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Profile of our guest speaker from Thailand W. Bro. Jim Soutar.



Jim Soutar was born in Northern Ireland, educated there and in the USA. He has an MA from Oxford University, studied at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, and served as an officer in Airborne and Special Forces of the British Army for 8 years. Thereafter he continued in government service for a further eight years as an intelligence officer in the Secret Intelligence Service. From 1979 to 1983 he worked in the British Embassy in Bangkok. After resigning from government service he stayed on in Thailand, founding and running a registered charity, the Pakanyor Foundation, which is devoted to assisting the Thai Karen hill people in their self-development.

W. Bro Soutar is currently Worshipful Master of Morakot Lodge No. 945 IC. He is a member, founder member, and reponing member of seven other lodges in three different Constitutions. He is Honorary Grand Sword Bearer in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies in the GLNF, and Honorary Grand Standard Bearer in the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. He is a 33rd Degree Mason in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction).

W. Bro. Soutar's hobbies are writing, reading, and cosmology.