



Bedfordshire Mark Masons Raise over £15,000 for Luton and Dunstable University Hospital Prostate Cancer Appeal

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Bedfordshire have today presented a cheque for £15,116.27 to the Luton and Dunstable University Hospital Prostate Cancer Appeal to aid the early diagnosis of this condition.

Prostate Cancer affects one in eight men in the UK and early detection is critical in the successful treatment of this disease. Some 10 years ago Bedfordshire Mark Masons supported by the Mark Benevolent Fund, purchased a high tech ultrasound scanner for the Urology department. As a result thousands of Bedfordshire men were diagnosed at an earlier stage resulting in more successful treatment of their condition.



The Urology department recently purchased a new high resolution ultrasound scanner, but needed special state-of-the-art software which will integrate the new ultrasound scanner with the MRI scanner and the combination of these two high tech instruments will dramatically improve the early diagnosis of prostate cancer.

During the last nine months Mark Master Masons in Bedfordshire have been very active fund raising and as a result, Russell Howard, the Provincial Grand Master of Bedfordshire, presented the final cheque to Mr Asad Saleemi, consultant urologist who is heading up the L&D Prostate Scanner Appeal

Mr Howard commented, "Our members are men, so are very aware of the prevalence of Prostate Cancer. Indeed a number of our members have developed the condition, and were diagnosed early and had their condition fully controlled, thanks to the excellent work of Mr Saleemi and his colleagues. Their work will help many thousands of men in Bedfordshire look forward to a brighter future."

Mr Saleemi added, "We are very grateful for the support that The Urology department has received from Bedfordshire Mark Masons over many years. Their generosity will help the Luton and Dunstable University Hospital remain at the forefront in the diagnosis and treatment of Prostate Cancer for years to come."

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Hi-res images available on request

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