June 30th

July 1st

Dear Sir and Brother:— I have received a list of the names and
party of J. J. Shannon, for the position of Governor of the state of Iowa. I read this
announcement with much pleasure and am glad to offer my congratulations and my hope for your success. I have never met Mr. Shannon, but I write to you in the spirit of the
national convention. With best wishes for the outcome of the campaign and for your health and prosperity, I am,

President.

I am writing you in reply to the subject of sending out the director to inspect your factory. I have asked you in a recent letter to state how much more it would cost to send the order direct to the officers. In any case, it is proposed to send a copy of the director to each of the officers, so that each county president and local club can obtain a copy. Your suggestion for the packing and shipping of the goods in way 75 packages is suggestive, though much more could be charged for the packing and shipping. Please let me hear from you without delay and if the expense is not great I am authorized by the national president to see that you are paid. I am, therefore, yours.

[signature]
Powars-Tyson Co.,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

At the request of J. J. Shannon, state secretary of Kansas, residing in Kansas City, I send you the anticipated copy for a proposed circular which will form the basis of the national president's approval. It is to be distributed and sent out to the divisions of the country. I doubtless you will hear from Brother Shannon just as soon as the national president has communicated with him. I simply forward the copy at the request of Brother Shannon it having been submitted to me by him for consideration. I beg to remind you that I am awaiting your reply on the subject of sending out the directory. I asked you in my recent letter to state how much more it would cost to mail these copies direct to the officers; for instance, if it is proposed to send a copy of the directory to each of the officers, to each county president, and two to each division president. Your contract calls for the packing and shipping of these goods in, say 75 packages. How much more would be charged for the mailing? Please let me hear from you without delay and if the expense is not great I am authorized by the national president to use this new method. I am still awaiting copies of the work which we assume is nearing completion. At any rate send it to me in its present stage as I need addresses right along.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Dear Sir and Gentlemen,

I enclose herewith the report of the Submarine Strike at Submarine Base. In

synchronizing the periodic reports, I have taken the liberty to address you with a

regard to the periodic reports that have been submitted to the Submarine Strike. In

the most recent report, I have observed a significant increase in the frequency of

submarine sightings, which is of great concern. I urge you to take immediate

measures to address this issue.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
July 1st

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

Dear Brother Dolan:

Hereewith enclosed you will find letter of John W. Reidy, of Portland, Me., regarding the Alaska Divison. I have acknowledged his letter and stated that it had been referred to you for consideration and reply. I enclose hereewith some vouchers in blank for your signature. I wrote you yesterday regarding the request of the Kansas authorities for permission to issue an appeal.

The Baltimore matter, I understand, still hot and at the last meeting of the County Board of this man's order, a resolution of censure was passed. I have not been notified of it officially, but have learned of same from the Editor of the National Hibernian. The state secretary McPawland, writes me under date of June 30th that he will not take up the matter of assessment promptly, he having just returned from a wedding trip and he goes on to state that he "hopes to have this badly delayed affair closed up soon." I have written the state president Brother Burke twice but have had no reply from him.

Fraternally yours,
July 1st

J. Lewis O’Neill, Esq.,
Buckingham, Quebec, Canada.

Dear Sir and Brother:— Under your note of May 22nd 1906, I
return herewith the Canadian postage stamps you sent me. I am unable to use them. Send me a check or
money order. Charter matter is receiving attention. Application for same having reached me only two days ago.

With best wishes, I am,

Fraternally yours,

[Note: The rest of the page is not legible due to wear and tear.]
Thomas O'Dowd, Esq.,
137 Simone St.,

Dear先生 and Brothers:

Under other cover the travelling cards have been sent you, the treasurer has sent me balance of payment.

Regarding organizers, I would state that one of them is now working in Ohio and another in Colorado. Brother Shehan is in Colorado and has been through the states of the north west. Interests in your vicinity are...wish best wishes, I am...

Fraternally yours,
July 1st,

P. R. Condon, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

I am, your friend,

[Signature]

July 1st,
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Mrs. T. H. Wood,

173 Yale St.

Harlingen, Tex. A. M. I.

Dear Sister: I have your favor of June 29th making inquiry for grave markers. Replying to same I would state that I have no knowledge whatever on this subject other than that I know that one of the societies here in which I am interested, got up a design themselves and had a local foundry turn out the markers. Doubtless you can have the same thing done in your city.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes.

I am

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
John Hayes, Esq.,
39 Alpine St.,
Roxbury, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In replying to your favor of June 29th I enclose herewith a form of application which should be filled out carefully and returned to this office with the fee for charter, which is $6 if sent unframed or $8 if sent framed. I am unable to supply the date of organization and would be obliged to depend upon the information given in the application. Every division is expected to have a charter, as you doubtless understand.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,

[signature]

P.S. — Over 50,000 sons of the A.F. & A.M. are over 30,000 in every state and every division. It is the opinion of all fraternity men everywhere that a strong, well-organized fraternity is the necessity of the present day.
Miss Mary Orogan,

1226 South 23rd St.,


Dear Sister:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for $13 credited to account of Pennsylvania for raise. I also send you under other cover some copies of last circular issued. Regarding the assessment, I would state that it is expected that another assessment will be issued. As you will note the circular calls for an assessment for at least three purposes; namely, to provide a fund for the endowment, to meet the cost of the paper and to assist in paying running expenses. It is expected that the Board will set aside a 20 cents of the $5 for the endowment with 12 cents which is the cost per year of the paper for each member and with the remaining 3 cents for the running expenses. There are over 30,000 members reported, but as you know in your own experience not all these will pay promptly. If 30,000 were to pay by September, there would be on hand for the fund alone, the sum of $6,000. Should another assessment be issued in October, payable in February or March, the remainder of the money should be in the hands of the national treasurer by the July meeting, thus giving the members of the Order two years in which to meet the sum needed for the
endowment. Please have it understood that up to this date the members of the L. A. have not paid one penny directly for the maintenance of the paper although the members of the L. A. have been receiving it for over two years. It is now proposed to ask them to pay for it just the same as the men do and for this purpose we will take about 12 cents of the 35.

