



# MASONIC FESTIVAL 2018

## FUND RAISING IDEAS LIST

### A

#### **Aerobics-athon**

To stay fit and healthy, organise an aerobics-athon. It'll make you feel good about supporting us.

#### **Arts and crafts fair**

Put your creative talents into action and sell your works of art at a craft fair.

#### **Auction of promises/services**

Organise your own fundraising auction. Why not auction off your talents for the day, any unwanted new goods, or gifts from local organisations or donate a percentage of funds raised through an EBay auction, Can include anything from singing lessons to signed footballs to a dinner for two.

#### **Art exhibition**

Instead of selling your art, charge your friends and family to look at it!

#### **Abseil**

Scale the dizzy heights of a local landmark or office block.

#### **Advertising Booklet**

Compile a local information booklet for distribution at libraries, shops and businesses. Include info on local attractions. Make money with adverts and discount vouchers from local firms.

#### **Aerobics**

Organise a sponsored aerobathon with the help of gyms, leisure centres and sports shops.

#### **Afternoon Tea**

**Put the kettle on and get baking. Entertain guests with raffles, auctions, tombolas & live music.**

#### **Air Miles**

Collect your own, then raffle them off.

#### **Aluminium Collection**

Collect empty cans and tins and sell them to a recycling company

#### **Arts/Crafts Stall**

Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall

#### **Art exhibition**

Stage an exhibition for local artists. Charge entrance fee and commission.

#### **'As New' Sale**

AKA posh jumble sale. Ask everyone you know for unwanted belongings & hold a sale evening

#### **Auction**

Arrange a local friendly auctioneer to auction off original items, taking a percentage of sales for the MSF

### B

#### **Brazilian carnival**

We've got music, recipes and posters for you to hold your own Brazilian themed party.

#### **Beat the goalie**

Challenge your friends to a beat the goalie competition as part of a mini World Cup or fund raiser. Pay to play.

#### **Beetle Drive**

Organise a beetle drive for more than 40 people with a pie and pie supper. As everyone moves around the room they meet everyone else and makes new friends

#### **Bad Tie day**

Look in your wardrobe for those outdated ties and dazzle your friends. Pay to display the outrageous tie. Your friends could pay to have the offending tie removed.

#### **Bag packing at local supermarket**

Ask your local supermarket if you can hold a bag packing day for MSF. It's a great way to provide a service to the local community while supporting us too.

#### **Battle of the bands**

Challenge those budding musicians to a battle of the bands and put on a concert to raise money. You could also raise money with a "pay to leave" policy.

#### **Bring and buy sale**

Sell donated goods on a stall. Cakes, books, home-made jam, bric-a-brac and fairtrade goods are firm favourites.

#### **Bike ride**

Pedal for MSF. Why not organise a bike ride and turn it into a sponsored event?

#### **Bingo**

Organise a bingo event – devise your own calls for the numbers. Charge a fee per game.

**Badge Making**

Make badges to sell at work, to friends or at craft fairs.

**Bad tie day**

Charge your brethren a pound to come in wearing their loudest tie. Award the winner.

**Baked Bean Bath**

Get sponsored to spend the day in a bath/jacuzzi of baked beans. Charge friends to join you.

**Balloon Race**

Sell balloons that are filled with helium; the purchasers' name and address are written on a tag fixed to the balloon. The balloon that travels the furthest wins a prize

**Balloon Rides**

Offer as a prize for raffle/auction, or sell trips in a chartered balloon.

**Barbecue**

Add music (live if possible), football and rounders bats and make it a whole day's event.

**Barn Dance**

Swing into action by hiring a caller and traditional country band. Serve food & plenty of cider. Organise plenty of Straw bales for seats.

**Battle of the Bands**

Contest for unsigned bands, where audience votes on the winner. Charge bands to enter, offer cash prizes and invite record producers. Sell tickets and set up a paying bar.

**Beat the Goalie**

Score a goal and win a prize. Footballers pay to enter.

**Bed Push**

The 'bed' can be anything from a hospital bed to a four-poster or even a 3-piece suite!

**Beer Festival**

Arrange a couple of local micro brewers to show their wares or Stock up on international beers, food and music. Remember to check licensing laws.

**Boat Race**

Teams build model boats and race them. Alternatively, use real yachts, dinghies or canoes. Or organise a Dragon Boat Race.

**Boat Trips**

Organise a cruise down a nearby river or canal. Include refreshments & entertainment.

**Book Sale**

Sell old books, collected from everyone you know. Book dealers may buy leftover stock

**Bouncy Castle**

A great way to keep kids entertained at bigger family events. Bouncing fee.

**Bungee Jump**

Raise sponsorship by flying in the face of fear.

**Burns Night**

Theme evening with Scottish dancing, Haggis, Nepes and Tatties. Arrange a Piper to make it more authentic. Admission fee.

None Kilt wearers are fined

**Bus Pull**

Gather a team & get sponsored to heave a bus through town. More teams? Make it a race.

