San Haven, March 6, 1905,

J. T. Richmond & Co.,

Champaign, Ill.

Mentioned:

Referring to your inquiry as to contract for printing literature I would say that your bid is not the lowest; I have obtained a bid of 26.13 per page and cannot go ahead with the contract to that bidder.

Accept this next time.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
March 4th

M. J. O'Brien, Esq.;
Richmond, Ind.

My Dear O'Brien,-

Enclosed herewith you will find my check for $3500.10 to be credited as follows:

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brining amount of this remittance up to $2500.10.

I enclose herewith vouchers No's. 250, 251 and 252 for the national organizers and for his personal use. I have not he rd from your state on the assessment nor on the annual report of the directory lists.

With best wishes, I am

Familiarly yours,
W. T. Brock, Esq.,
1601 Preston St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your recent favor covering annual report I would state that I am pleased with the showing made. I hope to learn that yourself and associates will keep up the good work. Please present my compliments to Brothers Butler and Keenan, whom I met in Denver last summer. I hope to meet them again. Blank forms for the names and addresses of the officers were sent out three months ago to all state secretaries. I send you a package of blanks for division officers under other cover, altering the same a little and you can use them for county and state officers.

Please get them back to me within five days.

Yours fraternally,
James O'Farrell, Esq.,
Conemaugh, Penn.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your recent favor I would state that buttons were sent out February 8th and charter forwarded on the same date to address given. Regarding password I would state that your notion of the password is correct. There is a password for each degree only.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

March 4th
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P. J. Haltigan, Esq.,
Stewart Building,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Haltigan:

Your favor opening bill for February issue is at hand. I am this day sending a check to the treasurer. I enclose a letter from James McCauley of Somerville, Mass., I replied to his inquiry by asking for a revised list. Please give me a statement regarding the matter.

With kindest regards, I am,

Fraternally yours,
March 4th

D. J. Lorius, Esq.,
Logansport, Ind.

Dear sir and Brothers:

Let me remind you that the annual report for your state is now due as are also the lists of names and addresses of the state, county and division officers. Please get all in to me without delay. I expect to send the copy for the directory to the printer within a very few days. I would also remind you that I am awaiting a remittance from you on account of the national assessment. Please let these matters have your prompt attention.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 4th

James O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Supt. of Delivery,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 2nd covering bill for expenses of trip to Jersey City, in the sum of $4 is at hand. I have forwarded voucher for same to the national treasurer. I enjoyed reading your account of your experiences and am full well that no other man could handle the matter as diplomatically. I pictured your enjoying yourself among those ladies some of whom had reached the other age of seventy-five years.

I am about sending O'Brien a check for $8500 received in February. Some of the states have made no effort as yet to pay on the national assessment. Massachusetts has made five partial payments and New York has made two. While we are low in funds just now I nevertheless believe that in April and May there will be plenty of money in the treasury. The 93 of the assessment which was due in January will be paid by that time and with that in, the money needs will be easy. Am glad to have your assurance on the circulars gotten out for the national organizers. Ryan, when I heard from him last week, was at Warren, Pa.

With best wishes, I am

Paternally yours,
March 4th

John P. Fowors, Esq.,
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Canada.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Your favor of recent date is at hand and noted. Your statement is quite clear and I will make the matter right on the books. I will write to brother Greenman as you suggest. Regarding the division of the L. A., I would state that you should proceed about it in the same manner as if organizing a division of the men. Fifteen to twenty names or more should be secured. The admission fee should be not less than $1.00. The dues per month would be such sum as they might agree upon as you will find by referring to the constitution of which I enclose a copy.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 4th

Mrs. M. Pahel,
245 Dalley Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sister:-

Mr. M. J. Birdwhistle of 10 Courier Lane, Ottawa, Canada, has written me asking for information regarding the L.A. I refer the matter to you to reply. He wants to obtain possession of an L.A. constitution and division by-laws. As I never see division by-laws in my office capacity, I am unable to comply with his request in that particular. The matter being within your Province, I think you can, with propriety attend to it and trust you will at once communicate with Brother Birdwhistle on this subject.

Kindly get annual report in.

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]
March 4th

M. F. Birdwhistle, Esq.,
10 Courrier Zone,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir and brother:-

Your request of February 28th for information regarding the L. A. has been referred to the Provincial president of the L. A., Mrs. M. Fuey, residing at 334 Fuey Ave., Toronto, Ontario. You will doubtless hear from this lady within a short time. There are now four divisions of the L. A. in your Province.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,
March 4th

M. J. O'Brien, Esq.,

Richmond, Ind.

