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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on Tuesday, September 21, 1954.

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 2.30 P.M. with Worshipful Brother Anselm Chuh in the East, Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the West, and Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the South. Members and visitors numbering twenty in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting held on June 15, 1954 and that of the Special meeting held on June 30, 1954 were read and unanimously approved and read.

A letter from the Right Wor. Grand Secretary on the Subject of Bro. Willie M. Howell desiring a release from Sinim in order to further his degree was read with the Brother upstanding. A letter from Rt. Wor. Bro. Hitchcock, our Grand Lodge Proxy reporting his attendance at the last Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was read to the Brothers.

Application for Degree in Sinim Lodge of:

William Dmitrovsky

Date of Birth:	June 15, 1930
Place of Birth:	Tientsin, China
Occupation:	Merchant
Address:	Rm 807 Fukoku Bldg., 2, 2-chome, Uchisaiwai-cho Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Recommended by:	Bro. Joseph Morris

was read, and the Wor. Master instructed the Master-Elect to appoint an Investigation Committee for interviewing the applicants.

Bro. Kenneth C. Miller as auditor of the Finance Committee reported to the Lodge that accounts of Bro. Treasurer had been carefully checked and verified by him, and the same were found true and correct.

Written statements of accounts were distributed among the Brothers. Upon motion made and seconded, the Treasurer's Annual Report for the payment and receipt during the Masonic year 1953/54 was unanimously accepted. It was understood that dues paid to the Grand Lodge directly by the Brothers were not included in the above said Treasurer's Report.

Upon motion made by Bro. Kenneth Miller and seconded by Bro. Joseph Sbath, Bros. Joe Morris and Alphonse Rigod were unanimously elected to serve on the Finance Committee as provided by the By-Laws.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for Affiliation of Sinim Lodge of Bro. Mathado Uyeda, Master Mason of good standing in Tokyo Lodge #125, Philippine Constitution. All being clear in the South, West and East, Bro. Uyeda was unanimously elected to become an Affiliated Member of Sinim Lodge. Bro. Uyeda was then admitted into the Lodge and informed of the result, and the by-law was signed.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast separately for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of: Li-Chih Tsao, Robert Irvin Ellsworth, and Carrell I. Pinnell. All being clear in the South, East, and West, L.C. Tsao, R.I. Ellsworth, and C.I. Pinnell were elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Rahmo S. Sassoon. The first finding of the ballots was reported to be cloudy in the South, West, and confirmed by the East. In view of possible carelessness in balloting, the Wor. Master ordered a second ballot on R.S. Sassoon. The result of the second ballot was found to be clear in the South and West, and the same was confirmed by the East. R.S. Sassoon was elected unanimously to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

Bro. Joseph N. Sbath~~XXXX~~ reported to the Lodge that during the summer months Brothers Hinds and Davis brought to the attention of the Wor. Master Anselm Chuh of the distressed condition of a widow and her children of a late brother. Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh together with Bro. Joseph N. Sbath, Hinds, and Davis called on the family and by order of the Worshipful Master a sum of ¥20,000.- was paid out to the said family as fraternal assistance. A motion was made by Brother Joseph N. Sbath, and seconded by Bro. Hawklin Chuh and unanimously accepted by the Lodge that a sum of ¥60,000.- be paid out to the said family as additional assistance.

A motion was made by Bro. Joseph N. Sbath and seconded by Bro. Kenneth C. Miller and unanimously accepted by the brethren that the insufficient amount of the expense for the Installation Party after deducting the receipts of ¥1,500 per head for the members and their guests, the balance will be borne by the Lodge.

The Master-Elect, Bro. J. Sbath called up the Brethren to salute the outgoing Wor. Master Anselm Chuh with the Public Honor of Three Times Three, in appreciation of his guidance of the Lodge during the past year.

At 4 P.m. by order of the Wor. Master, the Lodge was called from Labour to Refreshment.

At 6.30 P.M. the Lodge was called from Refreshment to Labour again before the door was open to admit Ladies and friends for the Public Installation Ceremony.

Among the visiting brothers the following dignitaries were conducted to occupy chairs in the East:—The District Grand Master of Japan under the Philippine Constitution, Rt. Wor. Bro. William Eichorn and his officers.

Wor. Master of Tokyo Lodge 125 Philippine Constitution, Wor. Bro. George Morgulis.

Wor. Master of Lodge 124, Philippine Constitution, Wor. Bro. Richard S. Kucharski.

Wor. Master of Lodge 640 Star in the East, Scottish Constitution, Wor. Bro. George J. Mesnooh.

At 6.45 the Installing Marshall presented the Master-Elect, Bro. J.N. Sbath to the Installing officer Wor. Bro. A. Chuh.

Rt. Wor. Bro. William Eichorn reported on behalf of his committee of past Masters assigned to examine Bro. J.N. Sbath that they found the Master-Elect well qualified for the Oriental Chair. Official charge was then delivered to the Master-Elect by the Most Wor. Bro. Carlos Jiminez.

At 7.45 the Master-Elect Bro. J.N. Sbath was duly obligated and installed in the East by Wor. Bro. A. Chuh. After receiving the ~~g~~ gavel, Wor. Bro. J.N. Sbath continued to install the following officers:)))

Bro. Kenneth C. Miller.....	Senior Warden
Bro. Hawklin Chuh.....	Junior Warden
Bro. Norman H. Ball.....	Treasurer
Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman.....	Secretary
Bro. Louis Wulfsohn.....	Chaplain
Bro. Paul H.W. Jauer.....	Marshal
Bro. Alphonse Rigod.....	Senior Deacon
Bro. Lewis M. Hinds.....	Junior Deacon
Bro. Atlas O. Adams.....	Senior Steward
Bro. Lee Havin.....	Junior Steward

Bro. Delbert A. Davis.....Assistant Steward
 Bro. David H. Hickler.....Assistant Steward
 Bro. George Peristeropoulos.....Inside Sentinel
 Bro. Jose C. Contreras.....Organist
 Bro. Alfred L. Zimmerman.....Tyler

An impressive charge to the brethren was delivered by Rt. Wor. Bro. William Eichorn. Wor. Bro. J.N. Sbath announced that it was his first and pleasant duty after ascending to the East to present the Past Master's Jewel and the Past Master's apron on behalf of the brethren of Sinim Lodge to the out-going Master, Wor. Bro. A. Chuh in appreciation of his hard work and guidance of the Lodge during his term of office.

At 7.50 the installing Marshal pronounced in the South, West, and East of the installation of the officers of Sinim Lodge for the year 1954/55.

At 8.15 the Wor. Master, Bro. J.N. Sbath rose and ordered the lights be extinguished and the Lodge be closed. The brethren and friends departing in peace and harmony.

October 19, 1954

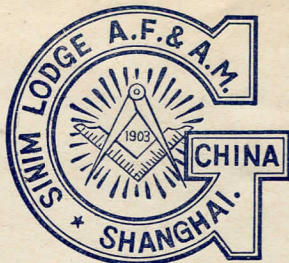
APPROVED:

Henry J. Zimmerman
 Secretary

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

Oct. 19, 1954

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The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 6.30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members and visitors numbering twenty-two in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on September 21, 1954 were read and unanimously approved. A letter from Wor. Bro. Peter H. Chao, Past Master of Sinim Lodge was read to the Lodge.

Bro. Kenneth C. Miller as Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported to the Lodge that the Committee recommends the following:

(1) That a petty cash fund in the amount of ¥20,000 be set up for the purpose of paying such expenses as postage, stationeries, printing and other supplies, and this petty cash fund be entrusted to Bro. Hawklin Chuh for disbursement for the above said purposes without approval of the Lodge, and that this fund is to be replenished from time to time as it may become necessary. Upon motion made, and seconded this was unanimously approved the Lodge.

(2) That in approving payment or signing checks two signatures will always be required in accordance with the by-laws and that the signatures of the Treasurer, plus that of the Worshipful Master or in the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to sign for the Lodge. Upon motion made, and seconded this was unanimously carried.

(3) The committee recommends that no bonds be required of the Treasurer, Norman, H. Ball, during his term of office. Upon motion made and seconded, this was unanimously carried.

The reports of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast on the application to take Degrees in Sinim Lodge of William Dmitrovsky and all being cleared in the South, West, and East, William Dmitrovsky was unanimously elected at 7.15 P.M.

At 7.20 P.M. by order of the Wor. Master, the Lodge of Master Mason was closed and the Lodge of Entered Apprentice was opened in its stead in short form. Bros. Alison Victor Ziegler, Charles Sharp Grant, Davis Richard Smith, Karl Hermann Mueller and Clarence Everett Catron were admitted for proficiency test for the First Degree, prior to being conducted out of the Lodge for preparation.

