



Provincial Charity Committee  
Festival Organising Committee  
Newsletter March 2017



#### **RMBI FESTIVAL**

The total monies paid to the RMBI as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 £2,709,137.00

This will be the last monthly total update. The final Festival total will be announced at the Festival Ball on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

Please ensure all Festival monies are remitted at least one week before the end of April to ensure it being counted towards our Festival.

#### **ANNUAL STATISTICAL RETURN**

I would like to thank all the Charity Stewards who returned their Statistical Returns promptly. We didn't quite achieve 100% returns in all Areas but we were very close. Well-deserved congratulations go to Area 1 who did get 100% of Stats Forms returned on time.

#### **CHARITY STEWARDS MANUAL**

Work is being carried out on the Charity Stewards manual and it should be republished after the end of the Festival. The sections requiring amendment are those specifically dealing with the previous Central Charities, now amalgamated into the MCF. The document, which assists Charity Stewards when making a Charity Address, has already been changed, with the web addresses being changed to those of the MCF.

There are several Almoners Case Studies at the end of the Address Notes, which add interest to your presentation. However, if a Charity Steward wishes to put in Case Studies which he is personally aware of, it is essential that he treats those involved in the same strict confidence as he is expected to do when carrying out his normal duties and at all times maintain the anonymity of those involved. Even if a Brother who has been a recipient of Masonic Charity says you can use his name and case, it is advisable not to do so and keep your address general.

#### **MCF Tercentenary Community Awards 2017**

The MCF Charity Grants Committee has confirmed the 8 Charities nominated by the Province. Grants of up to £4,000, £6,000, £15,000 and £25,000 will be awarded with the size being decided by a public vote. Precise details of how the public voting will take place will be advised in a few weeks time.

The names of the 8 nominated Charities are as follows: -

**Learning Partnerships.** A Leeds based charity with 25 years experience of working in the inner city to provide opportunities and support for children, young people and adults to access education, employment, training and volunteering. Learning Partnerships offer a range of programs and opportunities from volunteering and work placement schemes to diverse training and educational courses.

**Selby District Peter Pan Nursery.** A pre school nursery for children and families in North and West Yorkshire with additional needs. Places are available for children with disabilities, illness, learning difficulties, behavioural issues etc. They also support children whose families are experiencing difficulties or are in need of respite and support.

**Vision Support Harrogate District.** Seek to enable visually impaired people to live independently and provide opportunities to meet and interact with other visually impaired people. They offer Information Technology training; provide advice on the help that is available; information on what being visually impaired means; opportunities to socialise, develop, or re-awaken craft skills.

**Paperworks (Harrogate) Limited.** Assist people with learning and / or physical disabilities through educational and vocational training to encourage them to find gainful employment.

**Skillshop Limited.** The aim of Skillshop is to provide specialised training for adults with learning disabilities in a caring environment. The objectives are to improve people's self-esteem, confidence and personal development and break down social isolation. Based in Halifax.

**Motive8 Bradford LTD.** Motive8 offers a tailor-made provision for young people that are NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training). Learners are to identify their own goals and will be helped to realise their potential through personalised learning plans.

**Aurora Wellbeing Centres.** Support local people and their families living with cancer. Anyone with a diagnosis receives a free package of support, wellbeing programs and holistic & beauty treatments to help raise their self-esteem and confidence. The centre is based in Mexborough.

**Autism Plus.** Is a charity that supports adults and young people with Autism, learning disabilities and mental health conditions across Yorkshire and Humber. Based in Sheffield and Thorne.

Please retain this Newsletter to help you choose which charity to vote for when the time arrives. The Newsletters can also be viewed and downloaded from the Provincial website.

#### **ANNUAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS**

Those of you who's Charity Account is year-end 31<sup>st</sup> December will 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:

<b>Area</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact</b>
1	7.30pm to 9.30pm Wednesday 5th April 2017	Hoyle Court Masonic Rooms, Otley Road, Baildon, Shipley BD17 6JS	W Bro John Sharman <a href="mailto:john.sharman@sky.com">john.sharman@sky.com</a>
2	6.30pm to 8.30pm, Monday 3rd April 2017	Greenhead Masonic Hall, 26 Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4EN	W Bro Alan Elstone <a href="mailto:alan@lop149.fsnet.co.uk">alan@lop149.fsnet.co.uk</a>
3	09.00am to 10am, Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Masonic Hall, Westbourne House Westbourne Close, Otley, LS21 3LG	W Bro Derek Riley <a href="mailto:2dwriley@gmail.com">2dwriley@gmail.com</a>

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| 4 | 10.00am to 12.00,<br>Saturday 4th March<br>2016<br><br>10.00am to 12.00,<br>Saturday 11th March<br>2017 | Masonic Hall, Priory Place, Doncaster,<br>DN1 1BZ<br><br>Tapton Masonic Hall, Shore Lane,<br>Sheffield S10 3BU | W Bro Craig J Bannister<br><a href="mailto:bannister-c@sky.com">bannister-c@sky.com</a>        |
| 5 | 7.00pm to 9.pm,<br>Thursday 2nd February<br>2017  | Masonic Hall, Bruntcliffe Road, Morley,<br>Leeds, LS27 0QG   | W Bro Brian Chappell<br><a href="mailto:brian@chappelfuels.co.uk">brian@chappelfuels.co.uk</a> |

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.

### **Festival Events.**

Even though the Festival is drawing to a close there are still a couple of events being organised and I'm sure they would welcome your support.

Area 3 is holding a "Footapper" with 60's and 70's music, a DJ plus Pie and Pea Supper. Contact Derek Riley [2dwilley@gmail.com](mailto:2dwilley@gmail.com)

They are also holding a 'Final Festival Fling come Dance Night' on Saturday 8th April 2017 at Harrogate Masonic Hall. Tickets £10.00 from Doug' Mills, Flyer attached with contact details.

### **MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee at 7.00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at the Masonic Hall, Bruntcliffe Road, Morley.

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

### **For distribution to:**

Charity stewards  
PCAs  
Area charity representatives  
Provincial office for WRMCL, LLO's and Scribe E's

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



**AREA 3  
FINAL FESTIVAL FLING**

**COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY**



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*ON*  
**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017**  
**7.00pm - midnight**

*at*

**Harrogate Masonic Hall**

*at*  
**Harrogate Masonic Hall**  
*in aid of*  
**2017 RMBI Festival**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm - midnight**

**60's & 70's music to Foot Tapper**

**Salsa incl. demonstration & instruction with**

**Richard & Caroline**

**Touch of Tango incl. demonstration & instruction with**

**Richard & Caroline**

**Country dancing incl. demonstration & instruction with**

**USA**

**DRESS CODE – smart casual**

**TICKETS from D G Mills Tel: 01423 520999**

**COST £10 per person incl mini Stuffed Yorkshire puddings  
with onion gravy**

**Cheques made payable to D G Mills and sent to**

**32 Queens Gate, Harrogate, HG1 5RQ**

**on or before Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

**GLITTERBALL AWARDS**

**RAFFLE**



*in aid of*



**RMBI 2017 RMBI FESTIVAL**



**TICKETS - £10.00pp incl. hot snack DRESS CODE – smart casual**

I endorse cheque for £..... made payable to D G Mills for ..... tickets. Please complete and return to  
32 Queens Gate, Harrogate, HG1 5RQ to arrive no later than 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.  
Name (PRINT).....(Lodge No.....)  
Address.....  
Tel:.....

..... Email.....