

**Charity Registration Number:**  
**208177**

**OLDMASONIANS' BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND**  
**ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

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## OLD MASONIANS' BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND

### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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<b>Trustees</b>	Sir Richard Evans CBE G J Hart TD E G Meek A P F Foster T McArthur Green (resigned 28 February 2025) D J Wareham (appointed 1 March 2025) S R Greaves (appointed 1 March 2025)
<b>Charity name</b>	Old Masonians' Benevolent and Grant Fund
<b>Registered number</b>	208177
<b>Principal office</b>	201 Grove Lane Camberwell London SE5 8BP
<b>Bankers</b>	Santander UK Plc
<b>Independent examiner</b>	Stephen Simmons Accountancy Services
<b>Investment advisors</b>	Charles Stanley & Company Limited
<b>Investment nominee</b>	Pershing Securities Limited

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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

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#### **Objectives and Activities**

The objectives of the Fund are to assist former pupils of the Royal Masonic School for Boys by making grants or loans for whatever charitable purposes the Trustees consider appropriate.

#### **Public benefit**

The Trustees have complied with the Charities Act 2011 requiring them to have regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.

#### **Achievements and performance**

During the year The Old Masonians' Benevolent Fund made grants to eligible applicants of £9,232 (2024: £4,545). There were donations to outside charities of £nil (2024: £18,000).

#### **Financial Review**

The FTSE All- Share index at 28 February 2025 stood at 4,754 and on 29 February 2024 was 4,163, an increase of 14.2% (2024: decrease of 3.3%). The value of the fund's investments at market value on 28 February 2025 was £669,830 (2024: £650,543). Cash on hand increased from £44,957 to £54,342.

The net assets of the Charity as stated at cost on 28 February 2025 were £545,593 (2023: £563,524) which represented a decrease of 3.2% (2024: increase of 0.07%). This decrease was primarily the result of a decision to liquidate certain investments that had under-performed over a protracted period. Net assets as stated at market value increased by 4.1%.

#### **Investment powers and policy**

There are no restrictions on the powers of investment of the Charity. All investments are in holdings quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

The Investment Objective is for a Balanced Portfolio to generate a combination of growth and income.

As provided by the Trustee Act 2000 Section 16(1)(a), all quoted investments are held on behalf of the Trustees in the name of the Investment Nominee.

#### **Reserves policy**

There are no restrictions in the Trust Deed relating to Reserves and the Trustees are not restricted in the use of either capital or income in furtherance of the objectives of the Fund.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

##### **Governing document**

The Benevolent and Grant Fund is constituted by Trust Deeds dated 7 April 1893 and 31 July 1923 to be applied amongst members of the Old Masonians' Association who are ex pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys (subsequently known as the Royal Masonic School for Boys) for charitable purposes at the discretion of the Trustees. The Fund is approved by the Charity Commission and the Registered Number is 208177.

As provided by the Trustee Act 2000 Section 17(1), the Trust Deeds have been lodged with National Westminster Bank Plc, Oxford branch for safekeeping.

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##### **Organisation**

The number of Trustees shall not be less than three. The names for new Trustees are to be recommended by the Committee of the Old Masonians' Association and appointed by the remaining Trustees. T. McArthur Green resigned his trusteeship on 28 February 2025. Two new trustees were appointed on 1 March 2025, S R Greaves and D J Wareham.

##### **Risk management**

The Agreement with the Investment Advisors provides for advice to be based on medium risk, that is a mixture of UK Government or Investment Grade Bonds plus FTSE or equivalent Overseas Listed Investments.

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and review the systems to mitigate those risks on a regular basis. The Investment Advisors produce regular recommendations for consideration by the Trustees and undertake a comprehensive review of the investment portfolio at six monthly intervals.

Approved by the committee of Trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



**EG Meek**  
**Trustee**

## OLD MASONIANS' BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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I report on the accounts of the Charitable Trust for the year ended 28 February 2025, which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

This report is solely to the trustees. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

#### **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 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.

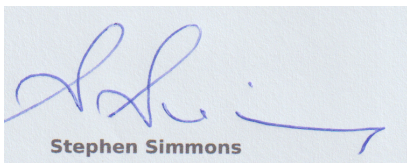
#### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

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 as 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 connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - To keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - To prepare accounts which accord with those records have not been met; or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Stephen Simmons

**25 June 2025**

Stephen Simmons  
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# **OLD MASONIANS' BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND**

## **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		<i>Unrestricted Funds</i>	
	<b>2025</b>		<i>2024</i>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts:</b>				
Dividends	<b>25,240</b>		24,025	
Other income			206	
Interest	<b>2,355</b>		3,129	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>27,595</b>		27,360
<b>Payments:</b>				
Charitable donations	<b>9,232</b>		22,545	
Accountancy	<b>500</b>		500	
Insurance	<b>96</b>		96	
Professional fees	<b>6,854</b>		6,789	
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>(16,682)</b>		(29,930)
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		<b>10,913</b>		(2,570)
<b>Other recognized gains</b>				
Realised gain/(loss) on disposal of investments	<b>(28,844)</b>		2,952	
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(17,931)</b>		382
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>563,524</b>		563,142
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>545,593</b>		563,524

Cash balances brought forward are £44,957, movement in cash balances are 9,385, with total cash balances carried forward of £54,342

## OLD MASONIANS' BENEVOLENT AND GRANT FUND

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Investments at cost		<b>491,251</b>		<i>518,567</i>
Investments at Market Value: £669,830 <i>2024: £650,543</i>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>54,342</b>		<i>44,957</i>	
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>54,342</b>		<i>44,957</i>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>545,593</b>		<i>563,524</i>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Unrestricted funds		<b>545,593</b>		<i>563,524</i>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>545,593</b>		<i>563,524</i>

Approved by the committee of Trustees on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and signed on their behalf by



**EG Meek**  
**Trustee**