

The Lamp



Newsletter of The Guild of Nurses

Master's Welcome



We have arrived! This is the first newsletter of the Guild of Nurses – welcome to The Lamp. What a momentous few months it has been – we have a rapidly expanding membership, an increasing list of organisations with whom we are associated and a growing social calendar. In May, our Inaugural Banquet at Guildhall was a fitting beginning and what a way to celebrate the birthday of Florence Nightingale. We saw over forty Freeman make their Declarations and welcomed Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley as our first Honorary Freeman. The passing of the Nurses Lamp is a fitting reflection of our heritage and we will build on this and other traditions as we go forward.

In the weeks to come we have more members waiting to take the Freedom, our first Educational and Professional Development event at Kings College London and we look forward to our first Annual Service at St Lawrence Jewry Church in the heart of the City. Our participation in the Lord Mayor's Show is a great honour and we will be flying high the Guild of Nurses banner.

All current news and details of future events can be found on our website <https://guildofnurses.co.uk/>

Please do keep looking there – it is a mine of information.

All best wishes,

Brenda Griffiths

Foundation Master – Guild of Nurses



At the invitation of the Nightingale Foundation, the Founders and Wardens of the Guild of Nurses attended the annual Florence Nightingale service in Westminster Abbey to commemorate the life of Florence Nightingale, wearing their Guild robes with considerable pride.



Our first Master was installed at The Guildhall in the City of London in the presence of the sponsoring Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley MusM Hon FGS, who became the Guild's first Honorary Freeman. 45 nurses took their Declaration Oath and were granted the Freedom of the Guild of Nurses.



Over 100 members and their guests attended our inaugural banquet at the Guildhall following the Installation ceremony. Our invited speaker Professor Elizabeth Robb OBE, Chief Executive of the Florence Nightingale Foundation was joined by our other guests, including the Master Barber and Master Apothecary and the Clerk to the Lord Chamberlain's Court.



The Guild has a unique interpretation of the City's tradition of passing the Loving Cup. Two nurses lamps were blessed by the Guild Chaplain and passed amongst the guests as a symbol of unity and good fellowship. Exact replicas of the lamps used by nurses in Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War are now an integral part of the Guild's traditions.

Comments following the inaugural banquet:

"As a fairly hard boiled member of the City community, I have to tell you how proud I felt yesterday. Many congratulations! I look forward to many happy evenings together."

"Although every day in Nursing means that we are able to influence people's lives, I think that an event like last night shows just how cohesive we are as a profession."

"I found it a really inspiring that so many people came to be installed."

"Bravissimo tutti!"



Our sponsoring Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley MusM Hon FGS, our Foundation Master, Mrs Brenda Griffiths, our Foundation Clerk Mr Keith Lawrey, the Beadle Mr Martin Whitehead and the Wardens at the Inaugural Banquet on the 11th of May 2016 at The Guildhall.

Save the Date

Thursday 15th September. A Declaration ceremony to be held at Guildhall at 6pm. Followed by a finger buffet reception. Numbers will be limited and Declarants are encouraged to bring guests. They should be seated by 5.45pm. £50 per person. **Closing date 25th August.** Please email events@guildofnurses.co.uk



Thursday 22nd September 2016: 18.00 (refreshments from 17.15). Our inaugural education and professional development event is to be hosted by The Florence Nightingale Faculty of Nursing and Midwifery, King's College London. This will be an ideal opportunity to network with members of the Guild. There will be two presentations, one looking a topic of historical interest in nursing and one looking forward at the innovative work involving evolutionary care technology developed through collaboration with patients and the research team. These will be very interesting talks from eminent Professors in the Faculty. Ideal for revalidation.

Venue: Franklin Wilkins Building, Stamford Street, Waterloo, London SE1

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Saturday 24th September 2015 at 11am. The Guild of Nurses have arranged a Suffragettes Walk in Westminster with a qualified blue badge guide on Saturday 24th September at 11am 2016, meeting at St

James's Park tube station (Broadway exit). If you wish to attend, please contact Mo on 07710 842880 or email mo@londonsights.org.uk

Wednesday 5th October 2016: Our annual Church Service will be held at St Lawrence Jewry Church in the City of London. This will be followed by a Declarations Ceremony and finger buffet reception in Guildhall. Numbers are limited and declarants are encouraged to bring guests. £50 per person. **Closing date 22nd September.**

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Saturday 12th November 2016: We are delighted that the Guild of Nurses will be parading at The Lord Mayor's Show. In addition to taking part, we have been given 12 seats in the St Paul's Grandstand, courtesy of our Sponsoring Alderman. Details of how to apply will be found in the Freemen Only section. These seats will be free of charge and allocated by ballot.

If you would like to take part, please email events@guildofnurses.co.uk

For security purposes and to allow for tickets to be issued. **Closing date for applications is 1st September 2016.**

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