

THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487, Held at the Masonic Hall, Queen's Road, Fareham, on Friday 28th November 2025

1 Opening

The meeting was opened by our IPM W Bro Gareth Manson who took over as WM for the evening, at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: There were present: 12 Officers, 2 Past Master, 3 Members & 6 Visitors.

APOLOGIES: W Bros: Bob Cullen, R Barnard, H Bownes, G Young, N Horsey, M Childs, N Clayton, B Blackman & D Jenkins, Bros: N McHenry, A Spottiswood, A Bentley, D Hunt, N Bryan & N Sykes.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 17th October 2025, were confirmed by the brethren and approved by W Bro Gareth Manson.

3 To Pass Brother Lewis Donovan initiated on 17th April 2025

The WM asked if any brother sought advancement and Bro Lewis Donovan responded. He was duly collected by the Deacons and responded to the EA questions excellently before being entrusted with the Passgrip & Password leading from 1st to 2nd Degree and then retired for preparation. The WM opened the Lodge in the 2nd Degree and Bro Lewis was re-admitted and passed in view of the brethren to show that he was the candidate properly prepared to the 2nd Degree. The SD instructed Bro Lewis to advance to the East in due form where the WM gave the obligation and entrusted him with the secrets of the degree. The SW Bro Josh Letzer presented the distinguishing badge of a FC and Bro Lewis was placed in the SE corner of the Lodge. W Bro Pete Ambrose gave the SE corner ritual explaining that Freemasonry was a progressive sciencescience. Bro Lewis saluted the WM as both a FC and an EA and retired to restore himself to his personal comforts.

On his return W Bro Chris Ford gave a wonderful explanation of the 2nd Degree Tracing Board and the Lodge resumed in the 1st Degree.

4 To Read Correspondence

The Secretary has advised that all correspondence has been distributed to the brethren and had nothing further to add.

5 The Almoner Report

W Bro Gareth has provided an electronic copy that will be distributed with these minutes.

6 The Charity Stewards Report

The Charity Steward, Bro Mike Crick will provide a copy of his report to the Secretary for distribution in due course.

7 To Receive a Proposition from the Charity Steward to donate a sum of £150 to Oakhaven Trust

The proposal was seconded by W Bro A Brown and passed unanimously with a show of hands.

8 To Collect Alms

The Alms collection raised £ 33.25 which will be donated to the Almoners Fund.

9 AOB

The Secretary asked the WM to take the apologies as read to which he agreed. He then reminded the brethren of the **next GP Meeting on Tuesday 2nd December with a rehearsal at 8.00 pm. The next Lodge Meeting is on Friday 19th December which is the normal Xmas White Table with the Portsmouth Band. He hoped everyone could attend to make it a special evening.**

RISINGS

The WM rose for the first time and there were no further communications from Grand Lodge.
The WM rose for the second time and there were no further communications from Provincial Grand Lodge
The WM rose for the third time and welcomed all visitors both Official and Private and thanked all the brethren who had stepped into Offices and taken part in the ceremony.

The Treasurer, W Bro Adrian Jones gave a NOM that at the next meeting he would propose that the Annual Subscriptions for 2026 would be raised to:

- £195 for Members (or £16.25/month)
- £173 for Country Members.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: W Bro Roger Barnard was unavoidably absent but brethren were advised that the proposed Membership Team meeting due on 2nd December was postponed. Brethren will be advised of the new date.

10 Closing

The Lodge was closed at 7.45 pm and the first verse of the National Anthem was sung followed by the closing ode. Brethren afterwards dined with their guests where the raffle raised £110.00

Worshipful Master**Secretary.....**

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