## MBF Petitions Newsletter October - December 2014

Greetings Brethren from Mark Masons' Hall.

It is not often that we name individuals for their donations to the MBF except in very exceptional circumstances. We would therefore like to recognise a special donation of £50,000 made to the 2014 MBF Festival held in Buckinghamshire. This has been generously given by the late R.W.Bro. John Trollope Fisher, who sadly passed away in 2012. He was Provincial Grand Master for Buckinghamshire from 2002 until 2009 and his membership in the other Orders of Freemasonry was extensive. We wish his wife, Patricia and the family well, and extend our heartfelt thanks for his bequest. This donation to The Mark Benevolent Fund is a true testament to his dedication and devotion to Mark Master Masonry.

Brethren, nothing remains but for me to wish you peace and happiness over the Festive Season.

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



<u>www.markbenevolence.org.uk</u> <u>www.glmmm.com</u>

This time we helped people in the Provinces of

Cornwall
East Lancashire
Northumberland
Sussex
Bedfordshire

## How did we help this time?

A one off grant was made to a widow whose burglar alarm system had failed. The MBF provided help to give this elderly lady some peace of mind during these dark evenings.

A grant was made to replace and decorate the bathroom of an elderly widow after it came to light that she was living in appalling conditions. She would never let anyone in to the upstairs of her home and her predicament was only discovered after a chance comment she made that was almost missed by the Visiting Brother as he was completing her MBF grant application form.

At these meetings we received 12 applications for relief.

Grants were made to 8 Petitioners and the total awarded (including emergency grants) was

£14,665

The next
meeting is
scheduled for
early February.
Please make sure all
applications are
submitted by 23rd

January to allow for processing.