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Dictated, M. L.

Big Rapids, Mich., June 20, "1902.

J. P. Bree, National Sec.,

Ancient Order of Hiberians of Am.,

New Haven Ct.

Dear Sir:

I am compiling and about to publish a directory of all fraternal, religious, educative and recreative societies in the United States and Canada. The directory will contain the names of the supreme officers of each society, a few lines descriptive of it and its object, and a list of all organized branches of it with locations and local secretaries.

I am desirous that this directory should be as accurate and complete as possible, and that the Ancient Order of Hiberians of America should be represented among the other societies. Would it be too much to ask you to send me a list of your chief officers, a short description of the order, not exceeding two hundred words, and a complete list of all the Ancient Order of Hiberians of America societies in the United States, with names of secretaries, if possible.

As a recognition of this kindness, I shall be pleased to send you a copy of the directory as soon as published.

Trusting to hear from you at an early date, I am

Very sincerely yours,

L. B. Spafford
Dear Brother:

Enclosed please find order for 75¢ for 3 Badge pins of the order. Please send the same to the above address.

Fraternally yours,

Nora P. Egan.
ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS IN AMERICA.

GERALD J. McCOY, State President.
MATT DENNISON, State Secretary.
DANIEL LYNCH, State Treasurer.

OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER.

Grand Rapids, Mich., 6/28 1902

James P. Bee Jr.
Asst Secretary A.O.H.

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed find check for $24.50 for dues for third quarter 1902.

Receipt and check F. Elliott (Cross)

David Lynch
State Treasurer

W.B. Morgan

$24.50 receiv.

Write Jim

July 5

Grantment
Mr. Jas. P. Bree, Attorney,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

The issue in the case of Kerwin vs A.O.K. was as follows:

Kerwin was a member of the local division, holding a policy for $1,000 with the loss payable to his mother. On Sept. 1st 1898 he was in good standing in the order with all dues and assessments paid. He failed to pay his assessments for September and October, and on the 10th of November, at the time when under the law the local Financial Secretary is required to make his monthly report, to the State Secretary, he reported him as suspended for nonpayment of assessments and entered the fact of such report on his books. In January following, Kerwin paid up the amount of assessments due, and again in April, paid up all assessments that were due to the order. At the date of the payment of last assessments however, he was under the doctor's care, with an illness which resulted in his death in the following October. No dues or assessments of any kind were paid after April, nor was any notice of assessments sent to him after October 1898.

Shortly after the payment which was made in April 1899, the officers of the order ascertained that Kerwin was sick at the time of making this payment and that his illness was of such a nature that he would not recover. They then took steps to refund the money, claiming that he stood suspended, but through carelessness they never actually refunded the money. In the Wallace case which I called to your attention, reported in 121 Michigan, the Court held that where a society constituted the same as this one is, to wit, which had a custom of col-
lecting assessments, suspending and reinstating members, had by a course of conduct permitted dues to run and accepting payments after the time limited by the order, without any attempt at suspension, that they could not, if the illness proved to be a fatal one, raise the point that the order suspended because of the fact that the member was in arrears for assessments. This rule applied in this case and the Court held for that reason, that the society had no defense and must pay the amount of the beneficiary's certificate.

The only point of importance in the case was this: the laws make provision that when a member stands suspended (and in this order no action to suspend is necessary as the member stands suspended immediately on failure to pay his assessments when due), he may be reinstated by the order, provided he shall first have paid all back assessments due up to the time of making such application. I insisted that under this provision the Financial Secretary had a right to receive this money without waiving suspension, for the reason that the payment of dues was a condition precedent to reinstatement, and that it was the duty of the Financial Secretary to receive the money so that the member might make such application. The Court however disagreed with me and directed the jury to return a verdict for the plaintiff. This in brief was the issue as tried, and I have a grave doubt as to whether any different result would obtain in the event of an appeal.

Very truly yours,

P.H.P.
Aug 14, 1902

Jas O'Brien Esq.
New Haven Conn.

