

OFFICE OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

SPECIAL CIRCULAR.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., March 10, 1888.

To all Subordinate Lodges:

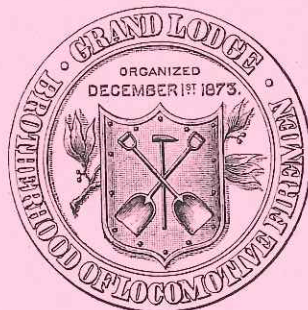
DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—You will please find enclosed notice of Special Assessment No. 4, which is necessitated by the continuance of the strike on the C. B. & Q. Railway Co. At this writing the situation is practically unchanged; the men are firm and show no disposition to yield, while the company is combining all its resources and influences to defeat them.

To carry on the contest we shall require considerable money, and hope that each and all of you will respond promptly to the calls for financial support.

The issue we have made with the C. B. & Q. company is for the simple maintenance of our rights, and if we are victorious the Brotherhood at large and our members everywhere will be benefitted. Everything depends upon the result of the contest. We can not and must not be defeated.

Any Lodge desiring to donate to the Protective Fund will be given due credit for its contribution. We need all the money we can raise, and we should have it as promptly as possible.

Fraternally yours,



F. P. Largent
G. M.
Eugene F. Dray
E. S. T.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

OF THE

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS NOS. 8, 9 and 10.

~~\$~~33.00.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 20, 1888.

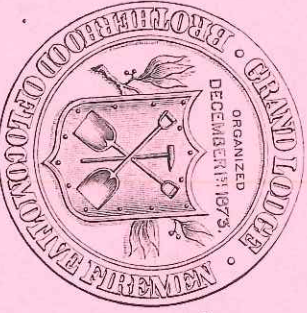
To all Subordinate Lodges:

Dear Sirs AND BROTHERS:—You are hereby notified that Assessments Nos. 8, 9 and 10, amounting to *three dollars (\$3.00)*, have been levied this day by the Grand Lodge for the Protective Fund, as per Section 12, (Page 46, of Ritual) of the Protective Department. The foregoing assessments are payable by all members whose names appear on the rolls of membership on April 20, and must be paid on or before May 15th, 1888. Any member failing or refusing to pay the foregoing assessments within the time above specified, will stand suspended from all the benefits of the Order until such time as payment is made and reinstatement is had as provided by the laws of the Order.

Collectors are required to deliver the foregoing assessments to the Receivers of their respective Lodges on or before May 16th, and Receivers are required to forward the same so as to reach the Grand Lodge on or before May 26th, 1888.

Collectors and Receivers are required to make collection and returns of the above assessment in all things as provided by law for the collection and returns of assessments for the Beneficiary Department.

Yours fraternally,



W. J. Andrews
W. M.

George W. Decker
S. V. & P.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS NOS. 11, 12, 13 and 14.

~~\$~~4.00.

Terre Haute, Ind., May 1st, 1888

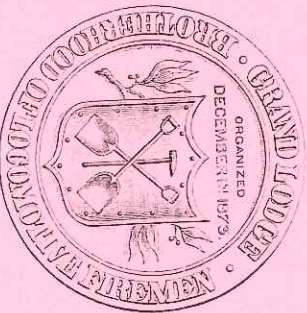
To all Subordinate Lodges:

Dear Sirs AND BROTHERS:—You are hereby notified that Assessments Nos. 11, 12, 13 and 14, amounting to *four dollars (\$4.00)*, have been levied this day by the Grand Lodge for the Protective Fund, as per Section 12, (Page 46, of Ritual) of the Protective Department. The foregoing assessments are payable by all members whose names appear on the rolls of membership on May 1st, and must be paid on or before May 25th, 1888. Any member failing or refusing to pay the foregoing assessments within the time above specified, will stand suspended from all the benefits of the Order until such time as payment is made and reinstatement is had as provided by the laws of the Order.

Collectors are required to deliver the foregoing assessments to the Receivers of their respective Lodges on or before May 26th, and Receivers are required to forward the same so as to reach the Grand Lodge on or before June 5th, 1888.

Collectors and Receivers are required to make collection and returns of the above assessment in all things as provided by law for the collection and returns of assessments for the Beneficiary Department.

Yours fraternally,



W. J. Andrews
W. M.

George W. Decker
S. V. & P.

OFFICE OF
THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

SPECIAL CIRCULAR, NO. 11.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., April 20th, 1888.

