



# COMPANY COMMENT

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## From the Master

As I look out of the window I can see snow, but this is February in Toronto. All this week has been taken up with watching the Olympic Games – one of the perks of being retired. We are all much impressed with the performance of many of our athletes, especially the ladies.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that John White has agreed to accept the position of London Clerk for the Honourable Company. John is a Freeman and a Liveryman of three City Livery Companies; the City of London Solicitors' Company, and the Worshipful Companies of Makers of Playing Cards and of International Bankers. He is also a member of the City Livery Yacht Club and the Wallbrook Ward Club. John has recently become a member of the Honourable Company. We all look forward to meeting John in the near future and to a long and happy relationship.

The Beer Tasting in November was a great success with ales provided by the Sleeman Brewing Company. Many thanks go to John Sleeman, who is a member of the Hon Company, and to his staff. John's participation in this event is especially appreciated as it is becoming increasingly difficult to find brewing, wine and liquor companies who are prepared to sponsor charity events such as ours. This event resulted in \$566.63 being raised for the Charity Account. In addition, \$1,760.00 was raised for the Charity Account as a result of the reception with the Editorial Staff of the National Post, hosted by the Royal Bank and chaired by Deputy Master David Moorcroft.

Some members attended the luncheon with the members of the St George's Society of New York in December and had a most enjoyable time. They were very generously received by the St. Georges' Society members. The Court is looking into whether other events in New York might attract

Honourable Company members at different times of the year.

Preparations for the Annual Dinner and AGM are well under way. The Dinner will be held again at the National Club on May 5<sup>th</sup> 2006. The Guest Speaker will be Nicholas Armour, the British Consul General in Toronto. You should receive the preliminary notice about the Dinner very soon.

While on the subject of the Dinner, at the end of last year's event a number of members approached me with the following question. Why do we toast the Queen as Queen Elizabeth the Second and not as Queen of Canada? Accordingly, I consulted with the Protocol Office of the Ontario Government on this matter and received the following reply. "In Ontario the Loyal Toast is to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the second of Canada". This toast will be used at the forthcoming Annual Dinner.

Many of you will have noticed the changes to the Honourable Company's website. Our thanks are due to Court member Robin Braithwaite who took over responsibility for the site after Chris Currie, left Toronto. We wish Chris all the best in his new life "out West".

Lastly, I would like to thank all those who telephoned and e-mailed me during my recovery from my knee replacement. I am not yet swirling around the dance floor, but I hope it won't be long before such an event occurs. I thank John Smith and Deputy Maser David Moorcroft for steering the ship of state so efficiently during my three-month rehabilitation.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Dinner on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Martin Walmsley  
Master

**A Brief Outline - The Worshipful Company of Upholders**



**Introduction**

In this issue of Company Comment, we turn our attention to one of the older trades in London, that of Upholder or Upholsterer. The Worshipful Company of Upholders is number 49 in the order of precedence. Most people will understand the term Upholsterer

better than Upholder. The Upholder is defined as: a dealer in small wares or second-hand articles (of clothing, furniture, etc.); a maker or repairer of such things. It generally includes the activities associated with the supply of interior furnishing of a house and/or for a funeral. This might sound like a broad mixture of activities but the linkage is because of the use of attractive and decorative materials used to cover or line furniture and coffins. This definition of Upholder is clearly wider than that of the usually understood definition of Upholsterer.

In the days of trade controls by the London Livery Companies, the Upholders seem to have had a great deal of trouble with the quality of materials used in the stuffing of upholstered items. This is hardly likely to be a surprise when one considers that the stuffing is always hidden and is therefore an easy place to cut costs by using inferior stuffing materials.

The history of the Upholders has had to be constructed principally by reference to documents that are not part of the Company archives as these were destroyed in two fires: the first being the Great Fire in 1666, and the second in 1812. The first of these also destroyed the only known Hall of the Upholders in addition to the records to that time and most of its historic treasures.



**Early History**

The first known reference to an Upholder was in 1258 and succeeding years with mentions of Henry le Uphelder (1258), Godwyn le Upheldre (1294), and John

Pope (1309).

