



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE

Circular No: 251

To: Lodge Secretaries
Cc: Cabinet Members [Craft]
Area Chairmen

24 August 2024

Dear Brother Secretary,

Craft Honours 2024

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

Please also advise them that the Honours process should be completed using the online forms accessed by the link below. The process is now electronic and when the applicant completes and submits it, the application will be automatically forwarded to the Lodge Secretary for confirmation of the details. When the Lodge Secretary then submits his confirmation, the form will be automatically forwarded to the Area Chairman.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the online form and other information.

**The most important aspect is the return date for applications to your Area Chairman by –
30 November 2023.**

The qualifying dates 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 Brother became a **Past Master** of his Lodge.
- **Promotion: Seven years** must have elapsed since the Brother received his first Appointment / last Promotion.

If you are unsure as to whether a Brother in your Lodge is qualified to make an application, this information can be obtained from your Area Chairman. It is hoped that you will encourage and assist those Brethren that decide to submit an application, with both the information required on the Form and its submission. The online application form requires acknowledgement by you, as Secretary, and which is automatic, whilst the hard copy application form should be signed by the Worshipful Master, Candidate and yourself. This is not to approve the application but simply to confirm that you are aware of it and the contents.

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Upon completion you should forward the Form to your Area Chairman who will be pleased to receive it.

I am, as ever, most grateful for the invaluable contribution you have made to the smooth administration of this process and look forward to your continued support of it.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. H. H. H.', written in a cursive style.

Provincial Grand Secretary