

## NEWS FROM PROVINCIAL GRAND CHARITY

The Provincial Grand Charity held an Almoners Workshop at Castlegate House on Friday evening 25 April for the York Lodges and Chapters

It was well supported and only 4 apologies were received from the Charity Steward or Almoner of the 15 Lodges and 6 Chapters who were invited to attend, all for Masonic reasons.

The Provincial Grand Almoner discussed the work of Grand Charity and the RMBI with particular regard to submitting petitions.

The Provincial Grand Chapter Almoner covered the work the New Masonic Samaritan Fund, and the Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys.

In addition he emphasised the aims of the Festival 2006.

The Chairman of the Provincial Grand Charity led the meeting and described the work of the Provincial Grand Charity and duties of Almoners. It was thought that one of the most beneficial effects of the event was the joining of experience from the Almoners present. Each bringing the quality of practical experience of work with Masonic Charities.

Placing of people in our Masonic Homes.

Petitioning on behalf Children.

Use of the Cataract Scheme.

Where to get information, Internet, Telephone, Email etc.

Other regional meetings are planned.

The Provincial Grand Charity has a team of speakers who travel the Province speaking about our National and Local Charities.

The Chairman of the Provincial Charity actively seeks invitations to address Lodges, Chapters, and mixed audiences on less formal occasions.

Contact him through the Provincial Charity Office 01904 685504 (Wednesday 9.30am – 12.00am) email: [charity@pgl-york.org](mailto:charity@pgl-york.org) at anytime, or use your year book to find him and the other members of your Charity Committee.

If you are reading this you already know that the Provincial Web site is now active, but do please spread the word. [www.pgl-york.org](http://www.pgl-york.org)

If you have events that you would like included on the site or the results of your local initiatives and fund raising for Charity and the 2006 Festival or stories of charitable interest please contact the Provincial Grand Chapter Almoner who is coordinating this activity at the Provincial Charity Office as above or your year book.