


**THE
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FILE**



Mason City, Iowa
608-3rd St. N.E.
August 10, 1944.

Mr. C. T. Culberson, G.T.
713- S. Capital St.
Iowa City, Iowa.

Dear Sir and Bro, Greeting:

Please write warrant for \$7.82, to farrells office Supply, Washington,
Iowa, for 300 report foras.

Cubby, I don't have the minutes of our 57th Session. I can not get letters
out with out them. Please furnish me with these minutes at once, as one month
has past, so if I can get them I'll try to get them out, but I do think its the
Secretaries duty, but we must work together, so rush them at once.

Fraternally Yours,

Howard Brown

Howard Brown Grand Master.

HB:WT

August 17, 1944

Dear Sir and Bro:

I wish to inform you of the death of one of our past Grand Officers, Bro. Nate Black, of Washington, Iowa, who passed away today.

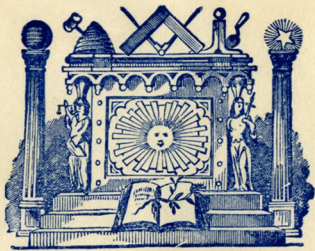
The funeral will be Sunday at Washington, Iowa, at 2.00 P.M.

I will open Grand Lodge for burial, and I'm asking you to please be present.

Fraternally Yours,

Howard Brown, Grand Master

HB:WT



MOST WORSHIPFUL

United Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M.

(PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION)

FOR IOWA AND JURISDICTION

WM. PERCY PARKER, Grand Master
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J. W. YOUNG, Deputy Grand Master
421 West Tenth Street, Davenport, Iowa

W. L. TONEY, Senior Grand Warden
320 Second Ave. N., Clinton, Iowa

De EDWIN WHITE, Junior Grand Warden
835 Columbia St., Burlington, Iowa

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N. L. BLACK

115 WEST JEFFERSON STREET

WASHINGTON, IOWA

3/12/41

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204 Security Bldg., Dubuque, Iowa

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N. L. BLACK, C. C. F. C.
115 W. Jefferson St., Washington, Iowa

Sir Percy Parker, Gr.M.
7 South Ohio Street
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Sir and Bro.:

Have not heard about you since you were incapacitated some time ago and thought I would write you and find out how you are coming along; hope you are "up and at it" now and able to be about and back on your job in trying to "keep the wolf from the door" and on duty in your other vocational objectives; hope that your illness has not impaired your physical health in any way; but be careful that you may not have a relapse, which will go much harder than your first attack; as for me, I am about as usual; can't do anything hardly, altho I do manage to help care for the furnace when Walter is down and out; he has been "out" pretty much of the winter, but is some better now; but he has so many accidents, which come to him a lot thru carelessness, I think; this afternoon he phoned me to look after the furnace, as he had been struck by a stick of wood on the knee and he was suffering much from it; and this same knee was hit by a glanced sledge this winter when he was in the timber cutting wood and he was laid up for some time with that; and he being knocked out keeps me at home, as he does my driving and takes me where I want to go; I want to go to lodge meeting at Muscatine Friday night, but if he is laid up will have to get Bro. McLamore to drive me if he can go, otherwise I wont be there; at this meeting the Master is going to outline a joint meeting with the chapter to try and engender some pep in their body, as it is not going so hot; Sunday Powell, Lamb and Lloyd came down to see me and we had quite a visit, and then is when Bro. Powell expressed to me his intention; he is our W.M. and he is a good one, and we are doing our part by him; we have not had a meeting since election, as our bunch from here was not able to be present, but will make up for it this coming meeting; there are four of us here and when we don't go there is no meeting; say, Percy, can't you send me that balance on that bill, as I am just about of funds and money that I ought have coming in is quite tardy and don't know when it will be here, and this is tax month and need a little more to make the quota; it is only \$8.18 and that would help me out a good deal; I sure did settle Frazier after he wrote Doc Martin about the bill, as they had sold a press and some metal that I had a mortgage on, and never contacted me about it, and the man that took over my part is slow about coming across, so if you will send warrant for the balance will make me feel pretty good; was after my man today, but couldn't respond; haven't seen Cub for some time, but am going over in the near future; our lodge is sure trying to make the goal along all lines; how many deaths do we owe for now; who have died recently; guess you know about Gross being married; Doc surprised me in getting married again; he and bride were down to see me soon after he got married; how about the history; is there anything being done about it; how

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in the world did Gross come to give it to Spencer; what was his idea, I wonder; he did not have anything to do with it; that ought to be out for this Grand Lodge; don't see why Gross did not want to get it out, as he told me that he had it all lined out just the way it ought to be gotten out; that was at Keokuk one time when I was down there last fall; you ought to look after it and know the why and wherefore why it is not being put out; going on two years now, and a lot of the boys have paid their good money in for his copy and nothing being done about it; I paid mine at the Grand Lodge when it was decided to have it printed; if it was only mimeographed it would be all right as there are a lot of the Masonic Minutes being done that way now, and they look all right; I have several minutes and they are nice; an artist in that line will do a good job, and it wouldn't cost as much as the printed job; Suter was some put out because Gross gave it to Spencer; has Spencer said anything about it; I did not know that when I was talking with Gross or I would have asked him about it and why he did such; he had some reason for it; will be in Keokuk some time this spring and will ask him about the change from Suter to Spencer; I want to be at the Grand Lodge this year and I hated it awfully because I had to miss it last year; my sister has written me already wanting to know when I was coming back this year; guess I went go till after the session if I can hold her off till that time and will stay later than last year; I sure want to go again and take those treatments as they did me a lot of good; I am taking some treatments now and that is what is taking my money and am getting some short now; I am improving some, but it is so little; have lost some flesh, but have good appetite and sleep well; don't go out much, but take good care of myself; have not had a cold this winter; if I could only balance and control myself; that is my drawback; and sometimes I get a little tangled up in my speech; have to watch myself much when I am walking or I will topple over and can't help it; well, I guess I have said enuf; give best regards to all friends and don't forget your family; let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, as I remain,

Fraternally yours,

N. L. Black
N. L. Black, C.C.F.C.
Jurisdiction of Iowa

Mason City, Iowa
608 3rd St. N. E.
July 25-29-44

Mr. A. O. Powell
W. M. Of Pearl City No. 39
Muscatine, Iowa

Greeting: From the Grand Jurisdiction

My dear brother Powell,

I hope this letter may find you and your craft well and enjoying the sweet blessings of life. We did hope to see you in Des Moines at our last grand Session, which was held on 10-11-12 of this month. We had a grand Session. We paid out thirteen hundred dollars from our new relief fund.

Since our Grand Lodge close, I recieved a letter from Mrs E. R. Crayton of 725 W. Madison St. Washington Iowa. She claim relief due her from the death of her Husband the late brother E. R. Crayton, which was a member of Pearl City Lodge No 39. Please advise me with the date of death of this brother.

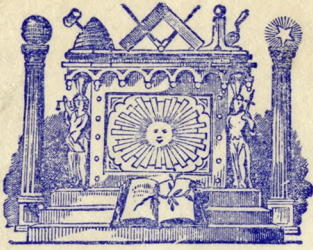
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My dear Brother, please feel free to write me on any question or anything I can do to help Pearl city Lodge, call on me at any time.

Paternaly yours

Howard Brown
Grand Master

HB:EP



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Dec. 10.1944

Mr A.O. Powell
117 Hill ave
Muscatine Iowa

Dear Sir, and Bro, Greeting. just a few lines to let you hear from me, this
Leave me well, and hope the same of you. my dear brother I am wondering
Did each one of your members get their Demits, from the Grand Secretary.

We are hoping that each one will keep his Dues paid up. I am very glad
To tell you that the Local Lodges are doing very well, as about to thirds,
Of the Lodges are raising members to the subline degree of masons.

In looking over my records I found that it have not been a Application
Blank file with me, stateing the death of Bro; Nate Black. bro, Black,
Died on August 17. 1944 will you have your secretary, fill out blank and
You and him sign it and mail back to me. please state to whom shall receive
His Estate. thanking you inavance, please take care of this matter as soon
As you can.

Fraternally yours

Howard Brown, Grand Master

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608-3rd St. N.E.
August 10, 1944.

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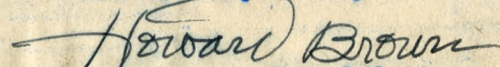
Your kind reply of July 30, 1944, was received. I was very glad that you explained everything as you did. Since I received your kind letter I wrote the Grand Treasure, Dr. H.A. Martin, 204-Stampfer Bldg, Dubuque, Iowa, asking for the canceled checks if this money had been paid, and on August 8th I received this letter special delivery, with canceled checks for \$75.00, made out to Mrs. Harriett Lee Grayton, date April 21, 1939. This check was endorsed by Harriett Lee Grayton, and Leone Grayton. Grand Master E.W. Hyde, and Dr. H. A. Martin, treasure on April 21, 1939, check for \$75.00, to Pearl City Lodge. This check was endorsed by George E. Rice, Worshipful Master, and was endorsed by Jones Funeral Home, L.A. Jones.

Now dear, Bro. Powell, this money has been paid and I do hope that this clears things up on this Grayton case. I have gone to the bottom of it, and do hope you all will be pleased at my very best efforts in trying to help you.

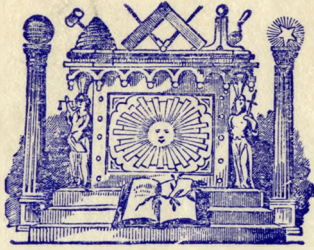
If you have anything that I can help you with, please feel free in writing to me.

Wishing you and your Lodge every success, and do hope to have the pleasure in meeting you and your craft this year.

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HB:NT



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Feb 16 1945

Sir A.O. Powell
117 Hill Ave
Muscatine Iowa

Dear Sir, and Bro; Greeting; just a few lines to let you hear from me, this leave me sick with a very bad cold, and have been off from work for a week; but do hope that this letter will find you and fairly well, and enjoying life. dear Bro; Powell, in regards to letter of Dec, 10th 1944 asking you to fill out Application blank of Bro; Nate Black, who, passed on August 17 1944. have not been receive from you, would you please fill out the blank and return to this office at your very earliest convenience. as you know that I have to keep record of the names as to pay their claims, next july. and when the local lodges send in their blanks, in time we can pay them. so if you can not take care of it please advise me who to take this matter up with, as I understand he was a member of your lodge. thanking you, and hoping to hear from you,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

HOWARD BROWN GRAND MASTER

BB:01

Mason City, Iowa
608 3rd St. N.E.
July 25-59-44

Mrs. H. R. Crayton
725 W. Madison St.
Washington Iowa.

Greeting: From the Grand Jurisdiction of Iowa

Your letter of July 19th to Atty. S. Joe Brown past Senior Grand Master 207-sixth avenue, Des Moines Iowa, was forward to me a few days ago. As Grand Master of Iowa I wrote Grand Secy. C. T. Culberson about your request. In answer to my letter the Grand Secy. stated that warrants was drawn from his office on Feb. 27-39 payable to Mrs. Harriet Crayton for \$75.00 and \$75.00 payable to Pearl City Lodge No 39,

Dear Sister, if this amount has been paid, you have no claim against the relief fund. Please remember we are not promising to pay any certain amount now days. Years past we paid more, but now the new relief set up is different from our old plan, and this money is paid in the relief by the members and we pay out sixty per-cent of it to the one that dies in the new year.

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We paid out thirteen hundred dollars this year and if you had lost your husband this year, you would have received one hundred and fifty dollars on 1939. You received more then we are paying now. I do hope this clears things that you can understand and we just paid the ones that died this year. I do hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Hoping you are enjoying Gods sweet blessings and may his memories live on and on with you as the years go by.

Paternaly yours

Howard Brown Grand Master

HB:DJ

Aug 30 1944

Mr A.O. Powell W.M.
117 Hill ave
Muscatine Iowa

Dear Sir and Bro. Greeting.

Your letter of Aug 22nd was received. I was very glad to hear from you. I am sorry to hear about the vote of the Lodge, but you have stated the facts about you not having enough members to carry on. I do hope that you have used the law of our code, Chapter VIII, sec 46, 47, 48; and 51. I, Howard Brown Grand Master for the State of Iowa, do except the vote of Pearl City Lodge #39, at Muscatine Iowa, to Surrender their Charter.

Please send charter of Pearl City Lodge #39 to the Office of Grand Master, forward Grand Secy. Office, all books papers Jewels working tools columns charts, and all other Masonic Paraphernalia. please read Chapter, VIII sec, 51. I do hope you will take steps at once. please let me hear from you when you have taken care of things.

fraternally yours

Howard Brown, Grand Master.

Leroy W. Hicks
202. N. 21 St.

Centerville Iowa
3/15/1948

Mr. Wm. Perry Parker

Dear Bro -

Your letter come this a.m. and I am writing right back. Was more than glad to hear from you and to know you are well but sorry you are so busy. PERRY - you misunderstand me I never lowered the cost of joining that was did in 1935 and has never raised since I dont recall who was S.W.M. I was J.W. at the time I always did think the price should be a standard price and if you recall I said for 30 or 60 days then put it up where it should be I know when I will get all that wants to go in. you can see what I am up against we want to change some things and they want to stick to what was last said or did dont think that \$8.00 was my doing or under my.

Advisement: I understand very clearly what you mean and I will follow to the letter all I want to know shall I do as you say for 30-60 days and I will do just as you

Muscatine Iowa

Mar. 1st 1945

Bro. Howard Brown. G.M.

I am very sorry I was forced to keep you waiting for Bro. N.L. Black application. I had to contact his relatives so as to get the date of birth, exact date of death, heirs & etc. I have forward them on to the Grand Secy. for him to apply Pearl City Lodge Seal and instructed him to send it to your office immediately. I hope by this time or very soon you will have them.

again I am sorry and hope you have fully recovered for the cold.

I am your Fraternally

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HB:DP

Centerville, Iowa

Aug. 25 1939

Mr. Percy Parffer
Grand Master
Dear Sir + Bro.

Just a line in regards
To the benefits due from
the death of our late Bro.
Lee Todd who died May 8th
As all the funeral expenses
Hasnt been paid the Under-
Taker has asked me about
His money I told him I
thought it would be only
a short time now before it
Came so I thought I would
write you about it as the
Ninty days has expired Hicks
Sends regards give our regards
to Bro. Brown.

Fraternally yours
Juscan # 42

Claude F. Downing W.M.

Percy I am sorry to write this but I
had my letter sealed and looked and maybe
one code is to all when was the last code
issued if later than 921- we dont have
it we dont have what we should ~~the~~ please
send me one at once and I will send
you what ever it cost Downing is here
now he said the last discompestation has been
in effect here for 5 years and 8 month never had
instruction to take it off some one has slept
it isn't Tuscan #42. Zicks

say. I am in clear as far as I have
 went. if there is any mistake it was
 before I went to the East. now you see what
 I have got to contend with. when you are
 in the East here you are just in the East
 they question ever thing you say or want to
 do. if I should give them the Law they
 would go insane. I read the Code to
 them instruct them tell them what
 Downing and I learned at Grand Lodge
 all they say we never did it now Parker
 please keep this to yourself this is for
 you to study about and talk about when you
 come down here just as if you never knew
 instruct them about their ~~officers~~ officers
 and their duty. I am not mad at the Craft
 I know they dont understand and I am
 doing all I can to help them in a
 intelligent way that is the best way dont
 you think so. here this will show you what I
 mean we secaya had to leave town and may
 never come back. Will they want to get

another Secy which³ is right but I told
them we could not Elect until we had
Permission from you for a special Dispensation
I am right arnt I. Downing told them
some thing and I told them it had to
be for a certain length of time before
I could have some. Well time is about up
so if you will you can give me permission
in seperat letter so I can have some
nod in meeting Bro Jackson had to leave
town he had some trouble I went to his
home and got all Lodge Property as soon as he
left had act Secy ever since and have had
4 differnt Bro in Secy Chair so I think
we should get one Permanent. Am I right
or wrong. we dont have any trouble in
our meetings get along just fine they dont
understand I dont mean the whole Craft
Just the older members I mean Charter
members all but one S.H. Jones is O.K.
But he is not able to do all by himself
we are out numbered when it comes to
a vote. they were old when they went

in. never had to study the work like ~~was~~
did and there is your key to ever thing
well Bro & hope I have made myself clear if
not write me and ask what ever you want
I will try to ans in my Dumb way - I

~~was~~ am sorry I forgot to inclue Mrs
Francis Joylors address here it is
1220 - Euclid Kansas City Mo.

I hope you are not bored by me writing to
you so much but I dont know to get
my instruction from but you and I want
to do the right thing and leave a clear
record and a enjoyoble one

yours frat . Leroy W Hicks W.M.
202. N 21st Street

P.S I will get you ward in plenty time
so you can come down and I assure you
a very very pleasant time

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Dear brother

Enclosed find \$1⁰⁰/₁₁

For which, will you kindly grant us a dispensation for 90 days, to hold our Communications with 5 members present, instead of 7; we have considerable business getting ready for the Grand Lodge which Communes in July.

We oftentimes meet our regular Meetings, which is the 2nd/₁₁ and 4th/₁₁ Tuesdays of each month, oftentimes there are only 5 or 6 present; and we have to go home because we have not the required 7. You will do us a great favor if you will grant this.