**Beards**

Beard Growing Competition in the Province or area. An entrance fee for all. A prize for the winner. Ladies from the circus cannot apply.

**Backgammon.**

Arrange a backgammon tournament with all participants paying an entrance fee. Winner gets the MSF Yearly Trophy.

**Bridge**

Arrange a backgammon tournament with all participants paying an entrance fee. Winners gets the MSF Yearly Trophy.

**Big Band Night**

Sell tickets to a big band night featuring you and your friends

**Bush Tucker Trial**

Hold a bush tucker trial and get sponsored to eat horrible things

**Blind Food Tasting Event**

Pay to take part, if you guess right you win a prize

## C

**Colour theme days – everyone wears football colours**

Bring a bit of colour into your day and raise money at the same time! During the football World Cup get your friends to dress in their favourite team's colours for a donation.

**Cake sales**

Cake sales are a great way to raise money and awareness too, if they are made from fairly traded products.

**Coppers for MSF**

Collect all those unwanted coppers that weigh down your pockets – small change can make a big difference. You can also collect foreign coins for MSF

**MSF Christmas cards**

Design your own Lodge Christmas cards to sell to your friends and family to send Christmas messages as an alternative to buying cards. Remember to donate the funds you save!

**Collections**

Put those empty jam jars to good use and turn small change into a big difference.

**Cook up a storm**

If you're a budding Master Chef, cook up some treats and sell them to friends and family, or put your own original recipes into a cookbook to sell.

**Competitions**

Devise your own competition, or use tried and tested ideas such as 'guess who the baby in the picture is.'

**Concert**

Gather all the talented people you know under one roof and sing up for MSF by putting on a concert for friends and family.

Think about a "pay to leave" policy too!

**Cricket match**

Challenge your brethren, other Lodges to a cricket match. Each team pays a fee.

**Car wash**

Charge your brethren, friends and family to wash their cars.

**Chocolate ban**

Give up chocolate for a day, a week or a month and give the cash you saved to MSF.

**Cake Stall**

Hold a traditional cake stand at fetes or fairs. Check health and safety regulations.

**Calendars**

Design & sell a pictorial calendar for your company. Masonic friendly companies/suppliers may sponsor pages.

**Candle making**

Make and sell candles at craft fairs or coffee mornings.

**Car boot sale**

Cash in your old belongings, or sell pitches. Raise more with bouncy castles, raffles, etc.

**Car treasure hunt**

Drive from clue to clue in search of the 'treasure'. Finish with a bar meal. Teams pay to enter.

**Carnival**

Arrange a colourful carnival for your town, charging for each float entered.

**Carol concert**

Host a festive concert for your community. Earn extra by selling minced pies & mulled wine. Invite MSF recipients.

**Carol singing**

Get a group to go door-to-door singing. Bigger public displays may require a licence.

**Casino evening**

Hire gaming tables and use the Masonic building for the evening.

**Chariot race**

Teams race decorated 'chariots' - anything from a horse and cart to a sedan chair.

**Charity ball**

Raise sponsorship the sophisticated way. Organise a themed ball with DJ or live music at a hotel or nightclub. Charge for tickets, but boost your earnings with games and raffles.

**Charity push**

Get sponsored to cover a set distance in a bed, shopping trolley, bathtub, wheelie bin...

**Children's party**

Organise children's parties or activities, but be sure to check relevant childcare practices. CRB checks etc.

**Christmas draw**

Sell tickets and ask local Masonic friendly firms to supply prizes. Check regulations about public draws & raffles.

**Classic car show**

Well-organised classic car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.

**Clocks**

Ask brethren to donate old clocks, and watches for a clock fair and even build clocks to sell at craft fairs. Horologists will attend from far and wide.

**Coach trips**

Coach trips to London, Blackpool, flower shows, etc, are popular. Sell tickets and hold a raffle.

**Coconut shy**

Easily arranged game for traditional fairs. All you need are a few coconuts and wooden balls.

**Concerts**

Arrange to attend a big event like the Classical Music evening at Howard Castle and charge a small fee on top of the ticket price, or entertain the crowds with your own recital, or hire bands of musicians.

**Cookery demo**

As well known Chefs to share their experiences and show their signature dish. Charge an entrance fee and a small amount to try the food. Good to use local restaurant chefs, Indian, Chinese, Thai, Turkish etc. as they will get new customers and be willing to support.

**Craft fair**

Make necklaces, dried flower arrangements, stained glass mirrors, etc, to sell on a stall.

**Cricket match**

Assemble a Provincial team and challenge your county team to a match. Charge spectators.

**Crossword contest**

Compile huge crossword, so punters pay per clue. Each number hides a ticket for prize draw.

**Cake decorating**

Arrange for a professional Cake Decorator to show how it's done. Cakes for sale plus items for sale relating to cake decorating. Charge an admission fee plus Sales Commission.

**Clay Pigeon Shoot**

Arrange an local, Regional and Provincial Shoot. Charge an entrance fee above the basic shoot requirements, Prizes for best individual, and team.

