



XII Talk

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The 286th Annual Installation

The 286th Annual Installation on Tuesday November 18th saw Bro Capt. Allan Ian MacFeate placed in the Chair of King Solomon. in front of a large number of brethren from within and outwith the province of Renfrewshire West in a packed Town Hall Saloon. The deputation of visiting brethren was led, as always, by the RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. In this case the man at the head was Bro William Lawson.

Captain MacFeate, a retired Master Mariner, has lived most of his life in Inverclyde and was educated at Gourock and Greenock High Schools. His nautical career commenced with his pre-sea Cadet Officer training at the James Watt Memorial College, William Street, Greenock,



where he later studied for his 2nd Mates and 1st Mates Certificates. He then attended College in Glasgow for his Masters Certificate. His earlier years were spent on cargo passenger liners as a Cadet Officer rising to the rank of Chief Officer trading to and from the UK and Europe to the Far East. He then transferred to the

Offshore Industry, spending sixteen years on the Scott-Lithgow built Drill Ship Ben Ocean Lancer, where he was promoted to Master. He has a keen interest in local sports and is a member of Greenock Wanderers Rugby Cub, Greenock Cricket Club and Gourock Golf Club and most especially enjoys being a Granddad.



At the Harmony in the main Town Hall a large number of brethren enjoyed supper and the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts were observed. Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM toasted Her Majesty the Queen. His Toasts to The Grand Lodge of Scotland and The Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West were replied to by Bro James P Livingstone Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master. A heartfelt toast to Her Majesty's Armed Forces was delivered by Past Master Bro Bob Bain, himself a former regular soldier. The Right Worshipful

Master, Bro MacFeate, toasted the Installing Masters and the Immediate Past Master. The replies to these came from Bro. Iain White PM and Bro Alan D Beck IPM, respectively. Bro Allan T Glen WSW toasted the Visiting Brethren and, as is traditional in No XII, the reply was given by Bro William Lawson RWM of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. The artistes and lassies were toasted by Bro J Robert Crossan WJW.

As is the custom in No XII, Inverclyde Council was represented at the Installation Supper and Harmony On this occasion, Depute Provost Bro David Wilson, a member of Lodge Sir Michael 989 and Honorary Member of No XII represented the Provost. Depute Provost Bro Wilson addressed the assembled brethren and spoke of the long and close connection between No XII and the town of Greenock and the Lodge's historic right to meet in the Saloon of the Town Hall. He also brought good news that some of the Victorian coloured glass windows, missing from the Saloon for many years, would be reinstated soon. Planning permission was being sought. Bro Wilson concluded as he extended his good wishes to the Lodge for the forthcoming session.

Depute Provost Bro David Wilson
Bro James P Livingstone RWPGM
Bro Alistair Glenny PM
Bro Willie Lawson RWM 68



For the first time in over 45 years, the Toast to the House of Ardgowan was on the list and proposed by Bro Alan D. Beck IPM. Sir Ludovic Houston Shaw Stewart, 12th Baronet of Greenock and Blackhall replied and thanked Bro Beck for his kind words. Sir Ludovic particularly appreciated the way in which the long connection, stretching back to the 1840s, between the Shaw Stewart family and No XII was highlighted.

**Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart Bro Alan D Beck IPM
Bro Iain White Principal Installing Master**



Bro Allan I MacFeate spoke of his pleasure at taking the chair and of the plans that he had for the Lodge in the year ahead. A major charity drive is again under way.

Musical contributions from Polly Beck and Bro Barry Banks were much enjoyed by the company as was the piping of Bro Alasdair Beaton No XII piper and Past Master of Lodge The Gael No 609.

The extremely happy evening finished with the singing of Auld Lang Syne and three hearty cheers!

Office Bearers for 2014-15

Right Worshipful Master **Bro. Capt. Allan I MacFeate** *Immediate Past Master* **Bro. Alan D Beck**
Depute Master **Bro Derek A. Macfeate** *Substitute Master* **Bro. Alexander Galbraith PM**
Worshipful Senior Warden **Bro. Allan T. Glen** *Worshipful Junior Warden* **Bro. J. Robert Crossan**
Secretary **Bro. Kenneth C MacDougall PM** *Treasurer* **Bro. David D. Stevenson** *Almoner* **Bro. Kenneth K. Morrison PM** *Chaplain* **Bro. Robert J. Bain PM** *Senior Deacon* **Bro. A. Buckley**
Junior Deacon **Bro. Paul G. Galbraith** *Director of Ceremonies* **Bro. Iain White PM** *Director of Music* **Bro James McGregor** *Architect* **Bro Brian McFadyen** *Jeweller* **Bro Ross Gourdie** *Bible Bearer* **Bro. Albert McLean** *Sword Bearer* **Bro James McGregor Jr** *Piper* **Bro Alasdair Beaton**
PM Marshal Bro Hector Macphail PM *Inner Guard* **Bro. Alistair Glen** *PM President of Stewards* **Bro. John W. Dyer** *1st Assistant Steward* **Bro. Iain Hanlon** *2nd Assistant Steward* **Bro. M. Barry Banks** *Tyler* **Bro. Ewen Maclean**



In the Provost's Room from left Bro Kenneth K Morrison PM Sir Ludovic Houston Shaw Stewart Bart. Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM Bro Iain White PM Bro David Wilson Depute Provost Bro Hector Macphail PM



Office Bearers 2014-15 – Back Row: Bros J McGregor A Buckley E Maclean MB Banks KC MacDougall PM RJ Bain PM M Thomson PM DD Stevenson I Hanlon DA MacFeate **Front Row:** AT Glen WSW AD Beck IPM KK Morrison PM I White PM AI MacFeate RWM Deputy Provost D Wilson H Macphail PM A Glenny PM JR Crossan WJW. Sir Ludovic Shaw Stewart 12th Baronet of Greenock and Blackhallvis beside the RWM in the front row

Past Master's Jewel for Bro Alan



Bro Alan D. Beck was presented with a Past Master's Jewel by the Lodge. It is shown in the photograph here. It was originally the Jewel of Bro Thomas P. McIntyre who was Right Worshipful Master in 1939-40. The Jewel sadly had not come back from Bro McIntyre's family, and we might have lost it altogether, had it not been for the vigilance of PM Bro Peter R. Sinclair who found it for sale on eBay. He bid for it and won the auction. Then Peter very generously presented it back to the Lodge last year when he was up from England for one of our meetings.

Nowadays, we have a clear expectation on all of our Past masters that they return Jewels are returned by their families when they pass to the Grand Lodge Above.

Bro Thomas P. McIntyre had another claim to fame. On Tuesday 13th December 1938, at the Annual Installation, he presented the big illuminated square and compasses to the Lodge that is used at Installations to this day. It may be seen (above) in the photo of the top table. Bro McIntyre was Worshipful Senior Warden at the time

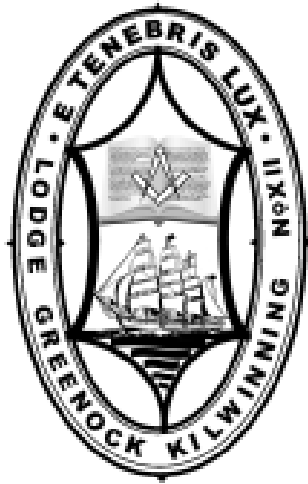
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No XII Burns Supper 2015 – Saturday 28th February
The Town Hall, Greenock at 630 for 7pm

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From darkness, light