



We're off to a great start!

£86,000 raised so far

Almost a year to the day since the launch of the Festival, W Bro Michael Holland, Chairman of the Festival Appeal Committee, has a message for Herefordshire Freemasons:

We have had a very encouraging start to our Festival. It may seem that we are well head of projection to meet our £300,000 target, however some of the generous one-off donations we have received may not be repeated. We must continue to look at ways to keep donations coming in – whether through direct debit, cheque, fundraising events or Gift Aid envelopes.

Don't forget, if you are tax payer we can receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate – please make use of this excellent way of boosting our efforts.

On behalf of the Provincial Grand Master and the Appeal Committee, I want to sincerely thank all of you who have given generously so far. We look forward to your ongoing support over the next four years.



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About the Fund

The **2020 Festival Appeal** is raising funds for the **Masonic Samaritan Fund (MSF)**.

The **MSF**, which is now part of the **Masonic Charitable Foundation**, awards grants to **pay for private medical and dental treatment, care and support.**



Health and Care Support

MEDICAL

DENTAL

RESPIRE

MOBILITY

COUNSELLING

Freemasons, their wives, partners, widows and dependants can apply for a grant if they have a diagnosed health or care need and, faced with over 12 weeks wait for NHS treatment or care, are unable to easily afford their own private healthcare.

Grants are available to fund medical treatment or surgery, functional dental treatment, mobility aids and equipment, home adaptations, respite breaks, counselling and consultations or assessments.

As well as providing grants to cover the costs of a diagnosed health or care need, funding is awarded to medical research

charities which aim to improve treatment for many illnesses and disabilities that affect Masonic families and the wider community.

Do you need help?

If you are a Freemason or family member and have a health related need, speak to your Lodge Almoner today or contact the Masonic Charitable Foundation directly:

Freephone 0800 035 60 90

Email help@mcf.org.uk

Visit www.mcf.org.uk

There are a number of fantastic fundraising initiatives being undertaken across Herefordshire for the 2020 Festival.

Teresa Bridgland-Taylor, wife of W Bro Tim, is undertaking a sponsored **wing-walk on 16th July** at Chiltern Park Aerodrome in Oxfordshire.

For more information or to sponsor Teresa, visit our website and download a sponsorship form, or donate online at:

www.everydayhero.co.uk/event/e0146

Meanwhile, **W Bro Michael Holland** has dedicated the last five months to a **sponsored weight-loss**. In January, he committed to losing 12kg by the date of our Provincial Grand Lodge meeting on 6th June. On 6th May he was just 1.8kg from his target - good luck W Bro Michael!

And our **Provincial Grand Master** has been leading by example by getting stuck in to fundraising events of his own. On 1st March he took part in a **Leek Eating Ceremony** at Coningsby Lodge, raising £100 for the Festival.



New items are now available for Spring at Provincial Grand Lodge
and from your Lodge's Festival Representative



£10
per set

2020 enameled
Festival cufflinks
in presentation box



£5
each

Fine quality linen table
napkin, embroidered
with Provincial logo



£15
each

2020 Festival pewter
tankard, pint size,
engraved

£20
each

2020 Festival lead
crystal commemorative
whisky glass



Festival Summer Ball

Saturday 2nd July 2016

The Masonic Hall, Kyrle Street, Hereford

Grand Banquet | Auction of Promises | Grand Prize Draw | Dancing

1st Prize: Holiday for six at Park Resort Kidwelly with £250 spending money

2nd Prize: Bottle of SAS Malt Whisky with four crystal whisky glasses

3rd Prize: Family pass to the International Birds of Prey Centre, Newent

www.herefordshiremasons.org.uk/2020festival

Please tell the Editor about your Lodge's fundraising activities, social events and achievements: Peter Hamblin, peter.hamblin@btinternet.com, 01568 797401