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—OFFICE OF—  
STATE SECRETARY,  
**Ancient Order of Hibernians,**  
OF MINNESOTA.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 16<sup>th</sup> 1902

J. O. Ball Esq.  
New Haven Conn.

Ans July 1-

Dear Sir and Bro

Your favor of 16<sup>th</sup> together with Bro O'Farrell's to hand and Contents noted, I want to say that I have nothing whatever to do with the Insurance department of our order. There is another secretary who attends to that end of the business, I called on him today to ascertain why the beneficiary had not received the money. He informed that the people in Ottawa had not furnished sufficient proof of death, nothing only the Dr's Certificate stating that James McNeely died Feby 2-1902. No evidence whatever that it was the same James McNeely who was formerly a member of Div-2- Hennepin Co. Minn. My information is that he was transferred from here to some div-in Ottawa such being the case, why cant the Officers of that-Division make affidavit that he is dead. Our Secy informs me that <sup>he</sup> asked the Beneficiary to make such an affidavit- and to have some member of the order do likewise, he has not done so, dont you think the Insurance Officers are entitled to positive proof of death before paying out \$1000<sup>00</sup> I have written to Bro O'Farrell explaining to



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• OF MINNESOTA. •

Minneapolis, Minn., ..... 190...

him what the Insurance officers required them to furnish, I want to say right here that as soon as proper proof is furnished the money will be paid in short order Our surplus today amounts to about \$30000<sup>00</sup> I enclose two printed slips one shows the result of the Contest we had last winter which closed March 17<sup>th</sup> It shows 815 initiations in 3 months. the other shows the Condition of our Insurance fund Feby 1<sup>st</sup> Our next slip will make a better showing. as the majority of those newly initiated were not assessable on 43-44-45

I expect to get to Denver the morning of the 14<sup>th</sup> I presume you will be up for re-election

Fraternally yours  
Thos Connolly.



# National Surety Company,

*of New York*

*Charles A. Dean, President.*

WM. B. JOYCE,  
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE AGENT.

OFFICES :  
NEW YORK, 346 BROADWAY.  
CHICAGO, 558 THE ROOKERY.  
ST. PAUL, MOHTS. BANK BUILDING.

FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

*St. Paul, Minn.,*

**June 23, 1902.**

**Mr. Jas. P. Bell, Sup. Secy.**

**A.O.H. New Haven, Conn.**

*Done July 4*

**Dear Sir:-**

On the 3rd inst. we wrote you asking for an opportunity to submit our rate on your bond, which will expire in July. Up to the present writing we have not heard from you, and trust you may find it convenient to favor us with an early reply.

**Fraternally yours,**

*Wm B Joyce*  
**Special Executive Agents.**



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FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

St. Paul, Minn., June 25, 1902.

Mr. Jas. P. Bree, Natl. Secy.

New Haven, Conn.

*Ans July 4,*

Dear Sir:-

Again referring to your letter of June 3rd. We were informed by Mr. Clark today that each State would be required to make its own arrangements for bonding the A.O.H. Subordinate Lodge Secretaries. Is this true, or, would the Convention in Denver be able to close a contract for all of the States?

Fraternally yours,

*Wm B Joyce*

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FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT.

St. Paul, Minn., July 7, 1902.

Mr. James P. Bree, Nat'l Secy.

A. O. H. Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your valued favor of July 4th. We wrote you on the 3rd sending you a proposition to be submitted to the Convention.

We also advised in our communication to you that we would be pleased to allow you a commission of 12½% for taking care of the matter.

We very much hope the convention will accept the proposition.

Kindly let us hear from you as soon as convenient, and greatly oblige.

Fraternally yours,

*Wm B Joyce*  
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FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT,

*St. Paul, Minn.,* July 17, 1902.

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

Dear Sir:-

We have not heard from you since your valued favor of July 4th, written from Denver. We shall be glad to have you advise as promptly as convenient what action was taken in connection with the bond proposition.

Trusting the resolution was passed, we are,

Fraternally yours,

*Wm B Joyce*  
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FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT,

St. Paul, Minn.,

July 21, 1902.

Mr. Jas. P. Bree, Natl. Secy.

A.O.H. New Haven, Conn.

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Dear Sir:-

We note by the papers that you were re-elected as Secretary and M. J. O'Brien as Treasurer. We would greatly appreciate an opportunity of arranging your bonds also bonds of the Supreme Officers.

