



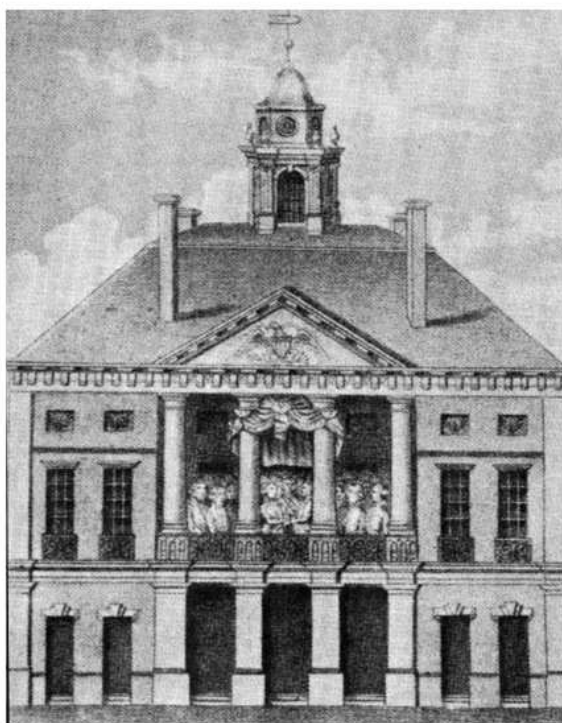
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This action by the State of New York is official recognition of what we have known for years, that the cultural and educational activities of our New York Grand Lodge Library and Museum are a valuable component of the history and heritage of the United States, and particularly New York State, and worthy of recognition, encouragement and support.

Also featured in this issue is the establishment of the GRAN LOGIA DE ESPANA on November 6, 1982, an event of interest to all Masons.

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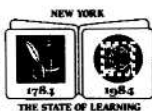
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REGENTS CHARTER ROBERT R. LIVINGSTON LIBRARY

The Board of Regents, governing body for education in New York State, has granted a charter to the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. The formal document was presented by Regent Robert Best to Officers of the Grand Lodge during the Regents September meeting.

The Livingston Library and Museum dates its origin to 1781 when the Grand Lodge of New York was organized under a Charter from the Duke of Atholl, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. Robert R. Livingston, then Chancellor of the State of New York, became the Grand Master in 1784, serving for 17 years until he left New York to serve as minister to France.

The library, which has one of the major research collections on the history of Freemasonry in the country, is open Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Non-members must apply for permission to use the Library.

The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library is located in Masonic Hall at Avenue of Americas and 23rd Street in New York City. Items from the collections are also on display at the Masonic Home in Utica and in many of the 862 Masonic Lodges throughout New York State.

Several Robert R. Livingston letters will be part of the Masonic exhibit at the Buffalo Museum of Science in December 1983.

ROBERT R LIVINGSTON

by Dr. Charles F. Gosnell, PGM.

Robert R Livingston, the "Chancellor", was a man of many complexes and some contradictions. He was indeed a patrician, and yet an ardent Patriot. An heir to wealth and social prestige, he was a delegate to the Continental Congress, and a member of the committee elected to draft the Declaration of Independence.

His great grandfather, Robert Livingston, was born in Scotland, the son of a Presbyterian divine who fled to Holland in 1663. After a substantial education in a Dutch counting-house in Rotterdam, he came to Albany in 1674 where his linguistic abilities made him an instant success. The Livingston family intermarried with the Dutch aristocrats and greatly prospered.

Robert R Livingston was born in 1746, one of eleven children of Robert Robert Livingston (the "Judge") and Margaret Beekman. Extensive search has not definitely revealed how or why he was named "Robert R". The tradition among the descendante of old families in Albany is simply that the R was a sort of patronymic, indicating "the son of Robert". Numerous documents in the Library of the Grand Lodge, which now bears his name, and elsewhere show the consistent signature "Robt R Livingston" (no period after the "R"). Thus he is distinguished from over a half dozen other Roberts in this great family of the 18th century.

Dr. Gosnell is Past Grand Master and Past Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of New York. From 1945 to 1962 he was State Librarian in Albany.

Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library

What was once a dim and overlooked corner of the 17th Floor of the Masonic Hall in New York City, is being rediscovered these days by Masons and nonMasons alike, as a treasure trove of literature, history art and Americana. The Masonic Library and Museum is not new, but a refurbishing completed several years ago set the stage for an attitude and atmosphere which has made it an "open" library, serving the interests of Masons in "search of light", booklovers, scholars, artists, authors, collectors, researchers and others whose interests cover a wide range of subjects. This "open" concept, designed to make the Library and Museum more attractive and useful to Masons and others, had its beginnings under MW Wendell K. Walker who was Librarian from 1932 to 1973, with time out for active service in WWII, and Korea. Its further development and implementation is a continuing process now under the direction of Wor. Allan Boudrea who succeeded MW Bro Walker in 1973.

The sense of openness and invitation becomes apparent as you approach the library through a corridor lined with brightly lighted display cases. Currently being shown are some recent acquisitions to the Museum's collection of brassware, some outstanding samples of its extensive Masonic apron collection, and mementos of such noted Masons as Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. Especially fascinating and interesting is a collection of antique postcards depicting Masonic temples and historic monuments throughout the United States.

Once inside, even the casual visitor will find the Library and Museum a place to "browse in and wander about", the ideal of every librarian and an eloquent testimonial to the efforts of Bros. Walker and Boudreau. The walls flanking the entrance are covered with displays of some of the finest collections of Masonic antiques and artifacts in the country. The collection of the late RW Abraham Felt, whose family's connection with Madison Square Garden is honored in the Felt Forum, is represented by some of Bro. Felt's personal memorabilia.

RW Abraham Baum, an ardent collector of Masonic art works and mementoes, has donated a large portion of his collection to the Museum. Currently on display are silverware, glass, china and pottery, and Masonic jewelry from the Baum collection.

The book-lover, drawn to the aisles of shelves holding the library's 60,000 volumes, could find himself absorbed for a lifetime in works covering Masonic history and legend; the world's religions, philosophy, and science; great literature, contemporary writing on our present times, and almost every Masonic-related work ever written. Historians have used the library to research their work, students to prepare doctoral theses, fiction writers to add authenticity to their stories. But the library is not just a

repository of man's past works. It also plays a vital, working role as the repository of the archives of Masonry in New York State. Extensive files on other jurisdictions in the U.S. and worldwide are also maintained. Masonic topics are categorized and cross-indexed so that almost any question can be answered readily.

How To Make The Most Of Your Masonic Library

Any member of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of New York may use the Library. You may borrow books and other reference material either in person or by mail. You may choose books as you please, request information — on a particular Masonic subject or for a particular Masonic purpose — or you may give yourself the benefit of a planned course of Masonic reading which touches on all subjects.

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For further information about the Reading Courses or the Library write to Dr. Allan Boudreau, Grand Lodge Library and Museum, 71 W. 23rd St., New York, N.Y. 10010.

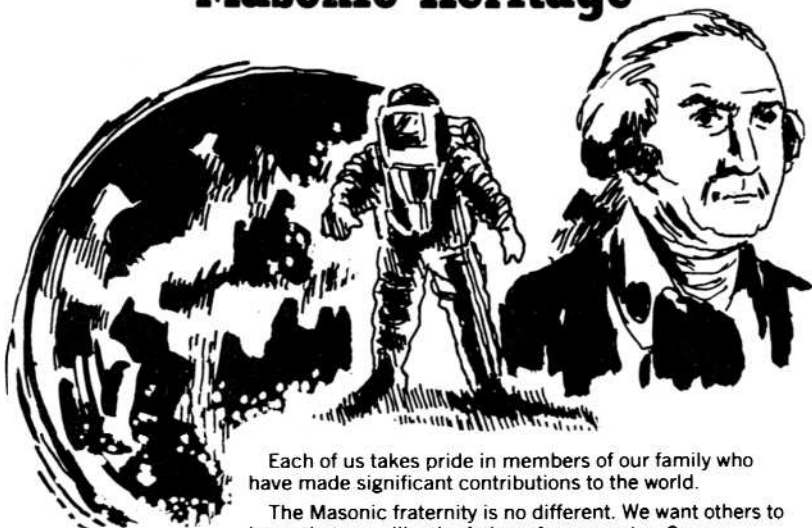


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The Chacellor Robert R Livingston Window in Memorial Hall at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia is of Livingston in his Chancellor's robe. The smaller panels show Livingston as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York, signing the contract for the Louisiana Purchase, officiating as Chancellor of the State of New York, administering the oath of office to George Washington on the St. John's Lodge Bible, and Livingston and Robert Fulton watching the steamboat trials.

