

Black writing from MMH

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Charitable Donations & Fund Matching.

I am writing to advise you of a major change in the procedure dealing with applications for grants for Worthy Causes from the OSM Benevolent Fund.

This refers to a Conclave donating a sum to a specific charity.

With immediate effect, applications from Provincial & District Grand Conclaves for grants shall be considered twice a year at the Executive Committee meetings normally held in April and October, respectively.

Self explanatory

The minimum amount of grant that maybe applied for is £500.00.

The PGSR has limited individual Conclaves to £250. Therefore, any application/s must total a minimum of £250. The maximum is believed to be £1000/Province/year.

Only **one** application maybe made in any one calendar year ending 31 August.

I suggest that applications are ALL submitted by the end of the year to me, which can then be forwarded to MMH for consideration in April.

In addition, I am pleased to advise you that the policy in respect of grants for Worthy Causes will in future be reviewed on an annual basis.

Will they up our allowance?

It is still the intention of the Grand Supreme Ruler, M.Wy.Bro. Michael W Guest, and the members of the Executive Committee, to match funds raised by individual Provinces and Districts. Cheques will be made payable to the Province or District concerned enabling them to issue cheques directly to the Charities receiving the grant.

Amounts raised will still be matched by MMH, with ONE cheque to be returned to the Province, for dissemination.

In order to ensure that there is an audit trail, receipts will need to be provided in due course.

If you donate it - get a receipt.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or my colleague, Tony Greedy, Charities Administrator.

R Wy Bro Richard L Gann. Dep Grand Recorder.

At MMH.