We wrote you on the 17th inst. asking what action was taken in regard to the bond matter.

Trusting to hear from you promptly, we are,

Fraternally yours,

*Wm. B. Joyce*  
Special Executive Agents.



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STATE SECRETARY,  
**Ancient Order of Hibernians,**  
• OF MINNESOTA. •

Minneapolis, Minn., July 24 1902

15 rituals, key  
cards, circulars  
sent Aug 2

J. P. Dree N.S.  
New Haven Conn

Dear Sir and Bro.

On Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> a new division  
was organized in Scott Co. Minn 24 charter members  
Wont you kindly send me a set of Rituals and Key for  
their use I have sent them my own Ritual and Key the only one  
I had I think you had better send me a few extra  
sets we may do some more organizing here in the  
near future, And if you can possibly get around to  
it we would like to have sample copies of the  
amended Constitution for our State Convention Aug. 26-27-28  
Hoping you have fully recovered from the nerve  
wrecking strain of the past few weeks

I am yours fraternally  
Tom Connolly S.S.



receipt of  
button sent  
Aug. 16.

Faribault Minn  
Aug 13-1907

James P. Bree Nat. Sec. A. O. U. G.

Dear Sir & Brother

I enclose find one dollar for  
which ~~please~~ please send me  
by return mail as soon as  
possible one Ladies Auxiliary  
pin & one A. O. U. G. Lapel button  
of the proper design  
would like to have the pin  
and button by the 25<sup>th</sup> if  
possible

Fraternally yours

L. W. Crawford Rec Sec

Sav No 1 A. O. U. G. Ric Co

Faribault Minn



FORM 378-300-10-01.

# National Surety Company,

of New York

Charles A. Dean, President.

WM. B. JOYCE,  
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE AGENT.

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CHICAGO, 558 THE ROOKERY.

ST. PAUL, MCHTS. BANK BUILDING.

FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT,

St. Paul, Minn.,

August 20, 1902.

Mr. James P. Bree, Natl. Secy.

A.O.H. New-Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

I wrote you on July 17th and again on July 21st asking what action was taken at the recent meeting of your Order in Denver. We would very much appreciate an opportunity of writing your bond, and we also hope that some action was taken in connection with bonds covering Subordinate Lodge Officers.

Fraternally yours,

*Wm B Joyce*  
Special Executive Agent.

*Recd Aug 22*



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FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT,

St. Paul, Minn.,

August 26, 1902.

Mr. James P. Bres, Natl. Sec'y,  
 A.O.H. New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Your valued favor of August 23rd is at hand, and we were very sorry to learn that you had already arranged for the renewal of your bond.

How can we obtain the names of the several State officers and County Officers who will approve the bonds in their jurisdiction, and will you also kindly advise how we may obtain a list of the various Local Divisions?

We are pleased to note that the amendment was passed requiring surety company bonds, and we believe it would be well for us to correspond direct with the Local Divisions. Any assistance you may give will be greatly appreciated.

Trusting to hear from you promptly, we are,

Faternally yours,

*Wm B Joyce*  
 Special Executive Agents.



OFFICE OF STATE PRESIDENT,  
**Ancient Order of Hibernians,**  
.. .. OF MINNESOTA .. ..

*rec'd  
button  
Sept. 15*

Owatonna, Minn., SEPTEMBER 1, 1902 19

James P. Bree Esq.,

National Secretary, A. O. H.

Dear Sir & Brother:-

Inclosed you will find a check for \$3.00, for which please send me a dozen A. O. H., LAPEL BUTTONS. Well, our 15th state convention has passed into history. It was the largest, most enthusiastic and harmonious convention that was ever held in this state, and not withstanding the fact that this was a very busy time, for our farmer members, and the interest there was, so great that all the delegates with a few exceptions remained until the close.

As you have no doubt learned before this, that James J. Regan of St. Paul was elected to succeed me, I having declined a 3d term. And I am more than pleased to be able to say that during my incumbency of four and one half years the order progressed both numerically and financially more than ever before in a like period in this state, and I believe that at no time did more perfectly unity exist among our brethern, than there does at the present time, and there is every indication that the growth during the coming two years will eclipse anything that we have had in the past. With the exception of State President, all the old officers were reelected, and all were elected without opposition and by acclamation.