Friend Bree,

We have your request for Estimate on the proceedings and we will send them to you in a day or two. We want to get special quotations on the freight before sending in our bid.

I have just learned from the boys back from the convention that they were kind enough to mention you to me and I think enough to mention you to you and I think you for the friendship and goodwill shown by you for me. I know your all right. We here in Ann Arbor know you all right and if we do not get our share of the National Work it is not your fault. I would like to sell this job especially if copper is about ready as it is a little slack in the summer month and I will a price that I hope will sell it. But I should have to let a few cut a page Knew way out as it did before if it could be avoided.

Warmly yours,

F. Powers
Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find Draft amounting to $75.00 for Mess for State of Michigan for which plea send are a receipt and O/B

Mr. B.E. Donner
State Trees of Mich

Bronwood
Aug 26th 1891
James P. Bee

Aug 30 -

Bronwood Mich

Hn. James P. Bree,
National Secretary, A. O. H.

Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby notified that the following Brothers were elected at our recent State Convention:
State President, P. D. Harrell, 31, Canal St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
State Vice President, John F. Maloney, Daniel St., Marie, Mich.
State Secretary, Matt Dennison, Ishpeming, Mich.
State Treasurer, Frank P. McGuire, Jackson, Mich.

I have been so busy since the adjournment of our State Convention, that I overlooked mailing you the above orders. — I have just requested our State President, to draw a warrant in your favor for dues 4th quarter, 1902, so the amount will reach you in a few days. — I might add, that we have decided to put an organizer in the field, in Michigan, at a salary of $100.00 per month and expenses, and it may be, that a little assistance, financially, from the National organization, will be asked for. We have also decided to publish an Official Paper, for the State, to be known as "The Michigan Hibernian", to boost the Order in Michigan. So, you will observe, we are pretty well "up to date."
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Brother Bessie: When you get around to it, will you kindly forward me a good supply of transfer and Dwelling Cards, so I won't be bothering you from time to time. Be liberal with them, as none are misplaced or lost by me.

I hope you have remembered Bro. Powers of Grand Rapids, when you allotted your printing, as he is one of the most courteous gentlemen, and has been elected our State President, with hands down, and no contest. And he prevailed upon to accept, but his health, not being the best, he declined.

Hoping you are well, and with very best wishes, I am,

Yours respectfully,

Matt Dennison, P.S.
Ishpeming, Mich., Sept. 10th, 1902

Friend and Brother Dree:

I have your favor of July 6th, soliciting the business of becoming the office of State Secretary of Michigan.

I regret to say, that you are a little too late, as the State Officers are already in possession of these books and matters have reached the stage where arrangements have been about completed for binding the Division financial officers.

Hoping you are well, and with best regards, I am

Yours Internally,

Matt Dennison, Esq.

H.O. W. No. 17.
Grand Rapids, Mich., 9/12 1902

James P. O'Boyle
New Haven born

Dear Sir Bro,

Inclined find clerk for dues for 4th motion 1902 = amount 24$900 dollars Receipt and All this Eternally Yours,

How are

[Signature]

[Signature]
My dear Bree,
We would be glad to know how the copy is coming. The stock is on the road and we could rush it along after the first of the month nicely.

Yours truly,

Powers-Tyson Printing Co.
Pearl Street Bridge,
Grand Rapids,
Mich.

April 27, 1903
Grand Rapids, Mich., Apr 14, 1903

Yours truly,

Patrick J. Murphy

[Handwritten text]
James P. Bree,
New Haven Conn.,
Dear Friend & Brother,

We are just preparing to Organize a new Division of the A. O. H. here in this State next Sunday, which will be the first new Division that has been organized in some time, and I find a great many of the officers, either lose or mislay their Rituals, so that when it comes to get ready for new work, some one of the officers is short a Ritual.

I am called upon dozens of times for Rituals, as I am keeping up a continual correspondence with each Division of the State with the idea of boosting up the Divisions in the way of getting new members, and naturally they ask me a great many questions, more so than of former State Presidents.

