



*Election of Sheriffs for The City of London
On 24th June 2004*

Candidature of DAVID B. COBB CBE, LLD, C.ENG, FRSA

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To the Liverymen of the City of London

May 2004

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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Encouraged by many friends in the Livery and supported by the Prime Warden and Court of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights and Master and Court of the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers, I offer myself as a candidate for the High Office of Sheriff at the election to be held in Common Hall at Guildhall on Thursday 24th June, 2004 at TWELVE NOON. I request that you use one of your two votes in support of Alderman John Hughesdon and the other in support of me.

Born in Glasgow in 1936 and educated at North Kelvinside School and the Royal Technical College (now Strathclyde University), my career was spent in the shipbuilding and shipowning industries working initially in Canada and then in a senior position in the United Kingdom. In 1970 I moved to the United States of America as Vice President of the Shipping Division of Ingram Corporation a private oil company based in New Orleans. In 1972 Ingram acquired a London based British shipping company and I returned to the U.K. as Chairman. I was appointed President of Ingram in 1982 and after leading the sale of Ingram joined, in 1994, the ship owning company James Fisher & Sons plc of Barrow-in-Furness as Executive Chairman from which I retired in December 2001.

I was President of the Chamber of Shipping of the U.K. in 1998 and from 2001 to 2003 was the first Chairman of Maritime London, a body formed to promote the maritime interests of the City. I am a member of the General Policy Committee of Lloyds Register, Chairman of the British Advisory Committee of Registro Navale Italiano and a Director of Maritime London, a Chartered Engineer, Fellow of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and a Member of the Institute of Marine Engineers, Science and Technology. I was awarded the C.B.E. for services to shipbuilding and shipowning in the United Kingdom in 1999.

Admitted a Liveryman of the Shipwrights' Company in 1972 I was elected Prime Warden in 2002. I am a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers', a Freeman of the Watermen & Lightermen, a Craftsman of the Incorporation of Hammermen of Glasgow, a Younger Brother of Trinity House, a Past President of Aldgate Ward Club and a member of the City Livery Club. I am an Honorary Doctor of Laws of Strathclyde University and a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts.

Charitable interests include being a Council Member of the Shipwrecked Fishermen & Mariners' Royal Benevolent Society, Trustee of the Royal Merchant Navy School and Chairman of the Trustees of the Maritime London Officer Cadet Scholarship. I was a Justice of the Peace for some 10 years.

My sporting passion is golf being a member of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Sunningdale Golf Club and Real Club de Golf Sotogrande.

My wife Audrey is from London. A Freeman of the City and a Freeman Honoris Causa of the Shipwrights' Company, she is a member of the Council of the King Georges' Fund for Sailors, and a keen florist, gardener and golfer. I am pleased to have her full support together with that of our children.

As Prime Warden of the Shipwrights' Company in 2003 and involved in mercantile and marine matters all of my working life in many parts of the world, I feel I can contribute to the continued global supremacy of the financial and shipping services in the City of London. If elected to the high office of Sheriff, I will support the Lord Mayor in his worldwide role to the very best of my ability.

I am, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen Your Obedient Servant,

David Cobb
Citizen and Shipwright