We're Proud of our Masonic Heritage



Each of us takes pride in members of our family who have made significant contributions to the world.

The Masonic fraternity is no different. We want others to know that men like the father of our country, George Washington, was a beloved member of our fraternity.

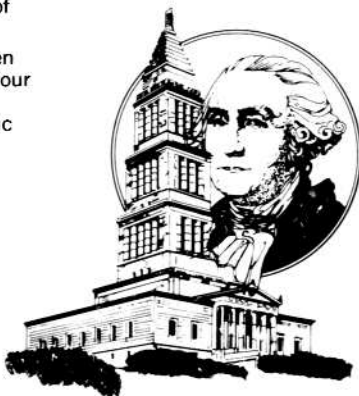
In fact, some fourteen Presidents of the United States have called themselves Masons, as well as eighteen Vice Presidents and five Chief Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court. There are many others, too.

Will Rogers, Simon Bolivar, Robert Burns, several Kings of England, Rudyard Kipling, Voltaire and nine astronauts are a few of the well-known men with a common bond to Freemasonry.

Masons strive to achieve a quality of life that reflects the highest moral standards. A Mason believes in God and practices a philosophy of brotherhood, justice, personal responsibility and love of country.

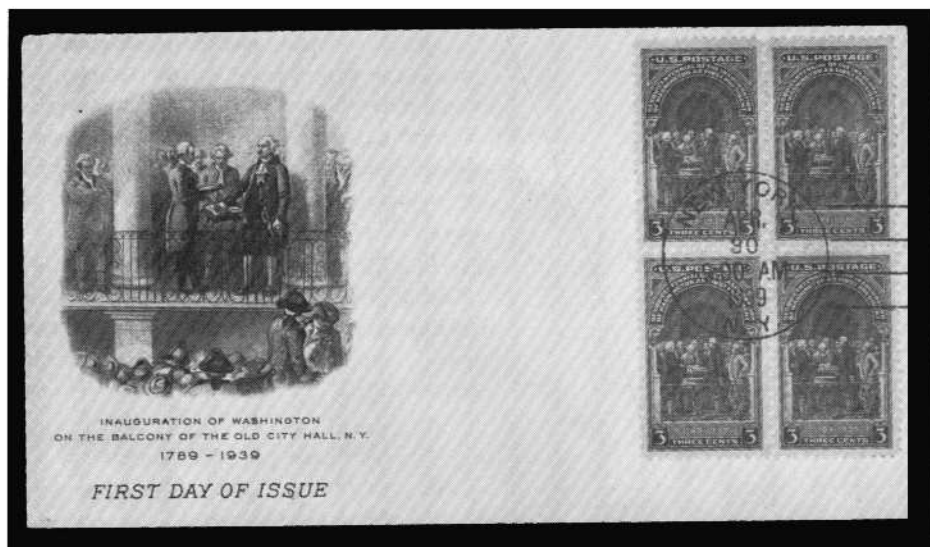
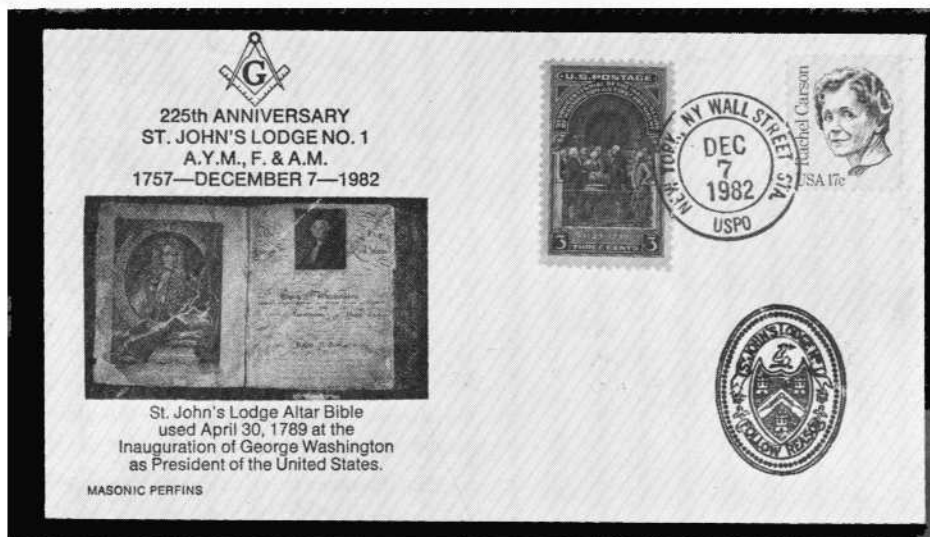
Just as there are many outstanding men who have been Masons, the members of our fraternity work throughout their lives to become outstanding examples of Masonic ideals.

