

Minutes of the 1136th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge 2560 held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 held at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BLO9 0LY.

OFFICERS

A/WM	WBro AG Bradshaw		
A/IPM	WBro A Wilson, PProvGSupt Wks	WBro A Ikin	Merit
SW	Bro S Browning	WBro John Fleming	Merit
JW	Bro C Boardman	WBro C Hindle	Egerton
Chaplain	WBro A Wilson, PProvGSupt Wks	WBro S Chadwick	Egerton
Sec	WBro MN Ashton, <i>JP</i> , PProvGSwdB	WBro A Kinsey	Cromwell
DC	WBro D Kyme	WBro A Jackson	St Chads
Almoner			
Ch Steward	Bro G Johnson, <i>MBE</i>		
Mentor/Mem Sec	WBro R Sykes, LGR		
SD	Bro K Embury		
JD	Bro CD Lomax		
ADC	WBro MJS Bailey, PProvJGD		
Asst Treasurer	Bro C Boardman		
Treasurer			
Organist	Lt Col D G Hilton, <i>TD</i> , PProv AGDC		
Ass Secretary	Lt Col D G Hilton, <i>TD</i> , PProv AGDC		
Inner Guard	Bro C Wilkinson		
Stewards	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i> (Head Steward), Bro P Winnington, Bro C A Taylor and Bro M A O'Neill.		
Webmaster	Bro CD Lomax		
A/Tyler	WBro R Sykes LGR		
Members	WBro MS Pryce, WBro J Wilson and Bro A Scaife,		

The lodge tyled at 6.28pm and was opened in due and solemn form by the Acting Worshipful Master at 6.38pm.

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.

The Acting WM invested Bros Chris Wilkinson and Kris Embrey as Inner Guard and Senior Deacon respectively, as they had not been formally invested at the Installation.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree by the Acting WM.

At this point, the DC, WBro David Kyme, took the chair and requested all those below the rank of a Master Mason, with the exception of Bro Chris Taylor, to retire from the Lodge for a short time. Bro Matt O'Neill so retired.

The candidate for Raising, Bro Chris Taylor, recited his obligation in exemplary fashion and retired from the Lodge to prepare for his ceremony. The Lodge was opened in the third Degree.

There was an alarm and Bro Taylor re-entered the Lodge to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by WBro Kyme, who was ably assisted by his Wardens and Deacons. Bro Taylor retired from the Lodge.

The 3rd degree was closed by virtue and reconvened in the 2nd degree. Bro O'Neill was re-admitted. The 2nd degree was closed by virtue and reconvened in the 1st degree.

There was a report and Bro Taylor was readmitted into the Lodge.

(At the Social Board, WBro Andrew Kinsey, the Royal Arch District Officer, made a presentation to Bro Taylor concerning progression to the 4th Degree)

The Raising of Bro MA O'Neill was deferred to a future meeting.

Brief reports were then received from the Charity Steward and Association Representatives.

Bro George Johnson the Charity Steward spoke about the different ways we, as a Lodge and as individuals, could contribute to the forthcoming Festival. He reported on the TLC initiative for Teddies as this was now under his control and the District Raffle. The Secretary reported on the AGM of the Shareholders held last November. We have 3 re-elected Directors and a new one, WBro Clive Hardisty replacing WBro Douglas Warrington who had resigned due to ill health.

The Secretary reported on the proposed amendment to the By Laws to reflect the change of date when subs are due. It was proposed that the changes, as circulated to the brethren, be made and the proposition was seconded by WBro Bradshaw. The vote was unanimously carried to accept the amended By Laws.

In Any Other Business, Bro Chris Boardman raised the question of donations to the Festival and how, as a Lodge and as individuals, we should proceed in to maximise the benefits of Gift Aid. It was mooted that a Lodge Committee be mustered to discuss the matter.

At the first rising the Secretary reported that he had not received any reports from United Grand Lodge other than the usual Annual Return.

At the second rising, the Secretary stated that he had received one correspondence from Provincial Grand Lodge, outlining the appointment of WBro Robert Frankl as the new RWPGM. WBro A Wilson tendered greeting to the WM from Provincial Officers present.

At the third rising the Secretary reported that he had received a letter of thanks from the Bury Fire Choir who had performed at the December meeting. WBro Stephen Chadwick of Egerton Lodge tendered greeting on behalf of the guests and commented on the fine example set in the ceremony.

Apologies for absence had been received from WBros PG Mountford, TW Hankins, AF Sinkinson, CO Eccles, PT Juniper, MK Sutton and H Wood. Bros CJ Halliday, JP Sanderson, RP Smith.

No apologies had been received from WBros DW Fentem, SD Fentem and Bro J Pepperday.

The charity bag raised: £58.96 (and a "Winston Churchill Crown")

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.02pm

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WBro MN Ashton JP, PProvGSwdB

..... Worshipful Master

..... Senior Warden

..... Junior Warden