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OTTUMWA, IOWA, May 6, 1927.

A. G. Clark, Grand Master,
201 High Ave., East,
Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of April 28th, in reference to the Zachariah Taylor estate matter, has been received.

I note your statement that I, as administrator have nothing to do with the Masonic Relief & Burial Fund due in the Taylor matter. I might suggest however, that I have a power of attorney and have had for five or six years from Charles Taylor, the only son and legatee of Zachariah Taylor, to look after his interest here which I have done, and I have done everything that Charlie could do without him being here. He has been traveling all over the world in his line of business as a marine cook and I cannot understand the action of the local chapter in attempting to beat him out of that fund.

Now, I do not have before me, a copy of the 1922 Code to which you refer me, at Chapter 6, and if you have a copy of it, I would be very much pleased if you would send it on to me.

The son, Charles has been in the Hospital almost blind for about a year and hasn't got straightened out yet. I am trying to arrange to have the court permit me to help him get good strong glasses that may assist him in seeing. He has been in such bad shape that they would not even let him write me letters until the last letter or so, I have received. A number of letters I have, were written by someone else for him.

I want you to understand this situation because I feel that the local organization have been very unfair in taking the step they have.

I wish you would send me the necessary blanks for us to fill out in making our claim to the fund and then you can pass on it and the matter will be given our further consideration.

I might say that the local organization have said nothing whatever to me about the matter.

Judge Walker told me that I could spend not to exceed \$350.00 for funeral expenses but the members of your organization who helped Mrs. Grear pick out the casket and funeral supplies and who made the arrangements for the funeral, run up a bill of something over \$500.00 and expressed the fact that your organization had a fund of \$100 or so for that purpose. I telegraphed Charlie and got him to agree that I could use my own judgment in the matter and I permitted the expenses to be incurred. And I think you will admit that the funeral which you attended was well planned and no expense was spared. Now to have them take the steps they have taken, naturally does not appeal to me as a square deal.

I would suggest that you hold the fund intact and let us file our claim as the local organization have absolutely ignored my request for the blanks. If there are any other steps that I should take in protecting the interests of the estate and my client, Charles Taylor, I would be glad to have you so inform me and send me the necessary blanks as I, the administrator and attorney for said estate, and as attorney-in-fact for Charles W. Taylor, the residuary legatee and the only son of Zachariah Taylor, now demand payment of said fund. I would be glad to hear from you.

W.H.M.C./G.W.W.

Respectfully yours,