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July 1st to Keating

Sun July 8 -

Ardoch. N. Dak June 23rd, 1907.

Mr Jas. Bree, Natl. Sec.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Under date of June 12th Mr J. P. O'Brien of Quatoma, Minn. State Pres. for Minn. wrote me saying he had sent you the name of James O'Brien of Grand Forks, asking for a commission as Special Organizer for this State. Having arranged with my friends for a meeting after Mass, yesterday, I wrote Mr O'Brien at Grand Forks, asking him to meet us, and give us the benefit of his knowledge of A. C. H. work. Mr O'Brien, not having received his commission as organizer and feeling that he did not care to pose in that light without proper authority, wrote me, suggesting that if ~~we~~ met and a sufficient number present to constitute a division, to collect an initiation fee, ballot on members & elect officers. Of course we were to keep minutes of the meeting and make a promise of secrecy, & to then report what we had done to you and ask you for an organizer and a charter.

We met according to agreement, the

meeting being postponed until evening
elected a temporary chairman and secretary
collected \$1⁰⁰ initiation fee from the 27
candidates present, 19 of whom are under
45 years of age, 8 being 45 years and over.
He then, the chairman having appointed two
tellers, proceeded to ballot on the candidates for
admission. Then came the nomination
and election of officers after the form usually
followed in such societies.

The following officers were elected.

President. Richard Treacy.

Vice-Pres. James P. Bogan.

Secretary. James J. Lweeney.

Treasurer. James H. Corcoran.

Serjt-at-Arms. Anthony B. Feeney.

County Pres. Thomas J. McGuire.

This
being as far as we could go ourselves, we ad-
journed until such time as we can have
a deputy regularly commissioned to visit us.

On behalf of the Officers above mentioned as well
as the other 21 candidates whose names follow
I here by apply for a charter for this
Divisional Branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
to be known as Division # of Walsh County.
B.T.

If through any ~~means~~ I have neglected to send you some necessary report of the meeting. Please advise me and I will forward such.

Candidates names,	age	where born
Richard Leacy.	57	Ontario.
Jas. P. Bogan.	25	"
Jas. J. Lweeney.	36.	"
Jas. H. Corcoran.	47.	"
A. B. Leency.	35.	"
T. J. McGuire.	42.	"
Hugh Ryan.	42.	"
Thos. E. Bogan.	23.	"
John B. Leacy	18.	North Dakota.
Hugh Moohan.	65.	Ireland.
John Gormican.	24.	Ontario.
Wm Leacy.	48.	"
Francis K. Morrow.	47.	"
L. J. Gormican.	34.	"
James F. Connell.	35.	"
Wm. Connell.	37.	"
Frank D. Dwyer.	33.	"
John Leacy.	39.	"
Wilder Dennis.	18.	North Dak.
Edward Donovan.	43.	Ontario.
Hugh Thomas Morrow.	18	North Dak.

Joseph H. Dwyer.	36.	Ontario.
Geo. D. Brennan.	22.	"
Jas. Mc Mahon.	49.	"
Stephen J. Burigan.	39.	"
Patrick Bogan.	58.	"
Michael J. Hickey.	48.	"

Wishing to hear from you
favorably. I remain,

Yours very respectfully
Jas. J. Sweeney.

IMPERIAL ELEVATOR CO.,
OF MINNEAPOLIS.

Sun Aug 19 ✓
Grand Forks N. D. STATION, July 27 1902
Mr. Jas P. Brien

New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro; I in pursuance
of authority vested in me
by Bro. John I. Keating Nat. Pres.
I have this day organized a
division of the O. O. F., at Enders
Walsh Co. N. D.

L. J. McGuire C. Pres.
Richard Tracey Div. Pres.
As this is the first division
in this state they feel that
they are entitled to the state
organization. You will
please send them rituals
and Mds and instructions
Yours truly & Fraternally
J. P. Brien



McGUIRE & CORCORAN,

.... DEALERS IN

General Merchandise.

