



Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs

THE INTERNATIONAL GUILD OF SPIT ROASTERS FOUNDED IN 1248
Bailliage de Grande Bretagne

Grand Chapitre du Solent
October 12th-14th
2007

**The weekend will be based in Southampton at the
De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel
where the Induction Ceremony and 'Grand Diner'
will be held on Saturday 13th October.**

**The Friday Dinner will be held on HMS WARRIOR in
Portsmouth**

**The Sunday Luncheon will be held
on the P&O liner OCEANA in Southampton.**



HMS VICTORY



SPINAKEER TOWER

Friday 12th October

Welcome Dinner aboard HMS WARRIOR in Portsmouth

HMS Warrior, launched on 29th December 1860 in Queen Victoria's reign, was Britain's first iron hulled battleship. She was also the largest and fastest ship of her day. With a displacement of 9210 tons and a length of 418 ft. (128m) and a beam of 58 ft (18m) she had a speed under sail of 13 knots and under steam power 14.5 knots. She was armed with 26, 68 pounders and 10, 110 pounders and never fired a shot at the enemy. She cost £390,000 to build.

Today she has been faithfully restored to her original condition and is an awe inspiring sight and a fabulous venue for this dinner event.

Saturday 13th October

Visit HMS VICTORY in Portsmouth Royal Dockyard And Gun Wharf Quays and the Spinnaker Tower.

A guided tour will be arranged by coach leaving from the De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel on Saturday morning.

HMS Victory was Admiral Lord Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805. She was launched in 1765 in the reign of King George III. With a length of 227 ft. and a beam of 52 ft. she was crewed by 820 men and took 2000 oak trees to build her. She was one of the most powerful ships of her day and carried 100 guns. By contrast to HMS Warrior she only had a speed under sail of 5 knots.

The Spinnaker Tower stands at Gun Wharf Quay and has an observation deck near the top of its 557 ft (170m) height, commanding magnificent views of the whole Solent and Isle of Wight and of course the City of Portsmouth, Gosport, Southsea and the three harbours that make up this part of the coastline. A truly unforgettable experience.

Gun Wharf Quay has a around 100 shops, restaurants, cafés and other attractions selling a broad range of merchandise with particular emphasis on fashion and accessories.

Saturday Evening 13th October

Induction Ceremony and 'Grand Diner' at the De Vere Grand Harbour Hotel, Southampton.

A first class modern hotel with 172 rooms, having fine views over the waterfront and within walking distance of the City centre. Superb banqueting facilities and ample car parking. Coach travel for the other events will pick up from this hotel.

The hotel has an excellent cuisine and the dinner will be of the very highest standard as befits the importance of this event.

Sunday 14th October

Luncheon aboard P&O Liner Oceana in Southampton.

P&O Cruises are kindly hosting this very special and unique event aboard the liner OCEANA. The executive chefs are members of La Chaîne and the cuisine will be of the highest standard. This will be a memorable and fitting finale to a superb Grand Chapitre.

For all Information contact:-

Bailliage de Grande Bretagne
John Goldfinch, Chancelier,
11 Chalfont Court, Ewell Road,
Surbiton, Surrey. KT6 6HJ

Telephone: 0208 390 2340

Email: johngoldfinch@btinternet.com
More details at www.chaine.co.uk