

Lodge of St. Germain No 566 Selby tackles the rush!

Being in the fortunate position of having four candidates to initiate in this Masonic Year and five in the previous year, the Lodge of St. Germain had more than its work cut out to process these candidates to Master Masons in an acceptable time frame. It was at this point Minster Lodge No 4663 in York stepped in and offered to help out by providing some of their meetings to assist the progression of some candidates.

Consequently, at the October and November 2007 meetings of Minster Lodge, Bros Lee Hawkhead and David Hooper of the Lodge of St. Germain went through their Fellowcraft ceremonies at St. Saviourgate, supported by brethren from both lodges. This was, of course, with the candidates' agreement. Such was the success and enjoyment of these joint meetings, consideration is now being given to whether to follow a similar pattern in the near future, especially as the Lodge of St Germain already has potentially five more candidates to initiate in the next year and, at the time of writing, the new year hasn't even started. A number of factors play their part in the growing strength of the Lodge of St. Germain. The Master, Chris Lynn, pointed out the active Lodge of Instruction evenings where Past Masters, officers of the Lodge and newer brethren regularly worked together with enthusiasm. The lodge Mentors continue their support by joining the new brethren when they retire from the lodge room during various degree ceremonies. The social activities of the Lodge for members and their partners are also growing after the recent refurbishment of the interior rooms, mostly accomplished by the Lodge members' own skills. Last, but not least, are the two Open Days which the Lodge of St Germain arranged in recent years and which generated some significant interest from the local public.

Left to right -
Bro. Keith Bell
(Master of
Minster Lodge),
Bro. Lee
Hawkhead, Bro.
David Hooper
and Bro. Chris
Lynn (Master of
Lodge of St
Germain)
reunited at a
recent Lodge of
St Germain
meeting.