Regarding the Hibernian I would state that I forwarded list to the publisher as they come in here. Many lists go directly to the publisher. I will endeavor to ascertain whether or not he has a list of division 7 and 11 and to make sure that he will have them now, I am sending you under other cover a package of mailing lists so that you may supply the entire state. These lists should have been corrected or new ones sent in at least every three months so that suspended members names may be stricken off and new names added. I am always glad to hear from you on this or any other subject and trust you will not have any hesitancy about writing. If we want to have matters satisfactory to the membership all the year round, although of course, you will understand that in an issue of 146,000 copies it is likely that there will be some mistakes and errors. These we are glad to correct just as soon as
they are pointed out to us.

Fraternally yours,

--- 3 N. G.
July 1st,

John S. McCarthy, Esq.,
315 East St.,
City.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

As a member of the committee on transportation for the parade on August 15th, I desire to inform you that the railroad company has quoted us rates as follows: On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents; 300 tickets, 85 cents; and 200 tickets 90 cents. These rates cover the round trip. A special train will be furnished each way. I would be glad to be advised by you as to the probable number of persons who will attend and also as to what arrangement will be made for depositing the cash in advance so that the more liberal offer may be accepted.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 1st

Joseph C. Kernity, Esq.,
26 Olive St.,
City.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

As a member of the committee on transportation for the parade on August 19th, I desire to inform you that the railroad company has quoted us rates as follows: On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents; 300 tickets, 33 cents; and 200 tickets, 30 cents. These rates cover the round trip. A special train will be furnished each way. I would be glad to be advised by you as to the probable number of persons who will attend and also as to what arrangement will be made for depositing the cash in advance so that the more liberal offer may be accepted.

Awaiting your reply, I am,

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]

26 Olive St.,
City.

July 1st
T. F. Luddy, Esq.,
County President A. O. H.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Will you kindly ascertain whether or not the divisions in your county are supplied with charters from the national officers. Of my own knowledge I am quite sure that division 9 of this city organized last spring by yourself has as yet applied for no charter and I am also informed that a division was organized in Ansonia this spring. I have received no application for either and after a reasonable length of time from date of organization, the charter should be in the hands of the division. What is being done up your way regarding the State parade. Rates of transportation have been quoted as from New Haven and return, as follows:

On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents, on purchasing 300 tickets, 83 cents and on purchasing 200 tickets 90 cents. A special train will be furnished each way. It is likely that the National vice president and the Editor of the National Hibernian will be at the parade.

Hoping to have an early reply from you, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 1st,

J. H. McFarland, Esq.,
116 North Washington St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of June 30th relative to delay in payment of assessment. I am glad to note that you forwarded copy for the directory to the printer.

Hoping to hear from you within a few days, I am with best wishes.

Fraternally yours,
July 1st

Daniel J. Meany, Esq.,
126 Olive St.,
City.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

As a member of the committee on transportation for the parade on August 19th, I desire to inform you that the railroad company has quoted us rates as follows: On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents, 300 tickets, 65 cents, and 200 tickets, 90 cents. These rates cover the round-trip. A special train will be furnished each way. I would be glad to be advised by you as to the probable number of persons who will attend and also as to what arrangement will be made for depositing the cash in advance so that the more liberal offer may be accepted.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 1st

John R. Kirby, Esq.,
13 Osborne St.,
City.
Dear Sir and brethren:

As member of the committee on transportation for the parade on August 15th I desire to inform you that the railroad company has quoted us rates as follows: On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents; 200 tickets, 85 cents; and 300 tickets 90 cents. These rates cover the round trip. A special will be furnished each way. I would be glad to be advised by you as to the probable number of persons who will attend and also as to what arrangement will be made for depositing the cash in advance so that the more liberal offer may be accepted.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 1st

M. E. McGrail, Esq.,
228 Columbus Ave.,
City.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

As a member of the committee on transportation for the parade on August 18th I desire to inform you that the railroad company has quoted us rates as follows: On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents; 300 tickets, 83 cents; and 200 tickets 90 cents. These rates cover the round trip. A special train will be furnished each way. I would be glad to be advised by you as to the probable number of persons who will attend and also as to what arrangement will be made for depositing the cash in advance so that the more liberal offer may be accepted.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 1st,

John D. Lynch, Esq.,
33 Arch St.,
City.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

As a member of the committee on transportation for the parade on August 10th, I desire to inform you that the railroad company has quoted us rates as follows: On purchasing 500 tickets, 75 cents; 200 tickets, 25 cents; and 200 tickets 90 cents. These rates cover the round trip. A special train will be furnished at each way. I would be glad to be advised by you as to the probable number of persons who will attend and also as to what arrangement will be made for depositing the cash in advance so that the more liberal offer may be accepted.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
M. J. O'Brien, Esq.,
Richardson, Ind.

Dear Brother O'Brien:

Enclosed herewith you will find vouchers 280 and 291 payable to Ryan and Sheehan, respectively. Please give me again your statement of the amounts paid by me on account of the several items. I can adjust this matter with you in the next check so far as to have our accounts absolutely tally and hereafter there will be no changes for anyone after I have made the entry and given the receipt. Sometimes I get money for per capita tax and later on it turns out that it should have been credited to me, another evidence of the carelessness some persons show in remitting. However, life would be too pleasant if we did not have some little trouble once in a while. I have not yet learned where our meeting plans will be but may learn it at any moment.

