

At a Special Court held on Saturday,
17th July 1965, at the residence of the Master,
Oliveden, Buckinghamshire, at which the whole Court
 (with the exception of Pastmaster C. E. Boosey absent overseas) was
 present the Honorary Freedom of the Company
 was conferred upon Benjamin Britten Esq., M.C., C.B.E.
 in accordance with the unanimous resolution of the Court
 (April 1965, Item 10)

The procedure was as follows:-

1. The Clerk called the Court
2. The reading and confirmation of the Minutes of the last Court
 was deferred until the October Court
3. Music was rendered by the Choir of St. Georges Chapel, Windsor

(conducted by _____ as follows:-

Motets:

Cantata Domino

Giuseppe Pitoni

O clap your hands

Orlando Gibbons

Tu es Petrus

G. P. da Palestrina

Hymn to Saint Peter

Benjamin Britten

(Mr Britten conducted the last item)

4. The Clerk read the resolution to confer the Freedom on Mr
 Britten

5. Mr Britten made his Declaration and signed the Roll of
 Freemen and the Roll of Honorary Freedom

6. The Master presented the Freedom Scroll (comprised in a Blue
 Desk & Holder of tooled Leather with the Arms of the Company)

7. Mr Britten replied to the Master's speech

8. Music followed, videlicet

A Catch for Satyrs ("the Fairy Prince") Thomas Arne

Rule Britannia ("the Masque of Alfred") Thomas Arne

The Company's Grace ("Oculi Omnium") Charles Wood

Note The Master explained that "the Masque of Alfred" was first performed for Frederick Prince of Wales at Cliveden)

At the conclusion of this second group of music those present, who included a considerable number of friends of the Master beside the Ladies of the Members of the Court adjourned for a Buffet-luncheon which was served in various rooms of the house.

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Master

12th October 1965

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Hall, E.C.
Pres.

Justmaster

W. Graham

Cap. E. H. I.

H. F. B. H.

Mr. Sir Denis

J. J. Morley

G. J. Burnett

Prof. Herbert

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