



PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Provincial Circular No.210

To: All Members of the Province

19 August 2021

My Dear Brethren and Companions,

Retirement of the RW Provincial Grand Master / ME Grand Superintendent

When I was appointed as Provincial Grand Master and Most Excellent Grand Superintendent by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent in November 2011, it was made clear that every person appointed to those roles would have a maximum period of ten years in the respective offices and the Patent that was issued to me was for that duration.

It naturally follows that I will officially retire from both offices at our Annual Meeting of the Craft, in Blackburn, on the 18th November this year.

I simply wanted to thank each and everyone of you for the support, friendship and kindness which you have shown me and Ruth in the last 10 years.

It has been an immense privilege to serve you during that period and whilst there may have been several challenges, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with you and treasure the fact that I have been so lucky to have made many lasting friendships which I will always value.

I have no doubt whatsoever that my successor, whoever that may be, will enjoy the same support that I have always appreciated in this great Province of ours.

I should also make clear that it is the usual custom and practice that, on retirement, Provincial Grand Masters / Most Excellent Grand Superintendents are expected to take a "back seat" from all Provincial Engagements for a period of twelve months to allow their successors to "bed themselves in". I will reluctantly adhere to that established protocol!

I repeat my sincere thanks to you for all that you have done for me. We still have much to do between now and the Annual Meeting and I look forward to seeing you in the not too distant future.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

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