

The minutes of the 275th Installation Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 14th October 2016.

The Officers were as follows:-

W.M.	W.Bro. Michael Breen
I.P.M.	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
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
Mentor	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
Charity Steward	W.Bro. Derek Biddle
S.D.	Bro. Richard Flood (Acting)
J.D.	Bro. Kam Chana
Asst. D.C.	W.Bro. Pratik Karia
Inner Guard	W.Bro. Howard Paton Barnes (Acting)
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. John Romero, Srdjan Susic, Sanjay Kotecha, Alkesh Shah
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Acting Organist	W.Bro. Nigel Ball

Members present: W.Bro. David Olive, Saeed Ahmad, Bros. Paolo Russo, Shilen Thakker, Moses Kiwanuka, Matthew Jeffrey, Harigoutham Ravindran. Hon.Member W. Bro Albert Hubbard.

Also present: W.Bro. Ted Bentley (Marlborough 1399), W.Bro. David Chittleborough (Gradation 6368), W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro. Peter Tucker (Shyre 9168),

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

The minutes of the 277th Regular Meeting held on Friday 13th May 2016 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Rimal Shah & Seconded by Bro Leonardo Monno 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 Bro. Secretary and Seconded by Bro.Derek Biddle and carried unanimously.

W. Bro Michael Breen then asked W. Bro David Olive to occupy the SW chair, W. Bro Pratik Karia the JW chair and W. Bro Howard Paton Barnes 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 WM asked Bro. Hari Ravindran to retire from the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree and Bro Rimal Shah was presented and took the Obligation of Master Elect.

Bro. Matthew Jeffrey was asked to retire from the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. All master Masons retired from the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was declared and Bro. Rimal Shah was duly installed in The Chair of King Solomon according to ancient custom by W. Bro Michael Breen in a very creditable manner.

The Board of Installed Masters was called off. Refreshments were served in the bar. The Board of Installed Masters was called on and duly closed.

W. Bro Michael Breen assumed the position of Installing Master and all Master Masons were admitted to the lodge and W. Bro Shah was greeted as W. M was Saluted and Greeted in the Third Degree. Bro. Alkesh Shah presented the Working Tools of the 3rd Degree in an exemplary manner.

The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree and all Fellowcrafts were admitted. The W.M was Saluted and Greeted in that Degree. Bro. Matthew Jeffrey presented the Working Tools of the 2nd Degree also in an exemplary manner.

The Lodge was resumed in the First Degree and all EAs were admitted and the W.M was Saluted and greeted in that degree. Bro. Hari Ravindran presented the Working Tools of the 1st Degree in a likewise manner.

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

• S.W.	Bro Leonardo Monno	• Asst D.C.	W.Bro. Pratik Karia
• J.W.	Bro Simon Thomas	• Asst Secretary	W.Bro. Howard Paton Barnes
• Chaplain	W.Bro. Terry Clayfield	• I G	Bro. Srdjan Susic
• Treasurer	W.Bro. Andy Watterston	• Snr. Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
• Secretary	W.Bro. Nigel Harris-Cooksley	• Steward	Bro. Sanjay Kotecha
• D. C.	W.Bro. David Russell	• Steward	Bro. Navin Bhatia (absent)
• Almoner	W.Bro. David Errington	• Steward	Bro. Richard Flood
• Charity Steward	W.Bro. Derek Biddle	• Steward	Bro. Feliciano Romero (absent)
• Mentor	W.Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews	• Steward	Bro. John Romero
• Senior Deacon	Bro. Kam Chana	• Steward	Bro Shilen Thakker
• Junior Deacon	Bro. Moses Kiwanuka	• Steward	Bro. Alkesh Shah

- Steward Bro. Shaun Dias (absent)
- Steward Bro Matthew Jeffrey
- Steward Bro. Hari Ravindran
- Tyler W.Bro. Michael Porter

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

W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley then had pleasure in presenting the Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro. Alkesh Shah

Almoner's Report:

W.Bro. David Errington had nothing to report He asked the Brethren to please let me know if any North Harrow Members have a health or other problem needing help.

Charity Steward's Report:

The Lodge has committed donations of £1500 into the Festival Relief Chest – We must also congratulate Bro. Matthew Jeffrey as our cyclist, in the Masters' Ride, whose sponsored funding will be added to the Lodge commitment and also congratulate his partner Jade, who also rode in favour of the Crohn's Disease Society. You can see photos of them 'on the run' in the latest Middlesex Mercury. To date, commitments from our Lodge – in addition to that £1500 come to almost £10,000, include tax reclaim, and this is from 9 members from our 40. We are moving towards the Lodge getting Steward honorific, One-off donations or direct debits can be made either large or small, these donations go into the Festival Account, please speak to me if you feel that you can help.

Michael Sobell House has received a donation of £1500.

The Gift Aid rules have changed, and if anyone who does not pay enough Income or Capital Gains Tax to cover ALL Gift Aided donations, the HMRC is likely to claim the Tax reclaimed by the Charity back from the DONOR.

I am allowed to complete a form for you about Gift Aid with your permission – no signature required and the Grand Charity will confirm that they have acted on it by letter after. If this is done, I will at the start of each tax year, remind you so that you can cancel if a change has occurred. Whether you ask for Gift Aid is up to you entirely, and nothing is assumed if you do not. Doing so does increase the value of any donation by 25%.

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 all 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. He also read out a letter from Grand Lodge concerning Brethren wishing to visit Lodges abroad, a copy of which has also been sent to everyone by email.

The W.M. rose for the second time.

Bro secretary had received letters of congratulations to WBro. Rimal Shah, on attaining the Master's Chair from W. Bro Brian Fisher, APGM and W. Bro Patrick Frederick, Visiting Officer and informed the Brethren that all members had been circulated with the Provincial Calendar, which is also available on the Lodge website and that he along with other members would be attending the Provincial Service of Thanksgiving at St. Alban's Cathedral on Sunday 6th November and all brethren would be welcome.

The W.M. rose for the third time.

Bro. Secretary reported on activities of the Lodge over the summer, which included several of us attending 'Trooping the Colour', and 'Beating Retreat' in June, our usual Solent Sailing weekend on a 42' yacht, (organised by W. Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews) and 'The Battle Proms' at Hatfield House (courtesy of W. Bro David Russell) in July. A BBQ attended by 32 members/guests at Bro Secretary's home and a meeting at the Local Pub in August.

Bro Secretary also gave notification of The Household Division Carol Concert at the Guards' Chapel on 11th December, meeting for drinks at the East India Club before and after.

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W. Bros Qadeer Mirza, Tony Moore, Vince Haffenden, Adam Clayfield, Bros Navin Bhatia, Aamir Khan, Howard Cheng, Shaun Dias, James Flood, Feliciano Romero, Mark Romero, Nigel Lanchbury,

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 7.35pm.

W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)
25.10.2014.

Signed:- _____ W.M
20th. January 2017