

The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

April 2024



Dear Brethren,

It's now April, the clocks have changed, the evenings are longer and spring is definitely in evidence all around us. St Nicholas Lodge was very much in full bloom at our regular meeting on 3rd April, where we welcomed three new members to the lodge – even our Treasurer joked that he would need a police escort on the way home!

The evening was attended by 48 masons including 25 visitors from 7 different lodges, which is the highest number we have had for a regular meeting in ten years! We even had a visitor from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Lodge 10016 in Burton on Trent. He was greeted with the phrase 'Live Long and Prosper' from Star Trek! This is testament to the hard work been put in by the brethren to build strong foundations for the future.



First out the blocks was joining member, Bro. Martin Atterbury who was personally welcomed by our Worshipful Master. Bro. Atterbury has had a number of years out of Freemasonry and now resides in South Cliff, Scarborough. We hope he has many happy years the Lodge, and we welcome him warmly.

Initiating a 'Lewis' (the term used to describe the son of Mason) is always a special occasion, and especially so when he is accompanied by a great friend. We were delighted to initiate and welcome to St Nicholas Lodge, Mr Alex Blackman a Head of Facilities for Haven (son of, you guessed it... W. Bro Chris Blackman) and Mr Heath Samples a Chief Executive Officer and local Businessman, who we can now call brothers.



Left to right - Bro Martin Atterbury, Bro. Heath Samples, WM Roger Kaye, Bro Alex Blackman & W. Bro Chris Blackman. Images by Bro. Nev Chambers

Their excellent conduct was rewarded with a first-class ceremony led by our Worshipful Master and a big congratulations to all those involved. The entrusting was delivered by W. Bro Chris Blackman, the Northeast Corner by Bro. Tony Luddon, the Working Tools by Bro. James Hayward and the Charge after Initiation by W. Bro Jamie Wallis.

A big welcome to Bro's Blackman and Samples and we hope you have many happy years in the Lodge.



Looking Ahead



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.

May

A second degree for Bro. Dennis Vaughan initiated on 2nd August 2023.

Provincial Grand Lodge – Annual Meeting



Brethren the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will take place very soon at York Racecourse on **11th May 2024 at 11:00 a.m. in the Voltigeur Suite No. 2.**

The annual meeting is a very enjoyable day, and it is quite the occasion, bringing brethren together from around the region. For the first time families and partners will be able to attend to witness those brethren receiving honours and promotions. If you have not been before it is a very enjoyable day and full of ceremony.

Social Events



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

- Ten Pin Bowling Night – Friday 19th April – Please let W. Bro Kaye (07961 546462) or W. Bro John White know if you would like to attend. This will be followed by a Fish & Chip Supper. 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 6:30pm at the masonic hall. It is your chance to hear about candidates, future plans, charity propositions, and have your say!

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 (07977 561233). This needs to be done for dining by the Friday before the meeting.

Charity



Westway Open Arms

The Festive Board raffle proceeds went to Westway Open Arms in Eastfield which raised a fantastic £197.00. The charity supports the Eastfield community and is a much-needed service for those in need. The bottle of Gordon's Gin was won by W. Bro David Birkinshaw of Old Globe no. 200. Our newly

made brothers got off to a great start and drew the ticket for our Worshipful Master who won the bottle of Captain Morgan's Rum.

Our last presentation to Westway open Arms made it on to the Provincial website craft news!

[St Nicholas Lodge support West Way Open Arms \(yorkshirenerfreemasons.org.uk\)](http://yorkshirenerfreemasons.org.uk)



Chapter



The next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 will take place on 10th April. We will be receiving an interesting talk from Ex Companion Howard Newton of the Old Globe Chapter 200.

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 like to know more and are interested in joining chapter, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.



Daily Advancement



At our last meeting our lodge Mentor mentioned about the brethren using Solomon, which is an online learning module to enhance your knowledge of Masonry.

Solomon is a virtual learning environment designed to provide a greater understanding of the ritual, symbolism, history and traditions of Freemasonry. It is accessible online and contains a searchable repository of Nuggets, Papers, Presentations, Demonstrations, Q&As and Quizzes.

It is free and open to anyone, accessible via your laptop, tablet or smartphone. Simply register, enrol on relevant modules and then browse, search and download any material you need. If you change your mind, you can un-enrol from modules; it's up to you!

I can highly recommend it and would encourage you to register. You will need to create an account to commence your journey.



Start your journey
<https://solomon.ugle.org.uk>

A new initiative from United Grand Lodge is the award of a certificate of merit for completion of all of the modules. One of the first was awarded to Bro Steven Walker of Technical Lodge No 5666 in Hull. Bro. Walker is one of the few who have read every paper, done every exercise and pass every test - in every degree! This was featured in the Spring edition of the Yorkshire Mason.

Congratulations to Bro. Alex Williams of Huntcliff Lodge No. 4539 in Saltburn who has also just received his certificate!

There are past editions of the Yorkshire Mason and further information and toolkits available in the members area on the Provincial website, <https://yorkshirenerfreemasons.ork.uk> – Registration is free and the website also has information about other activity happening around our Province which follows the boundaries of the old North and East Ridings and therefore includes Middlesbrough and Hull.

[Log in or Register \(yorkshirenerfreemasons.org.uk\)](http://yorkshirenerfreemasons.org.uk)



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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