

# Trustees' Annual Report

For the period ending 5th April 2024

## References and Administration Details

**Charity Name:** Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent Charity

**Fund Other Names:** Kent Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund Kent Mark Benevolent Fund

**Registered Number.** 294182

**Principle Address** 72 Charlton Avenue, Broadstairs, Kent CTIO 1 BB

### Trustees:

Frederick Brown (Chair)  
Dr John Peter Shervington  
Alan Short  
Howard Francis Doe  
David William Walter Stiff  
Peter Derek Lapage  
Leslie Arthur Chapman

## Structure, Governance and Management

Governed by a Trust Deed dated 29th January 1986. The Fund is constituted as a Trust and the Trustees are elected by the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Kent

## Objectives and Activities

The object of the Charity, as set out in the governing document, is to provide relief to poor and distressed brother masons, or their poor and distressed widows and children, or for the benefit of Masonic charities or other charitable institutions, societies, or objects.

During the year under review, grants were made of E5,520.00

## Achievements and Performance

Donations to the Fund (by members) have seen a slight increase from 2022.

The attendance at our members meetings has improved post Covid19, although the overall member numbers of the organisation continue to reduce overall. It is the members who wholly contribute to the fund. Grants approved this year are lower than previous years, but projected grants for 2023-24 are higher, and this year is only one of consolidation.

**Reserve Policy**

The usual policy of the Fund is to maintain a reserve which represents between 18 months and 24 months of annual income.

**Exceptions**

None

**Declaration**

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signature:

Name: Frederick Brown

Position: Chair

# Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent - Accounts for the period ended 5th April 2024

## Income and Expenditure Account - "KMBF"

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
£	£	£	£
Donations Received		GM Key Stone Fund	15,930
5,268 Individual (Incl RCS)	8,101	Grants & Donations	
8,964 Lodges (Incl RCS)	14,213	Miscellaneous Grants & Donations	20,550
2,040 Envelopes & Cash (PGL & Sesqui)		West Yorkshire 2023 Festival	
1,000 Other Income (Prov deposit 101895)	443	Cheshire 2024 Festival	3,000
105 Amazon Smile	69	Members Benevolence	
251 Sales of Merchandise		Welfare	565
2023 Festival Badges	270	Worthy Causes	
2024 Festival Badges	570	Sundry Expenses/Administration	
Sesquicentenary Jewels	150	Duke of Kent Court	
1,450 Regalia Exchange	1,700	Sundry	
David Stiff APGM Retirement	400	Cricket Donations & Expenses	
Unknown deposit	250	2022 Cricket	400
Sponsorships		Merchandise	1,000
2022 Cricket	100	Relief Chest TRF	
475 2023 Cricket	325	Fund Raising events	
2024 Cricket	75	2022 Family Lunch	
Trafalgar Night	100	2023 Family Lunch	
Robin Evans: Paris cycle trip	465	2024 Family Lunch	
1,450 Match Funding income		2024 Trafalgar Night (Band)	100
87 Relief Chest interest	243	Rounding adjustment	1
3,870 Relief Chest income			
1,959 Gift Aid Claimed/Received	2,603		
Fund Raising events			
2,435 2022 Family Lunch			
175 2023 Family Lunch (incl Raffle)	452		
2024 Family Lunch	703		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		18,197	Surplus/(Deficit) for the year
29,529	31,232	29,529	(10,314)
			31,232

## Balance Sheet - "KMBF"

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Assets</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
85,990 At 5th April	104,672	92,014 Bank Current Account	71,551
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(10,314)	9,479 MCF Relief Chest Scheme - M2079	13,406
		589 MCF Relief Chest Scheme - M2117	
		Debtors:	
		Mark Province of Kent	
		Loan	7,269
		Province Gen Fund - Deposit 101895	443
		Province Gen Fund - Festival Badge sales	380
		Province Co-Op Bank	
		2022 Family Lunch	1,980
		2023 Family Lunch	105
		2023 Cricket sponsorship	125
18,682	94,358		95,259
104,672			
<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
0 Held in trust for Petitioners	0	Sundry Creditors	
		Cricket 2023	826
		Cricket 2024	75
104,672	94,358		94,358

*M Burkett*

Malcom Burkett PGJO  
Provincial Grand Treasurer

*PD Lapage*

Peter D Lapage PProvGTreas  
"KMBF" Treasurer (Co-opted)

## Report of the Examiners

We have examined the accounts of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent Charity Fund ("KMBF") as set out above and certify that they are in accordance with the books, vouchers and explanations given to us. We have also verified the existence of the funds held at the period end. In our opinion, the said accounts give a true and fair view of the transactions for the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent Charity Fund ("KMBF") for the year ended 5th April 2024.

*DJ Pugh*

D.J. Pugh PGJO

*NJ Alder*

N.J. Alder FCA

*CJ Hind*

C.J. Hind PProvGSwdB