

DRAGON LODGE

Newsletter



Name the Dragon Lodge mini

We will be holding a competition to name our mini. £2 per entry all proceeds to the 2029 festival.

Details to follow. Start racking your brains now for your best ideas.

NEW WEBSITE

Launching 25th August

UPCOMING EVENTS

Games, meet ups and masonic milestones

HOBBY

What Dragons and friends have been up to.

Next meeting Installation Nick Mutton



Sat 25th October
Nottingham
10:30am

Bowling



Dragons vs Newark
in Newark's
inaugural inter-
lodge bowling
tournament

Teaser

New for Dragon
Lodge, this thing



Many thanks Rob M

New Website

Dr Gibson has taken ownership of DragonLodge.org

The new site will contain a list of all upcoming masonic, gaming events, and meet ups.

A record of past meetings to create a history of the lodge. Mentors musing, and hobby activities. If there is anything else that you would like to contribute, or think should be added please contact the secretary.

secretary@dragonlodge.org

“Save the date”

Sat 4th October 4pm ish

Goldsmith Street, Nottingham.

Installation of Bro Vesa Nanya into the chair of Sherwood Lodge. Support the man that made our LOGO, and organised our mini as he goes into the chair for the first time.

contact carl.jordan@ntlworld.com to book your place.



Dragon Lodge Installation

10:30am 25th October,

Goldsmith Street Nottingham. Installation of the second Primarch of Dragon Lodge WM Nick Mutton. The Notts PGM will be in attendance, and the meeting will be followed by a masonic lunch/dinner. So games are postponed until after the formal dinner. More details to follow.

Provisional plan for future meetings:

November 29th double 1st for Tom and Tom.

Feb 28th another double 1st Josh and Abhi

April 25th double 2nd Craig and Lander.

GAMING MET UPS

Gundam TCG every Monday at Underworld in Nottingham: contact Dylan TT, <https://underworldgames.co.uk>

Viviane Beckford, Robert Smith & Nick Pratt are off to The Gathering (huge annual LARP event at Locko Park) over the August bank holiday weekend.
<https://lorientrust.com/event-details/>

Monday evenings at Newark Masonic hall, starting soon.
Friday evenings usually goldsmith street, for both contact Shorts Chris +44 7915 088521



Mentors Musings

"free and accepted or speculative"

As we know only too well from our ceremonies, the language used is at times very complex and rather old-fashioned. One good example of this is the use of the word "peculiar". For instance, in the answers to the Second Degree questions, the candidate describes Freemasonry as "a peculiar system of morals". The modern meaning of this word is "odd" or "unusual". This was not the original meaning of the word; rather, it was "particular" or "precise". There are many other examples in our rituals of words where the meaning has changed over the years.

The subject of this article is the description of ourselves as **"free and accepted or speculative"**.

"Free"- the requirement for an initiate to be free stretches right back into operative/practical Freemasonry. A mediaeval apprentice was bound to his master by very strict rules and was not allowed to leave his apprenticeship. A Mason's Lodge had to be assured that a man was free of this obligation and was to be a member. In the transition to speculative Freemasonry, this requirement changed to a man being free and not enslaved. Until 1848 (when slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire), this meant having been born free. This was one of the causes of friction between the Grand Lodges of America and the UK. The American Lodges would not admit African-American candidates, whether they had been enslaved or not. In the end, a man called Prince Hall applied to the Grand Lodge of England and Wales for authority to consecrate lodges that would admit African American candidates. This was granted and saw the beginning of a vibrant organisation named after Prince Hall, which is still recognised by UGLE.



"Accepted" - the transition from practical to theoretical Freemasonry isn't clear. The earliest example of the initiation of a speculative (as opposed to a practical) Freemason dates back to 1646 when Elias Ashmole joined a Lodge in Warrington. Moving forward to 1717, we have the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of England. Somewhere in between these dates, the transition from practical to theoretical Freemasonry became more established. Towards the end of the 1600's the word "accepted" appears in the minutes of the Guild of London Masons, referring to a group of speculative Masons. They became known as the "Acception". The word therefore serves to distinguish the theoretical from the practical Mason.

"Speculative" - here again, the modern meaning of this word carries implications of guesswork or imprecise knowledge, e.g. "it's pure speculation". The original meaning was "knowledge gained by contemplation". The speculative Mason, therefore, uses his mind to gain knowledge rather than his hands to create buildings.

I hope this was of interest. If there are particular aspects of our ceremonies and rituals that pique your interest, please ask me. If I don't know the answer, I'll do my best to find out.

POSSIBLE FUTURE MEETINGS

Sat 8th February: Bournemouth Masonic Hall & a weekend at BeachHead (<https://www.beachheadexpo.com>)

Sat 29th November: Knowle Masonic Hall & a long weekend at ComicCon (NEC, 10mins drive from the hall)

Sat 21st November 2026: Barcelona Masonic Hall & a weekend at Batalladores (<https://batallador.es>)

Bowling Champions

Newark's inaugural inter-lodge bowling tournament yesterday. 34 masons, family and friends enjoying a Tuesday evening together while raising over £300 for the 2029 festival. Dragon Lodge were the winners of the fabulous trophy made by Bro Bobby Blair and men in sheds.

Dragon lodge 1st place with 1210
 Corinthian 2nd 1207
 Newark B 3rd 1204



So super close and competitive. We also had teams from the ladies lunch club, and the catering staff of Newark along with friends. The whole evening was a great success. Many thanks to Ady for organising the event.

Terry Nabbs of Dragon Lodge also won the raffle for a bottle of port. Many thanks to all who attended, Let's do it all again in the autumn!

HOBBY CORNER



Creations from above and clockwise

ME Nick Mutton
 Bro Anthony Emerson
 W Bro David Leask
 W Bro Ken Gibson

