

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge 7805

Held on Wed 13th April 2022.

1. The Lodge was opened at 6.40pm by the Worshipful Master W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth, and he welcomed all guests both official and private.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 9TH February which had been electronically circulated to the brethren, were put to a vote of approval. The vote was passed, and the Worshipful Master duly signed them.
3. There were no matters arising or correspondence, and apologies were heard from W.Bro's Dale Collins, Bill Mansfield and David cousins.
4. The salute to Grand lodge officers was given by W.Bro Cyril Davey, and the salute to Province was given by W.Bro Jason Davey.
5. A ballot was held to initiate Mr Edward Dade. All eligible brethren present balloted, and the ballot was favourable with no black balls seen.
6. After having been successfully balloted, the Secretary and Treasurer retired from the lodge to take the relevant fees, and get the declaration book signed by Mr Dade. The Worshipful Master then invited W.Bro Gerry Mansell to take the chair of King Solomon, and once ensconced, W.Bro Gerry proceeded to carry out an excellent ceremony of initiation. The working tools were given in a proficient manner by W.Bro Maurice Freeman. After having retired from the lodge to restore his personal comforts, the newly made Bro Edward

returned and was given an excellent rendition of the charge after initiation by W.Bro Cyril Davey. Before taking his seat in the north east part of the Lodge, Bro Edward was presented with the book 'Welcome to Freemasonry' by W.Bro Paul Adams.

7. Under this item, the lodge considered a notice of motion to donate a sum not exceeding £250 to the crisis in Ukraine. The donation will be made through the Red Cross disasters emergency committee for Ukraine. A notice of motion was also put forward by the Charity steward to donate a sum not exceeding £250 from the lodge to the Masonic benevolent fund. Both items were passed unopposed by the brethren present.
8. The treasurer's report had been circulated electronically to the Brethren, so W.Bro Chris Vaughan gave a brief overview, and asked that the Lodge accounts be put to the Brethren for confirmation. They were duly passed by a show of hands with none to the contrary. There was nothing to report from the Almoner. The Lodge of instruction preceptor, W.Bro Cyril Davey, reported that there had been some renewed interest and attendance to the lodge rehearsals, and hoped that a date could be fixed in the lodge calendar to hold regular L.O.I session, in the hope of improving ritual in the lodge. The Charity Steward W.Bro Bryan Aitkenhead, spoke about the MCF festival appeal, and urged the Brethren to either make one off donations, or take a standing order for a monthly amount in order to qualify for their festival jewels.

9. The worshipful Master took the risings, and during the 3rd, asked for his thanks to W.Bro Gerry Mansell to be recorded for his excellent ceremony, W.Bro Mike Gould for his accompanying music, and all the other Brethren who had taken part in the ceremony.

With no other business to be conducted, the Worshipful Master closed the lodge in peace love and harmony at 8.35pm.

There were 18 members of Alwarestoch lodge present, and 4 guests.

Worshipful Master

Secretary