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Bro Wardens, Distinguished Brethren, Brethren All,

W.Bro Barry Filer has had two stays in QA Hospital over the summer due to another chest infection. Thankfully, I'm very pleased to say that Barry is now back home and recovering, and I'm delighted that he is hoping to join us at our September meeting. It will be wonderful to see him back with us.

I have received some sad news regarding W.Bro Howard Bowne's wife, Dot, who was admitted to hospital following a fall and required an operation. Thankfully, the operation went well, and Dot is now making a slow recovery, although she is still experiencing some pain and, unfortunately, her dementia is continuing to deteriorate.

I have spoken with Howard and made him aware that, should he need anything at all, I will do my very best to help, along with the support of the Lodge. Howard mentioned that he is hoping to attend a meeting again soon. I told him that everyone would be delighted to see him, but that he should only return when he feels the time is right, as Dot is understandably his main concern now. He agreed, and I will continue to keep in touch with him.

On behalf of Lodge 487, I will also be sending some flowers and a card to Dot, and I will let you all know once this has been done.

I have spoken with Bob Blackman, who unfortunately has not been too well either. He also explained that his friend Michelle has now been moved into a care home. Again, I have asked Bob if there is anything he needs, and I have arranged to go round and see him one weekend for a coffee and a good chat.

And lastly, my mum' mobility is also on a slow decline, so much so, that Claire and I are currently spending all of our spare time at the moment looking to find a house with preferably an annex, or enough rooms that she will hopefully move in with us to make things a bit more easier around the house. I will obviously update you all if/when this finally happens.

Brethren, if you know of any Brother or family member who may need some help, support or simply a friendly visit, please keep me informed, and I will always do my very best to help wherever I can.

Thank you, Brethren.

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