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by getting off. That man and
his sons know C. H. Groves and
the Judge has a line up on the
case. So he has hurt his cause
just the same as what is known
in his financial standing. See
how quick I got that.

Love to
L. of Beverly
Dad

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Dear Son

It will be useless to bring Herb over, as so far the party I saw, said today, they could not do anything for anyone outside of Masonic¹ affiliations. So I just came over to save loosing time. You could see that at the Fidders home last night. So I thought I would save him loosing time by getting aft². That man and is sons know G.W. Groves and the Lodge has a line up on the case. So he has hurt his cause. Just the same as Art is known³ his financial landing. See how quick I got that.

Love to Jo & Beverly,

Dad

Interpretation

The letter transcribed above was from James Oscar Jordan to his son Charles Jordan concerning two other sons of James Oscar Jordan, Herbert Arthur Jordan and Art Jordan. James Oscar Jordan worked at the Conway Building at 111 W. Washington St. in Chicago as an electrician for many years, possibly in other capacities. It is not clear whether he was associated with the company above or just had a piece of their stationary.

Jo is Josephine Charles (Chuck) Jordan's wife and Beverly is their daughter.

Around 1930, Herb Jordan started one or more hamburger restaurants. In 1931 one of the restaurants caused him to declare bankruptcy.⁴ It is possible the above letter has to do with this situation as Herb would have been trying to obtain financing to keep it going.

It is unknown what financial difficulty Art was in.

The letter is undated, though it is estimated to be about 1930 primarily because of the financial difficulty. James Oscar Jordan retired from his work at the Conway Building around 1935 and later moved in with his son Herb Jordan at 6934 S. Throop Street in Chicago. Chuck was still in

¹ James Oscar Jordan was a member of the Masonic Covenant Lodge 526. Thus it appears that Herb had asked his father to inquire as to whether it was possible to obtain financing through his Masonic brothers.

² The word appears to be "aft" or "off". Perhaps short for after.

³ The word appears to be "known" but it could be something else.

⁴ It is thought that the restaurant at 63rd and Ashland went bankrupt in 1931. There was another hamburger restaurant at 69th and Halsted either earlier or later. It may have gone bankrupt also.

Chicago in 1930 before he moved to California sometime in the 1940s.
Thus it is likely that the time period of the letter is the early 1930s.

Dave Jordan

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