



# COMPANY COMMENT

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### From the Masters

#### Reflections on the Annual Dinner and the evening at the National Club.

The Annual Dinner was a great success, even if the numbers were lower than the Dinner last year with the Lord Mayor.

Those who attended expressed satisfaction at our change of venue, and even the smokers were permitted to enjoy a cigarette within the confines of the Club.

We were treated to an excellent meal and, thanks to the efforts of our Master of Ceremonies Peter Leach, the Dinner and AGM formalities were completed by 10 pm.

I thank the Honourable John McCallum, Minister of National Revenue for joining us as our guest of honour especially as he had only left Ottawa a few hours earlier. He kept us all amused with tales of his days at Cambridge University and his ties with the City of London, without too strong an emphasis on the political scene in the Nation's Capital!!!

Special thanks to Geoffrey Berg, HM British Consul General in Toronto and wife Sheila, as we bade them farewell due to Geoffrey's retirement. I am, however, very pleased to say they will not be lost to us as Geoffrey has just been admitted to membership of the Honourable Company and they will be spending time at their home in Burlington.

It was my pleasure to install Martin Walmsley as your 27<sup>th</sup> Master and I know the future of the Company is in good hands with Martin and his new Court.

Thanks for your support throughout my year of office. I know our paths will continue to cross in the future and please support the Honourable Company whenever you can at the wide range of events now being planned.

Enjoy the summer to come and good luck to you all.

Over to you, Martin...

John Smith  
Immediate Past Master

### The year in prospect

What a great year it was under the guidance of Master, John Smith. He will be a hard act to follow.

I would also like to express our thanks to Gail Moorcroft for all the work she did as Hon. Clerk. Her work on rationalizing the membership list will last for many years to come.

Following the success of the Dinner we have already made a provisional booking for the National Club for Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2006. So please book the date now.

The events at Hugh Oddie's home, the evening at "The Last Night of the Proms and the brunch at the Board of Trade's Country Club are reviewed elsewhere. Thanks to Hugh for opening his home again, to Geoffrey Mayo for booking the tickets for the Proms concert, and to John Smith for arranging for us to go to the Country Club.

And what of the future? It was sad that one of my first duties was to send a letter of condolence to the Lord Mayor of London as a result of the terrorist attacks there. Many of us still have strong connections with the City especially family members who work there. The phones were certainly busy that dreadful morning. Our hearts and minds are with all of you in London at this time.

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In Ontario, we are sweltering through the hottest June on record and, as I write this, in the middle of July there still seems to be no end in sight. Whether you like this or not, what would you prefer, + 34C in July or -34C in February?

Our next event will be on September 20<sup>th</sup>, an evening with "The National Post", in Toronto. This evening, organized by David Moorcroft, will also be a main event for raising funds for the Charity account. Please make .

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming months.

Martin Walmsley  
Master



### **Condolences to London**

The whole world was shocked and horrified by the terrorist's attack on public transportation in London on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, that was timed to coincide with the start of the G8 Meeting in Gleneagles, Scotland. The special bond between Freemen and the City made the attack on the working people of the City even more personal and horrific. As a result of the attack, the Master has written to the Lord Mayor expressing the horror and sorrow felt by the Members of the Honourable Company and sending our condolences to all those who lost family and friends in the bombings.

The professional response, including its speed and efficiency, gave us all ample evidence of the quality of the emergency preparation that has been developed there. The very fast identification of the bombers is a credit to all the police and security services, but unfortunately, they can never be brought to justice. In its past, the City has suffered many disasters and pulled through with increased strength and greater community spirit. We have already seen this happen in the short term and expect to see the same occur again over the coming years.

The text of the Master's letter is reproduced here for your information.

