

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 1st and 3rd Tuesdays – September to April

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Our Next Meeting Tuesday 4th March

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Passing on 1 candidate. The Degree will be worked by No XII and the team is: **Obligation** Bro Alan D Beck RWM; **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM; **Apron** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Working Tools** Bro Allan MacFeate DM; **Tracing Board** Bro Ken MacDougall PM; **Charge** Bro Allan Glen WJW. It is also the annual visitation by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West

Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 18th February

The brethren of No XII conferred a Passing upon Bro Fraser Cameron. The lodge was again well filled and RWM Bro Willie Lawson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 commented very favourably on the degree on behalf of the visiting brethren. We also had an affiliation of Bro Michael Barry Banks (see opposite). After the meeting, the brethren adjourned to harmony and excellent purvey was provided by our President of Stewards Bro Tony Buckley.



Bro Michael Barry Banks (or Wee Barry to his friends) affiliated to No XII on 18th February. Bro Banks thanked the RWM and Brethren of No XII for allowing him the privilege and honour of becoming a member of such an historic lodge and for the welcome he has received. Bro Banks confirmed that he would do his utmost to forward the interests of No XII and brought fraternal greetings from his Mother Lodge – Independent No 2 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New York City, USA.

Bro Barry is an opera singer. After a long association with The Metropolitan Opera (New York) and English National Opera, the Daily Telegraph said of him *Banks ranks in the top class of Italian-style lyric tenors - every phrase beautifully projected, clarion-toned and technically secure.* Barry was nominated for a Grammy Award this year. Seemingly unimpressed, the Great Caruso (of No XII) was heard to say dismissively, 'Aye, very good, but does he know the Green Oak Tree?' Welcome to No XII, Barry!!!!

The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 Burns Supper

The annual Burns Supper of The Bridgeton and Glasgow Shamrock and Thistle Lodge No 275 was held, as ever, in the masonic temple in Busby. The room was packed and a magnificent evening ensued under the firm, yet tender, guidance of our old friend Bro Bobby Shaw IPM. As organiser-in-chief, chairman, wit, raconteur and teller of tales, Bro Bobby, as ever, used his many talents for the benefit of the Craft in general and No 275 in particular. No XII played its part in making the evening the great success that it was, with Bro Iain White PM proposing the Toast to The Immortal Memory, Bro Alan Beck RWM singing and Bro Allan Glen WJW playing the saxophone. We were joined by friends from 275 at the Top Table, Bro Iain Gordon who toasted the Lassies in hilarious fashion and Bro John Hutcheson who gave brilliant readings from the works of Burns. Our friends from Greenock, Craig Dunsmore and Jamie Stables, who were part of Alan's musical team, contributed their vast skills and talents to complete the entertainment.

As well as being a most entertaining evening, a significant sum was raised for charity. Lodge Treasurer Bro James Cassidy PM was very happy! After the event, brethren who were of weaker will and lacking in common sense, adjourned to Iain Gordon's Chuck Wagon for rolls filled with cholesterol and heart attack accelerators. Liquid refreshments were also available for those of a thirsty disposition...



From left: Jamie Stables Alan Beck Bobby Shaw Allan Glen Iain Gordon John Hutcheson Iain White Craig Dunsmore

Cajun Barbecue Saturday 3rd May 2014

RWM Bro Alan Beck is organizing a Cajun barbecue at Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club on Saturday 3rd 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 21st June 2014

A sail 'Doon the Watter' on the paddle steamer Waverley is being organised by the PGL of Glasgow for 21st June to mark the 275th 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.

Reports on Visits

- Grand Lodge of Scotland on 6th February 2014 (Regular Communication) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, Bro James Livingstone (RWPGM), Bro Alexander Galbraith (SGM) and HM Bro James Miller (IPPGM)
- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 6th February 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Tony Buckley and Bro Eddie McGill
- PGL of Renfrewshire West on 7th February 2014 (Installation of Office Bearers and 275th Anniversary) – attended by WJW Bro Allan Glen, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Ken MacDougall PM, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM, Bro Alistair Glenny PM, Bro Hector MacPhail PM, Bro Murray Thompson PM, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 and Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 9th February 2014 (Joint Annual Divine Service) – attended by Bro Kenneth Morrison PM and Bro Alistair Glenny PM
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 10th February 2014 (Passing conferred by Lodge Prince of Wales No 426) – attended Bro John Keogh
- Lodge Montgomery Kilwinning Skelmorlie No 624 on 12th February 2014 (Entering) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Sir Michael No 989 on 12th February 2014 (Passing Exemp) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Allan MacFeate
- Lodge Galen No 1285 on 13th February 2014 (Passing conferred by Lodge Saint George Glasgow No 333 and Annual Visitation by the PGL of Glasgow) – attended by Bro John Keogh
- The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 on 13th February 2014 (Passing conferred by Lodge Inchinnan No 1405) – attended by Bro Hector MacPhail PM
- Lodge Inverkip Ardgowan No 1425 on 13th February 2014 (Passing and Annual Visitation by PGL of Renfrewshire West) – attended by IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Alistair Glenny PM and Bro Eddie McGill
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 14th February 2014 (Lecture) – attended by

RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Eddie McGill

- Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 on 17th February 2014 (Passing Exemp) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Kenneth Morrison PM and Bro Alistair Glenny PM

Forthcoming Visits to Confer Degrees

Thursday 13 th March 2014	Lodge Shalom No 1600	Raising
Thursday 27 th March 2014	The Lodge of Erskine No 1566	Raising

From the old minute books of No XII

It's amazing how looking at old minutes throws up things back then that re-appears in the present day.

The first extracts below are about a change to the date of the Annual Meeting and we did that this year! These are followed by a proposal that a Ball is held and a big Masonic Ball is to be held in the Town Hall in June.

What goes around comes around!

Monday 30th September 1907

Bro John Barbour, PM, in the Chair

Secretary's Notion of Motion

The Secretary gave a Notice of Motion to amend Rule 4 by fixing the last Wednesday in November for the Annual Meeting of the Lodge, instead of, at present provided.

Thereafter the Lodge was closed in due and antient form.

Monday 4th November 1907

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Secretary's Notion of Motion

The Secretary moved that Rule 4 of the Bye Laws be amended by fixing the date of the Annual Meeting for the last Wednesday of November, instead of at present provided. The RWM seconded and the change was agreed to unanimously

Monday 5th December 1907

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

Bro Gray accorded Vote of Thanks and elected Honorary Member

At the conclusion of the Installation, the RWM returned thanks to the brethren for his re-installation. He also proposed a hearty Vote of Thanks to Bro Gray for his work as Installing Master, to which the brethren cordially responded and as an additional mark of appreciation, Bro Gray was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

Ball arranged for

Bro L McMillan moved the motion standing in his name to the effect that 'A Ball be given under the auspices of the Lodge.' Bro JD McFarlane seconded. The previous question was moved by Bro Park and seconded by Bro JG Graham. A show of hands was taken and the Motion was declared carried.

Iain White PM
28.02.14

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