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receipt sent
Aug. 21.

Portland Ore Aug 13
1902

Find inclosed one fifty
1 50 for Mose for the
third quarter

P Farley

355 oak st

Portland ore

Bangor, Maine, Sept 14 1902

Mr. Jas O Bue Esq.
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Enclosed find \$1.00 for which
you will please send me 4 Buttons and oblige

receipt &
button sent
Sept. 15.

Yours Fraternally
T. J. McCarthy
#74 Pickering Sq.

Div 2 A.O.H

Am Sept 18

82 chd and ot
no cash

Leviston N. Sept 17 $\frac{1}{2}$

Mr James P Bree

Dear Sir and
Brother

I have been requested
to send to you for 25 A.
O.H Buttons.

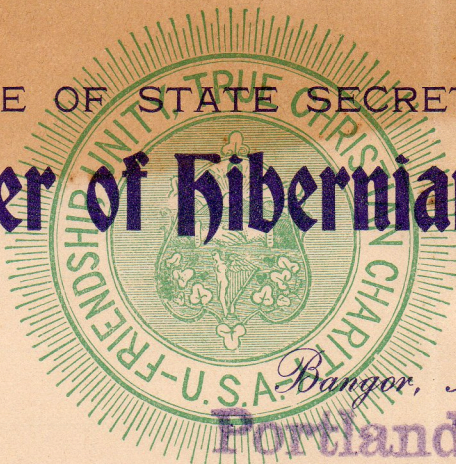
Please send them
as soon as you can and
oblige

M. J. Holmes

Per Treasurer

OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY

...Ancient Order of Hibernians of Maine...



Bangor, Me., 190
Portland, Me. SEP 12 1902

Geo. P. Bree A. S.

Am Sept 15

Dear Sir - Bro

Please find enclosed list
of State Officers for the State of Maine duly elected
at State Convention held at Bangor Me Sept 10 1902
If anything further is required at this time please let
me know and I will be pleased to respond as I am not
familiarly working with the State Office at present

Tratnally Yours

Chas. A. Adams S. S.

Portland

Me

#27 Brattle St

N O H #4



J. E. OSBORNE, STATE PRESIDENT, MILLTOWN, N. B.
JEREMIAH MURPHY, STATE VICE-PRESIDENT, AUBURN. C. H. ADAMS, STATE SECRETARY, PORTLAND.
M. T. RAGAN, STATE TREASURER, PORTLAND. REV. T. P. LINEHAN, STATE CHAPLAIN, BIDDEFORD.



Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MAINE.

Office of State Secretary,
27 BRATTLE STREET.

Portland, Me., Nov 6 1902

James P Bree Esq
New Haven Conn

Don't Nov 7

Dear Sir

I mailed you a letter
Oct-18 enclosed in it was application
for Surety Bond and a check for
Three dollars to pay for it
and as i havent heard from
you since i think something
must be a miss

let me know if you got it
if not i will start an enquiry
at this office

Very truly yours
M. T. Ragan

Bangor, Maine, Mar. 23, 1903.

Mr. Jas. P. Bree,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Brother:-

Buttons &
receipt sent
3-26-03

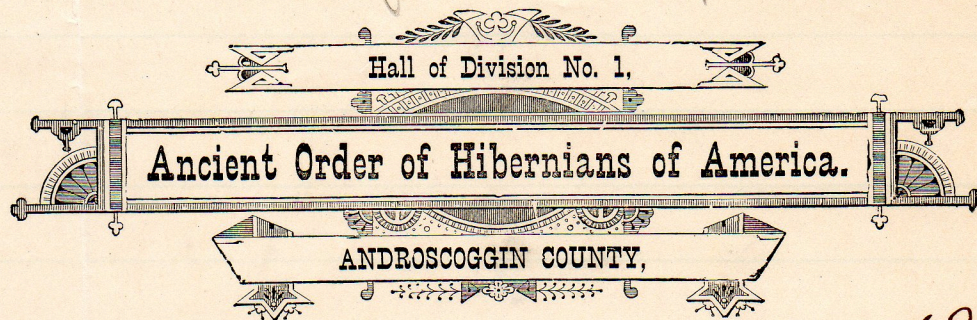
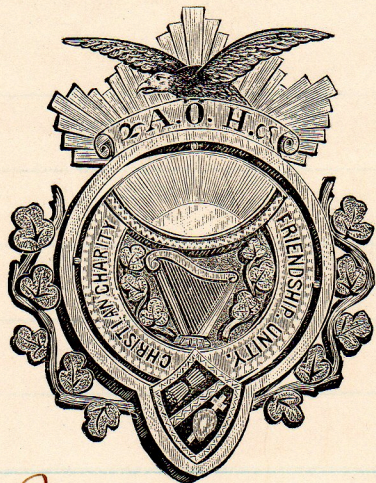
\$1 cash

