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THE GRAND LODGE  
OF THE

# Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

Office of Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

BENEFICIARY CALL FOR APRIL, 1888.  
CALL No. 17.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., April 1, 1888.

To Receivers of Subordinate Lodges:

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS:—You are hereby directed to forward to the Grand Lodge the Beneficiary Fund in your possession collected upon Assessment No. 17, levied upon the disability of Bro. P. J. McCarty, of Hercules Lodge, No. 63. You will forward said Fund so as to reach the Grand Lodge on or before April 25th, 1888, as provided in Section 51, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Yours Fraternaly,



Eugene P. Debr  
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ASSESSMENT FOR APRIL, 1888.  
ASSESSMENT No. 18.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., April 1, 1888.

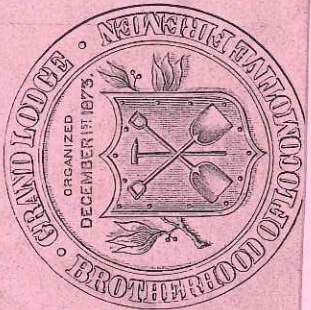
To Subordinate Lodges:

DEAR SIRs AND BROTHERS:—You are hereby notified of the death and total disability of the following members, who were entitled to all the benefits of our Order, viz:

- Claim No. 173. J. B. Morris, of Minneapolis Lodge, No. 270, died of Apoplexy, October 22, 1887.
- Claim No. 174. R. H. Fenner, of Rose City Lodge, No. 45, was killed by Railroad accident, December 20, 1887.
- Claim No. 175. A. D. Murray, of Sunbeam Lodge, No. 171, was killed by Boiler Explosion, January 10, 1888.
- Claim No. 176. Henry Kane, of Buckeye Lodge, No. 239, died of Typhoid Fever, February 8, 1888.
- Claim No. 177. Millard Foster, of Protection Lodge, No. 137, was killed by Railroad Accident, February 19, 1888.
- Claim No. 178. E. M. Van Alstyne, of Walnut Valley Lodge, No. 369, was declared totally disabled with Parial Paralysis, February 25, 1888.
- Claim No. 179. Wm. J. Horth, of Albany City Lodge, No. 230, died of Pneumonia, February 28, 1888.
- Claim No. 180. Geo. A. Francis, of Albany City Lodge, No. 230, was declared totally disabled with Heart and Kidney Disease, March 1, 1888.
- Claim No. 181. Chas. Moyer, of Harrisburg Lodge, No. 174, was killed by Railroad Accident, March 12, 1888.

An assessment of ONE DOLLAR is levied upon Claim No. 181, and all members who were admitted on or before March 12th, 1888, are liable therefor. You are required to pay the above Assessment to the Collector of your Lodge on or before April 25th, 1888, otherwise you will stand suspended from all the benefits of the Order until you have paid up and have been reinstated by your Lodge, as provided in Section 54 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Yours fraternally,



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





Dear Sirs and Brothers:—The extreme necessities of the situation is the only apology we can offer for again appealing to the members of our noble Brotherhood for pecuniary assistance. The emergency is one of supreme interest. All are familiar with the essential facts connected with the C. B. & Q. strike in which about 900 members of the Brotherhood are involved. In connection with the engineers of that system, they presented their grievances in strict conformity with the prescribed rules of the Order. Their attitude was mainly; their grievances were based upon incontrovertible wrongs long and patiently endured. They demanded justice in a way that should have commanded patient investigation. The men having been perpetually and arrogantly thrust aside, called upon the Chiefs of their respective Brotherhoods to aid them in their praiseworthy efforts to obtain redress. They responded in a spirit which will forever stand the test of the severest scrutiny. They were animated by a desire to prevent extreme measures. They were ready to make honorable concessions. They proposed arbitrary and uncompromising, gave the engineers and firemen to understand that no wrong complained of would be redressed, no grievance considered, and no remedy applied. A great corporation, made strong and opulent by the toll of men whose interests it had persistently disregarded, forced these men to choose between the alternatives of many resistance and the deep degradation of submission to the wrongs of which they complained. The strike was ordered and became the strike of the two great Brotherhoods of Locomotive Engineers and Locomotive Firemen. It inaugurated a crisis replete with responsibilities and demanding unwavering devotion to principles and obligations. The supreme demand is money. The resources of the Brotherhood must be drawn upon to win a fight for the Brotherhood. Every Brotherhood fireman is interested. The prestige of the Order is at stake. The strike could have been avoided only by dishonor and humiliation. The banner of the Brotherhood would have trailed in the dirt. It would have gone down in dishonor. The very name of the Brotherhood would have been an eternal reproach. Thank God, whatever may be the issue, so far, our name, our reputation, our honor, are without a blemish. To carry on the fight money must be had. Sacrifices are demanded. We are making history. Let the pages which chronicle the C. B. & Q. ordeal be resplendent with Brotherhood devotion to principle.

We recognize that in many localities the members of our Order are poorly paid, and that however willing and devoted, they are not financially able to make large contributions. In such cases we ask for so much only as can be spared without special pecuniary embarrassment. But in the spirit of Brotherhood let the contributions reach the utmost limit of prudence. Under more favorable conditions let the contributions be larger, and by all means let the money come speedily.

We suggest as a means of raising funds that each Lodge authorize the circulation of subscription papers—that all who are in sympathy with labor in the fight against corporate wealth and arrogance, may have an opportunity to contribute as they are able, believing that in every community many will be found ready and willing to respond to the call. The cause of Labor touches society at many vital points. It is a rising cause in this land. It will not down. Thousands outside of our Brotherhood profoundly sympathize with us in this struggle and will contribute and now is the time to test their liberality. The motto is a "long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether!" All contributions should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary and Treasurer for which receipts and credit will be given.

Fraternally yours,

*Wm. H. ...*  
*George F. ...*  
*Wm. H. ...*

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 SPECIAL CIRCULAR.

TERRE HAUTE, IND, April 1, 1888.

To all Subordinate Lodges: