

Old Kimboltonians' Lodge Meeting – Friday the 17th of March 2023

The Old Kimboltonians' Lodge held a regular March meeting which welcomed many members and visitors to the initiation of Mathew Dempsey. The Ceremony was truly exceptional with the Worshipful Master Ed Williams and Worshipful Brother Ged Dempsey bringing about particular highlights to the evening (I haven't been paid to say this! – Yet!).

The Lodge was honoured to host the Assistant Provincial Grand Master Tim Almond as The Official Visitor, he was accompanied by lodge member and Provincial Grand Master Mark Constant, whose company was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by all.

The Chaplin gave grace, after which dinner was served consisting of Tomato Soup, Cottage Pie and Apple Crumble, this traditional English dinner seemed to be an omen to the Traditional English weather the next day torrential rain.



As is customary the Worshipful Master proceeded to raise several toasts all of which were well received.



Worshipful Brother, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Tim Almond replied to the Worshipful Master's toast with thanks informing the room of the Province's charitable commitments and progress, formula one tickets and other news.

The Toast to the Worshipful Master was proposed by Brother Reece Webb, thanking him for his commitment to the lodge, the ceremony, the evening and our new initiate.



Brother Reece received rapturous applause, not only for the very impressive manner in which he proposed the Master's Toast, but also for his word perfect introduction.

The Worshipful Master replied, expressing the honour that he felt in being Worshipful Master of the Old Kimboltonians' Lodge.

Father to our newest initiate, Ged Dempsey, proposed a heart-warming and moving toast to his son, Matthew Dempsey, highlighting the fraternal bonds that are nurtured and promoted in Freemasonry.



This was excellently replied to by Brother Matthew Dempsey who embraced his father's sentiment in thanking the Lodge for his initiation. The Initiate's Song was sung by the Worshipful Master, Ed Williams, he was accompanied by W. Bro John Hitchin on the wonderful grand piano that resides in the Saloon.

The Old Kimboltonians Lodge had a significant number of visitors to the lodge which as always is extremely well received and appreciated. This was expressed by Brother Mark England's toast.



The Tyler's toast was given by W. Bro Bruce White in a very complete and professional manner after we had sung unaccompanied, 3 verses of Peace Love and Harmony.

Charity being one of the key philosophies promoted in Freemasonry, both the collection and raffle were very successful, and the proceeds as had been announced were to be given to Masonic and School charities.

The evening was truly exceptional in welcoming our newest initiate and enjoying each other's company.