



WBro. John Potter Clark

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



Mr. John Potter Clark, was born in Monmouthshire, Wales, in 1821. He arrived in Australia in 1854, and seven years later came over to Otago on the outbreak of the gold rush. There he engaged in the carrying trade for about three years, when he removed to Auckland, and his horses and wagons were purchased by the Government.

Mr. Clark was then appointed by the Provincial Government to manage the tramways at the Thames, and was afterwards employed by the General Government for ten years in the railway department.

In 1877 he was initiated in the Prince of Wales Lodge and rose to the office of Master in 1883. Most unusually he remained Master for three years in succession, the only member of the lodge to ever do so. He continued to serve the lodge as its Secretary for many years.

In the District Grand Lodge of Auckland he held many offices rising to PDGSW before being appointed as District Grand Secretary in 1889.

He was also a member of the Auckland Royal Arch Chapter and, after serving as First Principal, also served the Chapter as Scribe E for some years.

He was a member of the Mark Master Masons and rose to become Deputy Grand Master of Mark Masons.

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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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