



# MBF Newsletter

## January & February 2013

Greetings Brethren,

Here is an update from the petitions meeting held in February 2013.

We are seeing a slight increase in the amount of applications being received so far this year and this can only be a testament to the work being done in the Lodges by the Almoners and Charity Stewards. I thank you for your efforts and remember to keep in touch with absent Brethren whenever you can.

Kind regards,

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This time we helped people in the Provinces of

Dorset

Leicestershire and Rutland

East Lancashire

and

Cumberland and Westmorland

### We gave help in a number of different ways:

We stopped a Brothers house being repossessed by helping manage their mortgage arrears.

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The widow of a Brother who recently passed was forever grateful as we were able to help her in her grief by taking care of the funeral bill.

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The Grand Secretary's Discretionary Fund also gave emergency help to a Brother in the Province of North & East Yorkshire to help with basic living expenses after he was found to be living alone in his flat without heating.

At this meeting we received 20 applications for relief.

Grants were made to 9 Petitioners and the total amount awarded was

**£21,037**

The next meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Please make sure all applications are submitted by 27<sup>th</sup> March to allow for processing. Don't forget it's an early Easter this year!