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To: All Members of the Livery

December 2015

Worshipful Company of Plumbers' Annual Banquet – Monday 7th March 2016

Our Banquet for this year will take place at the Mansion House on Monday 7th March 2016. The Lord Mayor will be abroad on one of his foreign visits that day and will therefore be represented by a Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, whose name is still to be confirmed. Also attending will be Sheriff Dr Christine Rigden and her husband Stephen. The Mansion House Duty Officer Neil Chrimes will also be attending. Our guest speaker is The Right Honourable The Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE PC QC FBA, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and she will be accompanied by her husband Julian Farrand. The Master and Wardens invite you to join them and our distinguished guests for this special occasion. We are also looking forward to having The London Banqueting Ensemble to play for us during the reception and dinner and a Carpet Guard will be provided by the Richmond Sea Cadets. It promises to be a wonderful evening.

This Banquet is the highlight of the Company's year. The Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House is a spectacular venue and offers those who wish to attend the chance to dine with their family, friends and business associates at the official residence of the Lord Mayor. The evening will start with a sparkling wine reception, with the opportunity to have your photograph taken with your guests, followed by dinner with wine and port and concluding with a stirrup cup. Those who have attended previous banquets will know what a special event it is, with a mixture of formality and the warmth of our Company.

There are no restrictions on the number of guests, except there is an overall maximum of approximately 300. May I remind you that this is an ideal opportunity to introduce potential Liverymen, holders or former holders of public or civic office, or professional or business colleagues. Liverymen may also bring their partners and adult family members as guests.

To show off our great Company in the best light, all Liverymen should know the correct procedure for the Loving Cup ceremony and that due accord be given to Her Majesty The Queen during the singing and playing of the National Anthem. A copy of the procedure for the Loving Cup Ceremony will therefore be enclosed with your tickets and it would be helpful if Liverymen were to ensure that their guests also received a copy.

Dress: Dress for the event is Evening Dress (ie white tie and tails) or Mess Dress with decorations. Coloured ties or shirts are not worn. The dress code for Ladies is long. If you are bringing guests please ensure that they are aware.

Security: Invitation Cards will be sent on receipt of payment and are required to be shown on arrival, so please remember to bring yours with you.

Mobile Phones: Please remember to switch yours off during the reception and dinner. The use of them for taking photographs, tweeting, e-mailing etc during the function is also not allowed. Please ensure your guests are aware of this protocol.

Speeches: Hearing aids can be switched to the "T" setting to take advantage of the "loop system".

Car Parking: Very limited, so please use public transport or taxis.

Underground Stations: Bank (Northern and Central Lines). Mansion House (District & Circle Lines).

Timings: You are invited at 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Everyone should be in good time to greet the principal guests who will arrive by 7.05pm.

Carriages: 10.15pm. Everyone to be clear of the Mansion House by 10.30pm.

Cost: We are able to offer places at this year's banquet to all Liverymen and their guests at £99.50 (inc VAT @ £16.58) a head. Please complete the application form below and return by e-mail or post to the office. Please pay by BACS to Bank Sort Code 16:00:15, account number 23161144 using the reference "your surname" and "07Mar16" and then e-mail the company at clerk@plumberscompany.org.uk (and attach your application form) to let us know you have made a BACS payment. Alternatively, you can pay by cheque; please make it payable to "The Worshipful Company of Plumbers" and enclose it with your application form.

The closing date for applications to be received in the office is Friday 12th February 2016.

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Clerk

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Please return by **Friday 12th February 2016** (Early notice is essential to meet printing and catering requirements). On receipt of this application your formal invitations will be sent to you.

Name of Liveryman

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Titles, Honours, Awards & Degrees only

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Address to which)

Invitations should)

be sent)

Names of Guests with 1)

Titles, Honours, 2)

Awards & Degrees only 3)

4)

(Block Capitals please)

Any special dietary requirements:

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*I have paid £ by BACS on

*I enclose a cheque for tickets @ £99.50 per Liveryman and Guest

* Delete as appropriate.

Date

Signed