

**The minutes of the 281<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 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. Simon Thomas
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. Kam Chana
J.D.	Bro. Moses Kiwanuka
Asst. D.C.	W.Bro. Pratik Karia
Inner Guard	Bro. Srdjan Susic
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. Richard Flood, Navin Bhatia, Feliciano Romero, John Romero Shilen Thakker, Sanjay Kotecha, Harigoutham Ravindran, Matthew Jeffrey
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Acting Organist	W.Bro. Alan Heyes

**Members present:** W.Bros. David Olive, Saeed Ahmad, Qadeer Mirza, Bro. Paolo Russo,

**Also present:** W. Bro Patrick Frederick V.O. W.Bro. Ted Bentley (Gradation 6368), W.Bro. David Chittleborough (Gradation 6368), W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960), W.Bro. Peter Tucker (Shyre 9168) Bro. Gregg Urbiztondo (Hegeston 5220)

The Lodge was opened in due form and solemn prayer at 4.40pm.

The minutes of the 280<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Leonardo Monno & Seconded by Bro Simon Thomas were approved and signed.

Bro. Harigoutham Ravindran then answered the questions leading from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in a confident manner, was entrusted and retired from the Lodge.

Whilst we awaited the return of Bro Harigoutham, a ballot for Initiation was taken and proved in favour of **Mr. 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 W. Bro Terry Clayfield & Seconded by Nigel Harris-Cooksley

Proposal read in open Lodge on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree

Bro. Harigoutham Ravindran was then re-admitted into the Lodge and duly passed to the Degree of a Fellowcraft in a truly capable manner by W.Bro. Shah, our Worshipful Master, then vacated the chair in favour of W.Bro. David Russell, who entrusted Bro. Ravindran with the secrets of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. The Charge in the South-East Corner was delivered by Bro. Shilen Thakker, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Working Tools by Bro. Richard Flood and the Charge after Passing by Bro. Leonardo Monno all in a most creditable manner.

The Lodge was resumed in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

Worshipful Master then vacated the chair once more, this time in favour of W.Bro. Harris-Cooksley. Mr. Harshad Raja was admitted into the Lodge and was duly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro Harris-Cooksley who then vacated the chair in favour of W. Bro Derek Biddle who entrusted the candidates with the secrets of the Degree. The Charge in the North-East Corner was delivered by Bro. Matthew Jeffrey, the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Working Tools by Bro Feliciano Romero both in a truly exception way. Bro Raja then retired from the Lodge in order to restore his

personal comforts and on his re-entry, was placed in the centre of the Lodge where the Ancient Charge was given by Bro Simon Thomas.

After placing Bro Raja in his seat in the Lodge, our Visiting Officer, WBro Patrick Frederick had pleasure in presented him with a personal letter of congratulations from WBro. Brian Fisher, PSGD, APM and a copy of the Ancient Charge whilst extolling the virtue of North Harrow Lodge's creditable standard of work in the Temple.

**Almoner's Report:**

W. Bro David Errington was pleased to say, there is little to say, and our One Remaining Widow has been visited by Lodge Members and found to be in good spirits and managing extremely well her Dialysis treatment. Members please let me know of any case which I should know about. This concludes my Report.

**Charity Steward's Report:**

W. Bro Derek gave an update on our 2020 Festival account which was at present standing at approx. £10,200

**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 have been electronically received and subsequently forwarded to the Brethren.

**The W.M. rose for the second time.**

Bro secretary had received communications of congratulations from WBro Brian Fisher APM to Bro Raja on his initiation. Bro Secretary and the Lodge congratulated W. Bro Andy Watterston on his forthcoming promotion in Provincial Grand Lodge to PPrJGD and 1<sup>st</sup>. appointments for W. Bro Pratik Karia to PPrGSwdB and W. Bro Howard Paton Barnes to PPrAGDC to take place at the Provincial AGM on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3. 30pm. It was expected that many of the brethren will attend in support. Bro secretary also added that Bro Matthew Jeffrey had put his name forward to carry our banner in the incoming parade at Provincial Grand Lodge on that date and was waiting for confirmation from W. Bro Nigel Codron, ProvGDC as to if he was successful.

The New and Potential Members Seminar will be held tomorrow on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am at Harrow and the PGO Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> April at the new venue, Brunel University in Uxbridge, of which Bro secretary and W.Bro Clayfield will be attending and that any brother was welcome to join them. All these and Other details are available on our website.

**The W.M. rose for the third time.**

Bro Secretary stated that here will not be an L.o.i on 16<sup>th</sup> March. That there will be a G.P Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm. and therefore the next L.o.i will be at 8pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at Harrow

W. Bro David Russell stated the importance of all to attend L.o.i on a regular basis if possible.

W. Bro Derek stood and promoted the forthcoming Ladies Night on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and if any needed help in filling the form, he was available at any time to help.

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W. Bros Michael Breen, Tony Moore, Howard Paton Barnes, Vince Haffenden, Adam Clayfield, Bros. Alkesh Shah, Aiedan Sagayarajah Aamir Khan, Shaun Dias, 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 7.20pm.

W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)

19/3/2017

Signed: - \_\_\_\_\_ W.M  
12<sup>th</sup> May 2017