



Masonic
Charitable Foundation



WARWICKSHIRE 2023

Festival Appeal



For Freemasons, for families, for everyone
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FOREWORD

David Macey
Provincial Grand Master



Warwickshire's 2012 Festival for the Masonic Samaritan Fund raised a fantastic £3.2M. Since then, we have seen the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) take over the work of the four central Masonic charities.

Since launching in April 2016, the MCF continues to provide a wide range of support for Freemasons, their families and the wider community to encourage opportunity, promote independence and improve wellbeing. The consolidation has meant more efficient processes have been established, ensuring that more of your money goes directly to recipients and that it does so in a timely manner.

The MCF has given significant funding, both nationally and in Warwickshire, to Brethren and their families, and to excellent charities we all love and like to support.

Commencing in January 2018, the Festival is running for a period of 5 years. I have no doubt that the Brethren of the Province, supported by their friends and families will rise to the challenge.

At the Festival's culmination in 2023, I am sure that we will be able to announce that we have again achieved a magnificent total and will be able to celebrate in true Warwickshire fashion.

My aim for the next 5 years is to ensure that everyone gets involved. Whilst we will use many tried and trusted means of raising funds, let us also find new ways and new events to ensure that all our Brethren, their families and friends participate, contribute and have fun.

In closing, I would like to ask you all to get behind this Festival as Brethren, as Lodges and as Masonic meeting places. Until 2023, let us make the MCF our '**charity of choice**'.

David Macey, Provincial Grand Master



Support in Warwickshire

The Foundation is currently supporting



FREEMASONS & THEIR FAMILIES
at an annual cost of **£106,226**

Over the last

5 YEARS
support amounted to
£1,257,991

RECENT GRANTS AWARDED

£244,210



to local charities
in Warwickshire

Last
Warwickshire
Festival Appeal

RAISED
£3,159,870 for
the
**MASONIC
SAMARITAN FUND**



What we do for Freemasons and their families

The MCF builds better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing for Freemasons and their families. A wide range of help and support is available for financial, health, family and care related needs, including:



Financial

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



Health

- Medical treatment
- Mobility aids
- Home adaptations
- Counselling



Family*

- Educational expenses for children
- University costs
- Support for exceptional talent



Care

- Masonic care homes
- Respite care
- Guidance and support from professional advisors

Alongside the MCF'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.



Real Lives The John Family

"I'd been unemployed for about two years after being made redundant and things were becoming incredibly hard financially. Our children, Tanya and Natasha had started gymnastic classes, which meant they could make new friends – they loved it, but we were faced with having to pull them out of lessons when finances became tight. The MCF provided us with daily living grants, which allowed us to stop worrying. They then told us that they could fund activities for the children which we didn't even realise would be possible. Tanya and Natasha went back to gymnastics and our son, Rhys, began lessons for the first time - we can't even begin to explain the transformation. Rhys used to cling to my leg when we dropped him off, but now he's helping others and winning medals in competitions. **The MCF have been there for our family, and there are no words to explain how grateful we are. We can't thank them enough.**"

Christopher, father to Tanya, Natasha and Rhys

Can the MCF help you?

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

Freephone **0800 035 60 90**

Email **help@mcf.org.uk**

Visit **www.mcf.org.uk**



Supporting the wider community

The MCF awards millions of pounds each year to local and national charities that help vulnerable people, advance medical research and provide opportunities for young people.

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



Shelter

The MCF has given a £60,000 grant to Shelter, a nationwide charity dedicated to providing support for people struggling with bad housing or homelessness.

“Real Lives Shelter

“The generous support of the Freemasons will fund the costs of one of our Specialist Advice Workers at the Shelter Birmingham Advice Service. Too often, people face homelessness or problems with their accommodation and do not know what support is on offer to help them with their issues. Our Advice Service offers face-to-face guidance on a variety of housing problems such as fighting illegal eviction, payment arrears and housing benefits. Thanks to the Masonic Charitable Foundation, we can now reach more people facing a complex and stressful time in their lives, helping them to have a roof over their heads.”

Vicky Hines, Shelter
Hub Manager –
Birmingham

- **Social exclusion and isolation** for those facing barriers to participating in society

Funding is provided to support major natural disaster relief appeals at the MCF's discretion, as well as medical and social research initiatives.

The charities supported by the MCF make a significant and lasting difference to those in need. The grants seek to benefit as many people as possible and further the causes about which Freemasons and their families are passionate.

In 2017, the MCF gave an additional

£3M300
TO CHARITIES

to celebrate the Tercentenary year.

