



WBro. Eddie Housham

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



Eddie was born in Kimberly, 6 km north of Hohora in the Far North in 1935. He attended He attended Waihopo-Kaingaros, Kaitaia and Lake Ohia primary schools and Kaitaia Secondary School for Forms 3 and 4.

At the age of 15½ Eddie left the Far North and moved to Auckland looking for employment. At that time work was plentiful and he joined Southdown Freezing Works where he worked as a solo butcher, a chain butcher and a piece worker boning beef.

In August 1957, Eddie joined the Regular Army and saw active service in Mayalya for two years. On his return to New Zealand in late 1959, Eddie transferred to the Royal NZ Engineers. Eddie left the Army in 1986 with the rank of Warrant Officer I.

After leaving the Army, Eddie worked for the Justice Department for eight years and owned a trucking firm for ten years.

In addition, Eddie worked in many nightclubs including Sorrento, Peter Pan, Trillos, Pinesong, Mandalay and Manhattan and managed several of those clubs.

Eddie has been an active member of the Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes since 1960.

He was initiated into Manurewa No. 71 on 20 March 1960, raised to the second degree on 29 May 1961 and elevated to the third degree on 14 February 1966. He was exalted to the fourth degree at Waiuku on 14 February 1972.

He served as the Grand Primo for South Auckland in 1971 and again in 1974. He was exalted into the Auckland Knights Chapter No. 1 on 2 May 1966 and served as Knight Commander of that chapter in 1976, 2003 and 2006.

Eddie was a founder member of Waiuku Lodge No. 87 in 1965 and is a local life member of four lodges: Manurewa 81, Papakura 66, Waiuku 87 and Peninsular 78. He is affiliated to 15 lodges.

On 25 February 1970, Eddie was presented with a Services Rendered Jewel and on 19 March 2010 will have completed fifty years membership. Eddie has held every office except that of Secretary, including Taster (1965), Treasurer (1965), Minstral (1971) and Waiter (1981). In the course of his career with the Buffs, Eddie has performed six exaltations, seven elevations and has sat on Schools of Instruction and Certifying Councils.

Eddie was initiated into the Prince of Wales lodge on 13 February 1986, rising to become Master in 1992. He has served as Charity Steward since 2003. Eddie was first appointed to District Grand Lodge as DGJD in 1995, rising to PDGDC in 2001, and PDGReg in 2007.

Eddie joined the Auckland Chapter of the Royal Arch in 1988, rising to serve as First Principal in 1999. Eddie was appointed DGStdB in 2002 and rode to PDGSoj. Eddie joined the Union Mark Lodge No. 154 on 8 March 1994 and rose to become master in 2000. He was appointed DSGW in 2008.

He joined Ararat Ark Mariners No. 154 in 1997, rising to Commander Noah in 2002 and holds District Rank since 2006. He also joined Lebanon Ark Mariners lodge, rejoining and being appointed Past Commander Noah in 2008.

Eddie joined Maungakiekie Rose Croix Chapter No. 314 on 16 June 1998, and served as MW Sovereign in 2002, 2003 and 2005. He also joined Orewa Rose Croix Chapter No. 961 and served as MW Sovereign in 2006 and 2007. Eddie is also a member of Browns Bay Rose Croix Chapter No. 804 and was appointed MW Sovereign of that chapter on 21 May 2009. Eddie was passed to the 30th degree on 14 May 2005.

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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.

