



Masonic
Charitable Foundation



CORNWALL 2024 FESTIVAL APPEAL



Supporting your masonic charity

Message from the PGM



Stephen Pearn,
Provincial Grand Master

As your Provincial Grand Master, I am delighted to announce the launch of Cornwall's 2024 Festival in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Since the conclusion of our last festival in 2013, the four central masonic charities have amalgamated into the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF). This has resulted in a more streamlined, efficient and cost-effective charity, retaining the objectives of the four former charities.

The MCF continues to provide a wide range of help and support for financial, health, family and care related needs, as well as encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing for freemasons and their families.

Over the last six years, hundreds of freemasons and their families in the Province of Cornwall have been supported at a cost of over £2.24 million and I hope that through our efforts in the 2024 Festival, we can help ensure that the MCF can continue its vital work.

As your Provincial Grand Master, one of my main objectives is to ensure the success of the 2024 Festival by encouraging each and every brother and lodge to be involved. We

cannot just rely on the few; it has to be a combined effort from all of us. It is an opportunity for imaginative thinking by finding new ways to raise funds, as well as utilising the more traditional methods of fundraising. I am confident that the outcome of the 2024 Festival will not only be of great benefit to the MCF, but will also give us an opportunity to enjoy ourselves with the involvement of our families and friends.

Cornish freemasons have a long history of generous charitable giving and we have a magnificent record of supporting both our local communities and our masonic charities. I have no doubt that during the next five years, the brethren of our province will rise to the challenge, resulting in a grand total that we can be justly proud of at our festival celebration in 2024.



Why should I support the Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal?

The MCF is **your** charity

Freemasonry has a long and proud history of charitable giving, which continues today through the work of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF).

The MCF builds better lives by enabling opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing for freemasons, their families and the wider community.

The MCF relies on the masonic community to identify those in need and to provide the generous donations that fund their entire work.

Every year the MCF supports

5,000 members of the masonic community at a cost of over **£15 million**

Hundreds of charities with grants totalling **£5.5 million**



By donating to the MCF you could...

- Help families make ends meet when times get tough
- Give greater independence to people with disabilities
- Give young people the opportunity to succeed in their education
- Provide high quality care for older, disabled or seriously ill people
- Fund life-saving and life-changing medical treatment
- Tackle social isolation and loneliness
- Advance ground-breaking medical research



Support in Cornwall

OVER THE PAST YEAR THE MCF HAS SUPPORTED

85 MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC COMMUNITY WITH GRANTS TOTTALLING **£337,839**

10 LOCAL CHARITIES RECEIVED SUPPORT, WITH GRANTS TOTTALLING

£83,000



THE 2013 CORNWALL FESTIVAL APPEAL RAISED **£1.9 million** FOR THE

Masonic Samaritan Fund

HELPING MANY FREEMASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES ACCESS THE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND CARE THEY NEEDED TO LIVE HEALTHY, INDEPENDENT LIVES.

A province united in support

► Holy Royal Arch



**ME Grand Superintendent,
E Comp David Pascoe,
Holy Royal Arch Chapter
Cornwall**

"The Holy Royal Arch is the '4th step' in the journey that is Pure

Ancient Freemasonry and has an indissoluble link with the Craft. As Grand Superintendent, I pledge the full and unwavering support of the Provincial Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Cornwall for the 2024 MCF Festival."

► Knights Templar



**RE Kt Richard Thomas,
Provincial Prior for
Devonshire and Cornwall**

"The Knights Templar of Devonshire and Cornwall are delighted to support the 2024 Cornwall Festival. Our

Order has been in existence in the South West since 1849 and draws its membership from Christian Knights who are members of the Craft and Holy Royal Arch. We are very conscious of the excellent work done by the Masonic Charitable Foundation and exhort all our members to continue their support for this worthy cause."

► Rose Croix



**V Ill Bro Tony J. Evans
33° Inspector General,
District of Cornwall**

"The Ancient and Accepted Rite, often just referred to as the Rose Croix, is proud to

be part of the masonic family in Cornwall. As such, our membership is encouraged to offer their full support for the 2024 Festival in aid of the Masonic Charitable Foundation."

► Mark Masons



**RW Bro Kevin Hicks,
Provincial Grand Master,
Provincial Grand Lodge of
Mark Master Masons,
Cornwall**

"On behalf of all the members of the Mark

degree in Cornwall I am very pleased to support the 2024 Festival for the Masonic Charitable Foundation. The special and friendly relationship between Craft and Mark at present is something that is very important to us all and we will all do our best to promote and make the 2024 Festival a great success."

► Red Cross of Constantine



**R Ill Kt Richard A. Lucas,
Intendant General, Devon
& Cornwall Division**

"The Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Devon & Cornwall Division, which celebrates the

conversion of the Emperor Constantine to Christianity and his success in putting an end to the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire, is delighted to support the Cornwall Festival and wishes the Festival great success in its Christian aims to help those less fortunate than ourselves."

► Order of the Secret Monitor



**R Wy Bro Michael
A. J. Barnard MBE,
Provincial Grand
Supreme Ruler, Cornwall**

"The Order of the Secret Monitor or Brotherhood of David and Jonathan are

pleased to support the Cornwall Festival. The brethren of our ancient order are well aware of the importance of support and compassion and are delighted to support the excellent work of the Masonic Charitable Foundation and fully endorse the 2024 Festival Appeal."



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How can I get involved with the Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal?

