



PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT

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Dear Bro Secretary,

I would be grateful if you will please note the following and circulate to your members including Honorary Members.

1. Provincial Dues Returns

The Provincial Dues Invoices were sent to all Lodge Secretaries last week however we appear to have a significant number of issues with receipt of the document and/or inability to open it. This is largely due to the individual service provider – for instance, those Lodge Secretaries with BT Internet accounts may find that the file has been scrambled as this provider does not support large mailing lists.

If you have not received or cannot open the file, will you please contact Joh in the Provincial Office and she will send you an individual copy.

2. 2027 Festival

We expect to launch The Hampshire and Isle of Wight 2027 Festival towards the end of 2021. The Festival will be in support of the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF).

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master i/c has invited W Bro Barrie Hewitt to assume the role of Festival Director and one of his first roles will be to assemble a team of enthusiastic brethren to work with him to promote and administer the Festival.

Given the problems that the country and Freemasonry have encountered over recent months it is vital that we support our major charity in the best manner possible. With that in mind, and to move with the times the MCF have launched a cashless digital donation scheme whereby donations can be made to Lodge or Provincial Relief Chests via a QR code which will immediately be credited to the Brother's honorific.

This system is in the process of being set up now, so that Lodges and Brethren can start donating as soon as they feel able.

An explanatory leaflet is attached to this correspondence and in due course your Lodge's Relief Chest Holder will be notified when the system is live. Please share this exciting information with the Brethren of your Lodge.

Fraternal Regards
Frank Milner
Provincial Grand Secretary