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February 19, 1986

Lowell M. Hardy, D.O.
Lt. Co. Marian J. Marcucci Hardy,
Post Office Box 256
Hampton Falls, NH 03844

Dear Doctor Hardy

The Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Association and the Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine are pleased to present to you the enclosed medallion with our compliments in recognition and appreciation of your more than 50 years of dedicated service to the osteopathic profession and the College.

This gift from the KOAA and the College identifies you as a member of a very elite group of alumni and we urge you to wear this medallion at all College and professional activities.

The continued commitment and dedication of alumni such as you is vital as KCOM prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary of service to the profession and to the nation. We thank you for your loyalty to your alma mater, your alumni association, and your profession. If we can serve you in any way, please call. With sincere personal regards,

Fred C. Tinning, Ph.D.
President, KCOM

John Scancarella, D.O.
President, KOAA
Board of Directors
American Osteopathic Association
Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists

August 29, 1945

Mr. Frank R. Spencer, Secretary
American Osteopathic Board of Internists
40 West Third Avenue
Columbus 1, Ohio

Dear Mr. Spencer:

In spite of checking my files carefully, I was unable to locate official notification from Dr. McCaughan of the action of the Board of Trustees on Recommendation #10, of the Advisory Board for Osteopathic Specialists, to the Trustees, dealing with the matter of certification of those who passed the examination before the American Osteopathic Board of Internists in July 1944. As there were 22 recommendations, it is not remarkable that one got lost in the shuffle, considering also that it is only one of a dozen or so of Boards and Committees whose recommendations have to clear through Dr. McCaughan.

I have secured a restatement of the approval of the recommendation by the Board of Trustees from Dr. McCaughan, and this letter will constitute formal notification of the approval of the Advisory Board’s recommendation to authorize the American Osteopathic Board of Internists to issue certificates to the following individuals in the fields of specialization noted following their names:

Clarence E. Baldwin, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - Blood Diseases and Diseases of Blood Forming Organs
Lowell Hardy, Portland, Maine - Cardiology and Diseases of the Chest
H. Earle Beasley, Boston, Massachusetts - Cardiology
Frank R. Spencer, Columbus, Ohio - General Medicine
A. D. Becker, St. Petersburg, Florida - Cardiology and Diseases of the Chest.

It is proper now to proceed with the issuance of certificates to these men along with the others whose approval has already been communicated to you.

Sincerely yours,

LOUIS C. CHANDLER, D.O., Chairman
10th December 1962.

Dr. Lowell M. Hardy
166 Pleasant Avenue.
Portland Maine.

Dear Dr. Hardy,

I hope you received the Tomatina. If not, it is in the way. Those samples take time to travel.

I am writing to you as Dr. Puffer mentioned you in our correspondence about financial questions on the patients I operated.

Dr. Puffer tells me saying that he has hardly seen you, and that he does not know exactly the arrangements you did with me before coming to Portland. I am writing him back saying that all our financial arrangements have been completely met, as they were for 500 $ plus the expenses about coming from New York which was 50 $.

What I mentioned to Dr. Puffer is the fact that in 1959 I was presented with 75 $ - or about it - per each of the two operations I did on that occasion, without having asked anything.

Last May I did 17 operations. If they had been 2 or 3 I would have considered them as showing plastic techniques. But I was told that the majority of the operations will bring operating fees, either paid directly by the patients or by the Insurance 6ies.

In view of this I think it is quite logical from me that I should expect a fair proportion of the fees obtained. As I told Dr. Puffer I am not claiming any special amount but just something reasonable.
Point three noted that the first year of Residency training showed no effort to direct the Resident's attention to systematic studies, especially in the basic sciences. A course of academic study was not outlined by Dr. Hardy; however, this did not mean that the Resident was not required to study. Dr. Hardy treated his Residents as intelligent physicians and not schoolboys. Study was directed toward the cases in the hospital at the time. This not only included learning the clinical aspects of diagnosis and management but also the need for basic science review when indicated. I can firmly state that unless education is coupled with experience, that is, theory with practice, it is of limited value and that which is learned is readily forgotten. One small point—systematic study in the basic sciences is the province of the Medical College. Its application is the province of a Residency program.

Points four, five, six and nine, I cannot comment upon. This would be in the realm of hospital policy.

Point seven which states the quality of medical care is only fair and should be improved, is interesting. If the inference means that Dr. Hardy's medical care is only fair, the statement is ludicrous enough to deserve no comment.

Point eight notes that the histories were all of the check-off type and poor. Dr. Hardy, to the best of my recollection, brought this point up innumerable times to the proper persons and requested the history form be changed. No changes were made, hence, I cannot conceive his responsibility in this matter.

