

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge

Held on 11th May 2022

1. The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth at 6.50pm
2. The Provincial ADC entered the Lodge and demanded that the APGM be admitted and welcomed into the Lodge.
3. The APGM took the chair of King Solomon and confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting by putting them to the Brethren, and then duly signed them with the Worshipful Master. While in the chair, the APGM gave a brief talk on the future of freemasonry, and the importance of the 2027 masonic festival charity.
4. After resuming his place in the east, the Worshipful master took apologies from the Secretary, and from the brethren. Apologies were heard from; W.Bros David Cousins, Dale Collins, and Tom Aitkenhead. There were no matters arising under this heading.
5. The provincial ADC led the salutes to the APGM, and the salutes to the Grand lodge, and Provincial officers were given.
6. A ballot was held for Mr John Wilson, and Mr Martin Docherty as initiates. The ballot proved clear, and they shall be initiated in a double ceremony at the next regular meeting to be held in October.
7. The Worshipful Master asked if any candidate sought advancement, to which Bro Edward Dade replied that he

did. Bro Edward gave a good attempt at the questions before raising, and was escorted out of the lodge to be prepared.

The Worshipful Master opened the lodge in the second degree, and invited W.Bro Maurice Freeman to take the chair of King Solomon in order to conduct the ceremony.

W.Bro Maurice conducted an excellent ceremony of passing, and Bro Terry Coatsworth as Senior Deacon did an excellent job of guiding the candidate, and also gave a very good rendition of the 2nd degree working tools.

The candidate retired from the lodge to restore his personal comforts, and W.Bro Maurice thanked the Worshipful Master and Brethren for letting him take the chair and conduct the ceremony.

On returning to the lodge, the candidate was given a very eloquent explanation of the 2nd degree tracing board by W.Bro Bryan Aikenhead.

The Worshipful master having resumed his place in the east, closed the Lodge in the 2nd, and resumed it in the first degree.

8. Reports were heard from:

Treasurer; The Treasurers report had been circulated to the Brethren via email, so W.Bro Chris, just gave a brief overview, and said that the banking was in order.

Almoner; Bro Terry Coatsworth informed the lodge that he had been to visit W.Bro Dale Collins at his home, and while his illness is progressing, he found him in good spirits. He also spoke about a letter received from a

widow, but had been unable to identify the Lodge member associated.

Lodge of instruction; The LOI preceptor, W.Bro Cyril Davey, informed the Lodge that there would be at least 2 rehearsals before the next regular meeting, the dates of which would be decided at the next GP meeting.

9. There was no communication from Grand or Provincial Lodges under the 1st and 2nd risings, and after enquiry by the Worshipful Master, there were no matters arising under the 3rd.

10. The business of the evening having ended, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in peace love and harmony at 8.35pm. The national anthem was played, and the closing ode was sung while the distinguished guests and grand officers retired from the Lodge.

Worshipful Master

Secretary