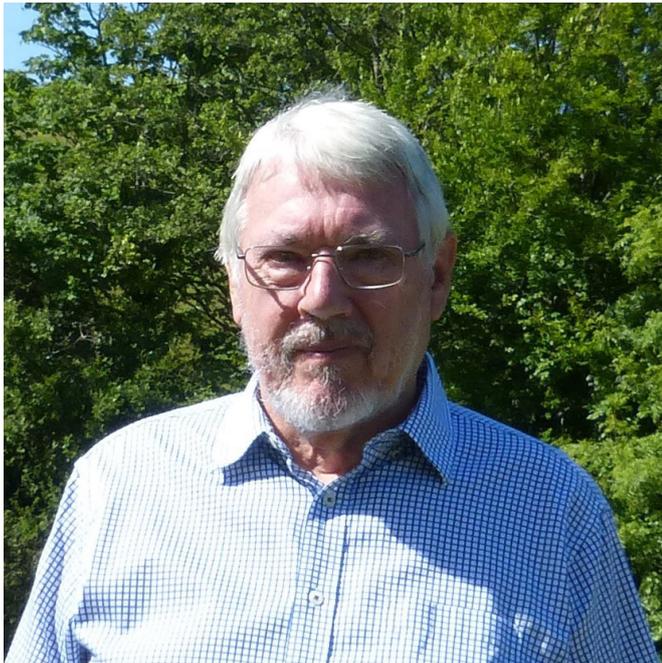


# Provincial Newsletter

## Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall

### TILL WE MEET AGAIN: A Message from R W Bro Stephen C Pearn The Provincial Grand Master



Brethren, it is now some two months since all Masonic activities were suspended by our Grand Master and this has resulted in an unprecedented change to our Masonic lives.

Sadly, we have members who have contracted coronavirus and all of those affected and their families are uppermost in our thoughts at this difficult time.

The need to ensure that our brethren and their families are looked after places a great emphasis on the work of our Almoners. We must therefore all work together as a team to give as much assistance as possible to our Almoners, so that support can be given in whatever form is needed. Our Provincial Almoner, W Bro Graham Bennett, is only too willing to give further guidance and assistance as necessary.

Whilst all of our Masonic meetings have been suspended, there is still a lot going on behind the scenes, with many Lodges ensuring regular contact with their members through a number of different and innovative means.

The pandemic has also allowed us to demonstrate our Masonic principles outside of our membership and in our local communities by various acts of kindness, as well as financial support. This has included, amongst others, undertaking shopping and delivery of essentials to those unable to leave home, collection of prescriptions, providing transport to surgeries and hospitals, providing cooked meals and even hot pasties to those in lockdown.

Provinces have been encouraged to apply for grants from a fund set up by the Masonic Charitable Foundation in each of ten Regional Communications Groups, to assist COVID-19 related good causes. Cornwall has been successful in obtaining the sum of £3,675, for Hayle Community Kitchen, which provides meals to vulnerable, self-isolating and shielding individuals. In addition to this, the Masonic Charitable Foundation has allocated our Province £10,000 to give assistance to COVID-19 related projects. Our Provincial Charity Steward, W Bro Mike Pritchard, has obtained four grants from this fund in respect of various projects across Cornwall and the monies obtained are assisting with the provision of meal services, the manufacture of face shields and the accommodation of the homeless.

This is another example of why the Masonic Charitable Foundation needs of our support and why we must not lose sight of the importance of our 2024 Festival during the lockdown. I am hoping that during this period, Brethren and their Lodges are planning now for how they can catch up on lost time once we are able to meet again.

Despite the lockdown I have been regular communication with my Provincial Executive. We are holding Zoom Meetings to monitor the ongoing situation and to consider options for the future. With regard to returning to some form of normality, this is very difficult to predict. Firstly, we await a further directive from our Grand Master, when the current suspension ends in July. Even then, we will still be subject to whatever Government restrictions are in place with regard to holding meetings and the extent of contact with others.

In view of this uncertainty, I have not yet taken a decision about a date for our 2020 Provincial Grand Lodge meeting or what format that meeting will take. This and many other decisions will be deferred until more is known, but be assured that the safety and well-being of our members is paramount and will take precedence over anything else.

Meanwhile, I am sure that in the current difficult circumstances I don't need to remind you all to exercise caution, but above all to stay safe!

