

March 1, 1956

Hon. S. J. Brown, Gr. Com. C. of C.
207 Sixth Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Brother Brown:

It was with much pleasure that I received your interesting communication of February 19th in regards to organization of C. of C. Chapters.

In reply to the same, I wish you to fully understand me. I am not trying to usurp any of the perogatives of the Commission but intend to use all of the power invested in me as Grand Master to assist the Commission and to keep the proposition alive before the lodges.

I am confident that a Grand Master who is willing to push an important matter will interest his brethren and they will take some action.

You are aware that the spirit of Fraternalism is at a low ebb, and that something must be done to increase interest and attract the notice of the brethren to their duty.

Life is an uncertainty, and I for one, know from experience that it is fatal to sit and wait until your ship comes in. I prefer to row out and meet it. I am praying that you, your committee, and my actions will spell success for the M. W. United Grand Lodge of Iowa.

I am enclosing a copy of my appointments that you may judge of the appropriateness as I am very desirous of perfect harmony in all of our work and the success of the movement a monument to your zeal for this Jurisdiction.

I received a letter from the W. M. of Mount Olive in Cedar Rapids, and he informed me that he has a chapter established and working.

My family joins me in best wishes to you and Mrs. Brown.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

H. A. Martin

Grand Master

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