

June 23rd, 1941

Mr. Robert M. Willet
c/o The American Brass Company
20 Sayre Street
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Willet:-

Your letter of June 20th to Mr. Sampson Smith received together with application for charter for a new Fleet to be known as Western Lake Ontario. Before the Governing Committee can act upon this application, it will be necessary for you to obtain and forward to this office a release of territory from the Lake Ontario (American) Fleet. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of that Fleet in order to pave the way for you. The Secretary is J. A. McConnell, 89 East Avenue, Rochester, New York.

With regard to the territory mentioned in your application, "Lake Ontario, Olcott, New York" is too vague a description. I would suggest that perhaps it be the United States side of Lake Ontario, west of the easterly line of Orleans County. Of course, that is only a suggestion and you may have a better geographic boundary in mind. Your territory should include some slight distance to the east since I figure that you are a good 55 miles from Rochester which is the present headquarters of the parent Fleet. On the other hand, I cannot see where there is room for still another Fleet to the west of you in case Stars should be built at Youngstown, so perhaps it might even be advisable to consider some name that includes the Niagra River. You are more familiar with local appellations than we are. You had better contact Mr. McConnell as soon as possible and try to work out these details to your mutual satisfaction.

We can see no good reason why this application of yours should not be granted as soon as these minor details are worked out. You are sufficiently far from Rochester to warrant a separate charter, in our opinion. On the other hand, when the Association issues a charter, it is the equivalent of a territorial grant, and obviously we do not have the power to subdivide an existing Fleet without that Fleet's written approval. We will hold your check and application until the said waiver has been received. We are sending you some forms A. You and Mr. Ellis can each fill out one immediately so that your names will be on the mailing list without delay. If we can get this through in time, naturally, you would be eligible for the 12th District Championship.

Yours truly,
G. W. ELDNER, President

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