



The St Nicholas Lodge Bugle

October 2025



The Marigold and Cosmos – birth flowers of October

Dear Brethren,

Welcome to the October edition of the St Nicholas Lodge Bugle. Autumn has now truly and officially arrived however the garden still has some colour left to give. October is a month to still enjoy autumn flowers, and flowers associated with October are the Marigold and Cosmos. The Marigold with its warm golden colour has deep connections with Autumn.

Marigolds are often associated with positive energy, the sun, warmth and creativity. Marigolds are used in rituals around the world particularly in Mexico where they are used in the Day of the Dead festivals symbolising remembrance of passed loved ones and the fragility of life.

Cosmos reminds us of harmony thanks to its perfectly balanced petals – indeed the in Greek, Cosmos is the word for harmony and order, something we clearly need these days.

As we head to our December installation meeting our October meeting was the last regular meeting before our master elect in November. Our Worshipful Master, who has had a full year of rituals - which he has conducted admirably, stepped up to a final challenge of a third degree.

The lucky candidate was Bro. Daniel Watson who joined us one year ago in October 2024. He did an excellent job answering the third-degree questions and Bro. Dan was treated to an excellent ceremony.

Standing in for our Senior Deacon, Bro. Alex Blackman conducted him around the lodge brilliantly and he gave our current Senior Deacon a run for his money!

The raising and entrusting were delivered with precision by W. Bro John White setting the standard for an excellent traditional history by W. Bro Mickey Ward, the Worshipful Master of Old Globe Lodge No.200. Congratulations to Bro Daniel Watson on becoming a Master Mason!

Despite several brethren being absent the evening was very enjoyable and was supported by 10 visitors from 5 different lodges. Many thanks to the stand ins who were as follows: -

Tyler – W. Bro Geoff Dove

Inner Guard – W. Bro. Tony Hewitt

Senior Deacon – Bro. Alex Blackman

Junior Warden – W. Bro Cedric Thornton



From left: Bro. Daniel Watson and W. Bro Scott Davison (WM),



The next lodge of instruction will take place on Monday 20th October at 6:30pm in the upper temple. We will be going through a first-degree ceremony with the officers of 2025. 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 will have lots of opportunities in 2026, and the lodge of instruction is the place to practice and learn more about what we do in an informal setting.

Next Lodge Meetings

November Meeting – 5th November

Master Elect

December Meeting – 3rd December

Installation

Lodge Committee Meeting

The next lodge committee meeting was due to be held on Monday 8th September at 6:30pm at the Masonic Hall. This will now be postponed due to this date clashing with a house committee meeting. A revised date will be notified to the brethren in due course.

Social Events

Malton Social Afternoon – An afternoon around Malton enjoying a curated beer tour by Bro. Martin Atterbury – Saturday 11th October. We will be departing Scarborough Train Station at 11:54 and meeting at the Brass Castle Taphouse in Malton at 12:30.



Brass Castle Brewery - Malton

St Nicholas Lodge No 2586

Winter Gourmet Evening

Thursday 20th November



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 chef's of tomorrow together with the company of friends. Tickets are £32.00 each and are available from W. Bro Roger Kaye.

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.

Charity



St Nicholas Lodge Raffle

The raffle raised a great amount of £122 which will go to our annual contribution towards the Royal British Legion. This year is the 80th anniversary on the end of the Second World War and it remains important to us and the lodge to continue remembering those that have served and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



Letters of thanks have been received from the Fire Fighters Charity in recognition of our contribution of £234.00 as well as from Mrs Annabel Wallis for the contribution of £234.00 towards her coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care.

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.

