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PLEASE REPLY TO:

HARRY DARBY
VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR
BOX A, KANSAS CITY 17, KANSAS

December 13, 1944

Dear "Doc":

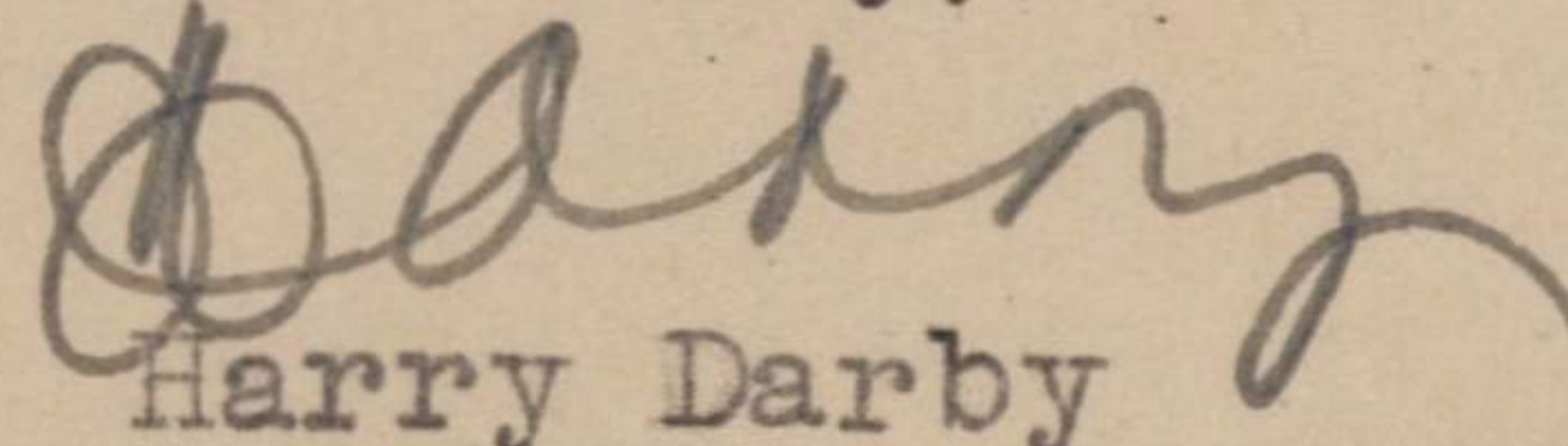
We are organizing over Kansas local councils of the Navy League of the United States. Take it from me, please, that this is a very important organization, or I wouldn't bother an important person like you about it. I know you are very busy and have the time to look after only important things, especially at this time.

We have finally succeeded in getting Hovey Hanna to head up and organize a Lawrence Council of the Navy League. He will call on you in the next few days to explain why we need this "Civilian Arm of the Navy", and at that time he will satisfactorily explain the details regarding the organization of your council there.

The Navy is giving its full support to the organization of these local councils, and Admiral Carpenter, the Commandant of the Ninth Naval District has said that he would like to have these councils organized in our state by the 15th of December. We need ten councils in the state of Kansas, in order that we can make application for a state charter -- we don't want our application to go in without Lawrence. We realize that December 15 is right on us, and that this is a bad time of the year to carry on any outside activities, but since this is as important as it is, we are not embarrassed about imposing on you.

Both the Navy and the Navy League are very anxious that the charter members of each council represent a cross-section of the outstanding citizens of the community it represents. Therefore, we would like so very much to have you become a charter member.

Sincerely,



Harry Darby
Vice President & Director
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