

Nigel was born in the coal mining village of Blackhall Colliery, East Durham on 16<sup>th</sup> March 1964

He was educated locally and went on to A-level studies at New College Durham. He continued his education at the University of Portsmouth (then Portsmouth Polytechnic) where he gained his Masters Degree in Civil Engineering in 1988.

He worked in Australia, London, Dubai, and Indonesia until his return to the UK in 1998 where along with one of his five brothers, started Wearside Civil Engineering Ltd, also known under the trading name of A19 Pools & Spas. The company specialises in the construction of swimming pools.

He has been married to Claire (also a civil engineer) since 1997 and has two daughters Rachel and Rebecca.

Rachel studied Civil Engineering at Kings College Cambridge and is currently employed by a Civil Engineering Consultancy in that City.

She is a goalkeeper for a local woman's football club and is currently head coach of Cambridge University Volleyball team. As well as playing volleyball she is also a nationally qualified referee.

Rebecca is a trainee aircraft mechanic and is currently stationed with the Rapid Reaction Tornado Squadron at RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire. She spent 4 years in the England volleyball squad and now plays her volleyball for the RAF team.

Nigel joined Rowland Burdon Lodge at Castle Eden in 2000 and served as Master in 2007  
He joined Rowland Burdon Chapter in 2004 and served as first Principal in 2011  
His first craft appointment was as ProvAGDC in 2014. He later served as ProvDGDC for four years and is currently PPGSwdB.

In 2015 Nigel was appointed as PPGSN in the Holy Royal Arch Chapter and is currently the ProvGDC.

Nigel's hobbies include following his daughter's professional and sporting careers, work, and freemasonry. He also has a Private Pilot Licence and flies a 4-seater Piper Cherokee aircraft out of Fishburn airfield all around the UK and near continent.