Awaiting your answer, Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
July 2nd

M. J. Connor
Mingo Junction, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Enlosed herewith you will find my check for $1.40 to cover expense of expressage paid by you on shipment of charter to Trenton, N. J.

Please acknowledge receipt of same.

P.S. After your visit to the State of Illinois and all around the Central rail way and your efforts in securing candidates, I am a little envious of your success. Should you care for further particulars regardiing our parties and candidates, I will be glad to furnish you with the same.

P.S. I have read your letter of the 1st instant regarding the proposed tax on profits, etc. I am not in favor of such a tax. It would probably arm the opponents of the party and would have more influence on the minds of the people than any argument you or I could present. It is not in my power to prevent such a tax but if it is imposed I will do all in my power to present the views of the party and to discount the attempt.

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
Miss Mary Tracy,

H. F. Johnson Co.

Flint City, Ala.

June Junction, Ohio.

Dear Sister:

July 3rd.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of June 29th relative to insurance matters. Respecting that topic I would state that there is no compulsory insurance to cover accidents or experience paid by you on shipments of peddled goods. There is however, a corporation belonging to Hibernians in the state of Illinois and all members of the A. O. H. and L. A. are eligible. I believe this to be a very good form of insurance. Should you care for further particulars you may address John E. Long, Secretary, Opera House Block, Chicago, Ill.

Trusting that this will answer your inquiry and extending my best wishes, I am

Paternally yours,

[Signature]
July 2nd

Mr. Thomas Buffa, P.O. Box 6, Trenton, N. J.

36 Great Ave., N.J.

Dear Mr. Buffa:

Enclosed herewith you will find my check for $1.40

made payable to Mr. B. C. N. Tower on June 26th relative to insurance

costs associated with the expense of expressage on charter shipped by you to Miné.

Junction, W. Va., are suitable. I believe this to be a very good form of insurance.

Please acknowledge receipt of note.

Yours fraternally,

John E.

2720 Liberty, Opera House, Blackstone, Va.
July 2nd,

Mrs. Rose E. Keating,

303 East North Ave.,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sister:

I have your valued and interesting favor of June 30th. It is with regret that I learn of the unfortunate condition of affairs in your city. I had been informed, unofficially, that a resolution of censure of President Dolan had been passed by the county Board, but up to this writing none has yet reached me. It will not be possible for me to be away from Connecticut at this time and therefore I will be unable to attend the meeting as you suggest. I have not heard from the national president on this matter directly for some time, but have no doubt but what he is collecting information and preparing for the necessary action.

Please present my compliments to Mr. Keating.

Fraternally yours,
July 2nd, 1864

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I have your favor of June 30th dated at Logansport, Indiana. I have forwarded voucher in your favor for your salary to July next plus the amount of bill now rendered. Have not yet heard from county president Waters, but you will find the enclosed about good copies. Mark, writing for you, says he has received a note from the county president Waters.

Yours, Fraternally,

[Signature]
July 2nd,

Powers-Tyson Co.,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of June 30th I would state that we will accept the proposition to mail the directories direct to the individual. I have as yet no way of knowing just how many divisions are represented in the directory, but have been in the habit of sending to the state secretary of each state, enough copies to supply all the state officers, each county president and two copies for each division. I should imagine that this would take about 3000 copies. During the year several inquiries for these directories from members and usually they are accommodated. If you will advise me without delay as to how many divisions there are to be supplied, plus the number of county presidents plus the state officers, I will have the treasurer advance you a check on account of expense of postage. We usually send perhaps a dozen or fifteen copies to the national officers. These should go by express, in any event and should be prepaid by you. As I now understand your suggestion there is to be no charge to the order for the names and addresses of these packages but we are to pay whatever the postage would amount to plus the expressage upon such packages as go by that method. If unable to secure picture of chaplain issue the work without it.

Awaiting your early reply, I am

Sincerely yours,
July 2nd,

P. Thomas Gratton, Esq.,

3927 South Main St.,

New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Referring to your favor of June 20th. I was requested to accept the charter for your division; it has been put in the hands of the artist and will be shipped to you framed, probably by end of week. I have used the information sent me supplying other facts of knowledge of my own. Buttons have been sent you under other cover.

If you will kindly write me when you receive this, I shall be much obliged. With best wishes to your associates and yourself.

I am informed that the words will take about 5000 copies. During the year several hundred thousand will be published in various forms. The number of county officers who the state officers, I will then be instructed, submit a check or amount of expense of postage. We usually send perhaps a dozen or fifteen copies to the state officers. These should go by express in every case and should be promptly returned. As I now understand your suggestions, the proposed change in the order for the names and address of officers is understood but are to say whether the pictures could be placed in the offices proper upon each machine as you do by that method. It would be a severe liability on the machines and the work should be

Yours very truly,

[Signature]
Miss Jennie Turley,
306 Dublin St.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sister:-

I must remind you that it is necessary that I should have your annual report for year ending December 31st, 1902.

Please forward without delay.

Yours fraternally,
July 2nd,

Thomas R. Hale, Esq.,
312 North 8th St.,
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of June 29th covering a list of officers of division 2 of Reading. This was sent as I presume for insertion in the directory. I regret to state that it arrived too late, as the directory, so far as the men are concerned, is now printed and I expect that it will be distributed inside of two weeks. Your division will receive two copies. These copies will reach you direct from the printer instead of through your county president, as formerly.

