



Provincial Grand Charity Steward Autumn 2016 Newsletter

As 2016 draws to a close, and our thoughts turn towards the Festive Season, here is the last of the 2016 newsletters. What a year it was! At Provincial Grand Lodge in April, we presented a cheque for £75,792 to representatives of the Macmillan Cove Appeal. Six months on, The Cove has opened and a representative from each Lodge has been invited to visit the centre on 25th November. A personal thank you from Macmillan to acknowledge the outstanding contribution from the Freemasons of Cornwall.

We had another outstanding Charity Presentation event in May when more than 165 people squeezed into the Lodge at Newquay. This year donations of more than £42,000 were presented to 37 charities.

Thanks to our Communications Team, we have managed to increase our media coverage and for the first time in many years there was a very positive article and photograph in the Western Morning News. As Freemasons, we should be proud of our charity work, we are making a real difference to our local communities and also to National charities. Please continue to send me your fundraising news for the 2017 newsletters and thank you for your continued support. Best wishes to you and your families for Christmas and the New Year.

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As part of the Masonic Charitable Foundation support of hospices throughout England and Wales, in September 2016 the PGM and myself had the privilege of presenting a new piece of equipment to the Cornwall Air Ambulance. The ultrasound monitor has already helped severely injured and ill patients by giving the paramedics a 'window into the patient's body'. The monitor allows them to identify internal injuries and bleeding and give a clear view of the patient's organs.

In the last ten years, Freemasons have been the single biggest donor to the Cornwall Air Ambulance – another example of Freemasons making a difference in our local community.



2015 Non-Masonic Donations just short of £90,000!

Thank you for returning the details of your 2015 non-Masonic donations. This information is critical for us to have a clear picture of our charitable giving in the Province of Cornwall. I'm sure you'll agree, the results are amazing. In 2015 the CMBF, Lodges and Chapters donated £89,713 (this excludes the Cove Appeal which will be included in 2016 donations).

In summary:

- 138 charities received donations
- 6 charities received more than £5,000
- 17 charities received more than £1000
- 43 charities received more than £500
- Medical related charities represented 70% of the donations
- 18 local community charities received donations of £100 or less

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

ADVANCE NOTICE

**CMBF and Non-Masonic Charity Presentation Day
Sunday 14th May 2017**

Full details to follow