

**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 award achieved by an individual Steward, Vice Patron, Patron or Grand Patron) or lodge (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum).
MCF	Masonic Charitable Foundation <a href="http://www.mcf.org.uk">www.mcf.org.uk</a>
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

<b>A brother pledges payments totalling £500 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief. This could be one RPP or a number of RPPs</b>	<b><i>Festival Steward</i></b>
<b>A brother pledges payments totalling £250 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief and makes a one off donation of £250</b>	<b><i>Festival Steward</i></b>
<b>A brother pledges payments totalling £500 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief and makes a number of donations totalling £500</b>	<b><i>Festival Steward immediately Vice Patron when the total received from pledges reaches £500</i></b>
<b>A brother makes a one off of donations of £1,000 and also pledges a total of £1,000 exclusive of Gift Aid Tax Relief</b>	<b><i>Vice Patron immediately Patron when the total received from pledges reaches £500 Grand Patron when the total received from pledges reaches another £500</i></b>

## **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 making a 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. The Lodge Charity Steward, Visiting Officer and Area Vice Chairman are notified by email that a jewel has been sent to the brother.

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. The Lodge Charity Steward, Visiting Officer and Area Vice Chairman are notified by email that a jewel has been sent to the brother.

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

(\*) lodge membership for the purposes of this calculation is based on the lodge membership on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Upon achieving the amount for a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum award the Festival Secretary will be notified, along with all APGMs, Area Chairmen and Area Festival Chairmen .

For Bronze, Silver and Gold Award the Festival Secretary will send a soft copy of the Award Certificate to the relevant APGM for printing locally.

It is the Area's responsibility to arrange presentation of the Award to the lodge

## PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

The general recommendation for presentation of awards is as follows.

**Bronze Award** to be presented by the Visiting Officer or Area Vice Chairman at the next meeting of the lodge.

**Silver Award** to be presented by the Area Vice Chairman or Area Chairman at the next meeting of the lodge.

**Gold Award** to be presented by the area APGM, Area Chairman at the next meeting of the lodge or another VIP, if an Official Visit is planned for the meeting of the lodge

**Platinum Award** - For lodges achieving Platinum, the Festival Executive Support will order the Award and advise the relevant APGM when it is ready for collection. The APGM will then contact the lodge to arrange presentation of the Award.

The presentation can be made

- a) during an official visit by a brother above the rank of APGM
- b) by the APGM or by a past brother of at least that rank at a regular meeting of the lodge on a date convenient to him and the lodge

When the Platinum Award has been presented the APGM will confirm to Festival Executive Support the date on which it was presented.

Six weeks prior to the Provincial AGM, Festival Executive Support will notify the Provincial Grand Secretary of all lodges qualifying for Platinum Awards for these details to be included in the Order of Business.

All Lodges qualifying for a Platinum Award in the year leading up to the Provincial Annual General Meeting will be acknowledged for their achievement at the Provincial Annual General Meeting.