

Tokyo, Japan, January 14, 1952.

Wor. Bro. Frank H. Hilton  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, A.F. & A.M.

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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

I am writing you on behalf of a group of Massachusetts Masons, formerly residents of China. On two occasions recently, we gathered at the homes of brethren and, after dinner provided by our hosts, discussed informally our Masonic future. Cut off from our own Lodges, here in Japan for an indefinite stay, most of not in good standing, we have no direct Masonic connections and wonder what to do about it.

We understand that, because of conditions in China, All Masonic Lodges have been closed. We would greatly appreciate it if you would advise us what is the status of members of those Lodges.

As you are probably aware, there are only two Lodges operating in the Tokyo/Yokohama area, namely, TOKYO Lodge No. 125, Philippine Constitution, meeting in Tokyo, and Lodge "STAR IN THE EAST" No. 640, Scotch Constitution, meeting in Yokohama. Although a few China Brethren have already joined one of these Lodges, many of us do not wish to do so while our own future plans about remaining in this country are uncertain.

It has occurred to us that possibly Grand Lodge would consider our operating one of the China Lodges in Japan for a while. It would, of course, be understood that, when conditions in China permit, the Lodge would return to its original home. In the meantime, we would be keeping one of the Lodges alive while having an American Lodge of own to attend. And, if Grand Lodge should ever consider extending to Japan, this transplanted Lodge would be ready to serve your purposes.

As most of those interested are from SINIM Lodge, it is suggested that SINIM Lodge be temporarily transferred here. I am a Past Master of SINIM Lodge and believe that I am the only Massachusetts Past Master in this area at present. I am willing to undertake responsibility for the Lodge for the time being. Our idea is to hold monthly meetings at which the Lodge would be opened and closed in the prescribed form. We would seek able speakers to address us. Agendas could be pre-arranged if necessary but the desire is to carry on as informally as permissible. Naturally, no degree work would be attempted but some rehearsals would be beneficial. None but proven Masons would be admitted to the meetings.

Without giving the matter any publicity, we have already located the following eleven members of SINIM Lodge and four members of HYKES MEMORIAL Lodge:

SINIM LODGE

*now members International*  
Gordon A. Ball  
Sterling S. Beath *b.K.*  
James R. Browne *b.K.*

Herman Bylandt *b.K.*  
Anselm Chu *no card*  
Henry F. Kay *b.K.*



SINIM LODGE Continued

Tse-Ih Lee *o.k. - Ancient Handmade* Joseph N. Sbath *o.k.*  
Kenneth C. Miller *o.k.* Nafeh J. Sbath *o.k.*  
Roger S. Ormberg *o.k.*

HYKES MEMORIAL LODGE

Fred W. Bender *initiated 1940* Joseph Morris *o.k.*  
Donald M. Hykes *o.k.* Louis Wulfsohn *o.k.*

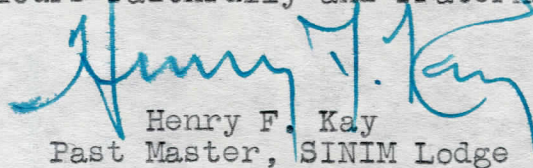
We have planned to hold our next informal meeting On January 31st. Incidentally, we will be the guests of two Chinese Brethren of the Philippine Constitution who come from Shanghai and are anxious to join us. There are several others.

At this meeting we will discuss our problems further. It would be greatly appreciated if we could have your reply by then. Please advise us how Grand Lodge re-acts to our suggestion and if there is any hope of their approving of this or some similar scheme. And, if the idea does meet with approval, please advise how we are to proceed.

Unfortunately, I myself am in arrears. Much has happened to me since I left Shanghai in October 1948. However, now I hope to remain here for some time. I am enclosing my check for \$21.00 to cover three years absent members dues, together with my 1949 dues card. Will you please receive this money for SINIM Lodge and send me a card for 1952.

Soliciting your kind and prompt co-operation and with cordial greetings and best wishes, I am,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

  
Henry F. Kay  
Past Master, SINIM Lodge

*good standing*

c/o American President Lines  
137-B Marunouchi Building  
Tokyo, Japan



*Sinim Lodge*  
*April 9, 1952*

To All Persons To Whom These Presents May Come.

GREETING:

Whereas, a number of the members of Massachusetts Lodges formerly meeting in China are desirous of maintaining a more active relationship with this Grand Jurisdiction, and

Whereas, a sufficient number of such Brethren are now resident in and near Tokyo, Japan, and have signified their wish to renew an active association with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts by the reopening of Sinim Lodge in the said City of Tokyo,

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, I hereby declare the jurisdiction of Sinim Lodge, of Shanghai, China, to be extended to include the City of Tokyo, in the Country of Japan, for the present purposes and that said permission shall continue until such time as it may be directly withdrawn.

It is further directed that Brother Roger Sears Ormberg shall be Worshipful Master, Brother Herman Bylandt Senior Warden,



July 16, 1952

Minutes of a meeting of the China Square and Compass Club  
of Japan held in the home of Brother Joseph N. Sbath on  
July 16, 1952.

Those present were:

Roger S. Ormberg  
Joseph N. Sbath  
Michael Sedano  
Henry J. Zimmerman  
Anselm Chuh  
Louis Wulfson  
Joseph Morris  
Kenneth C. Miller

Brother S. Ormberg took charge and called the meeting to order at  
8.30 P.M.

