

Grand Lodge
of
Antient, Free and Accepted
Masons
of
British Columbia
BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

TO THE NEW MEMBER:—

Dear Brother,

You are now a Master Mason and, while you no doubt fully appreciate the honours and privileges which have been bestowed on you by the fraternity, you will also recall the appeals which have been made to you in respect of the exercise of charity.

It is important that you remember the lessons which will inspire in you a charitable attitude toward your brethren, but it is also important

that you be informed of the particular work of charity which the Grand Lodge has undertaken through its Benevolent Fund administered by its Board of Trustees.

This Fund was established by its pioneers of this Fraternity in this Province, and all of your brethren have been requested to contribute a voluntary offering of not less than \$10.00 each to this Fund. Most of your brethren have complied with this request and you, now, by having been made a Master Mason, have an equal interest with all other Master Masons in this Fund, and it is hoped and expected that you will, as soon as convenient, join with your brethren and make your contribution of \$10.00 or more to this worthy Fund.

As an indication of the extent and scope of our Benevolent work, it may be mentioned that in the year 1929-30 the Fund assisted 36 Lodges in their relief work, paying out \$10,277.85 to 20 brethren, 30 widows and 75 children.

The need has continued and will continue to grow from year to year, and it is only by reason of the limitation of the funds at their disposal that your Trustees have not been able

to further extend assistance in many needy and worthy instances.

It is desired that your gift to this fund be free and voluntary (as all benevolent work should be), and you may contribute or not as you may choose, but we are confident that we may depend on you to do so. Your money will be put to work and the income therefrom only will be used to assist the unfortunate brother, the widow and the orphan.

It should, and will be a source of gratitude and pride to you to know that your contribution, however large or small it may be, will be added to the principal monies of this Fund to be held in perpetuity, and that long after you and we have joined the Grand Lodge above the income derived from it will continue its benign work among the Lodges and their members and families here below.

The Secretary of your Lodge will accept your contribution and give you a receipt therefor, and later a certificate will be sent you from the Benevolent Fund of Grand Lodge showing that you have joined the rest of your brethren in giving this small but practical demonstration of your attachment to the principles of our Order,

one of the chief of which is Charity (in its largest sense) to all men.

Yours fraternally,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the
BENEVOLENT FUND
of GRAND LODGE.

