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Training Guide

for

Cabinet members, Group Chairmen, Representing Officers, Regional Charity Stewards, Group Charity Stewards, Lodge and Chapter Charity Stewards, Festival Representatives and members.



The Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF)

The MCF was launched in April 2016.

It over-arches the work of the four national Masonic charities:

The Grand Charity - The Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys

The Masonic Samaritan Fund - The Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution

The MCF will simplify a wide range of grants and assistance for Masons and their families who have a financial, health, education or care need, as well as providing aid for the wider community.

The MCF will allocate funds to the four charities and will award grants to other charities, hospices, medical research and disaster relief appeals.

It really does cover the whole gambit of Masonic charitable funding.



What is a festival?

To fund the four national charities each Province, under the United Grand Lodge of England, is invited to organise a fundraising event known as a 'Festival'. This occurs on average every 11 years.

The 'Festival' system is the most important fundraising method in support of the four national charities' and <u>all</u> Festival's due to conclude during or after 2022 will be in support of the MCF.

The purpose of a 'Festival' is to raise significant funds for the nominated charity that each Province has been chosen to support so that they may be able to continue with their good work.

A 'Festival' generally lasts for five years or more. However, the West Lancs MCF 2021 Festival is running for four years due to the impetus of celebrating 300 years of Freemasonry and the acknowledged difficulties of the current financial climate.





I was delighted on behalf of the Province of West Lancashire to accept the invitation of the newly formed Masonic Charitable Foundation to arrange a Festival in support of their work and for our Province to have the privilege to be the first to be invited by them to do so.

The Province of West Lancashire has a fine heritage of giving and supporting charitable causes both Masonic and non-Masonic and those who find themselves in need.

It will therefore be an honour to provide a Festival in support of the new overarching Masonic Charitable Foundation which notably will take over the work of the four current Central Masonic Charities in providing a wide range of grants to Freemasons and their families who have financial, health and care or family need.



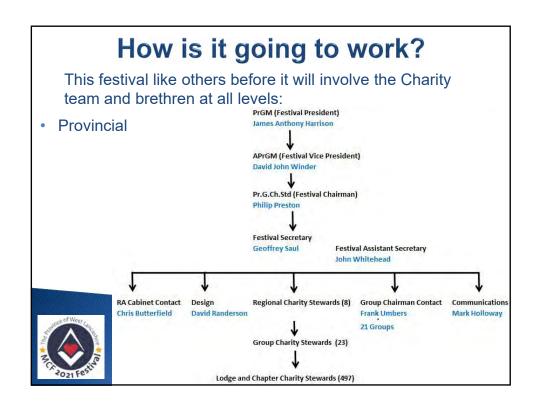
PrGM's Message

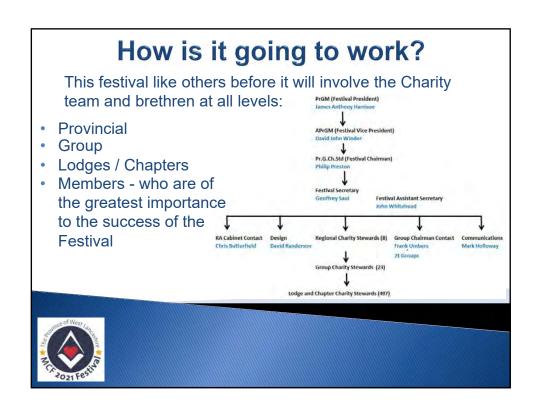
It is also reassuring to know that the Foundation will award grants to other non-Masonic charities, medical research studies and disaster relief appeals.

The four year Festival will coincide with the celebration of 300 years of Freemasonry and provide an opportunity to demonstrate that our charitable giving and care for others is as strong now as ever before.

I therefore have no hesitation in heartily recommending this most worthy cause and would ask you to give your fullest support to it, in the time honoured West Lancashire Way, putting service before self in support of those in need and those less fortunate than ourselves.







What is required of me?

