

## Meetings 2013-14

- \* 07.01.14  
Visit by The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 to deliver a Lecture
- \* 21.01.14  
No Meeting
- \* 04.02.14  
Raising
- \* 18.02.14  
Passing
- \* 04.03.14  
Passing
- \* 18.03.14  
Raising
- \* 01.04.14  
Raising
- \* 15.04.14  
Mark
- \* Thursday 05.06.14  
Summer Meeting  
Past Masters' Degree  
Entering



**Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII**  
**The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock**  
**Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays – September to April**

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### Our Next Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Mark Degree on 3 candidates - Bro Don McVinnie, Bro David Ramage and Bro Ian Dyer. No XII will work the Degree

### Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

The brethren of No XII conferred a Raising upon Bro Don McVinnie and Bro David Ramage. Again there was a good attendance and reigning Masters Bro Marshall North, RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, Bro Gerard Robertson, RWM of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217, Bro Andrew Piggot, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 and Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 joined the RWM in the East. The degree team was:  
**Prayer** BB Bro Albert MacLean **Obligation** RWM Bro Alan Beck **Retrospect** WJW Bro Allan Glen **The Raising** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Secrets** Bro Kenneth Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **Working Tools** DM Bro Allan MacFeate **Traditional History** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **The Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM

### 60 and still going strong

It is incredible to think that XII Talk is now in its 60<sup>th</sup> Edition. It doesn't seem any time since I made the suggestion at a Committee meeting that I might do a 'wee newsletter' to publicise what was going on in the Lodge and try to generate some more interest amongst the members and friends of the Lodge. It has certainly generated a lot of interest and I know that in addition to my own circulation list, brethren who receive it forward it to their own contacts. It is also a contribution to recording the history of the Lodge and, indeed, the social history of Greenock and district. Great oaks and all that ...

### The Alexander Drummond Masonic Ball - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014

As previously notified, the Alexander Drummond Ball, will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 7.00pm in the Greenock Town Hall. It forms part of the Provincial Grand Lodge's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, which commemorate the appointment of Bro Alexander Drummond, RWM of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII, as the first-ever Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Craft.

This formal event, for Freemasons only, along with their spouses/partners, will include a superb 4 course meal, raffle and dancing until midnight to the fabulous 17 piece Capitol Big Band. The Ball is for Masonic brethren and partners. This is the first Masonic Ball in the area for decades and our RWM hopes that No XII will take 4 tables – that is, 20 brethren and their partners.

Dress Code is black tie - dinner suit or highland dress. Tickets (£25 per person) available from RWM Bro Alan Beck at 07739514242.

### **For the Bowlers ...**

The Orr Masonic Bowling Competition will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at the Grosvenor Bowling Club starting at 10.00am. Any Brother interested in participating should contact Bro Kenny Morrison or Bro Sandy Reddy who will be organising the entries on behalf of No XII.

Bro Kenny has also advised that the annual bowling challenge match with Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 has been arranged for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at the Ardgowan Bowling Club commencing at 10.00am.

### **Cajun Barbecue Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014**

RWM Bro Alan Beck is organizing a Cajun barbecue at Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The man at the barbecue will be Chef Gary Lewis. Gary is a champion Cajun Chef having won competitions in Las Vegas. Many of us enjoyed Gary's cuisine at the Gourmet Evening at the Greenock Golf Club in September.

The barbecue is now **SOLD OUT**. RWM Bro Alan will take names for a waiting list

### **Reports on Visits**

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae.
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro John Keogh, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro James Lever and HM Bro James Strachan
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Raising conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Allan MacFeate, WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro Gordon Thomson, Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro James McGregor, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro John Keogh, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Don McVinnie, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 (Entering) - attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill

## From the old minute books of No XII

*I have mentioned before that the celebration of the Festival of St John the Evangelist used to be a major event in the Lodges in the Province and beyond. Below is the minute for 1907. The meeting was obviously well attended for the collection of £2 5/- would be £239.51 in to-day's money!*

*The practice of deputations being sent out to Sister Lodges and received was an interesting one too given that getting from the Town Hall in Greenock to the various places visited without the aid of motor cars (one would presume) would not have been easy. Deputations were received from Paisley and Kilmacolm but it has to be remembered that the Princes Pier railway line would have taken you from Kilmacolm to Lynedoch Street Station just above the Wellpark back then.*

*Another wee item of interest is that later in the evening the Deputations sent out from No XII returned! This is all the more commendable given that the 'the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony' after the business had been concluded.*

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 1907**

At a Meeting of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No 12, held in the Saloon of the Town Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 1907 at 730pm to celebrate the Festival of St John the Evangelist

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Minutes

The Lodge having been opened in the EA Degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of.

Grand Lodge Circular read and Collection taken

The Secretary also read a Circular from Grand Lodge in reference to Grand Lodge Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and in accordance the instructions contained therein, a Collection was taken during the evening which realized the sum of £2-5/-

Deputations Despatched

Deputations conveying the fraternal greetings of the Lodge were despatched to the following sister Lodges; Doric Kilwinning No 68, Greenock St John No 175, Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 and Firth of Clyde No 626.

Harmony

The Lodge was then called from Labour to Refreshment and the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

Deputations Received

Deputations were received and welcomed from the above-mentioned Lodges and also from Lodge No 370 Renfrew County Kilwinning Paisley and Lodge Sir Michael No 989 Kilmacolm. The Brethren of these Deputations ably assisted the Brethren of the Lodge in providing a varied and enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental music.

Telegram received (from Bro Martin Jamieson)

The following telegram was received and read to the meeting: “Accept hearty good wishes for pleasant evening to all. May apostolic blessing of Holy St John be with you. Jamieson, Ardgowan, South Shields”

On the call of the RWM, Bro Jamieson’s health was enthusiastically toasted.

In due time the Visiting deputations from other Lodges took their departure and the deputations sent out by this Lodge having returned, the Brethren were recalled to Labour. Before closing, the RWM thanked the Brethren for their attendance also thanked all who had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting.

Thereafter, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

**Iain White PM**

**13.04.14**

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