

Province of Worcestershire

No. 24

THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS
(INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER)

171ST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

THE CONNAUGHT ROOMS, GREAT QUEEN ST., W.C.2

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JUNE, 1969

COACH NO.

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OUTWARD JOURNEY

LEAVE Manor Road, Solihull

AT 12 noon

RETURN FROM CONNAUGHT

ROOMS 9.30 p.m. approx.

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Admit Bro.

S. W. Pearce, P.P.G.W (dWkes)

Table

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Dinner 6.15 p.m.

GRAND HALL

Please see over

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Ladies and Brethren are requested to be seated by 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6.15 p.m.

Morning Dress or Dark Lounge Suit should be worn.

Full Dress Masonic Craft Clothing (no gloves) should be worn if available; if not available Undress Masonic Craft Clothing (no gloves) should be worn.

Grand Officers should clothe in the Grand Officers' Room, FREEMASONS' HALL.

All other Brethren should clothe in the Cloak Room on the Ground Floor at the CONNAUGHT ROOMS.

The Ladies' Cloak Room is also on the Ground Floor of the CONNAUGHT ROOMS.

After Dinner a Concert will take place timed to end at 9.30 p.m.

It is regretted that refunds cannot be made for Tickets returned after Friday,
30th May.

Bournemouth

29-5-69.

Dear W. Bro Stan

Thank you for your letter and tickets for the R. 1968 Festival, however the wife is not very well at the moment, and further travel seems to be of some anxiety to her, so we will be missing from the party on Wednesday the 4th June.

Wishing you all a very pleasant day.

Yours sincerely & fraternally

Stan Perkins.

General,
Carlton Avenue,
Surrey,
Sutton Coldfield.

27/5/69

Dear W. Bro Stanley,

Many thanks for your letter and enclosures received in connection with the Festival on June 4th.

Unfortunately due to our domestic commitments we have had to alter our holidays, and will be away from this weekend.

I am very sorry about this, and return the two coach tickets in case you can save the cost, which please put to our collection. The dining tickets I have returned direct to Great Queen Street with the same instruction if this can be done.

Sincere regrets in not supporting you at this late stage after all you have done.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,
Walter T. Hayes.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys

(Incorporated by Royal Charter)

26, GREAT QUEEN STREET,
LONDON, W.C.2.

May, 1969.

Dear Sir and Brother,

171ST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

4TH JUNE, 1969.

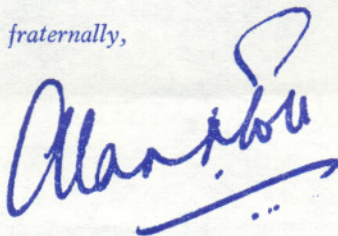
I have pleasure in enclosing your Dinner Ticket(s) for the Festival on the 4th June. May I draw your attention to the general arrangements printed on the reverse.

The Provincial Grand Master and Pamela, Countess of Aylesford will receive as many as possible of the Ladies and Brethren of the Province of Worcestershire only from 5 p.m. onwards in the Connaught Rooms. Ladies and Brethren should be seated for Dinner by 6 p.m. at the latest.

By courtesy of the authorities at Grand Lodge, arrangements have been made for Ladies and Brethren attending the Festival to visit the Museum, Library and Grand Temple at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, during the afternoon between the hours of 3 — 5 p.m. Brethren and their Ladies are also cordially invited to an exhibition of the work and activities of the schools, which is being held in the Warwick Room, Connaught Rooms, between the hours of 2 p.m. — 4.45 p.m.

If through unforeseen circumstances you are unable to be present at the Festival Dinner it would be appreciated if you would kindly return the enclosed Ticket(s) to me immediately.

Yours fraternally,



Secretary.

P.S. — I have been asked to say that cocktail dresses for Ladies would be appropriate.

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26, Great Queen Street,
London, W.C.2.

May, 1969.

