



# PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Circular No.191

To: Royal Arch Companions

Dear Sir and Companion,

I am writing to update you on an exciting proposal which is currently being explored within the Province.

You may be aware that East Lancashire is the home to Internet Lodge No 9659, a truly unique Lodge which holds its Installation Meeting at Manchester Hall. It has Members spread across the world, many of whom visit the UK for their Meetings. It truly epitomises the concept of a universal fraternity and has successfully pursued its aims of facilitating the exchange of ideas, of opinions and of understanding across numerous constitutions. Above all else, it has been great fun! The Members have also collaborated in many fascinating pieces of research and promoted Masonic education across international boundaries. Such a Lodge has not come about without logistical challenges. But commitment and dedication by the Members over the past twenty years has ensured it has endured and, indeed, flourished. Life-long friendships have been formed which could not have come about in any other way, other than through the medium of such a diverse Lodge.

Having provided you with a flavour of the background to it, I am now able to advise you that several Members have expressed a desire to take that success into the Holy Royal Arch and are seeking interest from Companions in establishing an Internet Chapter, within East Lancashire.

It is a brave and exciting proposal, but it might only succeed with the added support of Members within this Province and further afield who might wish to become Members.

If you would like to know more and, importantly, commit to supporting an Internet Chapter by joining it, please contact EComp Steven Gregory as soon as possible via email on:

[internetchapter9659@gmail.com](mailto:internetchapter9659@gmail.com)

If you have friends whom you feel this may be of interest to, please make them aware.

I have gained immense pleasure and great benefits over the years from travelling to other Provinces in the north of England for their annual Meetings and also to private Lodges and Chapters across the country. I, too, have made friends for life and gained so much from discovering the nature of Freemasonry outside of our own Province; imagine then, placing that enjoyment, that experience in an international context, having Companions from across the globe, learning so much more about the Royal Arch and adding value to our Membership in a wholly unique manner.

This is an exciting proposal and with your support, I am certain we can make it a reality. I do hope you will consider being a part of it.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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