

THE CHARITY COMMITTEE OF THE PROVINCE OF
WEST YORKSHIRE.

Every Lodge to elect its member the night of installation of W. M.

DUTIES.

1. Every brother elected to represent his Lodge or the Charity Committee of the Province is expected to attend all its meetings.

2. It is his duty to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the Masonic Charities, to enable him to explain to the brethren the special advantages to donors and subscribers.

3. He is desired to use his best endeavours in procuring subscriptions and donations, and to disseminate as widely as possible all information with respect to the several Masonic Charities, their respective claims, means, and requirements, which information he may obtain from the Provincial Grand Secretary.

4. He is to explain to the brethren of his Lodge that the whole of the Lodge, and individual members' votes for the Masonic Charities are to be given to the candidates selected by Provincial Grand Lodge (in the selection of which candidates every subscriber is entitled to vote), and to show them the immense advantage this Province has gained by combined action in voting since the principle of united organisation was adopted.

5. It is his duty to collect the Voting Papers of his Lodge and Brethren thereof, and to forward them signed (but not filled up) to the Provincial Grand Secretary as early as possible after their receipt.

He must carefully preserve this Book and hand it over to his successor.

N.B. Blank spaces are left in this Book for the purpose of inserting further Contributions.

Province of West Yorkshire. Bye Law

No. 55. There shall be a Committee to be called the

Charity Committee formed in & for this Province for the purpose of taking charge of & promoting Masonic benevolence in this Province in connection with the general Masonic Charities and also for the investigation of all such local claims or applications for relief as shall be referred to by the Pro. G. Master or his Deputy or by the Pro. G. Lodge; the Charity Committee shall consist of a member from each Lodge in the Province such members shall be elected annually on the night of Installation of the W. M. and the name & full address of such elected member shall be transmitted by the W. M. of each Lodge immediately after such election to the Pro. G. Secretary.

"And should the elected Charity Member of any Lodge be prevented from attending the Charity Committee by sickness or any unavoidable cause, such elected Member may depute the W. M., or any P. M. or acting Warden of the Lodge that he represents, to attend the Charity Committee in his stead."—(May, 1871.)

Henry Smith
St John's

(Pro. G. Sec)

CHARITY COMMITTEE
of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Charity Committee consists of The Prov. G. Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Secretary. 2nd. A representative from each Lodge and Chapter in the Province (to include degrees not recognized by Grand Lodge); such representative to be either the W. Master or some other brother selected by the Lodge, but in either case *must be* at least a Life Subscriber to one or more of the Charities. 3rd. Such subscribing members, resident in the Province, as have served the office of Steward to two of the Charities; and 4th. any brother who may serve the office of Steward to either Charity, for the year he so serves.

COMMITTEE.

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| R.W. Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Sherborne | Prov. G.M. |
| V.W. Bro. Geo. F. Newmarch | Dep. Prov. G.M. |
| W. Bro. J. Brook-Smith | Prov. G. Treasurer. |
| W. Bro. E. Trinder | Prov. G. Secretary. |

REPRESENTATIVES OF LODGES.

	No.	
Bro. Jas. B. Winterbotham	82	Bro. J. Robertson
Bro. E. T. Uryant	246	Knight Templar.
Bro. W. South	270	Rose Croix.
Bro. G. K. Prowse	493	Bro. James Bruton
Bro. F. C. Sewall	592	Bro. Col. H. Basevi
Bro. J. Taynton	839	Bro. Sir M. Hicks Beach
Bro. F. J. Blake	855	Bro. J. F. Berry
Bro. F. Moore	900	Bro. F. J. Blake
Bro. Rev. Z. Williams	951	Bro. Henry Godfrey
Bro. F. G. Roberts	1005	Bro. E. T. Inskip
Bro. J. R. Kerr	1067	Bro. J. R. Kerr
	1363	Bro. H. R. Lückes
Royal Arch.		Bro. T. W. Swinburne
Bro. L. Winterbotham	82	Bro. J. Walker
Bro. F. G. Fisher	493	Bro. R. W. White
		Bro. J. Hyde

Hon. Secretary, Bro. Colonel H. Basevi, Elm Lodge, Prestbury, Cheltenham.

