

March 15, 1936

Mr. W. D. Crawford
403 1/2 Washington St.
Marshalltown, Iowa

My Dear Brother Crawford:

In reply to your very welcome letter of the 12th inst. with the pleasant news of your good health and your plea for assistance from our Charity fund. It grieves me much to write you unpleasant news regarding this fund.

I wrote the Grand Secretary in December in regards to this fund and on Dec. 19th received a draft to the amount of Five dollars and information that the draft overdrew this fund.

The check for this draft was signed and returned to Bro. Hyde to be remitted to you on December 26, 1935.

As you are aware that this fund was supplied with the surplus monies of the General Fund, and the Grand Secretary informed me that we haven't any funds which we can transfer to the Charity fund.

But I assure you that I shall seek some way to help you if I can.

My old pal, Ed Martin, passed to his reward in Nov. 1919. His widow and three sons reside in Dubuque, two daughters in Chicago, and one son in South Bend, Indiana.

This leaves my family and me in very good health, and I sincerely hope that you will soon regain perfect health.

With best wishes to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

H. A. Martin

Grand Master

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P.S. Am enclosing two \$20 Dollars which I hope will help out a little.

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