



**TRUST DEED AND  
REGULATIONS**

**AND OTHER DOCUMENTS  
RELATING TO**

**THE  
GRAND CHARITY**

PUBLISHED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE GRAND CHARITY 2010

Trust Deed of 16th April 1980  
Incorporating amendments to the Trust Deed and Regulations

**THE GRAND CHARITY**  
**Registered Charity No 281942**

**60 GREAT QUEEN STREET LONDON WC2B 5AZ**

**ESTABLISHED BY THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND**

# **THE GRAND CHARITY**

## **Notice of Promulgation**

The Council of the Grand Charity having approved the issue of this document containing its Trust Deed, Regulations and other documents relating to the Grand Charity which, having been approved by the members, is hereby promulgated.

By Order of the Council

Richard L. Camm-Jones  
Secretary of the Grand Charity  
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16 October 2010

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## Section 1

THIS TRUST DEED is made the 16 day of April One thousand nine hundred and eighty Between Jeremy Pemberton, Charles Gordon Hutchins and Arthur James Davis all of Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ of the one part and MASONIC CHARITY TRUSTEE LIMITED a company limited by guarantee but whose registered office is at 57 Chiswell Street London EC1Y 4SY (hereinafter called "the Original Trustee") of the other part.

### WHEREAS

- (1) The United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England (hereinafter called "the Grand Lodge") has resolved to establish a fund for the purpose of receiving contributions made by Freemasons of the English Constitution and others to be held on exclusively charitable trusts.
- (2) The Original Trustee is a company incorporated under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1976 the objects of which are (inter alia) to act as trustee of property received by it for charitable purposes and as such to receive and hold any property investments and cash which may be vested in it.
- (3) The Grand Lodge has caused to be paid to the Original Trustee the sum of £200 and has resolved that the parties hereto of the one part shall execute on behalf of the Grand Lodge a deed (being this deed) declaring the trusts on which the said sum and any additions thereto shall be held.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH as follows:-

Definitions:-

1. (a) The Charity hereby constituted shall be known as “The Grand Charity” or such other name as shall be substituted therefor from time to time.

(b) In this Deed and in any Regulations made hereunder where the context permits:

“the Book of Constitutions” means such edition of the Book of Constitutions as may be the current revised edition thereof approved by the Grand Lodge including all amendments made thereto as at the date upon which reference may be made to the Book of Constitutions for the purposes of this Trust Deed;

“the Council” means the Council of the Grand Charity;

“the Regulations” means the current Regulations as adopted by the Grand Charity in accordance with clause 7;

“the Trustee” includes the Original Trustee and any other trustee or trustees for the time being of the Grand Charity;

“the Trust Fund” means:-

- (i) the said sum of two hundred pounds and
- (ii) all monies investments and property paid or transferred to and accepted by the Trustee as additions to the Trust Fund and
- (iii) the investments and property from time to time representing such investments and additions or any part or parts thereof and any accumulations of the income thereof.

(c) Words importing the singular number only shall include the plural number and vice versa.

(d) Any reference to persons by Office or Rank shall mean the holder for the time being of that Office in The Grand Lodge in accordance with the Book of Constitutions and any other Masonic term or reference shall have the same meaning as that designated in the Book of Constitutions.

(e) Words importing persons shall include corporations.

## **2. Objects**

(a) The Trustee shall hold the Trust Fund and the income thereof upon trust for charitable application absolutely.

(b) The Trust Fund shall be applied for such charitable institutions, objects or purposes as the Council shall in its absolute discretion from time to time determine, but subject to such approvals or consents as may for the time being be prescribed by law or in the Regulations set out in the Trust Deed as amended from time to time.

## **3. Officers of the Grand Charity**

The Grand Master for the time being shall be ex officio the Grand President of the Grand Charity.

4. The Pro Grand Master (or if there is no Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master) for the time being shall be ex officio the Deputy Grand President of the Grand Charity.

5. There shall be a Vice Grand President of the Grand Charity who shall be appointed annually by the Grand President.

## **6. Members of the Grand Charity**

The members of the Grand Charity are the members of Grand Lodge and all master masons who are subscribing members of London and Provincial Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England, subject to the right of any brother to decline membership of the

Grand Charity by notice in writing to the Secretary of the Grand Charity.

