

Old Kimboltonians' Lodge Secretary's Notes : Friday 22nd March 2019

The W.M. entered the saloon accompanying the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Brother Lou Orsi to enthusiastic applause and the playing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow' by our Honorary Member and Organist, Brother Peter Hugh Davison.

The Chaplain gave grace after which the brethren dined on an Indian Dinner, the first time since the Lodge was consecrated on the 11th September 1952 that the Lodge had an ethnic meal! We apologised to W.Bro Lou Orsi who had been led to believe that we were to have had an Italian meal, I think the catering staff must have misheard the Secretary!

We dined on a 'Lightly Curried Parsnip and Apple Soup accompanied by Parsnip Bhajis and Crisps followed by Tandori Chicken on Sag Aloo Potatoes with Curried Cauliflower Steak and rounded off with Indian Rice Pudding with Saffron Honey Yoghurt. Despite some initial reservations all thoroughly enjoyed this exception from tradition (the staff had been asked to note how much food went back as this would be the true measure of how it, quite literally, had gone down.....the returned food was very much less than usual, Success!)

The Worshipful Master took wine with The Assistant Provincial Grand Master, his Wardens, The Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, The Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, The Past Assistant Provincial Grand Master, The Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, Grand Lodge Officers, Acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, W.Bro Kessick Jones (Grand Master for the order of Royal & Select Masters), the candidate, W.Bro Alan Stewart (recipient of his 50 year certificate in Royal & Select), the visitors and Cryptic Masons.



The Assistant Provincial Grand Master replied to the toast to Province and thanked everyone for the superb welcome that he and his Director of Ceremonies, W. Bro Paul Hoffmann, had received and how much they had enjoyed the dinner. W.Bro Lou Orsi also congratulated the Lodge on it's great progress on the Festival and also wished W.Bro Mark Constant well as he approached his high office.



The toast to the Worshipful Master was proposed by W.Bro Jeremy Allen who did this in a very elegant and succinct (which amazed us all!) manner, there was enthusiastic applause for both aspects of W.Bro Jeremy's toast.



The Worshipful Master replied thanking all for such a lovely evening and again thanking W.Bro Lou for his contribution to the evening and the P.G.M. in his absence for permitting the presentation of the 50 Year Certificate to W.Bro Alan Stewart, an evening he would never forget. The W.M. announced the raffle which had raised over £350 which along with the collection was to go to Masonic and School charities. He also gave a mention of the forthcoming Summer Dinner, Piano Concert & Fireworks Evening on Saturday the 8th of June also thanking everyone who had supported the very successful February Musical Lunch which had raised over £1900.

After the reply of the Worshipful Master to his toast W.Bro Paul Hoffmann called the brethren to order that the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Worshipful Brother Lou Orsi might retire from the dinner, this he did to great applause after what had been his tremendously well received Official Visit; we all look forward to his next visit to the Old Kimboltonians Lodge.

The toast to the Visitors was given by W.Bro Bob Turner in a very charming manner which was enthusiastically replied to by W.Bro Barrie House who looked forward to visiting the O.K.s again very soon!

The brethren sang 3 verses of Peace Love and Harmony after which the Tyler, W.Bro Stephen N. Kingan gave the Tyler's toast in his usual accomplished manner.



Presentation of 50 Year Certificate – (Lodge having been called off)