No Widow of a Freemason is eligible under the age of 55 years, nor unless her late husband had been a subscribing Member to a Lodge for 10 years, nor unless she had been married to him for five years. The Widow of an Annuitant shall not be eligible unless the marriage took place three years previously to the presentation of her husband's petition. No Widow is eligible who has an income of £30 per annum.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE meet monthly at Freemasons' Hall, on the second Wednesday, at Three o'clock in the afternoon.

HOUSE COMMITTEE meet at Croydon on the last day of February, May, August and November, at 3 p.m.

A GENERAL MEETING for the election of Annuitants takes place on the third Friday in May, at 12 o'clock at noon, at Freemasons' Hall.

The Annuity granted is £40 to the Brethren, and £22 to Widows.

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QUALIFICATIONS OF GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS,

INDIVIDUALS.

For every 5s., One Vote at each Election.

£5 5s. to either Fund, Life Governor with Two Votes.

£10 10s. to either Fund, or divided, and serving Stewardship.

Six Votes.

Fifty Guineas to either Fund, or divided, and serving Stewardship Vice-President and Twenty-two Votes.

One Hundred Guineas to either Fund, or divided, and serving Stewardship, Vice-Patron and Sixty-two Votes.

Additional privileges on serving a Second Stewardship.

Vice-Presidents and Vice-Patrons have double Votes for Donations of Five Guineas and upwards.

A Steward collecting Fifty Guineas above his personal donation at the Anniversary Festival is entitled to Two Extra Votes, and Two

Additional Votes for every further sum of Fifty Guineas so collected.

Ladies have Double Votes on qualifying as Governors.

LODGES, CHAPTERS, OR MASONIC SOCIETIES.

Annual Subscriptions, same privileges as an individual.

Five Guineas to either Fund, Two Votes for 15 years.

Ten Guineas to either Fund, Two Votes in perpetuity.

Fifty Guineas to either Fund, Ten Votes in perpetuity, and Vice-President of the Institution.

A Lodge, Chapter, or Masonic Society having contributed Fifty Guineas to either Fund, has Four Votes for each additional Donation of Ten Guineas to that Fund.

Subscriptions are received by Messrs. Willis, Percival and Co., 76, Lombard-street; the Grand Secretary; the Secretary of the Institution, Mr. James Terry, No. 4, Freemasons' Hall, and Mr. George Knill, Collector, 4, Freemasons' Hall.

MAGDALEN COLLEGE,
OXFORD,
19th March, 1879.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

The Charity Committee for the Province of Oxfordshire have decided to recommend the following Candidates for Election to the Boys' School on the 14th April, 1879,

JAMES WARD,

No. 12 on the List for election, and the second of the unsuccessful Candidates at the last election, whose late Father, JOHN WARD, was a Contractor and Farmer at Welchpool; he was initiated into Freemasonry, in March 1865, by P.M. Brown, of the Marlborough Lodge, No. 1399.

And also

JAMES ALBERT SEDDON,

Son of JAMES B. SEDDON, of Buckingham, in the Province of Berks and Bucks, a Member of the Lodge 591, until his death, which happened on the 26th February, 1878: this application is numbered 53 on the List.

And for the Girls' School,

TURZA ANN VEAL,

No. 15 on the List for election on the 12th of April, whose late Father was a Wine Merchant, at Stow-on-the-Wold: her application is supported by the Charity Committee for Gloucestershire, and other important Masons of that Province, and by several Members of this Province.

If you are willing to support the recommendation of the Committee, will you kindly forward your votes to Bro. Hobbs, 23, St. Giles's Street, Oxford?

