

LECHMERE VOLUNTEER LODGE, No 1874



FESTIVAL 2022 Newsletter Issue 1

Welcome to the first issue of Lechmere Volunteer Lodge Festival 2022 Newsletter.

As your Lodge Festival 2022 Charity Steward, it is my duty to ensure that we meet our obligations with regard to this very important Festival.

To this end I need the support of every member of the Lodge. In past Festivals our Lodge has ranked amongst the top five Lodges with the highest contributions by donation and it will be a very sad day if we do not maintain that record.

We have four years to reach the target we have been set by our Province. At a little over £27,000.00 it seems an enormous sum of money but over the four-year period it amounts to a total of £777.00 per member or £195.00 per year or even just £4.00 per week.

We can achieve this by two main methods:

1. Regular giving by direct debit, and
2. Organising various events involving Lodge members and their friends and families.

Both of these methods work and I am pleased to say that since my first request to members to sign up for regular direct debit contributions a total of 11 (or 30%) of brethren have signed up. If all brethren sign up to this simple method we will not only achieve our target but with a couple of events each year we can smash the required total and put our Lodge at the forefront of all the Lodges in Worcestershire.

Two examples of this: -

In August of this year W.Bro. Brian Phillips organised a 4 Island UK Motor Bike tour and with the assistance of W.Bro. Roy Harris has so far raised the magnificent sum of over £2500.00.

Again, with W.Bro. Roy's assistance he and I organised a Sunday Curry Lunch and achieved the sum of £385.

These two results show how easy it should be to achieve our total. If you have an idea of an event that can raise further sums, get cracking and help to fulfil our obligation. If you require assistance please ask and we will get other brethren to help you.

How are we doing so far? As a Lodge we are 37th in a league table of 115 Lodges in the Province of Worcestershire! Not very good. So, come on brethren let's put the foot down on the gas and start moving up the table.

My sincere thanks go to all the brethren who are supporting Festival 2022.

Regular Giving-Don't delay, do it today!

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