



Masonic
Charitable Foundation

2028
FESTIVAL

NORTH WALES 2028 FESTIVAL APPEAL



Supporting your masonic charity

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Message from the PGM

John Charles Hoult
Provincial Grand Master



It seems only yesterday that we celebrated the outstanding success of our 2017 Festival in support of the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys."

The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF) was created in 2016 bringing together the work of the four central masonic charities and, since then, especially throughout 2020/21, it has generously supported our local North Wales communities, charities and Freemasons, with much-needed grants and services.

Fundraising for the MCF is vital to the continuance of its support to us all and I am proud to launch our 2028 Festival, and to commit us to raising £2.5 million which will make such a difference to the lives of Freemasons, their families and those in need in our wider society. I am sure we will all contribute and participate with the same determination, and enthusiasm as previous Festivals.

Brethren, embrace our 2028 Festival and enjoy every moment along the way to make it a truly memorable period in our lives. Thank you in advance for what I know will be your unreserved support of the 2028 North Wales Festival. You too can make the difference and be proud to be part of making our world a better place for all.

You can follow updates on the North Wales 2028 Festival Appeal on social media, using the hashtag #FEST2028

Why should I support the North Wales 2028 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 encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving wellbeing for Freemasons, their families and the wider community.

The MCF relies on Freemasons and their families 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...**

...and 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
- Support people with disabilities to feel more independent
- 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 North Wales in the last year*

THE MCF HAS SUPPORTED



50

MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC COMMUNITY WITH GRANTS

TOTALLING

£202,800



21

LOCAL CHARITIES RECEIVED SUPPORT, WITH GRANTS

TOTALLING

£84,063

THE 2017 NORTH WALES FESTIVAL APPEAL RAISED £3,100,000 FOR

The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys

WHICH RELIEVED POVERTY AND ADVANCED EDUCATION TO GIVE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THE BEST START IN LIFE.

*figures taken from the 2020/21 financial year

Support for North Wales Freemasons: Geoffrey Rayner

SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 2016, THE MCF HAS SUPPORTED

446 FREEMASONS OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS
IN NORTH WALES WITH GRANTS TALLING **£1,202,886**

In December 2019, Geoffrey started to have problems with severe pain in his hip. After various trips to the doctors and steroid injections, his hip was diagnosed as arthritic.

"I was now taking strong painkillers, but even with these I was unable to walk far. I couldn't even do a simple job of putting on a pair of socks without my wife's help. Sleep was almost impossible with the constant pain. This took a toll on both my family life and my mental health and I became quite depressed."

"In September 2020 I received a letter from my doctor advising me that I had been placed on a waiting list to see a consultant, but the waiting time was in excess of 12 months and could then take up to three years for an operation. Feeling quite desperate, I contacted the MCF to see if they could provide any support, and thankfully, they were able to help me with the cost of private medical treatment for hip replacement surgery."

"On 22 May 2021 my operation took place, which was a life-changing moment, not just for me but for my wife and family."

*figures taken from the 2020/21 financial year



I will always be grateful to the MCF for their help and support. I'm also extremely appreciative of the generosity of the Brethren who make regular donations to masonic charities."

Geoffrey, Freemason



Support for North Wales charities: Contact

contact
For families
with disabled children

SINCE 2016, THE MCF HAS SUPPORTED

57 CHARITIES IN NORTH WALES,
WITH GRANTS TALLING
£461,777

For more information about the MCF's grants to charities and emergency appeals, visit:

 [mcf.org.uk /community](https://mcf.org.uk/community)

Thanks to a **£150,000** grant from North Wales Freemasons, through the MCF, charity Contact can continue to provide fun events for disabled children and their families in North Wales. So far, families have enjoyed a free Forest School which has helped children to build confidence and reduce their isolation.



We're really grateful to North Wales Freemasons for their generous grant. Families with disabled children can feel isolated and alone because they don't know anyone else in their situation. And the COVID-19 pandemic has magnified those feelings. Our Better Together events are the perfect tonic. They're not only an opportunity for families to enjoy fun shared experiences, they also boost confidence and help them make friends and support networks."

Lizzie Salter
Contact's Better Together
Events Manager



How can I help the Festival?

