

Report on Mark Benevolent Fund Accounts for the Year Ended 31st August 2022

Our income for the year was dominated by a substantial legacy of £25,000 from the Estate of Mrs Doreen M Allen, the widow of a former Mark Mason. This remains outstanding at present awaiting the grant of probate. Our usual sources of income showed an increase of some £1,200 following the resumption of the Annual Meeting in May 2022 which provided us with the usual collection. There remained an absence of fundraising activities but remittances from Lodges remained consistent with the previous year. There were delays in the income tax reclaim with the 2020/21 repayment received shortly after the year end and the 2021/22 claim will be submitted shortly.

The tragic death of the Assistant Grand Master, Steve Davison, saw a donation of £1,000 in his memory from Provincial Grand Masters of Mark Provinces. Our own donation, and monies from some Lodges, was added to this in donating to Rainbows Children's Hospice in Steve's memory.

Grants made in the year totalled a further £12,000 maintaining the very substantial increase of the previous year. This comprised the Mark Province's final contribution to the 2022 Craft Festival, a significant donation in support of the Ukrainian people and several local charities. Our own Fund continues to support Sister Provinces who are in Festival and this year it was West Yorkshire who benefitted. The Fund also supports the activities of our Provincial Almoner. The Trustees continue to look at supporting worthwhile local causes and would welcome suggestions from the brethren.

The surplus for the year has been added to the Unrestricted Funds brought forward which now total £50,838 the majority of which is represented by the legacy receivable and deposits held at the National Westminster and HSBC Banks and the Market Harborough Building Society.

I record my grateful thanks to the Account Examiners, W Bros Elliot Harris, and Christopher Packham.

W Bro Ian R Johnson

Provincial Grand Treasurer and Lead Trustee

28th January 2023

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND
REGISTERED CHARITY No 259979
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2022

	£	£	£
Income			
Donations received		3,905.50	
Collections		1,180.30	
Income tax reclaim		960.00	
Interest received		126.48	
Donations in memory of Steve Davison		1,100.00	
Legacy		25,000.00	
		<u>32,272.28</u>	
Expenditure			
Donations:			
L&R Festival Appeal 2022	3,000.00		2,000.00
Province of West Yorkshire	3,000.00		-
Rainbows in memory of Steve Davison	2,100.00		-
MBF Ukraine Appeal	2,000.00		-
Hospice Hope	1,000.00		-
Loughborough Wellbeing Centre	1,000.00		-
'Keep The Beat'	1,000.00		-
Handicapped Children Action Group	1,000.00		-
Province of East Lancashire	-		1,500.00
Province of Surrey	-		3,000.00
Lutterworth Town Estates	-		750.00
Peter Le Marchant Trust	-		7,000.00
	<u>-</u>	14,100.00	<u>-</u>
Assistance to Brethren		349.65	
Bank charges		40.00	
		<u>14,489.65</u>	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>£17,782.63</u>	

£

3,800.50

-

908.92

311.45

-

-

5,020.87

14,250.00

450.00

-

14,700.00

-£ 9,679.13

LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND MARK BENEVOLENT FUND
REGISTERED CHARITY No 259979
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2022

Unrestricted Funds

Benevolent Account

Balance as at 1st September 2021	33,055.77	42,734.90
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	17,782.63	- 9,679.13

£ 50,838.40

£33,055.77

Represented by bank balances:

National Westminster Bank plc	6,190.61	6,076.81
HSBC Bank plc	2,176.31	2,223.96
Market Harborough Building Society	15,981.48	30,855.00
Legacy receivable	25,000.00	-
Income tax recoverable	1,860.00	900.00
Creditors	- 370.00	- 7,000.00

£ 50,838.40

£33,055.77

Ian R Johnson, FCA,
Provincial Grand Treasurer
28th January 2023

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**Account Examiners' Report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2022
(Abridged)**

We the undersigned, having been appointed account examiners, report that we have examined the books and records maintained by the Treasurer, and confirm that the accounts as presented agree therewith.

In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention which has given us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records and prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met, or to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

W Bro ES Harris, Prov. G. M. O.

W Bro CG Packham, P. Prov. G. S. D.

Account Examiners

1st March 2023