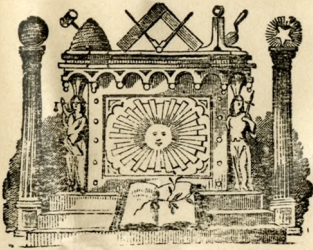


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Most Worshipful Grand Master
H. E. Williams
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*Opinion mailed
before this letter received*

Dear Friend and Brother.

I am writing you to day with regards to a communication which was read received and refered to your attention at our regular communication in Doric #30 A.F.ane.A.M on the third thursday in Janurary 1931. and the craft instructed our secretary to write the most Worshipful Grand Master asking his opinion on this communication. as I thought that this oppinion should come to the craft from the Grand Master.

and as there has been considerable time elapsed and a lot of the bratheren from time to time has been asking what the oppinion of the Grand Master was on this matter I feel that I should by this means ascertain what your answer to the craft might be.

the communication in question comes to Doric from a brother who has been a member of Doric for a number of years and who has always been a worthy brother and esteemed so by the craft as such. this brother was called to service of the United States and went to France. after his return to the United States at the close of the World War he and his family moved to Minesota and from there he remitted his dues to Doric. later he and his family moved back to Des Moines on account of illness. not being able to work at that time he became delinquent and was suspended.

his communication to the Lodge is that he loves the Masonic fraternity, and his Prayer is that Doric admit him back into the craft that his family at his death may have the Honor of haveing him put away by Masons. he states that on account of having been both Gased and Shell-shocked while in France and at this time unable to pass Exam or obtain a Dr cirtific he only ask to be accepted as a brother Mason without any obligations on the part of the Lodge what so ever. he just wants to pay up and keep up and willing to make an affidavit to that effect.

this brother is Hubert C. Gater of 962-22nd Street Des Moines Iowa. who has ~~been~~ recently been awarded by the Government a total disibility aloance which will be sufficient to take care of himself and family. and he does not want any benefits of the lodge what ever. if I may have your reply to this communication in hand not later than the 17th of this month I will appreciate my being able to inform the craft of your oppinion in this matter. my regards to your family I am Fraty your friend and brother

Gus Thomas - Worshipful Master. Doric No-30