I would therefore like you to send me ten or a dozen new Rituals so that I may be able to supply the Officers on short notice.

Our State Secretary Brother Dennison has a few on hand, but not more than he needs, so think it would help out materially.

We are doing a great deal of hard work and expect to accomplish a great deal in the next eighteen months, so that when we go to the next National Convention, we will be able to make a report pregnant with increase of membership and improvement of System generally.

Wishing you good health and waiting your reply, I am,

Yours fraternally,

P. D. Farrell
State President.
Mr. James P. Bree, Rat. Sec.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.,

Enclosed please find New York draft for $25.50, balance on National Assessment.
Please acknowledge receipt of same, and oblige.

Fraternally yours,

Frank P. McGullian
State Treas. A.O.H.,
Mich.
May 1903

James O. Rhea, N.S.
New Beacon, Conn.

Frank B.

I've received the box of copy this week and I am very glad to get it. I think it is in better shape than last time but it still needs overhauling.

To illustrate to you I have just posted California for them and I am enclosing some duplicate copies found therein. I also found a page of copy for the tenteties. I presume you want me to do this and get it out in as good a shape as we can and make a small charge for arranging the copy.

I also understand from your letter that when we receive the $85 by mail that we will have all the copy. Do this correctly.

I will keep right right along till I get copy fixed and then will rush it through as fast as possible.

By the way, you said you had prepared apples chips but we had to put in a dollar to The Express Co. Here. If you have prepaid it go for them.

Hoping you are well and with regards I am yours sincerely,

M.T. Powers

By June your attitude on that drink,
Justin was all right. Compl. or kid out.
Jas. O. Brum. Secy.
Nevada House Com.

Dear Sir,

I have just got through
Drumming Copy for Misc. Census
a few things that I find the following:

Just State Officers in Maryland,
No State Affiliates in Missouri,
and only 2 District and only Jackson Co.
Only 3 Districts in Nebraska,
Nevada & South Dakota, missing.

I am enclosing for 3 or 4 Sheets
with Inquiries on them - answer and return them.

I received some copy by mail
this time which is placed off.

Send Copy for the first 8 pp.
at once - We will be ready to go
to Press with a farm Monday Am.
and we should have those pages cut
before that time.

Sincerely yours,

May 17, 1903
Ho, James P. Bee,  
National Secretary, A. O. H.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter of Circular of National Officers and the same have been mailed to all Divisions in Michigan through the County Presidents.

Sometime, at your leisure, I would be pleased for some extra copies of the "Key", to make, as several Divisions have applied for same, the best I could do for them, was to make a copy in writing of the one I keep for my own use. On the first instant I drew amount for dear 3rd quarter 1903. Which, no doubt, you have received ere this.

Hoping you are well and prospering, Ur.

John P. McQuillan
Secretary

P. S. I don't suppose the reference in Circular, relative to "Neglect of Officers" refers to Michigan. I hope not, as I have tried to keep matters going along without any hitch whatever, Mate.
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

STATE OFFICERS.
P. D. FARRELL, - - State President
GRAND RAPIDS.
JOHN F. MOLONEY, - - State Vice Pres't
SAULT STE. MARIE.
MATT DENNISON, - - State Secretary
ISHPEMING.
FRANK P. McQUILLAN, State Treasurer
JACKSON.
893 FOURTEENTH AVE., DETROIT.
RT. REV. JOHN S. FOLEY, State Chaplain
DETROIT.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OFFICE OF
STATE TREASURER.

Jackson, Mich. JUNE 1, 1903

Mr. James P. Burke, Natl. Sec.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Brother,

I am enclosing you herewith Detroit draft for $150
for Mder. 3rd quarter, 1903.

Please acknowledge receipt of

same and oblige,

Yours fraternally,

F. P. McQuillan
Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.

STATE OFFICERS.

