

**The minutes of the 274<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 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. Howard Paton Barnes (Acting)
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.	
Inner Guard	Bro. Kam Chana
Tyler	W.Bro. Michael Porter
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. Feliciano Romero, Sanjay Kotecha, Mark Romero, Howard Cheng

**Members present:** W.Bros. Saeed Ahmad, Bros Paolo Russo and Shilen Thakker,

**Also present:** W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro Dai Davies (Mddx St.Davids 5460) W.Bro Peter Gorman ( Mddx St.Davids 5460), Bro Moses Kiwanuka (St. Johns 2753), W.Bro. Chris Nixon (Draytonian 3980) W.Bro Osbourne (Organist),

The Lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer at 4.30 pm.

The minutes of the 273<sup>rd</sup> Meeting held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed as a true record by Bro. Richard Flood & Seconded by W.Bro Howard Paton Barnes, were approved and signed.

A Ballot was taken and proved unanimously successful for the Exclusion of Bro.Timothy Shepherd.

**Mr. David Littlewood** was admitted into the Lodge and duly initiated into Freemasonry by the Worshipful Master in a creditable manner and seated.

The W.M vacated the Master's Chair in favour of W.Bro Michael Breen.

**Mr. Alkesh Shah** was admitted into the Lodge and also duly initiated into Freemasonry by the WBro Breen also in a creditable manner.

W.Bro Breen vacated the Chair in Favour of W.Bro. David Errington who entrusted both candidates.

W.Bro Saeed Mirza delivered the charge in the N/E corner, W.Bro Terry Clayfield, the 1<sup>st</sup> degree Working Tools and W.Bro Derek Biddle, the Charge after Initiation, all in an exemplary manner.

Under the provisions of 105a & 112a, W.Bro Michael John Breen was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year and WBro Andy Watterston, elected Treasurer, likewise.

W.Bro Mike Porter was duly re-elected Tyler.

W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley proposed & WBro Derek Biddle seconded that W.Bro Vince Haffenden and W.Bro Terry Clayfield were elected to act as Auditors, duly carried by the brethren.

Bros. Howard Cheng and Aamir Khan were appointed to act on the Lodge Committee for the forthcoming year.

#### **Almoner's Report**

W.Bro David Errington reported that the WM's wife was recovering from an operation and had nothing further to report.

#### **Charity Steward's Report**

Bro Charity Steward reported that the 2020 Festival was now underway, and that over the next five years, the Province was asking that substantial effort were made to raise money for the Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys. The charity is a very deserving one, and donations can be made by direct Debit over the period, or by cheque(s)

Wherever possible, Gift Aid should be claimed, and there are forms available for donations covers this. To obtain GA, it is necessary that you pay at least the amount of Income or Capital Gains tax that would be claimed back (25% of the amount) and this would add 20% to the value. Any member who does not pay such taxes is still able to give, but it would not provide the same benefit.

Individually addressed envelopes were made available to members present, and the remainder will be posted over the summer.

During Festivals, 'honorifics' are given to individuals and to Lodges, based on amounts donated. Bro Secretary, who had raised money by selling Twitter Pins, had sent off £2000, and had received the Grand Patron award, which was presented to him by the WM.

The Lodge might attain an honorific based on all donations from Members – although Members of multiple Lodges (or Chapters) have to identify how much they wish to be assigned to each of their Lodges.

Unlike previous Festivals, where the amount for a Lodge was the same for each Lodge, for this Festival, the Lodge honorific would be based on the total amount raised as an average across all members. In our case, we would have to raise at least £12950 to gain the lowest level - Steward. This would require a great effort from our members.

The Ladies Festival is expected to have raised over £600 after all costs, and the proceeds will go towards our WM's Charity – Help for Heroes.

The Charity Collection at the Festive Board raised £118.

### **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 reported that he had received a letter from W.Bro Brian Fisher advising us that he has been appointed our new APGM and that he is looking forward to visiting us in the very near future.

Bro Secretary congratulated W.Bro David Errington on his promotion in PGL at the forthcoming Provincial AGM next week on the 12<sup>th</sup> May to the rank of PPrJGW and W.Bros. Qadeer Mirza and Saeed Ahmad of their first appointments to PPrAGDC, at the same meeting, to the acclaim of all present 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 had pleasure in reading out two Registration forms as follows:

**For Joining** : Bro. Moses Kiwanuka, of 72, Mount Grove, Edgware, Middx, HA8 9SX an Accountant at Pride & Co. Unit 4 , 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Berkley House, 18-24 High St.HA8 7RP, a member of St. John's Thanet Lodge No. 2753. (Rule 163, BoC complied with)

Proposed by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley and seconded by W.Bro Terry Clayfield

**For Initiation** : Mr Matthew William Jeffrey of 15, Rockingham Way, Uxbridge, Middx, UB8 2TZ. a Site Supervisor at Perivale Community Centre, Horsenden Lane Sth, Perivale, Greenford, UB6 7NP. D.o.B 12/10/1985

Proposed by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley and Seconded by W.Bro Michael Breen

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W.Bro. Michael Higginbotham, W.Bro Frederick Patrick and W.Bros Tony Moore, Pratik Karia, Vince Haffenden, Adam Clayfield, David Russell, Bros. Rimal Shah, Shaun Dias, Aamir Khan, John Romero, Srdjan Susic, James Flood

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 7pm.

W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)  
14.07.2015.

Signed:- \_\_\_\_\_ W.M  
9<sup>th</sup> October 2015