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Meetings 2017-18

- * 05.09.17
Passing
- * 19.09.17
Nomination and Election of
Office Bearers
Members only
- * 03.10.17
Raising
- * 17.10.17
Passing and Provincial
Visitation
- * 07.11.17
Raising
- * 21.11.17
Annual Installation at
615pm
- *05.12.17
Annual Divine Service
- *Saturday 24.02.18
Annual Burns Supper



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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Time for a Change

At our last meeting, the Candidate was unavailable at very short notice because of having to work. This is very understandable, particularly in present times when more flexible working patterns prevail than in the bygone days when many of the practices common in Lodges became the norm.

What resulted was an exemplification of the Second Degree. It would be fair to say that, all in all, this was a very unsatisfactory experience. The atmosphere was a bit less than electric as the Office Bearers and floor workers went through their paces. We were grateful to Bro Alex Johnston who stood in as the 'candidate' and gave a good impersonation of someone going through the experience for the first time even though he knew all the answers thoroughly. It would also be fair to say that the Brethren involved in the ceremonial (including yours truly) did not exactly bring their 'A game' along. The team was very experienced and didn't even need the practice!

Prior to the meeting, Bro Hector Macphail PM had floated the idea that we should not be working exemplifications at all for the reasons outlined in the preceding paragraph and that other avenues should be explored.

He brought it, informally, before the RWM and the brethren of the Lodge in discussion before and after the meeting. The conclusion reached was that, in future, we should see the withdrawal of a candidate as an opportunity to do something different, something innovative, something creative. We have enough talent in No XII to have talks, lectures, musical items and the like that would enhance the knowledge of the brethren and entertain them in a way that an exemplification does not. As a result, we have seen the last exemplification in No XII and steps will be taken to have a wee programme of events put together to hold in readiness for use as and when required.

Funnily enough, when you look in the Minute books from the early part of the 20th century, No XII degrees were often enhanced by a lecture or talk after the ceremonial had been concluded. Sometimes these were masonic in nature and content and sometimes not.

So, it's back to the future again as we take No XII forward.

Our Next Meeting

Tuesday 19th September – Nomination and Election of Office Bearers

The next meeting is for No XII Members only because of the nature of the business to be concluded. Once the formalities are over, Bro Robin McIntyre, provincial Grand secretary, will address the Brethren. Bro Robin has expressed an interest in nomination for the post of Provincial Grand Master of Renfrewshire West which will become vacant soon when the present incumbent, Bro James P Livingstone, demits office. Bro Robin will speak about his plans for the future and what he has in mind for the Province should he be awarded the Commission.

Our Previous Meeting

Tuesday 5th September – Passing

Last Twelve Talk had said we were back in the old routine again. Well it did not quite turn out as expected. At the last moment, the candidate indicated his unavailability because of work and so an exemplification was scheduled. The degree team was **Prayer** Bro Alistair Glenny PM **Obligation** RWM Bro Allan T Glen **Secrets** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **Working Tools** Bro David Stevenson Treas **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM **Charge** Bro Iain White PM.

There was a fair attendance of No XII Members and visitors and RWM Bro Allan T Glen was pleased to welcome RWM Bro Gordon Leitch of Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No XII into the East. Bro Leitch said some very kind words of appreciation at the end as he spoke on behalf of the visitors.

No XII Burns Supper

The Annual No XII Charity Burns Supper will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday 23rd February 2018. More details will follow but get the date in your diaries, please!

Further Refurbishment of The Saloon

It has been great to see the way that Inverclyde Leisure and Inverclyde Council have worked together in the refurbishment and redecoration of the Municipal Buildings. The rolling programme has seen the old place really rejuvenated. Of particular delight to No XII has been the redecoration and upgrading of the lighting system in our meeting room, the Saloon. We have just heard further excellent news in that the floor of the Saloon is to be replaced in April next year. This may affect our schedule of meetings and further details will be given as they come to hand.

We will remember them ...

Through the Grand Lodge and Poppy Scotland, No XII will again place wooden poppy crosses to be placed in the Garden of remembrance in Edinburgh for our 10 brethren who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War. Any Brother who wishes to sponsor a cross should see our Treasurer, Bro David Stevenson. The cost is £10.

RWM Bro Allan T Glen will lay a wreath on behalf of the Lodge at the Greenock Remembrance Service on Sunday cc November in the Wellpark. Details will follow nearer the time.

Monthly Draw

The 2017 Monthly Draw is well under way 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 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 text above has a report about the No XII Mark Degree. The Minute extract below details the gift of Mark Tools from Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121. No XII has received several gifts from Lodge Crawfurdsburn over the years.

Wednesday 22nd March 1916

Bro J Grieve Graham, RW Master, in the Chair

Presentation of Mark Tools from Lodge Crawfurdsburn No1121

The RW Master expressed the pleasure it gave him to acknowledge another gift from Lodge Crawfurdsburn No 1121. On this occasion it took the form of Mark Tools consisting of 4 Gavels, 3 Chisels, 3 Set Squares and 1 T Square.

The tools are used to this day.

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 on 10th April 2017 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro David Martin
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 12th April 2017 (Passing and AV of PGLRW) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), Bro Allan Jess, Bro Mark Robertson and Bro David Wilson HM
- Lodge Blantyre Kilwinning No 557 on 13th April 2017 (Passing conferred by St Clements Rickarton Kilwinning Kilmarnock No 202) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen
- Lodge Dramatic No 571 on 13th April 2017 (Passing) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alan Beck PM and Bro Tony Stewart HM
- Lodge St John Whiteinch No 683 on 14th April 2017 (Raising exemplified by Lodge The Gael No 609) – attended by Bro Iain White PM
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 20th April 2017 (Passing and Annual Visit of PGLRW) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM and Bro Alistair Glenny PM

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 treasurerno12@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
03.09.17

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