

HONOURABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY MESS CLUB

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From The Honorary Secretary

December 2009

190th DINING SEASON Friday 5th February 2010

The President **Alistair Bassett Cross Esq** sincerely hopes that, as in previous years, Members will invite amongst their guests the Master or senior representative of their Livery Company to dine and wear their insignia at this dinner, commonly referred to as the Civic Dinner.

The principal guests of the Club will be the **Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Mr Alderman Nick Anstee**, accompanied by the Sheriffs Mr Alderman David Wootton and Mr Peter Cook, **Lt General Sir Robert Fulton KBE**, a former Commandant General Royal Marines and until recently the Governor of Gibraltar, **Sir John Stuttard**, a former Lord Mayor and **Flt Lt Kevin Mehmet**, the CO of 1475 ATC, the Lord Mayor's and Aldermanic Banner bearers. The Duty Household Officer will also dine as a guest of the Club. The Civic Toast will be proposed by **Captain Dominic Reid OBE**, the Pageantmaster, and the toast to the guests by **Colonel Geoffrey Godbold OBE TD DL**, the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms.

Members are invited to apply to me at the above address, for reservations for themselves and their guests on the form enclosed. The dining fee is **£60**. Applications will be dealt with strictly in order of receipt until the maximum number is reached or, if not reached, then by **Friday the 22nd January 2010**. Applications without the correct dining fee cannot be considered. This dinner is usually over-subscribed so early application is recommended.

As before, if you advise your email address your application will be acknowledged by that means. Please enclose an **A5** sized prepaid envelope if a written acknowledgment or 'pour memoire' card is required.

The Regimental Salon Orchestra will play during the evening. Champagne will be served in the Court and Medal Rooms from 1900 hours. Guests should be invited at 1900 hours for 1925 hours precisely and any arriving before 1900 hours should be entertained in the Sutling, Drum or Writing Rooms. The correct dress for dinner is Mess Dress – Ceremonial Evening (soft shirt), Blues or Dinner Jacket (strictly **white shirt, black tie**), with decorations and miniatures.

I shall be away for the first and last weeks of January, so please do not be alarmed if you do not get an immediate response to any queries during those periods.

Alan Willis, Honorary Secretary

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PROFORMA

I wish to attend the Dinner on Friday the 5th February 2010

STATE YOUR title/rank, initials, surname and decorations (and your Livery Company, if any):- (Block capitals please as it should appear on the place card)

I wish to invite the following guest(s):

STATE THEIR title/rank, initials, surname and decorations (and Livery Company/ies):-
(Block capitals please as it should appear on the place card)

I enclose my cheque payable to 'HAC MESS CLUB' (Dining Fee £60 each) for £

Please advise ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please advise ANY SPECIAL SEATING REQUIREMENTS

Please advise YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, so an acknowledgement can be sent

Please set out anything about your guest/s that the Membership may find interesting.