### **CONDOLENCE LETTER TO LONDON**

*Michael Savory  
Lord Mayor of London  
Mansion House  
London EC4N 8BH*

*July 11<sup>th</sup> 2005*

*Dear Lord Mayor*

*Members of the Honourable Company and the Guild of Freemen in North America have asked me to convey to you their horror at the recent terrorist attack in the City of London.*

*Our New York members have already witnessed what evil can be perpetrated by their fellow man. It is indeed distressing to see this horror repeated in the City we all love so much.*

*Please convey our deepest regrets and condolences to all who have been affected by this tragedy. We know that Londoners will survive this attack as they have survived many similar attacks in the recent and historical past.*

*We are proud to hear of the response by the security services, police, fire and the general public and in the way that they reacted so quickly and without regard for their own safety.*

*Many of us have family and friends who work in the City of London and beyond. Our thoughts are with you all. We take great pride in our affiliation with the City of London*

*We remain, yours sincerely, in sorrow and grief.*

*Martin F. Walmsley  
Master*

## **A Brief Outline - The Edinburgh Merchant Company**



### **Introduction**

In this issue, we are going to look at a Merchant Guild outside the City of London – in fact in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Craft and merchant guilds were not unique to London, nor to England.

They existed throughout Europe and they played a huge part in the economic development, in the growth of crafts and trades and in the social and commercial structure there. European guilds were not only important in their own countries but became influential in countries that became colonized by many empire-builders. The Freemasons have become a powerful force globally and the Carpenters were powerful politically in both the US and Australia and they continue to attract membership of the political and industrial leaders of those countries.



### **History of the Edinburgh Merchant Company**

The origins of The Edinburgh Merchant Company go back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century Guild of Merchants, which was established to protect the interests of merchants in Edinburgh and to provide exclusive rights for “Guild-brothers”. There is also a Trades Guild in Edinburgh that protected the interests of traders. The Edinburgh Merchant Company appears to have been a male-dominated organization during its trade-protection phase although the membership included a few women of influence and distinction, some of whom attended the Incorporation in 1681

Under the decree of James VI of Scotland, the Merchant Guild enjoyed privileges, which, amongst other advantages, gave the city’s merchants control of the City Council. After the Union of Crowns, both James VI (James I of England) and Charles I made various attempts to establish bodies similar to the Guilds of London but it was not until after the ravages of the Civil War on trade in Scotland, and Edinburgh in particular, that the city’s merchants acted to defend their interest through incorporation and royal charter.

The Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh was incorporated by royal charter in 1681, and the first meeting was attended by 82 merchants on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1681. The members elected Sir George Drummond as the first Master, along with a Treasurer and 12 Assistants.

The Charter provided exclusive protection for the trading rights of merchants in the City of Edinburgh, and rules were drawn up for the better regulation of trade and for exacting penalties from those breaking these rules. From the comprehensive records of the Company, which never suffered the misfortunes of the Great Fire of London, nor the

level of devastation from the Blitz, the Company discussed a lot of metropolitan issues over time, include the City’s water supply, smuggling, taxation, Sabbath Day observation, postal services, et cetera. Areas in which the Company was active even in its earliest times include education and charitable work.

The Company did not become involved in colonization initiatives that cost many of its London sister companies so much, but it is clear that the Merchant Company was highly influential in all aspects of trade and in the development of the City itself.

The Company continued to exercise great power until monopoly trade practices were ended with the passing of the “Trading within Burghs Act 1849”. While no longer responsible for the control of trading, the Company continued to flourish and play an important and influential role in the life of the City, especially in education and charity.

The Edinburgh Merchant Company continues to have two principal external purposes. It is responsible for the management of three of Scotland’s leading independent schools – the Mary Erskine School, Daniel Stewart’s and Melville College, and George Watson’s College. It is also responsible for the management of many charities and trusts, in addition to its own Charitable Trust.

As the Merchant Company has developed and times have changed, earlier Acts, Orders and Powers were brought up to date in 1960. The Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Act was passed and reincorporated the Merchant Company. More recently in 1996, the New Order Act was passed updating the constitution. With this in place, Her Majesty The Queen signed the Edinburgh Merchant Company Order Confirmation Act on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1996.



### **Schools’ History**

The Mary Erskine School was founded in 1694 as the Merchant Maidens’ Hospital with a substantial donation from Mary Erskine, the widow of a wealthy Edinburgh apothecary. This established a foundation for the education of the daughters of the burghesses. The school is one of the oldest girls’ schools in the world and continues to flourish as Scotland’s premier school for girls.