R W Bro Stephen C Pearn  
Provincial Grand Master



# A TASTE OF CORNWALL



During these testing times I'm sure we have all found ourselves at some stage feeling completely isolated, out of routine and wanting some form of normality to be restored.

This is something W.Bro. The Revd. David Michael, of St. Denys Lodge No. 8250 noticed. David took it upon himself to deliver a truly selfless act which not only warmed the hearts of locals but also their bellies!

W.Bro. David arranged to purchase and collect 80 pasties from a local baker on a Saturday morning before embarking on his generous adventure. He was able to deliver the majority of these beautiful Cornish pasties before 2pm ensuring that those over the age of 70 or self-isolating which include masons and masonic widows were able to have a heart warming traditional lunch which brought joy in a time of despair.

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## FREEMASONS DIG DEEP TO RAISE MORE THAN £1 MILLION FOR THOSE IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Freemasons across England and Wales have raised more than £1 million to support those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite the continuing lockdown preventing Lodges from meeting and holding charitable collections, Freemasons have used technology to keep raising money to support its national response.

Online and text donations have been pouring into the Freemasons' Covid-19 Community Fund from Freemasons up-and-down the country. The half a million pounds raised from individual Freemasons and their Lodges is being doubled by the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), the Freemasons' charity, bringing the fund's total to more than £1 million. The total could exceed £2 million as donations continue to flood in.

This fundraising is in addition to the £2.5 million the MCF has already allocated to fund more than 50 local projects around the country, and a major grant of £250,000 to Age UK's coronavirus emergency appeal.

Projects that Freemasons have chosen to support involve the provision of much needed face visors and other PPE to health workers in hospitals and care homes. In addition they have donated more than 1,000 Samsung Galaxy tablets to hospitals, made thousands of food donations to local food banks on a weekly basis, and cooked meals for the vulnerable and isolated.



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# CORNWALL MASONIC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NEWS UPDATE 2020



On Sunday 17th May 2020, the Cornwall Masonic Charitable Foundations (CMCF) should have held their annual Charity Giving Day. Regrettably due to the COVID-19 emergency this special event was cancelled.

Those attending, at the magnificent King Arthur's Hall Tintagel, would have seen over 45 charities receive donations from the CMCF, presented by our Provincial Grand Master Stephen Pearn, as well as donations from over 20 Cornish Lodges and their representatives.

In 2019 the amount donated on this wonderful and humbling day was over £61,000, and this year the total amount would have been similar.

During these unprecedented times, charities and good causes throughout Cornwall and beyond are all struggling, their fundraising activities halted and income slowing down. Over the past weeks the CMCF has tried to assist the charities who were due to receive their donations at the event by distributing the donations quickly.

As Provincial Grand Charity Steward it is humbling to assist with the presentation of donations to so many good causes and Charities and we hope to be able to hold our annual presentation day again at Tintagel on Sunday 16th May, 2021.

So much work had already taken place for the 2020 event since the cancellation to get the donations distributed. Special thanks to Mr Ian Henwood for undertaking most of this work.

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# MCF AND UGLE SUPPORTING CORNISH COVID-19 RELATED INITIATIVES



Cornish Freemasons, through the UGLE and the MCF COVID-19 initiative fund are pleased to have donated £3675.00 to the HAYLE Community Kitchen, supported by the charity disAbility Cornwall and Isles of Scilly



On the 20th April we asked Cornish Freemasons to let us know of any COVID-19 related initiatives which could be nominated for support. We are proud to confirm the first initiative nominated, The Hayle Community Kitchen, has received a donation of £3675.00 to fund them through the coming weeks.

This donation has been distributed on behalf of the MCF after representation from regional groups via local Freemasons. Our Provincial Grand Charity Steward was contacted by Richard Dryer of Trewinnard Lodge No. 6157, who recommended the Hayle Community Kitchen as an organisation truly in need of support, who in turn are helping vulnerable people in our community.

The Provincial Grand Master, Stephen Pearn, is delighted that the Freemasons of Cornwall are able to support Hayle Community Kitchen, an initiative which started on the 25th March as a direct response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Working together with disAbility Cornwall and Isles of Scilly (DIAL), Hayle Rugby Club and private businesses in Hayle, to support vulnerable people who are having to self-isolate or shield at the advice of the government is inspiring, and we are delighted to provide urgent support for your organisation and the wider community of West Cornwall, as the Hayle Community Kitchen oversees the distribution of meals to those in need.