First action was to read a letter received from the Grand Lodge of  
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Boston, copy of which is herewith attached,  
signed by the Grand Master Thomas S. Roy. Also read letter received from the  
Grand Secretary informing him of the mailing of a supply of forms for use of  
the Club for its organization as a Lodge.

It was decided that:

1. A meeting will be held by the officers Sinim Lodge, namely:

Brother R. S. Ormberg - Master  
Brother Kenneth M. Miller - Senior Warden  
Brother Anselm Chuh - Junior Warden  
Brother Joseph N. Sbath - Secretary

at the American Club on Monday, July 21, 1952, at 4.00 P.M. All prepara-  
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2. Prior to the meeting, Brother Ormberg is to approach the Master of Lodge  
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Brother Joseph Morris was requested to make necessary preparation for  
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of the Lodge in Tokyo, and to inform him that it is intended by this Lodge  
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6. That all members of other lodges wishing to be affiliated with the Sinim Lodge will be voted upon at a meeting in accordance with the by-laws.
7. That a sum of \$1,500 be requested from Boston in order to meet current expenses including that of expenses and passage of Right Worshipful Hyman Hodes to Tokyo.
8. Brother Henry J. Zimmerman be appointed Assistant Secretary.

Dinner was served and thanks duly given to Brother Joseph N. Sbath for his courtesy.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10.30 P.M.

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Enc.



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and Brother Anselm Chuh Junior Warden of said Lodge until the



first annual election of officers subsequent to the date of these presents; and that at the said first annual election officers shall be elected and appointed agreeably with the by-laws of Sinim Lodge, under the provisions of which by-laws the Lodge shall conduct all its business and do all its work.

Given at Boston this ninth day of April, A. K. 5952, A. D. 1952.

(Signed) Thomas S. Roy

Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts

Attest:

(Signed) Earl W. Taylor

Grand Secretary



July 21, 1952

Minutes of a meeting held by the present acting officers of  
the Sinim Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the following were resolved:

1. An offer be made to Lodge No. 125, Tokyo, Japan, for rent of the Lodge rooms in the Masonic Building at the price of \$50.- per month for six months, at the end of which time, if the financial status of the Sinim Lodge is solvent payment will be made at the rate of \$150.- per month re-retroactive September 1, 1952. This was later confirmed by Brother Ray Bedillion.
2. That the following be considered the slate for the election at the first stated meeting in September:

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3. That a request be made by the Secretary from the Grand Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts to place to the account of the Sinim Lodge in the Chase National Bank, New York, the sum of \$1,500.-.
4. That for the time being all checks will be signed by the Secretary with either the Master, Senior or Junior Warden. Mr. K. Miller was appointed Acting Treasurer and will make the necessary arrangements to open the account in the Chase National Bank, New York.
5. That the Secretary inquire from the Grand Lodge in Boston as to the method by which paraphernalia can be purchased.
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Meeting dated July 21, 1952



SINIM LODGE  
(MASSACHUSETTS CONSTITUTION)  
CENTRAL P.O. BOX 522

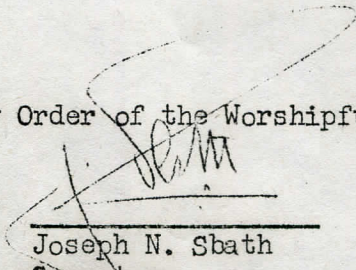
September 8, 1952

Dear Sir & Brother,

You are requested to attend a regular stated meeting of our Lodge to be held at the Masonic Temple, 13 Sakae-cho, 1-chome, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo, on Tuesday, September 16, 1952, at 12.30 P.M. sharp.

Dress: Formal

By Order of the Worshipful Master

  
Joseph N. Sbath  
Secretary

B U S I N E S S

1. To read the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 21 and a Special Meeting held on August 5.
2. To Ballot on the application for Affiliation of:

Bro. Henry James Zimmerman

Hailing from: Tokyo Lodge No. 125  
Grand Lodge of the Philippines

Address : Sbath Overseas (Japan) Co. Inc.  
Kishimoto Building  
Marunouchi  
Tokyo Tel: 23-4491/3

Bro. Lawrence Morrell Tilton

Hailing from: Prospect Lodge

Address : Signal Section Hq. FEC  
APO 500 Tel: 265-397

Bro. Alfred Lionel Zimmerman

Hailing from: Grand Lodge of the Philippines  
Tokyo Lodge No. 125

Address : Masonic Hall (Suikosha)  
13 Sakae-cho, 1-chome  
Shiba, Minato-ku  
Tokyo Tel: 43-4131



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Bro. John David Clarke

Hailing from: Ashlar Lodge No. 91

Address : Yokohama Engineer Depot  
Det. A  
APO 503

Bro. Wade Yates Skelton

Hailing from: Lodge No. 36

Address American International Underwriters  
Japan Inc.  
15 Akasaka, Tamachi  
1-chome, Minato-ku  
Tokyo Tel: 48-2125/9  
48-1121/5

Bro. Hans Peter Sorensen

Hailing from: Bigelon Lodge No. 243

Address : Yokohama Engineer Depot  
Maintenance Div.  
APO 503

Bro. Atlas O'Dell Adams

Hailing from: St. Johns Lodge No. 9

Address : Hotel Tokyo  
Marunouchi  
Tokyo Tel: 23-4411/9

3. To Elect:

Worshipful Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Two members to the finance committee

4. To Receive Visitors.

5. To Receive Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master for  
North China & Shanghai District and Tokyo.