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

REGINALD BIRD, D.P.G.M., OXON.

Resolutions for establishing a
CHARITY COMMITTEE 1859

At the Annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire holden at the Cherwell Lodge Room Banbury on Monday the 23rd of May. 1859. It was proposed by the P. M. the Provincial Grand Master seconded by the V. M. the deputy Provincial Grand Master and carried unanimously.

- I. That this Province do establish a committee to be called the "Committee of the Province of Oxfordshire for promoting the interests of the Public and Local Masonic Charities.
- II That such Committee do consist of a member of each Lodge in the Province to be selected forthwith and afterwards annually elected, or reelected, by the Lodge on the night of election ^{or} and of installation of W. M.
- III That each Lodge transmit to the aforesaid Secretary of Grand Lodge the name, title and address of the Brother so appointed.

IV That The R. W. the Provincial Grand Master and Deputy Provincial Grand Master be requested to take the offices of President and vice President of such committee.

V That the said Provincial committee be requested to hold meetings as required and to present to the Provincial Grand Lodge a report showing the result of the labors of its members individually and collectively.

J. B. Horton, Secy

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PROVINCE OF KENT CHARITY COMMITTEE.

MAIDSTONE, 15th September, 1845.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

A Meeting of this Committee will be held at the "West Clin Hotel," Folkestone, on Friday, the 24th instant, at Three o'Clock p.m., to choose Candidates for the Elections in October, and other business.

Any Lodges that have not had an opportunity of electing a member to serve on the Committee in accordance with the annexed Bye-Laws, will forthwith elect one at the next regular Meeting, who will be the representative until the day of Installation, but in cases where no such meeting occurs previous to the 24th instant, the Vote of the W. M. will be accepted, and he is hereby requested to attend on this occasion to represent his Lodge.

I am, yours fraternally,

ALFRED SPENCER,

Prov. G. Sec.

The Brethren will find together at 4.30.

BYE-LAWS.

XIV. For the purpose of organizing and concentrating the strength of the Province at the Election of Candidates for the "Masonic Charitable Institutions," there shall be a Committee, to be called the Charity Committee, which shall consist of the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, the Provincial Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and a Member from each Lodge in the Province, who shall be elected annually on the day of Installation of the W.M., and the name and postal address of such elected member shall be transmitted to the Provincial Grand Secretary, immediately after such election.

XV. The Charity Committee shall meet (at least) twice in each year, as soon as lists of the Candidates for the several Institutions have been obtained, when the Candidates to be supported by the Province shall be selected by a majority of the members present. A Brother, or Brethren, shall also be appointed to conduct the business of the Elections. The votes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and those of every Lodge which have been obtained by grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, shall be forwarded as soon as received, to the Provincial Grand Secretary, to be dealt with according to the decision of the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee. The co-operation of the Worshipful Masters and Brethren of the Lodges of the Province is earnestly desired, and the assistance of the Subscribing Members to the various Charitable Institutions is also most desirable, that success may attend the efforts of the Committee.

It is also in contemplation, to have a belief
that an applications for grants from the Poor
Lodge fund or Poor Lodge charity fund, must
be made in writing to the Poor Secy previous
to the ~~meeting~~ preparatory meeting of the
Poor Lodge

BYE-LAWS

XV. The Charity Committee shall have the power to receive and apply for grants from the Poor Lodge fund or Poor Lodge charity fund, and to make such grants as they may think fit, subject to the approval of the Poor Secy.

Masonic (1899)

Charity Vols.

Bristol complains March 27th that he has much trouble in getting some of the Lodges to send in their Voluntary papers, altho' it was unanimously resolved by Grand Lodge that they shd. do so, & he is therefore much inconvenienced in making the best of them in the interests of the Province. The United Lodges & the Royal Dutch & Malvern are particularly backward in this respect.

