or Bro. Iain White at 07533 112242.

We would also be grateful for raffle and auction prizes.

Test Fees now Overdue

If you do not pay your Test Fees by standing order, they are now overdue and should 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 Kelvin Partick No 1207
Burns Supper
Tuesday 21st January 2020

With No. XII having no meeting owing to the music festival, I took the opportunity to visit Lodge Kelvin Partick No. 1207 along with our Honorary Member Donnie Finlayson. Kelvin Partick's newly installed RWM, Bro Alex Ferguson, is a friend of ours from Lodge The Gael. We are shown in the photo below with Bro. John McCann of 1207.

It was a real fun evening with truly outstanding speakers. The room was filled to capacity and the atmosphere was terrific.



**At Lodge Kelvin Partick
Burns Supper
From left: Iain White PM
John McCann 1207
Donnie Finlayson HM
(PM 609)**

It's a small world is freemasonry. Donnie and I met Bro John McCann for the first time when we sat beside him at the table. A member of Kelvin Partick, he had joined the Craft years ago in the East End and remembered our old friend Bro. David Vennard of GKL4 from back then. As the conversation continued, John said that he was a joiner to trade but had become a School Janitor like his brother Jimmy. I recognised the name and enquired if this was the same Jimmy McCann who had been Jannie at Govan High just before I went there as Head in 1994. One and the same! Sadly, Jimmy passed away last year. Finally, in terms of the small world, the RW Master of Lodge Kelvin Partick that I mentioned above, Bro. Alex. Ferguson, and I have another connection. His son-in-law and I worked together at Govan High. As the song goes, "It's a small world after all ..."

Our Next Meeting
Tuesday 7th January
Passing

Our meeting on Tuesday is a Passing and the Candidate is Bro. Innes Nelson. The Degree will be conferred by RWM Bro Graeme Wallace and a Deputation of Brethren from Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No. 626. We look forward in anticipation to the work of the Deputation.

Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club) Annual Celebration 25th January 2020



Also, on the Burns scene, Bro Alan D. Beck PM (photo left) is President of the Mother Club (the world's oldest Burns Club) and presided over the Annual Celebration on 25th January in the Tontine Hotel. He had put together a stellar line up for the Top table and the speakers and artistes delivered a very enjoyable, and successful, evening for the Club members and their friends who attended.



Back: William Forrest (Readings) Denis Haggerty (Songs) Christine Currie (Senior Vice President) Polly Beck (Accompanist) Ross Forrest (Readings) Iain White (Junior Vice President)
Front: Judith Ralston (Lassies Reply) Lord Wallace (Immortal Memory) Alan D. Beck (President) Ruth Davidson (Lassies) Col. Peter McCarthy, Lord Lieutenant of Renfrewshire (The Mother Club)

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.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 8th December 2019 (Installation) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenny Morrison PM and Bro Alistair Glenny PM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 11th December 2019 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Jim Livingstone and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 11th December 2019 (Mark Degree conferred by No 626) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 12th December 2019 (Passing conferred by St Marks Lodge at Glasgow 102) – attended by WSW Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 13th December 2019 (Installation) – attended by Bro Allan MacFeate PM (leading in deputation of visiting Masters and reply to Toast to Visiting Brethren), WSW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 16th December 2019 (Raising) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Jim Livingstone, Bro Iain D MacLeod HM and Bro Sandy Reddy HM
- Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 on 17th December 2019 (Divine Service) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, WSW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Scott Branchfield, Bro Robbie Thomson, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenny Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Bob Bain PM and Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 19th December 2019 (Carol Service) - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Prince of Wales No 426 on 19th December 2019 (installation) – attended by WSW Bro Brian McFadyen
- Funeral of Bro Jack Glenny PM on 21st December 2019 - attended by RWM Bro Robert Crossan, WSW Bro Brian McFadyen, WJW Bro Campbell Snoddy, Bro Kenny Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Ian M. Ross PM, Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Allan MacFeate PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Jim McGregor Snr, Bro Jim McGregor Jnr and Bro Dougie Rankin

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

From the Old Minute Books – 1859 Part 2

I am currently involved in some research regarding the Lodge in the 1850s for a contribution to another journal, and, as part of the task, I have been reading, and transcribing, the minutes for all 6 meetings of the Lodge that were held in 1859. The second of these is below in transcription. It is exactly as in the Minute Book. I have not added any punctuation, altered any spellings etc. It does make an interesting read.

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 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

It was a busy evening for Lodge business. HMS Hogue is mentioned again with Lieutenant Bridges of that vessel proposed for Initiation at the next meeting. The matter of the Grand Lodge accounts was resolved and our payments due were to be made immediately. The need for diplomas was taken to the next stage with a resolution that 50 be printed. The matter of a missing Minute Book was discussed, and it would seem that the situation was being escalated with a mention of the potential involvement of the Provincial Grand Lodge Master should it not be forthcoming from "Bro Donald McNicoll, the late Secretary." All of this was achieved before the Harmony.

More of interest to follow in subsequent editions.

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
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