We are going to raise our Pastor
 Rev William, on Friday Evening
 May 3-1940. We have no
 hope to present him, when he
 is finished; possibly you
 can supply us or tell us
 what to do about it; we will
 earnestly await your instruction
 in this matter. Thanking
 you in advance. We remain

Fraternally yours

J G Dozier

367-22nd Place

Clinton Iowa

Grand Spring Opening Concert

at Bethel A. M. E. Church

Third Avenue South and Third Street

Clinton, Iowa

Thursday, April 18, 1940

Admission: Supper & Concert, 50c; Concert only, 15c

Supper from 5 to 8 p. m.; Concert at 8 p. m.

Piano Solo	-	-	Winifred Mauss
Hannibal of Carthage	-	-	E. J. Stewart, Jr
Toussant Louvalnore of Haiti	-	-	Junior Guy
Booker T. Washington Postage Stamp- Selection	-	-	Harriet Welsh Mrs. Foster
Richard Allen	-	-	Donald Parks
Vocal Duet	-	-	Mrs. Dozier and Mrs. Welch
Paul Laurence Dunbar	-	-	Loretta Robinson
Vocal Solo	-	-	Mary Freyles
Abraham Lincoln's Prayer for Peace	-	-	Ruth Wallace
Piano Solo	-	-	Cora Judon
Vocal Solo	-	-	Mrs. Parks
Nathaniel Dett	-	-	Leroy Watts, Jr
George Washington Carver	-	-	James Wallace, Jr.
Select Reading	-	-	Vivian Watts
Piano Solo	-	-	Mrs. Juanita Stewart
Selection	-	-	Nadine Robinson
Instrumental	-	-	Dr. Alice Thompson

Guest Artists from Fairfield, Muscatine, and
Davenport, Iowa

MENU

Chicken Ala Carte	Potatoes Table de Hote		
French Sauce	Dessert	Cafenoir	Coffee

T. G. Dozier, Chairman

Rev. W. M. Berry, Pastor

Mr. Wm Percy Parker Esq.

Claude S. Downing W.
Tuscan Lodge #4
502 East Jackson
Centerville Ga.

Dear Sir + Bro.

I am writing you for a little information now as the Brethren of the lodge were informed that the burial had been drop. they thought it would be good to plan for some kind of an emergency relief fund here in our local lodge so I appointed a Committee of three in our regular meeting to get together and work out some plan and bring it in our next ^{regular} meeting which they did for the lodge approval in their resolution each member was to be assessed 2.50 a month for this fund I explained it to the lodge they could either accept or reject it then it was put to a vote I believe only one voted against it so it went through. Now there 3 or 4 Bros. who were not at the meeting and say they are not going to pay this extra assessment and one said it was unconstitutional now Bro. Parker I hate to bother you with something like this now I have searched the code and cannot find where that conflict with the Constitution. now I have explained the matter to you. now please let me know by return mail if it is lawful and binding or not and if the lodge has erred so I can straighten them out. and please let me know about the money due from Bro. Lee Todd as they are worrying me about

Fraternally yours Claude S. Downing

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(All Star Colored Ball Club)

L. W. Hicks, Manager

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Centerville, Iowa Feb. 16 - 1940

910 East Jackson Phone No.

262. n. 21st street

Mr. Percy Parker L.W.M.

Dear Bro- Just a little

information please some time ago we had a
 dispensation for taking in member which is \$8.50
 it thru any way for that price to be lowered if
 so let me hear from you at once and how long
 it will last I am positive that we can get several
 in here if it was a special for a few day you
 see I am trying awful hard down here lots
 of them want to join but are some what short
 I realize that \$8.50 is pretty low but I was just
 thinking if it was possible to do so. you
 know I want to make a showing like all
 of us do and help raise our membership please
 let me hear from you at once we had
 a little get together last nite and made
 some impussion on some of the boys
 in a social way they are interested and

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Centerville, Iowa

now is the time while the iron is hot
 we had a real nice crowd out last nite about
 400 people never saw so many all folks out to
 see what we were going to do a pleasant surprise
 will pray hope this will not put you to any
 disadvantage yours pat
 L.W. Hicks W.M.

P.S. regards to Brown and all friends and to
 your Craft may see you in your city some time
 this season as I have an Aunt there now
 Mrs Greenup

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Dear Sir your most welcome letter received and contents carefully read and will say we were glad indeed to hear you accepted our invitation and I assure you you will be glad that you did visit Tuscar #42. We intend to have a real time we had a letter from Bro Mays G.C. he will be here also on said date but we were very sorry to hear you cannot be here only on Sunday as we cannot do much here on Sunday glad to say all of our Craft can be on hand when we call them. so you see we are fortunate we intend to do something here on that day and it will be impossible to do it on Sunday now please see if you can arrange to come on a Friday we would like to have you here by 2 o'clock in afternoon we want to start about that time and go all day we want you to be with us to help us to get on modern foot we may be a little

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behind times in our work so you and M.C. can help us so much in fact I know we are and that is why I am planning to have you here it is very hard to stop some old customs here myself but if some one with Authority tells them the some thing they will take heed to what they tell and show them we have some Charter members who are old and set and think we young men dont know what we need. Percy I swear I have a hard job down here they work with me fine only they wont adopt new methods and wont drop customs they adopted themselves to make things easy forthemselves and these young members want action But it is a problem now in regards to Expenses we have devised a plan to raise money so we will not have to touch our regular treasure we have already started. we are having something tomorrow like Shucks so you see unless we have very bad luck we will be able to defray all expenses without it hurting the Croft. I would

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loved to been with you when you were giving you
 Dad and I know I would of enjoyed it. I know you
 were very glad to have another of Bro with you well
 Percy this is very poor time to mention it but I was
 so glad when you were made M.G.W.M. I swear I mean
 it from the bottom of my heart. and to prove I mean
 what I say I will cooperate with you in all your
 undertakings both Nat and Personal my wife joins
 me in wishing you success. and I thank you
 for having faith in me in my new capacity and
 may I prove worthy of your congratulation. well Percy
 I must close hope to hear from you soon and we can
 get together on dates

Yours until Death
 Leroy W Hicks W.M.
 202. N. 21st Street

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Mr. Percy Parker

Grand W.M.

Dear Sir would like to know if
it would be possible for you to come
to visit Suscon #42. on any given
date as we intend to have a little
get together here in the near future
would like to have the G. Custodian
also I will write to him today
would like to have you here all
day please let me know so we
can arrange the date and
how we intend to have the
stays in the afternoon and plenty
Refreshment at site invite near
Lodges and have a real nice time
please let me know what it will
cost us to get you here

Yours Fraternally

Leroy. W. Hicks W.M.

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Mr. Percy Parker. Y.W.M.

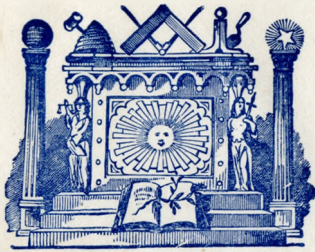
Dear Bro

I wrote you sometime ago about a dispensation for 30 - 60 days I have not heard from you and I would like to know what you think about it I would like to raise an membership to about 30 members while I am in the East I need about 12 new members and I think I can get them if I can get your consent I hope you are having success in your new capacity and having the best of health my family is fine at present Alyce joins me in sending you and family love and best wishes must close hope to hear from you at once

yours frat -

L. W. Hicks W.M.

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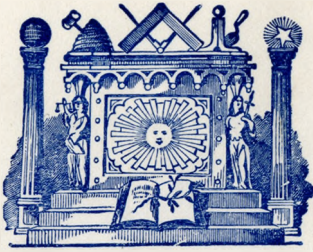
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Hon. Wm. Percy Parker, M.W.G.M.
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Dear Sir And Bro.:

Was glad to get your Annual Address to the Grand Lodge of Iowa thru the grateful hands of our representative to the Grand Body, Bro. Geo. Rice and have read it with pleasure, and find you have covered the grounds in very nice flow of language and given out some very commendatory aspects relative to the sponsoring of the Grand Lodge for its advancement and its perpetuity, which should be taken into consideration by the several adherents, together with the members of the Grand Lodge; these should be taken seriously and put forth every every effort to work to the end of more prosperity, which will have a tendency to make the Grand Body grow and be more active and powerful all over the Jurisdiction, which all concerned will much appreciate, and inherently become more interested, and advance more working power and activity, which it takes to make all the integral factors go over and go over big; what a difference it would make if all interested and active Bros. would inject all thir energy into the work, then we would have a real-for-sure abounding Grand Lodge with all energy being exhibited in the real way it should be; our lodge is to have a joint meeting with the chapter in the near future to try and inject into it a live-awake energy and spirit to have it function in a better way, as it has become somewhat dormant in its activity and we want to try and enliven it so the members will become more interested and active; get it out of its comotive condition, and introduce it to its "parent" feature; guess er do not have to have a dispensation for that do we? If so wish you would send one; the meeting will probably be at our meeting in April; was down to our meeting Friday, but we had no meeting, but who was there we talked over a few things and the joint meeting was one; hope you are back to normal by this time and "up and at it" as usual; am feeling pretty good, but get "jittery" at times and have to take it easy and allow nothing to worry or up-set me; remember me to all the Bros. and your family, and if you have anything to write the lodge will be only too glad to deliver it if you do not send it to the Master; again, I say, your address ~~your~~ was a master-piece and only wish that a copy could be placed in the hands of every Mason for his consideration and make good; I hope you consider my thot about your effort is not ambiguous, but the right spirit; I want to be present at the Grand Lodge this year, altho my sister has already written for me to get ready to come back again this summer, but think I will not go till after the meet, as I want to add my bit in person to the session; write me when you feel like it and hope you have sent on the warrant for the last bit of the bill; am now in need of it much and will probably last till some of money owing me will come in; thanks in advance; hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain, Fraternally yours, N. L. Black



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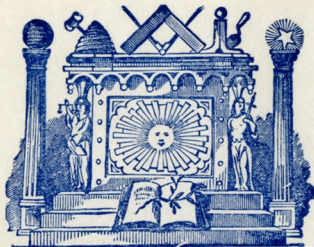
This comes to inform you that the 6th Dividend of the defunct Commercial Savings Bank, of Washington, Iowa, is being paid and I went up to the Federal Savings & Loan Bank and got the check of the Grand Lodge and have sent same to Bro. Culberson today; it was for \$137.47, which will go a little ways in liquidation of some of the things that should be taken care of, and probably relieve the G. L. of some embarrassing situations. There was no notice of any kind that such was to be done, only a notice in the paper a couple of days in advance, but that was enuf; and it came just in time, for me, as I had a little money coming also, but what I got will not go very long, as when I get my obligations paid there will not be very much left; as you know, now, that when one is not doing anything it don't take long to be on your "uppers" when one tries to do the right thing and keep going. Guess everything is going all right, as I have heard nothing to the contrary; have not seen nor heard from Doc since he was down here with his bride some few months ago; hope you are functioning again in good shape, and that the family is well; at our next meeting we have the chapter with us in joint session as the Master wants the lodge and chapter in co-operation at all times, and he is going to have these meetings more often, as to engender a better spirit in both orders; and he is going to have a public entertainment also to inspire and arouse more interest and also a "lead" for new "recruits" that need to be in one or the other society. He has and asked other members to invite friends so that they might get an insight as to what "we" are and are doing; there is not much to draw from here, as most of the eligibles now belong; but there are a few suspended ones, but they are now too old to get back in, as the G.L. or the Sub. would not realize very much from them. Has there been much of an increase in number so far this year; I have not seen Cub, nor had any contact with him and don't know. Now, if you want to help the "poor and needy" and feel good over it, you might release \$8.18 to finish up the old bill, and that will help me a good deal; thanks in advance; I had to borrow a few dollars to make up to pay my taxes and I have to pay that back with what I got out of the closed bank dividend, then I won't have much to go on till some more comes in, but that is some time yet. Remember me to the family and friends. Awaiting a reply in the near future, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

N. L. Black
N. L. Black, C. C. F. C.
Jurisdiction of Iowa

P.S. My sister has already written me to get ready to come back there for the summer, but I wrote her I wanted to attend G.L. before I came.

N. L. B.



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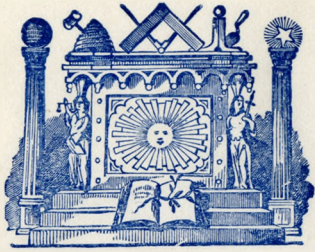
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Wm. Percy Parker, M.W.G.M.
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7 So. Ohio St., Mason City

Dear Sir and Bro.:

It is with a "basket-full" of thanks and felicitations that I am showering upon you at this time, for the most bountiful of "goodness" that came very unexpectedly Tuesday morning from the G.Tr., which just saved my life, as I had just spent the last dollar I had loose the night before for a big hen I was to have for my Christmas dinner, and had no trimmings yet, but when that came I got the trimmings and had a nice dinner, just with my home folks, and we had a nice time; hope you had a bountious Christmas festivity; I don't have anything coming in now, as I am not working, and can't work, and only at stated periods do I have anythijg coming in, and that is not so big, but I manage to get along with a good bit of maneuvering and strict management; if I could only get in what was coming to me I would be "setting" pretty, but that one can't do; as nobody thinks that one does not need his money when he actually does; and one does not get his rents when due, but he must pay his debts, or he will soon be done for; but am struggling along as best I can and with the help of my brothers in Chicago; this is on the inside and not for broadcasting (confidential). I hope you are again back on your feet, as I was advised of your being sick; hope for you a speedy recovery and back to normalcy; don't work too hard and cause a relapse; for you know that will be worse than ever to come back; regards to your family and hope they are all well, and they were caused no discomforture during your illness; again many thanks for "saving my life" when you did; you and Doc acted the real Santa Claus and just at the right time; and just can't thank you both enuf; I didn't know Dr. E. Martin's address, or I would have sent him a card for Christmas; he is a dandy fellow, and he had no address on his card, and you can tell him when you see him, and he will know; remember me to Mrs. Brewton, the Spencers and others there; wishing you A Very Happy New Year, I remain, cordially and Fraternally Yours,

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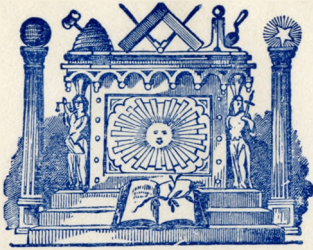
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Mr. Percy Parker, G.M.
Jurisdiction of Iowa
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Dear Percy:

Have written you several times and as yet have received no answer and have wondered what the matter was; how is the Grand Lodge coming during the interim? And one item in which I am vitally interested is the check for the printing now over a year old; my money is running some short and wont have any coming in till along the first of the year, so w wish you would forward warrant to the treasurer at once so I can look for that much anyway with which to carry on till mine comes; saw Doc Martin Sunday and bounced him about and he said you had to order it, but said there was plenty of money in the treasury in that fund to pay it and more also; maybe you don't know how it is to be "short", but I can tell you that I do; so fire this along as soon as possible; and another thing, you want your money when it is coming; how are my friends in your burg? Remember me to all of them. And how about the History; is there anything being done about it? If I had been at the Grand Lodge would have brought it up. Something should be doing about it; there are a lot of the Brothers who have their money already paid in for a copy, and if it is not going to be put out they should be paid back their money with the reason it is being paid back; looks like it is a "hold-up" and for what reason, don't know. And, can't understand why it was turned over to Bro. Spencer than to Bro. Suter, who was to have charge of the production. Do you know the why and wherefor of such a transition, when it was contrary to the will of the Grand Lodge? Two of our P.G.Ms., Bro. Gross and Bro. Martin, havetaken unto themselves new wives; of course you have seen the new Mrs. Martin, as Doc has been to Mason City since he has been married; Gross married his sister-in-law, Mrs. Stearns of Keokuk; Doc Martin and his wife were here Sunday and we had a nice visit; he and I may be up to visit you in the future if the weather holds good; but it don't look very much like it today, with it snowing like nobody's business; hope you and family are well; I am now feeling pretty good, but don't have the control of my lower limbs as I would like; seems like effects of both strokes settled there after a time and it makes it inconvenient for me at times; and you know I don't drive my car any more, so as to protect myself as well as the public; and so I can't go as I always want to; have to get Walter when he is not busy; very inconvenient; well, let me hear from you just as soon as possible so I will know that I will soon get my "wherewith" so to live on for, I don't know how long. Fraternally Yours,

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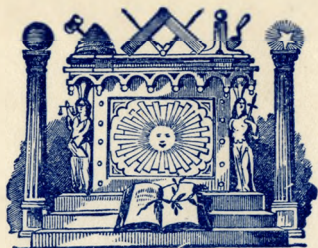
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Dear Percy:

Have not heard from you since writing you some time ago, that I would write you again with reference to the "trouble" at Cedar Rapids; Mrs. Reed made her annual visit to our Chapter at Muscatine at the last meeting, and in conversation with her, stated that it would be advisable to institute a new lodge there, as the Sisters would not consolidate, for various reasons, principal among them was, that the Lodge would not recognize "Rebecca" Chapter as it should; thereby making a new Lodge imperative there; she said she had gone her limit in trying to adjust matters satisfactorily; both Chapters had voted "No" to consolidation; but the thing to do would be to call a meeting of the whole, lodge and chapters, or call lodge and chapters separately, and get the sentiment or final word of each as to what they wanted to do; Mrs. Reed said that she had the names of 28 who were in favor of a new lodge, who would not go into #17 under any circumstances; she might also be prejudiced also relative to the consolidation, as she is a member of Rebecca chapter, and wants a new lodge so it will have a head; as it is Rebecca has no head, so she says, as #17 does not recognize it; and that is definitely exhibited, as the bonds that were gotten out specifically designates #17, Mount Olive Lodge, and # , (don't know this number) Silver Leaf Chapter, whereby Rebecca Chapter is left out, and "purposely" the way I see it; and why, don't know; as I would think, if they want to build a hall, all should be in it; interest is being lost on both sides as nothing is being done to clear up the situation; Mrs. Reed said also, that some of the names she had had spent their money they had for a club and now the interest would have to be worked up again and time given for them to accumulate again for the initiation of a club for action; have you heard anything lately? and Mrs. Reed said you had not answered her letter she had written you some time ago; do this at once; she thinks you are not interested in their affairs; but I told her that you were some dilitary about answering my letters; and don't forget to return to me the letters I asked you to return; let me hear from you at once what you have done or have in mind to do; this matter should have some attention as soon as possible; and another thing, wish you would order our check for last year's printing out, as I am getting some short on funds and need it for existence; thanks in advance for same; hope you are well; remember me to the family, as well as to all the Bros.; don't neglect to write mesoon; I remain,

