



XII Talk Special Edition No 13

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No XII Charity Burns Supper 2016

**Most Successful Yet – over 170 in
attendance and more than £5,300
Raised for Charity!**

The 6th No XII Burns Supper was the biggest yet! Just over 170 sat down in the Greenock Town Hall on Saturday 27th February to a sumptuous meal prepared and served by our President of Stewards, Tony Buckley's staff from ICE Catering. Having demanded admission, the Haggis was piped in by



Lodge Piper Bro Alasdair Beaton PM and addressed in lusty fashion by Bro Alan D Beck IPM. In charge of proceedings from the Chair was Bro Ian M Ross PM and he kept things moving along in his usual efficient and good humoured way. Bro James P Livingstone RWPGM said Grace and Tam O' Shanter was given a lively run out by Sandy Reddy. Main speaker Alasdair Hendry, local solicitor and member of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No

217, gave us a thought provoking Immortal Memory where he highlighted the universal appeal of Robert Burns, contrasting occasions when he has spoken in very different places, to very different audiences and yet found that the material was equally well received, thanks to the wide appeal of the Bard. The Lassies were toasted in amusing fashion by Bro Duncan McFadyen (PM of The Glasgow Kilwinning No 4) and Andy Goram replied. It was good to hear

Deputy Provost Bro David Wilson in fine form and offering words of reassurance to the brethren of



217 regarding the repair of their temple. Bro Ken MacDougall PM gave a hearty Vote of Thanks and this was followed by everyone joining enthusiastically in *The Star o' Rabbie Burns* and *Auld Lang Syne*. IPM Bro Alan D Beck's singing was of the highest quality as were his accompanists, Jamie Stables on trumpet and Craig Dunsmore on keyboards.



We were grateful to professional auctioneer Brian Clements who stepped in from the body of the haul to conduct our charity auction. This and the raffles so effectively conducted by the Bros McGregor brought an eventual profit from the evening to go to our charities of around £5,300. The major beneficiaries will be the Erskine Home for veterans, Children in Poverty Inverclyde and REACH for Autism Inverclyde.



**Bro Ian M Ross, The
Chairman, in full flow**



The Haggis demands admission



Bro Alasdair Beaton PM pipes in the beast



Ye Pow'rs wha mak mankind your care

Bro Alan D Beck IPM addresses the beast



**Grace from RWPGM Bro James P
Livingstone**



Bro Alasdair Hendry

The Immortal Memory



Bro Alan D Beck IPM sings Burns

The
Company



Is Bro Bob having a wee snooze?



Bro Tony Stewart and that new tweed suit!



The hour approaches, Tam maun ride! Bro Sandy Reddy



Toast to The Lassies Bro Duncan McFadyen PM



Depute Provost's Address

Bro David Wilson



Vote of Thanks

Bro Ken MacDougall



Bro Andrew Piggott IPM and Bro Nicky Stetz RWM at the 626 table

As the Bard himself had it in 'The Twa Dogs', 'An' each took aff his several way, resolv'd to meet some ither day'. Well in our case, the **date for your diary** is

No XII Burns Supper 2017 – Saturday 25th February

The Town Hall, Greenock at 630 for 7pm



Back Row: Sandy Reddy Alan Beck Jim Livingstone Iain White Alasdair Beaton

Front Row: Duncan McFadyen Alasdair Hendry Ian Ross Alan MacFeate Andy Goram David Wilson

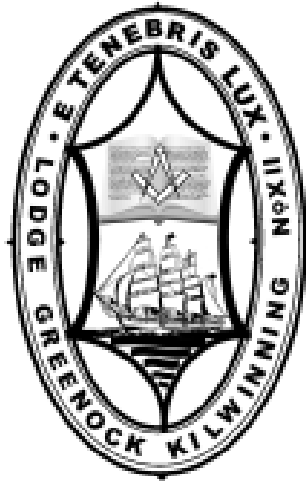
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The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
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From darkness, light

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***Represented at Mary's Chapel, Edinburgh, at the Institution of The Grand
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