

Minutes of the 1,149th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge 2560 held on Wednesday 3rd May 2023 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

IPM WBro H Wood

Regular Officers

WM Bro SE Browning
SW Bro CJ Boardman
A/JW WBro TW Hankins, PProvJGD
Treasurer WBro CO Eccles, PProvDepGDC
Secretary WBro MN Ashton, *JP*, PProvGSwdB
A/SD WBro H Wood
JD Bro CJ Wilkinson
IG Bro G Johnson *MBE*
A/Tyler Bro MA O'Neill

GUESTS

WBro R Taylor Horton No.8528
Bro E Fan Bury Lodge of Relief No.42
Bro M Nolan Kingswood No.4197

Additional Officers

Almoner
Ch Steward Bro G Johnson, *MBE*
Chaplain WBro A Wilson, PProvGSuptWks
DC WBro DA Kyme, PProvSGD
Men WBro MS Pryce, PProvDepGDC
ADC WBro TW Hankins, PProvJGD
Organist WBro Lt Col (Retd) David G Hilton, *TD*, PProvAGDC
Ass Secretary WBro Lt Col (Retd) David G Hilton, *TD*, PProvAGDC
Asst Treasurer Bro CJ Boardman
Stewards Bro PJ Winnington, Bro CA Taylor and
 Bro M A O'Neill.
Webmaster WBro MN Ashton, *JP*, PProvGSwdB
Member Bro A Scaife

The lodge tyled at 6.35pm and was opened in due and solemn form by the Worshipful Master at 6.44pm. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been previously circulated to all members, were confirmed and the WM and wardens signed them off as a true and correct record.

The next two items of business were the delivery of a couple of Papers. WBro Toni Hankins gave the first entitled "1723 and all that" which had been well researched and was extremely interesting. The second was given by WBro MN Ashton entitled "Opening and Closing the Lodge and the Knocks in Craft Freemasonry". This was likewise well received and gave the brethren food for thought.

There was no report from the Almoner. The Charity Steward, Bro George Johnson and not wanting to feel left out, squared the Lodge to give his report from the lectern in the South West corner of the Lodge. However, in his haste to get to the lectern he failed to salute the Wm and JW before his report and the SW after when making his way back to his seat as IG. (And I'm not even going to mention the headwear).

His report consisted of the constant reminder to support the festival.

The Bury District Dinner was to be held on the 26th May and that only 2 brethren had indicated a willingness to attend.

He also stated that he would be looking to propose that the Lodge donate £300 to Lowercroft School for some equipment. This donation is to be matched by Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1012 with connections of WBro Hankins rounding up to a total donation to £750.

The supply of Masonic Teddies was in good order with Bro Johnson taking 30 Teddies to Fairfield Hospital recently.

In Any other Business, a vote was taken on the proposal previously referred to (which was seconded by WBro Hankins) which proved unanimous. The Secretary, on behalf of WBro M Sutton proposed that Mr Philip Wood become a candidate for initiation which was seconded by WBro Hankins. WBro Hankins then proposed that Bro Christopher David Lomax become a re-joining member of the Lodge. This was seconded by the WM.

At the first rising the Secretary reported that he had not received any reports from United Grand Lodge other than previously circulated.

At the second rising, Secretary stated that he had received no correspondence from Provincial Grand Lodge other than previously circulated.

WBro David G Hilton *TD* tendered greetings on behalf of the Provincial Officers.

At the third rising, the Secretary stated that he had received an email from Bro Lomax requesting a withdrawal of his resignation given at the last meeting.

WBro Ray Taylor of Horton Lodge No.8528 tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received from, WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, CO Eccles, AF Sinkinson, AG Bradshaw, M Sutton, JB Wilson and Bros RP Smith, K Embrey, CA Taylor, S Redfern
No apologies had been received from WBros SD Fentem, PT Juniper and Bros JD Pepperday and PJ Holt.

The charity bag raised: £87.37

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.37pm

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WBro MN Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB

..... Worshipful Master

..... Senior Warden

..... Junior Warden

Note: £150 was raised at the Social Board