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# WBro. William R Ingram

*The Prince Of Wales Lodge No.1338*



William Ranwell Ingram, also known as William Richard Ingram, was born in Invercargill in 1885.

He trained in Dunedin and graduated as a Dental Surgeon in 1905.

He appears to have started work in Wellington with the American Dental Parlour before moving to Auckland around 1912 and starting a practice with a fellow freemason and member of the Prince of Wales Lodge, Edward Stevenson.

As the building they were to use was not ready, the practice initially worked out of the practice of Mr Davies in Wyndham Street. As soon as the building was available, they moved into the Hallenstein's Building on the corner of Pitt Street and Karangahape Road, where the practice remained until at least 1944, at which time it had been sold to Gordon Spence.

In 1916 he enlisted in the Navy with the rank of Sub-lieutenant. He embarked on 15 November 1916 from Wellington on the Tahiti as part of the New Zealand Royal Naval Auxiliary Patrol, Motor Boat Service. Their destination was Devonport in England. William was in the first draft of men in the motor boat patrol service. He served on Motor Launch ML245 and HMS Balmoral 2 (a trawler) at the Straits of Gibraltar as well as in English Channel and the North Sea. He was discharged in 6 May 1919.

He remained in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve where he reached rank of Lieutenant Commander.

After his discharge, he travelled through America studying the latest advances in dentistry and, on his return to Auckland gave lectures on the use of both Xrays and anesthetics in dentistry.

In 1915 he married Ethel Carter who was well known in musical circles for her singing and dancing, having won several competitions. They honeymooned in the Pacific Islands and had one daughter, Eleanore. His wife died in 1941 and he died in 1950.

In 1924, his Essex car was stolen from outside the Grand Hotel (probably while he was attending a lodge meeting in the Freemason's Hall next door) and was later found at Orakie Basin, burnt out.

He joined the Prince of Wales Lodge in 1913 and rose to become master in 1922, four years after his business partner, Edward Stevenson.

In District he was appointed DGStwd in 1922 and DJGW in 1930.

*Source:  
Contemporary newspaper reports*



In District he was appointed District Grand Steward in 1922 and District Junior Grand Warden in 1930.

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