

The Portsmouth Lodge 487

Minutes of the meeting of the **Past Masters** Committee

Held at the Masonic Hall, Queens Road, Fareham

Tuesday 3rd February 2026

The meeting was opened late due to major traffic issues with
W Bro Gareth Manson in the Chair.

item	SUBJECT	
1 & 2	Attendance and Apologies There were 6 attendees & 10 apologies are as the signed attendance sheet.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting Minutes of the Past Masters committee held on Thursday 4 th March 2025 were read, approved and signed by W Bro Gareth Manson	
4	Matters Arising There were none	
5	Interview Candidate for next WM – Bro Joshua Aidan Letzer Joshua Letzer was admitted into the meeting and was asked the following Questions: a) Have you any primary visions for the year? He has some social event ideas to newer members and appeal to the younger candidates e.g., race simulator event b) What is your end goal? He replied to increase the membership in his year c) Will you be there for every meeting? He is unavailable for the April meeting but has committed to be there for the remainder of the calendar d) Can you attend visits to other loges? He has committed to do as many as his work commitments will allow and offer out those that he can't with maximum notice e) Do you have a charity in mind? He replied that he has not considered this yet but has a couple close to his and his family's heart. f) Do you have any concerns? He replied no g) Is Sydney (his partner) happy with him committing to be master? He replied Yes h) He was asked if he had any plans for dining out the master? He replied yes but W Bro Gareth said that as he had already been officially dined out last year it may be an idea to have a less formal meal at an Indian restaurant.	

	<p>Joshua then retired from the meeting, the members had a discussion and Joshua Letzer was proposed for the master for the ensuing year by W Bro Barry Filer and seconded by W Bro Gareth Manson and the vote was carried unanimously. Bro Joshua would prepare his list of Officers for the next PM Meeting on 3rd March 2026.</p>	
6.	<p>Appointments & Promotions</p> <p>First Appointment: None</p> <p>Promotions: As the Secretary was unavoidably absent this item would be picked up at the PM Meeting on 3rd March</p>	
7.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>W Bro Danny (DC) had a suggestion for the Installation meeting which he would raise at the GP.</p>	
	<p>There was no further business and the meeting closed at 7.25 pm. The next PM Meetings are to be held on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 6.30pm</p>	

Worshipful Master

Secretary

Date: 04/02/26