Dear O'Brien:-

I enclose a voucher for $4 in favor of the national vice-president who went to Jersey City, last Sunday and settled an L. A. controversy down there.

Please let this have your attention.

Yours fraternally,
March 4th

James E. Dolan, Esq.,
3 A. & R. Building,
Syracuse, N.Y.

My Dear Dolani:

Your telegram regarding Sullivan came duly to hand. I believe he could have gone to Syracuse had you desired.

I heard from the national vice president today to the effect that the Jersey City trouble had been amicably adjusted. I have forwarded today $200, to the national treasurer, but at the same time have issued vouchers against it for about $1000. This will leave him with about $1000 to the good and I have more money in sight. Connecticut paid me $700, to-day, not included in the remittance.

I enclose six vouchers in blank for your signature as before.

Trusting that you are well and hearty, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 4th

Col. T. J. Murphy,
Bridgeport, Conn.

My Dear Colonel—

Your favor at hand. Replying thereto I would state that I can allow you four or five days yet and hope you will be able to have every company represented in the directory for the sake of the showing. I will not close the book without giving you notice, but trust you will keep at the delinquents.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Miss Catherine E. Sheridan,
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Miss Sheridan:-

Your favor of March 4th regarding passwords is at hand and noted. I am about to make out the passwords and secret work for the coming quarter and would be very glad to have you submit your ideas in detail as to what the system should be. If you can get this down to me within the next week, I will endeavor to adopt it and think I can promise you that your ideas will be carried out. Please do this right away as I have to send the lists out to the state secretaries about the 16th or 16th of the month. I would be glad to have you not only suggest the plan that you have in mind but also the words that you would like used during the next quarter.

Awaiting the favor of your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 7th,

F. J. Scully, Esq.,
Box 1088,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Your remittance of the 27th ult. for $162.75 came duly to hand for which I send receipt enclosed herewith. Do not delay long in sending annual report or names for the directory, particularly the latter. I must send the copy for the directory to the printer right away. I realize that you are having difficulty in collecting these lists but nevertheless I would urge you to remind the delinquents that if the lists are not in their names cannot appear in the directory.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 7th

Bernard Conway, Esq.,
20 South Arkansas Ave.,
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for
your check of $500 credited to account of New Jersey as the per capita
tax. The official record was not received by the authorities of
your division. I could state that I have a letter from the publisher of
the paper in which it appears that the first list of names and address
of your division was received by him on February 1st of this year; how-
ever, I must be impartial for him, under the circumstances, to be
quite accurate. I enclose his letter for what I could thank you to
read and be interested in, as I keep these letters on file, not that the
paper has any list from your division. I think you will find that the
paper will be printed, however, the national editors having to have
more steady and less often lists to view to secure it.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
March 7th,

James McCauley, Esq.,
25 1/2 Linden St.,
Somerville, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for the book of $500 credited to account of New Jersey at the per capita 25th, 1903, that the official organ was not received by the members of your division, I would state that I have a letter from the publisher of the paper in which it appears that the first list of names and addresses of your division was received by him on February 12th of this year; consequently it would be impossible for him, under the circumstances, to be guilty of neglect. I enclose his letter for which I would thank you to return to me after reading as I keep these letters on file. Now that the publisher has a list from your division I think you will find that the paper will come promptly, however, the national officers desire to have complaints made just as often as the service would seem to warrant it. We desire to trace every complaint to its foundation and are particularly anxious that every member should have the paper.

With best wishes to your associate and yourself,

I am,

Fraternally yours,
March 7th,

P. J. Ryan, Esq.,
34 HilwaySt.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Brother Ryan:

Your favor of March 3rd dated at Connemara, Ohio, came duly to hand on the 6th. Replying thereto I would state that I have already forwarded to the treasurer a voucher for the balance of your salary for February and also $50 advanced expenses. This places the sum forwarded you on account of expenses considerable ahead of your bills for same and doubtless you are now supplied with expense money for some weeks to come. Are you in correspondence with the state officers in Ohio? Carroll, the state secretary, wrote me some time ago very urgently regarding your visit there.

Hoping you will have good luck, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 7th

F. J. Farley, Esq.,
116 Genesee St.,
Utica, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to yours of February 28th I would state that the charter applications enumerated therein have been received and the charters shipped to destination. The list of names of division officers has been received.

