

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge 7805
held on Wednesday 14th December 2022

1. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master W.Bro Michael Abban, at 18.35.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 9th November were put to the Brethren and confirmed by a show of hands.
3. There was no correspondence or matters arising. Apologies were heard from W.Bro's; Bill Mansfield, David Cousins, and Gerry Mansell.
4. There were no Grand officers present, but the salute to Province was led by Bro Roland Joseph.
5. The officers not present at the November meeting were invested under this item. W.Bro Chris Vaughan was re invested as Treasurer for the coming year, and Bro Edward Dade was appointed a Steward of the Lodge.
6. The reports consisted of the following:
Treasurer- W.Bro Chris gave a general overview of the Lodge accounts, and updated the Lodge on the upcoming excess charge which will have to be levied to cover the increasing Masonic Hall costs.
Almoner- Bro Terry Coatsworth gave an update on the health and wellbeing of the Lodge widows, and informed the Worshipful Master the the Lodge had received a Christmas card from Ann Harlow. He also informed the Master that he would be delivering Christmas cards and gifts to the widows that weekend.

He also informed the Brethren that Morrison's supermarket had installed large bags in the foyers of the stores, to act as food bank donation points, and if any Brother had anything he wished to donate, he would take it in for them.

Charity Steward- W.Bro Bryan kept a brief report, and just asked the Brethren to suggest any charities they think worthy of a donation from the Lodge in 2023. All suggestions will be put to the GP committee for confirmation.

L.O.I- The Preceptor W.Bro Cyril, thanked the Brethren for the continued attendance at the Lodge of instruction evenings. He noted that the standard of ritual had improved with the practice, and hoped it will continue. He also informed the Lodge that there would be a Lodge of instruction on January 24th 2023.

The immediate Past Master, W.Bro Sydney Aynsworth, spoke about the increased charges which are to be levied against all Lodges meeting at the hall, and also the upcoming increases in prices across the bar.

7. The Worshipful Master took the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd risings. There were no items of correspondence from Grand Lodge or Province. On the 3rd rising, the visiting Officer W.Bro Mike Izzard, spoke about the MCF 2023 charity, and the Solent area cheque giving day. He also invited the Worshipful Master to the Ruling Master's dinner on the Isle of Wight. There was also an update on the Hermes database for Province.

The Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in Peace Love
& Harmony at 19.10.

Worshipful Master

Secretary