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WARWICKSHIRE FREEMASONS' CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This year is an important year for charitable giving in Warwickshire, with the bringing together of our two Charities, the Warwickshire Masonic Charitable Association and the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent Fund into the Warwickshire Freemasons' Charitable Foundation. This has been done to create a Charity which is more efficient, effective and flexible, with core objectives of supporting:

- Freemasons, their families and dependants
- Non-masonic charities operating within Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE TERCENTENARY 2028 APPEAL.

In 2028 the Province of Warwickshire will be celebrating its 300 year anniversary. In the lead up to this momentous occasion, a number of key strategic activities are planned. The most significant of which is a charitable appeal of behalf of the Provincial Grand Master's chosen charity, Fisher House.



To make a donation to Warwickshire Tercentenary 2028 Appeal in aid of Fisher House, scan the QR code below or visit

<https://gtap.uk/warwick300>



Our Families Our Charity

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1206032



A MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCIAL
GRAND MASTER RW. BRO PHILIP HALL:

“Fisher House has been chosen as the tercentenary charity as it’s work supporting military personnel, veterans, their families and loved ones whilst being treated at the Royal Centre of Defence Medicine at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham is both inspirational and in line with the Province’s commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant.

I have spoken to both military patients and their families and the key ingredient for their recovery from life changing injuries is the knowledge and reassurance that their family are at close at hand and are well looked after.

I am asking for your individual and collective support for this charity which cares for military personnel and their families who have made physical and mental sacrifices in order to keep us all safe. Regular information on the work of Fisher House will be provided to each individual Brother leading up to the culmination of our celebrations in 2028.”

A SOLDIER’S STORY

Hi, my name is Stuart. Thank you for being a supporter of Fisher House. I’d like to tell you my story and why Fisher House means so much to me.

In February 2013 my wife got that dreaded knock at the door. I was severely injured in an IED explosion whilst on my fourth deployment in Afghanistan. The explosion resulted in the immediate loss of my left leg and seriously damaged my leg. I was quickly flown to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham where I took the difficult decision to also have my right leg amputated.

My world had turned upside down. My family were across the country and rushed to be by my side. With my jaw being wired shut, I was desperate to show my wife that I was ok and see that she was ok.



Thankfully, they were able to stay at Fisher House, just five minutes from the hospital and visit whenever they wanted.

I wouldn’t have got through my injury without my family. I can’t thank Fisher House enough for looking after them all so well.

During those difficult early days in my recovery, Fisher House gave me and my family a place to escape. It was our sanctuary, our bubble, our safe haven.

My wife would come to the hospital and push me over to Fisher House in my wheelchair. The house allowed us to have space away from the hospital, to try and wrap our heads round our new life and come to terms with my injuries. I was able to play with my little boy in a place that felt like a real home. My mates in the military were also able to visit and helped me piece together my memories of the attack to try and work past it.

Family is everything to me, knowing that they were safe in Fisher House and being looked after, allowed me to focus on my own recovery. The highlight of my days would be my little boy coming to have cuddles.

This is my story. But there have been thousands of military families over the last 10 years with their own stories, and Fisher house has been there through it all.

I know all of us want to say a huge thank you for their support when the worst happens. It is so important to ensure Fisher House is there for other families in the future.