



The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

January 2024



Happy New Year Brethren!

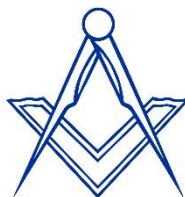
Welcome to the first edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle and behalf of our new Worshipful Master, Roger Kaye may we wish you a very happy and healthy new year.

Our first meeting of the year is always near to New Years Day and we had the pleasure of balloting for two new members, Mr Alex Blackman and Mr Heath Samples, proposed by W. Bro Chris Blackman and seconded by W. Bro John White. The ballot was favourable and we look forward to initiating them later in the year!

Next on the agenda was a presentation of a grand lodge certificate to Bro. Andy Street by W. Bro Howard Newton of Leopold Lodge, who gave a very informative and interesting explanation which connected the certificate to the furniture and jewels in the lodge.

The ceremony was attended by 6 visitors from 3 lodges. Following the meeting the brethren adjourned to The Crescent Hotel for the festive board.

A fine meal was had and the brethren enjoyed their first festive board of 2024.





St Nicholas Festive Board at the Crescent Hotel – Images by W. Bro Roger Kaye

Looking Ahead



Lodge and Social Committee

The lodge and social committee will be meeting on Monday 8th January at 6:30 at **The Crescent Hotel**. The committee is open to all members and is your chance to get involved in the running of the lodge.

Lodge of Instruction

The next lodge of instruction will be held on Monday 15th January at 6:30pm in the upper temple. Officers will remain as they currently are and we will be going through a first degree ceremony. Please let W. Bro Jamie Wallis know if you are unable to attend.

- **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 by W. Bro Chris Blackman.

Charity



Lodge Raffle

The Festive Board raffle proceeds went to Westway Open Arms in Eastfield which raised £96.00 as these funds are much needed by them. The lucky winner of a bottle of Jonny Walker Red Label was one W. Bro. Jamie Wallis which was thankfully received and will be faithfully applied! The Charity Steward also received a further £130.00 from Bro. Andy Street following his Christmas Fair at Sands Farm, Wilton which raised a total of £330.00 for charity.



A generous donation of £300.00 was received from a brother for The Yorkshire Air Ambulance which has been sent. This was a very kind gesture and ever remembering the needs of others.

The Charity Steward has received a further delivery of 8 teddies for the TLC which will be delivered to Andy Street for his fund raising raffles.

A big shout out to Bro. Andy and his wife for all their fund raising activities! Thank you!

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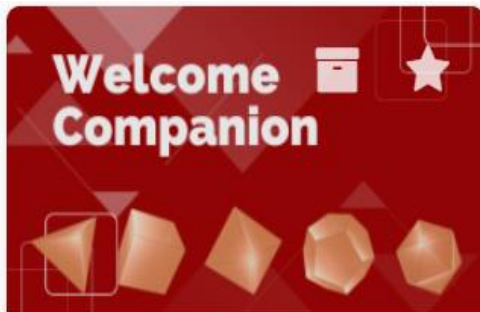
The brethren, new and existing are strongly encouraged to use the free online tool from United Grand Lodge, called Solomon. It's a free tool and enables you to learn more about this fascinating craft, with nuggets and modules, and you can customise what you can view.

It's a great addition to your masonic journey, and enables you to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and your time is Masonry more enjoyable. It is highly recommended.

[Getting Started with Solomon \(ugle.org.uk\)](http://ugle.org.uk)

You can view the different degrees and learn more about the ceremonies you have been through. Try using these QR codes for quick access.



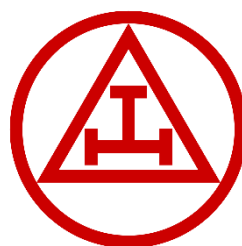


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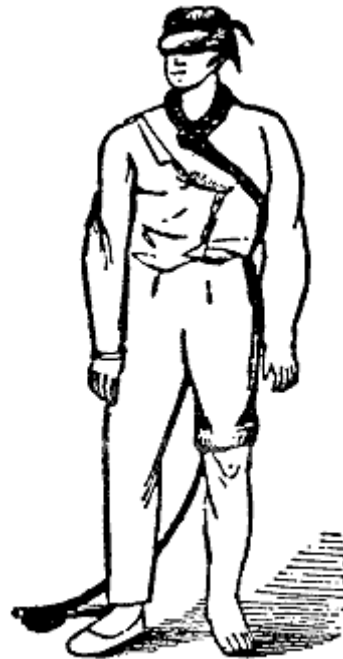


The next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 will take place on 14th February. We are delighted to be exalting our very own Bro. Danny Emmott!

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 – The Rolled Up Trouser Leg



Preparation in Entered
Apprentice Degree.

The rolled up trouser leg and exposed breast is always something that people seem to know about Freemasonry and often use it as a source of amusement, however it does allude back to our predecessors who did not wear long trousers like we do today. In those days, masons wore knee breeches and long leather aprons to protect themselves.

If a young man wanted to become an entered Apprentice he first had to prove himself as a fit and proper person to the arduous job of a stonemason.

Physically he needed to show he was male (by showing a breast), that he had good arms (the sleeve rolled up) and that his legs were sound (the modern day trouser leg).

So why the need to do the trouser leg today? The long held tradition, probably stemming from ancient Jewish times, was one of making a promise on the Bible on 'bare and bended knee', and just as people take off their shoes in a holy place, it is a mark of respect and sincerity.

In some lodges, such as at Leopold lodge in Scarborough, a candidate for initiation is required to be 'neither naked or clad' and is required to change in to a special white suit which has the knees exposed and breast laid open with short sleeve. The white suit also indicated that he is poor and penniless.

In some lodges even the candidate is sat in a room alone for an hour where he writes down his reason for becoming a mason – this is known as a chamber of reflection.

Yours fraternally

Jamie Wallis

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