The first formal petition by the Upholders appears in 1346. On May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Patent Roll record: *"Whereas the upholsterers of the realm, by petition before the King and council in the Parliament lately held in Westminster, have shewn that certain of the realm of France and many others from beyond the seas bring within the realm and expose for sale fraudulent imitations of good works of their mistery with hair of oxen, swine and other animals cunningly woven in with the wool, to the great damage and deception of the people, the king has appointed John de Bromholm, William le Palmere, Geoffrey de Everdon, John Padegriss, Nicholas*

*alte Ford and John Wodegate to make scrutiny of such fraudulent work when necessary and to make inquisition by men of the mistery and others touching all such frauds and the names of those who bring this false work within the realm and expose it for sale, to seize the same into the King's hands as forfeit, answering for all forfeited work at the exchequer, and to certify him of the said names, the value of the goods forfeited and all that they do by virtue of this commission."*

The Upholders obtained ordinances and recognition as a separate "mistery" in 1360. In that same year, on the Saturday after the Feast of St. Matthias (February 24<sup>th</sup>) Robert Gyle, Thomas alte Noket, Peter Warysonn, and John of Norhampton, "upholdes", were elected by the good men of the mistery to survey and govern the mistery so that they sell nothing but good wares, and they were sworn before the Mayor and Aldermen to bring before the same any false goods they found. It is clear therefore that the control of the trade was already well established at this time, with powers of search, seizure and discipline.

The Upholders were important merchants in the City and, in 1381, John de Northampton, Upholder and Draper, and one of the most impressive figures in the history of London, was elected Lord Mayor of London.

Upholders, in dealing not only with upholstery and funeral provision but also resale of used furnishing and other goods, were frequently in competition with other trade and craft misteries, and it was common for liverymen in the Upholders Company and other merchant companies to change companies or to be Liverymen of more than one company to prevent accusations of illegal trading activity.

In 1425, members of the mystery of Upholders were accused of being habitual receivers of stolen goods. Whether or not this charge was true, their establishments certainly had the reputation of making only cursory inquiries into the provenance of goods offered for purchase. So, not only were there questions about the quality of work of Upholders but their trading practices were also open to criticism. There are a number of records that show even the Master and Court members being accused of malpractice. As a result, few of the accusations were seriously pursued by the Company as there was a fear that the exposure of one Liveryman could result in the exposure of senior Company officials that were supposed to be responsible for the quality of the Upholders activities.

Amongst its members, notable Freemen include Sir Bartholomew James (Lord Mayor in 1479) who with his brother Aldermen (in 1471) led the City Levies against the Bastard of Falconbridge, the illegitimate son of the Duke of Kent. Sir Bartholomew and eleven of his Aldermanic colleagues were knighted on the battlefield for gallantry in action. This is one further example of the King using the Citizens of the City to put down civil threat and to

strengthen the King's military capabilities for international ventures.

The mistery applied to Parliament in 1494 for formal legal powers to expand its control of the craft practices of the Upholders beyond the City:

*"To the right worshipfull Comons in this present Parliament assembled, sheweth unto youre discrete Wisdomes the Wardeyns of the Feliship of the Crafte of Upholders within the Citie of London; That where as divs psones within the Realme of England oute of the seid Citie maketh and doth to be made unlauffull and fals Wares and Marchaundises, to the grete rebuke and disclaunder of the seid Crafte and also greate jopdie losse and disceite to the Kingis Subgettis, Wherfor ther is noe sufficient remedy purveied, for so moch as the same Wardeynes have noe power nor auctorite to make due serch of suche fals disceyvable Wares and Marchaundises putte to sale oute of the seid Citie, as they have power and auctorite within the same Citie, as in federbeddes bolsters and pillows made of ij man of corrupte stuffes, that is to sey of scalded feders and drie pulled feders to gedre and of flokkis and feders togidre, which is contagious for mannys body to lye on; and also in quyktes mattres and cussions stuffed with horse here, fen downe, neetis here, deris here, and gotis here, which is wrought in lyme fattes, and by the hete of mannys body the savour and taste is so abhomyable and contagious that many of the Kingis Subgettis therby been destroyed, which disceyfull making of the forseid corrupt and unlauffull stuffe is to the great losse and empovysshing of the Kingis liege people, and also greate rebuke and disclaunder to the seid Crafte of Upholders: Therfor it may pleas the Kingis Highnes and by thadyse of his lordes spuall and tempall and his Comons in this psent parliament assembled and by auctorite of the same, to establish ordeyne and enacte, that from hensfourth noe psone ne psons shall make utter ne putte to sale, in feiers ner in marktis within this his seid realme, any federbeddes bolsters or pillows, except they be stuffed wt oone man of stuffe that is to sey, with drie pulled feders or ellis clene downe allone, and with no scalded fethers nor fen downe none other unlawfull and corrupte stuffes as is afore reherced, but utterly to be dampned for er; excepte if any psone or psones for ther owne ppre use in their howses make or do to be made any of the forseid corrupte and unlawfull Stuffe and Wares, so they be not offred to be sold in feiers nor marktis, upon payne of forfeiture; And also in like wise Quyktes Mattresses and Cusshons be stuffed with one man of Stuffe, that is to sey with clene wolle or clene flockes alone and with none suche unlauffull Stuff afore reherced, upon payne of losse and forfeiture of all suche unlawfull Wares and Marchaundises."*

