



W.Bro. Walter W Daw

The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC



Walter Daw was born in Lewisham St Mary, London, in October 1856. His father, George, was a gunmaker. He grew up in Bromley in Kent and lived first in Chigwell before moving to London.

His occupation in London was, at least for a time, a share and stockbroker working from an office at 1 Crown Court, Threadneedle Street although the partnership was dissolved in 1888. He also owned several buildings.

Walter was also in the army, being gazetted a lieutenant in 1st Volunteer Battalion, The Essex Regiment in 1885.

Walter's wife Laura, nee Moss, was a well-known singer and they had two daughters; Eva Laurie and Muriel.

In 1893 they left London for Wellington and settled initially in the Waikato before moving to Auckland West in the early 1900's and to Onehunga in the 1930's.

In the Waikato, Walter farmed – there is a record of his selling 450 hoggets at the sales at Ohaupo in 1898. On moving to Auckland, he appears to have been involved in a number of business ventures including the Riverhead Paper Company, a brick works in Avondale and the Whareora Coal Company.

Interestingly, the land on which the brickworks stood was sold to the Avondale Jockey Club.

In 1900, Walter was a candidate for the post of City Council Treasurer. In 1901 and 1902 was working as a Land Agent with offices at 28 Shortland Street.

Walter died in 1940 in Gordonton, Waikato.

Walter Daw was very active in Freemasonry.

He was initiated into Capper Lodge No. 1076 in London in 1885 but resigned from that lodge in 1887. He joined the Prince of Wales Lodge No. 1338 in 1899, rising to become Master in 1903 and remained a member until his death in 1939.

In 1903 together with Bro Gulliver, he was responsible for the design of first lodge banner and in 1904 he presented new frame for the warrant. In 1908 he presented a carved wooden collection plate which was immediately used to solicit donations for the benevolent fund and raised £2/3/-.

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The banner has been carefully preserved and is on display at the lodge rooms while the collection plate is still used at every regular meeting.

In 1908 he was appointed Secretary of the lodge and he served as Lodge Preceptor for over 30 years.

In District he was appointed District Grand Secretary in 1902 and was very active:

- 1904: Installed the Master of Turanganui Lodge No 1480 at Gisborne
- 1906: Installed the Master of Corinthian Lodge No 1655 at Thames
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- 1910: Assisted at Installation of the Master of Star of the North lodge No 1647 at Whangarei
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- 1912: Assisted at the consecration of new lodge rooms at Walton Street, Whangarei and installed the Master of Star of the North lodge No 1647
- 1913: One of the officers at the consecration of the Turanganui Lodge Rooms in Gisborne and, on the same day installed the new master
- 1914: Installed the Master of Turanganui Lodge No 1480 at Gisborne
- 1914: Accompanied the District Grand Master at the installation of the Master of Rodney Lodge No 1711 in Warkworth
- 1920: Installed the Master of Corinthian Lodge No 1655 at Thames

In 1934 he was appointed Deputy District Grand Master.

In 1911 the Grand Lodge in London conferred on him the rank of Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Walter Daw was also a member of Franklin Lodge No. 2138 and Alexandra Lodge No. 1188.

He was also a member of Auckland Royal Arch Chapter No. 1338.

Sources:

Contemporary newspaper reports

Brian Martin (great grandson)

United Grand Lodge of England Library



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