**Cakes**

Decorate cakes and personalise cupcakes for a donation from customers

## D

**Dress down day**

Ditch the uniform or the suit and dress in a football kit, or a country's World Cup colours.

**Doughnut sale**

Delight all your friends with a delicious doughnut sale. Shops like Krispy Kreme let you buy their doughnuts at special low prices so that you can sell them on for a fundraising profit!

**Disco**

Put on those dancing shoes and disco the night away. Remember to charge an entry fee. Or get your skates on and organise a retro roller disco

**Dance-athon**

Dance all day or even for few hours in a sponsored dance-athon. Download your sponsor form from the MSF website.

### **Dance (others)**

Barn dances, tea dances, disco dances, salsa dances - whatever rocks your boat.

### **Darts tournament**

Challenge all the pub teams in the area to compete for cash prizes, or a barrel of beer.

### **Dinner and cabaret**

Hire a popular and spacious restaurant. Entertain ticket holders with music, comedy & magic.

### **Directories**

Compile a community businesses and services directory. Raise funds through advertising. Likely to be Masonic friendly businesses only.

### **Disco**

Spin the decks or hire a DJ to stage a themed disco night.

### **Dog show**

Charge proud pet-owners to show off their pooches. Ask pet shops to sponsor the event. Not just a beauty contest. Need to include other categories, Dog with the waggiest tail, wettest nose, most disobedient etc. Rabbit with the biggest ears etc.

### **Duck race**

Sell numbered plastic ducks and launch them from a bridge. The duck to finish first wins.

## **E**

### **Enterprise Days**

Put on your Enterprise heads and come up with the marketing idea of the century! Create and sell the product you have designed.

### **Eco day**

Dress green and do good deeds for the day, like litter picking and recycling your rubbish. Remember to get sponsored for all the activities you do. Down load the sponsor form..

### **Eating baked beans with a cocktail stick**

Challenge your friends to a baked bean eating competition – how many can you eat in a minute using only a cocktail stick?

### **Egg and spoon race**

Are you up for an egg and spoon challenge? Race your friends and family. No cheating now!

### **Egg painting competition**

Don't waste those eggs after the race – turn them into works of art. Sell them to raise money for us.

### **Easter egg hunt**

Edible hide and seek. Charge entry fee and ask confectioners to provide the eggs.

### **Eating marathon or eating race**

Get sponsored to stuff your face with as many hot dogs/grapes/pies etc. as possible. Or eat as many cakes, hot chillies, nettles in a defined timeframe. Winner gets a prize (probably some milk and/or doc leaves for the chillies and nettles)

### **Eyebrows**

Get sponsored to shave them off - they grow back eventually!

## **F**

### **Fancy dress**

Go crazy with the fashion ideas and create a zany masterpiece to wear for the day. Prizes for the most outrageous and colourful costumes- you could even base your creations on Brazilian carnival outfits.

### **Five a side football**

Challenge your brethren or your friends to a five a side tournament as part of a mini World Cup or use Subbuteo for the brethren who are not as nimble as their youth. You only need your finger and tactics. Each team pays to play.

### **Film night**

Create your own cinema and hold a film night for family and friends. Sell popcorn and drinks and charge an entry fee. Theme the night with a Brazilian film like City of God, or Rio for the kids!

### **Fast Day lunch**

Create a simple lunch in solidarity with some of the MSF recipients and donate the money you save. Or get sponsored to fast for an hour, a morning or a day. Consult your doctor first.

### **Fashion show**

Put your creative talents to the test and organise a fashion show – why not use recycled clothes and make it an eco-show? Invite the wider community to see your fabulous designs, and don't forget to charge an entry fee. Ask businesses to sponsor venue, outfits or catwalk. Charge admission and sales commission.

### **Face painting competition**

Put your artistic talents to good use and paint people's faces. You could have a themed face painting day such as of animals or characters from a book. Remember to charge for your works of face painting art. Get creative with face paints at fetes, fairs and children's parties

### **Fun run or walk**

Dust off your running shoes, add a coloured tutu and run or walk for fun. Organise your own fun run for MSF.

### **Fete**

Reach the whole community by holding a fete, or team up with organisers of an annual event.

### **Film evening**

Recreate an evening of vintage cinema by showing classic films and musicals.

### **Fireworks**

Weather permitting, firework displays are massive fundraisers. Check out safety precautions.

### **Flower arranging**

Make your own fresh, dried or silk arrangements to sell at craft fairs or fetes. Or arrange a local florist to show how to arrange certain types of bouquets, arrangements, etc. charge an entry fee.

### **Foreign coins**

Ask people to donate their leftover holiday coins. Change into sterling once you have enough.

### **Furniture sale**

Use the Masonic building to sell donated furniture and old office equipment. Take sales commission.

### **Folk Music**

Arrange a mini Folk festival in the Lodge Building and charge admission fee and surplus from the musicians' fees towards the MSF. The bar and food will add additional funds.

# G

## **Guess who the baby is (from photos)**

Do a twist on the classic baby photo game by collecting some baby photos of famous footballers and charging your friends to guess who they are.

