

## Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the 1,130th Lodge meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

| MEMBERS     |   | GUESTS             |                 |
|-------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| WM          | Bro AG Bradshaw   | Bro A Scaife       | St Chads 1129   |
| A/IPM       | WBro AB Wilson  | WBro PMS Mitchell  | Bury 42         |
| SW          | Bro H Wood  | WBro A Ikin        | Merit 934       |
| JW          | Bro SE Browning   | WBro A Butterworth | Roclyffe 5198   |
| Chap.       | WBro AB Wilson  | WBro LJ Yarwood    | Antiquity 146   |
| Treas.      | Bro J Metcalfe  | WBro S Clark       | Pilkington 6522 |
| Sec.        | WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>  | Bro B Holland      | Pilkington 6522 |
| DC          | WBro DA Kyme  | WBro S Chadwick    | Egerton 1392    |
| Alm.        | Bro CJ Halliday   | WBro J Heap        | Egerton 1392    |
| Ch.Stwd.    | Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>  | Bro D Hulston      | Egerton 1392    |
| Mentor      | WBro RA Sykes   | WBro A Milner      | Egerton 1392    |
| SD          | Bro CJ Boardman   | WBro C Hindle      | Egerton 1392    |
| JD          | Bro AE Bryan  |                    |                 |
| ADC         |   |                    |                 |
| Asst. Treas | Bro CJ Boardman   |                    |                 |
| Org.        | WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton <i>TD</i>   |                    |                 |
| IG          | Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>  |                    |                 |
| Stwds.      | Bros, J Halliday, CJ Wilkinson, DR Brown, JE Thomas, CA Taylor, MA O'Neill and GR Williams. |                    |                 |

Tyler                      WBro J Heap (Egerton 1392)

Members: WBros PG Mountford, TW Hankins, MS Pryce

The Lodge tyled at 6.34pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.42pm.

The Chaplain read part 5 of Antient Charge No.6 "Behaviour at Home and in your Neighbourhood"

The minutes of the last regular meeting, having been circulated to all members, were confirmed and the WM and Wardens signed them off as a true and correct record.

The Investiture of Officers not present at the Installation was deferred to a future meeting.

The next item of business was to present an Explanation of the Grand Lodge Certificate to Bros Craig Halliday and Jordan Thomas. This was done in exemplary fashion by WBro Toni Hankins.

The WM requested that all brethren below the rank of a Fellow Craftsman retire from the lodge.

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree.

The DC, WBro David Kyme, took the chair of King Solomon.

All brethren below the rank of a Master Mason were asked to retire from the lodge with the exception of Bro Christopher J Wilkinson. The A/WM put the usual questions to Bro Wilkinson, which were steadily answered before he retired from the Lodge to be prepared for his ceremony. The Lodge was opened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

There was an alarm and Bro Wilkinson re-entered the Lodge. He was raised to the Third Degree by the A/WM, who was ably assisted by his Wardens and Deacons (and the IG who put on a dazzling light show near the end of the ceremony).

An explanation of the Traditional History and an Explanation of the Extended Signs in this degree was deferred to another date.

Our newly raised brother retired from the Lodge to be restored to his personal comforts after which the WM (who had now resumed his rightful seat), closed the Lodge by virtue from the 3rd Degree to the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree. Fellowcrafts were readmitted. He then did the same from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree to the First and Entered Apprentices were readmitted.

The next item of business was to receive a Masonic Nugget entitled “Absent Brethren” from Bro Jordan E Thomas.

The WM announced the Passing due for Bros Matthew Anthony O’Neill and Gareth Roose Williams; and the Raising due for Bros Phillip James Winnington, Peter Matthew Taylor and Christopher Andrew Taylor all of which are to be deferred to a future meeting.

There was a report and our newly raised Brother re-entered the Lodge.

The Lodge heard reports from the following Officers: -

The Charity Steward deferred his report as did the Almoner. WBro Toni Hankins referred the brethren to the report of the Association Meeting that had been circulated to all members.

In Any Other Business Bro Jack Metcalfe proposed and WBro Malcolm Ashton *JP* seconded, that Bro Alan Scaife of St Chad’s Lodge No. 1129, become a joining member of the Earl of Lathom Lodge.

At the **1<sup>st</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received no communications from United Grand Lodge.

WBro PG Mountford tendered greetings on behalf of United Grand Lodge.

At the **2<sup>nd</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that all communications had been circulated previously. WBro Paul Mitchell of Bury Lodge of Relief No 42 tendered greetings on behalf of his colleagues from Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the **3<sup>rd</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Bro Michael Hankins and a card of thanks from Mrs Mary Wood for her Xmas cheque. A precis of an email from the BMA Secretary was read regarding “White Table” events to be held with a view to attracting new members.

All other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.

WBro Alan Ikin of the Lodge of Merit 934 tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

**Apologies** for absence had been received from the following Brethren, AF Sinkinson, Fentem DW and SD, PT Juniper, CO Eccles, MJS Bailey, RP Smith, K Embrey, JP Sanderson, JP Winnington, PM Taylor and CD Lomax.

No apologies had been received from Bro. JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £81.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.18 pm

Signed

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WBro Malcolm N Ashton, *JP*, PProvGSwdB, Secretary

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WM

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SW

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JW