

Seventeenth Annual Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners in the Province of North & East Yorkshire

Provincial Grand Secretary's Report – 6th November 2021

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, I present my report to the Provincial Assembly of Royal Ark Mariners.

Thankfully the 17th Assembly will be back to normal as a live meeting unlike the previous year when the meeting had to be carried out by a Zoom format and it was a very successful meeting with all the necessary business conducted and a very interesting talk from the Grand Scribe.

Much of the last twelve months has been disrupted by the Covid 19 Pandemic but with the Provincial Grand Master lifting the Local Suspension in July, meetings are gradually returning although many of the Brethren have taken a cautious approach to attending and in some cases Lodge Buildings have struggled to become Covid compliant.

The lack of meetings and Elevation ceremonies along with some resignations has had a slight negative impact on the membership numbers but this will be redressed when normality returns.

I am sure those Brethren being appointed to Holder of Provincial R.A.M.G.R. at this year's Assembly will support the Provincial Grand Master and the Province in the year ahead, unfortunately due to the effect Covid 19 has had on meetings, the team of 2020-2021 have only recently had a chance to do this.

The Covid Virus is still stubbornly holding on and showing little sign of disappearing, but I detect confidence returning amongst the Brethren and a genuine belief that better days are here.

The Provincial Grand Master will no doubt mention the two Brethren who will receive R.A.M.G.R. in December and with the reduction in our quota receiving this honour being put down from three to two per year, it is becoming more difficult to obtain this Rank.

Finally, I offer my thanks to my Deputy, W Bro Allan Williams, and my Assistant, W Bro Duncan Kilbride for their support and the hard work they carry out for the Province.

Provincial Grand Master and Brethren, this is my report.

W Bro Geoff Nicholson Prov. R.A.M.G.R.
Provincial Grand Secretary