The Hayle Community Kitchen posted on their Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/HayleCommunityKitchen/>) the following:

“A special note today as, due to a recommendation from a member of the Freemasons of Cornwall, we are grateful to have been awarded funding from the Masonic Charitable Foundation to support the CK in the weeks to come.

We very much appreciate this financial support and are incredibly grateful the valuable work of the CK has been recognised for this support.

The importance of our CK goes beyond food too, we are a community welfare checking service and a friendly face for the people we are here to support.”

It's not too late to nominate an initiative you think is in need of support.

The United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), via Provincial Regional Groups and the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) have both made separate funds available to support COVID-19 initiatives and Cornwall has been allocated a proportion of these funds.

Please contact Mike Pritchard, Provincial Grand Charity Steward ([charity@pglcornwall.org.uk](mailto:charity@pglcornwall.org.uk)), to nominate an initiative.

# CORONAVIRUS HALTS BRO. ADAM'S

## GOAL OF VISITING ALL CORNISH LODGES

### WITHIN HIS FIRST TWO YEARS OF JOINING FREEMASONRY

Until the suspension of masonic activities in March, Bro. Adam Barbery had been undertaking a quite remarkable journey around the Province of Cornwall and was incredibly on course to visit all 80 craft lodges in Cornwall within his first 2 years in masonry.

Bro. Adam was initiated into Freemasonry on 21st May 2018 at the Phoenix Lodge of Honour & Prudence No. 331 at Perranporth. Intrigued with what Freemasonry was all about, Bro. Adam immediately began visiting other lodges. Supported by other members from his lodge, he made his first visit as an Entered Apprentice to Boscawen Lodge 699 at Chacewater, eight days after his initiation. Following his 2nd degree he visited St Piran's Lodge 7620 at Perranporth in the company of other Phoenix Lodge brethren to watch them carry out a 2nd degree ceremony. The following week he took the brave decision to make his first solo visit as a Fellowcraft to St Euny Lodge 6025 in Redruth, as no Phoenix Lodge brethren were available to join him.

The welcome he received by the brethren of St Euny spurred him on to make more solo visits, and as a Fellowcraft he went on to visit 10 more lodges across the province between July – October 2018, and was referred to by several brethren as 'the travelling Fellowcraft'.

He fondly recalls all the lodges he visited as an Entered Apprentice and a Fellowcraft were all exceptionally welcoming and supportive.

Following his Raising on 15th October 2018, he made his first solo visit as a Master Mason the following day to Beacon Lodge 9425 in Bodmin.

Having already visited a significant number of lodges across the province at that time, Bro. Adam then decided to set himself the goal of visiting all craft lodges in the Province of Cornwall within two years. Between November 2018 and January 2020 he has visited a further fifty craft lodges across the province, from Mullion to Millbrook. He also visited the Cornish Lodge 2369 in February at the United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE) headquarters in London and along with many others, had his flights booked to visit Godolphin Lodge 7790 on the Isles of Scilly in May. Bro Adam says he has already made many good friends across the province whom he otherwise would not have met without visiting. Bro. Adam is quite understandably disappointed not to have been able to achieve his personal goal but now plans to visit the few remaining craft lodges on his list as soon as Masonic activity resumes.

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## MCF COVID-19 FUND



The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) recently released a fund to all Provinces in England and Wales to support the community and organisation directly affected by the COVID-19 emergency. Following a request to all Cornish Freemasons asking for information on local initiatives needing support, Steve Nicholl, of Trevaunance Lodge No 4668, contacted us to tell us of a group making 3D Face Shields for Keyworkers and supplying them for free.

The Provincial Grand Master, Stephen Pearn, on behalf of all the Freemasons of Cornwall is delighted that Steve Nicholl made the nomination.

Mike Pritchard the Provincial Charity Steward, WO1AET Scott Barnett (RNAS Culdrose) and the Armed Forces charity SSAFA put together the grant application which has culminated in a grant from the MCF of £1,640.00.

Stephen Pearn is pleased that during these extraordinary times we are living through, battling the COVID-19 virus, we see extraordinary people helping keyworkers.

WO Scott "Barney" Barnett and his team are indeed extraordinary people and we are proud to be able to support them to keep our NHS, Keyworker: vulnerable people and businesses protected and help keep 1000s of people safe!

