



The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

March 2024



Dear Brethren

A spring was in our step on Wednesday as we conducted our second initiation ceremony of the year and welcomed our new made brother, Jay Williamson-Jones, proposed by Bro. Lee Holmes and seconded by our Worshipful Master, Roger Kaye.

Bro. Williamson-Jones, an ex-serviceman and now a merchant seaman working on the off-shore wind farm, conducted himself in military fashion. He is studying for his Captaincy exams at the moment, so he enjoyed a welcome night off from his studies and time at sea. We were delighted to welcome him in to the St Nicholas Lodge and we hope you have many happy years in Freemasonry.

The evening was attended by 13 visitors from 3 lodges and they were treated to an excellent ceremony. The entrusting was delivered by W. Bro. Ron T Penny, the North East Corner done by Bro. Tony Luddon, the Working Tools by Bro. James Hayward, and the Charge by W. Bro. Jamie Wallis.

We also had a ballot for a new joining member who will hopefully join us in April.





Left to right - JD Bro Nev Chambers, WM Roger Kaye, Bro Jay Williamson Jones, SD Bro James Hayward



WM Roger Kaye with our new Brother, Jay Williamson-Jones

Images by Bro Nev Chambers



Lodge of Instruction

The next lodge of instruction will be held on Monday 18th February at 6:30p.m. On this occasion we will be having a social evening where there will be an opportunity to talk about Freemasonry amongst other things in an informal setting accompanied by a couple of drinks. It's an opportunity for some of the newer brethren to ask questions and get to know more about us.

April

A double initiation in April for Mr Alex Blackman and Mr Heath Samples proposed by W. Bro. Chris Blackman.

May

A second degree for Bro. Bradley Stevens initiated in 2nd August 2023.

Social Committee



An exciting plan has started to be put together for 2024 – Save the Date!

- Ten Pin Bowling Night – Friday 19th April – Partners welcome
- Restaurant 1909 – Thursday 17th October
- Ladies Night at North Cliff Golf Club – Saturday 23rd November

Lodge Committee – Open to all members

The next meeting of St Nicholas Lodge Committee – which is open to all lodge members – will be held on Tuesday 16th April at the masonic hall. It is your chance to hear about candidates, charity propositions, and have your say!

Lodge Fees

Lodge fees were due in December 2023. Please could you settle these as soon as possible or contact our treasurer to discuss.

Dining and Apologies

Brethren, it's imperative that if you are attending and dining, or unable to make a regular meeting (first Wednesday of the month) that you communicate your intentions or apologies to the lodge secretary, W. Bro John White. This needs to be done for dining by the Friday before the meeting.

Charity



Lodge Raffle

The Festive Board raffle proceeds went to Westway Open Arms in Eastfield which raised a fantastic £122.00 as these funds are much needed by them. The charity supports the Eastfield community and is a much needed service for those in need.

Chapter



The next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 will take place on 10th April. We are delighted to be exalting our very own Bro. Andy Street!

Chapter is an essential part of your masonic journey and once was a part of the third degree and is now a separate and unique order. Should you would like to know more and are interested in joining chapter, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.



Daily Advancement Masonic Charitable Foundation

The Province of Yorkshire North & East Ridings (PYNER) Festival 2029, soon to be officially launched, has chosen to support the grants and services provided by the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) as the next festival beneficiary.

What is the Festival?

The 2029 festival is a province wide five year fund raising festival that occurs every five years. Previous festivals have raised funds for Prostate Cancer Research and funds for the Masonic School for Girls and Boys and raises in excess of £1million over the five year period. The 2029 recipient is the MCF.

What is the Foundation?

Charity is one of the core principals of Freemasonry, with the first charity committee formed in 1725. The MCF was created in 2016 by bringing together four separate charities ran by United Grand Lodge in London: -

The Freemasons Grand Charity, The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, The Masonic Samaritan Fund and The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Who do they Support?

This is our charity and one we are rightly proud of as it also looks after us. The foundation provides support to Freemasons and their families who have a financial, health, education or care need - In 2022 – 2023 in our province, 114 freemasons and family members were helped with grants.

The MCF also provides grants for local and national charities and in each year around 500 charities are supported with grants totalling more than £5.5 million. In our province alone £106,600 was given to charities in 2022 – 2023.

The foundation also provides a relief chest scheme to enable individuals or lodges to manage donations, such as regular direct debits. For example you can set up a regular monthly direct debit of £10.00 per month for 60 months that would go towards the PYNER Festival 2029. In return for your support and generosity, you will become a festival steward and receive a special festival jewel which can be worn at regular lodge meetings.

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

[Home page - The Masonic Charitable Foundation \(mcf.org.uk\)](http://mcf.org.uk)



The MCF also works with other partners who work to improve the lives of Freemasons such as: -

- RMBI Care Co – a wholly owned subsidiary of MCT providing residential and nursing care for Freemasons and their families.
- TLC – Teddies for Loving Care – providing comfort to children in A & E Departments
- Lifelites – Helping children with life limiting and life threatening conditions.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition, if you have anything that you would like to include, please let me know.

Yours fraternally

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