Replying to yours of March 2nd, I return the list of names of division No. 8 or former division No. 8 of Kings county. I also return letter of Brother McPartland to you bearing date of Feb. 28th on the matter of division No. 8. I am not in a great hurry for the annual report but do need the lists for the directory. The report will not be printed this year unless I should decide to get out cards showing the tabulated statement, but I must have directory blanks.

Yours fraternally,
March 7th,

G. A. Rochford, Manager,
Connecticut Mutual Life Building,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of March 6th making a proposition for furnishing of official badges for the A. O. H. has been received together with sample of the badge which you desire to have adopted. Replying thereto I would state that I am unable to do more at this time but will be glad to let your proposition and accompanying sample go before the next meeting of the National Board, to take place some time in the near future not yet decided upon.

Very truly yours,
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Hon. John T. Keating,
162 Clark St.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Keating:

Your favor of the 3rd is at hand. I regret to learn that you have had such a bad spell of sickness. Since the time of the visit of your friend, McGourty, I have had smooth sailing, in spite of some bad weather. I trust that your health and that of the family is now perfect. Regarding passwords I would state that the fourth degree password is to be a permanent work and is given only to those who have received the fourth degree. Each degree has a word for itself to be used during such degree. A business meeting is of the first degree. There is no outside password. I have had so much inquiry about this plan that I am likely to change it for coming quarter and have an outside or permanent password, in addition to one for each degree as shown in the January mise.

Least my silence on the matter might be misconstrued, I would state that the package of books sent by you to Vincent some time ago has not yet reached here. I have made several inquiries at the express office for them, but am informed that they have not reached New Haven. Will you not be good enough to trace these from your end of the line. I lost a package here around Xmas time, sent out from New Haven to Utica, and as yet have been able to get no satisfaction from the
March 7th

J. T. K. — 2

Company. Mrs. Bree is quite well and sends her compliments.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

P. S. By the way, are you in favor of a meeting in the Spring or in the summer? One of the questions to be considered is that of renewing our affiliation with the organization on the other side. Dolan has the matter under consideration for some time. I think we ought to meet in April.

Yours,
March 9th,

At M. Connelly, Esq.,
Dunkirk, New York.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 7th making inquiry for buttons is before me. Replying thereto I would state that the package has already been shipped to your address. If not at hand on receipt of this letter, please so advise.

Yours fraternally,
March 9th

Edward J. Shaughen, Esq.
1586 Howard St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 3rd covering your expenses up to that date is at hand and noted. Replying thereto I would state that on March 4th, I drew an order on the treasurer in your favor for $117, the same being for $67.50 as salary to March 1st and $50 advanced on account of expenses. These several advancements of expenses have put your expense account completely ahead of the expenditures and will keep you in possession of ready money for that purpose. I wrote you at Reno last week. I presume the letter will be forwarded to you. I sent to your address at Portland, Oregon, one thousand circulars consisting of two kinds; for your use as national organizer. I am now shipping a small quantity direct to your home address. I do not understand why the first package had not been delivered. It was sent out weeks ago from the office of the printer here.

Have received your application for charter for the division and have forwarded same. I will send out some constitutions. If you find time why not send a communication to the "National Hibernian! It will help to keep the membership informed of your location and operation and I think would go to show that active work is being done by the organizers. I will write Ryan on same subject.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 9th,

James J. Cremer, Esq.,
619 China St.,
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir and Brethren:

Yours of March 6th is at hand. Replying thereto I would state that I have this day sent out under other cover a package containing ten B. A. rituals. I find that the other letter about which you inquire has been sent you.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 10th,

Terrence McCusker, Esq.,
6025 South St.,

Dear sir and brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find receipt for $5 as fee for framed charter to be sent to Joseph Stone, 6017 South St., Philadelphia for division 66. Charter will leave here within two or three days by Adams Express. We do not prepay the express charges on these goods and therefore there will be a charge for transportation.

With best wishes to your associates and yourself,

I am

Fraternally yours,
March 10th,

Edward T. Lyons, Esq.,
State Treasurer A. O. H.,
Hartford, Conn.

