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# Twelve Talk

14.03.10

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#### Meetings

\* 19.01.10 The Songs of Robert Burns

\* 02.02.10 No meeting – Music Festival

\* 16.02.10 Annual Divine Service Conducted by Bro Jack Glenny PM

\* 02.03.10 Entering Exemplification

\* 16.03.10 Passing Exemplification by Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626

\* 06.04.10 PGLRW Visit Entering

\* 20.04.10 Passing by Lodge Greenock St John's No 175



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

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

It has not been very often that visiting Lodges have been asked to work in No XII. In fact, close examination of the Lodge minute books shows that this has happened on only nine occasions. The tenth will be on Tuesday 16th March, when RWM Bro Tommy Trotter brings a deputation from Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourock No 626 to do an exemplification of the Fellowcraft Degree. This

will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Lodge Firth of Clyde has worked in No XII. The previous occasions were in 1903 and 1912. In fact, when Lodge Firth of Clyde conferred the Mark Degree in 1903, it was the first time that a visiting Lodge had ever conferred a degree in No XII. There are a few historical landmarks around Tuesday's meeting and we look forward to an evening of great

fellowship. Hopefully, the recent good attendances in the Lodge will be maintained.

#### **Pals Degree**

At the regular meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, over 50 brethren were in the Lodge, including a deputation of 30 visitors headed by RWM Bro Eddie Ross of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175. RWM Bro Arthur Young presented the gavel to Bro Iain White PM and the ensuing exemplification of the Entering ceremony was what Bro Iain described as a 'Pals' degree. The pals he had invited were Bros Jim Livingstone (PM 626), Drew McKenzie (PM 1121), Brian Hopkins (PM 626) and George Freeman (PM 217). During the degree, Bro Iain told the brethren the reasons why all of these brethren had been invited. They joined Bro Iain and Bro Jim Adams and Ken McDougall of No XII on the degree team. It was a very enjoyable evening with different slants on the ritual being provided by the visiting Past Masters.

Iain White PM



### XII Donation to Hospice



Right Worshipful Master Bro Arthur Young presented a cheque for £200 on behalf of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII to the Ardgowan Hospice. In receiving the cheque, Hospice Finance Director Ken Stevenson said "I greatly appreciate the £200 gift from the Lodge in a particularly difficult year for the Hospice during the economic recession". The collection from the Lodge's recent Divine Service was augmented to make up the £200. Mr. Stevenson was telling us of some real financial challenges that the Hospice is facing so we were glad that we were able to make a contribution to assist such a truly worthy local cause.