

(West Riding Masonic Charities Ltd).

WRMCL



Between 1/6/ 24 & 1/6/25
WRMCL allocated £270,373.64
within our Province

The elected Board of Directors ensure that the needs of distressed local Freemasons & their families are met. It also provides grants for local community projects & organisations. This can only be achieved with the support of local Freemasons.

Charity Stewards represent their Lodges as members of WRMCL & may therefore submit propositions and vote on behalf of their brethren.

WRMCL Patronage Levels

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

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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admin@wrmcl.co.uk
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WRMCL Admin 07395 375964.
Festival Secretary: 07976 113177.

WRMCL Confidential Helpline
0344 9020220

West Riding Masonic Care and Support Fund

(formerly CHOICES)



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

The Care & Support Team

Contacts are Raymond Lodge, Paul Nash, Elaine & Sharon on 0344 9020220 helpline@wrprovince.com

Grants

No age limits; Not generally means tested; No membership time limits.

Between 1/6/24 & 1/6/25 it allocated **£116,811.70** comprising
52 Home Improvement Grants = **£45,976.70**; **40** Emergency Financial Grants = **£37,205**; **90** Children & Adults received Birthday presents = **£16,355**; **94** Children & Adults received Xmas Gifts = **£17,354**.

WRMCSF also provides **Respite Care** where necessary; **Welfare Visits** from members of the Care & Support Team & a **Telephone Befriending Service.**

The Welfare & Benefits Advisor

Since 2021 The Welfare Advisor Claire Beaumont has provided advice & assistance for those receiving State Benefits to additionally claim a total of **£1,423,384.60** which they will receive for the 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 community, (not necessarily to go to Registered Charities).

Between 1/6/24 & 1/6/25 it allocated **£153,561.94** comprising

50 Minor Grants = **£ 92,164,94.**

4 Major Grants = **£61.400.**

Grant Applications

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

Administered by Christian Jones:
communityfund.admin@wrmcl.co.uk

Contact for Help & Advice.

Teddies for Loving Care



Since it started in 2001 in the Province of Essex over 3 million Teddies having now been distributed nationwide. Since 2008 our Province has provided over 244,000 Teddies to 17 local A&E facilities, Trauma Centres, Children's Hospices and Air Ambulance.

Between 1/6/24 & 1/6/25 18,360 were delivered at a cost of £38,733. Tel Keith Bradley on 07974 188701 or tlc@wrmcl.co.uk



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

It provides long-term supports to **Freemasons & their Families** who have financial, health, education or care-related needs including medical treatments, with a range of grants and services, a counselling service & funding for respite, residential, nursing & dementia care at **RMBI Care Co. Homes.**

It supports **Local & National Charities** to help vulnerable and disadvantaged people to live happy, fulfilling lives & participate actively in society through grants to local & national charities & partnerships with leading organisations in the sector.

By funding PhD studentships it supports **medical research** into degenerative diseases & by working with **Age UK** it is tackling loneliness & isolation in later life by funding charities that help people to overcome barriers so they can actively participate in society in their later years.

Working with **Hospice UK** it improves the wellbeing of hospice patients & their families & also supports National & International **Disaster Relief Efforts & Appeals.**

Videos to watch or show

<https://vimeo.com/1062358693?share>
<https://youtu.be/GGWTSPcBESE>
<https://youtu.be/8IPvkGI5Wsl>

Contact MCF

Tel no: 020 3146 3333
www.mcf.org.uk

The MCF 2028 Festival

To 1/8/25 the Festival Total is £1,575,000.

What is a Festival?

A vital fundraising appeal held to raise funds in support of the MCF, each Province holding one every 11 years.

During appeal - encourage brethren to donate, raise funds, participate in events, learn about & promote the work of MCF.

Finale - a Festival Ball when the total amount is announced & the achievements of the Province are celebrated. (Only Festival Stewards & above & their wives/partners qualify to attend).

Misconception - donations are not needed due to the income received from MCF's investments & every Brother's Annual Contribution.

Reality - around 60% of income comes from the contributions of today's Freemasons, with the majority raised through Festival Appeals.

(In 2019/20 over £36.2m was spent supporting beneficiaries & charities with the income received from their investments being only £7.44m. This demonstrates that Festivals are vital if the MCF is to continue its activities)

Festival: Individual Patronages.

Vice Patron £750.

Patron £1,500.

Grand Patron £2,250.

Donations made qualify for Patronage to the Festival, MCF & WRMCL simultaneously.

Patronages are awarded after the required amount has been paid & verified.

THE MCF 2028 Festival

How to obtain a Jewel and Stewardship for the Festival.

Make a one-off payment of £600 (or more) or make individual or regular payments totalling £600 by clicking on the relevant QR code shown below or on display in masonic venues.

For regular payments



For 'one off' payments



or by making the payments to the Lodge Charity Steward for forwarding to The YWR 2028 MCF Festival Appeal.

Fundraising Considerations.

- Festive Board raffles should be for the benefit of The Festival.
- It is important to get families & friends involved.
- Arrange activities which are Inter-Lodge; Lodge/Chapter; Inter-Hall; Cross-Area.
- Contact the Area Chair for MCF merchandise to support raffles.
- Shout about achievements.
- When a member is undertaking a challenge encourage the Lodge & local Lodges to sponsor him.
- Give the impression that people are missing out if they are not at events.
- Events need a social attraction or engagement & if well-organised people will support them.
- The most unusual and original ideas are often the best.

MCF Support In our Province

Between 1/6/24 & 1/6/25

In our Province MCF has supported

100 Freemasons, their Families & Dependents to a total of **£331,959**

consisting of:

Everyday Living Costs: £234,069 to **70** beneficiaries.

Children and Young People: for education £1,310 to **2** beneficiaries; and £33,223 to **2** beneficiaries through Talent Aid. **Total: £34,533.**

Healthcare & Wellbeing: for Mental Health Support - **£7,353** to **11** beneficiaries.

Medical Care - **£32,103** to **6**.

Dental Care **£7,675** to **2**.

Mobility Equipment - **£14,715** to **6**.

Break for Carers - **£1,511** to **1**.

Total: £63,357 to 26 beneficiaries

Confidential Counselling Service: it was accessed on **16** occasions.

13 Local Charities received a total of **£304,746.**

TOTAL TO OUR PROVINCE
£636,705

Misconception - Money sent from the North down to London is lost in the Masonic Charity ether.

Reality - Since the conclusion of our last Festival in 2017 when £3.3m was raised, MCF has granted £5m+ back to Yorkshire West Riding.

**IT COMES BACK WITH
INTEREST!!**



**POCKET MEMO FOR
CHARITY STEWARDS**

August 2025