My Dear Brother Lyons:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for $718.25 credited as per capita tax. The money was very welcome as our expenses on account of the organizers are quite heavy and the larger sums due on this assessment have not yet come in.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 10th,

E. J. Kennedy, Esq.,
429 Grove St.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for $2 as fee for charter for division No. 6 to be organized in Hoboken. It is an unusual thing to make up these charters prior to the institution of the division, especially as the names of the first officers are to be inserted on the charter blank. I, therefore, will hold the application until after the 12th, awaiting information as to the names of the division officers as shown upon the form of application, which I enclose.

On receipt of your reply, I will take pleasure in forwarding the charter. Under outer cover I have sent you a few constitutions. Your state secretary, doubtless has a supply on hand.

With best wishes to yourself and associates, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 10th,

Alice E. Ratigan;

185 Military Ave.;

Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sister:—

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for $2 for charter for Bay City which has been sent to destination. We do not observe any technical rules regarding the making of these applications so long as the application appears to be regular. This office does not care whether it was signed by state officers or by county officers. Corresponding mark should be in letters.

Extending best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
March 13th,

E. J. Foley, Esq.,
114 Waverly St.,
Montreal, Amex, Quebec.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Replying to your recent favor asking for price list, duty charges, etc. of official badges for the seven officers of a division I would state that I cannot give you the amount of charges on same as the goods are sent out upon my order by a manufacturing concern in another state. On receipt of $12 I can have the seven division officers jewels as shown on pages enclosed, forwarded to your address. This $12 will enable you to ascertain in advance what the charges would be as duty. Perhaps the expressage would be fifty cents.

Awaiting your further pleasure, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 13th,

James W. Barrell, Esq.,
Sunnyvale, Cal.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of March 2nd making inquiry as to the effect of section 2 of article 13, I would state that it was the intention of the national convention to make it compulsory on divisions to pay benefits for the first weeks sickness where that sickness extended for two weeks.

Regarding your application for charter for division 17, I would state that I find no remittance for same and would thank you to forward the sum of $2 as charter fee; moreover, I would like to have you supply the date of organization and the name of the organizer, if possible. I will hold the charter awaiting your remittance and reply.

By the way, what is the situation regarding the payment of the balance due on the old assessment of last year. Some inquiry has been made of me regarding this and I trust you will present it to the state officers. I have your favor of the 4th giving list of county and division officers of Contra Costa county. I expect to send the directory to the press within a few days and trust you will forward me missing lists.

Yours Sincerely,
March 13th,

Mark Cowen & Co.,
57 Lafayette Place,
New York City.

Gentlemen:—

Replying to your request for official specifications for the A.O.H. uniform I would state that the military branch of our Order usually adopts the style of uniform worn by the national guard in their respective states. I am about to get out a directory of the Order and trust you will favor us with an advertisement regarding which I have already addressed you by circular.

Very truly yours,
March 13th, 3

Hugh Gallagher, Esq.,

Box 139,

Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Your favor covering some lists is at hand. Your difficulty is the difficulty of other secretaries. Not one of the larger states have yet sent me a complete list. All my pleading has but little effect. There ought to be wholesale suspensions of neglectful officers, and no doubt you know where some of them ought to occur.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 13th,

F. J. Earley, Esq.,

116 Genesee St.,

Utica, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of the 10th I would state that I have received the package containing the names of division officers and hereby acknowledge receipt of same. As yet I have not fully checked up New York state, but in a few days I expect to advise you as to the lists which appear to be missing as compared with last year's directory. I cannot send you copy of these lists as I am overwhelmed now with work in getting things in shape for the printer and for the muste, which must go out within a week or so.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 13th,

D. A. Shannon, Esq.,
New York Mills, N.Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Replying to your communication regarding buttons I would state that the price of same is twenty-five cents each in any quantity. In ordering buttons the sum of money required should accompany the order. Buttons can leave this office within twenty-four hours after receipt of your remittance with order.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
Miss Mary Oregan,
1226 South 23rd St.,

Dear Sister:—

Replying to your favor of March 9th I would state that I forwarded package containing the articles mentioned to your address and will now forward similar package, excepting that I enclose the key cards herewith. You will find Rituals and blank charter applications under other cover. Lists for the directory should be completed and in my hands by end of the week.

Fraternally yours,
March 13th

Mrs. M. Fahey,
1 Mitchell Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sister:

Replying to your inquiry as to annual report blanks I would state that old blanks will be made to suit the information asked for, being the same as that of last year. If you have not yet completed the list of names of provincial, county and state officers for the directory, please forward same at once.

