



Worshipful Company of

Tylers and Bricklayers

Chartered in 1568



***Membership Information
and Application Forms***

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A Brief History

The earliest reference to the Company is in 1416 though records show that a Guild representing the crafts was in existence well before that time. The Company's Charter was granted in 1568. A City Ordinance of 1570 defined its area of control as being within a radius of 15 miles of the City.

The Company flourished initially with brick and tiles being used in place of timber and thatch. The Great Fire of 1666 led to a Royal Proclamation requiring their use. The rebuilding programme was beyond the capacity of Company members; craftsmen flocked in from elsewhere and the monopoly was broken. The succeeding years saw a continuing reduction in the influence and fortunes of the Company which nonetheless retained ownership of a hall until the end of the 19th century and almshouses in Islington into the second half of the 20th century. Masters and Liverymen of the Company have ensured that it still supports the City, its crafts and numerous charitable causes.

The Company ranks 37th in the order of precedence among the City of London Livery Companies. Two of its liverymen have served as Lord Mayor of London.

Introduction

The Tylers and Bricklayers is one of the ancient City Livery Companies, having been granted its Royal Charter in 1568. The Company exists today principally to support the three crafts of bricklaying, roof slating and tiling and wall and floor tiling, as well as undertaking various other charitable activities. We award annual prizes for excellence achieved by apprentices on vocational courses in tiling and bricklaying around the UK and also to sappers training in our linked regiment, the Royal Engineers. Every three years we give awards to the best examples of bricklaying, roof tiling and wall and floor tiling within the M25.

We currently have about 200 members from diverse backgrounds. About 40 per cent of our members have a direct connection with one of our crafts.

Joining the Company

The Company welcomes applications from people of any gender, age, ethnicity or background who share its objectives:

- *Upholding the traditions of the City of London,*
- *Providing its members with opportunities, both formal and informal, for fellowship and entertaining guests,*
- *Encouraging and rewarding excellence in the crafts of bricklaying, wall and floor tiling, and roof tiling and slating,*
- *Supporting a range of craft-related and other charitable causes.*

Fellowship and Social Activities

A range of social and educational events are arranged which allow members, their family and guests the opportunity of dining in some of the City's finest Livery halls and of visiting some of its greatest and historic institutions. Highlights in the Company year include the Installation and Annual Service followed by the Installation Lunch in early October, the Carol service and Christmas supper in December, the Livery dinner in February, the Annual Guest banquet in May and a Court and Livery Lunch in September. The formal Company events are supplemented by a range of informal events and visits arranged by the Master and at least one craft related activity such as an opportunity for "hands on" tiling or bricklaying or a visit to one of our craft members.



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Support for the Crafts

The Company has always taken a special interest in those training for its crafts. It awards prizes for excellence achieved by students on courses at vocational colleges and in 'The Corps of Royal Engineers', the Company's linked regiment, and also for success in craft competitions such as World Skills UK.

The Company is actively involved in a scheme leading to the Master Craftsman qualification. Every three years the Company makes awards in each of its crafts to buildings or projects completed in that period within the boundary of the M25. In 2023, the Company launched a Craft Bursary Scheme to provide financial support of up to £1,000 per person to young people from across the UK who are undertaking approved craft training.



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Charitable Activities

The Livery Companies of the City of London support a wide spectrum of charitable causes. Annual total charitable giving is now in excess of £75 million, including over £6 million raised by Liverymen each year. Additionally, it is estimated that a similar amount is donated by the Livery annually through pro-bono work on behalf of charities. The Tylers and Bricklayers has established two trust funds to enable it to play its own part in this work. All members are expected to contribute to the Charitable Trust and/or the Craft Trust which support, among other causes, children's education and sponsorship of academic and craft prizes.





Making an Application for Election to the Freedom and Livery of the Company

The application process to the Company

To become a Freeman of the Company an application should be made on the attached form. Those applying should be proposed and seconded by Liverymen of the Company. It is possible to become a Freeman by Patrimony (children of Freemen born when the father was already free are entitled to freedom 'by patrimony', on reaching the age of twenty-one years) or by Redemption. There is an entry fee or "fine" payable on election to the Company. This is currently set at £250 on taking up the Freedom and paid on the date of the election and a further £50 on subsequent election to the Livery.