Point ten states that the present first year Resident has no understanding of patho-physiological processes. This might be better stated that the Resident has limited understanding of patho-physiological processes. Patho-physiology is an encompassing subject in itself and I venture to say that there are few physicians who have a complete understanding of all its ramifications. I would not expect the present Resident to be highly knowledgeable in this area, at this time, as it is for this reason, she is taking a Residency.

In comparing this final year of my Residency with the previous two years, Dr. Hardy's merit is unassailable.

I have had the pleasure to study under a number of educators, many of whom have been considered the best in their respective fields. I feel in having acquired both a Bachelor and Masters degree, as well as having taught in graduate school, I should certainly be capable of assessing
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Fred C. Tinning
President, KCOM
Dear Lowell,

Since you were Casco Bay Squadron Commander in 1954, you must have become a member two or three years earlier. You therefore have more than the required 25 years for life member. I will so notify the local secretary and that should take care of dues forevermore.

You and Marion gave us a wonderful visit. Everything was perfect. And that luncheon - far beyond the call of duty!

Sincerely yours,

The so enjoyed seeing you and love not only
estates over Mount's superb scenery, but your elegant "live for". So come to the sale when you can find the new

LINDSAY LORD
NAVAL ARCHITECT

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MAINE, 04105, U. S. A.

26 March 1983
April 10, 1980

Lowell M. Hardy, D.O.
Nason Road
Hanpton Falls, N.H. 03844

Dear Dr. Hardy:

We are pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the American College of Osteopathic Internists, at its recent meeting, concurred with the recommendation of the Membership Status Committee that you be accorded Emeritus Membership in the College.

As you may know, Emeritus Member is an Active Member who has been in good standing continuously for a minimum of ten years and who has attained the age of 65 years, or who is completely disabled, may become an Emeritus Member by written application to the Executive-Secretary upon recommendation by the Membership Status Committee, and a favorable vote thereon by the Board of Directors. Emeritus Members may have the full privileges of Active Membership, except the right to hold office or to vote. Emeritus members shall not be required to pay dues but shall pay such registration fees for attending educational meetings as the Board of Directors may specify.

Therefore, on behalf of the members of the Board we wish you and yours continued good health, wealth, and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph J. Tomei, D.O.

cc: J.V. Koehler, D.O., President
Harold Yablin, D.O., Chairman, Membership Status Committee
February 6, 1976

Dr. Lowell Hardy
166 Pleasant Ave.
Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Dr. Hardy,

It was certainly interesting to talk with you at our recent meeting and to learn that there is such an excellent resource available in the area for stress testing. I have mentioned your work and sophisticated equipment to a number of people in the Augusta area, and they are very much interested.

Since we last met, I have had several meetings with members of the Portland Rotary Club, and members of the YMCA staff relative to the establishment of a coronary prevention program at the Portland 'Y'. We have moved ahead with our plans and have begun to form an advisory committee consisting of business leaders and medical people from the Portland area. It is especially appropriate at this time because the YMCA on a national level has launched a nation-wide Cardiovascular Health Program which calls for the establishment of Cardiovascular Health Centers in YMCA's across the country. The enclosed copy of a recent 'Y' publication explains the nature of the CVH program.

Three people have already agreed to serve on the advisory committee. They are: Cleo King, General Manager of New York Life Insurance Co. in Portland; Bo Martin, of Aetna Life & Casualty; and Ham Grant, Assistant Superintendent of the Men's Correctional Center, who made possible the coronary prevention program we established at the Men's Correctional Center in South Windham.

I am sure that they would be as pleased as I, if we are able to have you serve as a medical advisor on the committee. We especially need the expertise which you have in the field of stress testing, and in the physiology of exercise.

I have asked them to meet at the Portland YMCA at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 12, 1976 with the Physical Education Committee for a brief explanation of the program, and a demonstration of the testing which will be administered at the Y for those who have received medical clearance. Serving on the committee will not require much time, but we do need your support and advice.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 'Y' on the 12th.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

U.S. ROUTE 202 HIGHLAND AVENUE WINTHROP, MAINE 04364

TELEPHONE 377-6630
March 21, 1984

Dear 1934 Class Member,

Fifty years ago we graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery as it was known then. We were definitely a depression class and for the most part we worked our way through medical school. Some of our freshman class did not graduate until one to three years later. They did this because they had to drop out and earn a little more money to continue school.

In 1934 we listed 132 members of our class. Now we list only 65. Most of the missing are deceased but some are unaccounted for.

In comparison with the 50th anniversary class in 1950 (they graduated the year I was born 1909) which consisted of 130 members originally, had only 24 living, the rest were deceased or missing. Only 11% were accounted for.

