



Initiated into the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1886, Rev Nelson rose to become Master in 1891, two years after his father in law, Edward Davies.

# WBro. William Hooker

*The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338 EC*



William Hooker was born in 1857. His father was a grocer with a shop in Princes Street and William went into the grocery trade at the age of 15.

He was associated with Close Brothers Grocery for many years. In 1884 he went into business for himself in partnership with a Mr Morrison and together they ran several shops, two on Queen Street and one in Ayreshire House on K Road which they bought from James Scott.

In 1887, he was in business on his own at a shop in Khyber Pass Road, which unfortunately was badly damaged by fire in 1889. He carried on in the building next door until 1890 when he moved to premises on the corner of Upper Symonds Street and Newton Road where he stayed for many years.

In 1901, he was prominent in the court case where grocers' carters sought higher pay.

In 1884 he married Margaret Elizabeth Davies and they lived in Symonds Street. Margaret was the daughter of Edward Davies who was master of the lodge in 1889, two years before William.

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In 1902 he was appointed DGPurs.

*Sources: Contemporary newspaper reports*



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## The Prince of Wales Lodge

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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.

