



# SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA

INCORPORATED

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

6315 THIRD AVENUE  
KENOSHA, WISCONSIN  
PHONE OLYMPIC 4-9111

November 24, 1958

Mr. Ted Spry  
528 Lake St.  
Sault Ste. Marie  
Ontario  
CANADA

Dear Ted;

Bob passed on to me your November 14th letter with the news of your present location there in the Sault and of your interest in getting some barbershopping going around there.

The old Sault, Michigan chapter last operated in the 1954-55 year. We sure would like to see some barbershopping activity up that way again, Ted, and of course have hoped that the opening of the big bridge would help to get things going as a result of making that part of the country a little more accessible to existing chapters.

So that you will have full information with which to operate, we are sending along a complete Prospects' Kit as well as information taken from the membership records of the old chapter, some of whose members may still be around and perhaps interested in again enjoying the fun and fellowship of barbershopping.

After you have had an opportunity to talk it up a bit around town and so determine just how much interest there may actually be in barbershopping, let us know so that we can tie-in with your efforts wherever it's possible. We have found the leaflet "Why It's Great To Be A Barbershopper" very helpful in developing interest and would be glad to send you a supply for distribution to interested parties when you think the proper time has come.

Be sure to keep us posted on your progress, Ted, and let us know what we can do from this end to help the cause along. Good luck and good harmony.

CHORD-ially,

Ken Booth  
Associate Secretary

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Enc.

cc: Cecil Fischer, Hugh Palmer

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Mr. Ted Spry  
528 Lake St.  
Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada

Dear Ted:

Thank you for your Feb. 15 letter and its good news that you are moving forward in the project of organizing a chapter there in Sault (Ontario).

By this time you will have had your scheduled Feb. 16 planning meeting which we certainly hope developed a lot of interest and laid the ground-work for a larger scale organizational meeting.

Under separate cover we are sending you 100 copies of "Why It's Great To Be A Barbershopper" and "Just What Is Barbershop Harmony" without charge. Regretably, we are still not set up to aid organizing groups to the extent that we should (I am referring now to music) but will also have sent to you, again without charge, 20 copies each of "The Old Songs", "You Tell Me Your Dream" and "Daisy-Annie Rooney" which I hope will be enough to get you started.

Actually, a chapter, the Soo, would under present district boundaries be assigned to the Ontario District. (As you know, however, districts are set up purely for administrative purposes and contests, and there would certainly be nothing at all to interfere with your receiving plenty of assistance from the Michigan District which is closer to you and enjoying inter-chapter activities with any of their group and even with some of the Land O' Lakes District chapters which fall in the upper Peninsula of Michigan. You will note I am sending a copy of this letter to Wilbur Crawford who is President of the Cheboygan, Michigan Chapter, which is the closest to you and which I am sure would be glad to offer you any assistance they can.

Checking the file I note that my November 24 letter states that we were sending you a complete prospect's kit which I assume you have received. If not, be sure to let me know and we'll get one off to you so that you'll have full information.

How about letting us have a report on your Feb. 16 meeting, Ted, and any other news you can pass on at this time? Good luck and good harmony.

CHORD-ially,

*Ken*  
Ken Booth

Associate International Secretary

cc: Hugh Palmer, Pres., Ontario Dist., 46 William St., Orillia, Ontario  
Cecil Fischer, " Michigan " , 1923 Hall, S.E., Grand Rapids 6, Mich.  
Dr. Wilbur E. Crawford, Pres., Cheboygan Chapter, 123 N. Main St., Cheboygan, Mich.





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January 20, 1961

Ted Spry  
528 Lake Street  
Sault Ste. Marie,  
Ontario, Canada

Dear Ted,

Thank you very much for your January 10th letter giving us information about the group you have meeting in Sioux Ste. Marie and requesting information about affiliating with the Society, until such time as you have the twenty-five members required for applying for a charter.

So that you will have all of the necessary information and materials to pursue this matter of being in the fun and fellowship of barbershopping to the community there we are enclosing a complete organizers kit.

Your particular attention is directed to the set up under which we are authorized to issue "Licenses to Operate a Chapter" to organizing groups numbering as many as ten members (which would be the ideal set-up for your fellows there until you have the necessary number of members to apply for a charter). Full information on this procedure is included in the kit, this has proved to be an extremely helpful thing for organizing groups, Ted, in that it not only creates a bond between the group and the Society but also provides music for your fellows to be singing operational aids for the "Chapter" itself and of course barbershopping news from all over the Society thru the pages of the Harmonizer until such time as the membership of the licensed group can reach the number required for full charter status.

As soon as you have had an opportunity to look over the material contained in this kit if there is anything which is not completely clear or about which you would like to have additional information please don't hesitate to let us hear from you. In any event please keep us and your District Officers posted from time to time on your progress and of course be sure to tell us what we can do to be of further assistance.

