



THE FREEMASONS'
GRAND CHARITY

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JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF

On Friday 11 March, a massive earthquake struck Japan, triggering a tsunami that destroyed many coastal villages and towns. Thousands of people have died, and many more are missing or injured. Ongoing earthquakes have repeatedly occurred since the initial earthquake, seriously hampering relief efforts. The stability of the Fukushima nuclear plant is also unclear, with major fears of a possible radiation leak spreading across Japan, including into Tokyo which is home to over 30 million people.

The Council of the Grand Charity has opened a special Relief Chest which can receive donations from members of the Craft who wish to be part of a coordinated response. If anyone wishes to help assist the people affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the Council is happy to receive donations to this Relief Chest for onward transmission at a later date to suitable projects.

Donations can be sent by cheque payable to "The Freemasons' Grand Charity" to: Relief Chest Scheme, 60 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5AZ, stating that they are in support of the Japan disaster relief work. Gift Aid donation forms are available on the [Grand Charity's website](#) or by contacting the Relief Chest office on 020 7395 9246.

For donations via credit card, please visit the [donation page](#) of the Grand Charity's website or contact the Relief Chest office. To make a donation via the telephone please phone 0207 395 9349 during the following times: Mon-Fri 10:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 16:00 (Fri 14:00 - 15:00).

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For questions regarding the Relief Chest Scheme please telephone 020 7395 9246.

Visit the Grand Charity website: <http://www.grandcharity.org/>