

Formal Dining at the Worshipful Company of Entrepreneurs

The Master trusts that you are looking forward to this event. The Company's two principal feasts follow many of the customs of City dining and guests may find the following information helpful in negotiating some of the quirkier traditions.

Evening dress (white tie) for Freeman and Liverymen Entrepreneurs and City/Livery attendees comprises

- for women: full length dresses, with shoulders covered (by a jacket or shawl, if not by the dress)
- for men: black shoes, cloth evening dress tailcoat and trousers with a white shirt, white wing collar, white bow tie and white waistcoat. No other colours.

Although evening dress (white tie or National/uniform equivalent) is preferred for **all** guests, the Master appreciates that this is not always practical, and dinner jacket (black tie) is an acceptable alternative.

Mobile phones, cameras and other electronic devices must be switched off.

An official photographer is in attendance. Please do ask him to take your photograph if you would like a picture from the evening (there is no charge).

Please remain in your allocated place at dinner until after the Loyal Toast (approximately 9.30pm). A comfort break may be offered during coffee service.

Grace is sung after dinner (the words and music are in the menu).

The first verse of the National Anthem is sung for the Loyal Toast, but the tune is just played for the toast to the Royal Family. Stand for the toasts, but only raise your glass when invited to do so (after any singing or music).

A Loving Cup is sometimes shared ceremonially at formal dinners – there is no obligation to drink from the cup. Full instructions about how to pass the Loving Cup are in the menu. Only three people stand at any one time.

If you receive a decanter of port, please fill your glass and pass the port to your left.

Further information is available from the Clerk's Office on 020 3126 4924, or may be found online at: www.entrepreneurscompany.org