

Ex Comp John Halshaw



Appointed and invested as Assistant to the Provincial Principals - 26th May 2010

John Halshaw was born and educated in East Lancashire before attending Newcastle University in 1967, graduating in Medicine in 1972. In 1978 he was admitted as a Fellow in what is now the Royal College of Anaesthesia. After post-graduate training in Newcastle and Leeds, he was appointed Consultant Anaesthetist to Sunderland in 1982 where he worked until 1996 when he took up the post of Consultant Anaesthetist to the Royal Victoria Infirmary Newcastle-upon Tyne where he still works.

Initiated into Freemasonry in November 1983 into Vedra Lodge No. 3137, John became Master in November 1992. He served as Director of Ceremonies from 1997 until 2006 when he again served as Master. In 2000 John was appointed Provincial Junior Grand Deacon and was promoted to Past Provincial Grand Registrar in 2006.

John was exalted into the Royal Arch into Ashburne Chapter No. 4348 in 1988 as was installed as MEZ in 1996. Since 2001 he has been either Director of Ceremonies or Assistant Director of Ceremonies in the Chapter. In 2000 John was appointed Past Provincial Grand Sojourner.

John has been married to Loane for 31 years and has a daughter Kate who is a dentist in the region. John and Loane have lived in Sunderland since 1982. John was a keen amateur sportsman playing cricket in the Durham Coast League and football in the North-East Amateur League as an undergraduate. These days he is confined to spectating [Sky Sports has a lot to answer for] particularly enjoying cricket at the Riverside, having been a member of Durham CCC since they became a first-class county in 1992.