

Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Installation Court Lunch

8th July 2019

With its beautiful private garden and magnificent inter-linking rooms, Stationers' Hall is a hidden gem in the heart of the City providing the perfect location for the Installation Ceremony of the 31st Master, Mark Lane.



Master Mark Lane and his consort, Judy

The official ceremony took place in the Court Room where guests witnessed declarations read by the Master and his appointed Wardens, Rob Casey as Thames Warden, Graham Howells as Fleet Warden and Martin Baggs as Walbrook Warden. Each were robed in their Company gowns with the assistance of retiring Beadle, Tony Parker, and newly appointed Beadle Tim Gutteridge.

After a drinks reception in the Garden we headed to the Great Hall for lunch.

We were honoured to welcome Professor Michael Proctor FRS, Provost of King's College Cambridge and Professor of Astrophysical Fluid Dynamics from the University of Cambridge as Principal Guest alongside a wealth of Livery guests; Master Plumber Dame Fiona

Woolf, Master Pavior Miss Sue Illman, Master Mariner Captain Jim Barclay together with his Clerk Commodore Angus Menzies RN, Master Scientific Instrument Maker Mr Kenneth Sanders, Master Launderer Major Jack Strachan MBE TD, Master Engineer Commodore Barry Brooks RN, Deputy Master Environmental Cleaners Mrs Maureen Marden, Master Hackney Carriage Driver Mr Phillip Davies, Master Waterman Tony Maynard with his Clerk Colin Middlemiss.



Principal Guest, Professor Michael Proctor

The Principal Guest, Professor Michael Proctor, attended university with the Master, and they have remained firm friends. What a perfect choice; the speech was extremely engaging and informative. The Professor began detailing his own fascination in fluid mechanics, and went on to name his heroic figures in this field; Firstly, Archimedes who's great discovery was his famous principle, that the body in water experiences an upward force equal to the weight of the same volume of water. Secondly, Lord Rayleigh, Victorian-Edwardian scientist and first winner of the Nobel Prize for physics. The Professor proceeded to educate the room by explaining, in lay terms, impact caused by changes in fluids and flow. He then moved onto weather prediction, and climate change.



The Professor concluded his speech by referring to the close relationship between water conservation and climate, and the difficult challenges ahead of us. In order to tackle the global water supply problem, the Professor suggested the Company consider diminishing the flow from its symbolic giant magic tap!

In response, the Master thanked the Principal Guest for his thought-provoking speech and paying tribute to Simon Catford and his Consort Wendy, for their exceptional work over the last 12 months. Mark also acknowledged retiring Beadle, Tony Parker, and thanked him for his excellent service to the Company and introduced new Beadle Tim Gutteridge. The Master then welcomed his three newly appointed Wardens and Bailiff, and completed his introduction by thanking family and friends for attending in person to celebrate his installation.

The Master cited the words of the former Chief Scientist to the Government, Sir David King *“What we do over the next 10 years will determine the future of humanity for the next 10,000 years”* and delivered some sobering, yet extremely important statistics with regard to usable water within the world, and on the water related threats facing the world. Against this challenging background, the wealth and reservoir of talent and knowledge within The Company provides an opportunity to really make a difference – through thought leadership



and through *“networking, catalysing and coordinating action.”* The Master cited examples, such as the organisation of the Plastic Free City Exhibition on the 22nd March at The City of London, Guildhall in collaboration with The City Corporation, Thames Water, Thames 21 and others. The new Master will continue to consolidate and develop the relationship with the

City of London Corporation on environmental matters. In addition, work is already underway for next year's WET10 Lecture entitled "Which Way Water – 2050 ?".

The Master stressed his commitment to further developing the work with H2Outreach to recruit new members to the Company, offering exciting events to attract new members.

After discussing the useful work undertaken by The Company's Charity, The Water Conservation Trust, the Master concluded by mentioning a series of exciting forthcoming social events in the Company's calendar.



At the commencement of the Lunch, the Clerk gave special thanks on behalf of The Company to retiring Beadle Tony Parker and presented him with a gift from The Company in recognition of his greatly valued service to The Company.

Retiring Beadle Tony Parker and his wife with new Beadle Tim Gutteridge