### **Give it up!**

Get sponsored to go without something. Give us speaking for a day, Boozer for a week, chocolate for a month, or give up magazines for the whole of Ramadan or Yom Kippur or Lent. Get sponsored or donate to the money you save.

### **Guess the number of ... (balloons in a car, sweets in a jar)**

Have a lot of fun challenging your friends to guess the quantity in the jar or car.

### **Guess the weight of... (cake, teddy)**

Quiz your friends on the weight of the cake – 50p a guess.

### **Games: scrabble, chess, trivial pursuits etc**

For all those who love the challenge of a board game – why not have a marathon board game tournament? Either pay to play or get sponsored.

### **Green day**

With everyone talking about climate change and the importance of looking after our world, why not organise a Green Day?

Dress in green, hold an eco fashion show, litter pick and create a recycled materials art exhibition. Invite friends and family too. Remember to charge a fee to take part.

### **Game show**

Host mock version of Who Wants To Be A Millionaire or The Weakest Link. Otherwise adapt board games for big audiences, and get prizes donated.

### **Garage sale**

Sell off all your unwanted belongings.

### **Garden party**

Arrange an event in a Brothers Big garden, Sell tickets or invite guests to make a donation

### **Gardening**

Offer your gardening services to friends and family. Or arrange Garden tours of the brethren who have the best gardens, allotments and ask them to give tips. Charge an entry fee and sell some of plants, seedlings as agreed with the green fingered supporters.

### **Glamorous Gran**

Go in search of your area's most glamorous gran. Charge contestants to enter, and ask local hair and beauty salons to donate prizes.

### **Go Kart Grand Prix**

Hold a Go Kart Grand Prix at the nearest track. Drivers pay entrance fee.

### **Greeting cards**

Make and sell cards for every occasion

### **Guest speaker**

Invite a guest speaker and sell admission tickets. Boost funds with raffle & refreshment

Guided tours

Take tourists and visitors on locally guided walks or trips. Or even tours of the Lodge.

### **Gunge Tank**

Charge fairgoers to drop their relatives, friends or Officers in tank of last week's leftovers

# H

### **Hula Hoop Contest**

How many times can you spin the hula hoop? Organise a hula hoop-athon. Don't forget to get sponsored by the spin, or the length of time you keep the hoop going.

### **Hair beading, braiding and plaiting**

Put your partners creative talents to good use. Make your children or grandchildren look cool and raise money for MSF

### **Hundred Club**

Set up a 100 club with monthly draws and a Christmas draw. Funds split between the winners and MSF.

### **Hopscotch**

Organise a Hopscotch contest in an area for the children and the big kids, and challenge your brethren. Pay to play.

### **Indoor games**

Organise an indoor Olympics using different types of equipment. Rain won't stop play and you'll have fun challenging your friends and raising money for us too.

### **International evening**

Hold a themed international night and decorate your hall with flags from across the globe. Serve different national dishes and entertain your guests with world music. Why not also hold a quiz and test your friends' geographical knowledge? Charge an entry fee.

### **It's a Knockout**

Organise an It's a Knockout competition – fun for all the family. Either make it a sponsored event or pay to play.

### **Halloween party**

Another excuse to dress up and party. Charge entrance fees and raise money trick or treating.

### **Head shave**

Sick of bad hair days? Go bald for MSF. Get sponsored.

### **Hook-a-duck**

Fete and fair game. Ask local Masonic friendly companies to donate prizes.

### **Hoopla**

Fete and fair game. Ask local Masonic friendly companies to donate prizes.

### **Household sale**

Sell off all your unwanted belongings

# I

### **Indoor market**

Rent out stalls to local traders in the Masonic Building or take cut of profits

#### **Inflatable**

Put a bounce into your summer fete with an inflatable fly wall, boxing ring or gladiator court.

#### **Ironing**

Offer your ironing services - at a cost.

#### **It's a knockout**

Revive the 80s game show by inviting teams to compete in silly games in silly costumes.

## **J**

#### **Jumble sales**

Reduce, reuse and recycle – the perfect opportunity to hold a jumble sale. See if you can turn your trash into cash.

#### **Jelly races**

Have loads of fun with a jelly race – why not try different jelly moulds too, or even an obstacle course? Remember, you pay to play.

#### **Jewellery making/selling**

Put your partners creative jewellery making skills to good use and hold a sale with what you make. Share your skills with others and teach your friends how to make that perfect accessory.

#### **Jigsaw marathon**

Have you got an eye for a jigsaw? Challenge your friends to a speed jigsaw puzzle race. Get your friends and family to sponsor you too.

#### **Joke-athon**

Have your friends in stitches with a joke-athon. How long can you keep your friends laughing? If the jokes are really bad, make them pay a fee to leave.

#### **Jailbreak**

Dump teams in the middle of nowhere. With no money or transport, see who gets back to base first. Charge entrance fees and offer prizes.

#### **Jazz festival**

Play your own brand of jazz, or stage a show for local musicians. Sell tickets and refreshments.

