

20-11 Festival Chairman's Financial Report.

In a nutshell, we are on target to raise £1,000,000 by Christmas 2009.

Time goes by swiftly, and the Festival now has approximately two years to run. Against our objects of enhancing awareness of the Masonic Samaritan Fund and raising £1.2 million, last year I reported under the headings of **Awareness, Communications, Events and Fundraising**. All are relevant, but at this stage I will focus on Fundraising.

My key message is simply to say **THANK YOU**. For despite challenging economic times we have raised **£966,715** (including commitments & Interest) which represents 80% of our total. Please be proud of your achievements which are summarized below:-

| Amount raised per Lodge and average donation per member of that Lodge as at 30th June 2009 Ranked under Lodge No. | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Lodge | No. of members 31.12.07 | Total £ | Average per Lodge member £ | | Lodge | No. of members 31.12.07 | Total £ | Average per Lodge member £ |
| L340 | Alfred | 59 | 9,466 | 160 | L7701 | Saint Barbara | 49 | 12,855 | 262 |
| L357 | Apollo | 153 | 11,068 | 72 | L7725 | Old Bloxhamists | 28 | 12,594 | 450 |
| L478 | Churchill | 55 | 34,717 | 631 | L7770 | Installed Masters | 101 | 3,201 | 32 |
| L599 | Cherwell | 74 | 20,465 | 277 | L7876 | Islip | 30 | 9,231 | 308 |
| L1036 | Bowyer | 47 | 9,251 | 197 | L7942 | Shiplake | 20 | 7,104 | 355 |
| L1399 | Marlborough | 52 | 22,167 | 426 | L8031 | Temple Island | 21 | 19,388 | 923 |
| L1515 | Bertie | 45 | 13,389 | 298 | L8292 | Ickniel Way | 27 | 8,287 | 307 |
| L1703 | Windrush | 61 | 17,952 | 294 | L8316 | Amery | 24 | 4,081 | 170 |
| L1763 | Saint Mary's | 46 | 12,945 | 281 | L8501 | Gateway | 47 | 16,939 | 360 |
| L1895 | Thames | 44 | 33,551 | 763 | L8520 | Danesfield | 38 | 14,549 | 383 |
| L2334 | Jersey | 36 | 10,398 | 289 | L8585 | Clavis | 40 | 16,512 | 413 |
| L2414 | Wychwood | 57 | 24,379 | 428 | L8690 | Rathcreedan | 46 | 13,302 | 289 |
| L2951 | Culham College | 41 | 10,863 | 265 | L8696 | Upper Thames | 31 | 26,510 | 855 |
| L3831 | Caversham | 36 | 11,499 | 319 | L8828 | Clarendon | 27 | 2,966 | 110 |
| L3961 | Annesley | 39 | 7,963 | 204 | L8850 | Lodge of Peace | 42 | 9,526 | 227 |
| L4242 | Isis | 47 | 9,996 | 213 | L8872 | Norton | 34 | 6,961 | 205 |
| L5162 | Old Saint Edward's | 27 | 2,227 | 82 | L8904 | Saint Giles | 39 | 17,905 | 459 |
| L5172 | Calthorpe | 53 | 10,716 | 202 | L8926 | Aelfric | 59 | 15,385 | 261 |
| L5723 | Carfax | 54 | 24,195 | 448 | L8943 | Theodore | 40 | 10,052 | 251 |
| L5798 | Old Headington | 22 | 6,175 | 281 | L8965 | Cadogan | 27 | 6,733 | 249 |
| L6290 | Hampden | 38 | 10,549 | 278 | L9162 | Service and Honour | 49 | 2,554 | 52 |
| L6345 | Blockley | 42 | 15,252 | 363 | L9233 | Saint Edburg's | 32 | 23,385 | 731 |
| L6507 | Weyland | 50 | 31,523 | 630 | L9359 | Witta's Island | 26 | 8,763 | 337 |
| L6508 | Chedelintone | 36 | 7,798 | 217 | L9509 | Round Table (Oxon) | 34 | 18,016 | 530 |
| L6535 | Evenlode | 52 | 10,944 | 210 | L9607 | Redman-Brown | 25 | 6,263 | 251 |
| L6651 | Old Rectory | 34 | 13,021 | 383 | L9660 | Regattas Lodge | 43 | 5,157 | 120 |
| L6691 | Oxnaford | 42 | 26,061 | 621 | L9697 | Round Table (TV) | 17 | 14,090 | 829 |
| L7240 | Buttercross | 52 | 7,003 | 135 | L9738 | Exemplo Ducemus | 41 | 13,512 | 330 |
| L7302 | Castle | 47 | 10,029 | 213 | | | | | |

Financial Bullet Points as at 30th June 2009

- Against a target of £1.2 million, £966,715 (including commitments & Interest) has been donated. If commitments are extracted, the figure banked at this stage is £840,700.
- The average donation per individual is approximately £390.
- Lodge donations range from £34,717 to £2,227.
- Dividing the total donations of each Lodge by its membership produces an average donation per member ranging from £923 to £32. This measure compensates for membership size.
- Funds for 20-11 held by Lodges in their Relief Chest have not been identified or included.
- 18% of the membership has set up a Regular Payment Plan

May I encourage lodges that have funds earmarked for the Festival in Relief Chests to release the fund as soon as is practical, rather than squirrel it away until the end of the Festival.

I thank everyone who has donated in any form to the festival, and hope that their valued financial commitment will continue for the remainder of the festival.

I would further thank:

Lodge Charity Stewards

Peter Smith - Events Group Leader

Brian Fairweather - Communications leader

Martin Rasch, Festival Secretary

Norman Taylor for keeping the Festival Website up to date

and Richard Douglas and his team at the Masonic Samaritan Fund.

To meet our target we need to raise a further a £233,285, which equates to £9,750 of new money for the remaining months of the Festival. With your collective support, I am confident the Province will achieve its target.

Roy Simmonds

Festival Chairman

16th July 2009