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Dear Liverymen,

I am writing to alert you to a change of plan for the venue for the Installation Banquet on Saturday 9th April

This decision has been arrived at for very good reasons. I am attaching a letter from Stuart Castledine our Senior Warden which details the change and his thinking in reaching his decision.

I fully support Stuart in making this change and I look forward to joining you at Stuart's Installation Banquet

Thank you

Kathy

Master Dr. Kathy Seddon



18th March 2022

Dear Fellow Liveryman,

Installation Banquet 9th April 2022

On Tuesday this week it became apparent that Cardiff City Council were unable to guarantee that access to the magnificent Library and Banqueting Hall in the Castle, where the Company planned to hold the installation Banquet, would be available to all.

This was despite assurances given regularly from November 2021 that the relevant stair and platform lifts, installed after a prolonged campaign to achieve full accessibility in 2012, would be in full working order by the date of the event..

This has put the Company in the difficult position of having to decide whether to proceed with the planned banquet in the Castle, which would mean that some Liverymen and Civic guests, who are wheelchair users, would be precluded from attending, or at short notice, to change the venue.

Following a discussion with other Officers this morning, the decision that we should move the event has been made. This on the basis that the Company should be as inclusive as possible, rather than proceeding in a location which would exclude some people who have a very legitimate right to attend the function, and whose presence adds to the quality of fellowship in the Company.

The Banquet will therefore be held in the Marble Hall in Cardiff City Hall. The Clerk, Beadle, Bob Forster and I will spend as much effort as it takes to ensure that the event is no less enjoyable than it would have been if we held it in the Castle. The move has a benefit that the numbers constrain of 100 in the Castle has been removed and there should be no restriction on inviting guests along.

Negotiations are proceeding with the Council to ensure that they compensate the Company for their lack of ability to provide the facilities originally promised and it is hoped that this will result in the price being charged for the event being lower than would have been necessarily charged had we been in the original location.

I hope that you will all understand and support the reasons for the decision and make a special effort to come along to enjoy the fully inclusive fellowship that comes from being a Liveryman of a Company of which you can be rightly proud.

Stuart Castledine

Senior Warden 2021-22,

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