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The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland
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COVID-19 CHALLENGE APPEAL

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In response to the unprecedented circumstances which have been created by the Covid-19 Pandemic, we are very pleased to announce that Grand Lodge is making funds available to assist Scottish Freemasonry to support worthwhile projects which are providing assistance to combat hardship caused by the Coronavirus.

It is clear, and very pleasing, to note that financial support is already being provided by Scottish Freemasonry worldwide to numerous community-based projects – the ventures which we have heard about are diverse and very much tailored to what is required in different areas nationally and internationally. The Benevolence and Care Committee appreciates that those with local knowledge are best placed to identify organisations and ventures which are providing meaningful assistance to those who most need it. Therefore, an invitation is extended to Provincial Grand Lodges, District Grand Lodges, Grand Superintendence's and Daughter Lodges under the direct supervision of Grand Lodge to apply for funds, up to a maximum of £2,000, to augment the financial support which is being given by them to worthwhile causes in their local communities.

Application should be made by email to Dawn Oliff at dawn@grandlodgescotland.org. In order to enable applications to be considered, background information should be provided about the Organisation(s) which is (are) the planned recipient(s) of the funds, together with details of the assistance which they are providing within the community – please note that more than one Organisation may be nominated for support. Information should also be supplied in respect of what funding has already been given, or is planned to be given, to these Organisations by Provinces, Districts, Grand Superintendence's and Daughter Lodges which are under the direct supervision of Grand Lodge. It is our aim to process applications as quickly as possible so that Grand Lodge can support your grant giving activities to improve the lives of those who have been adversely affected by Coronavirus.

We look forward to receiving your applications and to learning of the many ventures which are being supported by Scottish Freemasonry to make a positive difference to local communities and those who live in them.

Please also note that applications for Benevolent assistance may be made in the normal way for any individual Brethren, or their dependents, who are suffering hardship – advice in this regard is also available from Dawn at the above email address.

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