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T. J. McCawley, President
Seattle

M. J. Marsh, Secretary
New Whatcom

P. Cunningham, Treasurer
Seattle

OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

...STATE OF WASHINGTON...

~~New~~ Whatcom, Wash., June 16 - 1902

Bro Bree

Will you please send me at once a half dozen Rituals. & co. and all the necessary documents, Widdis cards, and etc. to organize a new Division. I am clean out of those things and would not trouble you now, when you must be pressed for time. But I cannot help it, as they are making an imperative demand for organization.

Hoping this will find you well. I am
fratly. M. J. Marsh
In a hurry

These will
have to go 1st class
matter if by mail,
I think 20¢ by express
see which is cheaper
send about 20 Rituals
20 circulars
20 key-cards..
243, Lafayette St.

JOHN W. ROBERTS.
MAURICE D. LEEHEY.

ROBERTS & LEEHEY,
LAWYERS,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

705 NEW YORK BLOCK.
MAIN 385.

Recd March 26
March 20th, 1903.

National Secretary, A. O. H.
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning Mr. Patrick Healey who was initiated in Division No. 1 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, about 20 years ago, and holds Policy No. 1198 upon his life. He has lost this policy, but is in good standing, as he has regularly paid his dues. He wishes a new one issued. What proofs are required? Please advise me fully how to proceed in his behalf, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

M D Leehey

ROBERTS & LEEHEY,
LAWYERS,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

705 NEW YORK BLOCK.
MAIN 385.

Dear
March 26th, 1903.

Mr. James P. Bree,
National Sec'ty A.O.H.,
New Haven, Connecticut.

Dear Sir:-

I write you concerning Mr. Patrick Hickey who was initiated in Division No. 1 at Grand Rapids, Michigan, about 20 years ago, and holds policy No. 1198 upon his life. He has lost this policy, but is in good standing, having regularly paid his dues. He wishes a new one issued. What proofs are required? Please advise me fully how to proceed in his behalf, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

M. D. Leehey

Jas. J. Daley,
Cigars, Tobaccos and Stationery.
332 RIVERSIDE AVE.

Print sent
Am Mar 24

Spokane, Wash., 3. 14 1903

(Jas. P. Bree Esq
Nat. Sec. A.O.H.
W. D. B.

Kindly find enclosed P.O.O. for \$3.30 as
payment for next quarters mbr.

Re your circular #170 I wish to state that I
had nothing to do with collecting asst. neither
was any statement of same made to me or
condition of same. Did not handle same
Do not not think it is the proper way to do business
Some day will have to make financial statement
How can I when money is collected and sent away
otherwise than through the regular channels?
You must ask State Sec. O'Lea about this.
Condition of the several divisions with the State
Board. Acknowledge receipt of P.O.O. and oblige
Bro. O'Lea as Nat. Org. visited our W.D. a few
days ago. Allow me to congratulate Nat. Bd. upon
Gen. Force

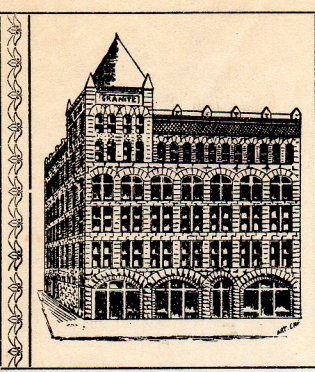
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W. D. B.

Jas. J. Daley

State Treas. Wash.