- Provincial Charity Steward:
 - · Training and support of Regional / Group Charity Stewards'
 - Monitoring, evaluating and driving MCF 2021 Festival activities
- Regional Charity Steward:
 - Training and support of Group Charity Stewards' and liaison with Group Chairman
 - · Monitoring and evaluating MCF Festival activities in their respective groups
 - Assist group officers proactively in developing fund raising events in support of the Festival
- Group Charity Steward:
 - Training and support of Lodge / Chapter Charity Stewards' and Festival Reps
 - Monitoring and evaluating MCF Festival activities in their respective lodges and chapters
 - Assist lodge and chapter Charity Stewards and Festival Reps to plan and organise fund raising events in support of the Festival



What is required of me?

- Lodge / Chapter Charity Stewards' and Festival Representatives:
 - Explain the purpose and aims and documentation of the MCF 2021 Festival to their members
 - Proactively encourage their members to qualify for patronage by use of the Direct Debit and or Single donation form in support the Festival
 - Operate the Relief Chest (White) Envelope Scheme
 - Utilise the Miscellaneous Donation Form
 - Monitoring and evaluating MCF Festival activities in their respective lodges and chapters and reporting to the Group Charity Steward
 - Plan and organise fund raising events in support of the Festival
- Members:
 - The PrGM very much hopes that whilst enjoying your Freemasonry you will support the Festival and wear your Jewel with pride



Festival Jewels'

This Festival is the first time the Province of West Lancashire has been able to support all the four major charities: The Grand Charity, Samaritan Fund, Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution within the one overarching Masonic Charitable Foundation Festival.

The Provincial Grand Master and all the brethren in the Province of West Lancashire are privileged to be in the very first Province to be asked to do so and every donation whatever the amount is thankfully received and will be faithfully applied by the Masonic Charitable Foundation.







Festival Jewels'

This is the first time any Province has been authorised to use their Provincial coat of arms as the focus of a Festival Jewel.

The Provincial Grand Master is very proud of the fact that our coat of arms can be used for the very first time in this bespoke Jewel.

Wear your 'Stewards' Jewel' with PRIDE





How to attain Patronage

All Groups, Lodges and Chapters will receive a certificate at the level of patronage they achieve. They will also be allowed to show this on their letterheads and summonses.

Groups / Lodges

£1,500 = Vice Patron £3,000 = Patron £4,500 = Grand Patron

<u>Chapters</u>

£750 = Vice Patron £1,500 = Patron £2,250 = Grand Patron



How to attain Patronage

All members will receive a Stewards' Jewel at the level of patronage they achieve.

Members'

£5 per month = Steward £10 month = Vice Patron £15 month = Patron

£25 month = Grand Patron

Relief Chest (White) Envelopes will also accrue towards patronage and can be used to attract tax relief for the Masonic Charitable Foundation



Key Points for Those attending upon or representing the PrGM

MCF over-arches the work of the four national Masonic charities

West Lancashire is the first Province to be asked to hold a Festival for the Masonic Charitable Foundation

The MCF 2021 Festival is a four year Festival and benefits from the impetus of the celebration of 300 years of Freemasonry

Festival's are the main source of funding for the Masonic Charitable Foundation

The PrGM is very proud of the fact that our coat of arms is being used for the very first time on the Stewards' Festival Jewel

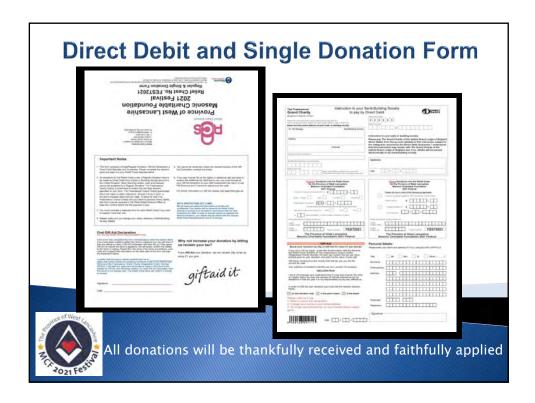
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Forms

Direct Debits
Relief Chest (White) Envelopes
Miscellaneous donations.

