

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period ending 5th April 2025

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 Carlton 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 £4803.00.

Achievements and Performance

Donations to the Fund (by members) have seen a welcome increase from 2024 although donations from Lodges are a little down.

The attendance at our members meetings has continue to improved post Covid, although the overall member numbers of the organisation continue to slightly reduce overall. It is the members who wholly contribute to the fund. Grants approved this year have however approved significantly over the previous year.

Reserve Policy

The usual policy of the Fund is to maintain a reserve which represents between 18 months and 24 months of annual income. This is likely to be relaxed in the current year to enable a more flexible approach.

Exceptions

None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Signature: *Frederick Brown*

Name: Frederick Brown

Position: Chair

Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent - Accounts for the period ended 5th April 2025

Income and Expenditure Account - "KMBF"

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
£	£	£	£
<u>Donations:</u>			
8,101 Individual (Incl RCS)	12,839	15,930 GM Key Stone Fund	4,070
14,213 Lodges (Incl RCS)	11,386	<u>Grants & Donations:</u>	
243 Relief Chest interest	600	20,550 Miscellaneous Grants & Donations	31,138
Match Funding income	850	3,000 Cheshire 2024 Festival	
RCS MMM2117 oBal	10	<u>Members Benevolence:</u>	
<u>Sponsorships:</u>		565 Welfare	4,803
500 Cricket	900	Worthy Causes	
465 Robin Evans: Paris cycle trip	461	Sundry Expenses/Administration	
Trafalgar Night	750	400 2022 Cricket	
GLMMM Grant income	2,943	2024 Cricket venue hire (Metropolitan Police)	812
<u>Fund Raising events:</u>		1,000 Merchandise (Festival Badges)	2,500
100 Trafalgar Night	4,742	<u>Fund Raising events:</u>	
1155 Family Lunch	3,501	2024 Family Lunch	4,414
<u>Other Income:</u>		2024 Trafalgar Night (Dining)	1,460
2,603 Gift Aid Claimed/Received	670	2024 Trafalgar Night (Band)	
1,700 Regalia Exchange	2,750	2024 Trafalgar Night (Wine prize)	180
840 Festival Badges	2,500	PGM Discretionary Fund Grant	
150 Sesquicentenary Jewels		Mark Province of Kent asset w/off	10,302
443 Other Income (Prov deposit 101895)			
69 Amazon Smile			
400 David Stiff APM Retirement			
250 Unknown deposit			
Mark Province of Kent liability w/off	901		
		1 Rounding adjustment	14
		(10,314) Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(13,891)
<u>31,232</u>	<u>45,803</u>	<u>31,232</u>	<u>45,803</u>

Balance Sheet - "KMBF"

<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>Assets</u>		<u>Assets</u>	
104,672 At 5th April	94,358	71,551 Bank Current Account	70,681
(10,314) Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(13,891)	13,406 MCF Relief Chest Scheme - M2079	10,972
CO-OP Bank	7,275	CO-OP Bank	3,086
		<u>Debtors:</u>	
		Mark Province of Kent General Fund	3,003
		7,269 Loan	
		443 Province Gen Fund - Deposit 101895	
		380 Province Gen Fund - Festival Badge sales	
		1,980 2022 Family Lunch	
		105 2023 Family Lunch	
		125 2023 Cricket sponsorship	
<u>94,358</u>	<u>87,742</u>	<u>95,259</u>	<u>87,742</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
0 Held in trust for Petitioners		Sundry Creditors	
		826 Cricket 2023	
		75 Cricket 2024	
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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 2025.

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