

# The Royal Arch Almoner

The Most Excellent has appointed you 'Almoner of the chapter'.

The work of the Royal Arch almoner should serve to complement the duties of the lodge almoner, to ensure that companions, no longer in touch with the lodge, may still receive assistance through the Royal Arch.

**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 chapter, and any widow, companion and dependant who may be residing in a residential or nursing home.

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

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.