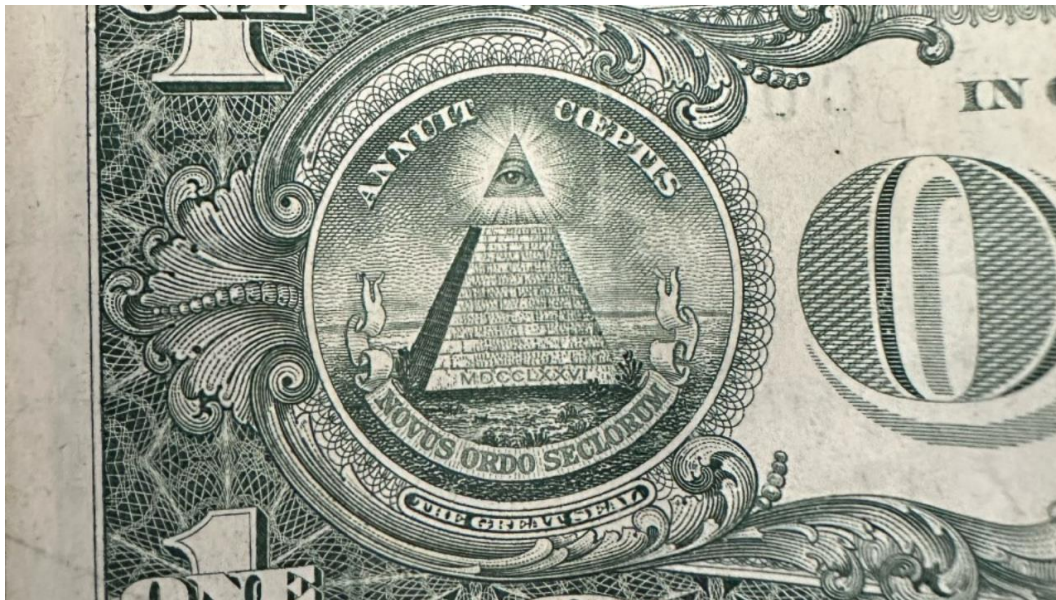
Learn more about this important and fabulous degree, which can only be joined after becoming a Master Mason. [Royal Arch Masonry](#)

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

The All-Seeing Eye & The US Dollar

It is well known that many of the founding fathers of the United States of America were Freemasons, including the first President George Washington. Freemasonry it offered a network of trust, shared values, and philosophical grounding during the revolutionary era. It necessarily followed that as institution and traditions were based on Masonic Rituals and Symbolism. The US \$1 note is one that has always been feed for conspiracy theories and Dan Brown novels, however the truth is much simpler.



In 1776 The Continental Congress appointed a committee (which included prominent Freemason Benjamin Franklin) to design a national seal. In 1782 after several revisions, the All-Seeing Eye, (formally known as the Eye of Providence) shown above a partially completed pyramid was formally adopted on the reverse of the Great Seal of the United States.

The seal was adopted during the period of the enlightenment which had many parallels with Freemasonry. Thomas Jefferson who was part of the committee was a keen exponent of these enlightenment ideals.

The Eye of Providence is a powerful symbol with deep historical and philosophical roots: -

Divine Watchfulness: The eye represents God watching over humanity, particularly the American nation. It reflects Enlightenment era and Masonic beliefs in a higher moral order guiding human affairs.

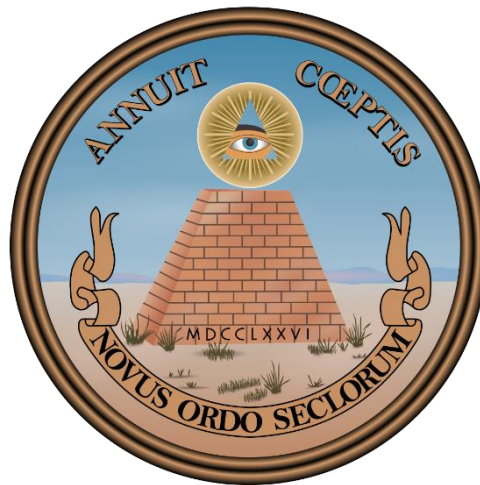
Providence & Protection: Positioned above an unfinished pyramid, the eye suggests that the nation's work is ongoing, but under divine guidance.

Moral Oversight: The rays of light surrounding the eye symbolize illumination, truth, and wisdom — ideals central to the founding of the republic and quite Masonic.

The Latin motto beneath the pyramid, "**Novus Ordo Seclorum**", means "*New Order of the Ages*", signalling a new era of governance.

The top motto, "**Annuit Coeptis**", translates to "*He has favoured our undertakings*", reinforcing the idea of divine approval.

Although this symbol appeared on the Great Seal in 1782, its appearance on currency came much later. It actually did not appear on the back of a dollar bill until 1935! and was first printed on the back of the \$1 note under President Franklin D. Roosevelt.



The reverse of the Great Seal of the United States of America

While the Eye of Providence is often associated with Freemasonry, its use on the dollar bill was not directly influenced by Masonic symbolism. However, both draw from similar Enlightenment-era iconography emphasizing reason, morality, and universal truth.

The All-Seeing Eye is more than decoration — it's a philosophical statement about the values and aspirations of a nation.

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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