James Monaghan



Office of The Granite Block

E. O. SHEA, AGENT.

Real Estate and Insurance

Room 203

Spokane, Wash., April 11th, 1902

Mr. James P. Bree,

#902 Chapel St.,

New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I wish to offer ^{an} apology for not being able to forward you the Annual Report, before this, but, I have not been able to get them properly filled out ^{by divisions} until now. I have not included the Ladies Auxiliary in this report in this, but will send theirs later, in the course of a couple of days. I tell you right now that this being a State Officer especially out here in the West is no snap and all that a fellow gets is rebuffs, from National Officers and also the Divisions, now if they would be more prompt in sending in their assessments and quarterly dues, it would not be much trouble for one to attend to it, but when I have to keep sending them letters to come to time it gets very tiresome and I assure you that I shall never again take ~~and~~ an Office in this or any other order unless things change mightly, of course I might not have a choice of being elected, but if I should I will politely decline. I will try and do the best I can during my Office and hope you will not find cause to find fault in my fulfilling the Office of State Secretary. Trusting yourself and Brothers are well, With Best Wishes, Fraternally yours,

"R."

Edward Shea Jr. *Ed Shea*

2610 Day St - ^{Sun May 7}
Seattle Wash
April 23 '03

Bro. Bree

Will you be kind enough
to send me some copies of degree
circular in new ritual
we have not used the new ritual
as yet, but we want to begin now
as soon as possible. I presume
~~our~~ our County Pres. received
some copies of the circular, but
apparently he took no notice
of them, as the Dir. knows
nothing about them.

Yours Fraternally
P. J. O'Casey

Pres. Dir. no. 1.

ROBERTS & LEEHEY,
LAWYERS,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.

705 NEW YORK BLOCK.
MAIN 385.

March 26th, 1903.

National Secretary, A. O. H.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:-

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Yours very truly,

M. D. Leehey

Ans. March 26th.



Office of *The Granite Block*

E. O. SHEA, AGENT

Real Estate and Insurance

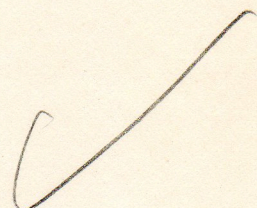
ROOM 203

Spokane, Wash., April, 28th, 1903.

Mr. Jas. P. Bree,

902 Chapel Street,

New Haven, Conn.



Dear Sir and Brother:-

Enclosed please find Annual Report of
the Ladies Auxiliary for year ending Dec, 31, 1902. also list of
Officers of County and Division, in the State of Washington.
Trusting this will meet with your wishes, of 4/23rd/03.

Yours Fraternally,

Edward O. Shea

ROBERTS & LEEHEY,
LAWYERS,
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON.
705 NEW YORK BLOCK.

May 20th, 1903.

Mr. James P. Bree,
National Secretary, A. O. H.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

Sometime since I addressed you concerning Patrick Hickey of Division No. 1, Grand Rapids, Michigan, who has lost his beneficiary certificate, and desires to make proofs and obtain a new one. He had repeatedly addressed the financial secretary of his division without results.

Upon your suggestion I addressed the State Secretary, Mr. Matt Dennison, of Ishpeming,. He again referred me to the financial secretary, but I insisted that the latter was giving us no attention. After some correspondence I addressed him the letter which I return you herewith. He returned it with his notation thereon, which you will observe. With it he returned a blank form of application for change of beneficiary. That is not what we desire. Mr. Hickey does not wish to change his beneficiary, but has lost his policy and wishes to obtain a new one. We have been advised by the officials that an affidavit will be required, but they have sent us no form, and after repeated inquiries have failed to state just what proofs will be required. Of course if the latter were stated I would prepare the affidavit myself.

I know the matter is outside of your jurisdiction, but I know that you will be interested to see that proper attention is given to the brothers by its officers, and especially by one so high in authority as the State Secretary of Michigan.

I enclose you a copy of a reply which I have this day addressed to Mr. Dennison, and I will ask you to interest yourself in the matter to whatever extent you feel justified.

Encs. - 2.

Yours very truly,

M. D. Leehey

Ans May 26

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

King Co.