## **7. Regulations**

The Grand Charity, including the composition of the Council and its organisation and administration, shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the First Schedule to the Trust Deed as amended from time to time.

## **8. Management**

The affairs of the Grand Charity shall be managed by the Council which may exercise all the powers which are not by law or by the Regulations required to be exercised by the members in General Meeting. The management shall however be subject to directions, (not being inconsistent with the Trust Deed or the Regulations), which may be prescribed by the members in General Meeting; but no such direction shall invalidate any prior act of the Council or of the President which would have been valid if that direction had not been made.

**9.** The Trustee shall hold the Trust Fund as to so much thereof as shall consist of money upon trust to retain the same or any part thereof uninvested for so long as the Council shall think fit or at any time or times in the discretion of the Council to invest the same or any part thereof in manner hereby authorised and as to property other than money upon trust to allow the same or any part thereof to remain in its then state of investment or condition for so long as the Council may think fit or at any time or times in the discretion of the Council to sell call in or convert into money the same or any part thereof and shall hold the same upon the trusts and with and subject to the powers and provisions herein declared.

**10.** Each and every power and discretion hereby or by law conferred upon the Trustee (including the additional powers set

forth in the Second Schedule) shall be exercisable according to the directions of the Council.

**11.** The Trustee may act as the sole trustee hereof and any other body corporate (whether or not being a Trust Corporation as defined by the Trustee Act 1925 as amended) may be appointed an additional trustee or the sole trustee hereof on such terms as to reasonable remuneration and otherwise as the Council shall approve but the Trustee shall charge only the actual costs incurred in or about the performance of its duties hereunder.

**12.** The Trustee may make use of facilities provided by the Grand Lodge in connection with the management of the Trusts hereof and may pay to the Grand Lodge all such costs charges and expenses as may be properly charged by the Grand Lodge therefor.

In Witness whereof the individual parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals and the Original Trustee has caused its Common Seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

## Section 2

### THE FIRST SCHEDULE

#### Regulations

As approved by the members of the Grand Charity  
on 16 October 2010

#### Definitions

**0201.** (a) In these Regulations, where the context permits:

‘Appointed Members’ means members of the Council appointed by the Grand President;

‘Appointed Members of Festival Provinces’ means members of the Council appointed by the Provincial Grand Masters respectively for the immediate past, current and next succeeding Festivals in support of the Grand Charity;

‘The Deputy Grand President’ means the Pro Grand Master for the time being or, if there is no Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master for the time being;

‘Elected Member’ means a Provincial Member or a London Member;

‘Festival Provinces’ means those Provinces holding a Festival in support of the Grand Charity;

‘The Grand President’ means the Grand Master for the time being;

‘London Members’ means members of the Council elected in accordance with procedures organised by the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London;

‘Provincial Members’ means members of the Council elected in accordance with procedures organised by the groups of Masonic Provinces;

‘Relief Chest Restricted Fund’ means the fund holding money donated through the Relief Chest scheme;

‘Unrestricted Fund’ means the general fund of the Grand Charity maintained for application in accordance with Regulations 0204(b), (c) and (d);

‘The Vice Grand President’ means the Vice Grand President currently appointed by the Grand President.

(b) A document or information is sent or supplied in hard copy form if it is sent or supplied in a paper copy or similar form capable of being read.

(c) A document or information is sent or supplied in electronic form if it is sent or supplied by electronic means (for example, by email or fax) or by any other means while in an electronic form (for example, sending a disk by post).

(d) A document or information is sent or supplied by electronic means if it is sent initially and received at its destination by means of electronic equipment for the processing or storage of data and entirely transmitted, conveyed and received by wire, radio, optical means or other electromagnetic means

### **President, Deputy President, Treasurer, Vice-Presidents, Chief Executive and Secretary**

**0202.** (a) There shall be a President of the Grand Charity who shall be appointed annually by the Grand President in his capacity as the Grand Master at the Annual Investiture of Grand Lodge.

(b) There shall be a Deputy President who shall be appointed annually by the Grand President.

(c) There shall be a Treasurer who shall be appointed annually by the Grand President.

(d) The appointments of the Deputy President and Treasurer shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting of the Grand Charity.