1 Donate

By taking just one of these three easy steps, you can make a huge difference to the Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal, and the people the MCF supports:

2 Fundraise

3 Spread the word

1 Donate

There are lots of different ways you can donate to the Cornwall 2024 Festival Appeal, whether it's a one-off donation or a long-term commitment.


Donate online

Make a single donation or set up a regular donation:


 www.mcf.org.uk/festival/cornwall

Donate over the phone

To set up a Direct Debit:

 **020 3146 3345**

To make a single donation by debit or credit card:

 **020 3146 3346**

Donate by text

Donate £5 by texting Cornwall2024 to:

 **70500**

Use Gift Aid envelopes

The MCF can supply Gift Aid envelopes free of charge for charity collections, festive boards and other occasions; use of the envelopes will boost eligible donations by 25%.

These can be obtained from the provincial office:


 **01872 276191**

Use paper forms

You can complete the form at the back of this booklet, or download the donation form that's right for you from the MCF website:

 www.mcf.org.uk/cornwall-forms

Completed forms and Gift Aid envelopes should be returned to:

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

Honorifics

Individual honorifics

The Province of Cornwall wishes to acknowledge the generosity of its members by issuing festival jewels to all qualifying brethren.

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 – £300*

(equates to £1.15 per week over the duration of the appeal)

Vice Patron – £500*

(equates to £1.92 per week)

Patron – £750*

(equates to £2.88 per week)

Grand Patron – £1,000*

(equates to £3.85 per week)

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

Lodge honorifics

A series of honorifics have been set to acknowledge and celebrate lodge financial achievements. Certificates will be awarded to lodges that donate or promise to donate at the following level:

Steward £300

per member

Patron £750

per member

Vice-Patron £500

per member

Grand Patron £1,000

per member

Lodge honorifics will be based upon the number of members as of 1st January 2019.

Get in touch

For further guidance on how to donate, get in touch with the Relief Chest team:

 **reliefchest@mcf.org.uk**

 **020 3146 3352**

2 Fundraise

Fundraising and sponsored events will raise vital funds for the 2024 Festival and it is tremendously important that each lodge gives careful consideration to planning and holding one or more event each year.

Make it fun

There are many ways of taking part to raise money. You could arrange a quiz night or special dinner, take part in a daring challenge or sign up for a sponsored event – whatever you do, make it fun!



Make it easy

Setting up an online fundraising page takes just a few minutes and is an easy way for your friends and family to sponsor you. All the donations will go directly into the 2024 Festival Relief Chest, saving you time and helping you focus on your fundraising!

Sharing your page through social media or email is a great way to build momentum and keep your friends up-to-date.

Visit the MCF website to create your own online fundraising page:

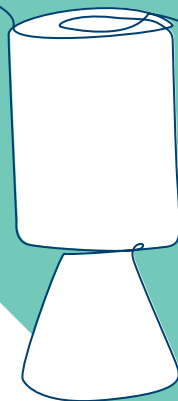
 www.mcf.org.uk/festival/cornwall

We understand that not everybody is online, so our sponsorship and Gift Aid forms make it easy to collect donations in person.

Visit the MCF website or call the provincial office to access all the forms you need to start fundraising:

 www.mcf.org.uk/cornwall-forms

 01872 276191



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Make it worth more

If your donors are UK taxpayers, the MCF can claim an extra 25p for every £1 they give. It won't cost the donor any extra – all they have to do is make a Gift Aid declaration.

You can find out more about Gift Aid on the Relief Chest Scheme resources page:

 www.mcf.org.uk/reliefchest/resources

Make it MCF

From running tops and water bottles, to keyrings and coasters, the MCF has a wide range of brand new merchandise that will help you to get in the fundraising spirit and spread the word.

Contact the MCF communications team to get inspired:

 communications@mcf.org.uk



3 Spread the word!

Telling people about the MCF is one of the easiest ways you can make a difference to the 2024 Festival Appeal and the masonic community.

The 2024 Festival Appeal is not just a chance to raise vital funds for the MCF; it is also an opportunity to educate every member of Cornwall's masonic community about the support available, so that if anyone ever finds themselves in need, they know that they can approach the MCF.

Get online

Keep up to date with all the latest MCF news by subscribing to their newsletter or following them on social media. By connecting with the MCF online, you can easily comment on stories and share them with friends and family, helping to spread the word.

 www.mcf.org.uk/sign-up

 @themcf

 @Masonic_Charity

 @masonic_charity

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

Get out and about

The MCF has a wide range of resources, including leaflets, posters, banner stands, a standard presentation, and branded merchandise to help you raise awareness in both the masonic and wider community.

Visit the MCF's resources page to find out more:

 www.mcf.org.uk/resources



Can the MCF help you?

For advice about the support available, eligibility and how to apply, speak to your lodge almoner or contact the MCF enquiries team today:

0800 035 60 90 

help@mcf.org.uk 

www.mcf.org.uk 

Support for freemasons and their families

The MCF can provide a wide range of help and support for financial, health, family and care-related needs including:



Financial

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



Family

- Educational expenses for children
- University scholarships
- Support for exceptional talent in music, sport or the performing arts



Health

- Medical treatment
- Mobility aids
- Counselling
- Home adaptations



Care

- RMBI homes*
- Respite care
- Guidance and support from professional advisers

*Homes are operated by RMBI Care Co, part of the MCF. Services are available to people with either private or public funding. For more information, visit www.rmbi.org.uk/funding-your-care

On completion of this form

...your donations will go directly into the Provincial Festival Relief Chest no. FEST2024. Both you and your lodge will be attributed the donation towards your individual and lodge honorifics.



For Freemasons, for families, for everyone

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