



# **Common Hall**

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**ELECTION  
OF  
LORD MAYOR**



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The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, in State, arrive at the Guildhall at 11:30 a.m. and are received by the Aldermen and Officers in the Aldermen's Court Room.

The Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiffs of the Livery Companies and the Livery Committee assemble in the Crypts by 11.00am.

At 11:35 a.m. the Livery Committee, followed by the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff (senior companies last) walk in procession from the Crypts to Great Hall. The Livery Committee and the Masters and Prime Wardens of the twelve senior Livery companies take their seats at the front of the Hustings, and the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiffs of the remaining Companies take their seats behind those who have already been seated.

At 11:40 a.m. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Officers proceed to the Great Hall via the West door, juniors first.

Assistant Remembrancer (Ceremonial)  
Chief Commoner  
Sheriffs' Chaplains  
Honorary Secondary  
Remembrancer  
Comptroller and City Solicitor  
Commissioner of the City of London Police  
Common Serjeant  
Chamberlain  
Town Clerk  
Sheriffs  
Aldermen below the Chair (juniors first)  
Recorder  
Aldermen above the Chair (juniors first)  
City Marshal  
The Lord Mayor's Chaplain/s  
The Mace                      The Sword  
The Lord Mayor

Those in the procession take their seats on the Hustings, the Aldermen who have passed the Chair and the Recorder on the right of the Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen who have not passed the Chair on the left. The Sheriffs' seats are below the Aldermen. The Officers occupy their respective places at the table in front of the Lord Mayor. The Chaplains, the Common Serjeant, The Recorder of London and all other persons about to take part in the proceedings are provided with seats on the dais. Seats are also provided for past Sheriffs of the City of London. After the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs, and Officers are seated, the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms proclaims silence, and directs, "all persons to be uncovered in the Hall" and "all those who are not Liverymen to depart the Hall on pain of imprisonment."

Common Hall is opened by the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms.

The Proceedings of the last Common Hall are then read by the Assistant Town Clerk.

After which The Recorder, who is seated on the right of the Lord Mayor (or in his absence the Common Serjeant) rises from his seat, and goes to the front of the Hustings, informs the Livery of the occasion of their meeting, and returns to his seat. The Lord Mayor, such of the Aldermen as have passed the Chair (seniors first), and The Recorder and the Town Clerk retire to the Print Room, preceded by the City Marshal and the Swordbearer, the door being closed and kept by the City Marshal. The Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms remain in the Great Hall.

Given that two Aldermanic Sheriffs will, this year, be in nomination, the Comptroller & City Solicitor and the Remembrancer, together with the Common Serjeant (or, if absent, the Recorder) between them, advance to the front of the Hustings. The Common Serjeant then reads to the Livery a list of the names of those Aldermen below the Chair who have served the Office of Sheriff and informs them that out of the Aldermen named they are to return two to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for them to choose which of the two shall be Lord Mayor for the year ensuing. They then proceed to the election.

If no poll be demanded\* the Aldermen who have not passed the Chair (seniors first) and the Officers proceed to the Print Room. The Comptroller & City Solicitor and the Remembrancer, with the Common Serjeant between them, preceded by the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms with the Mace on his shoulder, also go to the Print Room, to join the Lord Mayor and the senior Aldermen.

The Assistant Town Clerk then addresses the Livery.

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Meanwhile in the Print Room, on entering, the Comptroller & City Solicitor, the Remembrancer and the Common Serjeant make three obeisances to the Court, the first at the entrance, the second in the middle of the Print Room, and the third at the table; the Lord Mayor acknowledging each, at the third taking off his hat.

The Common Serjeant at the table, standing between the Comptroller & City Solicitor and the Remembrancer, reports the names of the two Aldermen on whom the election has fallen. The Recorder, Common Serjeant and Town Clerk then go to the table at the further end of the Court to take the ballot. Each Alderman is provided by the Usher with a ballot paper on which they declare for which of the two candidates they vote. When the Lord Mayor and all the Aldermen have voted, the ballot bowl is brought by the Usher to the table where the votes are counted by The Recorder and the Common Serjeant and are recorded by the Town Clerk. The result of the election is then declared by The Recorder.

The Swordbearer (in white gloves) shows the Lord Mayor Elect to his/her place, which is on the left-hand side of the Lord Mayor.

The Lord Mayor-Elect then addresses the Court of Aldermen, thanking the Court for the honour done to them, and requesting their aid and assistance in the execution of his/her office. As the Court leaves the Print Room, the Aldermen present congratulate the Lord Mayor-Elect on their election, the Officers doing likewise.

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The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Officers then return in procession, as before, to the Great Hall, the Lord Mayor-Elect being on the left-hand side of the Lord Mayor. The Recorder declares the election to the Livery.

The Lord Mayor-Elect is called upon by the Town Clerk to declare their assent to take up the office; upon which the Swordbearer places upon the Lord Mayor-Elect the chain worn during their year of Shrievalty. The Lord Mayor-Elect then addresses Common Hall.

A Resolution of Thanks to the Lord Mayor is moved and seconded.

The Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms calls upon the mover and the seconder and puts the Resolution.

The Lord Mayor replies.

A Resolution of Thanks to the late Sheriffs is moved and seconded.

The Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms calls upon the mover and the seconder and puts the Resolution.

The Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms calls upon the late Sheriffs to reply.

The late Sheriffs reply.

The Common Hall is then dissolved by the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms and concludes by saying:

“God save the King.”

