



Masonic
Charitable Foundation



MIDDLESEX 2031 FESTIVAL APPEAL

**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**



Supporting your masonic charity

A message from

the Festival President

His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent GCV

Provincial Grand Master



KENSINGTON PALACE,
LONDON, W.8.

Dear Brethren,

I am pleased to give my support to the launch of the Middlesex 2031 Festival in aid of the Masonic Charitable Foundation. I recognise and take pride in the longstanding generosity and charitable spirit demonstrated by the members of the Province of Middlesex.

This Festival marks a significant milestone, as it is the first time that our Province has participated in an MCF Festival. A festival that will employ a variety of approaches to fundraising, reflecting the diversity, innovation, and commitment within our Province.

Whilst the ultimate objective remains to support the vital work of the Masonic Charitable Foundation, in providing assistance and opportunity to freemasons, their families, and the wider community, I am also pleased to confirm that a proportion of the funds raised will be directed towards supporting charities which you, our members, support within the Province.

I extend my sincere thanks to all who will contribute to this important endeavour whether through donations, organising activities, or encouraging participation. Your efforts are deeply appreciated and will help ensure the continued success of Masonic charity in our Province.

Enjoy the festival, celebrate our shared values, and let us continue to be a force for good in the world.

Your sincere and friendly,

Michael

A message from

R.W.Bro David Allan

Pro Provincial Grand Master



Our Festival, Our Future

The Middlesex 2031 Festival is more than a fundraising appeal, it is our shared commitment to compassion, unity, and the enduring spirit of Freemasonry.

Rooted in the values of charity, brotherhood, and service, this Festival is a living expression of how we care for one another and for the communities we serve.

This is our opportunity to show that Freemasonry is a force for good, not only in our Lodges and Chapters, but in our homes, our families, and across society.

Every contribution made, every event attended, and every act of generosity helps build a legacy of support for those facing hardship, illness, or need. Together with the Masonic Charitable Foundation, we are making a real

difference, supporting families, empowering young people, and caring for the vulnerable.

But just as importantly, this Festival celebrates the people who walk beside us: our partners, families, and friends who sustain and strengthen us on our Masonic journey. Their presence reminds us that our greatest strength lies in unity. As we begin this Festival, let us do so with purpose.

Let us make it known that Middlesex stands together, with pride, with compassion, and with a vision for a brighter, kinder future.

David Allan

Middlesex - A Province to be proud of

Middlesex Shines Bright

Since **1 April 2020**, the end of our last Festival, the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF, the Freemasons' charity) has granted phenomenal support for Middlesex Freemasons and their families, with **448 grants** made, totalling **£1,567,337**.

This remarkable assistance includes:

- ◆ **£360,005** for children, young people and education
- ◆ **£367,135** for health, care and wellbeing
- ◆ **£840,197** for daily living costs

But the generosity didn't stop there. In addition, the MCF, through the Province of Middlesex, has continued to make a powerful impact in the wider community. Since April 2020, **53 grants** have supported **46 local charities**, providing a further **£444,476** in funding.

That's a combined total of **£2,011,813** directly benefiting Middlesex Freemasons, their families, and local causes. A remarkable testament to the compassion, generosity, and commitment that define our Province.

Generosity and Dedication

These achievements stand as a testament to the extraordinary strength of collective endeavour. None of this would have been possible without the tireless commitment, compassion, and generosity of the Almoners and Charity Stewards across the Province of Middlesex.

Every conversation offering support, every appeal you have led, every donation collected, and every act of care delivered to a brother or their family has directly contributed to this remarkable success. You are the quiet engines behind so much of our charitable impact.

So let us take a moment to celebrate our Province of Middlesex and the profound difference it has made this year. Brethren, the work of our Almoners and Charity Stewards continues to shine as a beacon of hope, compassion, and practical support within our communities.

Together, you embody the very essence of Masonic charity by making the world a better place through thoughtful stewardship and heartfelt care, one act of kindness at a time.

Thank you, Middlesex, your service has made us all proud.

Supporting Middlesex Charities

Five Years of Impact

With the dedication of our Middlesex Almoners and Charity Stewards and the tireless fundraising efforts of our Lodges and Chapters, the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF, the Freemasons' charity) has been able to support 46 Middlesex charities over the past five years.

Charities Receiving Multiple Grants

- ◆ The Michael Sobell Hospice Charity
8 grants
- ◆ Michael Sobell Hospice
6 grants
- ◆ Shooting Star House
6 grants
- ◆ St Luke's Hospice (Harrow & Brent)
6 grants
- ◆ London Air Ambulance
3 grants
- ◆ MIND
3 grants across 2 branches
- ◆ Hillingdon Autistic Care and Support (HACS)
2 grants
- ◆ Harrow Carers
2 grants
- ◆ Otakar Kraus Music Trust
2 grants
- ◆ RE N-GAGE
2 grants

Strengthening Middlesex's Local Impact

To deepen our charitable connections across the Province, from the 1st April 2026, the MCF has committed to allocating 25% of all donations made to the 2031 Festival specifically for Middlesex to distribute. This ensures that every brother in Middlesex can have a direct, lasting, and meaningful influence on how future MCF funds are used to support local people, local causes, and local communities.

Like all Provinces, local charities have received numerous grants over the years since the MCF was formed in April 2016. Our grants programme has benefitted over 50 local charities in Middlesex supporting a wide variety of causes and creating an impact on the lives of hundreds of people.

The MCF recognise that Provinces can play a crucial part in ensuring that these grants support local communities in the most impactful way, identifying real areas of need and charities that require the most support.

To help Provinces achieve closer links with these charities, the MCF will allocate a percentage of all donations made to the 2031 Festival specifically for the Province to distribute. Giving our donors the opportunity to have a direct influence over how MCF funds are used.

Why should I support the Middlesex 2031 Festival Appeal?

The MCF is **your** charity

The MCF builds better lives by encouraging opportunity, promoting independence and improving the wellbeing of Freemasons, their families and the wider community.

The MCF relies on the masonic community 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 with grants in the amount of over **£15 million**.



By donating to the MCF you could...

- Help families make ends meet when times get tough
- Give greater independence to people with disabilities
- 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 Middlesex

Since the last festival, Middlesex has benefitted from over



£2 million

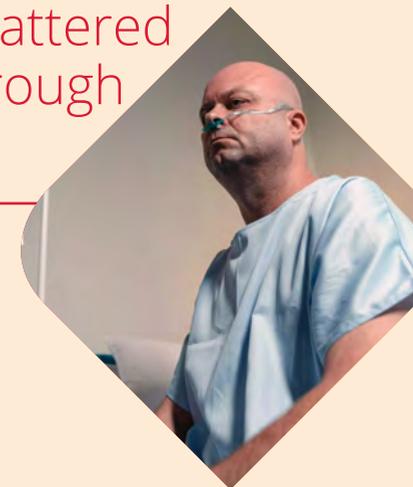
in MCF support, assisting local masons, their families, and a wide range of local charities.

At the last festival, Middlesex raised an average of just over

£1,000 PER MEMBER,

making it the most successful festival in the RMTGB's history.

A helping hand when it mattered most: Jason's recovery through MCF support



In April 2024, Jason was electrocuted by a 33,000-volt electrical current while cleaning windows at work, which caused severe and permanent injuries to his legs and feet and resulted in the loss of his left hand.

"The incident left me unable to work, and sadly, I had to close the business I had worked so hard to build. It has been an incredibly difficult time – physically, emotionally, and financially – and I wasn't sure how I was going to move forward," said Jason.

Jason learned about the MCF's support from discussions at his Lodge. He decided to reach out and thankfully, they were able to help.

"The MCF provided vital financial support that helped me and my family cover essential living costs, attend hospital and rehabilitation appointments, take much-needed holidays, and make important adaptations at home to regain independence. The entire process was handled with compassion and professionalism; I felt genuinely cared for and supported from start to finish."

This essential support relieved a significant burden for Jason, both financially and emotionally.

"The help I received gave me and my family the breathing space to focus fully on recovery and rebuilding our lives without the constant stress of finances. It gave me hope and renewed confidence. Since then, I've dedicated myself to raising awareness about electrical safety in the window-cleaning and solar-cleaning industries, using my experience to help protect others from similar incidents."

"Asking for help can be difficult, but the MCF treats every individual with dignity, respect, and genuine care. Their support changes lives, and I'd encourage anyone in need to reach out and see if you're eligible – you'll be met with understanding and compassion."

Honorifics

Individual Honorifics

The Province of Middlesex wishes to acknowledge the generosity of its brethren by issuing Festival jewels to all those who donate or pledge to donate a qualifying amount. Upon qualifying as a Festival steward or attaining a higher honorific, you will be presented with your jewel in open lodge, or if you choose, you may receive it discreetly.

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.

- ◆ Steward: £600 over Festival period
- ◆ Patron: £1,050 over Festival period
- ◆ Grand Patron: £1,500 over Festival period

Excluding Gift Aid.