Most fraternally yours,

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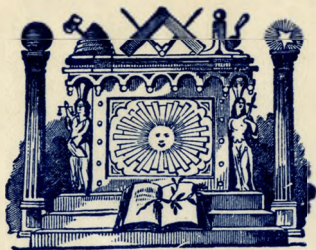
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Dear Sir and Bro.:

Just a few lines to let you know I have not forgotten you and to thank you for my appointment again to the office C. C. F. C.; Doc Martin sent me the list first, and then I got a complete list from Cub, and have sent out several letters to the Grand Jurisdictions who have their meetings in August, so they can check up on their records and be up to date; guess you got my letter at the Grand Lodge with the letter from the District of Columbia Jurisdiction; don't forget to return it to me when you write; Cub told me about the #35 lodge wanting another trial, and that they are to have a raising there some time in August, and wanted as many of the Bros. to be there as possible; I will try and be there with my "gang" to help put the "thing" over, as we always try to go every place where good can be done; do you expect to be there again; it would be fine if you can be there; am expecting to go home in about 3 weeks now; and am anxious to get home to see how things are going on; how did Carl do with his School of Instruction; no one has told me as yet and would like to know; was sorry that I could not have been there, as I wanted to be there and help put over some of the things that should be done; one thing I was glad that went over, and that was the cutting down of the Grand Session to 3 days, which will mean a big saving to the Grand Lodge, as well as some other things that will have to be cut out, which will make for the betterment of the Grand Lodge in many ways; Cub and I had talked of buying a mimeograph for use of the G. L. and think it would be a good thing for getting out the minutes, as well as getting out the circulars of any thing you would want to put out, as well as some of the circulars that the Gr. Sec. would want to put out during the year that would pep up many of the lodges that go back to the dormant state immediately after the Grand Lodge session; it would be a good thing and could get out many things, whereas now if you want to put out anything it would have to be printed and that cost would amount to something; the Ohio Jurisdiction has one and the C. C. F. C. told me that they got out copies of every session and distributed copies of the minutes of the previous session to the Bros. before the next session, and that gives the Bros. the work of the G. L. as they go along; but, of course, we would not do that to start in with; but as the officer got on to the working of the instrument he might be able to do it; if I had been at the session I would have it there to demonstrate with; Cub bragged on the address that Bro. Garwood gave at the session and said it was full of food for that; that was a good innovation and the other Bros. ought to take heed and try and have something for the next; anything further that you have in mind don't fail to tell me; will expect a letter from you in the near future informing me of the things that were done at the session; and let us go into this year with our heads up and everything we've got to make the coming year a big mark in the Iowa Masonic year; what do you say; I feel now that I will almost be myself again when I get home and will be in for anything that comes along; all hail to our next year that it may be the "banner year" for us, and under your administration it would be the greatest ever; it might be a "third term" for you; think on these things; remember me to the Madam, and to the Bros. and friends; as ever,

Fraternally yours,

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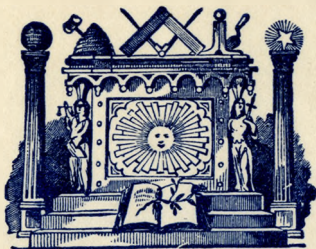
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Hon. Wm. Percy Parker, M. W. G. M.
Jurisdiction of Iowa
At Grand Lodge Session
Bethel Church, Davenport

Greetings

Dear Sir and Bro.:

This is a little unexpected coming to you at this time, but want you to know I am very sorry that I can not be with you, as you already know, but my heart and mind and soul are there and wish for a most harmonious session, filled with brim full of Brotherly Love, with added much prosperity, remember me to all the Bros. And here is a letter I received this morning and forwarding to you for your perusal, which explains itself, and please return to me just as soon as possible for my use; and will write him again soon. I told Cub to advance to the Grand Lodge the Mimeographing of the minutes; the Ohio Grand Lodge bought a machine and put out their last minutes in entirety and the cost of it all was only \$99.50; and have the machine and expect to put out their minutes in the future on this machine; and then have the machine to use in putting out any proclamations or letters or announcements they care to put out, emanating from the G. M.'s or secretary's office, that the Craft needs to be informed; the initial cost is the most; the secretary or whoever the G. Lodge designates shall put out whatever the G. M. or Secretary or any other Grand Officer may want to have put out for the benefit of the Grand Lodge; I think it would be a good thing for the Grand Body and pay to investigate; the Gr. Sec. of Ohio says it more than paid for itself on the installation, as they used it during the Grand Lodge session and put out the work of the session to each succeeding session, and everybody knew what was going on all the time, and when the session was over each member of the Grand Lodge had in concise form the work done by the body and took it home with him and had a report of the Grand Lodge to present to his lodge, and complete in black and white and did not have to resort to memory or notes taken at the Grand Session; several Grand Lodges are taking this up and propose putting out minutes every year; if I was there I could explain it, but have given you a brief outline so you can give the matter some consideration; and then I took the copy of the minutes I have over to Cub so he could know what it was and he understands it and knows what mimeographing is, as he has had some done; and it would not take him or some one the body named to do the work very long to catch on so he could do the work handily; I hope the Grand Body considers this and then we can have concise minutes every year; you and Cub talk it up between sessions and when the time comes to introduce it the Bros. will be somewhat enlightened on the subject and can talk on it; it will be a grand innovation if the body can see it; it is coming to this all over, and then it is economy; wish you would return the enclosed letter sure as soon as possible; this is the reply I told you of in my letter and the one which you sent me for reference; again, wish you all the success along all lines at this Grand Session; guess I have done all I can at this distance; I told Walter, you know him, Williams, to do all he could for your interest, as well as other Bros. of our lodge, who will be there some of the session; tell Cub to send me a list of the officers elected as soon as possible after the session; thank you for same; if the weather there is as it is here it will be fine for the session, as it is only about 68 or 70 here; also awaiting your reply as soon as is convenient, I remain, Yours fraternally, N. L. Black, C. C. F. C. Jur. of Iowa



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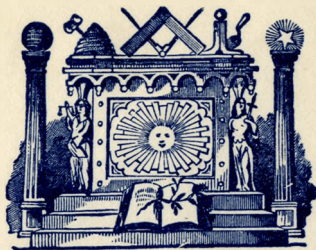
Mr. Percy Parker, M. W. G. M.
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Dear Grand Master:

You no doubt will be surprised to get this letter from me here in Indianapolis, but I am here at my sister's and taking treatments for the two slight strokes I have undergone and think I will be benefitted by them. Am writing you to inform you that I may not be at the Grand Lodge, much to my regret, but it will be owing whether I will be thru with my treatments or not; if I am home at that time will be on hands to do my part in the carrying on; have you sent out your proclamation yet? If so, wish you would send me one; if I don't get ther will send my report to Cub so he will have it for the session; got a constitution from Brazil not long ago, but can't do anything with it, it is in French or Spanish, with very little English in it; but it seems like they are doing things down there; also down in Haiti. I thot I would meet the C.C.F.C. of Indiana when I came here, but he has just recently died, a short time before I got here; my sister knows his wife and she told her about my coming and she said she would be over to see me; but I have written to the Grand Master to find out who his successor is, if he has apointed one, and am expecting the information desired most any time now; would sure like to be at Davenport, and if I miss this session it will be the first one in a long time; I hope you succeed yourself, and if so, will do anything you have for me; I think the treatments here will benefit me much, as I have taken 3 and can notice a difference already, as some things have worked out already as the doctor said when he diagnosed my case; and he surely works me over from tips of toes to top of head, front and back; never saw anything like it, but he knows his business, talks it and does it. Wish you would write me and give me the "low down" on everythings as soon as possible; there may be a couple or more from home at the session; I know there would be if I was home, and I hope I will be, but can't tell yet. I had intended visiting quite a few lodges this year, get acquainted with more Brothers and try and engender a little more spirit and enthusiasm, but this second attack came on me in the winter and checked me up; but I attended my own all the time; our little lodge is not to be sneezed at; if we had some timber in the town to work on we sure would have a bigger lodge; I heard that our Grand Custodian had been suspended for non-payment of dues; is there anything to it? And have we lost very many this year --from death and suspensions? Remember me to all the Bros. and to the Madam. Let me hear from you just as soon as possible and with any thing that you want me to have or to assist you in any way that I can for the perpetuity of the Grand Old Order. All for now, I remain ,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

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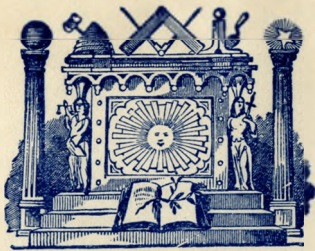
Your Letter received a few days ago and much glad to hear from you but was sorry that you did not hold Waterloo to the agreement, even if they did not come to you earlier; altho I do not know under what circumstances they came to you, or what conditions they wanted or what was presented for your consideration; that makes a difference; but I would have thought that you would have sewed them up in some way so that you would have had some hold on them so that you would have had something to show that they had offered some consideration, and same could be taken up at the Grand Session for further consideration, and the G. L. would have something to work on; now some other angle will have to be taken up and don't let the time slip away without doing something, as it makes it that much harder on the Grand Lodge, and establishes a precedent in the wrong direction, whereas a precedent should be established in the right trend, at the same time let that lodge it could not run the Grand Lodge and be bigger than it is. I don't want to be a dictator, but to give you my candid opinion in the matter and hope you take it as such; but something has to be done with these delinquent and little-doing lodges. The greatest trouble as I see it, they lack efficient officers and leaders; we know that in the working our Pearl City #39; and I must say, not boasting, that our lodge is one of the best in the Jurisdiction--but we are continually "at it" and don't let anything lag and we are wide-awake to our sense of duty. I sure want to see you make good at the head of this Grand Body; you have it in you and all you have to do is to get it out and go ahead and put it over, and the best way to do that is to let the delinquents know that your word is law during the interim of the Grand Lodge and try and do what you order them to do; it might make them "squirm" a little bit, but that is what they need, and let them know by their actions it is drawing the Jurisdiction down, when they should be much interested in bringing it up to the greatest height of efficiency; I am willing to give you all the help I am in position so to do, and gladly. And am sure the Gr. Sec. and Gr. Treas. as well as the other Gr. Officers will give you of their time and work as possible, so you have strong forces to combat anything you come up against. And it will take some strenuous work to accomplish what you would like to have at the next session and I hope you succeed, and nothing would do me more good than for you to have this Jurisdiction in prime condition when we meet. Keep a stiff "upperlip" and you will succeed beyond expectations. We ought to get down to Ft. Madison before the session if possible and see if we can't revive that lodge; they have some pretty good men there, but they seem to lack energy and the

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interest and inspiration and enthusiasm to do things and it takes some ones to go there and get them into action; get them astir and show them that things can be done; get a bunch together and go down there and tell them a few things; enlist Keokuk and Burlington and then I could have a bunch there also and we could make a good impression and maybe they would start to do their "stuff"; am willing to go any time, just give me a little notice so I can get my bunch together. We can get this Grand Lodge to function properly again if we but put forth the proper effort. But there is one thing that ought to be put strong, and that is to talk strong on this liquor question; there are too many of our Bros. who are imbibing too strongly in that stuff, to their own detriment, as well as anything else they are connected with. I see it getting an awful stronghold in our church bodies and it is working havoc with that body also. The Commercial bank here paid out a 5% dividend recently and I got the check and immediately sent it to the Grand Secretary; it was \$134.47, and that will help some; but we are bound to lose some in that bank, and I will be with you in my individual account. Hope you and family and the Bros. are well; remember me to all the bunch. Weather is getting nice now and will get up to see Cub in the near future. Hope you have paid some of the beneficiaries so as to keep their moths shut. Arizona, New Mexico, Washington, D.C., and Ohio so far have extended invitations to the Craft to visit their Communications, and Washington, but theirs is the same time that ours is, and wrote them to that effect; and also Michigan and theirs is the week after. I guess you remember Bro. Baines of our lodge; he has been in bad shape all winter; he was not at our last meeting; is with his daughter in Moline, and is getting the best of care; has gone down much this winter. Have we made much gain this year so far; and what has been our suspensions? Some of the Jurisdictions have made great gains and are in a real prosperous condition. Suppose you got an invitation to the ~~21st~~ "21st Birthday Party" of the Jurisdiction of Arizona for May 6th; and they have only ten lodges and they have a Temple where the next Communication will be at that time; would like to get a bunch together and go down; they have 269 members only and they are doing fine; we ought to be doing the same with our membership. We are getting ready for St. John's Day at Muscatine For our lodge to entertain Cedar Rapids, Dav- enport, Clinton and Burlington; wish you could be with us; if you think you can would be pleased and any others who could come get them to come also. Well, I guess I have said enuf.

Fraternally yours,

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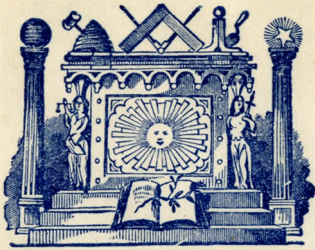
Dear Sir and Bro.:

Having not heard from you that would drop you a few lines to inquire how the Jurisdiction was functioning. Have not been around much and am pretty much "ignorant" relative to the aspect. After the snow is showing signs of going went up to Iowa City yesterday to see the G. Sec. to get a few items relative to the Jurisdiction activity, but he could give me very little and said he had not heard from you for a little while and the lodges were not doing their duty toward their returns to his office. Wish you would give me a list of the deaths we have had so far this year and, if possible, number of new recruits and how many have been "put out" on account of delinquent dues, if that has been sent to you. Have you made any visits to any of the lodges yet? Has Waterloo come up to expectations from the result of your visit when we were there? And any other information you can give me about the Jurisdiction. Have you Visited Ft. Madison yet? Let me know when you visit any of the lodges about here and I will try and be with you so as give a little inspiration to assist you in your effort. Got an invitation to attend the 21st anniversary of the Arizona Jurisdiction May 6th to be held in their temple at Phoenix. Wish we could get up a bunch and go down for it; would be a grand trip and would not cost so much either. Think it over and maybe we can do it. That is not such a big Jurisdiction and they have a Temple and only 21 years old. It is wonderful. Hope you are all well; remember me to all the Bros. and Sisters of the Order. Write me as soon as possible; I wrote you several months ago and to date have received no answer.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

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Dear Sir and Bro.:

Having heard nothing from you since we met at Waterloo that I would drop you a few lines to find out if you were still in the land of the living. Hope all is well and going fine in the Jurisdiction and that you can notice some improvement along the "side lines". Have that much about our visit to Waterloo and wondered if the effort turned out for the best or what, and if we would have to make another visit there to get the thing worked out to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge; what have they done, if anything; it sure don't want to be dropped now that we have the thing started, and I would be willing to go up there again and press the thing much harder to let them know that you meant business. Drop me a line and "ease" my brain if you have heard anything, or if they have made any forward step in the matter.

And have you done anything about going to Ft. Madison to get them on the forward march; never too early to do good. When you get ready to go down there let me know and I will take a load down to help swell the crowd and add impetus to the work you want to do. Am going up to Cedar Rapids Sunday and will see both Cub and Joyce on the trip if they are home.

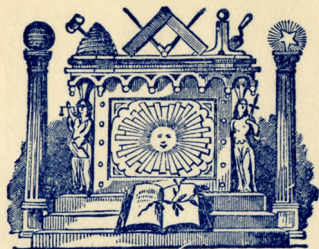
The Jurisdictions are a little slow in making returns this year; have been waiting on them, but am getting busy now and going after them. Anything that comes in that you need to know or will be interesting to you will send on to you.