Fraternally yours,
March 15th

M. F. Downes, Esq.,
924 South Jefferson St.,
Muncie, Ind.

Dear sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor asking for information as to the admission of the L. A. to see degree work I would state that by a vote of the last national convention, a county president of the A. O. U. may permit members of the degree team of either body to witness initiation in the other body excepting the tests. You will find this authority on page 127 of the proceedings of the last convention, copy of which was sent to each of the state secretaries for distribution to the divisions.

With best wishes to your associates and yourself,

I am

Fraternally yours,
March 13th

Mrs. J. Morrissey,
116 Ashcan St.,
City.

Dear Sister:

Replies to your favor I would state that by a vote of the national convention, county presidents of the A. O. H. may permit a degree team of the L. A. to witness the initiation in the men's division, excepting the tests. The county president may also permit a degree team of the men to witness the initiation in a L. A. division, excepting the tests.

Trusting that this will answer your inquiry, I am with best wishes.

Fraternally yours,
March 13th,

James E. Dolan, Esq.,
S. A. & K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

My Dear Dolan:—

Your favor of March 8th came duly to hand excepting that I did not find enclosed a copy of the letter which you forwarded to the Hibernian. It was not in the envelope when opened. Kindly give me your opinion as to what should be done regarding the reprinting L. A. rituals. The demands for these rituals have been so great as to exhaust the supply on hand, although more than sufficient copies were sent out last year to the several states. The state secretaries write that demands are being made on them for these books as the outgoing officers either have mislaid the books or keep them for their own use. It would cost about $200 to reprint this edition. Perhaps I may remind you that some of the members of the Advisory Board continue thinking that the ritual might be improved by omitting a certain sections and adding others and if this were to be done soon, it would render useless an edition of this book if printed now. I had hoped that there would be a meeting of the National Board with the Advisory Board about the end of this month and the matter might then be arranged to the satisfaction of the ladies. If there is to be no meeting and no changes made in the ritual, I expect that I must get out more copies of the present edition, but on this I would like to have your advice. Moreover, I have on hand not more than 200 of the men's ritual and am about to face a considerable printing bill for a new edition. Money for the assessment has come in a little better last week. To-day, I received over a $1000 from Minnesota and I have just sent out a circular letter to the state officers of each state reminding them that they cannot have the books until the amount due under the assessment, that is 50% has been paid me.

Miss Sheridan in answer to my request for a suggestion as to a current password for the L. A. to be used outside gives me the word "Temperance". Shall I use it for the mass, which I am now preparing?

Let me have your early reply, and oblige.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
March 13th,

George W. Gibbons, Esq.,
906 Filbert St.,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor I would state that the lowest bid on the directory is $2.10 per page. I find that the western firms give much lower figures than any concerns in the east. Powers of Grand Rapids is the lowest bidder.

Very truly yours,

Better luck next time.
March 13th, 1903.

John Conkors, Esq.,
54 West Frederick St.,
Corry Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 11th is at hand and noted.

Replying thereto I regret to state that under the rules of the Board, I am not permitted to send out goods of that character until money for same has reached me.

On receipt of the required sum I will be pleased to fill your order.

Yours fraternally,

James P. Bres,

(par)
March 13th

Mrs. D. C. Finlay,
28 Gerrish Ave.,
Chelsea, Mass.

Dear Sister:

Your favor making request for B. A. rituals is received. Replying thereto I would state that I cannot fill the order for several days as there has been such an unexpected demand for these goods that my supply has become exhausted and I have now ordered a thousand copies to be printed. More than sufficient number of copies were sent out to each state secretary at the beginning, but evidently many of the books have been mislaid or needed by the officers. I will take up your order at the very earliest moment, possible.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 15th, 3

J. S. Hyland & Co.,
Publishers, Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:—

Your telegram giving cost of printing one thousand auxiliary rituals to be in form, composition, style and quality like the same job printed by you in the fall of 1901, has been received. I would ask you to go ahead with the work. I enclose copy so that there may be no misunderstanding regarding the matter. I would like this job as soon as possible. Taking up the matter of your communication of March 12th regarding your claim for balance due on account of printing the proceedings I would state that in my opinion it would not be necessary for you to do more than present the matter as you understand it to the several members of the Board. I do not think that we disagree as to the facts. All that will be necessary will be for you to present your claim in your own way. Should you care to persist, I will bring the matter up at the next meeting of the Board, contenting myself with a statement of my view of the matter.