6. To Install the Officers for the Masonic year 1952 - 1953.

7. To Transact such other Business as may come before the Lodge.



Minutes of the Regular Meeting held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on September 16, 1952, for the Re-activation of Sinim Lodge, of Shanghai, China, in the city of Tokyo, Japan, under Dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated April 9 A.K. 5952, A.D. 1952.

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree at 12:30 p.m. with Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg in the East, Bro. Anselm Chuh in the West and Bro. Donald Hykes in the South. Members and visitors numbering sixty-three in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The minutes of a Special Meeting held on July 21, 1952 and a subsequent Special Meeting held on August 5, 1952 were read, approved and unanimously confirmed.

The following Brethren, Henry James Zimmerman, Lawrence Morrell Tilton, Alfred Lionel Zimmerman, John David Clarke, Wade Yates Skelton, Hans Peter Sorenson and Atlas O'Dell Adams were elected by clear and unanimously favourable ballots to be affiliated as Members of Sinim Lodge who were caused to sign the By-laws at the close of the Meeting.

The next business on the agenda being the election of officers of the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year, Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg announced that, as although, in accordance with the By-laws of the Lodge which rule that the annual election of officers be held at the last Regular Meeting of the year in June and owing to the retarded arrival of the Grand Dispensation for the Re-activation of Sinim Lodge, it has not been possible to hold such an election in June 1952. In view of the foregoing, a Special Dispensation was granted by Rt.Wor.Bro. Hyman Hodes, District Deputy Grand Master, to elect officers of the Lodge for the 1953 Masonic year to be installed into their respective stations on the same day of election.

At this point, Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg invited Rt.Wor.Bro. Hyman Hodes to accept the Gavel and preside over the Meeting and personally supervise the election of officers. It was moved by Bro. Louis Wulfsohn and seconded by Bro. Kenneth C. Miller that Wor. Bro. Roger S. Ormberg be elected Master of Sinim Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year and Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg was elected by unanimous votes at 1:35 p.m. A motion was then made by Bro. Alphonse Rigod and seconded by Bro. Donald Hykes that Bro. Anselm Chuh be elected Senior Warden and Bro. Kenneth C. Miller moved that the nomination be closed. Bro. Miller's motion was seconded by the Master-elect and Bro. Anselm Chuh was elected Senior Warden by unanimous votes. Bro. Anselm Chuh moved and Wor.Bro. Ormberg seconded the motion that Bro. Donald Hykes be elected Junior Warden and the brethren present unanimously voted in favour of Bro. Hykes as Junior Warden. Wor.Bro. Ormberg nominated and Bro. Hykes seconded the motion that Bro. Kenneth C. Miller be the Treasurer of the Lodge and Bro. Miller was unanimously elected Treasurer. Bro. Anselm Chuh then moved and Bro. Henry Zimmerman seconded the motion that Bro. Joseph N. Sbath be elected Secretary of the Lodge and the nomination was closed and Bro. Sbath was unanimously elected to be the Secretary of Sinim Lodge for the 1953 Masonic Year. Bros. Max Sodano and Joseph Morris were elected members of the Finance Committee. The election having ended at 2:15 p.m., the brethren were then called from labour to refreshment.



At 8:00 p.m. the brethren were called from refreshment to labour again by the Junior Warden in the South. Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg was again in the East after being examined by Rt.Wor.Bro. Hyman Hodes, D.D.G.M., with the assistance of Wor.Bros. W. Eschorn, W. Larsen, A. Shedlock and Mark Owens, Past Masters, and invested with the secrets of the Chair prior to the re-opening of the Lodge.

Visiting the Lodge in an official capacity were Wor.Bro. C.O. Dutton, Master of Lodge No.134, Philippine Constitution, Wor.Bro. W. Sachers, Master of Square & Compass Lodge No.126, Philippine Constitution, accompanied by his officers, and Rt.Wor.Bro. Max V. Fachtmann, accompanied by Wor.Bro. Harvey Colton, P.M. and Wor.Bro. George J. Mesnooh, immediate Past Master of Lodge Star in the East No.640, Scottish Constitution, accompanied by their officers, who were received with the usual courtesies and honours customary among Masons.

At 8:15 p.m. a Grand Alarm was raised at the outer door and it was announced that Rt.Wor.Bro. Hyman Hodes, District Deputy Grand Master, Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, demanded admission. The Worshipful Master in the East immediately acknowledged that authority and the District Deputy Grand Master was received with grand honours at 8:25 p.m. Wor.Bro. Ormberg thereupon presented the Gavel to Rt.Wor.Bro. Hyman Hodes who performed the entire ceremony of Installation of Officers from then on. The Master-elect was then led out of the Lodge by Bro. Frank N. Sass, the Installing Marshal, and the Secretary was instructed to read the Dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts, authorising the re-opening of Sinim Lodge, Shanghai, China, and extending its jurisdiction to include the city of Tokyo, in the Country of Japan, dated April 9, A.K.5952, A.D.1952.