Hope you and the Craft in that neck of the woods are all in grand shape; remember me to all. And when you get ready to do any work or visiting any of the subordinates let me know and will give you a helping hand if in my power to so do. Looking for a reply in the near future, and until then,

I remain,

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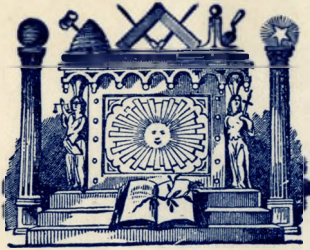
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Dear Grand Master:

Am here in Indianapolis visiting my sister and family, but will be home the fore part of next week, and any thing you want me to do to help you in your work, just drop me a note and if within my power will be at your service. Am just going to offer a suggestion: Why not ask a lot of the lodges within the confines of Waterloo to join with you in an all-day meeting there as soon as you can get a date for some Sunday, and see what is the matter with that lodge that it keeps getting so far behind; we had just such a meeting while Bro. Johnson was G.M. and it did some good, but it has got into a bad rut again. I would be willing to come up and bring a bunch along with me; find out in advance who will come, who are influential, and have a few make some talks on various topics you might give each, on the success of a lodge, etc. You could get a good crowd and would inject some inspiration into the Bros. up there. Get a date with them and notify all the lodges and you will have a big crowd. I will be with you. After you get the date, if you do, let me know and I will do the rest about here after you notify the lodges and inform me who you have notified. And here is a proclamation that I received after I got home from the Grand Lodge; am sending it to you to read over and it might give you some few pointers to assist you in going about your work; Bro. Allen is pretty strict about the deliberations of his Grand Lodge and he is now in his 18th year as Grand Master. He, sure, is a dandy, too; you remember Dr. Martin, Walter and I went back there to the Wm. Upton Memorial about 3 years ago and had such a fine time there. Return the Proc. to me, as I have not taken any notes from it as yet, and as it is for this year will also include my review of it in this year's report. Now, Percy, I don't want you to think that I am dictating to you about your work in your office, but if I can help you in any way am willing to do what I can. As soon as I get this Proc. back will write something for that Jurisdiction to present to their session; you return it to Washington, as I will be home next week and give me what you think of it. Have also another item that I will send you for your consideration when I get home, but don't think we can do anything with it and will talk about it when I send it. Hope you are well and getting started off on the right foot. Let me hear from you soon. Remember me to all the Bros. Am going thru there this fall and will let you know when, as I want to stop off over night there with my crowd and visit the bunch. Guess you all can house us for one night. More later. I remain,

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Dear Sir;

I talked with you when I was in your home
Sept, 18. concernin the indebtedness of the various
Lodges in the State. Will you please send me the
exact amount of indebtedness of all Lodges in the
arrears; and the amount you have received from all
Lodges since Grand Lodge,

Now be sure to get this to me as soon as possible
as Waterloo sent a committee to call on me last week.
Give your family our regards.

Respectfully Yours

Wm Percy Parker
Grand Master

502 South 20th Street
Fort Dodge, Iowa
October 27, 1939

Mr. Percy Parker, Grand Master
Blue Lodge, A. F. & A. M.
7 South Ohio Street
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have been informed that the matter of being reinstated as a Mason should be referred to you as Grand Master. Western Star Lodge No. 36 here in Fort Dodge has not operated actively for some time and I should like to obtain a Certificate of Membership so that I may take up active duty as a Mason.

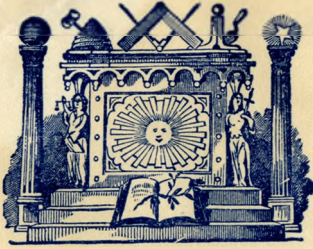
I have always enjoyed the honor of being a brother in the Masonic Lodge and would like very much to resume my connection with the brotherhood.

Trusting you will let me know as soon as possible about obtaining a certificate, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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Mr Percy Parker Grand Master
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Percy;

Glad to receive your letter but sure sorry to hear that you have been sick I have been having trouble with my leg I cant stand on it to much, I have a bad ulcer on it and it has ruptured and it swells about twice the regular size and causes me some pain when I am on my feet outside of that I have been well this winter so far, I will keep my figers crossed.

First Percy will you see Virgil and tell him to straighten me out on the first Quarter on Perfect Ashler relief as I did not receive it he sent me the 2nd and I wrote to him and asked him to ans- but have not heard from him.

I have been geting out some reports of the Grand session and is it a job I hope to have the job completeed in the next week or so but before I can I will have to have some of my Contingent in advance in order to buy paper and have the work typed etc. So will you make me out a order at once for some and I will send it back to you and you can send it to Martin I talked it over with him when he was down here.

In regards to the Lodges they are in the State I guess some of them are as I have no way of tellingas there is some that I n have not heard from at all maybe they will write in a few days I gues such as Waterloo, Clinton ,Ottumwa, Ft Madison, Cedar Rapids Talked to Elmer Smith last week and he told me that he was going to send some money as soon as some of the brethern paid in some. Saw Henry William Sunday but did not say anything to him about Golden Star I guess we wll come out aflight. Had word that B.N. Hyde has been sick but is -- getting along ~~IAE~~ fine. Well Percy, I guess I must

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Detroit Mich
March 26 1940

Mr Percy Parker,
Dear Sir!

I am writing you to see why I have never received any benefit fund from the Lodge and when they started to pay \$100.00 dollars instead of \$50.00 dollars as my husband or son were never notified of any change since they told them a few years ago they were just paying \$50.00 dollars as they lost in the depression. Not some one have treated me ugly as a brother's widow (it seems I could not hear one word

From the bed until I wrote
him then he said Much to you
would send me a blank to
have the Doctor here & under-
taken fell out I have waited
and no word. My son has been
operated on since I lost my
husband Lawrence I fell on
the ice have been fed fast
and my husband buried in not
paid and the undertakers
keeps after us so I am
nearly crazy with weary
and the short illness of
my husband had and bearing
see so sudden

Please let me know what
the Lodge intends to do and
if they wont help me by
sending me the money
I am so much in need
of it I remain
Mrs Davis Carter
15-30 St Aubin Detroit Mich

Dear brother

We wish to thank
again for the benefit our
dispensation has been to us.

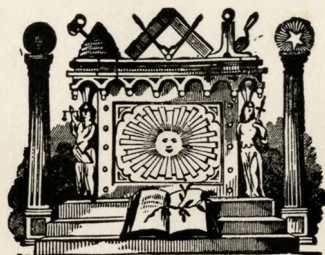
By chance some of Melly's
has had *quorum asper* Code;
The dispensation has given us
the assurance of transacting the
essential business that is known
to be transacted before the
Lodge, and getting our reports
ready for the same.

We expect to meet you at the
Grand Lodge; you will be
welcome if convenient to stop
and on your way to Grand
Lodge. K. externally Yours
367. 22nd Dec J & Dozier
Clinton Iowa

Washington 8-3-39

Dear Percy - G. M.,
Did you get my letter
I sent from Indianapolis
That an answer would
be here when I got home.
Have to use that Proc.
for my reports, partly.
Had a very fine visit
and a good rest. Saw
Mr. Bent there also, guess
you know him, from Waterloo.
Hope you are well. Remem-
ber me to all friends.
Awaiting an early
reply, I remain

Yours
W L Black,



*The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons
(P. H. A.)
of Nebraska*

*sends Greetings and Fraternally request
your presence at its*

*Victory Celebration
and Burning of Mortgage on Masonic Temple
Ceremony*

*to be held in the City of Omaha
Masonic Hall, Twenty-sixth and Blondo
Sunday and Monday
April twenty-first and twenty-second
nineteen hundred and forty*

*Robert Harris,
Grand Secretary*

*Nathaniel Hunter,
Grand Master*

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W.C. Rhodes.

Wm Gordon

J.C. McClellan

Tom Pugh

Wm Smith

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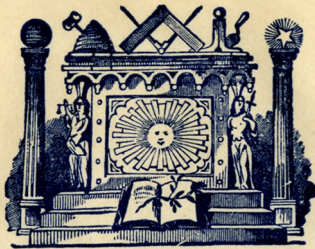
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K.C., Mo

Jeff Martin Relay to be paid \$44

James Todd.

Evans Davis.

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Dec 6-1910

Mrs Julia Reed W. M.

My dear Grand Matron,

You perhaps feel I ignored your letter of July 26-last, but far be it from such fact. As I have had such able men as P. G. M. H. A. Martin, Gr. Secy C. T. Culberson, C. C. F. C. N. L. Black and others working on the case. I have consulted P. G. M. S. Joe Brown for legal advice. This office has gone to considerable expense to create harmony between the chapters and Mt. Olive lodge #17, but apparently all has been in vain. For that reason, I see no other way, yet I felt this way about it in the beginning, but to create ^{a new} ~~another~~ lodge in Cedar Rapids. I try not to act in haste, so as to continue the harmony of lodge + chapters in Cedar Rapids existing in this jurisdiction. Please forward the names of the members of your club, the members of Mt. Olive who are members of your chapter and the date you wish to have the lodge set up and I will give you action as quickly as possible.

At present, I am confined to bed with acute rheumatism since Nov 29, but am progressing satisfactorily. Please give my regards to your family, your chapters - inquiring friends.

Elcta Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

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OFFICE OF W. Grand Matron

July 26, 1940

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Mr. Percy Parker
#7 Ohio St.
Mason City, Ia.

Dear Worshipful Grand Master:

I am writing you in regard to the constitution of another Masonic Lodge in Cedar Rapids. As you know, there are two chapters here and only one lodge. I, your W. G. Matron, come from Rebecca chapter, but the lodge does not recognize us as their sisters, though we were organized under them. When they decided to build a Masonic Hall here on their ground, they decided that Rebecca could have nothing to do with it at all. When the plans and bonds were drawn up, and a meeting called so that the architect could explain the plans, I, your and their W. G. Matron was invited to hear the plans explained. When the man was finished with his explanation, the Master of Mt. Olive asked if there were any questions. Of course, as G. Matron, I wanted to know if Rebecca Chapter could take out bonds to help build the hall, in order that we might have a place to feel free to meet. I did not want to buy a share in the building, but only to take out a bond to help put up the building. The Master told me at once that we were considered outsiders, and that they could not sell to outsiders. He said that the bonds can only be sold to Silver Leaf and Mt. Olive, leaving Rebecca out altogether. Now the present condition is, that we, Rebecca Chapter, feel that since they do not recognize us at all, no consideration whatever, we must stand for ourselves. Now W. G. Master, I have organized a club of about twenty fine young men and when they have paid their money in, for initiation fee, we, Rebecca Chapter want you to grant the young men a charter, so that we will have a Masonic head to work under.

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OFFICE OF _____

I am your W. G. Matron, and I have had my feelings hurt so many times that I thought this was the best and easiest way out. I will promise you that it will be a lodge which you or anyother G. Master will be proud of. I am well read upon what your code says on it. But they have no lawful excuse why we should not have a head to work under, since they do no think enough of us to just let us help build a hall. Now just what would you do in this case? The chapters both voted on consolidation and as you know, the majority rules, and they both voted against it. What am I to do? Let my chapter go down for the want of a head under which to work? No, never. I shall do all there is in my power to protect them. And with your help, and that of the Grand Master of the Universe, I shall come out on top.

Hoping you will give this matter your earnest consideration, I am,

Your W. G. Matron,

Julia E. Reed

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1319 Fulton St.,

Keokuk, Iowa, July 21st 1939

Mr William Percy Parker, Grand Master,

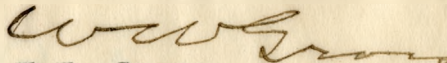
Mason City, Iowa.

My dear Grand Master:-

I am writing now to ask to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Historical Committee, which will include, of course, membership of the Historical Committee.

I am ready to forward mss. prepared by our late Brother A. G. Clark to wherever you direct.

Fraternally yours,


W.W. Gross.

Office of W. A. Matron
711-10th Ave. S. E.
Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Nov. 8, 1939

Mr. Percy Parker
7 Ohio St.
Marion City, Ia.

My dear Brother Parker:

I have just received a letter from the Worthy Matron of Rosa of Sharon Chapter at Clarinda. She stated that the Masonic Lodge would like to reinstate.

You will please get in touch with her and she will put you in touch with the Brothers who wish to be reinstated.

Her address is, Mrs. Gertrude Brooks
711 Sheridan Ave.
Shenandoah, Ia.

She will give you all information. Please write her at once.

Best wishes for your success, I am

Fraternally,
Julia E. Reed
W. A. M.

Office of W. G. Matron
Cedar Rapids, Ia.
July 28, 1939

My dear bro. Parker:

I have just learned of your election to the station of Grand Master of United Grand Lodge, A.F.& A. M. of the State of Iowa and Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliated.

I hasten to offer my congratulations. I know you are capable, and do greatly appreciate the honor, to the fullest measures.

You have my sincere wishes for a great success.

Hoping this will be the most prosperous year ever, I am

Fraternally yours,

Julia E. Reed

W. G. M.

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Lawrence M. Gabel

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Mar. 20 1941.

Mr. Percy Parker,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Sometime ago I received payment in full of \$75.00 for the burial of James E Todd. There is no question that the lodge did not pay in full. I merely have to send to the Veterans Administration a statement from you quoting the minutes of the meeting or else the bylaws that authorize the lodge to pay the death benefit that it does.

Please do not think that we are trying to ask for more money or any thing of the like as this is just some of the government red tape and procedure. Your courtesy in furnishing this statement will be very much appreciated by me. You will find inclosed a self addressed envelope that is stamped.

Yours truly,

Lawrence M. Gabel.

1319 Fulton St.,

Keokuk, Iowa, July 28th 1939

Mr William Percy Parker, Grand Master,

7 So. Ohio St.,

Mason City, Iowa.

My dear Grand Master:-

I have this day forwarded to Brother Horace Spencer via express all mss. prepared by our late Brother A. G. Clark which is the history of the United Grand Lodge of Iowa, per your order.

In asking to be relieved of the chairmanship and membership of the Historical Committee, I was merely following a course I have desired to take for more than fifteen years -- retire from the working force of the Grand Lodge. My position will be better understood, seems to me, Grand Master, when it is recalled that I have been quite active in Grand Lodge work for more than thirty five years. There was no other motive underlying my request to be relieved.

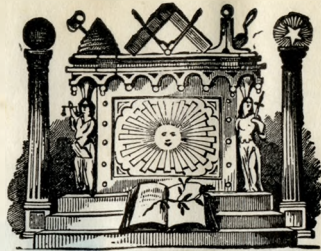
Immediately following your election as Grand Master at Ottumwa two weeks ago I congratulated you on your selection for the high office of Grand Master. Believe me, Grand Master, that this felicitation was offered sincerely and wholeheartedly and with the highest hopes that your administration would be attended with the most splendid success. These sentiments I here and now reiterate.

Fraternally yours,

W. W. Groes
W. W. Groes.

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Nathaniel Hunter
Grand Master
2012 North 28th Street
Omaha, Nebraska



The Most Worshipful
Grand Lodge
of
Nebraska and Jurisdiction
(*Prince Hall Affiliation*)



Office of Grand Master

Omaha Neb, Mar 26/40.

Hon. Percy Parker, M.W.G.M.
7 South Ohio St.
Mason City, Iowa.

My dear Grand Master:

The M.W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska ^{is} holding a Victory Celebration, at which time we will burn the mortgage on our Masonic Temple. We are endeavoring to make it a large affair, and a good time for all.

We are celebrating two days April 21st and 22nd Sunday and Monday, and are arranging quite an extensive program. Dr. Sumner A. Furniss of Indianapolis Ind, the M.P.S.G.C. have promised to be with us. I am also expecting Dr. J.G.N. Soans, G.M. of Kansas to be present. Now due to the fact that we of Nebraska have always considered the Grand Lodge of Iowa our Mother Grand Lodge, our program would not be complete without the Grand Master of Iowa taking a part, therefore we would be very pleased to be permitted to place your name on the program, with others I shall ask to except places, including P.G.M. W.W. Gross and S. Joe. Brown of your Jurisdiction.

As soon as the invitation are off of the press I shall mail one to each of your Grand Officers, your Grand Secy has furnished me the names and address of each. We would be pleased to have as many of your members come as possible can, if only for one day.

Awaiting an early and we trust a favorably reply, and wishing for you and your jurisdiction every success. I remain,

Fraternally yours,
Nathaniel Hunter 33°
Grand Master.

VICTORY CELEBRATION

Dedicated to the Membership
of the



Masonic Lodges
and
Eastern Star
Chapters



for their

Fidelity and Loyalty through these peril-
ous times and to the unceasing efforts
of our Grand Master
NATHIEL HUNTER 33°



Sunday and Monday, April 21-22

—1940—

MASONIC HALL

26th and Blondo Streets

Omaha - - - Nebraska

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

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M.W Grand Lodge to Assemble at the Masonic Temple
26th and Blondo Sts.
At 10 O'Clock

Reception of Visiting Brethern
10:30 A.M. at Temple

Public Reception
Sunday Afternoon at 2:30 P.M.
P.G.M. Ed. Fletcher, *Presiding*

Invocation
By Rev. I. B. Smith

Welcome Address on Behalf of the City
By Bro. Wills W Gray, *Insp. of Weights and Measures*

Vocal Solo
By Mrs. Deloras Blackwell

Welcome on Behalf of the State
Atty John Adams, Jr., *State Senator of Nebr*

Welcome on Behalf of the Churches of Omaha
Rev. P. M. Harris

Quartet
Zions Harmony Four

Welcome on Behalf of the Eastern Star
Sister Mable M. Galbreath, *W.G.M Grand Chapter of Nebr*

Welcome on Behalf of Iroquois Lodge No. 92
I.B.P.O. Elks of The World, Omaha
Atty Chas. F Davis, *E.R.*

Solo
Mr Paul Briggs

Welcome on Behalf of the Masonic Lodges in Omaha
Bro. Richard Taylor, *W M Rough Ashler, No. 1*

Introduction of Guest
By P.G.M. Bro. Walter L. Seals

Address, Dr Sumner A. Furniss, *M.P.S.G.C of Scottish Rite
Masonry, N J. Indianapolis, Ind.*

Adjournment

Victory Tea by Eastern Star, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M.
Special Session of All Scottish Rite Masons of the Midwest Valleys
of the N Jurisdiction at 8:30 P.M.