171st. Anniversary Festival

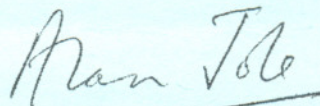
4th June, 1969

Dear Sir and Brother,

Brethren and their Ladies are cordially invited to attend a showing of a sound film in colour entitled "The Vital Years", which portrays the activities of the Institution.

Arrangements are being made for the film to be shown in the York Room, Connaught Rooms, at 2.45 p.m., 3.30 p.m., and 4.15 p.m.

Yours fraternally,



Secretary

"Three Oaks,"

42, Middlefield Lane,

Hagley,

Worcestershire.

8th. May. 1969

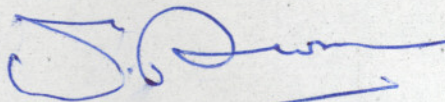
Dear Sir & Brother,

Festival Transport

Herewith are enclosed tickets in respect of the seats paid for by you (Receipt No. (Sent to you at request of Bro. T.S. Copeland))

The coach will leave the Departure Point indicated at the time indicated on the ticket. The driver of each coach has been instructed that he is to make such stops as may be necessary for convenience or refreshment on both outward and return journeys.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,



Wm. H. Turner.

Bro. S. W. Blaxidge

"Three Oaks",
42 Middlefield Lane,
Hagley,
Stourbridge,
Worcs.

October, 1968

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys
171st Anniversary Festival, 4th June, 1969.

The Committee appointed by the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master has met and has had the advantage of attending a meeting with the Secretary and other Officials of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys to discuss the necessary arrangements for the 1969 Festival.

I am directed to inform you that, as a result of the several meetings, the arrangements which have been made are substantially as reported to the meeting of the Worcestershire Associated Masonic Lodges on the 28th May last, a copy which has no doubt reached you.

The detailed arrangements are as follows:-

- (i) There will be a Reception by the Rt. Wor. Provincial Grand Master for Ladies and Brethren of this Province only at 5.00 p.m.
- (ii) Ladies and Brethren are requested to be seated by 6.00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6.15 p.m.
- (iii) Morning dress or dark lounge suit should be worn but on this occasion ties of a sombre colour may be worn.
- (iv) Full dress Masonic Craft Clothing (no gloves) should be worn if available; if not available undress Masonic Craft Clothing (no gloves) should be worn.
- (v) Grand Officers should clothe in the Grand Officers Room at Freemasons Hall.
- (vi) All other Brethren should clothe in the Cloakroom on the Ground Floor at the Connaught Rooms.
- (vii) The Ladies Cloakroom is also on the Ground Floor of the Connaught Rooms and it is suggested that it would not be inappropriate for the Ladies to wear Cocktail Dresses.

The Steward's Badge has been approved and many Brethren will already be in possession of the Badge which can now be worn, and should be worn on the occasion of the Festival.

The Steward's Fee of one guinea will have been paid by all Brethren who have qualified or intend to qualify as Stewards, but it is pointed out lest there be any misunderstanding that this Fee is payable as a Steward's Fee and does not include Dining on the occasion of the Festival Banquet.

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The Dining Fee payable on the occasion of the Festival Banquet is two guineas which will be collected direct by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A Brother may be accompanied by any number of Ladies each of whom has qualified as a Steward by the contribution of five guineas plus one guinea Steward's Fee plus the Dining Fee of two guineas, but may not be accompanied by any Gentleman who is not a Mason.

The arrangements for the day of the Festival are that it is anticipated that the Coaches referred to later in this letter will arrive at Great Queen Street at intervals round about four o'clock in the afternoon and as the Reception by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the Ladies and Brethren of the Province of Worcestershire only will commence at 5.00 p.m., it will be seen that there is approximately an hour during which parties of Brethren and their Ladies can so far as time and circumstances permit be conducted round the Museum and probably the Grand Temple.

Your Committee has made tentative arrangements for the provision of coaches from each Masonic Hall through one firm who as a result of a block booking anticipate a travelling cost of 2ls. per head for the return journey.

