

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the 1,129th Lodge meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 8th January 2020 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

MEMBERS		GUESTS	
WM	Bro AG Bradshaw	Bro A Scaife	St Chads 1129
IPM	WBro PT Juniper	WBro S De W White	
SW	Bro H Wood	WBro D Warburton	Egerton 1392
JW	Bro SE Browning	WBro JP Fleming	Merit 934
Chap.	WBro AB Wilson	WBro A Ikin	Merit 934
Treas.	Bro J Metcalfe		
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>		
DC	WBro DA Kyme		
Alm.	Bro CJ Halliday		
Ch.Stwd.			
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>		
A/IG	Bro A Scaife (St Chad's 1129)		
Stwds.	Bros, JE Thomas, PJ Winnington, PM Taylor and CA Taylor		
Tyler	WBro M Sutton		

Members: WBros AF Sinkinson, CO Eccles, and MS Pryce and Bro CD Lomax

The Lodge tyled at 6.30pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.36pm.

The Chaplain read an Antient Charge from the Summons.

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 Investiture of Officers not present at the Installation and the Explanation of the Grand Lodge Certificate were deferred to a future meeting.

The next item of business was to pass Bros Peter Matthew Taylor and Christopher Andrew Taylor ("the brethren") in a double ceremony. The brethren answered the WM's questions and retired from the Lodge to prepare for their ceremony.

The Lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree.

There was an alarm and Bro Peter Matthew Taylor re-entered the Lodge and was obligated by the WM. He took a seat in the NE as, after an alarm, Bro Christopher Andrew Taylor re-entered the Lodge and was obligated by the DC. In tandem, the brethren received the Address in the SE Corner, the Working Tools of the degree and the Charge from WBros Michael Sutton, Arthur Wilson and David Kyme respectively.

The ceremony over, our newly passed brothers retired from the Lodge to be restored to their personal comforts.

The WM closed the Lodge in the 2nd Degree by virtue and it was continued in the 1st Degree.

The next item of business was to receive a Masonic Nugget entitled "Thanks for the Memory" from Bro Craig J Halliday.

The WM announced the Passing due for Bros Matthew Anthony O'Neill and Gareth Roose Williams; and the Raising due for Bros Christopher John Wilkinson and Phillip James Winnington. All of which are to be deferred to a future meeting.

There was a report and our newly passed brethren re-entered the Lodge.

The Lodge heard reports from the following Officers: -

The Almoner reported that he had spoken to most of the Lodge widows and that the usual Christmas cheques from the Lodge had been sent. The Secretary reported that Bro George Johnson had had a brain haemorrhage on the 17th December and after a stint in intensive care and on the general ward at Salford Royal, he was now home and progressing slowly.

WBro Chris Eccles, the District Charity Steward, in the absence of the Lodge Charity Steward, reported that Bro David Brown's efforts in raising awareness of the TLC Teddies had borne great results. He had raised £1,600 of which £1,000 had been presented to ELMC making a total of donations to this source of over £5,000 in the last financial year.

There were no takers for Any Other Business.

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

At the 2nd **Rising** the Secretary reported that all other communications had been circulated previously.

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

At the 3rd **Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received a Christmas Card from one of the widows with all other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.

WBro JP Fleming of the Lodge of Merit 934 tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren, PG Mountford, TW Hankins, Fentem D and S, K Embrey, J Sanderson, MA O'Neill, DR Brown, G Johnson MBE, CJ Wilkinson and JP Sanderson

No apologies had been received from Bros. JD Pepperday, PT Juniper, MW Hankins, RP Smith and GR Williams.

The Charity Bag raised £68.10

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

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

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