



PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Provincial Circular No.217

To: All subscribing Members of the Province

Dear Sir and Brother / Companion.

The East Lancashire Festival 2026 in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation

The Provincial Grand Master / President of our Festival 2026 Appeal, Sir David Trippier, is formally launching the Festival at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, on Thursday 18th November 2021. Representing the Masonic Charitable Foundation at that meeting will be Les Hutchinson, the Chief Executive of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), and Paul Crockett, the Head of Fund Raising for the MCF, who we will be pleased to welcome.

Many of you have already set up Regular Payment Promises or made donations to the Festival, for which we are very grateful. We have exciting times ahead and I am certain that together we will make good use of this, to learn more about the MCF and the excellent work that the Charity does on our behalf and on behalf of its beneficiaries. With this in mind, please see the Province's [Festival Launch Brochure](#), which I hope you will find useful and informative.

We have a [Festival Page](#) on the Provincial Website which we will update regularly, and where you will find much useful information. We will be producing regular newsletters regarding the Festival Appeal and make good use of the Provincial website and social media channels for Festival News.

If you have any questions, then I am sure you will find your District Festival Manager helpful, and the website page will guide you to many resources. Many Districts have already planned their Festival launch activities and we hope you will all engage with these.

We will begin the process of formally acknowledging donations and honorifics reached following the Festival launch. Our Festival Stewards Jewels have only recently been approved by UGLE and we will begin to send these out by post to all eligible brethren during December 2021 and January 2022.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Festival Appeal Committee, who have been meeting regularly and working hard, together with your Assistant Provincial Grand Masters and District Officers, to try to make this one of the best Festival Appeals any of us will remember. Above all, we hope you find everything you do for this 5-year Appeal exciting, enjoyable and memorable, but never of course forgetting those who benefit from our efforts. We look forward to meeting you again soon.

Best wishes,

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