



The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow

Invitation to Apply for Membership

Brief History

The origins of this ancient craft are lost in the mists of time. The Egyptians certainly were acquainted with it. The Craft of the Cooper was an essential part of life in Scotland over the centuries.

In 1569 the Provost, Baillies, Senators and Council of Glasgow granted the Coopers their Letter of Deaconhood. This separated the Coopers from the Wrights and Masons and thus began the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow.

In subsequent years the Incorporation played an important role in the city's civic, trading and political affairs until the mid 19th century when like every other craft organisation they lost their exclusive rights and coopers were allowed to work in Glasgow without being members of the Incorporation.

The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow is one of 14 Incorporations which form the Trades House of Glasgow. They meet in the Trades Hall in Glassford Street which was opened in 1794 and is one of the two oldest buildings in Glasgow still used for its original purpose – the other is Glasgow Cathedral. The 14 Incorporations come together under the chairmanship of the Deacon Convener who is the “Third Citizen of Glasgow” after the Lord Provost and the Lord Dean of Guild.

Current Activities

Today the Incorporation no longer plays an integral part in the craft of coopering but our membership is bigger than ever and we undoubtedly play a noted part in Glasgow life.

The Incorporation now concentrates on its charitable functions. In the last ten years we have donated over £300,000 to charities large and small.

We continue to have close contacts with the coopering industry, which currently employs about 200 coopers in Scotland, mainly in the whisky industry. For many years we have supported apprentice coopers and present the “Earl of Wessex Awards for Cooperage” each year.

We are also supporting the Glasgow Sea Cadets in recognition of the close historical links between coopers and seafaring.

The Incorporation has strong links with The Worshipful Company of Coopers in London through the exchange of honours, social links and support of charitable appeals.

A number of events are organised each year by the Incorporation including a Dinner Dance, a New Members Evening (normally including a wine or whisky tasting), a Business Dinner and a Fund Raising Evening (the most recent being a Wine Bluffer).



Governance

The Incorporation is governed by a Master Court consisting of sixteen members including the Deacon, who is the chairman, the Collector, who is responsible for recruiting new members and a Clerk, who is responsible for the administration. You are encouraged to join the Master Court, if you wish, and perhaps become Collector and Deacon and take a more active part in the affairs of the Incorporation.

How to Apply

Membership of the Incorporation requires a Burgess Ticket (which is formal recognition of citizenship of Glasgow – open to all UK residents). The Incorporation will apply for the Burgess Ticket on your behalf if you don't already have one e.g. through membership of another Incorporation.

Please complete the Application Form and forward it to our Clerk at the address given on the form – if you have any questions please contact our Clerk in the first instance – we are happy to arrange for you to meet a member of our Master Court and be taken on a tour of the Trades Hall.

It is hoped that you will take up this invitation and join the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow

Master Court of the Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow



Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow

I hereby make application to be admitted as a Member of The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow in terms of the Incorporations' Rules and Regulations. I have completed the annexed Schedule to enable you to judge my eligibility.

I have read and accept the terms of the Incorporation's Privacy Policy at <http://www.incorporationofcoopersofglasgow.org.uk/privacy-notice/>.

Yours faithfully

Signature Date

SCHEDULE

Name
Address
.....Post Code.....
Date of Birth
Email.....

A Burgess Ticket is confirmation of Citizenship of Glasgow. It is available to any U.K. Passport holder. This is a necessary qualification to join the Incorporation

Do you already have Burgess Ticket? if yes Date of issue
if no..... one will be procured by the Clerk

If you are a Member of another Incorporation, please specify

If Applicant is a son/daughter or son-in-law/daughter-in-law of a Member – Please state:-

1. The Member's name
2. Date of Entry to the Incorporation
3. His/her Address
4. Your Relationship to him/her

Applicant's Signature

Application to be returned to:- Thomas W. Monteith
Clerk
The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow
Monteith Solicitors Limited
69 Buchanan Street
Glasgow, G1 3HL

Payment Details Overleaf



The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow cont.

PAYMENT TO BE MADE BY APPLICANT ON ADMISSION

1. Near Hand Applicant

(If a son/daughter, son-in-law/daughter-in-law, spouse/civil partner or parent of a Member)

If applicant HAS a Burgess Ticket £20
(Through Membership of another Incorporation)

If applicant has NO Burgess Ticket £65

2. Far Hand Applicant

If applicant HAS a Burgess Ticket £85
(Through Membership of another Incorporation)

If applicant has NO Burgess Ticket £130

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