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2026 MCF Festival

Due to the foresight of the Provincial Grand Master, we have been planning the festival for over twelve months so this gave us the opportunity to reflect on the 2015 festival and to discuss ideas that we felt could be improved this time.

The most important item on our agenda was to improve communications and as such the use of technology was upper most in our thoughts.

As we were already developing a new website, we decided that it would play a major role in our efforts to improve.

The new website is best in class and has the Quality Mark of UGLE.
A special section has been set up on the site which is dedicated to the 2026 Festival.

This section covers all the latest news on the festival and information on anything that the members need to know about the initiative.

We have also appointed a festival representative at each Masonic Centre within the Province to assist with communications.

Other changes this time are as follows:

Each lodge to be given the opportunity to set its own target.

There will be only one level of Individual Honorific

The donation qualification level for this would be set at a reasonable figure, not too high.

Every member would be given the opportunity to qualify for the jewel as early as possible.

The emphasis on fundraising will be more focused on teamwork and having fun so lodges will be encouraged to work together to create this environment.

Although we officially launched the festival last week, we have used the website to promote it with a number of soft launches since January.

So far, we have achieved over £135,000 in RPP's and one-off donations and well over Two hundred members have already qualified for a jewel.

One lodge has qualified for Silver and three lodges for Bronze awards.

We have received over £30,000 in the Relief Chest, £25,000 of which has been transferred to the MCF.

As the Royal Arch contributed over £50,000 to the 2015 festival, we hope that with your help, a similar amount can be raised this time.