



PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



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To: Lodge Secretaries / Chapter Scribes E
cc: Cabinet Members
RA Executive
Grand & Area Officers

26 January 2026

Dear Brother Secretary / Companion Scribe E.,

Changes to the Office of Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies

I write to advise that WBro / EComp John Lees, PAGDC, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, is to retire on 19 March 2026.

In consequence, at the Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter on 19 March 2026, the ME Grand Superintendent will be delighted to appoint EComp Lee Gridley as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies for both the Royal Arch and Craft. The RW Provincial Grand Master will Invest WBro Gridley as the Craft Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, at the Meeting of the East Lancashire Provincial Grand Officers Lodge No 3747 on Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

The RW Provincial Grand Master / ME Grand Superintendent wishes to place on record his sincere thanks to WBro / EComp Lees for his service, time, expertise and support to the Province, firstly as a Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and latterly as the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies. John is the first Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the Province to be responsible for both the Craft & RA. The RW Provincial Grand Master also expresses his thanks to John's wife Caroline for all her support and sends them both his very best wishes for the future.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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