At 8:40 p.m., upon receipt of a report by Wor. Past Master Bro. W. Larsen that a convocation of Past Masters had carefully examined Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg to be well qualified to discharge the duties of the office for which he was elected, the Master-elect was conducted to the Altar and regularly installed into the Eastern Chair.

The original Charter of Sinim Lodge, Shanghai, China, was then solemnly presented by the D.D.G.M. to the newly Installed Master for its careful preservation.

From 8:45 to 9:00 p.m. other officers-elect were installed with full ceremonial. The following brethren were then appointed by the newly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge to fill the several stations for the 1953 Masonic Year and they were installed by the Right Worshipful Installing Master with full ceremonial.

List of Appointed Officers for the 1953 Masonic Year reads

Chaplain	-	Bro. Lawrence M. Tilton
Marshal	-	" Michael C. Sodano
Senior Deacon	-	" Henry J. Zimmerman
Junior Deacon	-	" Louis Wulfsohn
Senior Steward	-	" Joe Morris
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Inside Sentinel	-	" Alphonse Rigod
Organist	-	" Paul Jauer
Tyler	-	" Alfred L. Zimmerman

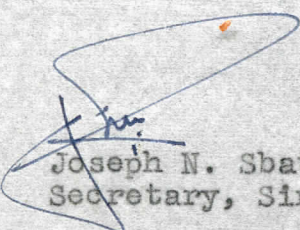


At 9:15 p.m. Worshipful Past Master W. Larsen delivered a very impressive charge to the brethren present, before the installing Marshal proclaimed from the East, West and South that the officers of Sinim Lodge, elected and appointed, were duly installed. Wor.Bro. Roger S. Ormberg thanked the Rt.Wor. D.D.G.M., Bro. Hyman Hodes, most heartily for his honouring the brethren of Sinim Lodge with his presence and performance of the entire Re-Activation and Installation service. ~~An unusually well prepared~~ speech was delivered at 9:20 p.m. by Rt.Wor. Bro. ~~Hyman Hodes~~ <sup>very impressive speech</sup> for all present.

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Bro. Anselm Chuh then moved and Bro. Henry Zimmerman seconded the motion that Bro. Joseph N. Sbath be elected Secretary of the Lodge and the nomination was closed and Bro. Sbath was elected by unanimous votes to be Secretary of Sinim Lodge for the 1953 Masonic Year. Bro. Max Sodano and Joseph Morris were elected members of the Finance Committee. The brethren were called from labour to refreshment at 2:15 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m. the brethren were called from refreshment to labour again by the Junior Warden in the South. Worshipful Bro. Roger S. Ormberg was again in the East after being examined by Right Worshipful Bro. Hyman Hodes, D.D.G.M., with the assistance of Worshipful Bros. W. Eschorn, W. Larsen, A. Shedlock and Mark Owens, Past Masters, and invested with the secrets of the Chair prior to the re-opening of the Lodge.

Worshipful Bro. C.O. Dutton, Master of Lodge No. 134, Philippine Constitution, Worshipful Bro. W. Sachers, Master of Square & Compass Lodge No. 126, Philippine Constitution, accompanied by his officers, and Right Worshipful Bro. Max V. Fachtmann, accompanied by Worshipful Bro. Harvey Colton, P.M. and Worshipful Bro. George J. Mesnooh, Immediate Past Master of Lodge Star in the East No. 640, Scottish Constitution, accompanied by their officers, were received with the usual courtesy and honours customary among Masons.

A Grand Alarm was raised at the outer door at 8:15 p.m. and it was



made known that Right Worshipful Bro. Hyman Hodes, District Deputy Grand Master, Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts, demanded admission. The Worshipful Master in the East immediately acknowledged that authority and the District Deputy Grand Master was received with grand honours at 8:25 p.m. Worshipful Bro. Ormberg there upon presented the Gavel to Right Worshipful Bro. Hyman Hodes who performed the entire service of installation of officers from then on. The Master-elect was led out of the Lodge by Bro. Frank N. Sass, the installing Marshal, and the Secretary was instructed to read the dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts, authorising the re-opening of Sinim Lodge, Shanghai, China, and extending its jurisdiction to include the City of Tokyo, in the Country of Japan, dated April 9, A.K. 5952, A.D. 1952.

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List of appointed officers for the year 1952/3 reads:

Chaplain	-	Bro. Lawrence M. Tilton
Marshal	-	" Michael C. Sodano



Senior Deacon	-	Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman
Junior Deacon	-	" Louis Wulfsohn
Senior Steward	-	" Joe Morris
Junior Steward	-	" Hawklin Chuh
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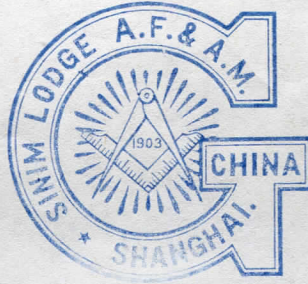
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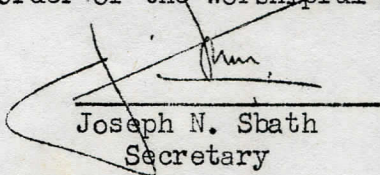
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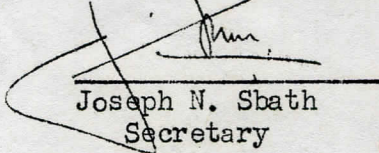
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A petition for affiliation by Lewis Mallard Hinds, a member of Canal Zone Lodge and recommended by Roger S. Ormberg, was read and referred to the Investigation Committee for investigation.

