



MCF 2027 FESTIVAL TOOLKIT

TK02 – ENCOURAGING BRETHERN 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 which 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

Every year the MCF supports

*Freemasons and their dependents
Local and National Charities*

In the financial year 2023-4 the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight benefited from nearly £1 million of support from the MCF to both freemasons and their dependents as well as local charities.

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 31st December 2027.

If you take out an RPP before 31st December 2024 you need to contribute less £4 per week (£15 per month) for 3 years.

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