#### **Jewellery making**

Buy your own beads and get threading. Sell your products at markets and craft fairs.

#### **Junk mail, paper and cardboard**

Collect all your junk mail, paper and cardboard and sell it to a recycling company.

## **K**

#### **Kite flying**

When the wind is right get those kites into the air. The kite that stays up the longest wins. Why not design your own kites and get sponsored too?

#### **Karaoke**

Impress your friends with your singing ability – try out your favourite tunes. Pay per tune.

#### **Knitting competition**

How long is that scarf? Challenge your friends to a knit-off. You could sell or auction your work of art too.

#### **Knobbly knees competition**

Who in your group of friends has the knobbliest knees? Take some pictures and charge your friends to see who can guess correctly.

#### **Karaoke**

Arrange your own Pop Idol contest. All you need is a machine, a room and a well-stocked bar.

## **L**

#### **Line dancing**

Friends and family can have hours of fun with a line dancing event. You could even organise a line dance-athon. Charge a fee to take part.

#### **Line of coins**

Set yourselves a challenge to see how long you can make your coin collection before you donate it to MSF. Remember to also use foreign coins.

#### **Litter picking**

Get yourselves sponsored on a mass litter pick afternoon and look after the local environment too.

#### **Loud tie day or Lodge meeting**

Look to make a difference amongst your friends: see who can wear the most outrageous tie. You could even design your own tie. Only those who have paid to display can take part. Charge a larger penalty fee those who don't take part.

#### **Lottery**

Set up a lottery with the rest of the Lodges in your Building or area and share the proceeds 50/50. Winner and MSF.

#### **Left-handed day**

Get sponsored for trying doing everything with your left hand for the day. No cheating.

#### **Ladies Events**

Arrange a Calendar of events focused on the ladies ranging from Fashion shows to Pamper events to Nail and grooming etc etc. No men allowed.

## **M**

#### **Mini World Cup**

Hold a mini World cup. Get members to sponsor a team by picking it out of a hat. Also get members to sponsor the top goal scorer and who will win the Golden Boot award.

#### **Magic show**

Put your magical talents to good use and organise a show for all your friends. Remember to have an entry fee.

#### **Smartie tubes**

Collect your 20p pieces small change to make a big difference. Ask if you can have a Lodge Building box full of smartie tubes.

**Mile of coins**

Set yourself the mile challenge - what is the longest distance you can reach with a line of coins? (Bronze, silver and gold categories)

**Musical evening**

Show off your talents and organise an evening of musical entertainment – from signing to playing instruments. Ask those attending to pay what they think it's worth.

**Mini Olympics**

Test those past it Olympians and hold a armchair programme with individual events with the Wi games system. Pay to play.

**Marathons**

Get sponsored to run a traditional 26-mile race. As an individual or as a team. Too hard try a half marathon.

**Medieval Evening**

Themed evening of medieval food, jousting and entertainment.

**Mile of Pennies**

Make a mile of pennies in your Lodge Building. Ask brethren, visitors, family and friends to help by donating their coins every time they attend the building. Leave them around the floor/building until the mile is achieved.

**Mufti Day**

Allow brethren to wear what they want at the next formal social event. Fee for taking part. Penalty for not taking part.

**Mankini**

Wear a mankini for the day in return for sponsorship cash

## N

**Nominate a brother – to have their legs, beard or head shaved.**

Challenge a WM, past Master or EA to have a shave or wax for a good cause. Remember that they should get sponsored too. or charge people a fee to watch it happen.

**Nearly new sale**

Outgrown those clothes? Only worn something once? Why not sell or swap your unwanted things with your friends? Pay £2 for each item you take.

**Name the teddy**

Does your mascot need a name? Charge your mates to come up with the most interesting suggestion. You could raffle the teddy at the end too.

**Netball tournament**

Challenge your ladies to a netball tournament. To add an air of interest, why not play your matches in fancy dress too?

**Nature trail**

Offer guided walks to natural beauty spots. Charge a small fee and finish at a tea spot.

**New year resolutions**

Get sponsored to stick to your new year's resolutions.

## O

**Obstacle course**

Have fun with an obstacle course and get sponsored too.

**Odd clothes day**

Turn your Lodge day into an odd clothes day – mix up those socks and clash for cash.

**Odd job Day**

Charge a fee for all those odd jobs around the house that need doing.

**Olive Oil tasting event**

Get an expert to explain the hundreds of different types of olive oil, the pressing process and where they come from etc

**Open garden**

Open your garden to visitors. Sell tickets, refreshments, plants and vegetables

**Opera night**

Stage an opera evening in your area, or arrange a trip to see a big London production.

**Ornament sale**

Set up a market/fair stall. Alternatively, plan your own event and charge for pitches.

**Outward bound**

Go climbing, hiking, camping, etc, for a big event. Seek sponsorship.

**Old Time Hall music Hall evening**

Arrange for everyone to dress up the era of the time. Could be World War II or 1920's . Set the music and have a good sign song.

