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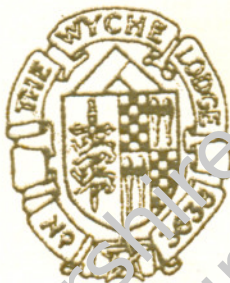
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WORCESTER

# Wyche Lodge

==== No. 5638 ====

1913



1963

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ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF INSTALLATION

AND

50th Anniversary of the

FOUNDATION

of the LODGE

Tuesday, 12th February

1963

Roll of P.M's.

W. Bro.	J. M. Towers, P.P.G.Sup.Wks.	..	..	1913
W.	Rev. E. H. Blackwood-Price, P.P.G.Chap.	..	..	1914
W.	Percy J. Pond, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1915
W.	Cuthbert H. Cook, P.P.G.W.	..	..	1916-1917
W.	Percy A. Roden, P.P.G.W.	..	..	1918
W.	J. Wilkinson, P.P.G.Std.Br.	..	..	1919
W.	T. F. Culley, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1920
W.	F. W. Sadler	..	..	1921
W.	W. J. Hill, P.P.G.W.	..	..	1922
W.	F. A. W. How, P.P.G.Reg.	..	..	1923
W.	H. Lyde	..	..	1924
W.	C. F. Curtis	..	..	1925
*W.	E. A. Tilley, P.P.G.Std.Br.	..	..	1926
W.	D. Johnston Green, P.P.G.Reg.	..	..	1927
W.	K. S. Roden	..	..	1928
W.	Rev. A. G. Pettigrew, P.P.G.Chap.	..	..	1929
W.	J. W. Vincent, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1930
*W.	A. Fisher, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.Std.Br.	..	..	1931
*W.	J. W. Taylor, P.P.G.Std.Br., P.P.G.W.	..	..	1932
W.	T. C. Mapp, P.P.G.Org.	..	..	1933
W.	F. W. Fisher, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1934
*W.	W. H. Bidwell, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1935
W.	S. R. Wilson, P.P.G.Purs.	..	..	1936
W.	G. H. Whewell, P.P.G.W., P.P.G.Treas.	..	..	1937
W.	W. H. Marlow	..	..	1938
W.	Robert E. Hulse, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1939
W.	Rev. G. V. Blois, P.P.G.Chap.	..	..	1940
W.	Walter E. Duddle, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1941
W.	A. E. Brighton, P.P.G.Std.Br.	..	..	1942
W.	G. H. Fijela, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1943
W.	H. R. Croad, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1944
W.	W. S. Spink, P.P.G.D., P.P.G.Org.	..	..	1945
W.	R. Pearson, P.P.G.D.	..	..	1946
W.	J. P. Broadbent, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1947
W.	L. G. T. Farmer, P.P.A.G.Reg.	..	..	1948
W.	F. A. Jessop, P.P.A.G.Reg.	..	..	1949
W.	G. S. Gimes, P.P.Gd.Org.	..	..	1950
W.	H. V. L. Miller, P.P.G.Std.Br.	..	..	1951
W.	J. T. Dale, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1952
W.	E. J. Davis, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1953
W.	F. R. Greig, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1954
W.	C. Buckle, P.P.A.G.D.C.	..	..	1955
W.	D. Brooks, Prov.J.G.D.	..	..	1956
W.	P. F. J. Hook	..	..	1957
W.	G. McDougall	..	..	1958
W.	Rev. Gideon Davis, P.P.G.Chap.	..	..	1959
W.	C. H. Jackson	..	..	1960
W.	J. A. Phillips	..	..	1961
W.	C. S. Bailey	..	..	1962

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"From Antient times no master or fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when summoned to appear, without incurring grave censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him."—  
ANTIEN T CHARGE.

## Antient Free and Accepted Masons.



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BRO. J. W. ALSTIN, S.V.  
BRO. S. BOWLES, J.W.

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"Mapleton,"

Oakland Avenue,  
Droitwich.

1st February, 1963.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

### INSTALLATION OF Brother JOHN WILLIAM AUSTIN, Master Elect.

The ANNUAL FESTIVAL of the LODGE will be held at the Masonic Rooms, (Droitwich R. D. Council Offices), 31, Ombersley Street, Droitwich at 4.45 p.m. on TUESDAY, 12th day of FEBRUARY 1963 when your attendance, together with that of your Masonic friends, is requested.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,  
Yours fraternally,

R. PEARSON, P.P.G.D..

*Secretary.*

Dark Suit to be worn with White Gloves.

Will Brethren kindly note that Refreshments can be provided only for those Brethren who return the enclosed Post Card to the Steward THREE DAYS before the date of the Meeting.

