

# Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

OFFICES, 16A, GREAT QUEEN ST. LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS.

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## PETITION AND CERTIFICATES

OF

Examined and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Committee on  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_

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By the 44th Law of this Institution, it is Enacted—That application for admission of candidates shall be by petition, on the part of the father, mother, some near relation or friend, stating the names and ages of the brothers and sisters (if any) of the child on whose behalf the application is made, and how provided for. Which petition is to be accompanied by—

- 1.—A certificate of the parents' marriage.
- 2.—A certificate of the registry of the candidate's birth and baptism.
- 3.—A certificate, or other evidence satisfactory to the General Committee, of the death of the father, in every case wherein such death is stated in the petition.
- 4.—The Grand Secretary's certificate of the father having been duly registered, and for what period, on the books of the Grand Lodge of England.
- 5.—A certificate from the Master and Wardens of the Lodge or Lodges to which the father is, or has been, a regularly contributing member for five years, and (should he be deceased) had continued to be so up to within five years of his death, unless it can be shewn to the satisfaction of the General Committee that his not having continued to subscribe for the entire period of five years, or until within five years of his death (if deceased) or the presentation of such petition (if he be alive) should have arisen from altered circumstances, which precluded his remaining a subscribing member of a Lodge.

But the Child of a deceased brother, who at his death, or within five years thereof, was a Subscribing Member of a Lodge, shall be eligible to be received as a candidate. No petition shall be received on behalf of any child who shall be less than Seven ~~or more than Ten~~ years of age; ~~nor shall any candidate be elected after he shall have attained Twelve years of age.~~ No child shall be placed on the Election List who has a Brother on the Institution, unless there be at the least as many vacancies as candidates, nor shall Two Brothers be placed on the same List for Election, except in the case of Twin Children.

Further information may be obtained on application to the Secretary, Mr. Frederick Binckes, at the office, every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, between 11 and 3 o'clock.

LONDON PETITIONS.

Upon the presentation of Petitions to the General Committee, which meets at the office of the Institution on the first Saturday in every month at Four o'Clock in the afternoon, the Petitioners and Candidates must attend, if resident within six miles of the said office.

COUNTRY PETITIONS.

Country Petitions should be forwarded to the Secretary at least Three days before the meeting of the General Committee.

Every particular required in this petition must be supplied, and every Certificate duly filled in before it is presented to the General Committee.

No Petition can be received on behalf of a Child who is unable to read the Scriptures and repeat the Lord's Prayer.

TO THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

OF THE

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS

OFFICE, 16a, GREAT QUEEN STREET, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF

Widow of

in behalf of

State if Son, Nephew, or how connected with the Petitioner.

aged years months.

Shetweth,

That your Petitioner resides at

and is, or has been, by business or occupation

Trade or occupation, and residence of Petitioner.

that the Candidate's father was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge

No. on the day of 18 and continued

a subscribing member thereof years, until

as appears by the

Grand Lodge Certificate annexed, that family, consists of children, viz. Boys

Girls.

Boys.

Aged.

GIRLS.

Aged.

State the name and age of each child, and how many children depend upon the Petitioner for support.

and that your Petitioner's distress arises from

Describe the case with particulars. If the Father be dead, state his occupation, the complaint of which he died and the date of his decease.

Under these circumstances your Petitioner humbly hopes the Committee will be pleased to admit the

Candidate and your Petitioner as in duty bound

CERTIFICATE OF INITIATION.

*The Worcester* Lodge, No. *280*  
Held at the *Ball Hotel Broad Street Worcester*  
This is to Certify that *Edward Meredith Lacey*  
of \_\_\_\_\_

was made a Mason in this Lodge on the *twenty first* day of *January 1877*  
and that he continued a regular subscribing Member for the space of *two* years and \_\_\_\_\_

Witness our hands, this *31<sup>st</sup>* day of *December* One thousand *eight*,  
hundred and *sixty seven*

*Pro. S. Wheeler* Secretary. { *Arthur Smith* Master...  
*W. Meredith* S. W.  
*W. L. ...* J. W.

N.B.—This Certificate is to be filled up by the Officers of the Lodge in which the father is initiated.

GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE.

Grand Secretary's Office,  
Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields.

This is to Certify, that Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is registered  
in the books of the Grand Lodge, as having been made a Mason in the \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ held at the \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
and that he was a subscribing Member to the Lodge for the space of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_ G. Sec.

N.B.—This Certificate is to be filled up by the Grand Secretary, who attends at the Office, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, daily from Ten till Five, except Saturday, then only from Ten till Two o'Clock.

CERTIFICATE OF PARENTS' MARRIAGE.

Parish of \_\_\_\_\_

It appears by the register of Marriages, belonging to the above parish, that \_\_\_\_\_

were married by \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year one thousand \_\_\_\_\_ hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Witness my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE BY THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS.

Extract from the register of Births of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_

was born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year one thousand  
eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_

Witness my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar of Births, &c., for the above Parish or District.

N.B.—The above Certificates with all the words at length, to be filled in by the Registrar of Births, &c., where the Candidate was born.

*Certificate by the Registrar of Deaths.*

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is registered  
as having died at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_ 18

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Registrar, District of \_\_\_\_\_

*Certificate that the Candidate can read, &c., if resident in the Country.*

I hereby certify that I have examined \_\_\_\_\_ the Candidate named in  
this Petition, and find he can read the Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_ and repeat the Lord's Prayer.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

To be signed by the Clergyman or Minister of the Parish where the Child resides, who is requested to state if the Candidate reads fluently or not.

The two following Certificates apply to those Boys only who may eventually be admitted into the School House at Wood Green, and not to those Boys who will remain with their parents, and be sent to School adjacent to their residences.

**CERTIFICATE OF PAROCHIAL SETTLEMENT**

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify, that \_\_\_\_\_ the son of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his wife, of the parish of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ belongs at this time to the parish of \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by us this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

N.B.—This Certificate is to be filled up and signed by the Minister, and by the Churchwardens or Overseers, of the parish to which the child belongs.

In case such signatures cannot be obtained, security must be given by two responsible persons to receive the child on his leaving the School if he be received into the Establishment.

**CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH**

to be filled up before the Boy can be received into the Establishment.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
in the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby certify that I have carefully  
examined \_\_\_\_\_ the Candidate named

state if he has or not been vaccinated or had the small pox. in this Petition, and find he has \_\_\_\_\_ vaccinated \_\_\_\_\_ small-pox, has no defect in his Sight, Hearing, or Limbs, is not strumous nor afflicted with any disorder or infirmity which in any way renders him unfit or ineligible for admission into this School.

Witness my hand, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_