

Twelve Talk

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Visitation by The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 and Lecture by Bro Iain McPhee PM
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Summer Meeting
Entering by 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
Summer Meeting – 1st Thursday in June

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Our Next Meeting Tuesday 18th April – Mark Degree

We come to the end of our session with the Mark Degree on Tuesday. Traditionally a Degree that is worked by Past Masters of the Lodge in the main, it also has a unique feel for the Candidates. The Degree Team for the Mark on Tuesday is **RWMM** Bro Allan T Glen **Conductor** Bro KK Morrison PM **Master Overseer** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Senior Overseer** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Junior Overseer** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall PM.

The floorworkers are **Prayer** Bro KK Morrison PM **Obligation** RWMM Bro Allan T Glen **Secrets and Lecture** Bro James P Livingstone PM DM **Working Tools, Badge and Jewel** Bro KK Morrison PM

Charge Bro Bob Crossan WSW.

Raffle Prizes

Members are reminded that Bro James McGregor has requested donations for raffle prizes as stocks are running down.

Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 21st March – Raising

There was a good attendance of No XII brethren and visitors for the Raising. RWM Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 spoke for the visiting brethren and he was accompanied to the East by Bro Nicholas Stetz of Lodge of Clyde Gourrock No 626. The degree was well delivered by the following floor workers: **Prayer:** IPM Bro Allan MacFeate **Obligation:** RWM Bro Allan Glen **Retrospect:** WJW Bro Brian McFadyen **The Raising:** Marshal Bro Hector Macphail PM **Reading:** IPM Bro Allan MacFeate **Secrets:** DoC Bro Iain White PM **Apron:** WSW Bro Bob Crossan **Working Tools:** IPM Bro Allan MacFeate **Traditional History:** Secretary Bro Kenneth MacDougall PM **The Charge:** Treasurer Bro David Stevenson

Bowling

The Annual Challenge match against Lodge Crawfordsburn will take place at Ardgowan on Saturday 6th May. The Orr Trophy will be held in June. Brethren keen to play should speak to either our Treasurer Bro David Stevenson or Bro KK Morrison PM.

Provincial Masonic Ball

The Provincial Ball will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 25th May. I have this from Bro Alan D Beck PM. *'Now that the Burns Supper is over, I am turning my attention to the PGL Summer Ball. I have 50 tickets priced at a sensational £25 each for Bro Tony Buckley's terrific 3- course meal, including a glass of fizz, and dancing to the fabulous Capitol Big band till midnight. This black tie event is for masons and wives/partners only and is and is the premier Masonic Ball in Scotland I need to get numbers to the RWPGM soon so please let me know if you can come – don't miss it if at all possible and remember that it is not just for Masons from this Province.'*

Visit to Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 Monday 28th March 2017 Conferring The Raising

The Lodge was honoured by an invitation to confer a First Degree from our very good friends at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68. RWM Allan T Glen was supported by a terrific deputation. 18 brethren from No XII entered the Lodge with Bro Iain D Macleod (HM) already inside.



The Deputation at Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68

Back Row: Bros Robert Marshall Allan Jess David Wilson (HM) Campbell Snoddy JD Allan D Beck PM David Martin IG Kenneth C MacDougall PM Secy Gary Lewis David Stevenson Treas Alex Gray
Front Row: Bros KK Morrison PM Allan I MacFeate IPM J Robert Crossan WSW Allan T Glen RWM Brian McFadyen WJW Alistair Glenny PM Alm Hector Macphail PM Marshall Iain White PM DoC

We were handsomely welcomed into a well-filled Lodge by Bro Alexander Bloomfield Wilson RWM and the Office Bearers of No 68 vacated their offices to allow the No XII team to confer the degree on 2 candidates. The floor workers for the Entering was **Prayer** Bro Hector Macphail

PM Obligation RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Secrets** Bro Alan D Beck **PM Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro David Martin IG **Tracing Board** Bro Iain White **PM Charge** Bro Kenneth C MacDougall **PM Chaplain.** Bro Mark Stewart was passed to the Second Degree.

After the meeting we were treated to handsome refreshments and purvey by the brethren of 68. A good night was had and the strong bonds between the two old Lodges were cemented further as a consequence.

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.

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.

From the old Minute Books of No XII

The Mark Degree is worked but once a session, generally, in No XII and for most of the years that I remember (since 1974) has been worked at the second meeting in April which is the last meeting of the session. It was not until 1902 that the Mark Degree was conferred in, and by, No XII. AT this first conferring, there were 42 candidates! We are very pleased to have 6 on Tuesday

Wednesday 6th August 1902

Bro Wm. Gray RWM, in the Chair

Mark Degree wrought in this Lodge for the First Time

The Lodge was then Raised to the Degree of Master Mason and the RWM intimated that in accordance with the resolution of the Lodge passed at the meeting of date 10th February 1902, arrangements had now been made for the conferring of the Mark Degree on Brethren belonging to the Lodge and for the future working of that degree. Thereafter, he requested the retiral of all Candidates for the Mark Degree. In obedience to the request of the RWM, all except Mark masters retired.

The Lodge was then opened in the Mark Degree and 42 Brethren were admitted as Mark Masters. The work was carried out by the RW Master assisted by Bro J Barbour as Senior Overseer, Bro DFD Neill as Junior Overseer and Bros Mitchell (Alex), J Lamb Jr, A Cameron and Dr Lawrie in other capacities. The ceremony was most impressive and a very fitting commencement of the working of the Mark degree which has not, hitherto, been conferred by the Lodge.

Presentation of Mark Degree Emblems by Bro DFD Neill

At the conclusion of the work, Bro DFD Neill requested the RWM to accept from him the Emblems used in the Degree and he expressed the hope that they would be long and often used in this Ancient Lodge.

Vote of Thanks

The RWM cordially accepted Bro Neill's gift to the Lodge and he called for a Vote of Thanks to the Donor which was heartily accorded.



The emblems presented by Bro DFD Neill (pictured above) are, indeed, still used today in No XII some 115 years after he presented them.

Reports on Visits

- Saloon of the Town Hall on 23rd March 2017 (Memorial Service for Bro Ivan Scott) – attended by Bro Allan I MacFeate IPM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Kenneth Morrison PM
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 24th March 2017 (Raising) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 27th March 2017 (Entering conferred by No XII) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, JD Bro Campbell Snoddy, IG Bro David Martin, IPM Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Iain White PM, Bro Hector Macphail PM, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro David Stevenson, Bro Robert Marshall, Bro Allan Jess, Bro Gary Lewis, Bro Alex Gray and Bro David Wilson HM

- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 28th March 2017 (Raising Exemplification) – attended by Bro Bob Bain PM
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 3rd April 2017 (Entering) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM

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 treasurno12@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.

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