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND

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M.W Grand Lodge to Assemble at the Masonic Temple
26th and Blondo Sts.
At 2 O'Clock P.M.

for Burning of Mortgage Exercises
R.W.D.G.M. A. R. Goodlet, *Presiding*

Invocation
By Bro. Wm. Woods, *Grand Chaplain*

Music by the Omaha W.P.A. Band of 22 pieces. A unit of the
Music Project of the Work Projects Administration.
George Bryant *Conductor*

Address of Welcome
By Nathaniel Hunter, *Grand Master*

Freemasonry in the Middle West
Hon. Percy Parker *M.W Grand Master of Iowa*

Historical Sketch of the M.W Grand Lodge of Neb. (P.H.A.)
Followed by Burning of Mortgage Ceremony

Music by Band

Remarks
By the Hon. W W Gross, *P.G.M of Iowa*

Remarks
Our Sister Jurisdictions
By Rev I. B. Smith, *C.C of F.C*

Remarks
By Dr J G. N Soanes, *M.W Grand Master of Kans.*

Music by the Band

The Masonic Fraternity Wheresoever Dispersed on Land or Sea
Dr Sumner A. Furniss, *M.P.S.G.C. of the Ancient and Accepted
Scottish Rite of Freemasonry*
(Prince Hall Affiliation)

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. U.S.A. Inc.

Victory Banquet at 8 O'Clock P.M.

Special Session of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
At 9:30 P.M.

Shrine Frolic, from (9:30 P.M. Until—)

F. W. COATES
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SEVENTH STREET ENTRANCE
TELEPHONE 1309

DUBUQUE, IOWA

- June 27- 1939.

Mr. Henry Ambrose Martin,
City.

bond

I beg to enclose herewith/~~policy~~ of insurance as follows:

DATE	NUMBER	COMPANY	PROPERTY INSURED	AMOUNT	PREMIUM	CREDIT
1939						
July 15-	14844-	Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co.-		\$5,000.	\$ 18.75	
			to United Grand Lodge AF & Am of Iowa.			

7th Ohio
Mason City, Ia.

F. W. COATES

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822 ROSHEK BUILDING

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PHONE 1309

July 18th, 1939

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7 South Ohio Street
Mason City, Iowa.

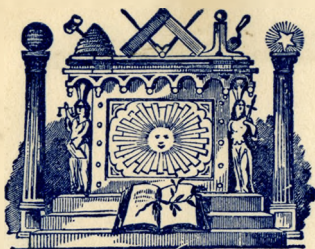
Dear Sir:

Will you kindly fill out the enclosed statement relative to bond of Henry A. Martin and return same to me at your earliest convenience and greatly oblige.

Yours very truly,

F. W. Coates

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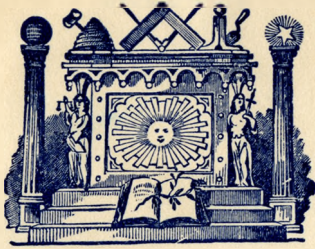
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*Mr. Percy Parker.
W. N. Grand Master
7 So. Ohio
Mason City, Ia.*

Dear Bro. Parker:-

I received your letter of Aug. 7th in regards to your meeting with St. Johns Lodge at Waterloo and was indeed sorry that unfortunately I could not be present. We are doing a great deal of interior decorating in my department at the building and we have been working night and day and Sundays since I came back in order to get it over with. So this morning bubbie and Bro. Black and the boys stoped by to see if I could go. I appreciated them stoping but it was impossible for me to make it. So I hope Grand Master that your meeting was successful because I think with your personality you are just the the man that can bring them out of the red satisfactory to all. I think with a little encouraging and cooperation on their part things should come



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put a.k. which I hope it will and all be benefited by it in the long run. In your letter Grand master you said send the balance of the contingent money to Bro. Mayo Grand Custodian. I am sorry to say Grand Master that things were not as favorable as to the finance when I returned as I thought it would be, which puts me in a bad fix at this present time. So I am going to ask you to do me a favor under this critical circumstances of granting me the privilege of paying this balance in three payments, at my salary it would be impossible to pay it all at once. Their money is good but they only get it here and there which makes a hard ship on every one. So I will give you my word if it is granted I will see that the payment is in your hand by the second of each month until paid. I am very sorry indeed that things came up as it did just when the Grand Lodge is in such need of money. So I hope to hear from you soon with best wishes to your family and craft and a successful and prosperous

administration.

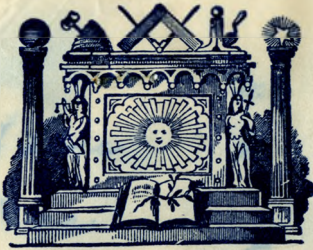
Fraternally yours

G. R. Joyce, D. S. M.



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Dear S. W.
just dropping a
line to see if you
have ordered my
P. S. M. upon Ozet.
if not would suggest
that you commission
P. S. M. of Joe Brown
to order same, as he
has ordered them for
several years past.
Will see you in
Haverport.
Sincerely
Brown



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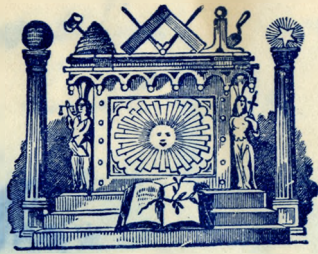
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To Secy. Union #1 (Trotter) 15 Ja

In reference to Section 37 Article (d)
in the case of Bro J. W. Wilson,
deceased.

My ruling is that, unless by common
consent, or majority vote in Union Lodgeth
to allow Bro J. W. Wilson his local
dues prior to his death.

Said Lodge is entitled to local
and Grand Lodge dues.



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Dec 27. 39

*From your Percy Parker G.M.
 7 So Ohio St
 Mason City, Ia.*

*My dear Grand Master:
 Enclosed please find check for
 Bro. Carl Mays' Contingent.
 Received it on 23rd but in stress of
 Xmas shopping I laid it aside.
 You can facilitate its delivery you
 may mail it direct to him
 His new address is 1329 Thirty First St
 This leaves family and I in fair health
 and steadily improving.
 Glad to ~~you~~ know that you and yours
 were enjoying excellent health.
 All join me in wishing you and yours a happy
 Prosperous and Healthy New Year.
 Your sincere Friend and Frat Bro
 Dr. H. A. Martin*

Keokuk Iowa
June 4th 1940

Mr Wm Percy Parker Grand Master Iowa Juro.

Dear Sir and Bro

I wrote you a while back notifying you of the death of our Bro John Drain Feb 28th but have failed to hear from you to date. I also wrote the grand Sec and have received no ans from him, I am notifying you now of the death of another Bro John Wilson May the 25th Now it makes it pretty hard for a Master to do much when he can't get an ans from the Grand Officers, it don't sound so good when you tell the Craft that I haven't heard yet. please let me hear from you

Yours Fraternally

Chas H Owens W.M. Union No I
1818 High St
Keokuk Iowa

Centerville Iowa

July 25 - 1939

Mr. Percy Parker
Grand Master

Dear Sir + Bro.

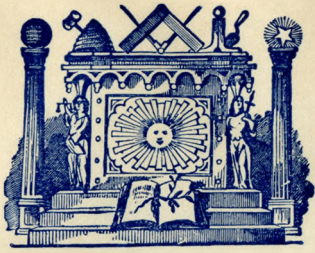
Just a note in regards to the
Benefits from the death of our late
Bro. Lee Todd, of which I sent in
on the application Mrs. Frances Talor
as Beneficiary then living in
Kansas City Mo. But since that
time she has remarried and

now lives in Tulsa Okla.
So since I sent the application
in her name and address has
both change so I am notifying you
as the Beneficiary money go to her.
Her name and address now is

Mrs. Frances Anderson
436 Marshall place
Tulsa Okla. I just had a message
from her. to that affect.
Fraternally yours
over.

Claude L. Downing W.M.
Tuscan Lodge #42

802 East Jackson St.
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April 20th 1941

Wm Percy P. Parker G. M.
7 So Ohio St
Mason City Ia

Dear Grand Master,

Enclosed please find check to amt ^(8.18/4) Eight and eighteen cents favor Bro. N. L. Black, for printing from Gen. funds.

This leaves family and I in very good health and doing nicely. very glad to know that you and yours were also blessed and that your business was so good.

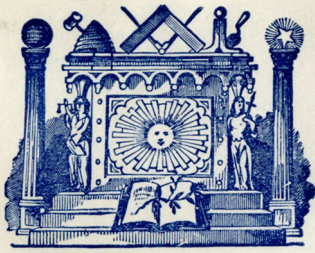
Like mine it has been exceptionally good this winter and spring.

Well Over: will spend next Sunday in Mason City health and weather permitting.

Love to all of yours from all of mine

Sincerely and Fraturnally Yours

Dr H. A. Martin
Gr. Mas



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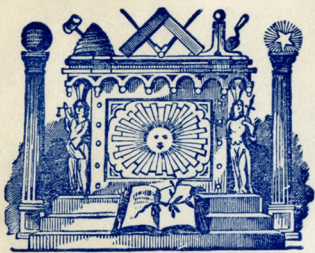
Dec. 19, 1940

Dear Grand Master:

Real glad to hear that you were improving and able to be up and around. This leaves family and in the best of health and planning for a very busy Xmas season. No late news because I haven't been any where to find out any thing since I wrote you. Hadn't been as spry as in past year my sickness left its mark. Want to visit Clinton Sunday if weather permits. It is so icy on the pavements down here.

Enclosed please find check for Bro N. L. Black. Write when you can.

Your Sincere Friend and Bro
Dr. H. A. Martin



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12-5140

You Wm Percy Parker, G.M.
The 7 So Ohio St
Mason City, Ia.

My dear Grandmaster:
I forwarded to you several checks for
your signature on Nov. 26 also requests
for any other warrants on hand and a
warrant for Frazier and Black for printing.
Fearing that you failed to receive them
and I may have to duplicate the checks
at once if they did not reach your hand
Please reply immediately.

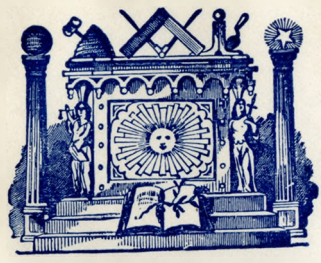
and may I be pardoned for calling your
attention to the fact that considerable
discontent is arising over the delay in
paying our benefits. We must make real
efforts pay off as fast as the money comes
in for the good of our Order. This I have family
and I in the best of health. An early reply will
please. Your sincere friend and Bro. Dr. H. A. Martin, Treas.

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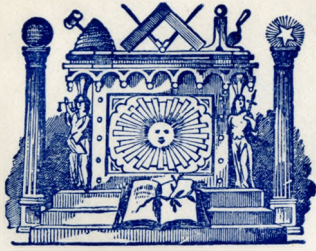
March 28th 41

My dear Grand Master:
The letter bearing check to Mrs
Nannie Hunter was returned stating no
such address. Please look over your
application and see if there was a
mistake, or tell me the Lodge Bro.
Hunter belonged to. That I may get in
touch with them.

all well and doing nicely
Best wishes to you and yours

Yours very sincerely
Dr. H. A. Martin
Gr. Treas.

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Feb 24 41

Hon. ~~Wm~~ P. Parker. M. W. G. Master

7 So. Ohio St
Mason City, Ia.

My dear Grand Master:

Enclosed please find 3 checks for your signature. Please send addresses for the two lady beneficiaries

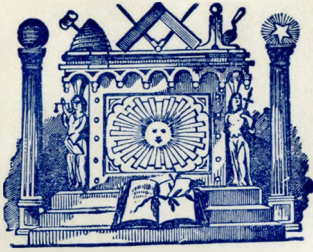
The checks to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Hunter are for \$50.00 apiece just half of their claim

I have 2 other claims only half paid.

Now, Percy; They delay in paying claims are seriously against us. If you will write back

to send me all of the money he has. at once we need two hundred dollar to pay off

all the claims you have sent to me also order warrants for all of the claims you hold and get them into my hand. Several lodges are inquiring about claims due their



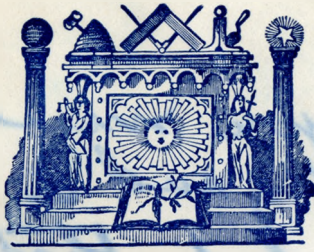
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members and if we don't get busy real soon the apple cart will be upset. It is your duty to have the Grand Society forward you a list of all lodges delinquent in Relief dues. And it is then your duty to contact each and every one of them by visiting writing or telephoning exacting of said Master to make remittance at once. You will do the Grand Lodge a great service by doing so. This bears family and I in very good health and doing fairly well. Sincerely hope you have fully recovered and your family are equally blessed. Forgot to mention that I received from Grand Society on 20th \$124.⁰⁰ a total of \$324.⁰⁰ since Grand Lodge session. If we had half of what is due. The amount would be around \$750.⁰⁰ and we would be in very good grace with claims. Your sincere friend and Bro. Dr. H. A. Martin



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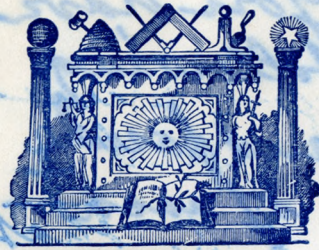
March 19 1941

Hon Wm P. Parker G. M.

Dear Grandmaster:

I drew a check on Feb 24 and you signed it for Mrs Nannie Hunter but you failed to send me Mrs Hunter address. I wrote for it but you must have overlooked it.

and please send address of all parties whom checks are made payable to. Had a letter from Bro. Black claiming a small balance of \$5.00 and some cents which bill he claims to have sent you please have a warrant made and forward to me. It is the custom at least once a month if not immediately you receive a claim is to have Grand Secretary make a warrant and said warrant sent at once to Grand Treasurer and Grand Secy should remit all money to Grand Treas. that the claims be paid



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Nov. 26, 1940

Hon Wm P. Parker G. M.
7 So Ohio St
Mason City, Ia.

My dear Grand Master:

Enclosed please find checks
for your signature.

Was in Iowa City and Washington Sunday
Nate Black is doing fine. He has a printing
bill against us and really needs the money.
Please send the warrant as I have enough
money in the Gen. Fund to take care of the
small bills against the G. L.

Saw Carl and received a \$200.00 check from
him. He explains in the enclosed letter news
you should have. So instead of \$600.00 or \$800.00
That is the condition. Really Jerry Carl has
no power but a notice. You have power to call the
Master on the Carpet for neglect of duty

CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

FIDELITY DEPARTMENT



MASSACHUSETTS BONDING AND INSURANCE COMPANY

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In consideration of the sum of EIGHTEEN AND 75/100- - - - - Dollars

Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company hereby continues in force Bond No. F-232009

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in favor of MOST WORSHIPPED UNITED GRAND LODGE A.F. & A.M. OF IOWA

for the period beginning on the 15th day of July 1940 ,

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subject to all the covenants and conditions of said original bond heretofore issued on the

15th day of July , 19 38

Provided the aggregate liability of Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company from the date of the issuance of said bond to the date of the expiration of this certificate shall not exceed the sum written above.

Witness the signatures of the President and Assistant Secretary, this 24th day of July 19 40.

ATTEST

H. Cutchett
Assistant Secretary.

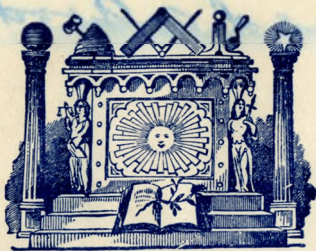
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Countersigned by *C. A. Williams* Authorized Representative.

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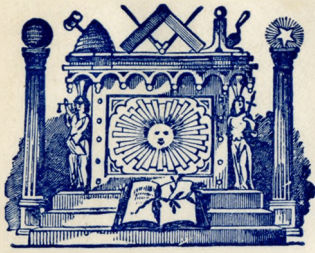
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July 30, 1940

To Hon Wm Percy Parker G.M.
 7 So Ohio St
 Mason City Ia

My Dear Grand Master:
 Yours of July 18, and was glad that you
 had something to work on in regard to St
 John's Lodge. I sincerely hope we can get some
 money from them and I am in hopes that
 a number will withdraw and start a new
 lodge in that city.

Am enclosing my Bond and invoice for same
 Please have Grand Secretary make warrant
 for the amount and also please other
 warrants as it will redound to our
 benefit to begin payments on the claims
 was in Chic. Sunday to see the Yankees
 and White Sox. And saw two good games.
 Had a nice trip. Hank sent tells. to all of you
 my family and I send Best Regards
 very Sincerely and Fraturnally Yours
 Dr H. A. Martin
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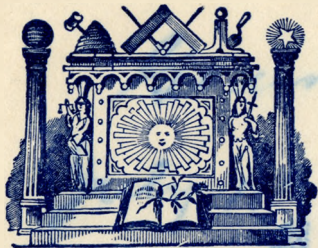
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June 24 - 41

Dear Mr. Parker G.M.
7 So. Ohio St.
Mason City Ia

My dear Grand Master:
This leaves family and I in very good
health and sincerely hope that you
and your are equally blessed
I have been waiting for a letter and
any other business that should be
attended to before Grand Session.
One thing in particular namely the
address of Mrs Nannie Hunter.
Her check was returned having changed
her address. The Master or some of the
members of that lodge of which he was
a member. Curly promised to send some
money but he hasn't up to this writing
spent St. Johns day with his wife #19 Nate Black came up
his check and took Dr Martin on Iowa



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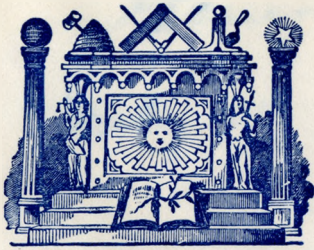
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561.24
April 6th 1941
Relief department # 98.93

July 11th 1940
Nov 24 " \$ 436.29
Feb'y 21st 41 260.00
Apr. 5 " 124.00
151.00

\$ 911.29

Disbursements To date
\$ 900.00. *Includes enclosed checks*

Balance Relief Treasury \$ 11.29



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April 6th 1941

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7 So Ohio St.
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enclosurement.

