

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge

Held on 13th December 2023

1. The meeting was opened at 16.50 hours by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro Stuart Aitkenhead.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated electronically to the brethren for confirmation, and having been subject to scrutiny, were found to contain several inaccuracies. The minutes will be edited and resubmitted for confirmation.
3. There were no Grand officers present. The salute to Provincial officers was given by Bro Roland Joseph.
4. There were no matters arising, and no correspondence. Apologies were heard from W. Bro Chris Vaughan, and Bro Steven Spillett.
5. The officers not present at the November installation meeting, were invested with the collar of their offices. Bro Terry Coatsworth as Senior Warden, and Bro John Wilson as Steward.
6. The item to present Grand Lodge certificates was postponed until the next regular meeting in February.

7. Reports:

The Treasurer, W. Bro Paul Speak, gave an overview of the Lodge accounts status. He also informed the Brethren, that due to the increasing costs incurred by the Lodge, the yearly subscriptions would be increasing from £150, to £170 per year. He also reminded the Brethren that in order to help, there were now payment options including monthly standing order, and bank transfer methods.

The Almoner, Bro Terry Coatsworth, informed the Brethren that he had sent out Christmas cards and gifts to the Lodge widows. The Charity Steward, W. Bro Bryan Aitkenhead, gave an overview of the charities that had been agreed upon at the GP meeting, to receive a share of the monies held in the Charity

account. These will be confirmed by a notice of motion at the February Meeting.

The Lodge of Instruction Preceptor, W. Bro Cyril Davey, was pleased with the progress made during rehearsals, but encouraged all of the officers and advancing Brethren to attend more regularly, as a lot of the positions were being filled by past masters.

8. There was nothing to report on the 1st rising.

On the 2nd rising, the visiting officer, W. Bro Mike izzard, informed the Brethren that there is to be a membership pathway seminar, to be held in January at the Fareham Masonic hall. This would be to discuss ideas and ways to promote Freemasonry. He asked if any Lodge member wished to attend with him, to let him know, so that he could book them in.

On the 3rd rising, the Worshipful Master thanked the visitors for there attendance, and thanked W. Bro Ray Matelko for his organ music.

Also on the 3rd risings, The Secretary, W. Bro Jason Davey, proposed that W/ Bro Paul Adams, be made an honorary member of the Lodge. He has been a great help to the Lodge in the past, is willing to stand in and offer his services, and currently volunteers as the Lodge Tyler. This motion was seconded by W. Bro Paul Speak, and confirmed by a show of hands from the assembled Brethren.

9. The Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in Peace Love & Harmony at 19.15 hours.

Worshipful Master

Secretary