Applicants should also complete, sign and return (a) the fit and proper person declaration and (b) the GDPR consent form. Applicants will be provided with a copy of the Company's Data Protection Policy.

Admission procedure

Following receipt of the completed application form, the fit and proper person declaration and the GDPR consent form, the Clerk will arrange a date for the applicant to attend an informal meeting / interview with Officers of the Company. Their recommendation will be put to the next meeting of the Court to whom the candidate's details will have been circulated. If accepted by the Court which is the governing body of the Company, the applicant will be advised of his or her election to the Freedom of the Company and invited to swear the oath before the Court.

A Certificate of Freedom of the Company will be provided along with written details concerning the payment of Quarterage - the subscription - which is paid annually, currently set at £455 for Liverymen. New Freemen pay a reduced Quarterage rate of £315 for their first year only and thereafter pay the same rate as Liverymen, irrespective of whether they have moved to the Livery by that time. There is an option to pay Quarterage by Direct Debit on an annual or quarterly basis.

Charitable trusts

All applicants are expected to sign a Standing Order form for a regular contribution to one or more of the Company's Charitable Trusts before becoming a Freeman of the Company. This allows the Company to support the development of the associated crafts and other charitable works. Further details, including Standing Order forms, will be provided by the Clerk.

Freedom of the City of London

For those who are not Freemen of the City, application for an appointment can be made to the Chamberlain's Court at Guildhall (020 7332 1008 ext 1369). To this appointment the applicant will need to take a Certificate of Freedom of the Company (supplied at admission as a Freeman), full birth certificate showing British or European Community citizenship and a cheque for the appropriate amount (£180 at 1 April 2023-4). This process will allow the applicant to become a Freeman of the City through the intervention of the Company and will take about 6 weeks while the approval of the Court of Aldermen is formally sought. Once this is approved, the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court will contact the applicant to arrange an appointment for the actual admission to the Freedom of the City. Proposers and seconders, and friends and relations can attend this short but memorable ceremony at which the Freeman is presented with a Certificate to mark the occasion. Once 'Free of the City of London', a Freeman may apply for election as a Liveryman of the Company.



Liverymen of the Company

Shortly after a Freeman has obtained Freedom of the City, the Clerk to the Company will contact the Freeman to arrange for their election and affirmation as a Liveryman at a meeting of the Court. Taking this step will allow the member to play a full part in the activities of the Company and, eventually, to take office in the Company. If the process is completed by 31 May, the new Liveryman can vote in the elections of the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of the City in the following year.

Taking part

Periodic Newsletters and Calling Notices give details of Company events. Further information about the Company and its events, functions and activities can be found on the Company's website at www.tylersandbricklayers.co.uk. Members are encouraged to attend events, to support the Master and Wardens, and to play their part in the life of both Company and the City.



PART A
(for completion by the candidate)



Candidate Application Form

Surname: _____ Title: _____

Forenames: _____

('known as' - please underline)

British Subject:(YES / NO) _____ Date and Place of Birth: _____

Married:(YES / NO) _____ Partner's Preferred Name: _____

Children: _____

Brief Details of Education (Schools and Universities): _____

Academic Qualifications: _____

Professional / Trade Qualifications: _____

Home Address: _____ Business Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Postcode: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Business Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____ Business Email Address: _____

Address for Correspondence:(HOME / BUSINESS) _____

Nature of Present or Last Employment: _____

Name of Company and Position Held: _____

Details of Special Interests / Hobbies: _____

Please attach a current Curriculum Vitae with your application form.

