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## Meetings 2016-17

- \* 17.01.17  
Visitation by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and Lecture by Bro Iain McPhee PM
- \* 07.02.17  
Entering
- \* 21.02.17  
Raising
- \* 07.03.17  
Passing and Provincial Visitation
- \* 21.03.17  
Raising
- \* 04.04.16  
Passing
- \*18.04.17  
Mark
- \*Thursday 01.06.17  
Summer Meeting  
Entering by Past Masters

**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**  
**Summer Meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in June**

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## Next Meeting Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February Raising

On Tuesday we have a Raising. The Degree will be conferred by the Brethren of No XII. The floor workers are **Prayer and Bible Reading** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Retrospect** Bro Brian McFadyen WJW **Raising** Bro Alan D Beck **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate IPM **Traditional History** Bro Robert J Bain PM **Charge** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM. In the absence of the deacons, Bros KK Morrison PM and Alex Johnstone will fill in.

## Photos

If you have photos relating to the Lodge from bygone days, could you please scan them and email them to me or pass the actual photos to me and I shall scan them and give you the photo back. I am particularly keen on those that go back to the days when the world was black and white.

## No XII Charity Burns Supper 2017 – Coming this Saturday

No XII is able to make significant Charitable Donations each year because of the efforts of the brethren. Much of the funding is raised at the Charity Burns Supper. It will take place in the Town Hall, Greenock on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Bro Ian MacPherson MBE, Past Master of Lodge The Prince's No 607 will propose the Immortal Memory and the Toast to the Lassies will be given by or own Past Master, Bro Ian M Ross. As usual, Bro Alan D Beck PM will address the haggis and sing for us backed by the talented musicians in the band - Craig Dunsmore, Jamie Stables and Andy McAlees. Bro Sandy Reddy will clamber on to his Grey Mare Meg to give us Tam o' Shanter. RWM Bro Allan T Glen will Chair and MC the event, RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone will deliver Grace and Bro Andrew Muir will pipe. **Prizes are needed** for the raffle and auction. Book your place with Bros Alan Beck or Iain White. You can still reserve a table or smaller numbers of tickets. This year's charitable beneficiaries will be The Not Forgotten Association for Veterans, Sense Scotland, Children in Poverty Inverclyde, Ardgowan Hospice (*Nominated by Provost Robert Moran*), Greenock Wanderers RFC and Greenock Cricket Club



## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Entering

The entering was conferred by the Brethren of No XII. The floor workers were **Prayer** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Secrets** Bro Iain White PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **NEC** Bro Robert Marshall **Working Tools** Bro David Martin IG **Charge** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM. It is to be hoped that more brethren will follow his lead because a variety of floor workers serves to make things more interesting. Bro Robert Marshall's first time on the floor and he was congratulated by the RWM for an excellent debut. We had a nice deputation of visitors led by RWM Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. He was supported by RWM Bro Nicky Stetz of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 and RWM Bro Andrew Forsyth of Lodge Sir Michael No 989.

## Celebrating Bro Robert Burns



Our own Burns Supper is this Saturday but already No XII has been very active celebrating our National Poet. Past Masters Alan D Beck, Ian M Ross and Iain White are regulars on the circuit and Bro Jack Glenny PM has a worldwide profile as a Burns speaker. This is common in many Lodges. The photo above shows Bros Iain White along with Bro Bobby Shaw PM (The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge and Lodge The Prince's No 607) Bro Iain Gordon (The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge and Lodge The Prince's No 607) John Hutcheson (The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge and Lodge The Prince's No 607) before speaking at the Burns Supper in the Grosvenor Bowling Club. It would fair to say that the Grosvenor audience contained more than a few members of the Craft!!

## Monthly Draw

The 2017 Monthly Draw has started and payment is now being accepted. Treasurer Bro David Stevenson is keen that we support this handy fund raiser that is a great help with the day-to-day running costs of the Lodge

Number(s) are available at £1 per number per month and there is no limit to the number and each entrant can have as many as they like! Payment can be made (1) by cash to Bro David (2) by cheque made payable to Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII - Social Fund (3) by internet banking to Bank RBS Sort Code 83-22-20 Account Number 10000509 as a one off payment in multiples of £12 with the entrants name shown in the payment reference box or (4) by standing order to same bank details as above for your chosen monthly amount.

Where possible Bro David will use the same numbers as in previous years unless asked otherwise.