Seattle, Wash.,

May 28th 1903

Dear Sir & Brother:

Copy sent
sent in June 11

Following are the officers of
the County Board of King County, State
of Washington:

County Chaplain, Rev. Father Casey, Seattle

" President, P. Fitzpatrick, 718 Weller St., "

" Vice " P. Cunningham, 1811 7th Ave., "

" Treasurer, Jos. T. Lawler, 314 Globe blk. "

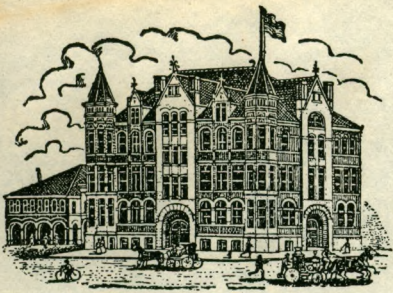
Fin. - Sec., J. J. Donnellan, 423 Pacific blk., "

Cor. - Sec., Jos. M. Ardle, 412 8th Ave., "

Fraternally yours,

P. Fitzpatrick, C.P.

M^r James P. Bree.



FLOYD L. DAGGETT,
COMPTROLLER.

JAMES J. DALEY,
DEPUTY.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
CITY OF SPOKANE
WASHINGTON

Geo. P. Bree Esq
H. H. Conner
Mr. Dr. Bro

receipt sent
6-19-03

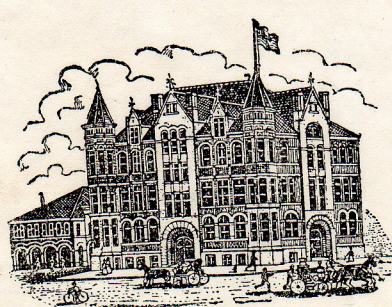
JUN 13 1903

Find enclosed P.O. O. for \$3 for meter,
4 divisions & 4 stamps.

I have no order to send this some day
I will fail to remit you in order to wake
our state officers up

Hoping you are well
Sincerely, fraternal

James J. Daley.



COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
CITY OF SPOKANE
WASHINGTON

J. V. Brew Esq
W. D. M.

4-73.04

Find enclosed P. O. O. for \$3.50
mess. for State of Waseg.

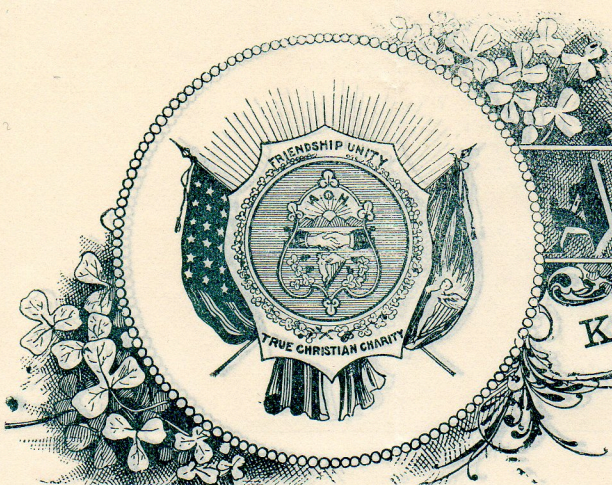
Kindly receipt for same
And oblige
yours
Jas. J. Daley

P. O. Box 879 #

receipt sent
5-1-04

Division No. 1,

Am 5/2/04



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

King County

Seattle, Wash.,

April 25, 1904

Division Dear Sir & Bro:- My object in writing you is to get some advice on the following matter: The early part of January, of the present year, I forwarded \$4 to our State Secretary, Bro. Ed O'Shea, of Spokane, Wash., for the Mdse. for the First quarter, but up to the present time have received no reply. I also had forwarded to him per capita tax for Division No. 1, and asking him if Div. No. 2, which was not formed until April last, was liable for per capita for 1903, but up to the present the Secretary Treasurer nor myself have received no acknowledgement. We are still using the Mdse. for the last quarter 1903, and it looks as though we would have to continue to do so, as I have written him different times and received no reply, although he received my letters all right.