Yours Fraternally,
James E. Dolan, Esq.,

S. A. & K. Building,

Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Herewith enclosed you will find a list showing the divisions which according to the applications received, have been organized since July 1st, 1902. From the list it would appear that Brother Ryan organized nine divisions and Brother Sheehan seven. Another division for which the application has not yet been received was organized by Brother Ryan last week in Ohio. The total number of divisions organized according to the applications received, by us, is just 100 there being 44 men divisions and 46 I. A. to which charters have been granted since the 1st of July.

Paternally yours,
July 3rd,

James O'Sullivan, Esq.,
Superintendent of Delivery, P. O.,

Dear Brother O'Sullivan—

Your favor of July 2nd is at hand. While it may not be absolutely important to have the second paper signed, it would be worth a few dollars to have it as it might prevent a law suit. So as high as $25 and thus make something for value received. If she desired to accept the $25 or even a few dollars notify me and I will have another voucher drawn to cover this matter. Doubtless by this time you have received O'Brien's check for the $150.

Very truly yours,
July 3rd,

P. H. Walsh, Esq.,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I enclose card from Brother E. J. Sheehan, who is president of Division 3 of Hartford, Conn. I wrote him a few days ago in the interest of the Brothers Hogan who desire the transfer. You will note his reply. However, the matter is in the works and something will come out of it.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 5th,

Miss Bridget McMahon,
20 Beach St.,
City.

Dear Sister:

Replying to your invitation to attend a meeting of division 16 this evening, I would state that I will be obliged to absent myself for the reason that there will be a meeting of the Ninth Regiment Committee in my own office and I am secretary of the committee.

Thanking you for the invitation, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 6th,

P. B. Walsh, Esq.,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Enclosed herewith you will find letter of P. Boltin, of Hartford, relative to the Hogan transfer matter. You will note that it is claimed that no application has ever been made for these transfers and that the work has been started through your letter to me; evidently the brothers Hogan have made considerable stir when they might have had their transfer cards by applying direct to the secretary of the division. I am glad that the matter is now about to be straightened out.

Extending best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
D. J. Hennessy, Esq.,
Butte, Mont.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Your favor of June 2nd relative to the proposed appeal to be issued by the Kansas Brotherhood is at hand. Replying thereto I would state that the matter has been under consideration by the national president for some time and he now writes me to do as I think best about it. Out of the sum of $1000 sent to Brother Stack, of Kansas, Mo., one half has been turned over to the Kansas people; nevertheless, should the Directors favor this proposed appeal, I will, of course, approve of its being issued. The copy for the appeal is already in the hands of the printer awaiting the necessary approval.

Fraternally yours,
Thomas Burke, Esq.,
1235 Hartford Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your valued favor of June 3rd. Replying to same I would state that in the first place the customary blanks were sent out months ago to the then state secretary. Doubtless as you suggest he failed to turn them over to his secretary. Then about a month ago, at the request of Brother McFarland, I sent him some blanks for use. These blanks would require a slight change as I had run out of division blanks and sent him blanks for the county but this little trouble ought to be accepted in view of the delay which cannot be attributed to this office. I am informed that it is claimed that the assessment has been paid by all the divisions in the city of Baltimore. Up to-date not one cent of this assessment due this office has reached me. Doctor Martin has written the national president that the divisions in Baltimore have paid it and the Doctor's letter has been forwarded to me for reply. I trust there will be but a few days now until you can get these matters all straightened out. I will be glad to hear from you at any time on matters of mutual interest.

With best wishes to yourself and associates,

I am

Fraternally yours,
July 5th

P. F. Martin, M. D.
East Lafayette Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of June 29th to our national president has been referred to me for reply. Up to this writing this office has never received one penny on account of the national assessment levied in 1902. I have no direct communication on financial matters with counties or divisions and hold the state responsible for the full amount of the assessment levied upon the number of members reported. I have informed your state president, to whom I was writing to-day, of your claim that the divisions in Baltimore had paid their assessment. All I can state is that the money has not reached me and because of that fact the state, for July quarter has been withheld from the state. I trust you will look into this without delay so that this condition of things together with the delinquency in making annual report for the state may be at once remedied. I am sending you herewith enclosed, a copy of the circular by which this assessment was levied, as I note that you wish the national secretary notify you as to the tax upon which the state is delinquent.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 6th

John O'Callahan, & Sons,
Eighth and Samson St.,
Dear Sir and Brother:—

The national directory will be out in about two weeks. Will be glad to send you a book when issued.

Paternally yours,
July 6th

Peter Holtin, Esq.,
57 Franklin Ave.,
Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Your favor of July 4th relative to the card for Brother Hogan, is at hand. I have forwarded your letter to the state treasurer of Indiana, Brother Walsh, who first took this matter up with me, so that he may understand just where the fault lies.

Thanking you for your attention to my request, I am

Paternally yours,
July 7th,

W. F. Whalen, Esq.,
56 1/2 Hollis St.,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have received copy of the appeal and note its contents.

Fraternally yours,
July 7th,

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

Dear Brother Dolan,

Your favor of July 2nd is at hand. Replying to same I would state in the first instance that I have had a letter from Brother Hennessy favoring the issue of the appeal by the Kansas Brotherhood. I should judge that the other Directors have also been written to. I note that you request me to decide the matter and will do so as soon as I have heard from the other Directors.

Regarding the national directories I would state that it would be more expensive on this office to send out the directories under the new plan. I think, however, it would give more satisfaction, nevertheless, keeping in mind your purpose to keep expense down. I am afraid to advise the Powder-Tyson Company to follow the old plan. Your last vouchers reached me alright but have been used up and I would like to have new ones at hand; however, you may return the blanks unsigned and I will number them and send out in the old way.