The lucky winners in 2016 were

January	Paul Stevenson
February	Gary Lewis
March	Iain White
April	Andrew Winter (Crawford's Grandson)
May	Kenny Morrison
June	Paul Stevenson
July	Crawford Kirkpatrick
August	Alistair Glenny
September	Bob Crossan
October	Kenny Morrison
November	Norrie Frizzell
December	James McGregor Jnr

January 2017 was won by Bro Iain White

The prizes in June and December were £50 with the remainder being £15. The overall surplus for the Lodge was £278. Obviously the more folk who are in, the more benefit to No XII. Remember, Like Bro Crawford you can buy a ticket for you family members too!

## Test and Capitation Fees

Test Fees are now due and £40 should be paid either by any of the means above. Capitation Fees are £30 for Life Members (at their discretion). These may be paid by any of the means stated above for the Monthly Draw. Please note that the payment is to a different account if you are doing it online – 10000495. All other bank details are the same.



## The way we were – 1981 The Brothers Glenny



This time our photo was taken on the evening of the Installation of Bro John Clark Glenny (left) into the Chair of No XII. He is pictured with his brother, Alistair, who was his Worshipful Senior Warden. In due course, Alistair followed Jack into the Chair. I believe that they are the only 'blood brothers' to have held the Chair in No XII. It must be quite an uncommon occurrence in the Craft in general for brothers to follow one another into the Chair. I wonder if it is unique?.

## From the old Minute Books of No XII



*This edition's Minute Book extract takes us back to 1895 and its subject is Bro DFD Neill, one of No XII's most eminent members. Bro Duncan Ferguson Dempster Neill was a sugar refiner whose family owned a refinery at 78 Drumfrochar Road. He went on to RWM of No XII in 1905.*

*DFD Neill rose to the rank of Colonel in the Royal Engineers and was awarded the DSO by His Majesty's Imperial Forces and the Croix de Guerre by the French in the Great War. He was an eminent and highly skilled yachtsman, so much so that he became Sir Thomas Lipton's right hand man in all of his attempts to win The Americas Cup. He is shown on the left hand side of the photograph. The other yachtsman in the white topped hat is Sir Thomas Lipton himself and they are on Shamrock III in 1910. Bro Neill passed to the Grand Lodge Above on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1938.*

## Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1895

Bro Alex Smith DM, in the Chair

Candidate – DFD Neill

The Secretary then read an application for admission to the Lodge from:-  
Duncan Ferguson Dempster Neill aged 26 Sugar Refiner, born and residing in Greenock

Candidate duly Elected and Initiated

The Candidate was proposed and seconded by Bros Alex Smith DM and Walter WB Rodger PM and after being balloted for was declared duly elected. He was thereupon prepared and initiated into the mysteries of the EA Degree.

Bro Neill passed into FC Degree

The Lodge was thereafter passed to the Fellow Craft Degree and Bro Neill was passed into that Degree.

*There are a few things in this extract from the Minutes that we would find curious. Firstly, the Depute Master was presiding in the Chair, something that I have never seen in 43 years in the Craft. Next the meeting is being held on a Wednesday. Finally, Bro Neill's application was read, his ballot was held and he was Initiated and Passed all on the same night! This would be inconceivable these days.*

## Reports on Visits

- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 16th January 2017 (Burns Supper) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Tony Buckley
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 19th January 2017 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, SD Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro Barry Rodger
- Lodge St James (Kilwinning) Tarbolton No 135 on 20th January 2017 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 23rd January 2017 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Fraser Cameron, Bro Allan Jess, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 24th January 2017 (Lecture) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan and Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 30th January 2017 (Entering Exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan
- Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West on 3rd February 2017 (Annual Communication) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Alistair Glenn PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Eddie McGill and Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 5th February 2017 (Joint Annual Divine Service) – attended by Bro Alistair Glenn PM, Bro James Livingstone and Bro Kenneth McCrae HM
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 6th February 2017 (Regular meeting and Burns Supper) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM

On all occasions Fraternal Greetings were exchanged.

## Lapel Badges

For many years, Bro Henry S Tibbles PM sold anniversary lapel badges in aid of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund through the West Column, the monthly newsletter of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West. Recently, he passed the mantle on to our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. Bro David asked me to start to publicise the badge availability through *XII Talk*. This will now be a regular feature.

Lapel Badges for 25, 40, and 50 years service are available at a cost of £5.50 each. A special “gem” set badge for 60 years is also available at £10. **All prices are excluding postage.** For every badge sold, £2 will be donated to the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund. All cheques should be made out to *David Stevenson*



Badges, may be purchased individually by qualified Brethren, or in bulk by Lodges who may wish to make presentations to deserving Brethren, for meritorious service. All enquiries and orders to [treasureno12@aol.com](mailto:treasureno12@aol.com). Please make cheques payable to *David Stevenson*.



Grumpy Past Masters badges are also now available from David at a cost of £5.50 each, excluding postage.

**Iain White PM**  
**18.02.17**

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