

Barry Jameson – CV

Barry was initiated into the Gilbert Greenall Lodge No 1250 on the 11 January 1977. He served as its WM in 1986 / 87. His first Provincial appointment was as PPrAGDC in 1996 although during this period, Barry's Masonic commitments were limited as a direct result of his professional and business ones.

He was promoted to the acting rank of PrSGD in 2004 and in May 2009 he was appointed as the Provincial Senior Grand Warden for the Province of West Lancashire. During his time as a Freemason, Barry has also served as a Regional Charity Steward and in 2010 he became the Provincial Grand Charity Steward covering the Craft and the Royal Arch. He has additionally been the Vice Chairman of the Warrington Group and Vice Chairman of the 2010 Festival delivery committee.

In 2013 his continued contribution was recognised by appointment to grand rank in the United Grand Lodge of England, as PAGDC. He is also a member of Mersey Valley Lodge of Installed Masters No 9057 and Dona Conferentes Lodge No 9392.

Barry was exalted into the Gilbert Greenall Chapter No 1250 in October 1982 and was its first principal during 1991/92. He received his first Provincial appointment as PPrAGDC and in 2006 was promoted to PPrGSwdB. In 2014 he was appointed as an Assistant to the Provincial Grand Principals with responsibility for the Eccles, South Eastern, Warrington, Widnes, St Helens and Prescot Groups.

In October 2012, he was appointed to the high rank of Second Provincial Grand Principal for the Province of West Lancashire. Also, in 2012, his contribution to RA Freemasonry was recognised by his appointment as PGStdB in Supreme Grand Chapter. He is also a founding Principal of Palatine University Chapter No 2447, a joint venture between the Provinces of East and West Lancashire. He is currently the Chairman of the Warrington Museum of Freemasonry which gained accreditation under the Arts Council England in September 2018.

Barry has been married to his wife Pam for 53 years and they have two children and three grandchildren. He trained initially as an engineer with English Electric, which subsequently became GEC, becoming a design and development engineer on diesel engines. A sharp change in direction occurred following a year on Voluntary Service Overseas, when he taught in an Islamic orphanage in Libya. On his return, he resumed his career with GEC outside core engineering, as a computer systems analyst and after six years of marriage, he and Pam pooled their somewhat limited resources and Barry went back to college and qualified as an accountant. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Having subsequently established a career in General Management, Barry left GEC to pursue his opportunities elsewhere.

Professionally he has been involved with running large and medium sized engineering businesses both here and overseas and has served on public company boards. His career included, running groups of businesses with an international spread, mergers and acquisitions and raising finance via banks, venture capital and institutional investors. He has also been Chairman of the Board of Trustees for a range of different types of pension schemes. Retirement did not come early – or easily, but finally, dropping the intensity of long working weeks was a relief.

He is a Queens Scout and served as a Scout Leader and District Scout Leader. In 1962 he attended the 'Outward Bound Mountain School' in Eskdale and attributes that experience and his year on VSO as establishing core values which have served him well through life. Barry is still a keen fell walker with the Lake District being his favourite place. Music and theatre are among his less strenuous hobbies.

As a schoolboy, he played football, rugby and cricket to fairly high standards settling on rugby and cricket in later life. He is member of Haydock Park Golf Club where he was privileged to be its captain in 2010 and is currently in his second year of two as its president. He has also served as a director of the club and chairman of its board of directors.

Family is an important and essential feature of Barry's life and he and Pam, value the time they can spend with their grandchildren. Pam's support, through his professional and Masonic development has been key, without it, life might have been different and most certainly, a lot less fun.