



PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE

Circular No: 249

To: Chapter Scribes E
cc Cabinet Members [RA]
Royal Arch Area Officers

24 July 2023

Dear Companion Scribe E,

Royal Arch Honours 2024

I would wish to advise you that the Provincial Honours Guidance for 2024, which includes the Application Form, is now available on the Secretariat Website. I should be most grateful if you would now inform the Companions of your Chapter accordingly.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access it.

The most important aspect is the return date for submissions – **13 November 2023**. The completed Form must go to your **Royal Arch Area Officer** who will be pleased to receive it.

The qualifying periods are clearly set out on the Application Form but for avoidance of doubt, I will restate them here;

- **First Appointment: five years** must have elapsed by the date of the Annual Investiture Meeting since the Companion Installed his successor, **or** completed a full year as First Principal (this will ensure a Companion is not dis-advantaged if he serves two years as First Principal).
- **Promotion: Seven years** must have elapsed since the Companion received his First Appointment / last Promotion.

If you are unsure as to the Companions in your Chapter who are qualified to make an application, this information can be obtained from your Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, if not available from Chapter summonses and / or records.

It is hoped that you will encourage and assist those Companions that decide to submit an application with both the information required on the Form and its submission.

Finally, you will note the Form should be signed by the Chapter First Principal and yourself. **This is not to approve the application** but simply to confirm that you are aware of and can confirm the contents.

I am as ever, most grateful for your kind assistance in the administration of this process.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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Provincial Grand Scribe E

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