

CLOSURE OF A LODGE/CHAPTER

Appendix I

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. My Lodge/Chapter is in difficulty due to falling numbers, how do we contact the Amalgamation & Closure Co-ordinator?

Answer

The initial enquiry and request should be made from the Lodge/Chapter to the APGM/APGP via your District Chairman/DORA. The Area/District co-ordinator will then be informed, the Provincial Secretariat advised and the Co-ordinator will contact the Lodge Secretary/Chapter Scribe E.

2a. What happens to a Brother/Companion who is put forward by his Lodge/Chapter to receive a Provincial appointment and the Lodge/Chapter closes before the Provincial Meeting ?

Answer

He must retain his membership of Craft or Royal Arch (as a subscribing member of the Province of East Lancashire) to be eligible to receive a First Appointment or Promotion at a Provincial Meeting. [i.e he must join another Lodge/Chapter within East Lancashire].

2b. What happens about future recommendations for Provincial Honours?

Answer

This is a theoretical problem; a member of any Lodge/Chapter can be put forward to receive an appointment or promotion provided they meet the requirements of application as stated by Province at the time.

3. For Brethren/Companions joining a Lodge/Chapter from a closing Lodge/Chapter when does his membership of the receiving Lodge/Chapter commence and that of the closing Lodge/Chapter end?

Answer

Membership of the Lodge/Chapter he joins begins from the meeting in which he is elected as a Joining member and his membership of the closing Lodge/Chapter ceases on the last day of the Lodge/Chapter financial year (usually the last day of the month prior to the month of Installation).

NB. An unattached Brother/Companion can attend any number of Lodges/Chapters, but only any Lodge/Chapter on one occasion, (whilst he is unattached).

4. What happens to Honorary Members?

Answer

As the Lodge/Chapter will cease to exist from the date of the closure meeting so Honorary membership of that Lodge/Chapter also ceases.