

Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire

RW Bro Max Bayes Provincial Grand Master



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Dear Brother

By the time you read this, the 2024 Masonic Charitable Foundation Festival will be upon us. For the next six years, until 2024, we will be attempting to raise at least £2.024m in support of this, our national Masonic charity. I seek your support in helping to reach this target.

The MCF provides invaluable support for Freemasons and their families, many of them in this Province. Whilst this is its main focus, it also supports charities in the wider community.

This is tremendous opportunity for us to demonstrate the strength of our fraternity, our care for members of the Masonic family and our generosity towards the wider community.

By far the most reliable way of us reaching our target is through the commitment of each of us to a Regular Payment Promise. Through this, we can make a regular donation to our Lodge's Relief Chest from which transfers can be made to the Festival.

There will also be numerous other fund raising activities, at individual, Lodge and Provincial level. The first of these is the raffle for prizes that money can't buy - the honour of being picked up at home by a Provincial DC, being hosted by a member of the Executive on an official visit, being wined and dined and then taken home by the Provincial DC.

Each Lodge's Charity Steward will have a key part to play in the Festival and in guiding his Lodge towards its target. In his support, we have a Festival Committee, chaired by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Every area of the Province is represented on this Committee.

I enclose the Festival launch brochure and a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions that I hope will further explain the Festival.

As we look forward to the next six years of fund raising I feel sure I can count on your support. If all members of the Province do their utmost in pulling together we will not only achieve our target but have a great deal of fun in doing it.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Bayes'.

Provincial Grand Master