



PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



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

Dear Lodge Secretary,

Project Hermes

In recent editions of Freemasonry Today you will, no doubt, have become aware of Project Hermes. Project Hermes aims to replace paper forms with web-based systems, which should drastically reduce the amount of form filling required by you, as a Lodge Secretary. It will provide you with an on-line portal, enabling you to access details of your Lodge members, as held on the database of United Grand Lodge.

However, it has become apparent that not all information, relating to members, is currently held on that database. In particular, there are many members whose dates of Initiation, Passing and Raising are missing. In order for you, as a Secretary, to obtain the full benefit of Hermes, it would assist if those 'gaps' in information could be filled in, before the system goes live, in 2021.

Province will, therefore, be emailing all Lodge Secretaries, over the coming weeks, providing you with a list of your members for whom the information currently held, by United Grand Lodge, is incomplete. The form will identify the information that is missing.

We would ask that you make efforts to obtain the required information, either by reference to the Lodge Minute Books, or by discussion with your members. In doing so, we must be mindful that we have members who are aged or infirm and we would not advocate you troubling them for this information.

Each item of missing data that can be completed will ultimately smooth the Hermes experience for you, as Secretary.

Whilst the majority of information relates to Craft Lodges it is possible, in the future, that the exercise might be extended to include our Royal Arch Chapters. This Circular is, therefore, being copied to our Chapter Scribes E.

Keep well, keep safe and keep in touch,

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