

## Meetings 2013-14

\* 07.01.14  
Visit by The Anchor Lodge  
of Research No 1814 to  
deliver a Lecture

\* 21.01.14  
No Meeting

\* 04.02.14  
Raising

\* 18.02.14  
Passing

\* 04.03.14  
Passing

\* 18.03.14  
Raising

\* 01.04.14  
Raising

\* 15.04.14  
Mark

\* Thursday 05.06.14  
Summer Meeting  
Past Masters' Degree  
Entering



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

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## Our Next Meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Raising. The candidate is Bro Tam Hamilton. Bro Tam has been a very enthusiastic member since joining No XII last autumn. He has been at our own Regular Meetings, has accompanied RWM Bro Alan Beck on numerous visits to sister lodges and was present at the Wellpark cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday for the wreath laying by the RWM.

We look forward to seeing Bro Tam complete this part of his Masonic journey.

## Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

A fine deputation from The Anchor Lodge of Research No 1814 was led into the Lodge by its RWM Bro Robert P Shields. After a suitably warm and sincere Masonic welcome from RWM Bro Alan D Beck and the brethren of No XII, Bro Shields went to the East and accepted the James S Adams Memorial Gavel. The Office Bearers of 1814 took their places and Bro Archie Hoey PM delivered a Lecture whose content was concerned with the rituals and ceremonies in Aboriginal culture and their similarities in symbolism with freemasonry. We were all in awe of the amount of research that Bro Archie had obviously put into his topic. It was a special night indeed, being the first time that The Anchor Lodge had taken a deputation to a sister Lodge to deliver a Lecture.



Honour for  
our RWM  
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## Charity Burns Supper 2014

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
630 for 700 pm

## The Town Hall Greenock

A significant contributor to our fundraising efforts is the Charity Burns Supper, which has become the largest in Inverclyde. The next one will be held in No XII's home, the Town Hall, Greenock, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 when, Past

Master of the Lodge and eminent Burnsian, Jack Glenly will deliver the Immortal Memory. Between the Divine Service and the Burns Supper we are keeping Jack busy. Bro Bobby Shaw IPM of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 will Toast The Lassies. Individual tickets and tables may be reserved by contacting Bro Alan Beck on 07739514242 or Bro Iain White on 07575752570. Tickets will also be available at Tuesday's Lodge meeting.

## RWM Bro Alan D Beck made Honorary Member of Lodge The Prince's No 607

On 6<sup>th</sup> January a deputation of No XII brethren – Bro Alan Beck RWM, Bro Allan MacFeate DM, Bro Bob Bain PM, Bro Allan Glen WJW, Bro Bob Crossan SD and Bro Tam Hamilton (accompanied by Bro Tony Stewart of 1425) headed for Mafeking Street in the shadow of Ibrox Stadium to visit our friends in Lodge The Prince's No 607. When they got there, of course, Bro Iain White PM, presently WJW of Lodge The Prince's was there to greet them. It was the first meeting of Lodge The Prince's in the New Year and also the Burns Supper.

Over the last couple of years, a strong friendship has built up between the 2 Lodges with many visits exchanged. Indeed, our RWM has hardly missed a meeting at 607! A big surprise awaited RWM Bro Alan; something that everyone in the deputation knew that he did not. He was to be made an Honorary Member of Lodge The Prince's!

The expression on Bro Alan's face when he was called out in the Lodge was worth seeing and he was amazed that we had all known and kept it so much of a secret.

Alan is the third member of No XII to be a member of Lodge The Prince's. Our illustrious predecessor, Bro RL Scott PM (more of him below) affiliated to Lodge The Prince's in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and, of course, Bro Iain White PM is Junior Warden at present.



### The proud new Honorary Member

From Left: Bros. Bobby Shaw (PM 275 WSW 607) Alan D Beck (RWM XII HM 607) Ian A Macpherson MBE (IPM 607) Iain White (PM XII WJW 607)



### The No XII Deputation

Bro Tam Hamilton Bro Bob Bain IPM Bro Allan T Glen WJW Bro Alan D Beck RWM Bro Ronnie Ford (RWM 607)  
Bro Bob Crossan SD Bro Alan MacFeate DM Bro Iain White PM (WJW 607)

## Lodge The Prince's Burns Supper 6<sup>th</sup> January 2013

The Temple on Mafeking Street was packed for the Burns Supper of Lodge The Prince's which took place after the Regular Meeting. No XII was an integral part of the proceedings with members of the Deputation in the audience and at the top table. Bro Iain White proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory and Bro Alan Beck RWM entertained with Burns songs. Our good friend Bro Iain Gordon (275 and 1566) gave a hilarious Toast to the Lassies.



