



The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland

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**To: Provincial Grand Secretaries
Home Daughter Lodge Secretaries**

13th September 2024

Dear Sir and Brother,

Grand Almoner's Appeal 2024

I am writing to advise that Grand Almoner's Letter of Appeal for 2024 can now be accessed.

In recognising that the Appeal takes time to read at installations and in response to the representations which have been made in this regard, I would ask Lodge Secretaries, at their discretion, to send the Appeal electronically to all members for whom an email address is held. This will give all Brethren the opportunity to consider the Appeal and act accordingly in supporting Masonic Benevolence. At the Installation, confirmation can then to be given that it had been distributed electronically, making it necessary only to read aloud the final paragraph.

As mentioned, this guidance in respect of distribution has been given in response to the concerns which have been raised and I thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternaly,

William M.S. Semple
Grand Secretary



To: Provincial Grand Masters, Secretaries and Almoners and to home daughter Lodge Masters, Secretaries and Almoners

**Grand Lodge of Scotland
COLLECTION IN AID OF THE BENEVOLENT FUNDS IN TERMS OF LAWS 101 AND 138**

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Right Worshipful Grand Almoner, Brother Thomas Davidson, has asked me to issue the following letter for your consideration.

Please also see the covering letter which details distribution guidance in order to ensure that Grand Almoner's Appeal is as widely circulated as possible. Your co-operation in adhering to the requested distribution would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully and fraternally

William M.S. Semple
Grand Secretary

Right Worshipful Master & Brethren all,

As I write my fifth Grand Almoner's Appeal the summer recess is fast becoming a memory, and our Lodges are returning to normal masonic activity. The installation of the Office-bearers in any Lodge is a time to look to the future and reflect on our successes.

Last year the Grand Master Mason decided that Lodges and Provincial Grand Lodges should be able to pursue their support for their own chosen external charities and local communities. Everyone at Grand Lodge has been impressed by the way that Brethren throughout the country have risen to that challenge and the wide range of charities who have benefited from your support. Well done.

However, we have not forgotten the partnership with Prostate Scotland and a lot of work has been ongoing to progress the legacy projects – providing Prospacks to support men undergoing prostate operations in hospitals across the country – over 60 trained Prostate Champions raising awareness of prostate disease throughout Scotland speaking to masonic and community groups – research project into “Living with BPH (BPE)”. We can all be proud of the difference we have already made and will continue to make in this field of men's health.

We have gained the Silver Award for the Armed Forces Covenant supporting The Reserve Forces and military veterans and are working on a pilot of a Literacy Project to assist our membership and communities. The theme of community involvement has been constantly to fore throughout the year.

Grand Lodge acts on behalf of all Scottish Freemasons and has ongoing long-term commitments to the beneficiaries of support grants or training grants and needs to be able to react to emergencies at home and abroad on your behalf. This year has a been bit quieter abroad but flooding at home needed money for immediate relief.

Donations to the Benevolent Fund over the past two decades have dropped substantially but the level of need continues to rise with inflation. Funding masonic benevolence comes from the membership, collections uplifted at annual installations and special anniversary Lodge ceremonials.

At this installation, I ask you to think of the north-east corner, ponder the night you first stood there and give as generously as you can to ensure the benevolent work carried out by Grand Lodge on your behalf can continue. Thank you for your consideration and support.

**Tom Davidson
Grand Almoner**