



# WBro. Henry Grocock

*The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC*



Henry, an only child was named after his paternal grandfather, Henry, whom he never met. He lived with his Mum, Dad and two Grandmothers. His Mum, a lady from Glasgow, was very proud of her Scottish heritage as also was Henry.

Born in Epsom in 1941, Henry attended Royal Oak Primary School and Mt Roskill Grammar. On leaving school, Henry joined TEAL (the forerunner to Air New Zealand) as an apprentice airline engineer.

He excelled at classical music and played the piano. Classical music was a love held by Henry throughout his life. Henry also excelled at fencing. Other interests were, motor bikes, very old cars, model aircraft, real aircraft and he also raced Mini Coopers for a time, winning several trophies.

Henry married Judi in 1966 and they had 4 children. During this time they had a block of land at Ramarama where bean growing and retrieving Angus cattle from around the area after break outs were the main activities. Henry related the occasion when he was standing under a tree looking for his goat, Puffball, when droppings started raining down on him. Yes, the goat was up the tree on a branch above him.

Henry married Annette in 1986. They undertook a complete restoration of a classic villa in Birkenhead which they owned twice.

After a long period of illness, Henry died in 2009. He was buried in Waikumiti Cemetery in his Grandfather's grave. His grandfather's head stone reads:

*Henry Grocock  
Loved Husband of Annie*

Annette plans to erect a similar headstone for Henry.

Henry was initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge on 9<sup>th</sup> July 1987, rising to become Master in 1995. Henry also joined St George Lodge No. 1801 in 1990 to support that lodge when it moved to Auckland. He also joined Port Chalmers Marine Lodge No. 942 when it moved temporarily to Auckland. in 1997, rising to First Principal in 2000.

Henry was exalted into Auckland Royal Arch Chapter No. 1338 in 1988. He joined Duke Of Albany Royal Arch Chapter No. 2073 in 1997, rising to First Principal in 2000. Henry was appointed DGDC in 2002, rising to DGReg in 2005. He was appointed President DCofGP in 2006. Henry also joined St George Lodge Of Mark Master Masons and Te Awamutu Rose Croix Chapter.

Henry was also a member of Wairangimoana Red Cross Of Constantine Conclave.

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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.