This petition was passed into law in 1495.

The Company of Adventurers and Planters for the Colony of Virginia, otherwise known as the Virginia Company, was founded in 1606 and in 1608 James I indicated to the Lord Mayor that a precept should be issued to the City of London Companies in order to finance the colonization of Virginia. Citizens were reminded that the plantation would reduce the risk of pestilence and famine in the City by removing some of the surplus population and would also generate profits for the adventurers. Following this pressing appeal, 56 Companies, including the "Upholsters" as they were then called, became shareholders or adventurers in the Virginia Company. It is not known how much the Upholders invested. In 1611, the Virginia Company set out the various classes of emigrants sought and these included "Upholsters of feathers". As we have already seen, this venture failed

and all the Companies lost substantial fortunes as a consequence. The Company was also involved in the New Plantation of Ulster, in collaboration with the Clothworkers and five other Livery Companies. Again the venture failed but with only a small interest, this was not particularly damaging financially to the Upholders.

The company received its Charter in 1626, permitting an unlimited number of Liverymen. The Charter was lost in the Great Fire in 1666.

The Great Fire is a turning point in the History of the City of London, and also in the history of the Company, as its Hall, all its documents and all its treasured articles were lost.



### History 1666 - 1900

Towards the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, wickerwork started to take hold in the furnishing industry. While the Joiners and the Basketmakers fought to become the Company to control this new trade, this new trend was a clear threat to the Upholders. The Company petitioned Parliament to prohibit the manufacture of cane chairs by adding a clause to a Parliamentary Bill to encourage woolen manufacture. The petition claimed that, before cane chairs were popular, sixty thousand Turkey-work chairs and about two hundred and fifty thousand with other coverings were produced each year and that the production of cane chairs had led to about fifty thousand people being put out of work in the upholstery and woolen trades. This gives some idea of the scale of the Upholding industry at that time.

The Upholders petition failed, and much damage was done to their craft as a result. However, the cane furniture fashion declined in the 1720's and the Company of Upholders started to grow again, although it continued to be much smaller than in the mid 17<sup>th</sup> century.

A further commercial attack on the Company came from the weavers of Whitney (in the Cotswolds). These weavers started a successful retailing operation in the City in conflict with the exclusive rights of the Upholders. After extensive legal action, the rights of the Upholders were preserved, but the weavers were permitted to sell wholesale in the London markets.

As the provision of house furnishings became more integrated into the entire design and decoration of homes and commercial buildings, the Upholders became the managers and coordinators for the finishing of homes, overseeing the activities of many other trades. They also assumed the role of house appraisers, a totally new area of responsibility for the Upholders that interestingly was uncontested at the time by other Companies who might have assumed such responsibility as an outgrowth of their own activities.

It seems that every 20 to 30 years, the strength of the Company's control over those practicing the craft started to

languish, and there was frequently a need to reestablish its mandate. The 1740's were no exception. In 1750, possibly the most extreme legislation in the Company's history was passed to force all Upholders to take the freedom of the Company and to fine anyone, who was not free in the Company, that practiced as an Upholder.