Enclosed please find one(\$1.00)dollar for which please
send me four(4)buttons, and oblige

Yours fraternally,

#74 Pickering Sq.

T. J. McCarthy
Bangor Me.



1906
Lewiston, Me., April 1st 189
To National Secy A. O. H. James P. Bree
Please forward 100 Constitutions as revised
at last Convention send L. O. D.
Address P. F. Madden
44 Maple St
Lewiston
Maine

8 dw

4.
4
4

9..

4.50
16 50

4
9
13
3.50 dw

16 50
13.
3 50 mds

Portland Me May 12 1903

Hon James P Bree

Nat- Soc acc

Am May 22

Dear Sir and Brother

Enclosed please find Check for
Twelve ^{dollars} 20 Cents. and according to my
account will clear up everything to date
\$9.40 is for the balance on Nat acc
and 3.00 for mds

You remember that on Dec 8th I remitted
you 9.00 for mds. and I only owed you
\$4.00 and we recd 3 quart mds
altogether and so this \$2.00 will make
it up to date. is that now you understand
it

Fraternally Yours
M T Ragau S. Y.

897 mds.

224.25
214.80
9.45 Af. 11

Portland, Me., May 19th, 1903.

To the Editor of the National Hibernian:

Dear Sir:-

Isn't it about time ~~was~~ something was heard from the state of Maine? There are a few members whose interest has not relaxed, and who have succeeded in eluding the apathy that has claimed the majority of the members.

In the city of Portland, Hibernianism has been practically dead for a number of years, no interest being manifested, business being conducted in a manner that would cause the proprietor of a junk store to throw up his hands in holy horror. While we possess the ritual, and equipment, it appears to be suppressed, and all seem to be infected, and affected by that dread disease that originated in some isle beyond the pale of civilization, from whence captians of industry are excluded, "the tired feeling". The only method of producing any enthusiasm is herewith related, a member arises and suggests that we proceed to awaken from the lethargy that enthralls us, and assist in building the order. Forthwith, there is an upheaval of violent english, effusions pour forth in abundance, denunciation is heaped upon the luckless advocate, and as he hears the ridicule, and notes the scorn adorning the majestic features of our momentarily aroused brothers, he inwardly retracts his apparently illy chosen suggestion, and retreats to a corner slinking from the savage gaze of an enraged assembly. This method is efficacious, but extremely hazardous, and is handled about as gingerly as the statehood plank in the national republican partys platform.

Such is the fate of the reformer, and as I write, my courage oozes forth, and my thoughts hastily grasp some suggestive non-de-plume, so that I ^{may} ~~can~~ conceal my person from the storm that shall surely break.

The membership of our order in the state of Maine, has for a munber of years shown a steady decline, yet there is not a more fertile field in America. You ask, to what can you attribute such a state of affairs? While my knowledge is limited to local observation, and current rumor, I trace it to division officers, and infer from the actions of ~~st~~ certain state officials, during the last administration. The fearful causes of ~~this~~ sad condition are, lack of interest, incompetency, mis-government, and self-exploitation.

