



## A Night of Strikes, Spares, and Delicious Curry: The Freemasons' Bowling Evening at Tenpin Bowling, Stafford

On the evening of 6th March 2025, Freemasons from The Izaak Walton Lodge gathered for a fun-filled night of friendly competition and camaraderie at Tenpin Bowling in Stafford. The event saw three teams, each composed of five members, come together for an exciting bowling showdown. This social event was an excellent opportunity for the lodge members to bond outside the traditional meeting hall, all while enjoying some healthy competition.

### The Teams



The three teams, each with its own distinct character, faced off on the lanes throughout the night.

- **Team 1: The Entered Apprentices**, captained by Doug Dickenson, represented the competitive members of the Lodge. With a mix of excitement and determination, they were keen to make a strong impression.
- **Team 2: The Fellowcrafts**, led by Tom Sheldon, brought a balanced approach to the game, focusing on precision and teamwork.
- **Team 3: The Master Masons**, captained by Paul Walters, was the youngest team, with strong bowlers eager to claim victory and prove their skill on the lanes.

### The Competition

The bowling event kicked off with high energy, with each team taking turns to compete in a series of friendly but competitive rounds. Laughter echoed throughout the venue as members of the teams cheered each other on, celebrated strikes, and even laughed off the occasional gutter ball.

While every team showcased their enthusiasm and bowling talents, it was clear that Team 3, The Master Masons, had come prepared to play. Their skilled coordination and strategic approach led them to the top score as the night progressed.

### The Winners

After a thrilling series of rounds, the scores were tallied, and it was clear that **Team 3: The Master Masons** had clinched the victory with an impressive score of **558**. Their consistent performances throughout the evening were enough to secure their win, but every team left the event feeling like a champion in their own right.

### The Spirit of the Event

While the competition was spirited, the true success of the evening was the sense of camaraderie and unity it fostered among the members of The Izaak Walton Lodge. Whether they won or lost, everyone came away with new memories and stronger bonds with their fellow Freemasons. The evening was a reminder of the values of friendship, respect, and mutual support that are central to Freemasonry.

### A Delicious Conclusion

As the night wound down, the celebration continued with a meal at a local Indian restaurant. The members of The Izaak Walton Lodge gathered around the table to enjoy a delicious array of authentic Indian dishes, from fragrant curries to sizzling tandoori delights. The meal provided the perfect end to a wonderful evening, allowing everyone to relax, share stories, and continue the camaraderie built on the bowling lanes.



### Conclusion

The bowling evening at Tenpin Bowling in Stafford was an excellent opportunity for The Izaak Walton Lodge to come together in a light-hearted and enjoyable setting. With spirited competition, camaraderie, and a sense of friendly rivalry, the event was a great success, culminating in victory for Team 3: The Master Masons. The meal at the Indian restaurant was the perfect way to wrap up the evening, leaving everyone with full bellies and satisfied hearts. Here's hoping that next year's event will be just as much fun — and may the best team win once again!