The Lodge was again called up to the Second Degree in short form. At 7.50 P.M. Brothers Allison V. Ziegler, Charles . Grant, David R. mith, Karl H. Mueller and Clarence E. Catron were allowed to pass into the Lodge of Fellow-crafts and received in due form. They were duly obligated as Fellow-crafts at 8.15 P.M. and gained admission into the Middle Chamber at 8.40 P.M.

A Lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Bros. Alphonse Rigod and Paul H.W. Jauer.

Oct. 19, 1954

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Before closing the Lodge, the Wor. Master announced his appointment to the various committees as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath	Bro. Kenneth C. Miller
Bro. Hawklin Chuh	Bro. Joseph Morris
Bro. Alphonse Rigod	

SERVICE COMMITTEE

Bro. Delbert A. Davis	
Chairman	
Wor. Bro. Roger Ormberg	Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Bro. Walter Shriro	
Chairman	
Bro. Alfred L. Zimmerman	Bro. Norman Ball

BLOOD DONOR GROUP

Bro. Atlas O. Adams
Chairman

DEMOLAY LIAISON

Bro. Henry James Zimmerman	Bro. Lewis M. Hinds
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BOWLING TEAM

Bro. Atlas O. Adams

GRAND LODGE PROXY

Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred H. Hitchcock

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9.20 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

November 16, 1954

APPROVED:

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

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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TOKYO-JAPAN

Nov. 2, 1954
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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on November 2nd, 1954.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree in Freemasonry at 6.30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members and visitors and candidates numbering thirty in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

At 6.50 P.M. Bros. Maurice Lebovich, John Robert Basham, Robert Haiat, and John Patrick McGivern were subject to a Proficiency test and found satisfactory before being conducted out of the Lodge for preparation.

At 7.00 P.M. the Lodge was called up to the 3rd Degree in short form.

At 7.05 Bros. M. Lebovich, J.R. Basham, R. Haiat, and J.P. McGivern were admitted and received in due form into the Lodge of Master Mason. They were duly obligated at 8.20 P.M.

Bro. Maurice Lebovich was raised to the Sublime Degree in short form at 8.45 P.M.

Bro. Robert Haiat was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9.05 P.M.

Bro. John Patrick McGivern was raised to the Sublime Degree of Freemasonry in short form at 9.30 P.M.

Bro. John Robert Basham was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 10.10 P.M.

The lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Bros. Hawklin Chuh and Kenneth C. Miller.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10.45 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

November 16, 1954

APPROVED:

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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

Nov 16, 1954

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TOKYO-JAPAN

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on November 16th, 1954

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 6.30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members and visitors numbering thirty-two in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 19th, 1954, and that of the Special Meeting held on November 2nd, 1954 were read and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report was rendered and upon motion duly made and seconded the same was unanimously accepted as read.

Application for degrees in Sinim Lodge of:

Richard L. Allbritain

Date of Birth: December 20, 1889
Place of Birth: Columbus, Ohio
Occupation: Petroleum Engineer
Address: No. 10, Funa Machi
Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
Recommended by: Bro. Atlas O. Adams

Roscos Clyde Triplett

Date of Birth: November 30, 1916
Place of Birth: Lynn Haven, Florida
Occupation: Commissary and
Welfare Officer
Address: Apt. M-4, Nonomiya
Apartments.
Recommended by: Bro. Hawklin Chuh

Kershal Durwood Morgan

Date of Birth: May 30, 1920
Place of Birth: Grandfield, Oklahoma
Occupation: Sales
Address: No. 82, Shirokane, Sanko-
cho, Shiba, Minato-ku,
Tokyo
Recommended by: Bro. Jose Canet Contreras

Robert Fenwick Miller

Date of Birth: April 28, 1923
Place of Birth: Fernie B.C. Canada
Occupation: Manager of Insurance
Co.
Address: Tokyo Grand Hotel,
Tokyo
Recommended by: Bro. H. Zimmerman

were read, and the Wor. Master appointed an Investigation Committee for interviewing the applicants.

Application for affiliation in Sinim Lodge of:

Bro. William Wirt Blackerby

Date of Birth: November 24, 1916
Place of Birth: Waterford, Texas
Occupation: Foreign Service Officer
Address: American Embassy, Tokyo
Original Lodge: Faith Lodge 1158, Wichita
Present Falls, Texas.
Recommended by: Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath

Bro. Ernest Leo Kroll

Date of Birth: September 7, 1925
Place of Birth: Portland, Oregon
Occupation: Merchant
Address: 18-140, 1-chome,
Tsurumaki, Setagaya, Tokyo
Original Lodge: Sendai Lodge ~~XXXX~~
Present No. 135 P.C.
Recommended by: Wor. Bro. J. Sbath

were read and the Wor. Master appointed an Investigation Committee for interviewing the applicants.

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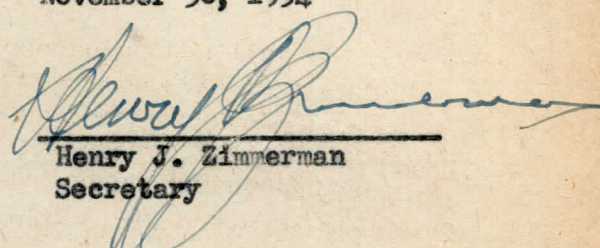
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Request for demit of Bros. Donald M. Hykes, Christoff F. Leebrand, and Hans Peter Sorensen was reported to the Lodge, and by order of the Wor. Master, the Secretary was instructed to issue the demits as requested.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9.20P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

November 30, 1954

APPROVED:

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



Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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TOKYO-JAPAN

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on November 22nd, 1954

The Lodge was opened on the First Degree at 6.30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members and visitors and candidates numbering thirty-one in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

Theodore Michael Nikitas (For Aurora Lodge, M.C.) sought admission at 7.05 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 7.20 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

Richard T. Martin (For Russel Lodge, M.C.) sought admission at 7.40 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 8.00 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

Li-Chih Tsao sought admission at 8.25 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 8.45 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

Robert Irvin Ellsworth sought admission at 9.05 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 9.20 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

Carrell Ivan Pinnell sought admission at 9.40 P.M. and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 10.00 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

The Lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Brothers Hawklin Chuh, Alphonse Rigod and Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh.

There being no further business the meeting was then adjourned at 10.30 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

December 10, 1954

APPROVED:

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

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Nov. 30, 1954

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TOKYO-JAPAN

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on November 30th, 1954**

The Lodge was opened on the First Degree at 6.00 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors and candidates numbering twenty-eight in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

Rahmo Selim Sassoon sought admission at 6.25 P.M. and after being duly examined and found worthy, was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 6.45 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

William Dmitrovsky sought admission at 7.05 P.M. and after being duly examined and found worthy, was permitted to enter. He was obligated at 7.25 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

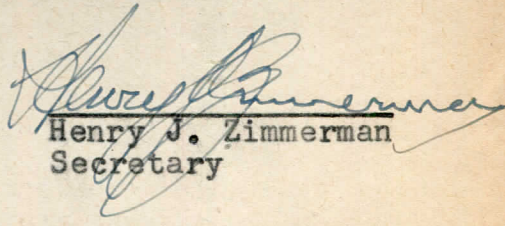
The Lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath.

There being no further business brought before the meeting the Lodge was closed in due form at 8.20 P.M., the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

December 10, 1954

APPROVED:

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.


Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Dec. 7, 1954

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TOKYO-JAPAN

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on December 7th, 1954

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree in Freemasonry at 6.30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors, and candidates numbering thirty in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The following Entered Apprentices were tested as to their proficiency and with no objection from the members, they were permitted to pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft:

Bro. Edward Frank Wittel
Bro. Joseph John Zepkoski, Jr.
Bro. Ellis Salim Reuben

At 7.00 P.M. the Lodge was raised from the Degree of Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

At 7.15 P.M. Brothers Edward Frank Wittel, Joseph John Zepkoski, Jr., and Ellis Salim Reuben sought admission and they were obligated at 7.30 P.M. as Fellowcrafts and gained admission at the Middle Chamber at 8.00 P.M.

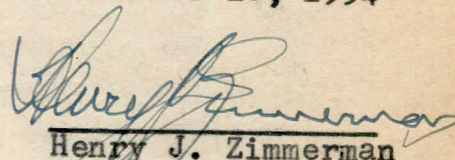
The lectures were excellently rendered by Brothers Paul Jauer and Alphonse Rigod.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 8.30 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

December 10, 1954

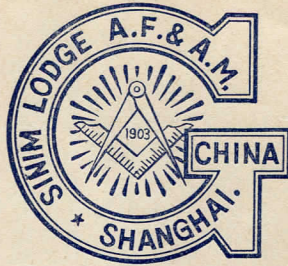
APPROVED:

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.


Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Dec. 14, 1954

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the
Tokyo Masonic Temple on December 14th, 1954

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree in Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Ernie Kroll acting in the West, and Bro. Walter Shriro acting in the South. Members and visitors numbering twenty-two in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

A most instructive and interesting talk on "History of Freemasonry & Symbols of the First Degree" was given by Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath.

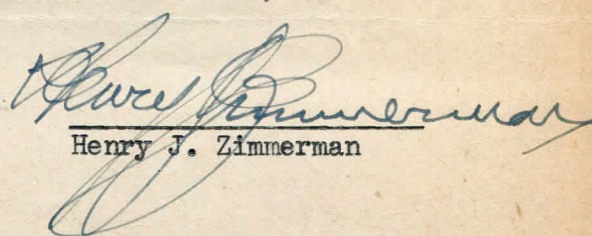
At 7:00 P.M. the Lodge was called from Labour to Refreshment.

At 8:45 P.M. the Lodge was again called from Refreshment to Labour.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:00 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

December 16, 1954

APPROVED:


Henry J. Zimmerman

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Dec. 21, 1954

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Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on December 21, 1954

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors and candidates numbering twenty-nine in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting held on Nov. 16th, and that of the Special Meetings held on Nov. 22nd, Nov. 30th, and Dec. 7th, 1954 were read and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report was rendered, and upon motion duly made and seconded the same was unanimously accepted as read.

A letter from Bro. Mathado Uyeda requesting the Officers and Brethren of Sinim Lodge for participation in contributing to the Order of DeMolay was read. Upon motion made, and seconded it was unanimously resolved to donate ¥36,000.00 for the said purpose.

The Worl Master brought to the attention of the brethren the approval of ¥60,000.00 to be paid out as fraternal assistance to the family of a late brother. Upon motion made, and seconded, and carried, it was unanimously resolved to make this payment.

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The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for affiliation in Sinim Lodge of Bro. William Wirt Blackerby, Master Mason of good standing in Faith Lodge 1158 Wichita Falls, Texas, and Bro. Ernest Leo Kroll, Master Mason of good standing in Sendai Lodge No. 135 P.C. All being clear in the South, West, and East, Bros. William Wirt Blackerby, and Ernest Leo Kroll were unanimously elected to become Affiliated members of Sinim Lodge. Bro. William Wirt Blackerby and Bro. Ernest Leo Kroll were then admitted into the Lodge and informed of the result, and the by-laws were signed.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast separately for receiving degrees in Sinim Lodge of: Richard L. Allbritain, Roscoe Clyde Triplett, Kershal Durwood Morgan and Robert Fenwick Miller. All being clear in the South East and West R.L. Allbritain, R.C. Triplett, K.D. Morgan and R.F. Miller were elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

AMENDMENT

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable ballots were cast for affiliation in Sinim Lodge of Bro. William Wirt Blackerby, Master Mason of good standing in Faith Lodge 1158, Wichita Falls, Texas. All being clear in the South, West, and East, Bro. W.W. Blackerby was unanimously elected to become an affiliated member of Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for affiliation in Sinim Lodge of Bro. Ernest Leo Kroll, Master Mason of good standing in Sendai Lodge No. 135 P.C. All being clear in the South, West, and East, Bro. E.L. Kroll was unanimously elected to become an affiliated member of Sinim Lodge.

Bro. W.W. Blackerby, and Bro. E.L. Kroll were then admitted into the Lodge and informed of the result, and the by-laws were signed.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving degrees in Sinim Lodge of Richard L. Allbritain. All being clear in the South, East, and West, R.L. Allbritain was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Roscoe Clyde Triplett. All being clear in the South, East, and West, R.C. Triplett was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Kershal Durwood Morgan. All being clear in the South, East, and West, K.D. Morgan was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Robert Fenwick Miller. All being clear in the South, East, and West, R.F. Miller was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

December 21, 1954

Petition for receiving degrees in Sinim Lodge of the following were read:

Copt

Donald Steward Ballard

Mailing Address: Barclay & Co. 326 Sanshin bldg.
Tokyo

Recommended by: Ernest L. Kroll

Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr.

Mailing Address: Civil Air Transport
1 Takehira-cho, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo

Recommended by: David H. Hickler

Alvin Hans Roche

Mailing Address: Yomiuri Kaikan Bldg.
Yuraku-cho, Tokyo

Recommended by: Joseph Morris

Melvin Martin Snyder

Mailing Address: 2d Trans Port Com'd
Port Control Room
APO 503, S.F. Calif.

Recommended by: Lewis M. Hinds

Herbert Teller Reynolds

Mailing Address: Overseas Service Corp. Ltd.
607 Sanshin Bldg. Tokyo

Recommended by: Ernest Leo Kroll

The Worshipful Master appointed an Investigation Committee to investigate the applicants.

~~At 8:30 P.M. a lecture was ably presented by a Japanese Government Official on the subject of "Brotherhood throughout the World"~~

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:45 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

January 5, 1955

APPROVED:

Henry J. Zimmerman

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

Jan 11, 1955

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held
at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on January 11th, 1955

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Third Degree in Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors and candidates numbering twenty-eight in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

At 6:50 P.M. Bros. David Richard Smith, Clarence Everett Catron (for Isthmian Lodge, M.C.), Charles Sharp Grant, and Karl Hermann Mueller were subject to a Proficiency test and found satisfactory before being conducted out of the Lodge for preparation.

At 7:00 P.M. Bros. David R. Smith, Clarence E. Catron (for Isthmian Lodge, M.C.) Charles S. Grant, and Karl H. Mueller were admitted and received in due form into the Lodge of Master Mason. They were duly obligated at 8:20 P.M.

Bro. David Richard Smith was raised to the Sublime Degree in short form at 8:45 P.M.

Bro. Clarence Everett Catron (for Isthmian Lodge, M.C.) was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:05 P.M.

Bro. Charles Sharp Grant was raised to the Sublime Degree of Freemasonry in short form at 9:30 P.M.

Bro. Karl Hermann Mueller was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 10.10 P.M.

The Lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Bro. Hawkin Chuh.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10.45 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

January 18, 1955

APPROVED:

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

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Jan. 18 1955

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on January 18, 1955

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the South. Members and visitors numbering twenty-nine in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting held on Dec. 21, 1954, as amended, and that of the Special Meeting held on January 11, 1955, were read and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's report was rendered, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

A letter was read to the members from Worshipful Bro. Earl W. Taylor, Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, regarding the attitude to be taken with reference to bro. Jack Dudley Burnett. The letter informed the Secretary that bro. J.D. Burnett had been found guilty in Federal Court of having misappropriated government funds and had paid a fine of \$1000. Upon motion made and seconded, it was decided that additional information be gathered before Sinim Lodge could take action on the matter. In the meantime, however, any further advancement in Masonry will be curtailed until that information is furnished. The Treasurer was requested to correspond with the necessary authorities in order to gather the said information.

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, it was resolved that ¥60,000. be set aside for charity purposes from the current account of Sinim Lodge for disposal by the Wor. Master.

The Junior Warden brought to the attention of the members that in view of the secretary's ailment the Lodge employ an assistant secretary at the salary of ¥30,000. per month. The Wor. Master appointed a committee consisting of the Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, and Treasurer to investigate the matter and report to the Lodge at the next Stated Meeting.

It was announced by the Wor. Master that Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh was leaving for Hawaii and that the Lodge express its appreciation of the work done by Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh. Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh replied in due form thanking the Lodge for their cooperation during 1953/54. The Wor. Master also announced that Bros. Lewis M. Hinds and Rudolf M. Jacobs were leaving, and appreciation was declared for the services rendered to the Lodge by these brothers.

Petitions for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of the following were read:

Gregory Topar
Mailing Address: PONVE Company
No. 1, 8-chome
Ginza, chuo-ku
Tokyo
Recommended by: George Peris.

David Arthur Yarin
Mailing Address: International Traders
Nikkatsu
Room 23-B,
Tokyo
Recommended by: Joseph Morris

January 28, 1955

The Worshipful Master appointed an Investigation Committee to investigate the Applicants.

The balloting on the petitions for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Donald Steward Ballard, and Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr. were postponed to the next Stated Meeting.

X The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Melvin Martin Snyder. All being clear in the South, East, and West, M.M. Snyder was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Alvin Hans Roche. All being clear in the South, East, and West, A.H. Roche was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Herbert Teller Reynolds. All being clear in the South, East, and West, T.H. Reynolds was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:45 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony,

January 28, 1955

APPROVED:

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

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Copy *Sub. 1.* *Jan. 25, 1955*

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on January 25, 1955

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree in Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the South. Members, and visitors numbering twenty-six in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The following Entered Apprentices were tested as to their proficiency and with no objection from the members, were permitted to pass to the Degree of Fellow Craft:

Bro. Li-Chih Tsao
Bro. Theodore Michael Nikitas (For Aurora Lodge, M.C.)
Bro. Robert Irvin Ellsworth
Bro. Carrell Ivan Pinnell
Bro. William Dmitrovsky

The Wor. Master announced that Bro. Rudolf M. Jacobs was donating two American Club debentures valued at \$50,000, to the Lodge in appreciation of the courtesy that he had received from the Lodge. The Secretary was instructed to issue an official letter to Bro. Jacobs acknowledging with thanks this donation.