Judge T. P. Moran of Hastings was chosen Vice President, and <sup>7</sup> Father Dermody of Flandreau, S. Dakota, State Chaplan. The convention recognizing the worth of Bro. Connolly's services to the order as secretary voted him a substantial increase in salary, and he deserves it. Wishing success to you and the grand A. O. H., I remain,

Fraternally and sincerely yours, *C. J. O'Brien*



FORM 378-300 H-10-01.

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FRATERNAL ORDER DEPARTMENT,

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 5th, 1902.

Mr. James P. Bree, Natl. Secy.  
New Haven, Conn.

*See Sept 9*

Dear Sir:-

We have your esteemed favor of August 30th, also the latest directory. Could it be arranged so that you could send a circular letter to all of the State, County and Local Divisions, calling attention to the requirement of surety bonds and recommending our Company? We have three offices, one in St. Paul, one in Chicago and one in New York to which offices attention could be called by you in your circular.

We have this arrangement with other Societies, who send the circular out about the 1st of November with the supplies for the coming year, and we are willing to pay you a commission, if it is consistent, for such business as we get through your offices.

Will you kindly let us hear from you, and greatly oblige?

Fraternally yours,

*W. B. Joyce*  
Special Executive Agents.



—OFFICE OF—  
STATE SECRETARY,  
**Ancient Order of Hibernians,**  
• OF MINNESOTA. •

Sept 13  
am. ✓

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept 10 1902

J. O. Brown Esq  
New Haven Conn

Dear sir and Bro

Your favor of recent date at hand and noted, I see no reason why you should not be given the preference in the bonding of officers, Our new State President James J. Regan (St Paul National Bank. St Paul) is out of the city on his vacation, on his return I will submit the matter to him, as you know he has to approve it. In the mean time you might send me two of your application blank for the State Treasurer and myself. You the rate is 3.00 per thousand, is this per year or for the term, Let me know the rate per hundred. My bond has never been more than 500.00 and some of the divisions may require bonds in sums less than \$1000.00. I was ~~re~~ elected Aug-28. by acclamation and with this single exception we have a splendid set of officers. We intend to grow and prosper without the aid of a National Organizer, Will send you a copy of proceeding when printed.

Fraternally yours  
J. Connolly -



—OFFICE OF—

## STATE SECRETARY

# Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn., May 8 1903

Am May 16 ✓

J. P. Bue Esq  
New Haven Conn  
Dear Sir and Bro

Your favor received. V.K. also  
Rituals. Many thanks, We will gladly  
send a man to Winnipeg to organize  
a division, If the National Officers will  
pay the expenses, It would probably  
be as well to empower your correspondent  
to do the work and avoid the expense  
of sending a man there, Winnipeg is quite  
a distance from here, and while I  
dont know what the expense would be I  
am satisfied it would be quite an item  
In my opinion its hardly probable that  
improper persons would make application  
for a division, I think you would be perfectly  
safe in authorizing your correspondent  
to go ahead, However if you wish it we  
will furnish a man,

Fraternally yours  
Tom Connolly



May 13-1903

Fairbault Minn  
James P. Bree Nat. Sec  
New Haven Conn  
new buttons  
May 16

Dear Dist Brother

I enclosed find 10<sup>00</sup> for work  
please send me (40) Hourly Lapel  
buttons as soon as possible  
wishing you all success  
I remain fraternally yours

Wm Cowford R. S.  
Div No 1 A. L. H.  
Fairbault  
Minn.



J. B. SMITH

copied & sent 6-2-03.

Kilkenny, Minn., May 27<sup>th</sup> 1903

Genl J. P. Bree U.S. New Haven Conn  
Dear Sir & Bro: Following is a  
list of the names of the Officers  
of Div No 5 of Lesueur Co Minn  
Pres D. St. Gorman Kilkenny  
Vice Pres Wm A. Sheridan "  
Rec Sec Chas M. Cooney "  
Fin Sec J. B. Smith "  
Treas P. D. Byrne "  
Inv Sec Jno St. McCarthy "  
Sergeant at arms Jno J. McCarthy "  
Sentinel Ed. L. Cunningham "  
Having my attention called to this matter  
by the notice in the National Hibernian  
of May the 15<sup>th</sup> I decided to forward  
the list at once  
I am Dear Sir yours Fratly  
J. B. Smith



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& Co.**

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Hennepin Ave.