(e) There shall be two Vice-Presidents of the Grand Charity, both of whom shall be elected annually by the Council from among its members. The Vice-Presidents shall retire at the end of their year of office but may be eligible for re-election for one further year so long as they remain members of the Council.

(f) There shall be a Chief Executive and Secretary of the Grand Charity and the Council shall have the sole power of appointing and removing them.

### **The Council**

**0203.** (a) The Council shall consist of the following members of the Grand Charity:-

- (i) The President, Deputy President and Treasurer shall be appointed by the Grand President.
- (ii) A further nine members shall be appointed to serve for a period of three years by the Grand President.
- (iii) Nine members shall be elected to serve for a period of three years as Provincial Members from the groups of Masonic Provinces.
- (iv) Three members shall be Appointed Members of Festival Provinces and shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to serve for a maximum period of three years by the Provincial Grand Masters for the immediate past, current and next succeeding Festival Provinces.
- (v) Three members shall be elected to serve for a period of three years as London Members.
- (vi) Past Presidents of the Council shall be entitled to remain

members of the Council until the Annual General Meeting immediately following their attainment of the age of seventy-five years.

(b) If the Council shall so resolve, additional members, not exceeding four may be co-opted for a period not exceeding one year.

(c) Except with the consent of the Grand President, no Brother who is a Metropolitan, Provincial or District Grand Master or a Grand Superintendent or who is an executive member of any of the other principal masonic charities, a member of Grand Lodge's Board of General Purposes, or the Committee of General Purposes of Supreme Grand Chapter, shall be eligible for election as an Elected Member. All members of the Council must be Past Masters of Lodges of the English Constitution of Freemasonry, qualified under Rule 9 of the Book of Constitutions.

(d) Save for the President, Deputy President, Treasurer, members who are co-opted and members appointed to fill casual vacancies, members of the Council shall be appointed or elected with effect from the Annual General Meeting each year and shall retire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the calendar year in which the third anniversary of their appointment or election falls.

(e) Save for the Appointed Members of Festival Provinces (who shall not be eligible for re-appointment in such capacity), each member of the Council retiring at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to Regulation 0203(d) shall be eligible for re-appointment or re-election twice only. Upon his third retirement, that member of the Council shall not be eligible for re-appointment or re-election until a period of one year has elapsed.

(f) Any casual vacancy in the number of Appointed or Elected Members may be filled by the Grand President and the Council respectively. Any brother so appointed shall retire when the member he replaced would have retired had he remained in office.

(g) The election of three brethren each year as Provincial Members shall be organised by the groups of Masonic Provinces in such manner as may be approved by the Council from time to time. If nominations exceed vacancies, a ballot should be held. The names of those elected shall be conveyed to the Secretary of the Grand Charity at least 56 days before the Annual General Meeting at which they will then be announced.

(h) The election of one brother each year as a London Member shall be organised by the Metropolitan Grand Lodge of London. If nominations exceed vacancies, a ballot should be held. The name of the brother elected shall be conveyed to the Secretary of the Grand Charity at least 56 days before the Annual General Meeting at which it will then be announced.

(i) Any member of the Council may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of the Grand Charity.

(j) If any Appointed Member shall be absent from the proceedings of the Council or the meetings of any committee to which he has been nominated for more than half the number of meetings held during the year, the fact shall be reported to the Grand President.

(k) If any Elected Member shall be absent from the proceedings of the Council or the meetings of any committee to which he has been nominated for more than half the number of meetings held during the year (except through illness or some other cause sufficient in the opinion of the Council), he shall be deemed to have resigned from the Council and shall not be eligible for re-election.

(l) A member of the Council shall automatically retire at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting immediately following the attainment by him of the age of seventy-five years and he shall not thereafter be eligible to serve on the Council.

(m) The Council may make such Regulations as it deems necessary for the suspension or expulsion of any Elected Member of the Council.

### **Powers and Duties of the Council and the President**

**0204.** (a) The Council may make rules for the disbursement of any of the funds of the Grand Charity but subject thereto separate accounts shall be maintained for the Unrestricted Fund, the Relief Chest Restricted Fund and such other fund or funds as the Council considers appropriate.