Visit The Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/918636831906324/>

# BRO. ANTHONY WILKINS, CURRENT TRELAWNY CLUB VICE CHAIRMAN AND KEYWORKER DELIVERING 'MORALE BOOSTER' PACKAGES TO BRETHREN AND OTHER KEY WORKERS IN CORNWALL



Bro. Anthony Wilkins, the current Trelawny Club Vice Chairman has been keeping busy along with his job as a keyworker by delivering 'morale booster' packages to brethren and other key workers in Cornwall.

Initially as the pandemic became more serious Bro. Anthony reached out to members in various lodges to offer his help 'fetching and carrying' but felt that he wanted to do more.

Bro. Anthony said ' Whilst all this has been going on, I have been mindful of the fact that I am a member of a fraternity where a good proportion of people could be far more adversely affected by seclusion and isolation. I got to thinking what more I could do beyond emailing and offering to help. I wanted to do my bit and also maybe demonstrate the masonic ideals that we should follow and provide an example to others, including my son who I hope will one day join the fraternity.

Whilst deployed in Iraq we received a festive welfare box, which contained a few trinkets and goodies, I thought - that's what I can do! Make welfare (or in this case morale) boxes to deliver to a few brethren and show they're still thought about.....

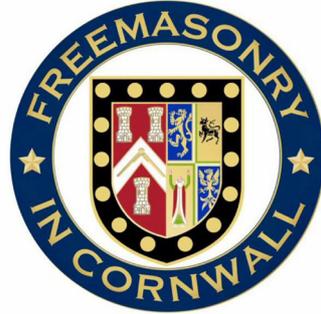
and hopefully lift their mood. I bought a range of moulds and cookie cutters, made little shortbread biscuits and boxed them along with a poem I'd created called 'The Silent Gavel'

The first batch went down well and so Anthony ordered other cutters and came up with other decorative ideas. So far he has delivered little boxes to around 35-40 key workers and vulnerable brethren as well as some of the executive team. He also prepared a box of cookies for St Michael's hospital Hayle, to do something outside of masonry for the local area of his mother lodge.



# SILENT GAVEL

By Bro Anthony Wilkins



Our gavels are silent,  
In safety we're bid not to meet,  
Soon enough, again we'll gather,  
Once more a brother, will take his temple seat.

This kind of silence happened before,  
In another country, then due to Nazi rot,  
Take comfort, in the square and the compass,  
And of course, the forget-me-not.

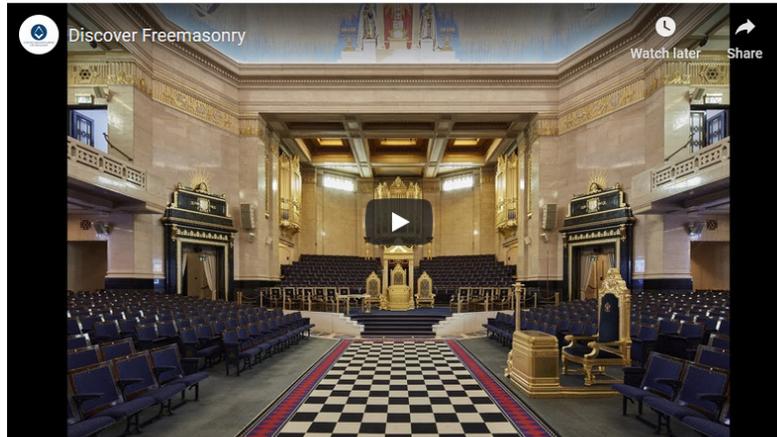
This small token of food,  
Shows you are in my thoughts,  
I look forward to seeing you soon my brother,  
When again, we will give and receive our reports!

# DUNHEVED LODGE NO. 789 WEBSITE

## Dunheved Lodge No. 789

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### Discover Freemasonry



Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest social and charitable organisations in the world. Its roots lie in the traditions of the medieval stonemasons who built our cathedrals and castles. For Freemasons, there are four important values that help define their path through life: Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Charity. In today's world filled with uncertainty, these principles ring as true as they have at any point in the organisation's history.

**Integrity: Building good people**

Freemasons are focused on building themselves as people of integrity and membership provides the structure to help achieve that goal.

