



LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND 2022 FESTIVAL

12th February 2018

Dear Festival Steward and Lodge Secretary,

Further to a recent meeting of the Festival Committee, I write to inform you of certain initiatives we are looking to implement with immediate effect.

Festival Jewels

Due to the length of time taken by the MCF to process the mandate forms I am aware many Brethren are waiting far too long to receive their Festival Jewels.

This is unacceptable. In an effort to overcome this, all Festival Stewards will be supplied with a quantity of Jewels. Once a Brother has completed a mandate form, achieving the qualifying amount or donated the necessary lump sum he should be presented with his Steward's Jewel immediately.

Should you have an urgent requirement for Jewels, please contact your Festival Committee Representative who will make the necessary arrangements.

Mandate sign up

In an effort to target those Brethren who have yet to complete a mandate form, or make a one-off donation, we would request Festival Stewards make contact to establish whether the Brother intends to contribute. Hopefully the answer will be positive and the form can be completed. Several Lodges are dividing their members into groups and the Festival Steward has enlisted the help of Care Committee members to contact the relevant Brethren.

Initiates

As we are aware during the Ceremony of their initiation our initiates are informed certain dues will be required from them. It is hoped prior to their "big night" all initiates will be informed in writing that they will be expected to complete a mandate form as part of the process. The newly made Brother will be presented with his Jewel on the evening.

Festival Ties

Just as we hope to see every Brother proudly wearing their Festival Jewel we also would like all Brethren in the Province to wear a Festival tie. We acknowledge it is not always easy, especially for Brethren away from London Road to purchase their tie. It is our aim to supply every Festival Steward with a stock of ties which will be given on a "sale or return" basis. Bow ties and pocket squares are also available. Once again, please contact your Festival Committee Member to arrange delivery.

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Smartie Tubes & Gift Aid Envelopes

It is hoped Smartie tubes are placed at Festive Boards at least twice a season. The returned tubes filled with 20p pieces is once again proving to be a tremendous fundraiser. Whilst we appreciate an occasional Almoners collection is necessary we would request Lodge collections utilising Gift Aid envelopes in aid of the Festival are taken as often as possible.

Once again should you require envelopes or Smartie tubes please contact your Festival Committee Member.

We have made a positive start to our appeal and I would like take this opportunity of thanking you for your continued support as we look to press forward in 2018

Should you require any further information or have any Festival related queries, please don't hesitate to contact your Committee Representative or myself on any of the contact details below.

Many thanks once again.

Yours Sincerely & Fraternally.



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