**A Message From:
The George Washington
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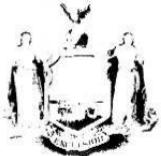


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Robert R Livingston administering the oath of office as first president of the United states under the Constitution, on the balcony of the Federal Building, New York City, on April 30, 1789, using the Altar Bible of St. John's Lodge. The Inauguration of Washington Commemorative Stamp, 3-cent purple, First day of issue, April 30, 1939 and 225th Anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 1, December 7, 1982 covers from MASONIC STAMP CLUB OF NEW YORK collection in the Grand Lodge of New York, Robert R Livingston Library.

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Absolute Charter

Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge

This Instrument Witnesseth That the Board of Regents for and on behalf of the New York State Education Department has granted this absolute charter to Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge, located in the city, county and state of New York

1. Incorporating Wilmer Bresee, Walter Cummings, David Goldsmith, Allan Boudreau and Charles Gosnell and their associates and successors in office as an association library, in accordance with the vote establishing the same, under the corporate name of Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge, to be located in the city, county and state of New York.

2. The library shall be administered by a board of not less than 5 nor more than 25 trustees, to be at first the persons who are named herein as incorporators, said trustees to serve in the order in which they are named hereinabove, for terms that shall expire December 31, one each in the years 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988. Thereafter, as such terms expire, their successors shall be elected by the members of the library association for a full term of 5 years, with power in the board of trustees by vote of three-fourths of the members of said board, to increase or decrease the number of trustees, to be not more than 25 nor less than 5. Vacancies due to cause other than expiration of term shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by the library board of trustees.

3. In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of Chancellor Robert R Livingston Masonic Library of Grand Lodge shall after necessary expenses thereof be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or to another organization to be used in such a manner as in the judgement of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York will best accomplish the general purposes for which this organization was formed.

Granted, June 17, 1983, by the Board of Regents
of The University of the State of New York,
for and on behalf of the State
Education Department, and executed
under the seal of said University and
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Willard A. Jenrich
Chancellor


President of The University and
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Prologue to and Consecration of the Grand Lodge of Antient Free & Accepted Masons of Spain

by

Bro. Andre A. G. BASSOU

Freemasonry came to Madrid as early as 1728 when His Grace Philip, Duke of Wharton (Grand Master 1722-23 of the premier Grand Lodge of England) on his epic journeys, established a Lodge there, warranted a year later as original No. 50 of the English Roll, of which very, little indeed is known nowadays.

On that first, very early "regular" foundation, Spain had the unhappiness for over two-and-a-half centuries to have no universally recognized Grand Lodge. Reasons therefor are several and history, for anyone to read, would give many political, warlike, religious or other reasons.

The Madrid foundation, though short-lived, was the impetus. "Provincial" Grand Masters were soon after appointed by London over "Gibraltar and Andalusia" and Lodges were formed in Cadiz and around Southern Spain. The last to disappear, Lodge "Moralidad y Filantropia" warranted in 1857, was finally erased in 1875 from the Roll of the United Grand Lodge of England.

By that time, Spain had already seen six self-constituted Grand Lodges or Grand Orients to govern over its Lodges. None was, to our knowledge, ever recognized but by a few regular Grand Lodges in Europe or South America. Two more national organizations were to see light in 1881 and 1889, either succeeding to or coming in competition with, some of the earlier ones.

Though not "regular" to our present day standards, we must look on these organizations with due respect and admiration, as their formation and existence must have been trying episodes. Spain being a "Catholic" Kingdom, the Holy Inquisition had direct power over the country and the Bulls of Rome were Laws of the Kingdom. Freemasonry went therefor from short periods of relatively free practice to longer ones of dire persecution, all culminating in the 1983^{*}ban of our order and subsequent laws which made Freemasonry and Communism, as incredible as it may sound, to share the same prohibition law, same prosecutions and same penalties.

