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Dear Companions,

They say that time flies when you are having fun and gosh where have the last seven years gone. It only seems like yesterday that I was preparing to be installed as MEGS and yet yesterday actually saw me at my final official visit. I thank the Deputy Grand Superintendent, Ex Comp. Neil Handley, for allowing me to 'pinch' his visit, and to Wellingborough Chapter for putting up with me twice in one season and for hosting last night, what a memorable evening it was, I was quite overwhelmed.

Today is my last as your MEGS and naturally my mind reflects on the events of the last seven years. It is fair to say that being the Head of an Order is onerous and time consuming, as is any role at a Provincial level, and yet the warmth of reception extended to one when on an Official visit, together with the many friendships forged, eases the burden and makes it all worthwhile. I will look back on the last seven years with much fondness and joy.

To all Companions I extend my grateful thanks for your readiness to endeavour to embrace my many suggestions, particularly with regard to the presentation of our Ritual where my main aim has always been to make it more enjoyable and meaningful through greater involvement.

Lastly, thanks to all for your generosity with regard to the gifts presented to me last night. Mrs B has been trying to get me on a cruise for some time and now that we can go away without pouring through the diary to find a period without Masonic commitments, we will use your gift to explore the Norwegian Fiords.

Companions, as I said last night, it has been an honour, one that has been an enjoyable blast, but all things come to an end. My Executive and I leave a happy Province in a state of growth and I wish Mark and his team all the best for the future, safe in the knowledge that you will continue to work hard in supporting his tenure.

Take care and looking forward to meeting you again in the future.

Sincerely and fraternally,

*Jim*