Dear Brethren all,

At our February lodge meeting it was agreed by our members that Dunheved Lodge should have a website to help encourage, gain and retain membership and promote Freemasonry in Launceston and the good work we, as a lodge do within our community and within the county of Cornwall.

Therefore, the Worshipful Master and I have worked hard, with the approval of Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall, to produce the website below for Dunheved Lodge.

Our website is now LIVE and can be found here:

[www.dunhevedlodge.co.uk](http://www.dunhevedlodge.co.uk)

This website is to be used to help promote all social events and lodge meetings to members and potential visitors or candidates and contain the history of Dunheved Lodge No.789.

Social Media:

We have also produced social media accounts on Twitter and Facebook, any members who use these platforms and wish to "follow" or "like" Dunheved Lodge can find direct links below:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DunhevedLodge>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DunhevedLodge/>

These accounts will also be used to help promote our social events and lodge meetings to members and highlight them to visitors. If any member wishes to add anything to the website from time to time please do not hesitate to contact me at: [askseb@sebastianoakley.co.uk](mailto:askseb@sebastianoakley.co.uk)

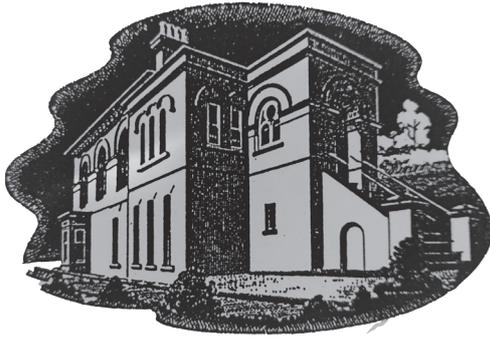
Lastly, I would encourage all members to take some time to visit our website: [www.dunhevedlodge.co.uk](http://www.dunhevedlodge.co.uk) and see how we are using "social media" to promote our lodge and most of all Freemasonry in Launceston.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Sebastian Oakley- Dunheved Lodge No 789 Webmaster



# EARLY MASONRY IN LAUNCESTON



The first indication as to the presence of Freemasonry in Launceston is to be found in the records of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall from 1765 when it was ordered that a letter be sent to the Brethren assembling at Launceston acquainting them that if they did not petition for a constitution, they would be represented forthwith to the Grand Lodge as being quite illegal. The non-regular Lodge had almost certainly been at work for some years before 1765, probably under the name of "Modern and Regular".

In December 1767, no doubt as a direct result of this ultimatum, "The Cornubian Lodge was warranted by the Grand Lodge Of the "Moderns", His Grace the Duke of Beaufort being the Grand Master. This Lodge first bore the number 410, becoming No. 345 in 1770 and No. 268 in 1780. It was erased as No. 268 in the year 1783. The number was then given to the Lodge of Contentment, Plymouth Dock. This Lodge had the same fate and suffered erasure in 1786.

From the scanty records now available, it is quite obvious that during its life of at least eighteen years, this Lodge met at the old Devonport & Exeter Inn in Exeter Street, Launceston. It is interesting to note that this establishment is still part of modern Launceston, albeit under the sign of the Newmarket. It must be remembered that, from 1757 until about 1820, Launceston was a parole Town for French Officers who were prisoners in this country during the Seven Years' and Napoleonic Wars. It was during this period that the nearby Prison at Princetown on Dartmoor was built to house the other ranks and those officers who refused to give their parole.

During these Wars French Officers are known to have founded Lodges in several parts of Britain, where they practised Freemasonry under the "Grand Orient Rite Francolse du Moderne" Launceston was, however, the only place in Cornwall which had such a Lodge. There are definite proofs of the existence of this Lodge and there is still preserved a Certificate bearing the date of 1757 which could well be the date of the formation of "Modern and Regular". This Certificate bears the signatures of Francis Rodd of Trebartha and John Molesworth of Tetcott two local squires. The document is written in French. There is also in existence a certificate issued in 1802 to one Robert Marlin, who was then the organist of St. Mary Magdalene's Church in Launceston. Part of this certificate is written in English. Until a few years ago this certificate was known to be in a collection of Masonic documents at Leicester.

In view of the fact that the Lodge number 268 was erased in 1783, it seems that there can be no doubt that it was to the French Lodge that this certificate in 1802 related.

