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Provincial Circular No.208

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

7 June 2021

Dear Sir and Brother,

Retirement of the Provincial Grand Secretary

At the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, on the 18th November 2021, WBro Martin Paul Roche, JP, PSGD, PProvGM, the Provincial Grand Secretary, will be retiring from that Office. By that time, Bro Roche will have been our Provincial Grand Secretary for over six and a half years, having previously served for five years as my Assistant Provincial Grand Master with responsibility for the Northern Area. Prior to that, Bro Roche held Acting Office as our first Provincial Grand Mentor and also as a Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in both the Craft and the Holy Royal Arch. Prior to being appointed my Deputy Grand Superintendent in the Royal Arch he was, of course, the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra.

I wish to place on record my gratitude for the outstanding service that Bro Roche has devoted to this Province, in each Office he has taken and particularly as the Provincial Grand Secretary and couple with that my sincere personal thanks for the support he has given to me. We have worked very closely together, and I shall miss his wise council.

He will continue in Office within the Holy Royal Arch as my Deputy Grand Superintendent.

I am now pleased to announce that, as a consequence of this, I have invited WBro Christopher M Wildman, PProvJGW, District Chairman for the City Sykes District, Manchester, to be the Provincial Grand Secretary and I am delighted to now advise you that he has accepted.

Bro Wildman will commence working alongside Bro Roche from the 1st September, to ensure a

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smooth transition in working arrangements. I am sure you will join with me in offering your congratulations to Bro Wildman and afford him the generous support you have given to Bro Roche during his tenure.

Bro Wildman will be Appointed and Invested at Provincial Grand Lodge on 18 November 2021.

Finally, I am sure that you would wish Martin continued success as the Deputy Grand Superintendent.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Trippier". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial 'D' and a horizontal line underneath the name.

Sir David Trippier, *RD, JP, DL*
Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master