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**HERALD OF THE ORDER & KEEPER OF THE RECORDS**

I spent my early life in Mitcham, Surrey, before going to Newcastle University to study medicine in 1964. I qualified in 1970, getting married to Margaret on the way in 1969. My original intention was to practise surgery and I qualified FRCS in 1975. I changed tracks a few years later and was appointed Consultant in Accident and Emergency Medicine in Gateshead in 1983 when the previous incumbent went to jail for murdering his wife. I was a Founding Fellow of the Faculty of Accident & Emergency Medicine (now the Royal College of Emergency Medicine). After about 15 years I moved to South Tyneside and retired in 2005.

Having decided that I wanted to do something very different from medicine in retirement, I became a Justice of the Peace and have served on the South Tyneside bench since 2001, retiring in 2015.

I spent many years in the Royal Naval Reserve, retiring in 1997 as Principal Medical Officer for Tyne Division in the rank of Surgeon Commander. I was County Surgeon for Northumbria St John Ambulance for about 10 years.

For about 25 years I have been an enthusiastic and committed Freemason.

I have been interested in Heraldry and a member of the Heraldry Society for more years than I can calculate; I petitioned the Earl Marshal at the College of Arms for my own Coat of Arms and was granted them in 1998.

I joined the Order of the Fleur de Lys in March 2011 on the formation of the Johnston Chapter and entered it in the rank of Knight; Paul Johnston appointed me his First Lieutenant.

In 2012 I was asked by the Sovereign Grand Commander to fill the vacant post of Grand Pursuivant to take some of the workload off the shoulders of the Grand Herald, especially with the spread of the Order to the USA. I have already devised several Coats of Arms and there are more in the pipeline. In May 2015 the Sovereign Grand Commander appointed me Herald of the Order and Keeper of the Records as Jonathan Sayers was taking on a greater role in the administration of the Order.

I enjoy my role, both in devising Arms for those requesting them and taking part in the work of the Order as a whole.