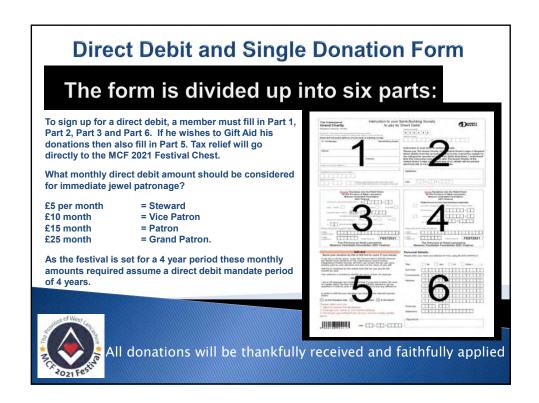




This section of the presentation will show Lodge and Chapter members how to use / complete the Direct Debit and Single donation Form.

Note: The form allows for a four year Direct Debit or a Single donation to the MCF 2021 Festival.





Part 1

This part must contain the members bank details e.g. Barclays Bank, Fishergate Branch, Preston.

It must also have the Account Name as it appears on statements or cheques, along with the Account Number and the Sort Code.





Note: To sign up for a direct debit, a member must fill in Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 and Part 6.

Part 2

This part is the mandate is from the donor to his bank and must have along with the Account Number and Sort Code, his signature.





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All donations will be thankfully received and faithfully applied

Direct Debit and Single Donation Form

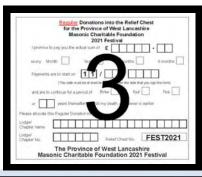
Part 3

This part indicates what donation you wish to donate on a regular basis.

This must be filled in and the start date, monthly box, and period of time e.g. four years must be ticked.

The member's Lodge or Chapter must also be completed so that he can be accurately identified.

Note 2: The start date for payments must be two months after the date of signature to allow time for the mandate to be processed.





Note: To sign up for a direct debit, a member must fill in Part 1, Part 2, Part 3 and Part 6.

Part 4

This part details for a single donation:

If a brother wishes to make a single donation to entitle him to immediate jewel patronage he will need to donate one of the following amounts:

Steward £240 Vice Patron £480

Patron £720 Grand Patron £1,200

Note:

The relevant donation box MUST be ticked. If he has already given a donation, by filling in the box and stating the date it the donation was made, it will be found and added to his total patronage.



Note: To sign up for a direct debit for a single donation, a member must complete Part 1, Part 2, Part 4 and Part 6 of the form.



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Direct Debit and Single Donation Form

Part 5

This part enables a Tax payer to state that they wish their donation to attract Gift Aid

Note:

You must be a Tax payer to claim Gift Aid.

The Gift Aid will go directly to the MCF 2021 Festival Chest.

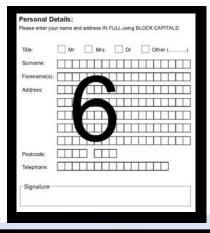




Part 6

This part is the personal details section and ensures the correct Mason in his correct Lodge or Chapter is identified.

All details must be completed the member MUST sign it at the bottom to complete the Direct Debit mandate.





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Direct Debit and Single Donation Form

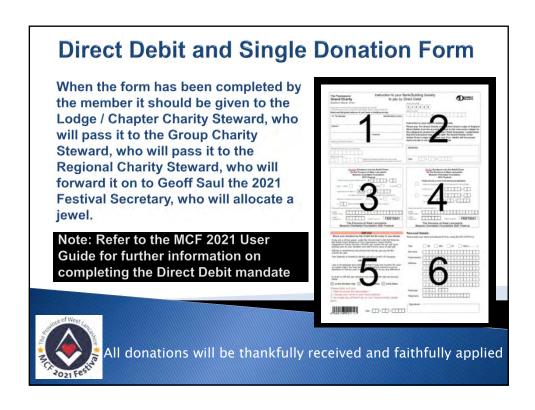
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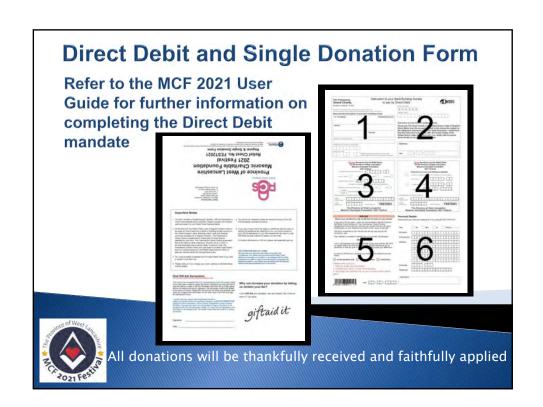
The completion date for all Direct Debits expires at the end of May 2021.