General Printers  
.. Stationers and  
Law Blank \* \*  
\* \* Publishers

Minneapolis, Minn. June 5, 1903

Hon. James T. Bree

New Haven, Conn.

Ans June 15

Dear Sir and Bro:-

Somewhat over a year ago I wrote you in regard to a Charter for Div No. 6, A.O.U. Hennepin County, and since then have let the matter drag along, but now the boys are anxious for the Charter. It has been a case of neglect on my part, and you will favor me greatly if you will send the Charter at your earliest possible convenience. You stated in your reply to my letter at that time that the Charter would be \$5<sup>00</sup> if sent framed and \$2<sup>00</sup> if unframed. Enclosed you will find \$2<sup>00</sup>, for which send Charter by mail to address named on application, as I think that will be the quickest way out of the matter. Our next meeting is June 12 and would like very much to have it by that time, if possible. As you will notice,

(over)



The application was signed some time  
ago, but it is correct as to date.  
etc

Hoping to receive an early reply, and  
wishing you good luck, believe me,  
I am, yours J. L. & C. C.

Frank S. Griffin

# 2108 Bloomington Ave  
Memphis, Miss.



STATE PRESIDENT, JAMES J. REGAN  
St. Paul National Bank, St. Paul  
STATE VICE-PRESIDENT, T. P. MORAN  
Hastings, Minn.

STATE SECRETARY, THOMAS CONNOLLY  
2424 Pleasant Ave., Minneapolis

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1027 West First St., Duluth  
CHAPLAIN, REV. M. DERMODY  
Flandreau, S. D.

—OFFICE OF—

## STATE TREASURER

# Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MINNESOTA

Duluth, Minn., June 6 1903

Mr James P Breen  
Dear Sir & Bro  
Enclosed please find check  
for 31<sup>50</sup> Hoping that yourself  
and crew the P. C. H. W. C.

Yours Truly  
John Flood  
S. T.

receipt sent  
June 8.



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EDWARD O'BRIEN, Editor.

J. D. O'BRIEN, Manager.

...The Irish Standard...

---Established 1885---



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 24, 1902

J. P. Bree,

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

*June - July 4*



Dear Sir & Brothers:-

The Irish Standard of Minneapolis is the official organ of the A. O. H. in Minnesota. We also run a Catholic Book Store in connection with the Standard and carry a stock of society emblems etc.

We have a demand for the A. O. H. & L. A. button <sup>and</sup> pins and ought to have some on hand. Do you wish to take our order for a few dozen each or would you rather recommend some of the manufacturers in the East?

We have also been instructed to look up the matter of regalias as I think we will want quite a number in Minneapolis. What house would you recommend for the purchase of regalias, caps etc.

Hoping you will have time to answer this without much delay, we remain

Fraternally yours,

*J. D. O'Brien* Mr.

"The Irish Standard."

*2¢ stamp  
enc!*



Fridley Anoka Co Minnesota July 13<sup>th</sup> 1903

James P. Brew

National Secretary of A. O. H

Dear Sir and Brother

I received a Circular last week from our National officers which was read at our last Div meeting we voted which reports to adopt the Majority or Minority the Minority reports was carried unanimously by our Div on the grounds that the resolutions did not properly come before the A. O. H as an organization and which we firmly believe in those rights as individuals but do not as an organization without properly explaining the Statement

The said resolutions was vote at Syracuse New York May 15<sup>th</sup> 1903

Respectfully yours

Thomas Coleman G. P. of Div No 1  
of Anoka Co Minnesota

Tom July 15 ✓



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receipt  
3-21-04

sent off  
3/21/04

Kilkenny March 16<sup>th</sup> 1904

Mr Jas P. Bree National Secy  
Dear Sir and Bro. At a

recent Meeting of our Div. i.e.  
No 5 of Lismore Co Minn. I  
was instructed by vote of the  
Div to Order New National  
Charter for our Division  
The old one if there ever was  
any is lost. I send inclosed  
P. O. Money Order for \$2.00 to  
Pay for same. I send you

The names of the 1st Board  
of Officers elected, and also  
The present Officers. Hoping  
you will give this matter your  
kind attention I remain

