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To: Lodge Secretaries / Chapter Scribes E
cc Executive Members [Craft & RA]
All Blue Book appointments

13 January 2012

Dear Brother Secretary / Chapter Scribes E.,

Lodge and Chapter Warrants/Charters:

During the last few weeks Assistant Provincial Grand Masters, assisted by the District Chairman and Assistants to the Provincial Grand Principals, supported by the District Officers Royal Arch have undertaken an exercise to check all Lodge and Chapter Warrants and Charters to ensure their regularity. This has been a difficult activity and one which so far as we are aware, has not previously been undertaken in its entirety.

Having completed this task I am now able to confirm that all Lodge and Chapter Warrants and Charters in the Province are in order. You will, of course, appreciate the importance of this in terms of the validity of the Ceremonies that are conducted under their authority.

In order to maintain the position that has now been established it is essential that photo copies **are not taken** of the Warrants/Charters and used in place of the original document. It is emphasised that this is the case even for peripatetic Lodges or Chapters. All Lodges and Chapters must meet under an authorised Warrant of Constitution.

In future regular checks will be undertaken at Installation meetings by the Representative of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master / Most Excellent Grand Superintendent in attendance, to ensure that the position that has been established is being maintained. Confirmation that the check has been completed will be referenced in the Report that is then produced.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

J. R. Farrington

Provincial Grand Secretary \ Scribe E