

## HOW WE OPERATE

The inspiration for our Society came from Veronica (Von) Spofforth - a past Mistress Chartered Accountant. She, with other founder members, provides oversight of the Society through the Management Committee. This Committee is supported by volunteer members who operate in teams that cover: events; information provision; membership; and IT and data. Should you be interested in joining these teams as a member, we would love to hear from you. We also have Patrons - who usually include the current Lady Mayoress and the Consorts of the Sheriffs.

Each year in September we have an AGM at which the activities of the year are reported. It's also great to turn that into a lunch - which we do - where once again relationships are strengthened.

## BECOMING A MEMBER

You might be a Future, Present or Past Consort thinking of joining and if you would like to join us please complete the membership application form which can be found on our website.

If you are already a member and are enjoying what being a member brings, we would be delighted if you brought City Consorts to the attention of Future, Present and Past Consorts you know by passing this leaflet on. Thank you.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Download from [www.cityconsorts.org](http://www.cityconsorts.org)

The Direct Link is

[https://www.cityconsorts.org/uploads/7/5/2/0/75206323/member\\_ship\\_application\\_form\\_2018-2019\\_v2.pdf](https://www.cityconsorts.org/uploads/7/5/2/0/75206323/member_ship_application_form_2018-2019_v2.pdf)

A Society for Consorts of Masters of Livery Companies and Guilds in the City of London, the present and past Lady Mayoresses and Consorts of Sheriffs



## WHO WE ARE

We are a membership Society and welcome Future, Present and Past Consorts in the Livery in the City of London to join our unique organisation and be part of our 'Community of Consorts' supporting each other, enjoying each other's company and finding out more about the Livery and the City.

Our main aim is to make sure that up and coming Consorts feel confident 'taking on' their year and their role, so that they get the most out of it – and there is so much to enjoy. Past Consorts are so important in making that happen.

We achieve our aim by bringing members together at social events in informal settings where it is easy to mix and mingle, and get to know each other. Exchanging information and experience, building contacts and making friends: knowing more, understanding more, is all part of the confidence building and past Consorts have so much to offer.

Our website provides information that is relevant to the Consort role. It also provides information on our events and those in the City of London, in addition to providing membership information.

## OUR SOCIAL EVENTS

We run a programme of events throughout the year which are posted on our website. The activities take different forms, might include lunch or tea, and take place day or evening. Usually there is an activity of some sort such as: a visit to somewhere in the City, a demonstration, a discussion or Q and A session, some entertainment, a speaker, or some information relevant to the Consort's year. Plenty of time is made available to chat with other Consorts.

We support two coffee mornings each year at the Guildhall hosted by the Mistress Chartered Accountant, on the days of the election of the City Sheriffs (June) and the election of the Lord Mayor (September). It's a wonderful sight to see the new Sheriffs and Lord Mayor emerge from the Guildhall with all the Liverymen.



We believe that engaging socially in a supportive environment with other Consorts is a very good way to find out more and it also helps to develop the skill of socialising in a most interesting and enjoyable way – a skill which is important in being a Consort.

*“By meeting and enjoying the friendships, each of us gains confidence to attend the numerous functions ahead supporting our Prime Wardens/Masters, and even, I would add, to organizing a function for Livery Mistresses/Consorts.”* a quote from a member.

## WHY JOIN?

If your year has passed and you are now a Past Consort, the Society gives you an opportunity to stay connected with the Livery and with the Consort friends you have made, once your year is over. You are also likely to find you make new friends. You have a chance to pass on your knowledge and experience to others and could even become a member of one of the teams of support.

For those who are Consorts or are future Consorts, you can feel more confident by talking with others, learning from them, and having a network you can contact if you want advice or guidance on anything to do with the Livery, the City or being a Consort. Knowing more Consorts also increases the likelihood that you will be invited to one of their events.

For everyone, members can connect you with other people and everyone, of course, can quite simply enjoy the events. They are a great success. As a member you also have privileged access to information on the website and might have increased opportunities to attend events in the City and Livery.

*“Thank you so much for organising a fascinating tour yesterday, of Freemasons Hall. I learnt so much and met so many interesting people at lunch - a much appreciated first visit for me!”* a quote from a member.

## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you want to find out more about us, our website gives you more information. On the site members write about their experiences, provide hints and tips, and give write-ups about our past events. We give information on: up and coming events of the Society, a link to the Livery Committee's City Calendar, provide background on the City and Livery, and very importantly give guidance on the role of Consort. You can also find the information you need about joining and the application form for membership:

<http://cityconsorts.org>

## JOIN US - We hope you will

You are most welcome to join us if you are a Consort to a Master of a Livery Company or Guild, a Future Consort or a Past Consort. All City Consort's members look forward to welcoming you.