



The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

September 2025



The Aster and Morning Glory – birth flowers of September

Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the September edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle. This summer certainly has been a notably good one for warm and dry weather however with the recent North York Moors fires and effects on harvests, shows us the winners and losers of our climate. September is a month to enjoy autumn flowers, and the Aster and Morning Glory are this month's birth flowers. Like Masonry these flowers have meaning, and in this instance Morning Glory, known for its rapid growth and quick blooming represents love, affection and longing. Indeed. The Aster represents wisdom, faith and innocence and were also used to ward off evil spirits and negative energy. Just like a lodge meeting then!

As we move into September it not only marks the end of Summer but the beginning of Autumn, as it that transitional month that eases us back into the regular rhythm of our lives, including Freemasonry.

An initiation is always a special occasion, and we were delighted to initiate into the lodge, Bro. Graeme Cooper who was proposed by Bro. Heath Samples and seconded by Bro. Alex Blackman. A big welcome to Bro. Graeme and we hope you have any happy years in St. Nicholas Lodge

The ceremony was one to be proud of, led by our Worshipful Master, Scott Davison. The candidate was conducted around with confidence by Bro. Tony Luddon and was given excellent set pieces by Bro Alex Blackman with the Northeast Corner, Bro. Heath Samples with the working tools, and Bro. Adam Rock from the Lodge of Alliance 5811 delivering the ancient charge. Well done to all, and truly a team effort!

Joining us in what is becoming a regular exchange, were brethren from the Lodge of Alliance 5811, in the Province of Warwickshire. Indeed, the lodge was blessed with a magnificent 27 visitors from 4 lodges, including those from our sister lodges.

A great (and late!) night ensued, and the festive board was happy and lively. The adamantine chain explanation was given by Bro Alex Blackman, ably taking on the mantle from his father W. Bro. Chris Blackman. Although the lodge paid for our guests from Warwickshire, the visitors very generously insisted on putting in the cost of the meal which went to the Charity Steward (more of which later).



From left: Bro Heath Samples, Bro Graeme Cooper, W. Bro Scott Davison (WM), Bro Alex Blackman, and Bro Tony Luddon (JD)



Our visitors from Lodge of Alliance 5811 who meet in Knowle near Solihull.





The lodge of instruction is back after the summer recess! and will take place on Monday 15th September at 6:30pm in the upper temple. We will be going through a second degree ceremony with the officers of 2025. If anyone would like to learn the Second Degree Working Tools or South East Corner, please let myself or ADC Tony Hewitt know as we will have lots of opportunities in 2025, and the lodge of instruction is the place to practice and learn more about what we do in an informal setting.

Next Lodge Meetings

October Meeting – 1st October

3rd Degree Ceremony for Bro. Daniel Watson, who was passed successfully balloted for at our September meeting after being proposed in August.

November Meeting – 5th November

Master Elect

December Meeting – 3rd December

Installation

Lodge Committee Meeting

The next lodge committee meeting will be held on Monday 8th September at 6:30pm at the Masonic Hall. This is open to all lodge members and is your chance to get involved.

Social Events

Malton Social Afternoon – An afternoon around Malton enjoying a curated beer tour by Bro. Martin Atterbury. Date TBC

Installation Social Afternoon – 4th December – Save the date!

Our annual lunch and social afternoon around Scarborough to celebrate the installation of the new Worshipful Master, Alastair Yeomans and the officers of 2016.

York Masonic Tour

Four St Nicholas brethren attended the 4th annual York Masonic tour on Saturday 23rd August. The brethren joined around 30 others from around the province and beyond and included various places of masonic interest around York, including tours of Castlegate House, Mansion House and Duncombe Place Masonic Hall. A few beers around the city town followed the tour....



Charity



St Nicholas Lodge Raffle

The raffle raised a superb amount of £258 which was fantastic! The visiting brethren from the Lodge of Alliance very generously contributed the costs of their meals to go towards our charitable causes which raised the full amount to a brilliant **£468!!**

Half of the funds will go to Macmillan Cancer Care and the annual fundraising efforts by Annabel and Jamie Wallis and their annual coffee morning. The annual coffee morning this year will be held on Saturday 27th September, at 4 Laurel Close, Burniston from 10am -1pm. All are welcome.



The other half will go to the Fire Fighters Charity in recognition of the hard and dangerous work put in by Fire Fighting crews from around the country who have been tackling the very serious fires on the North York Moors which have scorched an estimated 2,000 acres of moorland. Flare ups continue and this donation is in recognition of the hard work put in by them, as well as landowners and farmers.



