

## Earl of Lathom Lodge No.2560

Minutes of the meeting of the Earl of Lathom Lodge No: 2560 held on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019 at the Masonic Hall, Parsons lane, Bury, BL9 0LY.

MEMBERS		GUESTS	
A/WM	WBro TW Hankins	WBro C Hindle	Egerton 1392
A/IPM	WBro AB Wilson	WBro M Pryce	Napthali 266
SW	WBro AG Bradshaw	WBro S Chadwick	Egerton 1392
A/JW	Bro H Wood	WBro D Kennedy	Cornucopia 4556
A/Chap.	WBro AB Wilson	WBro J Gardner	Past Masters 9248
Treas.	Bro J Metcalfe	WBro R Sullivan	Bury Lodge of Relief 42
Sec.	WBro MN Ashton <i>JP</i>		
DC	WBro DA Kyme		
Alm.			
Ch.Stwd.	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Mentor	WBro MJS Bailey		
SD	Bro SE Browning		
JD	Bro CJ Boardman		
ADC	WBro M Sutton		
Asst. Sec			
Org.	WBro Lt Col (Ret'd) DG Hilton <i>TD</i>		
IG	Bro G Johnson <i>MBE</i>		
Stwds.	Bro DR Brown, JE Thomas, CJ Halliday, JP Sanderson and AE Bryan.		
Tyler	WBro MJS Bailey		

Members WBro CO Eccles, Bros K Embrey, CJ Wilkinson, PJ Winnington, and CA Taylor.

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

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.

The next item of business was to pass Bros CHRISTOPHER JOHN WILKINSON and PHILIP JAMES WINNINGTON ("the brethren") in a double ceremony. The brethren answered the A/WM's questions and retired from the Lodge to prepare for their ceremony. The Lodge was opened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree.

There was an alarm and the brethren re-entered the Lodge.

(It was at this point that our Inner Guard revealed a lesser known "twilight Degree" in freemasonry known as the "Fellowshipcraftsman". As I understand, it's part way between Narnia and all the world's odd socks!)

The brethren were re-admitted, entered into a solemn obligation and were passed to the Second Degree by the A/WM who was ably assisted by his Wardens and Deacons. WBro M Sutton gave the address from the SE Corner. The brethren were placed in front of the SW's pedestal to receive an explanation of the Working Tools of the Degree by Bro DR Brown. The Charge in this Degree was given by Bro AG Bradshaw, the Senior Warden.

The ceremony over, our newly passed brothers retired from the Lodge to be restored to their personal comforts.

The A/WM notified the brethren of the Passing due for Bros, PM Taylor and CA Taylor and the initiation for Mr MA O'Neill.

There was a report and Bro JE Thomas gave his apologies for his late arrival.  
There was another report and our newly passed brothers re-entered the Lodge.

There were no Lodge reports and in Any Other Business, WBro Chris Eccles passed on the good wishes of WBro Simon De Wynter-White to the Lodge .  
WBro Malcolm N Ashton *JP* proposed that Mr GARETH ROOSE WILLIAMS (33) of New Street, Tottington, Bury, a warehouse manager at Master Autoglass in Heywood, be a candidate for initiation into the Earl of Lathom Lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro Christopher J Boardman.  
An Alms collection was taken.

As time was pressing on the A/WM requested that the Secretary answer all three Risings at the same time.  
At the **1<sup>st</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received no commands from United Grand Lodge save for the Annual accounts that had arrived that morning.  
At the **2<sup>nd</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that he had received notice of an Annual Coarse Fishing competition; and  
At the **3<sup>rd</sup> Rising** the Secretary reported that there was no general correspondence other than a reminder from the District Secretary regarding the District Dinner this Friday.  
Summons' had been received and circulated from Tranquillity and Grants Lodges.

**Apologies** for absence had been received from the following Brethren: -  
WBros DW Fentem, PG Mountford, AF Sinkinson, SD Fentem, RA Sykes and Bros MW Hankins, RP Smith, CD Lomax and PM Taylor.  
No apologies had been received from the WM or Bro JD Pepperday.

The Charity Bag raised £88.23.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.04.pm.  
(A minute later, the Secretary's mobile phone went off causing much amusement.)

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 Social Board Raffle raised £220.

