

# The Lodge Almoner

The Worshipful Master has appointed you 'Almoner of the lodge'. Your duties are to know and to visit all widows, dependants, resigned brethren, and those brethren not able to attend your lodge and maintain contact with them on a regular basis.

**Pastoral care** is the most important aspect of your role as Almoner, loneliness and despair take many forms and it is only by **home visits** that you can assess the need.

You are required to seek out those who may be in need of Masonic relief and inform the Provincial care team covering your area.

A new Almoner's guide is available from the Care Officer which will assist you in your assessment of people in need.

You are also required to prepare and maintain a list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of widows attached to your lodge, and any widow, brethren or dependant who may be residing in a residential or nursing home.

You are charged with the welfare of all the Lodge brethren, widows and dependants, which is one of the most important and demanding roles in the structure of any Lodge.

Should the need arise the Provincial care officers for this area are there to assist you, when assistance is needed.

It only remains for me to congratulate you on your appointment.