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Festival 2030 AmazonSmile

Brethren,

At the Provincial Grand Officers Mess on the 26th of November the Prov.G.M. launched our latest initiative for Festival 2030. This initiative encourages all Essex Mark Master Masons, their families, and friends to use AmazonSmile when shopping on Amazon. Effectively Amazon gives money to your nominated charity every time you make a purchase using Amazon.

The brethren who attended the mess were asked to take a number of introductory instruction cards contained within a small stand back to their lodges and encourage the members to sign up to AmazonSmile using the details and instructions printed on the cards. For those lodges who were not represented at the mess, a stand and cards will be posted to you. We would be most grateful and do encourage you to display this stand in your lodges and promote the initiative to your brethren.

Amazon give several million pounds to U.K. charities every year and the Essex Mark Benevolent Fund would very much like to receive a portion of that money. For every £10.00 you spend on Amazon, AmazonSmile gives £0.05p to your nominated charity, this could amount to a very large sum of money over the next eight years of our festival if we all nominate the **'Essex Provincial Grand Mark Lodge Benevolent Fund 2009'** as our preferred charity.

Signing up to AmazonSmile is very simple and free, full instructions are printed on the small introductory cards mentioned above. A detailed guide is also available on the Essex Mark website.

We do hope that you can join with this initiative and add to the work being done in the Province to make Essex Festival 2030 a great success.

Mark well Brethren.

John.