In 1723, George Watson, a successful Edinburgh merchant and financier, left money in trust for a school for boys to be founded in his name. George Watson’s College was founded as a charitable hospital for orphans and destitute children in 1741. Later, one of the headmasters of George Watson’s Hospital, the Reverend Robert Cunningham founded the Edinburgh Institution in 1832, which later took the name of Melville College when it moved to Melville Street. This is, by no means, the end of the story for the George Watson trust, for, in 1871, the Merchants Company founded George Watson’s Ladies College in response to the rapidly growing

demand for education of Scottish Lasses and the popularity of George Watson's College.

The third major educational bequest was made by Daniel Stewart, an officer of the Court of Exchequer in 1855. Daniel Stewart's College was founded in the same year and housed in a magnificent building designed by David Rhind on Queensferry Road. The school still occupies this site.



**The Schools Today**

With five schools under the jurisdiction of the Company, two mergers were made in the 1970's to streamline operations, improve facilities and their utilization, and help global

marketing.

In 1973 Daniel Stewart's College and the Melville College were merged to become Daniel Stewart's and Melville College. This integrated College now operates on the campus on Queensferry Road and today there are about 740 boys in the senior school and nearly 600 boy and girl pupils in the junior school and nursery. Daniel Stewart's and Melville College is twinned with the Mary Erskine School, and both schools are close, Mary Erskine being at Ravelston. This twinning gives the advantages of a single sex educational experience with the benefits of co-education for many activities such as drama, music, outdoor education, and the Combined Cadet Force. The schools also operate with one Principal and Governing Body and facilities and buildings can be planned for optimal use between the two schools. Mary Erskine School has 670 pupils in the senior school and 550 in its mixed junior school. Almost all the students in these schools are day pupils although there are a small number of boarders in each school.

George Watson's College and George Watson's Ladies College were merged in 1974 to make it one of the largest private schools in Britain. There are nearly 1300 students in the senior school, nearly 800 in the junior schools and approaching 100 in the nursery school. George Watson's College has been almost continuously developed around the main building, which was completed in 1932 on property on Colinton Road. 80% of the pupils from GWC continue on to University and, as one would imagine of the Scots, sports is a strong complement to this high level of academic achievement.



**Charitable Activities**

The original royal charter made provision for specific charitable work and in 1693 David Aitkenhead was the first to leave a substantial gift to help elderly merchants in need. More members followed this example and the trust funds grew quite rapidly. In 1797, James Gillespie bequeathed his Colinton estate. As the years progressed the Company assumed a major role in public benevolence and a whole range of charitable trusts have been established over the last 300 years. These continue to be administered in line with

the trust intents but administered to suit the needs of society today.

In 1994, a new Charitable Trust was established with a view to support projects for the benefit of children and young people.



**The Hall**

The Merchants' Hall is in Hanover Street and has been the headquarters and meeting place since 1879.

In the earliest days, the members met in the High Council House, but it soon became evident that the Company needed its own hall and it purchased an imposing mansion on Cowgate in 1691 from Earl Haddington, Secretary-of-State to James VI.

With growing influence and prestige, in 1726 the Company made a decision to move to premises in the High Exchange, but this decision was relatively short-lived and by 1741 that location was unsuitable and for nearly 50 years meetings were held in various High Street coffee houses. This was clearly unsatisfactory and a purpose built hall was commissioned in Hunter Square in 1788 and the first meeting was held there in 1790. This building was enlarged in 1825, but by the 1870's, this was no longer adequate and the Company moved to its Hanover Street location in 1879. This location was previously the offices of the City of Glasgow Bank, which had failed a few years previously. The building was enlarged in 1900 and has been extensively remodelled to meet current requirements.

**The Coat of Arms**

The Company's Coat of Arms was granted in 1693.



**Arms**

The shield shows a ship in full sail representing the importance of Scotland's export trade. The saltires worn by the ship and the St Andrew's cross demonstrate that the Merchant Company is Scottish. In the upper left is the crowned thistle, one of the royal crests in

Scotland, indicating the Company is incorporated by royal charter. In the upper centre, the gold ells represent the rods and yardsticks used for measuring lengths of cloth and the pair of balances used for weighing goods of all sort, both showing the mercantile origins of the Company. In the top right is a castle, which is the city crest for Edinburgh.

**Crest**

The Crest shows a sphere or globe signifying that the Members, then and now, are engaged in trade worldwide.