The late W.Bro. A. K. Lee, who was secretary of Dunheved Lodge for many years, was keenly interested in Masonic history, and secured much information concerning early Freemasonry in Launceston. He discovered that some of the French prisoners of war bore names which are well known in Launceston and its surrounding district today. Among these are Barriball, Baskerville, Benoy, Burgoyne, Cater and Prideaux.

There was an attempt to revive English Freemasonry in Launceston in the year 1808. and the leader of this movement was a Bro. Dr. John Cudlipp. A letter from W.Bro. John Knight to him which is copied in the minute book of the Druids' Royal Arch Chapter at Redruth, shows that the Brethren at Launceston were endeavouring to purchase the warrant of a lapsed Lodge.

The reason for this was that an Act of Parliament, the 39th Geo III Chap. 79 enacted for the suppression of Societies established for treasonable and seditious purposes, contained a Clause (Sec. 5) in favour of Masons meeting under a warrant from Grand Lodge prior to the passing of the Act. But it was understood however, that no new Lodge could be constituted while the Act was in force.

The Launceston Brethren were not alone in their quest, for at the same time (1808) certain Brethren in the town of Truro were also seeking a redundant warrant. They were successful, and, on 11th April 1810, obtained the warrant of No. 548 which had lapsed and to which the new No. 620 was assigned. This Lodge is now No. 331 Phoenix Lodge of Honour & Prudence [now based in Perranporth] On 4th July, 1810, another letter from W.Bro. John Knight to Bro. Dr. John Cudlipp shows that the Launceston brethren had not ceased in their endeavour: for, with that letter, a Form of Petition was enclosed for completion. For a second time, however, the hoped-for Warrant was obtained by another Lodge, this time the present Mount Sinai Lodge No. 121 Penzance.

After this second disappointment our ancient Brethren seem to have lost heart. Although, when the Truro Lodge was consecrated at the P.G.L. held in Truro on 12th June, 1810, it was announced that a lodge was likely to be consecrated at Launceston. No further activity can be traced until the formation of Dunheved No. 1091 in 1859-60. It is probable, nevertheless, that a non-regular lodge met in the town for some years after 1810. Prior to the formation of Lodge Dunheved, it's evident that most local Freemasons were members of Loyal Victoria Lodge at Callington, which was formed about thirty years prior to that of Dunheved. It was, of course, the nearest lodge to Launceston. All but one of the founder members of Dunheved were members of Loyal Victoria though Loyal Victoria does not appear actually to have sponsored Dunheved Lodge.

Traces also remain of operative masons in Launceston. These may be found in particular at the Priory ruins near the church of St. Thomas, at the Southgate Arch. and upon other ancient stonework in the vicinity of the town.

# CORNWALL 2024 FESTIVAL NEWS – #FEST2024



During these times, it's sometimes easy to become insular and wonder how we can do anything to assist. As most of you who use social media will know, UGLE, Provinces, Lodges and individual members up and down the country have found innovative ways, not only to stay in touch but also to support the response to the ongoing Pandemic.

The MCF is there to help and can be contacted direct, if you so wish, using the telephone number 0800 035 60 90 or the email address: [help@mcf.org.uk](mailto:help@mcf.org.uk).

There can be no doubt that these challenging times will affect some of our Brethren more than others; demand for our charitable support will never be greater. Our Lodges have always supported the MCF generously and conscientiously and we ask you for your support now, during this difficult time. Obviously, we can no longer meet every month due to the restrictions on social gatherings and to that end we are not able to ask you to support our charities through the raffle and alms collections.

Would you please therefore consider supporting the MCF through a phone donation of £5 monthly instead of the monies you would have put into the raffle on your Lodge evening. This is really simple and can be done from any mobile phone. Simply text Cornwall2024 to 70500. For those without a personal mobile phone you can also donate online by visiting this URL:

<https://mcf.org.uk/donate/?festivalId=1263>

The second draw of the 1 to 2024 club took place in April when the following Brethren and Lodges won: 1st Trevaunance £75, 2nd John Williams £50, 3rd Phoenix Lodge £25. The next draw will take place in June. It's not too late to enter, download a form from the Provincial website.

For any information on how you can support the 2024 Festival, the 1 to 2024 club or the MCF in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch by emailing David Trevaunant at:

[fest2024@pglcornwall.org.uk](mailto:fest2024@pglcornwall.org.uk)

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