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Mr. A. G. Clark Grand Master,

Dear Bro. Clark: - I am writing you for needed information, because I know that you are an authority on B. E. S. laws.

First I wonder if you know that a Club has been organized for the setting up of a new Chapter in Davenport and that the G. Matron has given her consent. Of course I favor the movement. Now this is the question

Has the G. Matron power to reinstate or (re)admit a sister who was suspended from Naomi Chapter for non-payment of dues. This sister has conformed to our laws by petitioning Naomi Chapter for reinstatement, so she might get a demit and go in the new Chapter when set up and Naomi Chapter has voted not to admit her

Now there are no charges against her

she is a good clean character and a representative citizen of Davenport. I refer to Mrs. Mammie Ballard and the record is in the 1911 Proceeding where she was suspended for non payment of dues.

I do hope that you are acquainted with Mrs. Ballard and if the W. Matron has the power to reinstate her and give her a W. M. demut, please defend the issue.

There is also another petitioner for the degrees in the person of Mrs. Bessie Shawley, sister of Mr. John Gordon living in Davenport, but is a member of King Solomon Lodge, Rock Island, Ill. Mr. Gordon denies his sister the right to go in on him, saying that she is married and that in Ill. the sisters cannot go in the Eastern Stars if they are married.

Now understand they both live in Davenport, and I don't think Iowa has any such laws. Knowing as we do, his standing with his lodge, can we recommend her ^(the sister) for membership in the new Chapter.

With every good wish to you and Mrs. Clark, I await an early reply.

Sisterly

Clara Shepard Gray