**Supporters**

The supporters are sea-unicorns, half land and half sea creatures. Sea-unicorns were only allowed on the coats of

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arms of peers of the realm and very important corporations showing the respect in which the Edinburgh Merchant Company was held.

### *Mantling*

The Mantle is the Company motto “ Terraque Marique”, meaning by land and sea.



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The Company has an informative website which can be found at [www.mcoe.org.uk](http://www.mcoe.org.uk). This includes a video of one of the Company's meetings.

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### Upcoming Events

#### Charity Reception with the Editor and Senior Management of the National Post

Location 40<sup>th</sup> Floor, Royal Bank Plaza, South Tower  
Date and time 20<sup>th</sup> September 2005, 6 pm to 8 pm  
Dress Business Suit  
Cost \$30 (all proceeds to the Hon Co's Charity)

#### Christmas Luncheon with St George's Society of New York

Location Yale Club, New York City  
Date and time 10<sup>th</sup> December 2005, 12 noon  
Dress Informal  
Cost TBD

#### Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting

Location National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto  
Date and Time 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 6:00 pm for 7:00 pm  
Carriages 11:00 pm  
Dress Black Tie with Medal or Dark Business Suit  
Cost TBA

#### Golf Tournament

Members are invited to join in the Annual Golf Tournament of the British Canadian Chamber of Trade and Commerce at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Stouffville, Ontario on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Please contact John S. Smith for more information and entry. Call John at 905 827 5666 or email him at [john.s.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:john.s.smith@sympatico.ca).

#### **Other events being planned include:**

Beer Tasting	November 2005
Scotch Tasting	January 2006
Last Night of the Proms	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2006



### Events Report

#### Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the Honourable Company was held at the National Club, Bay Street, Toronto. The Master and Court assembled with the Members and their Guests at 6 pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in the Club Lounge, where champagne and other drinks of individual choice were served. With the change of location from the Albany Club, there were new sights and artifacts to be seen and appreciated. All the 71 attendees found the space afforded in the lounge and in the Hall provided a more convivial and less constrained atmosphere for socializing and meeting colleagues and old friends.

The Master of Ceremonies, Peter Leach PM, called the 34 Members and 37 Guests to table at 7:20 pm and the Master, head table guests and Court were welcomed with rhythmic clapping. Renata Moras said the Honourable Company's Grace and Dr. Martin Walmsley, the Deputy Master, proposed the Loyal Toast. David Moorcroft was then called upon to propose the toast to the Office of the President of the United States. Using the protocol first used at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, John Smith, the Master, introduced the head table guests. In his toast to the Guests of the Company, the Master also mentioned the attendance of several notable guests who were not part to the head table.

The Dinner Menu included Manderielle Soup, the Entrée of Alberta Strip Loin of Beef with peppercorn sauce followed by a delicious Raspberry Bread Pudding served with vanilla ice-cream and orange anglaise sauce. The meal was accompanied with excellent Chardonnay and Cabernet Sauvignon from California's Oak Vineyard winery.

After dinner, the Master of Ceremonies called upon Past Master Timothy Sheeres to toast the Honourable Company. This was followed by the Ceremony of the Loving Cup. The Master and head table guests demonstrated the ceremony to the other guests while the Peter Leach described it.

After a short break, the Master introduced the Dinner Speaker, the Honourable John McCallum MP, Member and Minister of National Revenue. John recited some amusing anecdotes that give some insight to the reasons for the major



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transitions in his life - why he came to Canada, how he ended up with one of the most senior positions at the Royal Bank of Canada, and why he gave all that up to enter politics. Anyone who heard the April Fool which John instigated on CBC on April 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 will know that John can be both very convincing and has a very dry humor. He again combined those talents in his talk. He only got back to politics in his closing. This was not surprising as the confidence vote that could have brought down the Government was only days away.

David Moorcroft thanked John for his fascinating talk and then called upon the Master to assume the Chair for the Annual Meeting.

*Report provided by the Editor*

### Meet the Master

The newly appointed Court and Master held their first event on May 17 at the home of Past Master Hugh Oddie in the Annex district of Toronto. The Master, Martin Walmsley was in great form to meet over 30 members and guests who attended the reception. The Court Wardens present included immediate Past Master John Smith, as well as Founding Master Ray Gibson. The occasion provided members with an opportunity to meet Court members and officers, to provide input on future events, and to socialize with old friends.

