

Virtual Lodge Meeting- 13 January 2021

Present: SEB, COE, DAK, AGB, MJSB, PTJ, CJB, CAT, GJ, DGH, PGM, MS, JPS, PJW, AEB, MNA.

Apologies: DRB, MSP, CJH, CJW, TWH, RJS, CDL.

Reports were taken from the following: -

Almoner – The Sec read out the Almoner’s report and also the report from the Provincial Grand Almoner.

Charity Steward –

Bro Johnson advised the brethren, on several occasions, that we had £5,261.83 in the Good Works Account and that we needed to pinpoint local charities who may benefit. The brethren were asked to consider this and report back at the next meeting as to possible candidates for a charitable gift.

During the past 12 months we had made donations to ELMC (£2,000), GM Lord Mayors Fund (£400), C Hindle and Meals on Wheels (£200), the Patterdale Mountain Rescue (£250), Ramsbottom Food Bank (£70) and Peel Brow School (£150).

He also mentioned the charity Stewards Raffle connected with the District Dinner. It was proposed by Bro Johnson and seconded by WBro Eccles that the Lodge make a donation to the District Fund of £360. It was unanimously carried by those present.

He also mentioned the situation regarding the subs and appealed to those yet to make a voluntary payment to do so in whatever amount they could afford.

Also, that ELMC masks were available from the website at £6 each.

Next was the District Rep which was deferred to the next meeting.

The Lodge Shareholder, WBro Ashton had nothing to report save that a Shareholders meeting was to be organised sometime in February after the next Directors meeting.

WBros Eccles and Ashton read out 2 Masonic Nuggets.

Discussion was had regarding keeping in contact with those brethren who were not at the zoom meeting.

Also, WBro Eccles raised the issue of whether we could perform an opening and closing at the next meeting? The Sec was to take advice from Province on the matter.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

WBro Malcolm Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB