

FROM OUR NEW FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN

It is with more than a little sadness that I take over from W Bro Christopher Yard as Chairman of the Devonshire 2023 Festival. He has had a massive and positive impact on both the Province and the Festival. I congratulate him for achieving so much as Festival Chairman but also, as a man and a Mason for putting the care of his family first: we honour and respect him for that decision.

Brethren, our very character as Masons and our pledge to charitable giving is being called into action in support of the Festival. I call on all of you who have not yet given, to consider what this Festival means to you and to our Province. Charitable giving is one of the linchpins of our fraternity- please do not let that stop.

The decision from UGLE to put all the individual charities under one umbrella has, for some, lost the individual identities of the charities; but this was done to reduce the running costs and free up more money for worthy causes and individual cases. The work of those individual charities still continues, but within the MCF.

In our Province we receive £1500 every single day for causes we wish to support and for worthy individuals who need our help, many lesser known charities in Devonshire have also been received assistance from the MCF. Every day £1000 goes to support Devonshire Brethren and their families who are going through difficult times. Let me add that the assistance continues until it is no longer needed which can, and does run into years.

1 in 49 Brethren in Devonshire are the recipients of assistance at this time. Doesn't it make you feel proud to be able to help others and to continue those precepts we hold dear to our heart; Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

This help, aid and assistance can only continue with your support and I now urgently ask you to consider obtaining a Festival Jewel and wearing it as an outward sign of support and so that others can see your commitment not only to the Festival, but also the Festival President, our Provincial Grand Master.

If you are already a Steward, please act as an ambassador and help someone, either to go `on line` or fill out the MCF form, so that they might also contribute.

By your continued contributions we will ensure that our Province has produced Masons that make us all proud to be our Brothers.

W. Bro. Peter J.M. Keaty, PSGD

Chairman Devonshire 2023 Festival

TWO NEW AREA MANAGERS

We have appointed two new area managers and are delighted to welcome them to the Festival team: W Bro Chris Oliver a distinguished Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden who is going to look after the East and W Bro Lee Williams a distinguished Past Master of Miles Coverdale Lodge and who is going to look after the South.

THANK YOU to all our Area and Group Managers- we really appreciate what you do and as we come to the half way point of the Festival, we need you more than ever if we are to get a good result for Devonshire. Big thanks too to Chris Elliott who has been with us from the start and worked so hard to get everything up and running in the South and to Rob Summers for his efforts in the East.

REGALIA DROP OFF

W Bro Andrew Yelland runs Festival Friends and the Regalia exchange so we now have drop off points for used regalia in three areas

- Mt Edgcumbe Masonic Centre Plymouth
- The Provincial Office at Sowton
- Gandy Street Masonic Centre in Exeter.

FOR STEWARDS and ABOVE ONLY

Find a Steward Help a Brother in need

There are now over 1000 Brothers in Devonshire who are subscribing to the Festival- if you are one of them **thank you** and could we ask one thing more?

You are ambassadors for the Festival, but it means that there are about 4,000 other Brothers who have yet to appreciate the importance of the Festival. Could you just ask a brother whom you know, if he would like to support the Festival too? He might say yes and then we can spread the onus on supporting our brothers in need a bit more evenly. Thank you.

JEWEL LEVELS

Donations can be accepted into the MCF for the 2023 Festival until December 2023 so this means that from 2020 if you want to give by direct debit you need to make 48 payments

From 2020

Steward £300	£6.25 a month
Vice Patron £600	£12.50 a month
Patron £900	£18.75 a month
Grand Patron £1200	£25.00 a month

If you do this on line be sure to check it is going into the Devonshire 2023 Relief Chest E0165

WHY DO WE HAVE LODGE TABLES?

News is that the lodge tables are going back to showing the lodges' festival contributions in lodge number order; but we are often asked why do we have them? The answer is simple – we think it is right to show how the different lodges have been able to contribute and which Charity Stewards have been successful in helping the Province in this way. Rather than print the donations at the end of a festival we are doing so as we go along. We hope it encourages lodges to appreciate the priority similar lodges are giving in supporting the Brethren in need. It perhaps encourages more giving and helps everyone see how the efforts to support the Festival is spread between lodges.

FESTIVAL EVENTS

There are some superb events coming up:

Mark Ormrod a Talk on his personal HM Service,

Saturday 21st September 2019. Buffet £10 entry (£5 Buffet and Free Drink on entry)
Raffle in aid of MCF and RM Charity. Held at Davie Masonic Hall. Plymouth.

Contact: John Pritchard MB 07794 306138.

Dinner with Entertainment - Langstone Cliff Hotel Dawlish.

Saturday 30th November £30 per person. Contact Jimmy Hill

Home: 01626 888088 or MB. 07762 072204.

Dinner after Provincial Carol Service St. Mary's Church Plympton, Plymouth
15th December 2019.

Contact: Jon Moran by e-mail: masonicmeals@gmail.com

Please go to the [Festival Website](#) for full details of all the Festival Events planned.

NOTHING TO DO WITH THE FESTIVAL!

Library and Archive

Few people know that in the Provincial Office we have a library and archive with a mini museum. We need some help in maintaining this and laying out displays- if you would like to help please get in touch with me! The Editor!.

DON'T FORGET THE BEER!

Alan Gill continues to do a wonderful job supplying and distributing Festival Beer- providing it has been supplied from him it raises 30p a pint for the Festival- it's really good beer and a nice practical way of helping!

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