

The Charity Report

We are now emerging from the pandemic and things seem to be getting back to somewhere near normal.

At our last AGM the Provincial Grand Master requested that each Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodge consider a donation from one meeting to the Mark Benevolent Fund (MBF) We have had a tremendous response from Lodges the result being that many of them have achieved Grand Patron and beyond.

I am very mindful that it's the Lodges decision where to place their charitable donations but it would be fantastic to see all our Lodges at the Grand Patron level as this would also give the Middlesex Mark Province Grand Patron status.

A thing to remember should your Lodge donate to the MBF the sum goes towards their honorifics but can also be allocated to one of the province's that are in Festival at the same time.

The MMBF fund is very healthy at the moment which enables us to continue supporting our members through difficult times and charities, particularly the three Hospices we have supported for years.

Disbursements of £5,000 have been made to each of the three Hospices since the 31st March 2022. As the Hospices are still finding it very difficult we are actively looking to involve the MBF with some larger projects.

Thanks go to Victor Burton who organises and runs the Bonus Ball Game, which continues to raise money for the Province and to date has raised over £11,000 since it was launched in October 2018. We urge all Lodges to consider joining in. For £1 per week (£10 for 10 weeks) a prize of £30 each week is paid to the successful member with the balance going to our Community Fund. Forms are available on our website.

The Community Fund enables us to deliver immediate assistance when required to our members and smaller good causes that do not have charitable status. If any Lodge knows of such a deserving cause, please let us know.

Headley O'Brien Provincial Grand Charity Steward.
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Middlesex Mark Benevolent Fund

(Registered Charity No. 285682)

	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st March 2022	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>

General Fund

Interest	5.80	40
Donations including Gift Aid	275,340.00	186,889
Bonus Ball and other income	<u>1,768.98</u>	<u>2,920</u>
	277,114.78	189,849
Expenses		
Donations and grants	<u>(34,500.00)</u>	<u>(27,800)</u>
Surplus/(deficit) for period	242,614.78	162,049
Accumulated Fund as at 31st March 2020	<u>186,964.65</u>	<u>24,916</u>
Accumulated Fund as at 31st March 2021	<u>429,579.43</u>	<u>186,965</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

General Fund	<u>429,579.43</u>	<u>186,965</u>
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Represented by		
Cash at bank	68,944.98	17,851
Relief Chest	360,503.95	168,983
Due from Provincial Grand Lodge	130.50	131
	<u>429,579.43</u>	<u>186,965</u>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

P D Warner - Chairman

M J Hickman-Ashby - Treasurer

Report of the Audit Committee

The above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account have been examined by us by reference to the underlying books, vouchers and other relevant records, and are in accordance therewith.

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