



WBro. Vernon Miller

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



Vern was born in Wellington in 1920. He attended Rongotai College and went on to university where he began a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

World War Two intervened and Vern joined the Navy where he rose to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. His work with the Navy saw him in senior positions at radio installations at One Tree Hill and then Waiouru.

After the war, Vern returned to university to complete his degree and studied to become an accountant.

Vern worked for a number of companies including Ivan Whale Contracting and J R Butlands (now Crest Foods) where he held a senior position in marketing before retiring in 1972.

Vern had a lifelong interest in music and was a church organist for many years, starting at St Aidan's in Miramar in Wellington and later at Pakuranga. His interest in arts went beyond music and he was instrumental in the building of the Arts Centre in Pakuranga and the Centrestage Theatres in Orewa.

Vern was also an active bowler.

Vern was an active member of Rotary for many years, being awarded both the Peter Morris medal and the Williams medal for services to Rotary.

Vern was also a Justice of the Peace for forty years.

Vern was initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1950, rising to become Master in 1963. He also joined Te Awamutu Lodge No. 2221 in 1969, rising to Master in 1977.

Vern was first appointed to District Grand Lodge as DGOrg in 1966, rising to DGTreas in 1968, and was appointed as DGSec in 1971, in which capacity he served for many years. He was appointed ADGM in 1979.

Vern was appointed to Grand Rank as PAGDC in 1973 and was promoted to PJGD in 1980.

Vern joined the Te Awamutu Chapter of the Royal Arch rising to serve as First Principal in 1969.

Vern was given Grand Chapter Rank as PGStdBr in 1974 and was promoted to PAGSoj in 1986

Vern joined Te Awamutu Chapter of Rose Croix No. 471 in , rising to Sovereign in 1974, and being conferred with the 30th degree in 1976. Vern was also a member of Orewa Chapter of Rose Croix No. 961.

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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.

