

Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102862

Details

Known as ST & MMCC

Status Received

Registered 2016-01-18

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

Contact

Address Masonic Hall
103 Mill Street
Ballymena
County Antrim
BT43 5ad
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Phone 07475721383

Activities

Purposes: The objects of 'The Charity Committee' shall be to:- Relieve poverty amongst widows of freemasons, relatives of Freemasons or Freemasons who are experiencing financial hardship and who were are subscribing Members of Lodges within the Seven Towers and Massereene 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 relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

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	£37,201	£30,675	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Barr		
Allen Mercer		
George Peden		
Hugo Swan		
Joey Douglas		
Sam Eccles		

Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102862

Accounts

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Seven Towers and
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Independent examiner's statement

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4/7/2025

Vincent Tony Francis FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 34 Millbrooke Manor, Ballymoney, BT53 7HX Date: 04th July 2025



Charity Committee



Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2024

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Total Assets	<u>£ 11,382</u>	<u>£ 4,855</u>		
Reserves				
Opening Balance	£ 4,855	£ 4,417		
Surplus/deficiency for period	£ 6,526	£ 438		
Closing Balance	<u>£ 11,382</u>	<u>£ 4,855</u>		



Charity Committee Receipts & Payments Account



2024

2023

Donations received from Lodges,	
Chapters, personal & fundraising activities etc	£ 30,012
HMRC Gift Aid	£ 6,677
Interest Received	£ 27
Admin Fees	£ 485

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Chapters, personal & fundraising activities etc	£ 31,374
HMRC Gift Aid	£ 4,818
Interest Received	£ 17
Admin Fees	£ 535

Total Receipts £ 37,201

Total Receipts £ 36,743

Payments to:

Expenses	£ -
Bank Charges	£ 60
J.K. Fund	£ 500
H.McM.T. Fund	£ 1,000
B.M.Wid.Fund	£ 700
M.Wel. Fund	£ 7,000
V.J. Fund	£ -
M. Orphans	£ -
B.M.C.Fund	£ 18,000
R.M.Fund	£ -
WOMEN'S AID ABLCN	£ 3,055
Craigs Parish	£ 160
Insurance	£ 200

Payments to:

Expenses	£ 20
Bank Charges	£ 65
J.K. Fund	£ 300
H.McM.T. Fund	£ 500
B.M.Wid.Fund	£ 1,000
M.Wel. Fund	£ 200
V.J. Fund	£ 9,000
M. Orphans	£ 800
B.M.C.Fund	£ 19,800
R.M.Fund	£ -
Macmillan Cancer Support	£ 1,000
UKRAINE (G.L. & LOCAL)	£ -
Craigs Parish	£ 210
Insurance	£ 170
AGENI (PGL)	£ 3,240
	£ -
	£ -

Total Payments £ 30,675

Total Payments £ 36,305

Surplus/deficiency for year £ 6,526

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 21st June 2024

Vincent Tony Francis FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 34 Millbrooke Manor, Ballymoney, BT53 7HX Date: 29th July 2023



Charity Committee



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Admin Fees	£ 230

Total Receipts £ 36,743

Total Receipts £ 16,382

Payments to:

Expenses	
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RMFFund	
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Other Fees	£ 20

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R.M.Fund

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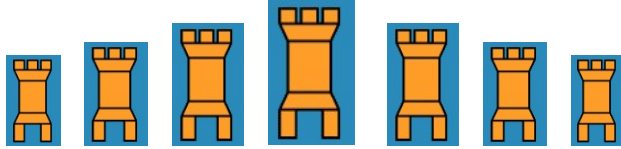
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Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee

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Annual report



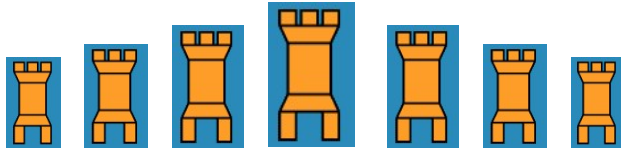
SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE (NIC 102862)

Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31st December 2023

Trustees' Annual Report
Statement of Receipts and Payments
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SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE (NIC 102862)

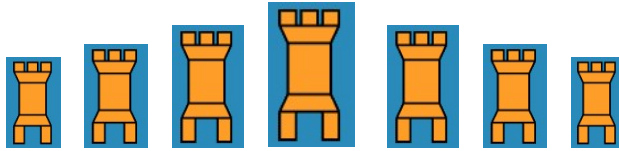
Trustees;

Mr. Hugo Swan	(Chairman)
Mr. Joey Douglas	(Vice-Chairman)
Mr. George Peden	(Treasurer)
Mr. Alan Barr	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Mr. Samuel Eccles	(Secretary)
Mr. Allen Mercer	(Events)

Address; Ballymena Masonic Hall
103 Mill Street
Ballymena
BT43 5AD

The Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee is governed by our Constitution document which was approved and adopted by the Committee at a Special Meeting of the Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee held on 16 September 2015 at the Masonic Hall, 103 Mill Street, Ballymena.

