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Hon. James P. Bree, N. S.,
Denver, Col.,
Dear Friend & Bro.:

I take it from your last letter that you are now in the "Queen City of the Plains". I desire you to reserve for me a good room, well located with bath, in the Albany Hotel which I understand will be headquarters. I desire you also to reserve a room in same Hotel at minimum price for Bro. M. J. O'Leary our State Secretary. We will reach Denver either the Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning before the Convention. Bro. O'Leary and I will appreciate your kindness in securing said reservations. From your letter it is likely there will be several aspirants for National distinction. I presume you will have no opposition if you stand for re-election. I hope you will continue as our National Secretary. The administration of your office has been able, efficient and creditable. If you desire my assistance let me know and I will do everything in my power in your behalf. For the past fourteen years I have enjoyed national and local honors in our Order more than I deserved. Fourteen years as Division President, ten years as National Director and over four years as National President make a record which I do not believe has ever been placed to the credit of any other Hibernian. When I took hold of the Order there were only thirty members in Savannah, Ga., and none in the rest of Georgia, or in South Carolina, Alabama and Florida. I established the Order in the other Cities in Georgia and in the other States. I am proud of the part I played in extending the benign influences of our Order in this Section. I have had all the honors I want in our Order and consequently will not be a candidate for re-election. I will be a free lance in every respect and advocate those measures and candidates whose success will, in my judgment, ensure to the best advantage of Hibernianism generally. The association with my colleagues in the past will always be to me a pleasant memory and my best wishes will always be invoked upon their future welfare and happiness.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]

Savannah, Ga., July 1, 1902
Hon. James P. Hree,
Denver, Col.

Dear Friend & Bro:-

Your last favor received. I find it impossible to leave here before to-morrow (Thursday) night and am due to arrive in Denver over the Burlington next Sunday afternoon. Bro. O'Leary's wife took suddenly ill and will be delayed a couple of days. Under the circumstances you will please only have desired room reserved for me from next Sunday afternoon.

Awaiting the pleasure of meeting you, I am

Yours fraternally,

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James P. Bree,
New Haven Connecticut.
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Enclosed find check for $10.40

Just arrived and rather nervous.

Best wishes for continued
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Jr.
10.40
Dear Hon. James P. Bree, N. S.,
New Haven, Conn.

I presume you have returned home by this time and resumed business at the old stand. I need not again express my gratification upon your unanimous re-election. You performed your duties in a highly satisfactory manner and all the delegates showed their hearty appreciation thereof. You have commenced your second term under bright auspices and I am sure you will discharge your duties in such a way as to evoke at the end thereof the "well done" of all your brethren.

As our State Convention will be held during the latter part of this month I am anxious to get a copy of the principal amendments which were made to our Constitution. You will do me a great favor by sending me a copy at an early date. I expected to have heard from you by this relative to the Michigan matter which you were to investigate. Our Michigan brethren are among the best in the Order and we ought, if necessary, strain a point to help them. While the suit may be for insurance it involves the questions of suspension, and reinstatement which if correctly decided will be to our general advantage. Several years ago there was a lawsuit, I believe in your State, about a particular matter and because the decision regarding same might have general application our National Organization gave financial aid so as to insure a proper consideration and, if possible, a successful result therein. If I am correct, therefore, in my diagnosis of the Michigan case it seems to me we ought to render such financial assistance to our Michigan brethren as will enable them to have said
case passed upon by the Supreme Court of their State with the earnest hope that the result will enure to the benefit of our entire Order. If the National President is successful in getting the right sort of Organizers our membership ought to be considerably augmented during the coming two years.

A number of our brethren have already expressed their desire to serve as Organizers. I have had considerable experience with organizers in the C. K. of A., and found it almost impossible to get men who would do any more than draw their salaries. However, it may be different with us and a fair trial ought to be accorded some of the best applicants in different sections so that our members generally may be awakened to the necessity of manifesting the proper interest in our Order and that more of our people will be enrolled under our standard.

Hoping you are in your usual good spirits, that you will honor Georgia with a visit during this term and that abundant success and good health will ever attend you, I am

Yours fraternally,
Mr Jas O'Brien
New Haven
Dear Sir & Gents:

I enclose check for $5.00 for which please send me 20 buttons as early as possible. Please give me the name of the cheapest and most reliable firm to order your paraphernalia from. I hope you are entirely rested from your Convention trip. When can I hope for a sample copy of your Constitution?

