

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch lodge 7805
held on the 10th November 2021

1. The lodge was duly opened at 18.35 by the Worshipful Master Tom Aitkenhead.
2. Before the agenda was commenced with, a minutes silence was held, and a eulogy was given by W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth in honour of our departed Brother George Mason.
3. The W.Master took apologies from the secretary, and the Brethren. There were no matters arising or correspondence under this item.
4. The salute and greeting to Grand officers was given by W.Bro Cyril Davey The Salute and greeting to Provincial officers was given by W.Bro Jason Davey.
5. The outgoing Master W.Bro Tom, thanked the officers and brethren for their work during his mastership of the lodge.
6. The master elect was paraded around the lodge and presented to the brethren while the presentation hymn was sung.
7. Entered Apprentices were asked to retire from the lodge until recalled, and the lodge was opened in the 2nd degree.
8. The Worshipful Master addressed the Master elect, and put the necessary qualifications to him, to all of which, the master elect signified his confirmation.
9. The Master elect approached the Masters pedestal and recited the obligation of the office of Master.
10. All Fellow craft were requested to retire from the lodge until recalled, and the lodge was opened in the 3rd degree.
11. The lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and all brethren below the rank of installed Master were requested to retire from the lodge until recalled.
12. W.Bro Tom conducted the inner workings and installation with confidence, and W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth was installed in the Chair of King Solomon in a well executed ceremony.
13. Grand officer W.Bro Chris Bayliss gave the address to

- the Worshipful Master, and the salutes were given.
14. Master masons were re admitted to the lodge, and W.Bro Tom declared W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth master of the lodge for the first time. The master masons paraded around and saluted the new Master. W.Bro Gerry Mansell gave an explanation of the 3rd degree working tools.
 15. The lodge was closed in the 3rd degree, and resumed in the 2nd. There were no Fellow Craft to admit. W.Bro Tom proclaimed W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth to be Master for the second time, and the brethren paraded around the lodge and saluted him. Bro Terry Coatsworth gave an explanation of the 2nd degree working tools.
 16. The lodge was closed in the 2nd degree, and resumed in the first. There were no Entered Apprentices to admit. W.Bro Tom proclaimed that W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth was Master of the lodge for the third time, and the brethren paraded around he lodge and saluted him. An explanation of the 1st degree working tools was given by W.Bro Maurice Freeman.
 17. W.Bro Tom presented the warrant of the lodge, the book of constitutions, and the lodge by laws to the Worshipful Master.
 18. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his officers for the coming year.
 19. W.Bro Cyril Davey gave the address to the newly installed Master, W.Bro Bryan Aitkenhead gave the address to the Wardens, and W.Bro Chris Vaughan gave the address to the Brethren.
 20. The Worshipful Master then continued with the agenda. Reports were received from the Treasurer, Almoner, Lodge of instruction, and Charity steward. It was proposed that a sum of £100 be donated to the Gosport Mayor's appeal. (This coming under the Master's discretion as an amount not exceeding £100)
 21. There were no matters arising from Grand Lodge, Or Province. On the third rising, it was proposed by W.Bro Jason

Davey, that owing to his ongoing health concerns and inability to attend regular meetings, W.Bro Dale Collins should be made an honorary member to reflect his service to the lodge. W.Bro Chris Vaughan proposed that W.Bro Bill Newland should also be made an honorary member, as due to his deteriorating health, and memory loss, it would be better to allow him to be monitored by the lodge almoner, than to fall out of touch. Both motions were seconded, and will be put to open vote at the next regular meeting.

22. A motion to exclude a brother for non payment of lodge dues was announced, although it was decided to try and make contact and resolve the situation.
23. The lodge was closed in peace love and harmony at 20.45. Alms were collected on retiring, and the brethren enjoyed a busy festive board.

There were 18 Lodge members present, and 11 guests.

Secretary

W.Master