A number of our older brethren today have lived through that tragic period and had to go into exile in order to escape imprisonment or worse if caught and proven to be Masons. The present M.W. Grand Master of Spain being one of them. Their hearts and memories have indelible bruises, their families suffered and friends of old were lost while some of their brethren had to pay with their lives for being Masons. Nowadays Spanish Masons look ahead to the time when Freemasonry shall be generally accepted and recognized by all and every one of their countrymen as an Order founded on the Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

Regular Freemasonry was re-introduced in Spain at a time when no one would have expected: at the highest of the Franco regime.

We should say, though "within" Spain rather than "in" Spain. In the very early 60's an understanding was reached between the Spanish

^{*}This date is incorrect, it should be 1939.

government and the U.S. Bases Commanding Officers in Spain whereby, so long as Lodges would meet exclusively within U.S. Bases and never admit Spaniards as candidates, the Spanish authorities would just ignore them.

The French National Grand Lodge (G.L.N.F.) had already issued warrants in favor of the U.S. Forces personnel in Morocco to form Lodges there, also on bases, and American brethren therefor petitioned France as soon as they were allowed to form their own Lodges in U. S. Bases within Spain.

With the time, Lodges were transferred from Morocco to Spain and as of today five "Military" Lodges holding of the G.L.N.F. meet within the Kingdom, still restricted to the U. S. Bases.

They form the "Continental District," a District Grand Lodge under French jurisdiction, which administers some other Lodges gathering U. S. Military personnel elsewhere in Europe.

Many of the fine American brethren composing them have, along so many years, made many Spanish friends and we may safely say "Freemasonry" was not all that remote from their conversations. Such presence and contacts, made our Order somehow differently known to Spaniards who would have, otherwise, followed the popular beliefs and latent propaganda on what Freemasonry was meant to look like.

The Accession of His Majesty Don Juan Carlos I to the Spanish Throne late in 1975, and the juridistic reformation that followed, led to repealing the "Anti-Masonic cum Anti-Communitistic law" amongst others.

This being assured, Spaniards, old and young, started to look forward to some way of re-introducing Freemasonry to their country. Some of them, but a few, travelled to Italy while some others went to France. They joined Lodges there and made approaches to Masonic authorities in order to take appropriate steps for the re-introduction of the Order in Spain.

A Lodge was formed in Perpignan, twenty miles north of the border, in May 1977 to be composed mainly of Spaniards and to work in their language whenever a candidate whose mother-tongue it would be, came up. These new Masons were law-abiding citizens; their membership no longer being illegal in Spain, but Masonic assemblies as such not being yet allowed, as falling under "large groups" of individuals and requiring prior authorization. "San Juan de Catalunya" Lodge No. 208 as it was styled (with a perplexing mixture of Catalan and Spanish spellings) being formed to work the Ancient and Accepted (so-called "Scottish") Craft ritual, was thought to correspond the better to Spanish characteristics and mind.

In October 1978, the first Lodge to be chartered for Spain was constituted and consecrated. It was "Sant Jordi" Lodge" No. 227 to meet in Gerona and work the English Union-Promulgation rite according to the "Emulation" working. Its title was the Catalan name for Saint George, Patron Saint of Catalonia, as a reminiscence of the establishment of the first regular Lodge in modern times in Spain, on Catalanian soil.

For a few months, as law-abiding citizens, our Spanish brethren carried on, meeting in Perpignan, until after the new Constitution was voted, which provides for the right of free association and the incorporation of Societies, Institutions and Foundations. In the early days of 1979 both Lodges 208 and 227 transferred their seat to temporary premises in Barcelona and Gerona.

The writer remembers with emotion the thousands of miles then being driven by our early members to attend Lodge communications by our early members to attend Lodge communications by over two scores of Spaniards from Barcelona to Perpignan and a few Frenchmen later on from Southern France to Barcelona. He also remembers the difficult but moving ceremonies when many candidates had to be entered, passed or raised when he acted as Deacon for the smoother performance of the "Emulation" rendering or as "Master of Ceremonies" for similar duties in the Ancient and Accepted Craft ceremonies.

As a result of extensive and lengthy discussions with brethren of a self-constituted "Grand Lodge of Catalonia" and the help of a few other brethren already regular and hailing from several South American recognized jurisdictions, a third Lodge was set up (after "non-regulars" had been healed) as Perseverencia" Lodge No. 246, in October of 1979, which immediately met on its own premises in Barcelona.

Before an autonomous status could be given to these Lodges, now in sufficient number, it was thought eminently wise to have a Lodge outside Catalonia. In June 1980, Lodge "Concordia" No. 257 was chartered and consecrated in the capital, Madrid. It gathered as Founders brethren from many countries already regular and experienced, as well as those brethren from the region who had previously to travel all the way to Barcelona for meeting with their Brethren. This Lodge works the Ancient and Accepted Craft ritual.

