

From
HRH The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO



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Ben Master

On the occasion of your promotion to Master Pattenmaker, may I send my best wishes to you and to all in the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers.

I am aware that there have been many Masters before you, stretching back to at least 1670, but it is a little difficult to work out which number you will be on admission, as I understand that the Company rather carelessly lost the records during the Great Fire in 1666. In addition, some Masters served more than once and some did more than one year so I would imagine that you can only make an educated guess as to which one you are.

On the basis that the Company has had over 350 years experience of selecting their next Master I have no doubt that they have made the right choice this time round.

Yours sincerely


Master Pattenmaker