Warwickshire In the Province of Warwickshire there is a Charity Committee, consisting of a Charity Steward from each Lodge in the Province (with the Prov. G.M. & his Deputy, & ex officio members) who select the Candidates for the Charities, and manage the whole business. It is a sort of Masonic "Charity Organization Society".

From a letter of Ld. Secy. 4/10/78.

They also manage the local Charities, viz the Provincial Benevolent, and Amenity Fund - we usually have some eight or ten regular Annuitants - At our meetings of Prov. G.M. the Secy, Treasurer or President

of the Charity Board, reads out his
Report, and recommends what
Candidates shd. receive the sup-
ports of the Province, (the case
having been already previously
investigated) and he also at the
same time reads a list of those
who the Board recommends shd.
receive Annuities & grants from
our Benevolent Fund -

The Prot. G. M. then puts the Report
to the Lodge for confirmation and
if carried (which of course they
always are) he requests all the
Brethren present to send in all
their polling papers for the
three great Masonic Charities
to the Dept Prot. G. M. & he orders
the Annuities &c to be paid -

By this means we usually sec-
ure all the votes, or at all events
the great majority of them in
the Province - If you want
any further information, may

Deputy Lt Col Mackin
Lillingston Lodge.

Leamington

would attend to any communication you
make to him -

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Mr. J. H. Rogers
Newburyport

Received of

Worcester

Twenty Seven

Subject from

Worcester

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Kidderminster.

July 19. 1879.

Dear Bro: Bristol

I sent a ^{peculiar} letter like enclosed to the
Bro. G. Master. He sent me
the enclosed, which you can
return any time you are writing.

I fear he rather misunderstands
what the Country is most needed
for, and seems to think a
complete Charity Scheme could
be submitted to Bro. of Lodge.

That I believe you will think
with me, is quite impossible
or at all events to do it
satisfactorily. all that ^{scheme} is _n very

how money shall be raised
in the Province, and how
applied, could emanate from
the Charity Committee when
that body is formed.

One or two could be entrusted
to draw a plan up which
could be approved by ~~that~~ the
Comtee and recommended by
them to the Province afterwards.

I think all that is necessary
at our Prov. of Lodge meeting is
to form that Comtee & agree to
be ruled by its deliberations in Charity m.
The question then remains
how shall that Comtee be
formed

Shall every Lodge have equal
representation say one or two
from each?

or shall the number of representatives be ruled by the number of votes a Lodge has?

In favor of the latter it can be said it looks fairer, and may induce other Lodges to subscribe & work up voting strength.

My only wish is to see the thing placed in proper train with a view to a satisfactory future for the Province by proper organization & cohesion.

That there may be no grounds for complaint - I have followed the suggestion of the Sir Edmund and written suitably to Bro. Glegg and Bro. Brown, and hoping that it may be possible for some of us to

meet before Grand Lodge and
decide what course to take,
and what to propose.

I will in the meantime
well think it out and fortify
myself with particulars
of Charity organizations in the
other Provinces.

Hoping that the worry and
grief you must recently have
passed through have not been
greater than your strength
to bear them.

Dear Bro. Britton

Sincerely yours

George Taylor

When any thing new on the subject
I will write you -

If you see the Freemasons Chronicle of Saturday
you will not wonder at your rival Bro Penn
having you in aught - He entertains the brethren
like a Prince -

I attend a meeting of the Wrentham Soc on Friday
preliminary arrangements for Grand Lodge Meeting -
the whole have to ask you to get 18m. in for Society & reach on for the Standard & bring some more -

Contributions
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11 April 79

Magdalen College
Oxford

Dear Mr. Secy & Brother,

I enclose all the papers


I can find referring to
charity committees. I find

three in this Province the

P. G. Dodge made rules in

159, but they were never

really acted on; and the



The Committee has only
met during the last three
or four years - if you can give
you any other information it
will give me much pleasure

Yours faithfully & fraternally

Reginald Bevil

S. P. G. M. G. O. N.
