

The minutes of the 272nd Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 16th January 2015.

The Officers were as follows:-

W.M.	W.Bro. Qadeer Mirza
IPM	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
S.W.	Bro. Richard Flood
J.W.	Bro Rimal Shah
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. Leonardo Monno
J.D.	Bro. Simon Thomas
Asst. D.C.	W.Bro. David Russell
Inner Guard	Bro. Kam Chana
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. Navin Bhatia, Feliciano Romero, James Flood, , Mark Romero, John Romero, Srdjan Susic

Members present: W.Bros. Saeed Ahmad, Howard Paton Barnes, Bro Paolo Russo

Also present: W.Bro Patrick Frederick (Provincial V.O.), W.Bro. Ted Bentley (Marlborough 1399)), W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro David Chittleborough (Gradation 6368) W.Bro Paul Ackland-Snow (Staines2536), Bro Vernon Morley (Priory 9268), W.Bro Neil Campbell (Royal Navy 2914), Bro Byron Baluyot (Wembley 2914), Bro Kan Grover (Khyber582), W.Bro Peter Johns (Chiltern 9394), Bro Benjamin Fe (Eltham Palace 2980), Bro Marwill Castillo (Elizabethan 7324), Bro Michael Aunzo (Thames Valley 1460), Nro Joey Crisostomo (Barra Hall 8096), Diones Estillero (Hegeston 5220), Gregg Urbiztundo (Hegeston 5220), Bro Matthew Platt (Welcome 5055), Balwinder Heera (Denham 5950), W.Bro Anthony Perch (organist)

The Lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer at 4.35 pm.

The minutes of the 271st Installation Meeting held on Friday 10th October 2014 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed as a true record by Bro. Richard Flood & Seconded by Bro Rimal Shah were approved and signed.

Brothers John Romero & Mark Romero, who were not present at the installation meeting, were duly invested as stewards.

Entered Apprentices were asked to retire from the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro John Paul Romero answered the questions that lead from the second to the third degree in a creditable manner and duly retired from the Lodge to be prepared by the Tyler.

All Fellowcrafts were asked to retire from the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree.

Bro John Paul Romero was readmitted into the Lodge and was duly obligated by the W.M and raising to the degree of a Master Mason with the assistance of W.Bro Terry Clayfield. The Graveside Address was superbly delivered by W.Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews, W.Bro Derek Biddle delivered the Traditional History and the alternative signs in an excellent manner.

Bro. Simon Thomas gave an explanation of the 3rd Degree Tracing Board, Bro. Kam Chana gave explained the Working Tools and Bro. Srdjan Susic delivered the Charge after Raising, All in an exemplary manner.

The Lodge was resumed in the 1st degree and all Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices were readmitted.

Almoner's Report

WBro Tony Moore is in good spirits since his Operation, but will not know the final result until March. He apologises for absence today, we shall send him our Best Wishes. Albert Hubbard also sends best wishes and apologies, but is heavily engaged in work on his flood damaged bungalow. Otherwise he is OK, but Pat, his

wife is awaiting a minor operation.

I have only one Lodge Widow left now, and she (Shirley May) is stoically continuing her kidney treatment.

W.Bro Derek informed the brethren that he had been in touch with our honorary member W.Bro Ron Eng who had been in hospital with respiratory problems and hoped that he would attend a meeting in the future.

Charity Steward's Report

The Lodge is in the process of clearing donations for the Master's Lists relating to the last years.

W Bro Terry's year has already been reported on in open Lodge, and W. Bro Vaughan's has resulted in Help for Heroes and the RAF Benevolent Fund each receiving £1000. This was helped considerably by a large benefit from the Ladies Night.

We are about to enter a Festival, which will last five years, when the Province will be trying to raise as much as possible, and Masters' Lists will be unusual as Province would want us to direct our efforts towards their cause – which is the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys (RMTGB)

Briefing sessions for this are yet to take place, but usually individuals can contribute using standing orders or direct debits (monthly, annually or one-off) to the Provincial Relief Chest set up for the purpose, with Tax relief being applied if the donor indicates that they pay enough tax to cover the amount. The donor and the Lodge will gain 'honorifics' based on the total amount donated.

When the process is clearer, Bro Charity Steward will send details to all Brethren by email

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 electronically circulated with the Summons and that copies of Quarterly Communications were in the anti room for anyone to take.

The W.M. rose for the second time.

Bro. Secretary welcomed W.Bro Patrick Frederick, our newly appointed V.O, on his official visit to his first meeting of North Harrow and then stated that all communications of events and forthcoming Provincial matters have been previously circulated to the brethren.

The W.M. rose for the third time

Bro Secretary read out 2 Application Forms for initiation from:

- **Mr. David Littlewood** of 183, Buckingham Road, Edgware, Middx, HA8 6NG, a Self-employed Carpenter of the same address.. D.o.B. 19/06/1968
Proposed by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley and Seconded by W.Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
- **Mr. Alkesh Shah** of 48, Gyles Park, Stanmore, Middlesex HA7 1AW, an EPM Systems Consultant at Rinedata Ltd, 2nd Floor, Berkeley Sq. Hse, Berkeley Sq., London, W1J 6BD. D.o.B. 12/4/1975
Proposed by Bro Rimal Shah and Seconded by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W.Bros Tony Moore, Pratik Karia, Vince Haffenden, Adam Clayfield, Bros. Shaun Dias, Sanjay Kotecha, Howard Cheng, Aamir Khan,

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 7.00pm.

W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)

17.01.2015.

Signed:- _____ W.M

13th March 2015