One of the most famous Upholders was Sir William Rawlings. He was elected a Common Councilman in 1787 and represented Bishopsgate for the rest of his life. He was one of the great business minds of the City in the 19th century and the founder of the company now known as Eagle Star. On October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1807, William brought together a group of City gentlemen at Cole's Coffee House in Cornhill and the meeting resulted in the founding of the Eagle Insurance Company. William Rawlings was the motive force in the Company and Chairman to the end of his life. He attended his last meeting on December 27<sup>th</sup> 1837 and died at his home on March 26<sup>th</sup> 1838, aged eighty-four. His will provided instructions for the inspection and maintenance of his tomb in St. Botolph without Bishopsgate churchyard and for the drinking of a toast. Eagle Star now helps to keep his memory alive by assisting towards the maintenance of both the tomb and the church. To this day representatives of Bishopsgate Ward drink a solemn toast to the memory of Sir William Rawlings every other year at his tomb.

In 1812 a second disaster hit the company, when fire consumed the premises of Messrs. Say and Kay, upholsterers in Ludgate Hill. At that time, many of the Company's treasures and some of its records were stored there and were lost.



### **The Upholders Today**

Today, the Company maintains strong links with the trade of upholstery through the Warden to the Trade and The Association of Master Upholsterers and Soft Furnishers.

Many Freemen and Liverymen of the Company, including members of the Court, Past Masters and Wardens are also active members of the Association.

Each year the Company supports students by giving awards in Upholstery, Soft Furnishing and Furnishing Design and Manufacture. The prizes total £2,400 and are presented at the Guildhall University in June - usually with the Lord Mayor in attendance. Bursaries to the value of £1,250 are also distributed each year to enable students to continue their courses.

Design awards for academic upholstery courses have been recently introduced. It has always been difficult to judge design because one has to be sure that any design can be made into a practical piece of furniture (it is rumoured that, back in the 18th century, Sheraton drew many designs which were impossible to make!). Every year, Judges examine the submitted designs and choose one winner that will then be manufactured by a qualified upholsterer. A core benefit to

the winning student is a continuing dialogue between that student and the upholsterer. It is now well proven that this is of great help in the student's career.

The Association of Master Upholsterers and Soft Furnishers craft awards are sponsored by The Worshipful Company and are promoted nationally to over 250 colleges and training providers. The awards are open to all students of soft furnishing or upholstery at all levels.

The Worshipful Company of Upholders had a long and successful relationship with a series of HM Submarines. The Upholders' Company established their first link with HMS 'Upholder' (1940-1942) during the second World War when the Worshipful Company adopted the submarine and sent to the ship's company, books, food parcels and many other comforts which helped to relieve the austere conditions aboard a wartime submarine.

The first submarine 'Upholder' had a short but illustrious career. She was ordered in 1939 on the morning after Britain went to war with Germany and was completed on 31st October 1940. After a short work-up in the Clyde, she sailed for the Mediterranean under the command of Lieutenant Commander M. D. Wanklyn, RN, arriving in Malta on 12th January, 1941. Her officers and crew saw 16 months of virtually unceasing action, completing 24 patrols before being lost with all hands in April 1942.

During her 16 months' service with the 10th Submarine Flotilla, HMS Upholder sank or damaged 22 enemy ships! This tally included three U-boats (sunk), two destroyers (one sunk, one damaged), one cruiser (damaged) and she had damaged or sunk some 119,000 tons of enemy supply ships.

The second submarine named 'Upholder' was launched by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent on 2nd December 1986. Her first Captain was Lieutenant Commander G.A.R. McCready, M.B.E., R.N. After much deliberation, she was allowed to sail under Wanklyn's crest.

She was commissioned on 9th June, 1990 and was immediately adopted by the Worshipful Company. Lt. Cdr. McCready and the ship's company were presented with a silver model of the first HMS Upholder and this was displayed in the submarine's trophy cabinet throughout her commission.

