The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

November 2025



Chrysanthemum and Peony – birth flowers of November

Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the November edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle. Autumn is now in full swing with leaves falling and wet weather to suit. Following on from our yearly flower theme, this month the two flowers are the Chrysanthemum and Peony.

The Chrysanthemum meaning represents friendship, honesty and loyalty, a flower so Masonic it could well be the flowers symbol of our fraternity! Bringing the flower into your home is meant to bring joy and good luck.

The Peony is celebrated for its opulence and romance, and they are also linked to prosperity and compassion.

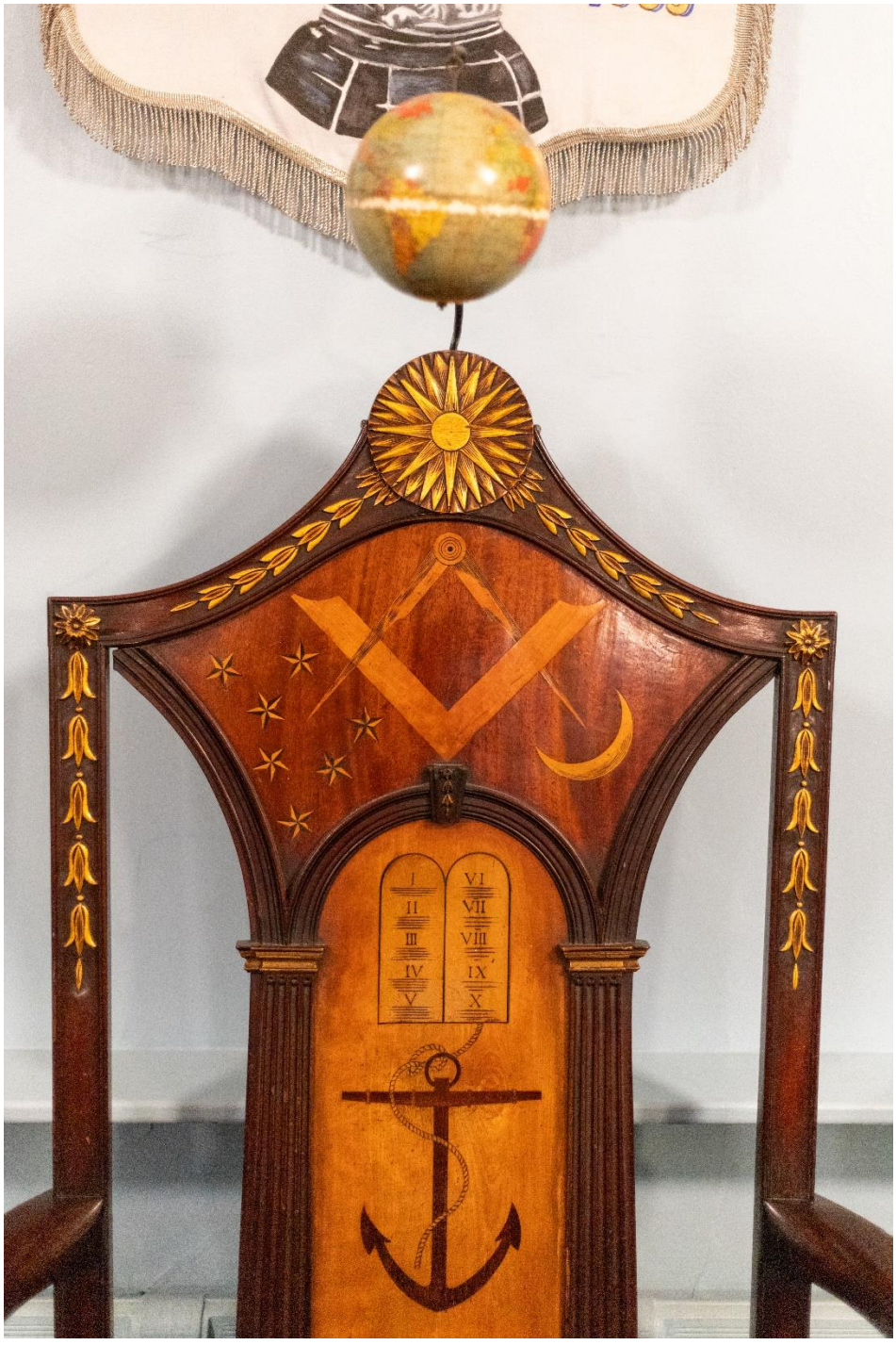
As we head to our December installation meeting our November meeting is often referred to our business meeting when we elect our Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Alastair Yeomans was delighted to be elected as Master Elect and W. Bro Roger Kaye was elected Treasurer.