Am about to make some inquiries regarding the Pawtucket case and herewith give you the name of the county president of Providence county in which Pawtucket is situated. His address is Terrance P. Oates, 364 Branch Ave., Providence, R. I. The county secretary is John J. Ravens, Jr., 369 Richmond Street, Providence, R. I. The state president is John Dillon, Box 156, Valley Falls. The president of division No. 1, the division in which the most trouble exists, is James Aldworth, 237 Middle Street, Pawtucket, R. I. Within a few days I will be able to forward to your address a copy of the directory bound up to include all the men's addresses and the women up to Michigan. The entire work will be finished in a week or so. I have forwarded ten copies sent to your address. If you desire more kindly advise me and order will be increased. I have written to J. Martin, of Baltimore, regarding his communication to you. It is, of course, possible that the division in Baltimore may have paid the assessment; nevertheless, it has not reached this office and the state secretary, McFarland, advises me that the assessment was never sent out in his state. I have also written the state president, Burks, on this same subject and asked him to make investigation, their miss. being withheld awaiting your statement of this matter.

What about plan of meeting. It would accommodate me very much if I had ample notice of the date and place as I am burdened with work just now and want to shape things so that I can get away without great trouble during the last week of August, which I understand will be the time you are likely to select. As requested, I return you the Dr. Martin letter.

Fraternally yours,
July 7th, 1933

Powers-Tyson Co.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of July 4th is at hand. I understand your proposition perfectly but am just in receipt of a letter from the national president in which he recalls his consent to the new method of sending out the directories as it would involve increased expense upon this administration; therefore, I have to advise you that we will follow the old plan. Have the goods packed and shipped to the state secretaries and others from lists which I will send you by end of the week. Be good enough to send without delay, two copies of the directory just as far as made up, to the national president James E. Dolan, S. A. & K. Building, Syracuse, New York. I also desire to have inserted somewhere in the book perhaps at the close of the L. A., if convenient, the following names:

ADVISORY BOARD OF THE L. A.

Miss Katherine E. Sheridan, Randolph, Mass.
Mrs. J. P. Quinn, 407 North Chicago St., Joliet, Ill.
Mrs. Rose E. Keating, 806 East North Ave., Baltimore, Md.

These names ought to appear at the head of the L. A., but it was not until I had looked over the copy sent me that I found these names had been omitted. Kindly get them in somewhere even if they come at the last of the printed matter.

Regarding the copies sent by me at the request of Brother Shannon, of Kansas, I would state that as yet it has not received official approval, in fact it may not be approved. The Order in Kansas received $500 from us as did the Order in Missouri and the national president does not care to impose any further burdens upon the brotherhood. However, I am in expectation of hearing from the Directors on this subject; Brother Shannon having addressed many of them, therefore, you will understand that the matter has not yet been approved.

Fraternally yours,
July 7th

Thomas O'Brien, Esq.,

P. O. Box 53,

Pawtucket, R. I.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I am hearing contradictory reports as to the cause and extent of the trouble among the members of the Order in your city. Will you kindly give me a statement of the facts as you know them. The national president has asked to me to make some investigation and knowing that you are on the ground, I take the liberty of thus addressing you.

Hoping that I may be favored by your early reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 7th,

S. F. Kennedy, Esq.,
420 Grove St.,
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear sir and brother:

I am in receipt of your favor of July 5th covering two checks for $2 and two applications for charters. One of these applications being for division 10 and the other for division 15. I note that the date of organization of division 15 is given as September, 1903. Please advise me as to the correct date. I also wish to advise you that the name of the person who organized this division is omitted. Please inform me on this point, also. I am obliged to return the checks for your endorsement. I will put the charters in the works, however, so that they may be sent out as soon as the complete information with checks has reached this office.

Extending my good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
July 3rd.

Hon. O'Neil Ryan,

St. Louis, Mo.

Dear sir and brother:—

I have read with much pleasure in the issue of the "Dubuque Nation" of June 22nd, an account of the reception tendered to our mutual friend John T. Keating, by the people of Dubuque, on that date. In view of the genuine worth and high character of Brother Keating and also bearing in mind certain circumstances which recently have occurred, I feel that it is due to him and to ourselves that he should be accorded a public reception on his arrival in New York City, and beg to suggest that you take steps to provide the details for the same. I have no doubt that he would receive a tremendous ovation and trust you will find yourself able to agree with me as to the advisability of tendering this reception.

Fraternally yours,
July 8th,

John Lenlahn, Esq.,
323 Rivington St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for your check of $500 credited on the national assessment. I also return the order sent you for the payment of this money, signed by Brother Slattery, assuming that you desire to keep this among your files.

With best wishes, I am

Paternally yours,
July 8th,

J. Lewis O'Neill, Esq.:  
Buckingham,  
P. E. I., Canada.  

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have your favor of July 4th relative to charter for Buckingham and state the facts to be about as follows: On June 5th I received $2 from Brother Gallagher for a charter and sent him my receipt. No application accompanied this remittance. On June 28th I received an application for the Buckingham charter, but no reference was made as to the former payment and we have no way of connecting the two as I have plenty of business every day and did not keep in mind that charter for Quebec Province had already been paid for so I wrote Brother Gallagher to send on the money for the Buckingham charter, at the same time I put the charter in the hands of the artist and it was ready awaiting his answer. Yesterday I received his answer explaining the situation and immediately shipped the package to Brother Leahy’s address as directed. It will doubtless reach Buckingham as early as this letter.

Trusting that this explanation will be satisfactory and extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

P.S. Button has been sent you under other cover.
July 8th,

James O'Sullivan, Esq.,
216 North 13th St.,

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I have your valued favor of July 7th relative to the Zeigler matter. There is no meaning in the release sent you other than that I desire to protect the Ancient Order of Hibernians. I will enclose another form of release which I trust will be acceptable to Mrs. Zeigler and will at the same time forward voucher to O'Brien for $25 which he will remit to you in the same manner.