The Direct Debit amounts are therefore determined by The chosen patronage amount divided by the number of months remaining to the end of May 2021.

It is therefore vital that Direct Debits started after May 2017, the monthly payment is adjusted accordingly









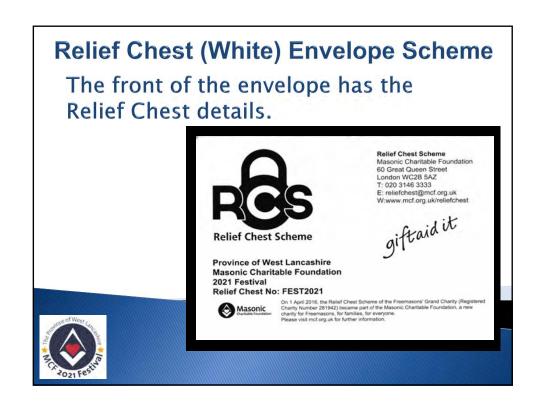
Relief Chest (White) Envelope Scheme

This section of the presentation will show how to use / complete the Relief Chest (White) Envelopes for Lodge and Chapter members giving at meetings.

Note:

It is the hope of the PrGM that for the period of the Festival, Relief Chest (White) Envelope will be your first choice when making donations.





The back of the	White) Envelope Scheme envelope is used to record nor and his donation amount.
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Carefully read the Gift Aid declaration on the back of the flap before you tick the "Gift

Aid" box.

Gift Aid

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

If you are a UK tax payer, under the Government's Gift Aid Scheme, the Relief Chest Scheme of The Freemasons' Grand Charity (Registered Charity No.281942), can reclaim the tax you have already paid on your donation and add it to the value of your gift.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the Charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer

Declaration

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the relevant box(es) overleaf

Please notify us if you:



Want to cancel your declaration
 Change your name or home address
 No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.

Relief Chest (White) Envelope Scheme

Complete the detachable back flap.

Do not forget to put your Lodge or Chapter number in the correct box.

Carefully remove the flap along the perforations, and place it in the envelope

along with your donation.



Important Notes

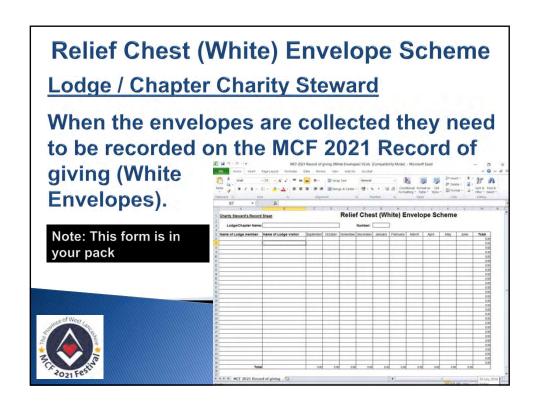
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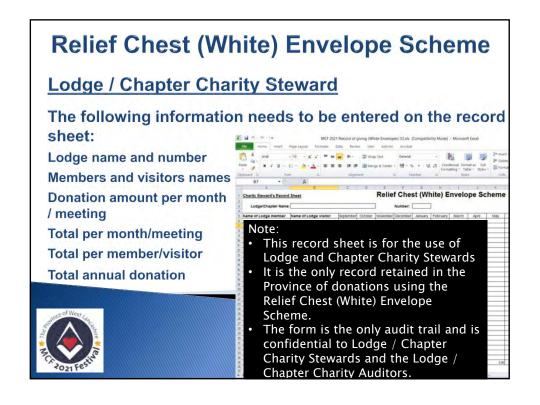
Higher rate tax payers.

If you pay Income fax at the higher or additional rate and want to re you, you must include all your Giff Aid donations on your Self-Asses Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

For further information on Giff Aid please visit www.hmrc.gov.uk

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Relief Chest (White) Envelope Scheme

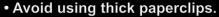
Lodge / Chapter Charity Steward

When you have recorded the donations you need to post the completed slips with a cheque (made payable to the Freemasons' Grand Charity in the Pre-Pair Envelopes after every Lodge or Chapter meeting.