(b) The Council may make out of the Unrestricted Fund of the Grand Charity such payments or loans for Masonic charitable purposes as it shall decide.

(c) Payments or loans may be made out of the Unrestricted Fund of the Grand Charity for non-Masonic charitable objects or purposes which shall either be approved by a resolution of the Grand Charity in General Meeting or can be the subject of directions under clause 8 of the Trust Deed.

(d) The President shall have authority to make emergency grants and loans out of the Unrestricted Fund for either Masonic or non-Masonic charitable purposes of up to £100,000 each. These emergency grants and loans shall be reported to the Council and to the Grand Charity in General Meeting, and can be the subject of directions under clause 8 of the Trust Deed. Emergency grants and loans made by the President shall not total more than £200,000 in aggregate in any three month period or such other limit as may be approved in advance by members of the Grand Charity in General Meeting.

(e) Payments or loans out of the Relief Chest Restricted Fund to or for either Masonic or non-Masonic charitable objects or purposes may only be made in accordance with rules to be made by the Council from time to time for the operation of the Relief Chest Restricted Fund.

**0205.** The Council shall be responsible for the administration and control of the affairs of the Grand Charity, and shall have all powers conferred by the Trust Deed which shall further the objects of the Grand Charity.

**0206.** The Council shall cause to be kept proper accounting records to include all receipts, payments, assets and liabilities in connection with the Grand Charity.

**0207.** The Council shall each year report to the Grand Charity in General Meeting concerning its activities for the past year.

### **Meetings of the Council**

**0208.** The Council shall meet as often as it considers necessary but in any case not less than four times in each year at such times as it shall determine. The members of the Council may take a decision without a meeting by indicating their views to each other by any means, including electronic means. Such a decision shall require the consent of at least three-quarters of the members of the Council.

**0209.** The President, the Deputy President or one of the Vice-Presidents, or failing him the Brother who holds the most senior rank within the Craft shall preside at meetings of the Council. Brethren of identical rank shall take seniority by date of appointment to that rank.

**0210.** Nine members of the Council shall form a quorum and proceed to business. Save for amendments to the Trust Deed, all questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the presiding Brother having a second vote in case of equality.

**0211.** Any matters specially referred to the Council by the Grand President shall have precedence over all other business.

**0212.** The Council may establish committees (of which the President, Deputy President and Vice-Presidents shall be members *ex officio*), may appoint members of such committees from among the members of the Council or otherwise, may remove such

members, may delegate powers to such committees and may make rules for the procedures of such committees. Each committee shall:

(a) consider and report to the Council on all matters referred to it;

(b) have power to invite to any of its meetings for the purpose of consultation any persons (whether brethren or not) possessing special knowledge of any subject with which the committee has to deal;

(c) have power to make decisions by electronic means in accordance with the procedures applying to decisions of the Council under Regulation 0208 (except that references to the “Council” shall be construed as references to the “committee”); and

(d) have power to establish sub-committees, appoint members of such sub-committees from among the members of the Council or otherwise, remove any such members, delegate powers to such sub-committees and make rules for the procedures of such sub-committees.

**0213.** (a) Minutes shall be kept of all proceedings of the Council and any committee thereof, and shall be entered in books kept for that purpose.

(b) The Trustee and any purchaser, mortgagee or other person dealing with the Trustee in relation to any property belonging to the Grand Charity, shall be entitled to act, or rely upon any copy of any minutes of any such proceedings, which is certified to be a correct copy by any two members of the Council.

### **General Meetings**

**0214.** All members of Grand Lodge and master masons who are subscribing members of London or Provincial Lodges under the United Grand Lodge of England are members of the Grand Charity and are entitled as such to attend General Meetings unless they have declined membership by giving notice in writing to the Secretary of the Grand Charity.

**0215.** The Grand Charity shall hold a General Meeting in every year as its Annual General Meeting. The meeting shall be held on the same day and at the same place as one of the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge, at such time as the Council shall appoint, or at any other time or place if the Grand President so directs.