To all Subordinate Lodges:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—Herein enclosed you will please find notice of Special Assessments Nos. 8, 9 and 10, levied this day. These assessments are necessitated by the continuance of the strike on the C., B. & Q., and as the demands are of a most urgent character, it is hoped that each Lodge will respond promptly and fully. We regret to observe that some of our Lodges are utterly indifferent to the great crisis through which we are now passing, and are contributing nothing whatever, to the financial relief of those of our brethren who are in the advance line of the battle. At this writing, eighteen of our Lodges have not yet forwarded a single dollar on the regular assessments that have been levied for the protective fund. A number of other Lodges have made but meagre returns, paying but for half, or even less, of their membership, be it said to their shame. A Lodge composed of men who are financially able to pay their assessments, and refuse to do so in such trying times as these, is a disgrace to our Brotherhood, and the quicker it disbands, the better it will be for the cause. As a rule, however, our Lodges are doing nobly, many of them have dignified and glorified themselves by their promptness and liberality, and their names will be placed upon the scroll of fame as worthy of the noble cause in which their members served with such fidelity and devotion.

We are aware that these assessments will fall heavily upon some of our membership, but we hope that those who are financially able will come to the rescue to the end that we may meet every obligation and preserve the honored name of our Brotherhood. If ALL our members will do their part, and contribute in proportion to their means, we shall be able to meet every demand, while the burden will fall lightly upon those whose circumstances are such that they cannot pay the increased assessments. Some of our Lodges have appointed soliciting committees who have called on the business men of their respective communities and have met with marked success. A number of merchants, who are interested in our cause, have contributed liberally, and no doubt there are many others who would do likewise if called upon. The more money we can raise in this way the less assessments we will be required to levy. Try it! Every dollar counts! By all means let the money come as speedily as it can be collected. Our prospects are brightening. The situation is very encouraging. There is every indication of success in the near future. Our men are loyal all along the line, and with your support, they will remain so until victory is perched upon the banner of the Brotherhood.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

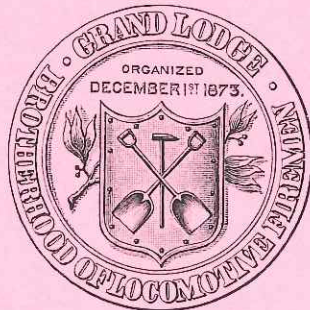
In collecting assessments 8, 9 and 10, Collectors will not receive less than the full amount, \$3.00 from each member. A partial payment cannot be accepted. In making out their monthly statements, Collectors will place a figure three (3) opposite the name of each member who made payment. If any back assessments (special) have been collected, they will be added to the current and credited in the "special assessment" column.

Members will bear in mind that if they fail, or decline to make payment of a special assessment, they stand suspended for sixty days, and at the expiration of sixty days, they stand expelled from the Order. This is the law and it must apply equally to all. There can be no exceptions. The Grand Lodge has no more authority to change the law than an individual member.

Let the expulsions be few and far between. Let there be a prompt response to the assessments all along the line. They may seem heavy, but when the interests at stake are considered, they are trifling in comparison. The money you are now paying out, will be as bread cast upon the waters. Every dollar will come back to you tenfold.

Hoping that all who wear the badge of our Brotherhood, will do their duty, their whole duty, in this trying ordeal, we remain

Yours fraternally,



F. P. Largent
G. M.
Eugene T. Dyer
E. S. T.

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THE GRAND OFFICES
OF THE
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers
AND
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

To the Striking Engineers and Firemen on the C. B. & Q. System,
Greeting:

Dear Sirs and Brothers:--We address you in the spirit of fraternity, in brotherhood bonds and fellowship.

To secure your rights, to enthrone justice, to maintain your dignity as citizens, you exhausted every resource known to honorable men, and only when patience ceased to be a virtue did you resort to a strike to secure your equitable demands.

It is now eight weeks since the struggle began. They have been weeks of trial and of sacrifice; the ordeal has tested your manhood; the world knows the stuff you are made of; your courage, your zeal, your fidelity to obligation, have demonstrated that you comprehend the righteousness of your cause; your tenacity, your steadfastness, your self-reliance mean victory, and inspire sentiments of the highest commendation.

The great Brotherhoods you represent contemplate your defiant attitude with admiration, and we address you for the purpose of saying that fifty thousand of your brethren are daily pledging themselves to stand by you. The sacred fires of Brotherhood never burned more brightly than now. The bonds of brotherhood never had a firmer grasp upon us. True men are on guard wherever a Brotherhood banner floats, and "sink or swim, survive or perish," trustful, hopeful, unyielding, you have in overwhelming measure the sympathy, the moral and financial support of the Brotherhoods, whose battle you are fighting with Spartan courage.

