



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

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**To: All Lodge Secretaries
Provincial Grand Secretaries
District Grand Secretaries
Grand Superintendents**

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Dear Sir and Brother,

COMPLETION AND RETURN OF FORMS RELATING TO CHARITABLE GIVING

I am aware that the Scottish Craft donates to many worthwhile charitable causes worldwide. In addition, I know that support is also given by way of Masonic Benevolence. The provision of statistics by Daughter Lodges, Provincial Grand Lodges, District Grand Lodges and Grand Superintendencies, in relation to their charitable giving is requested annually and this information is essential to enable an accurate overview of our overall charitable giving to be compiled. Historically the response to the request to provide this information has regrettably been very poor – your help in reversing this trend following the change of procedure which was implemented last year would be greatly appreciated.

In order to streamline the process, arrangements have been made so that completion can now be done online by Home Daughter Lodge Secretaries who can, once completed, submit the form electronically directly to Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. When Daughter Lodges within Districts and Grand Superintendencies submit these forms, they are automatically sent to the District Grand Lodge / Grand Superintendents office for approval prior to submitted to Freemasons' Hall.

It will remain the responsibility of Provinces, Districts, and Grand Superintendencies, as at present, to ensure that the Provincial and District returns are accurately completed and again these should be in the same manner.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL RETURNS FOR 2023-2024 BY THE 1ST NOVEMBER 2024.

We can be justifiably proud of our rich tradition of philanthropy and accurate details will enable the charitable work of the Scottish Craft to be more effectively recorded and promoted – therefore, I am sure you will agree that to share this information can only be a positive thing.

The Chairman and Members of the Benevolence and Care Committee and the Trustees of Grand Lodge join me in thanking you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternaly,

William M.S. Semple
Grand Secretary

