

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 by Lodge The Gael
No 609
- * 21.04.15
Mark
- * Thursday 04.06.15
Entering by Lodge Past
Masters



Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII
The Saloon of the Town Hall, Greenock
Regular Meetings – 7.30pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April
Special Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

RWM Bro Capt. Allan I. MacFeate 40 The Esplanade Greenock PA16 7RY (07855332738)
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Treasurer Bro David Stevenson 5 Broomberry Drive Gourrock PA19 1JY (07887904910)

Summer Meeting Thursday 4th June

There will be a Summer Meeting again this year. It will be held on Thursday 4th June, moving from our usual Tuesday slot so that we do not clash with the booleers' league night. The degree will be an Entering and it will be conferred by the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro Alistair Glenny PM will take the Chair and **the degree team** is as follows: **RWM** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **IPM** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **WSW** Bro Alan D Beck PM **WJW** Bro KK Morrison PM **SD** Bro Iain White PM **JD** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **IG** Bro Robert J Bain PM **DoC** Bro Hector Macphail PM. The **floorworkers** are: **Prayer** Bro Hector Macphail PM **Obligation** Bro Alistair Glenny **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Alan D Beck PM **NEC** Bro Robert J Bain PM **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate RWM **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White PM **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

Lodge The Gael to Return!

Lodge The Gael has accepted an invitation to confer the Second Degree on Tuesday 7th April. It will be great to have our friends down from Glasgow again and to see the deputation led in by the massed pipers of 609! There may even be a dram taken afterwards

Our Next Meeting Tuesday 3rd March

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 3rd will be a Passing. The degree team is **Obligation** Bro Allan I. MacFeate **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro Allan Glen **WSW Working Tools** Bro Bob Crossan **WJW Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro Robert J Bain PM.

The Charity Drive 2015

RWM Bro Allan I. MacFeate has selected the charities that will benefit from our Charity Drive this year. The armed forces charity will be Erskine this year. Sir Gabriel Wood's Mariners' Home and Children in Poverty (Inverclyde) will also benefit. Again, as is our custom Inverclyde's Provost, Robert Moran, has identified a charity too for us to support. This year he has selected Dreams Come True' Inverclyde.

A Special Edition of XII Talk will cover the Burns Supper.

Visit to Masonic Lodges Penang, Malaysia Bro Alistair Glenny PM

The brethren of No XII do a lot of visiting. Bro Alistair has taken this to a new level! He has supplied this report on his visit to Malaysia.

“From ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from the Lodge; especially, when warned to appear at it without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.”

- Ancient Charge

During a recent stay in Malaysia visiting family, I was privileged to enhance my Masonic experiences with visits to three of the Lodges who meet with other Lodges, Chapters and associated Masonic organisations in the Masonic Temple on the Island of Penang. The building is undergoing extensive repairs and will soon be restored to its former glory, shown below.

