

Province of West Lancashire



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Dear Brethren and Companions,

As promised a few months ago I am writing to let you know what steps have been taken in connection with the Provincial Grand Masonic Festival and Ball. You will recall that the 2009 Ball was held in March at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool. The event was a great success, with over 700 in attendance. The new style reception was most enjoyable and it was a very inclusive and happy evening. Unfortunately there was a problem with the catering and some of those attending had a poor meal and the service was slow for everyone.

I can now confirm to you that as a result of the discussions we have held with the Winter Gardens Management we have received a substantial sum by way of compensation, representing a refund of 25% of the meal cost. This sum will be used towards the 2010 event which will ensure the lowest possible ticket price for all attending.

The Ball Committee have been working very hard over the last few months researching suitable venues other than the Winter Gardens. You will understand that venues for such a large function are few and far between. I am pleased to inform you that the 2010 Ball is going to be a very exciting evening indeed. The 150th Ball will be held at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton on 12th March. This wonderful venue offers us a standard of service and ambience which will be impossible to match elsewhere. Also, as this will be a special Anniversary for the Ball the ticket price will be further subsidised by funds accumulated by the Ball Committee over the last few years. Soon your Lodge or Chapter will be receiving details of how to book tickets and giving all the details you need, to arrange what I am sure will be a memorable evening for us all. The ticket price will be extremely competitive for such a special and high class evening.

I am also pleased to confirm that special discounted prices have been arranged for the top class hotels at the Reebok for those who enjoy staying overnight following the Ball. With easy parking, excellent food and service I am sure the Reebok will prove to be a popular venue and tickets will soon sell out.

My wife, Julie and I look forward to being with you and having the opportunity to mark a significant milestone in the life of the Province.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Peter Hosker