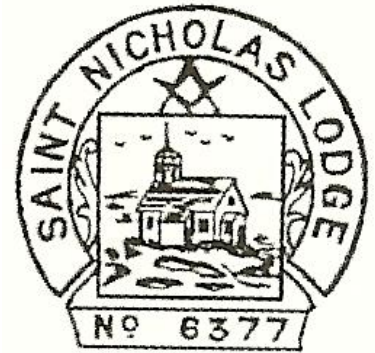




## Saint Nicholas Lodge No. 6377

### Ilfracombe

Warrant 6 November 1946



Saint Nicholas Lodge, Ilfracombe, was consecrated on 7 April 1947, and meets in the same temple as its mother lodge, Lodge of Concord No. 1135. In the immediate post war period it was considered that there was sufficient masonic interest for a second Craft lodge to be established in the town. The new lodge was to cater for, but not exclusively the rapidly expanding popular holiday villages of Woolacombe and Combe Martin on either side of Ilfracombe. At the Consecration of the new lodge, the Presiding officer was Bro The Lord Bishop of Crediton, ProvGM. The founders came from Lodge of Concord No.1135 and Loyal Lodge, Barnstaple, No. 251. The lodge takes its name from Saint Nicholas, the Patron Saint of Sailors and is one of twelve lodges in England so dedicated.

The lodge crest depicts the 14th Century Chapel dedicated to Saint Nicholas which stands on Lantern Hill, overlooking Ilfracombe harbour. The lodge has a fine banner, presented by Mrs Francis Howard Paget in memory of her late husband, a member of the Lodge. As befits its dedication, the closing ode sung at the conclusion of each meeting is the sailors hymn - 'Eternal Father, Strong to Save'.

The Lodge meets at the Masonic Temple, Northfield Road, Ilfracombe on the third Wednesday, March to June and September to December.

