

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF WATER CONSERVATORS Election Court Lunch at Armourers' Hall

Thursday 20th April 2017

Every year the Company holds an Election Court Lunch to celebrate new Court Appointments for the forthcoming Company year that commences with the Installation Court Lunch held during July.

The 2017 Election Court Lunch was held on 20th April at the Armourers' Hall, a building completed in 1708 and home to the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers a Company originally formed in 1322, receiving its Royal Charter from Henry VI in 1453 as the Armourers. In 1708, the Company joined with Brasiers to become the Worshipful Company of Armourers and Brasiers receiving its Royal Charter from Queen Anne.



The Master, Keith Tozzi and his Wardens welcomed members and guests to a sparkling wine reception before a most enjoyable lunch prepared and served by Mark Grove and his team from the Cook and the Butler. Formal proceedings commenced with the Loyal Toast followed by the Toast to the Lord Mayor, and the City of London Corporation and Sheriffs.

In proposing the Toast, in water, to the guests the Fleet Warden thanked the Master Armourer for the use of his Hall and to the Cook and the Butler for the fine lunch. He continued by welcoming the guests, the Master Engineer and her Clerk; the Master Fueller and her Clerk; Station Commander RAF Northolt; Commanding Officer HMS Scott; Officer commanding 512 Specialist Team Royal engineers; Chief Executive Officer of the Chartered Institution of Waste Management and our principal guest Alderman and Sheriff Peter Estlin.

In the response, the principal guest gave a very amusing insight into his time at the Old Bailey and in being Sheriff.



Responding, the Master thanked Peter Estlin. He also congratulated and wished a successful year to the Officers to be installed at the Installation Court Lunch on 6th July; Mike Williamson, Master (moving from Thames Warden); Simon Catford, Thames Warden (moving from Fleet Warden); Mark Lane, Fleet Warden (moving from Walbrook Warden); Rob Casey, Walbrook Warden (moving from Court Assistant). The Master also drew attention to Pat Fitzsimons, Gareth Jones, Christine North and Andy Williamson who

were admitted to the Freedom of the Company at the morning Court Meeting and, confirmed the re-election as Court Assistants of Sue Paterson and Trevor Harrington and the election of Dylan Barker.

Before closing the formal proceedings, the Master thanked everyone for their support during his year in Office especially his consort Fiona Tozzi, the Wardens, Beadle, Bargemaster, and the Clerk, Ralph Riley.

During the taking of a stirrup cup, a collection organised by Court Assistant Nigel Cartwright raised £700 for ABF, the long-established Soldiers' Charity.

Ken Marsh, Court Assistant