Applications for Degrees of:

Herbert Byron Gallop  
Residing at Shiba Park Hotel  
Recommended by James Browne

Jack Moses Dinken  
Residing at Teito Hotel  
Recommended by Louis Wulfsohn

Naim Haron Hillel  
Residing at 733, 4-chome  
Shinagawa  
Recommended by Joseph N. Shath

Paul Gros  
Residing at 40 Mure  
Mitaka  
Recommended by Alphonse Rigod

C. K. Tseng  
Residing at 347, 1-chome  
Sendagaya  
Recommended by Anselm Chuh

all residing in Tokyo, were read and passed on to the Investigation Committee which upon motion made, seconded and carried, is to be composed of Wardens, Secretary, Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman and Bro. Hawkin Chuh for investigation.

Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the following were resolved:

- a) That Balloting on the above-mentioned Candidates and Affiliate be held at the next stated meeting if favorable reports of the Investigation Committee are received by the Secretary before then.



- b) In the absence of the Treasurer, the Statement of Accounts as read by the Acting Secretary, Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman, upon motion made, seconded, and carried was passed. They are as follows:

Rec'd Cash Cheque for	¥100,000.-
Rec'd Cash against sale of ten rituals, Mr. H.J. Zimmerman	20,000.-
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Total Cash on Hand	¥120,000.-

Expenditures:

Nikkatsu Hotel for Mr. Hyman Hodes	¥45,305.-
Installation Banquet	¥40,300.-
Stationery (Minute Books, envelopes, Rubber Stamps)	¥ 3,880.-

Postage July 22nd	¥200.-
July 24th	¥200.-
Aug. 9th	¥770.-
Aug. 27th	¥230.-
Sept. 3rd	¥400.-
Sept. 10th	¥945.-
Oct. 11th	¥520.-
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	¥3,265.-      ¥ 3,265.-

Printing (Mimeograph charge)	
1 box stencils @	¥500.-
1,500 sheets mimeo paper	
@ ¥1,186.- per ream	¥3,558.-
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¥96,808.-

Balance      ¥23,192.-

- c) That payment be made to the Trustees Fund of the Tokyo Masonic Lodge No. 125 amounting to ¥54,000.- for rental for the Temple for September/October/November.
- d) That the Paraphernalia Committee composed of Bros. Lawrence Tilton, Hawklin Chuh, Joe Morris and Louis Wulfohn be authorized to pay up to \$400.- in accordance with their report for equipment for use of Sinim Lodge.
- e) That upon motion made by Bro. Anselm Chuh and seconded by Wor. Bro. Roger S. Ormberg and unanimously carried, Wor. Past Master Edgar Wise, be requested to act as proxy for Sinim Lodge to attend the quarterly and annual communication of the Grand Lodge in Boston, Massachusetts.



- f) That upon motion made, seconded and carried by the Master and the Senior Warden, the following be elected as Honorary Members of Sinim Lodge.

1. Most Wor. Grand Master Thomas S. Roy.
2. Rt. Wor. Bro. Earl W. Taylor, Grand Secretary.
3. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hyman Hodes of Hykes Memorial Lodge and D.D.G.M.

- g) That a vote of thanks be recorded in these Minutes to Bro. Joseph N. Shath for the splendid service he has rendered to the brethren in Tokyo and for his generosity in giving us the use of his private residence and all other facilities in Tokyo during the 1952 Masonic Year.

- h) A proposal was made in writing by Bro. Anselm Chuh that certain necessary amendments be made to the By-Laws as the Lodge is now in Tokyo, Japan. This was referred to the executive committee of the Lodge for consideration before it will be read to the members at the next stated meeting on November 18 for adoption and report to the Grand Lodge for approval.

All correspondence were read inclusive of letters from other Lodges appreciating the invitation to the Installation Meeting held on September 16, 1952, and some apologies for their inability to attend same.

There being no further business the Lodge was then closed in due form at 8.55 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

November 18, 1952

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Roger S. Ormberg  
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**SINIM LODGE, A. F. & A. M.**

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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

November 24, 1952

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts  
Masonic Temple  
51 Boylston St.  
Boston 16, Mass.  
U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

Enclosed please find copy of circular of the meeting held on November 18, which was circulated amongst the members.

Also enclosed please find copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on October 21, which was passed at the meeting held on November 18, the Minutes of which will be forwarded to you in due course.

In view of the transfer of our Junior Warden, Bro. Donald Hykes, to Singapore, our Worshipful Master, Roger S. Ormberg has decided that Bro. Joseph N. Sbath will act as Junior Warden and Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman will act as Secretary.

With reference to your letter of October 29, please find enclosed letter from Bro. G.V. Ball addressed to our Acting Secretary Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman. As a matter of fact, both our Worshipful Master Roger S. Ormberg and myself have very often sat in Lodge and worked together with Bro. G.V. Ball and we both vouch for him. I would like to suggest that Bro. Ball be requested to pay one to two years past dues to me and the 1953 dues at which time I would issue to him his Dues Card. Your agreement is awaited before I take such a step. ✓

As to Bro. Hawklin Chuh, his enclosed letter addressed to you is self-explanatory. I request permission, therefore, to issue him his 1953 Dues Card against his payment of this year's dues. For your information, Bro. Hawklin Chuh is the son of our Senior Warden, Bro. Anselm Chuh, and he is vouched for not only by his father but by our Worshipful Master and myself.



