

**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. **BLOCK CAPITALS OR TYPESCRIPT** must be used throughout.
5. A PDF version of the Petition Forms and Petitioners Application Forms are available to download from our website [www.glmnm.com](http://www.glmnm.com)
6. 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.**
7. The names of the Petitioners should be recorded indicating, where appropriate, the office to be held in the new Council.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. The careful compilation of the Petition Form will obviate unnecessary correspondence and avoid delay in preparation of the Warrant.
11. The preparation, engrossment and signing of a Warrant require some 6-8 weeks for completion. This should be borne in mind when proposing the Date of the Consecration meeting.
12. The proposed Date of Consecration must be confirmed with the Grand Recorder. The Warrant of the Council will be dated accordingly.
13. No Petitioner may act as the Consecrating Officer or as an Assisting Officer at the Consecration, without the express approval of the Grand Master.
14. Only in exceptional circumstances will a Petition be approved where the First Master of the Proposed Council is **NOT** a Past Master.
15. Details of **Organising Recorder:**

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Address:</b>
<b>Post Code:</b>
<b>Telephone No.</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>

16. Please tick warrant type: In House warrant on A3 parchment paper   
Fully engrossed warrant on goats skin
17. Do not send in any monies with the Petition Form. The Council will be invoiced in due course.

**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

<b>to be named</b>		<b>Council</b>
<b>to meet at (address)</b>		
	<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>on the following days</b>	<b>Inst.</b>	
<b>in the months of</b>		

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**

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**District Grand Master** **District**

**Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_**

## PETITIONERS

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

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