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Worcestershire 2022 Festival Appeal



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Saturday 21st January 2017! An important day for the Province of Worcestershire as we embark on our journey as one of the first Provinces entering Festival for the new Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). Every year many Freemasons in Worcestershire (and beyond) receive fantastic support from the MCF to help meet their financial, healthcare and family needs, whilst the lives of countless others are improved by grants awarded to non-Masonic charities.

It is hard to believe that eleven years have passed since we launched our 2011 Appeal when together we raised an impressive £1,680,000. As we enter Festival once more, I will be announcing an ambitious target for us to aim at. A challenging target no doubt it will be but impossible it will not. To achieve this, your help and enthusiasm become the most important factors in our Festival's success, so I strongly urge every Lodge and Brother to join us and become part of something very special. It is a wonderful opportunity for us to give something back and assist the MCF in providing support to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Brethren, we can only do this if we act NOW by, for example, committing to regular giving and for Lodges to plan carefully for what lies ahead. With an early and widespread commitment our success should be all but assured, so to assist you there is plenty of information in this booklet and on our newly launched website www.festival2022.org.uk

Your ongoing fantastic and unstinting support together with that of our other Masonic orders is, of course, humbling, welcome and a true demonstration of Freemasonry at its best. Please shout loud about how proud we are of our special fraternity and what we will be doing as Freemasons in the coming years.

As we set off on this journey I offer you my best wishes and many thanks for the part you'll play in making this "ONE OF OUR BEST FESTIVALS EVER". Enjoy the Festival, put the "fun" back into "fundraising" and wear the new Festival jewel and tie with pride.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

RW Bro Robert Vaughan
Provincial Grand Master

Support in Worcestershire

Over the last 11 years, the Foundation has supported Freemasons, family members and charities in Worcestershire



...at a cost of around

£2 million

Including:

- Worcester Cathedral £55,000
- Acorns Children's Hospice £35,863
- Midlands Air Ambulance £44,000
- Association for Rehabilitation of Communication and Oral Skills (ARCOS) £28,000

In addition, millions of pounds have been awarded to national charities that support people in Worcestershire.

The last Worcestershire Festival Appeal raised

£1,680,000

for the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys in 2011.





What we do for Freemasons and families

The Masonic Charitable Foundation builds better lives by enabling opportunity, advancing healthcare and education and promoting independence for Freemasons, their families and the wider community. A wide range of help and support is available for financial, health and family related needs, including:

Financial

- Essential daily living costs
- Help through a personal crisis
- Funeral bills
- Emergency home repairs

Health

- Medical treatment
- Mobility aids and essential home adaptations
- Counselling

Family

♥ Children in full-time education

- Essential costs for education or training
- Scholarships, travel grants and student accommodation
- Supporting exceptional talent in sport, music or the performing arts

♥ Care

- Masonic care homes – including nursing, residential and dementia care
- Respite care

Alongside the Foundation's financial help, the Advice & Support Team offers confidential, impartial and practical guidance about the grants available, state and local authority benefits and other useful organisations.

Can the Masonic Charitable Foundation help you?

For advice about the support available, eligibility or how to apply, speak to your Lodge Almoner or contact the Foundation directly:

Freephone 0800 035 60 90 | Email help@mcf.org.uk | Visit www.mcf.org.uk



Real Lives Jake

This is Jake. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mother in Worcestershire. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008 and in 2012 she was made redundant.

Jake's mother purchased a new home for herself and Jake but she struggled to afford the basics and she was unable to financially support Jake's dream to pursue an education and career in the performing arts.

“ During my second year of studying performing arts at college, my grandfather, who was a Freemason, fell ill. During the last few months before he died, he told me about the help that may be available through the Masonic Charitable Foundation. A week after he died, the Foundation confirmed they would support me on my chosen course. It is comforting to me that my grandfather knew I would be taken care of.

Without the Foundation I wouldn't have had a chance of attending Regent's University and following my dream. I hope to become a Freemason after I graduate and give back to the Foundation. ”



Charity grants

The Masonic Charitable Foundation looks beyond Freemasonry, making significant financial grants which help people to live happy, fulfilling lives and participate actively in society.

