

Old Kimboltonians' Lodge Secretary's Notes : December Friday December 14th 2018



The Saloon was decked out with Christmas decorations including a lovely Christmas tree the like of which many of us would not have seen in the 60s and 70s, nothing to do with the lodge treasurer at that time being W.Bro George Hunt who was also the School Bursar, money was tight in those days!

The W.M., Martin Wilson entered the Saloon at 8 o'clock to resounding applause and a suitably festive melody performed by our wonderful organist, Peter Davison.

The Chaplain pronounced a suitably festive grace and we sat down to a wonderful Christmas dinner consisting of a warming soup followed by a traditional Christmas main course of turkey with all the trimmings, rounded off with Christmas pudding, mince pies, coffee and mints!



The Worshipful Master took wine with his Wardens, The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Barrie Hall; The Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Derek Young; The Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Norman Pope, Grand Lodge Officers, Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Cryptic masons (the W.M. is District Grand Master for the order of Royal & Select Masters) along with visitors and number of other distinguished brethren.

The toast to the Worshipful Master was proposed by Worshipful Brother Arthur March who espoused the leadership qualities of our W.M. and mentioning his many Masonic responsibilities including being Charity Steward of Bedfordshire as well as being District Grand Master for the East Midlands District of Royal & Select Masters. Arthur wished our W.M. and his family a super

Christmas and looked forward to our meeting in February at Mark Masons Hall in London. The brethren responded with happy and prolonged applause.

The W.M thanked Arthur for his toast and the brethren for their reception of it. He proceeded to express his delight at being W.M. of the O.K.s and after mentioning the meeting in London, the February lunch and offering for sale some teddy bears (many were sold) he wished us all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

The toast to the Visitors was given by V. W.Bro Derek Young in his usual eloquent style, a very kind and congratulatory reply was given by W.Bro Ian Knox, a very regular supporter of O.K.s and a frequent and popular visitor to our meetings and social occasions. Applause was generous for both the toast and the reply.



During the dinner the brethren sang a number of Christmas carols and the Secretary accompanied the singing of Away in a manger, the serving and catering staff who had been lined up in front of the marble fireplace sang one of the verses, this was enthusiastically applauded by the brethren. The W.M. then presented the proceeds of a collection taken for the benefit of the staff to Claire who was supervising on the evening, she replied with thanks

Both the collection and raffle were very successful and the proceeds as had been announced were for School and Masonic charities.

The brethren sang 3 verses of Peace Love and Harmony and retired from the dinner, after the Tylers toast so ably presented by W.Bro Stephen Kingan, just before 10 o clock.



W. Bros Jeff Chambers, Mark Constant, Richard Anderson, John Horrell and Bro Clive Newton.



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