P. D. Farrell, - State President
Grand Rapids.
John F. Moloney, - State Vice Pres't
Matt Dennison, - State Secretary
Ishpeming.
Frank P. McQuillan, State Treasurer
Jackson.
929 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit.
Rt. Rev. John S. Foley, State Chaplain
Detroit.

State of Michigan.
Office of
State Secretary.
363 W. Division St.


James O. Cree, Eng.
National Secretary, A.O.H.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your statement of the Standing of Michigan, with your office, also, your esteemed favor of the 11th instant.

You will observe that I have written $2.50 on the top of the statement, a duplicate of the membership reported to you for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1901, upon which, I believe, you made the necessary assessment. The honorary members, according to constitution are not assessable. Still, I have been able to get some from them, over 2011 members at 25 c. each, amounting to $527.75, and you credit me with $1,657.75, an excess of $1,125.00. From the amount remitted you, is in excess of what has been collected. Under the circumstances, and the action of the committee on credentials at the Denver Convention, in settling aside the arrears of some states, Michigan should also show their account balanced in your books. The item of $2.50 for dues 3rd quarter has not been paid you, and this, as I had a minute drawn for the amount on the 1st instant. So, I think the simple
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                        903 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit.
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                        Detroit.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

OFFICE OF
STATE SECRETARY.
363 W. DIVISION ST.

Ishpeming, Mich., 190

write, in the credit side of your ledger, to the effect that, "87.(or whatever number will balance) honorary members, included in the 3100 not assessable," named to see that named be necessary. - Brother Bros: If not too late, I would like to add to Directory, the name of Rev. J. J. Atfield, of Countly Chaplain, a slip to that effect is enclosed.

He is a very good friend of the Order, and his name appearing in Directory, since please him as well as the members. - In the Paper I notice you each month you will notice a new Directory, that of Division No. 1, Berrien Co. - I have written the Publisher of this paper to make corrections in and additioin to, our State Directory which should appear in July issue.

I am pleased to be informed, that the reference to neglect of Officers in recent circulars, does not apply to Matt Dennison, and sincerely thank you for calling attention to others, of the promptness of the State Secretary of Michigan. You may receive my letter to you after the State Convention in which I stated, you named two new honorary members, than Matt Dennison, I believe, I have kept that promise to the letter, and will as long as I am
Office. — I am fully aware of the necessity of discipline in our order, and if ever were of my mind, the
first instance of neglect or inattention to duty on
the part of any officer, much be their best, or they
should be removed at once. If such a course was
adopted, it would have a salutary effect upon the
Order in general. My observation has been that, when
attention has been called to those in authority, if the
neglect of officers, deserts and decided action is
not taken, for fear of losing votes, I presume, when
looking for re-election, my answer, when I asked, has
always been the contrary, and its Bums feel sure at
the time, but, when they meet me at convention, they
say I done right, and they are my best friends. I do
no worse selling for votes, and I guess they are satisfied
with the "Old Brown." — The foregoing is a great deal
more than I intended writing, so hope it will suit
the year. The log ants did not reach me yet,
Sincerely and fraternal yours,
Matt Dennison, Sr.

Ishpeming, Mich., 190
Bro Bree

Your favor of 13 - Enclosure copy and dummy for first 6pp is received - Fred. We will finish the work along fast now.

We sent Bro Farley galley proofs of U.S. State Saturday. We do not sell many blanks lately. We do not print at very hand. We hardly think we will advertise in the directory this year but thank you for calling our attention to it. We sold out Maryland but have received no copy as yet further than the State officers. You better jog up the Secretary of that State again.

