

## Meetings 2014-15

- \* 06.01.15  
Lecture by RWPPGM  
(Ayrshire) Bro Archie  
Chalmers
- \* 20.01.15  
Raising
- \* 03.02.15  
No Meeting – Inverclyde  
Music Festival
- \* 17.02.15  
Raising
- \* Saturday 28.02.15  
Annual Charity Burns  
Supper
- 03.03.15  
Passing and PGL  
Renfrewshire West  
Annual Visitation
- \* 17.03.15  
Raising
- \* 07.04.15  
Passing
- \* 21.04.15  
Mark
- \* Thursday 04.06.15



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  
Special Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June

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## Charity Burns Supper Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

No XII's 5<sup>th</sup> Charity Burns Supper will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015. The Immortal Memory will be delivered by Bro Iain White PM No XII and the Toast to the Lassies will be by Bro Iain Gordon of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275. The Readings will be by Bro David Vennard PM (Lodge Glasgow Kilwinning No 4) and our own Honorary Member Bro Sandy Reddy (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175). Musical entertainment will be provided by Bro Alan D Beck IPM, Craig Dunsmore and Jamie Stables.

It will be a most enjoyable evening and will be a great contributor to our drive to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Tickets, priced £20, or tables of 10, priced £200, may be reserved by contacting Bro Iain White PM (07575752570) or Bro Alan D Beck IPM (07739514242).

## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> will be a Raising and the Candidate is Bro Campbell Snoddy. The degree team is **Obligation** Bro Allan I. MacFeate **Retrospect** Bro Paul Galbraith **Raising** Bro Alan D. Beck IPM **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Allan Glen WSW **Working Tools** Bro Bob Crossan WJW **Traditional History and Tracing Board** Bro Robert J. Bain PM **Charge** Bro Ken McDougall PM.

## The Charity Drive 2015

RWM Bro Allan I. MacFeate has begun to select the charities that will benefit from our Charity Drive this year. With the armed forces charity still to be decided upon, RWM Bro Allan has identified Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners Home and Children in Poverty (Inverclyde). Of course, Inverclyde's Provost, Robert Moran will also identify a charity for us to support.

## Our previous Meeting Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Although the meeting was very close to the New Year there was a big attendance at the Lodge to hear a Lecture from IPPGM of Ayrshire, Bro Archie Chalmers. Invited to the East with Bro Archie were 2 visiting RWMs from out with the Province, viz. Bro Keith Bowes, RWM of Lodge The Gael No 609 and Bro Murray Hunter, RWM of Lodge Stinchar Valley No 1705. Bro Archie provided us with a fascinating insight into the foundation of the Robert Burns World Federation. The Federation's own website says *A chance remark in a London park over a hundred years ago led to the formation of a body which today ranks as the oldest national literary association in Scotland. That the idea of forming a Federation of Burns Clubs should have first been expressed somewhere south of Scotland is significant in itself for, from the very outset, the body which has become the official Burns movement has been no narrow national organisation, but one embracing the whole world.*

Bro Archie informed us that the chance remark was in a conversation amongst 3 gentlemen who were in the capital to be present at the unveiling of a statue of Burns. The names of these gentlemen were Colin Rae Brown, David McKay and David Sneddon. Co-incidentally they were all Freemasons and one of them, Colin Rae Brown, was a Greenockian! Indeed Colin Rae Brown was a member of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 and had been President of The Greenock Burns Club (The Mother Club) in 1844-45 and was later its secretary. As they had with the publication of Burns Kilmarnock Edition, Bro Archie informed us that Freemasons played a big part in the foundation of the Burns Federation as at least 9 masons in total attended its inaugural meeting in Kilmarnock. All in all, Bro Archie's paper was very interesting, informative and enjoyable and was capped by in impromptu rendition of The Star o' Rabbie Burns by Bro Alan D. Beck IPM.



