

# Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102549

## Details

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**Known as** C&DMCC;

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-03-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** Relieve poverty amongst widows of Freemasons, relatives of Freemasons or Freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship and who were or are subscribing Members of Lodges within the Cary & Dunluce District as defined by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim. At its discretion, The Charity Committee can provide financial assistance for other exclusively charitable purposes as defined in the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

**What the charity does:** The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of education, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage, Other charitable purposes

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information, Education/training, General charitable purposes, Relief of poverty

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Men, Older people, Physical disabilities, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Unemployed/low income, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,974	£32,016	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Alistair J Mckay		
Mr Andrew Bingham		
Mr David Wray		
Mr Jason Craig		
Mr Jeffery Morrow		
Mr Leonard F Quigg		
Mr Martin Mclean		
Mr Sam Morton		
Mr Vincent Francis		

**Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102549

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# Accounts

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations & HMRC Gift Aid refund	1	20,370	-	-
Fundraising activities	2	10,038	-	-
Regalia	3	-	-	-
Bank Interest		566	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>30,974</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Donations to charities	4	30,009	-	-
Fundraising expenses	5	1,805	-	-
Governance costs	6	202	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>32,016</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>		<b>(1,042)</b>		
Funds brought forward 2023		32,561		
<b>Funds carried forward 2024</b>		<b>31,519</b>		

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

at 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>			
Bank and Cash at start of year	32,561	-	-
Net movement in funds	(1,042)	-	-
Bank and Cash at end of year	<b>31,519</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
No 1 Account 31.12.2024	30,641	31,947
No 2 Account 31.12.2024	878	614
	<b>31,519</b>	<b>32,561</b>

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

*John Gault*  
John Gault - Chairman

*Vincent T Francis*  
Vincent T Francis - Treasurer

Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee - NIC102549  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1	<b><u>Donations &amp; Gift Aid refund</u></b>	£
	Craft	11,620
	RAC	3,375
	CofKM	445
	Preceptory	800
	Gift Aid (HMRC tax refund)	4,030
	Interest	566
	Committee Admin donations	100
		<u>20,936</u>
2	<b><u>Fundraising Activities</u></b>	
	Annual Church Service	1,023
	Charity Breakfast	4,015
	Air Ambulance NI	5,000
		<u>10,038</u>
3	<b><u>Regalia</u></b>	
	Victoria Jubilee Masonic Ben Fund jewels	-
	Past Chairman's jewels	-
		<u>-</u>
4	<b><u>Donations to Charities</u></b>	
	Belfast Masonic Charity Fund	3,182
	Cancer Research UK	1,150
	Teddies for Loving Care (TLC)	540
	Victoria Jubilee Benevolent & Welfare Fund	13,980
	Joseph Karmel Benevolent Fund	50
	Chest, Heart & Stroke NI	1,250
	NI Perinatal Unit	2,127
	Belfast Masonic Widows Fund	480
	Angel Wishes	1,150
	RNLI	400
	Air Ambulance NI	5,000
	Age Concern NI	700
		<u>30,009</u>
5	<b><u>Fundraising Expenses</u></b>	
	Annual Church Service	250
	Bushfoot Golf Club	1,555
		<u>1,805</u>
6	<b><u>Governance costs</u></b>	
	Secretary's expenses	-
	Trustee Insurance	202
		<u>202</u>

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No Governance costs were incurred during the year as the Independent Examiner provided their services free.

**Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102549

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# Accounts

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**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations & HMRC Gift Aid refund	1	19,191	-	-
Fundraising activities	2	8,717	-	-
Regalia	3	-	-	-
Bank Interest		-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>27,908</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Donations to charities	4	1,650	-	-
Fundraising expenses	5	1,315	-	-
Governance costs	6	190	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>3,155</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>		<b>24,753</b>		
Funds brought forward 2022		7,808		
<b>Funds carried forward 2023</b>		<b>32,561</b>		

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

at 31st December 2023

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<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>			
Bank and Cash at start of year	7,808	-	-
Net movement in funds	24,753	-	-
Bank and Cash at end of year	<b>32,561</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Bank & Cash Balances**

