



**The  
Royal Masonic  
Institution  
for Boys**

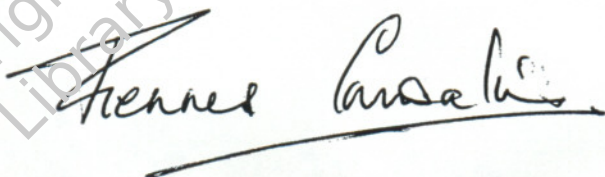
**AND YOUR SCHOOLS**

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## A SPECIAL MESSAGE

With the approval of the Craft we have recently completed an extensive Modernisation Programme at the Schools at a total cost of approximately £1,000,000. I am sure you will appreciate that the expenditure of such a large sum must reduce our capital reserves and consequently our investment income. It should be realised that our average income from Annual Festivals taken over the years is not sufficient to meet normal running costs. The reduction of our investment income therefore will have an increasingly serious effect upon the gap between our income from Festivals and our running costs involving further depletion of our assets to bridge this gap.

For the future well-being of the sons of our deceased and distressed Brethren, may I urgently appeal for all possible support from you at this time and also ask you to impress our needs upon other Brethren.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Casals". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Chairman, Board of Management.

**Do you know that** under the Presidency of M.W. the Grand Master, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is administered by a Court consisting of Brethren nominated by the Craft?

in addition to maintaining two Schools at Bushey, one for Senior boys aged 13 years and upwards, and one for Junior boys aged 9-13 years, the Institution also bears the cost of educating the sons of deceased and distressed Masons at other schools in this country and in other parts of the world?

the Schools are your Schools, founded and maintained by the Craft for the sons of its deceased and distressed members, entrance to which is governed by financial distress and the need for a boarding school education and not by intellectual ability. Nevertheless the academic record of the Schools is so high that the Senior School Headmaster is a member of the Headmasters' Conference, and the Junior School Headmaster of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools?

most of the boys admitted to the Schools are fatherless and besides educating, clothing them and where necessary meeting holiday expenses, train fares, etc., the Institution assumes the responsibility of a father and provides a standard of moral training that would fulfil the wishes of the most loving parent?

by reason of the nature of the intake to the Schools there must be sufficiently highly trained and specialised staff to give a high degree of personal as well as expert supervision to the boys. Classes are small in number, averaging at full strength 24 in the Senior School and 18 in the Junior School, and this necessarily involves a heavy outlay in salaries and services?

boys educated at the Royal Masonic Schools and elsewhere by the Institution are now pursuing courses at 29 different Universities in this Country and overseas, and that many others are being helped to train for the professions?

every endeavour is made to take care of boys after they have left school, particularly if they are fatherless, and establish them in their chosen careers, for which purpose there is a Master on the staff whose special responsibility this is?

there is a very active Old Masonians Association and five Old Masonians' Lodges, the members of which are devoted to the Schools which they are certain have done so much for them?

there are old Masonians occupying very distinguished positions in many varied walks of life?

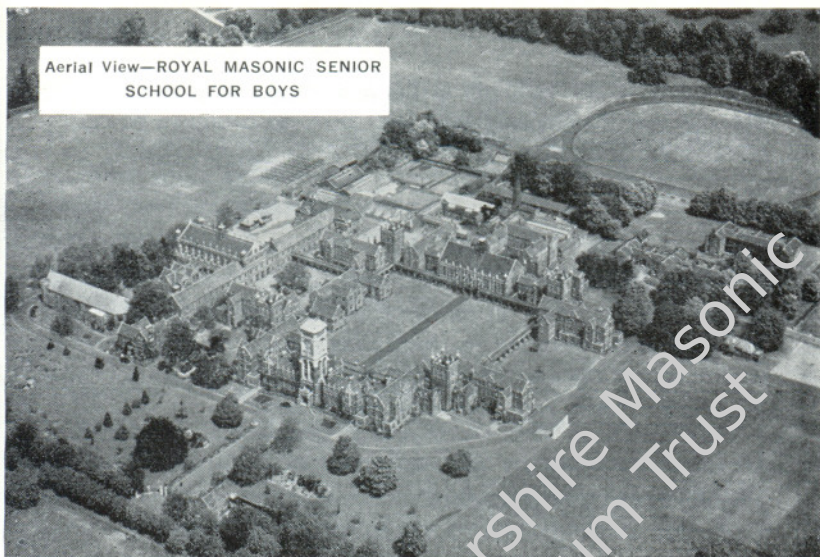
the Senior School has produced many fine sportsmen, including Internationals and Olympic representatives?

the Senior School has won no fewer than 75 Gold Awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme?

as most of the Brethren whose sons are being cared for are dead, few Brethren (apart from Old Masonians) can speak with direct knowledge of the work of the Institution and the Schools and that therefore it is doubly important for members of the Craft to see the Schools for themselves? Visits will gladly be arranged by the Secretary of the Institution, 26, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.2, or by the Bursar of the Schools, The Avenue, Bushey, Herts.

except in a few very special cases the means of the families of the boys the Institution seeks to help are such that no contributions are asked for or expected; **and that, therefore, the total expenditure of the Institution (now running at nearly £500,000 a year) can be met only by donations freely given by the Craft?**

