

Synopsis of the paper

The Masonic Allusions in James Joyce's Ulysses

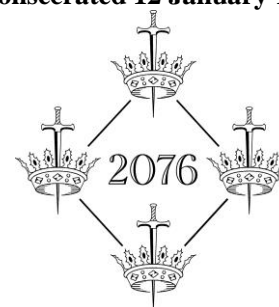
James Joyce's *Ulysses* was published in 1922 and is acknowledged as one of the most important novels in English literature. It contains numerous references to Freemasonry and the central character of Leopold Bloom is identified as a Freemason. Freemasonry does not otherwise form an integral part of the plot, although one important chapter contains extracts from Masonic ritual which are utilized in a succession of fantasy sequences. These Masonic allusions have been largely ignored by academics who specialize in literary criticism. Whereas Joyce's references suggest an empathy with Masonic values, academic commentators seek to minimize the relevance of Bloom's Masonic connections instead of exploring Joyce's rationale for including such references as an element in the storyline. The novel and the place of *Ulysses* in the canon of English literature provides an insight into contemporary attitudes towards freemasonry which this paper explores.

About the Author

Tim Blakemore was born and bred in Coventry and educated at King Henry VIII school before taking his Law degree at University College London. He practised as a solicitor in Coventry and Nuneaton and was initiated into freemasonry in Wyley Lodge, No. 3836, where he followed in his father's footsteps by becoming Master. Exchanging the legal profession for that of a university lecturer, he finished his working life as Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Northampton, retiring after twenty-six years of occasionally rewarding endeavour and using the free time thereafter to complete his PhD thesis in early English legal history. A member of Masonic Orders in England and overseas, Tim has published several articles on Masonic topics, including 'King Athelstan, the Anglo-Saxons, and Masonry' in AQC 134. He now lives in France with his wife Karen, coping with the challenges of researching and writing articles while dwelling in the depths of rural Corrèze.

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Dear Sir and Brother,

You are desired to attend the duties of the Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ on **Thursday 15 February 2024, at 4pm.**

By Command of the Master,

Yours sincerely and fraternally

Hugh S. O'Neill
Secretary

Dark suit - Undress Regalia
Dinner at conclusion

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DINING ARRANGEMENTS

The members of the Lodge and visitors will dine together after the meeting at the Hercules Pillars, 18 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DG. If you wish to dine, meals may be booked and paid for (no later than 4.00 pm on the Friday before the meeting) via the QCCC website at <https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/meetings/festive-board/>. If you require a fish or vegetarian meal please advise accordingly at the time of booking.

BUSINESS

1. To open the Lodge.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 9th November 2023.
3. To welcome visitors to the Lodge, particularly members of the Correspondence Circle, and especially Brethren from overseas.
4. To invest those officers who were unable to attend the Installation Meeting.
5. To present Grand Lodge Certificates to:
 - a. Bro. Helge Bjoern Horrisland
 - b. Bro Leif Endre Grutle
6. To ballot for two brethren as joining members of the Lodge.
7. To receive a Report from the Almoner.
8. To receive Notice of propositions.
9. To close the Lodge.

After the Lodge has closed, non-Masonic guests will be admitted to the Lodge room to attend to a paper by Bro. Tim Blakemore:

‘The Masonic Allusions in James Joyce’s Ulysses’

*Next meeting:
Thursday 9th May 2024*

THE NORMAN B. SPENCER PRIZE ESSAY

Non-members of the Lodge are reminded that they are eligible to enter the competition whether they live in the UK or abroad. The Prize was instituted to encourage an interest in Masonic research. See <https://www.quatuorcoronati.com/research/spencer-prize/>

Meetings of QC Lodge are held on the second Thursday in November (Installation), Third Thursday in February, Second Thursday in May and September, and the fourth Thursday in June.

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