It is the intention of your Committee that each group Secretary should obtain from the Charity Steward of the Lodges within his group particulars of the Brethren and Ladies who will desire to travel by coach and that the information so obtained by the Group Secretary should be transmitted to me not later than the 31st. January.

When the returns of the numbers from each group have been received preliminary arrangements as to the number of coaches from each Masonic Hall can be discussed with the Transport Contractor. The fares at the rate which as stated it is anticipated will be 2ls. per head, will be required to be collected from the Brethren by the Lodge Charity Steward transmitted to the Group Secretary and in turn forwarded Group by Group to me not later than April, 1969.

Yours faithfully & fraternally,

W. H. Turner

GROUP 8, WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATED MASONIC LODGES.

Tel: 021.706.4720/4473.

83 Grange Road,
Olton,
Solihull,
Warwickshire.

2nd April, 1969.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Transport Arrangements, Group 8, R.M.I.B.,
4th JUNE, 1969.

You may have had a copy of a letter issued by Bro. W.H. Turner, dated 28th March. However, the arrangements for transport for the Lodges in Group 8 is as follows:

Arrangements have been made for the coaches to pick up and set down on return in Manor Road, Solihull. If approaching from the North, Manor Road will be found on the approach to Solihull itself, the last turning before reaching the lights on Warwick Road, entering Solihull proper. On the corner of this road will be found the Conservative Headquarters, and the coaches will be nearby, drawn up in this road. If approaching from the South, East or West, go through the lights at the new link road, keeping to the main Warwick Road past the St. John's Hotel on the right and Manor Road is the next road on the right. It is a matter of about 100 yards or so.

Adequate car parking facilities exist in Solihull, but Brethren proceeding to the pick up point by car are recommended to use the new (and it is very large) car park which is free, running off the link road which can be entered from the Warwick Road side on the left, or if coming from the Streetsbrook Road side the best entrance is to turn into Station Parade, drive past the end shop (Kean & Scott) and straight into the car park. From this car park it is but a short walk to Manor Road, which will be found on the main Warwick Road to the left of this car park.

Other car parks exist in Solihull. There is the multi-storey car park, fee paying, in the main Warwick Road, just south of Poplar Road close to Beatties store, or the large Civic Hall car park to the rear of the High Street, Solihull, but both these places will entail a longer walk to the pick up point.

The coaches will depart sharp at 12 noon and proceed direct to Great Queen Street.

It is understood that the coaches will be either lettered or numbered and that tickets will be issued for each party.

The coaches will also pick up at Great Queen Street on return and you must make sure you return in the same coach that you travelled to London in.

The estimated time of arrival at Great Queen Street will be 2.30 p.m., which will enable Brethren and their ladies to get a snack nearby or go over Grand Lodge accordingly. The general instructions for the 171st Festival are as contained in the circular letter of October, 1968, which should be in your possession.

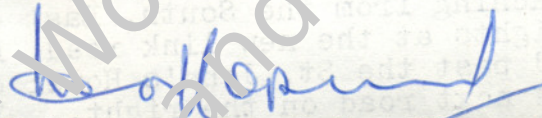
The cost of the coach to London will be one guinea per person and there is positively NO booking unless accompanied by remittance.

Remittances should be made payable to "W.H. Turner" crossed "Festival Transport" and sent to me, as Group Secretary, immediately.

As soon as the tickets or vouchers are issued for the coaches, these will in turn be sent to you for distribution to the Brethren and their ladies who are attending.

If there is any other information that we can give you on this matter, please telephone the under-signed and we will do our best to put you right, but again remember, there can be no bookings unless accompanied by remittance - on that point the organisers, on behalf of the W.A.M.L. in the Province, are very firm.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,



T. S. Copeland, D.P.C.D.,
Group 8 Secretary.

PLEASE REQUEST BRETHERN TO BE PUNCTUAL.

Have 21 personally

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