

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge

Held on October 12th 2022

1. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth at 6.44pm.
2. The Worshipful Master asked for a minutes silence to be held in memory of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.
3. The southern area Vice Chairman W.Bro Ray Bezani, accompanied the new Visiting Officer, W.Bro Mike Izzard, into the Lodge where he was greeted and welcomed by the Worshipful Master.
4. There were no matters arising under this heading. Correspondence was in the form of a letter of resignation from W.Bro Mike Gould, stating that due to matters of health, he is unable to continue in the position of organist at the meetings. Apologies were heard from W.Bro's David Cousins, Paul Speak, Robbie Harbert, Tom Aitkenhead, and Bro's Peter Turnbull and Terry O'Shea.
5. A salute was taken by the Brethren to the Grand officer present in the lodge, W.Bro Ray Bezani PAGSuptWks. Salutes were also given to Provincial officers.
6. The Worshipful master invited W.Bro Gerry Mansel to take the chair of King Solomon in order to carry out the ceremony of initiation. The candidates were conducted around the lodge by the junior Warden Bro Roland Joseph, and the senior Warden Bro Terry Coatsworth. After having received an excellent ceremony of initiation

from W.Bro Gerry, the newly made Brothers, Martin Docherty and John Wilson, were given a confident explanation of the 1st degree working tools by Bro Edward Dade. The Candidates retired to restore their personal comforts, and on returning to the Lodge, were given an excellent rendition of the Charge after initiation by W.Bro Malcolm Berry. The Worshipful Master resumed his place in the Chair, presented the book of constitutions, by laws and bibles to the candidates, and congratulated them on taking their first steps in Freemasonry. He then invited the visiting officer, W.Bro Mike Izzard, to present the newly made brothers with the Welcome to Freemasonry booklet. The master recorded his thanks to W.Bro Mike for doing so.

7. Nominations were heard for the positions of Worshipful Master, and Treasurer for the forthcoming year. The only nominations heard were for Bro Michael Abban as Worshipful Master, and W.Bro Chris Vaughan as Treasurer.
8. The following reports were heard: Treasurer; a brief report on the state of the Lodge bank account was heard, as all other information had been circulated by email to the brethren. Almoner; Bro Terry updated the Brethren on the health and wellbeing of Sushia Philpot after her accident. She is in good spirits, and he had dropped some flowers to her on behalf of the Lodge. L.O.I; The Lodge of instruction Preceptor, W.Bro Cyril Davey, gave thanks to those Brethren who had attended the rehearsals, and hoped that we could build on the

numbers attending. He also commended Bro Edward Dade for his first attempt at ritual by giving the explanation of the 1st degree working tools to the candidates. Charity Steward; The Charity Steward spoke about the need to get more of the brethren to sign up for the Masonic Festival, and also informed the Lodge that there was £700 in the Charity account which needed to be distributed to good causes, and so asked for potential beneficiaries to be put forward.

9. There were no communications from Grand Lodge on the 1st rising. The Visiting officer W.Bro Mike gave a brief talk on the upcoming events for the rest of this Masonic year, and into 2023 on the 2nd rising. On the 3rd rising W.Bro Mike Gould was thanked by the Lodge for his time as the organist at the meetings. W.Bro Maurice Freeman proposed a candidate for initiation into the Lodge, and also a potential joining member.
10. The Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in peace love and harmony at 8.45pm.

Worshipful Master

Secretary