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M. W. Sir and Brother:-

I have your esteemed favor of the 18th instant, and am indeed pleased to learn that you are attempting to assist the Juvenile Commission in furthering the organization of Chapters of the Circle of Constantine.

Bro. F. A. Pleasant of Burlington as several of the brethren here in Des Moines, had advised me of their receipt of appointments from you to organize clubs for this work; and while it is my opinion that the "Commission" authorizing the setting up of a Chapter should issue from the Juvenile Commission, I see nothing wrong in your appointing these brethren to get the boys together and I am here and now tanking you for this interest.

However, I have little hope that we shall have many Chapters set up before the next Communication of the Grand Lodge; because of the fact that work is so scarce and the brethren are having a hard time keeping themselves financial in the Blue Lodges; and of course the institution of a Chapter of the Circle of Constantine will naturally add some additional expense to the brethren whose boys go into the Chapter.

However, I am giving them all the encouragement I can.

I wrote Bro. Pleasant giving him full instructions as to how to proceed. On Aug. 7th I had a communication from L. B. Lowery of Mt. Olive Lodge #17 telling me that he had a club ready and I even sent him a Dispensation, and a Commission authorizing him to go ahead with the work; but to date have heard nothing further from him.

As you know I did the same thing with Bro. W. M. Smith in Keokuk last July and went down there prepared to set up his Chapter while attending the Grand Lodge; but he was not ready and it has not been set up yet.

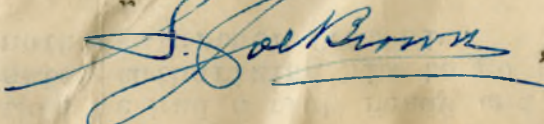
The difficulty is that the boys just cant get hold of the necessary fees for initiation and probably will not until this financial depression lets up.

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Now in response to your inquiry regarding the requirement for boys to be
sons; will say that our Constitution already provides that they may be
sons either by nature or by "adoption" and that this "adoption" need be no
more than that he be vouched for by some Master Mason, who is willing to
go thru the initiation with him and be responsible for his conduct and
his dues, just as a natural father would.

Again thanking you for the unusual interest you are taking in the
Juvenile Dept. and hoping that this may prove to be the information you
desired, I remain,

Respectfully, yours,

 , Chm. J., Juvenile Commission