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Edward A. Skinner,
WESTFIELD, N. Y.

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Mrs. Emma K. Tourgee,
Bordeaux, France.

Dear Mrs. Tourgee,

Relative to your Royal Arcanum benefit,- I have been daily expecting for some time to receive the order from the Supreme Secretary's office.

In reply to an inquiry recently made, he writes me that the proofs of death have not been received by him, and upon inquiry by telephone, I find that they were delayed in Mayville by reason of the absence of officers of Mayville Council. I asked Mr. Cipperly to have the proofs sent in as promptly as possible, and hope that it has been done, and that they will be found to be all right.

I write this in explanation of the delay, and to say that I am obliged to leave home to be gone about ten days, and hope that by the time I return, the order for your benefit will have been issued and received at my office. Just as soon as it comes, I will send it to you.

I greatly regret the delay, which is not chargeable to either the Supreme Secretary's office or the Supreme Treasurer's office.

Sincerely yours,

