

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales and its Districts and Councils Overseas

Petition for a new Council

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Order of Royal and Select Masters

The Undersigned petitioners, being Most Excellent, Royal, Select and Super-Excellent Masters, having the prosperity of the Fraternity at heart and being willing to exert endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Cryptic Masonry, respectively that they are desirous of forming a Council

to be named **Council**

to meet at (address)

Postcode

on the following days

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in the months of

They therefore pray for a Warrant of Constitution to empower them to assemble as a lawful Council and to discharge the duties of Cryptic Masonry in a regular and constitutional manner, according to the original forms of the Order and the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Council.

They have nominated and do recommend:-

Companion to be the first **Master**

Companion to be the first **Deputy Master**, and

Companion to be the first **Principal Conductor of the Work**

The total number of petitioners is _____ of whom _____ are Grand Officers, _____ are District Grand Officers, _____ Past Masters and _____ members of the Order.

It is hoped that within the first twelve months _____ candidates will be admitted into the Order by the Council.

If the Prayer of the petitioners be granted, they promise a strict conformity with the regulations of the Grand Council of the Order of Royal and Select Masters.

**I hereby approve of this Petition,
and recommend that the Prayer of the same be granted**

District Grand Master

District

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20__

Notes of Guidance

1. The prescribed Petition Form must be used. All Petitions must be submitted to the Grand Recorder, having been previously approved by the District Grand Master.
2. Every Petitioner must fill in a Petitioners Application Form and send to the Organising Recorder.
3. Care should be taken to ensure that the information provided is correct.
4. A Clearance Certificate or letter of good standing must be provided in respect of each Council of which a Petitioner was formerly, a subscribing member. Failure to provide such will delay approval of the Petition and may disqualify a Petitioner. **Please note that the number of the Council cannot be issued until this information has been provided.**
5. The names of the Petitioners should be recorded indicating where appropriate the office to be held in the new Council.
6. Each Petitioner must produce their Grand Council Certificate to the Organising Recorder. If the name on the Grand Council Certificate differs from that on the Petitioners Application Form, the Grand Council Certificate should be sent to the Grand Recorder with a request for it to be corrected. **The appropriate fee may be charged.** Failure to do this may cause delay in the preparation of the Warrant. The name that will appear on the Warrant must be the same as on the Grand Council Certificate.
7. The name, address and telephone number and if possible email address of the Organising Recorder must be notified to the Grand Recorder when the completed Petition is submitted.
8. The careful compilation of the Petition Form will obviate unnecessary correspondence and avoid delay in preparation of the Warrant.
9. The processing of the petition and preparing of the Warrant require some **3 to 6 months** for completion. This should be borne in mind when proposing the Date of the Consecration meeting.
10. The proposed Date of Consecration must be confirmed with the Grand Recorder. The Warrant of the Council will be dated accordingly. *(Please enter dates below)*
11. No Petitioner may act as the Consecrating Officer or as an Assisting Officer at the Consecration, without the express approval of the Grand Master.
12. Only in exceptional circumstances will a Petition be approved where the First Master of the Proposed Council is **NOT** a Past Master.
13. **Organising Recorder:** Full Name

Address

Email
14. Proposed Date of Consecration
15. Please tick Warrant type: In House Warrant on A3 Acid free parchment
Fully engrossed Warrant A2 Acid free parchment
Fully engrossed Warrant A2 Calf Vellum
16. Do not send in any monies with the Petition Form. The Council will be invoiced in due course.

PETITIONERS

No.	MMH No.	Title	Forenames in full	Surname	Civil Honours / Decorations	Office to be held in New Council
1						Master
2						Deputy Master
3						Principal Conductor of the Work
4						Chaplain
5						Treasurer
6						Recorder
7						Director of Ceremonies
8						Captain of the Guard
9						Conductor of the Council
10						Almoner
11						Assistant Director of Ceremonies
12						Assistant Recorder
13						Organist
14						Steward
15						Manciple
16						Manciple
17						Manciple
18						Manciple

No.	MMH No.	Title	Forenames in full	Surname	Civil Honours / Decorations	Office to be held in New Council
19						Sentinel
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