

Tom was born and bred in the West Riding of Yorkshire and studied at Birmingham Teacher Training College of Education qualifying as a teacher, moving to Cleveland in 1979 to begin a long and successful career in Primary Education.

Tom worked in several schools as a Teacher and then Head Teacher for over 37 years before taking early retirement.

Following a year in retirement he was offered and took up the post of Provincial Grand Secretary / Provincial Grand Scribe Ezra in Durham and received his first Grand Rank in the Craft as PAGDC in 2018, followed by Grand Rank in Supreme Grand Chapter in 2019. Tom is a Past Master of Tees Lodge 509 in Stockton on Tees, Past Z in Tees Chapter as well as being a member of old The Guisborough Lodge, No. 7793 in the Province of Yorkshire North East Ridings. As well as being a member of other Craft Lodges, Tom was a former Provincial Steward in Durham.

Tom has served the Province as Provincial Secretary / Scribe Ezra for over eight years and steps down from both roles in May and June 2024.

He is happily married (43 years) to Gillian, a retired accountant and now well-established Yoga teacher, and has two grown up children, a daughter Ellie who is a Primary Teacher, and a son Jonathan who is a Barrister and a member of Tees Lodge. He has two young grandchildren who will keep Tom busy in his retirement, as well as being a long-suffering supporter of Leeds United where is a season ticket.