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Mr. A. J. Clark J. M.
201 High Ave, East,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Most Worshipful Sir & Brother:


Your letter in regards to your visit to Des Moines was received some time ago but I delayed answering it until I had completed arrangements for other matters pertaining to your visit here.

You expressed your willingness to pay your official visit on the date most convenient to us in either April or May.

Since the Grand Custodian had already arranged to be here on Wednesday April 13, the masters of the three Des Moines lodges have decided to invite you here on May 11, as that will be the next convenient date the hall will be available.

I have been actively at work in an

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attempt to organize a Masonic club here along the lines suggested by you.

On Sunday April 3, as the result of a call sent out by me about ten past masters representing North Star and Doric lodges met for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of organizing such a club. No legislative power was assumed by the group, which familiarized its self with the proposition so that they could make intelligent suggestions or recommendation to a body of Des Moines Masons at a later date.

One of the results of the meeting was the decision to hold a meeting for those interested, after the close of lodge on the night the Grand Custodian visits here, appoint committees on constitution and bylaws and other things pertaining to the new organization. On the night of your visit wish to go into permanent organization and have you install officers and assist us in any other way you see fit.

Another suggestion adopted by the past

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Masters was to charge not less than \$.50 nor more than \$1.00 as admission fee, with the death assessment fee equally moderate. It was further decided to recommend a definite death benefit of not less than \$50. nor to exceed \$100 and upon the death of a member, those remaining would pay a pro-rated amount to maintain the treasury at a stipulated height.

The masters of the three lodges here have expressed themselves individually as favoring the proposition as a good one. Likewise, the members of my lodge at their regular meeting Thursday, thought the idea good and workable.

I would appreciate it very much if you can send some more data and suggestion in regards to the organization before Wednesday April 13, P.M.

I hope this letter will find you and your family in as splendid condition of health as it leaves me and mine.

Fraternally yours,

E. L. Blumington W. M.

P.S. Please excuse writing and conditions if pen. I am doing this at work. E. L. Blumington