Say Bro Bree - Would it not be better to mail the books from here direct to the offices of the various counties and divisions they could be wrapped separately and addressed for about the cost of the envelopes that we have to pay now and all the others would be the postage of course that would be bought a book but it has to be paid by each State any way - The final cost would be no more if we took the sent direct from here and it would ensure the prompt delivery and would save the state secretaries lots of work. What do you think - James Powers 8003 1-6.
New Haven, Conn. June 19th, 1903

Powers-Tyson Co.,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gentlemen:

Please forward just as soon as possible, a few copies of the state, county and division officers of Ohio to M. J. Barry, Columbia Building, Columbus, Ohio, and another copy to James T. Carroll, 64 East Spring St., in the same city.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am

Fraternally yours,

James P. Bree.
JAMES O. DREY N.Y.
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir:

The book is now set up to the Arville. We are having the Military follow the New and then comes the ladies — The 17th form which is now in type and which will go on the press will complete the matter up to and including part of the ladies.

Maryland does not appear. No copy having been received. We have only the end sheet for Mexico. Return it if you want it in — or have you more for Mexico. If so send it quick and we will put our address on better with Maryland and if they forward we can also put that in same place.

I sent proofs to New York and Chicago as requested. If Kansas wants proofs will I send to them.

Please the Copy for the last pages with cuts of Chart 3C also Copy for any and all ads that may go in. Also Copy for Em.

We ought to have all copy here and closed by Monday next (June 30)

What did you think about mailing the count? I will mail you proofs with the ladies part of book under separate cover to wards.

Awaiting yours early pleasure. We are

Sincerely yours,

Powers-Tyson Printing Co.
Pearl Street Bridge.
Grand Rapids,
Mich.

June 23, 803
June 30, 1903.

James P. Bree,
National Secretary, New Haven, Conn.

Friend & Brother Bree:-

We are in possession of your esteemed favor of June 25th, enclosing copy for two last pages.

We also got cut mailed us a few days ago. We understand that this closes the copy for the directory.

We have not yet heard from Maryland, if we get copy from them before the work is completed we will print it. We will not, however, delay the work waiting for them.

Again referring to the question of mailing the books we believe from your letter before us you didn't understand fully what it would cost to mail the books separately to each officer of the different divisions throughout the country.

The estimate we gave you was for wrapping and addressing only.

The stamps would be additional, and as the book this year will be larger than the one issued last year we think that it would take .07 each to satisfy "Uncle Sam", this would if 10,000 copies were mailed amount to $700.

As each state will eventually have to mail them it would cost no more to mail from here direct, than it would be to the different State Secretaries and the trouble wrapping and addressing would be saved to the different State Secretaries.
The express and freight last year amounted to about $80. That amount of money would be sufficient to print wrappers, wrap and address as I suggested.

I have been unable, as yet, to secure a picture of our National Chaplain, however, I have written to Brother Stack, State Treasurer of Mo. who resides in Kansas City.

If I am unable to secure one, will I issue the work without it? I am sending you under separate cover proof sheets as requested.

We expect to have all the matter in type this week.

Fraternally yours,

M. H. Powers
July 1, 1903.

Jas. P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Brother:

We are just in receipt of a letter from J. J. Shannon, Kansas City, Kan., ordering us to print some letters of appeal to issue to the various divisions throughout the country.

He said that he had forwarded copy to you for your approval and also asked us to write you and have you hurry the letter of said copy to us.

If for any reason it cannot be forwarded to us at once, answer and oblige.

Yours truly,
July 3

Jas. O. Bree M. S.  
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bus.

Four leaves of July 15th is at hand enclosing copy from J. H. Shannon. He has talked with me about the proposal but he expects you to send the approval. Have you asked for the approval of the appeal from the Nat. Executive? I don't think Shannon did but lift that from me.

Answering the next part of your letter will say that you are doubtless in possession of the estimate I sent as I wrote you three or four days ago. I also beg to advise you that I sent you a complete copy stitched up in pamphlet from by mail this morning. There will probably 60 to 70 pages more in the directory and we will begin to ship in 7 or 8 washing days, probably latter part of next week and awaiting your pleasure we are

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Powers Tyson Printing Co.
Pearl Street Bridge.
Grand Rapids.
Mich.

July 6
Dear Sir:

Your favor of July relating to the cost of wrapping and mailing directories is received. You must have received the wrong impression from my two last letters, if you understood from them that it would only cost the order the stamps extra to have them mailed to each division directly from this office.

