

Oskaloosa, Iowa,  
March 15, 1936

M. W. Henry A. Martin, Grand Master  
204 Security Building  
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Grand Master\*:

I realize I owe you an apology for not sooner replying to your official communication of March 10th, and also for not complying with the orders of our Worshapful Master in regard to the same matter. He did give me your letter to him and ordered me to give you the data which you requested of him. I take all the blame for the delay, or I should say pure neglect. True I have not been feeling like writing, especially on the subject matter in question. Not to say sick, but just a bad case of ennui.

I will say that since our last meeting night, March 2nd, we have made one remittance to the Grand Secretary of \$12.00 to cover the Third Quarter Endowment and Burial. Now I will give you a list of our members and their standing on the lodge books.

	R. R. Oliphant	Paid to	June 1, 1935.	X
	Henry Dunlap	" "	Nov. 1 st 1935	
	Robert Nelson	" "	July 1st 1935	
	Robert Franklin	" "	Feb. 1st 1935	
✓	Ed. E. Jones	" "	April 1st 1936	
	Will Crump	" "	Oct 1 st 1935	X
✓	James Lloyd	" "	Dec 1st 1935	X
	R. J. Johnson	" "	June 1st 1935	X
✓	Fred J/effres	" "	April 1st 1936	X
	A. G. Clark	Secretary	All dues allowed	
	Rupert Franklin		Jan. 1st 1936	X
	James Crowder		August 1st 1935	X
✓	Elmer Carter	" "	April 1st 1936	

*These marked  
with an X  
live out of  
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and including January 1936 and April 1936. The rest of the members would not be entitled to benefits until they pay up and then only as new members.

This lodge is having a hard time. We don't have enough members in town to hold a legal meeting and have not had one for over a year, but we have kept our hall and paid the rent hoping for better time and was afraid if we have up the hall we could not get an other for near the same price. Of that list of members six live out of town; two out of the State yet they are among the best paymembers. We are trying our best to keep this lodge on the rolls, but if things don't improve by time of next Grand Lodge we may just surrender our Charter and let the members in good Standing go where they want to. Golden Star at Ottumwa has ask us to unite with it but I donot think it ap-  
0211/39/974 peals to the members, as most of us

want to keep a lodge in Oskaloosa, as it is one of

the oldest lodge in the state, and Mr. Jones, who paid up to date is a Charter member of the lodge.

I would willing help the lodge if I could do so, but my finances are too low just now for me to do so. I paid \$5.00 on our Grand Lodge dues last year and if I go to Grand Lodge this year it will be at my own expense, just as I represented the lodge at Mason City at my own expense. I furnish all the stationery and postage and help on the rent when there is not enough on hand to pay it. I think I am doing my share for a man 80 years old.

With kind regards to all. As ever

Yours Fraternaly

*Ed. Jones*  
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April 1st 1935	"	Elmer Carter
August 1st 1935	"	James Gardner
Jan. 1st 1936	"	Robert Franklin
All dues allowed	"	A. G. Clark Secretary
April 1st 1936	"	Fred J. Wilkes
June 1st 1936	"	R. V. Johnson
Dec 1st 1936	"	Will Gray
Oct 1st 1936	"	Ed. S. Jones
April 1st 1936	"	Robert Franklin
Feb. 1st 1936	"	Robert Nelson
July 1st 1936	"	Henry Daniel
Nov. 1st 1936	"	Henry Daniel

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