

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons,

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., & C., & C., & C., & C.,

M. W. G. M.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL,

IN AID OF THE

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND,

WEDNESDAY, 8th JULY, 1893.

CHARLES LETCH MASON, Esq.,

R.W. Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire,

IN THE CHAIR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have much pleasure in informing you that I have consented to serve as Steward for the above Festival, and most earnestly beg to solicit your support and active interest. The result of previous Festivals has been the means of providing for the relief of Mark Master Masons in distress, and for the assistance of their Widows and Children. The numerous grants already made by the General Board and by Grand Lodge have in every case been highly appreciated, and have been of such material service to the recipients, as to afford the best possible justification for the establishment of the Fund, and the annual appeal for continued support.

The Fund is divided into three branches, Benevolent, Educational, and Annuity, and all contributions received are equally apportioned to these most deserving objects.

The Benevolent Branch for relief and benevolence is under the control of the General Board, and the grants above certain amounts have to receive confirmation by Grand Lodge. Nearly £4,000 has been voted in grants of relief since the formation of this Fund.

The Educational Branch has for its object the education of the children of Mark Master Masons eligible for assistance, at Grammar or other Schools in the vicinity of the parents' residences.

Twelve Boys and Three Girls are now being educated by annual grants from this Fund, and by a vote of Grand Lodge on 30th November, 1886, each child will receive annually the sum of £5 to procure necessary clothing.

The Annuity Fund was established by vote of Grand Lodge on 1st December, 1885, when the amount of £1,000 was voted as a nucleus, and its object is to grant Annuities of £26 each to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons, and £21 to the Widows of Mark Master Masons, after election by the subscribers. There are now Nine Aged Brethren and Five Widows who not only receive the annuity, but also a sum of £5 at Christmas in each year.

A copy of the Rules for the management and administration of the Educational and Annuity Funds, with the several qualifications and voting privileges accruing from Donations and Subscriptions thereto, is annexed, to which your attention is specially directed.

These important extensions of the objects for which the "Mark Benevolent Fund" was originally constituted, have been rendered practicable by the kind support extended by Members of the Order since its establishment in 1869, and it is hoped will provide an inducement to the old Contributors to the Fund to continue their support, and to many others to render assistance, who have hitherto withheld their aid.

The General Board will gladly receive and consider all applications for Relief, Educational Grants, and for Annuities. A peculiar claim attaches to this Festival, owing to the presence of Ladies, who, on each annual occasion, have largely contributed to its success, both as Donors, and as Stewards.

I trust you will allow me to add your name as a Donor, and I shall be glad to send you Dinner Tickets.

A return of the annexed form, not later than Wednesday, 1st July, will be esteemed a favour, so that every suitable accommodation may be provided, and the result announced.

Dinner will be provided for those only who reply.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

.....Steward representing Lodge.

Tickets:—LADIES, 15s.; GENTLEMEN, 21s. (inclusive of Wine).

MARK BENEVOLENT FUND.

Laws.

EDUCATIONAL BRANCH.

200. One-third of all contributions received for the Benevolent purposes of the Order is to be paid to the Educational Branch.

201. The following are the By-Laws:—

OBJECT.

I. To assist in the education (under the charge of their Parents or Guardians) of the children of Mark Master Masons, who on application to the Board shall be considered eligible for the Fund.

CONSTITUTION.

II. Patrons, Vice-Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, Life Governors, Life and Annual Subscribers.

ELECTIONS.

III. Shall be held on the first Thursday in April and October.

IV. The mode of Election is by voting papers issued by the Board.

V. QUALIFICATION OF DONORS.

	£	s.	d.	Votes.		£	s.	d.	Votes.		
Annual Subscriptions ...	0	5	0	...	1	Vice-President ...	26	5	0	...	30
Life Subscriber...	5	5	0	...	5	Vice-Patron ...	52	10	0	...	65
Life Governor ...	10	10	0	...	12	Patron ...	105	0	0	...	150

VI. Similar permanent privileges are acquired by Lodges on payment of double the amounts, in sums of not less than £5 5s. each.

VII. Permanent privileges with double votes may be acquired by Ladies on payment of similar amounts, in sums of not less than £5 5s. each.

ANNUITY BRANCH.

202. One-third of all Contributions received for the Benevolent purposes of the Order shall be placed to the Credit of the Annuity Fund.

203. The following are the By-Laws:—

OBJECT.

I. To grant Annuities to aged and decayed Mark Master Masons and their Widows—who on application to the General Board shall be considered eligible—and shall be elected by the Subscribers.

CONSTITUTION.

II. Patrons, Vice-Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents, Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, Life Governors, Life and Annual Subscribers.

III. ELECTIONS

Shall be held on the first Thursday in May. The mode of Election is by Voting Papers issued by the Board.

IV. QUALIFICATION OF DONORS.

	£	s.	d.	Votes.		£	s.	d.	Votes.		
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Annual Festival Fund of Benevolence,

8th JULY, 1896.

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SIR AND BRO.,

I shall have pleasure in dining on the above occasion, and will thank you to forward me..... Dinner Tickets for myself and friends, viz. :-

Ladies.....Gentlemen....., for which I enclose P.O.O.—Cheque.

Signature.....

Address.....

To Bro.....

Steward.

SIR AND BRO.,

It will not be convenient for me to dine on the above occasion. I am willing, however, to aid the funds by a donation of.....

Signature.....

Address.....

To Bro.....

Steward.

EVENING DRESS—MARK COLLARS AND JEWELS.

Tickets :-LADIES, 15s. ; GENTLEMEN, 21s. (inclusive of Wine).

Donations may be forwarded direct to the Secretary, Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.