At 7:05 P.M. the Lodge was raised from the Degree of Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

At 7:15 P.M. Brothers L.C. Tsao, T.M. Nikitas, R.I. Ellsworth, C.I. Pinnell, and W. Dmitrovsky sought admission and they were obligated at 7:30 P.M. as Fellowcrafts and gained admission at the Middle Chamber at 8:00 P.M.

The lectures were excellently rendered by bro. Alphonse Rigod.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 8:45 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

January 28, 1955

APPROVED:

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Feb. 1, 1955

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on February 1, 1955

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree in Freemasonry at 6.30 P.M. with Wvr. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors, and Candidates numbering Thirty-two in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

At 6:30 P.M. Roscoe Clyde Triplett was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 7:05 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

At 7:20 P.M. Karshal Durwood Morgan was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 7:35 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

At 7:50 P.M. Robert Fenwick Miller was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 8:05 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

At 8:20 P.M. Alvin Hans Roche was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 8:35 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

At 8:50 P.M. Richard L. Allbritain was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 9:05 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice Mason.

The lecture for this Degree was ably presented at 9:15 P.M. by Brothers Kenneth C. Miller and Alphonse Rigod.

There being no further business brought before the meeting the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:05 P.M. the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

February 2, 1955

APPROVED:

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

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Feb. 8, 1955

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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on February 8, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree in Freemasonry at 6:45 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph N. Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors, and candidates numbering forty-five in all were present as per Tyler's register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

At 7:00 P.M. there was an alarm at the door and upon investigation it was learned that there was a visitation of the Yokosuka Lodge #120, headed by Wor. Bro. Arthur J. Morsch, Jr. who was escorted to the East by the Marshal at the request of the Wor. Master. ~~Wor. Bro. Morsch sat in the East.~~

At 7:20 P.M. Bros. Allison Victor Ziegler, Ellis Salim Reuben, Joseph John Zepkoski, Jr. and Edward Frank Wittel were subject to a Proficiency test and found satisfactory before being conducted out of the Lodge for preparation.

At 7:35 P.M. the Lodge was called up to the 3rd Degree in due form.

At 7:40 P.M. Bros. A.V. Ziegler, E.S. Reuben, J.J. Zepkoski, Jr. and E.F. Wittel were admitted and received in due form into the Lodge of Master Mason. They were duly obligated at 8:00 P.M.

Bro. A.V. Ziegler was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason ^{in short form} at 8:50 P.M.

Bro. E.S. Reuben was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:05 P.M.

Bro. J.J. Zepkoski, Jr. was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:20 P.M.

Bro. E.F. Wittel was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 10:00 P.M.

The lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Bros. Karl Hermann Mueller, and Kenneth C. Miller

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:45 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

February 9, 1955

APPROVED:

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

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Feb. 15, 1955

Copy for Grand Lodge

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on February 15th, 1955.

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 7:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawkin Clah in the South. Members and visitors numbering twenty-three in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting held on January 18, 1955, and that of the Special Meetings held on January 25, February 1, and February 8, 1955, were read and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report requesting approval for payments was rendered, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

The Wor. Master informed the members to allow the Secretary to keep the Petty Cash in the sum of \$20,000.- instead of the Junior Warder. Upon motion made and seconded, this was approved.

The Wor. Master announced that Bro. Jose C. Contreras has been ill with a serious ailment and appointed Bro. Kenneth C. Miller, Bro. George Peristeropoulos and Bro. H. Clah, a committee of three, to present Bro. Contreras with flowers, and to inquire into his needs.

Past Master Wor. Bro. Roger Ormberg advised the Lodge that a Brother required assistance due to extreme illness and upon motion made and seconded, it was decided to donate the sum of \$36,000.- to be paid to Wor. Bro. Roger Ormberg who will handle these funds on behalf of the Lodge and for the benefit of the Brother.

Petitions for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of the following were read:

Leon Haisat

Mailing Add: c/o Sassoon Bldg.,
3 Tachibana-cho, Nihonbashi
Chuo-ku, Tokyo

Recommended by: Bro. Robert Haisat

Raymond Tate

Mailing Add: Yokohama Eng. Depot
8056 AU APO 503
Inter-Island

Edwin Randall Wise

Mailing Add: Sig. Sec. Central Command
APO 500
Inter-Island

Recommended by: Bro. David R. Smith

Recommended by: Bro. Lawrence M. Tilton

The Worshipful Master appointed an Investigation Committee to investigate the Applicants.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Donald Steward Ballard. All being clear in the South, East, and West, D. S. Ballard was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Lindsay Bruce Herd, Jr. All being clear in the South, East, and West, L.B. Herd was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Gregory Tozer. All being clear in the South, East, and West, G.Tozer was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of David Arthur Yarin. All being clear in the South, East, and West, D.A. Yarin was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:45 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

February 15th 1955

Joseph N. South
Master, Sinim Lodge, H.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

March 2, 1955

AMENDMENT

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting held at Sinim Lodge on March 2, 1955, insert before ".....Grand Lodge of Scotland.....", to read "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Scotland.....".

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on March 2, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree in Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the South. Members, visitors, and Candidates numbering thirty-three in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

Three Candidates, Bro. Li-Chih Tsao, Bro. Carrell Ivan Pinnell and Bro. William Dmitrovsky were submitted to a Proficiency Test and the workings of the Second Degree. The Worshipful Master was pleased to say to them that he had found their work excellent and congratulated them for their achievement. The Candidates were then instructed to retire from the Lodge.

At 7:10 P.M. the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge of Fellowcrafts and opened a Lodge of the Master Masons.

At 7:12 P.M. the Lodge was ordered free from restraint within sound of the Gavel.

At 7:30 P.M. the Lodge was called to order.

At 7:32 P.M. an alarm was sounded at the door and upon ascertaining the cause of the alarm, it was reported to the Worshipful Master that Wor. Bro. Elery E. Simpson, Worshipful Master of Lodge Star in the East, 640, Yokohama, under the Jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Scotland, together with officers and brothers of the Lodge Star in the East, were outside the door and sought admittance. They received permission to enter the Lodge, and the Wor. Master ordered the Marshal to conduct to the East, Wor. Master Elery E. Simpson, Wor. Bro. George Mesnooh, Wor. Bro. J. Fachtman and invited the other brothers of Lodge Star in the East to sit with the Brothers in the Lodge. The Worshipful Master then instructed Bro. Hawkin Chuh to assume the chair in the East, Bro. Norman Ball the chair in the South and was pleased to let them conduct the ceremonies of raising the Candidates to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

There being no objection from the Brothers in the Lodge to their advancement, Bros. Li-Chih Tsao, Bro. Carrell Ivan Pinnell and Bro. William Dmitrovsky were admitted into the Lodge in due form and regularly received their obligations at 8:00 P.M. and were instructed to retire from the Lodge and await further instructions at 8:20 P.M.

March 2, 1955

At 8:25 P.M. Bro. Li-Chih Tsao was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short Form at 8:40 P.M.

At 8:45 P.M. Bro. Carrell Ivan Pinnell was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short Form at 9:00 P.M.

At 9:05 P.M. Bro. William Dmitrovsky was reconducted into the Lodge and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 9:40 P.M.

Lectures of this Degree were ably rendered by Bro. Karl Mueller and Bro. Charles S. Grant, and the Worshipful Master was pleased to congratulate them on their work.

At 10:00 P.M. the worshipful Master reassumed the Chair in the East and ordered Bros. Hawkin Chuh and Norman H. Ball back to their respective stations.

At 10:05 P.M. Worshipful Master Joseph Sbath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in general or Sinim Lodge in Particular.

Whilst standing he welcomed Wor. Bro. Elery E. Simpson and his Officers and Brothers to Sinim Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Elery E. Simpson rose to offer greetings from The Lodge Star in the East, 640, Yokohama under the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Scotland and congratulated the Worshipful Master and his Officers on the work done, and the three newly raised Master Masons on having reached the Sublime Degree of Master Masons.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:15 P.M., the Brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

APPROVED:

March 2, 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Copy to Grand Lodge, Mass.

March 15, 1955

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on March 15, 1955.