By taking just one of these two easy steps, you can make a huge difference to the North Wales 2028 Festival Appeal and the people we support:

1 Donate

2 Spread the word

1 Donate

There are lots of different ways you can donate to the North Wales 2028 Festival Appeal, whether it's a single donation or a long-term commitment.

Donate using a QR code

Scan this QR code with your phone to:

Make a single donation:




Make a regular donation:



Donate over the phone

Make a single donation or set up a regular donation:


 **020 3146 3352**

Get in touch

For further guidance on how to donate, get in touch with North Wales's team:

 **2028sec@nwmasons.org**

 **01492 860223**

 **Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales, 8 Mostyn Avenue, Craig-Y-Don, Llandudno LL30 1YS**

Donate online

Make a single donation or set up a regular donation:

 **mcf.org.uk/regular-donation-FEST2028**

Donate by text

Donate £5 by texting FEST2028 to:

 **70500**


Use Gift Aid envelopes

The MCF can supply Gift Aid envelopes for alms collections, festive boards and other occasions; use of the envelopes will boost eligible donations by 25 per cent.

Envelopes can be obtained from the provincial office.

Use paper forms

Completed forms and Gift Aid envelopes should be returned to:

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

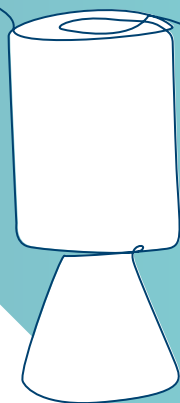


Small changes
make a big
difference!

Steward: £600

Patron: £1,000

Grand Patron: £1,500



Individual honorifics

The Province of North Wales wants to say "thank you" to all brethren for their donations to the Festival, all of which contribute to its success.

A range of honorifics will be awarded depending on the level of contribution made, on the basis of a commitment, lump-sum payment/s, or regular payment promise. Therefore, a six-year Direct Debit mandate signed now and equalling the honorific amount over the life of the Festival, will mean you won't have to wait six years to receive your festival jewel.

The Province fully understands that it may not be within every brother's means to qualify for an honorific, and greatly appreciates all donations received and the organising, running, and taking part in events in support of the Festival.

Lodge honorifics

Lodge awards will be based on the percentage of lodge members committing to the 2028 Festival by a regular giving Direct Debit mandate to the Festival Relief Chest.

Bronze – 40 per cent

Silver – 60 per cent

Gold – 80 per cent

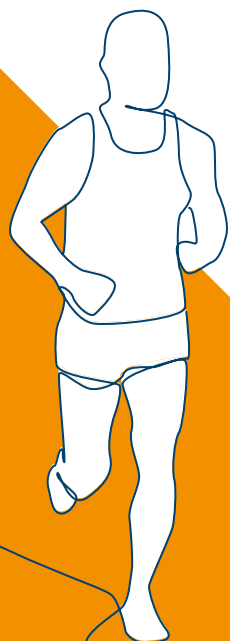
Platinum – 100 per cent

Chapters

Chapters are of course part of our Festival. Any support given by way of raffles, envelopes, events, etc. will be greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged.

Gift Aid

The money you give for your honorifics may be eligible for Gift Aid relief, provided you are a UK taxpayer. This will add 25 per cent to eligible donations, at no extra cost to the donor and will count towards your honorific.



2 Spread the word!

Telling people about the MCF is one of the easiest ways you can make a difference to the 2028 Festival Appeal, and Freemasons and their families.

The 2028 Festival Appeal is not just a chance to raise vital funds for the MCF; it is also an opportunity to educate every member of North Wales' Freemason community about the support available and the work carried out in your area, so that if anyone ever finds themselves in need, they know that they can approach the MCF.

To find out more about the MCF's impact in your area visit:

 impact.mcf.org.uk/2021/how-we-helped-your-local-community

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.

Get out and about

The MCF has a wide range of resources, including leaflets, posters, banner stands, a presentation and branded merchandise to help you raise awareness among the Freemasons and within the wider community.

