

Secretary's Notes for the meeting of the Old Kimboltonians' Lodge No 7204 held at Kimbolton Castle on Friday 17 December 2021

Due to a certain amount of hesitancy amongst some members about attending meetings due to the Covid – 19 pandemic there were only fifteen members and fourteen visitors present at the meeting.

The meeting however did have a 'first' insomuch as Worshipful Brother Paul Durkin, Worshipful Master of the Old Giggleswickian Lodge No 8263, accompanied by the Federation of School Lodges Joint Secretary, Worshipful Brother John Hubbard, brought with him the Travelling gavel which had been 'won' by the Lodge when a number of Old Kimboltonians' visited the Federation of School Lodges Annual meeting which had been held under auspices of the Kingswood School Lodge in Bath in September 2021.



The Worshipful Master was unable to be present for the meeting so the IPM, Worshipful Brother Bruce White, took the chair for the meeting and received the travelling gavel.

Present at the meeting was the Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Brother Norman Pope, an Honorary member of the Lodge, Very Worshipful Brother Nicholas Edwards, Deputy provincial Grand Master for Bedfordshire along with eight other Grand Officers including Worshipful Brother Tim Russ, Grand Steward.

The main business of the meeting was to pass Brother Peter Wright which was conducted by the 'Acting' Worshipful Master with Worshipful Brother Jeff Chambers presenting the working tools.

On behalf of the Lodge Charity Steward the Secretary proposed that the sum of £3,600 be taken from the Lodge Relief Chest and donated to the Old Kimboltonians' Scholarship Trust Fund.

At the Festive board after the meeting, which was traditional Christmas Fayre, the Lodge was also graced by the presence of Father Christmas in dinner dress (aka John Hitchin)



The Worshipful Master took wine with Worshipful Brother Paul Durkin and thanked him for bringing the travelling gavel and stated that he hoped it would remain in the custody of the Old Kimboltonians' Lodge for some time.

The normal amount of wine takings, associated with the Old Kimboltonians' Lodge, which is always great in number, were taking with various brethren present.

A bumper raffle was held which resulted in £200 for both Masonic and local Charities and the collection £190 plus Gift Aid.

Being as the meeting was just before Christmas a presentation was made to the Catering staff by Father Christmas which deemed by the members to be very apt



In his response to his toast the 'acting' Worshipful Master made mention of the next meeting of the Lodge being on Saturday 5 February at Mark Masons Hall London

The traditional Sunday lunch with musical accompaniment would take place on Sunday 20 February

The evening ended just before 10.00p.m.