The Lodge was opened on the Master Mason Degree in due form at 7:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller in the West, and Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the South. Members and Visitors numbering twenty-nine in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

The Minutes of the Last Stated Meeting held on February 15th and that of the Special Meeting held on March 2nd 1955 were read and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report requesting approval for payments was rendered and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

Upon motion made and seconded, and approved by majority vote, it was resolved that Mr. F. Kumagai be employed by the Lodge at a salary of ¥30,000.- a month on a month to month basis.

Petition for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of the following applicant was read:

Mr. Jensen Kien Feng

Mailing Address: c/o Wah Foo Tai Co., Ltd
207 Nikkatsu International Bldg.,
Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo

Recommended by: Bro. Hawklin Chuh

The Worshipful Master appointed an Investigation Committee to investigate the applicant.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Leon Haiat. All being clear in the South, East and West, Leon Haiat was elected to receive degrees in Sinim Lodge.

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The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Raymond Tate. All being clear in the South, East and West, Raymond Tate was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Edwin Randall Wise. All being clear in the South, East and West, Edwin Randall Wise was elected to received degrees in Sinim Lodge.

At 8:35 P.M. the Lodge was lowered to the Second Degree in order to test the proficiency of Bro. Robert Irvin Ellsworth, and upon no objection from the members, Bro. Robert Irvin Ellsworth was found proficient and was allowed to be prepared for raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

At 8:55 P.M. the Lodge for Fellowcraft was closed and the Lodge was raised to the Master Mason Degree.

At 9:15 P.M. Brother Ellsworth re-entered the Lodge and received the obligation at 9:30 P.M. and was permitted to leave the Lodge.

At 9:45 P.M. Bro. Ellsworth was re-conducted into the Lodge and was raised in short form at 10:02 P.M.

At 10.10 P.M. Lectures were ably rendered by Bros. Kenneth C. Miller and Charles Grant.

Before closing the Lodge the Worshipful Master opened a question and answer period on Masonic subjects.

At 10:53 P.M. Wor. Master Joseph Sbath rose for the one and only time to welcome Wor. Bro. William J. Eichorn.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 11:20 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

March 18th 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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March 29, 1955

Copy to Grand Lodge, Mass.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on March 29th 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree in Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West, and Bro. Alphonse Rigod 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.

At 6:35 P.M. Bro. Melvin Martin Snyder was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 7:05 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

At 7:15 P.M. Bro. Herbert Teller Reynolds was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 7:40 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

At 7:45 P.M. Bro. Donald Steward Ballard was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 8:10 P.M. as and Entered Apprentice.

At 8:15 P.M. Bro. Robert L. Slayter (for Wessagusset Lodge, South Weymouth, Mass.,) was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 8:40 P.M. as and Entered Apprentice.

The lectures were excellently rendered by Brothers Hawklin Chuh and Paul Jauer.

There being no further business brought before the meeting the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:05 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

March 31 1955

APPROVED:

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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April 5, 1955

Copy for Grand Lodge - Mass.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on April 5, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree of Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering thirty-two in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

The following Entered Apprentices were tested as to their proficiency and with no objections from the members, they were permitted to pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft:

Bro. Richard L. Allbritain
Bro. Roscoe Clyde Triplett
Bro. Hershall Durwood Morgan

At 7:15 P.M. the Lodge was raised from the Degree of Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

At 7:20 P.M. Brothers Richard L. Allbritain, Roscoe Clyde Triplett, Hershall Durwood Morgan sought admission and they were ^{only} obligated at 7:30 P.M. as Fellowcrafts and gained admission to the Middle Chamber at 8:00 P.M.

The lectures were excellently rendered by Brother Paul Jauer to whom special commendation was given by the Worshipful Master.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 8:30 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

April 8th 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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April 12, 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the
Masonic Temple on April 12 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree of Freemasonry at 6:30 P.M. with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Delbert A. Davis in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering twenty-one in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

At 6:45 P.M. Bro. Alvin Hans Roche passed his proficiency test on the First Degree and was congratulated by the Worshipful Master.

At 7:30 P.M. Bro. David Arthur Yarin sought admission and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was duly obligated at 8:05 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice. Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath assumed the West and Bro. Hawklin Chuh assumed the East.

At 8:10 P.M. Bro. Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr. sought admission and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was duly obligated at 8:50 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice. Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath returned to the East and Bro. Hawklin Chuh returned to the West.

At 8:55 P.M. Bro. Leon Haiat sought admission and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was duly obligated at 9:30 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.

At 9:35 P.M. Bro. Gregory Toper sought admission and after being duly examined was permitted to enter. He was duly obligated at 10:05 P.M. as an Entered Apprentice.


The Lectures were ably rendered by Bro. Alphonse Rigod and Bro. Hawklin Chuh.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:19 P.M. the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

April 14 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.


Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

SINIM LODGE, A.F. & A.M.
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GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

May 25 1955

Mr. Earl W. Taylor
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass., U.S.A.

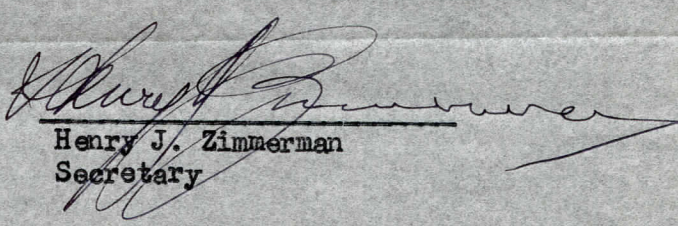
Dear Sir & Right Worshipful Brother:

Please refer to your letter of May 21, 1954 with reference to Pvt. Richard T. Martin (Russel Lodge, M.C.) who is stationed in Korea, and also to our Minutes of November 22 1954.

Pvt. Martin was informed to attend many meetings for initiation, but could not come due to his not being able to get his leave in time. He finally succeeded in arriving in Japan on April 21st and was initiated on April 26th 1955.

We ask you therefore, to kindly delete the 4th para. of our Minutes dated November 22 1954, which was erroneously reported to you, for which we apologize deeply.

Yours fraternally
SINIM LODGE


Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

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May 25 1955

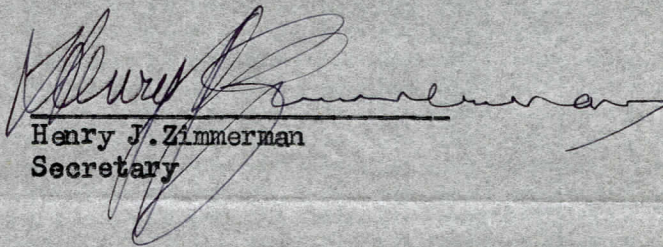
Mr. Earl W. Taylor
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts
51 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Sir & Right Worshipful Brother:

Please find herewith, Minutes of Meetings held on
April 19, April 26, and May 10, 1955 as approved at our Regular
Meeting held on May 17, 1955.

We would appreciate your recording the same.

Yours fraternally,
SINIM LODGE


Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

April 19, 1955

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M.
held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on April 19, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree of Freemasonry at 7:45 pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidate, numbering twentythree in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

7:55 pm: Bro. Theodore Michael Nikitas (Aurora Lodge, M.C.) was submitted to a Proficiency Test on the workings of the Second Degree. The Worshipful Master was pleased to congratulate Bro. Nikitas for his excellent work and instructed the Secretary to write a letter to his Mother Lodge (Aurora Lodge, M.C.) advising of Bro. Nikitas excellent performance. He was then ordered to retire from the Lodge.

8:00 pm: The Worshipful Master closed the Lodge of Fellowcrafts and opened a Lodge of the Master Masons.

8:05 pm: The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

8:10 pm: The Minutes of the Last Stated Meeting held on March 15, and the Special Meetings held on March 29, April 5 and April 12, 1955 were read and unanimously approved.

8:35 pm: The Treasurer's Report requesting approval for payments was rendered and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read. For the benefit of a distressed brother, an expenditure of \$150.00.- was required and upon motion made and seconded, it was unanimously approved.

8:40 pm: An expenditure amounting to \$2,000.- for a hospitalized brethren was unanimously approved as read.

8:45 pm: The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Jensen Kien Feng. All being lcear in the South, East, and West, Jensen K. Feng was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

8:48 pm: The Secretary was instructed to check the various stocks on hand of Bibles, Aprons and Cipher Books and to bring stocks of each up to 24.

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9:05 pm: The Lodge was ordered free from restraint within sound of the gavel.

9:10 pm: The Lodge was called to order.

9:15 pm: There being no objection from the Brothers in the Lodge to his advancement, Bro. Theodore Michael Nikitas was admitted into the Lodge in due form and duly received his obligations at 9:35 pm and was instructed to retire from the Lodge and await further instructions.

9:50 pm: Bro. Theodore Michael Nikitas was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short Form at 10:10 pm.

10:25 pm: The lecture was ably presented by Bro. Karl Mueller for which the Worshipful Master was pleased to congratulate him.

