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Dear Brethren

Myself and all the Committee are extremely sorry to have to inform you, that once again, we are having to cancel this Year's Summer Fayre.

With the announcement by the RMBI that all our Care homes are to be sold, many Lodges that have supported us in the past are reluctant to join in this year. This along with a considerable cost for hiring the matting to protect the trees, as well as our normal costs for running the Fayre, we believe that holding it this year is not financially viable.

As a committee, we feel that we will be better off using the monies you have kindly already donated to us, to assist the Homes Activity Coordinators in holding a Music Afternoon. This will be in a similar vein to one that they ran last year. This would be entirely the Home's initiative, and we would work with them in the background, ensuring that they had any assistance necessary, plus the funds to get the best entertainment/facilities they wanted. The event last year was apparently the most attended outdoor function ever by the Residents, so it appears to be a good choice of event to support in place of the Fayre.

The Association of Friends of Connaught Court is an independent charity. Not part of, or governed, by, the RMBI.

We do not know when the sale will be concluded, so as an Association, we are still looking to support the Residents in any way we can. Remembering, of course, that even after the sale goes through, the majority of the residents are Masons and their families. The Masonic community will still be visiting and supporting them long after the RMBI has no control in the running of the Home.

Please be assured that any monies we currently have and any donations we receive between now and the sale, will go direct to Connaught Court and will be allocated to their amenities fund. This is only usable for the activities and enhancement of the lives of the residents. It is not for use in the general running of the Home.

On behalf of all the Committee, we hope that you feel you can still help our cause through what must be a very worrying and difficult time for the Residents and the Staff.

Yours sincerely and fraternally

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