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Mr. *G. D. Sutter* Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of *Iowa*
Free and Accepted Masons.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

During the month of August, 1921, a number of representatives of white American and European Grand Lodges and Grand Orients held a conference in Switzerland and the result thereof was the formation of the International Masonic Association. The following clauses taken from its "Declaration of Principles" very clearly outline the objects of the new institution:-

"Freemasonry, founded on landmarks philanthropic, philosophic and progressive, the basis of which is the acceptance of the principle that all men are brothers, has for its object the quest of Truth, the study and practice of morality, and of that which will lead to unity among men."

"It has for principles, toleration, respect for others and for self, liberty of conscience. It holds it to be its duty to extend to all members of the human family the bonds of fraternity, which unite Freemasons the world over."

The question of the admission of the brethren of the Prince Hall Craft into this association has already been presented, is now under advisement by the consultative Committee and it will be acted upon by the entire Association at its coming session which is to be held within a few months.

In a letter just received, the Chancellor of the International Masonic Association has asked this Committee to procure and forward to Switzerland at the earliest possible moment, the following statistics concerning your Grand Jurisdiction to be used at a conference preliminary to the regular session of the International Masonic Association

1. Correct title of Grand Lodge
2. The year the Grand Lodge was formed
3. Number of Lodges
4. Number of Master Masons
5. Amount invested in real estate and securities
6. Charity.

Trusting you will be impressed with the importance attached to this matter, and appreciating a prompt compliance with the request, we are

Fraternally

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