



Worshipful Company of Water Conservators
Annual Banquet

*5th November 2019,
Painters' Hall*



As a member of the Water Conservators' Company you are cordially invited to attend the Annual Banquet at Painters' Hall, one of the most beautiful Halls in the City of London

This prestigious event, which is always highly enjoyable, is open to all Freemen and Liverymen together with their partners, colleagues and friends. Guests will enjoy a three course dinner with wine followed by a Loving Cup ceremony. Musicians from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama will provide accompanying music and at the end of the evening there will be the traditional offering of a Stirrup Cup.

6.40pm for 7.15pm, Carriages at 10.45pm

Dinner Jacket / Mess Dress with decorations and miniatures.

*Please reply by completing the enclosed form **by Friday 11th October** to avoid disappointment.*

History



The Painter-Stainers' Company is the fifth oldest of the 110 Livery Companies in the City of London.

The first hall was donated by Alderman Sir John Browne, Sergeant- Painter to Henry VIII in 1532, but was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. It was subsequently re-built but was destroyed by enemy action in 1941.

The present Hall, which is on a slightly larger site, re-opened in 1961.

Guilds were created in medieval times when tradesman who worked in the same areas made informal arrangements amongst themselves for protecting trade, regulating competition and maintaining professional standards.

The earliest reference to "Paynters " who decorated, gilded and coloured solid objects such as wood, metal, and stone, is in 1283. In the Middle Ages artists joined together to form the Guild of St Luke, otherwise known as the Painters' Guild. Links with the Royal Court were soon developed, and the Guild was at the centre of British cultural and political life.

The first great figure of the Painters' Guild was also the first recorded King's Painter, Gilbert Prince. In Westminster Abbey just by the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, is a large panel painting of King Richard II; this is the earliest surviving life portrait of a British monarch and it was painted in 1394 by Gilbert Prince.

Annual Banquet Reply

*If you wish to attend the Annual Banquet please complete this form and send,
with an accompanying cheque, to:*

***The Clerk, Water Conservators Company, , The Lark, 2 Bell Lane,
Worlington, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP28 8SE.***

by no later than Friday 11th October 2019

I (name in blocks).....

Would like to attend the Annual Banquet and bring (number of guests)

Name(s) of guest(s)

First Name.....Surname.....

First Name.....Surname.....

First Name.....Surname.....

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First Name.....Surname.....

Please state any special dietary requirements.....

I would like to be seated near/next to.....

E mail

Tel: Fax:

*I enclose a cheque for £..... (£100 per head) made payable to "The Company of Water
Conservators".*

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