110x220 mm

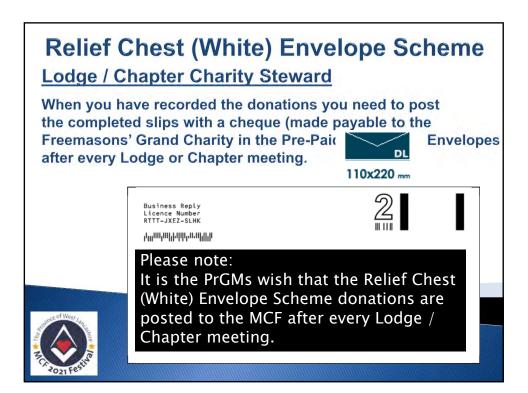
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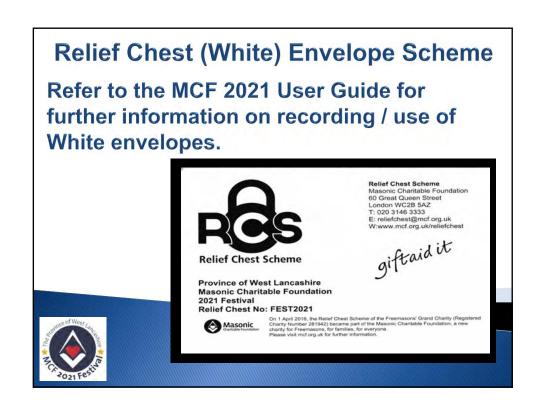
- Put thin elastic bands around each bundle of slips.
 (This prevents the separate bundles of slips from sliding around and combining which helps keep the envelope as thin as possible.)
- Ensure all the Gift Aid envelope slips have been torn off the envelopes themselves before packing the slips.



• Ensure you use standard size DL envelopes.









Misc-Payment-Form

This section of the presentation will show how to use / complete the Misc-Payment-Form for Groups, Lodges, Chapters and Society's, and is ideal for donations made outside lodge meetings such as Festive Board Donations or fund raising events etc.

Misc-Payments will accrue to Groups, Lodges, Chapters and Society's, patronage.

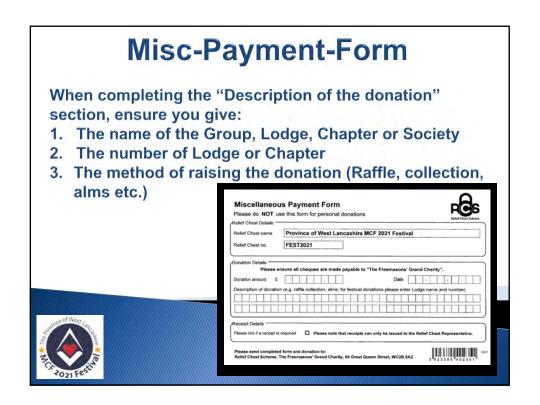


Misc-Payment-Form

When completing the "Donation amount" section remember to complete the date of the donation as well as the amount of your

donation.











Gift Aid

The Masonic Charitable Foundation can claim gift aid of 25% on donations made by tax payers only if the tax payer agrees and pays more tax than is reclaimed.

Otherwise the person will be charged by HMRC for the excess claimed.

This gift aid will be credited directly to the Festival and will not be used to increase a donor's patronage.



Launch brochure

A brochure has been produced to launch the Festival, and a copy is included in your pack today.

It contains several articles that detail the support brethren and the dependants have received from the MCF.

It also has an article about the history of Festival Jewels'.





Launch brochure

The brochure also features messages from the Festival President Tony Harrison PrGM.

David Winder the Vice President of the Festival and Phil Preston the Festival Chairman.

It also has details of the help available from the MCF and details how to ask for help.

There are also answers to some of the most frequently asked questions about the MCF.





Merchandise

A range of Provincial ties for the Craft and Royal Arch have been produced in silk and polyester. To compliment the ties pocket squares are also available along with cuff links that feature the Provincial Coat of Arms.

Profits made from the sales of these items will go to the MCF 2021 Festival



Note these items will only be on sale on the Provincial Website www.westlancsfreemasons.org.uk/provincial-shop











Thank you for attending this presentation.

The TrGM and the Charity Team thank you for your anticipated support of the Festival.

"Together we can make a difference"



QUESTIONS

