

## BeMBA cheque presentation to Thames Hospice

Three Masonic Brethren from the Royal province of Berkshire were delighted to attend a cheque presentation to Thames Hospice Care. The three who attended, from Berkshire Mark Masonry, were V.W. Bro. Michael Sanders, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master & Chairman of the Berkshire Mark Benevolent Association, otherwise known as BeMBA, W.Bro. Raymond Head, Vice Chairman of BeMBA and W.Bro. Brian McCormack, treasurer of BeMBA. They were presenting two cheques, one for £5000 & one for £3000. The £5000 was from a donation made from the Mark Benevolent Fund, who gave each individual lodge £1000, in commemoration of the life of his Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh. The advice to each lodge was to donate the money to a local hospice organisation and 5 of the lodges, from the Mark Province of Berkshire, chose Thames Hospice as the worthy recipient. The £3000 cheque is the first of three similar donations from the Berkshire Mark Benevolent Association who have chosen to support Thames Hospice over the next three years. The donation from BeMBA is derived from personal donations, from the individual members of Mark Masonry in Berkshire, who then decide, beyond looking after their brethren, which other local charities should benefit from their fundraising. Also present was the wonderful Sue Holderness who has been a supporter of the hospice for over 30 years, and attended as an ambassador of the Hospice. V.W. Bro. Michael Sanders said "The work and support given by the staff of Thames Hospice is invaluable and the members of Berkshire Mark Masonry are delighted to be able to support a superb facility.