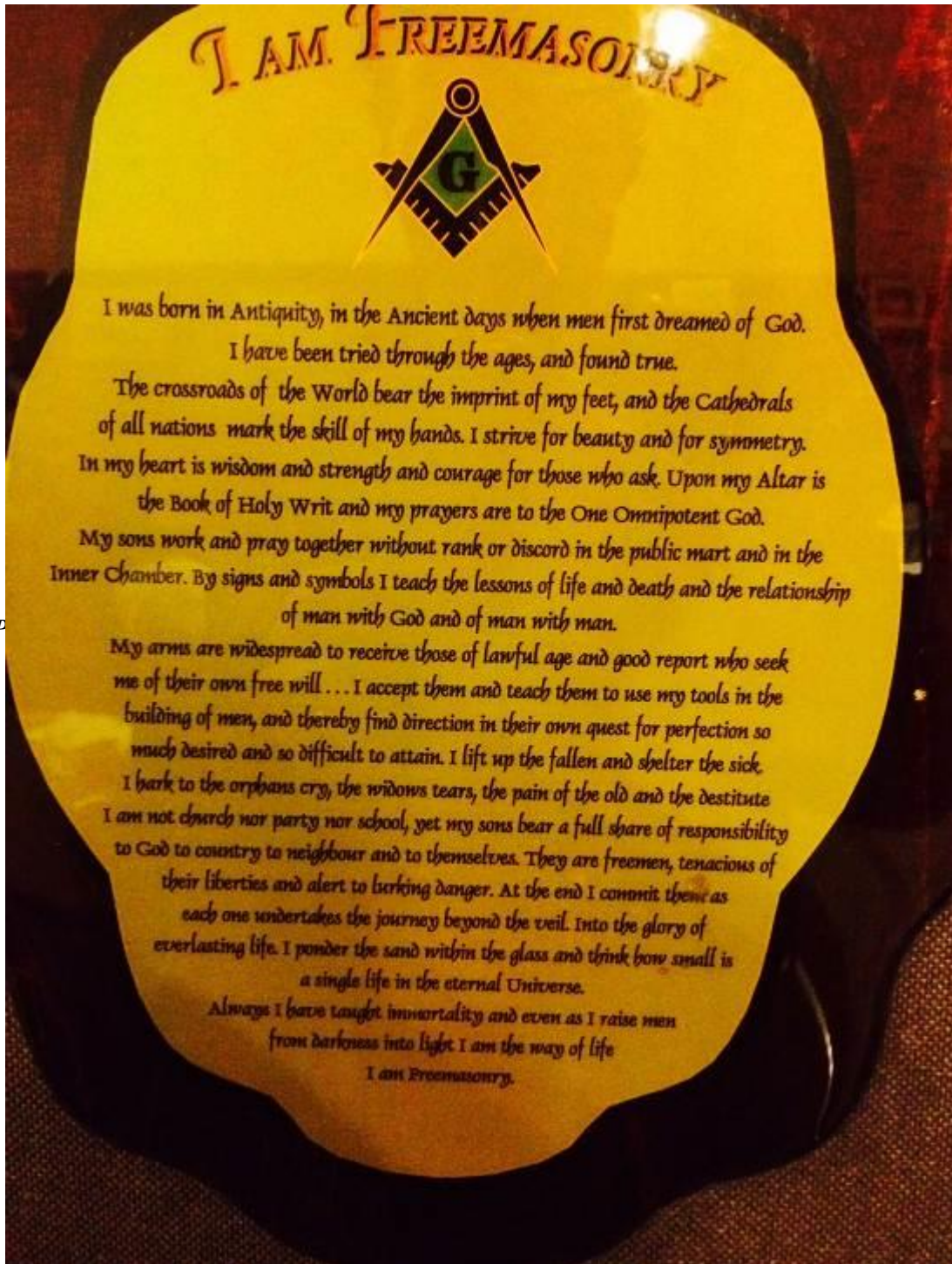
Once, part of the Empire. Penang has many reminders of colonial presence which include Farquhar, Campbell, Argyll and Downing Streets, the Cameron Highlands with Bukit (Hill) Fraser, a monument to Queen Victoria, and the ubiquitous funicular railway that to this day still takes the ex-pats to the cool of a hill station.



Freemasons Hall, Penang

On December 18th 2014 I visited Lodge Scotia No 1003 SC which was formed and consecrated in 1906 and is a Lodge within the District Grand Lodge of the Middle East. Part of the business on this the last meeting of 2014 was to oblige the District Grand Standard Bearer by Substitute District Grand Master Bro Paul Manecksha.

A Xmas party, at which our Wives and partners joined, then took place providing a great opportunity to make new friends



On January 2nd 2015 I visited Lodge Shamrock in Penang No 938 IC a young Lodge constituted on 8th December 2007 warranted by The Grand Lodge of Ireland



Many of the brethren are also members and Office Bearers of the other Lodges who meet in the Temple, some of whom are included in the photograph above. This was the first meeting of the year and part of the business discussed was an application to increase the number of meetings – so the future looks bright!!

On both visits, I was accompanied by my Son-in-Law, Bro Simon Gray a member of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, and a resident of Penang.

As well as conveying fraternal greetings I left a synopsis of our Installation and that of RWM Bro Andrew Piggott of 626, a No XII tie and a No XII Mark Token. I also gave a brief history of our Lodge and as District Office Bearers were present, of our famous Provincial Grand Master of 275 years ago, Bro Alexander Drummond!

I also managed a third visit on January 7th 2015 to The Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No 1555 EC when I witnessed an excellent Fellowcraft Degree carried out in a manner very similar to our own 2nd Degree. This well attended meeting was the first for the new RWM Bro Syahril Rezwan Abdullah. Again I conveyed the best wishes of the brethren of Greenock Kilwinning Nox11



Alistair Glenny PM

***In Memoriam* Lodge at Crawfurdsburn**

I had the honour, along with Bro Tommy Trotter PM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626, of piping on Tuesday 24th February at the *In Memoriam* Lodge held by Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121. Being an Honorary Member of 1121 made it even more special for me. It was the first such remembrance that Lodge Crawfurdsburn had held since 2006. It was a very dignified and sincere ceremony where the reading of the names of the departed brethren was complemented by an evocative address by Bro James W. Mill



Bro Tommy Trotter PM Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and Bro Iain White PM Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII HM Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 at the *In Memoriam* Lodge

Honorary Provincial Grand Rank for Crawford and Eddie

One of the highlights of the Provincial Installation of Office Bearers on 6th February was the conferring of Honorary Memberships of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on a total of eight brethren on the evening. Our members Crawford Kirkpatrick and Eddie McGill were amongst them as were our No XII Honorary Members Jim Strachan and Kenny McCrae. The presentation, which have somehow remained a secret, was made by the Provincial Grand Master Bro James P Livingstone, to the stunned recipients as follows:

