

**“WHO IS THIS BROTHER ??” Series.**

**BRUCE HEBBARD**

**First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of NZ**

Bruce Hebbard of Wanaka was recently installed as the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand.

The Installation was to have been held in Christchurch on the 12th March 2011, but due to the earthquake this was transferred to Dunedin. And held on Saturday 30 April. Attended by Companions from around New Zealand and Australia. As well at the Grand Installation ceremony, there were invited the local presiding Officers of many ‘Side Orders’. The ceremony was very impressive.

Bruce is from Otago, being educated in Mosgiel. In 1973 he moved to Port Hedland in Western Australia spending 14 years associated with the mining industry. Returning to Otago, Bruce and his sister Alison, took over the management of the Commercial Hotel in Omakau, and built up the business before selling it in 1997.. They then moved to Albert Town, and over the next three years built the Albert Town tavern, and operated that till 2004, when it was bought by local business men. In retirement they have been involved in property development and have taken the opportunity to go on several overseas trips.

Bruce joined the Masonic Lodge in Port Hedland, and shortly after, the local Royal Arch Chapter. On his return to Otago, he first joined the St Bathans Lodge (Omakau) and later Lodge Wanaka. As well he joined the Cromwell Coronation Royal Arch Chapter No.20 and served as First Principal in 1990 and 2001.

In 1996 he joined Grand Chapter, and till his promotion to First Grand Principal, was the Grand Superintendent of the Otago District.

Bruce is looking forward to his two years in office. Travelling the country meeting members from around New Zealand, as well as representing New Zealand overseas.

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