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Dear Barry,

Ever since returning home I've been anxious to write all of you and thank you for including me in your Kare Phree outing. To put it very mildly, I had one helluva fine time and was certainly delighted to meet such an outstanding gang of really worthwhile guys and gals. Not only did I have a wonderful time, but your Nicollet Group certainly gives me, and in turn the Peoria Gang a real goal to shoot at.

In my usual slow and cautious manner I have proceeded to sell the Peoria Group on the Nicollet Group. Tomorrow night we all meet to vote the adoption of your by-laws, slightly altered to fit local conditions. Sunday afternoon at 4:30 our first class in the 12 steps begins. We're all attending the first series of classes so we'll all be on an even footing; we anticipate losing quite a few fair-weather A.A. hangers-on in the elimination automatically imposed by the rule that these classes must be attended. This elimination we anticipate with a wee feeling of suppressed pleasure inasmuch as we are all extremely fed up with running a free drunk taxi and sobering-up service. Continuing in my aforementioned cautious manner, I rented some potentially fine club rooms so we'll have a nice spot for a fresh start. If the by-laws aren't adopted and they decide to blunder along in the manner of the past, I shall have rather spacious rooms for my one man meetings. There's slight chance the rules wont be adopted, however, as 90% of the boys I've talked to are tickled with the Nichollet idea. (By the way, howinell do you spell Nicollet?)

I've raved about your great city so much that now my wife is hounding me to go back to Minneapolis and find a house and we'll move up there. Does Minneapolis need a high-powered Real Estate promoter in its midst? This is beginning to get serious and I kinda like the idea myself. Guess I'll come up there in a week or so, attend your Thursday, Friday and Saturday meetings and look into the real estate business. (Again my slow and cautious manner shows itself.)

Well, Izzak Walton Collins, please extend my heartiest thanks to your wife, Don Kenyon, and all the rest of your great gang for having me up and showing me some real A.A. in action.

Best regards to you all,
Bud