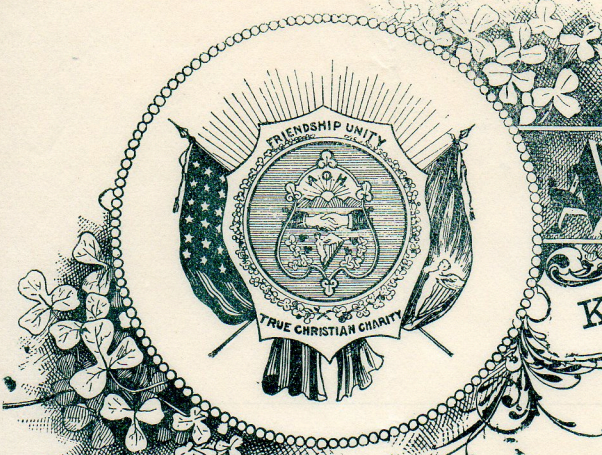
There is one quarter's Mdse. due to each

Division No. 1,

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

King County

Seattle, Wash.,190..



Division now, and I shall forward no more money until I receive what we have already paid for. The yearly reports are also ready for some time, but I shall hold them until I hear from you.

I would have written you sooner, but I greatly dislike the disagreeable duty of making complaints.

Kindly advise me at your earliest convenience, and oblige.

Fraternally yours,

P. Fitzpatrick, C. P.

Address: 718 Weller St., Seattle, Wash.

James P. Bruce. N. S. New Haven Conn
BELLINGHAM BAY & BRITISH COLUMBIA
RAILROAD COMPANY.

Bellingham STATION, Apr. 25 - 1904

Dear Sir & B & S

Please send to my address the following

20 Lapel Buttons @ 5.00

Tratg

M. J. Marsh
 2431 Lafayette st
 Bellingham, Whatcom Co
 Washington

receipt &
 buttons
 4-23-04

Division No. 1,

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

King County

Seattle, Wash., Apr 25 1904

MAY 5/11/4

To Commanding Officer (General)
 Of the Military Dept. of the A. O. H.
 Dear Sir

Not knowing your address I take a strange
 course to reach it. Hoping my labor are not in
 vain I am desirous of organizing a military company
 and have secured a fair list of names already.

No doubt I must have an authority to organize
 and conduct it under the A. O. H. but am at
 a loss to know what course to pursue.

I am at present 1st Lieutenant in a uniform
 Rank K. O. T. M. Looking to U. S. Tactics
 my object is to try and strike a better life into
 the Irish youths of this city, and up hold the
 order generally. Now the choice of the name
 chosen by those already listed is to call
 the body - Hibernian Knights in this case
 Swords would be our arms.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date

I am yours fraternally

E. F. Cleary 11516 - 4 Ave Seattle Wash

P.S.
I am a member of the above Division



~~OFFICE OF THE STATE PRESIDENT~~

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

...STATE OF WASHINGTON...

Seattle, Wash., May 27 1904

James P. Bree Esq
New Haven Conn
Dear Sir and Brother

6/2

Some time ago I sent you
Three dollars for buttons. April the 6th
you wrote me saying you sent them to my
address. Will they have not come yet. Some-
thing must have happened to them if you sent
them.

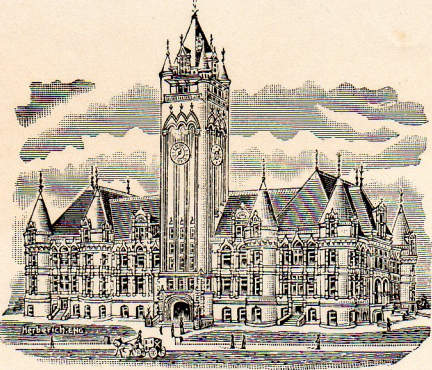
Brother Sheehan Nat. Organizer has
refunded five dollars to Div no. 2 I see
from your comm. of March 23rd that you
received five dollars for same charter. The
one received was unframed - price \$2.00
There should be a balance of \$3- still in their
favor somewhere

Both Divisions here are doing fine, but
am sorry that we have lost connections with
Headquarters our State Sec. is still
unheard from

Yours Fraternally

2610 Day St-

P. J. O'Casey



SPOKANE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

OFFICE OF
COUNTY TREASURER

SPOKANE COUNTY, WASH.