With best wishes and urging you to be lively in getting out this latest job for us to be shipped in one package to my office, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 14th,

J. James E. Dolan, Esq.,

8 A. & K. Building,

Syracuse, N. Y.

My Dear Dolan:—

Yours of the 13th covering letter from brother O'Connor of St. Louis, is at hand. I have answered Brother O'Connor's letter to the effect that I can send him his commissions on receipt of application giving the necessary information. Regarding additional organizers, it is my opinion that it would be inadvisable to make the appointments now. While the money is coming in fairly well, there is no considerable surplus on hand and I would feel that unless an unusual man offered it would be inadvisable to make additional appointments.

With best wishes and awaiting answer to my earlier inquiry, I am.

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
Miss Rose Ward,
61 Young St.,
Montreal, Can.

Dear Sister:

Replying to your letter of the 13th, I would state that on receipt of twenty five cents I can forward you an official pin for the L.A. These pins cost twenty five cents each without regard to the quantity ordered and can be obtained only through this office.

Extending my best wishes to your associates and yourself, I am

P.S. I have been in California, where I am in good health and am looking forward to my return. I managed to make the trip without incident and am looking forward to my return home. For the information you may wish to know, I have been in California for the past two months and have enjoyed the experience. I am looking forward to returning home soon.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

March 14th,
March 14th,

John J. O'Connor, Esq.,
2716 Thomas St.,
st. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 3rd directed to the national president relating to commissions, has been referred to me. Replying thereto I would state that we are in a position to supply the commissions desired upon your application giving the names and titles of the officers and the name of the company and regiment. Commissions can be forwarded within two or three days after receipt of application at this office.

While writing, I feel that I ought to remind you that the annual report of your state is now overdue and also that I would like to hear from you on the matter of the national assessment; further, I think you should know that no lists of names and addresses for the directory have yet reached this office. By this same mail, I have written Brother O'Reilly, your state secretary, to the same effect. Please let the matter have your attention, also.

With sincere good wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,
March 14th, 1903.

J. O'Reilly, Esq.,
1304 Olive St.,
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Your favor making request for fifty transfer cards is at hand. Responding thereto I have sent the cards and fifty lists for names and addresses to be sent to the national Hibernian, under other cover. I must remind you that I have not yet received a single list of the names and addresses of State, county and division officers for the Directory: These lists should have been returned to me long ago. Please let this matter have your immediate attention as I am about to send the copy to the printer. I would also urge that your annual report be forwarded and that the payments due on the national assessment be sent me.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 14th, 1913

Patrick T. McCarron, Esq.,
Pratt City, Ala.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your valued favor of March 5th relative to the prospect of establishing a national home for Hibernians has been received and read with much interest. Replying thereto I would state that while the project is undoubtedly of the most excellent character, the national officers do not feel like issuing an assessment at the present time for the purpose of raising the funds necessary. You undoubtedly know that there is considerable delay in the payment of the assessments already made for the necessary working of the Order. We now have two national organizers in the field and their expenses, run in the neighborhood of $350 to $400 per month. We also have to maintain the official organ at a cost of about $1500 each month so you can see that the Order is raising some money. There is no doubt in my mind but that the project on which you write, has been said will some day be realized. It is a matter which is worthy of being constantly before the eyes of the organization. I have heard from our national treasurer, Brother M. J. O'Brien, on this same subject. I remember Brother McGeever's eloquent plea very well and trust you will present my compliments to Brother McGeever should you see him.

Extending to your associates and yourself, my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 14th,

T. W. Shady, Esq.,

Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sir, and brother:

Your favor of the 8th relative to the play, "A Hot Old Time," is at hand and noted. I was glad to have this statement from you, as some of the boys here were on the lookout for the play. On Thursday night I had some parties visit the theatre. While perhaps not entirely devoid of offensive features I should judge that it was as clean as we could expect. We are bound to drive the monkey faced caricature of the Irishman from the stage here in New Haven and by correspondents such as yours, we can do a whole lot toward keeping matters green. By the way, I trust you have forwarded your list of names and addresses for the directory to the state secretary as I will have to send them to press by the end of the month.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
Philip Smith, Esq.,
215 Oak St.,
Elizabeth, N. J.
Dear Sir and Brothers:

Your valued favor of March 13th at hand and noted with much pleasure. Kindly convey to the members of your division my appreciation of their interest in the work of this office and assure them of my heartfelt appreciation of their good wishes.

