

The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

October 2024



Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of the St. Nicholas Bugle. Autumn seems to have arrived early this year and the warm jumpers and coats have made an unexpectedly early appearance.

October is always a busy month in the Masonic calendar with the resumption of Royal Arch Chapter and other side orders, however we were delighted to receive 13 visitors from 5 different lodges including a visitor from Grimsby in the Province of Lincolnshire.

An initiation is always a special occasion as we welcome our newest member Daniel Watson, a Company Director of a precision engineering company from Snainton. Bro. Daniel, who conducted himself admirably was given an excellent ceremony led by the Worshipful Master, Roger Kaye. The deacons were excellent (especially the Junior Deacon Bro. Nev Chambers), and the entrusting was given by W. Bro John White which has been the first time he has done this in St Nicholas Lodge for a considerably amount of time!

The Northeast Corner was skilfully delivered by our Inner Guard, Bro Tony Luddon and the Working Tools by the Junior Warden himself (and at short notice it should be noted) by Bro. Alastair Yeomans. The ancient charge was given by W. Bro Jamie Wallis to finish off a great ceremony.

At the festive board the brethren and the visitors enjoyed an enjoyable meal and were in good voice for the entered apprentice song, with the adamant chain explanation given by W. Bro Chris Blackman. A great evening and a very warm welcome to our new made Brother, Bro Daniel Watson.



'Masonic labour is purely a labour of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason'.

Benjamin Franklin



From left to right, WM Roger Kaye, Bro Daniel Watson and Junior Deacon Bro. Nev Chambers



Start of the Adamantine Chain & Entered Apprentice Song



The next lodge of instruction will take place on **Monday 21st October** 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 Northeast Corner, please let me know as we will have lots of opportunities in 2025, and the lodge of instruction is the place to practice and ask questions. It's your opportunity to get involved with the lodge. The dress is informal.

Please note if you are unable to attend, please let W. Bro Jamie Wallis know.

November Meeting

Master Elect evening where we will be electing a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. As per the tradition on the St Nicholas Lodge, the Senior Warden, Bro Scott Davison is proposed to advance to the Chair of King Solomon.



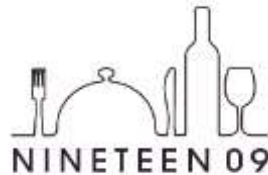
The Worshipful Master's Chair.

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. Please contact our Worshipful Master for more details



Charity



St Nicholas Lodge Raffle

The raffle raised a superb amount of £140.00 of which £120.00 which will go to the Royal British Legion, which is supported every year by the brethren of St Nicholas Lodge, many of whom attend the service of remembrance at Oliver's Mount in November.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A cheque for £350.00 was given to W. Bro Jamie Wallis (which included the kind some donation of £179 by our visitors from the midlands in September), which will go to the Macmillan Cancer Care Coffee Morning which is held each year by Annabel and W Bro. Jamie Wallis).

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



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. All Companions are welcome to attend.

Daily Advancement

Where does a lodges name come from? A look at York

In the April 2023 edition we looked at the origins of the lodge names in Scarborough and how those names evoke the year they were formed (such as Leopold lodge 1760 named after the 8th child of Queen Victoria), but also the place and history. Similar to Leopold lodge the **Albert Victor Lodge 2328** in York is named after the eldest child who later became King Edward VII.



The lodge numbers determine the age of the lodge with the lowest number been amongst the oldest. Instead of a handshake you may be asked by someone trying to determine if you are a Mason, by the enquiry 'How old is your Mother, or sometimes Grandmother' to which you reply with your lodge number and then the handshake.

The lodge names in York are a tapestry of the City's rich heritage. There are three lodge buildings in the centre of York, Castlegate, St Saviourgate and Duncombe Place (with stunning views of York Minster). Freemasonry in York has a long and pivotal role in the history of Freemasonry and was once the home of the Grand Lodge of All England having quit the Grand Lodge of England.

Amongst the foremost of the York Masons was the antiquarian and surgeon Francis Drake after whom the **Francis Drake Lodge 7825** is named (meeting in Castlegate). Interestingly it was Francis Drake who characterised Freemasonry in a speech as Junior Warden with the attributes of 'Brotherly love, relief and truth'. He also wrote a history of York entitled 'Eboracum' which was the Roman name for York which is also a lodge name in York, **Eboracum Lodge 1611**.

The roman connection continues with the **Agricola Lodge 1911** named after Gnaeus Julius Agricola the Roman general responsible for much of the conquest of Britain

During the dark ages that followed the Roman withdrawal from Britain, and during the time of the Viking invasions was a man called Alcuin. He was a venerated scholar, clergyman, poet and teacher from York who was born in 735 when York was part of Northumbria (north of the Humber). He was also a close friend and counsellor of Charlemagne and travelled around Europe. He is now honoured by the Church of England and venerated a saint by Eastern Orthodox Christians. He is also remembered by the **Alcuin Lodge 6300**.



The Interior of St Saviourgate, York

One of the newer lodges in York, **Mitre Lodge 7321** followed the trend in the post war years of forming schools lodges for Masters and former pupils. Mitre was formed by the Headmaster of Archbishop Holgate's Grammar School in 1954. Another example of this is the **Old Peterite Lodge 6412** for Masters and former pupils of St Peters School in York.

These are just a few of the Lodges in York, but is worthy of note that **York Lodge 236**, is one of the oldest lodges in our Province and the oldest in York having been founded in 1777.

The latest lodge, Invictus 9960, is a Masonic Lodge for current and past HM Forces.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition, if you have anything that you would like to include, please let me know!

Yours fraternally

Jamie Wallis

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