

The minutes of the 280th Regular Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 20th January 2017.

The Officers were as follows:-

W.M.	W.Bro. Rimal Shah
I.P.M.	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews (Acting)
S.W.	Bro. Leonardo Monno
J.W.	Bro. Richard Flood (Acting)
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. Feliciano Romero (Acting)
J.D.	Bro. Moses Kiwanuka
Asst. D.C.	W.Bro. Pratik Karia
Inner Guard	W.Bro. Srdjan Susic
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. John Romero, Matthew Jeffrey, Harigoutham Ravindran, Navin Bhatia.
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Acting Organist	W.Bro. Nigel Ball

Members present: W.Bros. David Olive, Saeed Ahmad, Vince Haffenden Qadeer Mirza, Bros. Paolo Russo, Kam Chana.

Also present: W. Bro Patrick Frederick V.O. (Official Visit) W.Bro. Ted Bentley (Marlborough 1399), W.Bro. David Chittleborough (Gradation 6368), W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro. Paul Ackland-Snow (Staines 2536), Alex Schwartz (HIYL 3192), W.Bro Peter Gorman (Middx St.Davids 5460) W.Bro. Dai Davies (Middx St.Davids 5460) W.Bro. John Briggs (Citadel 1897)

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

The minutes of the 279th Installation Meeting held on Friday 10th October 2016 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Leonardo Monno & Seconded by Bro Richard Flood were approved and signed.

The Worshipful Master had pleasure in investing Bros. Feliciano Romero and Navin Bhatia as Stewards of the Lodge.

Bro Secretary read out details for **Mr. Aiedan 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 Successfully balloted for on Friday 13th May 2016

Mr. Aiedan Sagayarajah was admitted into the Lodge and duly initiated and entrusted into Freemasonry and the North Harrow Lodge by W. Bro Rimal Shah, in an outstanding manner.

WBro Rimal vacated the chair in favour of WBro David Olive, who entrusted the candidate with the secrets of the 1st Degree. WBro Rimal resumed the chair of King Solomon.

Bro Srdjan Susic delivered the charge in the N/E corner, Bro Harigoutham Ravindran, the 1st degree Working Tools, both in an outstanding manner.

The candidate then retired to restore his personal comforts and on his return, Bro Matthew Jeffrey delivered the Pre-able to the Charge and Bro Leonardo Monno continued with the Charge after Initiation, all in an exemplary manner.

Before placing Bro Aiedan in his seat in the Lodge, WBro Patrick Frederick on his official visit had pleasure in presented him with a personal letter of congratulations from WBro. Brian Fisher, PSGD, APGM and a copy of the Charge after initiation.

WBro Nigel Harris-Cooksley then had pleasure in presenting the Grand Lodge Certificate to Bro Matthew Jeffrey.

Almoner's Report:

W. Bro David Errington reported that our only Widow, Mrs Shirley May, telephoned me just after Christmas asking to be remembered to all in the Lodge, sending Best Wishes to the Master for a Happy New Year. She enquired after the Members now, and said she was reasonably well herself although continuing with her Kidney treatment. I am hoping that WBro. Derek Biddle will be able to see her when he goes to Sandbanks soon. Otherwise, nothing else to report.

Charity Steward's Report:

W. Bro Derek Biddle stated that at the last Meeting the charity collection was noted as £170 We have a commitment of just under £10000 to the Festival, and this amount is in part from the Lodge and 9 individuals. It also includes an amount of £600 raised by Matthew in the Masters Bike Ride. It would help a great deal if every member gave something – it does not have to be a lot, as after all, all charity is subject to prudence and some can afford more than others. The commitment can be made as a one off, or building up across up to five years. I can advise.

The Provincial Charity Steward will be talking about what the Festival aims to support, and how, so I will leave that part to him.

Gift Aid: I remind members of my offer to get you registered for Gift Aid on any contribution managed by the Grand Charity. If you indicate on my list, I will get it arranged and you will get a confirmation from The Grand Charity. (It makes it easier for me as well)

I also point out that to enable Gift Aid to be collected – worth 25% of your donation added to the charity – you must be paying income or capital gains tax enough to cover the 25% amount for ALL of your GA donations.

The rules changed last year. Previously, if you did not pay enough tax, then the charities would not get the extra money. Now if this is the case, HMRC can come after the donor – YOU – to claim back that amount. Very few charities make this easy. As we approach the end of the Tax Year, it would be wise to check that you will still be eligible to avoid this. If anyone needs to have this sorted out for the Grand Charity donations, I am happy to help, just ask.

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

The W.M. rose for the second time.

Bro secretary had received a letter of congratulations from WBro Brian Fisher APMG to Bro Aidan on his initiation.

The W.M. rose for the third time.

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W. Bros Michael Breen, Tony Moore, Adam Clayfield, Bros Simon Thomas, Aamir Khan, Howard Cheng, Shaun Dias, James Flood, Mark Romero, Nigel Lanchbury,

Bro Secretary had pleasure in reading out a Registration Form P for: **Harshad Nandlal Raja.**

Harshad Nandlal Raja of 83, Copse Wood Way, Northwood, Middx, HA6 2TX a Property Consultant of the same address, D.o.B 07/06/1962

Proposed by Nigel Harris-Cooksley & Seconded by W. Bro Terry Clayfield

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 6.30pm.

W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)
22/1/2017

Signed:-_____W.M

10th March 2017