

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the Installation meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 2nd November 2022 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

WBro Howard Berry, PAGDC, was the Representative of the RWPGM.

OFFICERS

WM	WBro H Wood
IPM	WBro AG Bradshaw
SW	Bro SE Browning
JW	Bro CJ Boardman
Chap.	WBro AB Wilson
Treas.	
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
DC	WBro DA Kyme
Alm.	
Ch.Stwd	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
Mentor	
SD	Bro K Embrey
JD	Bro CD Lomax
ADC	
Asst. Treas	Bro CJ Boardman
Org	
IG	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton, TD
Stwds.	Bro CJ Wilkinson
	Bros PJ Winnington, CA Taylor and MA O'Neill.

Tyler WBro PT Juniper

Members WBros AF Sinkinson, TW Hankins and Bro A Scaife.

GUESTS

WBro C Hindle	Egerton 1392
WBro S Chadwick	Egerton 1392
WBro A Milner	Egerton 1392
WBro J Heap	Egerton 1392
WBro G Hoyle	St John 191
WBro A Ikin	Merit 934
WBro A Cleworth	Bury Lodge 42
WBro H Ward	Zetand 852
WBro J Gibbons	Doric 2695

The Lodge tyled at 4.35pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 4.42pm

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 Howard Berry, PAGDC, the Representative of the RW Provincial Grand Master. The usual salutations were offered for which WBro Berry thanked the Lodge.

The Treasurer proposed that the sum of £2,000 be donated to the Masonic Festival. This was seconded by WBro AG Bradshaw and was passed unanimously by the brethren.

The Lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree.

The WM invited WBro AF Sinkinson to act as Installing SW.

WBro TW Hankins presented Bro SE Browning, 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 Browning by the Secretary, to which he gave his unqualified assent.

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

The WM opened the Lodge in the Third Degree.

The WM invited WBro AG Bradshaw to be the Installing JW and WBro PT Juniper, as Installing IG.

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 Browning, retired from the Lodge.

The WM opened a duly constituted Board of Installed Masters.

Bro Browning took the obligation of a Master in the Chair and was installed, according to antient custom, as the 117th 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 H Wood 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 minutes which lasted 22.

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 and in the East, Bro Browning was proclaimed as WM by the Acting ADC, 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 ADC and FC's were admitted. Bro Browning was proclaimed in the west as WM by the Acting ADC, 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 ADC and EA's were admitted. Bro Browning was proclaimed as WM in the south by the Acting ADC, who presented the Working Tools of this degree to the WM.

The WM invested the following officers: -
Offices.

Explanation of the Jewels

Addresses were given by

WBro MN Ashton JP

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SW: Bro. CJ Boardman

JW: Bro. K Embrey

Ch: WBro AB Wilson

Treas. WBro CO Eccles (Deferred)

Sec: WBro MN Ashton, JP

DC: WBro DA Kyme

ADC: WBro TW Hankins

Alm: WBro AG Bradshaw

ChStwd: Bro G Johnson, MBE

Men: WBro MS Pryce (Deferred)

SD: Bro CD Lomax

Bro K Embrey

JD: Bro CJ Wilkinson

Bro K Embrey

Mem. Off. WBro MN Ashton, JP

Org: WBro Lt Col (Ret) DG Hilton TD

Asst. Sec. WBro Lt Col (Ret) DG Hilton TD

Asst. Treas. Bro CJ Boardman

IG: Bro G Johnson, MBE

Stwds: Bros PJ Winnington, CA Taylor and MA O'Neill.

Bro CJ Boardman

Tyler: WBro AG Bradshaw

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

There was a brief report from the Charity Steward regarding forthcoming events at Hewlett Court (Bonfire Night) and the Quiz Night at Radcliffe .

There were no takers in Any Other Business.

At the 1st Rising the Secretary reported that he had received the Installation Return from United Grand Lodge.

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

At the 2nd Rising the Secretary reported that he had received the Annual Return from Provincial Grand Lodge and the usual invitation letter from the Provincial Secretariat to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on the 7th November next. All other communications had been circulated previously.

WBro Howard Berry, PAGDC tendered greetings on behalf of RW Provincial Grand Master and of his colleagues at Provincial Grand Lodge. He complimented the brethren on “an excellent ceremony”. The WM presented WBro Berry with a cheque for £2,000 for the Masonic Festival for which he gave grateful thanks.

At the 3rd Rising the Secretary reported that he had received a Letter of Resignation from Bro JP Sanderson and that all other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.

WBro Stephen Chadwick of Egerton Lodge 1352 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, M Sutton, MJS Bailey, MS Pryce, JB Wilson and Bro RP Smith.

No apologies had been received from Bro JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £131.80 (and two toffee wrappers)

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 6.45pm

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