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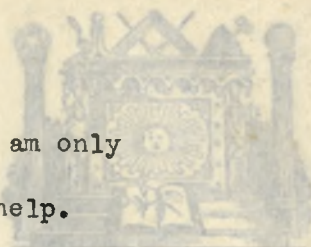
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My friends and Brothers, as you might know I am not much of a speaker.

I trust you will pardon my writing a few things to say to you. First I want to tell you that I appreciate your invitation to visit you as your Grand Master. I have been asked to visit several Lodges since July but as to date I have only been able to visit but one Lodge and that was Mt Olive #17 in Aug., yet if possible I intend to make a lodge before Grand Lodge convened next summer. We all know how hard it is to get around now, but I am thankful that I can be here on my first visit to you. Last year when I was acting Grand Master I learned a lot about Masonary and Masons and their laws and ideas. When the last Masonic year was coming to a close I had no idea of running for Grand Master in fact no more than I had of ever being acting Grand Master last year, but it happened and so here I am. Well as you all know I was elected in Des Moines last July. It was not unanimous and somehow I am glad of it. When you have opposition especially the kind that I had against a man, and as good as Brother Paul Goodloe, in his home town it make you feel and in facts know that you have some true friends. Right here I want to thank my friends of Perfect Ashler who stuck with me to the end. It a pleasure to be with you to night and I am proud to be one of you. I still feel this is one of the best if not the best Lodge in the State and I only hope you continue to live up to your name. You have kept up financially since I have been Grand Master and while I was acting You relize that this office request all Sectarys to send Data on all members conserning the payments of theirs dues. Now Brothers this in npting new as

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as I understand it started under Past Grand Master H. A. Martin and I am only trying to carry out the laws as I see them, and I know it has been a help.

It keep the Grand Master informed at all times, Providing every subordinate Lodge will follow these laws. It inable the Grand Master, Grand Sectary and Grand Treasury

to keep together. The Lodges are doing fine now an I hope theyn will continue

as far as the finance is conserved. Yet on the other hand we have had several

deaths since Grand Lodge Gratifying to know that you dont have to worry about

about the money to pay relief.

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