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To: All Lincolnshire Brethren and Companions

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Brethren and Companions,

Now that the 'dust has settled' after the fantastic 2025 Festival finale event on Saturday, I write to thank you, and the members of the wider Lincolnshire masonic family, for the tremendous support given to the 2025 Festival. The magnificent total raised, of just over £3million, is an outstanding achievement and is testament to the hard work of so many people who supported the festival. It really has been a team effort and I thank all of you, individually, for your help in whatever capacity you made a contribution. Our Charity Stewards; Almoners and the 2025 Festival committee have worked tremendously hard under the guiding hand of the Festival Chairman W. Brother Jez Hyland. On your behalf, I recognised his contribution by presenting him with my Certificate of Merit at the finale event. His commitment and dedication has been an example to us all.

One outcome of the festival was that, per capita, our festival has raised the highest amount since the MCF was founded in 2016. I have seen a couple of comments that say this achievement should not be celebrated. I strongly disagree as, firstly, it has been an amazing effort and, secondly, this will, hopefully, challenge and inspire other Provinces to beat our record which will, in itself, raise more money for the MCF.

As I said on Saturday, I am very proud to be a Lincolnshire Freemason and very proud of you all, particularly with the challenges we have faced during the period of our festival.

The amount raised is significant but, more importantly, the outcomes this money will provide, through the MCF, in supporting brethren and their families, children, young people and education; daily living costs and health, care and well-being is difficult to measure.

Finally, the 2025 Festival Jewel can continue to be worn proudly until the next Lincolnshire festival is announced at some point in the future.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Yours Sincerely and Fraternally

D.M. Wheeler
Provincial Grand Master

