



## Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Donation

A very windy but sunny afternoon at Thuxton Aerodrome yesterday for the presentation by our PGM RW.Bro Michael Wilks of a £4,000 donation to the [Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance](#) - on behalf of the [Masonic Charitable Foundation](#).

This donation is part of £192,000 being donated to Air Ambulance charities nationally.

Pictured with our PGM were Mr Peter Burch (HIOWAA) - W.Bro Kevin Head our Provincial Grand Charity Steward, and W.Bro James Sampson who presented a donation of over £2,500 on behalf of the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight Provincial Grand Stewards Lodge No.9263](#)

A donation of £200 was also presented on behalf of [Brockenhurst Lodge 7040](#) in the [South West Area of Hampshire Freemasons](#).

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is funded entirely from Charitable Donations, providing a service for the people of Hampshire and surrounding areas at a cost of approximately £15,000 per day (£7 Million per year).

<https://www.hiowaa.org/> — with [Freemasonry Today](#), [North Central Area of Hampshire Freemasons](#) and [United Grand Lodge of England](#).



## BOURNEMOUTH MASONIC HOLIDAY 2019

The Bournemouth Masonic holiday is once again being held this year at the Mayfair Hotel in Bournemouth from **Saturday 22 June to Saturday 6 July**. This initiative, which is celebrating its 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary this year, is organised by the Bournemouth Masonic Holiday Committee and provides a two week break for those who would not otherwise be in a position to enjoy a holiday and is based on need. The Province sponsors a number of applicants and is now seeking the cooperation of Lodge Almoners in identifying suitable brethren their wives/partners or widows from their lodges.

### Guidance Notes:

- Participants must make their own travel arrangements to and from Bournemouth.
- They must be able to look after themselves and be mobile without assistance (other than from their spouse or helper with them) on the holiday.
- The hotel is regrettably not fully equipped to deal with disabled residents.
- They should be able to get on and off a coach without assistance in order that they can take advantage of the coach trips arranged during the holiday.
- Although principally intended for brethren and their wives/partners, two widows or even two brethren who have lost their spouses, are welcome; provided they are willing to share a room.

### What can you do?

The Province is now accepting applications, **form attached**, from Lodge Almoners for the summer 2019 holiday. Application forms for consideration for this year's holiday, ideally two applicants from each area within the Province, should be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Almoner, c/o the Provincial Office, by **29<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Please note that those who have enjoyed a Masonic holiday since January 2015 may also be nominated but will be given a lower priority if applications exceed the number of places available.

Finally brethren, caring for our Masonic brethren, wives/partners and widows is a fundamental part of Freemasonry and this initiative, now in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year, continues to work due to your efforts. Please help those who may be in a less fortunate position than others.

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