



## **INSTALLATION LUNCH 7 JUNE 2017**

### **SYNOPSIS OF THE ADDRESS**

**BY AIR COMMODORE STEPHEN ANDERTON**

**MASTER 2017 - 18**



The Master presented two awards:

- The annual Essay Prize to Mr Elliott McArdle from the Department of War Studies Kings College London on: 'What is the Islamic State? How is it different from Al-Qaeda?'
- RAF Regiment NCO Leadership Award (The Ben Flenley Memorial Trophy) to Flight Sergeant Ian Sheard.

He presented a Sponsor's Certificate to Tom Ward from Knightsbridge Guarding and thanked him for Knightsbridge's generosity in sponsoring the lunch again for this year.

The Master said how privileged he felt to be installed as 17<sup>th</sup> Master. He joined the Company in 2004 when he brought the RAF Regiment in as our first military affiliate.

He thanked our guest speaker, Sir Stephen Dalton, for his support. They were old friends and colleagues from when they were Wing Commanders at RAF Staff College.

Sir Neil Macfarlane, the Founder Master of the Guild of Security Professionals for 2000-2002 was warmly welcomed. The Master had met him for lunch in January when he presented Lady Macfarlane with the first Past Consorts Brooch.

The Master welcomed his oldest friend, Barrie Lynch, who had travelled from Manchester. After the tragic events of 22 May, he asked Barrie to take back the Company's very best wishes to that courageous and resilient City. Now we have had a second awful event here in our city, our hearts go out to all affected. Our police and emergency services responded magnificently and in both cities people rallied to help.

We are security professionals. As directors, officers, consultants, managers and practitioners, we too contribute across the full spectrum of security. We help to make the world safer for all and we are proud of that.

That ethos is reflected in what we also do as a Livery Company:

- Our six Military Affiliates: The Royal Military Police, Force Protection through the RAF Regiment and RAF Police, Military Intelligence, Ordnance Disposal and HMS Severn one of the Royal Navy's Offshore Protection Vessels.
- Our Services Mentoring Scheme is aimed at leavers from the military and the police and emergency services to enable them to transition their skills onto the corporate security sector, and we have some 25 of our members as mentors.

- The introduction of the Chartered Security Professionals (CSyP) qualification, putting us at the forefront of professional development. Some 120 have been awarded and it's rapidly becoming a pre-requisite for senior security appointments.
- Our Apprentice Scheme, with some 30 bright and dynamic young people. The first five have graduated and another six become Freeman later this year. This makes it one of the most successful of such schemes within the Livery and we are admired for it.
- The annual Sheriff's Award for Bravery, which was born out of the 7/7 bombings in London. It identifies heroic actions by individuals from all walks of life from across the UK. Its book of citations and list of winners, displayed at the entrance to the Judges' dining room at the Old Bailey, shows how much they and their brave actions are valued.

Friends and fellowship are at the very core of what we are. In his coming year in office the Master will put you, the membership, first. He wants to ensure that all members of the Company get the maximum value from their membership in terms of professional networking, the quality of events on offer and the wider social opportunities available; we are recruiting a professional Assistant Clerk, which will expand the Clerk's capacity to enable that. We will get better at communicating. The Master will kick this off by ensuring that a synopsis of today's address goes out to all members. He will now report five times a year to all members as part of his regular updates to Court. The great website we have will be reviewed and it will be given professional support to run and maintain it. Looking to add links within it such as a Company Twitter feed and LinkedIn connections. As part of the wider Marketing and Fundraising Committee's work the Junior Warden is leading a small team to look at how we might develop these ideas.

The Master was delighted to see we now have our first female Junior Warden in well over a decade – Sue Seaby. He asked that more of our ladies engage with the Company and so help make a difference.

He also congratulated our new Treasurer, Ian Miller, on taking up his appointment.

A great strength of the Livery is its Charitable Giving. The Livery community, as a whole, donated some £53M to charitable causes last year and we played our own important part in that. Our funds come from the generosity of our sponsors, and every one of you, our members. It's important therefore that we continue to raise money - as with the enormously successful Spring Dances, run for over 10 years, raising over £36,000 in one night this February. He also referred to the great news that an expedition, which our Trust sponsored, has won the Shackleton Trophy and the Prince of Wales's Annual Best Expedition Award. The expedition, undertaken by Sussex Wing ATC, was to the Yukon in 2016. These expeditions were first highlighted to the Trust by Apprentice Tilly Sherwood. Their leader and organiser, Dave Hill, was present in his RAFVR(T) uniform, although his day job is a custody Sergeant in the Metropolitan Police.

The Master then sincerely thanked Ian Mayes QC, now the Immediate Past Master, on behalf of the Court and all members of the Company for the hard work, time and effort he had put into his role as Master during his year in office, ably supported by his consort, Lilibeth Solajes.

The Master had one final thought – to try to keep speeches as few and as short as possible. He recalled that a US Senator, Edward Everett, had spoken uninterrupted for over 2 hours - apparently well received. Abraham Lincoln then followed him and delivered the Gettysburg Address: “four score and seven years ago our fathers propositioned that all men be created equal” - 272 words lasting under three minutes.

The Master closed by proposing a toast to the Immediate Past Master, Ian Mayes.