

Festival News

May 2025

Dear Brethren and Companions,

We are almost 1 year into the 5 years of Festival and just where has the time gone?

On 31 March this year the Festival Forecast figure stood at

£590,603

What an absolutely fantastic start!

It is thanks to you brethren and companions for the very generous donations individually and from your lodges and chapters which has placed Festival '29 in a very good position to meet our aspirational aim.

Many lodges/chapters are starting to organise events to raise funds for Festival '29 and Individuals are also fundraising by swimming a certain distance, walking across a bridge, running a certain distance, jumping out of aeroplanes or biking very long distances, all for Festival.

We cannot thank you all enough for all the effort and time you have devoted to raising funds and certainly, those brethren/companions or families that are supported by the MCF will certainly be grateful. I am in contact with those who are needy and know how worthwhile and respected your activities really are.

This Newsletter is to make you aware of what is coming up in the way of events organised by the Festival team, lodges and chapters or individuals.



When each event has been completed photos and stories will be included in the next edition and also on our Festival website <https://ynerfestival29.org.uk>.

So please send your photos and stories after you have completed your fundraiser.

We may have completed 1 year but we still have 4 years to go and the Festival 29 team certainly hope you will continue to support Festival endeavours.

Best regards and thanks again

Martin Eggermont
Festival '29 Chairman

TANDEM PARACHUTE JUMP

9.00AM JULY 5TH, 2025
BRIDLINGTON AIRFIELD



The jumpers:

John Murphy (Falcon Lodge)
David Johnson (Peace Lodge)
Justin Milburn (Peace Lodge)
Stuart Younger Cooper (Dundas Lodge)
Tony Stevenson (Hazelgrove Lodge)
Chris Clay (Lennox Lodge)
Ray Chapman (Helmsley Lodge)
Dave Tunstall (Alexandra Lodge)
Mike Coates (Ridings Tablers)
Jimmy Kerr (De La Pole Lodge)
Jon Pinkney (St John of Bridlington Lodge)
Tristram Mills (St Cuthbert's Lodge)

A Tandem Parachute Jump will take place at Bridlington Airfield on the 5th July with an arrival time of 9.00 am, ready to start at 9.30 am and managed by British Sky Sports.

12 brave brethren will be taking a leap of faith. For many of those jumping, it is a life long ambition about to come true. We all need your support to jump out of that plane. Any contributions will be gratefully received.

To donate and support the jumpers please use the QR code below. Follow the instructions, complete all parts and donate!

If you are supporting a brother in your lodge and you have detailed your lodge number when donating, these amounts will go towards your lodges Festival total.

After the jumps have been completed, there will be a barbecue for all the jumpers and family and friends.

Chris Thomas is hosting the barbecue for a maximum of 100 people. The cost per adult is £10 and children under 10 go free. Numbers attending the barbecue will be required nearer the time.

Scan the QR code to
support the jumpers:





Kirkleatham Lodge becomes latest Vice Patron

On Friday 4 April, W Bro John Murphy, representing the RW Provincial Grand Master, was presented with a certificate from Kirkleatham Lodge donating £2,000 to Festival.

In return, W Bro John was delighted to present a Vice Patron certificate to the Lodge and to present 3 brethren with their Festival jewels.

Festival events to look out for in 2026

- **Iron Butt motorbike challenge.** This would be a fantastic challenge for any motorbike rider. This challenge is to ride 1000 miles in 24 hours. Now you know the reason why it is called the **Iron Butt** Motorbike Challenge!
- **The search for Nessie.** This event will take place in June/July 2026 and is being run by one of the Festival Team, our very own Provincial Charity Steward Des McKenzie. This will be a 50 mile open canoe event consisting of 4 x 12.5 mile stages, going around Loch Ness and camping out 3 nights. If this is something that you are interested in please then please register this with Des McKenzie via email provchstwd@yorkshirenerfreemasons.org.uk
- **Music extravaganza.** Come and listen to a vast array of music presented by a wonderful orchestra. This will take place at Sledmere House during 2026.
- **Auction night.** This is self-explanatory. A meal plus auction night.
- **Indian night.** This will be an Indian feast for all those Indian food lovers!
- **Sports celebrity evening.** Come and join us to listen to a well know sports celebrity who will share some of his stories throughout his career.