At a meeting of the state and county officers of Connecticut, at Hartford, yesterday, it was announced that the national president would be in attendance at the parade on August 19th and later on would make an address.

Fraternally yours,
July 8th,

James J. Sweeney, Esq.,
Ardoch, N. D.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your valuable favor of June 27th is before me. Replying to your inquiry as to the matter of punishment for failure to attend Holy Communion, I would state that in some parts of the country the divisions do not attend Holy Communion in a body. In other places where that provision of the constitution is observed, the penalty for failure to comply should be enforced unless with the consent of the chaplain. It is a very delicate matter for any person but a priest to pass upon the failure of a member of one of our societies to attend Communion with the organization. Whenever necessary have your county chaplain attend to this part of the work.

I enclose copy of a circular which contains the text of fourth degree. I note that you have 47 members and trust that each member is receiving his copy of the National Hibernian. If he is not receiving it, you should send the name and address to the publisher of the National Hibernian at Washington, D. C.

I am with best wishes

Fraternally yours,
July 8th,

John J. Shannon, Esq.,
937 Riverview Ave.,
Kansas City, Kan.

Dear Sir and brother:—

I have your favor of July 2nd relative to the proposed appeal to your order. Replying thereto I would state that I am in receipt of advice from the national president, under date of July 2nd, in which he refers to the proposed appeal and states that the organization ought not to be burdened any further, but that upon further investigation it appeared to be for the best interest of the organization to permit the appeal to be sent out, he would be agreeable to it. Up to this writing I have heard from only one of the national directors to whom you have written. Brother Hannessay writes favoring the appeal but none of the others have so far advised me. Personally I am in favor of it but I have only one vote. Just as soon as a majority advises me of their favorable action I shall communicate with you and with Brother Powers who has your copy.

Fraternally yours,
Joseph B. Kellagher, Esq.,
305 Wallace St.,
City.
Dear Sir and Brother:

Please call at my office and get badge sent by O'Callahan. Office will be open during usual hours.

Yours fraternally,
July 9th,

Miss Cecilia Cafferty,
Fort Griffith, Pa.

Dear Sister:-

I have your favor of the 6th relative to recent bazaar held by your division and desire to thank you for your courtesy in advising me of the result of the drawing. I am glad to note that the affair was a success and trust that it will be the means of giving your division much prosperity.

Fraternally yours,
July 8th

Mrs. J. Martin,
120 Fell St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sister:

I have your favor of July 2nd relative to division 1 of the L. A. of San Francisco. Replying to same I would state that the authority of the National Board to levy this assessment cannot be successfully questioned, but it would be premature for any attention to be paid to it at this time, as the time limited by the call for the payment of this assessment has expired. It will then be proper for you to deal with delinquents in the way provided by the constitution. Do not let it worry you until there has been a failure on the part of any division to comply with the assessment. You have ample authority in your hands to either collect this assessment or enforce the proper penalty.

The matter of a ring for the L. A. has never been taken up by the National Board for the reason that there has been no meeting of that body since the Denver convention. We expect to meet late in August, at which time the subject will be discussed. After that if you will again address me on the subject I will be pleased to convey any information there may be regarding it.

Fraternally yours,
The Powers-Tyson Co.,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

To my consternation, I discover that the names of the state president and state secretary of the I., A., of Maryland, have not been changed. Since this copy was made out, both the state president and state secretary of Maryland, I. A. have been suspended by the national president and the names of the new officers are as follows: Miss Annie M. Roche, state president, 5 South Poppleton Street, Baltimore; Miss Jennie Cavanaugh, state secretary, 1037 South Sharp Street, Baltimore;

If you can possibly fix this up either by adding some statement in the addenda or by pasting slips over the names of these officers please do so. Let me know what can be done.

In my last letter I advised you that we would stick to the old system of sending out the goods and by tommorow's mail I expect to send you a list of the secretaries with the number of copies to be sent each one.

Fraternally yours,
July 9th, 3

Lynch & Kelly,
Utica, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Please send immediately on receipt of this letter, one dozen Shamrocks for use in initiation. Division No. 1 of Willimantic is to have a big initiation next Sunday the 12th, and are not provided with the Shamrock leaves detachable. Please send one dozen of these right away to W. V. Palmer, 28 Valley Street, Willimantic, Conn. and send bill. You need not send C. O. D. unless you desire, as these parties are fully good for the bill and I will guarantee it. DO NOT FAIL.

Fraternally yours,
Philadelphia, Pa., July 1903.

For value received, I hereby release and discharge THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS in AMERICA and each and all of its officers from any and all liability to me by reason of the use by said ORDER, or by its officers, of certain charter designs this day assigned by me, to said ORGANIZATION, and I hereby expressly state that I, alone, am THE ART PRINTING COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, and sign this release in my individual capacity and as the authorized agent and representative of said ART PRINTING COMPANY.

In presence of:


July 9th,

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

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

At a meeting of the state and county officers, of Connecticut, yesterday, in conversation with Hartford Brothers, a proposition was made that the Order furnish buttons to be sold the day of the parade at the usual price of 25 cents, but that we sell these buttons at 20 cents apiece so that the persons making the sales might receive a profit of 5 cents on each button. We buy these buttons from O'Callahan at 17 1/2 cents each and where they are sold as single buttons, the postage on each package would be about 2 cents more, so that we pay about 19 1/2 cents. I think we might be able to make a few dollars on the buttons by disposing of them in this wholesale way and submit the proposition to you for your consideration. If you approve, I will obtain the buttons and forward them to a responsible party.

