

# Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the 1,147th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 1st March 2023 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

Immediate Past Master: WBro H Wood

## REGULAR OFFICERS

WM	
SW	Bro SE Browning
JW	Bro CJ Boardman
Treasurer	Bro K Embrey
Secretary	
A/SD	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
A/JD	WBro J Heap (Egerton)
IG	Bro PJ Winnington
A/Tyler	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
Almoner	Bro CD Lomax
Ch.Stwd	
Chaplain	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
DC	WBro AB Wilson
Mentor	WBro DA Kyme
Mem Off	WBro MS Pryce
ADC	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
Org. & Asst	WBro TW Hankins
Secretary	
Asst. Treas	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton, TD
Steward	Bro CJ Boardman
	Bro S Redfern

WBro MN Ashton *JP* and

## GUESTS

WBro R Taylor	Horton 8528
WBro J Heap	Egerton 1392
WBro A Milner	Egerton 1392
WBro S Chadwick	Egerton 1392
Bro D Hulston	Egerton 1392
WBro A Jackson	St Chads 1129
Bro M Nolan	Kingswood 4197

Member: WBro M Sutton and Bro A Scaife.

The Lodge tyled at 6.32 pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.40pm

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 WM announced that the next item of business was to raise Bro Stephen Redfern to the sublime degree of a Master Mason and he thanked all those below the rank of a Fellowcraft Freemason to retire from the Lodge. Lodge was opened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree at which point Bro Redfern answered the usual questions. Bro Redfern retired from the Lodge to prepare for the ceremony. The WM thanked all those below the rank of a Master Mason to retire from the Lodge whereupon it was opened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

There was an alarm, and the candidate re-entered the Lodge where he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master mason by the WM ably assisted by his Wardens, Deacons and DC.

WBro Toni Hankins gave an explanation of the Traditional History and the Extended Signs to Bro Redfern after which he retired from the Lodge to be restored to his personal comforts.

The WM closed the Lodge by virtue from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

The Charity Steward gave his report mainly structured around giving for the 2026 Festival and implored those brethren who hadn't already taken out a standing order to do so. He announced that the Lodge Quiz Team had managed 4<sup>th</sup> out of 5 in the recent Quiz.

There was no report from the Almoner

There was a report and Bro Redfern re-entered the Lodge

In Any Other Business, WBro TW Hankins proposed, on behalf of WBro M Sutton and then seconded that Mr Philip Woods become a candidate for initiation.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> Rising the Secretary reported that he had received no communication from United Grand Lodge.

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rising the Secretary reported that he had received an email from Provincial Grand Lodge regarding the PGM's participation in the Zip Wire Challenge in May. All other communications had been circulated previously with the exception of an email received that morning advising that the re-launch date for Hermes was now May, all being well.

WBro Toni Hankins tendered greetings on behalf of his colleagues at Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> Rising the Secretary reported that he had received no correspondence as all previous had been disseminated to all members.

WBro Stephen Chadwick (Egerton) tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren, WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, AF Sinkinson, CO Eccles, AG Bradshaw, JB Wilson, MJS Bailey and Bros CA Taylor, CJ Wilkinson, RP Smith.

No apologies had been received from WBro PT Juniper, SD Fentem and Bro JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £97.66 (and an Uncle Joe's Mint Ball Wrapper)

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.12pm

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

(The Social Board raised £165 for good causes, where we were joined by a prospective candidate, Philip Woods and Mike Sutton's son Matthew)