On July 1, 1980 the District Grand Lodge of Spain, under the G.L.N.F., was constituted and consecrated in Madrid by M. W. Bro. Auguste-Louis Derosiere, Grand Master of the National Grand Lodge of France and R. W. Bro. Pierre-Andre Leveque, O.M.M., installed as first District Grand Master while V. W. Bro. Luis Salat-Gusils was chosen and invested as Deputy District Grand Master.

In December of the same year Brother Leveque relinquished his commission and R. W. Bro. Luis Salat-Gusils was appointed and installed as District Grand Master for Spain in his stead. He then appointed and invested his Deputy and District Grand Officers.

Madrid was the next focus as in June 1981, another Lodge was formed and consecrated there, being Logia "Fraternidad Universal" No. 271, working in the English Union-Promulgation (Emulation) ritual.

At the same time a Lodge was being consecrated in Zaragoza under the title "Guillem de Montrodon" No. 272. It was constituted on May 31, 1981 and is the first one in Spain to work the "Scottish" Rectified Rite, very close to both the Schroeder and Swedish rituals.

Extensive discussions for many months coming to happy fruition,

a good number of brethren under the Grande Oriente Unido Espanol, chose the "regular" path and after healing, formed a third Lodge in Madrid with the prestigious title of "Matritense", becoming No. 282 on the roll of the G.L.N.F. and the seventh in the District. It was constituted in October, 1981 to work the Ancient & Accepted Craft ritual and still bears the name of the oldest surviving Lodge in the capital of Spain.

In the same months plans of Valencian brethren, members of Barcelona Lodges, also came to a happy end when Lodge "Germanies" No. 283 was constituted in Valencia. It is the "daughter" of Lodge "Sant Jordi" and as its mother, works the English Union-Promulgation (Emulation) ritual.

In the meantime contacts all over Spain with "foreign" Masons had been taking place. The first result of which came about with the constitution in Mallorca, one of the Balearic Islands, of a Lodge which petitioners were all German nationals, either retired or in business there. They duly applied through the District Grand Lodge and the G.L.N.F. was glad to grant them Warrant No. 298 for Lodge "Ramon Llull." The Lodge uses the German language and works the Schroeder ritual, very close to the Rectified and Swedish (Craft) systems and predominantly worked nowadays by Lodges in Northern Germany, under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Schleswig-Holstein, a part of the United Grand Lodges of Germany.

A Lodge under the title "Fidelitas" was formed in Barcelona to be the first one there to work in Spanish the English Union-Promulgation rite. Lodge "Fidelitas" obtained from the French jurisdiction Warrant No. 299 which is the last issued by France to a Lodge on Spanish soil.

These ten Lodges unanimously, by the voice of their Masters and Wardens and the fullest support of their District Grand Master, then decided time was ripe for the last and most important step of all, the great jump towards sovereignty and Masonic self-government.

On June 17, 1982, R. W. Bro. Luis Salat-Gusils, District Grand Master, conveyed the prayer of his Lodges and brethren, together with that of his Grand Officers, with the drafts of Constitution and General Laws, to the French National Grand Lodge in Paris.

M. W. Bro. Jean Mons, Grand Master, his Deputy and Assistants and the Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers of the "Sovereign Grand Committee" (or Board of General Purposes) readily granted consent to the petition and their encouragement to the enterprise. They pledged the fullest support, after consecration, towards the achievement of recognition from all possible Masonic jurisdictions.

On July 2, 1982, the Grand Master of the G.L.N.F. caused Edicts No. 656 and 657 to be promulgated under his name and the Seal of the Grand Lodge. The former erecting and constituting a Grand Lodge in Spain, the latter extending recognition thereto and also acknowledging its first Grand Master as its head, in the person of the M. W. Bro. Luis Salat-Gusils.

The Grand Chancellor and Grand Secretary of the French jurisdiction, being both responsible for the organization of the ceremony to be held November 6, 1982, (summoned by and holden under the aegis of the

G.L.N.F.) had official Notices printed and sent to the four corners of the globe to all regular Grand Lodges in amity.