I beg to present for your consideration, the impression which prevails among the members of the Advisory Board to consider matters affecting the L. A. One of the matters to be decided upon will be this question, on the amount of the per capita tax to be set aside for the endowment; another possibly would be the Baltimore trouble, another is the adoption of the ring as an emblem and I am just
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now advised that one of the L. A. divisions in San Francisco has voted not to pay the assessment of the endowment on the ground that the auxiliaries have never been permitted to vote on it.

Please return to me the blank vouchers sent in earlier letter if you have not already done so.

Fraternally yours,

National Secretary.
July 9th,

M. J. O'Brien, Esq.,

L. O'Brien,

Richmond, Ind.

Dear brother O'Brien:

Enclosed herewith you will find voucher No. 292

I have read and heard much about the order, offering
in favor of Mrs. L. D. Zeigler, Jr., for the sum of $25. This is an
communication I have, on the subject, occasionally from Dr.
auxiliary to the check of $150 sent by you to O'Sullivan a few days ago.
and to Washington, D. C., the Editor of the "National". I think
please send this check to Brother O'Sullivan in same manner. For it we
are to have a release from any claim she may have against the Order for
the matter and I am not aware of his intentions regarding it. Without
use of these charters in the past.

We are in communication with him and know what it is proposed to do.
Not a word from the national president as to place
of communications of J. A. from the state president and the
of meeting. He is at home in Syracuse as he writes me, for the summer
in favor of the state Order, but no reference is made to any L. A.
and is expected to be in Hartford on the occasion of our state parade
on August 19th. Wish you could be with us, also. It is possible, you
know, that you may be in this part of the country a day or two, later.

Fraternally yours,
Dear Sister:

I have read and reread your letter of July 3rd. Outside of your communication I have, on the subject, occasionally from Mr. Haltigan, of Washington, D. C., the Editor of the "National Hibernian." The National President has not referred to me any steps to be taken in this matter and I am aware of his intentions regarding it. I doubtless can get a favorable report on the subject and am about to conclude that it would be for your benefit to keep the work up.

I have received communications of late from the state president and the secretary of the state Grand Master. A few days ago any national president state secretary of the men's Order but no reference is made to any L. A. branch, as has been the number of division charters. We have

President:

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]

7th of July, 1902]

Mrs. Rose E. Keating,
800 East North Ave.,
Baltimore, Md.

July 9th, 1902.
July 9th,

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Your favor of July 3rd covering your bill for $400.00 for the new year which is scheduled to take place in July 1st has been received. On the 2nd of July, I mailed a short general letter on the subject, occasioned by the fact that I think vouchers for your salary and $50 advanced expenses to the national treasurer, and doubtless he has by this time forwarded the check. I realize, as I have repeatedly stated to you, the difficulties in the way of your work and I am not aware of his intentions regarding it. What you do in the north west will be of more benefit to keep the organizers where there is plenty of opportunity for them to find members in the locality of the men’s order but no reference is made to any L. A. organized since the national convention. The only guide I have in this matter is the applications for charters which reached me. Of the new divisions there have been 100 organized since July 1st, 1902. We have issued perhaps 100 more charters for divisions which had been long in existence, but had never applied for a national charter. Of the 100 new divisions, David Ryan is credited with nine and yourself with seven. I trust this agrees with your own record. If not please notify me at once giving a detail statement of applications sent in. I think the national president proposes to make some reference to the matter of new divisions...
July 9th

E. S. Shaw, Esq.,

Pueblo, Colo.

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

Dear Sir and Brother:

A few days ago you requested me to make some inquiry as to the condition of affairs in Pawtucket. Knowing Thomas O'Brien very well, I addressed him asking for a statement of facts. The enclosed is his reply. I submit same for your consideration.

I have had no further communications regarding the proposed appeal by the Kansas organization. Brother Hennessy has approved of it but up to this writing I have heard from none of the others. I had been in favor of sending it out were it not for your wish expressed in earlier letter.

Fraternally yours,
July 9th,

Thomas O'Brien, Esq.,
Pasturtle, R. I.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Many thanks for your kind favor of July 8th relative to the condition of affairs in Pawtucket. I have forwarded your letter to the national president for his consideration. There is, of course, much to be regretted that matters are not harmonious and I know that the national president is anxious to restore peace if it can possibly be done. In writing you I was merely acting on his request that I obtain some definite outside information regarding the controversy. As I understand the situation there is an appeal of some kind pending upon the state or county board. Just how the national officers can intervene if this is the case, I am not certain but hope to have full information as to the status of the suspended divisions, shortly. Matters must be proceeded with according to organized procedure.

Again thanking you for your attention to my inquiry and extending good wishes with the hope that I may meet you here on August 5th, I remain

Fraternally yours,
July 9th,

W. J. O'Brien, Esq.,
Urbana, Ohio.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Please print and ship, without delay, one thousand blank applications for charter, similar to copy herewith enclosed. In fine type in the upper left hand corner print the figures as shown on copy. Work must bear union label. In shipping to me prepay the express charge and put it in your bill.

Fraternally yours,
July 11th,

W. J. Feasley Co.,
Providence, R. I.,

Dear Sirs:

Please ship to John P. Murphy, Norwich, Conn., A. O. H. jewels for each of the state officers including a state vice-president, if you have such a design; and including eight county presidents jewels. Print on the back of the jewel the following: This is the property of the A. O. H. of Connecticut and should be turned over to successors in office. Please send the bill to this office and ship the goods without delay to state president Murphy, at Norwich, Conn.

