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For more than a century and a half certificates have been given to English Freemasons, and on attaining to the degree of a Master Mason, you are entitled to receive a certificate issued by the Grand Master of the U. G. L. of England.

Such certilicates have varied in size and style The design of this parchment dates from 1819. It is known s the "Pillars Certificate." I have now much pleasure in presen i.. your certificate to you in open Lodge (hands (1). PZeise axamine it while I explain its meaning.

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F-anking this central pillar are two others. That on the I is of the Doric Order, which denotes strength, and alludes to the s rength of H.K.O.T. is supporting K.S. with men and naterias.

That on the $R$ is of the Corinthian Order, meaning Beauty. It refers to H.A. whose beautiful work in adorning the Temple was the admiration of all beholders.

The three pillars rest on the $b \& w$ flooring of the L, symbolising the light and darkness and the joys and sorrows of our chequered existence.

On the floor are the three great emblematical lights in Freemasonry - the V.S.L. the S. and the C. You will observe, also, the W.T.'s of the three degrees, the Tracing B. the $r$ and $p$ ashlars and the celestial and terrestial globes pointing out M.U. (

As regards the wording of the document, you will observe, in the left panel, a declaration in English, and in the right panel, a translation of it into Latin, to who + may oncern, that the Brother referred to in the Text has been rorularly received into our Order. Not only is the dite of b/. 2 nitiation and raising recorded Anno Domini, but qio Anno Iacis, or the year of Masonic Light, which precede' the Chriatian Era by four millenaries.

In testimony thet the Brotho is name has been registered in the Books ( 0 : A.I., pur V.W. Bro. the G. Sec. Sir Philip Colville with has suscribed his name and affixed the Seal of G.L. On thi sial, if you examine it closgly, you Thu Linwond Cude, Vida. Tace. To hean, tive + rememi will seo onctin Hebre characters. They are "Kodesh Lo Adonai," selent. meaninc "Hylines: tit tie Lord."

A inal clause states that possession of this cer+i. icate do s not entitle a Brother to admission into any Lodge without due examination. Neither, it should be noted, does examination alone give entrance without production of this Voucher - should it be demanded. To the Brother to whom it is issued, this parchment therefore, is of unique value. It testifies that G.L. considers the foundation stone, placed in the N.E. corner of the L (not many months ago) was well and
truly laid; it is a means of Masonic identification, a proof of membership in case of accident or unforeseen calamity, a passport when visiting a foreign Lodge, where the signs differ from our own, and even as no $L$ is "regular" without the production or the Warrant entrusted to its Master, so should no individual Liason omit to take his certificate with him when attending any onecial Masonic assembly.

Bro. ---------- your certificate, at piesent, is
incomplete. You are required to add your usual autugaph in the margin, and from that signature there mu t be no subsequent deviation. This you will now do in the $N$ of ine $L$ at our . $W$. Bro. Sec's table.

The brethren should come out and stand round the room as far a．s numbers and space permit．

They should stend with opeaed arms ，（you know）． Standing thus the W，M should sey the followinge
（I），Rrethren，we form a living chain \＆circle and we noe roceive our 目ro Initiate into the living circle of our heart，Freemasony Our arms are opened symbdicelly to receive hid invour hasotse （2）Our arms are extended to the brother on $\epsilon$ ither gid of us． We thus show that we are to protect our b－ouher in cvery lawful and possible way．
（3）our arms and hands go beyond ur immediat．brothersto those further wway，symbolicallythet ous Masorrviaould not only benifat and keep our brothers in Masorrybu those outside in the popular world．That is，that we a． 0 to lot the worldbenifit and see by our conduct thst we 7 actings Masons and gentlemen （4）The chain formec is a．s ycu will see is a double chein，If one brother drops ᄀuざ，resigns，or diesthe chain is still unoroken， and another teps in to take the place of the missing brothere Note，her，it is ravier effective to heve someone handy to step inte the mive lace vacated．
（5）Jhains asi ropes of all kinds are testedbefore use to show chet they are fir for service．This chain is tested by the brethrn swinging very slightly \＆gently（not at all roughly）to symbolise the testing of the chain，and its elastic behavouro Whilst this is being done the chain should never be broken，nor should the brethrn consider this merely a bit of rough play．

Bro.
you having now taken the three degrees of Craft Masonry, I have much pleasure in presenting to you in open Lodge your Certificate from the United Grand Lodge of England.

This Certificate which is known as the "Pillars certificate" was first issued in the year 1814 , six years after the solemn act of Union between the two Gr. Lodges of rec Masons of England in December Iq.

## which the United Gr. Lodge of midland was formed.

Please examine it while I explain the symbols and word\% contains.

This document is always surmounted by the "Ammo (1) of tho alas The e komannable Nor. Gr. Master, this Certificate bears the "Arms" $\cap f H i s \mathrm{Gr} \mathrm{He}$ the the bare of fearboranh,K,G.
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But Bro. your certificate at present is incomplete, it is necessary that you sign the document in the margin provided, and from that signature there must be no subsequent deviation.

You will therefore proceed to the Secretary's table and sign your

Brother ..........Having passed through the three degrees of Craft Masonry, I have much pleasure in presenting you in open Lodge, the Certificate which is granted by Grand Lodge to a Brother who has been made a Magon.

The first systematic grenting of these diplomen dates back to the reign of Goorge II. Dy order of the cuarterly Comunication, 24 th July 1755, a copper plate was ordered to be engreved for printing the certificate to be granted to a Brothor on his being made a Mason. The die was but and the engino made for ner ling seme.

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