## P

**Penalty shoot out**

Either you, your kids or grand kids show off your skills in a sponsored shoot out as part of a football fundraiser

**Photo competitions**

If you're a budding photographer, hold a competition for interesting snaps. All entrants to pay a fee.

**Pancake race**

Hold your own pancake race – challenge your friends and family.

**Pin the tail on the donkey**

Challenge your friends to a pin the tail on the donkey. Remember to blindfold them - and no cheating! Pay to play.

**Pantomime**

Putting on a pantomime? Your chance to play the ugly sister. Stage a production with friends, family and colleagues Why not take a collection for MSF as people leave? "Oh Yes you can" Because "its behind you"

**Plant sale**

**For those with green fingers, sell your produce in a plant sale, or organise a Big Dig for MSF**

**Poetry reading**

Organise a poetry recital and invite your friends and family. Why not hold a themed poetry event, or use poems from your favourite poet? Set yourself the challenge of reciting your poem from memory. £1 per line – the longer the poem the more you raise.

**MSF coffee morning**

Get the Lodge Stewards and partners to organise a coffee morning – and why not make it a Fairtrade event too? You could combine it with a 'bring and buy' sale.

**Paintballing**

Organise paintballing challenges at locally run centres. Players pay to enter.

**Pancake race**

Get flipping on Shrove Tuesday. Charge teams to enter, and spectators to eat.

**Parachute jump**

Daredevils only. Get sponsored to take the plunge.

**Parties**

Pick a venue, a date, a theme... and party on. Sell tickets and charge for extras like food.

**Personalised gifts**

Sell uniquely personalised gifts for special occasions.

**Pet show**

Charge proud pet-owners to show off their cats, hamsters, bunnies, mice, etc.

**Petrol tokens**

Trade in petrol tokens for gifts, which can be used as raffle or competition prizes. (i.e Morrisons, Nectar)

**Pick a cork**

Fair game. Pick a numbered cork out of a board. If the number's a winner, claim a prize.

**Pick a ticket**

Fair game. Pick a numbered ticket from a bucket. If the number's a winner, claim a prize

**Picture framing**

Frame and sell prints of local scenes, or pictures relevant to the MSF.

**Plant a tree**

Seek sponsors for a "plant a tree" scheme.

**Plant sale**

Sell donated plants or rent out pitches to traders

**Playstation/ X-Box or Wi play-off**

Organise a league of players and compete on a certain game. Charge entrants.

**Poker**

Arrange a Poker tournament with all participants paying an entrance fee and the winner getting an MSF Trophy.

**Play your cards right**

Fair game made famous by Bruce Forsyth. Guess higher or lower 6 times running & win a prize.

**Pledges**

Gather pledges of support, donations and services. These could be auctioned or raffled off.

**Pop concert**

Hire a venue and invite local bands to play. Sell tickets and set up stalls.

**Postage stamps**

Collect and sell foreign and unusual stamps to dealers.

**Private tuition**

Whether it's French or Flamenco, sell your skills with private lessons. Or sell to a group.

**Programmes**

Get Masonic friendly businesses to advertise in event programmes. Number programmes & use as raffle tickets.

**Promotional gifts**

Sell promotional gifts with the MSF logo on. Must get Festival Committee approval before production and general release to sell.

**Pub games night**

Stage a championship of traditional pub games - darts, skittles, dominoes, cards, etc.

**Puppet show**

Pull in the crowds with a traditional Punch & Judy show, or something more innovative. Get the children involved and ask the parents/Grandparents for an entrance fee.

**People Auction**

Hold a people auction evening, where people pay to have a servant for a day

## Q

**Quiet in the Lodge - sponsored silence**

Make your DC happy by remaining quiet for a few hours, or even a whole meeting and after meeting. Remember to get sponsored too!

**Quizzes**

Create your own Masonic or MSF quiz to test your brethren, family and friends knowledge. Hold a Lodge Building or individual Lodge quiz night and raise money for us by charging per entrant. Host an eighties quiz night and see who's got the knowledge

## R

**Rich man poor man meal**

Organise a simple lunch with a difference – a small number of randomly chosen people get an upgrade from a simple lunch to a sit down meal. Help to demonstrate some of the MSF's recipients' issues in the world today.

**Raffles**

Get friends and family or local businesses with Masonic connections to donate prizes and raffle them off, to raise funds.

**Race Night**

Hire a race kit and hold a race night. Get people to Sponsor the Race and others to sponsor the horses. Proceeds for each race is split between the race winners and the MSF. Food and drinks between races keeps the night going.

**Read-athon**

How many books can you read over a short period of time? Get sponsored per page or, for fast readers, per book.

**Relays**

Organise a sponsored relay race. Add a bit of variety into the race and create an obstacle relay.



### **Rounders tournament**

Challenge your friends and brethren to a rounders match. Remember it is pay to play.

### **Recycling – phones, ink cartridges etc**

Upgraded your mobile and unsure what to do with your old one? You can turn it into money for MSF. You can also recycle spent ink cartridges, and donate left over foreign coins from your holiday too. Turn your trash into Cash

### **Rugby match**

Challenge your friends and younger brethren to a touch rugby match. Each team pays to play.

