

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the Lodge meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 4th December 2019 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

	MEMBERS	GUESTS	
WM	Bro AG Bradshaw	Bro A Scaife	St Chads 1129
IPM	WBro PT Juniper	WBro K	Naphthali 266
SW	Bro H Wood	Walker	Concord 1534
JW	Bro SE Browning	WBro H Berry	
Chap.	WBro AB Wilson		
Treas.	Bro J Metcalfe		
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>		
DC	WBro DA Kyme		
Alm.	Bro CJ Halliday		
Ch.Stwd.	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Mentor	WBro RA Sykes		
SD	Bro CJ Boardman		
A/JD	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>		
ADC	WBro MJS Bailey		
Asst. Treas	Bro CJ Boardman		
Org.	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton <i>TD</i>		
IG	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Stwds.	Bros, AE Bryan, DR Brown, JE Thomas, JP Sanderson, PJ Winnington, PM Taylor, CA Taylor and MA O'Neill		
Tyler	WBro M Sutton		
Members:	WBros PG Mountford, CO Eccles and MS Pryce		

The Lodge tyled at 6.42pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 6.51pm

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 welcomed into the Lodge WBro Chris Eccles, having recently been promoted to the rank of Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon at the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. He was warmly received by the members. WBro Eccles thanked the brethren for their warm reception.

The WM announced that due to his increased business commitments, Bro Kris Embrey felt unable to fulfil his duties as Junior Deacon for the ensuing year and that Bro Tony Bryan had agreed to step up to JD. Bro Bryan was then invested with the Collar of his office.

The next item of business was to receive a Masonic Nugget entitled "Why we step off with the left foot" from Bro Chris Taylor.

The WM presented Grand Lodge Certificates to Bros Craig Halliday and Jordan Thomas with the explanation of the same being deferred until the January Meeting.

The WM announced the Passing due for Bros Peter Matthew Taylor, Christopher Andrew Taylor, Matthew Anthony O'Neill and Gareth Roose Williams; and the Raising due for

Bros Christopher John Wilkinson and Phillip James Winnington. All of which are to be deferred to a future meeting.

The Lodge heard reports from the following Officers: -

Charity Steward and the Almoner. The District Representative's report was deferred until January.

The Charity Steward reported that the trip to Summerseat Players had gone down really well as had the participation in the Quiz. Bro David Brown gave an update on the sale of TLC Teddies.

The Almoner reported that he had spoken to most of the Lodge widows and that he in the process of sending out the usual Christmas gifts from the Lodge.

Although, strictly, there were no takers for Any Other Business, WBro Philip Mountford commented on how smart the younger brethren had turned out and on the manner in which they had conducted themselves during the evening, especially when receiving their Stewards Collars.

At the **1st Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received the minutes of the Sept Proceedings from United Grand Lodge.

WBro Howard Berry PAGDC gave greetings on behalf of his esteemed colleague from United Grand Lodge.

At the **2nd Rising** the Secretary reported that all other communications had been circulated previously. Including the Provincial Christmas Carol Service at St Ann's Church Manchester and a letter from ELMC thanking us for the donation of £1,000. We are now Grand Patrons of the Charity.

WBro Chris Eccles PProvSGD tendered greetings on behalf of RW Provincial Grand Master and of his colleagues at Provincial Grand Lodge.

At the **3rd Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received a letter of thanks from Jigsaw; and a Christmas Card from Suzanne Morris (WBro Ken Morris's widow), all other correspondence had been disseminated to all members.;

WBro Alan Scaife of St Chads Lodge, Rochdale No. 1129 tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren, DW Fentem, TW Hankins, MW Hankins, RP Smith, AF Sinkinson, CJ Wilkinson, J Metcalfe, GR Williams
No apologies had been received from Bro. JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £77.84

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.18pm

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 Raffle in the Social Board raised £317