



REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 11th JULY 2023

Although Covid 19 is still with us, the number of reported infections is much reduced, members seem happier to return to Masonic duty and attendances are on the up. However, its impact is still being felt and we continue in a period of consolidation. Sadly, The Cloisters Lodge no. 872 has felt the need to surrender its Warrant and two further Lodges are expected to do the same very soon.

On a brighter note, the potential loss of members is being mitigated by a number of newly Advanced brethren and brethren who have become unattached joining other Lodges. St Cecilia Lodge No. 1701 has relocated from Watford to Letchworth to better suit its members, and Gladsmuir Lodge No. 367 has relocated from London to Letchworth to become associated with the Province's University Scheme Lodge; both moves are proving to be great successes.

The year has also included a number of celebrations, with the presentation of two fifty-year Certificates to brethren who have given so much great service to Mark Masonry, and with the dedication of a new banner for Hertford Lodge No. 366 followed by a popular blue table which generated a number of enquiries. This coming September will see the dedication of a banner for Berkhamstead Lodge No. 1172 so please keep an eye out for further details and support.

On a more personal note, this has been a very difficult year for me and my family and I have decided that I need to stand down as Provincial Secretary. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P.G.M. for his understanding and support. In fact, I thank all the brethren for their kindness and support. Among Mark Master Masons you will ever find friends. (And a superb Almoner!)

W.Bro. Graham Kolthammer will take over from me and I would like to wish him every success in this important and rewarding position.

God bless.

W.Bro. Tony Potton, **P.A.G.D.C.**
Provincial Grand Secretary