

**Province of West Lancashire**

*This is your opportunity to contribute towards the future development of your Lodge. Please remember that this survey is **confidential** so that every member is free to express exactly what he thinks. Your views are important and to have them taken into account you must complete the survey and return it to the collator by the date he has given you. Please indicate your views towards every statement (a 'don't know' can be as valid an indicator as a 'yes' or 'no'). Please ensure that you tick only **one** box for each statement.*

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>
<b><u>The spirit of the Lodge and my experience of it</u></b>			
1. The Lodge has found the appropriate balance between formality and enjoyment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. I feel part of a happy and thriving group of like-minded men, regardless of seniority.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The Lodge feels modern and in contact with the world of today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. My wife/partner is supportive of my Masonry.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. The Lodge adopts a positively caring approach to looking after new members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. The Lodge engages in positive initiatives to encourage recruitment of new members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. The Lodge offers support in following-up the absence of irregular attenders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. The Lodge employs a rota system for offering lifts to meetings for the older Brethren.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. A telephone network should be introduced to ensure that contact is made with any Brother not attending or sending apologies for the last meeting, and to keep him informed of Lodge affairs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The administrative business of the Lodge**

10. At our meetings the Lodge conducts its administrative (as opposed to its ceremonial) business efficiently. For example, minutes of previous meetings and notification of correspondence is sent out with my summons for the meeting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. The finances of the Lodge are clear to me.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. I would prefer the Lodge to meet at a different time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. All Master Masons, however new, should be encouraged to attend rehearsals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. At our rehearsals the language and symbols of the ritual should be explained to newer Masons.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. I would like the Lodge to have a policy of sharing the work of ceremonies so that those who wish to have an opportunity to participate may do so.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. I would like the Lodge to have an organised system for accompanying Entered Apprentices and Fellow-Crafts out of the Lodge Room when they must leave during a ceremony in a Higher Degree.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. I would like those participating in our ceremonies always to have the reassurance of a single clear-voiced prompter, with a book open before him.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. I would like the ritual work of our Lodge to be planned well ahead and good notice given to those who are going to participate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. I would prefer Lodge practices to start at a different time.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. Lodge practices should be more informally conducted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. The meetings of our Lodge are too long-winded and could be curtailed and/or speeded up without loss of dignity or meaning.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. When the Lodge has no scheduled ceremony I would prefer to see a demonstration ceremony rather than listen to a lecture.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The running of the Lodge's Masonic affairs**

23. Master Masons should be eligible to serve on the Lodge Committee.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24. I am adequately informed about the plans and activities of the Lodge.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25. The Lodge makes sufficient use of the talents and skills of all its members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**The activities of the Lodge**

26. The Lodge should have more social events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Some social events should be less formal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28. The programme of social events should be more varied.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29. We should be free to bring family and friends to these social events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## **Charity**

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| 30. The Lodge should have an annual programme of fundraising activity.                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 31. The Lodge should unite with other Lodges in raising money for an agreed goal.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 32. Gift Aid should be available in the Lodge for those who wish it for all collections and personal gifts to charity. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 33. The disbursement of charitable funds should be discussed by all the active members of the Lodge.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 34. The Charity Steward should keep us up-to-date with the charitable activity in the Province.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **After-proceedings**

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| 35. Our after-proceedings are carried out efficiently and the dinner is not allowed to 'drag'.                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 36. I feel that a dignified reduction in the number of Toasts (and/or replies) is desirable.                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 37. I would rather pay more for a better standard of meal at the Festive Board.                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 38. I would rather pay less for a simpler meal at the Festive Board.                                                                                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 39. I would prefer seating to be less formal at the Festive Board (i.e. occasional tables, one of which is the 'top table' for the Master but not necessarily for all the senior members.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 40. I would like to see more occasions when gentleman guests (prospective candidates) are invited to our Festive Board.                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **The future of the Lodge**

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| 41. Our Lodge seems to me to have a viable <u>long-term</u> future.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 42. Plans should be in place to secure our future.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 43. Amalgamation should be considered to secure the future of the Lodge. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **After-word**

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| 44. I feel that our Lodge is equipped for and responsive to the world in which we now live.                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 45. I would support any changes that may result from this questionnaire to make the Lodge more secure, user-friendly and appropriate to the modern world. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **Masonic Hall Matters**

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| 46. The services offered in the building help to make the social side of my Masonry enjoyable.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 47. The furnishings and facilities in our bar/dining areas are of a standard consistent with the dignity of the Craft. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 48. The quality of the food and drink are consistent with my expectations.                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 49. The price of food and drink represents value for money.                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 50. I would happily bring family and friends into the building for social events.                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 51. The facilities for ladies are adequate and appropriate.                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 52. I would like to be fully informed about the running and use of the Masonic Hall and its future planning.           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

## **Comments**