Regarding communications I would state that the editor has the right of revising articles sent him so as to adapt them to the amount of space in the paper. He receives many communications for which space cannot be found. I know you will regard the matter from the point of view of the editor who has his own difficulties to contend with. I can assure you that he would have been glad to print the whole work and all others submitted, but should we do so we would need a sixteen page paper. Do not let this instance prevent you from writing again.

Regarding the attendance of the L. A. at the installation I would state that on page 127 of the proceedings of the convention a copy of which I am mailing to you under other cover, you will find all the authority there is on that subject. Should the ladies be admitted, they will, of course, use their own password, to be taken up by one of their own number. The passwords are entirely separate and distinct.

I am very glad to learn of the determination of the division to receive Holy Communion in a body. It is a very commendable practice and certainly gives good example.

With best wishes to your associates and yourself, I am

Familiarly yours,
March 14th,

Rev. Charles Standaert,
Lehigh, Ind. Terr.

Rev. Dear Sir:-

Your favor of March 10th is before me. Responding to your request for ritual, I herewith enclose two copies which you will kindly preserve until such time as the proper division officers receive the same. I thank you very heartily for your interest in the organization and will look forward with much pleasure to further communications from you.

Respectfully yours,
March 17th,

P. J. O'Brien, Esq.,
289 High St.,
Holyoke, Mass.
Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 14th making request for 300 constitutions is at hand. Replying thereto I would state that this office does not supply the constitutions in quantities, sending out to each state secretary, following each convention a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to the divisions as samples. Assuming that you want 300 copies, I have referred the matter to Cunningham Bros., A. O. H. printers of this city who will undoubtedly whip the goods to you without delay.

Sincerely yours,
March 17th,

Wm. T. Mechn, Esq.,
1601 Preston St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:and Brother:

Yours of March 14th covering circular 120 has been received. Replying thereto I would state that I have again forwarded package containing division blanks, a few constitutions for the L. A. and some circulars which the national organizers are using. Members of the L. A. receive the National Hibernian just the same as the men. Many thanks for promptness in returning circulars and for other courtesies.

I am

Fraternally yours,
March 17th,

John J. O'Connor, Esq.,
State President A. O. H.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of March 14th is at hand and noted. Many thanks for invitation to attend banquet. At about the same hour, I expect to be engaged in roasting St. Patrick here in the Elm City. It will therefore be impossible for me to avail myself of your kind invitation.

Regarding indebtedness of the state, I would say that it is intended that mase. should be given only to those divisions which have paid the assessment. I do not expect to send out the mase. for a week or ten days to come and I would suggest that in the meantime you cause the state treasurer to forward something to this office on account of the assessment so that it will appear that the proper effort is being made to keep the state in the right column.

I enclose two copies of circular 119 which makes the levy for this assessment. These were sent out last October to each state secretary. I trust you will keep me informed as to the efforts being made towards the holding of the national convention. It is, of course, some months away but it takes lots of time to prepare for it.
March 17th.

J. J. O'C. -- 2

In a letter sent out on Saturday I advised you that I had commission blanks for the officers of the regiments and companies and could honor your order at any time.

Extending my best wishes and my hope that you are in the enjoyment of health and prosperity, I am

Fraternally yours,

J. S. Hayden a C. March 18

Phila. Chicago etc.

Handwritten note:
Send immediately any orders which I can watch
March 19th

P. D. Farrell, Esq.,

State President A. O. H.,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

My Dear Brother Farrell:-

Your favor of the 14th was duly received. Replying to the same I would state that I know very well the difficulties in the way of collecting on the assessments. Our members do not seem to "give up" readily although that are in many respects the finest men in the world. I am in no great hurry about the annual report as it will not be printed right away. I am very glad to hear from you and trust you will favor me as often as the opportunity offers.

I receive your little paper from Brother Dennison regularly. You doubtless know that we have two national organizers in the field. One now in Ohio and the other out in Nevada.

With best wishes; I am

Fraternally yours,
March 19th,

J. M. McFarland, Esq.,
26 Light St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of the 14th is at hand. Responding to your request for blanks and cards, I would state that I have forwarded same to your address under other cover.

Hereewith enclosed you will find the key cards. I trust you will cause the circular No. 120 to be returned to me without delay.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 19th, 3.