Hugh Oddie provided a delicious buffet dinner with wine and champagne, for which the Master and Court extend their sincere appreciation.

*Report by David Moorcroft, Deputy Master*

### Last Night of the Proms, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Once more, Past Master Geoffrey Mayo had obtained a block of 20 tickets for the Toronto Symphony's "Last Night of the Proms" programme. The programme of course included the staples usually found in the "Proms" concert. However, also included were many of the songs and tunes associated with Britain during the war years.

We sang "Rule Britannia" and "Jerusalem" with great fervour as well as "The White Cliffs of Dover". The choir and soloists treated us to medleys of songs by Noel Coward that included a robust and amusing rendering of "Mad Dogs and Englishmen."

We sang until we were hoarse, all the time waving our Union Jacks. It was a great evening that occasionally brought tears of happy memories to one's eyes. Thank you Geoffrey for arranging this great evening.

*Report provided by Dr. Martin Walmsley, Master*

### Sunday Brunch at the Toronto Board of Trade Country Club, June 26<sup>th</sup>

On a hot June day, with temperatures running over 30C, we arrived at the Board of Trade Country Club north of Toronto. The view from the dining room is spectacular, looking as it does from a tee of the golf course down a long valley with low hills at the end.

Once the view had been absorbed, we were ready to enjoy the Brunch! Faced with the first mounds of cold sea and lake food, and large number of salads it was difficult to make a choice as we could also see about twelve different hot dishes to follow. If that weren't enough, about twelve different deserts and cheeses awaited our attention.

This year we were all seated a one long table, but that didn't deter the conversation and constant movement, not only too and from the buffet, but also to talk to old friends.

After about two hours we staggered to our cars that by now, of course were sitting in the full sun. Thank heavens for air conditioning.

Thank you Past Master John Smith for organizing this event that also contributed to the Charity Fund.

*Report provided by Dr. Martin Walmsley, Master*



## The Annual Meeting

The Master called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:30 pm and made a brief speech about his year in office, the accomplishments during the year and the great support that he had received from the Court and the wider membership. It was a notable year as it started for him with his installation by the Lord Mayor of London, and continued with an array of events that brought out many members, attracted many new members, and once again reintroduced the Honourable Company back into the USA with a joint luncheon with the St. George's Society of New York. He specifically thanked the officers and the Court for their diligence in putting on a program that increased the number of people attending the Company's events. He also thanked the staff of the National Club for an excellent dinner, and noted a number of individual efforts that make the Honourable Company the dynamic organization that it continues to be.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Master reported on the financial strength of the Honourable Company and the significant growth in the Charity's reserves that were now sufficient to allow the commencement of charitable activities.

The Master confirmed that the Nominating Committee had successfully identified sufficient and qualified members, and the Master then initiated the induction process including the exchange of Chains of Office and the taking of the oaths of office. Once installed the Master, Dr. Martin Walmsley, presented a Past Master's jewel to the Immediate Past Master.



## The 2005-2006 Court

The following were installed as Officers:

<b>Dr. Martin Walmsley</b>	<i>Guild of Freemen</i>	Master
<b>David Moorcroft</b>	<i>Freeman</i>	Deputy Master
<b>Professor Michael Charles</b>	<i>Freeman</i>	Honorary Treasurer
<b>Sylvia Davis</b>	<i>Freeman</i>	Honorary Clerk

The following were installed as Wardens and Assistants:

<b>Robin Braithwaite</b>	<i>Watermen and Lightermen</i>	
<b>Agnes Chaitas</b>		
<b>Brian Greasly</b>		
<b>Neil F. Purcell</b>	<i>Painter Stainer</i>	Past Master
<b>John S. Smith</b>	<i>Guild of Freemen</i>	Immediate Past Master
<b>Geoffrey Wright</b>	<i>Freeman</i>	

Emeritus Members of the Court:

<b>Captain G. Ray Gibson</b>	<i>Air Pilot and Air Navigator</i>	Founding and Past Master
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## London Representation



The Master and Count are very pleased to announce that Sir Paul Newall, a former Lord Mayor of London and Life Member of the Honourable Company has agreed to represent the Honourable Company in the City. He will represent the Company at official events and occasions and will act as an ambassador whenever this will help promote the Company in the City. The Honourable Company is most honoured and grateful to be represented by such an esteemed member of the City establishment.