No 1 Account	31,947
No 2 Account	614
	<b>32,561</b>

Approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Alistair J McKay

Alistair J McKay - Chairman

Vincent T Francis

Vincent T Francis - Treasurer

**Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee - NIC102549**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Donations, Interest &amp; Gift Aid refund</u></b>	£
	Craft	10,797
	RAC	3,331
	Council	395
	Preceptory	800
	Gift Aid (HMRC tax refund)	3,552
	Interest	186
	Committee Admin donations	130
		<u>19,191</u>
		<u>19,191</u>
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Fundraising Activities</u></b>	
	Annual Church Service	1,215
	NI Perinatal Unit	2,127
	Charity Breakfast	3,485
	Pancreatic Cancer UK	500
	PGM Age NI	700
	TLC	290
	RNLI	400
		<u>8,717</u>
		<u>8,717</u>
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Regalia</u></b>	
	Victoria Jubilee Masonic Ben Fund jewels	
	Past Chairman's jewels	
		<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Donations to Charities</u></b>	
	Grand Master Vision 2020	1,150
	Pancreatic Cancer UK	500
		<u>1,650</u>
		<u>1,650</u>
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Fundraising Expenses</u></b>	
	Annual Church Service (Lodge 607)	100
	Bushfoot Golf Club	1,215
		<u>1,315</u>
		<u>1,315</u>
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Governance costs</u></b>	
	Secretary's expenses	-
	Trustee Insurance	190
		<u>190</u>
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**Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee**

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# Annual report

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# CARY & DUNLUCE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE



## Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Receipts and Payments & Assets and Liabilities

for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: NIC 102549

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## Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee

### References and Administrative details

**Charity name:** Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee

**Charity Commission for Northern Ireland number:** NIC 102549

**HMR&C Registered number:** XN47767

**Contact details:** Freemasons Hall  
38 Main Street  
Bushmills  
Co Antrim  
BT57 8QA

**Email:** carydunlucecharity@gmail.com

#### Principal Office Bearers & Trustees

**Chairman:** Mr. Alistair McKay  
**Vice Chairman:** Mr. Jack Gault  
**Treasurer:** Mr. Vincent Francis  
**Secretary:** Mr. Jason Craig  
**Gift Aid Secretary:** Mr. Andrew Bingham  
Mr. Martin McLean  
Mr. Jeffery Morrow  
Mr. David Wray

**Bankers:** Ulster Bank  
30 The Diamond  
Coleraine  
BT52 1DP

**Independent Examiner:** Wendy Barr FCA

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

The trustees present the Annual Report and Statements of Receipts and Payments and Assets and Liabilities for Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The principal function of the Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee is to raise funds through the various Masonic organisations situated within its District. It does so by promoting the benefits of fundraising to the Lodges, assisting them with collecting information about potential beneficiaries, identifying other sources of Income for those beneficiaries, such as rate rebates or other forms of Income support. It does this through dedicated individuals within each Lodge. Potential beneficiaries are identified by the respective lodge and application forms completed and forwarded to the District Provincial Officer for review. The forms are then collated and forwarded to the respective fund. The Committee receives all funds raised by the lodge, collates, claims tax relief and distributes to respective Masonic Funds for distribution to beneficiaries.

Relieve poverty amongst widows of Freemasons, relatives of Freemasons or Freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship and who were or are subscribing Members of Lodges within the Cary & Dunluce District as defined by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Antrim.

At its discretion, The Charity Committee can provide financial assistance for other exclusively charitable purposes as defined in the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The Committee, through its respective lodges and with public support, raised funds totaling £3,485 (less expenses of £1,215) by holding a fundraising Charity Breakfast on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Bushfoot Golf Club, Portballintrae. The funds raised were divided equally £1,150 each to:

- i) Prostate Cancer UK
- and
- ii) Angel Wishes.

Through the Committee Lodges within Cary & Dunluce raised a total of £4,017 for the following charities: Age NI - £700, NI Perinatal Unit - £2,127, Pancreatic Cancer UK - £500, RNLI - £400 and TLC - £290.

All the aforementioned are non-masonic charities.

It should be noted that the accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, and therefore some amounts will not be reflected in the 2023 accounts due to banking timings.

