



Provincial Grand Charity Steward Autumn 2015 Newsletter

As the year draws to a close and our thoughts turn towards the Festive Season, here is the last of the 2015 newsletters. As you will see, there's news of fantastic fundraising and also changes for the coming year. Please continue to send me your fundraising news for the 2016 newsletters and thank you for your continued support. Best wishes to you and your families for Christmas, the New Year and all your charitable endeavours to come!

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Lifelites was originally founded as a Masonic millennium project in 1999 with the intention of providing IT equipment to children and young people in hospices in England and Wales. In 2006, Lifelites became a charity in its own right which gave them the opportunity to seek funds from both Freemasons and non-Masonic sources.

Today, there is a Lifelites project in all 50 children's hospices in the British Isles. The hospices do not pay a penny towards their Lifelites project and all of Lifelites' work is funded by donations: the equipment, ongoing technical support and training at each hospice costs around £50,000 over four years.

When the first Children's Hospice, Little Harbour, opened in St. Austell in 2011 Lifelites installed a complete package of equipment. On 9th September this year, that package was completely replaced with the latest IT equipment.



This is one of the charities that the CMBF supports every year as do a number of the individual Lodges in Cornwall.

If you have a spare evening in your Lodge calendar and would like to know more about the work of Lifelites then please contact me and I would be happy to attend and make a short presentation.



Masonic
Charitable Foundation

A new charity for Freemasons,
for families, for everyone.

Launch of the new single Charity

The Pro Grand Master, Peter Lowndes announced at Grand Lodge on 9th September 2015 that a new charity called the Masonic Charitable Foundation is to be established, bringing together the charitable activities of the four existing central Masonic Charities.

He went on to say that The Masonic Charitable Foundation will continue to offer the same support and services to those Freemasons and family members who need help, as well as support for the non-Masonic charitable causes that the Craft wishes to assist.

The Masonic Charitable Foundation will be one of the largest charities in the country and will rely on the generosity of Freemasonry for its funds.

It is anticipated that the Masonic Charitable Foundation will begin making grants from 1 April 2016.

The Macmillan Cove Appeal

The Provincial Grand Master launched his appeal at Provincial Lodge in April. When I wrote the last report we had raised just over £10,000, today we have collected more than £22,000 – an amazing effort and still five months to go!

We are planning to make the presentation of the final amount to the total amount at Provincial Grand Lodge in April 2016.

CMBF and Non-Masonic Charity Presentation Day Sunday 15th May 2016

Following on from the success of the last two years, there will be another Presentation Day in 2016. You will receive further details over the next few weeks but please consider holding back any Non-Masonic donations to be presented on the day.