

## Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

## Candidature of Rodney Cyril Alban FitzGerald M.A., C.C.

29 Market Buildings London EC3

June 1983

My Lords, Ladies & Gentlemen,

It is with the support and encouragement of many friends among the Livery that I have the honour to inform you that I intend to stand as a candidate for the high Office of Sheriff on Friday 24th June next in Guildhall.

I was born in Essex in 1924 and educated at Mill Hill School and Pembroke College Oxford. I was commissioned in the Royal Ulster Rifles in the last war, and on my return to Oxford took my degree and then came to Lloyds joining C.E.Heath & Co.Ltd., in 1947. I was elected a member of Lloyds in 1954 and later joined Hinton Hill and Coles Ltd. and became a Group Director in 1961. I have been with that Company ever since and am now a Group Director of Johnson-Mathey and Hinton Hill Ltd.

For long I have been an active sportsman, and played cricket for Oxford University, being a member of the M.C.C.; Golf is my present recreation and I am a member of a number of clubs including Lloyds Golf Club and the City Livery Club Golfing Society.

My father encouraged my City career from the outset, being a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Loriners and a member of the City Livery Club of many years standing. He was Master of the Company in 1965 and I was elected a Liveryman in 1962.

A proud moment for me was to take my Freedom and become a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers in 1946, to the Mastership of which I was elected in 1978.

Throughout my career I have had the wish to be of service to the City and I was able to further this when I was elected to the Court of Common Council in 1981 for the Ward of Bread Street. Presently I am serving on the Planning and Communications, Police, Music and Barbican Residential Committees.

I married in 1963 Madelaine who had served in the W.R.N.S. on special duties 1942—46, overseas and at the Admiralty. She is much travelled and shares with me my desire to continue to be of service to the City.

Please give your first vote to the Aldermanic candidate. I trust that your second vote will be in my favour and if elected I undertake to discharge in every way the responsibilities of the Ancient and Honourable Office of Sheriff of the City of London.

I am, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,

Citizen and Gold and Silver Wyre Drawer and Loriner

In the event of a poll being demanded, this will take place at GUILDHALL ON FRIDAY 8th JULY, 1983, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A.M. and 6 P.M. The result will be announced the same evening at the Adjourned Common Hall as soon as the count is complete, at approximately 7 p.m.