



THE GUILD  
*of* ENTREPRENEURS

Abbreviated  
Dining Guide

# A 'GOOD MANNERS' GUIDE FOR LIVERY AND GUILD DINNERS

1. Evening Dress (white tie) means
  - for women: full length, no trousers, no bare shoulders
  - for men: black cloth evening dress tailcoat and trousers with full white tie rig, no other colours
2. Dinner Jacket (black tie) means
  - for women: evening trousers or cocktail dress
  - for men: black cloth dinner suit with white shirt and black bow tie, no other colours (no coloured cummerbund unless military, no coloured bow tie)
2. No phones visible: no emailing, no texting, no phoning, no photography
3. Never leave your seat before the Loyal Toast (a comfort break may be offered during coffee service)
4. For the toasts, wait until after the toast has been formally proposed before picking up your glass (this follows any singing or playing of the National Anthem)
5. Be prepared to sing: Grace ([Laudi Spirituali](#)) is sung; the first verse of the National Anthem is sung for the Queen (first toast), but just stand whilst the tune is played for the Royal Family (second toast)
6. Read the instructions regarding the Loving Cup in your menu: only three people stand for this ceremony at any one time
7. When you receive the decanter of port you must pass it swiftly to your left, whether or not you are partaking
8. Listen attentively during the speeches
10. Be respectful, inclusive and courteous at all times: thoughtlessness can embarrass or offend the host and their guests