

Minutes of the 1,140th meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge 2560 held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons Lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

IPM WBro AG Bradshaw

Regular Officers

WM Bro H Wood
SW Bro SE Browning
JW Bro CJ Boardman
Treasurer *WBro CO Eccles, PProvDepGDC*
Secretary WBro MN Ashton, *JP*, PProvGSwdB
SD Bro K Embrey
JD Bro CJ Lomax
IG Bro CJ Wilkinson
Tyler *WBro PT Juniper*
A/Tyler WBro JB Wilson

GUESTS

WBro C Hindle Egerton
WBro SJ Chadwick Egerton
Bro M White Egerton
Bro R Forsyth Egerton
WBro S Ashworth Prince Edwin

Additional Officers

Almoner Bro CJ Halliday
Ch Steward Bro G Johnson, *MBE*
Chaplain WBro A Wilson, PProvGSuptWks
DC WBro DA Kyme, PProvSGD
Men/Mem Sec *WBro RA Sykes, LGR*
ADC WBro MJS Bailey PProvJGD
Organist *WBro Lt Col (Retd) David G Hilton, TD, PProvAGDC*
A/Organist WBro Stuart Ashworth (Prince Edwin Lodge, No.128)
Ass Secretary *WBro Lt Col (Retd) David G Hilton, TD, PProvAGDC*
Asst Treasurer Bro CJ Boardman
Head Steward Bro G Johnson *MBE*
Stewards Bro PJ Winnington, Bro CA Taylor and
 Bro M A O'Neill.
Webmaster Bro CD Lomax

Members Bros WBro MS Pryce Bros A Scaife and S Redfern.

(Absent in red)

The lodge tyled at 6.35pm and was opened in due and solemn form by the Worshipful Master at 6.44pm. 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.

The WM asked the Lodge to consider the Accounts for the year ending 2021 to be given approval which it unanimously was. The Asst. Treasurer Bro Chris Boardman thanked the brethren for their continuing support. All brethren below the rank of a Fellow Craft, with the exception of Bro Stephen Redfern, were asked to retire from the Lodge for a short while.

The candidate for Passing, Bro Stephen Redfern, answered his questions in exemplary fashion and retired from the Lodge to prepare for his ceremony. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree.

At this point the DC, WBro David Kyme, took the chair of King Solomon.

There was an alarm and Bro Redfern re-entered the Lodge to be passed to the degree of a Fellow Craftsman by WBro Kyme who was assisted by officers of the Lodge. The Address in the SE Corner was given by Bro Chris Wilkinson in an exemplary manner and the Working Tools by WBro Mike Bailey. Bro Redfern retired from the Lodge to be restored to his personal comforts and it was closed by virtue by the WM who had now reclaimed his Chair.

The Almoner, Bro Craig Halliday, had nothing of interest to report and the Charity Steward, Bro George Johnson reported on three matters.

- 1 The Bury District Dinner was to be held on the 29th May and that it would be nice if we could get a table of 10 to represent the Lodge.
- 2 The Queen’s Jubilee celebration was being held at Hewlett Court on the 5th June from 12 noon until 5pm. As an inducement to attending we were assured by the Charity steward that there would be “nice women” there!
- 3 A talk was to be given by Mike Neville entitled “Crime and the Craft” on the 19th August at 7pm at the Masonic Hall.

In Any other Business, the Secretary reported that the Lodge had been approached by Egerton Lodge with a request for us to carry out a Second Degree ceremony for them in September. After a recent survey of our members, those who responded were in overall agreement that we should do the ceremony on their behalf. The only proviso being that our WM carry out the ceremony but that there would be no objection to members of Egerton Lodge acting as Wardens/ Deacons or doing parts of the ritual eg Working Tools, Charge or the Address in the SE corner.

There was a collection for Alms during which the Secretary read clauses 1-4 of the By-Laws of the Lodge.

There was a report and Bro Redfern was re-admitted.

At the first rising the Secretary reported that he had not received any reports from United Grand Lodge.

At the second rising, Secretary stated that he had received no correspondence from Provincial Grand Lodge WBro Arthur Wilson tendered greetings on behalf of the Provincial Officers.

At the third rising, the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the BMA Secretary, WBro Alan Ikin regarding an incident that that occurred in the Lounge during the latter part of March. WBro Stephen Chadwick of Egerton Lodge tendered greetings on behalf of the guests and commented on the excellence of the ceremony.

Apologies for absence had been received from, WBros PG Mountford, TW Hankins, CO Eccles, AF Sinkinson, DG Hilton, RA Sykes, M Sutton, and Bros JP Sanderson, RP Smith, and PJ Holt. No apologies had been received from WBros DW Fentem, SD Fentem, PT Juniper and Bro JD Pepperday. The charity bag raised: £71.35

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

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WBro MN Ashton *JP*, PProvGSwdB

..... Worshipful Master

..... Senior Warden

..... Junior Warden

Note; £174 donated to the MCF following the Social Board