10:30 pm: The Worshipful Master Joseph Sbath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in general or Sinim Lodge in particular.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:42 pm., the Brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

Approved:

April 20 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

April 26, 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on April 26, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree in Freemasonry at 7:02 pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering thirtyone in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:18 pm: Richard T. Martin (Russel Lodge, M.C.) was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 7:35 pm as an Entered Apprentice. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

7:55 pm: The Lodge was called to order with Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the East, Bro. Delbert A. Davis in the West, Bro. Donald Hultman in the South, and Bro. Paul Jauer as S.D.

7:58 pm: Raymond Tate was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 8:30 pm as an Entered Apprentice. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

8:35 pm: The Lodge was called to order with Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the East, Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the West, Bro. Delbert P. Davis in the South and Wor. Master Joseph Sbath as Senior Deacon.

8:36 pm: Jensen Kien Feng was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 8:58 pm as an Entered Apprentice, and was conducted out of the Lodge at 9:07 pm. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

9:18 pm: The Lodge was called to order with Wor. Master Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West, and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South and Bro. K. Mueller as S.D.

9:20 pm: Edwin Randall Wise was received into the Lodge of Entered Apprentice and was duly obligated at 9:40 pm as an Entered Apprentice and was conducted out of the Lodge at 9:53 pm. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

10:00 pm: The Lodge was called to order.

10:30 pm: The lectures of this Degree were presented by Wor. Master Joseph Sbath, Bro. Alphonse Rigod and Bro. Hawklin Chuh.

10:45 pm: Bro. Melvin Martin Snyder passed his proficiency test on the Entered Apprentice Degree and was congratulated by the Worshipful Master for his excellent performance.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:55 pm the Brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

April 27th 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

May 10, 1955

Copy for Grand Lodge

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Masonic Temple on May 10, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree of Freemasonry at 6:57 pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the West and Bro. Delbert A. Davis in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering twentyseven in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:05 pm The following Entered Apprentices were tested as to their proficiency and with no objections from the members, they were permitted to pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft:

Bro. Rahme Selim Sassoon
Bro. Robert Fenwick Miller
Bro. Herbert Teller Reynolds
Bro. Donald Steward Ballard
Bro. Leon Haiat

Bros. H.T. Reynolds and Leon Haiat were advised they would only be passed on our next meeting, the 17th of May, as there were five candidates prepared before them.

7:13 pm The Lodge was raised from the Degree of Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

7:30 pm The Lodge was called to order.

7:35 pm Brothers Alvin Hans Roche, Melvin Martin Snyder, Rahme Selim Sassoon, Donald Steward Ballard and Robert Fenwick Miller sought admission and they were obligated at 7:50 pm as Fellowcrafts and gained admission to the Middle Chamber at 8:30 pm.

8:55 pm The Lectures were excellently rendered by Brother Alphonse Rigod.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:00 pm., the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

May 11th 1955

Joseph Sbath

Henry J. Zimmerman

May 17, 1955

Minutes of the Monthly Stated Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on May 17, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Third Degree of Freemasonry at 7:15pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Joseph Morris in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering thirty-three in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

7:25pm The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:37pm Bro. Herman Bylandt was welcomed back to the Lodge by the Wor. Master.

7:42pm The Minutes of the Last Stated Meeting held on April 19, and the Special Meetings held on April 26 and May 10, 1955 were read and unanimously approved.

7:50pm The Wor. Master read a letter from the M.W. Grand Lodge of Mass., directing that when issuing cypher books they should be signed by the recipients in the presence of one of the Officers of the Lodge.

7:53pm Petitions for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of the following were read:

Donald Eddie Gelle

Mailing Address: G-2, AFTE (IDM) APO 343
Camp Zama, Japan

Recommended by: Bro. Lawrence M. Sevdv

Jacob Abraham Udalevich

Mailing Address: c/o Rueben Import Corp.
402 Sanshin Bldg., Tokyo, Japan

Recommended by: Bro. Otto William Taudien

The Wor. Master appointed an Investigation Committee to investigate the Applicants.

7:55pm The Treasurer's Report requesting approval for various payments was rendered and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

8:05pm The By-Laws of Sinim Lodge was read.

8:20pm The Wor. Master presented a Past Master's Diploma received from the M.W. Grand Lodge of Mass., to Wor. Bro. Anselm Chuh with the Brothers upstanding in token of their esteem.

8:29pm The Wor. Master appointed the following members for the Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers for 1955/1956.

Bro. Sterling S. Beath (Chairman)	Bro. Herbert S. Gallup
Bro. Joseph Morris	Bro. Delbert A. Davis
Bro. Otto W. Taudien	

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8:30pm A Committee of three composed of the Wor. Master Joseph Sbath, Brother Norman H. Ball and Bro. Joseph Morris was appointed, to arrange for Church Attendance to be held at the Tokyo Chapel Center on June 26th 1955.

8:35pm Bro. Norman H. Ball was appointed to organize a Dinner and Dance Party on June 25th 1955 to be held at the Pershing Heights Officers Club.

8:36pm The Secretary was instructed to send notices to each Committee Chairman directing him to be present at the next Stated Meeting on June 21st 1955, to render a report of Committee Activities and were told that no absentees would be tolerated.

8:40pm The Lodge was lowered to the First Degree in order to test the proficiency of Bros. Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr. Gregory Toper and David Arthur Yarin. There being no objections from the members, they were allowed to pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft, being congratulated by the Worshipful Master for their excellent work.

8:50pm The Lodge was raised from the Degree of Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft. The Lodge was then ordered free from restraint.

9:15pm The Lodge was called to order.

9:17pm Bros. Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr., Gregory Toper, David Arthur Yarin, Herbert Teller Reynolds and Leon Haiat sought admission and were duly obligated at 9:30pm and gained admission to the Middle Chamber at 9:45pm. The Wor. Master was pleased to congratulate them on their advancement.

9:46pm Bro. Melvin Martin Snyder passed his Fellowcraft Proficiency Test and was congratulated by the Wor. Master for his excellent performance.

9:55pm The lectures were ably presented by Bro. Alphonse Rigod for which the Worshipful Master was pleased to congratulate him.

10:15pm The Wor. Master Joseph Sbath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in general or Sinim Lodge in particular.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:30pm, the Brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

May 19th 1955

APPROVED:

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

May 31, 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on May 31 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the First Degree of Freemasonry at 6:48pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Donald Hultman in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering twentyfour in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:00pm Bros. Edwin Randall Wise and Raymond Tate were tested as to their proficiency and with no objections from the members, were permitted to pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and were ordered to retire from the Lodge.

7:10pm The Lodge was raised from the degree of Entered Apprentice to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

7:15pm Bros. Gregory Toper, Alvin Hans Roche, Herbert Teller Reynolds, Leon Haiat, and Robert Fenwick Miller passed their Fellowcraft Proficiency Test and were congratulated by the Wor. Master for their excellent work.

7:25pm Bros. Edwin Randall Wise and Raymond Tate were conducted into the Lodge and were duly obligated at 7:40pm as Fellowcrafts and gained admission to the Middle Chamber at 8:20pm being congratulated by the Wor. Master upon arrival.

8:16pm The Lecture of this Degree was ably presented by Bro. Alphonse Rigod.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 9:00pm the Brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

June 1 1955

APPROVED:

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

June 10, 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on June 10 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree of Freemasonry at 7:00 pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Shath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Norman H. Ball in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering twenty-six in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:15pm The Wor. Master and Members of Sinim Lodge welcomed Bro. Paul W. Aurell of Cable Lodge and Bro. Keith J. Munro of Madang Lodge, New Guinea.

7:30pm Bros. Richard L. Allbritain, Roscoe Clyde Triplett, Hershal Durwood Morgan, Rahmo Selim Sassoon and Donald Stewart Ballard were submitted to a Proficiency Test and the workings of the Second Degree, and with no objection from the members, were permitted to pass. Bro. Robert Fenwick Miller passed his proficiency test on May 31 1955. The Wor. Master was pleased to say to them that he had found their work excellent and congratulated them for their achievement. The Candidates were then instructed to retire from the Lodge.

7:47pm The Wor. Master closed the Lodge of Fellowcrafts and opened a Lodge of the Master Masons.

7:55pm There being no objection from the Brothers in the Lodge to their advancement, Bros. Richard L. Allbritain, Roscoe Clyde Triplett, Hershall Durwood Morgan, Rahmo Selim Sassoon and Robert Fenwick Miller were admitted into the Lodge in due form and regularly received their obligations at 8:10pm. They were ordered to retire from the Lodge and await further instructions.

8:20pm Bro. Richard L. Allbritain was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short Form at 8:35pm.

8:40pm Bro. Roscoe Clyde Triplett was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:00pm.

9:00pm Bro. Hershal Durwood Morgan was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:20 pm.

