

Stewart was initiated into Flambard Lodge in 1991 being installed as Worshipful Master in 1998. He was Lodge Charity Steward in 2000 and Secretary from 2001 until 2023.

In Royal Arch, was exalted into Willington Chapter in 1995 serving as their First Principal in 2003 and appointed Scribe E in 2004 an office he still holds today.

Stewart was honoured by Provincial Grand Lodge in 2005 when appointed Past Provincial Grand Registrar and subsequently promoted in 2012 to Past Provincial Junior Grand Warden. In the Royal Arch he received Provincial Rank when appointed to Past Provincial Grand Scribe Nehemiah.

Stewart worked from 1976 -1987 as a Continental HGV Driver, at 26 he notably on one of his Channel crossings surviving the MS Herald of Free Enterprise Townsend Thoresen Ferry disaster when the roll-on/roll-off (RORO) ferry capsized moments after leaving the Belgian port of Zeebrugge on the night of 6 March 1987, killing 193 passengers and crew. From 1987 until retiring, he then worked at Newcastle International Airport as an Aircraft Refueler/ Tanker Driver.

Stewart and Wendy were married in 1980 and have two sons John 38 (PM 6874, PZ 4028) Robert 36, and two Grandchildren Mila 7, Teddy 2 who live in Manchester.

Stewart is very active within both Lodge & Chapter and for many years involved with the Durham Benevolence General Purposes Committee