



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE

Provincial Circular No.244

To: All Craft Members of the Province Dear Sir and Brother,

Universities Scheme

I am writing to update you on an exciting development which is currently being progressed within the Province, that of the University of Manchester Lodge No 5683 being designated as a University Scheme Lodge. This status has now been granted.

You may already be aware of UGLE's Universities Scheme, which has introduced hundreds of excellent members to Freemasonry, from the Universities in various areas of the Constitution. East Lancashire is presently the home to four Universities Scheme units: Old Mancunians with Mount Sinai Lodge No.3140, Goulburn Menturia Lodge No.3478, Palatine Chapter No.2447 and the latest addition the University of Manchester Lodge No.5683. Together, the above will create an excellent opportunity for those with an academic connection to join and enjoy Freemasonry. As a result, since 2006, many students, postgraduates and Alumni of the Universities in East Lancashire area have been introduced to Freemasonry; both in the Craft and the Royal Arch.

The experience with the above Lodges has thus far led to a very positive situation for the Province, where there is a clear and present need for this success to be further extended; this time, as previously indicated through the University of Manchester Lodge 5683. Like the pre-existing Units, the University of Manchester Lodge 5683, aims to rapidly build a vibrant and thriving membership, and is prepared to receive and welcome prospective Candidates from the local Universities in the new Season.

The success of this exciting project will, of course, require additional support of Members from East Lancashire and neighbouring Provinces. If you would like to know more and, most importantly, commit to supporting University of Manchester Lodge 5683 by joining it, please contact WBro Mo Afsa as soon as possible via email on: moafsa@universitiesscheme.com

Additionally, it is intended to hold an event on Tuesday 23rd May 2022 at 6:30 pm at Hemsley House; in order to mark the launch of this project and communicate the vision to all interested parties. The VW Deputy ProvGM will be in attendance.

It has been an immense pleasure for many Brethren over the years, to observe, support, introduce and nurture into Freemasonry a new generation of members with an academic background.

This is an outstanding opportunity and with your support, it will be a great success. I do hope you will consider being a part of it.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

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