



## **The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle**

**January**

**2025**  
**Happy new year**

Happy New Year Brethren!

Welcome to the first 2025 edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle and behalf of our new Worshipful Master, Scott Lewis Davison may we wish you a very happy and healthy new year. We hope you are keeping warm and well during this cold snap.

Our first meeting of the year is always near to New Years Day and this year was no exception – It was on New Years Day! As the day fell on a Bank Holiday, the meeting was moved to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

We were delighted to welcome Bro Dan Henley from the Provincial Learning and Development Team who gave us an interesting presentation on the origins of modern Freemasonry. The lodge was very grateful for an informative and interesting presentation.

The ceremony was attended by 9 visitors from 3 lodges and as always they were warmly welcomed and received. We were also delighted to propose a new candidate for initiation.





### **Lodge and Social Committee**

The lodge and social committee will be meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30 at **The Masonic Hall**. The committee is open to **all** members and is your chance to get involved in the running of the lodge.

### **Lodge of Instruction**

The next lodge of instruction will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6:30pm in the upper temple. Officers will remain as they currently are and we will be going through a first degree ceremony. Please let W. Bro Jamie Wallis know if you are unable to attend.

- **February**

In February we aim to raise Bro. Alex Blackman

- **March**

Third Degree for Bro. Heath Samples

- **April**

First Degree Ceremony

### **Charity**



### **Lodge Raffle**

The Festive Board raffle proceeds went to Westway Open Arms in Eastfield which raised £99.00 with Bro. Alex Blackman being the lucky winner of a bottle of Laphroaig Whisky. The Charity Steward also received a letter of thanks from Westway Open Arms for a donation of £465.00 which was raised at Ladies Night last November.



Bro. Andy Street has regular Thai evenings at Sands Farm, Wilton. At every evening he raffles off Teddy Bears for the TLC (Teddies for Loving Care) appeal. At the Christmas event, he and his wife Julie put on, he raised the sum of £215.00 for this important Masonic Charity.

Since its inception in 2001 the scheme has distributed over 3.5 Million teddies to hospitals throughout England and Wales. This scheme is a way of providing much-needed comfort to children in A&E departments, helping to reduce the shock and distress of their experience. Every child that receives a teddy gets to take it home.



## Chapter



The next meeting Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem (Or just Chapter), Denison Chapter 1248 will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

The Royal Arch together with Craft Freemasonry constitute 'Pure Antient Masonry'. By joining the Royal Arch after becoming a Master Mason, completes a Freemason's journey and this has been taking place for almost 300 years.

### [Royal Arch Masonry](#)

Should you would like to know more and are interested in joining chapter, an essential part of your masonic journey, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.



The Rulers of Provincial Grand Chapter Yorkshire North & East Ridings

#### Daily Advancement

#### Solomon



The presentation given so eloquently by Bro Dan Henley was taken from the Solomon online learning and development programme from United Grand Lodge and it is designed to enhance your Masonic journey.

Brethren, new and existing are strongly encouraged to use this free online tool from United Grand Lodge, called Solomon. It's a **free** tool and enables you to learn more about this fascinating craft, with nuggets and modules, and you can customise what you can view as you progress through the degrees to Chapter.

It's a great addition to your masonic journey, and enables you to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge and your time in Masonry more enjoyable. It is highly recommended.

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For each completed module you receive a certificate and on completion of all four modules you will receive the Solomon Diploma. This initiative started in our Province and it has now been rolled out throughout the other Provinces, which is testament to the forward thinking of our own Province.

In February 22 Solomon Diplomas will be presented at Nether Poppleton by the PGM. It would be great to get some of the brethren from St Nicholas presented with a Diploma on a future occasion!

You can view the different degrees and learn more about the ceremonies you have been through. Try using these QR codes for quick access.



Yours fraternally

Jamie Wallis - Editor