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# WBro. A H Diethelm

*The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC*



A H Diethelm emigrated to New Zealand from Switzerland and settled in Auckland where he ran a business in Shortland Street selling mainly drapery items from France and Switzerland.

He was an active member of the Auckland Choral Society and of the choir at St Mary's Church, in addition to being a churchwarden. He was also a founding member of the German Society.

He was regularly involved in organising balls, especially Masonic balls.

His funeral was attended by many prominent residents of Auckland and he was buried in St Stephen's cemetery.

It appears he was unmarried as there are several records of his attending balls and levees without a partner. There is also a record of the sale of his personal property including household furniture, clothing pictures and Swiss literature.

He was initiated into freemasonry in Waitemata Lodge No. 689 and rose to the office of Junior Warden in that lodge.

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## The Prince of Wales Lodge

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The Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, under the United Grand Lodge of England, was founded on the 18th day of December, 1869, and consecrated on Thursday, the 28th day of September, 1871, at the Masonic Hotel, Princes Street, Auckland, by Bro. J.J. Fitzgibbon, Past Master of the Waitemata Lodge, No. 689, E.C.

