



WBro. Rev CM Nelson

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



[The Rev. Charles Moseley Nelson](#), M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Canon of Auckland, and Bishop's Senior Examining Chaplain, was born in 1843 at Southwark, Surrey, England.

He was educated at the City of London School, and, gaining a minor scholarship in classics, entered Queen's College, Cambridge. He became a foundation scholar, taking the degree of B.A. (Second Class Classical Tripos) in 1867, and the M.A. degree in 1871. He was ordained deacon at Exeter in 1867 by the Bishop of Jamaica, and priest at the same place in 1868 by Bishop Trower (both acting for the Bishop of Exeter), and became curate of the parishes of Phillack and Gwithian, Cornwall.

He also acted as Diocesan Inspector of Schools until 1870, when he was appointed by Bishop Selwyn to the cure of St. Paul's Church, Auckland. During his incumbency of St. Paul's, extending over a period of thirty years, Canon Nelson witnessed the demolition of old St. Paul's, the building of a temporary church in Emily Place, and the creation of the magnificent edifice in Symonds Street, which was, at the time, considered to be one of the finest in the Colony. Canon Nelson was for many years a member of the Board of Governors of the Auckland Grammar School, and also one of the Governors of St. John's College.

The reverend gentleman was secretary of the General Synod during the sessions of 1874, 1880, 1886, and 1892. He was one of the vice-presidents of the Auckland Benevolent Society, and chairman of the Orphan Home Trust Board. He was a good musician, and a classical scholar of great ability. He was also a member of the Auckland institute (Royal Society of NZ)

Mr. Nelson was married in 1875 to the daughter of the late Mr. James Coates, private secretary to the first governor of New Zealand. This lady was noted for her work for the Benevolent Society and the Orphan Home.

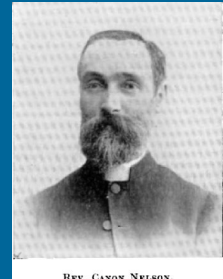
The Auckland Benevolent Society, of which Rev Nelson was a vice-president had as its chief object to relieve cases of genuine distress that do not come under the jurisdiction of other bodies; to assist the poor and needy; and to systematically visit the dwellings of the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and comfort the desolate and oppressed. The district of Auckland was organised and systematically attended to by benevolent ladies in the various wards, and they dealt with cases not only in the city, but also in suburbs like Devonport, Avondale, and Panmure.

Initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1872, Rev Nelson rose to become Master in 1877. He also held the office of DGChap in the Auckland District Grand Lodge from its inception in 1877.

He was a member of the Union Mark Master Mason's Lodge and held the office of DPGM. In that capacity, he formally welcomed Lord Onslow, the then new Governor General, to Auckland in 1889 in the absence of the DGM, Dr F W E Dawson.

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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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