The big crowd is entertained by Bro John Hutcheson (275)

## Consecration of Lodge Kurt Tucholsky No. 1060

On Saturday 30th November 2013, Past Master Bro. Hector Macphail travelled to Unna in Germany to attend the consecration of Lodge Kurt Tucholsky No. 1060 by "The Grand Lodge of British Freemasons in Germany".

Bro. Macphail had been invited to the event in order to reply to the Toast to the Visiting Brethren on behalf of all the International Lodges present.

At the end of his reply, Bro. Macphail extended fraternal Greetings from No XII and made reference to the fact that our RWM Bro. Alan Beck, at one time, was Principal Tenor with the State Opera in Stuttgart.

To Mark the occasion, Bro. Macphail presented Lodge Kurt Tucholsky with a suitably engraved sterling silver breast jewel to be worn by their W.M. and his successors in Office.

**Bro Hector Macphail PM**





**Bro Hector Macphail PM and WM Robert Rolf Grundmann (1060)**



**The Jewel presented by Bro Hector**



**The Grand Master and Bro Hector**

## **Cajun Barbecue Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014**

RWM Bro Alan Beck is organizing a Cajun barbecue at Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. The man at the barbecue will be Chef Gary Lewis. Gary is a champion Cajun Chef having won competitions in Las Vegas. Many of us enjoyed Gary's cuisine at the Gourmet Evening at the Greenock Golf Club in September.

Names to the RWM please. Do not miss this superb evening. Bring your friends along – no 'masonic' requirement!!

## **Doon the Watter – Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2014**

A sail 'Doon the Watter' on the paddle steamer Waverley is being organised by the PGL of Glasgow for 21<sup>st</sup> June to mark the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the appointment of Bro Alexander Drummond (yes, No XII's Alexander Drummond) as the first Provincial Grand Master in the Scottish Craft. The Lodge has the option of a pair of tickets (£50). It was agreed that the Lodge would take up the option and purchase the tickets. The tickets will be sold to the successful Brother whose name is drawn from the names of all those Brethren wishing to attend the trip.

Names will be taken at our Regular Meetings.

## **Forthcoming Visits to Confer Degrees**

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	Lodge Shalom No 1600	Raising
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	The Lodge of Erskine No 1566	Raising

## **From the old minute books of No XII**

We have more about RWM Bro RL Scott and his friend Bro Major Playfair, member of No XII and RWM of the Lodge to which he had affiliated in Fife, Lodge Elgin No 91.

We heard about Bro Playfair from Bro Drew McKenzie PM (Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121) when he gave us his Lecture on RL Scott a couple of years ago in the Lodge.

Bro Major Playfair is working the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree along with what is probably a mutual friend, Bro I Inglis of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No 2 in Edinburgh.

## **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 1907**

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Br I Inglis IPM Lodge No 2 Elected an Honorary Member

The RWM stated that Bro I Inglis IPM of Lodge Canongate Kilwinning No 2, Edinburgh, who was well known as a most enthusiastic mason had kindly consented to work the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree on this occasion with Bro Major Playfair, RWM Lodge Elgin No 91 and he had much pleasure in proposing that Bro Inglis be elected and Honorary Member of this Lodge. Bro Buchanan SW seconded and the motion was cordially agreed to.

Raised Bro Percy Harmon

Thereafter the Lodge was Passed to the FC Degree and was thence Raised to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree when Bro Percy Harmon who had served a regular apprenticeship and passed some time as a Fellow Craft was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The working of the degree by Bros Inglis and Playfair was most

impressive and the Brethren followed the proceedings with intense interest. Well-deserved Votes of Thanks were accorded to these Brethren and thereafter the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1907**

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Letters Read

From Bro Inglis, 110 George Street Edinburgh, Hony. Member of this Lodge stating that it is proposed to celebrate the Union of Grand Lodge and Mother Kilwinning No 0 and desiring to know if this Lodge would support the proposal. It was agreed to take part in the celebration and the Secretary was instructed to inform Bro Inglis and obtain further particulars

**Iain White PM**  
**31.01.14**

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