



WBro. Francis Leonard

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338



He was initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in October 1902 and served as Master in 1908.

Francis Henry Leonard, known as Frank, was born in Auckland in 1869, son of William and Eliza Leonard, who lived in Alma Street, Newmarket

Frank had a number of occupations during his life. He started as a nurseryman but around 1906 he became an importer, indent agent and manufacturers' representative.

The partnership he was in, Leonard & Harrison, acted as agents for Ironbark paper and the products of the Bruce Woollen Mills in Milton, Otago as well as a range of other products. The partnership was based in the Strand Arcade until the large fire when it relocated to His Majesty's Arcade before moving to the Security Building in Queen Street. The partnership was dissolved late in 1910.

Frank continued as an importer before becoming a farmer during World War One. He was a farmer in Papatoetoe for some years and was for a time involved with the East Tamaki Co operative Dairy Company before becoming a merchant around 1926 when he formed a new company, Leonard & Son, with his son William Alan Emerson Leonard. He continued in that trade for some years before becoming an accountant, a profession he seems to have practiced until his death in 1955.

He married Kate Alice Taylor in 1899 and they had eight children. They lived for some years in Victoria Avenue, Remuera before moving to "Pine Lodge" on Great South Road in Papatoetoe around 1913.

Frank's wife Kate is remembered as a gracious lady always helping people in need and having a kind and encouraging word for everyone, whatever their status. She was a member of the Womens Christian Temperance Union (WCTU).

Leonard Place, Otara, is believed to be named after the family. Pine Lodge is one of the original homesteads of Papatoetoe and as such is an integral part of the history of the area. Built in 1903 it was damaged by fire in 2006 and restored, as nearly as was possible, back to its original state.

The family moved to Windmill Road in Mt Eden around 1936 or 1937 and Frank lived there until his death.



He was appointed District Senior Grand Deacon in 1909 and District Junior Grand Warden in 1931.

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Frank was an Auckland City Councilor being first nominated for the Remuera Roads Board in 1907, a member of the Auckland Historical Society, a foundation member of the Great South Road Beautifying Society and the local Rotary Club, a keen bowler, and a pillar of St. George's Anglican Church, Papatoetoe. In his younger days he was an enthusiastic sailor, owning the 27 foot yacht Alexa which was built in 1904 by Thomas Le Huquet, a boat builder on the North Shore of Auckland.

He joined the Prince of Wales' Lodge in October 1902 and served as Master in 1908. His son William also joined the lodge in 1930.

In 1907 he was one of the foundation members of the United Masters Research Lodge, No. 167 NZC.

In District he was appointed DSGD in 1909 and DJGW in 1931.

Sources:

Contemporary newspaper reports

Papatoetoe Historical Society



*Pine Lodge, Great South Road, Papatoetoe
About 1960*



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