

Agenda for Almoner Training Seminars

Key Details

Dates & Venues:

Saturday, 10th May 2025: Harrow District Masonic Centre (HDMC)

Saturday, 17th May 2025: Twickenham District Masonic Centre (TDMC)

Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Event Agenda

9:30 AM – Registration & Coffee

- Attendees sign in and collect training packs.

10:15 AM – Welcome & Introduction

- Ivan Chu (Provincial Grand Almoner): Overview of the seminar, objectives, and key themes.

Morning Sessions

10:30 AM – Session 1: Collaboration in Action

Fund Raising: Festival Charity

Speaker: Paul Crockett/Fund Raising Team (Head of Fund Raising – MCF)

Donating & Giving: Role of Charity Stewards and Almoners.

Relief Chest.

Speaker: Dilhani Jayasinghe (Relief Chest Manager)

Relief chest – Donating & Giving in action and update on the provinces progress to date.

Interactive discussion – Q & A's

11:00 AM – Session 2: MCF, RMBI & Provincial Support

Speaker 1: Claire Smith (MCF - Advice Support and Enquiries Team Lead)

How the AST supports the families of the Freemasons.

Speaker 2: RMBI: Debbie Holland/RMBI Team

Introduction RMBI homes and how it supports our members.

Interactive discussion – Q & A's

11:30 AM –Break (Coffee & Networking)

11:45 AM – Session 3: Financial Wellbeing

Presentation by Rohit Patel (Middlesex Care – Financial Pillar)
Ensuring Financial - Wellbeing.
Open Q&A session.

12:15 PM – Session 4: Mental Health Awareness for Almoners

Presentation by Frankie Mellor (Middlesex Care – Mental Health Pillar)
Strategies for supporting mental health within lodges.

12:45 PM – Session 5: The Acacia Club.

Presentation by Hugh Saville (Middlesex Care – The Acacia Club)
Introduction to the Acacia Club, its structure and its role in supporting the
Widows, Widowers and their families.

Lunch Break

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Lunch and informal networking.
Q & A and discussions can take place during Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM – Almoners Talk

Presented by Paresh (& Team)

The role of an Almoner & how it is evolving.
Handbook - familiarise

2:45 PM – Distribution of Almoners Handbook & Closing Remarks

Handbooks distributed to all attendees.
Lapel pins & Certificates awarded for course completion.