

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge

Held on 8th November 2023

1. The Lodge was opened at 19.08hrs, by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro Michael Abban.
2. The minutes of the last regular meeting held on 11th October 2023, having been circulated electronically to all the Brethren, were put forward by the Worshipful Master for confirmation. They were duly accepted by a show of hands, with no comment to the contrary.
3. The salute to Grand Lodge officers was given by W. Bro Cyril Davey. W. Bro Ray Bezani responded with greetings, and spoke about the need for a 5 year plan for the Lodge.

The Salute to Provincial officers was given by Bro Roland Joseph. The visiting Officer, W. Bro Mike izzard, stood and gave greetings to the Master on behalf of Province.

4. There were no matters arising. The only correspondence was from the Provincial Grand Master, thanking the Lodge for their hospitality when he attended the October meeting. He also congratulated the Master and his team on having carried out an excellent ceremony.

Apologies were heard from; W. Bro Dave Cousins, and Bro's Terry Coatsworth, Martin Docherty, and John Wilson.

5. The ceremony of initiation was commenced with.

The outgoing officers had paraded around the Lodge and handed in their collars of office. The Master asked all entered apprentices present to retire from the Lodge until recalled. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree. The Worshipful Master elect, Bro Stuart Aitkenhead, was then paraded around

the Lodge as the Brethren sung the presentation hymn. The Secretary, W. Bro Jason Davey, stood and read the ancient charges and regulations associated with the office of Master, to each of which, Bro Stuart gave his ascent. He was then led to the Master's pedestal in order to take an obligation as Worshipful Master elect.

The Worshipful Master requested that all Fellowcraft retire from the Lodge until recalled, and the Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree. All below the rank of installed Master were requested to retire from the Lodge until recalled.

Herein commenced the inner workings of installation.

After the Worshipful Master W. Bro Stuart Aitkenhead had invested W. Bro Michael Abban with the collar and jewel of Past Master, all Master Masons were admitted. They greeted the newly installed Master, and the working tools of the 3rd degree were presented by W. Bro Cyril Davey. The Lodge closed or resumed in the 2nd degree. All Fellowcraft were admitted, and after having saluted the newly installed Master, the working tools of the degree were presented by W. Bro Jason Davey. The Lodge closed or resumed in the 1st degree, and any entered apprentice were recalled. After the brethren had saluted the Newly installed Master in the 1st degree, the working tools were presented by Bro Peter Turnbull.

6. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro Stuart Aitkenhead, appointed and invested his officers for the forthcoming year.

The addresses after installation were given:

W. Bro Cyril Davey addressed the Master, W. Bro Bryan Aitkenhead addressed the Wardens, and W. Bro Chris Vaughan addressed the Brethren.

7. The item to exclude a Brother for non-payment of Lodge subs, was withdrawn as all monies had been collected before the meeting.

8. Reports:

The Treasurer's report had been circulated electronically to the Brethren by the outgoing Treasurer, W. Bro Chris Vaughan, so he gave a brief overview of the Lodge accounts and thanked the Lodge for having placed their trust in him whilst in office. The Worshipful Master thanked W. Bro Chris for his service over the previous 8 years.

The Charity Steward, W. Bro Bryan Aitkenhead, asked the Brethren to suggest local charities that would benefit from a donation, as the charity account currently has the sum of £1000 in it, and it would be good if it could be distributed before the end of the year. The Provincial area Charity Steward, W. Bro Ray Bezani, presented the Master with the Bronze level Masonic Charity award, and congratulated the Lodge on its ongoing efforts to support the Grand Lodge charity festival.

The Lodge of instruction Preceptor, W. Bro Cyril Davey, Thanked the Brethren for their ongoing attendance to LOI and rehearsals, and hoped that it would continue.

9. The worshipful Master rose for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd times. On the 2nd rising, the visiting officer, W. Bro Mike Izzard, gave an update on the Royal Arch representatives, and the Members pathway. On the 3rd rising, the Worshipful Master thanked the Organist for his music throughout the evening, and also thanked all the Brethren that had taken part in the ceremony.

Individual greetings to the Master were heard from the visiting Brethren.

10. After the Labours of the evening having ended, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in Peace Love & Harmony at 20.20hrs.

Worshipful Master

Secretary