



Provincial Charity Committee
Festival Organising Committee
Newsletter November 2016



RMBI FESTIVAL

The total monies paid to the RMBI as of 31st October 2016 £2,501,280

ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN

Hopefully you will all have completed the return by now and sent it to your PCA. If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible.

PLEASE DO NOT SENT THE FORM TO THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE.

AREA 4 LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Those attending The Paramount Theatre on Saturday 24th September enjoyed a superb night. The event was a sell out, the theatre having a capacity of 350. Principle guests included the RW Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Mayor of Barnsley and the Town Mayor of Penistone accompanied by their Ladies. I know that in offering my personal thanks to the Area 4 Charity Team and the principle organisers W Bro Alan Hay and W Bro Michael F Holmes I include those of everyone who attended and congratulate them for putting on such a well-organised and enjoyable evening. We are still waving our Union Flags! The proceeds from the evening are being split between the 2017 RMBI Festival and the Yorkshire Air ambulance and although the final accounts have not been completed the two beneficiaries should receive in the region of £3000.00 each. The Area 4 Charity Team would like to thank everyone who supported the event. Full details of the event can be found on the Provincial website.

Area 1. An evening with Rick Mills

The Area 1 Charity Team would like to thank everyone who supported the evening with Rick Mills at Baildon Golf Club. The event was a great success, was held in support of the 2017 RMBI Festival and raised £960.00. My thanks to W Bro Alan Griffin and his team for organising this successful and enjoyable event.

Area 3 1960's Dance and Supper

For those still able to do The Twist, The Shake, The Frug and The Loco-motion a great night of dancing or just listening to some golden oldies from the 1960's, this event will be great fun. Organised by the Area 3 Charity Team to be held at Westbourne House, Otley on Saturday 19th November 2016 at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 and include Pie and Mushy Peas Supper, dancing to 'Foot Tapper' and 'DJ Smithy'.

Tickets available from: W Bro Bob Naylor robert.naylor700@ntlworld.com Tel' 01132 636295

The Masonic Charitable Foundation – Tercentenary Grants

The date for applications for these grants has now passed. I am grateful to those lodges that submitted their applications in the short time available. There were twenty charities put forward for the eight grants and the list of successful applicants will be published next year after the MCF has carried out due diligence.

West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd – Tercentenary Grants

WRMCL Major and Minor Grants, for this year will be called the Tercentenary Grants and the total amount available has been increased to £300,000. This is a significant amount of money which can really make a difference to charities and good causes around the Province, so make sure your applications are processed correctly and in on time. Charity Stewards should contact their PCA's if they have any questions.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation – Hospice Grants 2016

The MCF is delighted to announce that it has approved £600,000 for hospices in England and Wales. Since 1984, over £11 million has been donated to Hospices in England and Wales.

The Hospices on the Province of Yorkshire, West Riding receiving grants are:

£1,931	Barnsley Hospice
£3,286	Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice
£2,143	Forget Me Not Children's Hospice
£3,290	Kirkwood Hospice
£3,290	Manorlands Sue Ryder Care
£3,290	Marie Curie Centre Bradford
£3,929	Martin House Children's Hospice
£2,218	Overgate Hospice
£2,361	Prince of Wales Hospice
£2,431	Saint Michael's Hospice
£5,580	St Gemma's Hospice
£3,836	St Luke's – The Sheffield
£3,004	The Rotherham Hospice Trust
£2,790	Wakefield Hospice
£3,576	Wheatfields Hospice – Sue Ryder
£46,982	(2015 £46,938)

ANNUAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS

Those of you whose Charity Account year end is 31st December will soon be preparing them for examination by the Lodge account examiners. May I just remind you that a copy of the accounts must be forwarded to Province with the Summons on which they appear for approval. They should bear the signature of the Charity Steward and two account examiners.

A copy of the model accounts can be found at

<http://wrprovince.net/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Specimen-Annual-Charity-Accounts.xls>

CHARITY STEWARD BRIEFINGS

Area Charity Chairmen have confirmed the following dates for area briefings in 2017:

Area	Date/Time	Location	Contact
1	7.30pm to 9.30pm Wednesday 5th April 2017	Hoyle Court Masonic Rooms, Otley Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 6JS	W Bro John Sharman john.sharman@sky.com
2	6.30pm to 8.30pm, Monday 3rd April 2017	Greenhead Masonic Hall, 26 Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4EN	W Bro Alan Elstone alan@lop149.fsnet.co.uk
3	10.00am to 12.00, Saturday 4 th February 2017	Masonic Hall, Westbourne House Westbourne Close, Otley, LS21 3LG	W Bro Derek Riley 2dwriley@gmail.com
4	10.00am to 11.30, Saturday 4th March 2016	Masonic Hall, Priory Place, Doncaster, DN1 1BZ	W Bro Craig J Bannister bannister-c@sky.com
	10.00am to 11.30, Saturday 11th March 2017	Tapton Masonic Hall, Shore Lane, Sheffield S10 3BU	
5	7.00pm to 9.00pm, Thursday 2nd February 2017	Masonic Hall, Bruntcliffe Road, Morley, Leeds, LS27 0QG	W Bro Winston Pettit win.pettit@live.co.uk

If you are unable to attend the meeting in your own area, feel free to join one of the others. In any event, please advise the appropriate contact of your intention to attend as soon as possible but at least seven days before the meeting.

The sessions are, as ever, intended to be informal opportunities for Charity Stewards to meet their PCAs, discuss any issues that cause them concern and receive updates on the latest Charity topics. Whilst these get-togethers are primarily intended for charity stewards, they are open to anyone with an interest in charity – a potential charity steward perhaps? I encourage anyone with such an interest to attend, advising the appropriate contact accordingly.

MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at the Masonic Hall, Bruntcliffe Road, Morley and that of the Festival Organising Committee at 12.30pm on Saturday 4th February 2017 at The Masonic Hall, Westbourne House, Otley, LS21 3LG.

W Bro James S Watson
Provincial Grand Charity Steward
Deputy Chairman, Festival Organising Committee

For distribution to:

Charity stewards

PCAs

Area charity representatives

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Charity/Festival Newsletter section, Provincial website via Area 4 Chairman