

WBro Richard Davison

Provincial Senior Grand Warden

Biography

Richard was born in Sunderland and was brought up in Silksworth. He attended Farrington School before moving on to Bede College for his sixth form studies. Initially expecting to progress straight to university after taking a gap year, Richard enjoyed working for several years in the live entertainment sector, fulfilling various roles 'backstage' and 'front-of-house', and remained in this industry until returning to education. Whilst working for the UK's largest live theatre organisation, he met his future wife Lindsay, then an actress and singer, in 2008, to whom he has been happily married since 2014.

Having always had a keen interest in the sciences, Richard completed his BSc (Hons.) in Physics and Education at the University of Sunderland in 2012. Entering the teaching profession, he worked at various secondary schools in the area before joining the thousand student-strong School of Engineering at Hartlepool College of Further Education as a lecturer of science and mathematics. In 2019, Richard was appointed as Deputy Head of the School, with responsibility for curriculum; a job he continues to enjoy. He is also a member of the Chartered College of Teaching.

In Freemasonry, Richard was initiated into Ernest Dixon Lodge in 2010 and was elected as Worshipful Master in 2016 and 2017. He currently serves in the dual role as both the Secretary and Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge. He received Provincial Honours in 2017 as Past Provincial Grand Steward, joining the Durham Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge in which he serves as the Director of Ceremonies of the Lodge and leader of the Lodge's ceremonial team. In the Holy Royal Arch, Richard was exalted into Londonderry Chapter of Amity in 2011, serving as First Principal in 2017, 2019 and 2020. He was serving as the Assistant Director of Ceremonies of that Chapter when it sadly returned its warrant in 2022. Richard is a joining member of Vane Tempest Chapter of Installed First Principals. He received Provincial Honours in 2022 as Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Outside of Freemasonry, Richard has previously served as Warden of Sunderland Minster, is a keen reader of various non-fiction topics, is mad about aviation, and enjoys singing, cycling, fellwalking, modelmaking and painting, cinema, pub quizzes and walking his Jack Russell terrier "Hutch".

WBro Russell Wayne Rumley

Provincial Junior Grand Warden

Biography

Wayne was born in Sunderland and brought up in Penshaw. He attended Biddick Comprehensive and from there attended Sunderland ITeC, a further education organisation

specialising in IT and Engineering. Wayne completed his studies and entered the world of work via a direct placement. Following further vocational training and the gaining of experience, he rose through the ranks and ended up in management roles, most recently as the UK IT Manager for a FTSE 100 packaging company. After a recent global restructure of IT, he now works directly for the UK side of the business as an IT Project Manager specialising in systems integration.

Wayne was initiated into Palatine Lodge No. 97 in January of 2010 taking office at the first available opportunity, December of that year. He became Worshipful Master in December 2015, occupying the Chair for two years. Coming out of the Chair, he was appointed Director of Ceremonies, a position he still holds. He was also the Lodge Mentor for five years, relinquishing that position in December 2022 to take on the new role of Membership Officer. He has been instrumental in pushing the Lodge forward by creating a new website and a social media presence, which has paid dividends with the engagement and recruitment of new members.

Provincial Honours were bestowed in 2017 as Past Provincial Grand Steward. Within the Stewards Lodge, he created an online communications tool and served as a Director of Ceremonies. Beyond that he has been and remains active on the Provincial Communications team, being heavily involved in maintaining the website and looking after the Social Media streams.

In the Royal Arch, he was Exalted into Chapter of Strict Benevolence in 2015, and whilst he has not yet been through the Principal Chairs (a situation soon to be rectified), he has played an active role, and is the current Scribe Ezra.

In the Companion Orders, he has been very active in the Mark and was appointed Provincial Grand Senior Warden in June 2022. He is also a member of the Royal Ark Mariners and the OSM.

Outside of Freemasonry, Wayne enjoys travelling, is a keen kayaker, and enjoys hiking and cycling, he endures running – taking part in the Great North Run on several occasions, but it can't be called enjoyment!