Lodge and Chapter Honorifics

A series of honorifics have been set to acknowledge and celebrate Lodge and Chapter financial achievements. Certificates will be awarded to units that donate or promise to donate at the following levels, over the Festival period:

(Please note individual donations and Gift Aid will count towards Unit totals)

Lodges

- ◆ Steward: £350 per member
- ◆ Vice Patron: £520 per member
- ◆ Patron: £650 per member
- ◆ Grand Patron: £780 per member

Chapters and past Master Lodges

- ◆ Steward: £140 per member
- ◆ Vice Patron: £208 per member
- ◆ Patron: £260 per member
- ◆ Grand Patron: £312 per member

Including Gift Aid.

Lodge and Chapter honorifics will be based on the number of members as of 1 January 2026.

Middlesex Province Relief Fund

Pledges over £200,000 for your Lodges and Chapters.

The Middlesex Province Relief Fund (MPRF) recognises that every Lodge and Chapter will be fully committed to the Festival over the next 5 years.

The MPRF has, therefore, set aside over £200,000 to be available to Lodges and Chapters throughout the 5 years of the Festival to support your favourite local charities and good causes. As each Lodge and Chapter reaches an honorific level for its donations to the 2031 Festival, they will receive an application form together with their certificate, which will enable the Charity Steward to claim from the MPRF.

As, potentially, there could be over 800 cheques to be issued over the 5 year Festival, applications should be made as soon as your Lodge or Chapter reaches each level of Festival honorific.

As can be seen each Lodge and Chapter could potentially receive £1,500 to pass on to deserving causes.

Once your Lodge or Chapter has achieved an honorific shown below your Charity Steward can immediately apply for the following designated amounts:

- ◆ Steward: £250
- ◆ Vice Patron: a further £250
- ◆ Patron: a further £250
- ◆ Grand Patron: a further £750

Therefore, potentially you could receive a maximum amount of £1,500 over the 5 year Festival.

All amounts must be used to support local charities and good causes.

"We extend our deepest gratitude to the MPRF for their ongoing support of our Festival."



How can I get involved with the Middlesex Festival Appeal?

By taking these three easy steps, you can make a huge difference to the Middlesex 2031 Festival Appeal and the people we support:

- 1 Donate**
- 2 Fundraise**
- 3 Spread the word**



Get in touch

For further guidance on how to donate, get in touch with the Relief Chest team:

 reliefchest@mcf.org.uk

 **020 3146 3352**

1 Donate

There are lots of different ways you can donate to the Middlesex 2031 Festival Appeal, whether it's a one-off donation or a long-term commitment.

Donate online

Make a single donation or set up a regular donation:

 mcf.org.uk/Middlesex2031

Donate over the phone

To set up a regular donation:

 **020 3146 3345**

To make a single donation by debit or credit card:

 **020 3146 3352**

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 by contacting your Lodge Charity Steward.

 **020 8686 8388**

Regular Donations

Scan this QR code to set up a regular donation:



Use paper forms

You can complete the form at the back of this booklet, or download the donation form that's right for you from the MCF website:

 mcf.org.uk/Middlesex2031

Completed forms and Gift Aid envelopes should be returned to:

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

Donate using a QR code

Your Lodges and Chapters encourage you to use QR codes to make single donations. To assist with this process view the helpful How-To video.

 mcf.org.uk/How-To-QR-codes



2 Fundraise

Social or sponsored events raise vital funds for the Festival and it is important that each Lodge gives careful consideration to planning and holding one or more events each year.

Make it fun

There are many ways of taking part to raise money. You could arrange a quiz night or special dinner, take part in a daring challenge or sign up for a sponsored event – whatever you do, make it fun!

Make it easy

Setting up an online fundraising page takes just a few minutes and is an easy way for your friends and family to sponsor you. All the donations go directly into the Festival Relief Chest, saving you time and helping you focus on your fundraising.

Sharing your page through social media or email is a great way to build momentum and keep your friends up to date.

Visit Freemasonry Gives to create your own online fundraising page:

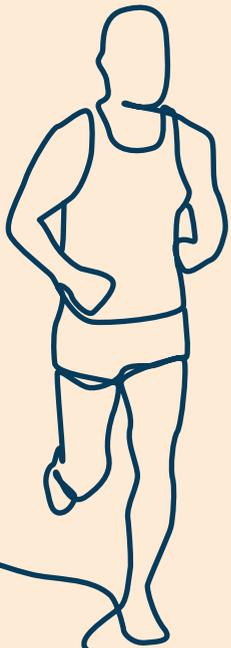
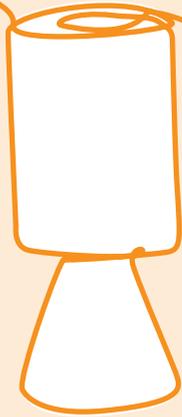
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The MCF's sponsorship and Gift Aid forms make it easy to collect donations both in person and online.

