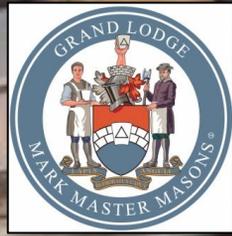




MBF Petitions Newsletter January & February 2014



Greetings Brethren and Welcome to 2014,

The Festivities in December are but a distant memory and in this issue I turn to matters of debt. Some Brethren may, for whatever reason, have got themselves into financial difficulties over Christmas. Be on the look-out for those who skip the Festive Board or simply do not turn up to Lodge meetings at all. There is help. The debt charity, www.stepchange.org will talk to you in confidence, offer impartial advice and help provide a solution to get you back on your feet again. The StepChange brochure is available for download at www.markbenevolence.org.uk If you have any concerns speak with your Lodge Almoner at the earliest opportunity.

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W.Bro. Darren Coleman 
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This time we helped people
in the Provinces of
North & East Yorkshire
Nottinghamshire
South Wales
East Lancashire
Northumberland
Northamptonshire & Huntingdonshire
London

How did we help this time?

Emergency repairs were needed to the home of a widow. Maintenance to her roof had been left unchecked for many years and it had badly deteriorated.

A Brother had got in to serious difficulty with his Council Tax payments and his local authority were threatening court action. A part payment to the council and a reasonable agreement with them means he is now safe. It is most important that Council Tax payments are kept up to date as court action may be taken by your local authority and you may lose your home.

A Brother and his wife were seriously affected by the December floods in the north of England. The Grand Secretary made sure that they were not left in distress and provided a small grant to replace a washing machine and a fridge freezer to help get them back to some sort of normality.

At this meeting we received 8 applications
for relief.
Grants were made to 5 Petitioners and the
total amount awarded was
£9,000

The next
meeting is
scheduled for
early April.
Please make sure all
applications are
submitted by 21
March to allow for
processing.