



I am delighted that we will mark our 200th anniversary in 2013 by working with The Royal College of Surgeons of England to establish **The Royal Arch Masons 2013 Bicentenary Appeal**.

Freemasonry has had a long and close association with the College through the 250th Anniversary Fund established in 1967, and we are delighted to have supported so many important research projects.

This campaign gives us an excellent opportunity to contribute further towards something that is helping to save lives and improve the quality of life for us, our children and grandchildren.

HRH The Duke of Kent
First Grand Principal



We are all justly proud to be the major benefactor to The Royal College of Surgeons of England for their surgical research funds.

In order to provide a valuable donation to the College **our target is to raise a minimum £10 plus gift aid from every Companion**. We are using a Grand Charity Relief Chest and there are no administrative costs.

Please fill in this donation form. You will also find the form on the Supreme Grand Chapter website at www.grandchapter.org.uk and the Grand Charity website at www.grandcharity.org.

This is a wonderful way to mark **The Royal Arch Masons 2013 Bicentenary Appeal** and any contribution you may wish to make will be gratefully received.

Nigel Brown
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The Royal College of Surgeons is a registered charity (not part of the NHS) and plays a vital role in supporting surgical research within the UK.

The Royal Arch Masons 2013 Bicentenary Appeal has been established to help fund the College's successful surgical research fellowship scheme, which supports surgeons to undertake a surgical research project. This scheme enables the brightest and best surgeons of each generation to **explore treatments for conditions and injuries that affect millions of people worldwide**. The scheme relies completely on voluntary donations from individuals, trusts and legacies and needs more funding to continue the number of worthy research projects supported.

Surgical research continues to provide significant advances in:

- » hip and knee replacements
- » the prevention of strokes
- » reconstructive surgery for trauma and war-wounded victims
- » less invasive surgery and quicker recovery
- » skilled operations to improve hearing and sight
- » cancer survival rates.

Future innovations in surgery will be driven by research. However, nationally less than 2% of funding for medical research is given to surgical projects.

Further funding is urgently needed and donations to **The Royal Arch Masons 2013 Bicentenary Appeal** will help to support advancements in surgical care for current and future generations.

The ROYAL ARCH MASONS 2013 Bicentenary Appeal for The Royal College of Surgeons of England

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