Yours Fraternally  
J. Smith Fin Sec. No 5



S. D. Rev H. J. MacLaway  
Pres Thomas Byrne  
V. Pres Leonard Doyle  
R. S. Thomas Cashin  
H. S. Thomas Judge  
Jus S Ed. L. Cunningham  
Treas Richard Dynes  
Serg at arms Michael Gardiner  
Sentinel Jas Hoban  
Jas R. Stratton Co Pres  
Date of Election, July 1893

Present Officers  
Pres D. H. Gorman  
V Pres Wm A. Sheridan  
Rec Sec Chas M. Cooney  
Jus Sec J. H. McCarthy  
Fin Sec J. B. Smith  
Serg at arms J. J. McCarthy  
Treasurer P. D. Byrne  
Cornelius Kilduff Co Pres



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Owatonna, Minn. April 7 1904

Mr James. P. Brice

New Haven Conn

you will please send me 2 Dozen  
Official Buttons for Div No 7. A. O. U  
of Steel Co Minnesota  
you will please find P. O. Money Order  
of \$600.00 to pay for same and Oblige  
your Fraternally

G. Moore  
Insurance Sec

Receipt &  
buttons

4-11-04



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STATE TREASURER

Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MINNESOTA

recd  
4/11

Duluth, Minn., ~~Apr 7~~ 1904

Mr James O'Brien  
Dear Sir & Br  
Enclosed please find check  
for 1258<sup>86</sup> on account assessment  
Hoping you had see the Ord  
Sincerely & Remain yours Truly  
John Flood  
J.F.

Q.S.  
Also check for Misc 34<sup>05</sup>

J.F.



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Kellogg, Minn., April 18 1904

James P. Price

New Haven

Conn

Dear Sir

We need 4 Doz A. O. of H. official buttons  
You may send those at once with bill for same  
Or quote us the price on the 4 Doz and we will remit  
same at once

Yours Truly  
John Costello & Co



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STATE SECRETARY

Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn., April 23 1904

J. P. Bree Nat Sec

~~State~~ New Haven Conn

Dear Sir and Bro

Enclosed please find Postal Money  
order (#2.00) for unframed charter for  
Div-1- Wabasha Co Minn

kindest regards from yours fraternally  
J Connolly sd

awlt amt  
4/27



Nov 14 7 Pleasant Ave  
St Paul.  
receipt sent  
5-1-

Mr Jas P. Brei:-  
Wor Pool:-

I enclose  
herewith check for  
\$26.<sup>00</sup> payment in  
full of per capita  
assessment.

I am very glad  
to be home again.



and am feeling so  
much better for my  
sojourn in the  
balmy climate of  
the Western coast.

Trusting that our  
delay in paying the  
assessment has caused  
you no inconvenience.

I am with best wishes

Fraternally,

Ella C. Estlin

April 26/04



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STATE SECRETARY

# Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn., *April 29<sup>th</sup>* 1904

*James P. Bree*

*National Sec. A.O.H.*

*New Haven Conn*

*Dear Sir and Bro.*

*Enclosed please find \$2.00 for unframed  
Charters for div. No. 1 of Rescuee Co - Minn*

*Also \$2.50 for. A.O.H buttons for div No 1 -  
Wright Co Minn. This is a new div just organized*

*Send the buttons to, Wm. Remon Maple Lake*

*Minn. and oblige yours Fraternally*

*Tom Connolly S.S.*

*sent to  
5/2/04.  
button sent  
5/3/04*



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STATE SECRETARY

Ancient Order of Hibernians

OF MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Minn., April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1904

J. O. Bree Nat Secy,  
New Haven Conn

Dear Sir and Bro

I am in receipt of your favor of March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Also a communication from National President  
J. E. Dolan in which he urges the immediate  
payment of \$1258.80 the amount due from Minn  
on the 1903 Assessment. Our State President is ~~and~~  
has been away from home for the past three weeks  
consequently I could not get an order on our State  
Treasurer for the money, I have forwarded Bro  
Dolan's letter to Bro Flood and asked him to  
send his check for the amount called for  
and also \$34.00 for Mdse for the 2<sup>nd</sup> q<sup>r</sup> 1904  
We have added 4 new divisions to our roll during  
the months of Feb'y and March. We have now 68 divisions  
and expect to have some more before the National Convention

I can see no harm in your counting, packing and  
sealing the Mdse. for Minnesota, but I think you took  
considerable risk when you attached the postage stamps  
Bro Bree you have my sympathy I know what it is on a small scale to collect  
money and have no fault to find with your withholding the mdse  
Fraternally yours Tom Connolly S.S.



