



**THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY
OF DISTILLERS**

350th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

AT

GUILDHALL, LONDON

ON

WEDNESDAY, 15th JUNE 2022

Master

C.C. PORTER ESQ

Wardens

C.J.M. SEARLE ESQ

LL.H. MACKILLOP ESQ

N. CARR ESQ

Clerk

E.J. MACEY-DARE ESQ

Assistant Clerk

Mrs K.E. Lyons

GRANT OF THE LIVERY TO THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF DISTILLERS

When our Royal Charter was granted in 1638, giving the Company control of distilling within a 21-mile radius of the cities of London and Westminster, there was some opposition from other Livery Companies to the creation of such a monopoly. In those troubled times of Civil War, regicide, and a puritan Cromwellian government, this opposition delayed the enrolment of the Charter until 1658. Following the successful development of the Company after the Restoration of Charles II in 1660, however, the Court of Aldermen relented and granted us the Livery by Order dated 21st October 1672, thus firmly establishing the Company's status in the City.

2022 therefore marks the 350th anniversary of the conferment of Livery status on our Company. To commemorate this most significant event in our history, we are celebrating this evening with a Banquet at Guildhall, in the presence of The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Vincent Keaveny (who is an Honorary Liveryman and Court Assistant of the Company, and the first Distiller to be elected to the Mayoralty since John Johnson in 1845), Alderman and Sheriff Nicholas Lyons, Masters from the Cask Group and other associated Livery Companies, and their respective consorts.

Table Names

The top table is named after our Founder, Sir Theodore de Mayerne and the other tables are all named after Past Masters from the last 350 years. We especially wish to remember those who have died in recent years, to whom we pay special tribute tonight.

Grace before Dinner will be said by
the Honorary Chaplain the Reverend Canon David Parrott

MENU

*Pol Roger Champagne NV
Pimm's No.1 Cup
Platinum Jubilee Edition*

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*Chablis Premier Cru Vaillons,
William Fèvre 2017*

*Beaune du Château Premier Cru,
Rouge, Bouchard Père & Fils 2016*

*Château Fonmourgues Monbazillac
2015*

Hayman's of London Sloe Gin

*Taylor's 20 year old Tawny
Johnnie Walker Black Label*

At the Reception

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*Grilled Fillet of Lemon Sole & Sea Trout
Chilled Ratatouille, Sauce Verte*

*Vegetarian:
Crushed Avocado and Lime Caramelised
Butternut Squash*

Selection of Breads

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*Fillet of Cornish Beef
Madeira Reduction Jus
Dauphinoise Potatoes
Baby Kale, Roasted Vine Tomatoes*

*Vegetarian:
Baked Aubergine Moussaka
Green Tomato Compote*

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*Melted Cashel Blue Rarebit
On Whole Grain Croute
Baby Water Cress Salad*

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*Lemon Crème Brûlée.
Orange Custard Sauce
Grand Marnier Ice Cream*

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Loving Cup

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Coffee & Chocolates

TOASTS

THE QUEEN

Proposed by
The Master

THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

Proposed by
The Master

THE LORD MAYOR, THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION AND THE SHERIFFS

Proposed by
The Master

Response by
The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Vincent Keaveny

Who will also propose
THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF DISTILLERS

Response by
The Master

Who will also propose
THE GUESTS

Response by
Mr. Jared Brown and Ms. Anistatia Miller

GUILDHALL

Guildhall has been the civic and ceremonial centre of the City for many centuries. Within its walls are the offices and meeting rooms of the Corporation of London and its Court of Common Council, which is the body responsible for governing the City and for defending its interests throughout the London Metropolitan Area.

Guildhall was built between 1411 and 1440, on the site of a Roman amphitheatre and was designed to reflect the power and status of London and its leading citizens. Money was raised from City Livery Companies and King Henry V waived the right to taxes on building materials. A later contribution came from the estate of Dick Whittington.

The Great Hall is more than 150 feet (46 metres) long and some 50 feet (15 metres) wide. It was heavily damaged in the Great Fire of 1666, although the walls survived - as did the 15th-century crypt. The medieval ceiling was lost and, in its place, a flat panelled ceiling was installed, thought to have been the work of Sir Christopher Wren. By 1673, the rebuilding and redecoration of the interior was complete. In 1862, a minstrels' gallery was added at the west end. On the night of 29th December 1940, at the height of the Blitz, the roof was destroyed. The current roof, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, was erected in 1953 and is its fourth. Around the Hall there are several large, imposing statues to national heroes including Sir Winston Churchill, Admiral Lord Nelson and the Duke of Wellington.

The Old Library, where we are dining this evening, was built in 1872 and was once home to some 126,000 books. Particular features include: the stained-glass window at the north end, which illustrates the introduction of printing into England; and the high vaulted ceilings and columns. Also of interest is the Guildhall Library Clock Room, which contains the collection of the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers.

***Pimm's No.1 Cup Platinum Jubilee Edition
And
Johnnie Walker Black Label***

Royal Warrant-holding Pimm's and Johnnie Walker are being provided by Diageo this evening to mark both The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to celebrate the Distillers' 350th Anniversary.

MUSIC

During the evening, a selection of music will be played by musicians from The Guildhall School of Music (specifically: a jazz quartet; and a baroque ensemble, which will be performing music from the 17th century).

The Piper is Pipe Sergeant Andy Parsons London Scottish Pipes and Drums

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs will be taken throughout the evening by Gerald Sharp Photographers. These will be available to view and order following the event via their website: www.sharpphoto.co.uk

Smoking of e-cigarettes is not permitted in Guildhall.

Mobile devices must be switched off. The taking of photographs or videos with your mobile device is strictly prohibited.