

## Confidentiality

The Freemasons Charity appreciates that your Will is a confidential document. However, if you have made, or are considering making, a bequest in favour of The Freemasons Charity, it would be beneficial for us to know so that we can acknowledge or record your generosity. Information regarding your bequest will be held in the strictest confidence.

*If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation or would like to discuss making a bequest, please contact in confidence:*

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## A tradition of caring

The Freemasons Charity, as the registered charitable arm of Freemasons New Zealand, is the cornerstone of the benevolent activities undertaken in New Zealand by Freemasons.

- ◆ It provides support to individuals in need, looks after widows and our wider family.
- ◆ Supports Lodges and Districts in projects that benefit their local communities.
- ◆ Supports research activities at Universities.
- ◆ The Freemasons University Scholarship Programme rewards excellence in those demonstrating academic performance combined with community involvement.

Would you like to know more about what The Freemasons Charity does? Brochures and other material are available on request.



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## The Acacia Society

### MAKING A BEQUEST

*A gift to the future of  
Freemasonry*



## Your gift is treated with respect

Making a bequest to The Freemasons Charity plays an important role in helping to maintain the tradition of caring for our communities and will ensure Freemasonry remains a force for good in New Zealand. Membership of The Acacia Society recognises you as a very special Freemason.

Some brethren elect to leave a bequest, to make gifts that may not have been possible during their lifetimes.

Freemasons New Zealand has benefitted from many generous bequests over the years, and faithfully respects the wishes of the donor.

A bequest is an expression of your values and a significant way to personally recognize the positive influence of Freemasonry. It also gives you the satisfaction of knowing that your contribution will continue to support the masonic principles you endorsed in life.

Making a bequest enables you, should you so wish, to become a member of The Acacia Society, which will entitle you to wear the Acacia pin and to receive regular information and invitations to Freemasonry events. However, if you do not wish your bequest to be recognised your anonymity will be respected.

*To enrol for membership of The Acacia Society please contact the Charity Administrator.*

## What next?

Your bequest could take any form you prefer –

**Specific bequest:** You specify a dollar amount, asset or percentage of your estate.

**Residual bequest:** You give all or a percentage of the remaining balance of your estate.

Usually, bequests are of a fixed sum, and made without an express objective, instead forming part of the overall benevolence undertaken by The Freemasons Charity.

Your bequest could be directed to an express purpose – for example to support research into paediatrics or gerontology, or to recognize our leaders of tomorrow through university scholarships.



## Act now!

It is easy to arrange a Bequest, and will be a meaningful demonstration of your support for Freemasonry at the time of your passing.

The wording to be used in your Will when leaving a bequest is: *“to the Trustees for the time being of the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand for the purposes of The Freemasons Charity”*

If you already have a current Will and would like to include a bequest to The Freemasons Charity then it can be amended by preparing a simple document called a codicil.

*The Freemasons Charity does not provide legal or financial advice so you should meet with your legal representative or adviser when planning or amending your Will.*

