

## Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the Installation meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

WBro Paul Aspinall, PAGDC was the Representative of the RWPGM.

MEMBERS		GUESTS	
WM	WBro AG Bradshaw	WBro C Hindle	Egerton 1392
IPM	WBro PT Juniper	WBro S Chadwick	Egerton 1392
SW	Bro H Wood	WBro A Butterworth	Roclyffe 5198
JW	Bro SE Browning	Bro S Haughan	Roclyffe 5198
Chap.	WBro AB Wilson	WBro JB Wilson	Unattached
Treas.		WBro S Ashworth	Prince Edwin 128
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>	WBro Rob Ashton	Cromwell/Pap. 5771
DC	WBro DA Kyme	WBro E Lomax	Pythagoras 9248
Alm.			
Ch.Stwd.	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Mentor	WBro RA Sykes		
SD	Bro CJ Boardman		
JD			
ADC	WBro MJS Bailey		
Asst. Treas	Bro CJ Boardman		
A/Org.	WBro S Ashworth (128)		
IG	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Stwds.	Bros, CD Lomax, K Embrey, PJ Winnington, CA Taylor.		
Tyler	WBro PT Juniper		
Members	WBros TW Hankins, MS Pryce and Bro A Scaife		

The Lodge tyled at 4.37pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 4.47pm

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 presented the report of the Inventory Committee. The goods and chattels of the Lodge were found to be in good order.

The DC welcomed WBro Paul Aspinall, PAGDC, the Representative of the RW Provincial Grand Master. The usual salutations were offered for which WBro Aspinall thanked the Lodge.

The WM, proposed that the sum of £1,000 be donated to the ELMC. This was seconded by the Secretary, WBro MN Ashton *JP* and was, eventually, passed unanimously by the brethren.

The WM asked all EA's to retire from the Lodge for a short time after which the Lodge was opened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

The WM invited WBro TW Hankins to act as Installing SW.

WBro DA Kyme presented Bro H Wood, SW and Master Elect. The qualifications necessary for the office of Master were given by the WM and the Antient Charges and regulations were read to Bro Wood by the Secretary, to which he gave his unqualified assent.

The ME entered into his Obligation and thereafter took a seat in the NE.

The WM invited WBro MJS Bailey to be the Installing JW and WBro MN Ashton *JP*, as Installing IG.

The WM requested that all brethren below the rank of a Master Mason retire from the lodge. At this point all FC's retired from the Lodge for a short time after which, the WM opened the Lodge in the Third Degree.

The Officers of the Lodge returned their Collars and Jewels of office to the WM who thanked them individually for their support during his tenure of office. All brethren below the rank of an Installed Master, apart from Bro Wood, retired from the Lodge.

The WM opened a duly constituted Board of Installed Masters.

Bro Wood took the obligation of a Master in the Chair and was installed, according to antient custom, as the 116<sup>th</sup> Worshipful Master of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, being numbered 2560 in the register of the United Grand Lodge of England, for the ensuing 12 months.

The WM invested WBro AG Bradshaw as his IPM with the Collar and Jewel of his office and the Past Masters congratulated the WM on his installation and the IPM on his year of Office.

The DC then declared a comfort break of 15 mins which lasted 23 minutes.

The Board of Installed Masters reconvened and was closed. The Lodge resumed in the Third Degree. MM's were admitted and, for the first time, Bro Wood was proclaimed as WM in the East by the Acting DC, WBro TW Hankins, who presented the Working Tools of this degree to the WM. The Lodge was closed by virtue from the Third Degree to the Second by the Acting DC and FC's were admitted. Bro Wood was proclaimed as WM in the west by the Acting DC, who presented the Working Tools of this degree to the WM.

The Lodge was closed by virtue from the Second Degree to the First by the Acting DC and EA's were admitted. Bro Wood was proclaimed as WM in the south by the Acting DC, who presented the Working Tools of this degree to the WM.

The WM invested the following officers: -

Offices.		Explanation of the Jewels, Duties of Office by		Addresses were given by
SW:	Bro SE Browning	WBro AB Wilson		WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
JW:	Bro CJ Boardman	WBro AB Wilson		WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
Ch:	WBro AB Wilson			
Treas.	<i>WBro CO Eccles (Deferred)</i>			
Sec:	WBro MN Ashton, <i>JP</i>			
DC:	WBro DA Kyme			
ADC:	WBro MJS Bailey			
Alm:	<i>Bro CJ Halliday (Deferred)</i>			
ChStwd:	Bro G Johnson, <i>MBE</i>			
Men:	WBro RA Sykes			
SD:	Bro K Embrey			
JD:	<i>Bro JE Thomas (Deferred)</i>			
ADC:	WBro MJS Bailey			
Mem. Off.	<i>WBro RA Sykes (Deferred)</i>			
Org:	<i>WBro Lt Col (Ret) DG Hilton TD (Deferred)</i>			
Asst. Sec.	<i>WBro Lt Col (Ret) DG Hilton TD (Deferred)</i>			
Asst. Treas.	Bro CJ Boardman			
IG:	Bro CD Lomax			Bro CJ Boardman
Stwds:	Bros <i>JP Sanderson, CJ Wilkinson,</i> <i>PJ Winnington, PM Taylor, CA Taylor,</i> <i>MA O'Neill and GR Williams. (Deferred)</i>			
Tyler:	WBro PT Juniper			

WBro TW Hankins gave the Address to the Brethren and the Concluding Prayer.

There was no report from the Charity Steward since invitation was missed due to the quietness of the WM's voice coupled with the inability on the part of the Charity Steward to hear.

WBro TW Hankins had nothing to contribute from District as there hadn't been a meeting.

In Any other Business WBro TW Hankins gave a Notice of Motion that he was to propose WBro John Bentley Wilson to become a re-joining member at the next meeting with WBro AB Wilson seconding that Notice.

At the **1<sup>st</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received the Annual Return from United Grand Lodge.

WBro Paul Aspinall PAGDC, gave greetings on behalf of United Grand Lodge and complimented the WM and all the installing officers on the ceremony.

At the **2<sup>nd</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received the usual invitation letter from the Provincial Secretariat to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November next. The Provincial Returns form had been received and that All other communications had been circulated previously.

WBro Paul Aspinall PAGDC tendered greetings on behalf of RW Provincial Grand Master and of his colleagues at Provincial Grand Lodge. He complimented the brethren on "an interesting ceremony". (Normally at this point the WM would present WBro Aspinall with a cheque for £1,000 for the ELMC but this was forgotten with the presentation being made at the Social Board.)

At the **3<sup>rd</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received a Letter of Resignation from Bro AE Bryan and that all other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.

WBro Robert Ashton of Cromwell with Papyrean Lodge 5771 tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

**Apologies** for absence had been received from the following Brethren, WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, SD Fentem, CO Eccles, DG Hilton, AF Sinkinson, M Sutton, JP Sanderson and Bros RP Smith, CJ Halliday, JS Sanderson, PM Taylor, TGI Friday and MA O'Neill.

No apologies had been received from Bros JD Pepperday and GR Williams.

The Charity Bag raised £103.81 (and an Uncle Joe's Mint Ball)

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.58pm

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