

May 9, 1927

Mr. Walter H. McElroy  
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Dear Sir:

I have your letter of May 6th and have given the matter therein contained careful consideration. In reply I will say I recognize your authority under a power of attorney from Charles Taylor to make demand for the relief fund due on account of the death of his father, Zachariah Taylor, and will see that his claim is given due consideration by the Grand Lodge.

I will state for your information that all claims for the relief fund should be presented to this office by the Lodge of which the deceased was a member. Now, in making your request for this fund, it is not necessary for you to fill out any regular blanks. I would request, however, that you furnish Golden Star Lodge, thru its master, Mr. Chas. M. Davis, a copy of your letter to me of May 6th; and also to include or furnish the Lodge with any further information you may have, tending to show that Mr. Chas. Taylor has not been guilty of wilful neglect or flagrant abandonment of his father during his lifetime and the reasons why he was unable to attend him in his last sickness or be present at the funeral; that you have under your power of attorney, fully carried out the requests of Chas. Taylor in the matter of the sickness and funeral arrangements for his father and that said funeral expenses have been borne and paid for out of funds belonging to Mr. Chas. Taylor, the only son and sole legatee of the late Zachariah Taylor.

On receipt of your letter by the Lodge, I will take the matter up with Mr. Davis and assure you that full consideration will be given to the claim of your client, Chas. Taylor.

Should the Lodge be able to present facts to controvert the apparent rights of Mr. Chas. Taylor and still insist on its claim to the benefits due, I will be forced to submit the matter to the Grand Lodge which convenes in Ottumwa on July 13th, when both you and the Lodge will be given ample opportunity to present their claims before the Committee on Jurisprudence which will be in session at 2:00 o'clock on that date.

Thanking you for the information contained in your letter and assuring you that due consideration will be given to the claim of your client, Chas. Taylor, I am

Yours truly,