



PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Provincial Circular No.211

To: All Members of the Province

23 August 2021

Dear Sir and Brother / Companion,

East Lancashire Uniformed Services Lodge

Given the rise and success of 'special interest' Lodges in other Provinces, The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has given his permission for a closing Lodge to be repurposed with a view to creating a Craft Lodge which will draw its membership from all ranks of the front-line uniformed services.

This will be exclusive to uniformed members of HM Armed Services (regular and reserves) including adult members of the Cadet Forces, members of HM Prison Service and Emergency Services personnel, Fire, Police (including Police Community Support Officers) and the NHS Ambulance Services who have been in paid service, retained, or in a voluntary capacity, either serving or a veteran.

As this will initially start as a secondary Lodge for members of existing Craft Lodges, it is proposed to have four meetings per year to help reduce time commitments and cost; the Lodge will be open to new and Joining Members.

It is planned that the Lodge will meet in Bury on the third Friday in August, October, February and May. For those who may be unaware, Bury Masonic Hall is in a town centre location with easy Metrolink, bus and motorway connections and free parking, after 6pm, at a large adjacent car park.

Dress will be dark lounge suit or uniform/mess dress and Provincial, black, unit/corps or service tie.

The proposed Lodge will look to support various charities, changing annually. However, all charities will be for the support of serving or veteran members of the above-mentioned services. The Lodge has a closed Facebook group page (search: East Lancashire Uniformed Services Lodge) and a twitter account: @ELServiceLodge.

In the first instance, if any Brethren, or Companions, are looking to support this initiative please direct any expressions of interest in becoming a Member, to Bro Dean Edwards using the contact details below:

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Yours sincerely and fraternally,

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