

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 7th November 2018 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

MEMBERS

WM	WBro TW Hankins
IPM	WBro CO Eccles
SW	Bro PT Juniper
JW	Bro H Wood
Chap.	WBro SD Fentem
Treas.	Bro J Metcalfe
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
DC	WBro DA Kyme
Alm.	WBro SD Fentem
Ch.Stwd.	WBro CO Eccles
Mentor	WBro MJS Bailey
SD	WBro AG Bradshaw
JD	Bro SE Browning
ADC	WBro M Sutton
Asst. Sec	
Org.	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton <i>TD</i>
IG	Bro CJ Boardman
Stwds.	Bros G Johnson <i>MBE</i> , K Embrey and DR Brown.
Tyler	WBro MJS Bailey

Members Bros AF Sinkinson, MW Hankins, and JE Thomas.

GUESTS

WBro RA Sykes	Absalom 8382
WBro C Hindle	Egerton 1392
WBro M Pryce	Naphthali 266
WBro J Gardner	Pythagoras 9248
Bro BD Jackson	Egerton 1392
WBro K Rawstron	Egerton 1392
WBro D Hinton	Prince of Wales 1012
Bro A Scaife	St Chads 1129
Bro S Chadwick	Egerton 1392
Bro D Hulston	Egerton 1392
WBro B Bruce	Bury Lodge of Relief 42
WBro J Heap	Egerton 1392
Bro D Cadman	GLOF 8453

The Lodge tyled at 4.45pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the WM at 4.54pm.

The WM requested that the brethren stand in a minute's silence in memory of WBro John Hammersley.

The DC welcomed WBro Howard Berry, PAGDC the representative of the RW Provincial Grand Master. The usual salutations were offered for which WBro Berry thanked the Lodge.

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 Secretary reported that proceedings had been commenced against Bro James Birtles for exclusion. Subscriptions due on the 1st December 2017 had not been paid. Bro Birtles has moved to Spain but still wished to maintain his membership of the Lodge despite his experiencing banking and IT issues. After explaining to the members, the ramifications of any brother not paying his subs a ballot was taken to exclude Bro Birtles. The result of the ballot proved inconclusive.

Before the next item of business WBro RA Sykes was asked to leave the Lodge for a short time.

The WM then indicated that the Lodge was to ballot for Mr Christopher John Wilkinson and Mr Phillip James Winnington, as candidates for initiation, together with WBro Sykes as a joining Member. A ballot was taken that proved unanimous. WBro Sykes was re-admitted and thanked the brethren for the confidence shown in him.

The WM requested that all brethren below the rank of a Fellow Craftsman were asked to retire from the lodge and he opened it in the Second Degree.

WBro MN Ashton *JP* presented the Master Elect, Bro Phillip Terrence Juniper, to the WM from the NW. The WM detailed the requirements for the office of Master, which the ME accepted.

The Secretary read out the Antient Charges and Regulations of the Order to the ME who signified his assent to each. The ME then recited his Obligation regarding the duties and governance of the Lodge.

The WM opened the Lodge in the 3rd degree and invited the following Past Masters to occupy the following Offices:

SW: WBro AF Sinkinson

JW: WBro AB Wilson

Officers below the rank of a Past Master returned their collars to the WM and re-assembled in the North, where the WM, thanked them for their services. The WM asked all Brethren below the rank of an Installed Master, with the exception of the Master Elect, to retire from the Lodge.

A Board of Installed Masters was formed and in accordance with Antient custom, the WM installed Bro Phillip Terrence Juniper as the 115th Master of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No. 2560. He was then invested with the Apron and Collar of the Worshipful Master and placed in the Chair of King Solomon by the WM.

The DC then declared a comfort break which lasted 20 minutes.

The Lodge resumed in the 3rd degree when MM re-entered the Lodge. WBro DA Kyme proclaimed Bro Phillip Terrence Juniper in the East whereupon the MM saluted the WM. WBro DA Kyme presented the Tools of the Degree.

The Lodge was closed by Virtue from the Third Degree to the Second Degree. FC were readmitted. WBro DA Kyme proclaimed Bro Phillip Terrence Juniper in the West whereupon the FC saluted the WM. WBro DA Kyme presented the Tools of the Degree.

The Lodge was closed by Virtue from the 2nd Degree and resumed in the First Degree. All Brethren were re-admitted and WBro DA Kyme proclaimed Bro Phillip Terrence Juniper in the South. The brethren saluted the WM. WBro DA Kyme presented the Tools of this Degree, Book of Constitution, By-laws, Warrant, Centenary Warrant, Pillar and Banner.

The WM presented a cheque for £1,000 payable to ELMC to WBro Howard Berry.

The WM then proceeded to invest his officers for the forthcoming year as follows: -

		Address given by
SW:	Bro AG Bradshaw	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
JW:	Bro MW Hankins	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>
Ch & Alm:	WBro SD Fentem	
Treas:	Bro J Metcalfe	
Sec:	WBro MN Ashton, <i>JP</i>	
DC:	WBro DA Kyme	
ADC:	WBro M Sutton	
ChStwd:	Bro G Johnson, <i>MBE</i>	WBro CO Eccles
SD:	Bro SE Browning	WBro M Sutton
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Stwds:	Bros K Embrey, DR Brown and JE Thomas.	Bro DR Brown
Tyler:	WBro MJS Bailey.	

WBro DA Kyme gave the Address to the WM and WBro TW Hankins, the address to the Brethren.

In any other business, Bro G Johnson apologised for not switching his mobile phone off during the ceremony.

Bro J Metcalfe proposed and WBro MN Ashton *JP* seconded that Mr Peter Matthew Taylor of 11 Wildwood Close Ramsbottom Bury BL0 9SF be a candidate for initiation.

Bro MW Proposed on behalf of Bro CJ Lomax and seconded that Mr Christopher Andrew Taylor of 15 Darlington Close Woolfold Bury BL8 1UG be a candidate for initiation.

At the **1st Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received the Annual Return from United Grand Lodge. WBro Howard Berry PAGDC gave greetings and complimented the WM and all the installing officers on a fine ceremony

At the **2nd Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received the usual invitation letter from the Provincial Secretariat to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on the 15th November next. All other communications had been circulated previously.

WBro Howard Berry PAGDC tendered greetings.

At the **3rd Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received a card of thanks from Mrs Mary Wood, an email from the District Secretary thanking the brethren for last month's Raising ceremony

WBro Bill Bruce, BNury Lodge of Relief Lodge 42 tendered greetings on behalf of the guests.

Apologies for absence had been received

from the following Brethren, WBros Fentem D, Mountford PG and Bros J Birtles, CD Lomax, CJ Halliday, JP Sanderson and AE Bryan.

No apologies had been received from brothers Pepperday and Ellis.

The Charity Bag raised £47.20 and 1 Singapore Dollar.

The envelopes for the ELMC raised £620.20 (with Gift Aid applied, £775.25)

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.16pm

Signed

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WBro Malcolm N Ashton *JP*
Secretary

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WM

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SW

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JW