



# PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Circular No.192

To: Lodge Secretaries & Chapter Scribes E  
Cc: Cabinet [Craft & RA]  
Grand Officers  
District Officers

1 August 2019

## Changes to Craft Cabinet

I am writing to advise you of changes to the senior members of the Craft Province.

WBro John Christopher Welton, PSGD, and WBro Arthur John Pearson, PSGD, are to retire from Office as Assistant Provincial Grand Masters at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on 21 November 2019.

A Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the Province, Bro Welton will have served as an Assistant Provincial Grand Master for over six and a half years; Bro Pearson, a Past Provincial Grand Registrar will have completed six years. They have both made significant contributions to this Province in so many ways and at all levels including to their Districts and Masonic Halls.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master wishes to place on record his sincere thanks for their work in managing and developing Freemasonry within their respective areas and, in particular, the wise counsel they have both brought to his Cabinet. It is a testament to the commitment of both Brethren that they have remained in Office longer than was required to support the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master in his succession planning arrangements. In view of these retirements, I am now able to advise you of the following:

As a consequence of the retirement of Bro Welton, WBro Mark William Davis, PSGD, currently the Assistant Provincial Grand Master for Salford, will move to Manchester and assume responsibility for that Area.

WBro Robert Ian Frankl, PAGDC, has been offered and has accepted the invitation of the RW Provincial Grand Master to become his Assistant Provincial Grand Master. He will replace Bro Davis, in Salford, and assume responsibility for that Area.

WBro The Reverend Canon Richard Wishaw Hawkins, PAGChap, ProVGChap, has been offered and has accepted the invitation of the RW Provincial Grand Master to become his Assistant Provincial Grand Master for the Southern Area.

Provincial Secretariat, Rossendale Masonic Hall, Ashday Lea, Haslingden Road,  
Rawtenstall, Rossendale BB4 6QX

**Telephone:** 01706 833170 **Email:** [secretariat@eastlancsmasons.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@eastlancsmasons.org.uk)

**Visit:** [www.pglel.co.uk](http://www.pglel.co.uk) **Twitter:** @pglel **Facebook:** pglel



Both Bro Frankl and Bro Hawkins will be Appointed and Invested at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on Thursday 21 November 2019.

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master wishes Bro Welton and Bro Pearson well and extends his sincere best wishes and thanks to Mrs Barbara Welton and Mrs Denise Pearson for their generous and unstinting support.

Finally, and out of completeness, I am pleased to advise that WBro Ira Russell Conn, ProvAGChap, will succeed Bro Hawkins as the Provincial Grand Chaplain and be Appointed and Invested at the same Meeting.

I am sure you would join me in wishing all the Brethren well in their new Offices, whilst thanking those retiring for their considerable work done on our behalf.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,



Martin P Roche, *JP*  
Provincial Grand Secretary