Brother	Lodge	Honorary Rank
Crawford Kirkpatrick	Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII	Senior Deacon
Eddie McGill	Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII	Senior Deacon
David McShane	Lodge Greenock St. John's No. 175	Architect
Daniel Blaney	Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No. 217	Secretary
Kenneth McCrae	Lodge Firth of Clyde, Gourrock No. 626	Senior Warden
Robert Winning	Lodge Sir Michael No. 989	Secretary
James Strachan	Lodge Crawfordsburn No. 1121	Bard
James McLellan	Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No. 1425	Director of Ceremonies



The Provincial Grand Master with the new honorary members of Provincial Grand Lodge. L-R: Brother Jim Strachan (1121), Brother Kenneth McCrae (626), Brother Eddie McGill (XII), Brother Crawford Kirkpatrick (XII), PGM, Brother Danny Blaney (217), Brother Jim McLellan (1425) Brother Bob Winning (989), Brother David McShane (175).

With thanks to RWPGM Bro James P. Livingstone and the *West Column*

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Scotia No 1003 (SC) in Penang, Malaysia on 18th December 2014 (Business) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenny PM
- Lodge Shamrock No 938 (IC) in Penang, Malaysia on 2nd January 2015 (Festive Board) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenny PM
- The Royal Prince of Wales Lodge No 1555 (EC) in Penang, Malaysia on 7th January 2015 (Passing) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenny PM
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 7th January 2015 (Passing) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 10th January 2015 (Annual Installation) – attended by IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 12th January 2015 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Miller HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 15th January 2015 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate and IPM Bro Alan Beck
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 18th January 2015 (Joint Annual Divine Service) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Miller HM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 26th January 2015 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Tam Hamilton, Bro Campbell Snoddy and Bro Iain MacLeod HM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 26th January 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 27th January 2015 (Exemp. Passing & PGL Annual Visit) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro Neil Forbes HM and Bro James Miller HM
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 29th January 2015 (Burns Supper) – attended by Bro Iain White PM who had the honour of giving the Immortal Memory
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 2nd February 2015 (Burns Supper) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge St John Kilwinning Largs No 173 on 3rd February 2015 – attended by Bro Robert Bain PM and Bro Ewen MacLean
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 5th February 2015 (Entering) – attended by Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Strachan HM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- PGL Renfrewshire West on 6th February 2015 (Annual Meeting & Installation) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Robert Bain PM, Bro Derek Kirkpatrick PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro James Miller HM Honorary Provincial Grand Rank of Senior Deacon was conferred on Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill. Honorary Provincial Grand Rank of Senior Warden was conferred on Bro Kenneth McCrae HM Honorary Provincial Grand Rank of Bard was conferred on Bro. James Strachan HM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 9th February 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro David Stevenson, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 10th February 2015 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro James Miller HM and Bro James Strachan HM
- Lodge Montgomerie Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 11th February 2015 (Raising) – attended by Bro Tony Buckley, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 12th February 2015 (Entering & PGL Annual Visit) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Tony Stewart HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM and Bro James Lever HM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 14th February 2015 (225th Anniversary Ceremony) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro

- Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Tony Stewart HM, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Miller HM and Bro James Lever HM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 16th February 2015 (Entering & PGL Annual Visit) – attended by RWM Bro Allan MacFeate, IPM Bro Alan Beck, WJW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Robert Bain PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Paul Galbraith, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Kenneth McCrae HM, Bro James Strachan HM, Bro James Miller HM and Bro Iain MacLeod HM Bro Alan D Beck IPM was given Honorary Life Membership

From the old No XII Minute Books

It was of some interest to me as I looked in the Minute Book for 1911 to see these two items, relating, on the one hand, to a charitable act by No XII and, on the other, to the presentation of an engraving of Robert Burns to the Lodge. I thought it very appropriate to share these as our Charity Burns Supper is on the evening of the day that I write this. Sad to say, while the charitable acts continue, I do not know what happened to that engraving as there is no sign of it amongst the Lodge artefacts now.

Tuesday 19th September 1911

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Acknowledgement of contribution to the Infirmary Centenary Fund

The RW Master read a letter which he had received from Provost McMillan acknowledging his thanks for the manner in which the Lodge had responded to his appeal on behalf of the Infirmary Centenary Fund and with it was a copy of the letter sent by the Infirmary Directors expressing their appreciation of the support given.

Tuesday 26th September 1911

Bro John J Park, RW Master, in the Chair

Presentation by Bro Geo Allan Treasurer

The RW Master drew attention to an engraving entitled ‘The Inauguration of Robt. Burns as Poet Laureate of the Lodge Canongate Kilwinning Edinburgh 1st March 1787’ which Bro George Allan had asked him to accept and which he had much pleasure in doing on behalf of the Lodge

Iain White PM
28.02.15

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