

## News from St Leonard's Hospice

### MASONS GIVE HOSPICE £4,000

St Leonard's Hospice received two cheques, totalling £4,000, towards its funds from Freemasons' Charities on Tuesday 24 January 2006.

The Charity of the Grand Lodge of England donated £3,000, while York's Albert Victor Lodge, No 2328, presented £1,000 from its own benevolent fund. The presentation was made to Hospice Fundraising Manager Janet Morley at the Albert Victor Lodge in St Saviourgate by the Lodge's Worshipful Master Tony Carr.

Mr Carr said that the Albert Victor Lodge decided to donate £1,000 to St Leonard's Hospice as part of their charitable giving before they were asked to present the Grand Charity's £3,000 cheque. He said that the cheques bring the Lodge's giving to the Hospice to £4,000, while the Grand Charity has given more than £40,000 to St Leonard's over the last 20 years.

Also attending the presentation is Terence Crossley, Charity Steward of the Provincial Grand Charity, which covers the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire. The Provincial Grand Charity has made donations to all the Hospices within its area. Nationally, Masonic charities are second only to the National Lottery in their giving to charities – even before local donations are taken into account over the last 20 years £6 million has been donated to hospices around the country.

Janet Morley says, 'Everyone at St Leonard's Hospice is very grateful to the Albert Victor Lodge and to the Freemasons' Grand Charity for these wonderful donations. It is regular giving like this that certainly helps us towards meeting the Hospice's annual running costs of more than £2 million and enables us to continue to provide our services without charge to local people.'

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