Aerial View—ROYAL MASONIC SENIOR  
SCHOOL FOR BOYS

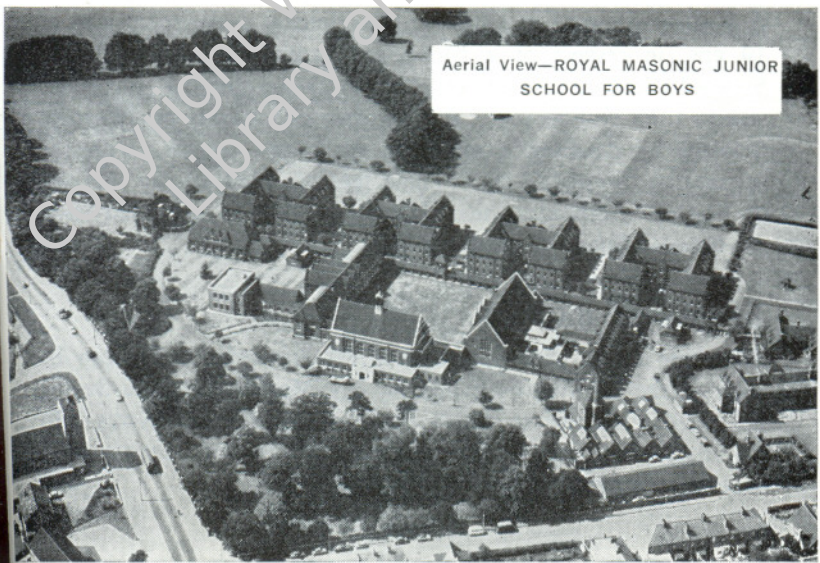


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## THE SCHOOLS

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■ many of the buildings at the Schools are well over 60 years old and that maintenance costs are therefore bound to be correspondingly high?

■ it is the expressed wish of the Craft as stated by its representatives in the Court that the work of the Institution should continue in the future in the same way and the same place as it has done in the past, *but the Institution can discharge this responsibility only if the necessary funds are forthcoming from the Craft. The need is very real: will you please help?*

## Anniversary Festivals

Each year a distinguished Brother, such as a Provincial Grand Master, undertakes special responsibility with the Brethren of his Province for supporting the Institution and the total contributed is announced at a Festival held annually in London on the first Wednesday in June.

## Festival Stewards

A Festival Steward is a Brother who donates a minimum sum of 10 gns. in respect of a particular Festival, together with the Steward's fee, the amount of which is fixed according to circumstances from year to year. A Lady may also qualify as a Festival Steward by donating a minimum of 5 gns. together with the appropriate Steward's fee. These fees are used to pay the cost of Festival overheads which thus do not fall as a burden upon the General Funds of the Institution.

## Stewards' Badges

These are issued each year to Festival Stewards. They can be worn at the Festival itself and on any Masonic occasion during the year in respect of which the Festival is held. (NOTE: In special circumstances M.W. the Grand Master may permit them to be worn permanently).

## The Grand Lodge Charity Jewel

This is a permanent Jewel which may be worn on all Masonic occasions by a Brother who has served a Stewardship for any two of the three Masonic Institutions. In addition Brethren who have obtained rank as Vice-Presidents, Vice-Patrons, or Patrons may wear other distinctive badges indicating their particular rank (see Rule 253, Book of Constitutions).

## Benevolent Associations

A Benevolent Association is usually attached to a Lodge or a group of Lodges and Brethren can make regular donations to the Association until such time as the total is sufficient to qualify for a Stewardship. Alternatively, donations may be made by a Deed of Covenant (see below).

## Deeds of Covenant

A Deed of Covenant is a method of subscribing to the Institution (or Benevolent Association) by means of at least seven consecutive annual payments in respect of which the Income Tax payable accrues to the Institution. **Enclosed are two forms of Deed and Brethren are urged to make use of one or the other of them as the advantages both to the Brother concerned and to the Institution are considerable.**

## Qualifications :

	FOR A DONATION OF :								
	Brethren			Ladies and Lewises			Lodges, Chapters & Societies		
	£			£			£		
Life Subscriber ...	5	5	0						
Life Governor ...	10	10	0	5	5	0			
Vice-President ...	52	10	0	26	5	0	105	0	0
Vice-Patron ...	105	0	0	52	10	0	210	0	0
Patron ...	210	0	0	105	0	0	420	0	0

To obtain these ranks payments must be made in instalments of not less than five guineas each. This can be done by subscribing to a Masonic Benevolent Association or direct to the Institution.

In completing a Deed of Covenant the following points should be observed :

1. Covenants may specify a net payment after deduction of tax (I.T.3), but some persons prefer to covenant for a gross amount (I.T.2). In the latter case the charity receives the same total sum each year, no matter what change takes place in the standard rate of tax. In the case of the form of covenant specifying a net amount the charity will receive less if the rate of tax is reduced and more if the rate is increased. The minimum amount on either form should not be less than a total of £3 in each year.

2. The name, address, month of payment, etc., should be inserted clearly and legibly; *the Inland Revenue will not permit any alterations.*

3. The date of execution should be earlier than the date on which it is desired to make the first payment.

4. The completed Deed must be forwarded to the Institution immediately, as it has to be stamped by the Inland Revenue within *30 days of the date of execution.*

5. If required, a Banker's Order form can be obtained on application to the Institution.