

ZION MENORAH LODGE No.1798

A regular meeting of the Zion Menorah Lodge No. 1798 was held at Freemasons' Hall, Bridge Street, Manchester, on Wednesday, 9th January 2008.

There were present: Bro Jeffrey Caplan, Worshipful Master, WBro L. Ronald Levene, PProvAGDC, Acting as Immediate Past Master, Bro Jonathan Bush, Senior Warden, Bro Jonathan Lipton, Junior Warden, Officers of United Grand Lodge, Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Officers, Visitors and Brethren as recorded in the Lodge attendance register and hereunder.

FIRST DEGREE

The Lodge was opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 5.00 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having already been circulated to the Brethren, were confirmed.

WBro Ellis Rubinstein, PProvJGD and WBro Anthony L. Sivner, *JP*, PProvAGDC, were announced and admitted on their first visit to the Lodge following their appointment to Provincial Grand Rank.

The Director of Ceremonies, WBro Jack Levene, PProvJGD, welcomed the Assistant Provincial Grand Master, WBro Martin Stuart Caller, PAGReg, and VWBro Grahame Nicholas Elliott, *CBE*, PresGCharity. The Brethren saluted with five. WBro Caller thanked the Brethren for their salutations and wished them well.

The DC welcomed WBro Stephen Martin Blank, DepGDC, and his colleagues from United Grand Lodge. The Brethren saluted with three. WBro Blank thanked the Brethren for their salutations and wished them well.

The DC welcomed WBro Anthony L. Sivner, *JP*, PProvAGDC, and his colleagues from Provincial Grand Lodge. The Brethren saluted with three. WBro Sivner thanked the Brethren for their salutations and wished them well.

The WM invited WBro Sydney Leighton, PProvGSuptWks, to be Installing Senior Warden, WBro Robert Horwich to be Installing Junior Warden and WBro Selwyn Horwich, PProvGSuptWks, to be Installing Inner Guard.

SECOND DEGREE

The WM requested all below the rank of a Fellowcraft to retire and the Lodge was opened in the Second Degree.

The Master Elect, Bro Jonathan Lipton, was presented for Installation by WBro Stephen Blank.

The WM called the attention of the ME to the necessary qualifications in every candidate for the Master's Chair, after which the Secretary read the Antient Charges and Regulations, to each of which the ME gave his assent. The ME took the obligation regarding his duties as Master of the Lodge.

THIRD DEGREE

The WM requested all below the rank of a Master Mason to retire and the Lodge was opened in the Third Degree.

The Officers of the Lodge assembled in the North. The WM thanked them for their assistance and support during his year of office and wished them well for the future.

BOARD OF INSTALLED MASTERS

The WM requested all those below the rank of an Installed Master, with the exception of the ME, to retire from the Lodge and the Board of Installed Masters was opened.

The WM installed Bro Jonathan Lipton into the Chair of King Solomon according to Antient Rite and Custom. WBro Jeffrey Caplan was invested as Immediate Past Master.

The Installed Masters saluted Bro Lipton as Worshipful Master of Zion Menorah Lodge No 1798 and tendered their personal congratulations.

The Board of Installed Masters was closed by virtue.

THIRD DEGREE

The Lodge was resumed in the Third Degree and all Master Masons were admitted.

The DC proclaimed Bro Lipton for the first time and from the East as Worshipful Master of Zion Menorah Lodge No 1798 for the ensuing year. The Brethren saluted the WM from the North. The Working Tools of a Master Mason were presented, explained and moralised upon by WBro Steven M. Shonn, PProvAGDC. The Lodge was closed by virtue in the Third Degree.

SECOND DEGREE

The Lodge was resumed in the Second Degree and all Fellow Crafts were admitted. The DC proclaimed Bro Lipton for the second time and from the West as Worshipful Master of Zion Menorah Lodge No 1798 for the ensuing year. The Brethren saluted the WM from the North. The Working Tools of a Fellow Craft Freemason were presented, explained and moralised upon by WBro Steven Shonn.

The Lodge was closed by virtue in the Second Degree.

FIRST DEGREE

The Lodge was resumed in the First Degree and all Masons were admitted.

The DC proclaimed Bro Lipton for the third time and from the South as Worshipful Master of Zion Menorah Lodge No 1798 for the ensuing year. The Brethren saluted the WM from the North. The Working Tools of an Entered Apprentice Freemason were presented, explained and moralised upon by WBro Steven Shonn.

The address to the Worshipful Master was delivered by WBro Stephen Blank.

The Warrant of the Lodge, the Book of Constitutions, the By-laws and the Property of the Lodge were delivered to the WM by the IPM, who then gave the explanation of the WM's column.

The WM appointed and invested Bro Jonathan Bush as Senior Warden.

Bro Bush was placed in the SW chair by WBro Sydney Leighton, who addressed him and explained the Jewel, Column and duties of the office.

The WM appointed and invested Bro David Frieslander as Junior Warden.

Bro David Frieslander, *JP*, was placed in the JW's chair by WBro Robert Horwich, who addressed him and explained the Jewel, Column and duties of the office.

WBro Joe Glass, PProvGReg, delivered the address the Wardens.

The WM appointed and invested WBro Martin Gilbert, PProvDepGReg, as Chaplain.

WBro Derek Blank, having previously been elected, was invested as Treasurer.

