



The Lewis Jewel Application Form

I, _____, would like to apply for a Lewis Jewel.

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if, at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing. The initiate of a deceased father – in good standing at the time of his death – would also qualify.

The following information is provided for the Lodge Secretary and the engraver (*Please print clearly*):

Father's name: First, M.I., Last: _____

Date of Father's Initiation (1st Degree): _____

Lodge of Father's Initiation: _____

Son's Name: First, M.I., Last: _____

Date of Son's Initiation (1st Degree): _____

Name of Son's Lodge: _____

Location of Lodge: _____

Name of Secretary of Lodge (*Please print*): _____

Address of Secretary: (*Street*) _____
(*City, State*) _____
(*Zip Code*) _____

I have investigated and verify the names and dates as stated above are correct. I also verify that the father was a Mason in good standing at the time of the son's Initiation.

Attest:

Signature of Secretary: _____

Forward Application by email to: trkspecialties@yahoo.com

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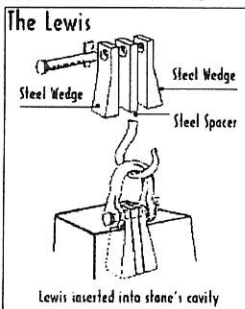
Pricing: Two Bars - \$55.00, Three Bars - \$70.00, Four Bars - \$85.00, Five Bars \$100.00, plus postage

Instructions to Lodge Secretary: If father was not initiated in your Lodge, please contact the Grand Secretary's Office at (215) 988-1901 for verification of date and status.

The Lewis Jewel Explained

A LEWIS is a simple but ingenious device employed by operative Masons to raise heavy blocks of dressed stone

into place. It consists of three metal parts: two wedge-shaped side pieces, and a centre piece, that fit together (tenon). A dovetailed recess is cut into the top of the stone block (mortise). The two outer pieces are inserted first and then



spread by the insertion of the centrepiece. The three parts are then bolted together, a metal ring or shackle is attached and the block is hoisted by hook, rope and pulley. By this means, the block is gripped securely. Once set in its place in the structure, the lewis is removed leaving the upper surface smooth with no clamp or chains on the outside to interfere with the laying of the next course. Our ancient operative brethren used this tool as early as the Roman era. Stones with the mortised cavity for the insertion of a lewis have been found in Hadrian's Wall built c. 121-127 CE.

Archaeologists have found further evidence of its use by the Saxons in England in buildings constructed in the 7th century. The origin of the term 'lewis' for this device is uncertain. Some authorities trace its etymology to the French levis from lever - to lift, hoist, raise; and louve - a sling, grip or claw for lifting stones.

The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Mason, if at the time of his Initiation, his father was a Mason in good standing (the initiate of a deceased father—in good standing at the time of his demise—would also qualify). The Lewis Jewel consists of two bars connected by chains:

- The upper bar contains the name of the father and date of his Initiation.
- The lower bar, the name of the son and date of his Initiation.

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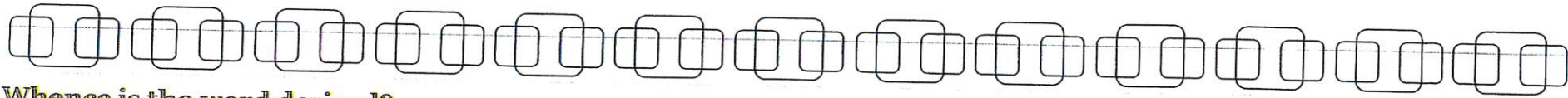


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Whence is the word derived?

Q. What's a Mason's Sons Name A. Lewis
The Wilkinson MS – c 1730 / 1740

Masonic historians conclude that the term came into use in the 18th century. The Lecture in the Second Degree published by William Preston in the 1780s contains a lengthy discourse on the Lewis.

WM – Brother J.W., How were the sons of craftsmen named?

JW – To the son on whom these honours were bequeathed, the appellation of Lewis was given, that from henceforth he might be entitled to all the privileges which that honour conferred, W. Sir.

A doggerel verse in 'The Deputy Grand Master's Song' printed in the second edition of Anderson's Constitutions published in 1738, written as a sort of 'loyal toast' to be sung by the brethren around the festive board:

"Again let it pass to the
ROYAL lov'd NAME,
Whose glorious
Admission has crown'd all
our Fame: May a LEWIS
be born, whom the World
shall admire, Serene as
his MOTHER, August as
his SIRE."

A paragraph in a version of the Junior Warden's Lecture used in the Grand Lodge of England dating from 1801 gives this instructive explanation: "The word Lewis denotes strength, and is here depicted by certain pieces of metal dovetailed into a stone, which forms a cramp, and enables the operative Mason to raise great weights to certain heights with little encumbrance, and to fix them in their proper bases. Lewis, likewise denotes the son of a Mason; his duty is to bear the heat and burden of the day, from which his parents, by reason of their age, ought to be exempt; to help them in time of need, and thereby render the close of their days happy and comfortable; his privilege for so doing is to be made a Mason before any other person however dignified."

Honour thy father...

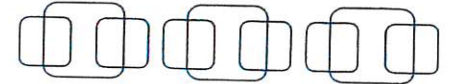
In the days of operative Masonry, it was a great source of pride when a son followed in his father's footsteps and was Entered as an Apprentice, his name 'entered' on the roll, and thereby admitted to the lodge. To study his father's skills and learn to use his father's tools were manifest expressions of the greatest honour and esteem a son could pay. It was common to carry on the tradition through several generations in the same family.

It is a heart-warming day when a young man first shows interest in Freemasonry and asks his father how he might become a Mason, and it is a proud day when that son, in the fullness of time, is admitted a member of his father's lodge by Initiation.

To moralize on...

On the day that King Solomon laid the foundation stone of the Temple, beginning the construction of the great building project conceived by his father David, but given to his son to complete, the last words of King David may have come to his mind. When the time of David's death drew near, he gave his last charge to his son Solomon: I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong and show yourself a man. (1 Kings 2: 1)

Order your Lewis Jewel Today!



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