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Dear Members, Chere Consoeurs, Cher Confrères

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us at our 54<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapitre in our capital city of London.

Our base will be the very recently renovated Lancaster London Hotel on Lancaster Terrace overlooking Hyde Park. Hotel Manager, Maître Hotelier Sally Beck and her team, with the kitchen team lead by Maître Rôtisseur Eibhear Coyle, will make us most welcome.

Our weekend starts with an outstanding visit to the Globe Theatre and Tower Bridge, followed by a Dîner Amical at The Don in the City of London. This was home for Sandeman sherry for 200 years. Friday is very special, with a tour of the Palace of Westminster and lunch on the House of Lords Terrace - this is not something available to members of the public - followed in the evening by our Welcome Dinner in the wonderful and stylish 5 Star Corinthia Hotel as guests of Hotel Director, Maître Hotelier Renaud Gregoire.

As is now our custom, the induction of new members and promotees takes place on Saturday morning to allow the maximum participation by our professionals. This year we are especially privileged to be able to hold the Induction in St Clement Danes Church, courtesy of the Chaplain General of the Royal Air Force. Our Inducting Officer will be Klaus Tritschler, Bailli Délégué of Germany and Membre du Conseil d'Administration.

Our Gala Dinner will be in the 'Lancaster London' under the baton of Maître Rôtisseur Eibhear Coyle. This will be a fun evening with a few surprises! The teams at all our venues have planned great menus reflecting both the location and time of year.

Finally, our Farewell Lunch will be taken whilst listening to the sounds of a jazz band as we cruise along the River Thames from the Houses of Parliament to Greenwich and back.

All the trips include knowledgeable guides so that you can maximise your enjoyment. We look forward to welcoming you all, together with your guests, to a weekend of cultural interest, culinary and vinous excellence and, most of all, great camaraderie.

Vive la Chaîne!



Philip Evins  
Bailli Délégué  
Membre du Conseil Magistral



Phil Douglas  
Chancelier



David Edwards  
Argentier





# LONDON HIGHLIGHTS

## VISIT TO THE WORLD FAMOUS GLOBE THEATRE AND INSIDE TOWER BRIDGE

Join us for a tour of some of London's most iconic monuments. The day will start with a trip to Shakespeare's Globe Theatre bringing the space to life with colourful stories of the original Globe built in 1599, of the reconstruction process in the 1990s and how the 'wooden O' works today as an imaginative and experimental theatrical space.

After a break for lunch in the Swan Bar we will go on a short bus journey to Tower Bridge where you will be able to enjoy stunning views of London and the Tower from the high level walkways 42 metres above the River Thames and continue your journey to the Victorian Engine Rooms to learn about the inner workings of the most famous bridge in the world.



## DÎNER AMICAL

Our Dîner Amical will be held in the Don, headquarters of Sandeman sheries since a young Perthshire Scot George Sandeman took over the site as the cellar for his port sherry and wine company in 1798 until the end of the last century.

The black-caped figure of The Don with his flat black sombrero has long been a symbol of excellence in the world of ports and sheries. Now owned by the Wilson family we are also owners of Trinity Hill winery in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand and whose wines will accompany dinner.



# LONDON HIGHLIGHTS

## PALACE OF WESTMINSTER

The Palace of Westminster is a very special place and where the Houses of Lords and Commons meet. Probably the most well-known building in Britain, Parliament is opened each year by Her Majesty the Queen.

How this ceremony takes place will be just one part of our most illuminating tour. We then make our way to the riverside terrace of the House of Lords for an informal buffet lunch. Time will be available to visit the gift shop before we leave.



David Itiff

## ST CLEMENT DANES

The church was designed and built in 1681 by Sir Christopher Wren to replace an earlier church that stood since the tenth century. Incendiary bombs gutted the building in World War II leaving only the walls and tower standing. In 1953 the church was handed into the keeping of the Air Council and was rebuilt to the original designs and is now the Church of the Royal Air Force.

The Chaplain-General of the Royal Air Force has graciously given us permission to hold our induction in this very special building. It has long been known to Londoners for its bells and a centuries old rhyme - 'oranges and lemons say the bells of St Clements'.



