

Liaison meeting 2022-09-10 @ 10.10am

**Present:**

Representatives were present from the following units:

Knowle Lodge 8001	Silhill Lodge 4786	Greswolde RC 851
Knowle Conclave 484	Hope & St Alphege 4436	Benevolence 4035
Alliance 5811	Solihull Lodge 8088	St Philips 5580
Knowle Chapter 8001	Chevron Lodge 6021	Holte Lodge 1246

**Board membership**

The board is proud of the standard of the building. We want Knowle to be the centre of choice for relocating and peripatetic Masonic units.

The board is modernising and rejuvenating itself by injecting new personnel.

Derek Howie has retired effective 1<sup>st</sup> September. The board and the members of the centre expressed their sincere thanks for his past support.

Peter McBride has also retired from the board and we express our thanks to him for all the work he did in promoting KMC in the community and managing the community fund. Ali Yenidunya will take over this work.

David Wright: Will assist John Starley with the financial activities.

Jon Castle: Risk & compliance officer.

Neil Cappell: Buildings and maintenance.

Stuart Jenkins: Company secretary and room bookings calendar.

Keith Reynolds will take over from Terry Onions to rejuvenate the Friends of the Temple and remains as deputy chair.

Mark Phillips will continue as IT officer.

The Chair thanked all directors remaining on the Board for the hard work and commitment in their roles prior to passing those responsibilities onto new members of the Board. Their work has been fundamental to KMC being where it is today.

**Catering**

Numbers are already significantly lower than the corresponding period last year.

Some units are requesting as few as 8 to dine. This is unsustainable for the caterer.

The caterer is presently losing money on every meeting.

Possible solutions:

Units to select the lowest cost option commensurate with numbers.

Units choosing to take the full menu must be prepared to pay a supplement to cover the actual cost of the meal where necessary.

The members present were accepting of the problems and recognised the necessity for potential supplements.

Bar prices were questioned. APL explained that our bar prices are the lowest in the province.

### **Website**

The presentation shown by Ali is included in the appendix to these minutes. Some members felt that it was difficult to find the website in the browser or system which they use. The web address will be circulated to all secretaries to forward to their members. All members are recommended to save this as a Favourite site. Members who have anything which they would like to announce on the website should send it to Ali at [aliyenidunya@kmcentre.co.uk](mailto:aliyenidunya@kmcentre.co.uk)

### **Open forum**

The Question of lighting at the entrance driveway to the property was raised. This has been discussed at the preceding board meeting and is being actively investigated.

Are there spaces in the calendar for other lodges or for lodges to consolidate their meeting slots?

Yes, but lodges will need to be flexible with their slots and may not be able to have a regular monthly slot.

### **Fire training**

The presentation shown by Jon is included in the appendix to these minutes. He stressed that units are responsible to ensure all members and visitors are kept safe at their meetings.

Get Out!

Stay Out!

Call the Fire Service Out!

### **Defibrillator training**

John introduced Mark & Linda from Central Fast Response to show the members how to use the defibrillator on site.

Volunteers used the provided equipment on dummies to demonstrate the defibrillators.

Our thanks to Mark & Linda for their time and expertise.

Meeting closed at 12.00 noon.

**Andrew Lee's email address is [apl645@aol.com](mailto:apl645@aol.com)**

Appendix

Presentation show is included below.