

The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

June 2024



Dear Brethren,

We are almost halfway through the year already and the warm weather seems to be elusive this year! I must apologise for the lateness of this edition as I have been away in the USA visiting family. This meant that regrettably I missed our June meeting, however I am reliably informed by the brethren that a very enjoyable evening was had.

The Lodge was honoured by the presence of a W. Bro Stephen Hall representing the R.W. Provincial Grand Master whilst the acting DC was W. Bro. Chris Blackman. Our scheduled passing couldn't take place due to unforeseen circumstances, however Bro. Brad Stevens kindly stepped in as a substitute candidate and the brethren conducted an excellent re-enactment of a second degree.

The evening was attended by a fabulous 18 brethren from 7 different lodges!



Bro. Louis Kille – Relieved to have finished his exams and enjoying his Freemasonry again!

Looking Ahead



Lodge of Instruction – 17th June

The next lodge of instruction will be held on Monday 17th May at 6:30p.m. We will be opening and doing a partial first degree ceremony re-enactment in preparation for next year with the 2025 officers. It is an opportunity for all newer members, to learn more, practice and take part. Please let Bro. Jamie Wallis know if you are unable to make it.

Armed Forces Day – 29th June

The brethren of St Nicholas Lodge will have a stand at the 2024 Scarborough Armed Forces Day, South Bay, Scarborough. This exciting opportunity, organised by Bro. James Hayward, is opportunity for engagement and recruitment. If you are available to assist with the stand for a couple of hours, please let Bro. James know. We are producing marketing material to assist on the day. The stand will be at the opposite side of the Ferris Wheel. It's a fun day with lot's going on and a fantastic opportunity.



Important! White Table Event - Open Recruitment Evening – 3rd July

Our July meeting will be a White Table event where we will be able to invite non masons and prospective candidates to join the lodge. We will have a brief formal meeting then invite our guests into the lodge room, for a short talk and open question session. This will be followed by an informal meal at the festive board. This a format that worked well in March 2020 (just prior to Covid!). It is your opportunity to invite and friends, family & neighbours who would make good candidates for joining the lodge. Guests will be paid for by the lodge.

So please if you know any potential men who would make suitable members of the lodge, and who may be interested, please invite them to come along and meet the lodge.



Social Events

Coming Up

- Summer Pub Crawl - TBC
- Restaurant 1909 – Thursday 17th October
- Ladies Night at North Cliff Golf Club – Saturday 23rd November



Charity



Festival 2029

The Festival 2029 has begun and is now out of the starting blocks! The festival in aid of Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) was officially launched at the Annual Provincial Meeting at York racecourse on 11th June. The last festival raised £1.8M in 2018 and since then the Province has been the beneficiary of £3.1M that has supported numerous Masons, their families, local charities and communities.

The lodge has now contributed its first amount to the Festival with the raffle at the festive board at St Nicholas Lodge. The raffle raised £153.00 which was match funded by funds from the lodge benevolent account to make a total of £306.00 to the festival.

Put your thinking caps on! It would be great for some fundraising events to help generate funds for the festival, such as sponsored walks, bike rides etc. Below is a link to the impact our donations make.

[Masonic Charitable Foundation publishes 2022-2023 Impact Report \(ynerfestival29.org.uk\)](https://ynerfestival29.org.uk)



Have a look at the Provincial website for more details on the 2029 festival, including details on the festival jewel, regular donations and the customary festival tie!

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

Louis Kille vs Great North Run



Bro. Louis Kille, fresh from exams, is once again raising funds for Andy's Man Club on 8th September by running the Great North Run. Andy's Man Club as you may remember is a charity that provides peer to peer mental health support for men and I would encourage you to support this great cause. Get training Louis! Please help Bro. Louis reach his goal.



Topic UK

The St Nicholas Lodge communications team have been working with the editor (Ed Asquith) of Topic UK (a regional monthly Yorkshire business magazine) to produce a three page feature on the lodge. This all part of our ongoing recruitment strategy that also includes Armed Forces Day and the Open Evening.

The full article and link to the magazine can be found below and the St Nicholas Article is on pages 70-73. There also an interesting article on the latest Filey Bay Whisky on page 77! [Latest Edition \(topicuk.co.uk\)](https://www.topicuk.co.uk)

With thanks to W. Bro John White and W. Bro Jamie Wallis

THE YORKSHIRE COAST

How Scarborough Freemasons are building a solid future

The Freemasons of St. Nicholas Lodge 2586 Scarborough share their past, present and future ...



A meeting at St Nicholas Lodge Scarborough A meeting at St Nicholas Lodge Scarborough

Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Service. These are the core values of one of the oldest social and charitable organisations in the world and centred around fraternal friendship, The Freemasons.

The origins of Freemasonry stem back to the days of the medieval stonemasons who travelled the world using grips and signs to identify themselves as skilled builders. Modern Freemasonry in England dates back to 1717 during the Age of Enlightenment and building analogies are taken and used to teach



Saint Nicholas, patron saint of sailors, borne on the Scarborough's St Nicholas freemason banner.

members how to lead better lives and put simply, to make good men better.

The values of those early Freemasons still ring true today during these uncertain times, and it is through these principles that members find, camaraderie, friendship and purpose.

The Freemasons of just Masons, meet in individual lodges.

Meeting twelve times a year the St Nicholas Lodge No. 2586 is an active



St Nicholas Lodge ceremonial items

lodge in Scarborough, meeting at the Masonic Hall, St Nicholas Cliff, and was formed in 1895.

The St Nicholas Lodge membership is diverse - from active and retired

uniformed services, local businessmen, hospitality, local government, medical, skilled and unskilled professionals from different personal backgrounds.

The age range runs from 20 years to



A gathering at St Nicholas Lodge, Scarborough

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Chapter



The next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 will take place on 9th October. Old Globe Chapter will take place on Friday 10th May.

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

The Shriners



During my travels in the USA, I was struck by some fundraising activity by a group of casually dressed men wearing red Fezzes! It was pointed out to me that they are Shriners. Intrigued I looked it up and discovered that they are a side order of Freemasonry in North America, indeed you have to be a Master Mason to join.

They describe themselves as a fraternity 'based on fun, fellowship, and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth.

The order known for its colourful middle Eastern themes, iconography and ceremonies it used to be known as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (hence the more common term Shriners). Since September 11th the order has toned down its middle eastern connections and it is now known as Shriners International.

The membership still boasts around 200,000 members (across 200 chapters) and it is known for its service to the community, philanthropic work and fundraising, particularly hospitals for children – there are 22 across North America and Mexico!

The order was founded in New York City in 1872 and is now headquartered in Tampa, Florida.

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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