With best wishes,

Fraternally,

Jas. O'Brien Esq.
Mr. Jacob Weit
New Haven

Dear Sir and Bro:

We are about to purchase some paraphernalia and I would thank you to let me know which manufacturers are the best and cheapest. The information will be kept private by myself. I hope your position will allow you to grant me this information. He had five celebration here in the 4th which brought the A.O.T.H. with flying colors. Thanks for the Medal of A. With best wishes,

Fraternally, [illegible]
Mr 94 Hill St.
Atlanta, Georgia
April 17th, 1903

James P. Bros. N. Xct. A. O. A.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Enclosed please find $2,000 New-York & Exchange for Our Holland, 2,700-Dollar Assessment due (401 members) which would be forwarded long ago, if I got the proper notification for so doing. With very best wishes. I remain Fraternally yours,

[Signature]

4-20-03
Hon. James P. Bree, N. S.,
New Haven, Conn.,

Dear Sir & Bro:—

The National President wrote me nearly a month ago requesting me to give him my ideas as to the time and place for our meeting and stating the latter part of August seems to be favored generally and I promptly replied thereto that any time after the 15th of August and some Eastern resort or Canadian City will be agreeable to me. I have not heard further from him.

In your last favor you expressed the hope of meeting me in August. As soon as the time and place are selected I would like to be advised thereof. It will be difficult for me to get away but I will manage to do so if I have reasonable notice before the time. Our firm is endeavoring to recover a half million dollar estate in China and the Caroline Islands. Our junior partner has been out there for six months and may have to stay a year longer. His reports are encouraging. If we are successful in recovering only half of the estate we will be handsomely rewarded. His absence causes me to look after all our Court work which keeps me occupied. Our Courts will continue in session through August if necessary. I am arranging my assignments not to extend beyond the 15th of August. A vacation of even a couple weeks thereafter will certainly be beneficial and enjoyable. I received an invitation from our mutual friend Bro. John P. Murphy, S. P., to attend your State parade on the 19th of August. If our meeting does not conflict and both can be taken in on the one trip I might accept the invitation and join my patriotic brethren in Connecticut in making their State celebration a grand success. I
trust you are well and prospering. With kind regards and hoping to be enlightened as to our meeting at an early date, I remain

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]

Savannah, Ga.
Atlanta, Ga. April 13, 1904

Mr. James P. Orr,  
Natl. Dept. of  
Wall Street, New York

Dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed please find New York check for Ninety Six Hundred Dollars, on account of Nat. Assessments which you will order to go to "Lost" with best wishes.

I remain fraternally yours,

E. C. O'Donnell

94 Hill St.
James P. Bree, Esq., N. S.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:—

Your recent favor to hand. I have no reason to believe that I will need more than one room during my stay in St Louis. I hope we will fare better in the room matter than we did at Denver. I have stopped at the Lindell Hotel several times. It is an old hotel and unless you are exacting we may not be furnished the accommodations which our National Officers and Directors should enjoy. Please pick out a good room with bath for me.

With best wishes, I am

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]
James P. Bree, Esq.

National Secretary, A. O. H.

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & pro:-

St. Louis, April 12th.

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me the cipher card for the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Division in this city has not been furnished with same.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain,

yours fraternally,

M. J. O'Leary

state Secretary.

prices given in my letter of the 8th inst. are for rooms alone and are considered, at the present time, very reasonable. Rates at the Southern, Planters and Jefferson Hotels which are the other first-class hotels down town, are twenty-five to fifty per cent higher than those of the Lindell. Meals can be had in the vicinity of the Lindell from twenty-five cents upwards. Meals at the Lindell restaurant are about the usual rate of Savannah. Delegates desiring to
6. 2. 1904

Mr. James P. Bree
National Secretary
302 Chapel St.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Yours of 25th to hand madse, an key card received. rituals & Constitution have not reached me as yet. Enclosed you will find P.O. Order for 25.

dollars which you will please send me.

In regard to 2. Auxiliary in Georgia their art but two one in Atlanta and one in Sav. Ga. We are going to
organize another Div. in Sav. will write you later please send
the L. A. pins at once as we want to have them by the 10 of this month

Fraternally Yours
Mrs. C. H. Stappford
530 Jones E.
Savannah Ga.