



PROVINCE OF EAST LANCASHIRE



Circular No: 187

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

30 January 2019

Dear Comp Scribe E / Lodge Secretary,

Changes to Royal Arch

In July 2015, I Appointed EComp Paul Rose as my Deputy Grand Superintendent with the intention that he serve in that capacity until March 2020. Unfortunately, EComp Rose has been suffering from a serious illness for the last three months and it is now clear that he will be unable to continue to perform the duties of his office as he would wish to.

I have, therefore, accepted his request that he retire from Office at Provincial Grand Chapter in March. EComp Rose has been and remains an integral part of East Lancashire Freemasonry; his contributions and the value he has added to this great Province of ours – in so many ways – are immeasurable. I know that he has been overwhelmed by the messages of support that he has received in response to his illness and the practical support of so many, particularly members of the Royal Arch Cabinet and cannot thank everyone enough. EComp Rose wishes everyone to know how much of a privilege it has been to be able to serve the Province and I am sure you will all join me in sending Paul and Helen, every best wish.

As a consequence of this, I have invited EComp Martin Paul Roche, our Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra, to take the position of Deputy Grand Superintendent and I am delighted to advise you that he has accepted. He will, therefore, be Appointed and Invested by me on 21 March 2019, at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter.

To facilitate this, I am pleased to advise you that EComp Andrew Holland has accepted my invitation to become the Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra. EComp Roche and EComp Holland will retain their positions within the Craft of Provincial Grand Secretary and Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary respectively.

In addition to these appointments, I am now able to announce a further change.

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EComp David Basger is to retire as the Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals, for Manchester and Salford. EComp Basger has served the Province for twenty years as District Charity Steward, District Secretary, Deputy Chairman, Chairman and for the last four years as an AProvGP. He has carried out his duties with professionalism and humour and I wish him a long and happy retirement and in doing so, I extend my best wishes to his wife, Michelle.

EComp Basger will be succeeded by EComp Prof Anthony Freemont, a Past Zerubbabel of both Egerton Chapter No.1030 and the Chapter of Friendship No.44 and has been a RADO in Southern Area for the last five years. EComp Freemont is well known in the Royal Arch as a prominent member of both the 'Talking Heads' and the 'Royal Arch Presentation Team.'

I look forward to working with all the Companions to be appointed in March and I know that I can rely on you giving them your full support in their respective new roles.

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 long horizontal line underneath the name.

Sir David Trippier, *RD, JP, DL*
ME Grand Superintendent / RW Provincial Grand Master