

## **CANDIDATES FOR JOINING WHO ARE NOT YET MASTER MASONS**

Secretaries must see the Grand Lodge Certificate of a brother seeking to join his lodge *before a ballot is held*.

**If the brother in question is not yet a Master Mason, the Secretary must instead see a Certificate of the First or the Second Degree, as appropriate.**

The Secretary should advise (and indeed assist) the candidate to apply to the Provincial Office for help in obtaining this certificate. The candidate himself will also need to produce a 'clearance' certificate from every lodge(s) of which he is or has been a member.

Just as with Master Masons, *if the candidate is from another Masonic jurisdiction*, then before he does anything, the Secretary must apply to Grand Lodge (via the Provincial Office by e-mail), to ascertain the standing of the jurisdiction and the lodge from which the candidate comes. *This applies equally to Scotland and Ireland*, just as to jurisdictions further afield.