



## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE

Circular No: 275

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

15 October 2025

Dear Brother Secretary,

### Craft Honours 2026

I would wish to advise you that the Honours Guidance for 2026, 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 [CLICK HERE](#) to access the application form and other documentation.

The most important aspect is the return date for applications to your Area Chairman by **31 January 2026**.

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 **or** completed 12 twelve months as Master (if serving two years).
- **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 or Area Secretary. It is hoped that you will encourage and assist those Brethren who decide to submit an application, with both the information required on the Form and its submission.

The application form should be signed by the Candidate and yourself. This is not to approve the application but simply to confirm that you are aware of it and the contents.

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,

Provincial Grand Secretary

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