This new HMS Upholder was a 'First-of-Class' and the first new diesel electric submarine to enter service with the Royal Navy for some twenty years. Due to budget limitations and military reprioritization, HMS Upholder and all others of the class were de-commissioned in 1994. These submarines were eventually bought by Canada, one catching fire on its delivery trip to Canada.

Recently, the Company has formed an affiliation with one of the Royal Navy's Type 42 guided missile destroyers HMS Newcastle.



**Upholders' Hall**

The Worshipful Company of Upholders has no Hall, but this has not always been the case.

In 1645, Andrew Yardly made a gift of £500 for the purchase of a Hall and the Rolls of Chancery for 1646 show the purchase of a freehold property called Wingfield House or Wingfield Place, between Lambeth Hill and St. Peters Hill. Wingfield House or Place was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666. According to various records, the issue of any re-building of the Hall is a matter of some confusion. The 1679 By-law makes mention of a "Common Hall in the Parish of St. Peters Cheap". However, this is believed to be a reference to a special meeting to agree the new By-law and the Court Minutes for that period show meetings at various venues but no reference to a Hall. The location of the former Upholders' Hall in St. Peter's Hill (now Peter's Hill) is marked by a plaque that was erected in 2005.



**The Coat of Arms**

The Company received its grant of arms from the College of Arms in 1465 and it was one of the earliest grants of arms to a City Company

The design of the Coat of Arms depicts what have been variously described

as "pavilions, spasers or spervers", all of which are best defined as the framed canopy over a bed or tent.

The motto "Sustine Bona" means "Uphold the good". This is an interesting play on words for the Worshipful Company of Upholders.



**The Honourable Company's Connections**

Our former London Clerk, Allen Kinsey, and Past Master John Lawer are both Liverymen of the Worshipful Company of Upholders



**Information about the Company**

Information about The Worshipful Company of Upholders can be obtained by writing to the Clerk, Mrs. Jean Cody, Clerk, c/o Kes Ltd, 147 Portland Road, South Norwood, London SE25 4UX. Her

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The Company has an informative website which can be found at [www.upholders.co.uk](http://www.upholders.co.uk)

This article was created from the website of the Worshipful Company of Upholders, and their archived records, especially the History of the

Company in the book entitled "Featherbedds and Flock Bedds" by J.F. Houston, JP, FSA, which can be downloaded direct from the website.



**Upcoming Events**

**Annual Dinner and AGM**

Location: The National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto  
 Date and Time: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 18:00 reception for 19:00  
 Carriages: 23:00 pm  
 Dress: Black Tie with medals or a Dark Business Suit  
 Cost: TBA

**Reception – Meet the new Master**

Location: The Green Room, 110 The Esplanade, Toronto  
 Date and Time: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2006, 18:30  
 Dress: Informal  
 Cost: TBA

**Music Night – Last Night of the Proms**

Location: Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto  
 Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2005  
 Dress: Informal  
 Cost: contact Geoffrey Mayo for prices and to reserve

**Summer Brunch**

Location: Board of Trade Country Club, Woodbridge  
 Date and Time: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2005, 12:00  
 Dress: Informal  
 Cost: TBA



## **Events Report**

### **Luncheon at the Yale Club, New York City**

The members of the St George's Society of New York and of the Honourable Company gathered in the magnificent surrounding of the Yale Club for luncheon on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2005. Repeating the success of last year's joint luncheon, over 120 people sat down to a most enjoyable meal, and all were in great voice of some carols and singing of some of the old songs of the City and of England after the meal.

The number of Members of the Honourable Company was less than last year due to a mix-up in the date of the event which eventually prevented some of the Court from attending. Present were Neil Purcell and his wife Livia; John Overstreet and his wife Vickie together with their four guests - C.W. and Christie Markham and Jack and Elizabeth Halverstam; William (Bill) Miller and his wife Irene; and Peter Leach and two guest - Michael and Judith Liddiard. Michael is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Haberdashers. We were highly entertained when Bill a Past Master of the Honourable Company took leadership of the singing of the carols and songs that brought back so many happy memories of times past.

The lunch, the wines and the port were truly excellent, and the comradery was spontaneous and generous. The St. George's members, especially their Master and John Shannon their Executive Director and Almoner were both very enthusiastic about the Honourable Company joining up with them more frequently and certainly want to continue the collaboration for this joint pre-Christmas Luncheon.

