

# THE PORTSMOUTH LODGE NO 487

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## Almoner Report – November 2025

**Bro Wardens, Distinguished Brethren, Brethren All,**

I want to first start, by saying how great it is to see WBro Chris Ford back with us this evening. To say he's been through it recently is an understatement, but he's managed to fight the majority of his ailments and starting to get back to full health. So Welcome Back Chris, its lovely to see you with us again!

WBro Bob Blackman was planning to have an operation on his hip, and a pacemaker to be fitted yesterday. I have tried to contact him, but unfortunately to no avail, but I will keep trying, and once I've found out more, I will update everyone on his progress, and as I'm sure you all agree, when I say, we cant wait to see him back with us once he's all recovered.

WBro Roger Barnard has a CT and ultrasound scan planned, when he returns from his holiday, and I'm sure he will update me once they he has the results, but I'm sure you will all, pray with me, and hope the results come back with some good news.

Its great to see WBro Barry Filer with us again this evening, as again he has been in and out of hospital, but I've been to see him on a couple of occasions, and I have to say how great it is to see how well he is looking and feeling at the moment, and lets hope it will be the same for a long while to come too.

I've been informed by WBro Kevin Hunt, that due to an eye appointment he had recently , he has been given some very sad news, that unfortunately he has had to stop his driving job for Pompey in the community, but luckily this hasn't effected his normal licence, and he is still able to drive his car.

**IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!!**

So, as we are just about to hit December, it means that Magical time of year is almost upon us! But please remember Brethren, This time of year isn't Magical for all. Due to the cold weather closing in, people being alone, and finances being pulled to the limits, unfortunately lots of people can suffer both mentally and physically over the Christmas period.

So baring this in mind brethren, is there anyone you know, that may be feeling a little more lonely at this time of year that may really benefit from getting out and about, and having people around that show they care. If so, please make sure we check in on these, especially our older brethren that we might not have seen in a while, and maybe even invite them along to our December White Table evening on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, as a little gesture like this can ha e huge beneficial effect. and what other better way is there to show our Consideration, and I am sure they would be delighted to be invited, let alone attend, so Just a couple of thoughts at this time of the year.

That being said, I will be doing my Almoner duties as others have done over the past years, and I will be visiting our Widows, over this period, to show we are still thinking of them, and help with

anything they may need, along with Giving them a gift from the lodge. So please brethren, can you assist me in passing on the names of anyone that I might possibly forget, and I will make sure to pay a visit and pass on our season greetings from "487"

And lastly Brethren, If there is anything you may need, or know of a brother in our lodge that might need some help and support, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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