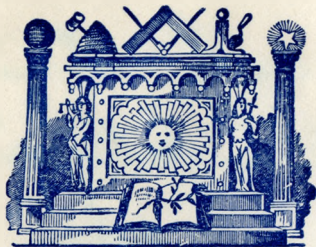
Please sign and return.

also please find Memoranda of receipts
and disbursements of Ben Fund and Relief
Fund & figure what they should have been.

I also sent you your returned envelope
from the address of Mrs Nannie Hunter
for a better address.

Best Wishes to you and yours from me
and mine.

Your sincere friend and Bro
Dr H. A. Martin
Grand ~~Master~~
Treas



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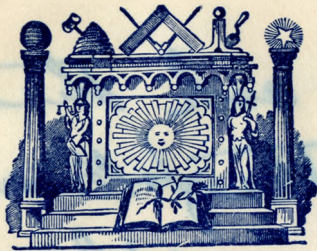
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Wm P. Parker G. M
7 So Ohio St,
Mason City

Dear Grandmaster:
Yours received to day with checks.
Please send me at once address
of Mrs Ella Draine Taylor
Mrs Name Hunter.

Glad to learn that you are up again and
I hope you will continue to improve.
Best wishes from all at my house

to you and yours
Your sincere Friend of Bro
Dr H.A. Martin
H. T.



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April 15th 1940

Hon Wm Percy Parker, G.M.
7 So. Ohio St
Mason City, Ia.

My dear Percy:

was in Mason C. Sunday hoping for a chat with you. G. L. time is all most upon us and when I saw the G. Sec. he told me, money was coming in slowly. He hasn't remitted a dime since last fall and no payments have been made on claims. You must have him send in his collections so that we can pay some one to show our good faith. We are faced with a fight by disgruntled members because of the lowering of our Relief and Burial benefits. Have Carl Culberson send you a list of each Lodge's indebtedness. Then write each W. M. and each Secty of local Lodges and order them to read your

Communication in open Lodge.

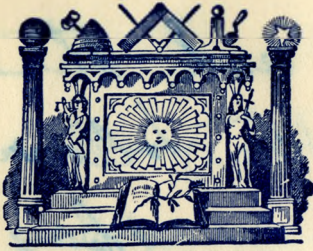
Included in each of your letters ask the members 3 questions. such as the following

1st What insurance Company would pay them \$100.00 at death if taken out at 25 years of age and over for the small amount of \$4.00 a year.

2nd What member of the lodge has paid \$4.00 per year 25 years to place in Treasury \$100.00 for his death benefit

3rd What Relief Department of any organization has been operated without any expense to said department except the Relief Department of the M. V. United Grand Lodge of Iowa.

I also want a order from you to visit Mehil at Chilton, Wiram at Davenport, and. Mt Oliver at Cedar Rapids. as your representatives. Please visit Marshalltown Lodge and talk to the members of that lodge personally. also visit Moines Lodges. Propound the questions here presented and other facts of your knowledge. visit and propound St. Johns Lodge. Draw contingent money for your expenses. The Grand Lodge must wake up. Your devoted friend and servant or Marking, Treas.



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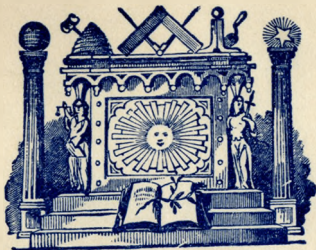
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Debit's unpaid in Treas. Hand

Walter Davis	\$150.00
Lee Todd	150.00
Jeff Martin	75.00
James E. Todd	150.00
Tom Pugh	150.00
	<hr/>
	\$675.00

by H. A. Martin
 G. Treas

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Feb 16 1940

Wm. Percy Parker G.M.

7 South Ohio St

Mason City Ia

my dear Grandmaster:

Enclosed please find list of claims outstanding in my possession, also amounts.

Nothing from Grand Secty. If you jack him up a little I think we will get a little action.

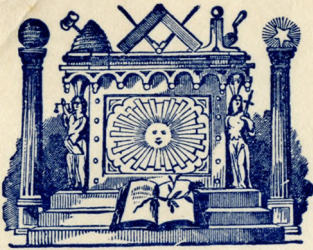
We arrived home Sunday night about 3. Didn't drive very fast as the water froze on the road in the evening following the afternoon thaw. The small town streets were sheets of ice.

Regards to the family and Brethren

Enjoyed my self immensely there Sunday

P.S. Mrs Mary Wright Miller is in the hospital doing nicely yours Doc.

Sincerely and Fraturnally
Dr H.A. Martin
G. True.



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Dec. 5th 1939

To Hon. Wm Percy Parker G. M.

Dear Percy;

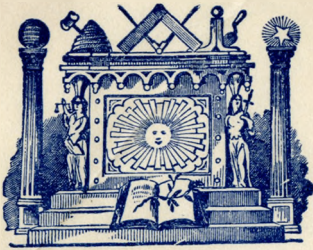
Write Carl Culberson to make warrant favor Carl Mays. Grand Custodian contingent in haste. So that Carl Mays can get busy. Also write a sharp note to Joyce. And tell him you are endeavoring to make your a business administration.

Such acts make me sick when we are fighting to put the organization on its feet once more. A little jacking up won't hurt our Grand Society.

I am at work and feeling fine but very weak. Love to the family

Your devoted Frat Bro

P.S. And Percy be sure you use your Grand Master's seal on all of your business letters, so they will have official standing
Dr. H. A. Martin, Grand Treas



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From ~~Wm~~ P. Parker. G. M.
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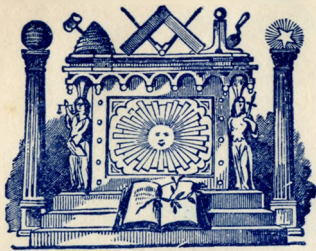
My dear Grand Master:

Enclosed please find checks to
cover account of Bro James Todd
of North Star Lodge #2 on Relief
Department.

Please send address of Mrs Lula
May Todd.

I am glad to say this disposes
of all claims in my hands.

Carl was here yesterday, is well and
is looking forward to a well attended
Grand Lodge. Funds has been slow
in coming in. Just received your letter with
checks. You may advise the Dist. Administration.
Bro. Davis Carter was a member of Cedar Grove #18



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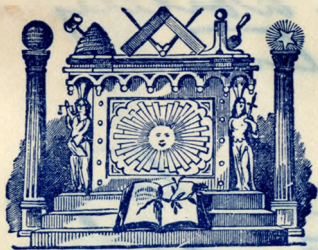
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in 1937. but have no other knowledge of him or his whereabouts since look in your records of deaths reported and if you fail to find any record wait until next week at the G. L. Session you may find in the records of that Lodge when chapter was revoked. or ask P. H. Master Hyde what knowledge he has of it.

We had a grand time at M. C. and with Perfect Ashler on St. John's day for which we thank all.

My family remains well and joins me in love and best wishes see you next Monday

Fraternally Yours
Dr. H. A. Martin



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Your Wm Percy Parker G. M.

7 So Ohio St

Mason City Ia

my dear Grand Master:

I hope you will pardon me for my presumption but as you are aware we are nearing the end of the 3rd Quarter and very little has been done toward meeting our obligations. Therefore I am going to propose to you what I think should be done. I will write the Grand Secretary and have him send to you an itemized statement of each Lodge's remittance for each of the Quarters and time of receipt and the balance due Grand Lodge up to end of 3rd Quarter. I will have him forward to Grand Treasurer all moneys in his hands so that the Treasurer can attend to the business of liquidating some part of the indebtedness

as our prestige depends on our ability
to serve and that in a fair time
after responsibility is incurred.

3rd after receiving the Grand Secretary's
report sit right down and notify each
Master of report of his lodge returns
and order him to read same to his lodge
on their first meeting thereafter and reply
to your letter the action his lodge takes
in regard to report.

You will have to get a little tough
with some of them, to get results.

We are just drifting now. We must
start swimming, or else.

Regards to the family and yourself from
me and Mine.

Just a word before closing Mrs Mary Wright
Wells has had two strokes and is now
confined to ^{at} St Joseph's Sanitarium. She
is completely paralyzed on one side and
can scarcely articulate one word. For some
time knew no one. Very ^{little} hope is held out
for her.

Yours Sincere Friend
Dr H. A. Martin
Grand Treas.
I enclose
Pleasant letter from
A. M. C. S. Union
Prof. Thoms a line saying at earliest
date we will make a remittance
your doc

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Nashville, Tenn

Feb. 21, 1940.

Dr. H. A. Martin,
204 Security Building,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Sir & Brother:

We are writing to call your attention to the balance due on printing the Minutes for the Iowa Masonic. It amounts to \$293.50. We would appreciate it if you would find it possible to let us have a payment on this account.

We would also like to say here that we are in position to do any other work for you that you might wish done.

Wishing for you continued success, we are

fraternally yours,
Ira T. Bryant
A. M. E. S. S. Union,
Ira T. Bryant, Sec-Treas.

5-8-1940

713-Franklin St getna

Dr HCA Martin

Just a few line to you an the Lodge
Brother I received your Letter was glad
to here from you your Letter found
me out so well I have so much to
worrried after a pore widow share
have a hard time in This world
my pore husben Oscar was such
a good man he was sick on my
hand all most tree yers an I all
most went hamgry to pay his durre
up in the Lodge an I paid the
funeral Bill Cash my self I wish
you please try an ask the Brother
to do me a favor By try to get me
25 dollars on my Bill what you
all ow me I am in a driertrust
an I kneed help so please try an
help me out please my house
insurance is due an I have not
got one cent so please try an

713- Franklin St Gretna La

Dear Brothers Jest 5-22-1940

a few line to the lodg

to find out what you all are
gone to do with one my husben
has Bin dead & amount to
day an I have not got
one pency yet I dont think
you all are treating me fair
you all has throw me a side
want aney my letter want
send any money you all dont
act like a craft Brother I
am in a distrust has not
got know help an any helt
is Bad I have not got know
money But I have a railroad pass
I thank I will take a trip to fort
Lodge Iowa I dont want to do this
But you all dont want to try an
pay pare so I think I will put
this in a lawyer hand Because

I am a poor woman an I am
Broke an has not got one cent
an I ows Bills an has not
got the anoney an I ask you
all to please send one \$25.00
dollar on my claine an you all
want ancy any Letter an tell me
nothing that not the way to treat
a Lodge Brother's wife I have
paid my husben dues up to dath
you all dont Cair get how I fair
When E Howard did I was
Living in fort Dodge his wife
an I whare friends you all
paid her right a way didn
treat her Like a dog treat her
Like a woman Like a Brother
wife But that is all right
may god Bless you all ancy
this Letter please amount to
day my husben is gone not one
penny get from Mrs O. J. Williams

4-20-1940

713- Franklin St gretn La

deare Brother of the grand Lodge
jest a few line to you to let you
here from one I am Brother of
Williams wife an my pore husben
has Bin dead sence aug the 22 1939
an the Ladg has not paid me yet
an he was paid to date in his
Lodg I wroat the grand Secretary
3 time an he want not aney my
Letter I Beried my man my self
an I paid it off with my on
money an I had to have a new
ruff put on my house an had
other Bills to pay know I an Brooke
I wish god will open your hart
please an cend my check to me
I have my house Ladg to pay an
my in insurance for my house
an have not got the money to pay
it I am all smart crasye jest dont
know what to do on The 22 of this

amount will Be 8 amount my pare
husben has part a way please try
an do something for me I kneed
help so please try an send my check
to me please do that for me please
love to the Lodge Brothers for me
pray for me do what you can for
me an god will Bless you
time is office hard with I have
Bin sick But is Little Better
Know please ancy this letter
from Mrs. O. J. Williams

55-1808

King's and King of Kings

and of King's and King of Kings

I have Bin Waiting for my
claim to Be paid sence august
22-1939

get the Brothers of the Lodge to
 make that up for me an get a
 money order for me please helps
 me out time has Bin very hard
 with me my pore husben has Bin
 dead will be 9 amount on the 22
 of this amount I roat the grand
 Secretary 3 Letter an he want ancy
 my Letter he treat me like a dog
 he act like he dont care about
 his Brothers widows he dont act
 like a Lodg Brother Mr Virgil
 Warren is a grand man may
 god Bless him when I wright him
 he will ancy my Letter please
 try an send me that money that
 25 dollars on that Bill you all ow
 me please I have not get one cent
 an I shere kneed helps feel my cair
 I am old an has Bad helt do
 someting for pore may god Bless
 you pray for me to over come

ancy soon please from Mrs
Howdar that Live in Fort Dodge
Iowa didn't not have the truely
to get her money like I am
having to get mine we was
Living in fort Dodge Iowa at
that time when she Lase her
husben she got her money right
know she is a friend of mine
she wright one all the time I
tell her the Lodge have not
pay me get from Mrs. C. J. Williams

55-1101

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NASHVILLE, TENN., May 7, 1950

M Iowa Masonic Dr. H. A. Martin

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By: [Signature] RECEIVER

ALFRED T ADAMS
LAWYER
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 9, 1940

Dr. H. A. Martin,
204 Security Building,
Dubuque, Iowa.

Dear Dr. Martin:

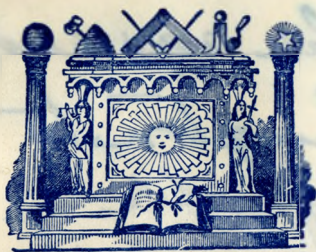
Enclosed herewith please find statement
of account of A. M. E. Sunday School Union against
Iowa Masonic in the sum of \$293.50.

This account has been running for some
time and we would appreciate a substantial payment
on same at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

Receiver

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May 25 1940

From Wm Percy Parker W. M. G. M.
 7 So Ohio St
 Mason City Ia

Dear Broes:

Am enclosing 4 letters for your perusal
 not that I think you can pay them, but
 that you can put some steam behind the
 delinquent lodges, advising them of
 their standing in public eyes!

We are not insolvent but we are
 way in arrears and the craft should
 be made acquainted with their present
 condition. In the past we were prompt
 because we had the money but you now
 I can go and take money from their
 pockets. But a warning to the members
 of the various lodges, might stir them
 some. This, however, is in fine health
 also family. Sincerely hope that you and yours are
 equally blessed. Your sincere friend and frat Bro
 Dr. H. A. Martin G. T.

Q.S. was in Des Moines 2 weeks ago and
saw Branham. visited Washington to
see Nate Black. He is getting feeble
at Iowa City and saw "Cubby" He and his
were well. He is working right.
Joyce is O.K., Toney was up here.
Best wishes
Doc

PHONES:
RES. 2459-J
OFFICE 3777-J

DR. HENRY A. MARTIN
PODIATRIST

THE MAN WHO MAKES THE FEET GLAD

204 SECURITY BLDG.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, June 29 1940

Hon Percy Parker G.M.
7 So. Ohio St
Mason City Ia

My dear Grandmaster,

Enclosed please find
petition for mysteries of
Masonry by Mr Robert
Russell Johnson, son of our
Bro G. Sey Johnson whose
residence is Galena Ill.
Am also enclosing special
delivery stamp for you to
forward same to Grand Master
of Illinois, and ask him
to give his consent, at once
that we may make Mr Johnson
at S. S. School of Instruction.

It is vital to our lodge.
Galena is 16 miles east of
Dubuque and the first

*Acty
Dubuque Lodge #
A. F. U. G. M. 29*

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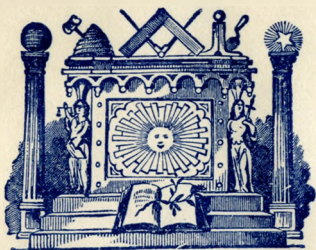
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and nearest lodge to Galena
in Illinois is 49 miles
We have in the past re-
ceived petitions from residents
of Galena, subject to approval
of Grand Master of Ill.
See Section 83, Page 35 of
the code.

We respectfully request your
Co-operation in this effort.
Frationally Yours
Dr H.A. Martin
Secy. Dubuque Lodge #29





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May 8th 40

From Wm Percy Parker
 7 So Ohio St
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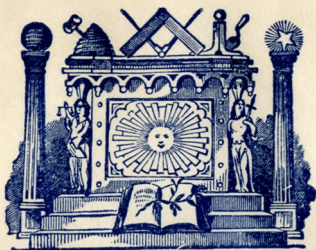
My dear Grand Master:

Please find checks 37-38-39-40-41
 for your signature

Please send addresses
 Wm Mary Davis, also Wm. of
 Perfect Ashler and Truecan Lodges

Am up and around although for
 3 weeks (since Tuesday I was up there) I haven't been
 able to walk 10 blocks at a time
 Leg trouble. Result of operation

Best wishes to you and yours
 saw Cebbie ~~and~~ Friday night at a
 raising in McNeil #21
 Your sincere friend
 Dr. H. A. Martin



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Nov. 15th 39

From Wm Percy Parker ^{M. G. M.}
 7 So Ohio St
 Mason City, Ia.

My Dear Grand Master:

Enclosed please find extortion or rather
 addition to Bond. Please pin to and keep
 with the Bond:

Was very glad to receive your letter and
 to know that you and yours were well, also
 trace Harry and their family, were also blessed
 I am also glad to state that I continue to
 improve and today the doctor allowed me
 to walk into another room and get the
 first peep of my yard in 4 weeks to the
 day. So the prayers of my family, God Friends
 and my own seem to have been heard by
 our Holy Father and I am spared to continue
 swinging ^{for} closer brotherhood, and to uplift our Race.
 My family join me love to you and yours
 Sincerely and Fraturnally Yours
 Dr. H. A. Martin
 G. M.



