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The Grand Summer Ball held at Kyrle Street in July 2016 was a sellout and raised £6,700!



Message from our Chairman

During the last 12 months we have made good progress towards our target of £300,000 to be raised from within our Craft Province of Herefordshire in aid of the 2020 Festival, with the figure at the end of December standing at approximately £135,000. We are doing well, but must avoid being complacent!

My thanks to all my fellow members of the 2020 Appeal Committee for their considerable support and to those Brethren in our Province who have contributed in such a generous way.

I would also like appeal to those members of the Province who have yet to participate, to consider how best they can contribute to our worthy cause.

As a Province, Herefordshire is a net receiver from the Masonic charities, with our members and their families having benefitted from over £450,000 of grants during the last five years. The 2020 Festival is an opportunity for us to raise funds in acknowledgement of this fabulous support.

I look forward to your continued support and to making further progress in 2017 towards our goal.

Michael Holland, PAGDC
Chairman 2020 Appeals Committee





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in 2016 We helped almost 5,000 people



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On 1 April 2016, the Masonic Samaritan Fund became part of the Masonic Charitable Foundation.

The Foundation will continue the legacy of the MSF by supporting members of the Masonic community who have health and care needs and awarding grants to support medical research. The funds raised for the 2020 Festival will be used by the Foundationto support health needs.

Do you need help? Contact the Foundation today:

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Fantastic fundraising efforts

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

Teresa Bridgland-Taylor, wife of W Bro Tim, completed a sponsored wing-walk on 16th July at Chiltern Park Aerodrome in Oxfordshire and following an auction at the Summer Ball in July, Provincial Grand Charity Steward Nick Swan and his wife won a ride on the motorbikes of Nigel Boothby and Michael Holland.



Upcoming events



A fundraising BBQ, organised by Coningsby Lodge, is to be held in a field adjacent to WBro Simpkiss' home on Sunday 16th July. Games and a quiz with prizes will be held on the day! For further details contact Gordon Bumfrey: 01432 358583



On Saturday 27th May, a clay pigeon shoot organised by St Peter's Lodge will be held at The Hill Farm, Castle Frome. Individual Class Prizes will be up for grabs as well as prizes for teams of four. The shoot and a light lunch will be £20 per head. Further details will be posted shortly.



A **Grand Hog Roast**, organised by the Appeals Committee, will be held at the home of WBro Michael Holland on **Saturday 22nd July from 2.30pm**. The price is £15 per head to include the Hog Roast and unlimited drinks from the selection available. Veggie option available!

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



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

Don't forget to purchase your 2017 calendar - there are only a limited number of copies left!