

April 11, 1936

Hon. A. G. Clark, P.G. M.
Secretary, Maple Grove Lodge #16
Oskaloosa, Iowa

My dear Brother Clark:

Yours of March 15, with lodge data and pleasant news of remittance to Grand Secretary of one Quarter's dues which holds the door open to the members of your lodge for the present at least; although you are well aware that the Burial and Relief are unable to carry the load of such a large number of delinquent brethren.

I am aware of the struggle of all of the lodges and feel that there is only one way to get the brethren to hustle ^{it} to make only the individual suffer if he fails to pay and that the other members of the lodge will not be suspended from benefits for his negligence. I have so impressed it upon the members of my lodge and some who were lax previously are now paying right up to the present quarter, now that they know only they can suffer.

I know also, my dear brother, that the years are taking their toll of you and that writing is more of an effort than formerly, and as you say, a subject rather distasteful to you, so you see with this knowledge and understanding, your apology is freely accepted, and I am praying that more of the brethren will see their duty and hold old #16 together.

Isn't there as many as eight or ten good young men in and around your city that you could form a club and interest them in uniting with you. Surely with the aid of prayer some means can be found willing to join our order and assist in strengthening and perpetuating it.

My best wishes to you, Mrs. Clark and the Craft.

Your sincere friend and brother,

Grand Master.