

Installation Dinner – 1st July 2016 The Painted Hall, Greenwich

In a change with tradition, the Installation event, moved from a lunch to a black tie dinner, was held at The Painted Hall in Greenwich, and followed by a Company weekend in London.



The Court meeting was adjourned to enable for the first time, members and guests to gather in The Undercroft to witness the installation of the new Master (Keith Tozzi), the Deputy Master (Peter Hall), the Thames Warden (Mike Williamson) and the Walbrook Warden (Mark Lane). All went very smoothly!



After drinks in The Colonnade, we processed in for dinner and were accompanied during the excellent meal by a harpist from the Guildhall School of Music. After the Loving Cup Ceremony and an inspiring musical interlude from our harpist, the speeches began.

The Mistress, Fiona Tozzi welcomed the guests on behalf of the Company and made special mention of representatives from Cory, who help take care of our Cutter (the Water Forget-me-not), Captain Flavian D'Souza (Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners), Richard Springford (Master of the Company of Watermen & Lightermen) and our principal guest Richard Goddard. Richard is a Past Master of the Company of Watermen & Lightermen and was Secretary of the Henley Royal Regatta for 31 years. Following a toast to our guests (in water) Richard responded with amusing anecdotes and tales of the Henley Regatta – a very entertaining speech.

The Master, Keith Tozzi, responded and spoke of his three key objectives for the year ahead and the necessity for all members to help grow our Company with new individual and corporate members.



A collection in support of the Children's Magical Taxi Tour to Disneyland, Paris raised £1,000 – thank you to everyone.

After a stirrup cup, we eventually left the Painted Hall at 11.30pm after a very memorable evening.

Keith Tozzi - July 2016