

The minutes of the 267th Installation Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 10th October 2014.

The Officers were as follows:-

W.M.	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
I.P.M.	W.Bro. Terry Clayfield
S.W.	W.Bro. Qadeer Mirza
J.W.	Bro Richard Flood
Chaplain	W.Bro. Terry Clayfield
Secretary	W.Bro. Nigel Harris-Cooksley
Treasurer	W.Bro. Andy Watterston
D.C.	W.Bro. Michael Breen
Almoner & Mentor	W.Bro. David Errington
Charity Steward	W.Bro. Derek Biddle
S.D.	Bro. Rimal Shah
J.D.	Bro. Leonardo Monno
Asst. D.C.	W.Bro. David Russell
Inner Guard	Bro. James Flood
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Steward	Bros. Navin Bhatia, Feliciano Romero, Kam Chana, Simon Thomas

Members present: W.Bros. Vince Haffenden, Saeed Ahmad, and Bros. Srdjan Susic, Paolo Russo, Howard Paton Barnes

Also present: W.Bro.Ted Bentley (Marlborough 1399)), W.Bro.Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro. Dai Davies (Mddx St.Davids 5460), W.Bro Peter Gorman (Hillingdon 3174), W.Bro.Bob Tucker (Cookham Manor 4191), Kevin Darling (Celerity 5602), James Dockray (St.Georges (Cyprus)3135), Paul Ackland-Snow (Staines2536), Francesco Zoffoli (Egyptian 27), Colin Pope (Excelsior 1155), Colin Turner (Bow 7751), Anthony Perch (organist)

The Lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer at 4.40 pm.

The minutes of the 270th Regular Meeting held on Friday 10th May 2014 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Qadeer Mirza & Seconded by Bro Richard Flood were approved and signed.

Bro Treasurer presented the Lodge accounts and stated that the Lodge was in good financial order which was confirmed by the Auditor, W.Bro Michael Breen. They were then Proposed by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley and Seconded by W.Bro Terry Clayfield and carried unanimously.

W.Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews then asked W.Bro Saeed Ahmad to occupy the SW chair, W.Bro Howard Paton Barnes the JW chair and W.Bro Derek Biddle to act as inner guard for the installation.

The W.M then asked all the officers of his year to line along the north so that he could thank them for their help and assistance during his year of mastership. He then thanked them individually before they resumed their seats.

The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and W.Bro Qadeer Mirza was presented and took the Obligation of Master Elect. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. A Board of Installed Masters was declared and WBro. Qadeer Mirza was duly installed in The Chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom by Bro. Installing Master, Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews in a very creditable manner.

The Board of Installed Masters was called off. The Board of Installed Masters was called on. The Board of Installed Masters was closed and all Master Masons were admitted to the lodge and the W. M was Saluted and Greeted in the Third Degree. The 3rd degree Working Tools were then presented to the W.M. by W.Bro Saeed Ahmad.

The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree and all Fellowcrafts were admitted. The W.M was Saluted and Greeted in that Degree. The 2nd degree Working tools were then excellently presented to the W.M by Bro Srdjan Susic.

The Lodge was resumed in the First Degree and all EAs were admitted and the W.M was Saluted and greeted in that degree. The 1st degree Working tools were then superbly presented to the W.M by Bro Kam Chana.

The Worshipful Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the Officers for the ensuing year as follows:

• S.W.	Bro Richard Flood	• Asst D.C.	W.Bro. David Russell
• J.W.	Bro Rimal Shah	• Asst Secretary	W.Bro. Antony Moore (A)
• Chaplain	W.Bro. Terry Clayfield	• I G	Bro. Kam Chana
• Treasurer	W.Bro. Andy Watterston	• Tyler	W.Bro. Michael Porter
• Secretary	W.Bro. Nigel Harris-Cooksley	• Snr. Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
• D. C.	W.Bro. Michael Breen	• Steward	Bro Sanjay Kotecha (A)
• Almoner/Mentor	W.Bro. David Errington	• Steward	Bro. Navin Bhatia
• Charity Steward	W.Bro. Derek Biddle	• Steward	Bro. James Flood
• Senior Deacon	Bro. Leonardo Monno	• Steward	Bro. Feliciano Romero Jnr
• Junior Deacon	Bro. Simon Thomas	• Steward	Bro. Howard Cheng (A)

- Steward Bro. Aamir Khan (A)
- Steward Bro. Mark Romero (A)
- Steward Bro. John Romero (A)
- Steward Bro. Shaun Dias (A)
- Steward Bro. Srdjan Susic

The addresses were given in an excellent manner by the following Brethren : To the W.M. by W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews, the Wardens by W.Bro..Derek Biddle and to the Brethren by W.Bro. Terry Clayfield

Almoner's Report

Since our last Regular Meeting, another of our Widows has passed away - Kath Matcham. The Funeral was well attended by Members, and took place on a lovely Summer's day in July in a Woodlands Park at Beaconsfield, which was a beautiful location surrounded by trees and flowers, as befitted Kath. I now have only one Widow left sadly, Shirley May, who is battling on with her Kidney machine stoically and remains very cheerful with much help from her family. Meanwhile Albert Hubbard is coping with his flood damaged house.