We agree with your decision to receive dues of absent members for our account. However, as we have to run our Lodge here, I would appreciate if these dues be immediately deposited with our account at the Chase National Bank in New York as and when received.

In this respect, I believe it only fitting that all dues paid directly to you by Sinim Lodge members since Sinim Lodge was put into recess in Shanghai should also be deposited to our account in New York. According to our Constitution, we must run our Lodge on annual dues received and not dig into accumulated funds and/or initiation fees, these funds being more especially reserved for our charity work. Therefore, by receiving into our account all monies collected for annual dues, we shall be able to finance our work in Japan without having, we hope, to call on your assistance in granting to us amounts from accumulated funds.

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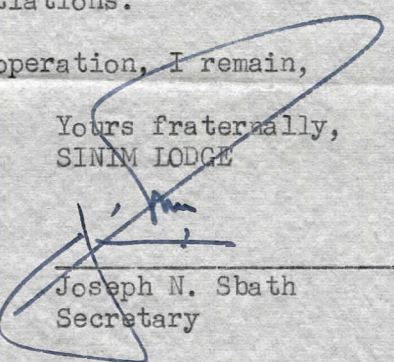
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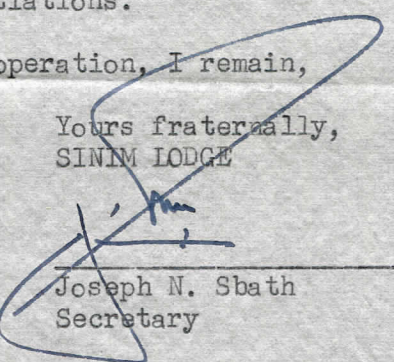
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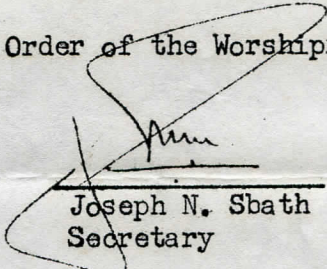
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7. To pass on amendments of Sinim Lodge By-Laws.
8. To transact such other business as may be regularly brought before the Lodge.
9. To ballot on the applications for Degrees read on October 21, 1952, of the following candidates:

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Siba Park Hotel  
Tokyo

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347 1-chome,  
Sendagaya  
Tokyo

Recommended by: Bro. Anselm Chuh

✓ Paul Cros  
40 Mure, Mitaka  
Tokyo

Recommended by: Bro. Alphonse Rigod

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Lewis Mallard Hind<sup>S</sup>, M.M. Canal Zone Lodge, Panama, M.C.  
Signal Division ^  
2nd T Major Port  
A.P.O. 503  
c/o Postmaster

San Francisco, California  
Recommended by: Bro. Roger Ormberg

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Correspondence from the Grand Lodge was read. All Secretary's correspondence were read and duly noted.

The accounts as submitted by the Acting Treasurer were, upon motion made, seconded and carried, approved as follows:

Balance as of last report		¥23,192.-
Received cash for Photographs	¥5,000.-	
" " " Rituals	2,000.-	
" US\$650.- @ ¥358.45	232,992.-	
	¥239,992.-	¥239,992.-
<u>Expenditures:</u>		¥263,184.-
Paid to Mr. H. Chuh for paraphernalia	¥100,000.-	
" Tips for Dinner	2,000.-	
" Masonic Lodge Restaurant	9,500.-	
" " " Rent Sept/Oct. & Dep.	54,000.-	
" " " Rent for November	18,000.-	
" U.S. Photoprint Co.	2,580.-	
" for stationery (cardboard tubes)	120.-	
" Postage for Meeting on November 18th		
Letters as per receipt attached to		
Wor. Bro. R.S. Ormberg & <sup>Right</sup> Wor. Earl		
Taylor for Photostats of Charter and		
Dispensation	1,568.-	
" Union Club Photo Shop for Lodge pictures	7,200.-	
" Stationery (envelopes)	1,000.-	
" Sinim Lodge Letterheads	3,800.-	
" Postage	140.-	
	¥199,908.-	¥199,908.-
Balance on hand		¥ 63,276.-

Brother J. Shath moved, Brother Anselm Chuh seconded and the Lodge approved the amendments as read by the Worshipful Master, with one dissenting vote, subject to approval of the Grand Lodge and as herewith stated:



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Article III. Para. 2

The amount twenty-five dollars, wherever it may appear, be increased to fifty dollars and the word "Chinese" be deleted.

Article VII. Section 1

The amount twenty-five dollars, wherever it may appear, be increased to fifty dollars and the word "Chinese" be deleted and the amount fifty dollars be increased to hundred dollars.

Article IX. Section 1

Fifty dollars be amended to read one hundred dollars and the words "dollars (Chinese" wherever it may appear in this article be deleted.

Section 2

To increase from ten to fifteen dollars

Section 3

The words after "local currency" be deleted up to the word "ten".

Article X. Section 1

The word "eight" be changed to "thirteen".

Section 2

The word "Shanghai" wherever it may appear, be changed to "Japan".

Article XV

The amount of Dollars ONE HUNDRED SIXTY be changed to "TWO HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS or its equivalent in Local Currency".