### **Recipe book**

Publish favourite recipes from local restaurants and chefs. Sell for a nominal fee and proceeds towards the MSG

### **Refreshments**

Sell teas, coffees, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, etc, at any fundraising event.

### **Roll-a-ball**

Fair game where player rolls a ball through a hole at the end of a bowling-type alley.

### **Roll-a-coin**

Fair game where player rolls a coin down a shute, aiming to land on a playing card.

### **Roll the dice**

Roll six sixes and win a car! You need a big event... and car sponsor to make this worthwhile. Must take out insurance to cover possible eventuality.

### **Red Food**

Ask for sponsors to eat nothing but red food for a whole week

## **S**

### **Samba Dancing**

Put on those dancing shoes and find a partner for the Brazilian national dance! Collect donations to take part.

### **Soak the Rulers**

See if you can convince your WM, DC, Grand Lodge Officer or anyone else to get in the stocks and get wet! Get people to pay per sponge.

Lodge vs. Lodge tug of war

A fun way to compete with different lodges – challenge them to a tug of war. Each team pays a fee.

### **Scrap man**

Set up a place in the Lodge Building for everyone to hand in their unwanted metal objects, appliances, bikes etc and sell to a scrap man for money to go to the MSF

### **Stalls**

Set up a variety of stalls, from plants or cakes to recycled goods, and create your own mini £1 bazaar.

### **Sponsored ideas / events – dye hair green / walk for MSF**

Remember when organising a fundraising event to think about adding a sponsorship element – it's a great way of collecting your money. Think of clever ideas that your friends and family can sponsor you for and don't forget your sponsorship form.

### **Swishing**

Does your partner admire a friend's outfit? Then hold a swishing event to swap your unwanted clothes for somebody's else's! Make an evening of it with snacks and drinks, and ask for donations to join.

### **Spell-athon**

Do you have a head for spelling? Then organise a spelling competition or spell-athon. Challenge yourself to a certain number of words – and why not get sponsored too?

### **Scrabble contest**

**Challenge your friends to a Scrabble competition. Each competitor pays to play.**

### **Swim-athon**

**Swim the distance for MSF. Get sponsored per length... or per mile!**

### **St Georges Evening.**

Celebrate an evening with everything to do with George and the Dragon. All attendees dress up, Serve up unusual English food, English music etc

### **Safari supper**

Travel from restaurant to restaurant, having a different course at each stop. (Or from individual house to house) Ask restaurants to support your efforts, but set cover charge to include all food and your cut.

### **Sale of Special Occasion gifts**

Sell special Occasion cards, wrapping, gifts, food and drink.

### **Santa's Grotto**

Pull on your white beard and brush up your ho, ho, ho. Charge for every child who attends ( money should cover child's gift and the cut for MSF)

### **Scavenger hunt**

Variation on the treasure hunt where participants have a list of items to collect.

### **Shoe shine**

Get down on your knees at your nearest train station or shopping centre or at the Lodge..

### **Shopping coupons**

Trade in loyalty points for money or goods (to be used as prizes).

### **Silver collections**

Get brethren and visitors to donate their loose silver change

### **Skittles**

Make an evening event out of this traditional pub game

### **Slimming contest**

Arrange with local slimming clubs. Participants get sponsored £1 for every pound lost.

### **Slippery pole**

Fair game where competitors pillow fight while sliding along a slippery pole.

### **Sponsored silence**

Mum's the word. Get sponsored to stay silent for as long as you can

### **Sports competition**

Whatever your game, organise a tournament. Sell tickets, and organise stalls, raffles, etc

### **Stage play**

Raise the curtain on a local Am Dram production. Organise the event and charge admission. Include food and drink as additional income earners.

**Stationary cycle**

Don't fancy the map reading? Forget cycling to Paris, but cover the same distance at the gym.

**Strawberries & cream**

Bring the taste of Wimbledon to your event, with this summery refreshment.

**Street entertaining**

Get juggling, tight rope walking, fire eating, knife throwing, unicycling

**Swap shop**

Put unwanted items in touch with loving homes. Charge swappers to participate.

**Swear box**

Spend a £1 for every \$@\*£\$! uttered. Put a box at home, at work and at the Lodge.

**Swimathon**

Get sponsored per length, mile, minute, hour...

**Sell a service**

Sell a service like cooking lessons, lunchtime manicures, dog walking or bag carrying

## T

**Talent contest**

Hold a contest to showcase the talents of your friends and family! Organise a collection or charge at the door for entry.

**Twenty Four Hour fast**

How long do you usually go without eating? Why not give up something you really enjoy for 24 hours?

Get sponsored too.

**Tombola**

Get friends and family to donate gifts and organise a tombola. Only numbers ending in 0 or 5 will win a prize!

**Treasure Hunt**

Create a treasure hunt and challenge your friends to find what you have hidden. Pay to play.

