

THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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Charity Steward Report – September 2025

Making a difference

Our charitable work really makes a difference and is deeply ingrained within the principles of freemasonry. It provides a support structure that helps members and makes a positive contribution to communities and worthwhile causes through fundraising events or volunteer work.

Individuals can make an important contributions locally and at national level by giving their time and money . Thanks to everyone's efforts Freemasonry is one of the largest charitable givers in the country, contributing more than £50 million to deserving causes every year. Freemasons don't only give money but give over 5 million hours of volunteer work annually.

I had great pleasure at the beginning of the month to attend The Portsmouth Down Syndrome Association coffee morning to present a cheque on behalf of the lodge for £1400.00. W. Bro Gareth was also in attendance along with his sister Claire as this was one of his Main charities that he supported and raised funds for. It was lovely to see the premises and all the people who work and use the amazing facilities provided.

Hampshire & IOW Province

No further updates are available at this time.

For More information see: -<https://hantsiowfreemasons.org/members-area/welfare/>

The Portsmouth Lodge as of 06/10/2025 has:-

a) Pledged **£22,296** - to the Hampshire and I.O.W 2027 Festival which is **95%** towards our Silver Honorific of **£23,500**

b) a Charity Account balance of - **£1,608.13**

For Worshipful Master Charity - £ 523.00

For IPM Worshipful Master Charities - £ 0.00

For Charity Steward disbursement - £1,084.67

c) a Relief Chest balance of - **£ 1,289.27**

Year to Date Receipts - £ 1,276.00

Year to Date Donations - £ 1,100.00

At the October Meeting a Notice of Motion will be given for:

A sum not exceeding £150.00 be allocated for Oakhaven Trust.

Oakhaven Hospice provides specialist palliative and end-of-life care and support to patients with a medical referral, this has a special meaning for W.Bro Andy Dollery who's partner Sue had her mother reside at the hospice in her final days and they cared for her with dignity, love and compassion. The hospice has a team of nurses, doctors, counsellors and therapists who help ease physical symptoms and offer psychological, and social support. Oakhaven's care is tailored to suit the needs of each individual. They offer support for patients and their families when they need it most. They are currently carrying out refurbishment to the hospice and the donation will assist towards the ongoing care of patients.

At The October meeting the following Proposition will be given for :

A sum not exceeding £200.00 be allocated for the Solent Diabetes association based in Fareham and Gosport. It was founded in August 2007, with the purchase of a charity shop in Fareham. A further shop was leased in Gosport in 2012. The shops are staffed by part-time paid staff and volunteers.

The objects of the charity are:

- Providing relief and welfare for those with diabetes (and their families), and its related complications.
- Promoting research into the nature, causes, prevention and treatment of diabetes, including self-management.
- Promoting education and increasing public awareness of diabetes. The area of benefit is Portsmouth and South East Hampshire.

The SDA works closely with the Paediatric Diabetes Team at Queen Alexandra Hospital in Portsmouth, and also with the Diabetes Specialist Team, who provide education courses for newly diagnosed diabetics.

Brethren, if you have any ideas how we could raise further funds or you would like to help out or be involved in any way then please contact the Charity Steward.

Charities Donated to in 2025

From The Lodge Charity Account: -

Date	Charity	Charity Number	Donation
Apr 25	Prostate Cancer Research	1156027	£250
Apr 25	Friends of Zetland Court		£100
Sept 25	Portsmouth Down Syndrome As	1147355	£1400
Sept 25	Miscarriage Association	1076829	£1400
	Solent Diabetes Association	1141865	
Total			£3,150

From The Lodge Relief Chest: -

Date	Charity	Charity Number	Donation
Jan 25	Cancer Research Uk	1089464	£250
Jan 25	Prostate Cancer UK	1005541	£50
Jan 25	Hearing for Dogs	293358	£50
Jan 25	Key to Joy	1201453	£250
Mar 25	MCF 2030 Festival - Surrey (Crime and Craft Talk)		£250
May 25	Moving on Project	1147632	£250
Total			£1,100

Scan the QR code at the top right-hand corner to **donate** to the MCF Festival or our Lodge Relief Chest.

Bro Mike Crick
Charity Steward