At 1600 on the 6th of November 1982 (the newly completed Madrid Masonic Hall could not have provided enough sitting) in a specially arranged Hall of the Hotel Castellana-InterContinental of Madrid the brethren were called to upstanding as the procession of the National Grand Lodge of France entered the temple led by the Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies and composed of two Grand Deacons, the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Chancellor, the District Grand Master for the Continental District, acting Junior Grand Warden, and the Provincial Grand Master for Occitania, acting Senior Grand Warden, then an Assistant Grand Master, acting Deputy Grand Master, then the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies escorting the Deputy Grand Master of the G.L.N.F., presiding officer, acting Grand Master. These eminent brethren were processionaly distributed to their respective stations and places in the temple and the assembly was then called to attention by the acting Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The brethren stood for the performance of "La Marseillaise," the French National Anthem immediately followed by "La Marcha Real" (The Royal March), National Anthem of the Kingdom of Spain.

An Occasional Communication of the National Grand Lodge of France was then opened in "due form" by R. W. The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Jean Wallet, assisted by Acting Deputy Grand Master Bruno Buignet, Assistant Grand Master and by Assistant Grand Master Rene Haner, in his office and by Acting Senior Grand Warden Pierre Leveque, Prov. G. M. of Occitanie and Acting Junior Grand Warden Nat Granstein, Dist. G. M. for the Continental District.

By the power in him vested, Right Worshipful The Deputy Grand Master, resumed Grand Lodge in the First Degree so as to allow all brethren not yet Master Masons to witness the ceremony to follow and ordered the GDC to have Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, as well as lately arrived brethren, admitted in the Grand Lodge and taking their seats on the North and South. He then had M. W. Bro. Jean Mons, M. W. G.M., introduced and duly saluted who left the gavel in R. W. Bro. Jean Wallet's hand for carrying on.

Following the ceremony of consecration the gavel was presented to the Grand Master of the French National Grand Lodge who assumed the Throne. The principal Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Spain then stood alone in front of the dais representing amongst them three the whole brethren of the ten constituent Lodges. They were then formed by the powers vested in the Constituting Officer and Grand Master himself, into a Sovereign, independent and regular Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons for the Kingdom of Spain with all powers and prerogatives thereunto belonging as a sovereign Grand Lodge, and with sole and undisputed Masonic authority over Spain, continental and insular, and its territories and dependencies overseas.

The Grand Master then asked R. W. Bro. Luis Salat-Gulis to kneel at the Altar and take a Solemn Obligation as regards his duties as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, newly formed and already recognized by the

Grand Master as a newly-obligated Grand Master, led him to his Throne, and seated him in King Solomon's Chair, the presiding place above and over the new Spanish Grand Jurisdiction.

M. W. Bro. Jean Mons then placed in M. W. Bro. Luis Salat-Gusils hands the mallet, emblem of his exalted office and symbol of his authority as Head of the Spanish Craft and presented to him the Grand Charter prepared by the French National Grand Lodge as a perennial testimony of the ceremony of that day and proof of the legitimacy of that jurisdiction.

The ten Lodges comprising this new Grand Lodge are:

- San Juan de Cataluna No. 1 meeting in Barcelona, using the Spanish language and working the Ancient & Accepted "Scottish" Craft Rite
- Sant Jordi No. 2 meeting in Gerona, using the Spanish language and working the English Union Promulgation Rite (Emulation working).
- Perseverencia No. 3 meeting in Barcelona, using the Catalan language and working the Ancient & Accepted "Scottish" Craft Rite.
- Concordia No. 4 meeting in Madrid, using the Spanish language and working the Ancient & Accepted "Scottish" Craft Rite.
- Fraternidad Universal No. 5 meeting in Madrid, using the Spanish language and working the English Union Promulgation Rite (Emulation working).
- Guillem De Montrodon No. 6 meeting in Zaragoza, using the Spanish language and working the "Scottish" Rectified Craft (1782) Rite.
- Matritense No. 7 meeting in Madrid, using the Spanish language and working the Ancient & Accepted "Scottish" Craft Rite.
- Germanies No. 8 meeting in Valencia, using the Spanish language and working the English Union Promulgation Rite (Emulation working).
- Ramon Llull No. 9 meeting in Palma de Mallorca, Balearic Islands, using the German language and working the Schroeder Rite (Strict Observance).
- Fidelitas No. 10 meeting in Barcelona, using the Spanish language and working the English Union Promulgation Rite (Emulation working).

There are now 20 Lodges in this jurisdiction, and two more are due for consecration in November 1983, one of which to gather Danish brethren working in Danish and following the Swedish rite.