Charity Steward's Report

During the year, we have had one special out-payment – the Philippines Typhoon (£400) – and one special appeal to Brethren where money was collected and paid out. The latter was for the Balkan Flooding and generated a response from 8 Brethren achieved £170. £45 of this was used by Srdjan to purchase prizes for a draw at a large Masonic function in Serbia and the remainder was paid into the Relief Chest to get Tax reclaims, meaning that £156 was passed to the BRCS for the major appeal. the amount collected at Lodge Meetings was over £600, and the tax reclaim for this came to over £140, most of which will show in next year's accounts. This sounds a lot, but I would be grateful if Brethren could consider increasing the amount they give, or in some cases starting. I am sure that we could do better.

During this year, the Province will be starting a Festival, during which Brethren are encouraged to donate regular amounts to build up a large injection to Provincial and National Masonic Charities – and to do so rather than supporting our own Collections. The beneficiaries this time will be the Masonic Trust for Boys and Girls (MTGB) and the Relief Fund. The organisers have said that if a Lodge would want donations to Charities that they would wish to support, this can be arranged from the Festival Fund – which is a departure from previous practice. The Lodge and individuals can acquire 'honorifics' related to the Festival.

Once the Festival is announced, donations can be made by standing order or using our own Relief Chest. If any Brother makes his intentions clear to me, I will honour them.

I do need to bring to your attention the work Nigel has done in distributing the 'Bro Twitter Lapel Pins'. He plans to push the funds for this across to the Festival - once announced - which should add considerably to the level that the Lodge achieves in the Festival.

In conclusion, we have done reasonably well this year on the charitable front, but I would ask if we could all consider if we could do more as a Lodge.

Provincial Co-ordinator's Report

W.Bro Nigel referred the brethren to the Lodge website for all events; other items would be covered in the risings.

The W.M. rose for the first time.

Bro. Secretary stated that any communications from Grand Lodge had been circulated with the Summons and that copies of Quarterly Communications were in the anti room for anyone to take. That Grand Lodge Communications will be held on Wednesday 10th December and that on this occasion any Master Mason could attend, subject to application for a ticket through Bro Secretary

The W.M. rose for the second time.

W.Bro. Nigel Harris-Cooksley thanked all the Brethren who had helped out at the Provincial Grand Family Fete in July and reported that a figure of **£500** had been raised by the Lodge at it's BBQ stall on the day. W.Bro Nigel also informed the Provincial Thanksgiving Service at Guildford Cathedral on the 3rd November and all brethren would be welcome.

Bro Secretary had received letters from both our APGM, W.Bro Michael Higginbotham and our retiring visiting officer, W.Bro Paul Ackland-Snow, who with sadness we bid farewell and our new V.O W.Bro Patrick Frederick, who we will welcome at the next meeting. All congratulated W.Bro Qadeer Mirza on attaining the Master's Chair and wished the brethren well.

The W.M. rose for the third time.

Bro. Secretary reported that 8 members of North Harrow and one from Gradation Lodge 6368 had chartered and sailed a 43' Yacht in the Solent for 4 days in July, and attended the first Masonic Twitter meeting in Poole where 60+ brethren from 9 Provinces had gathered for presentations by Bro Secretary on the merits of Website and Social Media inclusion and Bro Lex Luther-Davies (Gradation 6368) on the Connaught Club.

W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley stated that he had raised £1,500 on behalf of the Lodge by the sale of Masonic Twitter Pins over the last 5 months, which will be given in support of the 2020 Festival , when announced.

Bro James Dockray gave fraternal greetings from St. Georges Lodge 3135 in Cyprus and Bro Srdjan Susic extended greetings from the St. Johns 21 in Belgrade, Serbia.

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W.Bros Tony Moore, Pratik Karia, Bros Aamir Khan, Howard Cheng, John & Mark Romero, Shaun Dias, Sanjay Kotecha,

There being nothing further offered for the good of Freemasonry in general or this the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 in particular, the lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.45pm.

W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)
14.10.2014.

Signed:_____W.M

16th. January 2015