Yours truly,
Powers-Tyson Co.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Enclosed herewith you will find list of the state secretaries of the L. A. and the men's Order, with the number of copies to be sent to each one. I also enclose additional list giving the names and addresses of the national officers to whom you are to send two copies each. Further you will find the names and addresses of the members of the Advisory Board of the L. A. to whom you are to send five copies each. Prepay express age on all packages.

Please acknowledge receipt of this and advise me as to the probably date of shipment from your office.

Fraternally yours,

P. S. There should be about seven hundred directories left which you may ship to me. Send fifty in advance of the others as I want these for the advertisers. Prepay express age on all.
James E. Dolan, Esq.,
S. A. & K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your favor of July 13th has been received and noted. Am very glad that you like the national directory. I have not had a chance to look through it for errors, which of course, there will be some, but like its general appearance very much. I wish you could designate Lake Saranac as the place of meeting. There are hotels there which are first class in every respect, wherein the rate does not exceed $25 per week and that I think is a reasonable sum for us to pay. I refer to the Algonquin and the Ampleseance about which you can make inquiries. I have not written to any place for rates as I had no instructions on that point and assumed that, with the exception of Lake Placid, the rates would be those usually charged. Some time ago I wrote to Jere Gallagher, provincial secretary, at Quebec, suggesting that possibly the national officers might meet there in August. To this he replied, that while he would be glad to see us there, he thought that Montreal would be a more convenient place for us. Try and have Hennessy at the Board meeting. I think that inasmuch as we have not met for a year, every member unless prevented by
sickness should be in his seat.

Regarding the Pawtucket case about which you asked my advice, I would state that there are certain legal questions involved there which should make the National Board or any of its officers slow in intervening. For instance I am informed that the permission of the County Board to hold this public entertainment as required by Article 15 has never been asked for or obtained. Moreover, there is to be a meeting next Sunday of the state officers for the purpose of passing upon the suspension of division No. 1. Should the state officers decide against the division, the division is entitled to an appeal the next state convention. I believe that we should let the state settle the matter if it can and until such time as it has shown itself unable to do so, my advice would be to keep our hands away from the trouble. In fact, I believe that we have no legal right to step in now as the controversy is being adjusted or tried out according to the constitution.

I received your vouchers and hereafter will send these vouchers through your office to the national treasurer.

Yours fraternally,
July 10th

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P. S. What about selling those buttons for twenty cents for sale at the parade in Hartford. I made this inquiry in earlier letter and hope to have your advice on this subject. On five hundred buttons we would make $12.50.

Yours,

[Signature]

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July 15th

Richard McCann, Esq.,
J. V. L. 77th St.
Stephen J. Gunning, Esq.,
226 Lemartine St.
Dear Sirs,

Enclosed are those buttons for twenty cents for sale.

Your presence at the parade on the 14th of July is requested.

F. S. A.

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

The following is the advice given to inquirers upon this subject:

Your favor of July 14th relative to the National Hibernian has been received together with copy of song written by Brother Hanney. I enjoyed the reading very much and thank you for your courtesy. I have forwarded your letter to the Editor of the National Hibernian and trust that hereafter there will be no reason for complaint. However, I trust you will feel the current or go astray word at liberty to write me whenever papers are not received as we desire that each member shall get his paper promptly. With the current word should be given to members who take any degree, 143,000 papers, monthly, it is of course not surprising that some I trust I have made this clear.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
Richard McGinn, Esq.,
92 Jersey Street,
Paterson, N. J.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Your valued favor of July 13th relative to the password is before me. Replying thereto I would state that the following is the advice given to inquirers upon this subject:

A business meeting is to be conducted as in the first degree taking national officers and members seated together. The member must give up the first degree password inside the door. The current or quarterly password is to be taken up at all times outside the meeting room so that a person to gain admission must both have the password and show a business card. A business card must not only have the password but must also be in the name of the member. The possession of this current word shows that he is in good standing. It is therefore essential that each member shall get his card promptly. With the degree, he must have the current or quarterly word. It is not likely to make me aware when any papers are not received as we are in possession of this current word shows that he is in good standing. I trust I have made this clear.

With best wishes, I am,
Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
July 15th,

Richard McCall, Esq.

32 Jersey Street
Washington, D.C.

Thomas Coleman, Esq.,

Dear Sir and Brothers:

I have your valued favor of July 13th notifying me that your division voted to sustain the minority of the national officers who withheld their approval from the recent circular. 

A business meeting is to be conducted as in the first degree password and of the usual character. A quarterly password is to be taken up at any convenient time. This password is to be taken up at any convenient time. 

I desire to express my appreciation through you to the members of your division for the effort and care with which your division has been conducted. 

You will note that the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will be held on August 1st, and that the officers have designated that time for the business meeting. 

Please advise me as to the date on which your division meets. 

Yours truly,

[Signature]

P.S. How are Mrs. McCall and the rest of the family?
July 15th

P. J. Haltigan, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Haltigan,

Herewith enclosed you will find a letter of Stephen J. Kenney of Jamaica Plain, which explains itself.

Please advise me as to whether or not you have a correct list. I have written two letters to the press expressing the hope that on the arrival of Bronson Alcott from Europe, he be accorded a reception in New York City. I think, under all the circumstances, this recognition is due him, and hope that the suggestion made will be carried out by Keating's friends who will be within reach of New York City.

Do you know when he is expected to reach New York? It would be, of course, awkward if the proposed demonstration should interfere with the state parade here on August 19th.

How are Mrs. Haltigan and the rest of the family?

You will note that the state board and county officers of Connecticut approved of the action of the national secretary in withholding endorsement from the recent circular. This was entirely unsolicited and a surprise to me, but was very agreeably accepted. Dqian has not as yet fixed the place of meeting of the National Board, but has designated the last week of August as the time.

Fraternally yours,