



WBro. Charles Lashmar

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



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Charles was born in London in 1927 and attended Ealing Grammar.

After leaving school, Charles joined the Royal Marine Band Service in May 1944. Charles played the flute and piccolo and also played the piano.

Charles served 12 years in the regular service and rose to the rank of Band Corporal. Most of his time was spent at Deal after his training at Burford in Oxford.

He was posted to HMS Nigeria, based at Simonstown in South Africa, for 2½ years. While on HMS Nigeria, they took station at South Georgia in 1948 as a result of a threatened incursion by Argentina.

On his return to Deal, he married Celia and they spent three years in Deal where he taught band cadets. Celia's father was a member of the Coronation Lodge No. 2898 in London.

In 1951, Charles was posted to New Zealand on loan to the RNZN band (Royal Marine Band, NZ Division) and was joined by Celia in 1952. While in NZ, the band travelled all over the country and at one time travelled to Fiji on the flying boat service. Charles played on many occasions during the Royal visits in 1952 and 1954.

In 1954, Charles was posted back to England and travelled back with Celia on NZS Rangitoto. They remained in Deal and decided to return to New Zealand when Charles retired in 1959.

Charles and Celia came out to New Zealand as assisted emigrants and settled in Mt Roskill. Charles joined the Prison Service and became receiving officer at Mt Eden Prison. Charles recalls a prisoner attempting to attack him but this was prevented by one of the trustees who was serving life for murder. Charles transferred to the probation service where he worked for thirty years, rising to become District Probation Officer for Otahuhu.

Charles also served as a Justice of the Peace for many years. For his services Charles was awarded the 1990 NZ Commemoration medal. In New Zealand Charles joined the Corps of Drums with whom he played for many years. He was also a member of the Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1997, Charles was appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Charles was initiated into the Globe & Laurel Lodge No. 4657 in Kent in 1950 and joined the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1959, rising to become Master in 1968. He was a trustee of the lodge for many years and has been awarded a certificate for fifty years service. Charles was Hon. Manager of the Ellerslie Masonic Centre from 1994 to 2001 and a director of the Centre in 1995.

Charles was first appointed to District Grand Lodge as DGOrg in 1970, rising to PDGDC in 1973 and PDSGW in 1982. He was again DGOrg from 1996 to 2000 and DAGSec from 1998 to 2005. Charles joined the Granville Chapter of the Royal Arch in 1956 and joined Auckland Chapter in 1965, rising to serve as First Principal in 1973.

Charles served as DGOrg in 1975 and again from 1996 to 2000. He was appointed PDGPrSoj in 1977, PDGSN in 1980, PDGSE in 1995, DAGSE from 1996 to 2001 and DGSE in 2002.

Charles joined the Granville Lodge of Mark Master Masons and then, in New Zealand the Union and Lewis Lodges. Charles was also a member of the Te Awamutu Rose Croix Chapter and the Royal Order of Scotland in which he rose to the Chair.



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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.

