

# Twelve Talk

10.10.18

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## Meetings 2018-19

\*04.09.18

Raising

\* 18.09.18

Nomination and Election of Office Bearers

Passing by Greenock High School  
Former Pupils of No XII

\* 02.10.18

Entering

\* 16.10.18

Entering

\* 06.11.18

Annual Meeting and Great War  
Commemoration

\*\* 20.11.18

Annual Installation at 615

\*04.12.18

Divine Service

\*Thursday 27.12.18

290<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Festival of  
St John The Evangelist

\* Saturday 23 .02.19

Annual Burns Supper at 630 for  
7pm

**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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## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October Entering

The brethren of No XII will confer another Entering at the next meeting. It is certainly good to have a flow of candidates and to bring new blood into the Lodge and the Craft. The Degree Team is: **Admit Candidate** Bro Alistair Glen PM **Prayer** Bro Alex Johnson BB **Obligation** Bro Allan T Glen RWM **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **NE Corner** Bro Brian McFadyen WJW IG **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM. The Candidate is Mr Scott Archie Branchfield.

## Monthly Draw

The 2018 Monthly Draw is well under way and payment is now being accepted for 2019!! 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

RBS Sort Code 83-22-20 Account Number 10000509 as a one-off payment in multiples of £12 with the entrant's 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 £35 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



## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Entering

It was another well attended meeting and the brethren of No XII conferred an Entering on Mr Callum Robert Price. The Degree Team was: **Admit Candidate** Bro Robert Marshall IG **Prayer** Bro Alex Johnson BB **Obligation** Bro Allan T Glen RWM **Secrets** Bro Alan D Beck PM **Apron** Bro J Robert Crossan WSW **NE Corner** Robert Marshall IG **Working Tools** Bro Allan I MacFeate PM **Charge** Bro Ken Allan I MacFeate PM **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

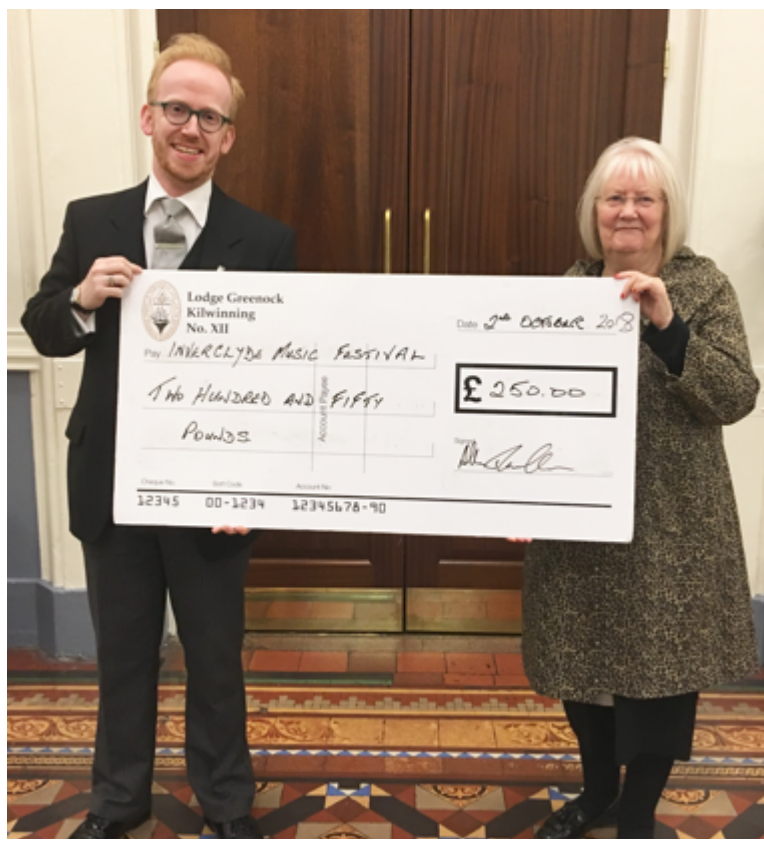
It was a very good evening and Bro Callum proved to be a most capable candidate.

## Presentation to Isabel Lind of Inverclyde Music Festival Money raised at The High School Degree

*The piece below and the photograph were submitted to the Greenock Telegraph. AN item featured on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October.*

Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII is Inverclyde's oldest organisation having been instituted in 1728. As freemasons, the brethren of No XII have the concept of helping those in need at the heart of all that they do. At a meeting in September, all of the work involved was carried out by brethren of the Lodge who are Former Pupils of Greenock High School. Greenock High School had a great tradition of choral singing and its choirs were very successful in the Inverclyde Music Festival held every January in the Town Hall. A number of the degree team were choristers. We were dismayed to see Isabel Lind (herself a High School FP) in *the Greenock Telegraph* recently, outlining that the Festival was facing major financial challenges. It was decided that the High School Degree would be in aid of the Festival.

Isabel was invited along to the next meeting of the Lodge to receive a cheque for £250 to help the Festival overcome the difficulties being faced. She said, "I would like to say how grateful we are to the Lodge for presenting us with such a generous cheque to help with running the Festival in 2019. The Lodge was one of the first respondents to the article to offer help and we are very appreciative."