Ardoch, N. D. July 28-02 1902

Mr P. Bree,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Brother,) We organized "The A. O. H/
on Sunday 27th; under the teaching of Brother C. J. O'Brien
of Grand Forks, N. D. who received his Commission
specially for that purpose a few days ago,

The following Brothers make up the Membership:-

T. J. McGuire, age 42, Ardoch N. D. County President.

Richard Treacy, " 57 " " State Do. Treasurer

J. H. Corcoran, " 47, " " " Vice President

Jas P Bogan " 25 " " " F. Secretary

John Treacy " 39 " " " R. Do.

Jas J. Sweeney " 35 " " " Ser At Arms

A. B. Feeney, " 35 " " " Sentinel,

Hugh Ryan, " 42 " " " Chaplin,

Rev W. Considine, Standing Committee.

F. K. Morrow, " 47 " " Do. Do.

P. J. Mulloy, " 43 " " " "

Joe. Dwyer, " 35 " " " "

Patrick Bogan " 58 " " " "

Richard Treacy, (as above)

Thos E. Bogan " 23, Jno B. Treacy, 18. Hugh Mochan 65.

Jno Gormican, 24. Wm Treacy, 48. D. J. Gormican, 34. J. F. Connel
age 35. Wm Connell, 37. Frank D. Dwyer, 33. Wilder Dennis, 18.

F. T. Morrow, 18. Stephen Berrigan, 39. M. J. Hickey, 48. ----

Marvin P. O. North Dak. Ed Donovan, 43. Geo Brennan, 22.

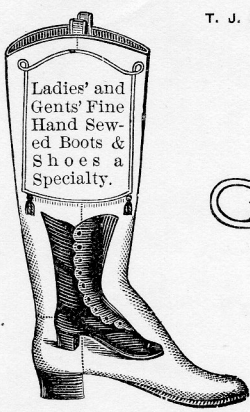
Jas McMahon 44. Warren, P. O. Minn. Alex Nevins, 42

B. D. King 38. Patrick Gormican, 24. Own McDonald 43. Jno Gorman

age 52. Mike O'Shaunessy 47. Turtle River P. O., N. D.

This P. O. answers all the Brothers excepting
M. J. Hickey & Mike Oshamessy which goes to Little River
and B. D. King address is East Grand Forks. Minn.

* Little River



McGUIRE & CORCORAN,

.... DEALERS IN

General Merchandise.

Ardoch, N. D. 1890

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As you are aware this is the first (our organization) in the state, therefore we have made the appointment of State Officers, together with that of County President.

I have given you the Names of the Officers, elected and their respective Ages and P.O. Addresses, *Together with that of the other Brothers.* should there be any other necessary information omitted you will please to write Me.

Yours T.J. McGuire,
County Pres.



T. J. McGUIRE, BUYER.

ESTABLISHED 1886.

J. H. CORCORAN.

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Aug-12-02

Ardoch, N. D. ago

Mr Jas P. Bree,

New Haven, Conn.

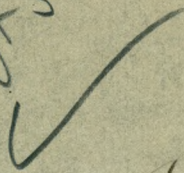
*Ans Aug 14
C. H. W. H. L.*

Dear Sir and Brother:- I wrote you a few days ago forwarding you the Names of our Officers elect, and asking you for the Charter and Etc; but as yet have not heard from you please to inform me if you received my letter.

I would like to ask you, if we can receive members right along until our Charter comes, and have such one-s enrolled as Charter members, if so it will help us very much as there are some who would prefer to join us as charter members, who otherwise would not perhaps join us. Please to answer at your earliest and very much oblige,

Very Truly yours in T. J. McGuire
F. U. and C. C.

Ans. Sept 5



Ardoch. N. Dak.
Sept 2nd 1902

Jas. P. Bree, Natl Sec.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Have you any books specially intended for the use of the A. O. H. in keeping records, etc if not where will we be able to obtain them? If ordering them elsewhere what books all are needed for the use of a division? Will we also require an extra set for the State records as ~~we~~ are the State organizations. Thanking you in advance for an early reply

Fraternally yours
James J. Sweeney
Rec. Sec.

