

THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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Charity Steward Report – May 2026

Unlocking Masonic Knowledge: The Learning and Development Journey

Freemasonry, is a profound journey of personal discovery, enriched through the exploration of ritual, history, and traditions. The commitment to fostering curiosity, understanding, and enjoyment is at the core of the UGLE Learning and Development Programme.

The program ensures that learning becomes a regular and valued aspect of Lodge and Chapter activities. Individuals gain insights that enhance their understanding and appreciation of Freemasonry. The effort in learning contributes to improved confidence and proficiency in explaining Freemasonry to others. This is a key outcome of our dedication to individual growth within the Craft and Royal Arch.

At the heart of the Learning and Development initiative lies Solomon, an accessible **online** resource. Available on PCs, tablets, and smartphones, Solomon offers structured content on key stages, including dedicated sections on history and tradition. Solomon is your go-to tool for personal inquiry and study. Solomon supports individual learning and offers guidance for collective growth in Lodges, Chapters, Provinces, Districts, and Metropolitan areas. Explore the depths of Freemasonry knowledge through the Learning and Development Programme and Solomon – your guide to a better Masonic experience.

Solent Multiple Sclerosis Therapies Unit

I was delighted to visit the MS unit in Portsmouth this month and meet the Assistant manager and staff that manage the premises. There are photo's on our website. I handed over our £250.00 donation on behalf of the Brethren of 487, which was greatly appreciated. I also saw the Barochamber in action, the chamber delivers high dosage oxygen and assists people in the recovery of MS. The chamber is also used by people to manage other health conditions. They offer advice and support within the community building for all users.

It is open to members of the public and if any brethren wish to use the facilities there is a charge for the services they provide, but are very welcome to contact them for more details. Please let me know if you are interested.

Hampshire & IOW Province

No further updates are available at this time.

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

That's all from me until September. Enjoy the summer break.

The Portsmouth Lodge as of 08/05/2026 has:-

a) Pledged **£22,421** - 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 - **£ 1,872.13**

For Worshipful Master Charity - **£ 490.00**

For Charity Steward disbursement - **£1,382.13**

c) a **Relief Chest** balance of - **£ 1,696.65**

Year to Date Receipts - **£ 353.91**

Year to Date Donations - **£ 200.00**

Charities Donated to in 2025-26

From The Lodge Charity Account: -

Date	Charity	Charity Number	Donation
Sept 25	Miscarriage Association	1076829	£1,400
Oct 25	Solent Diabetes Association	1141865	£ 200
Nov 25	Oakhaven Hospice	900215	£ 150
Dec 25	Lord Mayor charity appeal	1100417-2	£ 200
Mar 26	Elizabeth Foundation	293835	£ 523
Apr 26	Solent Multiple Sclerosis	299545	£ 250
May 26	Friends of Zetland Court		£ 100
Total			£ 2,823

From The Lodge Relief Chest: -

Date	Charity	Charity Number	Donation
Mar 25	MCF 2030 Festival - Surrey (Crime and Craft Talk)		£250
May 25	Moving on Project	1147632	£250
Jan 26	Friends of the Homeless	1194360	£200
Total			£ 700

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