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Hon. W. Percy Parker, Grand Master,
7 So. Ohio St.,
Mason City, Iowa.

M. W. Sir and Brother:-

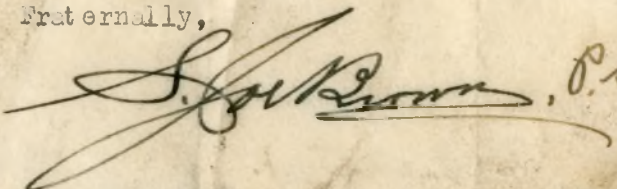
Your letter enclosing Commission were both just received as I was about to mail my regrets to Grand Master Nathaniel Hunter, because of my inability to attend his Celebration; and while I thank you very much for the consideration given me by tendering me the Commission to represent you and the Grand Lodge on this auspicious occasion, it is not true that I am on the program and have made no preparation whatsoever to go.

In view of this situation and being unwilling that our Grand Jurisdiction should be without an official representative, I have taken the liberty to delegate our mutual friend Past Grand Master Branham N. Hyde in my stead and have handed him the Commission with the letter attached of which I am enclosing a copy, as I understand he is planning to go and there was not time to return the Commission to you for revision.

Incidentally, Past Senior Grand Warden Thos. Ligon, a former member of Cedar Grove Lodge No. 13, made the statement in our Lodge last Thursday that Mrs. Davis Carter, widow of a deceased member of Cedar Grove was making quite a stir because she could not hear from you relative to her husband's Relief claim and requested that if any of us were in communication with you that we mention this fact; hence I am doing as he requested; and you I am sure will govern yourself accordingly.

Hoping that yourself and family are well and with kind regards to all the brethren of Perfect Ashler, I beg to remain,

Fraternally,

 S. Joe Brown, P. S. M.