Thanks were extended on behalf of the lodge to W. Bro Peter Hemmingham who has dutifully carried out the role of lodge treasurer for an amazing 18 years. W. Bro. Roger Kaye has some big shoes to fill, but we feel sure he will fulfil the role admirably.

The meeting was a short one as the lodge had invited two potential candidates, invited by our membership officer James Hayward, to join the brethren at the festive board. They were given a tour

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of the building, asking questions and enjoyed the company of the brethren. We are delighted that they have both subsequently decided to join! Great news and hopefully this will be a great start for the Master Elect and his team of 2026.



Soon to be occupied by Bro. Alastair Yeomans…….

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The next lodge of instruction will take place on Monday 17th November at 7:00pm in the upper temple. We will be going through a first-degree ceremony with the officers of 2026. Anyone wishing to practice their working tools for installation will also have an opportunity to practice.

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

The lodge of instruction is the place 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

December Meeting – 3rd December

Installation

January Meeting – 7th January 2026

First Degree Initiation - Andy McKenzie

February Meeting – 4th February 2026

Third Degree Ceremony – Graeme Needham

Lodge Committee Meeting

The next lodge committee meeting was due to be held in 2026 on a date to be confirmed by the new Worshipful Master.

Social Events

Malton Social Afternoon – An enjoyable afternoon was had by some of the St Nicholas Brethren on Saturday 11th October. The brethren enjoyed a curated craft beer tour by Bro. Martin Atterbury visiting several local establishments. Unfortunately, the food market was cancelled, but the brethren made up for it by spreading the love around Malton.

A big thank you to Bro. Martin for arranging reserved tables and organising the day!



From left, Bro's Alastair Yeomans, Alex Blackman, Jamie Wallis, Martin Atterbury, John McCormack and Daniel Watson.



St Nicholas Lodge No 2586

Winter Gourmet Evening

Thursday 20th November

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The Worshipful Master and his wife invite you to join them for a gourmet evening in celebration of W. Bro Scott Davison's year in office. Enjoy delicious food from the chefs of tomorrow together with the company of friends. Tickets are still available at £32.00 each and are available from W. Bro Scott Davison

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 2026.



The brethren from the Social Afternoon in 2024

Charity



St Nicholas Lodge Raffle

The raffle raised a great amount of £125 which will go to The Barnardo's Christmas Appeal.

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Chapter

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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 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, which is an essential part of your masonic journey, please contact our Chapter representative, W. Bro John White.

