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# ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 35

A. F. @ A. M.

JURISDICTION OF IOWA

Waterloo, Iowa, 10/16/22 ..... 192...

W.W.Gross, M.W.G.M.

of Iowa and Jurisdiction of A.F. and A.M.

My dear Brother Gross:

Your letter of a recent <sup>date</sup>

had been received and I answered one matter that you inquired about Brother Thomas Carson, which I trust is satisfactory,

I aimed to inform you of the demit in the other

letter, but overlooked it, but will say, that the said, Rev G.W. Nesby has been healed, and has received the demit through me from your office, but has not been able to meet us, as

he has been carrying on a revival meeting and was also

away at the association in Sioux City, but we expect him

to be present with us in our next meeting on the fourth Tuesday in October, and he will then deposit his demit and

I shall send you the two dollars, and the demit,

The matter which claims our attention and for

which I am writing you is this, we have in our city, two men,

one brother Shephard and brother Griffin, who are Clandestine Masons and have given us considerable trouble, by in-

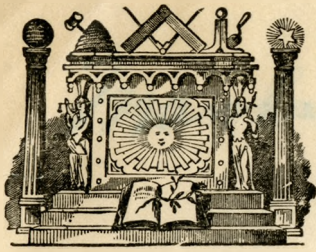
fluencing men that our order was not founded on the proper principles, and have advocated the setting up of a Clandestine Lodge in this City, but I have convinced them that they are

wrong, and they have agreed and now want to become a member

of our lodge, if you will issue us a dispensation to heal

them, which we believe ~~is a great help to~~ a great help to

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in our minds will be a great helpte ST'John's Lodge  
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Since we have so manymen here who do not know  
masonry well enough to stand the argument, these brothers  
are in a position to harm ST.John, if they should start  
a new lodge on the Clandestine Principles.

Trusting that you will well consider this matter as  
it is within your prerogative, to do so, ,we will very  
much thank you for such an accomadation  
for ST.John,  
I,shall close this letter with best wishes for your success  
I am yours for the advance of the work, in AF  
A.F.and A.M.

*Wm Bell.....*

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