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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON

Monday, nineteenth of June, 2000

COMMANDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Major General James Eugene McInerney Jr, USAF (Retd)

OFFICER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Dr John Frank Andrews

INVESTITURE: 19 JUNE 2000 DR JOHN FRANK ANDREWS

The award of an Honorary OBE to Dr John
Frank Andrews is in recognition of his services
to the study and understanding of the works of
Shakespeare.

Dr Andrews is a Shakespearean scholar of international repute. He has also been responsible for making the works of Shakespeare widely accessible. He established the education programme at the Folger Shakespeare Library, introducing

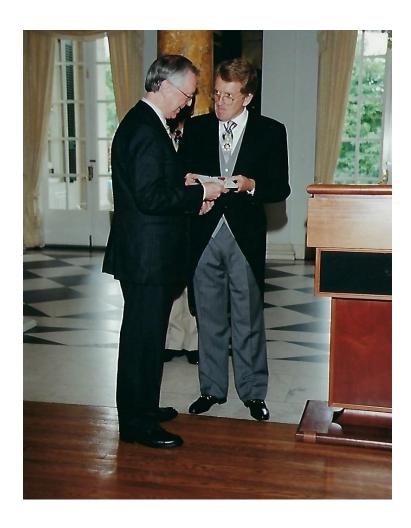
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Shakespeare's work to schools and the public around Washington DC.

Dr Andrews also founded the Shakespeare Guild, an independent organisation to promote public understanding of and appreciation for the works of Shakespeare. He is editing a new Everyman edition of Shakespeare. And, with the late Sir John Gielgud he established the Gielgud Award for outstanding contributions to the interpretation of Shakespeare. It has already become acknowledged as one of the premier awards of the theatrical world.

Through his writings, the Shakespeare Guild and the Gielgud Award Dr Andrews has generated a profound appreciation in the US of the best of Britain's theatrical creativity.

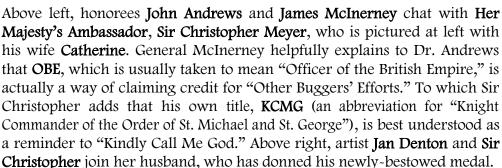
I am commanded by Her Majesty, in accordance with the powers vested in me as Her Ambassador, to confer on Dr John Frank Andrews the insignia of Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.







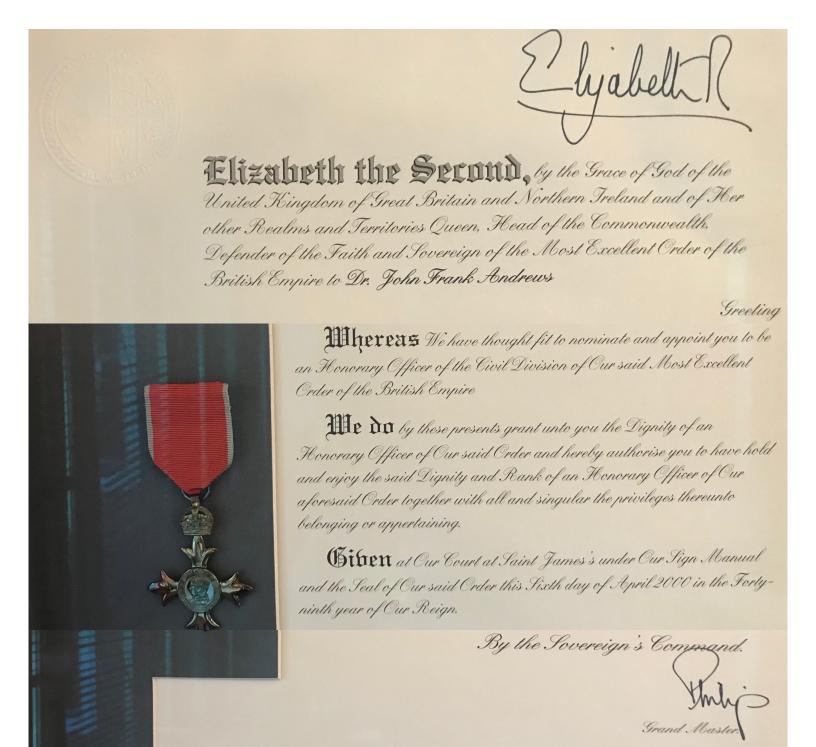








At left Ms. Denton and Dr. Andrews gather on the steps of the British Embassy with their friends designer Helen Hecht and poet Anthony Hecht. A short time later (above) they gather in the Embassy's beautiful garden with other guests who took part in a memorable occasion. Depicted here are communications executive Walda Roseman, arts promoter Jan Du Plain, Embassy and British Council official David Blagbrough and his wife Jenny, former First Lady of the Folger Marifrancis Hardison, whose late husband O. B. Hardison presided over the Capitol Hill library as Director from 1968 to 1983, Sir Christopher Meyer, John Andrews, Jan Denton, filmmaker and author Mark Olshaker and his wife Carolyn, and Janis and Andrew Oehmann.



Grant of the Dignity of an Honorary Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire to Dr. **John Frank** Andrews

Copy of the sealed order, dated and signed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and executed on April 6, 2000, by Grand Master Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and later framed with the OBE decoration inserted next to the proclamation.