



## Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons West Yorkshire

Dear Mark Master Masons and Royal Ark Mariners of West Yorkshire

It has been my great pleasure to serve as Provincial Grand Master for this great Province for the last 11 years and before that on the Provincial Executive as Deputy PGM and Provincial Grand Secretary since 2001. It has been an amazing experience to head up such a dedicated and enthusiastic fraternity of Freemasons in West Yorkshire and I am extremely proud of your achievements. Your personal efforts helped to overcome diversity during the pandemic and our recent Festival total was the second highest ever to be achieved.

Joan and I have also been overwhelmed by your welcome, kindness and generosity wherever we have travelled in the Province and we have made so many friends along the way. Joan would tell you that it's been a roller coaster ride, but an extremely enjoyable one.

After such a successful Festival however, and as the emphasis of the Province now returns to growing our memberships and supporting the Cleeves and Whitehead Trust, we both feel that the time is now right for me to stand down as your Provincial Grand Master and hand over the baton to someone new.

I have agreed with the Grand Secretary that I will stand down from Office on the 28<sup>th</sup> October this year, when a new Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire will be installed at Bradford Grammar School.

The Provincial Grand Secretary will let you know who that person will be as soon as Grand Lodge has made its decision and I know that whoever it is you will give him the same level of support and commitment that you have given to me over the last 11 years.

In the meantime, thank you all again for that magnificent support and all your friendships. It really has been a pleasure to serve you.

My kindest regards and best wishes,

 