



Twelve Talk

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Meetings 2024-25

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The Jack and Alistair Glenly Memorial
Lecture

The local (1st/5th) Argylls in Gallipoli
Alan Cumming and Iain White

21.01.25

No Meeting – Inverclyde Music Festival

04.02.25

Passing

18.02.25

Entering

Saturday 22.02.24

Burns Supper (630 for 7pm)

Held in 626 Masonic Hall, John Street,
Gourock

Immortal Memory by Bro. Alex
Shuttleworth Senior Grand Chaplain
Toast to the Lassies by Bro. Graham Hill

04.03.25

Raising

18.03.25

Passing

01.04.25

Raising

15.04.25

Mark Ceremonial

Thursday 06.06.25 (TBC)

Special Summer Meeting

Entering by PMs of the Lodge



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

RWM Bro Robert Marshall 3 Victoria Road Gourock PA7 5BY (078958158628)

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Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourock PA19 1JY (07887904910)

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII Burns Club Annual Charity Burns Supper

Saturday 22nd February 2025

630 for 7 pm in the Masonic Temple, John Street, Gourock

Can you help please? Our Burns Supper is in danger! We need more tickets sold – now!!

For over 10 years, No XII has been running a very successful Burns Supper. It has been the foundation stone of our Annual Charity Drive but this year just 28 tickets have been sold as I write this. Unless there is a substantial increase in the next few days, the event will have to be cancelled. The knock-on effect will be that our ability to support local and national charities will be seriously impaired. The lack of the funds it generates will also impact on our preparations for the Tercentenary in 1728. Perhaps most important of all it is an opportunity for brethren within and beyond the lodge to get together socially and celebrate the Bard.

So, please get in touch as soon as possible if you intend to be there but haven't yet let us know. Please buy your ticket now.

The toast to the Immortal Memory will be delivered by Bro. Rev. Alex Shuttleworth who is an eminent Burns Speaker and is Senior Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as well as being Master of the Lodge in which Robert Burns was Depute Master – Lodge St. James (Kilwinning) Tarbolton No. 135. Bro. Graham Hill, a member of The Prince's Lodge No. 607 in the Province of Glasgow, will Toast the Lassies. Like Bro Alex, Graham is a well-known Burns Speaker.

Contact Bro. Alan Beck PM (07739 514242) or Bro. Iain White PM (07533112242) by text or phone to reserve a place. There isn't much time left...

Time and the modern man

Part 2 of the mini-series will follow in a subsequent edition!

Our Previous Meeting **The Jack and Alistair Glenny Memorial Lecture** **The 1st/5th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders In Gallipoli** **Tuesday 7th January 2025**

The 5th Argylls was the local Territorial Battalion of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The battalion was sent to Gallipoli in 1915 and took part in the Battle of Achi Baba on 12th July. Over 100 officers and men were lost in the charge on the Turkish trenches.



The lecture was delivered by local historian and Gallipoli expert Alan Cumming (left). His presentation was followed by a complementary one from Bro Iain White PM which had a focus on local freemasons, from No. XII and Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175, who served with the 1st/5th in Gallipoli including Bros. Duncan C Kerr MC, James Reid Kerr and Robert Alan Clapperton-Stewart.

Relevant local societies and individuals were invited and this was very successful with members of these groups taking up more than half of the attendance. This was reflected in letters of thanks received.

Jack's widow Elizabeth and Alistair's daughter Jennifer

Hi Iain,

Just to say thanks for letting me know about the lecture last night.

Both Jennifer and I are pleased we decided to attend.

Sorry I did not get to speak to you.

Elizabeth

Greenock Burns Club member

Greetings, Secretary!

A friend and I attended the event on Tuesday night. My pal is a Territorial Army veteran with a particular interest in military history. He enjoyed the talks even more than I did.

The local historian Alan Cumming appears to have done a mountain of research. The Masonic historian bubbled with enthusiasm and used his laptop deftly. He really brought the departed Bros who had served at Gallipoli alive for the audience. Thanks again for alerting me/us to this event.

President Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders Association (Greenock Branch)

Iain

I would like to thank you and your colleagues for a very informative night at the Achi Baba presentation. Looking from the outside in to what your group does is a real eye opener. I must applaud you all for your dedication and professionalism I thoroughly enjoyed the night

It was great to see you after all these years - it really is a small world. Thank you for your invitation to the night. It was great to meet some old colleagues from the past. It brought back a lot of fond memories from The Port High days. Good luck in your future ventures. You are all doing a grand job.



