



The Almoner –What Does He Do?

Almoner – What Does It Mean?



Modern English

A social worker in a hospital

Old English

A purse

Someone who distributes alms



The Almoner's
Collar Jewel

All of these definitions have some relevance to the Almoners role and duties.

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An Almoner is key to providing care to members, their families, widows, dependants and resigned Freemasons who may be experiencing difficulties in their life.

His role is as a first point of contact for those seeking help, but also to try and understand where help is needed even if it is not asked

In UK lodges, a member who falls ill or is in difficulty is expected to contact the Almoner

He then co-ordinates the response from the lodge or facilitates contact to other groups (masonic and non-masonic) which could help

Finally, a short report is given in open lodge, only for those who are in agreement, and only verbally

In the meeting minutes it is only recorded that “The Almoner gave a short verbal report”

Additional Information:

<https://www.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk/philanthropy-giving-care/care/the-role-of-the-almoner/>

<https://www.freemasonrytoday.com/features/the-importance-of-almoners>