

My dear Sir: I have received yours of Sept. 30.:

Allow me to say

- 1- That I complied not only literally but diligently with all the conditions of my application.
- 2- That I was never notified of its acceptance but learned of it incidentally.
- 3- That immediately upon learning of it, I applied for initiation, paid the amount required and was initiated.
- 4- That if a greater time than your rules require, elapsed between date of examination and initiation, it was through no fault or lack of mine.
- 5- That while I might not have been entitled to demand initiation, after that has been received, and my money paid, it does not lie in the mouth of the Society to deny me any right or my benefiting any benefit.

Because of these facts, I respectfully decline to "see the Secretary of Mayville Council" or take any step that may be construed to be a waiver or estoppel of the rights acquired thereby.

The Secretary and the Subordinate Council are simply the agents of your corporation. I had no privity with the instructions given them and am not responsible for their neglect if there was any and therefore decline to imperil any right my beneficiary may have gained <sup>through</sup> by diligence and payments on my part, by any constructive recognition of remissness on their part. I knew nothing of their remissness and I performed my own contract.

If you desire the Secretary's attention to be called to any ~~matter~~ <sup>concern</sup> connected with the matter, you would better write him direct or see him yourself. I certainly will not, "the order of the Supreme Regent" to the contrary, notwithstanding. Certainly if I get nothing for my money I cannot be expected to yield any sort of obedience to an institution which takes advantage of its own luck to declare itself not bound by its own bargain.

Very respectfully,  
Yours Obedt Servant

William W. Fowler