Visit the MCF's Publications and Resources page to find out more:

 mcf.org.uk/resources

 mcf.org.uk/sign-up
 [@themcf](https://www.facebook.com/themcf)
 [@Masonic_Charity](https://twitter.com/Masonic_Charity)
 [@masonic_charity](https://www.instagram.com/masonic_charity)
 [/MasonicCharitableFoundation](https://www.youtube.com/MasonicCharitableFoundation)



The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England will notify you ten working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England or your bank or building society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society. If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The Grand Charity of the United Grand Lodge of England asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

North Wales Freemason, John, suffered for 10 long years with knee problems. Eventually, the issues he had meant he needed to change his job role and stop driving – resulting in a drop of income.

“The loss of income made me very depressed, which in turn impacted both my family and social life. I decided to seek help from the MCF which my lodge Almoner helped me with. The response was far more than I expected; a Visiting Volunteer came to see me and helped with all the paperwork. Within a short time, the MCF contacted me and agreed to pay for my operation – this allowed me to return to work and drive again.”

“Two years later, my left knee started to play up with the same symptoms and once again the MCF stepped in and came to the rescue by helping me pay for another operation.”

To read more personal stories about the impact that the MCF has made to people's lives, visit:

 mcf.org.uk/real-life-stories



I will never be able to thank the MCF enough. Their help and support has changed my life for the better. Thank you, MCF.”

John, Freemason

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:

Daily living costs

- Household arrears
- Support for rent and security deposit
- Emergency household repairs
- Boiler replacement
- White goods and furnishings
- Funeral costs
- Childcare costs

Health, care and wellbeing

- Initial consultations
- Investigative tests and scans
- Surgery
- Physiotherapy
- Manual therapy
- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy assessments
- Mobility equipment
- Home adaptations
- Motability vehicle support
- Dental work
- Mental health support
- Short breaks for carers

Children, young people and education

- Computer equipment
- Educational assessments
- School fees – in exceptional circumstances
- Higher education
- Apprenticeships
- Childcare costs
- Support for exceptional talent

The above are not exhaustive lists of support available, and all support is considered on a case-by-case basis.

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 

mcf.org.uk 



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North Wales 2028 Festival Appeal news:



nwmasons.org



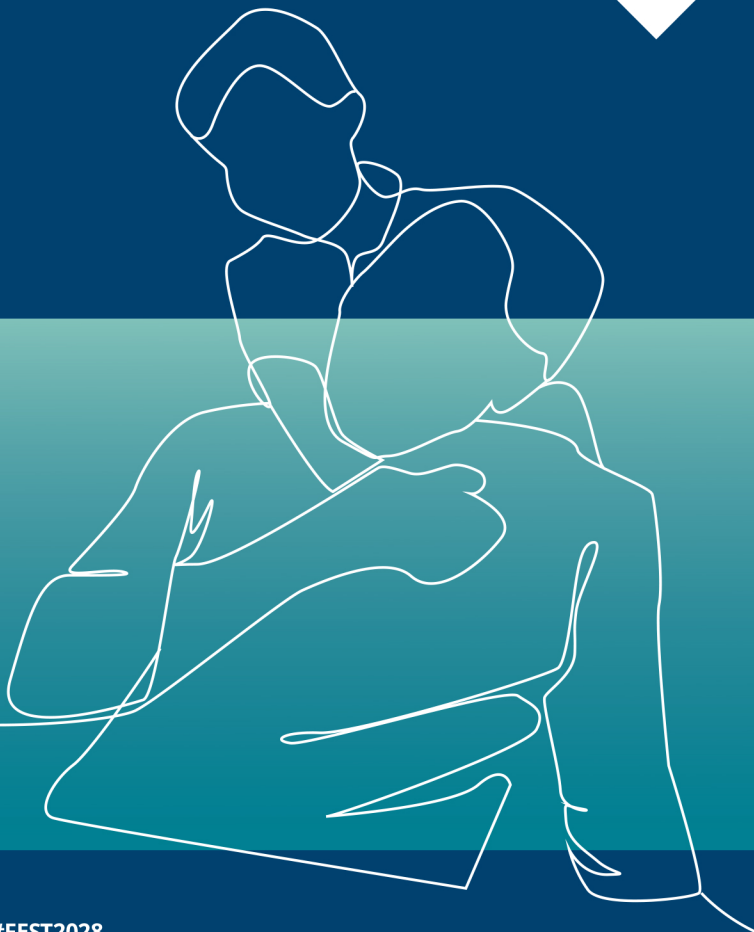
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