



WBro. James Foster

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338



James was born in Northern Ireland in 1872.

His parents arrived in New Zealand on the ship "Alastor" in 1881 and settled in Ihumatao where his father William farmed.

James was apprenticed as a tailor and worked for Johnston's Tailors in Gisborne and in other towns before returning to Auckland to open his own business, Foster, J & Co., Tailors & Outfitters in 1892. The shop was located in a two storey brick building at 145 Upper Symonds Street. The company employed between fourteen and seventeen in the business and, in addition, had their own travelling salesman who covered from North Cape to Gisborne.

He joined the Prince of Wales' Lodge in August 1895 and served as Master in 1901.

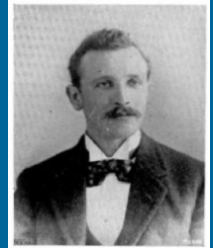
In District he was appointed DGStwd in 1901 and DGSwdBr in 1912.

Sources:

Contemporary newspaper reports

Cyclopedia of New Zealand

James was initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1895 and became Master in 1901.



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He was appointed District Grand Steward in 1901, and District Grand Steward Bearer in 1912.

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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.

