



## **MCF 2027 FESTIVAL TOOLKIT**

### **TK08 - MAKING A LODGE DONATION**

This includes Cheque Presentations made during Official Visits

A lodge can make a donation from its funds either by cheque or BACS. If made by cheque it should be accompanied by a completed Miscellaneous Donation Form. Donations from a Lodge Relief Chest are made in a different manner please refer to “TK10 - Transferring Money From A Relief Chest To The Festival Version”

#### **Presentations During Official Visits**

The procedure for presenting cheque was outlined in Provincial Bulletin #26 issued 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021, which is reproduced below.

#### ***Provincial Bulletin #26***

*If your lodge or any other Masonic “Unit” is considering making a single donation to the MCF 2027 Festival Appeal, for example presenting a cheque to a VIP on an Official Visit, it is suggested that the following method be used:*

*The cheque MUST be made payable to “The Relief Chest Scheme” and sent to the Relief Chest, along with a Miscellaneous Payment Form which is very straightforward to complete, has all the address details and can be found at <https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/masonic-charitable-foundation/mcf2027-hampshire-isle-of-wight-2027-festival>*

*Your Lodge may wish to present a “Dummy” Cheque and deal with the form and mailing after the meeting. Or just ensure that the VIP returns the real cheque to the Lodge for them to deal with as above. Whichever method is chosen the Lodge must deal with it and not the VIP.*

#### **Key Points**

Before the meeting please check with the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Provincial Deputy GDC or Provincial Assistant GDC that the VIP is aware a cheque is being presented. Arrange with him where (temple or Festive Board) and when the presentation will be made. Also agree if photographs will be taken.

#### **Making a donation by Cheque**

All cheques MUST be made payable to “THE RELIEF CHEST SCHEME” or they cannot be cashed and will be returned to the lodge.

Please check the Miscellaneous Payment Form has been properly completed especially that the **lodge number** and **lodge name** have been included in the Description section or your lodge honorifics may not be credited with the donation. A copy of the form is shown below

It is the lodge’s responsibility to send the form and cheque to

The Relief Chest Scheme  
Masonic Charitable Foundation  
60 Great Queen Street  
London  
WC2B 5AZ

The cheques are normally processed within a week of being received at the MCF, subject to the bank processing time.

The donation is then credited to the lodge's honorifics. Due to the way the reports are produced, this may not appear on the lodge total for up to 2 months. If the donation does not appear to have been credited please query this in the first instance with your Area Festival Chairman.

### **Making a Donation by BACS**

Rather than sending a cheque the lodge can make its donation by BACS transfer.

It is ESSENTIAL that a reference is added to the payment in the format shown below:

Account Name: Relief Chest Scheme  
Account number: 02585235  
Sort code: 18-00-02  
Ref: MCF2027/Lnnnn + Lodge Donation

Where Lnnnn is the lodge number

If making a payment by BACS, no form is required



# Miscellaneous Payment Form



Please do **NOT** use this form for personal donations

**Relief Chest Details**

Relief Chest name:

Relief Chest no.:

Please send completed form and donation to:  
 Relief Chest Scheme, Masonic Charitable Foundation,  
 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ  
 Tel:020 3146 3352 Email:reliefchest@mcf.org.uk

**Donation Details**

**Please ensure all cheques are made payable to The Relief Chest Scheme**

Donation amount: £

Date   -   -

Description of donation (e.g. raffle collection, alms; for festival donations please enter Lodge name and number)

**Receipt Details**

Please tick if a receipt is required  **Please note that receipts can only be issued to the Relief Chest Representative.** MAR21

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