Grants are awarded to charities that provide support in the following areas:

- ♥ **Financial hardship** for those in poverty, debt or unemployment
- ♥ **Health and disability** for people experiencing chronic or life-limiting conditions and disabilities
- ♥ **Education and employability** for disadvantaged children and young people
- ♥ **Social exclusion and disadvantage** for those facing barriers to participating in society

Funding is also provided to:

- ♥ **Advance medical and social research**
- ♥ **Hospices throughout England and Wales**
- ♥ **Air ambulance and rescue services**



Funding is provided to support major natural disaster relief appeals at the discretion of the Foundation.

The charities supported by the Masonic Charitable Foundation make a significant and lasting difference to those in need. Grants seek to benefit as many people as possible and further the causes about which Freemasons and their families have told us they are most passionate.



The Masonic Charitable Foundation awarded £15,000 to Sunfield, a residential special school based in the village of Clent in North Worcestershire.

Sunfield caters for children and young people between the ages of 6 and 19 who have complex learning needs, including those with profound autism.

“ We were delighted to receive a grant from the Masonic Charitable Foundation towards equipment for our new sensory play area. This resource has had a huge impact on our students, as it is not only used for leisure activities, but is also designed to be used with our occupational therapy team to develop sensory integration and motor skills. The area has been well used since its installation and will continue to benefit our students for many years to come.

We are extremely grateful for your support – thank you! ”

Ian Jones, Director of Appeals & Development at Sunfield





A Province united in support

R Ill Kt Colin Young Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine, West Midlands Division

“The Knights of the West Midlands Division of the Masonic and Military Orders of the Red Cross of Constantine fully support the Province of Worcestershire as it launches its 2022 Festival in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.”

RW Bro Eric Rymer Provincial Grand Master, Mark Degree, Worcestershire

“The Mark Degree in Worcestershire is very pleased to support the 2022 Festival. The special and friendly relationship between the Craft and the Mark continues happily and we will do our bit to help make the Festival a success.”

E Comp. Colin Brown Grand Superintendent, Holy Royal Arch, Worcestershire

“As Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch in Worcestershire, I am delighted to give our support to the Craft as we become one of the first Provinces to enter Festival on behalf of the new MCF. In doing so we continue a long and proud tradition of the Craft and Royal Arch working closely together.”

R E Kt Stephen Wyer Provincial Prior, Knights Templar, Worcestershire

“I am delighted to be able to offer my support, and that of all Knights of the Province, to the Craft 2022 Festival for the MCF. On behalf of all KT masons in Worcestershire; I wish the Festival Committee every success in their endeavours for this extremely worthy cause.”

R Ill Comp. Ken Downes District Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters, Wyvern District

“I am delighted that the Province of Worcestershire is to hold one of the first Festivals for the new Masonic Charitable Foundation in 2022. We are pleased to offer our support and wish the Province every success.”

V Ill Bro Richard Hoare 33 Degree Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Worcestershire

“I give my support to the Worcestershire Craft as the Province approaches the launch of its Appeal for the 2022 Festival for the Masonic Charitable Foundation. I am confident that our Order will wish to support the MCF both individually and collectively.”

RW Bro Cliff Bull District Grand Prefect, Allied Degrees, District of the West Midlands

“I am delighted to give my and the District’s wholehearted support to the Worcestershire 2022 Festival, as one of the first Provinces entering Festival in support of the new Masonic Charitable Foundation.”

R Wy Bro David Holloway Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler, OSM, Worcestershire

“The Order of the Secret Monitor are delighted to support the Provincial Grand Master and Province of Worcestershire with the 2022 Festival.”



How to support the 2022 Festival

♥ **Become a Festival Steward**

Anyone can qualify as a Festival Steward by donating or promising to donate a minimum of £400 including Gift Aid where applicable towards the Appeal. On qualifying you will be eligible to purchase and wear our Worcestershire Festival jewel. Start giving at the launch of the Festival and by 2022, £400 will equate to just over 19 pence per day, £1.33 per week or £5.88 per month. If you wish to achieve a higher honorific, then have a look at the table on page 9.

♥ **Purchase a commemorative tie**

The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master has approved the design of a new Provincial tie to commemorate the Festival. It will be on sale from Saturday 21st January 2017 and can be obtained through the Provincial Office.



