

The minutes of the 288th Regular Meeting of the North Harrow Lodge No. 6557 held at Harrow District Masonic Centre on Friday 18th January 2019.

The Officers were as follows:-

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

Members present: W.Bros. Tony Moore

Also, present: W.Bro. Ted Bentley (Marlborough 1399), W.Bro. David Chittleborough (Gradation 6368)), Bro. Colin Bannerman (New Morning 9207), W.Bro Peter John.(Chiltern 9394), Ash Chikhliia (Gates of Billing 9369), W.Bro. John Bond (Chiltern 9394), W.Bro David Iliffe (United Progress 9336)

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

W.Bro Simon Thomas informed the brethren that our Bro Almoner, W.Bro David Errington had recently passed to the Grand Lodge Above and asked W.Bro Ken Crisp and W.Bro Terry Clayfield to give an eulogy of his Non-Masonic and Masonic Career after which the brethren observed a moments silence in reflection of departed merit.

The minutes of the 287th Installation Meeting held on Friday 12th October 2018 having been previously circulated with the summons were proposed by Bro. Kam Chana & Seconded by Bro Moses Kiwanuka, were approved and signed.

The Worshipful Master had pleasure in investing W.Bro. David Olive as ADC, W.Bro. Howard Paton Barnes as Assist Sec. and Bro. Shilen Thakker as Assist Almoner and Bros. Mark Romero, Aiedan Sagayarajah and George Walker as Stewards of the Lodge.

Bro. George Walker answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree in an excellent manner, was entrusted and retired from the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree.

Bro. George Walker was re-admitted into the Lodge and duly obligated to the degree of a fellowcraft by W.Bro Simon Thomas, who afterwards vacated the Chair in favour of W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley who intrusted the candidate with the secrets of the Second Degree and his apron.

Bro Shilen Thakker delivered the charge in the S/E corner and W. Bro Terry Clayfield presented the 2nd degree Working Tools all in an outstanding manner.

The candidate then retired to restore his personal comforts and WBro Simon Thomas resumed the chair of King Solomon.

Bro George Walker re-entered the Lodge and placed in his seat in the Lodge.

The Lodge was resumed in the First Degree

Almoner's Report: Due to the passing of W.Bro David Errington, there was no report.

Charity Steward's Report: W. Bro Derek informed the brethren that the Lodge was only about £2,000 away from Patron status and that with brethren making a small covenant donation are over a 5-year period, this could easily be reached and urged brethren to consider committing a small amount to the charity and reiterated the importance of checking any gift aid tax implications.

Bro. Charity Stwd also informed us that we have 2 x £200 to donate to a charity of our choice from the festival and Patron would add another £200 and that he also had received raffle tickets for the Family Fete.

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.

Alms: Collections will be made at the Festive Board.

The W.M. rose for the first time: Bro. Secretary stated that all communications from Grand Lodge had been circulated electronically. The Grand Officer present was saluted,

The W.M. rose for the second time: Bro Secretary referred the brethren to the Provincial Website and Middlesex Mercury Lite, now distributed electronically. W.Bro John Taylor our APGM and Patrick Frederick our VO had conveyed their congratulations to Bro. George on taking his 2nd Degree and had apologised for their absence. Provincial Officers were saluted.

The W.M. rose for the third time.

Bro Secretary read 4 Registration Form 'P's., Two for Joining Members and Two for Initiation.

For Joining :

Bro Ashish Rajnikant Chikhli of 52, Bluebell Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9FJ, an Accountant, & Owner of Darwin Wellness, The Portunoso Club, 20 Chestnut Ave, Northwood, Middx, HA6 1HR and Member of Gates of Billing Lodge No. 9309.

Proposed by W.Bro David Russell and Seconded by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley

W.Bro Norman Arthur Penstone, PPrSGD, LGR of 497 High Road, Harrow Middx, HA3 6HL, a London Taxi Driver of the same address and Member of Open Road Lodge No.5983 (Erased), Crescent Lodge No.788 & Middlesex Masters (Harrow) Lodge No. 9787

Proposed by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley and Seconded by W.Bro David Russell

For Initiation:

Mr. Matthew Peter Dineen of 15 Charter Court, 65b Bridge Street, Pinner, Middx, HA5 3HZ, a Solicitor at London Borough of Harrow, Civic Centre, Harrow, HA1 2UH, D.o.B 24/02/1985

Proposed by W.Bro David Olive and Seconded by W.Bro David Russell

Mr. Leon-Ross Bogle of 7b Cunningham Park, Harrow, Middx, HA1 4QW, a salesman at Bang & Olufsen – Nu Connect Ltd, 4a Windsor High Street, Windsor, Berks SL4 1LD D.o.B 05/03/1975

Proposed by W.Bro David Russell and Seconded by W.Bro Nigel Harris-Cooksley

Brethren were reminded of a Lodge Curry Evening on the 9th February, details of which will be circulated.

W.Bro David Russell informed the brethren that he was the Royal Arch Representative and that anyone wishing to find out more about joining should contact him directly.

Apologies were received from the Brethren absent at the meeting, W. Bros Maurice Ndirika, Adam Clayfield, Rimal Shah, Qadeer Mirza, Saeed Ahmed, Vince Haffenden, Leonardo Monno. Bros, Sanjay Kotecha, Nigel Lanchbury, Hari Ravindran, Paolo Russo.

The Brethren were reminded that the next Lodge Meeting is on **8th March** would start at **4 pm prompt**.

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)
20/01/2019

Signed: - _____ WM 8th March 2019