



## **The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle**

**May 2025**



**Hawthorn – one of the birth flowers of May**

Welcome to the May edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle, and for once this edition finds us in a continued and welcome period of sunny weather. Pictured above is the Hawthorn flower which is in abundance at the moment and its appearance usually is a sign of Spring transitioning to Summer – although we could be forgiven for thinking it is here already!

Our May meeting saw the passing of Bro. Daniel Watson (who joined in October 2024) who was treated to an excellent ceremony despite the number of lastminute stand in's. Thanks to W. Bro Roger Kaye as Senior Deacon, W. Bro. Tony Hewitt as Inner Guard, W. Bro John White as Junior Warden and W. Bro Jimmy Morrison as Tyler.

We were also delighted to welcome a joining member, Bro Ian Brownbridge, who following a successful ballot, was admitted in to the lodge. We hope Bro. Brownbridge has many enjoyable years in the St Nicholas Lodge.

We were pleased to be visited by 12 visitors from 6 lodges. Amongst the visitors we were also honoured by the presence of W. Bro Martin Eggermont, the Assistant Provincial Grand Master who was visiting in a private capacity. Praise to our Worshipful Master, Scott Davison who was excellent.

The entrusting was delivered by W. Cedric Thornton and the South East Corner by W. Bro John White. The working tools were presented by Bro. Alex Blackman who was excellent. Well done all!

The festive board was lively as always and the excellent response from the visitors was given by W. Bro Mickey Ward, Worshipful Master of the Old Globe Lodge no. 200.



From left: W. Bro Cedric Thornton, W. Bro Roger Kaye (Acting SD), Bro Daniel Watson, W. Bro Scott Davison (WM), W. Bro John White (Acting JW, Bro Ian Brownbridge, Bro Alex Blackman, Bro Tony Luddon)



The Perfect or smooth ashlar



### **Lodge of Instruction**

The next Lodge of Instruction will be held Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00pm in the upper temple. We will be going through a partial first-degree ceremony with the officers of 2026 ; all officers and brethren are welcome.

This is your opportunity to learn more about our ceremonies. Please let the Assistant Director of Ceremonies W. Bro Tony Hewitt know if you are unable to attend.

Brethren can meet in Scholars bar from 6:15 pm to enjoy some social time before we practice and learn.

- June

Presentation by The Cornerstone Circle on the Provincial Festival 2029

- July

Second Degree for Bro. Graeme Needham

### **Charity**



### **Lodge Raffle**

The Festive Board raffle proceeds went towards the House Committee (which all the Scarborough Lodges are doing) which raised £122.00.

Next month there will be a presentation on the Festival 2029 which is supporting the Masonic Benevolent Fund (MCF). We will hear more about the work the MCF does and how important it is that we do our utmost to support this Festival.





## Chapter



The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem (Or just Chapter), Denison Chapter 1248 is now in recess and our next meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

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. Learn more about this important degree, which can only be joined after becoming a Master Mason. [Royal Arch Masonry](#)

Should you 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.

## Social Events

### Scarborough Social Afternoon – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

A great afternoon was had by some of the St Nicholas brethren who had an afternoon 'cultural' tour around Scarborough on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April. Cultural highlights included the Stumble Inn, Craft, and Scholars Bar. It was a great way for the brethren to socialise and the day was blessed with good weather and good company. We were also joined by Bro. Martin Atterbury's son Paul who we were delighted to meet and welcome.



2025 cultural tour



2025 social afternoon.

#### Daily Advancement



### Masonic Charitable Foundation

The Province of Yorkshire North & East Ridings (PYNER) Festival 2029 is now in to its first year and all of us are encouraged to raise funds for this important festival. The Festival 2029 has chosen to support the grants and services provided by the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) as the next beneficiary. Many of the readers will be experiencing their first festival so in advance of next months meeting, let's find out a bit more.

#### What is the Festival?

The 2029 festival is a province wide five year fund raising festival that occurs every five years. Previous festivals have raised funds for Prostate Cancer Research and funds for the Masonic School for Girls and Boys and raises in excess of £1million over the five year period. The 2029 recipient is the MCF.

#### What is the MCF?

Charity is one of the core principals of Freemasonry, with the first charity committee formed in 1725. The MCF was created in 2016 by bringing together four separate charities ran by United Grand Lodge in London: -

The Freemasons Grand Charity, The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, The Masonic Samaritan Fund and The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

### **Who do they Support?**

This is our charity and one we are rightly proud of as it also looks after us. The foundation provides support to Freemasons and their families who have a financial, health, education or care need - In 2022 – 2023 in our province, 114 freemasons and family members were helped with grants.

The MCF also provides grants for local and national charities and in each year around 500 charities are supported with grants totalling more than £5.5 million. In our province alone £106,600 was given to charities in 2022 – 2023.

The foundation also provides a relief chest scheme to enable individuals or lodges to manage donations, such as regular direct debits. For example you can set up a regular monthly direct debit of £10.00 per month for 60 months that would go towards the PYNER Festival 2029. In return for your support and generosity, you will become a festival steward and receive a special festival jewel which can be worn at regular lodge meetings. You can also purchase a special festival tie.

[Home \(ynerfestival29.org.uk\)](http://ynerfestival29.org.uk)

[Home page - The Masonic Charitable Foundation \(mcf.org.uk\)](http://mcf.org.uk)



The MCF also works with other partners who work to improve the lives of Freemasons such as: -

- RMBI Care Co – a wholly owned subsidiary of MCT providing residential and nursing care for Freemasons and their families.
- TLC – Teddies for Loving Care – providing comfort to children in A & E Departments
- Lifelites – Helping children with life limiting and life-threatening conditions.

I hope you have enjoyed this edition of the Bugle and I hope you continue to enjoy this prolonged dry spell of sunny weather.

Yours fraternally

Jamie Wallis - Editor