**0216.** The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:-

(a) to discuss such matters as the Council shall deem proper and shall place upon the Agenda;

(b) to announce the Grand President's appointments, the results of the elections of Provincial and London Members of the Council and the names of Appointed Members of Festival Provinces;

(c) to consider and, if thought fit, to approve any specific or general proposal by the Council as to how the Trust Fund shall be paid, or applied, in carrying out the objects of the Grand Charity as defined in Clause 2 of the Trust Deed;

(d) to elect the auditor of the Grand Charity for the following year;

(e) to receive the Annual Report of the Council and the audited accounts of the Grand Charity;

(f) to consider such other business (if any) as shall have been notified to the Secretary of the Grand Charity in writing, delivered to him not less than twenty-eight days before the date of the meeting, and signed by not less than twenty-five members of the Grand Charity.

**0217.** General Meetings of the Grand Charity (other than the Annual General Meeting) shall be called by the Secretary of the Grand Charity when directed either by the Grand President or by the Council.

**0218.** The Secretary of the Grand Charity shall convene General Meetings of the Grand Charity by forwarding at least ten days before each meeting a paper of the business to be presented, together with the minutes of the immediately preceding General Meeting of the Grand Charity (if available), to all members of the Council, Grand Officers present and past, and two copies of the paper of business and minutes to the Secretary of every Lodge. Where a person so entitled to receive notice of a meeting has consented (generally or specifically) to any relevant notice, document or information being sent in any electronic form (including by fax or email) or being made available on a website, rather than being supplied to that person in hard copy form, and has not withdrawn such consent by notice to the Secretary of the Grand Charity in writing, then notice of that meeting (including copies of the paper of business and minutes) may be sent in electronic form or made available on a website, as applicable. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of notice of a meeting by, any person entitled to receive notice, shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

**0219.** (a) The chair at all General Meetings shall be taken by the Grand President, the Deputy Grand President, the Vice Grand President or such other Brother as the Grand President shall appoint to act in his place. In the absence of the Grand President, the Deputy Grand President and the Vice Grand President (and failing any prior appointment by the Grand President), the Brother present and willing who holds the most senior rank within the Craft shall take the chair.

(b) Fifty members of the Grand Charity shall be a quorum. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of members is present at the time when the meeting proceeds to business.

**0220.** At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second vote.

### **Annual Accounts and Audit**

**0221.** An Annual Report and Statement of Accounts made up to 30 November each year (or such other date as shall be adopted by the Council) shall be prepared by the Council.

**0222.** The Annual Statement of Accounts of the Grand Charity shall be audited by an auditor qualified under Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006 (or any subsequent enactment) to be elected by members of the Grand Charity in General Meeting. The auditor shall conduct the audit and report upon the Statement of Accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 (as amended supplemented and replaced from time to time) and recognised auditing standards.

**0223.** The Annual Report and audited Statement of Accounts shall be delivered to the Charity Commission and copies shall be made available to all members of the Grand Charity attending the General Meeting at which they are to be received. The Council shall also ensure that the Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts shall be made available to be accessed on the Grand Charity website: [www.grandcharity.org](http://www.grandcharity.org) at least ten days before the relevant General Meeting.

### **Additional Powers of the Council**

**0224.** (a) Subject to the provisions of Clause 3 of the Scheme of the Charity Commission dated 2 April 2002, the Council has power to amend the provisions of the Trust Deed dated 16 April 1980, but any such amendment must be made by resolution of the Council and must be ratified by a resolution of the members at a General Meeting. A majority of not less than two-thirds of those members present and voting shall be required for a resolution to amend the provisions of the Trust Deed.

(b) These Regulations may be amended by adding, deleting or altering any Regulation by resolution of the Council which must be ratified by a resolution of the members at a General Meeting, provided always that no such addition, deletion or alteration shall be valid if its effect would or might be to destroy or impair the charitable status of the Grand Charity. A simple majority of votes at each meeting shall be sufficient to amend the Regulations.

(c) If the Council deems it necessary or desirable and subject to the prior approval of the Grand President and the Charity Commission, the Council may vary the name of the Grand Charity by resolution which must be ratified by a resolution of the members in General Meeting. A majority of not less than two-thirds of those members present and voting shall be required to vary the name of the Grand Charity.

