

**Secretary's Notes for the meeting of the Old Kimboltonians Lodge held at the St. Ives  
Masonic Hall held on Friday 16th October 2020.**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and in line with Governmental, Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge regulations our regular meeting on the 3rd Friday in October of 2020 was held at the St. Ives Masonic Hall by kind permission of its Management Committee.

In line with Government Regulations only 6 members were allowed to attend the meeting.

Our Almoner, Jeff Chambers, was due to have been the 6th member present at this meeting but had inadvertently travelled to the Eaton Socon Masonic Hall which is the home of our 'mother' lodge, Euston. In Jeff's absence that left us with 5 present which is the minimum number of masons which constitutes a quorum for a lodge meeting, phew!

The meeting was a short one ( 25 minutes ) and held in troubled times but it proves that Freemasonry is alive, well and functioning in our wonderful Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire: we not only moved the new lodge closer to its Consecration but also proposed 2 new members and a new joining member demonstrating that the appetite for Freemasonry has not been diminished by the current nationwide circumstances. All being well the Old Kimboltonians Lodge will gain 3 new members in 2021 not only for itself but also for the Province.

There was no Festive Board but Bruce White, who'd travelled from Canterbury along with Ed Williams and John Hitchin repaired to the Wheatsheaf at Perry for a very pleasant private dinner. Arriving in our D.J.s created a small stir amongst the more informally dressed diners: we had a very good evening and managed to forget the outside troubles for a while but of course albeit without any formal toasts, but we took the time to think of our fellows at 9 o'clock!



Although the whole evening was in no way a typical evening for the members of the Old Kimboltonians Lodge we all felt that it was extremely worthwhile as it kept the spirit of the lodge alive and laid the foundations for more members and of course a New Lodge!

We held a collection on the evening and all of those present handed over their sponsorship for the 'Greyathon' of our secretary raising a total of £150 for Lodge Charity.

Our Secretary was delighted that Agnus, the waitress at the Wheatsheaf, thought that he looked like James Bond: though we were not sure what version of James Bond they have in Poland!



***James Bond impersonator***

***W.Bro John Hitchin***

Subject to permission, those present are keeping their fingers crossed that 6 of us may be able to meet in the near future.

The Old Kimboltonians have not met in our 'home' of Kimbolton Castle during 2020; though we did have a very happy and successful meeting at Mark Masons' Hall in London on the 1st of February; it seems certain that we shall not return to Kimbolton Castle until March of next year at the very earliest.

We will however be back at some stage, stronger and more vibrant than ever albeit that the secretary has a slightly altered outlook on life!