

The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

August 2024



Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the August 2024 edition of the St. Nicholas Bugle! It was hot stuff at our August meeting and the and despite the sultry summer temperatures within the lodge, the St Nicholas brethren rose to the occasion and delivered a superb ceremony to raise Bro. Bradley Stevens to the sublime degree of a master mason. It's been exactly a year since his passing ceremony and it was worth the wait, so congratulations to Bro Brad, who did a first class job with his questions and answers, and we look forward to seeing your continued progress through masonry.



Workshopful Master Roger Kaye with Bro Brad Stevens, Master Mason

A big shout out to our Worshipful Master Roger Kaye, W. Bro John White for the exhortation and charge, our senior deacon Bro James Hayward, and Bro Nev Chambers for the Third Degree Working Tools who performed a flawless ceremony. Special thanks to W.Bro Tony Dyer of the Leopold Lodge for delivering the Traditional history.

It makes for a very enjoyable evening when such a high standard of ceremony is given, and it is especially rewarding when we have visitors. Rumours must have been circulating as we had 22 visitors from seven different lodges!

The lodge raffle included a 1ltr bottle of Jonnie Walker Whisky which was won by W. Bro Chris Blackman. The raffle raised £275.00 which included a generous donation from a Brother of £100.00. This combined with the auction of the Bill Bailey Open Air Theatre Tickets from the July meeting, will mean a total donation of £325.00. The proceeds will go to the Worshipful Masters' charity of the year, Westway Open Arms.

A special thank you and flowers were presented by the Worshipful Master and his Wardens to Denise from the Crescent Hotel who is retiring after many years at the Crescent and who has been a familiar face serving on at the Festive boards at Scarborough Masonic Hall.



Denise receiving our thanks

Happy 70th Birthday to John White

The brethren were delighted to wish W. Bro John a Happy Birthday who celebrated his big day on Friday 2nd August.



W. Bro John wondering what to do with his Teddy.



W. Bro John having 'just a quick one'



Lodge of Instruction



Our next Junior Lodge will be 16th September after the summer break!

September Meeting

Double 2nd 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.



October Meeting

TBC



Social Events

- Lodge Social Afternoon – Saturday 20th July

Sun, beer and laughter was the order of the day for our summer lodge social. A great afternoon was had, starting off on board Bro Heath Sample's boat the little ship The Regal Lady. A tour of the local hostleries ended up at the Leeds Arms where a missing phone was discovered after diligent search and dismantling of the furniture!



- Coming Up Next! - Restaurant 1909 – Thursday 17th October



Picture from the 2023 Restaurant 1909 Social Evening

- Ladies Night at North Cliff Golf Club – Saturday 23rd November

Charity



Louis Kille vs The Great North Run

Bro. Louis Kille, is once again raising funds for Andy's Man Club on 8th September by running the Great North Run. The Lodge and Louis has previously supported Andy's Man Club and continues to do so. W recently donated £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 individually, please see his fundraising link page below.

[Andy's Man Club: Louis's page \(enthuse.com\)](#)

Chapter

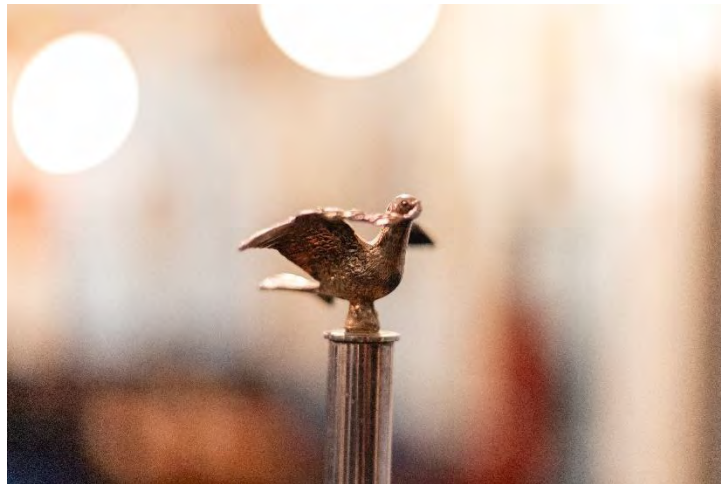


Chapter is now in recess however we can look forward to the next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 which will take place on 9th October where we hope to exalt St Nicholas Lodge member, Bro. Andy Street.

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.

Daily Advancement

The Rite of Circumambulation



Fear not this is not some new physical ritual that you have to endure, however it is something you have already done!

When the deacon conducts a candidate around the lodge room accompanied by the Deacons (which is always squared in St Nicholas Lodge) it's interesting to know that when the candidate stands after the prayer, they are about to begin part of a very old ceremony.

This is known as the Rite of Circumambulation and it can be traced back to many ancient civilisations, it actually is meant to symbolically follow the route of the sun, starting from the Worshipful Master in the East, to the Junior Warden in the South and finally ending at the Senior Warden in the West.

In the early days Masonic Lodges had a space, called the outer path around the edge along which the candidate would be led to each gate (guarded by a Warden). After his reception at each gate he was allowed onto the floor of the lodge where he would be conducted around the inner path, to show that he was properly prepared.

The role of the Wardens is then emphasised as they guarded the paths and only candidates who had passed along **both** paths could be presented to the Worshipful Master. At an initiation the Warden is given a firm and reassuring handshake and is then passed on 'free and of good report'.

After the circumambulation is concluded it is the Senior Warden in the West who announces that the Candidate is 'properly prepared' and can now advance to the East, and to the light, in due form.

The staggered steps of 9, 12 & 15 inches are meant to symbolise that each step will carry him further forward than the last, showing his will to go forward and demonstrating his trust and confidence.



The laid down Junior Warden column, indicating that the lodge is at labour

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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