### **Financial Review**

The Committee received £14,204 in Gift Aid contributions and £1,119 in Non-Gift Aid contributions and claimed £3,552 from HMRC by way of Gift Aid refund for the year. The Committee distributed £18,391 to six Masonic Charities, the main recipient of which was the Victoria Jubilee Benevolent & Welfare Fund.

The Committee intends to distribute as much of its receipts as possible less expenses. It is not intending to levy any costs on Lodges for administration as it has sufficient funds within its Committee Account to meet those costs for the foreseeable future.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Committee can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2023 can be signed off as a going concern.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### **Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity**

The Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee is governed by the Constitution and Rules as amended and adopted at a meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2016 at the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Bushmills and last amended on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)**

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules the members as defined in that Constitution appoint annually the following to the Board of Trustees.

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Gift Aid Secretary
- Registrar
- Events Promoter

### **Pay and Remuneration**

The Charity Committee does not pay or remunerate any Trustee or member of the Committee.

### **Organisational Structure**

The governance, strategy, management, and administration of The Charity Committee is the responsibility of a Board of Trustees elected in accordance with the constitution to act as trustees of the funds of The Charity Committee. The Committee meets four times per year and on any other occasion deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

The Charity Committee has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Charity Committee's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Committee's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Signed on behalf of the Trustees**

**Chairman:** Mr Alistair McKay *A J McKay* Date: 23rd September 2024

**Secretary:** Mr Jason Craig *J Craig* Date: 23rd September 2024

**Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102549

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report  
to the  
Charity Trustees  
of  
Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee - NIC102549**

I report on the accounts of the Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*Wendy Barr*

Wendy Barr FCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Chartered Accountants Ireland

Address: 14 Ferniskey Park, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT42 3LL

Date: 22 August 2024

**Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102549

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# Accounts

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS - Year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations & HMRC Gift Aid refund	1	24,971	-	-	24,971	17,919
Fundraising activities	2	4,714	-	-	4,714	5,650
Insurance Refund	3	145	-	-	145	249
Bank Interest		15	-	-	15	17
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>29,845</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,845</b>	<b>23,835</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Donations to charities	4	28,844	-	-	28,844	21,920
Fundraising expenses	5	1,437	-	-	1,437	1,794
		-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs	6	160	-	-	160	896
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>30,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,441</b>	<b>24,610</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>		(596)				
Funds brought forward 2019		10,062				
Funds carried forward 2020		9,466				

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

at 31st December 2019

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	10,062	-	-	10,062	10,837
Net movement in funds	(596)	-	-	(596)	(775)
Bank and Cash at end of year	<b>9,466</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,466</b>	<b>10,062</b>

Bank & Cash Balances

No 1 Account	8,825
No 2 Account	641
	<b>9,466</b>

Approved by the trustees on 11th November 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

*LF Quigg*

Leonard F Quigg - Chairman

*Alistair J McKay*

Alistair McKay - Treasurer

**CARY & DUNLUCE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE – NIC102549**

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019**

<b>1</b>	<b><u>Donations &amp; HMR&amp;C Gift Aid refund</u></b>	£
	Craft	9,066
	RAC	2,900
	CofKM	510
	Preceptory	2,540
	Gift Aid	3,216
	Direct donations by Lodges	6,746
	Committee Admin donations	140
	Interest	15
		<u>25,132</u>
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Fundraising Activities</u></b>	
	Annual Church Service	1,177
	Charity Breakfast	3,537
		<u>4,714</u>
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Regalia</u></b>	
	Victoria Jubilee Masonic Ben Fund jewels	-
	Past Chairman's jewel	-
		<u>-</u>
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Donations to Charities</u></b>	
	Belfast Masonic Charity Fund	7,100
	Masonic Welfare Fund	25
	Harold McMaster Taggart Fund	400
	Orphans Welfare Committee	60
	Victoria Jubilee Masonic Ben. Fund	12,609
	Teddies for Loving Care	
	Simon Osbourne Air Ambulance NI	1,000
	Boom Foundation (Lodge 330)	5,000
	Ballymoney Community CAP & Ballymoney Food Bank (Lodge 57)	200
	Causeway Downs Syndrome Association	1,100
	Air Ambulance NI (Lodge 17)	1,100
	Gateway Club (Lodge 1008)	250
		<u>28,844</u>
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Fundraising Expenses</u></b>	
	Annual Church Service expense	100
	Magheraboy House Hotel, Portrush	1,337
		<u>1,437</u>
<b>6</b>	<b><u>Governance costs</u></b>	
	Secretary's expenses	-
	Charity Trustee Insurance	160
		<u>160</u>

