



WBro. A B (Tony) Mansfield

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338



Tony was born in Wellington, the eldest of a family of 3. His father was a commercial traveller and his mother a nurse.

The family moved to Christchurch when Tony was 7. He attended several primary schools and St Thomas of Canterbury College.

After leaving school Tony moved around NZ and had a variety of jobs including selling books, driving trucks and working as a linesman.

In Dunedin he joined the head office of National Insurance as a clerk and studied part time. He completed his degree in 1980 and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1981.

He met Kay in Dunedin and they married in 1977.

From Dunedin he was posted to Fiji and then he and Kay travelled through Asia and the Middle East before arriving in London. From London he took up a job in Abu Dhabi for about 3 years and that was followed by what was planned to be a 2 year contract in Zambia where they ended up staying for 7 years, returning to NZ in 1992.

Tony has worked in various management positions in health care since then.

Tony has been married to Kay for over 35 years and has 3 children and 2 grandsons.

Tony has had a number of interests over the years including photography, bird watching, dog breeding and showing, wargaming and collecting toy soldiers. Tony has also been involved with a number of community groups and charitable activities over the years. These have included coaching young Africans at Rugby while in Zambia.

It was that wish to “give something back” which lead Tony into freemasonry and he was initiated into The Itawa Lodge No. 7072 in Zambia in 1988. While living in Zambia, he was transferred from Ndola to the capita, Lusaka, where he joined Falcon Lodge No. 7510.

Tony joined the Prince of Wales Lodge in 2007 and served as master in 2011. He is currently in his 3rd year as Almoner for the lodge.

He joined the Auckland Royal Arch Chapter in 2007 and was appointed Second Principle in 2013. In 2012 he was advanced in the Union Mark Master Mason’s Lodge No. 154. Tony has also served as Treasurer of the Ellerslie Masonic Centre since 2008.

Tony is a fifth generation freemason – going back to his great great grandfather William Mansfield who was the first master of the Lodge of St John No. 1137 in Timaru. One day he hopes his son will join the craft making it six generations.

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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.