It would seem that the talk cemented our involvement in the local community. Bro. Provost McKenzie was also in attendance. It also served as a reminder that there is more to Freemasonry than working degrees.

Next year, 2025, will mark the 110th anniversary of the Argylls' Charge at Achi Baba.

Information from the Treasurer

Lodge Ties are back in stock and are available from the Bro. Treasurer priced £16 each

Anniversary Badges These are £7 and are also available from the Bro. Treasurer. There are badges for various years' anniversary, from 25 years to 70 years plus the always popular Grumpy Past Master. £2 from each badge sale goes to Grand Lodge Benevolence

Test Fees are now overdue. Owing to increases levied by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the No. XII Test Fees are now £65. If you have not paid your Test Fees you cannot take or hold office, visit other Lodges or vote in the Lodge.

Capitation Fees The Lodge has to pay Grand Lodge £45 for each Life Member. Life Members are encouraged to support the Lodge by covering this sum. They have no Test Fees to pay, but the Grand Lodge still requires payment for them.

Monthly Draw – A Message from our Treasurer Bro. David Stevenson

The Draw has restarted.. Contact the Bro. Treasurer to take part. Tickets are £1 per month and multiples may be purchased.

The Monthly Draw provides your Lodge with an important source of income and this year I have been able to transfer £420 to the Tercentenary Fund. As we leave December 2024, it is time to renew your subscription. If you pay by Standing Order then you have nothing to do and thank you for your continued support.

To renew or join the Monthly Draw please send £1 per number per month - i.e., £12/£24/£36 etc as you wish -

RBS

Sort code 83 22 20

account 10000509

Name - Greenock Kilwinning No X11 Social

Ref - your name /draw

Alternatively, set up a Standing Order for the required monthly amount - same bank info

Where I can, I shall use the same numbers you had for 2024. Good luck to all participants,,,,,

I would like to thank various Brethren who, upon being told of their monthly win, very kindly donate the money back to the Lodge. Typically, these Brethren do not want their name publicised but their contribution is very much appreciated. *DS Treasurer No. XII*

Tercentenary Rededication – Date Confirmed

Grand Secretary has confirmed in an email that the date we requested for the Tercentenary Rededication has been confirmed as Wednesday 27th December 2028. The Feast of St John the Evangelist will also be celebrated as it was at the Bicentenary on 27th December 1928 and, in 2018. 27th december is the exact 300th Anniversary.

Tercentenary Jewels and No. XII rituals



The Tercentenary Jewel (left) commemorating the Lodge's 300th birthday on 27th December 2028 is available to ALL brethren from the Bro. Treasurer and the price is £12 per jewel.

The new rituals are available to all qualified brethren of No. XII at the price of £15 from Treasurer Bro. David Stevenson. Over half the Rituals have been sold already!

Bro. James Lever PM
Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No. 624
Honorary Member No. XII

I have had a couple of features on Bro. Jim Lever recently and here he is again! He was made an Honorary Member of No. XII because of his support for the Lodge and regular visits. Jim is, of course, a Past Master of Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No. 624, having been in the Chair from December 1980 till December 1982. I suspect that the photograph below was taken at one of his Installations.



I was given the photo by Bro. KK Morrison PM of No. XII. Kenny is on the extreme right . With him are (from left) Bros Willie Whyte PM (Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175), Bob Stone PM Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217 and, of course, Jim.

Here is where it starts to get interesting! Back in the day, Installations at 624 were held on the second Friday in December. This clashed with the Installations at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No. 68 in Port Glasgow. This gave the Master of No. XII a challenge because he could not be in 2 places at one time. The consequence was that No. XII's Master and Wardens would attend 68 in our own Province; the Immediate Past Master and Deacons would go to 624, in Skelmorlie, in the Province of Ayrshire.

So, back to the photo! If it is an Installation, we should expect to see the No. XII Immediate Past Master in the photo and he is indeed – Bro. KK Morrison. The other 2 visiting brethren are also Past Masters as may be seen from their regalia.