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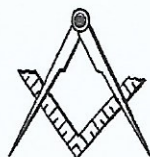
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# Annual report

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# CARY & DUNLUCE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE



## Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Receipts and Payments & Assets and Liabilities

for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

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number:** NIC 102549

**Registered with HMR&C reference  
number:** XN47767

**Contact details:** Mr Andrew N Bingham  
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**Email:** carydunlucecharity@gmail.com

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Chairman:	Mr Leonard F Quigg	Trustee
Vice Chairman:	Mr David Wray	Trustee
Treasurer:	Mr Alistair J McKay	Trustee
Secretary:	Mr Jason Craig	Trustee
Gift Aid Secretary:	Mr Andrew N Bingham	Trustee
	Mr Martin McLean	Trustee
	Mr Jeffery Morrow	Trustee

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**Independent Examiner:** Mr Vincent Francis

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### **Achievements, Performance & Public Benefit**

The Committee through its respective lodges and with public support, raised funds totalling £3,537.00 (less expenses of £1,137.00) by holding a fundraising Charity Breakfast on the 9.11.2018 at Magherabouy House Hotel, Portrush. The funds raised were divided equally (£1,100.00 each) to:

- i) Simon Osborne Air Ambulance  
and
- ii) Downs Syndrome.

The Committee also through its respective lodges donated £5,000.00 to the Boom Foundation, £150.00 to TLC and £250.00 to the Gateway Club

All of the aforementioned are non-masonic charities.

### **Financial Review**

- The Committee received £12,817 in Gift Aid contributions and £2,100 in Non-Gift Aid contributions and claimed £3,215 from HMRC by way of Gift Aid refund for the year. The Committee distributed £19,794 to four Masonic Charities, the main recipient of which was the Victoria Jubilee Masonic Benevolent Fund.
- The Committee intends to distribute as much of its receipts as possible less expenses. It is not intending to levy any costs on Lodges for administration as it has sufficient funds within its Committee Account to meet those costs for the foreseeable future.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have reviewed the budgets for the year ahead, and are satisfied that there are adequate funds in place to ensure that the Committee can continue its activities and the financial statements for the year ended 2019 can be signed off as a going concern.

## Structure, Governance and Management

### **Governing Document and Constitution of the Charity**

The Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee is governed by the Constitution and Rules as amended and adopted at a meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2016 at the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Bushmills and last amended on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Committee Members (Trustees)**

In accordance with the Constitution and Rules the members as defined in that Constitution appoint annually the following to the Board of Trustees.

- Chairman
- Vice Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Gift Aid Secretary
- Registrar
- Events Promoter

### **Pay and Remuneration**

The Charity Committee does not pay or remunerate any Trustee or member of the Committee.

### **Organisational Structure**

The governance, strategy, management and administration of The Charity Committee is the responsibility of a Board of Trustees elected in accordance with the constitution to act as trustees of the funds of The Charity Committee. The Committee meet four times per year and on any other occasion deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

### **Compliance with Public Benefit**

The Charity Committee has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve The Charity Committee's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the statement of receipts and payments and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland with Income less than £250,000 requires the trustees to prepare a statement of receipts and payments and a statement of assets and liabilities for each financial year.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Committee's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Signed on behalf of the Trustees**

Chairman: Mr Leonard F Quigg *L F Quigg* Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Secretary: Mr Jason Craig *J Craig* Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Cary and Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102549

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# Annual return

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**Independent Examiner's Report  
to the  
Charity Trustees  
of  
Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee - NIC102549**

I report on the accounts of the Cary & Dunluce Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31 December 2019, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 65(9) (b) of the Charities Act
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

*Vincent Tony Francis*

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Date:	18 November 2021