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The Freemasons' Grand Charity helps to keep air ambulances flying

The potentially life-saving services provided by eighteen air ambulances have been supported with a grant of £180,000 from The Freemasons' Grand Charity. The announcement of how the grant has been shared between the services is made as National Air Ambulance Week (22-28 September 2008) begins.

Air ambulance charities across England and Wales collectively fly around 17,500 missions every year at a cost of £0.5 million per week. The money to fund this work is met almost entirely by donations from the public.

Earlier this year, Provincial Grand Lodges were invited to nominate a service to receive a £4,000 share of the total grant and throughout the summer months representatives of the Provincial Grand Lodges have been visiting helipads to meet crew and present the donations.

For details of how the £180,000 grant has been shared between the air ambulance charities, visit:

http://www.grandcharity.org/pages/air_ambulance_charities.html

Visit The Freemasons' Grand Charity website at www.grandcharity.org

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