## **Section 3**

### **THE SECOND SCHEDULE**

In addition to all other powers conferred by law the Trustee in furtherance of the execution of the Trust herein declared but not further or otherwise (subject always to such consent as may be by law required) shall have the following powers exercisable according to the directions of the Council that is to say:

(a) Power to invest any moneys requiring investment hereunder in upon or towards the acquisition or upon the security of any stocks shares property and chattels of whatsoever nature and wheresoever situate and the Trustee shall have the same unrestricted powers of investing and transposing investments in all respects as if it was absolutely entitled to the Trust Fund beneficially (including, without limitation, to delegate the management of investments to a financial expert or experts and to pay any reasonable fees required).

(b) Power at any time or times as and when the Council shall think expedient to apply any part of the Trust Fund in or towards the acquisition by purchase or on lease or otherwise of any freehold or leasehold land (including the costs incidental thereto) and in erecting or demolishing and rebuilding or enlarging improving or altering or decorating and furnishing at any time and from time to time any buildings upon such land or any part thereof and in fitting up the same or any part thereof as the Council may think desirable and from time to time to set apart any part or parts of the Trust Fund and to accumulate the income thereof so long as the law permits by investing the same and the resulting income thereof in any investments herein authorised as a building fund with a view to such fund being applied as and when the Council shall think fit for the purposes expressed in the trusts herein declared or any of them any land acquired under this power being conveyed or demised to or otherwise vested in the Trustee.

(c) Power at any time to sell (subject to such consents or procedures as may be required by law) any land acquired under the foregoing power or any other land which may be or become for the time being subject to the trusts herein declared and to buy in and resell the same without being responsible for any loss that may be incurred thereby any moneys arising from any such sale or under any sale under any statutory power being deemed to be part of the Trust Fund and to be applicable accordingly.

(d) Power to co-operate with and support other persons and institutions having objects of an exclusively charitable nature and to exchange information and advice with them.

(e) Power to sell or otherwise deal with any interest under any settlement or will forming part of the Trust Fund whether or not such interest has fallen into possession in such manner and in all respects as the Council shall in their absolute and uncontrolled discretion think fit.

(f) Power to hold any property or asset forming part of the Trust Fund in the name of a nominee or nominees for the Trustee.

(g) Power subject to such consents or procedures as may from time to time be required by law to borrow any sums of money upon such terms and otherwise as the Council shall in their absolute discretion think fit and for that purpose to charge the whole or any part of any property subject to the trusts hereof and any sums so raised or borrowed as aforesaid shall be treated as an accretion to the Trust Fund.

(h) Power at any time or times to enter into any compromise or arrangement with respect to all or any of their rights as debenture holders debenture stockholders creditors or shareholders of any company (whether in connection with a scheme of reconstruction or amalgamation or otherwise) and to accept in or towards satisfaction of all or any such rights such consideration as they shall in their discretion think fit.

- (i) Powers of administration management and exploitation of an absolute beneficial owner in respect of any property forming part of the Trust Fund of the Grand Charity.
- (j) Power to retain and act upon the advice or opinion of any lawyer, broker, accountant or other professional person (whether or not obtained by them) provided that neither the Trustee nor the Council shall be responsible for any loss occasioned by so acting.
- (k) Power to make such provision for the maintenance of records or registers and the provision of professional or other services for any other charitable institution upon payment or gratuitously and to employ or instruct any person or firm for that purpose in all respects as the Council shall think fit.
- (l) Power to act as a depository of monies by receiving monies or funds of any Masonic body or bodies, operate accounts, receive and pay interest thereon in such manner as the Council shall consider to be conducive to the objects of the Grand Charity subject to obtaining such licence or licences as may be required to enable them so to act.
- (m) Power to apply any income of the Trust Fund in or towards the payment or discharge of any duties taxes levies charges fees or other outgoings or the maintenance or improvement of any property or assets subject to the trust hereof which but for the provisions of this Clause would be payable out of or charged upon the capital of the Trust Fund or any part thereof.
- (n) Power to make grants, loans or other payments and to give guarantees for any charitable purpose.
- (o) Power to use as income applicable hereunder all or any of the Trust Fund or accumulations of income thereof.
- (p) Power to accumulate income for any period for the time being permitted by law and to set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure.

(q) Power when making grants of any funds to any charitable organisation or charitable institution to accept as a good discharge in respect of any such funds the receipt of the Treasurer or Secretary or other authorised officer for the time being of such charitable organisation or charitable institution.

