

Warwickshire Mark Benevolent Fund

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Aims

The Fund is for :—

- (a) Supporting the Mark Benevolent Fund by enabling subscribers to qualify under Rules 203 and 210 of the Book of Constitutions by means of Annual Subscriptions.
- (b) Maintaining a Provincial Benevolent Fund for the relief of Mark Master Masons and/or their widows and dependents.

Rules

(Revised 1952)

1. The R. W. Provincial Grand Master shall be President and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Vice-President of the Board of Management.

2. The Board of Management shall consist of President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Past Chairmen, Secretary and Almoners. The Provincial Grand Treasurer and the Provincial Grand Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Management. The Secretary of the Board shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The Board of Management has power to fill any vacancy arising amongst its members.

3. Members shall be subscribing members of Mark and of Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the Province.

4. The Annual Contribution to the Fund shall be 2/- for each member as shown on the last Annual Return to Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodge shall remit the total sum due to the Secretary of the Fund on or before the 30th April in each year.

N.B.—Lodge Almoners are encouraged to induce as many of their Brethren as possible to take up Stewardships in the Grand Mark Lodge Fund of Benevolence Annual Festival, either by obtaining full donations of £5 5s. or by Co-erants or by arranging Tontines.

5. The Almoners shall, not later than April 30th each year, send to the Secretary of the Fund a Stewards' Collecting List showing Brethren who have undertaken to serve as Stewards at the forthcoming Festival. This must be accompanied by the relative donation and Stewards' Fees in accordance with instructions contained in the Festival Notice.

6. One General Meeting shall take place annually in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

7. One Meeting of the Board of Management shall be held in each year prior to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at which an Audited Statement of Accounts shall be submitted and the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer shall be elected. The two Auditors elected for Provincial Grand Lodge shall automatically be Auditors of the Fund. Additional Meetings are at the discretion of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman.

8. The Benevolent Fund shall comprise the Annual Subscriptions of the Members, the Charity Collection at each Provincial Grand Lodge, and such sums as may be subscribed for that purpose from the several Lodges or from individual Brethren.

9. The Board of Management may relieve cases of distress arising among Mark Masons being present or past members of Lodges in the Province, their widows or dependants and, in certain cases, the widows and dependants of Craft Masons who are not Mark Masons, up to any amount considered to be within the capacity of the Fund. In an emergency immediate relief may be granted by the Secretary with the approval of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and/or Treasurer, who shall report the case at the next Meeting of the Board of Management for confirmation.

10. Applications for assistance shall be made through the Lodge Almoner.

11. The Board of Management shall settle any question of interpretation of the Rules or any matter not specifically dealt with therein. Alterations or additions require the approval of two-thirds of the Members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting after due notice thereof has been given.

12. The Secretary shall present an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Board of Management and the Treasurer shall present the Audited Statement of Accounts at the Annual General Meeting held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

13. Masters of Lodges are asked to present a copy of these rules to every Candidate advanced and joining member.