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Tour of the Tower of London and Ceremony of the Keys

19.30 Thursday 27 October 2022

Tower of London



Footsteps in the darkness. The sentry calls: 'Halt, who comes there?'

The Yeoman Warder replies: 'The keys'. 'Whose keys?'

'Queen Elizabeth's keys'. 'Pass then, all's well'.

This is the exchange that has been spoken for centuries and forms part of the traditional 'locking up' of the Tower of London. The Ceremony of the Keys is one of the oldest surviving enactments of its kind.

The monarch may no longer live at the Tower but the Crown Jewels and other treasures are still kept there so its importance is still relevant today.

Thanks to the good offices of our Beadle, Yeoman Warder Mark Anderson, you are cordially invited to attend the Keys ceremony on 27 October. We will meet Mark at 19.30 at the West Gate for a tour of the Tower. After that we will retire to the pub (please note bar is cash only, no cards) where there will be a raffle and a briefing at 21.30. We will then witness the Ceremony. There will be a night cap for those able to stay afterwards. The dress code is business attire. There is no charge for the event itself but there will be an opportunity to make a charitable donation to the work of the Warders.

Spaces for this special event are limited. To express interest and for further information please contact the Master's Consort, Georgina Drummond, on lynxelot@hotmail.com