

Earl of Lathom Lodge 2560

Minutes of the 1148th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday 5th April 2023 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

Immediate Past Master: WBro Harvey Wood

REGULAR OFFICERS

GUESTS

WM	Bro S E Browning
SW	Bro C J Boardman
AJW	WBro M Pryce
Treasurer	
Secretary	
A/SD	WBro R Taylor (Horton)
JD	Bro P Winnington
IG	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
Tyler	Bro M O'Niell
Almoner	
Charity Stwd	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>
Chaplin	WBro A Wilson
DC	WBro David Kyme
Mentor	WBro M Pryce
Mem Off	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
Org. & Asst	
Secretary	WBro Lt Col(Ret'd) D G Hilton <i>TD</i>
Asst Treasurer	Bro C J Boardman
Webmaster	WBro M N Ashton <i>JP</i>
Member	Bro A Scaife

WBro R Taylor Horton Lodge 8528

The Lodge tyled at 6.35pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.43pm.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been circulated to all members were confirmed and were signed off by the WM and Wardens as a true and correct record.

The WM then announced that the next item on the summons, the ballot for prospective member Philip Wood would be deferred to the next meeting due to the non-availability of the candidate or sponsors.

A report from the Treasurer was then received relative to the accounts for the year ended December 2022. These had previously been circulated to all Lodge members. On a show of hands the accounts were approved.

The Charity Steward then gave his report and indicated that as a district, Bury was somewhat behind other districts in the Province in terms of donations/fundraising. He did state that the forthcoming District Dinner and District quiz was something to look forward to where some lost ground might be regained. In terms of new items for sale, he had a new supply of 'Easter Bunnies' for sale at £10 each the proceeds of which would go to charity. (By the end of the social board, his entire stock had been sold to members raising £80.00).

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The next item of business was the Almoners report and the Asst. Secretary reported that he had received an email from WBro Bradshaw stating that he had recently contacted all widows who were fine and not in need of any support. Similarly there were no lodge members in need of the Almoners intervention.

There were no items raised under any other business.

On the 1st and 2nd risings there were no communications to disseminate.

WBro A Wilson then offered greetings from Provincial Officers present to the WM.

On the 3rd Rising, WBro Asst. Secretary announced that Bro Chris Lomax had resigned from the Lodge with immediate effect, citing personal reasons for doing so.

The Asst. Secretary then referred to the recent committee meeting held to discuss the payment of dining fees and subscriptions in general. He was very concerned that the meeting was very poorly attended. The minutes together with one email by way of clarification had been circulated to all lodge members. The Secretary had asked that if any member had queries arising from those minutes they should contact him directly.

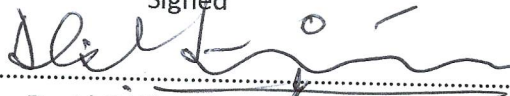
Apologies for absence had been received from: WBro's P G Mountford, M N Ashton, Sinkinson, Bradshaw Sutton, Bro's RP Smith, Wilkinson, Holt, Embury

No Replies: D Fentem, S Fentem, M Bailey, Eccles, Juniper, Pepperday, J Wilson

The Charity Bag raised : £50.71 and the raffle £100

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.08pm.

Signed



WBro David G Hilton TD PProv AsstGDC
Asst Secretary

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WM

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SW

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