

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the 1,131st Lodge meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

MEMBERS		GUESTS	
WM	Bro AG Bradshaw	WBro C Hindle	Egerton 1392
A/IPM	WBro AB Wilson	WBro A Kinsey	Cromwell 5771
SW	Bro H Wood	WBro J Wood	Bury 42
JW	Bro SE Browning	WBro R Sullivan	Bury 42
Chap.	WBro AB Wilson	Bro S Shekyls	Grants 8825
Treas.		WBro S Barton	Grants 8825
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>	Bro A Cooper	Bury 42
DC	WBro DA Kyme	WBro J Friend	Anchor & Hope 37
Alm.			
Ch.Stwd.	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Mentor	WBro RA Sykes		
SD	Bro CJ Boardman		
JD	Bro AE Bryan		
ADC	WBro MJS Bailey		
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 CJ Wilkinson, DR Brown, JE Thomas, CA Taylor, JP Sanderson and MA O'Neill.		
A/Tyler	WBro SD Fentem		

Members: WBros PG Mountford, DW Fentem, TW Hankins, CO Eccles and CD Lomax.

The Lodge tyled at 6.34pm, but before it was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.42pm, the WM asked the Brethren to stand in silence for a few moments in memory of Mary, the wife of Bro Jack Metcalfe, who passed away on the 15th February 2020.

The Chaplain read question 12 of the Antient Charges and Regulations of the Order that are normally asked of the Master Elect. (Better luck next month Arthur!)

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 ballot for Bro Alan Scaife was deferred to the next regular meeting.

The WM requested that all brethren below the rank of a Fellow Craftsman retire from the lodge (Bros MA O'Neill and A Cooper retired) and it was opened in the Second Degree.

All brethren below the rank of a Master Mason were asked to retire from the lodge with the exception of Bro Phillip J Winnington (Bro Christopher A Taylor retired). The WM put the usual questions to Bro Winnington, which were answered in exemplary fashion, before he retired from the Lodge to be prepared for his ceremony.

The Lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree.

There was an alarm and "Bro Whittington" was announced by the Tyler. Bro Winnington re-entered the Lodge. He was raised to the Third Degree by the DC (without taking the Chair of King Solomon) who was ably assisted by the WM and his Wardens and Deacons (and the IG who managed to hit the spotlight near the end of the ceremony with aplomb).

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 closed the Lodge by virtue from the 3rd Degree to the 2nd Degree. Fellowcrafts were readmitted. He then did the same from the 2nd Degree to the First and Entered Apprentices were readmitted.

There was a report and our newly raised Brother re-entered the Lodge, along with WBro C Hindle, who gave his apologies for his lateness. At this point the Royal Arch District Representative, WBro Andrew Kinsey, presented letters to Bros CJ Wilkinson and PJ Winnington and explained the progression from Craft to Royal Arch freemasonry.

The next item of business was to receive a Masonic Nugget entitled “The Inner Guard” from Bro Matthew A O’Neill. This was delivered after the Lodge Mentor, WBro Richard A Sykes, reported on a meeting he had attended the previous evening on the rolling out of the Masonic information platform, “Solomon”.

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

The Lodge heard reports from the following Officers: -

The Charity Steward passed his report to Bro David R Brown who announced another Quiz Night to be held later on in the year. That he was hopeful that the national stock of TLC Teddies, which totalled around 90,000, would not be affected by the Coronavirus scare. He also advised brethren that the District Raffle Tickets were now on sale. There was no report from either the Almoner or District Representative.

In Any Other Business, the WM proposed and WBro Malcolm Ashton *JP* seconded, that we make a donation of £250 to the Patterdale Mountain Rescue. The proposition was unanimously carried.

At the **1st Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received no communications from United Grand Lodge, other than an email with details of the December Quarterly Meeting.

WBro S Barton (Grants Lodge 8825) tendered greetings on behalf of his colleague from United Grand Lodge.

At the **2nd Rising** the Secretary reported that all communications had been circulated previously. WBro Christopher O Eccles tendered greetings on behalf of his colleagues from Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the **3rd Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received no recent correspondence. All other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.

WBro J Friend, of the Anchor and Hope Lodge 37, tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren, K Embrey, CJ Halliday, PT Juniper, J Metcalfe, MS Pryce, AF Sinkinson, RP Smith, M Sutton, PM Taylor and GR Williams.

No apologies had been received from Bro. JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £90.20.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.10 pm

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

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SW

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