Daily Advancement

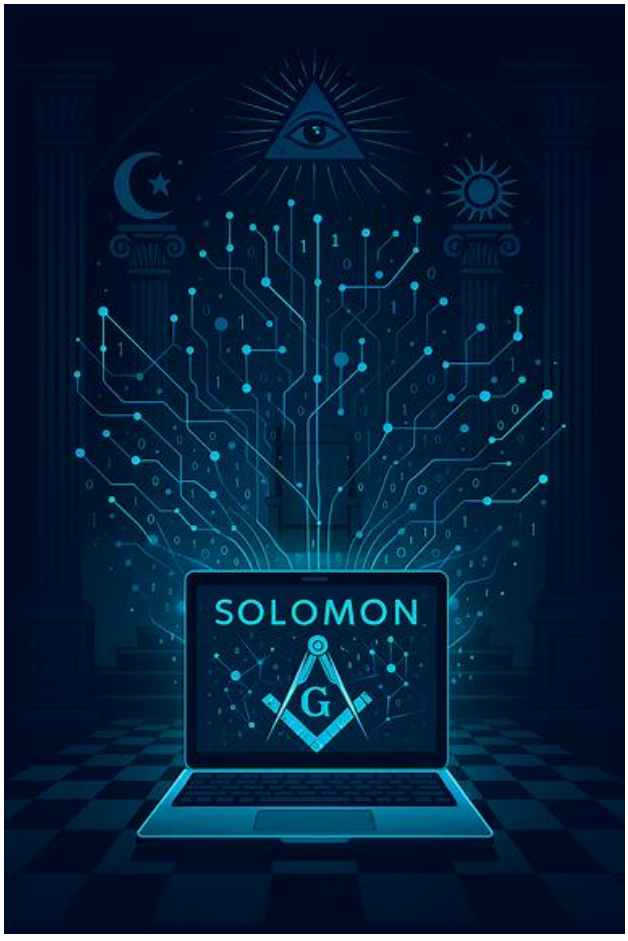
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Solomon is the United Grand Lodge of England's (UGLE) official online learning platform, designed to help Freemasons deepen their understanding of the Craft through accessible, structured resources.

It offers articles, videos, quizzes, and interactive modules that guide members at every stage of their Masonic journey. In a world where knowledge is increasingly digital, Solomon provides Freemasons with a modern way to explore the timeless lessons of our Craft.

What is Solomon?

Solomon is a virtual learning platform created by UGLE to support Masonic education. It is available to all members, and even to non-Masons who are curious, requiring only an email address to register. The platform is structured into modules that cover the symbolism, history, and philosophy of Freemasonry, tailored to each degree.



How Does It Work?

- Modules and Nuggets: Each module contains short “nuggets” — bite-sized lessons, papers, or videos that explain specific aspects of ritual or symbolism.
- Interactive Learning: Quizzes and webinars encourage reflection and discussion.
- Certificates: Completion of modules can earn certificates, giving brethren a sense of progress and achievement.
- Diploma: On completion of all four modules a Diploma will be issued by the Lodge Mentor.
- Accessibility: You can learn at your own pace, from home, or even use the material in lodge meetings.

Themes of Solomon the platform is built around three guiding themes:

- Seek & Learn – for personal study and reflection.
- Share & Encourage – resources designed for lodge mentors and presenters.
- Support & Promote – material to help lodges integrate learning into their meetings.

Why Is It Important?

Freemasonry is a journey of self-discovery. Ritual gives us the framework, but understanding comes from study and contemplation. Solomon ensures that brethren can access trusted, well-researched material that enhances their appreciation of the Craft. It also helps lodges strengthen their educational role, making meetings more engaging and meaningful.

Freemasonry is not static. It is a living tradition, passed from generation to generation. But understanding its deeper meanings requires study, contemplation, and discussion. To register please use the link below: -

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Solomon empowers us to:

- Make our meetings more meaningful
- Support new brethren with structured learning
- Foster curiosity and lifelong learning
- Strengthen the bonds of fellowship through shared exploration

In a world where information is abundant, but wisdom is rare, Solomon helps us focus on what truly matters — the moral and philosophical teachings of our Craft.

In many ways, Solomon is the digital embodiment of our Masonic principles: it encourages curiosity, fosters fellowship through shared learning, and supports the pursuit of truth. Whether you are an Entered Apprentice seeking to understand your initiation, a Fellowcraft reflecting on the lessons of the second degree, or a Master Mason exploring the deeper mysteries, Solomon is there to guide you.



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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