

Minutes of the 1,138th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge 2560 held on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 held at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

The ceremony was conducted by the Past Masters of the Lodge

OFFICERS

WM	Bro H Wood
IPM	WBro AG Bradshaw
A/SW	WBro C Hindle (Egerton Lodge)
A/JW	WBro TW Hankins, PProvJGD
Chaplain	WBro A Wilson, PProvGSuptWks
Sec	WBro MN Ashton, <i>JP</i> , PProvGSwdB
A/WM	WBro DA Kyme, PProvSGD
Almoner	
A/DC	WBro CO Eccles, PProvAGDC
Ch Steward	Bro G Johnson, <i>MBE</i>
Mentor/Mem Sec	
A/SD	WBro MN Ashton, <i>JP</i> , PProvGSwdB
A/JD	WBro AG Bradshaw
A/ADC	WBro SD Fentem, PProvAGSuptWks
Asst Treasurer	Bro CJ Boardman
Treasurer	WBro CO Eccles, PProvAGDC
Organist	WBro Lt Col D G Hilton, <i>TD</i> , PProvAGDC
Ass Secretary	WBro Lt Col D G Hilton, <i>TD</i> , PProvAGDC
A/Inner Guard	WBro SJ Chadwick (Egerton)
Stewards	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i> (Head Steward), Bro PJ Winnington, Bro CA Taylor and Bro M A O'Neill.
Webmaster	Bro CD Lomax
	WBro CO Eccles, PProvAGDC
A/Tyler	WBro JB Wilson

Members Bros SE Browning, CJ Boardman, K Embury, CD Lomax, CJ Wilkinson and A Scaife.

The lodge tyled at 6.30pm and was opened in due and solemn form by the 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 a joining member, Mr Paul John Holt, aged 51, of 9 Hills Court Bury, BL8 1TL, a Company Director and former member of Egerton Lodge No.1392.

The ballot proved unanimous in the candidate's favour.

Bro Holt's proposer WBro David Kyme thanked the brethren for their vote.

WBro David Kyme replaced Bro Harvey Wood in the chair of King Solomon and the Lodge was opened in the Second Degree.

All brethren below the rank of a Master Mason, with the exception of Bro Matthew A O'Neill, were asked to retire from the Lodge for a short while.

The candidate for Raising, Bro Matthew A O'Neill, answered his questions 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 O'Neill re-entered the Lodge to be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by WBro Kyme ably assisted by Past Masters of the Lodge and two Past Masters from Egerton Lodge. There was a report and Bro CJ Wilkinson gave his apologies and entered the Lodge.

Before retiring from the Lodge, Bro O'Neill joined Bros CJ Wilkinson, PJ Winnington and CA Taylor to receive an Explanation of the Traditional History, Extended Signs and the Tracing Board in the Third Degree by WBro Toni W Hankins.

GUESTS

WBro C Hindle	Egerton
WBro D Macauley	Knight
WBro A Kinsey	Cromwell
Bro E Fan	Merit

After which, Bro O'Neill retired from the Lodge to be restored to his personal comforts.

The Lodge was closed by virtue from the 3rd Degree, and it reconvened in the 2nd degree.
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There was a report and Bro O'Neill was re-admitted.
WBro Wood resumed occupation of the chair of King Solomon.
The Passing of Bro Stephen Redfern was deferred to a later date.

The Charity and Festival Steward, Bro George Johnson reported that the Gin Night on the 19th March was going well with tickets still available. The District Dinner is to be held on the 27th May for which the Lodge had purchased £300 worth of raffle tickets. Teddies were now available from Hewlett Court for distribution by the Charity Steward. He also reminded the Brethren of the ongoing 2026 Festival. He finished by congratulating the Past masters on the quality of the ceremony.
The Almoner was not in attendance, but the Secretary reported that WBro Mountford had had Covid recently but was now proving negative after 10 days.

There were no takers in Any Other Business.

At the first rising the Secretary reported that he had not received any reports from United Grand Lodge other than the First Rising Edition No.30.

At the second rising, the Assistant Secretary stated that he had received correspondence from Provincial Grand Lodge relating to the Lodge making a donation to the Province towards the Installation of the RWProvGM at Blackburn. All other communications had been disseminated electronically.
WBro Arthur Wilson tendered greetings on behalf of the Provincial Officers.

At the third rising, the Secretary stated that he had received a Thank You card from Mary Wood for her Xmas gift.
WBro Stephen Chadwick of Egerton Lodge tendered greetings on behalf of the guests and commented on the excellence of the ceremony and in particular, his role as Inner Guard!

Apologies for absence had been received from WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, AF Sinkinson, MJS Bailey, PT Juniper, RA Sykes, M Sutton, PT Juniper and MS Pryce and Bros CJ Halliday, JP Sanderson, RP Smith and S Redfern.
No apologies had been received from Bro JD Pepperday.
The charity bag raised: £73.97
There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.10pm

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WBro MN Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB

..... Worshipful Master

..... Senior Warden

..... Junior Warden