Good luck and good barbershopping.

CHORD-ially,

*Chris*

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cc: Bruce Mooney, 115 Marconi St. Sault St. Marie Extension and Membership  
cc: John Comloquoy, Jr., President Michigan District  
Robert Tracy, Vice-President " "  
Murray Atkinson, Richards Landing Ontario  
Ed McCay, President Ontario District  
Mr. Robert 502 W. Central Ave. Mackinaw City, Michigan

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## *Ontario District Association of Chapters*

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT  
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Ted Spry  
528 Lake St  
Sault Ste Marie

134 Harewood Ave  
Scarborough  
Ontario

Dear Ted

In reply to your letter d. 26 Jan 61 I have discussed with the Ontario District Board of Directors your request to join the Michigan District and we feel that although we would like to have you in the Ontario Dist. , because of your geographical location you would be far happier and healthier by joining the Mich. Dist. We would sooner see a strong healthy chapter belonging to another Dist. than be a weak chapter belonging to the Ont. Dist. However we do hope to see the day when we have enough chapters in Ontario to embrace all of Ontario under The Ontario District Association of Chapters.

May I extend to you and your chapter the best wishes of the Ontario District and hope that you will see your way clear in the future to visit Sudbury chapter and some of our conventions.

cc Bill Otto  
John Camloquoy  
Bruce Mooney

Sing-Cerely

*Ed McKay*

Ontario Dist. President





"Harmony Hall"



# SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA

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December 1, 1961

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Mr. Ted Spry  
528 Lake Street  
Sault Ste Marie, Ontario  
Canada

Dear Ted:

We are certainly happy to acknowledge receipt of Petition for Charter for our new Sault Ste Marie, Ontario Chapter enrolling your 26 charter members through the 4th quarter of 1962. As your Charter Petition bears all of the necessary signatures, we are setting up our Sault Ste Marie Chapter as of this date.

The enclosed bulletin describes the charter membership arrangement and outlines the material and supplies being shipped to your chapter in your care under separate cover.

Also enclosed with this letter are a few address change cards, price lists, order blanks and guides for newspaper articles.

Under separate cover you will receive the Chapter Secretary's Handbook which includes forms for all reports to be made to International Headquarters during the current membership year. We are also forwarding, along with this Handbook, Member Report Cards for all of your charter members (plus a few extra) which should be filled out according to instructions in the handbook and the top section returned to International Headquarters as promptly as possible.

The Standard Chapter By-Laws, as adopted by the International Board, are binding on all chapters. If you wish to enact additional operating rules, these should be set up as By-Laws Amendments, drafts of which must be furnished to us for approval by our International Laws and Regulations Committee on behalf of the International Board of Directors.

By virtue of your now being a duly chartered Chapter of SPEBSQSA within the boundaries of the Michigan District, your chapter is automatically a member of that District Association of Chapters. The District Secretary is Louis R. Harrington, 2361 First National Bldg., Detroit 26, Michigan and the District President is John Comloquoy Jr., 770 Woodlawn, Jackson, Michigan. Your Area Counselor is Charles E. (Ted) Spry, 528 Lake St. Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada. You will undoubtedly be hearing from one or more of them in the near future.

Congratulations to both your Chapter President and your self on your election to the key offices in this new chapter. We know that you and your fellow chapter members are



going to find your membership in our Society a most rewarding one. The fun, fellowship, and fulfillment you will experience in sharing your love of singing with others will soon show that our Society is indeed unique and offers a brand and degree of fellowship which is simply not available in any other organization.

We want you to know that the International Officers stand ready to help you in any way they can, and we are proud of our new Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Chapter and the fine type of men who make it up.

CHORD-ially,



Robert G. Hafer  
Executive Director

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cc: John Comloquoy, Jr., President - Michigan District  
Louis R. Harrington, Secretary  
Bruce Mooney, President - Sault Ste. Marie Chapter  
Herbert Parrot, President - Boyne City Chapter - **Sponsoring Chapter**



# CHAPTER CHARTER

*This certifies that the International Officers of the*

**Society**

FOR THE

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OF

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*hereby authorize the organization of a Chapter of this Society in*

## Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

Evidence of the qualifications of those desiring to form said Chapter having been accepted, said Chapter is hereby registered in the International Society, granted all Rights and Privileges accorded by the Constitution and By-laws of the Society, and delegated the responsibility of Preserving and Encouraging the cherished American heritage of four-part Barbershop Harmony and the Spirit of Good Fellowship which is a part of this heritage.



*John D. Sullivan*  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Attest:

*Robert M. Hayler*  
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY

Dated December 1, 1961