

North Billerica, Mass.,  
February 22, 1956.

Prophet Percy D. Scott;  
Secretary of Mer-I-Mak Grotto,  
Old Westford Road, Chelmsford.

Dear Brother Scott:

It is now just a year since I wrote you about an amendment to be prepared for the Supreme Council Code. This was about mileage to the council session becoming cumulative when a Grotto had no representation in any particular year. This was the way it used to be, and altho Prophet Past Monarch Sam Harris attempted to tell me how he was told at the Seseion that it simply couldn't be, I am of the opinion that we can still submit amendments and can still make changes in the financial arrangements by action at Supreme Council session, provided we submit the amendments seasonably. But assuming that angle that P.M. "Sam" said can't be done. I now proposee that we submit an amendment just the other way around, and that the amendment read for the amount in the agregate to be refunded to a Grotto that does not have its representation at the current session. There are no doubt many Grottoes that cannot be present in any one year and yet provision is made for their attendance by way of taxation. Why should these sums remain un-rear-marked. Where do they go ?

I suggest the following amendment from Mer-I-Mak Grotto, about this.

Pursuant to the provisions set up under Chapter 37-- Mer-I-Mak Grotto of Lowell, Mass., submits the following amendment for consideration at the annual session in June, 1956.

That the following be added to the By-Laws of the Supreme Council.

Chapter 4--- 4.2(c) In case there is no representation present from a Grotto at the Supreme Council session in any year, the amount in the agregate allotted to mileage and per diem disbursements shall be returned to each respective Grotto not represented, at the end of the Supreme Council session for that year.

I attended the session when the amount for mileage was changed. The old proportion was 70-30, but it was pointed out the the costs of running the office made it necessary to have more money so the figure was set at 50/50. I am at a loss as yet, as to what becomes of the unused money charged to and paid by us as per capita, that is left at the end of the fiscal year. There must be a number of these accounts.

It would be nice if all Grottoes were able to be represented but this, I feel, would be the exception. Therefore, if this money, which is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of our per capita, cannot be cumulative, for a year when delegates can make it, why, let's have it back in our treasury.

This action by Mer-I-Mak should be sent under seal to the Grand Secretary at least 60 days before the annual session in June.

Yours in Goodfellowship,