Minutes of the November 10th 2023 Kenfig Installation meeting

The meeting was opened promptly at 4:30pm with W.Bro. Allan Kelly as Master.

Also present were: W. Bro. Allan Jones, SW Bro. Dylan Roberts, JW Bro. Ross Jones, Chaplain W. Bro. Verdun Moore, Secretary W. Bro. Richard Newman, DC W. Bro. Richard P. Stephens, Charity Steward Steven Lyons, SD , JD Bro. Jonathan Evans, IG Richard J. Stephens, Steward Bro. Nicholas Easey, IG W. Bro. Etienne Cronje.

Apologies received from W. Bro. Richard J. Williams, W. Bro. Bill Flaherty, Bro. Simon Evans, Bro. Kevin Dixie, Bro. Darren Lewis.

The lodge was opened in the first degree in due form whereupon the minutes were passed as being a true record of that which had occurred at the previous meeting.

Visiting brethren were then welcomed into the lodge which welcoming was responded to by Bro Albert Williams.

At this point, the APGDC knocked and entered. He advised the WM that outside the door of the lodge stood Assistant Provincial Grand Master W. Bro. Dr Akram Baig and requested admittance. Prior to this point, all members of GL and PGL were asked to leave the temple to escort the ASPGM in. The WM proffered the gavel and affirmed the Lodge’s loyalty to GL PGL and as a mark of respect to W. Bro. Dr Akram Baig personally.

After having enquired as to the presence or otherwise of the brethren below the rank of a Fellow craft mason the lodge was duly opened in the second degree. W. Bro. John Murdoch was invited to occupy the Senior Warden’s chair. W. Bro. Colin Best was invited to occupy the Junior Warden’s chair and W. Bro. Richard J. Stephens remained as Inner Guard. W. Bro. Allan Jones then occupied the WM’s chair.

W. Bro. Anthony Roberts then had the pleasure of presenting his son, Bro. Dylan Roberts, to be obligated by the Worshipful Master, as Master Elect of Kenfig lodge following which he signalled his assent to all the statements put to him by the Secretary.

The lodge was opened in the third degree. At this point W. Bro. Allan Jones occupied the chair of Solomon, declared all offices vacant and requested the retiring officers to form up in the northeast bringing their collars with them. He then called on all brethren below the rank of an Installed Master with exception of the Master Elect, to form up in the northeast behind the retiring officers and to retire from the lodge but to remain in hail.

The Master in the chair then declared a Board of Installed Masters open. The ME was invited to kneel to be obligated as that of an Installed Master following which he was conducted through the full ceremony of Installation by W. Bro. Allan Jones. At the conclusion of which he was placed in the chair of King Solomon. His first duty was to Invest his Immediate Past Master W. Bro. Allan Kelly. W. Bro. Dylan Roberts was then proclaimed for the first time and from the centre, as Master of Kenfig Lodge. At this point the IPM declared this Board of Installed Masters closed and resumed the the Lodge in the 3rd degree. The WM was then proclaimed in the east, with the working tools of a Master Mason being delivered by Bro. Ross Jones. In the south with the working tools of a Fellowcraft Mason being delivered by W. Bro. Richard P. Stephens. In the west with the Entered Apprentice tools being delivered by Bro. Jonathan Evans.

The Worshipful Master was then presented with the Book of Constitutions and had in his hands placed, the warrant of constitution of the Lodge and committed to his care.

W. Bro. Allan Kelly then invited the APGM W. Bro. Dr Akram Baig to address the newly appointed Master.

The IPM then asked the WM to appoint his Wardens. Bro. Ross Jones being appointed as Senior Warden and Bro. Simon Evans as Junior Warden. W. Bro. John Murdoch gave the Senior Wardens address to Bro. Ross Jones. W. Bro. Colin Best remained as JW for the remainder of the ceremony. The Wardens were then called to order and addressed by W. Bro. Richard J. Stephens.

W. Bro. Richard John Williams was elected to the office of treasurer, and it was the WM’s wish to invest him on a future occasion. It was also the WM’s wish to appoint and invest Bro. Simon Evans on a future occasion.

The WM then proceeded to appoint and invest the remainder of his officers thus:

Almoner W. Bro. Bill Flaherty

Charity Steward W. Bro. Richard J. Stephens

Senior Deacon Bro. Jonathan Evans

Junior Deacon Bro. Steven Lyons

Assistant Director of Ceremonies W. Bro. John Thomas

Assistant Secretary Bro. Bro. Robert Jones

Steward Bro. Kevin Simon Dixie

Steward Bro. Neil Dewar

Steward Bro. Robert Neil Routliff

Tyler W. Bro. Etienne Cronje

Having appointed his officers, the IPM Requested W. Bro. Allan Jones to address the brethren.

The WM then proffered the gavel to the APGM which was accepted for a short while when W. Bro. Dr Akram Baig wished W. Bro. Dylan Roberts a happy year, returned the gavel and was seated.

The WM then invited W. Bro. Verdun Moore to present the IPM jewel to W. Bro. Allan Kelly.

Bro’s Jonathan Evans and Steven Lyons were elected to serve on the Management committee.

W. Bro’s Verdun Moore and Allan Jones were elected to serve as the audit committee.

An alms collection returned £ 55.00

On the first rising the secretary reported that all communications had been passed to the membership.

On the second rising the secretary reported that all communications had been passed to the membership at this point the Provincial team came to order and the ADC passed on the PGM’s good wishes to our new WM and his team for a good ensuing year then according with tradition requested the permission of the WM to retire from the Temple, which was granted.

In the third rising several apologies were recorded following which, proposals for membership were made in respect of Bro. James Docherty as a joining member, date of birth 05/05/1961of 92 Inverkip Road, Greenock, PA16 9EH. Employed as a Prison officer by the Scottish prison service at Old Inskip Road, Greenock, PA16 9AJ. A member of Crawfurdsburn Lodge number 1121 of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Initiated on the 7th of March 1988 and for whom all the necessary documentation has been processed through UGLE. Proposed on the 10th of November 2023 by W. Bro. Verdun T. Moore and seconded by W. Bro. Richard J. Newman and for initiation, Mr Karl Negele DoB 24th March 1954, of 127 Penycae Road, Port Talbot SA13 2EG, a marine engineer employed by Spitzer Marine, Saint Andrew’s House, Saint Andrew’s Road, Avonmouth, Bristol, BS11 9DQ. Proposed on the 10th of November 2023 byW. Bro. John Edward Thomas and seconded by Bro. Neil Routliff.

The Worshipful Master thanked W. Bro. Michael Hayes for his harmony and the Lodge was closed with the first verse of the closing ode and the first verse of the National anthem and was closed in due form at 7:20pm

Signed W. Bro. Dylan Roberts………………………………………………………..

Date………………………………………………………