

Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the 1,126th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 2nd October 2019 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

	MEMBERS	GUESTS	
A/WM	WBro AB Wilson	WBro S Chadwick	Egerton 1392
A/IPM	WBro C Hindle (Egerton Lodge)	WBro J Heap	Egerton 1392
A/SW	WBro MJS Bailey	WBro C Hindle	Egerton 1392
A/JW	WBro J Heap (Egerton Lodge)	WBro G Thornton	Egerton 1392
A/Chap.	WBro PG Mountford	WBro A Milner	Egerton 1392
Treas.	Bro J Metcalfe	WBro R Sullivan	Relief 42
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>	WBro Dr SK Archer	Relief 42
A/DC	WBro PG Mountford	WBro MS Pryce	Napthali 260
Alm.		Bro A Scaife	St Chads 1129
Ch.Stwd.	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>	WBro S Holland	Grants 8825
Mentor		WBro D Mulligan	Monarch 3381
A/SD	WBro M Sutton		
A/JD	WBro DA Kyme		
ADC			
Asst. Sec			
Org.	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton <i>TD</i>		
A/IG	WBro SD Fentem		
Stwds.	Bros K Embrey, CJ Halliday, and AE Bryan.		
Tyler	A/WBro CO Eccles		
Members	WBros DW Fentem, Bros PT Juniper, H Wood, AG Bradshaw, SE Browning, CJ Boardman, CJ Wilkinson, PJ Winnington, PM Taylor, and MA O'Neill.		

The Lodge tyled at 6.34pm and was opened in due form and solemn prayer by the A/WM at 6.43.pm.

Past Masters of the Lodge and of Egerton Lodge took the main Offices of the Lodge for the evening.

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

There being no further interested parties, Bro AG Bradshaw was declared as Master Elect, Bro J Metcalfe continuing as Treasurer and WBro M Sutton as Tyler for the ensuing year.

WBro MN Ashton *JP* proposed that the current representatives on the following committees: -

- i) the St John's Committee (WM, ME, DC, Sec and Treas);
 - ii) the Inventory Committee (WM, ME and Sec);
 - iii) the District Committee (WBro TW Hankins); and
 - iv) the Auditors (the Senior and Junior Wardens).
- remain unchanged for the ensuing year. The proposal was seconded by WBro Philip G Mountford and was carried by a unanimous vote.

WBro PG Mountford proposed that the Balance Sheet presented by Bro Christopher J Boardman, previously approved at a Lodge Committee meeting be accepted as a true and correct record. WB MN Ashton *JP* seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The next item of business was to initiate Mr Gareth Roose Williams.

The Secretary reported that the candidate had paid the usual fees and signed the Register of Members.

There was an alarm and the candidate for initiation entered the Lodge. The candidate answered the A/WM's questions and his Obligation was taken. The Candidate was then initiated into freemasonry by the A/WM who was ably assisted by, his A/Wardens and A/Deacons.

WBro M Sutton gave the address from the NE Corner. The candidate was then placed in front of the JW's pedestal to receive an explanation of the Working Tools by WBro J Heap. The Charge in this Degree was given by WBro DA Kyme.

The initiation ceremony over, our newly initiated brother retired from the Lodge to be restored to his personal comforts.

The Treasurer gave a Notice of Motion that a sum of money would be given to Charity at our Installation Meeting.

The A/WM advised brethren of the Passing due for Bro Peter Matthew Taylor, initiated on the 6th March 2019, Bro Christopher Andrew Taylor, initiated on the 3rd April 2019 and Bro Matthew Anthony O'Neill, initiated on the 4th September 2019.

Raising due for Christopher John Wilkinson initiated on the 9th January 2019 and Bro Phillip James Winnington initiated on the 6th February 2019, both passed on the 1st May 2019.

All ceremonies were to be deferred to a future meeting.

The Charity Steward requested that his Lodge report take place at the Social Board and the District Representative's report be deferred due to WBro TW Hankin's absence.

In, Any Other Business, WBro J Metcalfe proposed that WBro Melvyn Stuart Pryce PProvSGD, a member of Naphali Lodge No.266 and Rochdale District Installed Masters Lodge No.9211, be a candidate for joining the Earl of Lathom Lodge. The proposition was seconded by WBro MN Ashton *JP*.

An Alms collection was taken.

At the **1st Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received no commands from United Grand Lodge. Greetings were tendered By WBro PG Mountford.

At the **2nd Rising** the Secretary reported that he had disseminated all communications to members via email; including details of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting in Blackburn on the 21st November next. Greetings were tendered By the District Chairman, WBro Stephen Holland, PProvGSwdB of Grants Lodge 8825; and

At the **3rd Rising** the Secretary reported that there was some general correspondence,

- i) The Fire Notice was read out
- ii) The Secretary had received thank you letters and telephone calls from Mrs S Morris, Mrs S Gaskell, Mrs M Moran and Mrs M Wood thanking the Lodge for the cheques recently received.
- iii) An email was read out from the BMA Secretary regarding the use of "White Table Events" and Buffets to attract new membership. The Secretary was to circulate members and canvas their views in due course.
- iv) Summonses had been received from Bury, St John, Merit and Faith Lodges

Greetings were tendered by WBro S Chadwick of Egerton Lodge 1392

Apologies for absence had been received from the following Brethren: -

WBros TW Hankins, MW Hankins, AF Sinkinson, CD Lomax, R Smith, RA Sykes, CA Taylor, DR Brown and JP Sanderson.

No apologies had been received from Bro JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £86.41

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.00 pm.

Signed

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WBro Malcolm N Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB
Assistant Secretary

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WM

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SW

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JW