GEORGE MUDGETT
TREASURER

SPOKANE, WASH.,

May 16
Me 29

1904.

Jas. P. Brew
New Haven, Conn.
Dear Sir:

Our division would not accept those pins. They prefer the Button, that is the Button that fastens in button hole of coat.

I am very sorry that this mistake occurred. Kindly exchange for others and oblige

Respectfully Yours

J. J. Flaherty

F.S. Dir No 1. A.O.F.H.

Spokane, Wash.
1519 Colby Ave.

*Buttons sent
4-4-03*

100
614

Walla Walla Wash

May 29 - 1904

Mr James P Bree National Sec. A.O.H.

Dear Sir & Bro

Pardon me for writing you on such
an important matter but we are in condition
that something must be done

There was a division of the A.O.H.
organized in Walla Walla about
ten months ago by our worthy
State Sec. Mr Edward O. Schell
of Spokane Wash.

And during that time we have
been unable hear from him
except one letter he wrote me
about seven months ago making
demand for per capita tax and
M dse.

which was sent at once.
And he never as much as sent
receipt for the same our application
for a charter was treated in the
same manner

After a long time I called him
up over long distance Telephone
and ^{the} excuse he gave me was
could get no communication from
headquarters

I called our State Pres. but it
was the same old story
They both promised ^{to} put us ^{right} but
failed to do it I must say
we have not been treated right
by them

We never as much as received
a password

after paying for it not wishing
to be a kisser or anything of
that kind I hope you will
explain the situation to me
as soon as possible.

There is an excellent field
here for the AOH
And I hope we will be set
right at once hoping you
will give this matter your
attention as soon as possible
I remain your Respectfully

James Martin C.P. AOH
P.O. Box 29
Walla Walla
Wash

The Webster Hotel.

Mrs. F. M. Manly, Proprietor.

Republic, Wash. June 2 1904.

James P. Bace
New Haven
Conn.

6/14

Fraternial Brother.

I wrote you some time ago and asked you what I should do in regards to the Devora report. I received it. shall I make a copy and send it to you.

Please let me know the date of the opening of the National Convention at St. Louis.

I will remain in this town several days: so you can address your letter to me. until June 9th after that date send it to my Devora address and it will be forwarded to me.

With best wishes

Devora address I remaine faithfully yours
3651 Courne st.

Jimmie Green

The Webster Hotel.

Mrs. F. M. Manly, Proprietor.

Republic, Wash. June 2 1904.

James P. Bree
New Haven
Conn.

6/14

Fraternal Brother.

I wrote you some time ago and asked you what I should do in regards to the Denver report. I received it. Shall I make a copy and send it to you.

Please let me know the date of the opening of the National Convention at St. Louis.

I will remain in this town several days: so you can address your letter to me. until June 9th after that date send it to my Denver address and it will be forwarded to me.

With best wishes

Denver address I remain fraternally yours
3651 Converse St. Jennie Green



Seattle, Wash., June 3, 1904

Mr James P. Bree Esq.,
National Sec
New Haven, Conn

Ans
6/15

Dear Sir and Brother.

