

Cleveland Lodge No. 543

Stokesley Masonic Hall, West Green, Stokesley, North Yorkshire, TS9 5BD

LODGE PROFILE



OUR HISTORY

Cleveland Lodge is one of the oldest lodges in the area, being founded in 1846. It meets in the historic market town of Stokesley, 12 miles south of Middlesbrough and 40 miles north of York. As was tradition, we formerly met in a local public house before moving to our purpose built home at the end of the 19th century and which was donated by one of our members.

In 2018, we became the first Lodge in the Province of Yorkshire North & East Ridings to amalgamate with another, when our daughter Lodge, Cleveland Centenary No. 6249 joined us to form one of the biggest lodges in the Province.



OUR MEMBERS & APPROACH

We have a large membership of over 80 and from a variety of backgrounds, including students. Although we are one of the oldest Lodges in the area, we are particularly successful in attracting young, working age men with families to join our numbers.

We consider ourselves to be a progressive Lodge, priding ourselves on our ability to be diverse and forward thinking within the traditional constraints of Freemasonry. This is particularly helped by a number of younger brethren holding senior office.

OUR WORK

Each year, the Worshipful Master will select a charity he wishes to support during his time in office. We work to raise funds throughout his year and present a sizeable donation to this and other worthy causes at our December meeting.

We also support local and national appeals and were one of only a few Lodges within the Province to receive a Platinum Gavel from the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in recognition of our contributions to our Provincial Festival appeal.

Within the Lodge, we pride ourselves on performing ritual to an extremely high standard, to enhance the enjoyment and understanding of all candidates and visiting brethren. We believe that although not the most important part of our work, if something is worth doing, it should be done right!

After each meeting, we hold a meal known as the Festive Board where we can relax socially, make new friends or catch up with old ones.

Unusually for lodges in the area, our annual subscription includes the cost of 3-course meals at 9 of our meetings, making joining us very competitively priced!



MEETING DATES

10 meetings per year.

Meeting on the Monday nearest the full moon in January to May & September to December at 7:00pm

DRESS CODE

Dark suit

White shirt

Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge or black tie

White gloves

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Initiation: £90

Joining & rejoining: £5

Annual subscription : £170
(including meals)

SOCIAL EVENTS

We strive to include our brethren's friends and families in everything we do. Enjoyment of Freemasonry is what keeps members coming and social events outside of the Lodge helps maintain this.

The Lodge has a dedicated social committee who is responsible for arranging and hosting a number of events including BBQs, Ladies Evenings, charity events, quizzes and social dinners. The profits raised from these events are then donated to local charities.

For more information, visit us at
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