All Liverymen are invited to respond, “God Save The King”

The Lord Mayor, with the Lord Mayor-Elect on his left, the Aldermen and others leave the Hustings in reverse order to that of the first procession. The Lord Mayor and the Lord Mayor-Elect then depart from Great Hall.

The Livery Committee and the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of the Livery Companies leave Great Hall and return to the Crypts to remove their gowns.

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*\* If a poll be demanded, the Comptroller & City Solicitor and the Remembrancer report the same to the Lord Mayor and Aldermen and in due time proceed with the election according to law.*

*The Common Hall is in that case adjourned, the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms making the following proclamation:*

*“Oyez*

*Oyez,*

*Oyez.*

*You good members of the Livery of the several companies of this City summoned to appear here this day for the election of a fit and able person to be the Lord Mayor of this City for the year ensuing may depart hence and give your attendance again on Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, next, between the hours of 8 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m. between which times the Poll will be taken. The result will be announced at Guildhall on the same day at 6:45 p.m. after which Common Hall will be dissolved.”*

*“God save the King.”*

*All Liverymen are invited to respond, “God Save The King”*

**Town Clerk's Office  
Guildhall, EC2P 2EJ  
September 2023**



## **COMMON HALL ELECTION OF LORD MAYOR**

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**In nomination for the year ensuing (2023/24)**

ALDERMAN PROF. MICHAEL RAYMOND  
MAINELLI  
Alderman and World Trader

ALDERMAN ALASTAIR JOHN NAISBITT KING  
Alderman and Blacksmith

ALDERWOMAN DAME SUSAN CAROL LANGLEY  
Alderman and Insurer

ALDERMAN TIMOTHY RUSSELL HAILES  
Alderman and Pewterer

ALDERMAN BRONEK EDMUND MASOJADA  
Alderman and Insurer

ALDERMAN ALISON JANE GOWMAN  
Alderman and Glover



## COMMON HALL – Friday, 29th September 2023

### Order of Procession

The Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of the Livery Companies, after they have robed, are requested to form a file two abreast in the order set out below (which is the ascending order of seniority of the Companies). The procession, preceded by the Livery Committee, will move off to the Great Hall at approximately 11.35 a.m.

N.B. A representative of the Town Clerk will be available to answer any questions.

110. ARTS SCHOLARS	73. GUNMAKERS	36. COOPERS
109. EDUCATORS	72. COACHMAKERS	35. COOKS
108. SECURITY PROFESSIONALS	71. GLASS SELLERS	34. POULTERS
107. TAX ADVISERS	70. PATTENMAKERS	33. FOUNDERS
106. INTERNATIONAL BANKERS	69. DISTILLERS	32. INNHOLDERS
105. MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS	68. WHEELWRIGHTS	31. PLUMBERS
104. HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS	67. TIN PLATE ALIAS WIRE WORKERS	30. MASONS
103. FIREFIGHTERS	66. GARDENERS	29. CURRIERS
102. WATER CONSERVATORS	65. NEEDLEMAKERS	28. PAINTER-STAINERS
101. WORLD TRADERS	64. FRAMEWORK KNITTERS	27. CORDWAINERS
100. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGISTS	63. FELTMAKERS	26. CARPENTERS
99. CONSTRUCTORS	62. GLOVERS	25. SADDLERS
98. CHARTERED ARCHITECTS	61. CLOCKMAKERS	24. BUTCHERS
97. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANERS	60. SPECTACLE MAKERS	23. GIRDLERS
96. LIGHTMONGERS	59. SHIPWRIGHTS	22. ARMOURERS & BRASIER
95. FUELLERS	58. APOTHECARIES	21. TALLOW CHANDLERS
94. ENGINEERS	57. LORINERS	20. WAX CHANDLERS
93. ARBITRATORS	56. PAVIORS	19. BAKERS
92. INSURERS	55. FARRIERS	18. CUTLERS
91. ACTUARIES	54. HORNERS	17. BARBERS
90. MARKETORS	53. GLAZIERS	16. PEWTERERS
89. LAUNDERERS	52. BASKETMAKERS	15. LEATHERSELLERS
88. BUILDERS MERCHANTS	51. TURNERS	14. BREWERS
87. CHARTERED SECRETARIES & ADMINISTRATORS	50. MUSICIANS	13. DYERS
86. CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS	49. UPHOLDERS	12. CLOTHWORKERS
85. CHARTERED SURVEYORS	48. BRODERERS	11. VINTNERS
84. SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT MAKERS	47. STATIONERS & NEWSPAPER MAKERS	10. IRONMONGERS
83. FURNITURE MAKERS	46. PLAISTERERS	9. SALTERS
82. TOBACCO PIPE MAKERS & TOBACCO BLENDERS	45. FRUITERERS	8. HABERDASHERS
81. AIR PILOTS	44. SCRIVENERS	7. SKINNERS
80. FARMERS	43. WOOLMEN	6. MERCHANT TAYLORS
79. SOLICITORS	42. WEAVERS	5. GOLDSMITHS
78. MASTER MARINERS	41. JOINERS	4. FISHMONGERS
77. CARMEN	40. BLACKSMITHS	3. DRAPERS
76. FANMAKERS	39. FLETCHERS	2. GROCERS
75. MAKERS OF PLAYING CARDS	38. BOWYERS	1. MERCERS
74. GOLD & SILVER WYRE DRAWERS	37. TYLERS & BRICKLAYERS	