9:20pm Bro. Rahmo Selim Sassoon was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short Form at 9:35 pm.

9:35pm Bro. Robert Fenwick Miller was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 10:05pm.

10:05pm Lectures of the degree were ably rendered by Bro. Hawklin Chuh and the Wor. Master was pleased to congratulate him.

10:10pm Wor. Master Joseph Shath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in general or Sinim Lodge in particular.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:25pm the brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

APPROVED:

June 11 1955

Joseph Shath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

June 14, 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on June 14 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree of Freemasonry at 7:06pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawklin Chuh in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering thirtyfour in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:16pm Bros. Melvin Martin Snyder, Donald Steward Ballard, Alvin Hans Roche, Herbert Teller Reynolds and Leon Haiat having passed their proficiency test on the workings of the Second Degree in previous meetings, were ordered to retire from the Lodge to await further instructions.

7:18pm The Wor. Master closed the Lodge of Fellowcrafts and opened a Lodge of The Master Masons. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

7:40pm The Lodge was called to order.

7:45pm There being no objections from the Brothers in the Lodge to their advancement, Bros. Snyder, Ballard, Roche, Reynolds and Haiat were admitted into the Lodge in due form and regularly received their obligations at 8:05pm. The Candidates were conducted out of the Lodge to await further instructions. The Lodge was then ordered free from restraint.

8:20pm The Lodge was called to order.

8:21pm Bro. Leon Haiat was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 8:37pm.

8:38pm Bro. Alvin Hans Roche was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 8:52pm.

8:53pm Bro. Joseph Morris was ordered to assume the West and Bro. Hawklin Chuh to assume the East.

8:56pm Bro. Donald Steward Ballard was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short form at 9:11pm.

9:12pm Bro. Herbert Teller Reynolds was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Short form at 9:30pm.

9:32pm Bro. Hawklin Chuh was ordered to return to the West and the Wor. Master returning to the East. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

9:40pm The Lodge was called to order.

9:41pm Bro. Melvin Martin Snyder was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 10:15pm.

10:20pm Lectures of the degree were ably rendered by Bro. and the Wor. Master was pleased to congratulate him.

10:25pm The Wor. Master Joseph Sbath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in General or Sinim Lodge in particular.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:45pm the Brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

June 15th 1955

APPROVED:

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman, Secty.

June 21, 1955

Minutes of the Annual Election Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on June 21 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Master Mason Degree of Freemasonry at 7:53 pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Brother Hawtlin Chuh in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering 32 in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

8:20pm The Minutes of the last Stated Meeting held on May 17, 1955 and the Special Meetings held on May 31, June 10 and June 14 were read and unanimously approved.

8:30pm The Treasurer's Report was rendered and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

8:35pm A request to compensate the Japanese attendant for serving the Lodge was read and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

8:37pm A request to continue to pay the Lodge clerks salary during the summer recess was read, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

8:40pm The Wor. Master was most pleased to read a letter received from Noble Frederick F. Riley, President, Torii Oasis Shrine Club of Japan, regarding their acceptance of our invitation to attend Masonic Divine Service on Sunday June 26 1955.

8:45pm The Wor. Master read a letter received from Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred H. Hitchcock, Grand Lodge Proxy, Sinim Lodge, informing of his attending as proxy, the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts, Wednesday June 8, 1955.

8:55pm A request to omit payment of dues for 1955 of an absent and distressed brother was read and upon motion duly made and seconded, the same was unanimously accepted as read.

9:10pm The Report of the Investigation Committee being favourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Donald Eddie Gelke. All being clear in the South, West and East, D.E. Gelke was elected to receive Degrees in Sinim Lodge.

9:45pm The Report of the Investigating Committee being three favourable and two unfavourable, ballots were cast for receiving Degrees in Sinim Lodge of Jacob Abraham Udalevich, being cloudy in the South, West and East. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Udalevich of the result of the balloting and to notify him in accordance with the Section of the Constitution governing rejected applicants as stated in the Constitution of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

10:00pm By unanimous ballot, Bro. Kenneth C. Miller was elected Worshipful Master for the Masonic year 1955/1956. The Secretary was instructed to send a cable of congratulations to Bro. Miller.

10:05pm By unanimous ballot, Bro. Hawkin Chah was elected Senior Warden for the Masonic year 1955/1956.

10:10pm By unanimous ballot, Bro. Alphonse Ricod was elected Junior Warden for the Masonic year 1955/1956.

10:15pm By unanimous ballot, Bro. George Peristeropoulos was elected Treasurer for the Masonic year 1955/1956.

10:20pm By unanimous ballot, Bro. Henry J. Zimmerman was elected Secretary for the Masonic year 1955/1956.

10:25pm By unanimous ballot, Bro. Otto William Taudien was elected Tyler for the Masonic year 1955/1956.

10:30pm By unanimous ballot, Rt. Wor. Bro. Fred H. Hitchcock was elected Proxy for the Masonic year 1955/1956. The Secretary was instructed to write to Rt. Wor. Bro. Hitchcock a letter of Commission of Proxy.

10:35pm The Wor. Master Joseph Spath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in general or Sinim Lodge in particular. There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:45pm, the Brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

APPROVED:

June 22, 1955

Joseph Spath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

June 26 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Chapel Center on June 26 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form in a room adjacent to the Main Chapel of the Tokyo Chapel Center on the First Degree of Freemasonry at 2:15pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Hawkin Chuh in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigod in the South. Members and Visitors numbering fortyeight in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the meeting was read.

2:30pm The Wor. Master Joseph Sbath called the Lodge from labour to refreshment and instructed the Marshal to organize a procession to proceed to the Main Chapel to attend a Divine Service. Many other Brothers and families of Masons and their friends were already seated in the Main Chapel. The Services were conducted by the Rev. Galen E. Russel, Pastor, Tokyo Union Church, Chaplain Wilbur K. Anderson, Tokyo Chapel Center, and Chaplain A. F. Berman, Jewish Chaplain, Central Command, U.S. Army. Order of Service is affixed and become part of these Minutes.

3:29pm Rev. Galen E. Russel pronounced the Benediction.

3:30pm The Marshal conducted the brethren in procession back to the room in which the Lodge was opened and the Wor. Master closed the Lodge in due form at 3:45pm, the brethren departing in Peace and Harmony.

June 27th 1955

APPROVED:

Henry J. Zimmerman
Secretary

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

June 28, 1955

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sinim Lodge A.F. & A.M. held at the Tokyo Masonic Temple on June 28, 1955.

The Lodge was opened in due form on the Second Degree of Freemasonry at 7:05pm with Wor. Bro. Joseph Sbath in the East, Bro. Walter Shriro in the West and Bro. Alphonse Rigol in the South. Members, Visitors and Candidates numbering twentyfive in all were present as per Tyler's Register.

The Circular convening the Meeting was read.

7:15pm Bros. Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr., Edwin Randall Wise, Raymond Tate and David Arthur Yarin were submitted to a proficiency test and workings of the Second Degree, and with no objections from the Members, were permitted to pass. The Candidates were then instructed to retire from the Lodge.

7:31pm The Wor. Master closed the Lodge of Fellowcrafts and opened a Lodge of the Master Masons. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

7:44pm The Lodge was called to order.

7:46pm There being no objections from the Brothers, in the Lodge, to their advancement, Bros. Herd, Wise, Tate, Toper and Yarin were admitted into the Lodge and regularly received their obligations in due form at 8:07pm. The Candidates were conducted out of the Lodge to await further instructions. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

8:25pm The Lodge was called to order.

8:26pm Bro. Gregory Toper was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 8:39pm.

8:40pm Bro. Edwin Randall Wise was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 8:55pm.

8:58pm Bro. Raymond Tate was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:10pm.

9:12pm Bro. Lindsey Bruce Herd, Jr., was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in short form at 9:25pm. The Lodge was ordered free from restraint.

9:36pm The Lodge was called to order.

9:37pm Bro. David Arthur Yarin was reconducted into the Lodge and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Long Form at 10:15pm

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10:17 Petition for receiving degrees in Sinim Lodge of the following applicants was read.

Mr. Edward Gordon Freeman

Date of Birth: May 26 1926
Place of Birth: Buckinghamshire, England
Occupation: Architect/Civil Engineer
Address: c/o King Associates, 10-10, No. 5, Shiba Park
Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan.
Recommended by: Bro. Joseph Morris.

Lt. Col. Ralph Charles McCrum

Date of Birth: September 8 1915
Place of Birth: Waterville, Maine, U.S.A.
Occupation: U.S. Army Officer
Address: Lot 4, Portable Housing,
Grant Heights, Tokyo, Japan
Recommended by: Bro. Carrell I. Pinrell

The Worshipful Master appointed an Investigation Committee to investigate the applicants.

