

# Excellent Companion David Michael Kershaw **PGSwdB**

## **Education** –

Primary education in Reading and Colchester and secondary education at Sutton Valence School Kent until 1961.

## **Employment and Careers** –

Prior to 1961 undertook many holiday jobs in many fields – including working on Cross Channel passenger ferries, labouring at local sweet factory, fruit picking, hop picking, and Christmas work at Post Office.

1961 to 1967 Articled Clerk in Maidstone

1967 to 1971 Assistant Solicitor in private practice in rural Somerset

1971 to 2010 Solicitor practicing in Essex, and with others started own practice in 1972.

2010 Retired after many years as Senior Partner of that practice having specialised in Family Law with an emphasis on higher value financial disputes.

## **Family** –

1943 Born in Nottingham on the 6th August

1979 Married Laurel a perceptive and patient Canadian. We have a son who runs his own computer consultancy and business, and a daughter who is a Solicitor with an international travel company.

## **Craft** –

Agricola Lodge No 4501

1972 initiated by father who was Master at that time

1980/1 Master

1981 to 2004 Charity Steward

2008 to date Chapter Liaison Officer

Millennium Lodge of Charity in East Kent No 9730

2000 Founder

2008/9 Senior Deacon

2011 Junior Warden

2012 Chaplain

Douglas Lodge No 1725

2007 Joined

2008 Director of Ceremonies

Honours –

1988 PPrAGReg

1994 PPrDepGReg

2000 PPrGSwdB

2006 PPrGReg

2012 AGReg

## **Holy Royal Arch –**

Agricola Chapter No 4501

1982 Exalted

1994 First Principal

1996 to 2009 Scribe E

East Kent Provincial Grand Stewards Chapter No 5866

2000 Joined

2006 to 2009 Scribe E

Honours –

2000 ProvGStwd

2005 PrGSoj

2010 3rd ProvGPrincipal

2010 **PGStB**

2013 2nd ProvGPrincipal

2014 Deputy Grand Superintendent

## **Other Interests –**

Yachting, and all matters nautical; a keen and particular interest in knots, rope, and fancywork; computing; crosswords and Sudoku; rugby; good wine, good food, good humour, and their inevitable companion - good company; and researching my family roots (many of whom were operative masons).