

Making an Application

A wide range of help and support is available for Mark Master Masons, their wives, partners, widows, children and grandchildren. Most of the support provided takes the form of financial grants to assist with financial, health or family related needs.

Financial

- Daily living costs
- Grants following an accident, redundancy or personal crisis
- Funeral bills
- Minor home repairs

An application will involve a personal visit to the applicant, by the Lodge Almoner and/or Visiting Brother, to complete the Petition Form and gather supporting documents to help the application go smoothly.

The applicant should not complete the form themselves; this should be done by Lodge Almoner, or Visiting Brother, and forwarded directly to the Provincial Grand Almoner. For advice or assistance on completing the form, and what supporting evidence is required, contact the Provincial Grand Almoner.

The Provincial Grand Almoner will check the application and if necessary request further information. He will then send the Application to the Mark Benevolent Fund and deal with all correspondence and queries.

Any applications received by the Mark Benevolent Fund from any other source, will be returned to the Provincial Grand Almoner for approval and verification.

The Mark Benevolent Fund Petitions Committee sits on a near quarterly basis to consider cases and the Provincial Grand Almoner is notified of the decision within five days of the meeting. The Provincial Grand Almoner then notifies the Lodge Almoner and/or Visiting Brother, and writes a letter to the Petitioner.

In most cases grants are disbursed via the Province and not directly to Lodges or individuals. In exceptional circumstances the disbursement may be carried out directly by the Mark Benevolent Fund, or other Charitable Agency.

Medical Consultations

If any Member, or their dependants, require a Medical Consultation, earlier than that offered by the National Health Service, please contact the Provincial Grand Almoner by phone or email immediately, and help will be offered wherever possible. In this respect help will be obtained from the East Lancashire Masonic Benevolent Fund.