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It is the London home of Prince William and Kate, and has a very special association with Princess Diana. Current exhibitions show the family life of Queen Victoria, and clothes worn in Victorian and Georgian times including original royal clothing, also those of the Queen, Princess Margaret and Princess Diana. The Tour will be lead by the well known Blue Badge Guide Marian Bacon.



Steve Cadman

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# GALA DINNER

Our Gala Dinner will be held at the Lancaster London Hotel and will take place in the Nine Kings Suite - with a tremendous dinner.

Those of you who came to the OMD Domaine Serene Dinner a couple of years ago can attest to the very high standard of culinary excellence in flavours and artistry that Eibhear Coyle and his team produce. This will be a fun evening in true Chaine tradition.



## RIVER CRUISE AND JAZZ LUNCH

The finale to our weekend will be taking a leisurely boat trip from Embankment, past the Houses of Parliament, then down river under the famous bridges as far as Greenwich and returning to Embankment. We will travel by Bateaux London's superb glass sided and roofed 'Symphony' so that everyone gets great views in all directions. A jazz band will play throughout the trip whilst we enjoy an unhurried lunch. Cheers!

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# PROGRAMME

Thursday 3 – Sunday 6 October 2013

## REGISTRATION

Please ALL check-in at the Welcome Desk in the lobby of the Lancaster London Hotel

Thursday	14.00 - 18.00
Friday	09.30 - 17.30
Saturday	09.00 - 17.00

## THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER

Arrival at the Lancaster London Hotel at your leisure.

### Guided Tour of the Globe Theatre and Tower Bridge including lunch

10.45	Bus leaves hotel
17.00	Arrive back at hotel
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15.00	National Council Meeting, Lancaster London Hotel
16.30	AGM for GB members, Lancaster London Hotel
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### Dîner Amical at the Don Restaurant

19.00	Bus leaves for dinner
19.30	Drinks followed by dinner hosted by Proprietor, Maître Restaurateur Robert Wilson
23.00	Bus leaves the restaurant to hotel

**Dress code:** Smart casual and Chaîne regalia

## FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER

### Private guided tour of the Palace of Westminster and buffet lunch on the House of Lords terrace

09.45	Bus leaves hotel
10.30	Through security and meet in Westminster Hall
11.00	Guided tour of the Palace of Westminster
12.00	Buffet lunch hosted by Head of Catering, Maître Restaurateur Tim Lamming and Deputy Head of Catering, Vice Conseiller Culinaire Stephane Portes
14.30	Bus returns to the hotel

**Dress code:** Jackets and ties with Chaîne insignia

*This will be very popular and as the HOL can cater for limited numbers on the terrace, priority will therefore be given to members who book both Friday and Saturday dinners.*

### Welcome Dinner at the Corinthia Hotel

18.30	Bus leaves hotel
19.00	Drinks in the Courtroom followed by dinner in the Ballroom hosted by Hotel Manager, Maître Hotelier Renaud Gregoire
23.30	Bus returns to hotel

**Dress code:** Lounge suits with Chaîne insignia



Tower Bridge



The Corinthia Hotel







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## SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER

### Induction Ceremony and Reception Saint Clement Danes Church, Strand

Inducting Officer, Klaus Tritschler, Bailli Délégué  
Germany and Membre du Conseil d'Administration



*Saint Clement Danes Church*



*Klaus Tritschler  
Inducting Officer*



10.00 Bus leaves hotel

10.30 Assemble for the ceremony

11.00 Induction ceremony -

12.15 Drinks and canapés in the Church

13.30 Bus leaves for hotel

**Dress code:** Lounge Suits and full Chaîne regalia<sup>a</sup>

### Guided Tour Of Kensington Palace

14.30 Bus leaves hotel

14.45 Tour of Palace

16.45 Bus returns to hotel

### Gala Dinner in the Nine Kings Suite, Lancaster London Hotel

19.00 Champagne and canapés

19.45 Gala Dinner, hosted by Hotel Manager, Maître  
Hotelier Sally Beck and prepared by Executive Chef,  
Maître Rôtisseur Eibhear Coyle

Charity Raffle for The Clink  
(remember to bring £5, £10 or £20 notes)

