

Secretary's Notes for the Installation Meeting of Old Kimboltonians' Lodge on Friday, 22nd September, 2017

The Worshipful Master, W Bro Rob Mallett accompanying the Official Representative of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro Tony Avery, Past Deputy Grand Chaplain entered the dining hall, which on this occasion was the White Hall at 8.25 p.m. to the rapturous applause of the assembly of 101 members and guests.



The brethren dined on Cream of Curried Parsnip Soup followed by Supreme of Roasted Chicken with Seasonal Vegetables and a dessert of Steamed Roly Poly Pudding accompanied by Sauce Anglaise. Coffee with mints was then served.

The Worshipful Master took wine with his Wardens and the Official Visitor, W.Bro Tony Avery.



The WM subsequently took wine with The Deputy Grand Secretary and Honorary Member, Very Worshipful Brother Graham Redman; The Past Provincial Grand Master and Honorary Lodge Member, Right Worshipful Brother William Barrington Hall.



The WM also took wine with Past Deputy Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother, Derek G. Young; The Deputy Grand Master of Hertfordshire, Very Worshipful Brother David Ferris; the installing Master, W.Bro Michael Herbert; the Officers of Grand Lodge; the SIXTEEN Acting Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge and his personal guests.

The WM further took wine with W.Bro Fred Dudley, who had celebrated 40 years of being a Freemason on Tuesday the 19th of September and who had so generously provided port for the evening (thanks to W.Bro Richard Anderson who had kindly supplied the port glasses).

The Worshipful Master also invited Worshipful Brother Tony Avery in his capacity as Sovereign Grand Inspector General to take wine with all those present who held the 33rd Degree (R.W.Bro Barrie Hall, PPGM, V.W.Bro Graham Redman and W.Bro Michael Herbert). The W.M. finally took wine with all present who were permitted to stay seated!

The first 2 formal toasts were proposed by the Worshipful Master, the toast to the Provincial Grand Master by the Senior Warden, W.Bro Martin Wilson and the toast to Provincial Grand Lodge by the Junior Warden, Brother Bruce White who welcomed W.Bro Tony Avery and expressed his hope that he was enjoying his evening with us.



Bro Bruce White Junior Warden

W.Bro Tony Avery happily replied and thanked the 15 Acting Provincial Officers dining for their very kind support. He also commented that he felt that this splendid evening demonstrated the joys of Freemasonry and reminded us of the Provincial Ball on the 21st of October and also the Provincial Carol Service on the 10th of December at Peterborough Cathedral. He advised the brethren of the success of the Province under the leadership of Right Worshipful Brother Max Bayes and that the

memberships in the Province were increasing and that he looked forward to his next visit to the Old Kimboltonians, he was rewarded for his remarks enthusiastically by all present.

The toast to the Worshipful Master was proposed by W. Bro John Hitchin who gave a thumbnail sketch of the Worshipful Master's C.V. Our W.M. had been born on the 29th March 1976 and had started at the School as a boarder in 1987 initially in White House and subsequently in Kimbolton House. He had been very keen on sailing at School and had been Captain of sailing in 1993. He is



married to Helen and has 3 children aged from 11 to 16 and lives in Islip near to Thrapston. Initiated into Wentworth lodge (great applause from a noisy crowd from that lodge!!) in 2002 and went through the Chair in 2011 and 2012 after which he was duly rewarded with an Acting Provincial Stewardship. He joined the O.K.s in 2012 and is currently Senior Deacon in the Palmer Lodge of Stewards. He is a member of St. Crispin's Chapter and also the Perseverence Preceptory.

He has his own business in vegetation management and has some big name clients including the Crown Estates at Windsor, W.Bro Hitchin wondered if he might eventually join W.Bro Horrell in receiving a 'By Appointment to' award!

When not looking after his family, business and masonic interests he amuses himself with competitive weight lifting and recently won the East Midlands Championship with a 3 lift total of 535 kilos!!! (Our W.M. made a massive mistake by letting the secretary have some photos.....please 'look ye mighty and despair'!!!!) The proposer of his toast said that basically Rob Mallett is a super chap and a super mason and that we at Old Kimboltonians were delighted and privileged in equal measures to have him as our Worshipful Master!!!



The Master's Song was superbly performed by Very Worshipful Brother Graham Redman, Deputy Grand Secretary. This was received enthusiastically by all present. V.W.Bro Graham has been attending our Installations since 2010 and his wonderful singing and other contributions to the Old Kimboltonians Lodge are very highly treasured by all us.

The Worshipful Master replied with thanks to all for such a wonderful evening with a special mention to the Installing Master, the Official Visitor, W.Bro Tony Avery and to all those who had turned out to provide support for his Installation.



The toast to the visitors was proposed by W.Bro Jeremy Allen in his inimitably suave manner thanking all for supporting this very special evening with special mention of the Master's Song so beautifully performed by Very Worshipful Brother Graham Redman.



Brother Angus Wilson, from Australia replied on behalf of the visitors expressing his delight at being present on this wonderful evening, and had enjoyed the evening as much as he had when he attended last year.

The raffle raised over £500 and the collection had raised over £400 so heartfelt thanks to all for their generosity, the proceeds are to be applied to Masonic Charities.

After singing 3 verses of Peace Love and Harmony and the Tyler's toast the brethren stood and applauded as the Assistant Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Master left the dining hall at 10

A truly memorable evening and the members of the Old Kimboltonians Lodge extend their thanks to all who attended to make this such a splendid evening especially to the 16 Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers who supported so marvellously W.Bro Tony Avery.

Next Meetings : Friday November 24th; Friday December 8th;

Saturday February 3rd (To be held in Mark Masons Hall in St. James London);

Friday 23rd March { Official Visit by W.Bro Robert Gibson } and

Friday May 18th { Official Visit by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Max Bayes }

Provincial Officers Attending the Meeting:



W.Bros Mick Warren, Provincial Grand Steward, Garth Coward, Provincial Grand Standard Bearer, Keith Riddle, Provincial Grand Steward, Jim Annett, Provincial Grand Steward, Mou Moussi, Provincial Grand Steward, W.M., Andrew Thomson, Provincial Grand Senior Deacon, Paul Henry, Provincial Grand Steward, Neil Arrowsmith, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, Clifford Summers, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon, Chris Billington-Hughes, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon



W.Bros John Whittingham, Provincial Junior Grand Deacon, John Simmons, Provincial Grand Chaplain, Nigel Dickens, Provincial Senior Grand Deacon, Martin Dimmock, Provincial Senior Warden, Paul Winchester, Provincial Grand Registrar, Edward Fitzgerald, Provincial Grand Sword Bearer

Finally – The WM demonstrating his considerable Powerlifting Skills – Brethren will be well advised to keep in his good books throughout his year!!