The WM appointed and invested the rest of his officers as follows:

Secretary	Bro Michael Bartle
Director of Ceremonies	WBro Richard Bermitz

WBro Bermitz addressed the outgoing DC and thanked him for his sterling work over the past six years.

Almoner	WBro David S. Caplan *
Charity Steward	WBro Anthony L. Sivner, <i>JP</i> , PProvAGDC
Senior Deacon	Bro Richard Zoltie
Junior Deacon	Bro Richard Shonn

Assistant Director of Ceremonies WBro Ian Goldman *
Organist WBro Geoffrey Creswick, PProvSGW
Assistant Secretary Bro Barrie Schneider
Inner Guard Bro Stephen Adrian Levine

The Inner Guard was addressed by WBro Selwyn Horwich, PProvGSuptWks.

Senior Steward Bro William E Halon, PProvGStdB

Stewards Bro Lawrence Peppi *
 Bro Anthony R Levine *
 Bro Richard Lawton *
 Bro Gary Howard Levine *
 Bro Russell Rubinstein
 Bro Robert Goodall
 Bro Paul Basger *
 Bro Paul Nesbit

* These Brethren were unable to attend the meeting and will be invested at a later date.

The address to the Stewards was delivered by WBro Alan Hyams, PProvJGD.

WBro Martin Cohen, PProvAGSwdB, was appointed Lodge Mentor.

Bro David Frieslander, *JP*, was appointed Catering Officer.

WBro Eric F. Marks, *JP*, PProvJGW, was appointed Royal Arch Representative.

WBro Ron Coucill, PProvGSuptWks, having previously been elected, was invested as Tyler.

The Address to the Brethren was delivered by WBro Martin Caller and the Closing Prayer was recited by the Chaplain.

The WM presented a Past Master's Jewel to the IPM, WBro Jeffrey Caplan.

The Charity Steward took a collection of alms.

OTHER BUSINESS

The WM made the following announcements:

Mazel Tov to WBro Martin Cohen on the birth of a granddaughter.
Mazel Tov to WBro Joe Glass on the engagement of his son.
Best wishes to WBro Len Caplan who had been in hospital following a heart attack.
Best Wishes to WBro Myer Rose who has been having some trouble with his eyes.
Best Wishes to WBro Barry Aron who is recovering after a surgery.
Best Wishes to WBro Martin Gilbert whose wife is in hospital awaiting surgery.

FIRST RISING

The Secretary reported that there had been no communications from United Grand Lodge.

VWBro Grahame Nicholas Elliott, *CBE*, PresGCharity, responded on behalf of the United Grand Lodge. He congratulated his next-door neighbour, the WM, and the Installing Masters and Officers.

SECOND RISING

The Secretary reported receipt of a letter from the Provincial Grand Secretary advising us that the RW Provincial Grand Master will be visiting Cornucopia Lodge in March, and that all Brethren are invited. WBro Martin Stuart Caller, PAGReg, APGM, congratulated the WM and all his officers on an excellent ceremony and conveyed his personal greetings and congratulations.

WBro Caller and the other Officers of United Grand Lodge retired.

THIRD RISING

The Secretary reported receipt of letters of resignation from WBro Ronald Bentwood, WBro Peter Mercer, Bro Jonathan Kennedy and Bro Tony Hertz. Other than letters of thanks for letters sent out and letters of apology from various Brethren, there were no other communications of a general nature.

WBro Leslie Wertheim, the Master of Mount Sinai Lodge No. 8855, responded on behalf of visiting Brethren. He congratulated the newly installed Master, wishing him and the whole Lodge a successful year and he congratulated all who took part in the ceremony.

Nothing further appearing for the good of Freemasonry in general or the Zion Menorah Lodge No 1798 in particular, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 7.30.pm

The alms collection raised the sum of £70.03 and the raffle the sum of £330.00.

Bro Michael Bartle
Secretary

Worshipful Master

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

AttendingMembers:

H. Bentwood, M. Cohen, S. Blank, M. Caller, J. Lipton, J. Caplan, R. Bermitz, M. Gilber, D. Blank, M. Bartle, J. Levene, E. Rubinstein, L. Kay, S. Horwich, S. Levine, J. Akerib, E. Marks, L. Salter, S. Leighton, B. Schneider, J. Glass, A. Hyams, M. Cohen, B. Halon, R. Horwich, P. Salter, R. Frankl, S. Shonn, R. Shonn, R. Rubinstein, R. Goodall, P. Nesbit, R. Levene, R. Zoltie, S. Fruhman, L. Ingleby, M. Hoffman, A. Sivner, D. Frieslander. [J. Bush](#)

Visitors: G. Elliott, A. Merton, E. Cohen, I. Caplan, M. Savinson, P. Braunstein, C. Berman, H. Burns, E. Moss

Guests of the Lodge: R. Coucill, G. Creswick, N. Davis, L. Wertheim.

Apologies:

B. Aron, D. Blain, L. Caplan, D. Caplan, J. Clubbe, M. Davies, J. J. Davies, A. Dobkin, C. Giness, B. Grubberman, C. Has san, W. Kintish, R. Lawton, M. Lewis, A. Mann, A. Mason, R. Reisler, M. Rose, I. Rosenberg, S. Sivner, H. Tucker