

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SURREY BENEVOLENT FUND

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 282659

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Legal and Administrative

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund was Registered with the Charity Commission on 21 July 1981

Registered Charity No. 282659

Trustees at 31 August 2022 Ian Nelson Clark (Chairman) – whole year
John Vaughan Christopher French – whole year
Raymond Michael Scott Seeley – whole year
Richard John Knox – whole year

Principal address Buckleigh House, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Godalming, GU8 5DP

Bankers Lloyds Bank plc, 147 High Street, Guildford, GU1 3AG
and
Masonic Charitable Foundation, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

Independent Examiner Andrew G Sales, FCCA,
Gifford, Church Road, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 3JT

Structure, governance and management

The Governing document of the Charity is its Trust Deed dated 1 April 1981. The Trustees are the Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the senior Assistant Provincial Grand Master.

Objectives and activities, achievements and performance

Objectives

The objects of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey Benevolent Fund are for the relief of poor and distressed brother masons or their poor and distressed widows and children, or for the benefit of such other Masonic Charities or other Charitable Institutions and objects, whether within or without the Masonic Mark Province of Surrey.

Individual petitions for relief are considered and approved by the Provincial Benevolent Committee, which comprises the Trustees and such other members as are co-opted by the Provincial Grand Master. Other charitable causes are supported with his approval, and he also has discretion to deal with urgent cases out of a special fund maintained for that purpose.

Activities

The Mark Province of Surrey runs several fund raising events during a typical year, such as a golf event, Charity dinner dance, cricket match etc, on an *ad hoc* basis, principally for Mark Masons, their relatives and friends. In the year to August 2021, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the number of events was severely curtailed. The focus of the Province for the Financial Year was the culmination of its 2022 Festival for the Mark Benevolent Fund, with the conclusion of the Festival at the Festival event on 1st July 2022, at which the total amount donated for the Festival of £1,002,022 was announced.

Achievements and Performance

During the year, net receipts into all funds totalled £98,905 (2021, £19,440). Significant donations were made to the Mark Benevolent Fund totalling £111,327 (2021, £12,945). There was one donation to a non-Masonic charity of £1,000 (2021, none). There were no donations to other Masonic charities (2021 one of £250).

The members of the Province are proud of the achievement of its Festival raising over £1 million for the Mark Benevolent Fund and the many worthwhile Charities which it supports.

Section 4, The Charities Act 2006

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty set out in Section 4, The Charities Act 2006, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

General Data Protection Regulations

The Charity's procedures in respect of Data Protection continue to be reviewed in line with advice given by Mark Grand Lodge.

Financial review

The Benevolent Fund has had no costs except bank charges. The Trustees and fund raisers make no charges to the Charity. The costs of fund-raising events are met out of the proceeds of those events. Other costs are met from the General Fund of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Surrey, which is itself funded by subscriptions received from Surrey Mark Masons.

Funds held by the Fund are held in its account with Lloyds Bank plc, and under Relief Chest Accounts at The Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Approval

The Trustees' report and accounts were approved at a meeting of the Trustees held on 23 November 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



I N Clark, Provincial Grand Master and Trustee



J V C French, Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Trustee

23 November 2022

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the 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
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 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 accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



Andrew G Sales

Relevant professional qualification or body:

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Gifford, Church Road, Great Bookham, Leatherhead, KT23 3JT

23 January 2023.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2022

	This year			Last year		
	Unres- tricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Unres- tricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Donations:						
General	3,616	24,029	27,645	947	3,524	4,471
Mark Province of Surrey		30,000	30,000			
Masonic Provinces & units		17,300	17,300		3,000	3,000
Gift aided donations	1,116	-	1,116	1,281	2,067	3,348
Income tax recoverable	310	1,294	1,604	323	657	980
Golf day	9,473	-	9,473			
Cricket matches	1,690	-	1,690			-
Sundry events and activities		6,321	6,321		1,062	1,062
Charity Dinner Dance		3,300	3,300			
Regalia sales		1,000	1,000			
Raffle			-		1,145	1,145
Bonus ball competition		7,131	7,131		10,679	10,679
Cartridge recycling				40		40
Interest receivable	6		6	10	2	12
Total Incoming Resources	16,211	90,375	106,586	2,601	22,136	24,737
Resources expended						
Fundraising costs :						
Bonus ball prizes		1,720	1,720		5,249	5,249
Cricket costs	1,020		1,020			
Golf day costs	4,918		4,918			
Bank charges	23		23	48		48
Charitable activities :			-			-
Grants to support institutions and their aims:			-			
Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF)		108,290	108,290		12,945	12,945
MBF Ukraine appeal		2,037	2,037			
Other Masonic Charities			-	250	-	250
Other Charities	1,000		1,000	-		-
Total resources expended	6,961	112,047	119,008	298	18,194	18,492
Net incoming (outgoing) resources	9,250	(21,672)	(12,422)	2,303	3,942	6,245
Transfer to Festival Fund	(12,259)	12,259				
Total funds brought forward	8,378	9,413	17,791	6,075	5,471	11,546
Total funds carried forward	5,369	(0)	5,369	8,378	9,413	17,791

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2022

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets

	This year		Last year	
	£	£	£	£
Debtors		679		689
Short term deposits		1,045		11,131
Cash at bank		4,165		15,606
		<u>5,889</u>		<u>27,426</u>

Less				
Creditors	520		220	
Bonus ball profits to be paid over	-		5,249	
Players' funds held for bonus ball games	-		4,166	
		<u>520</u>		<u>9,635</u>

Net Assets

		<u>5,369</u>		<u>17,791</u>
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Unrestricted income Funds

General Benevolent Fund		2,223		5,033
Provincial Grand Master's Fund		3,146		3,345
		<u>5,369</u>		<u>8,378</u>

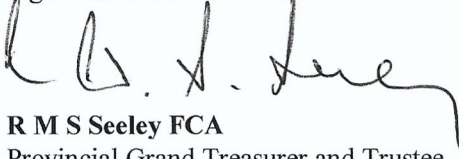
Restricted Funds

Mark Benevolent Fund 2022 Festival		-		9,413
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Total Funds of the Charity

		<u>5,369</u>		<u>17,791</u>
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees



R M S Seeley FCA

Provincial Grand Treasurer and Trustee

23 January 2023