

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 22nd May 2026

1 Opening

The meeting was opened by the WM W Bro Joshua Letzer at 6,00 p.m.

PRESENT: There were present: 16 Officers, 0 Past Masters, 1 Member & 2 Visitors

APOLOGIES: W Bros: M Childs, A Bentley, A Brown, G Young, H Bownes, B Blackman & D Jenkins, Bros: A Spottiswood & R Ford

2 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday 17th April 2026 were confirmed by the brethren and approved by W Bro Joshua Letzer

3 To Invest Officers Not Present at Installation

W Bro Josh Letzer invested W Bro Gareth Manson as IPM and thanked him, on behalf of the Lodge, for his year as WM and was sure he could rely on his steadfast support for the ensuing year.

4 To Read Correspondence

The Secretary advised that all correspondence had been sent to brethren and there was nothing to add

5 The Almoner Report

W Bro Gareth provided an electronic copy of his report which is available on the website. He did however, mention that he had met with Carol Russell (wife of Chris) who said that Chris was doing ok in the circumstances and was at day care. He also visited Julie Walshaw (wife of John) who was also doing well and she thanked him for his visit and kindly gave a prize for the raffle. W Bro Bob Blackman gave his apologies as he is currently looking after his partner Michelle who is not well and W Bro Gareth also reported that W Bro Bob had donated pens with The Portsmouth Lodge No 487 etched on them. The WM and the Lodge thanked W Bro Bo for this kind gesture. Lastly, W Bro Barry Filer had been unwell but it was good to see him at the meeting.

6 The Charity Stewards Report

The Charity Steward, Bro Mike Crick advised that a copy of his report was on the website. He did however, mention that the Lodge had raised £22421 towards the 2027 Festival and he had presented a cheque for £120 to The Friends of Zetland Court (£100 donation plus £20 raffle ticket sales). The Lodge has £1752 in the Charity Account and £1624 in the Relief Chest. Lastly he mentioned that the WM's charity for this year would be Solent Multiple Sclerosis Society for which the Lodge has recently supported.

7 To Collect Alms

The Alms collection raised £ 25.00 which will be donated to the Almoners Fund.

8 AOB

The Secretary then asked the WM to take the apologies as read to which he agreed. He then reminded the brethren of the **next GP Meeting was at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1st September followed by a rehearsal at 8.00 pm. The next Lodge Meeting is on Friday 25th September**

He also mentioned that we seem to be missing some items of regalia and asked that the brethren help to ensure all regalia is correctly stored when we finish the meeting. He said that if the regalia was not found that he would write to the FMC Secretary to see if any had been handed in.

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 thanked everyone for coming this evening and for attending the White Table. He hoped everyone has a fantastic evening..

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: W Bro Roger Barnard rose to Sponsor Mr Stephen Burt and Mr Mark Smith, details will be circulated, for membership of this The Portsmouth Lodge No 487. He did mention that one of the candidates, Mr Stephen Burt would be attending the White Table but unfortunately, Mr Mark Smith was unable to attend due to a death in the family. It is hoped that both of these candidates will be initiated at our September Meeting.

9 Closing

The Lodge was closed at 6.30 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 £370 .00 and the Whisky Raffle £87 .00.

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

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