

## Carols

### We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

*O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold I bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to rein

(chorus)

Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r and praising, all men raising  
Worship Him, God most high

(chorus)

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume  
Breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb

(chorus)

Glorious now behold Him arise  
King and God and Sacrifice  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Earth to heav'n replies

(chorus)

### Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wenceslas looked out  
On the feast of Stephen  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even  
Brightly shone the moon that night  
Though the frost was cruel  
When a poor man came in sight  
Gath'ring winter fuel

"Hither, page, and stand by me  
If thou know'st it, telling  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"

"Sire, he lives a good league hence  
Underneath the mountain  
Right against the forest fence  
By Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Bring me pine logs hither  
Thou and I will see him dine  
When we bear him thither."  
Page and monarch forth they went  
Forth they went together  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather

"Sire, the night is darker now  
And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer."

"Mark my footsteps, my good page  
Tread thou in them boldly  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly."

In his master's steps he trod  
Where the snow lay dinted  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the Saint had printed  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure  
Wealth or rank possessing  
Ye who now will bless the poor  
Shall yourselves find blessing



**Old Bromsgrovia Lodge No 5743**

**White Table Evening**

**17th December 2010**

Welcome to The Old Bromsgrovian Lodge No. 5743  
**Merry Christmas and Seasons Greetings.**

*Carols - Led by W Bro. John Gunton*

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*Grace - Said by Chaplin*

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*The Loyal Toast - Proposed by Worshipful Master James Boffey*

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Toast to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire

*Proposed by Worshipful Master James Boffey*

*Response by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Richard Goddard*

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Toast to the School

*Proposed by W Bro. Stephen Kingston*

*Response by the Headmaster, Chris Edwards*

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The Vintage Years - 1977 –1984

**Old Bromsgrovian Festive Board**



**Starter**

**Melon Boat**

**Main Course**

**Roast Beef and all the trimmings**

**Dessert**

**Christmas Pudding and Ice Cream**

**Cheese & Biscuits**

**Coffee**



**History of the Old Bromsgrovian Lodge No 5743**

The initiative in bringing about the formation of a Masonic Lodge closely linked with the School was taken by Bro. D J Walters, at that time Headmaster of the School, in the Summer of 1937. He convened a meeting in the School Library at which it was agreed that steps should immediately be taken to found such a Lodge and that membership should be restricted to Old Bromsgrovians, present and past, members of staff and members of the Governing Body. It would provide for its members a regular opportunity for reviving old associations and renewing friendships formed in their School Days.

The Consecration of the Lodge took place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1938 at the Masonic Hall, Kings Heath by the Rt Worshipful Brother General Sir Francis J Davies, KCB, KCMG, KCVO, VL, Deputy Grand Master.

The support given by Bromsgrove Lodge No 5414 in the formation and first year of the new Lodge was invaluable and is reflected in our close relationship still existing today.

With the start of the Second World War the School was evacuated to Llanwrtyd Wells in Breconshire and all that was possible were occasional meetings to keep the Lodge in being, two being held in Birmingham and two in Bulth Wells thanks to the generosity of the Loyal Wye Lodge No 1807, and this connection has been maintained as well.

In 1943 the School returned to Bromsgrove and in March 1944 there was held the first ever meeting of the Lodge on School Premises using the Masters' Common Room. From the very beginning the Founders had set their hearts on obtaining permission to use the Old Chapel for their assemblies – as is implied by the first page of the Summons. This Building had not been used since the dedication of the Memorial Chapel in 1931. In the meantime it had fallen into disrepair and many influential people were urging that it be demolished. The Lodge and the Society of Friends were eager to prevent this and put forward a scheme for it to become a Sixth Form Library and between them provided the finance for the scheme.

The Governors accepted the proposal and recorded in their Minutes that in recognition of the generous contribution of the Founders they granted the Lodge the right in perpetuity to use the restored building for their Masonic Purposes. On the 12<sup>th</sup> September 1952 the first meeting was held in the Chapel using the Lodge Furniture, much of it made to the design of Bro E G Robinson, member of staff, in the School. The Provincial Grand Master and several senior Freemasons attended.

The Lodge now meets four or five times a year. Over the last 70 years it has grown from its small beginnings of eleven Founders to Sixty Five members ranging in age from 30 to over 80 and looks forward to the future with optimism and confidence.