



## Provincial Grand Charity Steward Spring 2016 Newsletter

As we approach the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2016, and another Provincial Grand Lodge, I ask myself where the last year has gone. It has been a very rewarding, if challenging, first year for me as the Provincial Charity Steward. I have relied heavily on my predecessor, W.Bro. Tony Evans, Carolyn in the Provincial Office and W.Bro. Steve Franklin and thank them for their continued support. Together we have achieved a great deal in the last year and look forward to the coming year, whatever it may bring. With the launch of the Masonic Charitable Foundation it is sure to be a busy one!

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As part of the Grand Charity support of hospices throughout England and Wales, in December 2015 the PGM and myself had the privilege of presenting cheques totalling £5,438. Cornwall Hospice Care received £4,222 and Little Harbour Children's Hospice received £1,216.



### Lodge Non-Masonic Donations in 2015

Thank you to those Lodges who have returned their forms. Unfortunately, only 41 out of 80 Lodges have sent in the requested information. This information allows us to consolidate the total non-Masonic donations made in each year. We do not publish any individual Lodge information but from the data returned so far we can announce that individual Lodges donated over £40,000 in 2015. The top three recipients were Cornwall Hospice Care, Children's Hospice South West and the Air Ambulance. To the 39 Lodges with forms outstanding, please send the information in to the Provincial Office as soon as possible. Our charitable work is worth shouting about!



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The Masonic Charitable Foundation will go live in April 2016. They have recently produced a very interesting and useful document call "Your New Masonic Charity **Essential Guide**" This is the link to the document <http://mcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Essential-Guide-to-your-new-Masonic-Charity-Copy.pdf>

I am sure it will help you, as Charity Stewards, to answer any questions you may be asked by the Brethren. There is also a very good website [www.mcf.org.uk](http://www.mcf.org.uk) which is worth a visit for further information. Don't forget to register for your lapel badge at the same time!

### The Macmillan Cove Appeal

The Provincial Grand Master launched his appeal at Provincial Lodge in April 2015. The response to his appeal has been truly amazing! The presentation of a cheque for over £65,000 will be made at Provincial Grand Lodge on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. Something each and every one of us can be rightly proud of!

### CMBF and Non-Masonic Charity Presentation Day Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Thank you to those Lodges who have agreed to present their non-Masonic donations at our third Presentation Day in May. We are expecting around twenty Lodges to be represented.

### Presentation on Masonic Charities

Would you like to update your Lodge on our charitable giving? I have recently given presentations at St. Martins Lodge and Saint Andrew Lodge. Brethren have found them very interesting and if you have an evening without a Ceremony planned, why not consider it?