The Committee was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 18th January 2016 and issued the charity number NIC 102862. The Committee has been accepted as a charity by HMRC using reference number XN45375.



SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE (NIC 102862)

Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31st December 2023

The objectives of the Charity Committee are detailed within their Constitution Document as follows;

- To 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 Seven Towers and Massereene 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.

The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

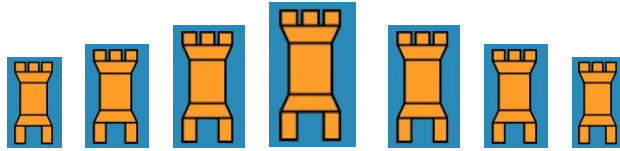
During the year ended 31st December 2023 the Committee oversaw activities in pursuance of their responsibility toward public benefit –

Macmillan Cancer Support £1,000

AGNI £3,240 (became £6,280 through The Big Give)

Distributed to Masonic Charity;

H.M.T.F . £500 J.K.F. £300 FIVJ & Welfare Fund £10,000 B.M.C.F. £19,800
B.M.W.F. £1,000



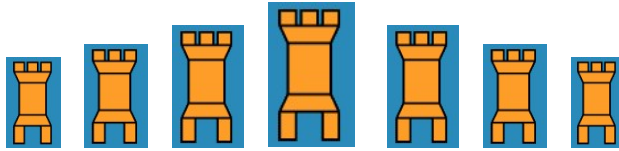
SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE (NIC 102862)

Thankfully the impact upon society of the Covid pandemic was reducing significantly as 2023 progressed. Freemasonry, in keeping with all aspects in society, continued to return to some form of “normality”. The pandemic did however take a toll on the membership and we lost some friends as a result. Many members, understandably elder members and those with health issues continued to take precautions and restrict attendance at meetings. Despite all of these factors our charity contributions have increased and approached pre - covid levels. Many brethren responded to the years of reduced income by giving even more generously to the various charities.

Our annual Divine Service took place in May once again at Craigs Parish Church. A good attendance by brethren and family members meant the Service was well supported and the collection amounted to £630. Once again we are indebted to the Rector and Select Vestry for hosting us.

We were delighted to once again assist the local Macmillan Cancer Support team by donating £1,000 to assist Macmillan with their wonderful support to those dealing with cancer. This was possible through the generosity of a brother who having won a motorcycle in a raffle sold it and made the donation. For that we thank him most sincerely. The Provincial Grand Master R,W,Bro. John McLernon had chosen AGENI as the Charity to support for 2023. We, with many other brethren contributed generously toward this. Some Lodges etc. in our District contributed directly to PGL but those who directed funds through us helped raise £3,240. Having been advised by AGENI personnel about **“The Big Give”** we were able to follow the directions and through them the amount received by AGENI from our District amounted to £6,280. We continue to ensure the wider community benefits from the generosity of the brethren.

The funds donated from Lodges etc. were processed for Gift Aid and the annual return from HMRC amounted to £4,818. Total income for distribution therefore amounted to approx. £36,000 and this amount was distributed to the various Charities as directed by the donors or in accordance with the District Committee’s decision of Unallocated Funds being split 70% to BMCF and 30% to VJ.



SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE (NIC 102862)

The results of the Committee's activities during the year 2023 are contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 3 and the Receipts and Payments Accounts on page 4. The Trustees look forward once again to the support of all their brethren within the district. With Covid restrictions relaxed and hopefully never again needed we look forward to a full return to activity allowing brethren to once again make the generous donations essential to further the Committee's purposes as laid out in their Constitution.

