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New York City, June 27, 1924.

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker
900 St. James Street
Richmond, Va.

My dear Madam:

In all organizations, or societies there are certain rules, regulations and customs governing such order, and when these are not adhered to, in the management of affairs, it will cause dissatisfaction among the members thereof.

It is a standard custom or rule for a local body or society to invite the Grand Organization to hold its annual or biennial sessions in their state or District. But before this is done, the membership of the state or district must give their consent by adopting resolutions at a special meeting. These resolutions after being signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the special meeting, are forwarded to the Grand Organization for its acceptance or rejection.

I wish to say that the New York District of the Independent Order of St. Luke, has never taken any such procedure as stated above to invite the Grand Council to hold its biannual session of 1925 in the city of New York; and should the Grand Council hold its biannual session of 1925 in this city, it will be done contrary to the standard law and rules of benevolent or fraternal organization.

For the peace and harmony of this district of the Order, I appeal to you to call a conference of the Grand and District Officers at your earliest convenience, so that this and other matters may be adjusted for the good of the district as well as the Grand Council.

Fraternally yours,

Albert S. Reed M.D.