



# PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Circular No. 203

28 July 2020

To: Lodge Secretaries & Chapter Scribes E  
Cc: Cabinet [Craft & Royal Arch], Grand & District Officers

Dear Brother Secretary / Companion Scribe E,

## **Festival in Support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation**

You may be aware that this Province was due, by virtue of the cyclical way in which they operate, to be going into a Festival in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), later this year.

I have discussed this with my Deputies and the Chairman of the East Lancashire Festival, WBro Chad Northcott; in turn, the MCF have also been consulted.

It is felt by all concerned that, in the prevailing climate and the continuing uncertainties created for our wider society with the current pandemic, it would be prudent if our Festival launch were to be put back. With this in mind, it is anticipated that the 'East Lancashire MCF 2026 Festival' will have a *provisional* launch date of November 2021.

The Festival Chairman and his team will, in conjunction with the MCF, continue to make their preparations and further information will be released in due course to keep all our members up to date.

It will not have escaped your notice that the MCF has played a significant role locally and nationally in supporting the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. They have afforded financial assistance to those who, in turn, are caring for and helping us and our loved ones. In simple terms, without our help, the MCF could achieve none of this vital work, all of which is done in the name of Freemasonry and therefore, on behalf of each one of us. This Festival will be our opportunity to give something back and ensure the continuance of that vital work now and in the future. Equally, our own East Lancashire Masonic Charity and so many members in our Districts have supported countless local projects in the past few months. Please remember the work of the ELMC and continue to support them as much as possible.

Please look out for the further information which will be issued as and when appropriate. It is important that we are all fully aware of what we are working to achieve and are prepared to fully support our Festival when it is launched.

In the meantime, thank you for what you are doing and continue to do in these challenging times, in the support of our Province and each other.

Keep well, keep safe and keep in touch

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