

## **Press Release**

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### **Cornwall's Freemasons help hospices**

Cornwall Hospice Care received a welcome donation from The Freemason's Grand Charity of £3,458 this week. The Freemason's Grand Charity has been making regular donations to hospices throughout England & Wales since 1984. Over this period, Mount Edgcumbe Hospice in St Austell and St Julia's Hospice in Hayle have together benefited from Grand Charity awards totalling nearly £75,000.

"It is rewarding for all freemasons in Cornwall to know that our Masonic Grand Charity has given good support to the county's two adult hospices over many years and we trust that we will be in a position to continue doing so in the future" said Michael Hart, Deputy Provincial Grand Master who presented the latest award along with Tony Evans, Provincial Charity Steward to Cornwall Hospice Care's Chief Executive, Paul Brinsley and members of the medical team at Mount Edgcumbe Hospice.

Paul Brinsley said "We are very grateful to the Freemason's Grand Charity for its continued support. Donations like this which help towards our everyday running costs are essential to enable us to continue providing specialist medical care for people in Cornwall".

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#### **Picture attached:**

From left to right: Tony Evans, Provincial Charity Steward; Sally Davies, Acting Sister Mount Edgcumbe; Paul Brinsley, Chief Executive Cornwall Hospice Care; Michael Hart, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Wendy Rowe, Staff Nurse Mount Edgcumbe; David Harris, Consultant Mount Edgcumbe.

#### **Notes to Editors**

1. Since 1984 The Freemason's Grand Charity has donated over £8 million towards the operating costs of hospice services across England and Wales.
2. Cornwall Hospice Care has two hospices, St Julia's in Hayle and Mount Edgcumbe in St Austell. Both provide specialist medical care for people living with life limiting illnesses and give support to their families and carers. The care is provided free of charge to the patients. With limited Government funding, the charity relies heavily on the support of the general public and grants from Trusts and Foundations to raise more than £5million needed each year to ensure the continuation of its services.