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East Lancashire 2015 Festival on behalf of the RMBI

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To: Lodge Secretaries
Chapter Scribes

Dear Sir & Brother,

At the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, which is to be held on 19th November 2009, the Provincial Grand Master will announce the official launch of the East Lancashire 2015 Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institute, which will end in 2015. This announcement is his commitment to the RMBI, on behalf of the members of the Province, that the Brethren of East Lancashire will engage with him to do their best to raise much needed funds for this worthy cause and those who are its recipients.

To organise the Festival and promote its continued success, as Festival Chairman, I have now formed an Appeal Committee with Brethren who have individual areas of responsibilities and specific skills required to ensure that the Province is ready and prepared to meet the challenges which lay ahead.

They are:

Deputy Chairman	WBro Brian Sigsworth	Communications	WBro Chad Northcott
Treasurer	WBro Barry D Axford	Marketing & Design ...	WBro Philip Atkinson
Secretary	WBro David Rothwell	Fund Raiser	WBro Terry Kakoullis
Education & Training...	WBro Peter Messum	Banquet Organiser	WBro Brian Durkin

During the course of the Festival they will be available to offer advice and assistance within their fields of expertise when invited to do so.

To further assist with the organisational structure in administering the Festival, the Province will be divided into seven areas, each to coincide with the current areas of responsibility of the Craft APGMs. Every area will have either an Area Festival Manager [AFM] or a District Charity/Festival Representative [DC/FR] who will have full responsibility for administering the Festival within his allocated area. He will be directly responsible to the APGM with a secondary responsibility to the Festival Chairman. He will of course work closely with the District Chairman and the other members of the District team[s].

It is anticipated that each of the APGMs will appoint their current District Charity Steward to the role of District Festival Representative. Therefore each will hold the dual offices of both the District Charity Steward and District Festival Representative.

In order to promote the Festival directly within your own Lodge/Chapter and to support the Provincial Grand Master/Grand Superintendent, I would be grateful if your members would kindly appoint a Brother/Companion from within your membership as your own Festival Representative. Initial consideration could be given to your current Charity Steward as he is already well aware of the need for charity giving.

Each Lodge/Chapter Festival Representative will receive the training necessary to help him play his part in the administration of the Festival, which will commence at the start of October. It is therefore very important that the Brother/Companion is appointed at your earliest opportunity and that his contact details are relayed as soon as possible to the AFM or DC/FR for your area [his details are on the enclosed sheet] so that he can be invited to the training presentation in October and included in all future correspondence.

When Lodges/Chapters, Districts, Brethren and Companions are considering making their charitable donations, their choice is strictly a private matter and they will not be directed as to what that choice should be. The Provincial Grand Master/ME Grand Superintendent is fully aware that you may already have specific charities or good causes that you support on a regular basis. However, it is his hope that a priority will be given to the 2015 Festival when considering your charity giving. To help you make a more informed choice, in due time, information about the RMBI and the benefits it provides will be available.

I thank you in anticipation of your support for the Festival and especially for the Provincial Grand Master/ME Grand Superintendent.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely and fraternally



David H Thompson