

# 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

### 1 Opening

The meeting was opened by our IPM W Bro Gareth Manson who stood in as WM for the evening, at 6.05 p.m.

**PRESENT:** There were present: 11 Officers, 2 Past Master, 4 Member & 2 Visitors

**APOLOGIES:** W Bros: Bob Cullen, Andrew Dollery, G Young, R Barnard, H Bownes, N Horsey, M Childs, N Clayton, B Blackman & D Jenkins, Bros: J Letzer, A Bentley, N Bryan, L Donovan & N Sykes.

### 2 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January were confirmed by the brethren and approved by W Bro Gareth Manson.

W Bro Danny Letzer (DC) rose to give salutations to members of Grand Lodge in the person of W Bro Steve Frost PAGESuptWks, who thanked the WM & Brethren for their sincere greeting and in return wished them well.

### 3 To Elect for the ensuing year (a) Worshipful Master & (b) Treasurer

As no Brother called for a Ballot, Bro Josh Letzer was declared Worshipful Master for the ensuing year & W Bro Adrian Jones declared as Treasurer in accordance with the rules 105 (a) 112 (a) in the B.o.C.

### 4 To Elect a Tyler

W Bro Andy Brown proposed that W Bro Gary Young be elected Tyler for the ensuing year and was seconded by W Bro Danny Letzer. W Bro Gary was elected unanimously by a show of hands

### 5 To Elect Two Examiners

W Bro Andy Brown proposed that W Bro Chris Ford & W Bro Barry Filer be Elected as Examiners for the ensuing year and this was seconded by W Bro Dan Letzer. Both brethren were elected unanimously by a show of hands

### 6 To Elect a Representative for the GP Committee

W Bro Andy Brown proposed that Bro Robin Ford be elected as Lodge Representative on the GP Committee for the ensuing year and this was seconded by W Bro Dan Letzer. Bro Robin was elected unanimously by a show of hands

## **7 To Read Correspondence**

The Secretary has advised that all correspondence has been distributed to the brethren electronically.

## **8 The Almoner Report**

W Bro Gareth provided an electronic copy of his report but mentioned that:

- He had contacted Peggy Malthouse who was doing very well
- That he as WM attended the funeral of W Bro Danny Letzer's dad which went very well
- He and Wayne had visited Chris Russell who was pleased to see them and requested others are welcome if in the area.

W Bro Danny Letzer responded by thanking people for their cards and condolences.

## **9 The Charity Stewards Report**

The Charity Steward, Bro Mike Crick mentioned that his report was now posted on the website but mentioned specifically:

- He had visited 'Friends of the Homeless' Charity who had thanked the Lodge for their support
- The Lodge is 93% towards the Silver Honorific but resignations reduce the pledged amount
- Gave the Charity Account and Relief Chest Balances which will also be in his electronic report

## **10 To Receive the Accounts for 2025**

The Accounts, certified by the Examiners, had been previously circulated. W Bro Andy Brown proposed that they be accepted and this was seconded by W Bro Barry Filer.

The Accounts for 2025 were accepted on a unanimous show of hands.

## **11 To Receive a Proposition from the Charity Steward that £523 be donated to 'Elizabeth Foundation'**

In pursuant to the Notice of Motion given at the last meeting, Bro Mike Crick made the proposal which was seconded by W Bro Andy Brown and passed unanimously with a show of hands.

## **12 To Collect Alms**

The Alms collection raised £ 29.35 which will be donated to the Almoners Fund.

## **13 AOB**

The Secretary asked the WM to take the apologies as read to which he agreed. He then reminded the brethren of the **next PM Meeting was at 6.30 pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March followed by the Lodge GP and a rehearsal at 8.00 pm. The next Lodge Meeting is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, our installation meeting .**

**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.

At this rising the VO, W Bro Pete Ambrose:

- Congratulated W Bro Gareth Manson for stepping in as WM for this year after the departure of W Bro Robert Banks
- Mentioned the 'Building Together' initiative with briefings happening on 7<sup>th</sup> March
- The next Provincial Visit in Solent was to St Swithuns Lodge on 19<sup>th</sup> March
- Confirmed that the next 'Dine A Friend' was on 6<sup>th</sup> May with the Charity Cheque Presentation Evening on 8<sup>th</sup> May – both to be held in Gosport

The WM rose for the third time to thank those who had stood in offices this evening. He also welcomed our Visitors and hoped everyone has an enjoyable Festive Board. Additionally, W Bro Andy Brown mentioned the Thank You Letter from the WM and Brethren of Loyal Manor Lodge No 6445 for a wonderful evening at our January Meeting.

**MEMBERSHIP OFFICER:** W Bro Roger Barnard was unavoidably absent and there is no further report at this time.

**14 Closing**

The Lodge was closed at 6.45 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 £85

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

**Date:** .....