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My dear Brother:

In reply to your letter of October 23, in regards to the Brother who has broken his Masonic Vow. It is deplorable but only human, and to be regretted and leaves no other recourse to be pursued but to file charges against the brother. Some one of the Brethren will file the charge.

You should proceed according to Sec. 256, page 69 of the code. Chapters 25-26-27 and 29 (xxv-xxvi-xxvii-xxviii-xxix) pages 74-84 of the Constitution and Code of the M. W. United Grand Lodge (1922) will give you all instructions of how to proceed and Chapter 30 (xxx) page 85 will instruct you as to punishment.

I sincerely hope that you are pushing your committees to help the delinquent brethren from falling out and holding your lodge together.

A good plan to pursue with delinquents who are far in arrears would be to have the delinquent brethren sign notes for their indebtedness up to date, and they agree to pay off the notes in small installments in addition to keeping up current dues. All unpaid balance be a lien on their Relief claim and to be deducted therefrom should anything happen to them prior to liquidation this indebtedness..

My daughters join me in best wishes to you and Mrs. Peyton.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

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Grand Master.