These increases of fees were explained by the Master to the effect that living costs in Japan are much more expensive than they were in China.

The Worshipful Master announced the following appointments in the list of officers who will officiate as from this meeting.

Bro. Joseph N. Shath	-	Acting Junior Warden
" Alfonse Rigod	-	" Treasurer
" Henry J. Zimmerman	-	" Secretary
" Louis Wulfsohn	-	" Senior Deacon
" Hawklin Chuh	-	" Junior Deacon
" Horace Yeh	-	" Junior Steward

The following candidates for degrees as read on October 21, were balloted upon and being clear in the South, West and East, were accepted for degrees.

They are:

Herbert Byron Gallop	at 8.00 P.M.
Jack Moses Dinken	" 8.06 P.M.
Naim Haron Hillel	" 8.12 P.M.
Paul Cros	" 8.18 P.M.
C. K. Tseng	" 8.24 P.M.



Ballot was taken on the application for affiliation of Bro. Lewis M. Hinds and being clear in the South, East and West, was accepted. ✓

The Master of the Lodge announced:

- a) that the most Worshipful Grand Master of the Philippine Constitution, Bro. Sydney M. Austin had arrived in Japan and that it is expected that as many members as possible from Sinim Lodge will attend the meeting of Tokyo Lodge No. 125 to be held on Thursday, November 20, 1952.
- b) that at the banquet held by Lodges of the Philippines in Tokyo on Saturday, November 15, 1952, our Senior Warden Bro. Anselm Chuh was honoured by being called upon first, in view of the fact that Sinim Lodge is the oldest Lodge on the Trestle.
- c) Most Worshipful Bro. Thomas S. Roy, D.D., Grand Master, had written an excellent article on "An Answer to Anti-Masonic Religious Propaganda" which will be held on file at the Secretary's office and should be read by the brethren.
- d) Most Worshipful Grand Master, Rev. Thomas S. Roy had written an article "Remove Not the Ancient Land Marks", which should also be read by all the brethren. Copies of these were circulated.

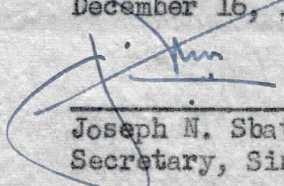
A petition for application for degrees of:

Mr. Eugene Klein  
Mailing Address: 2nd T. Major Port, Lt-531,  
APO 503  
Recommended by: Louis M. Hinds

residing in Yokohama, was read and passed on to the Investigation Committee which is composed of the Wardens, Bros. Michael Sodano, Alfred L. Zimmerman and Hawkin Chuh. The balloting of the above-mentioned candidate will be held at the next stated meeting if favorable reports of the Investigation Committee are received by the Secretary before that time.

There being no further business the Lodge was then closed in due form at 9.15 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

December 16, 1952

  
Joseph N. Sbath  
Secretary, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

APPROVED:

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Roger S. Ormberg  
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.





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TOKYO JAPAN

December 5, 1952

Dear Sir & Brother:

You are requested to attend the duties of a Regular Meeting of our Lodge to be held in the Tokyo Masonic Temple, 13 Sakae-cho, 1-chome, Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo, on Tuesday, December 16, 1952, at 6.30 p.m. precisely.

By Order of the Worshipful Master

  
Joseph N. Sbath  
Secretary

N.B.: The Secretary will issue 1953 Dues Cards against payment of dues.

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Secretary's address:

c/o Sbath Overseas (Japan) Co. Inc.  
Kishimoto Building  
Marunouchi, Tokyo  
Tel. 23-1191/3



## B U S I N E S S

1. To open the Lodge on the Master Mason Degree.
2. To read the Circular convening the Meeting.
3. To read, and, if approved, confirm the Minutes of last Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, November 18, 1952.
4. To read Correspondence.
5. To receive Propositions.
6. To ballot on the following Application to take degrees in Sinim Lodge:-

✓ Eugene Klein

Date of Birth:	May 24, 1921
Place of Birth:	Worcester, Mass., U.S.A.
Occupation:	Radio Operator, 2nd T. Major Port, LT-531, APO 503
Recommended by:	Bro. Lewis M. Hinds

7. To transact such other business as may regularly come before the Lodge.
8. To Initiate the following Candidates:-

Naim Haron Hillol  
Chang-Kwun Tsong  
Jack Moses Dinken

9. To close the Lodge.

## O U T S T A N D I N G

For Initiation:-

Paul Gros  
Herbert Byron Gallop  
Nelson Arthur Horshman





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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M., held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on December 16, 1952.

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree at 6.50 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Roger S. Ormberg in the East, Bro. Anselm Chuh in the West and Bro. Joseph N. Shath in the South. Members, visitors and candidates numbering twenty two in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read and approved.

The Minutes of the last regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 18, 1952, were read and approved without any corrections.

Correspondence from the Grand Lodge was read which included the request for Nelson Arthur Hershman, AF 11229334 6135th, A B Sqdn, APO #950, and approved by the Grand Lodge to take degrees in Sinim Lodge. The Secretary informed the Wor. Master that a letter had been written to Nelson Arthur Hershman to take his First Degree on December 22, 1952, but no answer had been received as yet. The Wor. Master agreed to endeavour to locate his whereabouts.

