

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOLAY

Charity (or Almoner's) Fund (Issued 1-15-02)

In years past, Chapters traditionally had an Almoner's Fund, or a charitable fund of the Chapter supported by money collected through fund-raising and voluntary donations at Stated Meetings. Most Chapters don't call it this any more, but still set aside money for charitable purposes, sending flowers and get-well cards, and the like. Chapters are permitted to set a "box of fraternal assistance" or a collection basket out at Installations and other public functions to take donations to the Almoner's Fund, as long as there is a card or announcement that all donations will be used for charity and relief. **HOWEVER, CHAPTERS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PASSING ANYTHING THROUGH THE CROWD TO TAKE UP A COLLECTION.** (This practice, perpetuated in other organizations, is not appreciated by family and visitors, and has been the source of severe public criticism against our Order.) The money collected should be turned over to the Scribe and may be kept, either as a separate account, or as a line item in the Chapter's operating fund. It must not be kept in cash.