

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND HUNTINGDONSHIRE MARK BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION
Charity Commission registered number 207374

The Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year commencing 1st January 2021 and ending on the 31st December 2021.

The principal address of the Charity to which all correspondence should be addressed is 24, Denford Road, Ringstead, Kettering, Northamptonshire NN14 4DF.

The Charity is governed by its Governing Document dated 24th July 1962.

On 6th November 2021, the Mark Province of Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire and the Mark Province of Bedfordshire were dissolved and the Mark Province of Northampton, Huntingdon and Bedford was constituted. As a result, the subscribing membership of the Association increased and the Charity will now be proposing changes to its Governing Document to reflect this.

The Aims and Objectives of the Charity:

To assist needy Brethren and their immediate family by means of grants and to aid its members to subscribe to the funds of any registered charity, but primarily to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Fund of Benevolence, Registered Charity No 207610 (also referred to as The Mark Benevolent Fund).

Trustees: *Ex officio* Trustees Mr Robert Andrew Stokes (Provincial Grand Master for the Northants & Hunts Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons), Mr Brian John Elliott (Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Northants & Hunts Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons (1st January- 5 June 2021), Mr John David Sowerby (Provincial Grand Secretary (January – 5 June 2021 and as Deputy Provincial Grand Master 6 June – 31 December)) Mr. Stephen Keith Hewitt (Provincial Grand Secretary 5 June -31 December 2021) and elected member Mr Brian Ennever were the appointed Trustees during the financial year covered by this report.

Selection of Trustees: The *Ex officio* Trustees are the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Chairman), the Provincial Grand Secretary of the Northants & Hunts Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and an elected member of the Association elected annually.

Activities & Achievements: During the year, the Association made two grants to Registered Charities totalling £1250 and donated the sum of £13,420.27 to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

Policies:

The Trustees review all requests for grants as and when received from the Members and/or their Lodges.

Trustees are required to disclose any conflicts of interest or potential conflict of interest.

The Trustees are elected annually.

An Annual General Meeting open to the Subscribing Members and a Representative of each Lodge within the Mark Province of Northants & Hunts is usually held on the first Saturday of June.

Declaration:

I declare that this report was approved by the Trustees on 15th August 2022 and that they have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.



J. J. Chambers

Secretary & Treasurer to the Northants & Hunts Mark Benevolent Association

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Mark Benevolent Association

**Income and Expenditure Account
for the Year Ended 31st December 2021**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire
Mark Benevolent Association**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 30/5/22

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Mark Benevolent Association

Statements of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

General Fund

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Alms - PGL/RSM	900.00		0.00	
Alms - RAM	297.00		0.00	
Donations - General	20,050.00		150.00	
Donations - Lodges	2,601.00		3,325.00	
Donations - Brethren	11,083.00		13,864.50	
Income Tax Recoverable	2,630.75		3,284.15	
Sales of ties & h/chiefs	546.70		20.00	
		38,108.45		20,643.65
Sale of Regalia		274.00		187.00
Sale of Festival badges		380.00		0.00
		38,762.45		20,830.65
Expenditure				
PGM LIST - MBF Festivals	0.00		0.00	
Charitable Donations	1,000.00		2,863.99	
Benevolent Donations to worthy causes	0.00		570.00	
Accountancy Charges	0.00		0.00	
Grants to Petitioners (Emergency)	0.00		0.00	
Transferred to Relief Chest	900.00		0.00	
Transferred to MBF	13,420.27		5,679.58	
Repay erroneous Lloyds bank payment	0.00		52.00	
Transfer to PGMLN&H	250.00		260.00	
Purchase MBF 2022 Festival Pins	400.00		0.00	
		15,970.27		9,425.57
Net Income/(Expenditure)		22,792.18		11,405.08
Total Fund brought forward		28,646.28		17,241.20
Total Fund carried forward		51,438.46		28,646.28

NOTE: Funds held for Petitioners - 31 December 2021 - £0.00 (2020 - £0.00)

Interest Fund

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Interest Received	1.95		0.53	
Total Income	0.00		4.99	
Expenditure				
Net Income	1.95		5.52	
Total Fund brought forward	10,428.58		10,423.06	
Total Fund carried forward	10,430.53		10,428.58	

Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire Mark Benevolent Association

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
Represented By:				
Debtor - HMRC Claim	2,632.70		3,284.15	
Lloyds Bank	<u>59,236.29</u>		<u>35,790.71</u>	
		61,868.99		39,074.86
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Notes to the Accounts:

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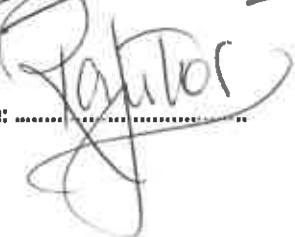
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The accounts were approved for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Mr J. J. Chambers (Secretary) 30/5/22 Date: 

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