RWM Bro Allan T Glen presenting Isabel Lind of the Inverclyde Music Festival Committee with a cheque for £250

**No XII and The Great War**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
***A Very Special Occasion***

No degree will be worked on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. It will be a very special occasion of commemoration and thanksgiving where the contribution of No XII to the war effort in The Great War will be described and the 10 brethren of the Lodge who made the supreme sacrifice will be remembered in particular. We shall also give thanks for the 4 No XII brethren who were decorated for gallantry.

The detail of the evening is coming together very nicely now.

*The RWM will act as Chair/MC/continuity for the evening*

**Section 1 Religious Observance**

*Bro Jack Glenney PM will lead us in worship.*

The Act of Remembrance for the 10 members who made the supreme sacrifice.

**Section 2: The Bagpipes and the Great War**

*Bro Keith A. Bowes PM (Lodge The Gael No 609) HM XII will play*

Selection of Great War Pipe Tunes. These will be introduced by Bro Keith.

**Section 3 The War itself**

*Bro Iain White PM*

Stories of the brethren in the No XII Roll of Honour, those members decorated for gallantry and No XII's support for the War Effort.

**Section 4 After the War**

*Bro Iain White PM*

The Welcome Home evening, the War Memorial Altar and some present day brethren's relatives who fell

**Section 5 Song and Poetry**

*Bro Alan D Beck PM*

This to be interspersed within Sections 3 and 4 and to include Is my team ploughing? Medley of songs from the trenches and Music Halls, patriotic songs and Poems of the Great War

**Section 6 Conclusion**

Words in closing by RW Master Bro Allan T Glen and the National Anthem

Brethren attending are invited to wear something red, white and blue rather than black ties of mourning and to bring their best singing voices for the hymns and for joining in the choruses of the Great War and patriotic songs.

The evening will be a prelude to RW Master Bro Allan T Glen laying a wreath on behalf of the Lodge at the Greenock Cenotaph in the Well Park on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, the Centenary of the end of the Great War.

Lest we forget ...

## **Annual Installation 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

Bro James Robert Crossan, or Bob as we know him, will be placed in the Chair of King Solomon on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The Installing Masters will be Bro Iain White, Bro Alan D Beck and Bro Kenneth C MacDougall, all Past Masters of No XII. Bro Alistair Glen PM and Bro Allan T Glen (by that time IPM) will assist at the Board of Installed Masters. Bro Alan was Bob's Proposer into No XII and Bro Iain his Secunder.

After the Installation there will be a complimentary dinner in the Town Hall. The purvey will be supplied by ICE Scotland, the Town Hall caterers, in the shape of our own President of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley who is its proprietor. The meal is guaranteed to be superb. The menu is a main course of steak pie followed by cheese, biscuits and coffee/tea. The meal is "smaller" than usual to try to move things along on the evening.

The usual No XII Loyal and Masonic Toasts will be observed. The artistes entertaining us will be Joanna Crossan and Rueben Beck accompanied by Polly Beck on piano, so it will be very much a family affair.

## **From the Old Minute Books**

*Recently, I reported on Bro Ross Gourdie who had gone to work in California, relocating there with his family. I said at the time that Bro Ross was following in the footsteps of numerous No XII members who had, in the past, taken their lives along a similar route. One such was Bro John Watson who relocated to Shanghai, in the early part of the last century.*

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 1922**

Bro Duncan C Kerr RWM in the Chair

Congratulations to Bro J Watson on his appointment as RWM of Lodge St Andrew in the Far East, Shanghai

The RW Master read a letter which had been received from Bro John Watson who was recently installed as RW Master of Lodge St Andrew in the Far East No 493 SC in Shanghai.

Bro Kerr mentioned that Bro Watson had joined Lodge Greenock Kilwinning in January 1917 and spoke of the pleasure that it gave him to learn that one of our members had reached this exalted position.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to Bro Watson conveying the gratification of the Lodge for the honour which had been conferred on him.



## Old Installation Programmes

To further build our archives, I am looking for Installation programmes from the following years: anything before, and including 1955, 1957, 1958, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1993, 2008 and 2010. So, brethren, look in the loft, that foostie old case or the cupboards and presses in the house and see what you are able to come up with.

## Reports on Visits

- The PGL of Argyllshire & the Isles on 22nd September 2018 (PGM Installation) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 24th September 2018 (Raising) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Iain White PM and Bro Edward Molloy
- Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 on 25th September 2018 (Passing) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, WJW Bro Brian McFadyen, Bro Alan Beck PM, Bro Campbell Snoddy and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 28th September 2018 (Entering exemplification) – attended by WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Paul Stevenson and Bro Eddie McGill
- Port Glasgow Cenotaph on 29th September 2018 (Wreath-laying Ceremony) – attended by RWM Bro Allan Glen, WSW Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Alistair Glenny PM and Bro Edward Molloy
- The Prince's Lodge No 607 on 1st October 2018 (Passing) – attended by Bro Alan Beck PM

## 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](mailto: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.

**Iain White PM**  
**14.10.18**

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