



# Province of East Lancashire

**Jack Price**

**RW Provincial Grand Master      ME Grand Superintendent**

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To: All Lodges / Chapters meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
Cc: Executive [Craft / Royal Arch]  
District Officers  
Provincial Communications Officer

Dear Brother Secretary / Companion Scribe E,

### **Freemasons' Hall Development Temporary Re-location of Craft Lodges / Royal Arch Chapters**

The RW Provincial Grand Master / ME Grand Superintendent, Jack Price, has asked me to bring to your attention the latest news in relation to the re-development and renovation of Freemasons' Hall, Bridge Street, together with the arrangements being put in place for the continuing workings of the Manchester Craft Lodges and Royal Arch Chapters during the building works.

A precise date for the commencement and then the completion of the works will only become available following mutually agreeable planning consents being obtained for both the Bridge Street development company and for us (the Province and the ELMC); it will also be consequent upon the appointment of contractors and finalisation of all other matters relating to the proposed redevelopment. Notwithstanding this, it is anticipated that building work will be likely to commence in early April 2012, necessitating temporary withdrawal of all those who use Freemasons' Hall until such time as the work is completed.

Accordingly, all Craft Lodges and RA Chapters will be able to continue to meet from the month preceding the commencement of the work, at Hemsley House, Salford Masonic Hall, 41 The Crescent, Salford, M5 4PE. This will be until such time as the work has been completed (which is anticipated to be around October / November 2012).

Please read the Newsletter attached to this letter (which is, also, available on the Provincial Website, here: [http://www.pglel.co.uk/e\\_news\\_newsletters/Prov\\_e-news\\_no8\\_Sept\\_11.pdf](http://www.pglel.co.uk/e_news_newsletters/Prov_e-news_no8_Sept_11.pdf)) and circulate it to your Brethren and Companions. Much information, relevant to the redevelopment and the temporary relocation of Lodges and Chapters, is contained within the Newsletter.

All Lodges and Chapters relocating for this period will need to apply to me [via the Secretariat Website] for a Dispensation for the meetings which they will be holding at the alternate venue and for any necessary change of date. For this purpose, Dispensations will be issued without charge.

If you require any further information then please, in the first instance, contact the Secretariat who will relay your query to the person who will be able to give the correct and most appropriate response.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

*Alan Garnett*

Provincial Grand Secretary