24.00 Finish

**Dress code:** Black Tie and Evening Dresses with  
Chaîne regalia

## SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER

### Farewell river cruise and jazz lunch aboard the 'Symphony'

12.00 Bus leaves hotel

12.30 Boat embarkation, drinks and lunch whilst cruising  
the River Thames

15.30 Bus returns to hotel

**Dress code:** Smart casual with Chaîne regalia

### End of the Grand Chapitre

We wish you a safe journey home and hope to see  
you next year, 3-5 October 2014, in York



## LANCASTER LONDON HOTEL

*There are many things that keep guests returning to Lancaster London again and again, but there is one more tangible element that has left their guests impressed countless times - the views are breathtaking.*

With Hyde Park, the largest of the Royal Parks, directly to the south, and vistas east to the City of London, the Lancaster London Hotel boasts some of the best views in London. Whether looking down from the hotel's superior bedrooms - 416 in total - or enjoying the view from the hotel restaurants, it's as if the heart of this great city is within your reach - and indeed it is!

Marble Arch and the plethora of Oxford Street shops are a five-minute stroll from the hotel with Knightsbridge and Harrods just 10 minutes by taxi. The City of London's financial district is 15 minutes direct by London Underground. Even Heathrow Airport is a mere 20-minute ride on the Heathrow Express from the nearby Paddington Railway Station.

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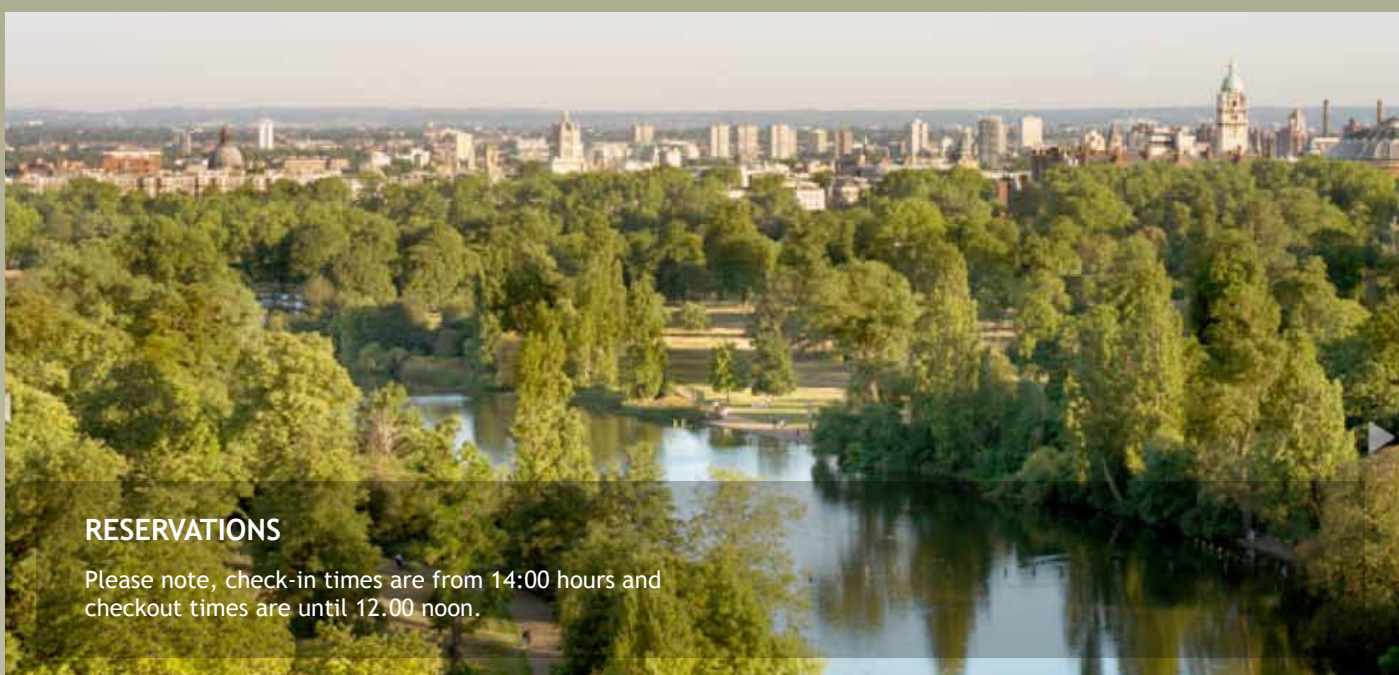
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