**RWM Bro Allan I. MacFeate  
and IPPGM (Ayrshire) Bro.  
Archie Chalmers**

## Reigning Masters' Degree The Lodge of Erskine No 1566

RWM Bro Allan I MacFeate had the honour of being invited to take part in a Reigning Masters' Degree at The Lodge of Erskine, where our own Bro Brian McFadyen is, at present, RWM. The Degree Team was **Obligation** RWM Bro Brian McFadyen (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566) **Secrets** Bro Jack Vernal (Lodge Moorpark No 1263) **Apron** RWM Bro Andrew Piggott (Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626) **NE Corner and Working Tools** Bro Allan I. MacFeate (RWM Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII) **Tracing Board** RWM Bro Jim Kavanagh (Lodge Georgetown No 1170). Other Masters who took part by taking up offices were RWM Bro Marshall North (Lodge Greenock St John's No 175), RWM Bro Bob Kerr (Lodge Inchinnan No 1405), RWM Bro Clive Talbot (Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217) and RWM Bro Robert Reid (Lodge St Mark's at Glasgow No 102)



**RWM Bro Brian McFadyen (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566)  
and RWM Bro Allan I. MacFeate (Lodge Greenock  
Kilwinning No XII) at the Reigning Masters' Degree in 1566**





**The Reigning Masters at 1566: Bros. Bob Kerr (1405) Clive Talbot (217) Robert Reid (102) Jack Vernal (1263) Brian McFadyen (1566) Marshall North (175) Allan I. MacFeate (XII) Andrew Piggott (626) Jim Kavanagh (1170)**

## Reports on Visits

- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Allan Glen, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Alistair Glenn PM, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro James Lever and HM Bro Kenneth McCrae
- Lodge The Gael No 609 on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Installation) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Paul Stevenson
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Passing conferred by reigning Masters from PGL Renfrewshire East, Renfrewshire West and Glasgow) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WSW Bro Allan Glen, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Brian McFadyen (RWM No 1566)
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014 (Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenn PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro Paul Stevenson, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro Tony Stewart
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 (Entering) – attended by Bro David Stevenson and Bro James Livingstone
- Lodge Crawfordsburn No 1121 on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 (ADS) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro James Miller, HM Bro Neil Forbes, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (Mark) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck and HM Bro Tony Stewart

## **From the old No XII Minute Books**

*Information on the first time that another lodge conferred a degree in No XII, taking us back to 1911.*

### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1911**

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

At a meeting of the Executive held in the Adjacent at 815pm

The RWM referred to a conversation he recently had with PM W. Munro Denholm of Lodge Glasgow St Vincent Sandyford No 553 on which occasion, on the suggestion of Bro Park, he promised to arrange with Bro Jas. Strang RWM of Lodge Glasgow St. John No 3bis, to visit our Lodge, with a deputation, on an early date and confer a Degree.

The Office Bearers present heartily approved of the suggestion and it was agreed that they should be asked to confer the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1911**

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Working of the Lodge taken over by deputation from Lodge Glasgow St. John No 3bis

Thereafter, the RW Master welcomed the Deputation from Lodge Glasgow St. John No 3bis, which was accompanied by Bro. W. Munro Denholm PM of Lodge St Vincent Sandyford No 553. The working of the Lodge was then taken over by the deputation, the Master's Chair being occupied by Bro Andrew Brown PM, the Senior Warden's by Bro Jas. Strang RWM and the Junior Warden's by Bro John Dempster JW.

Raised – Bro John E. Haig

The Lodge was then raised to the Degree of Master Mason and Bro John E. Haig who had served a regular Apprenticeship and sometime as a Fellowcraft was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Degree was carried out in a very impressive manner and, at the close of the meeting, the Glasgow brethren, on the call of Bro Park, accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and mention was made of the fact that this was the first occasion in the history of the Lodge that the working of the degree had been carried out by a visiting deputation.

**Iain White PM**  
**18.01.15**

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