While one may close his eyes to defects in an officers ability, and ignore violations, and passively submit to infractions of laws, yet one must look askance at the action of an officer in deliberately murdering interest, yet such has been done by past state officials, and because of the deplorable condition of the ranks censure was withheld, and as the expiration of a term was at hand, it might have been useless to administer such, but to my mind an example of rigidly enforcing the laws, would have injected life into the representatives, and the infusion would have a course through the unfilled veins of the membership.

A new start is necessary, and the paramount idea to be propounded should be discipline. This laxity that has been allowed to flourish in the governing of our divisions, etc, has been the bane of our existence. Where parliamentary procedure is eliminated, and discussions disregarding propriety are indulged in - there is where dissension is born, and attains its growth. We should show no antipathy to perfect autonomy, and I feel that the early banishment of all irregularities, would promote an equanimity of all that relates to the order and selves.

What possible excuse can a division manufacture for flaying violations of the constitution, or assuming a false interpretation, simply to credit their own belief? Surely objections arise and a dissenter is decried. Why? Because he adheres to the laws and states his belief. Why outrage a mans feelings, and shame justice, let there be ~~equity~~ equity in dealings, even though tis lacking in opinions. An avenue can be found for the opinions of all, and if deliberation is pursued, the destination will be at the point we all desire. (This portion is addressed to the third person, but I hope the second person will profit)

We have traversed the time beaten path, in the old rut, and a prospective glance, glooms the outlook, yet the task is not herculean, witness the progress of division 3, who re-claimed some of their idly spent life, about two months ago, note the result, 50 new members, 7 applications received. last meeting, enthusiasm rampart, and the exertion was all in ~~getting~~ ^{obtaining} the start.

Division 1 is bound up in division laws that, when compared with the beneficial allowances of other societies fares illy. Progress is ~~the~~ the theme, but it isn't sung here. A few steps ahead, and in the right direction would accelerate interest, and with the co-operation of the earnest material composing the membership, the reward would be the trebling of the ^{present} membership, and they would set a pace that would force the other divisions to acquire some of them fabled seven league boots in order to be in the procession.

If division 2 can emerge from the plight that former mismanagement placed her in, and succeed in permeating their systems with some of the spirit that pervades division 3, other divisions in the country, will be making frantic, and futile efforts to displace her, from the top niche in the Hibernian hall of fame. There isn't a member that would suffer himself to bring in less than five new members. I'm sure I could, but, hesitate while these family quarrels are rife, and the desire to do business in any old way is with us. Calm, deliberate, and scientific methods are needed, not frenzied, chaotic, slipshod work.

Division 3 is speeding ahead with the transitory swiftness of a meteor, due to the eloquent and persuasive power of Bro Farry, and the grim determination of Pres't Logue.

Let us have recourse to the ritual, it appears to be guarded with the sacredness of some God of a community of idol worshippers. Eliminate this feeling of discontent, and base jealousy that exists between divisions. In condensation the whole text is "Get together, and do something".

The army of stay-aways is immense, if each member is as dejected as his attitude betokens, then there's an appalling outlook for closer relations. The position these members occupy is indefensible, and some restrictions should be made so as to prevent their yearly pilgrimage to the treasury, the only time one is aware of their existence, in when an appeal is made for benefits, ⁰ no, there's no abatement of interest there, the contrast would suffice for the missing link. Can some one offer a remedy?

Feeling that after this truthful tho harrowing narrative that I should add a cheerful word, it is with pleasure, I chronicle the annual communion of the three divisions, that occurred at St. Dominic's church at 7 o'clock Sunday May 23rd. Four hundred attended escorted by the Knights,

A large band was in attendance, discoursing beautiful music and the entire body paraded to the church. The music enlivened the members, and strengthened their appearance, ^{they} winning favorable comment, from observer and press alike. Father Hurley delivered a powerful sermon, and complimented the members, laying stress upon the public profession of faith, and the loyalty of Hibernians to the church.

A revival is in process, the number responding to this call was a revelation to all, may it continue to grow, and burst forth and engulf us all, is the wish of,

Anticipating Participation.

Thos. W. McNulty,

Div. 2,

Portland Me.

