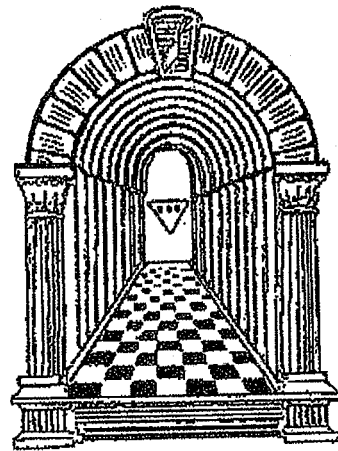


The Grand Council of Cryptic
Masons of the State
of New York
**Charity Fund
Corporation**



CHARITY FUND FOR
PARKINSON'S DISEASE
AND OTHER
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I wish to make an "IN MEMORIAM" contribution of \$ _____ to the Grand Council Charity Fund.

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I am happy to support our Grand Council Charity Fund by making a gift of \$ _____

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Charity has always been considered to be the greatest of Masonic virtues. The tradition of Freemasons helping one another and our concern for non-members is in our teachings for everyday practice of charity and benevolence.

In 1950, Grand Master George W. Pratt was responsible for the formation of the Grand Council Charitable Fund. During the next six years modest sums were contributed to worthy charities. The Grand Council then adopted Parkinson's Disease as its principal project to which we would devote our charitable effort. In 1962, because of the knowledge of spin-off in research, the project was expanded to include the field of geriatrics with special emphasis on Parkinson's Disease.

Parkinson's Disease is a chronic, progressive disease of the nervous system commonly affecting individuals from thirty to eighty, and men more frequently. The symptoms include tremor, rigidity, slurred speech, disturbed gait, masked expression, and general decrease in movement. The cause is unknown. It is the third most prevalent of the neurological disorders, after stroke and epilepsy, which affects mostly the middle-aged and the elderly. Young people may develop it but it is less well known than others which afflict children and young adults. The fact that Parkinson's patients try to conceal their disability contributes to the public's ignorance and the lack of attention which has been paid to the need for research to find the cause and cure, as well as improved treatment, of this crippling illness.

It is estimated that about 1 1/2 million Americans suffer from parkinsonism. The mean age for the onset of Parkinson's is 56, a time when most people are at their peak of productivity. This serious problem is not only tragic for the victims and their families - it represents a tragic waste of human resources.

At present there is no known cure for Parkinson's. Research studies have found that the symptoms are due to a deficiency of a chemical substance, dopamine, in the central nuclei of the brain. About ten years ago,

the use of levodopa was developed as a therapeutic agent. It has been the most effective agent in the treatment of Parkinson's. However not all patients improve with this therapy, and those who do have found that its benefits tend to diminish with time. Clearly, more work is needed to improve therapy and to discover the cause of the disease. Our funds go into the research program which is designed (a) to improve our understanding of the brain and its functions, and (b) to improve existing therapy. In this way it is hoped that we can find out why brains of Parkinson's patients lack sufficient neurotransmitter, dopamine, in the area which controls movement. The research is basic and that which has already been accomplished has led to interesting findings in areas other than parkinsonism in the field of geriatrics.

Clearly, more work is needed, to improve therapy, and to discover the cause of disease. Our contributions can buy the highly sophisticated equipment and special facilities needed to carry on research into the cause, treatment, and possible cure of the disease.

THIS GRAND COUNCIL CHARITY IS YOUR CHARITY. AND THE GRAND COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO EFFECTIVELY HELP IN ERADICATING PARKINSON'S DISEASE. Your contributions to this worthy cause are used exclusively to increase the principal amount of the Fund. Only the income from the Fund is used for Research, and to pay the modest administrative expenses incurred. The principal, therefore, will never become impaired. Contributions in any amount, large or small, will be welcome. **WE SUGGEST THAT BEQUESTS MAY BE MADE BY WILL TO "THE GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK CHARITY FUND CORPORATION"** This charitable foundation has been granted an exempt status as to all contributions made to it in the form of bequests, legacies, devisees, transfers or gifts to or for the use thereof under the Federal Income, Estate and Gift Tax Law.

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