



MBF Petitions Newsletter July – September 2014



Greetings Brethren,

It has been a busy summer at Mark Masons' Hall and also out in the Provinces.

In particular, the Assistant Grand Master R.W.Bro. Raymond Smith recently visited the Province of Monmouthshire. He presented no less than ten Grand Patron Gold, one Grand Patron and one Patron Award.

He was quoted as saying that the 'Brethren of Monmouthshire are a wonderful bunch of people!'

Brethren, your fund raising activities are a true testament to the name of Mark Masonry. Enjoy the autumn months and all of your Masonic get togethers and see you in the December issue.

Mark Well, W.Bro. Darren Coleman, P.A.G.D.C.
Mark Masons' Hall



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This time we helped people in the Provinces of

Hampshire and Isle of Wight
Isle of Man
West Yorkshire
Leicestershire & Rutland
Northumberland
Surrey
West Lancashire
Wiltshire

How did we help this time?

A one off grant was made to a Brother who was in danger of losing his home. Illness and redundancy had taken its toll and his finances were stretched to breaking point. The payment to the mortgage company gave him some peace of mind and breathing space.

Depression caused another Brother to eventually ask for help after his financial affairs finally got the better of him. He finally realised he needed help to manage his debts after his credit cards reached their credit limits. He had no other way to turn. A referral to the StepChange Debt Charity and a small grant for living expenses helped him when he most needed it.

A Brother, recently recovering from lung cancer, asked for help when he had to move home after being forced to sell his house after his illness led to mounting debts. In his new home he needed a new carpet and kitchen appliances. The Mark Benevolent Fund was more than pleased to be able to help.

At these meetings we received 17
applications for relief.

Grants were made to 12 Petitioners and the
total awarded (including emergency grants)
was

£20,604

The next
meeting is
scheduled for
mid December.
Please make sure all
applications are
submitted by 30
November to allow
for processing.