The report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 15th July 2024

And signed on their behalf by:

Sam Eccles

Samuel Eccles (Secretary)

Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102862

Annual return

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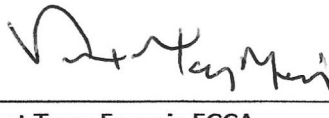
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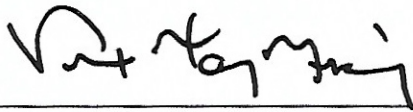
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Chapters etc.	
Divine Service	£ -
HMRC Gift Aid	£ 504
Interest Received	£ 3
Charity Breakfast	£ -
Admin Fees	£ 10
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B.M.C.Fund	£ -
R.M.Fund	£ -
Foodbags	£ -
Turning Point	£ -
Ballymena Bears	£ -
N.I. Kidney Res.	£ -
C.H.S.Assoc.	£ -
Castle Towers Sch.	£ 150
Bank Charges	£ -
Covid Support	£ -
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Total Payments £ 16,540

£ 158

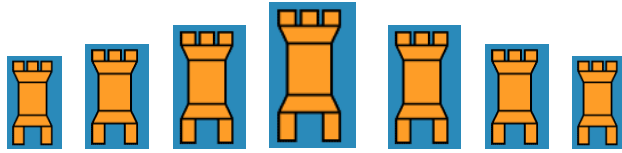
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Annual report



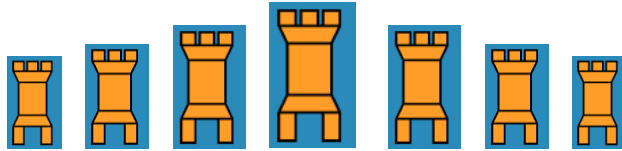
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Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31st December 2022

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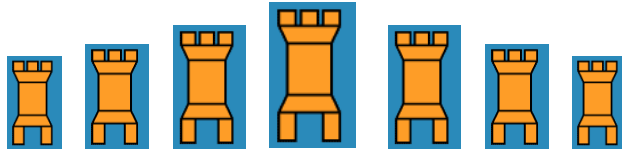
Trustees;

Mr. Raymond Lynn	(Chairman)
Mr. Joey Douglas	(Vice-Chairman)
Mr. George Peden	(Treasurer)
Mr. Alan Barr	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Mr. Allen Mercer	(Events Co-ordinator) / (Acting Secretary)
Mr. Stephen Raine	(Registrar)

Address; Ballymena Masonic Hall
103 Mill Street
Ballymena
BT43 5AD

The Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee is governed by our Constitution document which was approved and adopted by the Committee at a Special Meeting of the Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee held on 16 September 2015 at the Masonic Hall, 103 Mill Street, Ballymena.

The Committee was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 18th January 2016 and issued the charity number NIC 102862. The Committee has been accepted as a charity by HMRC using reference number XN45375.



SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE MASONIC CHARITY COMMITTEE (NIC 102862)

Trustees' Report

Year Ended 31st December 2022

The objectives of the Charity Committee are detailed within their Constitution Document as follows;

- To 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 Seven Towers and Massereene 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.

The Trustees have had regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

During the year ended 31st December 2022 the Committee oversaw activities in pursuance of their responsibility toward public benefit –

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING £3,600

UKRAINE SUPPORT £1,050

Distributed to Masonic Charity;

H.M.T.F. £350

J.K.F. £500

R.M.F. £25

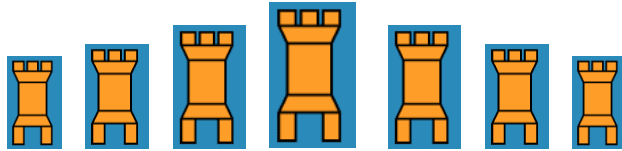
M.O.W.C. £300

M.W.F. £150

B.M.C.F. £8,300

B.M.W.F. £550

V.J.F. £1,350



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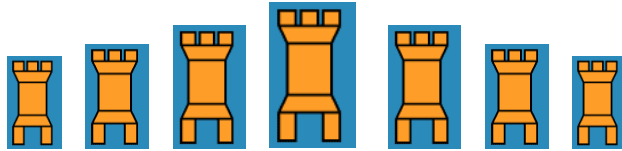
Again the Covid pandemic impacted on society during 2022. Thankfully as the year progressed restrictions were gradually reduced or removed and Masonic activity resumed carefully in line with guidance. Brethren understandably made personal decisions about their return to meetings and generally throughout the year attendance at meetings increased but as with much of society the break enforced by the pandemic continues to impact Freemasonry.