♥ **Use the E2022 Festival Gift Aid envelopes**

The Masonic Charitable Foundation has supplied Gift Aid envelopes. These can be obtained from the Provincial Office and are also located at each Masonic Hall. Use these envelopes wherever possible and assuming they are completed properly, eligible donations will increase by 25%. Using these envelopes will allow your donations to go directly to the Festival and be credited to both individuals and nominated Lodges.

♥ **Organise your Lodge fundraising events**

Fundraising and sponsored events will raise vital funds for the Festival and it is tremendously important that each Lodge gives careful consideration to planning and holding one or more each year. It is always good to involve friends and family and this will undoubtedly put the “Fun” back into “Fundraising”.

♥ **Use the Relief Chest fundraising platform**

Once you have organised a fundraising event, create a personalised sponsorship page to receive donations. For more information, see www.mcf.org.uk/festival/worcestershire2022

♥ **Leave a legacy**

Remembering the Foundation in your will can make a lasting difference to the lives of Freemasons, their families and the wider community.

♥ **Stay up-to-date**

 [/TheMCF](https://www.facebook.com/TheMCF)
[/WorcsPGLFestival2022](https://www.facebook.com/WorcsPGLFestival2022)

 [@masonic_charity](https://twitter.com/masonic_charity) & [@Worcs2022](https://twitter.com/Worcs2022)

 [/MasonicCharitableFoundation](https://www.youtube.com/MasonicCharitableFoundation)

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♥ **Promote the festival**

Tell the world all about our wonderful organisation and what we will be doing over the coming years in support of the Foundation.

The Foundation can supply promotional materials, posters and banner stands for use at Masonic centres and fundraising or social events. They can also arrange for a speaker to attend Lodge meetings or other appropriate events to speak about the work of the charity.

It is also a good idea to share the Foundation’s Tweets and Facebook posts regularly to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the work they do and the 2022 Festival.



Regular Giving

If you haven't done so already please consider signing up to regular giving. There are many easy ways to do so:

By telephone  020 7395 9313

Online at  www.mcf.org.uk/festival/worcestershire2022

Or by post; send the enclosed form to  MCF, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ

Following registration, your donations will go directly into our Festival Relief Chest no. E2022 and will be credited to both you and the Lodge you nominate for the purpose of honorifics. If you have paid or are paying money into your own Lodge Relief Chest, this money can also be attributed to you and your nominated Lodge once the Lodge funds have been transferred to E2022 with your amount identified.

For further information, speak with your Charity Steward who will be able to take the necessary action.

Why not complete a regular giving form and become a Festival Steward right away?

By regular giving you will also receive this lapel badge free of charge. Speak to your Charity Steward.



Personal Honorifics and Regular Giving

Individual honorific qualification amounts are including Gift Aid where applicable.

	Donations without Gift Aid			Gift Aid to be Added		
	Monthly regular giving amounts over the following periods:			Monthly regular giving amounts over the following periods:		
	48 Months	60 Months	68 Months	48 Months	60 Months	68 Months
Steward £400 by 11th August 2022	£8.33 / month	£6.67 / month	£5.88 / month	£6.66 / month	£5.34 / month	£4.70 / month
Vice Patron £750 by 11th August 2022	£15.63 / month	£12.50 / month	£11.03 / month	£12.50 / month	£10.00 / month	£8.82 / month
Patron £1,000 by 11th August 2022	£20.83 / month	£16.67 / month	£14.71 / month	£16.66 / month	£13.34 / month	£11.77 / month
Grand Patron £1,250 by 11th August 2022	£26.04 / month	£20.83 / month	£18.38 / month	£20.83 / month	£16.66 / month	£14.70 / month

On completion of this form your donations will go directly into the Provincial Festival Relief Chest no. E2022. Both you and your Lodge will be attributed the donation towards your individual and Lodge Honorifics.



Honorifics

A series of honorifics to acknowledge and celebrate individual and Lodge financial achievements have been set.

Individual honorifics Including Gift Aid where applicable

	Festival Steward	Vice Patron	Patron	Grand Patron
	£400	£750	£1,000	£1,250

(Individual honorifics – for necessary levels of contribution see page 9.)

Lodge honorifics Average per capita

	Subscriber	Vice Patron	Patron	Grand Patron
	£350	£550	£750	£900

(Lodge honorifics will be periodically reviewed based on the average membership, as shown in the yearbook over the period of the Festival)





Watch video stories of some of the Freemasons and families the Masonic Charitable Foundation has helped on YouTube now.

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