



Province of East Lancashire

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Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies

18 April 2008

Dear Brother / Companion,

I write, with sincere regret, to advise you that our RW Provincial Grand Master / ME Grand Superintendent has decided to retire from office on 17 June 2008.

You, together with your Lodge / Chapter members will, of course, be aware of his ill health over the last two years. His recent visit to the Specialist Clinic in the United States, confirmed that the tests were clear. However, because of his particular disease, the outlook remains uncertain.

This, together with him holding a Chain of Office in this Province for over 15 years, has persuaded him to devote more time to his family. Indeed, I am sure that the arrival of his first grandchild, Isobel, will also have had an influence on his decision.

Bro / Comp Rink has made an outstanding contribution to Masonic life in this Province and no doubt you will join with me in wishing him and his wife Marlene, a happy and contented retirement.

The MW Grand Master has invited Bro / Comp Jack Price to succeed Bro / Comp Rink. The Installation is to take place on Wednesday 18 June 2008 at King George's Hall; full details will follow shortly.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

Alan Garnett

Provincial Grand Secretary / Scribe E