You are invited to briefly describe your reasons for wishing to join the Company: _____



Candidate Fit and Proper Person Declaration

Name of Candidate: _____

I, the undersigned, being a candidate for election to become a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers, declare that:

I have not been convicted of an offence involving deception or dishonesty (or any such conviction that is legally regarded as spent);

- I have not been involved in any tax fraud;
- I am not an undischarged bankrupt;
- I have not been disqualified from serving as a Company Director; and
- I am not disqualified from acting as a charity trustee nor have I at any time been removed from serving as a charity trustee.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Previous address: _____

if you have moved from the address given on application within the last 12 months:

If you have digitally signed this declaration but want to make any information known or to clarify any points then please append them on a separate sheet.



Candidate Personal Data Consent Form

I _____ [please insert full name] being a candidate for election as a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers (the “Company”), acknowledge that a copy of the Company’s Privacy Notice is available to me on the Company’s website or has been provided to me by the Clerk.

I acknowledge that, if I am elected to the Freedom of the Company, the Company will collect, use and store personal data provided by and relating to me as described in the Privacy Notice, including the following:

- To send me information about the Company and its activities, including the annual newsletter, calling notices and other communications about Company dinners, events, visits and other functions;
- To send me information about matters relating to the Lord Mayor and the City of London, including events and activities organised by third parties such as the City of London Corporation, other Livery Companies, the United Guilds, the Sons and Friends of the Clergy and organisations related to our associated crafts of tiling and bricklaying;
- To send me information about the Company’s charitable trusts and related fund-raising activities, including the Company’s charity of year, the Triennial Awards and annual Craft awards;
- To compile the annual Livery List (the “White Book”) and the database of members held on the Company’s website; and
- To fulfil a contract with me (for example, if I purchase T&B merchandise).

I understand that the Company provides a list of Liverymen to the City of London each year so that their names and addresses can be entered on the Register of Electors for City elections.

I understand that the Company will:

- If my application for election is unsuccessful, delete all personal data provided by me other than my name and address which will be held for a maximum of 6 years on a register of unsuccessful candidates;
- Take all reasonable steps to keep my personal data safe and secure;
- Except as stated in the Privacy Notice, not share my personal data with any third party without my specific consent; and
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the personal data relating to me held by the Company is accurate and up to date.

I confirm that I will advise the Clerk in writing as soon as possible of any change in my address or contact details.

I further agree that the Company may communicate with me by:

Post: _____ (reply Yes or No) Email: _____ (reply Yes or No) Telephone: _____ (reply Yes or No)

I further agree that my address, email address or telephone number may be published in the Company’s White Book: _____ (reply Yes or No)

(Nb: the White book contains the Livery List of Members of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers).

I further agree that my address, may be provided to the City of London for the purposes of the Electoral Register: _____ (reply Yes or No)

I acknowledge that I may change these communication and publicity preferences at any time by notifying the Clerk.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART A
(for completion by the candidate)

Proposer and Seconder
Nomination Form

The Proposer and Seconder hereby nominate the Candidate and confirm that, in their opinion, he/she is in every respect suitable for election to the Freedom and subsequent election to the Livery of the Company. The Proposer and Seconder also confirm that the replies to the questions in Part A are complete to the best of their knowledge and belief.

Full Name of Proposer (Block capitals): _____

The Candidate has been known to me for _____ years.

Signature of Proposer: _____

Comments in support of the Candidate: _____

Full Name of Seconder (Block capitals): _____

The Candidate has been known to me for _____ years.

Signature of Seconder: _____

Comments in support of the Candidate: _____



Quarterage (fees) and Fines until September 2024

The rates for the Livery year 2023 - 2024 are:

Admission Fine	£300 (£250 payable on election to the Freedom and a further £50 on subsequent election to the Livery)
Annual Quarterage for Year 1 of being a Freeman	£315
Thereafter, Annual Quarterage	£455
Liverymen residing permanently overseas	£315
Young Liverymen under the age of 40 at 1st October 2022	£170
Craft Freeman	£50 (for a maximum of three years)

There is an option to pay by Direct Debit on an annual or quarterly basis.

The Company year begins on 29 September annually

Contact Information

Further Information can be found on our website: www.tylersandbricklayers.co.uk

Please return the completed form to

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