CITY OF LONDON

SHERIFFS ADMITTED AT GUILDHALL

The Lord Mayor arrives at Guildhall in state. The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Sheriffs wear violet gowns; the Officers wear their gowns. On their arrival at Guildhall they assemble in the Aldermen's Court Room.

The Sheriffs-Elect, wearing Court dress, are attended by Liverymen of their Companies who will wait in the South Ambulatory. If either of the Sheriffs-Elect be an Alderman, they wear their violet gown and they are conducted into the Aldermen's Court Room by the two most senior Aldermen. When a Sheriff-Elect is a Commoner they wear their livery gown, or if a Common Councillor, their mazarine gown, and they are conducted into the Aldermen's Court Room by the two most junior Aldermen.

At 11.55 o' clock the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Officers proceed from the Aldermen's Court Room to a public assembly in Guildhall via the West Door, in the following order:

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

The Mace The Sword

The Lord Mayor

The Liverymen of both Companies and the Sheriffs-Elect, preceded by their Chaplains, proceed into Guildhall, the Liverymen forming an avenue at the steps leading to the Dais for the Sheriffs-Elect and their Chaplains to pass through. The Sheriffs-Elect halt below the Dais. The supporting Liverymen then take their places in the assembly.

When the Lord Mayor and Aldermen are seated on the Dais, the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms commands silence and call upon the Sheriffs-Elect by name to come forward and take upon themselves the office of Sheriff of the City of London.

The Sheriffs-Elect then come to the table, and the Town Clerk administers the declaration of office, the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms standing at the foot of the table.

The Town Clerk and the Common Cryer and Serjeant-at-Arms having retired, the newly elected Sheriffs then take off their gowns and put on violet gowns; the Sheriffs retiring from office respectively taking off their own chains and putting chains of office upon the new Sheriffs.

The two retiring Aldermanic Sheriffs take their seat with the Aldermen.

The Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs and Officers leave the Great Hall in procession through the West Door, the order being the reverse of that shown above.

Town Clerk's Office, September 2022.