DOUBLE CALL.

THE GRAND LODGE
OF THE

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

Office of Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

BENEFICIARY CALLS FOR JULY, 1888.
CALLS Nos. 20 and 21.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., July 1, 1888.

To Receivers of Subordinate Lodges:

CALL NO. 20.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—You are hereby directed to forward to the Grand Lodge the Beneficiary Fund in your possession collected upon Assessment No. 20, levied upon the disability of Bro. Wm. F. S. Laufer, of Three Brothers Lodge, No. 235. You will forward said Fund so as to reach the Grand Lodge on or before July 25th, 1888, as provided in Section 51. (Page 19) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

CALL NO. 21.

You are also directed to forward to the Grand Lodge the Beneficiary Fund that will come into your possession, July 26th, on Assessment No. 21, levied upon the death of Bro. Mortimer Acker, of C. R. Whipple Lodge, No. 142, as required in Section 52. (Page 20) of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, said last Assessment to be forwarded by you not later than March 1st.

Yours Fraternally,

Eugene P. Debr
G. A. F. A.



You will hold Assessment No. 22 until regularly called by the Grand Lodge. Please hand enclosed Assessment notice to your Collector at once.

THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN.

Office of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

GRAND DUES NOTICE, 1888-89.—\$1.50.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., July 1, 1888.

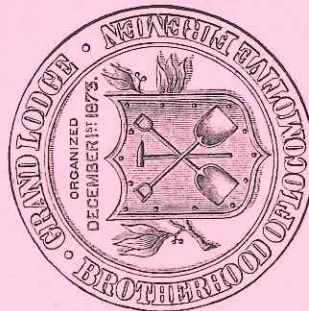
To Subordinate Lodges:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—You are hereby notified that the amount of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (1.50) for Grand Dues for the year ending July 31st, 1889, is now due from all members, as provided in Sec. 52, (Page 44) of the Constitution, and must be paid to the Collector of your Lodge on or before August 1st. The Collector is required to deliver the same, together with the proper statements, to the Receiver of his Lodge not later than August 4th, and the Receiver is required to forward the same so as to reach the Grand Secretary and Treasurer not later than August 10th.

Any member failing to make payment of his Grand Dues as above provided, will stand suspended from all the benefits of the Order during such arrearage and until he has paid up and has been regularly reinstated by his Lodge, and if said Grand Dues are not paid within sixty (60) days after becoming payable (or on or before October 1st,) such member will stand expelled from the Order, and will be so reported by the Secretary of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

Yours fraternally,

Eugene P. Debr
G. A. F. A.



Returns for Grand Dues must be made on the statements herewith forwarded for that purpose. Collectors are requested to see instructions in July Magazine.

THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

SPECIAL CIRCULAR No. 14.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., June 25, 1888.

To all Subordinate Lodges:

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS:—Since the inauguration of the strike on the C., B. & Q. system, our Subordinate Lodges have been deluged with correspondence relating to the strike. The motive of many of the writers it is not our purpose to question, but as others have been maliciously inclined, we find it necessary to make this statement in behalf of the Grand Lodge. Before proceeding we desire to introduce the following letter which has been circulated among our Subordinate Lodges:

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 1, 1888.

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS:—It has been rumored that the strike on the "Q." system for right and justice had been declared off. We are writing to all Lodges and informing them that such is not the case. Well, brothers, you are no doubt aware that this fight is as much yours as ours, and it remains for you to say whether we are defeated or not. The "Q." system is only waiting for our next pay day and thinks there is going to be a break in our ranks. Now, brothers, we can win this fight if you will lend us your financial aid. Our Committeeman is home from Chicago and gave us an excellent report, with one exception, and that is Bro. F. P. Sargent says he will not levy any more assessments to help this cause along. Now what have you got to say in regard to that? Well, brothers, we have taken it out of his hands the same as the engineers did P. M. Arthur's, and placed it in the hands of our Grievance Committee, so all donations you can please send to Hoge, engineer, and Murphy fireman. There is a brother to be among you soon to give you the true state of affairs.