All of the Members of the Honourable Company enjoyed themselves to the full and would recommend this event to any members that can arrange to be in New York in early December 2006. We will let you know the dates as soon as possible, so that you can plan well ahead.

This report was provided by the Editor, Peter Leach.

### **Charity Beer Tasting**

The Charity beer tasting took place in the Green Room of the Performing Arts Lodge in Toronto on November 16<sup>th</sup> and featured tastings of Sleeman Original Draught and Sleeman India Pale Ale. The latter was brewed exclusively for the holiday season, and Company members were privileged to be able to taste such a high quality and limited edition ale.

Ed McCallum, Director of Brewing at Sleeman Breweries, spoke to members and guests about the history of Guelph-based Sleeman and its time-honoured traditions of brewing premium ales and beers. He talked about the ingredients, process and patience that go into making a great beer. He also recounted the history of Sleeman Breweries, which

started in the 19th century in Guelph and was resurrected in the latter half of the 21st century by John Sleeman, a direct descendant of the original owners. Mr. Sleeman is also a Freeman of London and a member of the Honourable Company.

The Company wishes to thank Mr. Sleeman for sharing his finely crafted ales and beers with us, and also thanks Mr. McCallum for his interesting insights on the history of Sleeman Breweries. Much appreciation goes to Court Warden, Agnes Chaitas, for catering the event, and to Nigel Napier-Andrews for hosting the festivities at the Performing Arts Lodge.

This report was provided by David Moorcroft, Deputy Master.



## **Guild of Freeman Events**

With the special arrangements between the Guild of Freeman and the Honourable Company to allow each others members to attend events of the other, the following are events that are open to you. To arrange to attend, you MUST contact the Hon Clerk, or Neil Purcell or Peter Leach by the application date shown against each event below. A sterling cheque for the amount required (or the equivalent in US or CDN \$) dated for the application date must accompany the application;

Event	<b>Annual Service – St Paul's Cathedral</b>		
Event date and time	<b>2006-05-03, 18:00 to 19:00</b>		
Dress	<b>Suit</b>	Price	<b>Free</b>
Application Date	<b>2006-03-08</b>		

Event	<b>Reception and Dinner – Apothecaries' Hall</b>		
Event date	<b>2006-05-03, 19:00 to 21:30</b>		
Dress	<b>Suit</b>	Price	<b>£82.00</b>
Application Date	<b>2006-03-08</b>		

Event	<b>Reception and Dinner – Salters' Hall</b>		
Event date and time	<b>2006-05-23, 18:30 to 22:00</b>		
Dress	<b>Black Tie</b>	Price	<b>£79.00</b>
Application Date	<b>2006-03-21</b>		

Event	<b>Day at Sandown Park Races</b>		
Event date and time	<b>2006-06-17, 11:00 to 18:00</b>		
Dress	<b>Country Suit</b>	Price	<b>£155.00</b>
Application Date	<b>2006-04-06</b>		

Event	<b>Summer Reception and Dinner – Tallow Chandlers'</b>		
Event date and time	<b>2006-06-28, 18:30 to 22:00</b>		
Dress	<b>Black Tie</b>	Price	<b>£74.00</b>
Application Date	<b>2006-04-20</b>		

Event	<b>Festival Concert and Light Supper</b>		
Event date and time	<b>2006-07-04</b>		
Dress	<b>Suit</b>	Price	<b>£50.00</b>
Application Date	<b>2006-04-20</b>		

### **Guild of Freeman Events (continued)**

Event **College of Arms Visit and Supper**  
 Event date and time **either 2006-10-10 or 2006-10-18**  
 Dress **Suit** Price **£36.00**  
 Application Date **2006-08-16**

Event **Reception and Dinner – House of Commons**  
 Event date and time **2006-10-13**  
 Dress **Black Tie** Price **£79.00**  
 Application Date **2006-08-16**

Event **Hilton in the Community Foundation Ball**  
 Event date and time **2006-10-14**  
 Dress **Black Tie** Price **£150.00**  
 Application Date **2006-08-16**