[Fire Fighters Charity - We provide life-long care and support for the UK's fire family](https://www.firefighterscharity.co.uk/)

Chapter



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

The Royal Arch together with Craft Freemasonry constitute 'Pure Antient Masonry'. Joining the Royal Arch after becoming a Master Mason is an integral part of your Masonic journey that has been taking place for almost 300 years.

Learn more about this important and fabulous 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, which is an essential part of your masonic journey, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.

Daily Advancement

British Freemasons that shaped the world

There are many famous men who have joined Freemasonry, and there are some who had a profound impact on the world. In this article we shine a light on the remarkable British Freemasons whose lives and legacies reflect the values we hold dear — **integrity, friendship, respect and service**.

These men were not great because they were Freemasons. But in Freemasonry, they found a moral compass, a community, and a tradition that helped guide their greatness.

Let us begin with **Sir Winston Churchill**, initiated into Studholme Lodge No. 1591 in 1901. Though his Masonic activity was brief, the values of perseverance, unity, and moral courage that define our Craft were deeply woven into his leadership during Britain's darkest hours.

King George VI, initiated in 1919, served as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England from 1936 to 1951. His quiet strength and sense of duty during wartime Britain reflected the Masonic virtues of resilience and honour.

William Pitt the Younger, Britain's youngest Prime Minister, was also a Freemason. His reforms and leadership during turbulent times were grounded in a belief in civic responsibility — a cornerstone of Masonic philosophy.



Sir Winston Churchill



William Hogarth's 'Gin Lane'



Lord Kitchener's Famous Poster

William Hogarth, the satirical painter and engraver, was initiated into Horn Lodge No. 91 in Covent Garden in 1712. His work often included Masonic symbolism, and his art challenged hypocrisy and championed moral clarity — themes close to the heart of Freemasonry.

Alexander Pope, one of Britain's greatest poets, was associated with Masonic circles and shared their Enlightenment ideals. His verse, like our ritual, sought to elevate the mind and refine the soul.

Lord Kitchener, the iconic military leader whose face launched a thousand recruitment posters, was a committed Freemason. His belief in duty and discipline echoed the Craft's emphasis on self-mastery and service.

The Duke of Wellington, victor at Waterloo, was also a Mason. His strategic brilliance was matched by a lifelong commitment to honour and public service.

The Duke of Sussex, Prince Augustus Frederick, served as Grand Master from 1813 to 1843. He was instrumental in unifying English Freemasonry and modernising its structure — a legacy that still shapes our lodges today.

Sir Edward Jenner, the pioneer of vaccination, Jenner's discovery of the smallpox vaccine saved millions of lives and laid the foundation for modern immunology. A member of Royal Berkeley Lodge of Faith and Friendship No. 449, Jenner exemplified the Masonic principle of relieving human suffering through knowledge.

Erasmus Darwin, Physician, botanist, and poet — and grandfather to Charles Darwin — Erasmus was a visionary who speculated on evolution and the existence of DNA long before it was understood. A member of St. David's Lodge No. 36, Edinburgh, he blended science and philosophy in true Masonic spirit.

James Watt, the engineer whose improvements to the steam engine powered the Industrial Revolution. Initiated into The Glasgow Royal Arch Lodge in 1763, Watt's legacy is not just mechanical, it's transformational. His name lives on in the unit of power: the watt.

Sir Alexander Fleming the discoverer of penicillin, Fleming revolutionized medicine and saved countless lives. He was initiated into Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682 in London in 1909. His work reminds us that sometimes, the greatest breakthroughs come from quiet observation — and a prepared mind.



Sir Alexander Fleming



William Pitt the Younger



Sir Edward Victor Appleton

Sir Edward Victor Appleton, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist, Appleton's research on the ionosphere paved the way for radar and global communications. He was a member of Isaac Newton Lodge No. 859, Cambridge — fitting, for a man whose work reached the skies.

Dr. John Theophilus Desaguliers, a physicist and clergyman, Desaguliers was a key figure in the development of Newtonian physics and served as Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of England. He popularised scientific lectures and was instrumental in shaping the philosophical foundations of modern Freemasonry.

Sir Christopher Wren, architect, astronomer, and mathematician. He was a founding member of the Royal Society and the mastermind behind St Paul's Cathedral. He was closely associated with early speculative Freemasonry and helped bridge the worlds of science, architecture, and symbolism.

These men came from different walks of life — royalty, politics, science, art, and military — but they were united by a shared commitment to truth, knowledge, enlightenment, tolerance, and fraternity. Their Masonic journey was not a footnote to their fame; it was a foundation for their character.

As we reflect on their lives, let us remember: Freemasonry is not about status. It is about substance. It asks not what you have, but who you are — and who you strive to become.

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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