

# Masonic Benevolent Institutions

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## Masonic Boys & Girls Benefit Fund

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*To be copied and given to every member of your Lodge please.*

Dear Sir & Brother,

*It has come to our attention that there is a need to communicate to the Brethren the great benefits our Funds bring to many deserving cases. It is important to inform our Brethren, particularly our younger Brethren, the work that is being done on their behalf and to make them and their Lodges aware of the help available to those in need.*

*The Masonic Girls and Boys Benefit Funds were set up following the sale of the schools in 1972 and 1981 respectively. The professional and prudent management of the funds has enabled the Committees not to seek additional financial assistance from our Brethren. This fact is important and should bring great satisfaction, if not joy, in the knowledge that this charitable work is being done at no cost to Lodge Funds.*

*The principle of the scheme is to help with the educational needs, maintenance and welfare of the children of Deceased or Incapacitated Brethren and Brethren who have difficulties in financing the education of their children. Each application is considered on its merits, every case is visited by our professional visitors and detailed reports are prepared for consideration by the Management Committees who meet four times a year.*

*This year (2009) the number of cases approved were:*

<i>Fund</i>	<i>No. of cases</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Masonic Girls Benefit Fund</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>€574,613</i>
<i>Masonic Boys Benefit Fund</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>€242,649</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>403</i>	<i>€817,262</i>

*Each case is initiated at Lodge level where the Almoner, after making discreet enquiries, would complete the application form, obtain Lodge approval and return it to the Dublin Office via your Provincial Grand Lodge.*

*We regularly get letters of thanks and appreciation from the recipients and this gives us the confidence to continue with this worthy cause and great pride in the fact that Masonic Benevolence has helped, improved and changed so many lives.*

*Yours Sincerely and Fraternally,*

**T.A (Bert) Wilson**

*Deputy Chairman Masonic Boys Benefit Fund*

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**Diarmuid McNulty**

*Chairman Masonic Girls Benefit Fund*