(r) In respect of monies forming part of the Trust Fund available for distribution the Trustee may in lieu of making any grant or donation thereof lend the same to such person body or institution with or without security and at such interest rate if any as the Council shall think fit provided that in respect of any such loan which is not made on commercial terms as an investment of trust monies it shall not be made unless if it had been made as a grant or donation it would have been for a charitable purpose.

(s) Power at any time or times to appropriate any property subject to the trusts hereof in its actual condition or state of investment at the time of appropriation in or towards satisfaction of a grant or donation made hereunder in such manner as to them may seem just and reasonable and may for the purpose of such appropriation ascertain and fix the value of the respective items of property so subject as aforesaid in such manner in all respects as the Council shall think fit and every appropriation and valuation made pursuant to this Clause shall be binding on all persons then or thereafter interested thereunder.

(t) Power to collect and receive donations (whether periodical or other) and to accept (or disclaim) gifts of money and any other property and to organise Festivals Appeals or other means of collecting money as the Council shall think fit and to participate in the Direct Debit Scheme (operated from time to time by the Association for Payment Clearing Services) as an Originator for the purpose of collecting donations and/or any other amounts due to the Grand Charity. In furtherance of this object the Trustee may enter into an Indemnity required by the Banks upon which Direct Debits

are to be originated. Such an Indemnity may be executed on behalf of the Trustee by officials nominated by the Council in an appropriate resolution.

(u) Power to create a permanent endowment fund for the Grand Charity.

(v) Power to employ or contribute to the cost of the employment of a Chief Executive, a Secretary and such other staff as may from time to time be expedient and to make all reasonable and necessary provisions for the payment of pensions and superannuation to or on behalf of employees and their widows or other dependants.

(w) Power to pay the remuneration of any lawyer broker accountant banker stockbroker or other person and of the Chief Executive, Secretary and other staff as aforementioned and all other costs charges and expenses incurred in connection with the management and administration of the Grand Charity out of the Trust Fund and to make such reserves and provisions as may appear reasonable.

(x) Power to insure and take out any insurance policies including insurance for the property of the Grand Charity against any foreseeable risk, and to protect the Grand Charity, the Trustee, the Council and members of committees, including trustee indemnity insurance.

(y) Power to enter into any compromise or arrangement with the executors or any other beneficiaries of a will under which the Grand Charity is also a prospective beneficiary.

(z) Power to do such other lawful things as shall further the objects of the Grand Charity.

**Section 4**

**The Scheme of the Charity Commission dated the  
2nd April 2002**

**THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND  
AND WALES**

Under the power given in the Charities Act 1993

Order that from today, the

**2nd April 2002**

the following

***SCHEME***

will affect the trusts of the charity

known as

**THE GRAND CHARITY (281942)**

Commissioners' References:

Sealing: 49(S)/02

Case No: 244061

Case No: 244061

## **1. Definitions**

In this scheme:

“the charity” means the charity identified at the beginning of this scheme.

“the Council” means the trustees of the charity.

“the Trust Deed” means a Trust Deed dated 16th April 1980, the governing document of the charity.

## **2. Administration**

The charity is to be administered and managed in accordance with its existing Trust Deed as affected by this scheme.

## **3. Power of amendment**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this clause, the Council may amend the provisions of the Trust Deed.
- (2) Any amendment must be made by a resolution passed by the trustees as ratified by a resolution of the members at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the amendment proposed.

- (3) The Council must not make any amendment which would:
  - (a) vary clause 2 of the Trust Deed (the objects clause);
  - (b) confer a power to dissolve the charity;
  - (c) enable them to spend permanent endowment of the charity.
- (4) The Council must obtain the prior written approval of the Commissioners before making any amendment which would:
  - (a) vary the name of the charity.
- (5) The Council must:
  - (a) promptly send to the Commissioners a copy of any amendment made under this clause; and
  - (b) keep a copy of any such amendment with the governing document and this scheme.

#### **4. Questions relating to the Scheme**

The Commissioners may decide any question put to them concerning:

- (1) the interpretation of this scheme; or
- (2) the propriety or validity of anything done or intended to be done under it.

