

RAOB Grand Lodge of Northern Ireland Charitable Trust
Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31st December 2017

The Trustees present their annual report of RAOB Grand Lodge of Northern Ireland Charitable Trust for the year from 1st January 2017 to 31st December 2017. The Trustees who served during the year, and up to the date of this report, are as follows;

Louis Sterrett (Chairperson)
Walter Ashe
Owen Seenan
Cecil Martin
Joseph Martin

Objectives and Activities

Policies and objectives

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the charity commission relating to public benefit.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the RAOB Grand Lodge of Northern Ireland Charitable Trust are to relieve the poverty of necessitous members, widows and orphans or dependents of the deceased brethren. To advance citizenship and community development by supporting such external philanthropic charitable objects as deemed desirable.

Individual lodges have continued to have functions and to fundraise throughout the year to raise funds for the chosen annual charity.

Achievements and performance

Review of activities

RAOB Grand Lodge of Northern Ireland Charitable Trust continues to support relief of stress, financial hardship and relief of poverty for its beneficiaries. In addition a chosen charity has once again benefitted from the funds raised by individual lodges.

Financial review

Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Financial review

The results for the financial year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 5.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

The constitution of the charity states that the affairs of the charity are to be directed by the the Officers, to include five serving Trustees.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

Plans for future periods

Future developments

The charity hopes to continue to support the stress , financial hardship and poverty of its brethren and also to fundraise on behalf of its supported charities.

Funds held as custodian

No funds are held as custodian on behalf of others.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

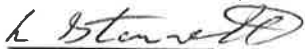
The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 29th October 2018 and signed on their behalf by:



Louis Sterrett
Chairperson of Trustees