Event **College of Arms Visit and Supper**  
 Event date and time **2006-10-10 or 2006-10-18, 18:30 to 21:00**  
 Dress **Suit** Price **£36.00**  
 Application Date **2006-08-16**

Event **Lord Mayor's Show and Lunch**  
 Event date and time **2006-11-11, 10:30 to 14:00**  
 Dress **Jacket and Tie** Price **£56.00**  
 Application Date **2006-07-18**

Event **Annual Banquet – The Guildhall**  
 Event date and time **2006-12-07, 18:30 to 22:30**  
 Dress **White Tie** Price **£90.00**  
 Application Date **2006-09-15**

Event **Burns Night Supper – Tallow Chandlers' Hall**  
 Event date and time **2007-01-24, 18:30 to 22:30**  
 Dress **Highland Dress/B Tie** Price **£79.00**  
 Application Date **2006-11-29**

Event **Reception and Dinner – House of Lords**  
 Event date and time **2007-02-09, 18:30 to 22:00**  
 Dress **Black Tie** Price **£82.00**  
 Application Date **2006-11-29**

Event **Reception and Dinner – Plaisterers' Hall**  
 Event date and time **2007-02-28, 18:30 to 22:30**  
 Dress **Black Tie** Price **£89.00**  
 Application Date **2006-12-10**



### New Members

#### John White

John was born in England in 1954 and went to King Edward's School in Birmingham and then to Birmingham University and to Christ's College Cambridge studying Law.

He served in the British Army in the Kings's Infantry Regiment and he saw active service in Northern Ireland, Germany, Gibraltar, Salisbury, Aldershot and London. After leaving the Army, he continued to serve in the Territorial Army until 2005.

Upon leaving the Army, he joined Linklaters, and then progressed to the London Stock Exchange, Lehmann Brothers and for the last 8 years with TD Securities where he is head of Legal Affairs for Europe which includes Transaction Management, Regulation/Compliance and Company Secretarial responsibility.

John became a Freeman of the City of London in 1991. He is a Liveryman of the City of London Solicitors' Company and is an Assistant on the Court. He is also a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards and of the Guild of International Bankers. To further fill his already busy schedule, John is also a member of the City Livery Yacht Club and of the Walbrook Ward Club.

John's wife is also a solicitor in London in a legal aid practice and they have a young son.

The Honourable Company hope that John's responsibilities with TD Securities, will bring him to Canada regularly so that our North American members can get to meet and get to know him well.



### Donors to the Hon Co Charity

The following have made charitable donations during 2005:

Amber Armitage	Howard Berry
Robin Braithwaite	Rowland Clark
Colin Dodds	Jonathan Fitzgerald
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Angela Gransden	John Hastie
Bruce Keeling	John Lawer
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Kenneth Wilcox	Neville Worsnop

The total raised through these donations was in excess of \$1150 Canadian.



## Other News

### *Sir Michael Savory KCMG*

The Honourable Company congratulates Sir Michael Savory on his elevation to Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George (KCMG) in the New Year's honours list. Sir Michael, then the Lord Mayor of London, together with his wife, the Lady Mayoress, Fiona Savory and the Common Crier and Serjeant at Arms, Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Martin visited Canada in October 2005 and met Members of the Honourable Company at an informal reception held at the apartment of Past Master Geoffrey Mayo. The reception was held at the end of a very busy trip to North America to promote business with the City of London.

### *John McCallum MP*

The Honourable Company congratulates John McCallum MP on his reelection as the Liberal Member for Markham-Unionville.

## Company Website

The Honourable Company refers members and friends to the Company Website, 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. This is also the place where you can find photographs of Company events.

In addition, the Membership Form for the Honourable Company can be downloaded in Adobe Acrobat format under "How to become a Member".

The site address is [www.freemenlondon.org](http://www.freemenlondon.org). We welcome your comments and your ideas for the addition of useful information.



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For membership, the main point of contact with the Honourable Company is through the Membership Secretary. A lot of information about membership is also available on the Honourable Company's website:

**[www.freemenlondon.org](http://www.freemenlondon.org)**

The Membership Secretary is also responsible for the processing and validation of Freedom applications that are supported by the Honourable Company.

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