

Minutes of the regular meeting of Alwarestoch Lodge

Held on Wednesday 9th April 2025.

1. The Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, W. Bro Terry Coatsworth, at 18.35hrs.
2. The Provincial Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro Stephen Morgan entered the Lodge and demanded that the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire & Isle of Wight, W. Bro Paul Hilliard be admitted into the Lodge in due form. The Provincial team entered the lodge and the APGM was greeted by the Worshipful Master, who offered him the gavel. The APGM took the chair of King Solomon, and proceeded to take the next item on the agenda.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 12th February 2025, having been circulated electronically to the Brethren, were put for confirmation and duly passed with show of hands. The APGM counter signed the minutes along with the Worshipful Master.
4. There were no matters arising, and all correspondence received had been electronically circulated to the Brethren.

At this point, the APGM invited the Worshipful Master to take the chair of King Solomon and resume the meeting. The Worshipful Master invited W. Bro Gerry Mansell to take the chair, and carry out the ceremony of initiation.
5. The candidate, Mr Joe Irving, entered the Lodge correctly prepared and was guided by the Junior

Warden, Bro Ed Dade, who was assisted by the Senior Warden, W. Bro Malcolm Berry. W. Bro Gerry carried out an excellent ceremony. The North East corner explanation was given in an excellent manor by W. Bro Cyril Davey, and the working tools were delivered by W. Bro Jason Davey.

After having retired and restored himself to his personal comforts, the newly made Bro Joe, entered the Lodge and was given the charge after initiation by W. Bro's Cyril Davey, and Bryan Aitkenhead.

The APGM, W. Bro Paul Hilliard, congratulated Bro Joe on his initiation, and presented him with a welcome to freemasonry book.

6. At this point, Alms were collected, and the APGM accompanied by the Provincial team, retired from the Lodge.
7. The Worshipful Master asked the Brethren assembled to ballot for as an initiate, Mr Sam Deans 31, An accounts manager for Pure Communications group Ltd, residing at 59 Hill park Road Gosport. He was proposed in open Lodge at the February meeting by Bro Ed Dade, and seconded by W. Bro Jason Davey. The Ballot proved all clear, so it is the intention to initiate him at the May meeting.
8. The Treasurer, W. Bro Paul Speak, having already sent out his main report electronically to the Brethren, gave a brief overview of the accounts. He also spoke about the need for the Brethren to pay for meals ordered at the festive board, as there were still 3 outstanding from the

previous meeting. He told the Brethren assembled that it is not fair for the Lodge to have to bear the costs of meals ordered and not taken. The matter will be brought up and discussed at the next GP meeting.

The Almoner, W. Bro Terry Coatsworth, that W. Bro Syd was responding well to his ongoing hospital treatment, and that he hoped to be at the next meeting. He also informed the Lodge that he has sent Easter cards to the Lodge widows.

The Charity Steward, W. Bro Bryan Aitkenhead, asked that the Brethren put forward charities to receive donations, as there was money available. He also spoke briefly about the upcoming Charity Cheque giving day at the masonic hall.

The Lodge of Instruction Preceptor, W. Bro Cyril Davey, thanked the Brethren for their ongoing attendance at LOI and rehearsals, but asked that they reply to his emails to tell him if they are attending or not.

9. There were no further matters or correspondence from Grand Lodge on the first rising.

There were no further matters or correspondence from Provincial Grand Lodge on the second rising.

On the third rising, the Visiting Officer, W. Bro Ian Moore, informed the Brethren that there was a dine a friend event at the Fareham Masonic Hall on May 8th. He also spoke about the Masonic festival, and the amounts that were being donated to good causes in and around the Province.

10. After having enquired if there was any other business to conduct, and after having seen that every Brother had had his due, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in Peace Love & Harmony at 20.25hrs.

Worshipful Master

Secretary