The Master and Court are also very pleased to announce the John White has been approved and will shortly be officially appointed as London Clerk. John is a Freeman, a lawyer working for the TD Financial Group, and is well connected in the City. The Company Comment will provide a longer introduction to John when he takes up his responsibilities.



## New Members

*HE BGen The Chevalier Gareth J. Green*

Gareth Green was inducted as a Freeman of the City of London on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2005 and was admitted to the Honourable Company on 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Gareth was born in the Rhondda Valley, South Wales on 16<sup>th</sup> January 1945. In 1952, with the Second World War over, his family moved to London. His early employment included the Electroflo Meter Company, which became a division of Elliot Automation and, later, the General Electric Company. At Electroflo, he was an Instrumentation and Control Engineer, being primarily involved in power station control systems.

At the age of 29, he immigrated to Canada and continued to work as control systems engineer consulting with Canadian and United States companies. He is currently employed by Canadian National Railways

Gareth was commissioned as an Officer in the Royal Naval Reserve in the United Kingdom in 1967 and this commission was transferred to the Canadian Armed Forces and he served as a Reserve Officer from 1976 to 2000.

In his extra-curricular activities, Gareth is the Grand Prior of the International Order of St. George and he is Deputy Grand Master of the Order. He also holds an Honorary Commission in the rank of Brigadier General with the Hungarian National Guard.

The Honourable Company welcomes Gareth who wishes to continue his association with the City and with fellow Freemen living in North America.

*Geoffrey Berg and Sheila Berg*

Biographies of the Bergs will be included in the next issue. Geoffrey Berg is the British Consul General in Toronto, who

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is retiring, but intends to spend substantial time in Canada in the future. The Bergs have opened their official residence to the Members of the Honourable Company for events over many years.

The Master and Court are pleased to announce the introduction of a Membership Certificate that will be issued to all existing and new Members of the Honourable Company. We are sure that these will be proudly displayed by members and will be a constant reminder of all that is good about the City and the Honourable Company. The preparation of these attractive and significant certificates will take a few weeks but they will be in the mail to you shortly



### **Members in the News**

The Court was very pleased to hear of the sporting success of Past Master Peter Leach in the Canadian Masters Swimming Championships at the Etobicoke Olympium, Ontario over the Victoria Day weekend. Swimming with the Ottawa-based Technosport Swim team, Peter earned one Gold, one Silver, one Bronze and one 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Mixed and Men's Medley and Freestyle Relays. At the individual level for competitors with ages from 60 to 64, he earned a 7<sup>th</sup> place in the 50 Metre Backstroke and 8<sup>th</sup> places in the 50 Metre Butterfly and 200 Meter Freestyle.



### **Freedoms Granted**

#### *Oliver Kingsley Hawes*

The Freedom of London was bestowed on Oliver Kingsley Hawes II in the Chamberlain's Court in the City's Guildhall on Thursday, June 23, 2005. Mr. Hawes, from Rhode Island, USA, became an affiliate member of the Honourable Company of Freemen of London of North America in 2004. His application for the "freedom" was sponsored by Hugh Oddie, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers, and by Neil Purcell, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers.

Mr. Hawes, who now has the honour of being a "Citizen of London" and a full member of our Company, was accompanied to the Guildhall by his daughters Stacey and Elaine, by son George, and by our Deputy Master, David Moorcroft and his wife, Gail.

#### *John Bishop*

John Bishop has been invited to attend a special meeting of the Chamberlain's Court to be inducted as a Freeman of the City and to receive his Freedom warrant on 8<sup>th</sup> August.



### **Company Website**

The Honourable Company refers members and friends to the Company Website [www.freemenlondon.org](http://www.freemenlondon.org), which carries information about the Company and its activities. Our calendar of events and this newsletter, together with membership information, our

history and other useful links are provided for your convenience.



### **Communications with your Company**

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#### *Honorary London Clerk*

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