**Teddy bears' picnic**

Organise a teddy bears' picnic and invite friends and family to attend in return for a donation

**Three legged race**

Team up with a friend and challenge other pairs to a three legged race. To make it more fun, why not do it in fancy dress too?

Each team pays to play.

**Tabletop sale**

Indoor variation on the car boot sale. Charge for table hire.

**Talent competition**

Discover Britain's next big thing with your own talent show. Charge entry and offer prizes.

**Ten-pin bowling**

Bowling alleys often have special rates for big groups & charity evenings. Set up a Local, regional or Provincial competition.

**Tin can alley**

Traditional fair game. Knock down the stack of tin cans and win a prize.

**Tombola**

Pick a raffle ticket out of a barrel and match it with a ticketed prize. Fair & fete favourite.

**Toy sale**

In the run up to Christmas, toy sales can be big fundraisers. Children grown up? Find out what is in the loft and which toys are not used anymore.

**Tuck shop**

Sell sweets, crisps, cake, drinks, etc, at a children's event.

## U

**Suit free Lodge evening/day**

Ditch the suit for a fee, and take the chance to wear your football kit, or blue, green and yellow for Brazil or even the MSF colours or anything else for that matter

**Ugly face pulling competition**

A prize for the most outrageous face – make sure you get photographic evidence! Each entrant pays to play.

**Unwanted presents**

Arrange a post-Christmas sale of unwanted gifts. Ask traders to donate a cut of their takings.

## V

**Volleyball**

Challenge your friends and friends to a sponsored volleyball match, or charge each team to take part.

**Variety show**

Comedians, magicians, singers, dancers & musicians all under one roof.

**Vehicle rally**

Well-organised car and bike shows are great crowd pullers and fantastic fundraisers.

**Visits**

Organising visits to local places or tourist destinations.

## W

**World Cup**

Hold a mini world cup with subutteo with a knockout competition. The kits etc can be hired.

**Walk for MSF**

Organise a walk for MSF. Have three or 4 routes, one for the kids, a short 2/3 mile, a 5/6 mile and a serious walk for those keen ramblers. Get sponsorship

**Welly throwing competition**

Put your shot put skills to the test and see how far those wellies will go.

### **Word search**

Create a themed word search and challenge your friends and family. Remember to charge a fee.

### **World food day**

Get together with friends and prepare and sell different dishes from around the world. Use the internet for inspiration.

### **Wine tasting competition.**

Hold tasting sessions for wine companies. Or organise a local wine merchant to come and display his wares and set up a blind tasting competition. Try the different wines and guess the grape, where they come from etc. Winner get a prize. The wine merchant gets new customers. Charge commission on wine sold.

Arrange a raffle

### **Whisky Tasting Evening**

Similar to the Wine Tasting. But trying the different flavours and getting an explanation from the expert. (Phil Daniels is your expert for this)

### **Walks**

Lead organised walks to historical spots and places of interest. Ghost walks are also popular.

### **Water sports**

Let others splash out as you splash in. Teach water sports or get sponsored to take part. Teach people how to scuba dive etc.

### **Waxing**

A hair-raising experience for the boys. Get sponsored to wax your legs or chest.

### **Weight of the cake**

Fair game. Pay to guess the weight - and win the cake if you're right.

### **Whiskey raffle**

Charge a pound a ticket, and pick a winner for every 25 sold. Check licensing and raffle laws.

### **Windscreen wash**

Charge to wash windscreens at service and petrol stations. Ask permission first.

### **Wine & cheese**

Ask a Masonic friendly supermarket to donate the wine and cheese. Sell tickets, and produce to take away.

### **Woodcutting**

Offer to prune trees or chop firewood for friends and family.

### **Wood working**

Make and sell your own woodcrafts, or give woodturning/woodcarving demonstrations

## **X**

### **X-Factor Competition**

Celebrate all your talents by putting on a show – Britain's definitely got talent. Organise your own talent show and invite friends and family too. Have a "pay to leave" policy just in case!

### **Xmas evening**

Stock up on crackers, pudding and mince pies. Break with tradition by holding it in July!

### **Xmas hampers**

Make up and sell your own Xmas hampers. Include food, drink, toys and gifts.

## **Y**

### **Yo-yo competition**

Have you got a talent for yo-yoing? Then put your skill to good use and get sponsored.

### **Yodelling competition**

If yodelling is your thing, then either get friends to pay you not to do it, or get sponsored instead!

### **Yacht racing**

Participate in regional or national events. Seek sponsorship from local clubs and businesses

### **Yard of ale**

Challenge yourself and others to a lengthy drinking contest. Charge entry fee

## **Z**

### **Zoo quiz**

Create a zoological quiz and test your friends' and family's knowledge of the animal kingdom. Remember to charge a fee too.

### **Zany clothes day**

Instead of a dress down day, dress up! Charge a fee and wear a zany costume that will brighten everyone's day!

### **Zodiac evening**

Invite a guest astrologer for a star-studded fundraiser. Charge for entry and horoscopes