

The minutes of the 278th Regular Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 13th May 2016.

The Officers were as follows:-

W.M.	W.Bro. Michael Breen
I.P.M.	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews (A)
S.W.	Bro. Rimal Shah
J.W.	Bro. Leonardo Monno
Chaplain	W.Bro. Terry Clayfield
Secretary	W.Bro. Nigel Harris-Cooksley
Treasurer	W.Bro. Andy Watterston
D.C.	W.Bro. David Russell
Almoner	W.Bro. David Errington
Charity Steward	W.Bro. Derek Biddle
Mentor	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
S.D.	Bro. Simon Thomas
J.D.	Bro. Richard Flood (A)
Asst Secretary	W.Bro. Tony Moore
A.D.C.	W.Bro. Pratik Karia
Inner Guard	Bro. Moses Kiwanuka (A)
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. Navin Bhatia, Feliciano Romero, Shilen Thakker, Sanjay Kotecha,

Members present: W. Bros, Qadeer Mirza, Saeed Ahmed, Howard Paton Barnes, Bros. Paolo Russo, Alkesh Shah, Matthew Jeffrey, Harigoutham Ravindran,

Also present: W. Bro Brian Fisher, APGM, W. Bro John Eynon, PProvDepGDC, W. Bro Tony Frankson, ProvSGD, W. Bro Mark Cammack, ProvSGD, W. Bro Tim Hill, ProvGStwd, W. Bro Krishal Kushal, ProvGStwd, W.Bro. Patrick Frederick V.O. (Gordon Bourne 9388), W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro. Peter Gorman (Middx St David's 5460), W. Bro Bob Tucker (Cookham Manor 4191), W.Bro David Alder (Dante 3207), Bro. Irfan Awan (Thames Valley 1460), W.Bro. Peter Tucker (Shyre 9167) and W. Bro Mike Porter (Tyler) W. Bro Irving Osbourne (organist)

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

The minutes of the 277th Meeting held on 11th March 2016 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Rimal Shah & Seconded by Bro Leonardo Monno were approved and signed.

Grand Officers were greeted and saluted, Provincial Grand Officers etc. were likewise greeted and saluted.

A ballot was taken in resolution in pursuance of Notice of Motion given on the 13th March 2016 and proved successful in favour of the **Exclusion under Rule 181 BoC** of Bro. **DAVID LITTLEWOOD**.

W. Bro David Olive was requested to retire from the Lodge for a short period

A ballot was taken and proved successful for the Initiation at a future date for:

Mr. Aieden Sagayarajah of 73, Rosebank Avenue, Sudbury Hill, Wembley, HA0 2TN a Law Student at University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, Essex, CO4 3SQ, D.o.B 7/3/1995
Proposed by Bro Harigoutham Ravindran and Seconded by W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley
Proposal read in open Lodge on Friday 11th March 2016

A ballot was also taken and proved successful to receive as a Re-Joining Member:

W. Bro David Robert Olive PPrAGReg, of 40, Windsor Road, Harrow, Middx, HA3 5PX a Carpenter/Surveyor at The Original Boxsash Window Company, 29-30 The Arches, Alma Road, Windsor, Berks.SL4 1QZ
Proposed by W. Bro Michael Breen and Seconded by W. Bro Terry Clayfield.
Proposal read in open Lodge on Friday 11th March 2016

W. Bro David Olive was readmitted into the Lodge and warmly greeted as a re-joining member by The W.M, Wardens and Brethren.

W. Bro John Eynon, ProvDepGDC entered the Lodge and requested an escort be formed to receive, on his official visit, W. Bro Brian Fisher PSGD, Assistant Provincial Grand Master accompanied by escorting Provincial Officers. Bro. Ravindran was asked to retire from the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro Jeffrey was asked to retire from the Lodge. Bro Alkesh Shah answered the questions leading from the Second to the Third Degree in a confident manner, was entrusted and retired from the Lodge to be prepared by the Tyler for his raising.

The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro Alkesh Shah was readmitted and took the obligation of a Master Mason by W. Bro Michael Breen, from then on it was our intention to involve as many brethren in the ceremony as possible, seamlessly appearing, performing their ritual and returning to their seats, which they all did with perfection as follows: Bro Rimal Shah = The Exhortation, W. Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews = Graveside Address, W. Bro Terry Clayfield = Raising, W. Bro David Russell = Signs, Bro Leonardo Monno = Traditional History, Bro Simon Thomas = 3rd Degree Tracing Board, W. Bro Howard Paton Barnes = Working Tools, W. Bro Derek Biddle = Alternative Signs, Bro. Leonardo Monno = Charge after Raising.

W. Bro Michael then had great pleasure in congratulating and presenting Bro. Alkesh with his ritual book and other papers explaining the ceremony, after which, our Assistant Provincial Master had pleasure in presenting to Alkesh a personal copy of the charge.

The only nominations of which Bro. Secretary was aware are Bro Rimal Shah as Master and W. Bro. Andrew Robb Watterston as Treasurer and subject to the provisions of rules 105(a) and 112(a) respectively the ballot was declared in their favour. Both rose and thanked the brethren for their confidence and promised to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

W. Bro Michael Breen & W. Bro Vince Haffenden were duly elected Auditors for the forthcoming year. Following which, W. Bro Mike Porter was re- elected Tyler. Bro Kam Chana and Bro Mark Romero were appointed to act on the Lodge Committee

Almoner's Report:

Shirley May, our Lodge Widow is OK and continuing her Kidney dialysis treatment bravely and without undue distress. We are very pleased to see Vaughan fully engaged back in Masonic business, and also Ken Crisp back in harness after a short stay in Hospital. Otherwise nothing further to report.

Charity Steward's Report:

W. Bro Derek gave an update on the Provincial 2020 Festival and would be contacting members explaining the honorifics and options and that the MGFF raffle tickets were now in favour of the 2020 Festival and are available.

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. However, mentioned that it would be good to attend the Grand Family Fete to be held at RMS for Girls on 17th July

The W.M. rose for the First time.

Bro. Secretary stated that all communications from Grand Lodge had been circulated with the Summons and that copies of Quarterly Communications had been circulated to members electronically.

The W.M. rose for the Second time.

Bro Secretary congratulated W. Bros Michael Breen, David Russell on their promotion at Provincial Grand Lodge to PPrGSwdB, W. Bro Ken Crisp as PPrGSuptWks and also informed the Brethren that Bro. Secretary had also been appointed Provincial Membership Officer for Middlesex at the meeting.

All members had been circulated with the Provincial Calendar and other data by email all of which is also available in the "Members' Area" on the Lodge website.

The W.M. rose for the Third time.

Ladies Night was a great Success, with approx. 108 members, partners and guests attending, W. Bro Phil Scully announce he was selling 300 tercentenary pins for charity, 6 members were again sailing the Solent on 1st July and attending a Social Media meeting in Poole that evening.

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W. Bros Adam Clayfield, Bros. Aamir Khan, Nigel Lanchbury, Howard Cheng, Kam Chana, Navin Bhatia, Mark Romero, John Romero, Srdjan Susic. Charity collection raised £162.50.

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 7.05pm.

W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)
12.03.2016

Signed: _____ W.M
13th May 2016