What I intended to say and what I believe I did say was that it would cost the order no more for the wrapping and addressing, than it would cost them for the express and freight paid one year ago, which was about $80.

My proposition to you then was, that we would print wrappers, wrap and address to the divisions and counties throughout the Country. When I made you that proposition, however, I expected all officers of the divisions would receive one copy by mail, but if the presidents and County presidents are the only ones that you wish to send copies to and to them two copies each we will amend our proposition and we will now offer to print the wrappers, wrap and address to the different division presidents and County presidents for the sum of $50. You to furnish the stamps which we believe will be seven cents each.

The cost of wrapping them in seventy-five packages and shipping them out does not amount to very much as we have empty boxes and cheap help to do the work. Should the above proposition be agreeable to you telegraph me your acceptance on receipt of this and I will have wrappers printed and addressed so that as soon as books are bound up we can commence mailing. You might also as you suggested send us a draft to apply on account of expenses of stamps.

We cannot tell you at this writing exactly how many stamps will be required, but your estimate of 8000 copies would mean $560, for stamps. You might send us a remittance for that amount and we will give you credit for the same and charge you with whatever number of stamps we use and render you complete bill when the work is finished.

Now I think this matter is plain to you, it will cost the order $50 and the stamps to issue the books from this office. But that would save the amount that would otherwise have to be paid in express.

Just as soon as the books are ready I will forward, as we did last year, ten copies each to each of the National officers and National Directors prepaying express on same and charging it in our regular bill. Awaiting your reply by wire, we are,

Yours respectfully,

James P. Bree, Esq.,
New Haven, Conn.

Pearl Street Bridge,
Grand Rapids,
Mich.

July 4, 1903.
July 6, 1903

Jas. P. Bee Evne

New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir:

Since writing you Saturday, I have a made an estimate of the probable number of copies that would be sent out provided Mr. sent one to the State officer and county president each and two to the divisions.

It would require about 12 copies to supply as above to the page in the directory and as there will be a bout 4,500 pages including men, women and militia it would only require 12 times 4,500 or 54,000 to supply all. I cannot account for this unless you base the number to be sent on the reports from State Secretary as to the number of diversions in the State but many of these said not to furnish copies that directory would fell short of the number of diversions actually in the State.

Should we mail direct it would a surplus of 4,000 and over to be sent to you.

Yours truly,

Powers Tyson.social
July 11, 1903

Ira P. Bree 115
New Haven Conn.

Julius Bree

Your telegram received also your letter of July 7th also yours of 8th. The latter just received this am.

He had last from on the sixteenth about 5 or 6 hundred sheets printed.

When mail came in this am.

We stripped them, inserted the names, filled it in index, threw away what was printed and proceeded with the work. All the other items in your letter were noted and will hear from.

We send you a complete book by this mail bound up hurriedly. We also send one to Dolan as per your request.

How do you like the job? Hope it will please you. We will commence binding up next week. And along list. We will use our own judgment and send freight or express cheapness & safety & promptness considered. Yours, M.H. Bree.
July 13th

Dear Sir,

Your enclosure lists received. Your commands will be obeyed. We will commence shipping it once and ship fast. It will be as soon as bound up. I will probably take from two to three weeks to get all. In the event, we will hurry it.

Yours respectfully,

Powers Tyson Bridge
Muskogon, Mich., March 31st, 1904

James P. Bree Esq.

National Agent, A.O.T.

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed P. O. money order for One Hundred and Twenty Dollars for which please send me five official buttons A.O.T. and oblige yours fraternally,

T. J. O'Connor

21/2 Amity St.