The Festival29 Chairman, W Bro Martin Eggermont, would like to sincerely thank all the Chapters within the Province who have contributed, or indeed are intending to contribute to the Festival.

The Companions generous donations are very much appreciated, having regard and recognition that they will have also contributed through their Craft Lodges.

This shows the unwavering dedication, commitment and support, of all the Freemasons of Yorkshire North and East Ridings, for continuing to support the Masonic Charitable Foundation, in their quest to help the Brethren and families in our Province who are in need.

FAMILY FUN DAY at GO APE

Dare you take the challenge?

Go APE, Dalby Forest Dr, Low Dalby,
Pickering YO18 7LT

Sunday 8th June 2025

The Festival team have organised a fun event for all the family on the 8th June.

This is an aerial adventure for all ages from 4 and upwards. The advert for this event will be out shortly with links on the Festival website.

Please book early to not be disappointed.

This will be a fantastic day!



The Provincial Grand Master of the Craft in West Yorkshire R.W.Bro James Newman and the Assistant Provincial Grand Master of N&E Ridings W.Bro Steve Cox, each received a donation of £500 towards their respective Provincial Festivals at the Allied Masonic Degree Annual Meeting on the 22nd March at Leeds. Presented by the District Grand Prefect R.W Bro Brian Butterfield and his Deputy W.Bro Clive Copley, R.W.Bro Brian said that he hoped in some small way that the AMD of Yorkshire had shown their commitment to supporting both Provincial festivals and wished them every success going forward.

Festival Merchandise

Support Festival '29 by purchasing our merchandise, available from your Festival Ambassador at very reasonable prices!

Tie - £15

Gloves - £10

Lapel pin badge - £5

Cufflinks - £12

Key ring - £2

Bundle tie/gloves/pin badge - £27



Sign up to Continuous Giving: pledging £10 a month for 5 years qualifies you to receive a Steward's Breast Jewel. Scan the QR code to make your pledge.



Recent Donations and Awards

At the Installation meeting of Zetland Lodge No 561, incoming WM Gary Staines was pleased to present two cheques, each for £500, in support of YNER Festival 29 and FCYNER.

Festival Chair and APGM Martin Eggermont, making an official visit to the Lodge, gratefully received the donations on behalf of both causes.



Royal Portus Felix Lodge No 643 has reached "Vice Patron" status for its Festival contributions and has received a certificate presented by visiting APGM Chris Thomas.

Congratulations to Royal Portus Felix on a fantastic achievement.



At the Installation Meeting of Lion Lodge No 312, over 65 Brethren attended to witness the Installation of Bro Nigel Lemmy as WM. During the Festive Board WBro Syddall, representing the RWPGM, was presented with a cheque for £1500 towards Festival 29.



WBro Mark Hall visited **Lennox Lodge 123** at their meeting in January to present the Worshipful Master, WBro David Wright with a **Vice Patron** certificate in recognition of the Lodge having raised more than £22,000 for Festival '29. A fantastic achievement!



Recent Donations and Awards

Roseberry Chapter of Installed Principals 8571 held its annual Installation Ceremony in March. During the ceremony a certificate for £250 was presented to the Representative of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent, E. Comp. David Saunders, Provincial Grand Chapter Almoner, going towards the Provincial 2029 Festival fund.



Royal Portus Felix Lodge, already a Festival Vice Patron, has made a donation of £1000 to the festival appeal.

WM Chris Burrows made the presentation to Provincial Grand Master Dr David Chambers at the banner dedication meeting of the Lodge held on 18 March.



Dundas Lodge No 7970 met on 19 March, and the meeting was attended by W.Bro John Davies PJGD, representing the RW Provincial Grand Master. At the meeting W Bro Davies was presented with a donation to the Festival - a magnificent £1000, accepted with many grateful thanks.



