

Albia Iowa 9/17/22

M. W. W. Gross, G. M.

Dear Sirs Bro-Amat Bro Washington, who was installed as Master last night, A. L. Hall, Walter Williams, W. A. Watts and myself were over from Washington to the installation and we had a great time. But Bro Gater did not arrive till about 10:30, and there was a great crowd present for the public installation, and they all waited till the end, which was about 2 o'clock when we left the hall. Bro Gater asked me to act as Grand Marshall which I did and we pushed the thing thru. I had a premonition that I might be asked to act in that position, so I threw in my books and was fully prepared to render assistance with the Monitor and it was the only other one there besides the one Bro Gater had. They have a fine bunch here to carry on the work and I think the lodge will progress and look upward.

Well we had a nice drive over here and have met quite a few of the people. Bros Watts and Hall have had a good time since coming over. Bro Crayton is improving some and I think he will be on his feet in a short time. He was poisoned from his teeth, and has to have them all pulled out and I think he will come along all right. Well I just wanted to tell you that the conditions as I found them on our visit.

I hope you had a grand time on your trip to Washington and that you had no illness of any kind to mar your pleasures of the occasion.

Well, I was greatly disappointed at not meeting you here on this occasion, but Bro Gater did nicely at his first effort. Well, I will not tire you more and will close.
Fraturnally yours

A. L. Black
At Albia today
Home tomorrow.