

Aug. 3, 1924.

Mr. James Rhodes, W. M.,
Cedar Valley Lodge #44,
Valley Junction, Iowa.

Worshipful Sir and Brother:

Your Special letter bearing date of Aug. 2, 1924, was delivered to me about 8 A. M. Sunday, Aug. 3rd. The same has been given careful consideration, and in reply I wish to say: I am much disappointed by the information you have given me. When I was in Des Moines last week I met your Senior Warden and he led me to believe that they were making good progress towards securing a suitable room in which to hold their meetings, and I told him I was prepared to deliver the Charter whenever they were ready.

Now in regard to your letter. I will come to Valley Junction Next Wednesday if you so wish. If you can secure a room for that night in which I can assemble the lodge, hold your election and deliver the Charter, I would be glad to do so. When that is done I will talk to the ~~lodge~~ lodge on the question of removing to Des Moines. And until that is done I do not see my way clear to take any steps towards that end. I feel certain that it can be done, but you must be a full chartered lodge before you can have authority to move from one town to another.

If you can get some place, a room, a hall or a church, in Valley Junction, large enough to hold the members, if only for one night, so I can deliver the Charter and install the officers, then you will be in a position to take up the question of removal and not till then.

I can come to Des Moines either at Noon or at 6 o'clock in the evening, but I don't think my train goes to Valley Junction so you will have to arrange to meet me in Des Moines, or direct me what to do. If you do not have time to write, you can call me on Phone 316, on Tuesday evening after 5 o'clock and then I will know what to do and what you have arranged for. If you can carry out these instructions I feel safe in saying that everything will work out all right. With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally Yours,

Grand Master

Would send this special but cannot get a stamp.