

August 5, 2016

To All Affiliates and Friends,

I would like to provide you with an update on Brother Peter Reed. Peter still remains in the ICU unit. They have stopped sedating him so he is now fully alert and is now able to move his head in a yes or no manner which has made communicating a lot easier. He still requires the assistance of the ventilator but they have taken it from his mouth and inserted it via tracheotomy which has made it a lot more comfortable for Peter.

Overall, he has been improving day by day and is in very good spirits. They are constantly doing physio on his chest area in hopes of strengthening his lungs so he can breathe on his own. Yesterday, as they were doing this physio, one of the nurses was really pounding on his chest with an open hand so I had said to the nurse that if we need to hit him with a closed fist I would be happy to volunteer. Peter rolled his eyes and smiled and then commissioned me to change the cloth on his forehead to assist with keeping him cool.

As far as visitors, he's really not there yet and it makes it complicated as he is in the ICU unit and they want to really control that environment to prevent any infections. I have been relaying all of the well wishes to Peter on a regular basis and he appreciates all the support that people have shared.

We have officially opened up a trust account for Peter, his son Brody and daughter Mason. I'll be making a request for all affiliates to consider making a donation once regular monthly meetings resume in September, but I would also like to encourage his friends and colleagues to provide their support. As we don't have everyone's contact information, we ask that you circulate this notice to those you know who may wish to contribute. The account is with CIBC, Transit Number 00212, Account Number 1040014. Cheques can be made out to **James St. John in Trust for Peter Reed** and sent to 2088 Weston Rd., Toronto, M9N 1X4 or electronic money transfers can be e-mailed to PBMTrust@cobtrades.com.

Sincerely,



James St. John
Business Manager / Financial Secretary

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