

Profiling Havelock North Library Community Archives

The Havelock North Library Community Archives collection consists of several individual collections from early Havelock North, miscellaneous ephemera, a few family histories, a large photographic collection, some war memorabilia and selected Hawke's Bay newspapers from the turn of the century. We also hold complete runs of *Te Mata Times* and *Havelock North Village Press*. Use of and access is by appointment only.

Individual collection include: The Dr Felkin Collection, the Ruth Flashoff Collection, Hastings Collection, the Joll Collection, the McLean Collection (Sir Donald MacLean), the Jack Robertson Collection, the Val Taylor Collection, Annie Jean Twentyman Collection, and Wellwood Collection.

The Photographic Collection holds over 3500 photographs from the 1860s through to present day. They include people, places, events, businesses, schools, churches and other buildings and village streets. Photographs can be viewed using the photocopied photographic index.

The Havelock North Community Archives also includes war memorabilia. We have World War I and World War II memorabilia including, ration books, letters, photographs and various wartime publications and some medals.

Our community newspaper collection has complete runs of *The Village News* Dec 1958 to June 1961, the *Te Mata Times* Feb 1975 to Dec 1984, and the *Havelock North Village Press* 1985-.

We also hold selected issues of early newspapers from Hawkes Bay between 1877 and early 1900

We also hold the Dr. Felkin and Stella Matutina Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn Collection. The foundations for the Order in New Zealand were laid by Reginald Gardiner (1872-1959). Born in New South Wales, Australia, he was the son of an Anglican vicar and brother of the Anglican vicar of St Luke's Church, Havelock North, New Zealand, where he finally settled in 1907. He formed about him an artistic, cultural and spiritual group whose activities became known as the "Havelock Work", and produced a publication called "The Forerunner" The Havelock Work grew and in time the group became known as the Society of the Southern Cross.

In 1912 Dr. Robert Felkin, Chief of the Order of the Stella Matutina

arrived, assisted by his appointment as Inspector of the Australasian Colleges of the Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia by William Wynn Westcott, one of the original Chiefs of the Hermetic Order of the Golden Dawn and Supreme Magus of the S.R.I.A.

Travelling with his wife and daughter, he initiated a group of twenty-four members into the Order, twelve of whom were advanced to the "Second Order". A sizeable piece of land was donated, and a home for the Order constructed, which they named "Whare Ra", or House of the Sun. It was in the basement of this house, that the large Temple was built.

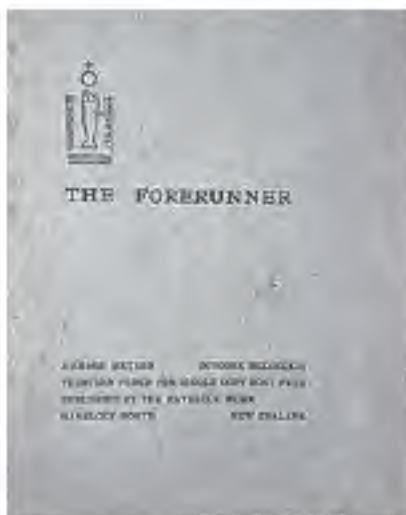
The Golden Dawn used a threefold system of training, i.e. ceremonial, meditation and personal study. The ceremonial involved a series of grades, with an appropriate ritual for each grade; rather on the lines of Masonic degrees, but based on the symbolism of the Tree of Life, which is the Hebrew Qabalah. There was also a special ceremony, of a more cosmic nature, to mark the vernal and autumnal equinoxes.

The Basic structure is comprised of three Orders. The three Chiefs are responsible for the conduct of the whole Order, under the guidance of the Divine Powers Who direct the Order.

Each Chief brings to his office his own particular talents. Together they form an equilateral triangle – a balanced and harmonious whole, and should be regarded as equal in all respects.

The Chiefs should act in harmony and speak as one in all matters pertaining to the rule of the Order. They have the responsibility of ensuring that the true traditions of the Order are preserved, no matter what changes may come about in the future. They will consult as necessity arises, with the Council of the Order, composed of senior members, and may possibly delegate certain duties to senior members from time to time.

The three Wardens also form a triangle, and are responsible, as deputies of the three Chiefs, for the running of the Outer Order. In practice they should be regarded as equal with one another in their office as



Cover of *The Forerunner*, No. 16 October 1913.

Warden, notwithstanding that they may possibly be of different Grades.

The Chiefs will meet with the Wardens at regular intervals, and generally maintain such contact as is necessary for the smooth functioning of the whole.

Our Collection Contains: The Forerunner Complete printed set, Dr Felkin Recollection, Dr Felkin Article Paperspast HB Herald 1928, Dr Felkin Biography as published in The Lantern in Fictional form, Collection of 12 Photograph of Dr Felkin and various family members, The History of the RR et AC by Robert W. Felkin

A Lesson by Dr Felkin, Medal and Badges, Obituary of Dr Felkin from HB Herald 28 Dec 1928, Photos of Dr Felkin, Harriet Felkin & Ethelwyn, Photos of Whare Ra, Some initiation rituals, Various newspapers articles, Zalewski, Pat Secret inner order rituals of the Golden Dawn, Zalewski, Pat Kabbalah of the Golden Dawn and various books on the Golden Dawn.