To the Editor.
Dear Sir:

This article may appear radical, or virulent but I assure you conditions justify its description. An average attendance of eighteen at each div. meeting. and at times a quorum was lacking. This is the only means of reaching the members, and bringing them about to a realization of affairs. Its publication, will undoubtedly accomplish much good.

Sincerely
MGN.

125 Forest Ave Portland
me

Hon James P Buel
Nat Sec N.E. H.

— 11 —

Respectfully forwarded
for the information of
National Board.

P J Halligan

— 11 —

By request of the
Writer, who sent it to
me for publication.

— 11 —

Town June 10
of m. w. C. H. & L. m.

Portland Me. June 8/03
Mr. James P. Bree

Dear Sir and Bro.
Please forward as soon
as convenient 5 copies of
Ritual and Manual of the
L. O. A. in A. "for carrying
on the degree work" to Sir
#3 and oblige

Yours Fraternally
John E. Reidy C. P.
Cumberland Co.

P.S. If any charge for same
mail the bill to me and I
will send amount due.

Will say Hibernianism is at
fever heat here, one Sir.

trying to excel the other in
swelling the membership of
their respective di's.

We attended Holy Communion
in a body at St. Dominicks
Church Sunday May 24
with 250 or more members
in line, headed by the Amer-
ican Cadet Band and
two companies of Uniform Rank
Hibernians Knights doing
escort duty. As this is my
first correspondence with
you I hope you will overlook
all errors or omissions, by doing
so you will oblige your humble
servant.

John E. Reidy C. P.
89 Sheridan St.

H. N. #3



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OF MAINE.

Office of State Secretary,
27 BRATTLE STREET.

Portland, Me., June 14th. 1903 190

James P. Broe, Nat. Sectry.

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Bro :-

Inclosed please find report of State of Maine for year 1902. I am very sorry to have kept you waiting so long for this report, I find that in the past this office excepted any kind of a report that the officers of the differant divisions had a mind to send but I take a differant view of this matter ,and have insisted on every division makeing correct report of thair membership and financial standing and for that reason I was unable to make a satisfactory. report within the specified time.

Yours of the 11inst received also package of rituals will supply the same to all officers with same when requested.

In making application for charters is it ment that all divisionsthat have charters that read A O H in A. must apply for new one's or that only those that never had a charter. In this city we have 3 divisions, at the time of the separating Div. I split and became No I Bo E and No I A O H. sense the affiliation the Bo E became Div I and Div I A O H became Div 3 as the case stands No I has no charter and No 3 has a chrter No I please let me know what to do in this matter and oblige

N. K. 23

Yours Fraternally Chas. H. Adams. Sec.

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Portland, Me., APR 14 1904 190

Jas. P. Buer. Asst. Sec.

His Honor Com

Dear Sir Bro.

app. rent Co,
4-19-04

Inclosed please find application
for bond of N. J. Dmley. Treas. of Merimou Knight-
Co. B. Also P. O. Order for same (1.50). Mar 18 I
sent you Money Order and application for J. H. M. Gmde.
Asst. Sec of Div. S. A. & H. & A. I have not heard from
this yet. Also let me know why this State has
not received the Mts. for the present Summe.
if there is any reason for not sending it please
advise me and oblige

Yours Gratefully
Chas. N. Adams
State Sec.
27 Brattle St
Portland Me,

m. o. 1.50
received

Biddford Me
Apr 17 06

one 4-18-06
app. sent ✓

James P Bree
New Haven
Conn

Dear Sir
Can you tell me if the
Bond of the the Treas
James O'Connor of Dir,
A. O. N. York County
State Mani
city Biddford is
run out.
if so Please renew it

Yours
James O'Connor
167 Main St
Biddford
Me

Biddford Me
Apr 17 06

one 4-15-06
app. sent ✓

James P Bree
New Haven
Conn

Dear Sir

Can you tell me if the
Bond of the the tea
James O'Connor of Dir 1
A. O. N. York County
State Main
city Biddford is
run out.
if so Please renew it

Yours
James O'Connor
167 Main St
Biddford
Me