



Provincial Charity Committee

Newsletter September 2018

Brethren

Welcome back; I trust you have summered well and are now refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Welcome to my first Charity Newsletter.

During the summer the work of providing Masonic grants to worthy causes has continued.

In June the PGM's fund made grants as follows :-

Friarmere Cricket Club (Junior Section)	£1500	Candour
Radio Calderdale (Hospital Radio)	£1000	Facula
Harrogate CFR (Harrogate Community First Responders)	£2500	Spa
RHS Harlow Carr, Harrogate	£1500	Spa
Barnsley Youth Choir	£1500	Rockley Abbey
C and R Duke of Edinburgh Group	£3000	Hall Cross
Rotherham Branch of Parkinson's UK	£1000	Rotherwood
Amy's House. Supports children with short breaks	£3000	Hadassah
Barnsley Theatre Trust	£1000	Friendly
RAF 51 Squadron History Society	£800	Legiolium
Spinal Unit Recreational Fund	£2500	Cockburn
Kinsley Wakefield Boys Junior FC	£5000	Rectitude
Macmillan Specialist Palliative Care	£5000	Rectitude
Leeds Society for Deaf & Blind People	£3000	Allerton

Congratulations and well done to all who were successful with their applications.

The R W Provincial Grand Master, as President of WRMCL presented a cheque for £10,000.00 to Simone Enefer-Doy, CEO of Lifelites when she visited our Province on a fund raising tour.

Lifelites is a part of MCF and provides specialist technology for children in every children's hospice across the British Isles.

MCF has made a grant of £60,000.00 to Cavendish Cancer Care in Sheffield

A cheque presentation will take place at the Tim Pryor Centre on Wednesday 17th October at 11.30am.

MCF has also made a grant of £4,000.00 to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. This has been matched by WRMCL with a further £4,000.00 from the Province of Yorkshire North and East Ridings and will be handed over in a joint presentation.

Coming up to date, the autumn round of PGM's Fund applications has just closed on the 8th September and we await the deliberations of the Board.

Good luck to all who have submitted an application.

There are many worthy causes out there who could benefit greatly from a grant from the PGM's Fund and the Provincial Grand Master is very keen that we identify these causes and offer our assistance.

New Website

By now I am sure you will all have been on to the new Provincial website and delved into the various sections.

We are indebted to our new webmaster who has worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth change over on the 3rd September.

All of the Charity Stewards information is there under the CHARITY heading with the Manual, guidance information and all of the documents you will need available from the GUIDANCE NOTES box.

Should you have any problems accessing the information you need please contact your PCA who will be pleased to explain the process.

Media coverage

Yorkshire West Riding have been at the top of the national UGLE league table for the last 3 months and in order to remain there it is important that any newsworthy events should be reported by Charity Stewards to their Liaison Officers so that they can be passed to the Communications Committee.

Anything of media interest should also be passed to David Simister, the Communications Manager.

Yorkshire West Riding Masonic Activities Limited

Sales of the Remembrance tie have now topped 600 with all of the profits being given to the British Legion. However additional ties are on order so it is not too late to support this worthy cause. And remember our fallen.

Lodge Charity Accounts.

For many of us the end of September sees the end of the financial year.

At present it is not required that yearend financial statements are sent to Province but I would ask that all Charity Stewards send a copy of their annual statement to their PCA as it is important that records are kept up to date.

It is still required that the financial statement is presented to your Lodge no later than 3 months after the end of the financial period.

Could all PCAs ask to be put on the list to receive a copy of the summons for each of his Lodges so that he is aware of when the accounts are to be presented.

Annual Stats forms

The annual Stats forms should be with you very shortly, if not already.

This information is important in providing an understanding of what is happening with regard to charity matters at Lodge level.

Most of the information is already on the forms and the remaining info should be readily available.

Please return these forms to your PCA as soon as you can but no later than the end of November. Thank you.

Annual Charity Briefings 2019

These are already being planned and will be designed around the needs of your area and will provide adequate time for questions and answers, and general discussion.

However core subjects will be covered in all 5 areas with updates on MCF, by either VW Bro Jack Pigott or VW Bro John Rushworth, Choices by Peter Worth and a brief outline on preparing a PGM's Fund application by W Bro Ian Wright the fund administer.

Our briefings are a good time to share experiences with other Charity Stewards and your PCAs.

I would urge all Charity Stewards to attend if they possibly can.

The following dates have been confirmed:-

Area 1- 2nd April 2019

Area 5 - 7th March 2019

The next meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee will be on Tuesday, 20th November 2018 at the Masonic Hall, Bruntcliffe Road, Morley, Leeds, LS27 0QG at 7.00 p.m.

Brethren I have thoroughly enjoyed putting together my first Charity Newsletter and I trust you have found at least some of the content of interest.

If you would like to discuss any aspect raised in the Newsletter, your PCA's, Area Managers and I will be more than happy to speak with you.

With kind and fraternal regards

W Bro Michael J Holmes



Provincial Grand Charity Steward

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