On Friday evening 28th March 2025, **Alcuin Chapter** held a very enjoyable Installation Ceremony.

During the ceremony a donation of £1000 to go to the Provincial 2029 Festival appeal was presented to E. Comp. Ian Williams, the Representative of the Most Excellent Grand Superintendent.



Recent Donations and Awards

Wilberforce Lodge Installation on 8 April 2025 held a special significance for Deputy PGM Bill Glanville, as his nephew Dr Lloyd Glanville was installed in the Chair.

The afterproceedings saw a £1000 donation from the Lodge to Festival 29, received by PGM David Chambers, and a donation of £500 to local Sea Cadets, who had assisted with serving duties for the evening.



On Friday 28 March, **Beacon Lodge 4362** held its Installation meeting at Pocklington. At the Festive Board, W Bro Chris Ansell, representing the Provincial Grand Master, was delighted to receive a donation of £300 from the Lodge towards the Festival 2029 appeal total.



On Friday, April 11, 2025, W. Bro John Murphy, the Vice Chairman of F29, visited **Concord Lodge** in their new location at Murton Park, York. He was accompanied by members of the Festival Team to present an engaging and informative talk about Festival 2029. At the end of the presentation, the Worshipful Master of Concord Lodge, W. Bro John Shenton, donated £1,000 to support Festival 2029.



Don't see your Lodge or Chapter donation in our roundup?

We are always delighted to acknowledge all contributions to our Festival total. Just send the details and a picture to newsletter@ynerfestival29.org.uk to be included on our website and future newsletter editions.

Free campsite
available

Tents / Caravans & Mobile homes

VE DAY

Outdoor
games

SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025

1400 HOURS TILL LATE

FOOD SERVED AT 1600 HOURS

Menu

Lamb Casserole

Apple pie and Ice cream

Music including Vera Lynn,
Glenn Millar and other
wartime classics

BOOK HERE



<https://forms.office.com/r/Ch3sxu6F05>

Wartime fancy dress optional

Meal and Entertainment

£20 Per person

Raffle in aid of
Festival 29

Come and celebrate

80 years since VE Day.

Stepney Hill Farm

Scarborough

YO12 5NL

Book here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Ch3sxu6F05>

OR scan the QR code >>>>



Festival Website

The Festival website is growing rapidly with news and information about the festival. Why not check it out?

Visit <https://ynerfestival29.org.uk> or click the link on the Provincial website homepage:

<https://yorkshirenerfreemasons.org.uk>

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Provincial Festival 2029

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Yorkshire North Lodge becomes a Vice Patron
14 April 2025

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Allied Masonic Degrees supports
Yorkshire Festivals
18 April 2025

Beacon Lodge Festival Donation
30 March 2025

Alicia Chapter donation to Festival
30 March 2025

Dundas Lodge donation
22 March 2025

"Many of us will know of a Brother or a family member who has benefited from Masonic charity, whether it be at one of the Masonic homes, receiving respite care, through medical support, education of those who have lost one or both parents or just general financial support when times have got tough. All hugely deserving causes.

It is not, however, just Masonic beneficiaries and I am sure we all recall ongoing grants to disaster aspects, hospitals, hospices, or art galleries, medical research and many other local charities that benefit annually from MCF grants and awards.

We have a duty and a challenge to do our utmost over the next five years to raise as much as we can so that in 2029 we can look back with pride and confidence that Yorkshire North and East Ridings has again exceeded expectations.

I hope that all of us, together with our families and Friends, will embrace the opportunity to come up with innovative and imaginative new ways of raising funds whilst also ensuring that every activity is enjoyable. This should be a great way of having fun and working together, whether it be at a lodge meeting, social event or in some new personal challenge. If we can involve the local community, and continue to support why Freemasonry is such a force for good in so many ways, so much the better!"

MCF 2025-2029 Impact report: [READ MORE](#)

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