



The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

December 2023



Dear Brethren,

It was highly appropriate that St Nicholas Day this year fell on our installation meeting day where we delighted to install Bro. Roger Kaye in to the Chair of King Solomon. The installing master, W. Bro. Tony Hewitt did a great job installing him in to the chair and set the tone for a flawless ceremony attended by 58 brethren including 36 guests.

The ceremony was attended by W. Bro Tony Dyer, representing the RW Provincial Grand Master and his DC, W. Bro Barry Longstaff. Highlights of the occasion were the working tools, by Bro Nev Chambers (3rd), Bro Tony Luddon (2nd) and Bro James Hayward (1st).

Our festive board in December is The festival of St John the Evangelist, and a lovely meal was had on what was a great evening with the brethren in good voice (especially Twelve Days of Christmas!), singing carols, the masters and visitors song.



The Festival of St John The Evangelist



The After Event....

As is the St Nicholas lodge tradition, a number of hardy Masons met in Scarborough town for lunch and a few beers! A great afternoon was had, and a number of sore heads the next day!



Looking Ahead



Lodge of Instruction



January

We have an exciting line-up for 2024 starting with our January meeting (3rd) we will be having a lecture to ease us in to the new year.

February

In February we aim to initiate Mr Daniel Vass, proposed by Bro James Hayward.

March

In March we will aim to initiate Mr Jay Williamson- Jones, proposed by Bro Lee Holmes.

April

A double initiation in April for Mr Alex Blackman and Mr Heath Samples proposed at our December meeting, ballot in January - no pressure on our new WM!

Charity



Lodge Raffle

Our Charity Steward proposes a donation of £400 to go towards the 2029 festival which launches next year. The Festival 2029 will support the Masonic Charitable Foundation and a new website will help inform the brethren of the festival's progress. We all very excited to get going and to see what we can raise as a Province!

[Home \(ynerfestival29.org.uk\)](http://ynerfestival29.org.uk)



We also agreed to support the TLC (Teddy for Loving Care) to the tune of £600.00. Since its inception in 2001, 3.5 million teddies have been distributed to hospitals throughout England and Wales.

A special thanks to Bro Andy Street and his wife Julie for all their fund raising events held at Rocking Horse Barn at Wilton who have raised in excess of £400.00!

These teddies help provide support to children in A & E departments to help reduce stress and anxiety.

[Teddy for Loving Care - Delivering teddy bears to hospitals for children in distress](#)



The Festive Board had a collection for Westway Open Arms in Eastfield which raised £238.86 and Andy Street's Christmas Fair on 16th will add a further £200.00 to the appeal. This will be rounded up to £450.00.



Our Values



Integrity



Friendship



Respect



Charity

Remembering the Fallen



A good number of the St Nicholas brethren, including our WM Tony Hewitt attended the Oliver's Mount and Scarborough RNLI Remembrance service on 12th November. The fallen were remembered for their sacrifice along with a number of brethren from other lodges in Scarborough. Indeed this editor has never seen so many there.



WM Tony Hewitt



Social

A wonderful Ladies evening was held at Restaurant 1909 at Scarborough TEC on Thursday 16th November. The brethren of St Nicholas Lodge and guests were treated to an excellent meal from the students at the college. Our WM Tony Hewitt and his lady Sue, warmly welcomed all the guests and brethren, including wine on the table and lovely gifts for the ladies. Sue gave an excellent speech and which captured the support the our wives and partners give us in Masonry.





A special shout out to the Social Committee Officer, Bro. Roger Kaye who organised the event and made the evening go so smoothly. Bro. Nev Chambers arranged a fantastic slide show of Masonic highlights from the year, which also included some footage from our WM's racing days. Thanks Bro. Nev!



A raffle was held which raised an brilliant sum of £310.00 with many generously donated prizes. A collection of £200 was also held for the staff and students.

Chapter



The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 installation will take place on 13th December.

Should you would like to know more and are interested in joining chapter, an essential part of your masonic journey, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.

Daily Advancement – St Nicholas Day



St Nicholas Day or the feast of St Nicholas is celebrated in parts of Northern & Eastern Europe, particularly the Low Countries and German speaking areas on the 5th or 6th December. St Nicholas Day is a special time for children, where they are given special cookies, sweets and of course gifts.

St. Nicholas's reputation is as the bringer of gifts and is also a celebrated Christian festival. In Germany and Poland, boys dress as Bishops, and in Poland and Ukraine Children hope to wake up to find a gift under their pillow. Naughty children might expect a piece of coal instead!

In the low countries and the Unites States, children leave their shoes in the porchway or entrance in the expectation that St Nicholas will leave some coins. Some will leave their shoes filled with hay and carrots for St Nicholas's horse.

Did you know the term Santa Claus derives for the Dutch 'Sinterklaas' which means St Nicholas!

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the bugle, and on behalf of myself and the Worshipful Master, we wish you a very Happy Christmas a healthy and prosperous new year.

Yours fraternally

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