Your much welcome letter of May 11th duly received and there complied with your instructions. And let me here thank you for your kindness. I received the authority from Brother Geraghty. which I will inclose also the Officers Etc. I have also forwarded the same to Brother Geraghty. which I suppose you will have received before Receipt of this. No doubt you already understand that the Company will come under the head of Knights. And it is to this matter I wish to ask a few questions and favors. I should infer it would be to the Best interest of the military department to be uniform alike throughout the County, And I wish to know

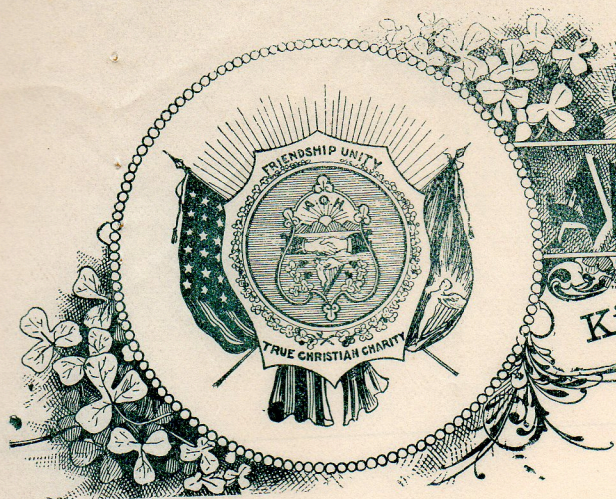
OFFICE OF

Division No. 1,

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

King County

Seattle, Wash., 190..



The class of these principally used by A.O.H. Knights. I inclose you a paper - showing certain cuts. I mark one Knight - and also Officers out-cuts. And also the remainder. And if you know of any other houses carrying our goods to please send me their addresses and cuts. I have written to several taken from the Hibernian and have so far only received this one.

Hoping you will favor me with an Early reply, and Thanking you kindly in advance

I am yours Fraturnally

E. F. Leary

Capt - Elect

1516-4 Ave

P.S. Please return
Inclosures

TURNER & GERAGHTY
LAWYERS
FERNWELL BLOCK
SPOKANE, WASH.

GEORGE TURNER
J. M. GERAGHTY

1902 July 1 under 6 3.
Oct. 1 6 3.
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Apr. 1 6 3.
July 1 7 \$3.50
Oct. 1 7 \$3.50
1904 Jan. 1 7 \$3.50
Apr. 1 7 \$3.50
1902 by balance 4.00
Aug. 27 cash 3.25
Dec. 13 " 3.00
" 13 money for framed charters 3.00
1903 Mar. 23 3.30
June 19 3.50
Spokane, Wash., June 3, 1904.
Sept. 28 3.50
1904 Jan. 21 3.50
May 1 \$3.50
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Nov. 1 asamt @ 30 (207) \$62.10

James P. Bree,

National Secretary A.O.H.,

New Haven, Conn. 1903

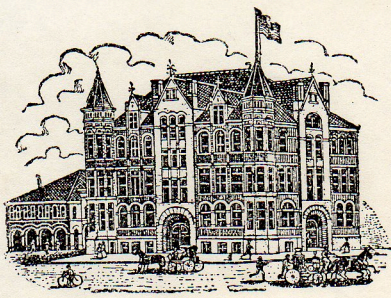
Dear Sir and Brother:-

I am in receipt of communications from the various divisions of the Order in this state indicating that the State Secretary has been somewhat neglectful of the duties of his office. I may be somewhat in fault myself in not paying closer attention to the conduct of the state officers. I was elected to the state presidency two years ago against my wishes and during my absence, and told the delegates that I could not give much time to its duties. I was assured that the principal details would be looked after by the secretary. The complaints that I have received indicate that this has not been done. I wish that in the future you would forward all communications directly to me. I would like further to have a statement of the financial standing of the state, the amount paid you during the present administration, and the amount now owing, if any.

Trusting to have an early response from you, I remain

Fraternally yours,

J. M. Geraghty



FLOYD L. DAGGETT,
COMPTROLLER

JAMES J. DALEY,
DEPUTY.
A. W. BURCH,
DEPUTY.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE
CITY OF SPOKANE
WASHINGTON

See 6/1/6

J. P. Bree, Esq.
W. O. W. Bro.

JUN 7 1904

Yours of the 2nd inst. to hand
Re. \$68¹⁰ ad. owing surely this
must be a special; as I have sent
all regular adts. Have sent these
without orders, as no one seems to take
interest. Saw our Pres. to day, and
I think he has work up. So you may
expect to hear things straightened out
at an early date. Will make out
my report at once and mail you
I am not sure if I paid you for last
quarter, kindly let me know
I regret that you should be troubled
with no, but I cannot help it

Waiting an early reply
Remains yours faithfully
Jas. J. Daley

N.B.

