

My Dear Sir.

I hear with regret of the death of your venerable father. I have known him from my earliest recollection and held him in great respect & esteem. He was an honourable high-toned man and a most ardent and sincere friend of my father, who at all times warmly reciprocated his friendship. You must feel this loss severely, but you have the great satisfaction of knowing that he attained a great age; that his life was prosperous and his character high and unimpeachable. You have every thing to console you to this affliction and to console you for the loss of your parent.

Your father was a member of the Society of the Consummation in the right of General Phil, and as his eldest son you inherit the membership. If you are desirous of it you must make a formal application to the Society, addressed to the Secretary, John Edward P. Marcellin. The application must state your claim, that you are the eldest son and over age. These facts must be certified by some one who is known to me or some other member of

the Society, who will also certify
to your good standing and moral
character. If you make the application
through Sister Marcelline, I will see
that you are admitted.

I shall be absent from the
City for some time on business connected
with the Estate of a deceased relative,
otherwise I should not suggest your
writing to the Secretary.

With my best respects to Mrs
Van Cortlandt whom I saw the
pleasure of seeing at her house
last summer

I am
very sincerely yours

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