Muskogon Mich.
Mr James O. Bree N.S  
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro,

Will you kindly advise me if it is necessary for this Division to borrow the National Charter as mentioned in the National Hibernian We are now working under the Michigan State Charter. Please state what the cost is and when I will we shall make application.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

[Position]

[Division No. 1 of Delta]

Mr. James R. Bree  
National  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.:

On April 1st I sent you One
and 25c, $1.25, dollars for five emblem buttons of
the A.O.H. Yesterday I received a package
from you containing four buttons and receipt
for $1.25; now whether you made a mistake and
only put four in the box or the box was opened
(which was a very easy matter) and one button
removed I cannot say only that I am one button
short.

About a month ago I sent for four and you
sent me four pens those who got them are very
much dissatisfied as they like the buttons best.

Hoping to hear from you I remain
fraternally yours,
J. O'Connor, 2 1/2 Amity St.,
Muskegon, Mich.
Ishpeming, Mich., 4-17-1904

H. James A. Bree,
National Secretary, A. O. H.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Today, I requested Brother Farrell, our State President, to draw a warrant in your favor for $498.30, the balance due on National assessment 1903. There are still eleven divisions that have not paid the assessment, and the amount due from them will not amount to the value of the draft that will be sent you, and I may have to draw several divisions for those whom they have reinstated since they have paid. — I am feeling quite well myself again, and I thank you for the well wishes expressed in your last letter to me. — I have received a paper from Paterson, New Jersey, in which is noted the Candidacy of Brother McNamara, O. D. of New Jersey, are you to be a candidate for reelection? if so, I am with you. — Enclosed please find 25 cents for which please mail me a Button.

Hoping you are well, and with usual good wishes. I remain, paternally,

Matt Dennison, A.O.H.
Mr. James P. Breck, Math. Sec.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir or Brother,

I enclose you herewith a New York draft for $18,30 for balance of National assessment for 1903.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of same and oblige.

Fraternally yours,

J. P. McQuillan,
State Treasurer

Jackson, Mich., April 27, 1904

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Ancient Order of Hibernians in America.
STATE OFFICERS.
P. D. Farrell, - State President
Grand Rapids.
John F. Moloney, - State Vice Pres't
Matt Dennison, - State Secretary
Ishpeming.
Frank P. McQuillan, State Treasurer
Jackson.
934 Fourteenth Ave., Detroit.
Rt. Rev. John S. Foley, State Chaplain
Detroit.
St. James, Mich., May 16th, 1904

James Bro.
New Haven, Iowa

Dear Sir and Madam,

Please find enclosed three dollars.

Please send us a framed charter by American Express Co., as we never received our charter which you sent via Adams Express. It was lost in the way.

And to Mr. J. Gallagher by James Han via Charlevoix, & Mr. Beaver, helping to receive this A.K. I remain

Very Respectfully,

Wm. J. Gallagher
Fin. Sec'y
Div. 1.
Mr James P Bree,

Sec'y. Ancient Order Hibernians,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I note that the order of which you are Secretary will hold a convention in St Louis this summer. I would appreciate it if you would take the trouble to advise me whether or not you expect any delegates from Michigan and, if so, who they are.

Thanking you in advance, I remain, with kindest regards,

Yours very truly,
St. James, Mich. May 30th, 1904

James P. Boer
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sec. and Bros.

I see that we will not receive our charter, as I have written you before, the charter may as well be in your office as to ship it by Adams Express is, if you look over our corporation dues you will see that we want it by the American Express as the Adams and Adams has no connection, sorry for this misunderstanding.

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]

I enclose the bank check for $2.
Mr. James P. Bree

New Haven Corn

Dear Sir & Bro.

Enclosed application for charter accompanied by necessary fee.

Yours truly,

Philip Mc. Kelly

Re: 5101 Delta County

Receipt for

6-6-04
Ancient Order of Hibernians,

Division No. 1 of Delta.

Escanaba, Mich., Sept. 8, 1907

Mr. James Bree
Nat Sec., A.O.H.

Enclosed please find $2.00
for 8 Emblem Buttons.

Send as soon as possible so
I can use them for our meeting
of Sunday, Sept. 14, and Oblige.

Your Sincerely,

John Colbert
311 E. Gemini St.
Escanaba, Mich.