

Excellent Companion Joseph Ian White PAGDC

Joseph Ian White (known as Ian) was born in Hammersmith in 1960, moved to Ashford and then settled in Margate. He is married to Sharon, they have a daughter and a son.

Freemasonry

Ian was Initiated into the Union Lodge 127 as a Lewis in 1982 and served in every office until becoming Master in 1992. As a Past Master, Ian served as Director of Ceremonies and Preceptor. In 2000, Ian re-wrote the complete Union Lodge Ritual, a Union Lodge specific version of Muggeridge Working, to include the UGLE required modernisations and to add guidance and instruction notes. Ian also joined his Father-in-Law's lodge, the Borough of Camberwell Lodge 3303 (London) and became an Honorary Member in 1999. Ian served the Province as a Steward in 1994 and is a Member of the Kent Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge 5866. He was promoted to Past Provincial Junior Grand Deacon in 1999 and served the Province as an Escorting DC from 2002. In 2005, he was promoted to Past Provincial Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works, in 2011 to Past Provincial Deputy Grand Registrar and again in 2017 to Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.

Ian was Exalted into the Reculvers Chapter 4123 in 1985 and served as MEZ in 1997 and 1998. He is an Honorary member of the Brixistane & Camberwell Chapter 7069 (London). He is also member of the East Kent Provincial Grand Stewards' Chapter 5866 and the East Kent Past Principals' Chapter 3931 and is currently serving as the Director of Ceremonies of both. Ian was appointed a Provincial Grand Steward in 2002. He served the Province as an Escorting Director of Ceremonies from 2002 and was promoted to Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2004 and Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in 2017.

In 2010, Ian was appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies in Supreme Grand Chapter.

Ian is the founder Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Margate Masonic Centre. He was one of the original members of the Provincial Information Officer Team, assisting until 2010. His current responsibilities include the organisation and running of the 'Ceremony of the Veils', 'Talking Heads' and 'Royal Arch in Camera' presentation teams within the Province.

Professional

After a twenty-year career in HM Customs & Excise, Ian went into the I.T. trade, initially in Application Design for Central and Local Government and then as a Geographical Information Systems Analyst. Ian has owned a Data Recovery company and an IT Consultancy business.

Ian was a founder member of 'Around'. A charitable organisation supporting orphans and under-privileged children in the Thanet area. Now disbanded due to the closure of orphanages in the Thanet area. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in the County of Kent in 1992, specialising in the Youth Court since 1995. He chairs both Adult and Youth Courts in East Kent. He has also served as Chair of the Board of Governors of a Thanet school for ten years.

Personal

Ian has a property in Malta where the White family spend as much time as possible when the children are off school and Masonic responsibilities permit. He is a lifelong keep fit enthusiast, practiced a variety of Martial Arts disciplines from the age of 11 and ran a Judo School for under-privileged children during his late teens/early twenties. He became an amateur Body Builder from the age of 21 to 32 and then took up long distance running at the age of 35 but, a couple of years ago, he had to accept that the mileage has caught up. He is still a very keen cyclist.

Ian loves music and although a classically trained pianist, he prefers the guitar and now plays the electric guitar and is an amateur luthier of electric guitars. A hobby he enjoys with his teenage son.