These 3 Past Masters were in the Chair as follows:

Bro. Willie Whyte - 175 - October 1977 till October 1979
Bro KK Morrison - XII - November 1979 till November 1981
Bro. Bob Stone - 217 - November 1979 till November 1981

Bro. Jim Lever is wearing his Master's regalia and he was in the Chair from December 1980 till December 1982.

The photo is labelled 1980 but that cannot be correct. If it were 1980, Bro. Bob Stone and Kenny Morrison would still have been Masters of their respective lodges and wearing that regalia. They are not and both are wearing Past Masters jewels which each would have received in November 1981. Therefore, for Jim Lever to be Master of 624 and Bob and Kenny to be Past Masters it had to be the Installation of December 1981 – a year later!

Call me Sherlock if you like!

No XII on the Road (1)
Burns Supper Lodge Mosspark No. 1307
Saturday 11th January 2025

Bros. Cameron and Iain White attended the Annual Burns Supper of Lodge Mosspark in the Masonic temple in Shieldhall Road, Glasgow. The speakers were mostly from the Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No. 275. A great night was had.



**Past Masters Bobby
Shaw and Iain Gordon of
275 in action at Lodge
Mosspark**

Cameron and Iain were the guests of their friend Bro. Alistair Hughes PM of Lodge Mosspark. Lodge Mosspark has its Centenary rededication on Saturday 3rd March and Cameron and Iain will be there, all going well..

No XII on the Road (2)
Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626
Saturday 16th January 2025

As ever, the Burns Supper at Lodge Firth of Clyde was a great success entertaining toasts by Bro. Iain Gordon PM (Immortal Memory), Bro Duncan McFadyen PM (The Lassies) and Bro Brian McFadyen PM (Reply). The evening was expertly Chaired by Bro. Stewart McFadyen RWM of 626.

A number of brethren of No. XII were in attendance and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. Of course, Bro. Brian McFadyen PM contributed to that enjoyment with his witty speech.



From Left: Bros. Tony Buckley Colin B. Reddy Robert Marshall RWM Cameron White Iain D. MacLeod James P Livingstone Iain White

Bro. Brian McFadyen in full flow with Colin Reddy obviously enjoying what he is saying



Top Table guests singing The Star o' Rabbie Burns



The Company belting out 'The Star'



Reports on Visits

- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 22nd November 2024 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by WJW Bro Colin Reddy
- Lodge Kelvin Partick No 1207 on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 (Annual Installation) – attended by Bro Iain White PM and Bro Donald Finlayson PM 609 (HM XII)
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 5th December (Passing Exemplification by PMs) – attended by Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425 on Friday 6th December 2024 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Iain White PM, IPM Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on Saturday 7th December 2024 (Annual Installation) – attended by Bros. Iain White PM, Cameron White JD, Donald Finlayson PM 609 (HM XII), Keith A Bowes PM 609 (HM XII)
- Greenock Wanderers RFC on 7th December 2024 (Sponsors Day Lunch) – attended by WSW Bro Paul Branchfield, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Brian McFadyen PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Robert Crossan PM and Bro Craig McFadyen
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 9th December 2024 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall and Bro Brian McFadyen PM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 11th December 2024 (Mark degree) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 12th December 2024 (Entering) – attended by Bro Brian McFadyen
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on Friday 13th December 2024 (Annual Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Cameron White, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Iain Macleod (HM XII)
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 13th December 2024 (Raising Exemplification) – attended by WJW Bro Colin Reddy
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on Monday 16th December 2024 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Cameron White
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 17th December 2024 (Carol Service) – attended by Bro Brian McFadyen
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on Monday 6th January 2025 (Entering) – attended by Bro Iain White PM XII SD 607 and Bro Alan D. Beck PM XII PM 607

Annual Hospitality Levy 2024-25

We all know that the hospitality at No. XII's post meeting harmonies is famed far and wide for its generosity and, of course, President of Stewards Tony Buckley's superb food. However, all the drams and suppers do not come without a cost. Accordingly, each Office Bearer should bring WJW Bro. Colin Reddy a bottle of spirits as soon as possible. He is overseeing collection of the Levy. Of course, brethren of No. XII who wait behind who are not Office Bearers and enjoy the harmonies may wish to contribute too. What they give will be very welcome.

Bro. Colin would welcome raffle prize donations too from all members.

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