C. B. WILSON,
2203 South 6th st., St. Joe, Mo.

The statement that the management of the strike has been taken out of the hands of the Grand Master is absolutely false and without foundation and is well calculated to create a false impression with the members of our Order. The Grand Master has not been impeached; he occupies his position as heretofore and continues to discharge the executive duties of his office, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. In the foregoing letter, Lodges are advised to forward all contributions in aid of the strikers to the Chairman at Chicago. Other letters of a similar character have been written advising that moneys be sent to other points on the C., B. & Q. system. We concede to each Lodge the right to make contributions in answer to these letters as they may see fit, but it must be distinctly understood that the Grand Lodge is in no way responsible for moneys contributed in support of the strike unless forwarded to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer. A detailed report of all moneys received and disbursed by the Grand Lodge for the C., B. & Q. strike will be submitted at the proper time, but no account need be expected from the Grand Lodge of moneys contributed promiscuously in response to such letters as have been put in circulation during the past few weeks. Still other letters have been written, severely criticising the management of the strike. The most vulgar abuse has been heaped upon the men in charge, reports grossly exaggerated and totally false have been circulated and all for the purpose of gratifying a personal animosity and a selfish end. At the proper time due action will be taken in this matter. Meantime we advise our Lodges, upon receipt of such letters as we have alluded to, letters teeming with slander and falsehood, letters wholly unauthorized, to destroy them and not permit them to be read at meetings. No true member of our Order will give ear to such scurrilous communications.

The Grand Lodge

OF THE

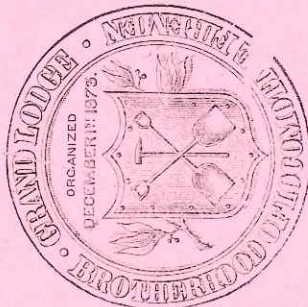
Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

SPECIAL CIRCULAR No. 4. 1888-89.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., October 1, 1888.

GRAND LODGE
BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN.
Special Assessment No. 15.
\$5.00

Last day of payment,
November 1st, 1888.



Have this receipted and keep it in your possession.

DEAR SIR AND BROS.: You are hereby notified that Special Assessment No. 15, amounting to Five Dollars, has been levied by order of the First Biennial Convention, and is payable by all members on or before November 1st, 1888. The foregoing assessment is for the protective fund of the Order, and any member failing or declining to make payment of the same as above provided, will stand suspended from all the benefits of the Order until payment is made and reinstatement is had as provided by law.
FRaternally yours,
EUGENE V. DEBS, G. S. & T.

F. P. SARGENT, G. M.

Received payment, this _____ day of _____ 1888

Collector Lodge No. _____

and a notice of Special Assessment No. 15, the amount being in support of the strikers on the C. B. & Q. system. The assessment of the Biennial Convention, held at Atlanta, Ga. & Q was a subject which received the earnest and tireless consideration of the strike and the reasons for its continuance were explained. The debates brought into the boldest prominence the aged, their heroic fortitude, their unwavering fidelity and unflinching courage were the obligations of the Brotherhood made to appear and convincing were the arguments in favor of giving them the assessments for their support was practically unanimous. The obligations of the Order the fact was not overlooked that payments to the Brotherhood, but it was urged that such things were ineffectual to acknowledge defeat. To yield is to do the very thing which the Order most devoutly pray for, and which they have boastingly proclaimed to be an abandonment of its obligations. Such a convention and the conclusion was reached that the money must

be used to meet that, we were required to overdraw the fund to the extent of \$22,000, the assessment of \$5.00 was the lowest possible amount

the Grand Officers to levy assessments in the future, but the necessities, and assurance is hereby given that future assessments will be levied on all matters connected with the strike are settled.

Members should be exempt from these assessments, and therefore, in order to be exempt on their rolls, will write opposite their names the word "Exempt" on the Lodge.

Members from Lodges and from individual members of the Order, who request exemption, in response to such requests it is proper to say that the Grand Lodge, has authority to grant such exemption, the power being conferred on it is, therefore, useless, to address such requests to the Grand

to urge the membership to prompt action. The honor and dignity of the Order are assured, not in peril. No man in the Brotherhood would order the Order forward in the word, forward to new victories and to greater triumphs, while guarding its escutcheon from the hands of the Order, that no stain shall befall it by the acts of the Brotherhood. Yours fraternally,



 E. V. D.

THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen

Expulsions Reported for February, 1888.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., March 1, 1888.

