

**Provincial Grand Lodge of
Londonderry & Donegal
Council of Charity & Welfare**

NIC102438

Financial Statements and Trustees' Report

For the year ended

31st December 2023

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**Provincial Grand Lodge of
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Council of Charity & Welfare
Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31st December 2023**

Trustees: Mr Raymond Robinson
 Mr James Hughes
 Mr Arthur Woolsey

Charity Number: NIC102438

Address: Freemasons' Hall
 25 Bishop Street
 Londonderry
 BT48 6PR

Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry & Donegal Council of Charity & Welfare is governed by a constitution dated 14th December 2011, accepted as a charity by HM Revenue & Customs under reference number XR80515 and registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 6th January 2016 under charity number NIC102438.

The charity's purposes are detailed within the constitution and can be summaries as;

1. To relieve in cases of need, hardship or distress, freemasons and the widows and other dependents of deceased freemasons.
2. To provide financial assistance to other duly constituted Masonic Charities.
3. To provide financial assistance to any person or body for any "charitable purpose".

The Trustees have had regard to the Public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

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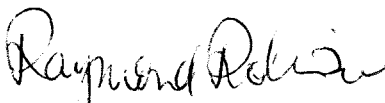
During the year ended 31st December 2023 the charity conducted the following activities in furtherance of its activities for the public benefit;

1. Donations were made to nine other masonic charities, allowing them to continue their own charitable activities, providing assistance to freemasons and their families in need, as well as supporting other charities in their communities.
2. The following donations were made to support the charitable activities conducted by these bodies;

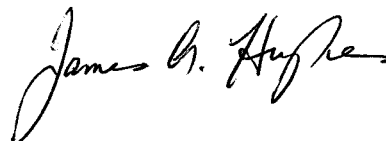
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| Prostrate Cancer UK | £1,000 |
| St Bernadette's Special School | €1,000 |
| Glenmaquin National School | €100 |
| N. I. Chest Heart & Stroke | £500 |
| Coleraine & District Samaritans | £1,000 |
| Parkinsons Disease Society - Foyle Branch | £750 |
| Donegal Hospice | €1,500 |
| Marie Curie Cancer | £1,300 |

The results of the charity's activities during the year and of its position at the year end are included in the Receipts and payments account on page 5 and the Statement of assets and liabilities on page 6. The trustees are thankful for the support of the brethren forming the membership of the charity and their guests, through their continued generous donations which are used to further the charity's purposes, which have been detailed above.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 24th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


R Robinson
Trustee

J A Hughes
Trustee



**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
The Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal
Council of Charity and Welfare**

We report on the accounts of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal Council of Charity and Welfare for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of
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Independent examiner's statement

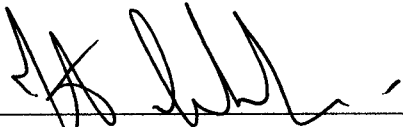
We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Ken McClure

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Date: 26/03/24



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Date: 26/03/24

**Provincial Grand Lodge of Londonderry and Donegal
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Reg No: NIC 102438
Receipts and Payments Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Voluntary Receipts | | | | |
| Donations | 110,039 | 6,812 | 116,851 | 49,407 |
| Interest received | 864 | - | 864 | 70 |
| Exchange Gain | - | - | 0 | 168 |
| Total receipts | 110,903 | 6,812 | 117,715 | 49,645 |
| | | | | |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | |
| Cost of Charitable Activities | | | | |
| <u>Grants and donations</u> | | | | |
| to Masonic charities | 109,595 | - | 109,595 | 30,966 |
| to external charities | | 6,812 | 6,812 | 16,831 |
| <u>Governance costs</u> | | | | |
| Postage & printing | 665 | - | 665 | 660 |
| Bank fees | 119 | - | 119 | 180 |
| Legal & professional | - | - | 0 | - |
| Admin expenses | 407 | - | 407 | 369 |
| Exchange Loss | 73 | | 73 | |
| Total payments | 110,859 | 6,812 | 117,671 | 49,006 |
| Net (payments)/receipts | 44 | 0 | 44 | 639 |
| Transfers between funds | | | | - |
| Net Receipts for Year | 44 | 0 | 44 | 639 |

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

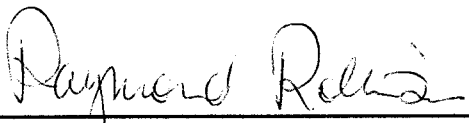
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Funds reconciliation | | | | |
| Accumulated fund as at 31/12/22 | 7,558 | - | 7,558 | 6,919 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) for the year | 44 | - | 44 | 639 |
| Accumulated fund as at 31/12/23 | <u>7,602</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,602</u> | <u>7,558</u> |

Bank & cash balances

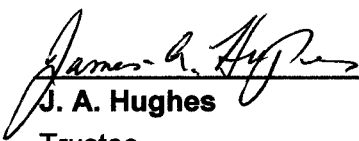
Ulster Bank:

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Sterling Current account | 50 | - | 50 | 50 |
| Sterling Business Reserve | 4,595 | - | 4,595 | 4,198 |
| Euro Current Account | 2,957 | - | 2,957 | 3,310 |
| | <u>7,602</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,602</u> | <u>7,558</u> |

Approved by the Trustees on 24 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



R. Robinson
Trustee



J. A. Hughes
Trustee