Will Brethren desirous of inviting Guests kindly let the Secretary have their names (*preferably in writing*) together with their rank in the Craft, and addresses at as early a date as possible, so that no delay may take place in the sending out of invitations.





## AGENDA

- 1.—To open the LODGE at 5.0 p.m.
- 2.—To read the Summons convening the Meeting.
- 3.—To read, and if approved, to confirm the MINUTES of the last Regular Lodge.
- 4.—To INSTALL Brother John William AUSTIN, Master Elect as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.
- 5.—The Worshipful Master to appoint and invest his Officers.
- 6.—To ELECT LODGE COMMITTEE in accordance with By-Law No. 3.
- 7.—The Worshipful Master to appoint a Brother of the LODGE to act as his Auditor in accordance with By-Law No. 4.
- 8.—To ELECT another Brother of the LODGE as Co-Auditor.
- 9.—To receive the Treasurers Statement of Account for the Year Ending 31st December 1962 (Deferred).
- 10.—To PRESENT a Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. C. S. Bailey.
- 11.—To BALLOT for as a CANDIDATE for INITIATION and Membership of this Lodge : Mr. Thomas David Thomas, Aged 45 years of 16 Leslie Avenue, Worcester. Local Government Official of County Buildings, Worcester. Regularly proposed in open Lodge on TUESDAY, 8th January 1963 by Bro. C. S. Harrison and seconded by Wor. Bro. F. R. Greig.
- 12.—To Vote a sum of money to cover the expenditure in connection with the Lodge Anniversary.
- 13.—To receive propositions.
- 14.—To collect ALMS.
- 15.—To transact any other business which may arise for the good of Freemasonry in general, or of the Wyche Lodge No. 3638 in particular.
- 16.—To close the LODGE.

The Lodge of Instruction will meet at the Masonic Rooms at 7.30 p.m. on Friday preceding Regular Lodge.

There will be a REHEARSAL for Officers on Sunday, 10th February 1963 at 3.0 p.m.



THE WYCHE LODGE (3638)

W. BRO. J. W. AUSTIN .. .. . Worshipful Master.
Immediate Past Master .. .. . W. BRO. C. S. BAILEY

Officers for the Year 1963-64.

BRO. S. BOWLES .. .. . Senior Warden.
BRO. B. BARNES .. .. . Junior Warden.
W. BRO. REV. G. DAVIES, P.P.G.Chap. .. . Chaplain.
W. BRO. H. W. L. MILLER, P.P.Gd.Std.Br. .. . Treasurer.
W. BRO. R. PEARSON, P.P.G.D. .. .. . Secretary.
W. BRO. D. BROOKS, Prov.J.G.D. .. .. . Director of Ceremonies.
BRO. G. S. THAWLEY .. .. . Senior Deacon.
BRO. C. S. HARRISON .. .. . Junior Deacon.
W. BRO. G. MCDUGALL .. .. . Asst. Director of Ceremonies.
W. BRO. A. E. BRIGHTON, P.P.G.Std.Br. .. . Organist.
W. BRO. V. H. HEDGES, P.P.A.G.Std.Br. .. . Asst. Secretary.
BRO. J. H. LANE .. .. . Inner Guard.
BRO. J. HUNT .. .. . Steward.
BRO. R. WILKES .. .. . Steward.
BRO. B. JACOBS .. .. . Steward.
BRO. D. RICHARDS .. .. . Steward.
BRO. T. W. GROUNSELL .. .. . Steward.
BRO. J. H. CHILD .. .. . Steward.
BRO. C. H. SMITH .. .. . Steward.
BRO. H. W. NOBLE .. .. . Tiler.

\* Honorary Members : W. Bro. A. Fisher, F.P.G.W., Acting Almoner.
W. Bro. W. H. Bidwell, P.P.G.D.
W. Bro. E. A. Tilly, P.P.G.Std.Br.

Lodge Charity Steward and Almoner .. W. BRO. A. FISHER, P.P.G.W.
Rep. on Librarian and Museum Committee .. W. BRO. E. J. DAVIS, P.P.A.G.D.C.
Reps. on Provincial Charity Organisation Committee:
Worshipful Master.
W. BRO. A. FISHER, P.P.G.W.
Reps. on Committee of Group 5 Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges:
Worshipful Master.
W. BRO. C. S. BAILEY.
W. BRO. H. W. L. MILLER, P.P.G.Std.Br. W. BRO. J. A. PHILLIPS.
Reps. on Lodge Committee .. .. . BRO. J. HUNT.
BRO. S. T. GITTINS.
Lodge Auditors .. .. . W. Bro. G. S. Gillies, P.P.G.Org.
W. Bro. F. R. Greig, P.P.A.G.D.C.