In Warwickshire

6 CHARITIES BENEFITTED
FROM A **£58K**

share of this fund

A Province united in support

Holy Royal Arch



E Comp Philip Hall, M E Grand Superintendent, Holy Royal Arch, Warwickshire

“The ‘Indissoluble Link’ between the Craft and the Royal Arch is never more

evident than in our mutual core belief in charitable giving. As Grand Superintendent I am pleased to offer the unwavering support of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire 2023 Festival in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.”

Rose Croix



V Ill Bro Alan J Wellan 33°, Inspector General of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, Warwickshire

“Our Order, often just referred to as Rose Croix, offers the full support of

the membership to the 2023 Festival. We are proud to be part of the wider Masonic family and all Chapters will be reminded of that fact and be encouraged to do all possible to ensure the success of the Festival.”

Mark Masons



R W Bro Phil Wills, Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Warwickshire

“The Mark degree in

Warwickshire is very pleased to support the 2023 Festival for the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The special and friendly relationship between Craft and Mark continues happily and we will do our best to promote and make the Festival a success.”

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters



R Ill Comp David J F Rawlins, District Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters, Warwickshire

“In Warwickshire, the Craft and Royal and Select Masters have a close and

productive working relationship. We have many members in common, and the success of the Festival is therefore important to both our Orders.”

How to support the 2023 Festival

We encourage all Brethren to reach a personal target of £600 over our Festival Appeal. We acknowledge that this may not be achievable for everyone, and would like to thank you in advance for any funds raised in support of the MCF.

Become a Festival Steward

Freemasons can become a Steward of the 2023 Festival by donating a minimum of £500 towards the Festival Appeal. This can also be paid in monthly instalments of just £8.30 over the five years. This equates to just 27p per day or £1.91 per week. Vice-Patron, Patron and Grand Patron jewels are available for £750, £1,000 and £1,250 respectively and are payable monthly by direct debit or other methods

Complete the form included in this brochure to become a Festival Steward now!

You can also set up a direct debit or make a single donation online by visiting:

www.mcf.org.uk/donate

www.mcf.org.uk/festival/warwickshire-2023-festival

Use Gift Aid envelopes

The Masonic Charitable Foundation has supplied dedicated Gift Aid envelopes for our Festival. 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% for those paying sufficient income tax. Using these envelopes will allow your donations to go directly to the Festival and be credited to both individuals and Lodges.



Donate £5 by texting WORKS2023 to 70500

Texting WORKS2023 to 70500 will donate £5 to the Warwickshire 2023 Appeal and will allocate the donation to you personally and your Lodge.

Organise 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. Consider quiz nights, musical events, sponsored entertainments and other events which might involve friends and family and put the 'fun' back into 'fundraising'.

Use the MCF Fundraising Platform

Once you have organised a fundraising event, create a personalised sponsorship

page to receive donations. For more information, visit:

www.mcf.org.uk/festival/warwickshire-2023-festival

Leave a legacy

Remembering the MCF in your will can make a lasting difference to the lives of Freemasons, their families and the wider community. To find out more or request a will-making guide, visit: mcf.org.uk/legacy

Stay up-to-date

www.mcf.org.uk

www.mcf.org.uk/festival/warwickshire-2023-festival

[@2023Festival](https://twitter.com/2023Festival)

[@Warwickshire2023Festival](https://facebook.com/2023Festival)

Promote the Festival

The MCF 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 **MCF's Tweets and Facebook posts** regularly to ensure as many people as possible are aware of the work they do and the Warwickshire 2023 Festival.

HONORIFICS

Honorifics

Individual Honorifics

The Province wishes to acknowledge the generosity of its Brethren by issuing Festival jewels to all qualifying Brethren. Upon qualifying as a Festival Steward, whether immediately via bank mandate or on completion of giving, you will receive your Warwickshire 2023 Festival jewel.

The Province fully understands that it may not be within every Brother's means to qualify for the various honorifics and greatly appreciates all donations made.

Steward

£500 equates to £1.91 per week

Vice-Patron

£750 equates to £2.88 per week

Patron

£1,000 equates to £3.84 per week

Grand Patron

£1,250 equates to £4.80 per week

*Excluding Gift Aid tax reclaimed by the MCF where applicable.

On completion of a higher honorific, you will be contacted and arrangements will be made to present you with that award.

Lodge Honorifics

A series of honorifics have been set to acknowledge and celebrate Lodge financial achievements. Certificates will be awarded to Lodges that achieve:

Bronze £450 per member

Silver £600 per member

Gold £750 per member

Platinum £900 per member



On completion of this form

...your donations will go directly into the Provincial Festival Relief Chest no. **E2018**. Both you and your Lodge will be attributed the donation towards your individual and Lodge Honorifics.

You can keep up with the latest news from the MCF on their social media pages or by subscribing to their online mailing list. Watch video stories of just some of the Freemasons and their family members the MCF has helped on YouTube now.

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