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ERNEST L. WELLMAN
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NOVEMBER 15, 1947.

Lewis P. GAGNE, MAYOR,
CITY OF LEWISTON,
LEWISTON, MAINE.

DEAR MAYOR GAGNE,

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER REGARDING THE A CIVIC CENTER FOR THE CITY OF LEWISTON ON THE AFTERNOON THE MEETING WAS TO BE HELD, SO IT AFFORDED NO TIME TO ANSWER SAME.

I DO NOT KNOW AS YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE MAKEUP OF THE SHRINE, SO PERHAPS IT WOULD BE WELL TO EXPLAIN IN ORDER THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER AND APPRECIATE THE SITUATION THAT EXISTS;- WHEREAS THE HOME TEMPLE IS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF LEWISTON THE MAKEUP OF IT'S MEMBERSHIP COVERS THE ENTIRE WESTERN HALF OF THE STATE OF MAINE, WITH 3000 MEMBERS OR BETTER AND IS THEREFORE NOT LOCAL TO ANY TOWN OR LOCATION IN THE STATE, SO YOU SEE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO GET THEM TOGETHER WITHOUT SENDING OUT 3200 NOTICES, OF COURSE IT CANNOT OPERON ON A CHARITY OR CIVIC PROJECT FOR ANY ONE LOCATION, IT BEING SO WIDE SPREAD. PORTLAND IS NOT INTERESTED IN LEWISTON, LEWISTON IS NOT INTERESTED IN AUGUSTA AND AUGUSTA IS NOT INTERESTED IN SANFORD OR KITTEERY ETC. ONLY IN A GENERAL WAY.

MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SHRINE LIVING IN LEWISTON ARE ASSOCIATED WITH SOME LOCAL BUSINESS AND OF COURSE WILL BECOME INTERESTED THRO THAT INDUSTRY, SO THE HELP WILL BE WITH YOU IN AN OTHER DIRECTION.

WITH VERY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT, I AM

VERY TRULY YOURS

Ernest L. Wellman,

ERNEST L. WELLMAN, RECORDER.