



Mark Winger

Grand Master



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Grand Masters Relief Fund

Brethren,

There are few words apt to describe the nature of the attack which occurred last Friday in Christchurch. It is a tragedy that is unparalleled in New Zealand.

As Freemasons, we extend our deepest sympathies to those directly affected by the tragedy, and we look to seeing what role we might constructively play in alleviating the trauma that has occurred. The Freemasons Charity has brethren on hand in Christchurch working with those affected, however the Government is also providing tremendous practical support and assistance which we do not want to duplicate.

I have been contacted by Grand Masters, Lodges and brethren from around the world expressing their compassion and support – naturally they are all unanimous in their condemnation of the act that has taken place but also in their wish to assist.

Freemasons New Zealand is in dialogue with the people of Christchurch to discuss how our effort can be put to best effect. While those discussions are in train, a bank account has been opened into which donations can be made by our Masonic family. Details are below.

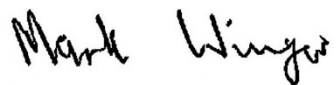
We wish to ensure all Brethren get an opportunity to contribute to the project that Freemasons New Zealand will be making, so please bring the account details to the attention of your brethren. Particularly in these times of distress, New Zealanders have a deep-rooted tradition of caring for our wider family, and so I invite everyone to make such

donations as you consider warranted. I will also advise our international brethren of the account, so they too can join with us in our display of compassion.

The bank details are: - Grand Masters Relief Fund (Heartland Bank) **03-1783-0450087-011**.
Over the counter deposits can also be made via your local Westpac Branch using the above account number.

If you are depositing from overseas you will also need to use the Heartland Bank SWIFT Code: WPACNZ2W.

Yours fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Winger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

MWBro Mark Winger
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