



## **MCF 2027 FESTIVAL TOOLKIT**

### **TK02 – ENCOURAGING BRETHREN TO DONATE**

A Festival is an initiative undertaken by each Province within the United Grand Lodge of England to raise funds for the Masonic Charitable Foundation that usually takes place every eleven years in any given Province.

#### **Why brethren Should support the MCF 2027 Festival**

The Masonic Charitable Foundation is THE Freemason’s charity.

**“Funded entirely by Freemasons, we build better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing.”** Source [www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk)

Every year the MCF supports

*Freemasons and their dependents  
Local and National Charities*

In 2021 the Province of Hampshire and isle of Wight benefited from over £1 million of support from the MCF

Remember the night you were initiated

**“Be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour those truly masonic ornaments which have been amply illustrated – Benevolence and Charity.”**

#### **Typical Objections and Counters**

The lodge has a history of supporting local charities and we want to continue to do that

The MCF gave more to local charities in the Province than was donated by the lodges

In addition to direct grants the MCF also Match Funds donations by individual lodges

This is just another Provincial initiative

The Festival is for every freemason in the Province to support the charity that supports them, their dependents and local charities.

I cannot afford it

To qualify as a Festival Steward you need to have donated £500.00 (exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief) before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027.

If you take out an RPP before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 you need to contribute £10.20 per month. The equivalent of £2.55 per week.

I do not really understand what the MCF is all about or why I should support it

Have a look at MCF 2027 Festival Toolkit *TK01 - Where To Get Information About The Festival*

Speak to your lodge Charity Steward, Visiting Officer or Area Festival Chairman – they will all be happy to help