

Minutes of the 1137th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge 2560 held on Wednesday 2nd February 2022 held at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BLO9 0LY.

OFFICERS

A/WM WBro AG Bradshaw
 A/IPM WBro A Wilson, PProvGSupt Wks
 SW Bro S Browning
 JW Bro C Boardman
 Chaplain WBro A Wilson, PProvGSupt Wks
 Sec WBro MN Ashton, *JP*, PProvGSwdB
 DC-A/WM WBro D Kyme
 Almoner Bor CJ Halliday
 Ch Steward Bro G Johnson, *MBE*
 Mentor/Mem Sec
 SD Bro K Embury
 A/JD WBro MN Ashton, *JP*, PProvGSwdB
 ADC
 Asst Treasurer Bro C Boardman
 Treasurer
 Organist Lt Col D G Hilton, *TD*, PProv AGDC
 Ass Secretary Lt Col D G Hilton, *TD*, PProv AGDC
 Inner Guard Bro CJ Wilkinson
 Stewards Bro G Johnson *MBE* (Head Steward), Bro PJ Winnington, Bro CA Taylor and Bro M A O'Neill.
 Webmaster
 A/Tyler WBro JB Wilson

Members WBro MS Pryce and Bro A Scaife,

GUESTS

WBro A Ikin Merit
 WBro John Fleming Merit
 WBro C Hindle Egerton
 Bro R Forsyth Egerton

The lodge tyled at 6.30pm and was opened in due and solemn form by the Acting Worshipful Master at 6.41pm.

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.

There followed a ballot for initiation of Mr Stephen Redfern, aged 53, of 70 Hazel Hall lane, Higher Summerseat, Bury BL0 9UP, a Photographer. The ballot proved unanimous in the candidate's favour. WBro David Kyme replaced WBro Gareth Bradshaw in the chair of King Solomon.

Following a dispensation from the APMG, WBro John Griffin, there was an alarm and Mr Redfern ("the candidate") entered the Lodge for the ceremony of his initiation. The candidate answered the A/WM's questions, and his Obligation was taken. The Candidate was then initiated into freemasonry by the A/WM who was ably assisted by his Wardens and Deacons. (A/JD). Bro Christopher Wilkinson gave a fine rendition of the NE Corner, WBro Arthur Wilson did the Working Tools and Bro Christopher Boardman, read the Charge in the First Degree. WBro Bradshaw resumed occupation of the chair of King Solomon.

The Raising of Bro MA O'Neill was deferred to the March meeting which is to be conducted by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

Brief reports were received from the Almoner, Bro Craig Halliday, who reported that he'd been in touch with those brethren who had missed meetings in recent months and the Lodge widows who were in good spirits and passed on their best for the Xmas gifts recently received.

The Charity and Festival Steward, Bro George Johnson, confirmed that all members were to donate £10 towards the District Raffle and we would purchase them as a job lot from the Lodge as we did last year.

That one in three Social Board raffles were to be donated to the Festival and a new supply of the TLC Teddies were due to be handed out to the local Hospital. He reported that Bury Hospice needed funds to decorate and furnish a room where chemotherapy treatment could be administered.

In Any Other Business, WBro David Kyme proposed that Bro Paul John Holt, a former member of Egerton Lodge No. 1392, become a joining member. The proposition was seconded by WBro Gareth Bradshaw.

WBro Gareth Bradshaw proposed, and Bro Chris Boardman seconded that the Lodge donate the sum of £250 to the charity Kidscan. The proposition was carried unanimously.

At the first rising the Assistant Secretary reported that he had not received any reports from United Grand Lodge.

At the second rising, the Assistant Secretary stated that he had received no correspondence from Provincial Grand Lodge, other than that which had been disseminated electronically.

WBro A Wilson tendered greeting to the WM from Provincial Officers present.

At the third rising, the Assistant Secretary stated that he had received no correspondence.

WBro Allan Ikin of the Lodge of Merit tendered greeting on behalf of the guests and commented on the excellence of the ceremony.

Apologies for absence had been received (but were not read out, can't get the staff!) from WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, TW Hankins, AF Sinkinson, SD Fentem, CO Eccles, MJS Bailey, PT Juniper, RA Sykes and M Sutton. Bros CD Lomax, JP Sanderson, RP Smith.

No apologies had been received from Bro H Wood and Bro J Pepperday.

The charity bag raised: £46.17.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.55pm

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WBro MN Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB

..... Worshipful Master

..... Senior Warden

..... Junior Warden