Many meetings and especially Installations did not take place early in the year hence income to charities was negatively affected. We wish to record our thanks to the Lodges etc. and especially individual brethren who made personal donations during what was a difficult period. Thankfully as the year progressed more normal activity resumed. We did have to add to our Administration account and again our thanks go to the brother who organised the Fireside Quiz and to the others who contributed personally all of which helped us through.

Our annual Divine Service took place in May once again at Craigs Parish Church. A good attendance by brethren and family members meant the Service was well supported and the collection amounted to £775. Once again we are indebted to the Rector and Select Vestry for hosting us.

We were delighted to assist the local Macmillan Cancer Support team in holding a Coffee Morning in the Hall in October. The event was very well supported by brethren, their families and the wider community and as a result we were able to donate some £3,600 to assist Macmillan with their wonderful support to those dealing with cancer. A total of £1,100 was donated in support of those impacted by the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. A sum was forwarded to our Grand Master's appeal in Dublin and support was also extended to a Ukrainian family living locally.

The results of the Committee's activities during the year 2022 are contained in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 3 and the Receipts and Payments Accounts on page 4. The Trustees, look forward once again to the support of all their brethren within the district. With Covid restrictions relaxed and hopefully never again needed we



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look forward to a full return to activity allowing brethren to once again make the generous donations essential to further the Committee's purposes as laid out in their Constitution.

The report was approved by the Trustees at a meeting held on 01st August 2023

And signed on their behalf by:

Joey Douglas

JOSEPH M. DOUGLAS (SECRETARY)

SEVEN TOWERS AND MASSEREENE

Seven Towers and Massereene Masonic Charity Committee

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102862

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Seven Towers and Massereene

Masonic Charity Committee NIC 102862

I report on the accounts of Seven Towers & Massereene Masonic Charity Committee for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages **3** to **4**.

Respective responsibilities of the 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.

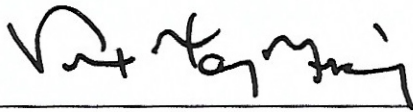
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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 FCCA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 34 Millbrooke Manor, Ballymoney, BT53 7HX Date: 29th July 2023



Charity Committee



Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2022

	YEAR 2022	YEAR <u>2021</u>		
Assets - Cash funds				
<table border="1"><tr><td>Charity Account</td></tr><tr><td>Admin. Account</td></tr></table>	Charity Account	Admin. Account	£ 3,974	£ 4,228
Charity Account				
Admin. Account				
	£ 443	£ 348		
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Total Assets	<u>4,417</u>	<u>£ 4,576</u>		
Reserves				
Opening Balance	£ 4,576	£ 1,731		
Surplus/deficiency for period	£ (159)	£ 2,845		
Closing Balance	<u>£ 4,417</u>	<u>£ 4,576</u>		



Charity Committee Receipts & Payments Account



2022

2021

Donations received from Lodges, Chapters, personal & fundraising activities etc	£ 13,840
HMRC Gift Aid	£ 2,305
Interest Received	£ 7
Admin Fees	£ 230

Donations received from Lodges, Chapters and fundraising act	£ 2,485
Chapters etc.	
Divine Service	£ -
HMRC Gift Aid	£ 504
Interest Received	£ 3
Charity Breakfast	£ -
Admin Fees	£ 10
From Charity	£ -

Total Receipts £ 16,382

£ 3,002

Payments to:

Expenses	£ -
Bank Charges	£ 45
J.K. Fund	£ 500
H.McM.T. Fund	£ 350
B.M.Wid.Fund	£ 550
M.Wel. Fund	£ 150
V.J. Fund	£ 1,350
M. Orphans	£ 300
B.M.C.Fund	£ 8,300
R.M.Fund	£ 25
Macmillan Cancer Support	£ 3,600
UKRAINE (G.L. & LOCAL)	£ 1,100
Craigs Parish	£ 100
Insurance	£ 170
	£ -
	£ -
	£ -

Bank Charges	£ 8
J.K. Fund	£ -
H.McM.T. Fund	£ -
B.M.Wid.Fund	£ -
M.Wel. Fund	£ -
V.J. Fund	£ -
M. Orphans	£ -
B.M.C.Fund	£ -
R.M.Fund	£ -
Foodbags	£ -
Turning Point	£ -
Ballymena Bears	£ -
N.I. Kidney Res.	£ -
C.H.S.Assoc.	£ -
Castle Towers Sch.	£ 150
Bank Charges	£ -
Covid Support	£ -
	£ -
	£ -
	£ -

Total Payments £ 16,540

£ 158

Surplus/deficiency for year £ (159)

£ 2,845