Address of W.M. .. .. . 53 Henwick Road,
Worcester.
Address of TREASURER .. .. . 24 College Road,
Bromsgrove.
Address of STEWARD .. .. . 1 Rose Avenue, Droitwich.
Business Tel. No. Droitwich 2156.



# Members of Wyche Lodge No. 3638.

## List of Subscribing and \*Honorary Members.

NAME	ADDRESS.	INITIATED.	JOINED	INSTALLED MASTER
*TILLEY, ERNEST ALFRED	'Sunny Brae,' Gorse Road, Strood, Kent.		12 12 16	9 2 26
Hollyer, Henry Berkley	Flat 9, 72, Westbourne Terrace, London W.2.	14 10 19		
Wise, William Howard	'Caer Glow,' Lenthay, Sherborne, Dorset.	13 4 20		
*FISHER, ALBERT, J.P.	'Grasmere,' 121 Worcester Road, Droitwich.	9 11 20		31
WEBSTER, NORMAN PETER	'St. Ables,' Brimscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire.	14 12 20		
*BIDWELL, WILLIAM HENRY	'Greenways' Eyebridge, Wimborne, Dorset		8 1 24	12 2 35
Somer, Francis Edward	42a, Rafford Way, Bromley, Kent.	14 4 25		
WHEWELL, GEORGE HERBERT	'Glendene,' Clive Road, Bromsgrove	12 5 25		9 2 37
Vereker, Lionel Rupert	7 Victorian Crescent, Doncaster.	9 3 26		
MARLOW, WILLIAM HENRY	19, Franklin Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa.	9 26		8 2 38
BRIGHTON, ALFRED ERNEST	'Thelmstone,' West Rd., Bromsgrove	4 25		10 2 42
CROAD, HAROLD RANDEL	Hampton Road, Droitwich	12 3 35		8 2 44
Hamson, Walter Tandy	The White House, Oddingley, Droitwich.	10 3 36		
PEARSON, REGINALD	10 Oakland Avenue, Droitwich	11 1 38		12 2 46
MILLER, HENRY WILLIAM LEWIS	24 College Road, Bromsgrove	11 10 38		13 2 51
BROADBENT, JACK PEERS	Treetops, Wenvoe, Nr. Cardiff.	7 5 27		11 2 47
FARMER, LOVEDIN GEORGE THOMAS	Park House, 5, Park Rd., Leamington Spa.	11 11 39		10 2 48
GILLIES, GORDON SINCLAIR	'Kirk Braddon,' 7 Crabtree Lane, Bromsgrove.	14 11 42		14 2 50
DALE, JOHN THOMAS	130 Kineton Green Road, Kineton, Solihull, Wwks.	13 11 45		12 2 52
DAVIS, ERNEST JOHN	74 Spetchley Road, Worcester	11 12 45		10 2 53
Gittins, Sidney Thomas	36 Tagwell Road, Droitwich	8 1 46		
BROOKS, DENIS	'Winter Nellis,' Oldfield, Ombersley, Droitwich	12 11 46		14 2 56
George, Leslie James	The Bungalow, Fall Mill, Grimley, Worce.	10 12 46		
Hunt, Joseph	1 Rose Avenue, Droitwich.	11 3 47		
Hunt, Henry	Southlea, St. Peter's Walk, Hollway, Droitwich	11 3 47		
BUCKLE, CHARLES	'Springdale,' Fernhill Heath, Worcester.		9 12 47	8 2 55
GREIG, FRANK RUSSELL	27 King George Avenue, Droitwich.		13 1 48	9 2 54
Silvester, W. A.	West Castle Farm, Hor. Heath, Nr. Worces.	11 1 49		
Turner, Vernon W. W. J.	300 Bath Road, Worcester.	8 3 49		
McDOUGALL, GORDON	Worcester Road, Vychbold.	10 1 50		11 2 58
Jackson, Henry Heginbotham	Præmar Hotel, Priory Road, Malvern	14 3 50		
Jackson, Harry	Old Baskerville, Thornloe, Worcester.	11 4 50		
Willis, James Leslie	Otley House, Corbett Avenue, Droitwich.	12 12 50		
DAVIES, REV. GIDEON	St. Andrew's Vicarage, Lyttelton Rd., Droitwich.	10 4 51		10 2 59
PHILLIPS, J. A.	'Greethorne,' Wychbold, Droitwich.	11 3 52		14 2 61
Powell, Thomas Henry Duncan	Huntsford Hill Farm, Stoke, Bromsgrove	11 11 52		
Vaughan, Roger	Alert House, 2 Church Terrace, St Johns, Worcester		13 1 53	
JACKSON, CHARLES HENRY	55, Oakland Avenue, Droitwich.		12 5 53	9 2 60
Davis, Albert William	14, Chestnut Walk, Worcester.	13 10 53		
BAILEY, CECIL STANLEY	41 Alexander Avenue, Droitwich	10 11 53		13 2 62
Bowles, Sidney	Newland Road, Droitwich	12 1 54		
Austin, John William	53, Henwick Road, Worcester.	9 11 54		
Barnes, Bernard	49 Witton Avenue, Droitwich.		8 2 55	
Thawley, Gerald Sidney	11 Westwood Avenue, Droitwich	8 3 55		
Harrison, Cyril Stanley	17 Corbett Avenue, Droitwich	12 4 55		
Hall, Albert Edward	22 Virginia Avenue, Worcester	13 12 55		
Kempson, Henry E.	53 Jordan Rd. Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield	8 5 56		
Davies, George J.	Oakland Avenue, Droitwich	11 12 56		
Wilkes, Robert	Holy Cross Garage, Clent, Stourbridge	8 1 57		
Joniffe, Robert, J.P.	'Garth,' Lyttelton Rd., Droitwich.	9 4 57		
MEDGES, VERNON H.	216, Worcester Road, Droitwich		10 12 57	
Lane, John Hassel	34, Tagwell Road, Droitwich.	11 3 58		
Noble, Henry Wallis	25, Corbett Avenue, Droitwich.	8 4 58		
Haddon, William Edward	Bank House, Victoria Square, Droitwich.		11 11 58	
Jacobs, Bertie	'Impney' 59 Segbourne, Road, Rubery, Worces.	13 1 59		
Richards, Desmond	68 Oakland Avenue, Droitwich.	10 3 59		
Grounsell, Thomas	36 Shirley Road, Droitwich		10 3 59	
Child, John Richard	Corbett Avenue, Droitwich			
Mann, Arthur Thomas	2, Victoria Avenue, Worcester	12 5 59		
Palmer, William Curnew	13, Bromsgrove Road, Droitwich		13 10 59	
Smith, Cyril Herbert	69, Corbett Avenue, Droitwich		12 1 60	
Kempson, Bertram Greaves	151 Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa.	11 10 60		
Billings, The Rev. Joseph S.	The Vicarage, Dodderhill, Droitwich		8 11 60	
Taplin, Peter	22 Dikmore Lane, Claines, Worcester	13 12 60		
McHenry, H.	55 Tagwell Road, Droitwich	9 5 61		
Swann, S.	'The Kings Arms' Ombersley, Droitwich	10 10 61		
Hunt, Stuart Everall	42 Lavender Road, Worcester	8 5 62		
Ward, Peter	Red House, Yarnold Lane, Bournheath, Bromsgrove	13 11 62		
Barker, Clifford	102 New Road, Bromsgrove	8 1 63		

