

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 18th March

Our next meeting on Tuesday coming is a Raising on 2 candidates. The Degree will be worked by No XII and the team is: **Obligation** Bro Alan D Beck RWM; **Retrospect** Bro Allan Glen WJW; **Raising** Bro KK Morrison PM; **Secrets** Bro KK Morrison PM; **Apron** Bro Martin Anderson WSW; **Working Tools** Bro Brian McFadyen; **Traditional History and Tracing Board** Bro Bob Bain IPM; **Charge** Bro Ken MacDougall PM.

Our Previous Meeting Tuesday 4th March

The brethren of No XII conferred a Passing upon Bro Ian Dyer. The lodge was again well filled and RWMs Bro Willie Lawson of Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68 Bro Marshall North, RWM of Lodge Greenock St John's No 175, Bro Andrew Piggot, RWM of Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626, Bro Robert Marshall, RWM of Lodge Sir Michael No 989, Bro Hugh Docherty, RWM of Lodge Crawfordsburn Greenock No 1121 and Bro Ian Wood, RWM of The Lodge of Erskine No 1566 were welcomed to the East. It was also the Annual Visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West and RWPGM Bro James P Livingstone gave the Lodge a clear administrative and financial minute. Honorary memberships were conferred upon Bros David Wilson and Iain D MacLeod (see opposite).



Bro David Wilson HM Bro Alan D Beck RWM
Bro Iain D MacLeod HM

New Honorary Members

Bros David Wilson (Lodge Sir Michael No 989 and Deputy Provost of Inverclyde) and Iain D. MacLeod (Lodge Doric Kilwinning No 68, bon viveur and retired polis) were made honorary members of No XII at the meeting on 4th March. Each knew that the other was being honoured in this way but neither new that he, himself, was! Therefore they were both greatly

surprised when asked to come to the centre of the carpet. Both brethren have been great supporters of No XII – David in the quest to get the famous windows back in the Saloon and Iain by applying some 'old fashioned' polis detection techniques to ensure that the irreplaceable Drummond Medal was found and returned to me as RWM (at the time) after it had been stolen from the cloak room at a meeting in West Stewart Street some 25 years ago.

The No XII Charity Burns Supper

The annual Burns Supper of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No XII was held, as ever, in our home in the Town Hall of Greenock. It was our busiest evening to date with nearly 170 brethren sitting down to Tony Buckley's sumptuous meal. All the entertainers and speakers did a great job and the raffles and auctions raised just over £4000.

A special edition of XII Talk is planned to cover the event.



Back Row From Left: Bros John Hutcheson (Tam O' Shanter) Sandy Reddy (Kilcreggan) iain White Bob bain (Vote of Thanks) Alasdair Beaton (Piper)

Front Row: Bros David Wilson (Deputy Provost's remarks) Iain M Ross (Chair) Bobby Shaw (The Lassies) jack Glenny (Immortal Memory) Alan Beck (Songs) Jim Livingstone (Grace)

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!!

The Alexander Drummond Masonic Ball - Friday 30th May 2014

As previously notified, the Alexander Drummond Ball, will take place on Friday 30th May 2014 at 7.00pm in the Greenock Town Hall. It forms part of the Provincial Grand Lodge's 275th Anniversary celebrations, which commemorate the appointment of Bro Alexander Drummond, RWM of Lodge Greenock Kilwinning No. XII, as the first-ever Provincial Grand Master of the Scottish Craft.

This black-tie event, for Freemasons only, along with their spouses/partners, will include a superb 4 course meal, raffle and dancing until midnight to the fabulous 17 piece Capitol Big Band. The Ball is for Masonic brethren and partners. This is the first Masonic Ball in the area for decades and our RWM hopes that No XII will take 4 tables – that is, 20 brethren and their partners.

Dress Code is black tie - dinner suit or highland dress. Tickets (£25 per person) available from RWM Bro Alan Beck.

Visit to Lodge Shalom No 1600 – Thursday 13th March



The No XII Deputation at Lodge Shalom

From Left: Bros Allan MacFeate DM, Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bob Bain IPM, Gordon Thompson IG, Alan Beck RWM, Eddie McGill, Ken MacDougall PM, Bob Crossan SD, Allan Glen WJW, KK Morrison PM, Tony Buckley

From RWM Bro Alan Beck led the deputation and has provided this report:

No XII was on the road again with a Raising at Lodge Shalom 1600 in the Province of Glasgow on Thursday March 14th. A few last minute call offs had meant that the deputation was 11 in number and so a couple of brethren were prevailed upon to jump in at very short notice to step up to the mark and deliver floorwork they hadn't been expecting. Special mention must go to Bro Allan MacFeate DM who learned the Tools with only a couple of days' notice and delivered them like an old hand. And talking of old hands, Bros Kenny Morrison PM (Raising and Secrets), B Bain PM Traditional History and Tracing Board) and K MacDougall PM (Apron and Charge) delivered their parts with exceptional aplomb - just as I would have expected.

I feel it's always a shame that during reports the Inner Guard is rarely mentioned. In No XII's ritual he is responsible for receiving the candidate (or in this case, candidates) and as the RWM I can say that when the IG receives him properly it is a calming influence on the RWM and his team so congratulations to Gordon Thompson. WJW Allan Glen delivered a faultless Retrospect yet again and Bro Bob Crossan in only his second Raising was once again a stalwart Senior Deacon.

