

The minutes of the 286th Regular Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 11th May 2018.

The Officers were as follows: -

W.M.	W.Bro. Leonardo Monno
I.P.M.	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews (acting)
S.W.	Bro. Simon Thomas
J.W.	Bro. Kam Chana
Chaplain	W.Bro. Terry Clayfield
Secretary	W.Bro. Nigel Harris-Cooksley
Treasurer	Bro. Alkesh Shah
D.C.	W.Bro. David Russell
Almoner	W.Bro. David Errington
Lodge Mentor	W.Bro. Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews
Charity Steward	W.Bro. Derek Biddle
S.D.	Bro. Moses Kiwanuka
J.D.	W.Bro. Srdjan Susic
Asst. D.C.	W.Bro. Pratik Karia
Asst. Secretary	W. Bro Howard Paton Barnes
Inner Guard	Bro. Feliciano Romero
Snr Steward	W.Bro. Ken Crisp
Stewards	Bros. John Romero, Shilen Thakker, Matthew Jeffrey, Hari Ravindran
Tyler	W.Bro. Mike Porter
Acting Organist	W.Bro. Nigel Ball

Members present: W. Bro David Olive, Bro George Walker, Paolo Russo,

Also, present: W.Bro. Ted Bentley (Gradation 6368), W.Bro. Philip Scully (Herongate 4960) Bro Rick Beets (Hundred Elms 5749), W. Bro Norman Penstone (Crescent 788)

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

The minutes of the 285th Regular Meeting held on Friday 9th March 2018 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Simon Thomas & Seconded by Bro Kam Chana were approved and signed.

The Resolution of Notice of Motion for the exclusion of Brethren for non-payment of dues under Rule 169 & 181 BoC was not needed.

Bro George Walker was asked to retire from the lodge for a short while.

The Lodge was opened in the 2nd Degree and Bro. Harigoutham Ravindran answered the questions leading from the 2nd to the 3rd Degree, entrusted and retired from the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro Harigoutham Ravindran was readmitted and took the obligation of a Master Mason given by W. Bro Leonardo Monno, from then on it was again 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:

W. Bro Howard Paton Barnes = The Exhortation, W. Bro Vaughan Coleridge-Matthews = Graveside Address, W. Bro Derek Biddle = Raising, Bro Shilen Thakker = Charge, W. Bro Terry Clayfield = Signs, W. Bro Maurice Ndirika = Traditional History, W. Bro David Russell = Alternative signs, Bro Matthew Jeffrey = 3rd Degree Tracing Board and Bro Moses Kiwanuka = 3rd degree Working Tools.

W. Bro Leonardo then had great pleasure in congratulating Bro Hari on taking the third regular step in Freemasonry and presented him with his ritual book and other papers explaining the ceremony.

The Lodge was resumed in the 1st Degree and Bro George Walker was re-admitted into the Lodge

The only nominations of which Bro. Secretary was aware are Bro Simon Philip Thomas as Master and Bro. Alkesh Shah 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 Rimal Shah & W. Bro Vince Haffenden were duly elected Auditors for the forthcoming year. Following which, W. Bro Mike Porter was re- elected Tyler.

Bro Paolo Russo and Bro Shaun Dias were appointed to act on the Lodge Committee

Almoner's Report:

W.Bro. David Errington informed the brethren that W. Bro Terry Clayfield had been extremely ill in hospital suffering from sepsis but was happily back with us today. Brother secretary also mentioned that the Almoner had had a recent fall and also was back.

Charity Steward's Report:

W. Bro Derek Biddle informed the brethren that our contributions to the 2020 Festival were doing well and had reached approx. £20,000 and that he had received raffle tickets for the forthcoming Middx Family fete, which will be used at the Festive Board.

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 electronically, we all then saluted and congratulated W. Bro Ted Bentley, (our permanently invited Grand Officer) on his 95th Birthday this very day.

The W.M. rose for the second time.

W.Bro. Derek Biddle and W.Bro. David Olive were congratulated on their promotions to PPrDepGReg in Provincial Grand Lodge earlier this week and that W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley had been re-appointed Provincial Membership Officer at the same meeting.

Bro secretary had received a letter of congratulations from W. Bro Brian Fisher, APGM. and W. Bro Patrick Frederick our V.O. to Bro Hari on his taking his 3rd Degree.

The W.M. rose for the third time.

Bro. Secretary stated that a successful Lodge Ladies' Night was held on Saturday 21st April at the Runnymede Hotel where 63 members and guests attended and enjoyed a fantastic evening and where a small surplus was achieved for charity.

Apologies were received from: W. Bros Adam Clayfield, Rimal Shah, Qadeer Mirza, Saeed Ahmed, Vince Haffenden, Bros. Navin Bhatia, Mark Romero, Richard Flood, Sanjay Kotecha, Aamir Khan, Shaun Dias.

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 6.50pm.

W. Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley (Secretary)
06.08.2018

Signed: - _____ WM 12th October 2018