The Members whose names appear in Capitals have passed the Chair of this or another Lodge.



WORCESTERSHIRE BRINE BATHS HOTEL  
DROITWICH

Menu.

POTAGE OXTAIL

FILET DE SOLE FRIT  
SAUCE TARTARE

CONTREFILET DE BOEUF RÔTI  
SAUCE RAIFORT  
POMMES COCOTTE ET MOUSELINE  
CHOUX DE BRUXELLES

COUPE ROYALE

FROMAGE AU CHOIX  
CAFFÉ

Guest List.

- 1.—THE QUEEN AND THE CRAFT
- 2.—The M. W. The Grand Master. The Rt. Hon. THE EARL OF SCARBOROUGH, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., C.V.O., T.D.
- 3.—The R.W. The Deputy Grand Master. The Rt. Hon. THE EARL CADOGAN, M.C., D.L., The R.W. The Assistant Grand Master, MAJ.-GENERAL SIR ALLAN H. S. ADAIR, BT., C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., and the rest of GRAND OFFICERS, PRESENT AND PAST.
- 4.—The R.W. The Provincial Grand Master, Lt.-Col. O. W. D. Smith, D.L., J.P.
- 5.—THE WOR. MASTER, PAST MASTERS, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS of the Wyche Lodge.
- 6.—THE VISITORS.
- 7.—THE TYLER'S TOAST.