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Kellogg, Minn.,

May 13

1904

James P. Brew

New Haven  
Conn.

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed ck for 6<sup>00</sup> for  
which please send us  
2 doz A. O. of H. official Buttons and  
oblige

Yours Truly  
John Costello



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Morton, Minn. May 20, 1904 190.....

Jas. P. Bree National Secy.  
New Haven, Conn.,

Dear sir and Brether:-Kindly mail us a National Charter, for our #  
Division. Our old Charter was destroyed by fire. Thanking you for this  
favor. Mail bill we will remit.

Fraternally yours,

*J. H. Reagan*

Pres. Div. # 1

Renville Co., Minn.

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*5/26/*





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*St. Paul, Minn.,*

June 3, 1904.

Mr. Jas. P. Bree, Natl. Secy.

A.O.H. New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:

You have not replied to our communication of the 17th,  
and we are anxious to know whether or not you desire us to submit a  
proposition on your Bonds.

Won't you kindly let us hear from you as promptly  
as convenient, and greatly oblige?

Fraternally yours,

Special Executive Agents.

✓  
6/1/4



receipt sent  
6-8-04

147 Pleasant Ave  
St. Paul

Mr Jas P. Paru.

Dear Mr Paru:

Enclosed find  
application for unframed  
chartes with penitance

Yes. I am going to St Louis  
to get warm, and incidentally  
to attend the Convention. We  
are freezing here in Minnesota.

Fraternally E. Nesting





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*St. Paul, Minn.,*

June 14, 1904.

Mr. Jas. P. Bree, Natl. Secy.

A.O.H. New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:

Won't you please let us hear from you in reply to our letters of May 27th and June 3rd? We would like very much to submit a proposition for your consideration.

Fraternally yours,

*W B Joyce & Co*  
Special Executive Agents.

*note 6/14 -*



C. J. O'BRIEN, President  
Owatonna, Minn.

THOMAS CONNOLLY, Secretary.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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Duluth, Minn.

OFFICE OF STATE PRESIDENT,  
**Ancient Order of Hibernians,**  
.. .. OF MINNESOTA .. ..

Owatonna, Minn., ~~SEPTEMBER 1, 1902~~ 19

James P. Bree Esq.,

National Secretary, A. O. H.

Dear Sir & Brother:-

Inclosed you will find a check for \$3.00, for which please send me a dozen A. O. H., LAPEL BUTTONS. Well, our 15th state convention has passed into history. It was the largest, most enthusiastic and harmonious convention that was ever held in this state, and notwithstanding the fact that this was a very busy time, for our former members, and the interest there was, so great that all the delegates with a few exceptions remained until the close.

As you have no doubt learned before this, that James J. Regan of St. Paul was elected to succeed me, I having declined a 3d term. And I am more than pleased to be able to say that during my incumbency of four and one half years the order progressed both numerically and financially more than ever before in a like period in this state, and I believe that at no time did more perfectly unity exist among our brethern, than there does at the present time, and there is every indication that the growth during the coming two years will eclipse anything that we have had in the past. With the exception of State President, all the old officers were reelected, and all were elected without opposition and by acclamation.

Judge T. P. Moran of Hastings was chosen Vice President, and Father Dermody of Flandreau, S. Dakota, State Chaplan. The convention recognizing the worth of Bro. Connolly's services to the order as secretary voted him a substantial increase in salary, and he deserves it. Wishing success to you and the grand A. O. H., I remain,

Fraternally and sincerely yours, C. J. O'Brien

*rec'd  
button sent  
Sept. 15*



18 14 - Dupont St.

Minneapolis Feb. 15

Mr. Jas. P. Bree - New Haven - Conn -

Dear sir - please find  
the amount for renewal of my  
bonds as Treasurer of Dir. No 4 - A. O. H.  
Hennepin Co - in this letter. I  
think my bond expires this month  
and is No. 51727-5.

Fraternally yours

John McEagher

Treas. Dir. 4 - A. O. H.

Minneapolis

Minnesota.

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