

Roger was born in Shoreham by Sea in 1954. First son to Jean and Bill, school teachers in Shoreham and Hove respectively. Roger went to local primary schools and then was admitted to Steyning Grammar School for boys in 1966 where he attended until 1972. He was employed as a junior surveyor in a local building company and attended Chichester College of Technology on a day release, part time basis.

A change of career in 1977 saw Roger departing to warmer climes and joining the Bermuda Police, where he rode a police motorcycle for five years, got paid and received a great sun tan. In 1982 Roger returned to Sussex and joined the Sussex Police, serving at various stations and on various departments. Roger retired in 2008.

Roger has been married to Sue, a retired school teacher, for thirty three years. They have two sons and one grandson. Their oldest son graduated in law and has worked for some years with the railway. Their youngest son is a chartered accountant .

Roger was initiated into the Knights of the Road Lodge in 1988. He went through the chair in 1996 and was appointed to Provincial Grand rank as Acting Standard Bearer seven years later, a promotion the following year saw him as Past Provincial Senior Grand Deacon. Roger was exalted into the Holy Royal Arch. Roger has been through the chair of the Knights of the Road Chapter thrice.

Roger has been appointed to Provincial Grand Chapter as Provincial Grand Standard Bearer and later as Provincial Grand Scribe N (2013) Roger served as Provincial Grand Charity Steward between 2009 and 2013, and was appointed to Grand rank in 2012.Roger is the Treasurer of Eastbourne Lodge and was Primus Master of the Sussex Motorcycling Lodge, he is also a member of a London lodge and is a member of Mark and RAM in Sussex.

He was a Trustee of the Freemasons' Grand Charity and was on the writing team who compiled the first festival booklet. Roger was recently appointed as a Trustee of the Sussex Masonic Charity Foundation and in his spare time he is a Trustee and treasurer of Wannock Village Hall, and a Trustee of Southwick Community Centre.

Roger is looking forward to his new post with much excitement.

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