At the subsequent harmony, RWPGM of Glasgow Bro Alasdair Henderson commented on how the ceremony was "conveyed with much dignity" and congratulated the team most sincerely. PM Bro Monty Goodman in toasting the degree team said that it was one of the finest 3rd degrees he had ever witnessed and commented on the very interesting differences in the ritual between No XII and 1600.

The Brethren of No XII then enjoyed a superb fare of assorted Indian food and were royally entertained by RWM Bro Benjamin Benstock and the Brethren of Shalom.

All in all an excellent evening and one which was very successful in strengthening the ties between the two lodges.

Alan D Beck RWM

Reports on Visits

- Lodge Cumberland Kilwinning No 217 on 20th February 2014 (Passing Exemplification) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, IPM Bro Robert Bain, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Firth of Clyde Gourrock No 626 on 24th February 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone, Bro Joseph Fogarty, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge Crawfurdsburn Greenock No 1121 on 25th February 2014 (Raising) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Allan MacFeate, Bro Bob Crossan, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae, HM Bro James Strachan and HM Bro James Miller
- Lodge Greenock St John's No 175 on 28th February 2014 (Passing) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck, Bro Eddie McGill, Bro Crawford Kirkpatrick, Bro James Livingstone, HM Bro Kenneth McCrae, HM Bro Sandy Reddy and HM Bro James Strachan
- Lodge The Prince's No 607 on 3rd March 2014 (Entering) – attended by RWM Bro Alan Beck and Bro Iain White PM

Forthcoming Visits to Confer Degrees

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

From the old minute books of No XII

In the last edition, we looked at the motion, at a meeting in 1907, for a Ball to be held by No XII. Of course, The Alexander Drummond Masonic Ball (details above) is to be held later this year.

All the minutes of the Sub- Committee Meetings held to prepare for the 1908 No XII Masonic Ball are given, in full, below.

From the minutes, you'll see that the Ball was a financial success because it made a profit of 1 Guinea!!! As to whether the brethren and their wives and partners enjoyed themselves? That will have to remain in the realms of hypothesis because not a word is mentioned in the minutes! These were tough times ...

Thursday 5th December 1907

Bro RL Scott, RW Master, in the Chair

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.

Ball Committee

A ball committee was appointed consisting of the RWM and Office Bearers, with the following additional names: Bros Wm Gray, Jas Barbour, D Orr, Robt. Smith, L McMillan., Wm M Campbell, D Liddell and Geo. Allan.

Wednesday 18th December 1907

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Wednesday 18th December 1907 at the close of the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. The Secretary reported that the 18th February next was available for the Town Hall and it was agreed to fix the Dance for that date..

Bro Mackail submitted quotations for the supply of a Band. After consideration of these, it was agreed, by a majority, to engage the Murchie family and Bro Mackail was instructed to secure certain changes in the proposed composition of the Band and, if possible, to limit the cost to a sum of £10.

Bro Brown submitted offers for the supply of Refreshments. These were carefully compared and, after discussion of their merits, it was finally resolved to accept Service's offer at 1s8d per head.

Monday 13th January 1908

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Monday 13th January 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of subject to alteration in the Purveyor's price to 1s8d per head.

The Secretary reported that he had applied to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the Patronage of Provincial Grand Lodge which has been granted. He also reported that of the offers received for Printing, that of W Hutchison, of £2 15/-, being the lowest was accepted.

Bro Mackail reported that he had succeeded in engaging the Murchie family Orchestra, for the sum of £10.

It was remitted to the refreshments Committee to arrange for the providing of liquid refreshments, for sale in a suitable room.

It was agreed to add to the Committee Bros Alex Ramsay and Daniel Thomson

Tuesday 21st January 1908

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Monday 13th January 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved of. Bro Brown, Convenor of the Refreshment Committee reported what was being done by his Committee. It was agreed to take offers for the Decoration. After a conversation on general subjects it was agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday 28th inst.

Tuesday 28th January 1908

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Monday 28th January 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

Reports were received from the Convenors of Committees, and it was agreed to advertise that tickets could be obtained from any member of Committee as it was found impracticable to call all the Brethren on the Roll

Tuesday 5th February 1908

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Wednesday 5th February 1908 after the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

A Report was received from the Convenor of the Decorations Committee who submitted offers for the decorations required. After consideration, it was agreed to accept the offer of Messrs G rowan and Co at £4 15/-. The Convenor was authorised to arrange for having the use of the electric lights in the front of the Boxes.

The Secretary reported that a donation of £2 2/- had been received from Bro Sir Hugh Shaw Stewart and a similar donation from Bro Arthur Caird had also been received.

Bro H Young was added to the Refreshments Committee.

Thursday 13th February 1908

At an Informal Meeting of the Ball Committee held in the Green Room, Town Hall on Thursday 13th February 1908 at 830pm

The RWM being at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Saloon, the members of the Committee held a general conversation regarding the progress of arrangements and various small details were finally settled. At the conclusion of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, the RWM arrived and was informed of what had been done. He expressed his approval.

Wednesday 11th March 1908

At a Meeting of the Ball Committee held on Wednesday 11th March 1908 at the close of the Lodge Meeting

RWM Bro RL Scott occupied the Chair

The Treasurer submitted his financial Statement which shewed that there had been a surplus of £1 1/-.

After a number of questions regarding the details had been put and answered, the Statement was approved of. A Vote of Thanks was accorded to Bro Robt. Smith for the valuable services he had rendered.

Iain White PM
28.02.14

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