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Mr. A. G. Clark,
201 High Ave. East,
Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 27th inst. at hand. In reply will say that according to our usage and practice, whenever the office of Grand Master becomes vacant, the Senior Grand Warden assumes the duties of Grand Master, and is addressed as Grand Master. In fact, any brother who is temporarily filling the station of Grand Master, as for instance, at a corner stone laying or funeral ceremony, is always addressed as though he were the actual Grand Master, but as a matter of fact, he is simply acting in the place of the Grand Master. Therefore, in his correspondence he should sign himself as Acting Grand Master.

The station of Senior Grand Warden becomes vacant, and this is filled temporarily, by appointment, by the Acting Grand Master.

The Senior Grand Warden elected, who succeeded to the office of Grand Master, becomes a Past Senior Grand Warden, but not a Past Grand Master. The office of Past Master in a lodge or Past Grand Master in the Grand Lodge requires that a brother be duly elected and installed to serve in the office of Master or Grand Master respectively. If, at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Acting Grand Master should be elected Grand Master and installed into that office, then he becomes, at the expiration of his term of office, a Past Grand Master, but not otherwise.

Trusting this answers your inquiry, I am

Yours very truly,

N. R. PARVIN, GRAND SEC'Y.

By *C. C. Hunt*
Deputy.