



# WBro. R J Parr

*The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC*



Dick Parr was born and raised in Auckland and after leaving school trained as an engineer. He joined the engineering team at the Auckland Star newspaper and stayed with them for many years, rising to the position of Chief Engineer. He remained with the Auckland Star until it closed following which he specialised in printing machinery maintenance in which role he travelled around the world maintaining equipment in England, USA, Australia, Fiji and Malaysia.

Dick was introduced to freemasonry by John Carter and joined the lodge in 1966, being initiated on 13 October 1966. At the time he was the first Catholic to join the lodge – a significant step in those days. He rose to become Master in 1975.

Dick was Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction for four years and has served as a Trustee since 1995 and represents the lodge on the committee which manages the lodge building.

Dick was instrumental in starting the programme of ongoing support by the Lodge of the Carlsson School for Cerebral Palsy, which programme has been running for eight years.

Dick was first appointed to District Grand Lodge as DGTyler in 1978, rising to PDSGD in 1979 and PDSGW in 1987. Dick also served on the District Board of General Purposes in 1978, 1981 and 1982.

Dick joined the Auckland Royal Arch Chapter 1338 and became First Principal in 1985.

Dick was appointed DGJanitor in 1987, rising to PDepDGDC in 1988 and PDGSN in 1990.

He also joined Te Awamutu Rose Croix but due to his commitments as Preceptor was unable to take an active part in the order so resigned.

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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.



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