

CITY CONSORTS SOCIETY

Giving the Consort of any future Livery Master of the City of London the confidence and knowledge to embrace and enjoy their year.



We are a membership Society that is unique. We warmly welcome as members, all those who are Future, Present and Past Consorts of Masters of Livery Companies in the City of London, regardless of gender.

Everything we do is focused on supporting the Consorts in a friendly open way, so that upcoming and present Consorts feel confident in 'taking on' their year, enjoying it, and getting the most out of it. Our Past Consorts have so much knowledge and experience to share and pass on.

We operate across all Livery Companies and year groups, and our Community of Consorts provides an enormous wealth of knowledge and experience that is happily and willingly shared.

Our programme of social events, which is usually for members only, gives lots of opportunities to mix and mingle in a supportive environment. We have a web site which includes our events, and a 'members only' section that gives practical advice and information on all aspects of being a Consort.

There is so much to enjoy in the Livery. Knowing more, and having contacts and networks that the Society provides, makes a big difference to your year.

CITY CONSORTS SOCIETY – C² Membership Application Form 2020-2021 - £15

Name (for name badge):	
Title/Other names you may use or may be known by:	
Livery Company (of current/main consort role if more than one):	
(Expected) Month & Year of Installation of Master:	
Year you may attend/attended Ironbridge in this capacity:	
Additional Livery Companies: (where you have been or will be a consort)	
Livery name	Month & Year of Installation Ironbridge Year
Home Address:	
Contact details: Tel Home:	Mobile:
E-mail address:	
Are you a Freeman or Liveryman in your own right? If yes, which Guild/Livery/City of London?	
Name of person for whom you are the Consort:	

Data Protection & Agreements:

In order for City Consorts to comply with Data Protection Legislation, please review the following statements and indicate YES or NO where applicable and sign where indicated.

1. I give permission for City Consorts to hold the information on this form in electronic and hard copy for the sole purpose of membership, events and communication with members. I understand the information will be available to view by officials of the society only.
YES / NO

2. I consent to City Consorts sending me regular newsletters by E-mail which will include information about our activities and events, plus other activities & events which may be relevant to consorts.
YES / NO

City Consorts do not share, nor pass your information onto any other Person, Organisation or Society without your express consent.

I understand I may request to see a copy of the Information City Consorts holds about me.

I understand I can withdraw my consents at any time in writing.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about us: _____

Subscription for year-end 30th June 2021 is £15.00 and pay by electronic transfer to City Consorts Society A/C No: 62936017 sort code: 40-51-62 (quoting your surname as the reference) and email to claire.cityconsorts@btinternet.com If necessary, please make cheques payable to City Consorts Society and return the form to City Consorts PO Box 148, Arundel, BN18 0LT (please note we have limited access to PO box due to Covid restrictions)
Date of electronic payment: _____

OUR SOCIAL EVENTS

We run a programme of events throughout the year, usually with a lunch or tea and an activity such as: a visit to somewhere in the city; a demonstration; some entertainment; or a speaker; and there's always plenty of time to chat with others. In the year of the Covid pandemic we introduced zoom meetings remotely, which are working very well.

We support two coffee mornings at the Guildhall hosted by the Mistress Chartered Accountant. These link with the elections- the City Sheriffs (June) and the Lord Mayor (September). It's a wonderful spectacle to see the dignitaries emerge with all the Liverymen.

Engaging socially in a supportive environment with other Consorts, is an excellent way of finding things out in an informal way. It develops the skill of socialising too – a skill which every Consort needs.

Information on different aspects of being a Consort is provided in a more structured (and social) way through our Briefing Sessions. These give lots of opportunities for questions and discussion around specific themes.

“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.

HOW WE OPERATE

The inspiration for our Society came from Veronica (Von) Spofforth - a past Mistress Chartered Accountant. The Management Committee oversees the Society and 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 - which usually includes the current Lady Mayoress and the Consorts of the Sheriffs.

Each year in September we have an AGM where the year is reported. A lunch makes it into an occasion where members can meet and chat.

WHY JOIN?

For those who are Consorts or are future Consorts you can feel more confident by talking with others, learning from them, and you have a ready- made contact network if you want advice or guidance on anything to do with the Livery, the City or being a Consort.

If your year has passed and you are 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 have a chance to pass on your knowledge and experience and could even become a member of one of the teams to support others.

As a member you also have privileged access to information on the web site, social events, and a network of people. Belonging to the Society keeps you connected with other members and the Livery. Of course, you can, quite simply, enjoy the events- they are a great success.

“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 web site gives you more information and you can see our events programme. In the Members Only section, members write about their experiences, provide hints and tips, and reflect on their year. There is a City Calendar, references to great information sources; background on the City and Livery; and loads of guidance on all aspects of 'Being a Consort'. EVERYTHING has been written from a Consort's perspective. You can also find the information you need about joining, and the application form for membership. <http://cityconsorts.org>

JOIN US

We would be delighted if you joined us, as a member, and became part of our unique Community of Consorts enjoying each other's company and supporting each other. (Application form is on last page of this leaflet).