All Secretary's correspondence were read and duly noted including a request by mail from Bro. Kenneth Miller to read the application for affiliation of:

Yu-Kuei Fu  
Address: 10 Kotsuchi-cho, Uchide  
Ashiya-shi  
Hyogo-ken  
Japan  
Recommended by: Bro. Kenneth C. Miller

which was duly read and turned over to the Investigating Committee, the ballot for which will be taken at the next stated meeting.

The accounts as submitted by the Acting Treasurer were, upon motion made, seconded and approved as follows:

Balance as of last report		¥63,276.-
Received for sale of 5 photos	¥1,000.-	<u>1,000.-</u>
		¥64,276.-



Carried Forward

¥64,276.-

Expenditures:

Postage from Nov. 17 - 29	¥1,323.-
For card box	500.-
Sinin Lodge Official Seals	4,300.-
Portfolio for official documents	5,000.-
Postage Dec. 3	168.-
Postage Dec. 5	2,775.-

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Balance on Hand

¥50,210.-

As a result of discussions with the Masonic Building Trustees, a motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously that the following proposition be offered to the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Building, namely, that \$50.- per month be paid for September to December, inclusive, remain as they were and that \$60.- per month be paid from January 1, until such time that Sinim Lodge feels that they can pay more and that our agreement to pay US\$150.- per month be cancelled.

The ballot was taken on the application of Eugene Klein, recommended by Bro. Louis M. Hinds, read on November 18, 1952, and all being clear in the East, West and South, Eugene Klein was accepted for degrees. ✓

The Wor. Master closed the Lodge on the Third Degree under the power bestowed on him at 8.00 P.M. and re-opened the Lodge on the First Degree at the same time.

C. K. Tseng sought admission at 8.05 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 8.15 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice. ✓

Naim Haron Hillel sought admission at 8.45 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 8.55 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice. ✓

Jack Moses Dinken sought admission at 9.30 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 9.40 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice. ✓

The lecture in the Second Section was given by Bro. Hawklin Chuh, Acting Junior Deacon. The lecture of the Third Section was divided between Senior Warden, Bro. Anselm Chuh and Acting Junior Warden, Bro. Joseph N. Shath.

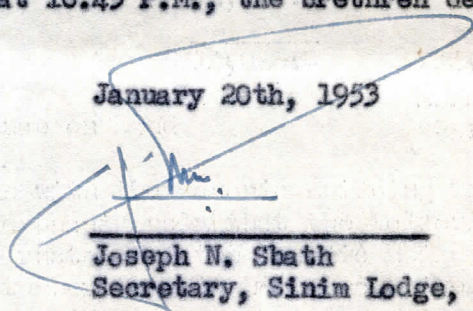
The Wor. Master announced that the Yokohama Lodge No. 124,



Philippine Constitution, will hold their installation of officers on Saturday, December 20, 1952, at 7.30 P.M. and that the Star of the East Lodge No. 640, Scottish Constitution, will hold their installation of officers on December 29 at 7.30 P.M. The Wor. Master requested that as many members of Sinim Lodge, as possible be present at these installations.

There being no other business from the Secretary and Wardens the meeting was then closed in due form at 10.45 P.M., the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

January 20th, 1953

  
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Joseph N. Shath  
Secretary, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

APPROVED:

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Roger S. Ormberg  
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.



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December 17, 1952

Right Worshipful Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts  
Masonic Temple  
51 Boylston St.  
Boston 16, Mass.  
U. S. A.

Dear Sir and Worshipful Brother,

Enclosed please find the following:

1. Circular covering the meeting held on December 16, 1952.
2. Circular covering the meeting to be held on December 22, 1952.
3. The Minutes of the meeting held on November 18 and passed and approved at the meeting held on December 16.

I have for acknowledgement your letter with reference to the issuance of the 1953 Dues Card for Wor. Bro. Peter Chao. It shall be mailed to him immediately.

With reference to your letter of November 28 addressed to Bro. Sbath, the address of Bro. Donald Hykes in Singapore is:

c/o National City Bank of New York  
Union Building  
Collyer Quay  
Singapore

Reference is made to your Debit Note No. 14615 dated October 1, 1952. Please debit our account for same.

Thanking you for your cooperation,

Yours fraternally  
SINIM LODGE

  
Henry J. Zimmerman  
Acting Secretary

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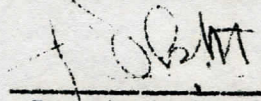
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By Order of the Worshipful Master

  
Joseph N. Spath  
Secretary

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Secretary's address:

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Kishimoto Building  
Marunouchi, Tokyo  
Tel: 23-4491/3

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B U S I N E S S

1. To open the Lodge on the First Degree.
2. To read the circular convening the meeting.
3. To initiate the following Candidates:--

Paul Cros  
Herbert Byron Gallop  
Neson Arthur Horshman

4. To close the Lodge.





Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.,  
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on December 22, 1952.

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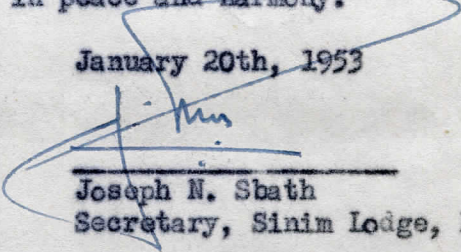
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January 20th, 1953

  
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Secretary, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

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