In 1950 our class listed 131 members, 99 of which were living, six were missing, 16 were deceased. In 1984 of the 132 original members 65 are listed as living, the rest are deceased or missing. This means that 50% of our class is still living, and many like myself, are still practicing.

Since the classes were originally nearly the same number something is said about the progress of medicine as lengthening our life spans.

Some of the people we shall always remember are: George M. Laughlin, president of K.C.O.S., H.C. Swanson, dean, Carl E. Magee, secretary, and Fred Grozinger, bursar. The Board of Trustees consisted of seven members, George M. Laughlin, Blanche Still Laughlin, H.M. Still, Arthur D. Becker, C.E. Still, A.C. Hardy and Earl H. Laughlin. We knew all of these very well.

I'm sure you will all remember George (the Judge) Fulton, John Denby, Earl Laughlin, Jr., Stella Fulton, Grover Stukey, Fred Still, Walter Higbee, C.F. Green, Seth Thomas, Donald Delbridge and Walter Bauer who were members of our class. Nor shall we forget Dean H.C. Swanson.

Our class led to the abolition of the annual freshman sophomore brawl usually on the courthouse grounds. Since we lost both as freshmen and as sophomores perhaps we were more interested than most in abolishing this.

The 1934 class had many capable instructors and laboratory assistants who were also students. New study and lecture methods were introduced while we were students. These methods and uses must have worked out as they were mostly continued and improved.

Under the direction of S.I. Stacy, who also was a student, a good athletic program was worked out. Baseball, tennis and boxing were presented. Badminton came in use largely through our English students. Bridge, golf and tennis were played as interfraternity sports.

--over
New England Foundation For Osteopathic Medicine

Proclamation

Know All Persons By This Document that Lowell M. Hardy, D. O.,
for such gifts presented to this Foundation, is hereby conspicuously recog­
nized for contributions to Osteopathic Medical Education in New England
and by this Foundation is appointed to membership in the Founders’ Club.

Seal affixed and signed this 15th day of May 1976

Chairman of the Board

Secretary

Treasurer

Executive Secretary
Colonel Robert Jones, Commander
U.S. Air Force Hospital
Pease Air Force Base
Newington, NH 03801

Dear Colonel Jones:

It is with a great degree of pleasure that I write to you regarding Dr. Lowell M. Hardy. It is my understanding that he is applying for a position in the Department of Internal Medicine at the base.

I have known Dr. Hardy for approximately 16 years. During my stay in the state of Maine, I had intimate acquaintance with Dr. Hardy and I can say without any equivocation that I was impressed by his philosophy of practice, his facile patient management, his dedication, and his medical competence.

He headed the Department of Internal Medicine at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine, was president of the Maine Osteopathic Association and was one of the founding fathers of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. I suspect you have his curriculum vitae and am sure you will note that his list of accomplishments are quite astounding.

Dr. Hardy shows an extremely rare intellectual integrity. His profound knowledge of physiology, pathophysiology, and pharmacology have made him a singularly brilliant diagnostician as well as prudent and conservative therapist. His unusual medical talent, excellent personal traits, high concept of honor, and the need to find "causa sufficiens" have made him a giant in the profession.

Dr. Hardy was a tireless teacher, excellent mentor and inspiring physician and I know that he will be a welcome addition to any medical staff.

Sincerely yours,

L. I. Sykes, D. O.

LIS/jmb
Dear Dr. Hardy:

We received your application and recordation fee of $10.00 and have registered you in the course in ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY & CARDIOLOGY, which will be presented in Mexico City by Dr. Sodi Pallares.

You will be receiving travel and reservation information from International Holiday Tours, Los Angeles.

Enclosed is receipt for your recordation fee.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Richard R. Stuart, Ph.D.
Dean, Graduate School
Executive, Department of Anatomy

Enc.

Dr. Lowell M. Hardy
166 Pleasant Ave.,
Portland 5, Maine
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166 Pleasant Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Dear Dr. Hardy:

The Executive Board of the A.C.O.I. wishes me to inform you that your term of office as a member of the Education Committee has two years more to run. Dr. Charles M. Worrell is now chairman of the committee and he will be writing you further instructions in the near future.

Your cooperation in the past has been very much appreciated by the College and we are anticipating an interesting year ahead.

Best Wishes for the New Year  
Fraternally yours,

G. E. Lahrson, D.O.

CC
Dr. Worrell
Dr. Daiber
Dr. Victor R. Fisher  
Central Medical Bldg  
18th & Chestnut Sta  
Philadelphia 3, Pa

Dear Dr. Fisher:

Will your Committee study the point system and make recommendations to the Executive Board? The Executive Board passed a motion last July to this effect.

