

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the 1,146th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 1st February 2023 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

Immediate Past Master: Not in attendance

REGULAR OFFICERS

WM	
SW	Bro SE Browning
JW	Bro CJ Boardman
Treasurer	Bro K Embrey
Secretary	
SD	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
A/JD	Bro CD Lomax
IG	Bro PJ Winnington
A/Tyler	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
Almoner	Bro MA O'Neill
Ch.Stwd	
Chaplain	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
DC	WBro AB Wilson
Mentor	WBro DA Kyme
Mem Off	WBro MS Pryce
ADC	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
Org. & Asst	
Secretary	
Asst. Treas	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton, TD
Steward	Bro CJ Boardman
	Bros CA Taylor.

WBro MN Ashton *JP* and

GUESTS

WBro R Taylor	Horton 8528
WBro J Heap	Egerton 1392
Bro D Hulston	Egerton 1392

Member: Bro A Scaife

The Lodge tyled at 6.35 pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.41pm

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 Secretary delivered two Masonic Nuggets, "The Deacons and their Wands" and "Operative and Speculative Masons".

The Raising of Bro Stephen Redfern was deferred until the March meeting.

The Charity Steward, Bro George Johnson MBE, advised that it was still pertinent to contribute to the 2026 Festival and implored those brethren who hadn't already taken out a standing order to do so.

The Secretary reported on behalf of the Almoner, WBro Gareth Bradshaw, that he had spoken to all the widows who were well. Kath Smith had her pacemaker fitted and had a cataract operation both of which was a success. He had spoken to some of the members who were well. WBro David Fentem is recovering after his ankle break and is out of action for 6-8 weeks.

There were no takers in any Other Business,

At the 1st Rising the Secretary reported that he had received no communication from United Grand Lodge.

At the 2nd Rising the Secretary reported that he had received no communications from Provincial Grand Lodge. All other communications had been circulated previously.

WBro Arthur Wilson tendered greetings on behalf of his colleagues at Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the 3rd Rising the Secretary reported that he had received an email from the BMA Secretary requesting that the last out of the building on Lodge nights should hang back to allow the girls to lock up and to see them safely off the premises. The Lodge of Merit was organising a Quiz Night on the 24th February next at 7pm.

All other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.

Bro David Hulston (Egerton) tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren, WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, TW Hankins, SD Fentem, CO Eccles, AG Bradshaw, M Sutton, JB Wilson, H Wood and MJS Bailey and Bros CJ Wilkinson, S Redfern, RP Smith.

No apologies had been received from WBro PT Juniper and Bro JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £59.62

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.20pm

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

(The Social Board raised circa £150 for good causes.)