



The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

December 2025



Holly and Narcissus – birth flowers of December

Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the December edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle. It must be near Christmas when Holly is one of the flowers of December. Holly naturally represents the festive celebrations, and the narcissus symbolises hope and renewal after the winter season. I hope you have enjoyed reading about the birth flowers over this year – I better think of something for next year!

December is our installation meeting and the festival of St John the Evangelist. We were delighted to be joined by the representative of the Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Tony Randle who was accompanied by his DC, W. Bro. Steve Waudby.

It was a great pleasure for the St Nicholas brethren to install Bro. Alastair Yeomans into the chair of King Solomon. This was done by our now immediate Past Master, Scott Davison who conducted a fantastic ceremony that was a credit to him, and an example to the incoming master and the St Nicholas brethren. It naturally follows that W. Bro. Davison will now take on the role of Lodge Mentor!

The ceremony was joined by 24 visitors from 11 different lodges. Our new master was treated to some excellent ritual including the presentation of the third-degree working tools by Bro. Nev Chambers, the second degree by Bro. Graeme Needham and the first degree by Bro. Heath Samples. The addresses were delivered by W. Bro. Tony Scott of the Old Globe Lodge, W. Bro Tom Tomlinson of Denison Lodge and W. Bro. Howard Newton of Leopold Lodge. Thank you to them all!

It was a special evening particularly as we proposed four new candidates and two joining members, so the year looks like it is going to be a busy one for our new Worshipful Master and his team!

Two Solomon Diploma's were also presented to two St Nicholas brethren who have completed all four modules of the Solomon courses (welcome Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and Companion). These were presented by W. Bro Nigel Lemmy to W. Bro Jamie Wallis and Bro. James Hayward.



Solomon Diplomas being presented to W. Bro Jamie Wallis and Bro James Hayward

The Festival of ST John the Evangelist was very enjoyable with Christmas Carols (including a boisterous Twelve Days of Christmas!) with the Masters song sung with gusto by Bro. Dan Henley of the Leopold Lodge. The Masters song is always a touching moment when you enter the chair and one that is special and that you always remember.

All in all, we are looking forward to an exciting 2026!



The team of 2026



The WM with his Wardens, Representative of the RWPGM Tony Randle and W. Bro Steve Wardby.



The next lodge of instruction will take place in the New Year on Monday 19th January at 7:00pm in the upper temple. We will be going through a first-degree ceremony (we are going to need the practice with all these firsts coming up!).

If anyone would like to learn the First-Degree Working Tools, Entrusting or Northeast Corner, please let myself or ADC Tony Hewitt know as you will have an opportunity to do this in January 2026!

The lodge of instruction is the place for new and recent members to practice and learn more about what we do in an informal setting and whether you have anything to do or not, this is the opportunity to learn more.

Next Lodge Meetings

January Meeting – 7th January 2026

- First Degree Initiation - Andy McKenzie

February Meeting – 4th February 2026

- Third Degree Ceremony – Graeme Needham

March Meeting – 4th March 2026

- First Degree Initiation - Alex Armstrong

Social Events

St Nicholas Lodge No 2586

Winter Gourmet Evening
Thursday 20th November



- This event unfortunately had to be postponed until the new year due to adverse weather conditions. Date TBC.

Installation Social Afternoon – 4th December

Our annual lunch and social afternoon around Scarborough to celebrate the installation of the new Worshipful Master, Alastair Yeomans and the officers of 2026. We were delighted with such a large turnout and an enjoyable and somewhat tipsy afternoon was had by all!





Charity



St Nicholas Lodge Raffle

A raffle proceeds were on this occasion going toward the Festival 2029, which raised a super £230.00, and the lucky recipient of the Whisky was Bro Alex Blackman, which didn't last too long that night...



Chapter



The Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Jerusalem (Or just Chapter), Denison Chapter 1248 next meeting, which is the installation is on **Wednesday 10th December**.

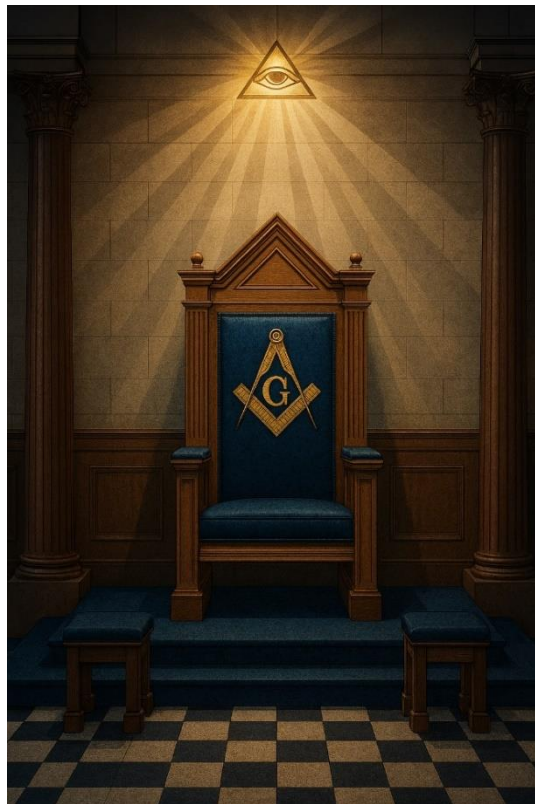
The meeting will see a number of St Nicholas Brethren advancing through the principal's chairs, including W. Bro Roger Kaye and W. Bro Alastair Yeomans.

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, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.

Daily Advancement - King Solomons Chair

During the recent installation ceremony there were many references to being installed into King Solomons Chair, in to which Bro Alastair Yeomans now sits, but what is the symbolism of the chair?



Symbolism of King Solomon's Chair

- Authority of the Master The chair is the symbolic throne of the Worshipful Master. Just as King Solomon presided over the building of the Temple, the Master presides over the work of the Lodge. Sitting in the chair signifies the entrusted authority to govern, guide, and maintain harmony among the brethren.
- Wisdom and Judgment - King Solomon is remembered for his wisdom and fair judgment. The chair reminds the Master to exercise discernment, fairness, and moral integrity in all decisions, reflecting Solomon's legendary ability to balance justice with compassion.
- Continuity of Tradition - The chair connects modern speculative Freemasonry with its biblical and legendary roots. It symbolises the continuity of leadership from Solomon's Temple to today's lodges, reinforcing the idea that Masonic work is part of a timeless tradition.
- Responsibility and Service - Occupying the chair is not about privilege but duty. The Master must serve the Lodge, uphold its values, and ensure that the lessons of Freemasonry are taught and practiced. The symbolism reminds members that leadership is a burden carried for the benefit of others.

Broader Context

- In England, the Master's seat is often referred to as the *throne*, emphasising its regal symbolism.
- The Grand Master's seat in a Grand Lodge is also sometimes called the Chair of Solomon, extending the symbolism of wisdom and authority to the highest level of Masonic governance.
- The chair ties into the larger allegory of King Solomon's Temple, which serves as the central symbolic framework for Masonic ritual and teaching.

In summary, King Solomon's Chair in Freemasonry is a powerful emblem of leadership, wisdom, and responsibility. It reminds the Master that he symbolically occupies Solomon's place — guiding the Craft with fairness, integrity, and dedication to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.



The Worshipful Masters Chair in Scarborough Masonic Hall

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

In the meantime, may we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.



Yours fraternally

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