

# United Grand Lodge of England

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Dear Metropolitan or Provincial Grand Master,

## GRANDE LOGE NATIONALE FRANÇAISE

It is almost exactly a year since I wrote to tell you that at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in September 2011 the President of the Board of General Purposes would move a resolution that relations between this Grand Lodge and the Grande Loge Nationale Française (“GLNF”) be suspended.

During the intervening twelve months the situation within the GLNF has deteriorated rather than improved, and the continuing turbulence makes it impossible to determine the true state of affairs.

I am therefore writing to give you early warning that, in the absence of any dramatic change in circumstances, the Board of General Purposes will recommend in its Report to the September Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge that it is in the best interests of UGLE that recognition be withdrawn from the GLNF. It is a consequence of such withdrawal that any of our Brethren who are currently also members of Lodges under the GLNF will be forced to choose whether to resign from all such Lodges or to resign from their Lodges under UGLE.

The Board hopes that, although a formal withdrawal of recognition cannot be achieved until Grand Lodge meets on 12 September, you will encourage the Brethren of your Lodges to start to consider their position in the meantime rather than wait until after the Quarterly Communication.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Secretary

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