



Report from the Freedom & Livery Committee Meeting on Tuesday 20th May 2025

Members Attending: PM Paul Nash (PN)(Chairman), Charles Brooks (CB)(Master), David Adams (DA)(IPM), Sandra Raine (SR)(Upper Warden), Janet Rivers (JR)(Renter Warden), PM Robert Burgon (RB), Michael Cooper (MC)(Senior Assistant) and Asst. Mala Rao (MR). Apologies: PM Steve Hodgkinson (SH), PM David Alexander (D)

In attendance: The Clerk, Debbie Abergil (CDA)

Item 1. Matters Arising:

- Lvy Kevin McCallister had ds agreed to become the Plumbers Director on the WaterSafe Board
- The Court had approved a trial, smaller Court members' and guests' only Court lunch for January 2026, with the focus on the Plumbers' Table in February for the Livery
- Working was progressing on a new corporate membership scheme and separate event sponsorship arrangements

Item 2. Company Numbers:

- There were 329 full paying members
- The aim was to achieve a net gain of c14 new members each year

Item 3. Strategic Actions:

- The E&T committee had taken on the "Supporting Better Regulation of Plumbers" action
- Working with the E&T committee, a separate working group would take forward the action "Being a Thought Leader for the Industry"

Item 4. Office Move

- A notice of intent would be sent to the Painter-Stainers' company ahead of the rental agreement being finalized and signed

Item 5. Court Assistants

- The names of the proposed two new Court Assistants would be formally approved in July, following their acceptance of the invitation from the Master to join the Court in October
- Court Assistant mentoring arrangements would be discussed at the next meeting with a view to strengthening the support provided

Item 6. Livery Climate Action Group

- The Company's Livery Climate Action Plan had been forwarded to the City LCAG and was up on its website

Item 7. Communications Working Group

- A “Digital Team” under new Webmaster Std Gary Lester had been created to manage the day-to-day running of the website and social media
- Past Std Stary would stand-down as Webmaster at the end of June after 3 years in the role
- The new hosting arrangements for the website had been completed
- The F&L Chairman was the committee’s lead on communications matters

Item 8. Company Archivist

- The gallery of images of the Company’s treasures was ready to load onto the website
- The Plumbers’ Hall Lead Plaque would be installed on 20 June at Vintners’ Place
 - A date to formally unveil it was being explored with the Mansion House

Item 9. Armed Forces Covenant

- The Company’s Armed Forces Covenant pledge would be signed in the presence of HRH Prince Michael of Kent at Barber-Surgeons’ Hall after the Court meeting and ahead of the Summer Festival on 2 July
 - A programme and rehearsal for the signing ceremony was being prepared

Item 10. St Michael Medallion

- The next F&L committee meeting would discuss a proposal from the Master to adjust the St Michael Medallion criteria or instigate a separate award to recognise outstanding contribution to the Company. The St Michael Medallion Award currently only recognised outstanding contribution to the Plumbing and Heating industry

Item 10. Any Other Business

- The schedule of future F&L committee meetings would be adjusted wef January 2026 to follow all other committee meetings. This would enable any items that that they had raised which needed to be discussed at F&L to be considered before the next Court meeting

P NASH
Past Master
Chairman
Date: 30 May 2025