



MCF 2027 FESTIVAL – CHARITY STEWARD’S GUIDE

TK12 - PERSONAL AND LODGE HONORIFICS AND AWARDS

Terminology

Donation	Money actually received into the MCF 2027 Festival Relief Chest
Honorific	The amount of money pledged or donated by an individual or lodge. Also used to describe the level achieved by an individual
MCF	Masonic Charitable Foundation www.mcf.org.uk
Pledge	Money promised to be paid at a future date into the MCF 2027 Festival Relief Chest
Relief Chest	A scheme set up to collect and administer money in line with legal requirements for charities and charitable giving
RPP	Regular Payment Plan
Term	The length of time for which payments will be made under a RPP

Personal Honorifics

A brother can qualify for various personal honorifics as follows

Festival Steward	DONATE or PLEDGE £500.00 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief
Vice Patron	DONATE £1,000.00 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief
Patron	DONATE £1,500.00 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief
Grand Patron	DONATE £2,000.00 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief

Qualification for these honorifics is based on the total amount pledged and / or donated at any given time

Examples

A brother pledges £10 per month for 50 months This could be one RPP or a number of RPPs	<i>Festival Steward</i>
A brother pledges £5 per month for 50 months and makes a one off donation of £250	<i>Festival Steward</i>
A brother pledges £10 per month for 50 months and makes a number of donations totalling £500	<i>Festival Steward</i> immediately <i>Vice Patron</i> when the total pledged amount has been donated
A brother makes a one off of donations of £1,000 and also pledges £20 per month for 50 months	<i>Vice Patron</i> immediately <i>Patron</i> when the total pledged reaches £500 <i>Grand Patron</i> when the total pledged reaches £500

Jewels and Bars

When a brother has qualified as a Festival Steward he is sent an email or letter inviting him to purchase a Festival Jewel. Upon him making payment of £10 to **the Provincial Festival Account (not the MCF)** he is sent a jewel and will be congratulated by the Visiting Officer at the next opportunity

When a brother qualifies as a Vice Patron, Patron or Grand Patron and has previously purchased a Festival Jewel, he will be sent the appropriate bar to be affixed to the jewel without making any payment and will be congratulated by the Visiting Officer at the next opportunity

Full details of this process can be found in the document "Where is my Jewel?" which is included in this pack and sent to lodge Charity stewards and Visiting Officers. You Area Festival Chairman can also provide assistance on this.

Lodge Honorifics

A lodge can qualify for various honorifics as follows

Bronze Award	The total amount donated and pledged reaches £375.00 per member* inclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief
Silver Award	The total amount donated and pledged reaches £500.00 per member* inclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief
Gold Award	The total amount donated and pledged reaches £750.00 per member* inclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief
Platinum Award	The total amount donated and pledged reaches £1000.00 per member* inclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief

(*) lodge membership for the purposes of this calculation is based on the lodge membership at 29 July 2021

Upon achieving the amount for and award the lodge will be issued with a certificate stating the level achieved.

Lodges achieving Platinum will also receive a further award