

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge
7805, held on May 8th 2024.

1. The Worshipful Master, W. Bro Stuart Aitkenhead, opened the Lodge for business in the first degree at 18.55hrs.
2. The minutes of the previous regular meeting held on April 10th 2024, having been circulated to the Brethren for their examination, were put to a vote by the Worshipful Master, and duly passed as accurate by a show of hands from the members present. There were none to the contrary.
3. As the Lodge was in the presence of a Grand Officer, in the person of W. Bro Adrian Cleightonhills, a PSGD and the AsstProvGM, the Director of ceremonies, W. Bro Cyril Davey, Commanded the Lodge to come to attention, and give a salute of 5 to this very worthy Brother. W. Bro Adrian responded by thanking the Lodge for its hospitality, and looked forward to dining at the festive board. The Worshipful Master then stood and welcomed all the guests both private and official, and stated that he looked forward to dining with them at the festive board.

4. There was correspondence in the form of a letter from the Worshipful Master of Clarence 8167 Lodge, W. Bro Graham Lloyd, thanking the Master and Brethan of Alwarestoch Lodge for their warm welcome and hospitality, when he attended the regular meeting held in February, and said he even won a prize on the raffle at the festive board to boot. Apologies were heard from W. Bro's: Tom Aitkenhead & Ray Metelko (As Organist), and Bro's Mark Proud, John Wilson, & Martin Dochery.

5. The Lodge hosted on the night, a guest speaker in the person of W. Bro George Mars PAGDC, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Peace & Harmony No359, a former Grand Lodge Lecturer, who gave a very informative and entertaining talk on St George, and whether he was a Freemason, and if not, how his life mirrored the way freemasons strive to live their lives.

6. The Treasurer, W. Bro Paul Speak, having sent his report out to the Brethren electronically, stood and gave a brief overview of the Lodge accounts which were in good health. He also stated that he hoped that more Brethren would take up the offer of

using the monthly standing order method of Paying the yearly subscription.

The Almoner, Bro Terry Coatsworth, told the Brethren that he had attended the funeral of Grace Merit, one of the Lodge widows, on behalf of the Lodge. He had also presented a cheque for £25 to Cancer Research UK as per the families wishes.

The Charity Steward, W. Bro Bryan Aitkenhead, asked the Lodge to attend and support the annual charity cheque giving.

The Lodge of Instruction Preceptor, W. Bro Cyril Davey, asked that the Brethren attend LOI during the summer recess, in order that the good work that had been put into the ritual by the Brethren was not lost.

7. On the First rising, The APGM, W. Bro Adrian Cleightonhills kindly presented Bro Steven Spillett with his Grand Lodge certificate after having been raised to the 3rd degree.

On the second rising, the Visiting Officer, W. Bro Mike Izzard, stood and congratulated the Lodge on its continuing progress on the members pathway, and the generous charitable giving in the local area.

On the third rising, Bro Ed Dade, stood and proposed a candidate for initiation, (details to be added to minutes), and W. Bro Bryan Aitkenhead seconded.

8. Having checked that the business of the evening had been concluded, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in peace, love and harmony at 19.50hrs.

Worshipful Master

Secretary