

Dining with a guest at Trinity College High Table.

The procedure has always been for a past graduate to get permission from the Vice Master, who then informs Catering. Kim, of Catering, now confirms that this is still the procedure.

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Fourth item. Emails when I applied for, and received, permission for me and my guest to dine at High Table on 2 November 2012.

Second item. Letter to me after 2 November about the event.

In my email I gave the full name of my proposed guest, which I am not very familiar with, always calling her “Netty”.

In Reception downstairs I found that we were not on the list for dinner. This did not concern me, because in the past that had happened once before, but only once. On another occasion only my name was included, but the lady attendant added the word; “Guest.”

While dining, an attendant asked me for my name and that of my guest. I gave the only name I remember for my guest, which is “Netty”.

I did nothing wrong throughout, and wonder about the “various complaints” mentioned by the Vice Master in his letter dated 8 November.

Ivor Catt 11 December 2012.

Professor David McKitterick, FBA
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8 November 2012

Mr I Catt
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Dear Mr Catt,

I understand that you dined in college last Friday, 2nd November, with a guest. The Catering Department have made a careful check and have found no record of your asking to do so. Thanks to the courtesy of the staff that evening, you were nonetheless allowed to dine.

As I am sure you will appreciate, there are good reasons why Fellows and alumni alike have to tell the Catering Department beforehand. If they do not, it is impossible to know for how many to cook.

I further understand, following various complaints that I have received, that you declined to give the full name of your guest. This, again, has long been a college requirement, for both Fellows and alumni. It is also the good custom of the College that those who bring guests in should ensure that they sit beside them, so they have pleasant evenings. This is simple politeness.

I enclose with this an invoice from the Catering Department for your guest's meal.

Yours sincerely,

David McKitterick
Vice-Master

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Trinity College Catering Dept

Invoice

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Mr I Catt 121 Westfields St Albans Hertfordshire AL3 4JR	Invoice Number:	0000771629
	Invoice Date:	08/11/2012
	Your Reference:	Guest at High Table
	Account Reference:	SBCATTI

Description	Number	Nett	VAT	Gross
HT DINNER	1	34.45	6.89	41.34

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Ivor Catt

From: "Ivor Catt" <icatt@btinternet.com>
Date: 22 October 2012 10:41
To: "David McKitterick" <djm1008@cam.ac.uk>
Subject: Dining at High Table

Dear Professor David McKitterick,

She meets all your new caveats, which I have not come across before. In the past, I only knew the "not an undergraduate" one - Low Table is the place for them.

I welcome additional caveats, because High Table should be conducted with due decorum.

Ivor Catt

-----Original Message-----

From: David McKitterick
Sent: Monday, October 22, 2012 7:59 AM
To: Ivor Catt
Subject: Re: Dining at High Table

Dear Mr Catt

Many thanks for your note. Yes of course, assuming that she is not very young, and that she is not likely to be a candidate for a research fellowship: you add that she is not an undergraduate but that of course reminds me of other restrictions, so I hope you and she will not mind my adding these caveats.

I trust that you will both have a pleasant evening.

All good wishes,

David McKitterick

On 21/10/2012 19:54, Ivor Catt wrote:

- > Dear *Prof. David McKitterick*
- > I matriculated in 1956.
- > Please give me permission to bring a guest Miss Annette Smith, who is
- > not an undergraduate, to dine at High Table on Friday 2 November 2012.
- > Thank you.
- > Ivor Catt

-----Original Message-----

From: Ivor Catt

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 10:31 AM

To: David McKitterick

Cc: gpw22@cam.ac.uk

Subject: Dining at High Table

Dear Professor McKitterick, Vice-Master,

One member of Catering suggested that since you were new to your role, you were not familiar enough with procedures.

It has never before you been required that an applicant inform Catering he was allowed to dine. That has always been done by the Vice-Master.

I regret that you have not enlarged on your mention in your letter dated 8 November; "... following various complaints that I have received " as I requested.

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I note that on 5.12.12 the Master wrote to me; "As for the other matter, I did not raise the complaint about your behaviour with respect to not signing in, or declining to give the name of your guest, but can confirm that you were discourteous to the staff when they asked you about these matters."

This is not true. It would be helpful if you tried to get "the staff" to confirm that I was discourteous. I would like to ask staff for their version of events.

Ivor Catt

-----Original Message-----

From: David McKitterick

Sent: Wednesday, December 12, 2012 7:19 AM

To: Ivor Catt

Subject: Re: Dining at High Table

Dear Mr Catt

Thank you very much for this most helpful explanation.

I am sorry that there was a gap in communications. I try to remember to remind people that they need to get in touch separately with Catering, once they have my permission to bring a guest. This usually makes things clearer for everyone, as people can then place their requests for meals direct with the department concerned.

Yours sincerely

David McKitterick

On 11/12/2012 12:08, Ivor Catt wrote:

> Dear Professor David McKitterick,

> I did nothing wrong throughout, and wonder about the "various

> complaints" mentioned in your letter (attached) dated 8 November. The

> specific criticisms are answered in the attachment.

> Yours sincerely,

> Ivor Catt

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- > "On 6 Dec 2012, at 07:43, Professor Gregory Winter wrote:
- > Dear Prof Duesberg
- > Mr Catt is I believe no friend but a person who tries to enliven his
- > retirement by stoking up issues between people." - copy from Professor
- > Duesberg.
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- > Both Professors Duesberg and Winter agree that lives are at stake over
- > whether Duesberg is censored out or not. I did not take advantage of a
- > possibly off the cuff remark that what Duesberg said "was rubbish", and
- > his suppression would save lives, but by email checked on whether this
- > was the Master's considered view. That is, I did not exploit a casual
- > remark at high table. However, all agree that this is a matter of life
- > and death for millions of people.
- > Ivor Catt

Dear Mr Catt

Thank you for your note.

I was especially concerned to hear from a senior member of the College staff. Perhaps I should stress that he was uniformly polite about you. Since staff, as college employees, are not in a position to say very much, I take their views with particular interest, and try to follow up their accounts. That seems to me to be good employer practice. The Master and I discussed the matter further last night, and we regard this correspondence as now closed.

Yours sincerely,

David McKitterick 13.12.12

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