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Andrew Gardiner

British Freemasonry in Germany

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Goethemuseum Schloß Jägerhof, Jacobistr. 2, 40211 Düsseldorf

“I had heard of **Freemasonry** in my late teens and knew nothing about it, but it intrigued me. Then after coming to work in Germany, I came in contact with colleagues who were Masons and naturally tried to find out what it was all about. In mid 1971 I made the decision to go ahead and I was initiated into a British Freemasons’ Lodge (Lodge Niederrhein) in Düsseldorf on 6 March 1972. In June 1982 I became the Master of the Lodge for a second time. Our Lodge will celebrate 50 years existence on December 5 this year and it has been a tradition to allow a senior Past Master to run the Lodge in jubilee years and so it was for our 25 year- and 40-year anniversaries.

I had dealings with Cairo during the 1980s and as a result became very familiar with Egypt. As a consequence, I spent almost 10 years in Cairo after my retirement. Freemasonry is expressly banned in Egypt by act of parliament, so wishing to be involved with a similar kind of organization I joined Rotary and became a founding member of a German speaking Rotary Club in Cairo, eventually becoming their President, before leaving Cairo to return to Germany in 2009.”

A short résumé of **Andrew Stevenson Gardiner’s CV:**

Date and place of birth: 25 July 1946 in Wittingen, Kreis Gifhorn, Hannover, father from Edinburgh, mother from Schneidemühl (now called Pilar in Poland), brought up and educated in UK, completely fluent in German.

He came to Germany to work as a computer programmer with NAAFI in Krefeld in 1967, joined a German oil exploration company based in Essen in 1981 as their IT Manager, received early retirement in June 1999, went to Cairo for 10 years as IT consultant and returned in January 2009.

Hobbies: gliding (senior flying instructor), amateur drama, target shooting.

After the talk you will be invited to a drink

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