

A Guard of Honour formed by the Honorable Artillery Company with the Queen's Colour and the Band and Corps of the Drums of the Honourable Artillery Company under the command of Major William Sallitt was in position to welcome King Abdullah on his arrival at the Guildhall on the evening of Wednesday 31st October.

The Lord Mayor introduced The Duke of York to His Majesty after which, the Saudi Arabian National Anthem was played.

King Abdullah appeared to be impressed when the Major invited him, in Arabic, to inspect the Guard. Following the inspection, the Lord Mayor led the King to the Copley Gallery where he signed the Distinguished Visitors Book prior to moving in procession to the Great Hall.

Following the banquet, the Lord Mayor made his speech of welcome, to which the King replied.

## Banquet at the Guildhall



Above: The Lord Mayor, Alderman John Stuttard receives The Duke of York



Above: The Lord Mayor, and Lady Mayoress arrive



Above: All guests stand for the Saudi National Anthem



Above: The King arrives in the Royal Bentley



Above: King Abdullah inspects the Guard of Honour