As of September 15, 1983, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Spain has already been recognized chronologically by the French National Grand Lodge AFAM (G.L.N.F.), the Regular Grand Lodge AFAM of Belgium, The Grand Lodge FAM of Turkey, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Luxemburg, the Symbolic Grand Lodge AFAM of Paraguay, the United Grand Lodges AFAM of Germany, the York Grand Lodge FAM of Mexico, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Norway, the Grand Lodge FAM of Tennessee, the Grand Lodge FAM of New Hampshire, the Grand Lodge FAM of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Massachusetts, the Grand Lodge FAM of Indiana, the National Grand Lodge of Denmark AFAM, the Grand Lodge AFM of South Carolina, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Nova Scotia, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Saskatchewan, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Montana, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Manitoba, the Grand Lodge FAM of New Jersey, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Oregon, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Wyoming, the Grand Lodge AFAM of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge AFAM of Maine.

The Grand Lodge of Spain, A.F.& A.M. Commemorative Covers

In commemoration of the Erection, Constitution and Consecration of The Most Worshipful The Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of Spain, held in Madrid, Spain on November 6, 1982,

Two envelopes were printed:

- depicting the chain and jewel of Office of The Most Worshipful Grand Master, blocked in gold foil with the appropriate legend; - showing the four successive seals of Masonic authority over the territory and Lodges now composing The Grand Lodge of Spain, to wit the Seal of The French National Grand Lodge (GLNF), chartering jurisdiction until sovereignty was attained; the Seal of The Provincial Grand Lodge of Occitania (under the GLNF) administering Lodges of Spaniards in France and Lodges in Spain until June 1980; the Seal of The District Grand Lodge of Spain (under the GLNF) administering Lodges in Spain, on behalf of the GLNF until sovereignty and the Seal of The Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Spain, printed in blue.

Another envelope was printed and postmarked on Saturday 19 March 1983 on the occasion of the First Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Spain in Madrid. It represents the principal emblems of the Order in blue, surmounted by the Seal of The Grand Lodge in gold blocking.

Each of these envelopes, in sets of two similar covers with different values and postmark bears postage stamps for the legal postal value in Spain and the amount is usually made up of values in the King's portrait series and/or the State Coat-of-Arms of Spain series. All, of them have been cancelled both by the official post office obliteration and a specially designed commemorative obliteration by metallic seal in postal ink, destroyed after the close of the day.

The set of six envelopes sells for US \$5.80, Stg. 4.- or Pta. 700.- incl. of second class postage to anywhere in Europe. Orders from outwith Europe should be accompanied by a further amount of US\$-.70 (airmail) or US\$-.20 (surface).

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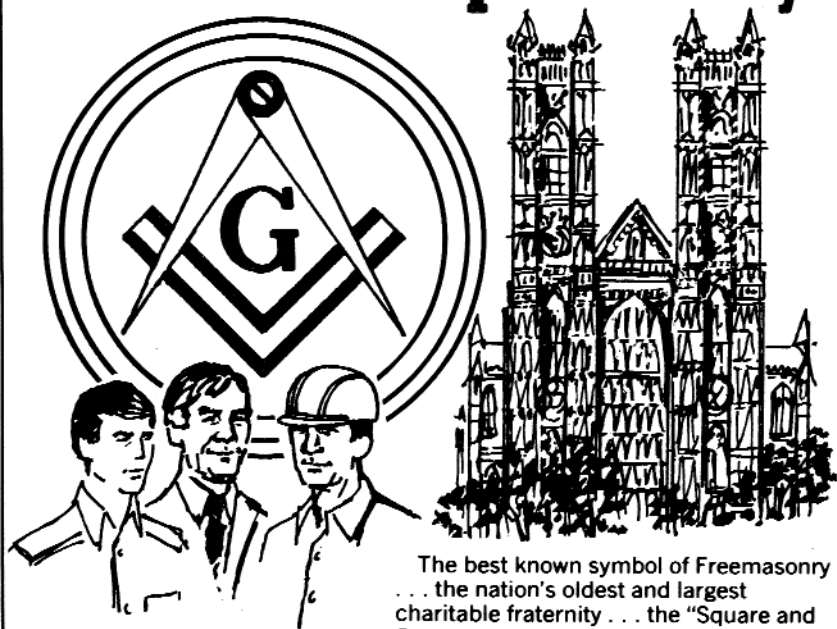
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