



# PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Dear Brother,

I am delighted that you are now a Master Mason and I welcome you into the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. You are at once surrounded by a new family of Brethren who are here to support and guide you as you begin what we hope will be a long and happy association with our Order.

I know that the whole experience of being a Freemason, the ceremonial, the regalia and the ritual, can be a little overwhelming initially, but remember that you are following in the footsteps of countless Brethren over several centuries that have experienced what you have.

You may be aware that the organisation you have joined, properly known as the United Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England, contains two distinct though sister Orders, consisting of the Craft and the Holy Royal Arch. The Grand Master, HRH the Duke of Kent heads both organisations, and I head both Orders in the Province of East Lancashire.

As a Master Mason, you are now eligible to join the Royal Arch. Royal Arch Lodges, which are known as Chapters, have one beautiful and colourful Ceremony which builds upon the story you heard during your 3rd Degree Ceremony.

I do hope that you will give serious consideration to joining the Royal Arch when the time is right for you. Your own Lodge has a 'Royal Arch Representative' who can provide you with more information and guidance. You can recognise Brethren, in a Craft Lodge, who are members of the Royal Arch by the breast jewel that they wear, and any of these will similarly be happy to advise you.

There are also other Masonic Orders which many Freemasons join and enjoy. These, however, are run by separate and distinct organisations from ours and I would urge you only to consider joining any of them **after** you have joined the Royal Arch.

I do hope that at the time that is right for you, you will make your own personal journey in Antient Freemasonry complete by joining your many Brethren and friends in a Royal Arch Chapter. Above all, enjoy your Freemasonry and have fun!

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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