Miss Alice E. Ratigan, E
165 Military Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sister:-

Pin ordered in your favor of March 14th has been sent you under other cover. We are not favoring the use of the old ritual and, therefore, have none to send out. Regarding new rituals I would state that within the past month the demand for supplies has become so unusually large that there are only two or three left in the office and I am obliged to order another edition from the printer. These will be around here in a week or ten days at which time I will take pleasure in filling your order. Under other cover I have sent you some copies of proceedings of the national convention as requested.

With best wishes to your associates and yourself, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 19th,

John Kirby, Esq.,
110 Center St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your kind invitation of March 16th to attend a public meeting in April under the auspices of your division is at hand.Replying thereto, I would state that I appreciate highly the compliment paid me in tendering me an invitation to address the division and its friends; nevertheless, I have to advise you that the press of business in this office, taken in connection with my professional duties is so severe that I am obliged to decline opportunities for public speaking. This has been made particularly necessary in view of the fact that my health will not permit of any unusual tax. I regret that I cannot, under the circumstances, avail myself of the opportunity of being with you.

Extending my best wishes to your associates and yourself, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 19th

D. J. Loftus, Esq.,
Logansport, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of the 14th returning circular 130 is at hand. I have just received from your state treasurer, the sum of $255.32 for which I have forwarded receipt. Enclosed herewith you will find some key cards for mine.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Hugh Gallagher, Esq.,
Box 139,
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of the 14th covering remittance is at hand. Enclosed herewith you will find receipt for $29.50 credited to your state on account of per capita tax. I also enclose the sum of ten cents in postage stamps to balance the amount of your checks. Of course you realize that as the directory will soon go to press it will not contain the names of those divisions which have not reported their officers names. Your state is not yet complete in this respect. If you can get these names to me within a week I can use them and trust you will make another effort to do so.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 19th

Mrs. Henry Boyle,  
Wond in Lac, Wis.

Dear Sister:--

Your favor of the 14th notifying me of the organization of a new division at Rheinlander is at hand. I will see that the mose. is forwarded to state secretary. I enclose blank form of application for charter for this new division and would ask you to make particular inquiry as to whether or not all divisions in your charge are provided with this necessary authority. No divisions is permitted to exist or to do business until it has received its charter from headquarters.

Extending my compliments, I am

Fraternally yours,
March 19th

Thomas J. Quinn, Esq.,
14 Stillman Ave.,
Danbury, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Your favor of March 16th making request for fifty A 0. H. buttons is at hand. Replying thereto I would state that under the rules of the Board I am prevented from sending out these buttons on any order until the money for same has reached this office. The buttons cost twenty-five cents each in any quantity; and on receipt of the sum necessary, I will take pleasure in filling your order.

Regretting that I am obliged to delay you, I remain

Fraternally yours,
H. J. O'Brien, Esq.,
Richmond Ind.
My dear brother O'Brien:

Enclosed herewith you will find my check for $2229.73 applied as follows:

- A. O. H. dues: $14.50
- A. O. H. assessment: $2161.63
- A. O. H. charter: $17.00
- L. A. dues: $.60
- L. A. charter: $13.30
- Buttons: $23.00

making a total of $2229.73; I also enclose vouchers 254, 255 and 256 and 257. Please make Ryan's payable in New York draft. I have just received $255.50 from state treasurer of Indiana, $200 of same being an account of the assessment.

Dolan writes me that the opinion of the Board seems to be against having a meeting this spring. Referring to your request for letter to county president regarding the presence of the auxiliaries at initiation of the men, I would state that I do not know in the first place the name of the county as I have had no lists as yet from your state and secondly I believe it would be the duty of the state president to enforce the laws as it might happen that the national Board would sit on these questions by appeal later, therefore I urge, as my telegram shows that the state president assert himself in the matter. I think that was the proper course to pursue. National organizer Sheahan is to go into
M. J. O'B. ---

the state of Washington. He probably is on his way there now.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
George J. Butler, Esq.,
State Treasurer A: O. H.,
Louisville, Ken.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of the 16th is before me. Replying thereto I would state that I desire the return of circular 120 because it would give information needed in this office. Your state was among the very first to pay the assessment and circular was not sent you on account of any indebtedness. On rereading you will find that it calls for certain statement regarding number of division, county, etc. which I must have.

Regretting that I have alarmed you by forwarding the circular and assuring you that it was sent in order to get information, I am, with best wishes,

Fraternally yours,