



2008 FESTIVAL

In support of



Festival President and Provincial Grand Master
R. W Bro James McAllister Hodgson

Saturday 25th October 2008

Kingsland Hall
Shrewsbury School



Deputy Grand Master
RW BRO PETER G LOWNDES
Guest of Honour



Provincial Grand Master

RW BRO JAMES MCALLISTER HODGSON

President of the 2008 Masonic Samaritan Fund Festival



FOREWORD

by RW Bro James McAllister Hodgson,
Provincial Grand Master

Our 2008 Festival for the Masonic Samaritan Fund began in April 2000, when it was launched by my predecessor RW Bro Dr Gordon Telford Haysey. This evening we celebrate the culmination of eight years of very hard work by the Brethren of Shropshire, not forgetting the generous support given by their families and friends, who together have contributed so much to what I am sure will be a successful conclusion.

On my appointment as Provincial Grand Master in February 2002 I was lucky to inherit a Festival already in good heart, due to the early dynamic leadership of the Festival Chairman, the late W Bro Bill Reid. His mantle was taken up by our Deputy PGM VW Bro Peter Taylor and I am grateful to them both for their inspired leadership of the Festival Management Committee. Whatever sum is raised could never have been achieved without the dedication and enthusiasm of the Festival Committee members, as well as the marvellous support given over the past eight years by the Presidents and Officers of the Shropshire Masonic Charitable Association.

At the time of writing this foreword I do not know the Festival total, but I am confident when it is announced it will be a sum of which the Province of Shropshire will be justifiably proud. For this I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the Lodges and brethren and their families, who have worked so hard in so many different ways, to raise such a magnificent sum to assist the Masonic Samaritan Fund in their stated mission of providing medical support to Freemasons and their dependants, who face a long wait via the NHS and cannot afford to fund their own private treatment. I am also grateful for the support we have received from other Degrees and Orders and from other Provinces and Lodges.

I welcome you all, including our distinguished guests, to our Festival Dinner to celebrate the success of our efforts over the past eight years. It is a proud moment in the history of the Province, so please do enjoy the occasion.

James Hodgson



MENU

Bings Heath smoked trout
with lemon and herb crust
served on a warm potato salad
with dill and British seafood

Oven roasted rump of Shropshire Lamb
served with Shropshire vegetables
scented with local herbs and crushed new potatoes
with a rich butter sauce

Lemon tart with a lemon confit
served with Autumn Shrewsbury Fruits

Coffee and mints

Macon-Chardonnay, Cuvée Joseph Talamard 2007
Chateau du Hureau, Saumur-Champigny 2005



TOASTS

THE QUEEN

The first verse of the National Anthem will be sung

THE GRAND PRESIDENT

The Most Worshipful The Grand President
HRH the Duke of Kent, KG, GCMG, GCVG, ADC
Proposed by RW Bro James McAllister Hodgson
Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Shropshire

THE MASONIC SAMARITAN FUND

Proposed by the President of the Festival
RW Bro James McAllister Hodgson
Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Shropshire