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R I D E R

TO BE ATTACHED TO AND FORM PART OF BOND NO. F-232009
DATED AUGUST 1, 1938, ISSUED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS BONDING AND
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In consideration of the premium charged for the attached
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First: That the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for
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the principal filling the position covered hereunder.

Second: The Organization shall make, or cause to be made,
a careful inspection and audit of the books and accounts of the
principal including complete verification of all securities and
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bond is in force.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter,
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Signed, sealed and dated this 10th day of October, 1939.

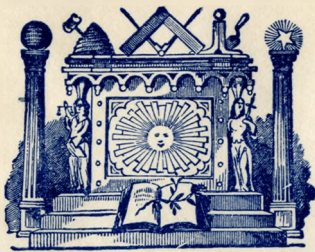
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June 16th 1940

Hon Wm Percy Parker M. M. G. M.

Dear Grand Master:

Enclosed please find 3 checks for
 your signature. # 42, 43 - 44

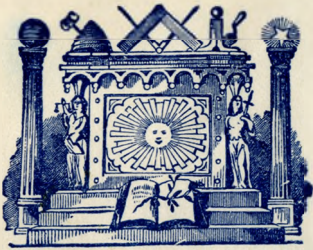
Please send Mrs Lillian Pugh's address
 also Master of St Johns Lodge # 35 -

This leaves family and I in fair health
 and doing nicely.

Sincerely hope that you, yours and all
 members of the craft are equally blessed
 will be with you next Sunday.

Sincerely and Fraturnally Yours

Dr H. A. Martin
 Gr Treas



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Sept. 14 '39

From Wm P. Parker: G. M.

Dear Drury:

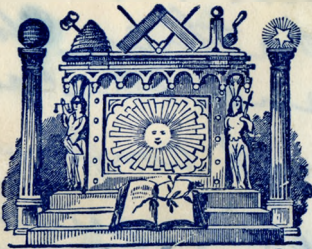
Was in Cedar Rapids last night
 night. Saw Al Joyce and he told me of
 your visit. Hope you had a good time and
 I hope enquired into the financial situation
 There hasn't been any remittance since
 Grand Lodges, some lodges has surely remitted
 their quarterly, and as you know the dues
 should be paid if possible or at least part of

them

This leaves family and I in fair health and
 doing nicely.

Bob went to Ames yesterday to begin school
 year. Vivian began yesterday out west.

Enclosed you will find the forms I promised
 Bobby finished them Sunday for me
 Best wishes to family and all of our friends
 Your sincere friend Dr. H. A. Martin



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Aug. 8, 1939

*Hon. Wm Percy Parker M. W. G. M.
 7 So. Ohio St
 Mason City, Ia.*

My dear Grand Master:

*Had a grand time on Sunday with you
 other Grand Officers and St Johns Lodge
 really think we have set the ball rolling
 in that city. I wanted to try and wake
 them up on the Circle of Constantine but
 their financial troubles were enough for the
 day. waited until near ten for you to show
 up at the restaurant, as I wanted to talk
 to you and Crubby together. Please have him
 any monies which come into his hands as I
 would like to pay as many claims as possible
 to enable the G. L. in holding its prestige.
 We cannot afford to fail. It is what too many
 of our opponents wish. Our selection of Horace as a
 member of the Historical Committee, would be very pleasing to me.*

over

I am dead anxious to see you visit Marshalltown
and explain in open lodge to the brethren their
status in the Relief department and the cause
of it is that the Secretary ^{made} did not conform
to the laws of the Grand Lodge in remitting
their Burial and Endowment dues in the
prescribed order of laws of that department.
If it is possible you will save a lot of
confusion should one of their members
die real soon. Warn me real and other ^{delinquent}
at once. Am forwarding check for your

signature. Please return at once.
Had ^{Rev.} Wm L. Johnson try and interest
old members and some new ones to revive
the Old Lodge at Foot Dodge. His address is
31 1/2 Central Ave. if you care to address him
at any time. Sorry I did not arrive in
time to hear your talk which Kate reports
as excellent. Congrats

Will see you again in the next two weeks
The children expected some of you in Waterloo
last night. They went up to the dance.
Regards to the family and all of our friends

Sincerely and Fraternaly Yours
Dr H. A. Matthews
G. I.

Infant

Wm Smith

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Walter Waver

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Lee Todd

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and Jeff Martin Relief

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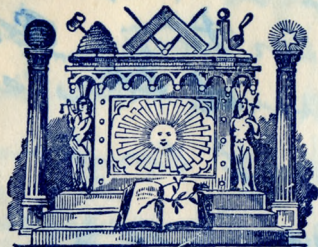
Relief \$102.77

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New Fund over 1707



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July 21st 39

Mr Percy Parker G.M.
 7 So. Ohio St
 Mason City Ia.

My dear Grand Master;

Enclosed please find 6 checks for

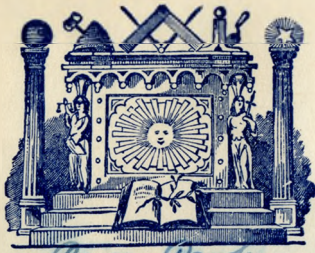
your signature and G.M. Stamp.

This disposes of 3 claims. I still have
 on hand 3 full claims and Bro. Jeff Martin's
 Relief not due until Dec. 1939. Attached memo.
 will acquaint you with state of treasury.

Please send address of Mrs Anna McCallan
 Mrs Laura Rhodes, Mrs Margaret Gordon.

I am in hopes that as soon as you are
 rested from G.L. Session and caught up with
 your business we can arrange a meeting with
 Grand Secty to discuss details of working out
 payments for the claims now in and others to
 follow. Best wishes from my house to your house

Yours sincerely and Fraternally
 Dr H.A. Martin in Trust



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July 15 '39

*Hon Percy Parker, G.M.
 7 So. Ohio St.
 Mason City, Ia.*

My dear Grand Master!

*Arrived home pretty well worn out
 and knowing how hard you worked this
 week am sure you are trying to rest up
 as I would like to but can't. Hattie left
 on her vacation Friday night so you see
 there is no rest for the "wicked"*

*We've caught "Hull" from some of our worthy
 brothers since Thursday evening 8 P.M.
 Anyway I don't worry. So don't you.*

*Sorry I have to start you out to work but
 enclosed please find bill for Treas. Bond.
 Have Grand Secty send order to you for said
 amount at an early date. I will send you
 a memorandum of the G. L. Treas. Cash as soon as I
 post my books. Best wishes for a successful year
 and also to family. Your sincere friend and fraternal Bro
 Dr H.A. Martin Grand Treas*

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LAWRENCE M. GABEL

HOME FURNISHINGS FUNERAL DIRECTOR

OSKALOOSA, KANSAS



L.M.Gabel.
Oskaloosa,
Kan.

Lawrence M. Gabel

HOME FURNISHINGS -:- FUNERAL DIRECTOR

-:- OSKALOOSA - KANSAS -:-

June 3, 1941.

Mr. Percy Parker,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Sometime ago I wrote you regarding the payment by your lodge to me of seventyfive dollars for burial of James Todd. We are satisfied with that amount but merely desire a copy of the resolution or by-law authorizing the amount. I have to have that in order that the Veterans administration will pay the amount they owe. We are not asking for more money merely this statment.

Your consideration in this matter will be appreciated and in fact is very necessary. Will you not do this by return mail as we are needing it at once.

You will find inclosed a stamped envelope.

Yours truly,

Lawrence M. Gabel,

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North Star



Lodge No. 2

A. F. & A. M.

Wm Percy Parker G. M.

Des Moines, Iowa

March 2nd

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7 So Ohio St

Mason City, Ia.

Dear Sir & Brother.

This is to inform you that Brother R. D. Sims was duly elected Secretary of North Star Lodge # 2 for the year 1941. Address 937 - 15th St.

We feel that Brother Sims will fill the office with credit to the Lodge and to himself.

Fraternally yours

C. M. Mays

W. M.



Office of the Worshipful Master

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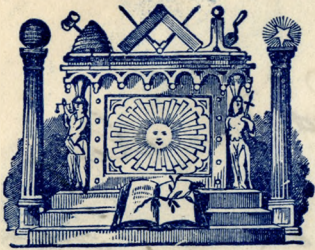
Dear Pence:

Hello old boy how are you these days. I trust that by now every thing has again taken on a more normal atmosphere after our Grand Communication, with you but I have not quite gotten back down to earth my self. I wrote my friend a letter, also I sent Bro. D wens W. M. No. 35 a coat left in Branham's car. I hope it was his. I have been trying to get my friend John Ester and his wife to go fishing he is an undertaker here I do not know if you know him or not he holds his Blue Lodge membership in Kansas but is taking his Consistory degrees here now

Wear Your Masonic Emblem

(over)

We want to leave early Saturday
morning and come back Sunday, so
I have ^{to} go back to work Monday. We may
come that way I don't know but maybe
you had better let me know if it is
alright. I sure wish I was at the
"De de Blue" with a friend to enjoy my-
self like I used to do, boy I had fun
till the fateful hour, but I think
all is forgiven. Mary said to tell Susie
hello and that she hopes to be seeing her and
you soon, and so do, &. I think I will
have to go back to Davenport to pick up some
smoked fish that I was suppose to get
all so I have an old arguement to settle, say
by the way you forget to give me that
bottle, well good by old boy I'll
be seeing you.
as ever, your friend and brother, Ed



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Sept 12, 1939

W.V. Windsor Sec.
1047, 17th St.
Des Moines, Ia

Dear Sir and Bro;

In reply to your request concerning the
"lay on the table" period.

I hereby give you permission to disregard
same, in regard to Said petition of Demit.

The Demit also meets my approval.

Please extend my regards to the Craft.

Fraternally Yours


Grand Master



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1939

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: MBAC-7-8

Mr. William Percy Parker
Grand Master
7 South Ohio Street
Mason City, Iowa

TODD, James E.
XC-2,444,168

Dear Sir:

This office has under consideration the claim of Lawrence M. Gabel, Undertaker of Oskaloosa, Kansas, for the burial allowance in the case of the above named veteran.

Evidence in file shows that the veteran was a member of North Star, Masonic Lodge No. 2, and as such, was entitled to certain benefits. In order, therefore, that this claim may be settled, you are requested to inform this office as to the amount paid, or to be paid, by the Lodge towards the burial expenses of the veteran. He died on June 23, 1939 at Oskaloosa, Kansas. He was survived by a widow, Mrs. Lulu May Todd, whose present address is Oskaloosa, Kansas.

This evidence should be submitted within one year from the date of request therefor, in order that this claim may receive consideration.

All communications relative to this case should bear the name of the veteran and refer to the number XC-2,444,168.

Respectfully

E. L. Bailey

E. L. BAILEY
Director

Dependents Claims Service

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December 7th.

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Veterans Administration
Dependents Claims Service
E. L. Bailey-Director

Re: MBAC-7-8
Todd, James E.
Xc-2,444,168

In complying to your request, of November 16, 1939 we allow the beneficiary \$50.00 at the death of a Brother Mason, and this amount has been paid to the widow of James E. Todd.

For further reference we refer you to

Mr. William Percy Parker, Grand Master
7 South Ohio Street
Mason City
Iowa.

Trusting your request is amply complied with, we are

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Des Moines, Iowa December 7th. 19 39

Mr. Wm. Percy Parker. G. M.
7 South Ohio Street
Mason City
Iowa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is to inform you that the following were duly elected and installed, for the coming year, namely:

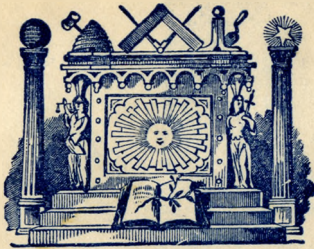
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Chas. Gibson. J. W.
Wm. Walker. Treas.
W. Windsor. Sec.

Fraternally.

N. S. L. No. 2.

W. V. Windsor. Sec.
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Copy forwarded to
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Mason City, Ia
Sept. 12, 1939

Mr. Virgle Warren;
Box 13
Mason City, Ia

Dear Sir and Bro.

Yours of Aug. 26th at hand concerning an inmate of a State Reformatory's petition to a masonic lodge for membership. I must ask you for more details concerning the case.

First what was the nature of the crime?

Second Had said inmate been convicted before?

Third What kind of Citizen has said inmate made since his release?

The third matters not as much as the first and second questions. As your letter must be placed on file and my decision must be made of fact contained in your statement. Expecting an early reply. I remain respectfully yours.

Grand Master

PQ

1708 W.4th St. Sioux City Iowa.

November.30-1939

Mr.W.P. Parker.M.W.Grand Master.

Dear Grand Mater I hope this will find you well
and enjoying good health also wish for you a joyfull Thanksgiving
G Grand Master.

We are having some trouble in Decature No I4
Sec.I40 of the code reads that ministers of the gospel in actual
service may be admitted gratuitously by unanimous consent of the lodge
Our minister asked me to take his application in the lodge I sent it
by my Bre. S eptember.18 because I could not go that evening and the
petition was received and refered to the committee for investigation.
I am chairman of that committee and that same evening the lodge voted
to charge him \$7.50 when I heard of I went to the Master and had him to
call a special meeting at this meeting I infromed them that the code fixe
fixed the price.

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But I had told the minister that we would be over to
wait on him. And at the regular meeting in 8888 Oct.which was the 16th
The lodge voted to recend the \$7.50 which was caried:Then the lodge
voted on the unanimous consent of admitting him and he was rejeted
That was wrong and the minister feels it very keenry. It is not his
fault because the lodge did not understand the law. He is a fine man
and a graduate from Northwestern University.

Now I am asking you to order Decatur lodge to make this man and
not to ballot on him because i tried to instruct them but they would
not accept my instruction. and some of them are angry and ~~to~~ ballot on
would black ball him. And the ones are doing this are \$7&8 Dollars in
endebted to the lodge.

If you consent to order Decatur ^{that} to make this man please write
L.J.Carter Sec. 2208 Hamilton 8888 St.

Our regular meeting will be Nov.27th please let me hear from
you at once.

888888 This man would be a great asset to our lodge.He is Sec.Treas,
of the white ministerial alliance.

Decatur have not taken in a member in
eight years and the lodge is gone down so bad until many times we dont
meet because we can not get asquorum.

I beg to remain Fraternally Yours

M. F. Parker. Post. J. G. M.

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Muscatine Iowa.

Oct 14-1940.

Bro. W^m. Percy Parker. M.W.G. Master.

I take this opportunity to write you, in regards to re-instating Brother Moses Hall.

Bro. Hall was a former member of Rough Ashler No. 41 Washington Iowa before that Lodge merged with Pearl City Lodge No. 39. Bro. Hall was suspended for non-payment of dues. When Rough Ashler Lodge merged with Pearl City Lodge naturally all the records and Lodge furniture became property of Pearl City Lodge.

Now to make myself clear Bro. Moses Hall was not affiliating with Rough Ashler Lodge at time they merged with Pearl City Lodge. I want to know have we (the Pearl City Lodge) power to re-instate Bro. Moses Hall.

Please give this communication your immediate attention.

Your Fraternally.

A. O. Powell.

117- Hill ave.

Muscatine Iowa.

P.S.- Please favor me with a reply by the 18th.

A.O.P.

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LAW OFFICES
SAMUEL L. SCHEINER
SUITE 204 TRANSPORTATION BLDG.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.



May 19, 1941

Mr. William Percy Parker
Seven South Ohio Street
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from your Keokuk Iowa Lodge in answer to a letter which I recently forwarded to them dealing with the claim of Mr. Huston Wilson against your lodge in the sum of \$100.

They inform me that they forwarded the copy of my letter to you, and that according to their records, there is due Mr. Huston Wilson the sum of \$89, instead of \$100, due to the fact that \$11.00 is due and owing the local lodge for lodge dues of the late John W. Wilson.

My client is very hard-pressed for this money at the present time, and we would greatly appreciate your giving this matter your prompt attention, for the same has dragged on for quite some time now, and there is really no reason why this just claim should not be paid without further delay.

In the event that I do not hear from you with reference to this matter on or before the twenty-fifth day of May, 1941, it will be necessary that I forward this matter down to my corresponding attorney, Mr. Charles Groman, of Mason City, Iowa for such action as he may see fit and proper to enforce collection of this claim.

I do hope that you will not make it necessary for us to commence a lawsuit to receive this just and due debt.

Very sincerely yours,

Samuel L. Scheiner
Attorney at Law

SLS/lsw

Thursday. eve.

Dear Percy

Just got back from Plinton
have been up there for awhile some of my
people died and I had to go home. will make
out a report and send to you enclose
find order as per request.

Yours in haste

C. W. B.

Saw Toney. as crazy as ever -

Lodge

(1st Quarter)

(Old Balance)

from - last year

Union

\$ 34.00 Pd.

\$ 46.00

North Star

Reported in July.

Sumner

\$ 25.00 Pd.

Lecatur

\$ 18.00 Pd.

Mt Olive

No Report

3.00

Eureka

No Report -

Mc Neil

No Report.

\$ 18.00

Lubuque

No Report -

Doric

\$ 48.00 Pd.

Twin City

No Report.

\$ 14.00

Perfect Ashler

\$ 17.00 Pd.

