

## Appointment to Grand Rank 2020

### **E Comp John Boyington CBE – Second Assistant Grand Sojourner**

Initiated in 1994 in St Philip's Lodge in Sheffield John took the Chair in 2002. He became a member of Lodge of South Yorkshire in 1996 (WM 2004), was Exalted into St Philip's Chapter in 1997 becoming First Principal in 2007.

He was appointed Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearer in 2013 and the following year became Scribe E of St Philip's Chapter, a position he plans to relinquish later this year.

As an Assistant and now Deputy PGM John has been keen to promote the link between the Craft and the Royal Arch and has led several initiatives to that end.

John was Inspector General of the Rose Croix in this District for 7 years before being appointed to The Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in 2019 where he currently holds the office of Grand Treasurer General. The first ever appointment of a Yorkshire, West Riding Mason to this prestigious body.



John chaired this Provinces' RMBI Festival from 2011 to 2017 and has been a Trustee of the RMBI since 2013 and Vice Chairman of its Board since 2017. He was appointed a founding Trustee of the Masonic Charitable Foundation in 2016 where he now serves as Chair of the Charitable Grants Committee.

John spent his professional career working in the NHS and Civil Service before retiring in 2012. He was awarded the CBE in 2007 for services to health. He still chairs 2 GP companies, one in Sheffield and one in Greater Manchester.

John is a keen supporter and season ticket holder at Sheffield United with his grandson and they are enjoying the clubs current resurgence having suffered the other side of SUFC for many, many years!