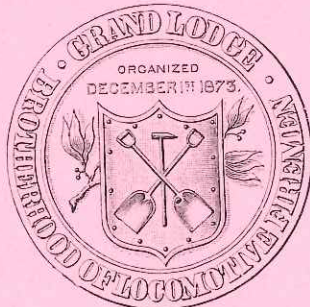
To Subordinate Lodges:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:—The following is a statement of all expulsions reported to the Grand Lodge for the month ending February 29, 1888, viz.:

Lodges	NAMES.	CAUSE.	Lodges	NAMES.	CAUSE.	Lodges	NAMES.	CAUSE.
14	P. Branson . . .	Non-payment.	80	David Hughes . . .	Non-payment.	205	N. Linden . . .	Non-payment.
31	W. McSweeney . . .	" "	83	E. Daniels . . .	" "	212	W. H. Glines . . .	" "
39	John Horne . . .	" "	84	M. A. Beardsley . . .	" "	212	F. J. Reese . . .	" "
39	R. Thompson . . .	" "	84	T. F. McKerrin . . .	" "	219	C. Bambach . . .	" "
39	C. W. Welton . . .	" "	84	Wm. Weir . . .	" "	219	C. Smith . . .	" "
44	F. Prosser . . .	" "	95	M. J. Hogan . . .	" "	219	H. Morgan . . .	" "
44	C. Thompson . . .	" "	97	H. A. Loudon . . .	" "	224	W. H. Putford . . .	Unbecoming conduct.
47	W. Rosenbaum . . .	" "	109	W. M. Diernett . . .	" "	231	W. C. Lytle . . .	Non-payment.
48	J. W. McCart . . .	Defrauding Lodge.	113	Joseph Green . . .	" "	231	E. North . . .	" "
49	K. K. Horan . . .	Non-payment.	118	W. H. Perkins . . .	Defrauding Lodge.	231	S. H. Crosswell . . .	" "
51	J. E. Meek . . .	" "	118	O. Brock . . .	Non-payment.	235	I. J. Patterson . . .	" "
51	A. A. Schneider . . .	" "	118	T. Seveaney . . .	" "	240	F. Griffith . . .	" "
54	W. Griffin . . .	" "	132	William Conn . . .	" "	246	R. B. Burgay . . .	" "
57	R. J. Appleby . . .	" "	135	W. Cowen . . .	" "	249	J. O. Mason . . .	" "
58	C. Schwalenberg . . .	" "	135	J. Harper . . .	" "	259	W. Hall . . .	" "
60	Benj. Ney . . .	" "	135	J. B. Hayes . . .	" "	261	M. Hein . . .	" "
62	B. D. Thayer . . .	" "	135	W. Murray . . .	" "	261	H. Hanson . . .	" "
63	W. Burns . . .	" "	135	C. G. Smith . . .	" "	270	A. Houghton . . .	" "
63	Thos. Doudican . . .	" "	148	R. M. Dickey . . .	" "	270	J. D. Lowe . . .	" "
63	S. G. Frankenbarger . . .	" "	148	F. J. Hayes . . .	" "	270	J. M. Sheire . . .	" "
63	G. M. Kilgore . . .	" "	148	S. B. Clay . . .	" "	270	J. L. Vaux . . .	" "
63	T. McKay . . .	" "	148	R. T. Luken . . .	" "	277	R. W. Hutchins . . .	" "
64	W. E. Flint . . .	" "	149	S. A. Sampson . . .	" "	285	W. Hayden . . .	" "
67	Thos. Bond . . .	" "	154	K. B. Reynolds . . .	" "	301	M. E. Ahern . . .	Violating Obligation.
67	Geo. Campbell . . .	" "	163	J. C. Fast . . .	" "	304	L. Moore . . .	Non-payment.
75	Frank Caulson . . .	" "	174	E. F. Naugle . . .	" "	312	George Hites . . .	" "
76	A. Anderson . . .	" "	186	J. Courtney . . .	" "	313	E. W. Doman . . .	" "
76	Wm. Auringer . . .	" "	186	F. P. Merrian . . .	" "	313	J. W. Sutliff . . .	" "
76	J. Beauprie . . .	" "	186	N. Richardson . . .	" "	324	Chas. Brown . . .	" "
76	E. Brislin . . .	" "	189	J. Hickey . . .	" "	328	J. W. Coolidge . . .	" "
76	C. F. Dean . . .	" "	193	J. N. McCain . . .	" "	343	T. W. Creswell . . .	" "
76	C. E. Hurst . . .	" "	202	D. Connors . . .	" "	343	J. W. Evans . . .	" "
76	G. T. Lovelace . . .	" "	202	H. E. Warr . . .	" "	347	John O'Brien . . .	Violating Obligation.
76	Chas. Phillips . . .	" "	203	S. Harkless . . .	" "	361	T. R. Zuber . . .	Defrauding Lodge.
76	J. Thompson . . .	" "						

Yours fraternally,

Eugene T. Debs
Grand Sec. and Treas.



In the January report beginning with Lodge No. 248, all expulsions should be for non-payment. The expulsion of 240 alone should be for drunkenness.