FOUNDERS OF THE WYCHE LODGE, 1913



Back Row—Bro. J. Radband, W. Bro. C. H. Cook, Bro. T. Willis, Bro. T. F. Culley, Bro. R. C. Roe, Bro. J. Brazier, W. Bro. F. W. Culley, Bro. J. A. Bearcroft  
 Tyler. Sn. Dcn. Jun. Dcn. Sec. I. Grd. Treasurer.

Front Row—W. Bro. W. J. Hill, Bro. Rev. E. H. Blackwood-Price, W. Bro. J. M. Towers, Bro. P. J. Pond, W. Bro. E. W. Hobson, W. Bro. A. T. Harris  
 Dir. Cer. Sen. Wrdsn. Wor. Mstr. Jun. Wrdsn. I.P.M.



# A Short History of the Wyche Lodge

At the commencement of the year immediately preceding the 'First World War,' a few freemasons living in Droitwich held a meeting of those interested in Freemasonry to consider the formation of a lodge in the borough. As a result of this meeting it was resolved that these present should found a new lodge named the "Wyche Lodge." The Rt. Wor. Prov. G. Master: Gen. Sir Wm. Campbell, K.C.B.P.G.D. England was approached for permission and the Petition was signed by 14 founders.

The Consecration Ceremony took place at The Salters Hall, Droitwich on 29th January 1913 and was carried out by the Rt. Wor. Prov. Grand Master of Worcestershire: Gen. Sir Wm. Campbell, K.C.B.P.G.D., Eng. assisted by other Prov. Grand Officers.

It is interesting to note that the Founders were Wor. Bro. J. M. Towers; Bro. Rev. E. H. Blackwood Price; Bro. P. J. Pond; Bro. A. J. Bearcroft; Bro. R. C. Rowe; Wor. Bro. C. H. Cooke; Wor. Bro. W. J. Hill; Bro. T. Willis; Bro. H. Terry; Bro. S. W. Culley; Bro. G. W. Hobson; Bro. A. T. Harris; Bro. John Brazier and Bro. T. F. Culley.

The Wyche Lodge was thus consecrated and constituted according to ancient custom. Wor. Bro. J. M. Towers being the Wor. Master designate, and was installed as the first Wor. M. of the Wyche Lodge. Following the ceremony 11 candidates were proposed and seconded for membership. Thus during its first year the Lodge had 21 members. The first candidate was Dr. Percy G. Roden who was initiated on 11th Feb. 1913 by the W.M. The Banner of the Wyche Lodge No. 3638 Droitwich, was designed by Wor. Bro. Kermeth of the Tudor Lodge. The Lodge takes its name from Wyche, the ancient name of Droitwich, the arms of the Borough occupying the centre of the design. The Dexter part consists of two Lions passant, pierced by a sword in pale. The Royal Lions refer to the granting of the Town's first Charter by King John in 1216 A.D. The impalement was formerly the arms of the Statute Marchant of Droitwich: the two salt peels in the second and third quarters were the old "barrows" or rush baskets formerly used in the manufacture of salt. The Masonic emblems of Corn, Wine, Oil and Salt are represented by the ear of corn, the vine leaves and

grapes: the branch of olive and the Borough motto: Salt savours everything."

From its inception the Lodge was held at the Baptist Schoolroom, Ombersley St., and remained there until the Rural District Council premises were built in 11th Feb. 1935 when the Lodge moved to the Board Room of these excellent premises. The Festive Board of the Wyche has always been held at the Worcestershire Brine Baths Hotel, with the exception of the World War II period. The Manager of the 'Worcestershire' for very many years was Wor. Bro. T. F. Culley who was Lodge Steward and showed the Lodge great consideration. The First Ladies' Night was held at the Worcestershire Hotel on 13th Feb. 1925 with Wor. Bro. H. Lyde as Master, and has been held there on all other occasions with the exception of two Ladies Nights at the Winter Gardens and one at the Raven Hotel when the Worcestershire was occupied by H.M. Forces.

In January 1925 permission of the Lodge was given for a Lodge of Instruction to work under its authority and meetings were held in the Board room of the Poor Law Institution, Union Lane, until the Lodge moved to its present home.

The Lodge has regularly supported the various institutions, and contributed to the Masonic Million Memorial Fund in 1936 and on 4th May 1959 qualified as a Patron Lodge of the Royal Masonic Hospital.

On 9th Nov. 1926 it was resolved that the annual subscription of £2/2/0 be increased to £3/3/0 of which £1/1/0 be placed to an accommodation fund or Building fund, which now stands at (Five Hundred Pounds).

It is hoped that the foregoing brief account of the Wyche Lodge will be of some interest to present day members of 3638.

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