



PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE

EComp Robert Ian Frankl
Most Excellent Grand Superintendent

EComp Paul Gareth Bowen, PGswdB, Deputy Grand Superintendent
EComp, Professor Anthony John Freemont, PGStB, Second Provincial Grand Principal
EComp Andrew Procter, PGStB, Third Provincial Grand Principal

Dear Sir and Companion,

9 February 2026

I am directed by the ME Grand Superintendent to inform you that the

ANNUAL MEETING OF PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
will be held at the
TOUGHSHEET COMMUNITY STADIUM, BURNDEN WAY, HORWICH, BL6 6JW on
THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026, at 3.00 pm.

All Provincial Grand Officers, Principals, Past Principals of Chapters, are hereby Summoned to attend the Meeting. The attendance of all other Companions is invited and would be warmly welcomed.

Companions are required to wear a dark suit or morning dress, an East Lancashire Festival tie, [the Royal Arch or Craft tie or a black tie is acceptable; other ties are not acceptable], Royal Arch clothing.

Please note that gloves should not be worn.

Principals of Chapters should wear their appropriate Collars of Office.

Companions are requested to be seated by 2.30 pm at the latest.

Principals and Scribes of all Chapters within the Province are requested to make the contents of this Notice known to their Officers and other Companions.

By Command of the ME Grand Superintendent.

EComp Andrew Holland, PAGSoj
Provincial Grand Scribe E.

*Dinner following the Provincial Grand Chapter Meeting will be served in the Lion of Vienna Suite
Tickets may be obtained at £33.00 [excluding wine] from the Provincial Grand Scribe E and are issued on the basis of receipt of an application and the required remittance.*

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BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED IN PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER

1. To open Provincial Grand Chapter.
2. To welcome our Distinguished Guests.
3. To approve the Report of the Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Bolton on 20 March 2025.
4. The Provincial Grand Treasurer will present the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.
5. To receive the Auditors' Report.
6. To receive and adopt the Accounts of Provincial Grand Chapter for the year ended 31 December 2025 and to pass a vote of thanks to the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Auditors.
7. To Elect the Provincial Grand Treasurer.
8. To Elect the Auditors for the year.
9. The ME Grand Superintendent will appoint EComp Andrew Procter, PGStB as the Deputy Grand Superintendent.
10. The ME Grand Superintendent will re-appoint, EComp, Professor Anthony John Freemont, PGStB, as the Second Provincial Grand Principal.
11. The ME Grand Superintendent will appoint, EComp Jonathan Basger, ProvDepGDC, as the Third Provincial Grand Principal.
12. The ME Grand Superintendent will re-appoint, EComp Steven Boyle, PGStB, EComp Andrew David Taylor, PGStB, EComp Douglas Oscar Smith, EComp Stephen John Holland and EComp Kai Hughes as Assistants to the Provincial Grand Principals.
13. A collection for the 2026 Festival will be taken.
[During the collection the Companions will sing Jerusalem]
14. To receive a Report from the Provincial Grand Scribe E.
15. The ME Grand Superintendent will address Provincial Grand Chapter.
16. To Invest the Provincial Grand Officers.
17. Any other Business.
18. Provincial Grand Chapter will be closed.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Security: Companions are reminded that they **must not** take a bag, case or outside coat into the Chapter room or the dining room. A cloakroom will be available.