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Brook N. Oak

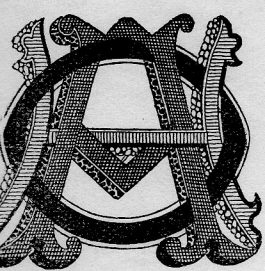
Nov 5th 1902

James D. Brewster
New Haven Conn

Dear Sir and Brother

your of Oct 14th
received with copy of Mds and Key cards
enclosed for which accept thanks

Yours Fraternally,
Richard Tuacy,



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A. B. FEENEY.
Sentinel,
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ARDOCH, N. D., 3/23 1903

Mr Jas P Breen

New Haver

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Dear Friend

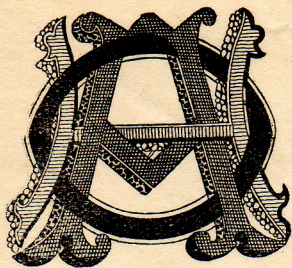
Please Accept

Draft for 1.00 for quarters

ending December 31 and Quarters

ending March 31

Yours Jas H Corcoran



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Walsh County.

ARDOCH, N. D.,

Mar 23rd 1903

*mayst & button out
3-30-03*
James P. Brew. Natl Secy A.O.H.
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.

25¢ cost

Enclosed please find 25¢ for which forward me an official A.O.H. button.

As we have received no instruction whatever regarding sending in reports to your office except what we have learned from the constitution. Please inform me if there is any report lacking, as we wish to be right all of the time.

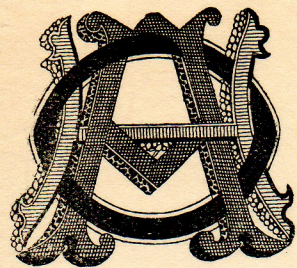
Fraternally yours,

Don Mch 27
Jas. Sweeney,
Rec. Secy.

As I am State Sec as well as Div Sec. this query embraces both offices

J.S.

LETTER SECOND



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ARDOCH, N. D., *Mar 23rd* 1903.

*James P. Brien, Natl Sec. A.O.H.,
New Haven, Conn.*

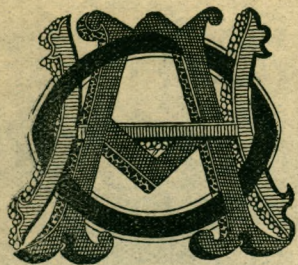
Dear Sir & Bro.

If you have any copies of the old Ritual on hand, please send us a set of six. We do not seem to be situated so that we can use the new ritual satisfactorily, and as Natl. Pres. Dolan wrote me that the simple obligation will do where Divisions are unable to use the new Ritual, we are using the old one. We have just one copy left us by Organizer Jas O'Brien of Grand Forks, N.D. Besides as the winter month have passed by, our meetings will be very sparsely attended during the summer. Our intention is to get a degree team into practice and look forward to some rousing meetings during next winter. Still we are getting along very well. We have 46 members with 5 more in sight for our next meeting.

Wishing the Order every success I remain,

Gratefully yours,

*Jas. Sweeney,
Rich. Secy.*



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HUGH RYAN.....

ARDOCH, N. D., June 27th 1903.

Jas P. Bree. Natl Sec, A. O. H.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir + Bro.

Merchandise of the Order for
the third quarter received today.

Permit me to ask a few questions on which
we are not clear. Art XIV sec I regarding
Holy Communion. What will be the result if
a member neglects to conform with that part
of the constitution. and where will the President
find instructions regarding what to do?

In the Test or Fourth degree of initiation
What test is generally used and from whom can
we get instructions and paraphernalia?

Our Division is coming along slowly now, we have
had no new members for the past two months.
This is a farming country and everybody is busy.

We have a membership of 47 now but expect to largely
increase it during the coming fall and winter. As yet
we are the only Division in N. Dak.

Wishing the order success.

Gratefully yours Jas. J. Sweeney.