

# The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

## July 2024



Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the July 2024 edition of the St. Nicholas Bugle St Nicholas Lodge were delighted to welcome five guests and potential members to the Lodge White Table evening. This is the first one we have had since March 2019 and the guests were welcomed in to the lodge room after our regular business meeting. They then received presentations from a number of brethren together with some testimonials from our newest members, Bro's Heath Samples and Alex Blackman.

After some interesting questions, the brethren and invited guests adjourned to an informal festive board.

The lodge raffle included a bottle of Jonnie Walker Whiskey and 2 tickets to Scarborough Open Air Theatre to see comedian Bill Bailey. One of the invited guests won the prizes (not a fix as he drew his own ticket!), and generously donated the tickets back to the lodge to raise more charitable funds. The raffle raised £120.00 which was agreed to be topped up to £250.00 to go to Bro. Louis Kille's fundraising for Andy's Man Club.





In advance of the White Table evening and as part of our membership recruitment initiatives, the lodge managed to secure a stand at the 2024 Scarborough Armed Forces Day, arranged by Royal Navy veteran Bro. James Hayward. The event was attended by around 20,000 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June and it gave the opportunity for the brethren to engage with the general public and also any potential new candidates. It was a very enjoyable day and several contacts were made which we hope will lead to future candidates and members.





### **Lodge of Instruction – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

By popular demand the next lodge of instruction will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30p.m before the summer break in August. 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. It is also an opportunity to support Bro. Scott Davison as he prepares for his year in office. Please let Bro. Jamie Wallis know if you are unable to make it.

### **August Meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Ceremony – Bro. Brad Stevens

### **September Meeting**

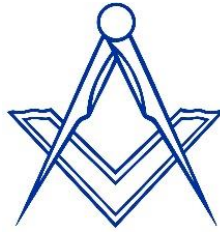
Double 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Ceremony – Bro's Heath Samples and Alex Blackman. There will also be a special visit from the brethren of Lodge of Alliance 5811 in the Province of Worcestershire.

### **Lodge Social Afternoon – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Our lodge summer social around the hostelrys of Scarborough will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July which will include lunch and a visit to Bro. Heath Samples, Dunkirk Experience on the Regal Lady in Scarborough Harbour. Meeting time and location will be circulated in due course – please let us know (John, Jamie or Roger) if you can make it! The afternoon is also an opportunity to invite any potential candidates you may wish to introduce.



The December 2023 Post Installation Social Afternoon



## Social Events

- Restaurant 1909 – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Ladies Night at North Cliff Golf Club – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

## Charity



### Kingfishers Swimming Club

Before the white table evening, representatives were invited to the Masonic Hall to receive a cheque presentation of £1,000.00 donated to the Kingfisher Swimming Club. This latest donation from the lodge supports this local charity who aim to keep swimming accessible to all. They arrange a whole variety of swimming, competitive swimming, diving and open water swimming which is run by fully trained and qualified volunteers.



The Cheque being presented to Hayley, the Deputy Welfare Officer from Kingfishers Swimming Club

## Louis Kille and Great North Run



Bro. Louis Kille, is once again raising funds for Andy's Man Club on 8<sup>th</sup> September by running the Great North Run. The Lodge and Louis has previously supported Andy's Man Club and continues to do so. At our July meeting we donated the raffle proceeds and topped it up to £250.00 to get Louis on his way to raising a fantastic amount.

The charity is a really important men's charity and provides peer to peer mental health support for men going through difficult times, to end the stigma surrounding men's mental health and to prevent suicide. I would encourage you to support this great organisation.

Get training Louis! Please help Bro. Louis reach his goal.

If you would like to donate, please see his fundraising link page below.

[Andy's Man Club: Louis's page \(enthuse.com\)](https://www.enthuse.com/andy-s-man-club/louis-kille)



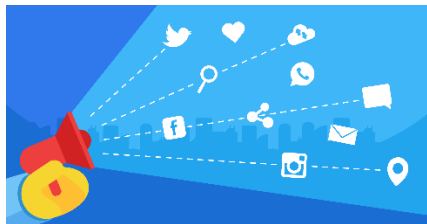
## Chapter



Chapter is now in recess however we can look forward to the next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 which will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Chapter is an essential part of your masonic journey and is not complete without it and once was a part of the third degree. It is now a separate and unique order. If you are a Master Mason and would like to know more and are interested in joining chapter, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.

## Communication and Apologies

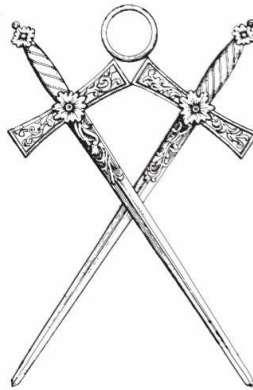


Brethren, as a reminder, it is important that if you are unable to attend a Regular Meeting, Lodge of Instruction or Committee meeting that you send your apologies to the Secretary W.Bro John White in good time before the meeting and if you are taking part in a ceremony to cc the Director of Ceremonies, W.Bro Jamie Wallis. If we do not hear from you, then we are expecting you to attend.

As a reminder for dining, you need to book in or cancel on the Friday before our Wednesday meeting. Once the numbers are submitted, we have to pay the caterers for those numbers; therefore, any late cancellations will need to be paid for unfortunately. Things happen which can't be helped, however post Friday cancellations are currently been paid for by the lodge and this is not sustainable. Please settle these with our Treasurer at your earliest convenience.

## Daily Advancement

### The Inner Guard



It seems odd in a ceremony that the Worshipful Master addresses the Junior Warden to ask if the lodge is secured (or tyled) – why not just ask the inner guard direct, after all he is stood right there! The answer lies with the operative masons as in the old days operative or guild lodges didn't have an Inner Guard and the Junior Warden had the responsibility of getting up and seeing what the Tyler wanted.

The word guard has the same meaning as warden and means 'a keeper or attender'. The first recorded use of a 'Door Keeper' was in 1734 at the Old Kings Arms Lodge No 28. The position was usually occupied by the most recent member - the youngest apprentice. He operated under the control of the Outer Guard or Tyler and was recorded as an 'assistant to the Tyler'. Believe it or not, like the Tyler he was also entitled to receive an allowance - Those were the days! He received one schilling for each lodge night and one schilling for every newly initiated brother – now there's an incentive!

In the 19<sup>th</sup> century the 'Door Keeper' or 'Inner Tyler' started to be referred to as Guard or Guarder. In 1814 the position was officially recognised as an office and five years later he got a jewel – the crossed swords (as above). The ritual was also adapted and formalised so that the Junior Warden asked the Inner Guard to perform the task.

Like the old days the inner guard is the first rung on the ladder and the role is undertaken by one of the newest members of the lodge.

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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