Visit the MCF website and download the donation forms you need to start fundraising:

 mcf.org.uk/Middlesex2031

 020 3146 3333



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Make it worth more

If you are a UK taxpayer, the MCF can reclaim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It won't cost you any extra – all you have to do is make a Gift Aid declaration.

You can find out more about Gift Aid on the Relief Chest Scheme resources page:

 mcf.org.uk/reliefchest/resources

Make it MCF

From running tops and water bottles, to keyrings and coasters; the MCF has a wide range of branded merchandise that will help you to get in the fundraising spirit and spread the word.

Contact us to get inspired:

 communications@mcf.org.uk



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.

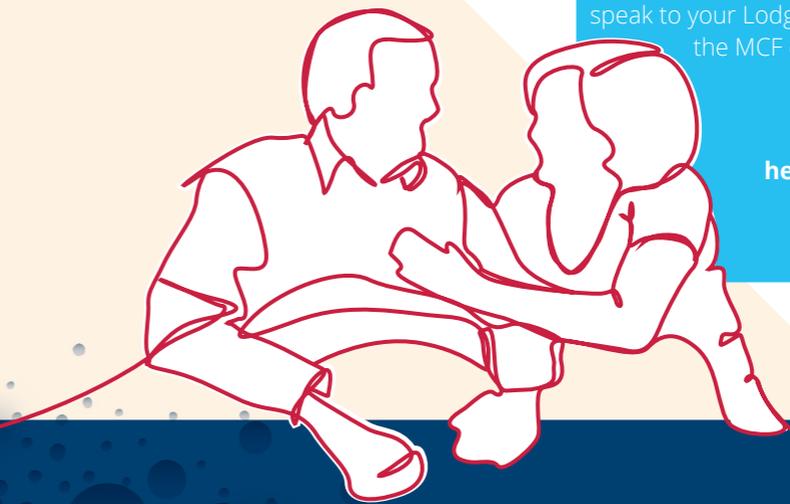
Can the MCF help you?

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 

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Middlesex 31 Festival



Regular & Single Donation Form

Set up a Regular Donation into the Middlesex 2031 Festival

via Forever Middlesex Continuous Giving Scheme Relief Chest No: **4EVERMIDDX**



Relief Chest Scheme | Masonic Charitable Foundation | 60 Great Queen Street | London | WC2B 5AZ
Telephone: 020 3146 3352 | Email: reliefchest@mcf.org.uk | Web: www.mcf.org.uk/reliefchest

Important Notes

1. This form contains a Single/Regular Donation, Gift Aid Declaration a Direct Debit Mandate and Guarantee. Please complete the relevant parts and pass it to your Relief Chest Representative.
2. All donations for the Relief Chest under a Regular Donation have to be made by Direct Debit from a Bank or Building Society account in the United Kingdom. Bank Standing orders, cash and cheques cannot be accepted for a Regular Donation. The charity is authorised to collect only the fixed amount specified on your form. The charity guarantees that it will make no other collections. Should it do so in error, a full and immediate refund will be made. To allow for both the charity and your Bank to process Direct Debits, this form must be received in the Relief Chest Scheme Office at least two months before the first payment is due.
3. You must complete a separate form for each Relief Chest if you wish to support more than one.
4. Please notify us if you change your name, address or Bank/Building Society details.
5. Tax cannot be reclaimed unless the relevant box(es) of the Gift Aid Declaration overleaf are ticked.
6. If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.
For further information on Gift Aid, please visit www.hmrc.gov.uk

Why not increase your donation by letting us reclaim your tax?

If you Gift Aid your donation, we can reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 you give.

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Oral Gift Aid Declaration

For use by Relief Chest Representative only.

If the donor has completed this form overleaf please leave this section blank. If you have been unable to obtain the donor's signature you can ask them if they are willing to make a Gift Aid Declaration and then tell us if they agree. We do not require the donor's signature. We will simply confirm the details to the donor in writing. Please fill in the donor's full name and address, post code and Lodge/Chest information on the other side of this form and sign the declaration below.

I confirm that the person named overleaf told me on _____ (date) that he/she wished all qualifying donations made to the Relief Chest Scheme (The Grand Charly Registered Charity Number 281942) in the last four years and all donations made in the future to be treated as Gift Aid until otherwise notified. If a valid Gift Aid Declaration from this donor is not already held, The Relief Chest office will confirm in writing to him/her.

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To find out more about how we handle, share and store your personal information and how to amend or request a copy of any personal information we hold about you, please visit <https://mcf.org.uk/policies/privacy/relief-chest-privacy-policy/>

Signature _____

Date _____



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