Hiram

No Report

52.00

St Johns

No Report -

\$ 663.25

Corithian

No Report

219.95

Pearl City

15.00 Pd.

Tuscan

No Report -

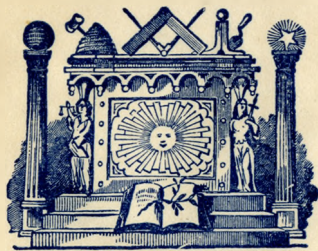
Cedar Valley

No Report

\$ 41.00

Saldon Van

113.50



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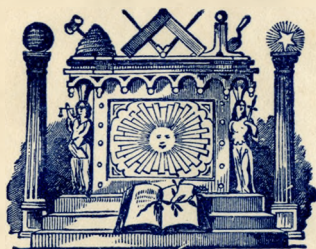
Mr Percy Parker G.M.
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Sir and Bro.

Received letter some time ago but have been under the weather and have not been able to do anything at all but I am feeling much better now so I think that I will try and get caught up with my work, in accordance with your wish I have made you out a report on the lodges you can see that very few have paid in this year they dont start paying until this month that is the way they have done in other years start topaying along in Sept. and October.

Hope that you can get the Waterloo matter straightened out, I guess that I will have to close .
Regards to all,

Cubbie



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Mr Percy Parker Grand Master
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Sir and Bro.

In Reply to your letter of recent date you will find
enclose order for the grand Custodian and also a list
of the names and addresses of the various Masters and
Secty. that I have at this time as you know there will
be some changes made at the recent election held in the
different lodges, and they have not sent them to me yet
as they are supposed to but will in the near future.

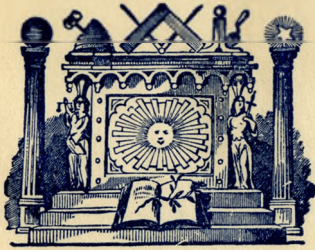
I cant ~~feature~~ ~~joyce~~ not sending that money to
Mays as he said he would when we talked to him last fall
I have to go up to Cedar Rpids in a day or so and I am
going to call him up and just hint and see if he is going
to straighten that matter up, they elected a new Master up there
at there last meeting I was talking to him Saturday and
they are planning great things.

In regards to the lodges they are paying about the same
as they pay every year course some of the lodges have not
paid anything on there present indebtness but are paying a
little on there old accounts have not heard from Waterloo only
the one payment of (7.00) dollars which I told you about. Ft
Madison has only paid (\$15.00) this year Marshalltown has paid
nothing but the rest are doing I guess the best they can.

Have been very busy the last week working night and day
everybody wants things done for Xmas. I dont think that I will
do very much I will get me a quart and pitch me one here at home
I suppose that you will have a real time, well I hope you have
a merry Christmas and tell all the boys up there totake things
easy.

Best Wishes,

C.T.Culberson G.S.



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Mr Percy Parker Grand Master
Mason City, Iowa

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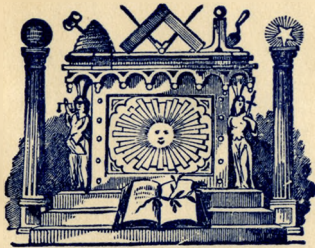
Enclose find warrants as per order of Past Grand
Master B.N.Hyde at the close of the Grand session.

Say Percy have you thought any thing more of going
to Waterloo for the 6th & 7th of August if you decide to go let me
know in plenty of time as I think a trip up there will save a
plenty of misunderstanding in regards to the recent changes in
some of the laws that were made at the Grand Lodge. Let me hear
from you at a early date. Regards to all.

Fraternally yours,

C. T. Culberson

Grand Secy.



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Mr Percy Parker Gr. Master
Mason City, Ia.

Dear Sir and Bro.

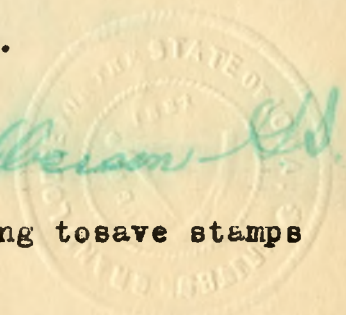
Received letter this morning and am sending you a warrant in exchange for the one that you returned to this office, in regards to the one for the Grand Trea. bond will you issue me a order for the amount and who it is payable to.

Was up to the raising in Cedar Rapids last night the (15) that they made last year at the Grand session put on a feed and what I mean they had one Martin was down from Dubuque and a bunch from Muscatine we had areal time.

Hope that the trip to Waterloo does not fall through as Martin says that he would come down. Did you write to Joyce yet in regards to the contingent for Mays yet he did not say anything about it last night. Hope I see you soon.

Frat. yours

P S - Give these receipt to Virgil Warren trying to save stamps



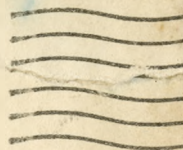
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518 Miller Ave

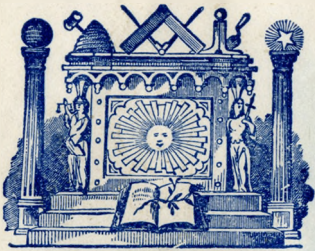
PEARL CITY LODGE NO. 39
A. F. and A. M.
MUSCATINE - IOWA



*Mr. George L. Suter
907 N. Center St.
Marshalltown, Iowa*

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315 Eighteenth St., Mason City, Iowa
W. W. GROSS, C. C. F. C.
1312 High St., Keokuk, Iowa

March 3, 1942

A. O. Powell, W. M.
117 Hill Ave.
Muscatine, Iowa

Dear Brother:

In reply to yours of February 3rd I hereby grant Pearl City Lodge a dispensation to elect and install officers at any time that it is convenient for that Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Geo L. Suter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

Geo. L. Suter,
Grand Master.

GLS/LF





PEARL CITY LODGE No. 39

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Muscatine, Iowa, April 11 1942

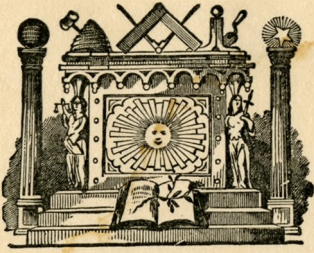
Mr George L. Suter
Grand Master

Dear Sir we have just held our election
of officers on April 10th returning your dispensation, thank you
all officers was reflected and are as foling.

- A. B. Powell H. M
- Thomas Lloyd S. W
- D. L. Howard J. W
- J. D. Lamb Secy
- W. L. Black Treas

Thanking you for this favor we remain yours
J. D. Lamb Secy





Louis Mallett W. M.

H. T. Bell Secy.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 35

A. F. & A. M.

(PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION)

JURISDICTION OF IOWA

Waterloo, Iowa, July 30 1939

Mr. Percy Parker, Grand-Master

Dear Sir and Brother:

Congratulations on being G. M. for 1939.
Your letter was received and we are calling a
meeting for two P. M. as you did not state
the time. By the way the refreshment com-
mittee said they had enough money from
St. John's Day celebration lunch to serve
some lunch after the meeting. This meeting
is called for Sunday August the sixth at
two P. M.

Write me if there is any change.

Fraternally yours

Harry Bell

BMB/HTB

Harry T Bell secy



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Return in 5 days.
G. H. Clark.
3112 ave p.
Fort Madison Ia.



Mr Geo. L. Suter, G.M.-
907 N. Center St.

Marshalltown Iowa

claim

march-9th 1942

Geo L Suter. Grand master

907 N. Center St

Marshalltown Ia

Dear Sir. please find inclosed
application for benefits. which we
have filled out. on the account of
Rev B F Moses. For your further
handling of same.

Fraternally

Wade Pressley-W.M.

G.H. Clark Secy

Davenport Ia

Nov. 10 39.

Dear Grand Master.

On Sun.
3:00 PM
Nov. 19th Meriam Lodge #18
is honoring the men
who have served the
lodge for 25 years.

You and any of
your craft are
invited to attend
and help us to render
respects to these men
we are honoring.

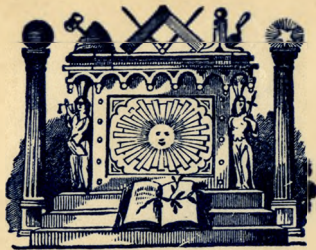
Please be present
if possible and let me
hear from you by Sat
at the latest.

Convey to the craft
my best wishes.

Fraternally yours

L. J. Henry.

2116 Jefferson Ave.



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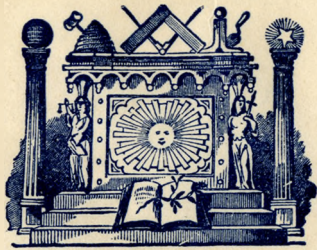
Mr. Virgil Harres, Sir.

Box 13.
Mason City Ia

Dear Sir and Bro.

Yours of the 23rd, concerning the
Case of Mr Orpheus Cabbell at hand.

I have given his case the most careful
consideration and have investigated it
thoroughly. And it is my opinion that
He and his Brother Donald who was
committed to the Reformatory with
him, should have been sent to an
Orphanage insted; Not withstanding the
fact that they had a living mother and
father, I am told that, had they had
a different type of father they would never
have been sent up. But at the time he
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to society for a crime that they might
have committed had they have run free.
I hold nothing against the City Officials
for their judgment at that time, it has
proved to be wise, because I learn since
their release they have proven to be young
men of the highest type. I furthermore
commend them for their effort.

Now, know ye, that I Wm. Percy Parker,
Grand Master of Masons in and for state of
Iowa and Jurisdiction Prince Hall Affiliation,
by virtue of the power and Authority in me vested
do hereby declare on phrens Cobbell and Donald
Cobbell his Bro, eligible to receive a petition
for the degrees of Masonry given under my hand,
and the private seal of Grand Master,
this 25th day of September 1939. 21st Grand M



Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M.

MEET 1st & 3rd THURS. NIGHTS
VISITORS WELCOME

(PRINCE HALL AFFILIATION)

MASON CITY, IOWA

December 30, 1940

Bro. William Wigginton W. M. Bro. Fred Garwood TREAS. Virgil Warren SECY.

Mr. William Percy Parker
Grand Master
7 S. Ohio Avenue
Mason City, Iowa

Dear Bro. Parker:

Herewith find enclosed the officers of Perfect Ashler Lodge No. 34, A.F. & A.M. for the ensuing year. We are very sorry that you could not be present for the installation of the officers. Brother William Lee Wigginton gave a wonderful repast for all the members of the craft.

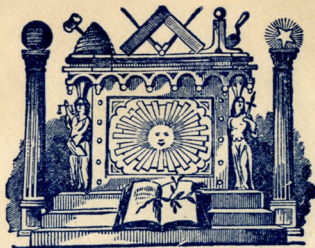
Please note the following: William Lee Wigginton, W.M., 515 S. Adams; Theodore Bruton, S.W., 530 4th Street, N.E.; Albert Saunder, J.W., 318 22nd Street, S.E.; Fred Garwood, Treasurer, 315 18th Street, S.E.; Virgil Warren, Secretary, Box 13; Harvey Spencer, S.D.; Howard Brown, J.D.; Horace Spencer, Tyler; Edward C. Martin, S.S.; Roy McAllister, J.S.; William Percy Parker, Chaplain; Brother Horace Spencer, Installing Officer; Virgil Warren, Marshal.

Fraternally yours,

PERFECT ASHLER LODGE #34
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Virgil A. Warren

Virgil Warren, Secretary



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Wm Percy Parker

Grand Master

Sept. 28th.

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Mr. Wm. Percy Parker Grand Master.
7 South Ohio Street
Mason City Iowa.

Dear Bro. Parker,

Your Records will no doubt show that call meeting of St. John # 35. of Augst 6th. of which you were guest of in official capacity as Grand Master. The members that were not present joine with those that were present in gratification and feels highly honored for the first time no doubt in their brief history to have two of the immediate predecessors to accompany the acting Grand Master in a call Communication. They were also interested and and very much pleased in your manner of presenting and reading and explaining the changes of that part of the cad which has to do with our berril and W.O. Fund, and also the resolution adoped by the most Worshipful Grand Lodge, to immediately force the Lodges that are in rear of dues as St. John Lodge, after Oct. 1st. 1939. Which provides that all rear of dues must be liouidated befor the current indedtms can be paid. You suggested that the Lodge mortogage their Hall imeadiately upon this suggestion the Master appointed a Committ to negotiatetttthis loan, but the committee found that the Lodge had been previously sold for taxes the Lodge borrowed the money which the trustees had to sign papers as security, which makes it impossible to make the second mortogage on the hall that will pay the first and also the Grand Lodge. However, we recall that you stated & at this meeting that you though that you might be able to handle this paper with the Grand Lodge, now if you feel you will be able to do so, the Lodge will be very glade to have you advance the amont of money which it would take to pay the former not or mortogage which would amont to abought \$ 400- And the trustees of the Lodge would secure you with the first mortogage which would be around \$ 900. Now Bro. Parker we have this day communication with Past Grand Master Brown chairman of your jurisprendence committee in regardes to the resolution, which were adoped in our last Grand Lodge, which has to do with deliquent Lodges, no doubt you will rec'vs a letttr from in the regards to the sams in the very near future, we in form hom in part as to the standing of St. John Lodge fincially, we also in formed him that if this resolution ware executed as you have formtely stated, that no dought that Sec. 48 & 53. may have to be complied with, by the Grand Master. We fother stated that if it was possible for the Grand Master anf his personel to extend to St. John Lodge at least six month leniency the Master belives as the committee, that no dout the Grand Master and his officers will have a different opinion of St. John. Your resolution seems to have characterized a different attitude of all th of 35. Now ever we not unmindful of the fact that St. John Lodge No. 35. Hav promises and have not been keep or coneplyed with, but we will assure you way you handle or deal with our case either by extending our time at l hence from the first day of Oct. or advance the money as aboved stated mortogage will be deeply appreciated, we will do our best to comply w you stupilated in eather favor.

As your Co-warkess may we bespeak for year for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and say that we are with you loudable undertakings, we thank you in advance for what ever you may do with due appreciation for your reply at your convenience we are very happy our self your paternal brothers

Sept. 28th.

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Mr. Percy Parker G.M.
7 South Ohio St.
Mason City Iowa.

Dear Bro. Barker.

I first went to ask you to please pardon this delay, but while I was at your home Sunday my Cousin was drowned in Michigan, I was called to his funeral, and did not get to have the call meeting as I promised you. However I called a meeting just as soon as I arrived home, and presented your request which the Lodge agreed to and in close here with you will find the mortgage and note, which you may handle in the way you have planned to take care of our former mortgage and also secure the Grand Lodge, and mail the same to us or we will come to you are you may come to us just what ever you say will comply with .

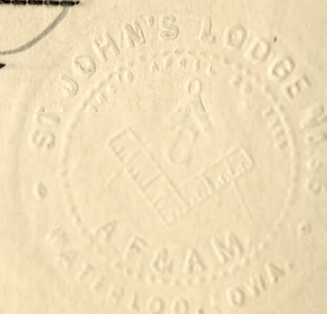
Hope with will meet with your approval

we or Fat. Yours

P.S.

Grand Master you will also find the amount we owe here with in close

Francis Mallitt
W. G. Brown
Robert Robinson



Most Worshipful Aracia Grand Lodge, H. A. A. M.

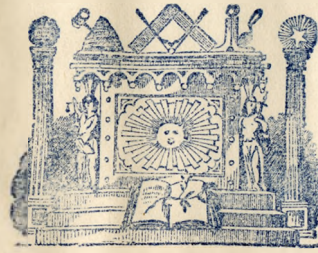
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May 27, 1940

Mr. W. P. Parker, Gr. M.,
27 S. Ohio Street,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Grand Master:

On February 5, 1940, I mailed a letter of fraternal greetings to N. L. Black, C.C.F.C., 212 S. Iowa Avenue, Washington, Iowa.

If this brother is no longer Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence, will you please give me the name of your new appointee?

Please extend to the brethren our heartiest greetings. Will you also let me know the time and place of your 1941 session as soon as it is decided upon? Our annual communication will be held on the second Wednesday in December in this city, and I will be pleased to present at that time fraternal greetings from your grand jurisdiction.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

John Edgar Smith
John Edgar Smith, C.C.F.C.

return please

(Memento)

(Copy)

April 20th, 1940.

Hon. Nathaniel Hunter, Grand Master,
M. T. Grand Lodge of Nebraska A. F. & A. M.,
(Prince Hall Affiliation)
Omaha, Nebr.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:-

I received your very kind invitation to attend your Victory Celebration and Mortgage Burning Ceremony to be held in your Masonic Temple on the 21st and 22nd instant, and take this method of thanking you for the invitation and congratulating you and your Most Worshipful Grand Lodge upon this remarkable accomplishment in these days of depression; also my regret that I shall not be able to be present and participate with you in this most joyous occasion.

However, as I was sitting down to write this letter of regret, my postman handed me the attached Commission ^{from my G and Master} authorizing me to represent him, since he finds it impossible for him to be present.

Since the date of your Celebration is less than twenty four hours away and it is impossible for me to return the Commission to him in time for him to substitute another, I am taking the liberty of turning it over to another Past G and Master, who I understand expects to be present and whom I am sure will be just as acceptable to both our Most Worshipful G and Master and to yourself and the brethren of your Jurisdiction, Past G and Master Brunham Whyde of North Star Lodge No. 2 of this city to whom I am asking that you accord all the rights and privileges that you ~~will~~ would have accorded to me by virtue of the attached Commission.

Again regretting my inability to be present in person and wishing for you and your G and Jurisdiction continued prosperity in peace and harmony, I beg to remain,

Fraternally yours,

John Brown

, P. G. M.