

## Provincial Grand Conclave of West Yorkshire - Donation to Sheffield Hospital Radio

Sheffield Hospital Radio is a registered Charity established in 1976 providing audio entertainment and companionship for in-patients at all Sheffield Teaching Hospital premises, with a potential 'audience' of 4500 individuals many of whom are seriously ill and require long term hospital treatment. There are 12 unpaid volunteers who maintain the service which has an annual running cost of £4000. The charity does not charge for their services, they receive no funding and rely entirely on voluntary donations to function.

Their current premises within the Hallamshire Hospital have been deemed unsafe, under Health and Safety, and the service is now 'off air'. They have however been allocated another empty room which they need to equip as a studio so that the service can resume.

The charity has approached several organisations with a view to raising the funds required and this was discussed by the Provincial OSM Benevolent Fund Executive. It was agreed that this was a worthy Charity to support and a donation of £1000 was agreed. This received 'Match Funding' from Mark Masons Hall making a total of £1500.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of April several members of the production team of the Charity attended at Tupton Masonic Hall where the presentation was made by The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler – R Wy Bro David Staniforth and The Provincial Grand Recorder – Wy Bro Richard Drury-Smith.

The cheque was received by Steve Flowers the Programme Co-ordinator for the charity who commented *"This is a fantastic gesture and goes a long way to getting us all the equipment that we need. As a result, we will be able to re-start broadcasting in the near future. Without this generous donation it would have been many months before we could have done so. Many of those who access our services are very ill and are hospitalised for many weeks – and our service means so much to them."*



**Members of the Sheffield Hospital Radio – together with Wy Bro Richard Drury-Smith, Provincial Recorder – who sponsored the application.**



The Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler presents the cheque to Steve Flowers - Project Co-Ordinator