The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle September 2024



Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the September 2024 edition of the St. Nicholas Bugle! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and managed to enjoy some of the fine weather. I know our Worshipful Master has been out and about in his caravan making the most of it. In case you didn't know, he enjoys caravanning!

September not only marks the end of Summer and the beginning of Autumn but the resumption of a full Masonic calendar. As our meetings are held first, we set the bar high at our meeting Wednesday when we passed Bro's Alex Blackman and Heath Samples to the second degree in a double ceremony. We are getting used to these doubles! Both were exemplary in their conduct and questions and answers, and they answer perfectly in sync too! Congratulations to both of them.

Joining us in what is becoming a regular exchange, were brethren from the Lodge of Alliance 5811, in the Province of Warwickshire and also Bordesley Abbey Lodge 4495 in the Province of Worcestershire. Indeed, the lodge was blessed with a magnificent 22 visitors from 6 lodges. In fact, the guests outnumbered the 21 lodge members in attendance!

As well as an excellent ceremony, ably conducted by the Master, his Wardens and Deacons, we were treated to a superb explanation of the Second Degree Tracing board by W. Bro Andy Staker of Lodge of Alliance. It was delivered perfectly and very natural. The two brethren and deacons were sat in front of the board on chairs, which was a first for St Nicholas Lodge, where normally they stand.

Lodge of Alliance also supplied us with a last-minute fill in as Inner Guard, in the person of Bro. Adam Rock, who stepped in at very short notice to do the role, and he never even had to use his book! They are very lucky to have Bro Adam and a bright Masonic future awaits him. For those who don't know, it is because of W. Bro John White's connection to Bro. Adam (who is married to his niece) that the connection to the Lodge of Alliance has been made. It is hoped for us to reciprocate with a visit to their lodge soon.

Praise should also be given to Bro James Urry of Bordesley Abbey Lodge who did a great job presenting the Working Tools of a Fellowcraft Freemason.

It would be remiss for me not to mention another late stand in (as unfortunately due to illness, our Senior Warden, Bro. Scott Davison was unable to make it), W. Bro Tony Hewitt our IPM who did a great job at short notice.

A great (and late!) night ensued, and the festive board was happy and lively. Although the lodge paid for our guests from Warwickshire, the visitors insisted on putting in the cost of the meal which went to the Charity Steward (more of which later).



From left to right, Bro James Urry, WM Roger Kaye, Bro's Alex Blackman, Heath Samples and Adam Rock.



Our new Fellowcrafts with their Proposer W. Bro Chris Blackman (father of Alex)





The lodge of instruction is back after the summer recess and will take place on Monday 16th September at 6:30pm in the upper temple. We will be going through a first degree ceremony with the officers of 2025. If anyone would like to learn the Working Tools or North East Corner, please let me know as we will have lots of opportunities in 2025, and the lodge of instruction is the place to practice.

October Meeting

1st Degree Ceremony for Mr Daniel Watson of Snainton, who was successfully balloted for at our September meeting after being proposed in August.



Social Events

Coming Up Next!

St Nicholas Lodge No 2586

Gourmet Evening



Thursday 17th October



Picture from the 2023 Restaurant 1909 Social Evening

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



Charity



St Nicholas Lodge Raffle

The raffle raised a superb amount of £229 which will go to Westway Open Arms. This was to add to the funds raised by W. Bro David Birkinshaw who completed a 196 mile charity ride over three days raising funds for Westway open Arms.

Starting in Edinburgh and fishing in Tynemouth, this was a challenging route, particularly the Montrose to Bamburgh route. Well done!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

In addition to the kind some donation of £179 by our visitors from the midlands, the Worshipful Master and Charity Steward agreed to increase this to £229.00 which will go to the Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning which is held each year by Annabel Wallis (wife of W Bro. Jamie Wallis). Thank you!

The coffee morning this year will be held on Saturday 5th October, at 4 Laurel Close, Burniston from 10am -1pm. All are welcome.

Run Louis Run!

Bro. Louis Kille has run the Great North Run this Saturday (8th September) once again raising funds for Andy's Man Club. There is still time to date if you haven't done so already!

Andy's Man Club: Louis's page (enthuse.com)

Chapter



The next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem, Denison Chapter 1248 will take place on 9th October where we will be exalting St Nicholas Lodge member, Bro. Andy Street.

The Provincial Chapter Meeting (annual Convocation) is taking place on Saturday 19th October at 10:30 a.m. at Thirsk Racecourse.

Daily Advancement

Our Founder



Some of the older members will have seen this before, but for our newer members it will be of interest. At our installation meeting you will see a presentation of the founder's jewel, otherwise known as the 'Tindall' jewel and it is quite valuable dating back to 1895.

St Nicholas Lodge was originally founded in 1895, as a temperance Lodge. This was the third lodge in Scarborough after Old Globe Lodge (named after the pub where they first met), Denison Lodge (named after Lord Londesborough) and Leopold Lodge (named after Queen Victoria's 8th child and youngest son, Prince Leopold,).

Temperance was a mass movement at this time and was very closely linked with John Wesley and the Methodist movement. Wesleyan Methodists were very prominent in Scarborough, so the rise of a temperance lodge was not unusual.

The first master of St Nicholas Lodge was George William Tindall. The Tindall's were a well-known surname in Scarborough and once had a shipyard on Sandside, opposite the King Richard III house. Our founder G W Tindall had a successful home furnisher business on Victoria Road, on the corner of, you guessed it, Tindall Street! The building now houses Express Fast-Food Shop....

So, take a look at the honour's board when you are next in the masonic hall and see all those who have been Masters of St Nicholas Lodge before our current Master.



The Worshipful master's Chair.

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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