

# PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER MEETING INVESTITURE PROCEDURE

29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

1. Companions are required to wear a dark suit or morning dress, an East Lancashire Provincial tie, [the RA 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.**
2. **Please enter King George's Hall, using the Northgate [side] Entrance and** register your attendance. After registering your attendance please go to the Designate Registration Stewards to register your attendance as a Companion who is to receive honours. You will be handed a Seat Card with your designated number clearly marked and, if you are receiving Acting Rank, you will be handed your Jewel of Office.

You should then make your way upstairs to the main Hall.

**(Note: Doors will not open until 3.00 pm).**

## **Please Note:**

- If you have difficulty in walking and / or ascending stairs, please enter King George's Hall, via the Blakey Moor [main] entrance, where assistance will be given.

***There is no disabled access via the Northgate [side] entrance – please use the Blakey Moor entrance where assistance will be given.***

- As the meeting is also the Investiture of the new ME Grand Superintendent, on this occasion, there will be no Dinner following the meeting. However, if you are planning on attending the Craft Investiture in the morning, there will be a lunch available to those who apply.

## **Appointment to Acting / Past Rank**

3. On entering Provincial Grand Chapter, if you are to be **appointed to Acting Rank, or are receiving your first Appointment to a Past Rank**, you should **wear** your Apron and Sash, but **carry** the Collar with which you will be Invested. You will then be directed to your reserved seat, which will be in the West, under the centre balcony.
4. If you are receiving an Acting rank your Collar Jewel will be handed to you by the Registration Steward. This Jewel should be worn at all times during your year of Office and should be returned **irrespective of any Ceremony**, on or before **28 February 2023. You will then need to purchase and to wear a Past Jewel.**

## **Promotion to Past Rank**

5. On entering Provincial Grand Chapter, if you are to receive a **Promotion to a Past Rank** you should **wear** the **Apron, Sash, Collar and Jewel** of your new rank. You will then be directed to your reserved seat.

6. **YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASCEND THE SIDE STEPS TO THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE STAGE TO RECEIVE YOUR HONOUR. IF DISABLED, OR HAVE DIFFICULTY IN EITHER ASCENDING OR DESCENDING STEPS, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE HELP DESK, [01706 833170] AT THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
7. I would remind you of the traditional etiquette / courtesy, if you are unable to attend the Meeting, an email or letter of apology should be sent to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Grand Principal in Charge, [secretariat@eastlancsmasons.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@eastlancsmasons.org.uk) or send a letter to c/o Mrs Susan O'Neill, Rossendale Masonic Hall, Ashday Lea, Haslingden Road, Rawtenstall, BB4 6QX], at the earliest opportunity. You will, subject to your acceptance, be able to use your new rank **after** the meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter.
8. Please be in your seat by 3.00 pm
9. If, on the day, you are unable to attend the meeting, as a matter **urgency** and **courtesy**, please inform the Provincial Office, **before 11.00 am.** [01706 833170].