NOTIFICATION OF RESULT

Richard Douglas
Chief Executive of the Masonic Samaritan Fund

RESPONSE

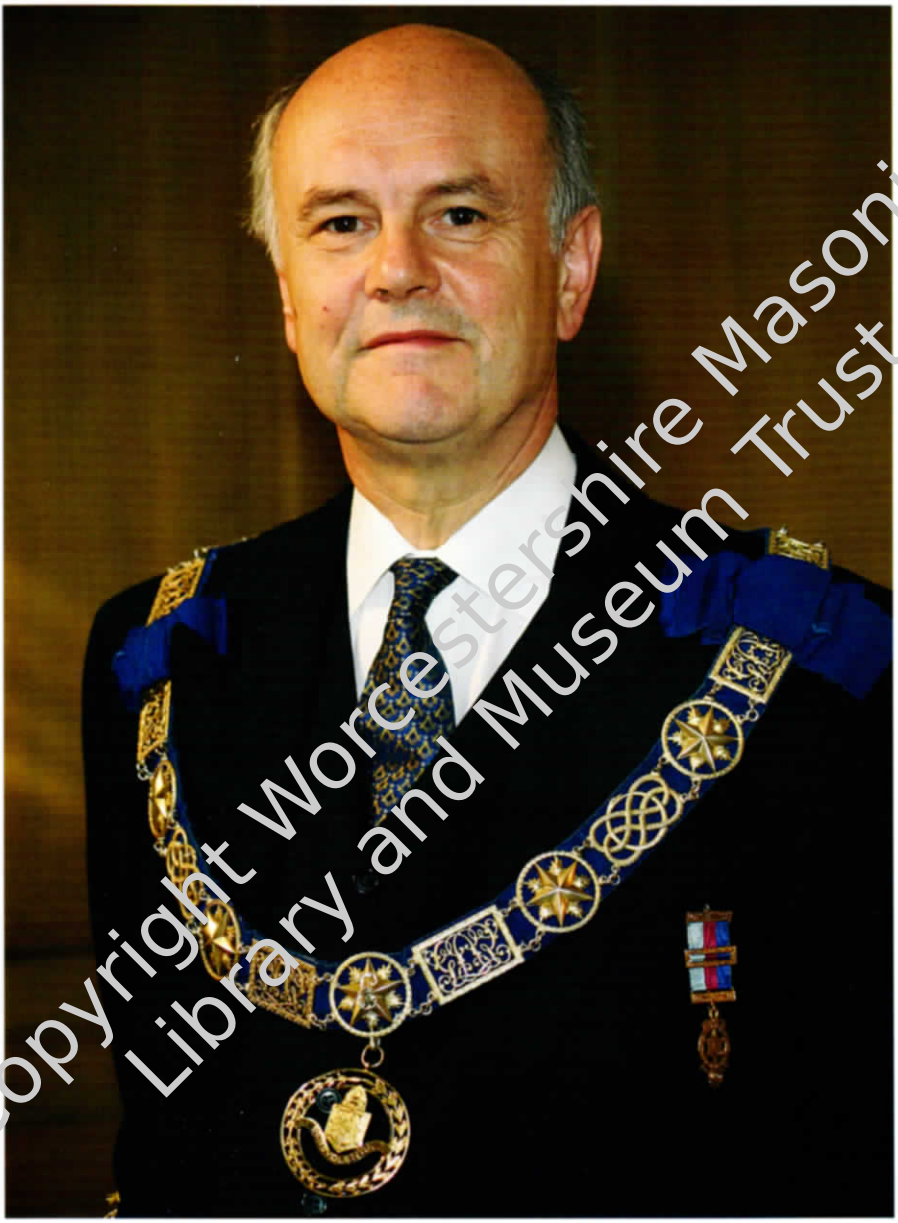
VW Bro Hugh William James Stubbs
President of the Masonic Samaritan Fund

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FESTIVAL

Proposed by the Deputy Grand Master
RW Bro Peter Geoffrey Lowndes

RESPONSE

RW Bro James McAllister Hodgson
Provincial Grand Master for the Province of Shropshire



VW BRO HUGH W J STUBBS
President of the Masonic Samaritan Fund



THE MASONIC SAMARITAN FUND

The Masonic Samaritan Fund is one of the four main Masonic Charities but the only one that funds support for those in medical need. It was established in 1990 and provides support to applicants who are unable to obtain their treatment via the NHS without undue delay and who are unable to afford the cost of their own private medical treatment. It has already provided grants in support of over 8,000 individuals allocating nearly £40 million in the process. Thanks entirely to the continuing generosity of so many the Fund has been able to maintain the proud boast that no qualifying applicant has ever been turned down through a lack of available resources.

In the year to 30 September 2007 support was approved to 626 individuals at a cost of just over £3.7 million (equivalent to just over £10,000 per day). In each of the last 5 years almost exactly half of the applicants supported by the Fund have been the wives, widows and dependants of Freemasons. The Fund really does exist for the full Masonic family.

Whilst many of the conditions funded may be associated with advancing years – hip and knee replacements, cataracts and heart problems – funding can be available for everything from scans to major surgery. Although painful and often distressing, such complaints are not life threatening and often involve a long wait on the NHS.

The Masonic Samaritan Fund is particularly grateful to the Province of Shropshire for your generous support throughout this important Festival. Your efforts are very much appreciated not only by those who work for the Fund but more especially by those who benefit from your generous support.

Although we at the Fund can make it happen, only you can make it possible.

Thank you very much.

Hugh Stubbs



FESTIVAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

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VW Bro Peter Allan Taylor

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W Bro Jeremy K Lund, PrGOrg

W Bro W Allan McCartney, PM

Bro Alan S Dowley

ENTERTAINMENT

The Vivace Quartet

Magicians Unlimited

AFTER DINNER

Ralph Allin Quartet



2008 FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

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Group 5W Bro J C M Smith

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W Bro D Yorke-Summerskill

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