



POSITION DESCRIPTION: Grand Organist

APPOINTED BY: Grand Master

TERM OF APPOINTMENT: One 3-year term

RESPONSIBLE TO: Grand Master

FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS: Executive Director / Grand Secretary
Transitional Divisional Grand Masters
Grand Superintendent of Regions
Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Grand Organist's role is principally a ceremonial role associated with the musical portions of ceremonies when the Grand Master is in attendance.

It is expected the Grand Organist will also support and assist the three Transitional Divisional Grand Masters and the Grand Superintendents in their Division to fulfil their pastoral care and ceremonial responsibilities.

The position carries no express role within the provisions of the Book of Constitution unless appropriately delegated by the Grand Master, or appointed by the Board of Directors.

PREFERRED EXPERIENCE:

As this is a Grand Lodge officer role, the Grand Organist must be willing and able to carry out requests of a ceremonial nature of the Grand Master, the three Transitional Divisional Grand Masters and the Grand Superintendents. The appointee can be a Master Mason and is required to have significant experience as an organist. He shall have demonstrated on-going contribution to his lodge in particular and preferably to the craft in general.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- To work to ensure an active awareness of matters relating to the Craft, particularly in relation to the musical portions of ceremonies and events.
- To officially support the Grand Master, as and when requested, at any ceremonial activity, presentation or other appropriate function to which the Grand Master has been invited.
- To assist where feasible the three Transitional Divisional Grand Master's with the musical portion of any ceremonial activity, presentation or other appropriate function which the Divisional Grand Master is officially attending or holding.

- To encourage the use of music in Lodge ceremonies and in facilitate this by assisting Grand Superintendents to identify appropriate musical brethren and to ensure such brethren receive encouragement and support.
- To liaise with the Grand Superintendent of Ceremonies in regard to the purpose of his role and the part music plays in Masonic ceremonies.
- To assist in helping to develop alternative means of providing music in Lodges.
- To support their local Grand Superintendent, at any ceremonial activity, presentation or other appropriate function at which their Grand Superintendent is officially attending.
- To fulfil the role of Grand Organist at the Grand Installation, dedication of a new Lodge and consecration of a Lodge room.

LEGAL PROVISIONS:

Refer to provisions provided for Grand Lodge officer roles within the Book of Constitution.

DELEGATIONS:

Generally, there are no delegations or provisions to exercise authority unless specifically delegated by the Grand Master or the Board of Directors. When undertaking any such delegated activity, expenses shall be covered within the appropriate Grand Lodge or Division budget.

The Executive Director or Transitional Divisional Grand Master shall approve travel and associated expenses in accordance with the respective budget.

The Grand Organist has no authority to commit financial expenditure in undertaking this role except:

- i. as provided under Rule 219g where the Board may from time to time determine what expense it will allow to any Officer or Brother, or
- ii. where specifically included in the approved Grand Lodge or Division annual plan and budget,

and then only with the authority of either the Grand Master, Executive Director, or the Transitional Divisional Grand Master as appropriate.

EXCEPTIONS:

The foregoing paragraphs are intended to describe the duties that the appointee will be expected to undertake in this position.

It should not be regarded as a complete and exhaustive list and does not prevent the addition, alteration or deletion of duties from time to time in accordance with the needs of Freemasons New Zealand as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

It is inherent that the principles and tenets of Freemasons must be upheld to the highest standards and recognises that we are a membership driven organisation where members give their time freely for the advancement of Freemasonry through their respective Lodges, Regions and Divisions.

APPROVED:

Authorised signature:	
Name:	Warwick Bell
Position:	Chair, Board of Directors
Resolution:	2.6 February 2025
Date:	2 February 2025