



Mark Winger

GRAND MASTER



Greetings Brethren

It is my absolute delight to advise you that the work in which we have been engaged with the University of Auckland for so many years now has been recognized in a most fitting and esteemed way.

Our Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Bro David Mace, has accepted the invitation of the Council of the University of Auckland that he be conferred with the Degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws (LLD).

In the letter of invitation the Vice Chancellor of the University, Stuart N. McCutcheon, said "In making this offer, Council wishes to recognize your many contributions both to the University, through your support of education and research, and to the wider community."

As a leading representative of Freemasons New Zealand in our association with the University over a very long period, MW Bro Mace, Chairman of the Freemasons Foundation since 2006, has been deeply involved in all of the many areas in which we have provided assistance. These include gerontology, ophthalmology, and most especially neurology, where he is currently the Deputy Chair of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Brain Research in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

He has given outstanding service to the Craft, not only proudly carrying the mantle of Freemasonry high in the halls of medical science but as a true Freemason has been constantly selfless in dedicating much of his own personal life to our ideals.

Honoris Causa degrees are one of the highest honours the University has of recognizing those that have made a significant contribution to its own work and the communities they serve. MW Bro Mace joins a list of distinguished graduates which includes such names as Governor-General, Sir Anand Satyanand, Prime Minister, Helen Clarke, and businessmen Douglas Myers and Hugh Fletcher. Just fifty have been awarded by the University since 1963.

In 2011, David was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, for services to the community reflecting his remarkable record of services to the community.



The graduation ceremony will take place at the University on Wednesday 23rd January 2019 where his family, Freemasons and other special guests will help him celebrate.

I know you will join me in offering heartiest and most sincere congratulations to Bro David for the tremendous work he has done to earn this prestigious honour both for himself and for Freemasonry.

If anyone has spoken up for Freemasonry in New Zealand it must be David!

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