

West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd
(WRMCL)



The elected board of Directors are responsible for ensuring that the needs of distressed local Freemasons & their dependents are met. It also provides grants for community projects and local organisations, all of which can only be achieved with the continued support of Freemasons within the Province. Charity Stewards represent their Lodges as members of WRMCL and may therefore submit propositions and vote on behalf of their brethren.

WRMCL Patronage Levels

Individual Vice Patron	Lodge Vice Patron	Chapter Vice Patron
£500	£500	£625
Patron £1,000	Patron £5,000	Patron £1,250
Grand Patron £2,500	Grand Patron £10,500	Grand Patron £2,500
	Diamond Patron £20,000	Diamond Patron £5,000

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WRMCL Confidential Helpline
Tel. 0344 9020220
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West Riding Masonic Care and Support Fund
(formerly CHOICES)



WRMCSF assists those elderly, disabled, lonely or vulnerable Province of Yorks WR Freemasons, their families & dependents in times of urgent need, financial hardship & distress or who have other immediate and pressing requirements to live independently in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Care & Support Team

Assistance may be sought via Lodge Almoners, the Confidential Helpline and contacts are Raymond Lodge, Nick Doyles & Elaine & Sharon on 0344 9020220 helpline@wrprovince.com

Grants

are Not means tested; No age limits; No Craft membership time limits.

In 2024 it awarded **70** Home Improvement Grants = **£103,464.75** & **54** Financial Grants = **£45,387** to a total of **£148,851.75.**

For Annual Beneficiaries, **94** Adults & Children received Xmas Gifts = **£17,345** and **90** received Birthday presents = **£19,785** to a total of **£37,130.**

It also provides visits from members of the Care & Support Team; a Telephone Befriending Service & where necessary Respite Care.

The Welfare & Benefits Advisor

Between Sept 2021 & Jan 2025 Claire Beaumont provided advice & assistance to those receiving / qualified to receive State Benefits to claim a total of **£1,288,874.30.** They will receive these benefits for rest of their lives.

West Riding Masonic Community Fund
(Formerly PGM Fund)



WRMCF is a fund derived from donations made by local brethren which WRMCL administers & allocates for the benefit of the wider community.

Since its inception in **1986** (as The PGM's Fund) it has awarded a total of **3,911** Financial Awarded Grants (**3,806** Minor Grants and **105** Major Grants) to a total of **£5,406,842.56**

In 2024 it awarded **59** Minor Grants = **£94,555.97** and **4** Major Grants = **£57,995.** to a total of **£157,850.97.**

Grant Applications

Following due diligence any Lodge or Chapter may submit an application for a Major or Minor Grant each being considered on its own merits.

Minor Grants (generally up to £5,000) may be applied for at any time & are considered regularly by the Funds Committee, Major Grants (1 or more grants totalling approx. £100,000) are awarded annually, Applications to be submitted by 28th February.

Forms & advice are available on <https://www.westriddingfreemasons.info/charity-steward-resources>

The Administrator is:
John Beaven: Tel:07809 024781
communityfundadmin@wrprovince.com

Contact him for Help & Advice.

In 2024
WRMCL awarded
£343,832.72.

Teddies for Loving Care



TLC started 2001 in the Province of Essex, followed by our Province in 2008. It has provided over 200,000 Teddies to 17 A&E facilities; Air Ambulances; Trauma Centres & Children's Hospices across the Province and the 200,000th Teddy was presented at Sheffield Hospital in February 2023. Over 3 million have been distributed nationwide. The cost to administer it is £35,660 per year. The contact is Keith Bradley at tlc@wrncl.co.uk Tel. 07974 188701.

The RMBI Care Company



The RMBI Care Co is a major provider of high-quality care services for over 1000 older Freemasons and their families, whilst supporting many more. They accommodate people requiring residential or nursing care and a Dementia Support House has been created at several of their 17 Care Homes nationwide.

Residents have the security of knowing that they have a home for life regardless of any changes to their financial circumstances, so long as their needs can be met by the RMBI Care Co. The 2 homes in our Province are at **Connaught Court, York** and **The Harry Priestly House, Thorne, Doncaster.**

More information can be found via the Confidential Helpline on 0344 9020220, helpline@wrprovince.com and enquiries@rmbi.org.uk



MCF, the national masonic charity is one of the largest grant-making charities in the country.

In **2023/24** it awarded **£13.7m** to **3,036 Freemasons & families** through **4575** grants - £8.2m for essential daily living costs; £4.4m for health, care and wellbeing & £1.1m for help with young people in education.

It supported a range of **health needs** including counselling, medical treatments & with **1,061** visits to applicants by 286 trained Visiting Volunteers and with **17,815** interactions with those requiring support. It also provided **£6.9m** funding for respite, residential, nursing & dementia care at the **RMBC Care Co.** homes.

It helped vulnerable & disadvantaged people to live happy, fulfilling lives & participate actively in society through grants to **local & national charities & partnerships** with leading organisations in the sector. It supported **339** local & national charities annually at a cost of **£5.7m** and being partnered with Age UK it is tackling loneliness & isolation in later life by funding charities that help people overcome barriers so they can actively participate in society in their later years.

It funds **medical research** - PhD studentships that aim to improve knowledge, treatment & services for people with life-changing diseases and illnesses.

Working with Hospice UK it improves the wellbeing of **hospice patients** and their families.

It supports **National & International Disaster Relief** Efforts and Appeals.

THE MCF 2028 Festival

What is a Festival?

It is a masonic 'appeal' via donations from Brethren & fund-raising events over a 5 to 7-year period. 4 Festivals are usually ongoing annually by Provinces across England & Wales.

Why are Festivals necessary?

Festival appeals are a vital source of funding and generate the majority of donations made to the MCF.

What is the Goal for the 2028 Festival in our Province?

Can we reach £4 million? – of course we can, with commitment, having fun and hard work!!!

What are the Individual Honorifics for the Festival.

Steward £600 (over duration of Festival)

Vice Patron £750.

Patron £1,500.

Grand Patron £2,250.

(Lodge Patronage Levels differ and details can be obtained from Lodge Secretaries or Area Chairs.)

How do I make a donation to the Festival.

Make individual or regular payments by clicking on either the relevant QR code shown below, at WR masonic venues or documents, or on a keyring held by Charity Stewards

For regular payments



For 'one-off' payments



OR

By a one-off payment, a Bank Standing Order or Regular Donation via your Charity Steward.

MCF Support In our Province



Since its formation in 2016

MCF has supported **Freemasons and their families** in our Province with **1505** Grants totalling **£3,649,472.**

It has also supported **198 Registered Charities** with Grants to a total of **£1,997,030.**

Total support in our Province since 2016 is **£5,656.502.**

In 2023 / 2024.

It awarded a total of **166** Grants with **106** awarded to **Freemasons and their families** including **£47,846** to support everyday Living Costs, **£117,698** to support the education of children & young people and **£308,476** for Healthcare & Wellbeing. The total being **£474,020.** **11** accessed the Confidential Mental Health Counselling Service.

To **Registered Charities** in our community it awarded **13** grants to a total of **£261.612**

For further information contact:

MCF Tel: 020 3146 3333

www.mcf.org.uk

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MCF Lapel Pin

In 2023/2024,
to our Province,
MCF awarded
£735,632.



POCKET MEMO FOR CHARITY STEWARDS

March 2025