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John Henry Cowles  
Sovereign Grand Commander  
Southern Jurisdiction  
A. & A.S.R.  
Washington, D.C.

My Dear Commander:

I have wanted to write you a letter of thanks and appreciation ever since I first heard of the honor that had been given me in my election to K.C.C.H.

The honor was entirely unexpected. I have always been happy to do anything that I could for the Masonry Lodge or for Masons, individually, without any thought of advancement. Undoubtedly, Claude Franklin Young, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in Kansas, has told you of the beautiful and impressive manner in which the Investiture was given by the Scottish Rite in Kansas City, Kansas. The work was well done and Governor Frank Carlson, who represented the class, did so with dignity and his remarks were timely and well advised.

I have enjoyed the opportunity of meeting you on your visits to Lawrence and it was indeed a pleasure to me to show you something of the City of Lawrence. It is my belief that Masonry in Lawrence is alive and energetic and I have long felt that one of the greatest safeguards to our form of Government rests in the large number of men who have taken the vows of Masonry.

I hope it will not be too long until you again visit Lawrence.

With very great appreciation of your kindness and of the honor that has been conferred upon me, I remain

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Simons