



Drafting a Brothers Funeral Notice

It was common practice for a lodge to put a notice in the paper to notify of a brothers passing and requesting brethren to attend the funeral.

Many lodges now rely on email advice to members, or using the 'Departed Merit' function on the Divisional website, so as to avoid the cost of the notice. However if it is custom of your Lodge and you still desire to continue the practice of placing a notice in the newspaper here is some best practice.

The Secretary usually has the responsibility to arrange for the placement of the funeral notice in the newspaper.

It should be under the approved "Square and Compasses" logo. Grand Lodge has an instructional pamphlet called 'Using the Freemasons Brand – A Guide For Lodges'. It can be obtained by visiting the Freemasons NZ website at: <http://freemasonsnz.org/>, logging in as a member and going to the Document tab on the Members Only Homepage

While there is wording described in the 'Secretaries Guide' a more suitable wording for the notice recommended for present day communication is as follows:

LODGE [Name] No XXX
*Members of Lodge [Name] and associated Lodges
are invited to attend the Funeral Service
of the late Charles T Angel
on Monday, 16 June 20xx
at the Main Street Chapel.
The Service will commence at 10.30 a.m.*

Ensure you keep it simple – avoid listing all the brother's lodge/chapter etc memberships. It is also not necessary to give his rank including Worshipful. Lastly avoid inserting into the notice "by command of the Worshipful Master".