Tell me what delinquency is for.

ad. P.O.B. of 849
Spokane Wash.

\$62.10 due
assmt.

\$4.55 ahead
on mde

Spokane, Wash., June 11, 1904.

6/18

James P. Bree, Esq.,

Nat'l Sec'y A. O. H.,

902 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I am in receipt of your letter of June 2nd, 1904, advising me that there is due from this state the sum of \$62.10 on the assessment for the year of 1903, and that you are still without the report for the year ~~which~~ ended December 31, 1903. I am surprised to learn these facts, but my last letter to you will probably explain them. I have taken the matter up and will report to you shortly. I should like to know the nature of the assessment, but assume that the account which I requested of you in my last letter will explain this. I am also in receipt of the circular letter calling the National Convention at St. Louis on the 19th of July, and shall forward same to the various divisions. I hope to have some representation at the convention from this state, and may attend myself.

The secretary says he has not had any merchandise from you for sometime, and urges this as an explanation of his failure to send same to divisions. I wish you would advise me about this and send the current merchandise to me.

At the beginning of our term you asked me to indicate whether you should address me or the State Secretary. I advised addressing the communications to him. I am sorry now that it was

TURNER & GERAGHTY
LAWYERS
FERNWELL BLOCK
SPOKANE, WASH.

GEORGE TURNER
J. M. GERAGHTY

J.P.B. 2.

done the other way.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. M. Geraghty
State Bar.

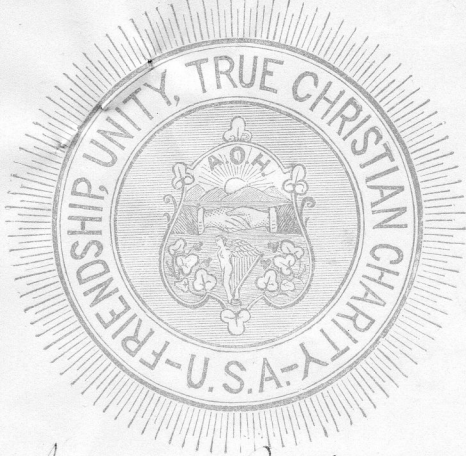
note Sheehan
for explanation
4/9/04

COPY.

April, 7, 1903.

ived of Division #2 Seattle ten dollars on account of charter
s and expenses in organizing.

(Signed) Edw. I. Sheehan.



OFFICE OF THE STATE PRESIDENT

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

...STATE OF WASHINGTON...

Seattle, Wash., Mar 28th 1904

Am 4/6

receipt 4-5-04
future

no money for account

James P. Bruce Esq.
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother

Inclosed please find money order
for three dollars (\$3-) for buttons.

I also enclose copy of receipt for ten dollars from
Bro. Sheehan for Charter for Div no 2.

Could you interpret Sec. 4 article ^{fourth} as to manner of
Divisions going to Holy Communion? I maintain that Divisions
are obliged to attend in a body, that every every member is obliged
to go on that occasion, with his division, when living within
a reasonable distance. Our Division voted to take no action
on the matter and allow every member to attend any where he
wanted to. This Div. never made their Easter duty in a body
and I wanted to enforce the Constitution this time but they
wouldnt have it. Many members claimed they were obliged to go to
their own church, others with their families &c. Its hard
to discipline a lot of old fogies in matters of this kind

Yours Fraternally

P. J. O'Casey

Pres Div no. 1 2610 Day St

By the way we have
made for first quarter yet

D.C.