



Initiated into the Prince of Wales lodge in 1981, rising to become Master in 1989 and again in 2002.

# WBro. Jock Orbell

## *The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC*



Jock was born in Hastings on **13 May** 1938 and started school at Mahora School. When his father returned from the war, the family moved back to the family farm and Jock went to Clive School. He attended Napier Boys High School and, on leaving school became an apprentice plumber and gasfitter in Hastings.

At the age of 17, Jock returned to the farm for a visit only to find his father dead of a heart attack. He then lived with an uncle in Hastings while he finished his apprenticeship.

Later he moved to Palmerston North to join A & T Burt so he could learn about air conditioning and while working for them travelling extensively around the central North Island. At the age of 21 or 22 he moved to Taupo where he worked on the housing for the crews building the hydroelectric dams at the time. He helped build both the Wairaki and Aratiatia villages.

In Taupo he met Lorna and they married on **13 May** 1961.

While working for himself, he was caught by the depression. They sold their house in Taupo and moved to Norfolk Island. However, they found Norfolk Island was not good for the children so they moved back to New Zealand around 1964 and Jock joined the Army as a tradesman.

Jock rose to the rank of Sergeant-Instructor and served in the School of Military Engineering at Linton Camp, near Palmerston North. His specialities were explosives and demolition. Jock declined to serve in Vietnam but served in Malaysia as Troop Sergeant of 28<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth ANZUK Squadron of Engineers.

In 1977, Jock left the Army and joined the Justice Department in Auckland. His boss was W.Bro. Gary Gough who introduced him to the craft. Jock stayed with the Justice Department until he retired in 1999.

Jock and Lorna have two children, a son and a daughter, and five grandchildren.

Jock joined the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1981, being initiated 8 October 1981, passed 8 April 1982 and raised **13 May** 1982. Jock was installed as Master on 14 September 1989. Jock served as Master again in 2002/3. Jock also served as Assistant Almoner for many years.

Jock also joined Auckland Royal Arch Chapter No. 1338 rising to Third Principal on 27 June 1994, Second Principal on 26 June 1995 and First Principal on 24 June 1996.

When St George Lodge was moved to Auckland, Jock also joined that lodge to help them out and was appointed as Junior Warden on 25 March 1991.

At the laying of the foundation stone for the Ellerslie Masonic Centre in 1993, Jock served as deacon. Other members of the Prince of Wales Lodge who served on the occasion included R.W. Bro P Gudsell, W. Bro Eddie Housham and W.Bro Bruce Smith.

In District, Jock was appointed DGPurs in 1991, DSGD in 1992, DDGDC in 1994, DGDC in 1995 and PDGJW in 1999.

In Chapter, Jock was appointed DDGDC in 1999, DGDC in 2000 and PGDSN in 2001.

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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.