Your Committee report with recommendations should be prepared in writing (a copy for each Board member) and presented to the Board.

Your cooperation will be helpful and appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

S V Robuck, D.O.  
President-A.C.O.I.

cc: Members of Educational Committee
September 27th, 1951

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President-A.C.O.I.

cc: Members of Educational Committee

Fidelity Onion Skin  
Made in U.S.A.
December 21, 1949

Dr. Lowell M. Hardy
166 Pleasant Ave.
Portland, Maine

Dear Lowell:

Enclosed is the final draft which includes the excellent suggestions you made.

Circumstances beyond my control prevented me from completing it sooner. However, perhaps you can now submit it to your Board for study and I will send it on to the Board of Trustees of the A.C.O.I.

The seasons best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Vic
December 19, 1951

Dr. Lowell M. Hardy
166 Pleasant Avenue
Portland 5, Maine

Dear Dr. Hardy:

It is a distinct pleasure to inform you that the Board of Trustees adopted the recommendation that the Bureau of Hospitals be enlarged by the addition, as members, a representative from each of the Colleges of Surgery, Radiology, Internists and Obstetrics.

Concurring with the adoption of this recommendation, President Peckham appointed, as interim appointments, the present members of the Evaluating Committee to membership on the Bureau of Hospitals. The term of this membership is to be until July, 1952.

Since this constitutes a formal letter confirming your appointment, may I have your reply of acceptance so that our files will be complete and the continuity of our organization preserved on the records. I am sure you will enjoy not only the association which derives from being an active Bureau member but will also willingly accept the responsibilities attendant upon such membership.

Anticipating an early confirmative reply of your acceptance and with best wishes for the Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. Dale Pearson, D. O.
Chairman, Bureau of Hospitals

HDP: sir

CC: Drs. Peckham, Hampton, McCaughan, Steen Leonard, Martin, Norcross, Thomas, Schwartz Pettapiece, Matthews, Eggleston
Lowell M. Hardy, D.O.
166 Pleasant Avenue
Portland, ME 04103

Dear Doctor Hardy:

I was sorry to learn of your resignation from the Board of Trustees at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine and of your move from the Portland area.

As Treasurer of the Maine Osteopathic Association, it is important that I verify your intentions regarding continued membership with the M.O.A.

I apologize for burdening you with this letter; however, I do not wish to continue billing you for membership dues unless you choose to continue your relationship with the M.O.A.

I would appreciate a clarification from you in this regard, and I will conclude that you wish to resign only if I have not heard from you before the Annual M.O.A. Meeting in June.

It is saddening for me to observe the loss of an O.H.M. founder, especially one that has contributed as much of his time and energy as yourself. You will truly be missed at the Osteopathic Hospital of Maine, and I personally wish you the best of luck for the years to come.

Fraternally,

Charles J. DiPerri, D.O.
Treasurer, Maine Osteopathic Association

/brs
Dear Osteopathic Colleague:

I write this letter to ask your help in honoring our mutual friend Larry Newth.

I was recently approached by Mrs. Betty Jurgenson, regarding a Dr. Larry M. Newth Fund. Mrs. Jurgenson, a devoted patient of Dr. Newth's, suggested to the folks at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine that an examination room in the Petts Health Center, be designated with a plaque in honor of Dr. Newth, in obvious appreciation of his good works, on behalf of the medical school and our profession. Mrs. Jurgenson contacted me, as a member of the first graduating class, to see if something could be done from an alumni standpoint, in terms of helping to raise this money for the project.

Obviously, I feel a great sense of debt to Dr. Newth in terms of his involvement with my own class, and I feel that he had a great deal of impact on the first few classes that graduated from UNECOM. I can say without hesitation that my ability to go to school and ultimately graduate was directly reflective of Dr. Newth's effort helping to start the school, as well as hand picking the majority of students in those first few critical years. I certainly feel that this is a worthwhile venture.

I am pleased to report that following a solicitation of the first three graduating classes, we have raised over half of our goal of $10,000. The UNECOM Alumni Association has generously added another $1,000 to that total. I think it is reasonable to think we can easily reach our goal, with your help.

I have contributed $250 to this fund, and was happy to do so, to show my appreciation for Dr. Newth's extensive efforts on behalf of UNECOM. Any amount you can contribute will be greatly appreciated. We are, all of us, frequently asked for money for good causes. I hope you will join me in considering this a really good cause, and do whatever you feel you can. Checks should be made out to UNECOM Newth fund, and mailed in the enclosed envelope.

I appreciate your taking the time and effort to review this letter, and hope that you will find it within your means to help support this important effort. If there is any additional information that I might provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David A. Weed, D.O.