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Dear Brethren,

Last Friday we were all deeply saddened to hear of the death of His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and on behalf of the Craft our sincerest condolences have been extended to Her Majesty The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family.

Many members of United Grand Lodge of England (UGLE), the governing body for Freemasonry in England and Wales, have suggested that we might do something to mark the death of Bro HRH Prince Philip, a Freemason for over six decades. We have also been contacted by so many members over the last few days with their personal tales of meeting Prince Philip, either masonically, in his military career or in his wider role as a patron of over 800 different charities and organisations. In order to prepare a fitting tribute for the next edition of FMT, we would very much like to hear of your personal experience of Bro HRH, Prince Philip.

Our Grand Chancellor, for example, tells an excellent tale of how as a cadet at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, he was detailed to show Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip around on 'families day' being in the same intake as HRH the Prince of Wales and the consequences thereof. We know that many of you will be sitting on similarly memorable experiences and would ask that you share them with us via [editor@freemasonrytoday.com](mailto:editor@freemasonrytoday.com) so that we can prepare a fitting tribute.

In addition, the Masonic Charitable Foundation, the Freemasons' charity, will be making a significant donation to one or more of Prince Philip's supported charities on behalf of Freemasons in England and Wales, to mark the decades that he was a member of the Craft, of which we feel he would thoroughly approve. Should members feel so moved to contribute in his memory, donations will be added to the total and we have opened a relief chest (DoE2021) to support that purpose. Cheques payable to the MCF can also be sent to Freemasons' Hall.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,



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