10:30 The lectures were rendered by the Wor. Master Joseph Sbath.

10:35 A letter requesting a demit from Bro. Lewis M. Hinds was read and since Bro. Hinds being clear on the books, the request was approved.

10:40 The Wor. Master Joseph Sbath rose for the one and only time to ask if anyone had ought to offer for the good of Masonry in general or Sinim Lodge in particular.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in due form at 10:45pm the brethren departing in peace and harmony.

APPROVED:

June 29, 1955

Joseph Sbath
Master, Sinim Lodge, M.C.

Henry J. Zimmerman

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July/August 1955

1. Bro. Leons Ginsburgs, c/o Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Rm. 410-C, 4833, Fountain Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., has written to us despite his handicap of a prolonged hospitalization, sending his fraternal greetings to the Wor. Master and to the Brethren. We all wish you God-speed in your recovery, Bro. Ginsburgs!

2. Bro. P.H. Van Meter of Hardy, Virginia, writes to say:- "My thanks for the circulars. Hope you keep sending them and I hope I can get over there and attend lodge sometime. With best wishes to the Lodge."

3. Bro. C.A.S. Helseth, 17823 Tarzana St., Encino, Calif., has written to the Wor. Master which we reprint here as follows:-

"I appreciate receiving the Monthly Stated Meeting bulletins issued by Sinim Lodge, and I am especially interested in the Sinim News which now has become a welcome feature.

"Sometime ago you requested that members from time to time contact the Mother Lodge with such bits of information which may prove to be interesting to the others.

"As you perhaps know, I have been the Post Commander of the American Legion, General Frederick Townsend Ward Post No. 1 of Shanghai, China, since 1949, and we have been operating same in exile since that time. Although we do not hold regular meetings, the membership does write to me and the 'good wife' and I periodically publish a mimeographed 'poop sheet' for the benefit of old China hands.

"For some of the membership who do not remember me, I was with Standard Vacuum Oil Company in the Operations Department from 1946 to 1949. Took the first two degrees in Shanghai and was raised by courtesy of Zetlin Lodge, English Constitution in Hongkong in 1949. After the disintegration of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company's interests in the China Division, I returned to Morrison-Knudsen Company in their Overseas operations, and continued in the Far East and North Africa until 1952. At that time, I returned to the States and am now Construction and Maintenance Superintendent with Richfield Oil Corporation here in Southern California.

"Kindest regards to all the Brethren."

4. Bro. David R. Smith, Jr. writes in from Texas: "I hope to return to Japan by the fall of the year, so that I might help with my share of the work. I really miss the brethren of Sinim Lodge. Please give my best to all the newly elected officers and all of the brethren of Sinim Lodge. My address is: c/o Doug.

5. Bro. James W.F. Chin, Carmen Apts. #21, 1, Peral and Florida, Manila, P.I., writes to us just after returning from a business trip to Hongkong and Bangkok: "I just returned from Bangkok and Hongkong and while in Bangkok and attending the St. John Lodge meeting, I had the pleasure of meeting and making the acquaintance of Bro. R.M. Jacobs. In Hongkong, I had several visits with Bro. Peter Chao, P.M., and Bro. Jack Yuen. My best regards to all the brethren".

6. Bro. Donnell D. Baldwin, 1100 North Main Street, Los Angeles 54, Calif., writes to the Wor. Master, Officers and Brethren as follows:-

"Thank you for your birthday card which I recently received. The custom of sending these cards is one that certainly should be continued as it makes absent members such as myself, realize that we are still remembered even though far distant from our Lodge.

"I appreciate receiving the notices of Stated Meetings and especially the "Sinim News" section that was recently added.

"My work in the electric sign industry takes me to all the major cities of the United States and while I do not have many opportunities to visit Lodges, I do meet many of the brethren.

"In 1952 I affiliated with Temple City Lodge #612 in Temple City, California to establish a local Masonic connection. Due to my work, my attendance is not as good as it should be, but I enjoy the very fine fellowship as often as possible.

"I sometimes see some of the Sinim brothers such as C.M. Campbell (who proposed me for membership in 1930), now living in Santa Cruz, Calif.

"My best wishes for the continued success of Sinim Lodge."

7. Bro. Lewis M. Hinds of 1140 E. Rio Grande, Apt. B-18, El Paso, Texas writes to the Secretary asking for a demit, saying:

"It is very doubtful if I will ever be in a position to return to Japan although I would like to sit in Lodge with all the Sinim members again. I regret having to ask for a Demit but under the circumstances I think I should affiliate with some Lodge here in El Paso and continue my Masonic work. Of course I intend to keep my membership in my mother Lodge in the Canal Zone.

"My affiliation with Sinim Lodge will always remain in my memory as one of the happiest times of my life. I have never been associated with a finer group of Masons than those in your Lodge.

"It is with deep regret that I ask to sever my relations with Sinim.

"If at any time, any member of Sinim Lodge is in this vicinity, I would deem it a pleasure to see them and will be more than happy to entertain them.

"May the blessings of the Great Architect of the Universe rest on each and every member."

8. Bro. Y. K. Fu, 6006th AISS APO 76 c/o U.S. Forces, writes to the Wor. Master:-

"Due to my usual staying away from Tokyo, I have not had a chance to attend our Lodge for nearly two years. In the meantime, I don't know how forsaken I should feel had there been no Sinim News. We can see that the Sinim News is really covering a lot of ground now. Your tireless versatility and the efforts of all the brethren are bearing fruit.

"Over here, I miss the opportunity to learn and improve myself. I visited Han Yang Lodge #1048, S.C. in Seoul couple of times, which made me wish to go back and get some work done in Sinim Lodge in the near future. Every time I visited the Lodge here, I always gave the Worshipful Master and the Lodge greetings from Sinim.

"Had a telephone conversation with Bro. Chester Hobbs about a month ago. Most of the time he is on the road and I am out of town, so we haven't got together yet.

"With all best wishes and fraternal greetings."

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9. It is with emotion that we reprint a letter addressed to Bro. David A. Yarin, Central P.O. Box 1175, Tokyo, who was raised a few weeks ago, from his father, Irving H. Yarin:-

"My Dear Son and Brother:- It now becomes my privilege to greet you, not only as my son but as my brother.

"Like all good Masonic fathers, I too have looked forward to this great moment when my son would be raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

"While your brother, Paul, was being raised, I sat in the chair at the right hand of the Worshipful Master, and I kept thinking of you, hoping that I may again experience that same happiness with you.

"While there must be a little bitterness to taste the sweetness in life, I too am going through these emotions. The bitterness being that I am not with you in person at this very happy occasion; the sweetness being that I now have a son that has been raised to the degree of a Master Mason. A man amongst men, a member of the greatest and finest group of men in the world. This makes me proud.

"I want you now to look at the chair at the right hand of the Worshipful Master and feel my presence in spirit. Imagine me, looking at you with a feeling of emotional happiness. I offer you my blessing for good health and happiness; and that you may conduct yourself like a true and just Mason.

"Practice the lessons that you have and will learn and you will be an honorable person and a credit to your fellow man.

"Masonry, my son, like religion, is endless in study and the more you put into it, the more you will get out of it.

"I, now present you, my son, a token of my esteem, this Masonic Emblem. Wear it as a badge of honor and a credit to yourself and our order. This has been my prize possession and I now give it to you to wear with my best wishes.

10. Bro. Frank I. Shih, c/o Keelung Quarantine Service, 4th Floor, Harbour Bldg., Keelung, Taiwan, China, writes to the Wor. Master:-

"Before proceeding to write, I must beg your pardon for being too lazy to correspond, which is partly due to the pressure of my work here. I always read the Monthly Stated Meeting circulars which contain Sinim News and the Message from the Master. They make me feel as if I were in constant touch with the Lodge. I read every word in those pages, especially your Message with it's Masonic teachings. I hope this will not be discontinued.

"I must thank you and the Officers and Brethren of Sinim Lodge for the Birthday greetings which I received and which gave me real warmth of heart, and for which I am grateful. Fraternity is not necessarily expressed in materials, for to some men a few words of sincere greeting leaves a greater impression.

"I remember you once quoted a verse: "God grant me Serenity to accept things that I cannot, Courage to change things that I can, and Wisdom to know the difference." I have been guided by these very lines and pray that we may learn more for the enlightenment of our lives.

"As to my Masonic work, I only have a chance to attend the Square and Compass Club's monthly meetings regularly. I hope I can visit Japan to attend the Lodge just so as not to forget the work I learned in Sinim Lodge, Shanghai.

"Best regards, best thanks and best wishes to the Wor. Master, Officers and Brethren of Sinim".

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11. Bro. Lawrence M. Sevdy, 883 Jones Street, Yuba City, Calif., has been transferred to his new post in the States and writes to the Wor. Master:

"I regret very much leaving the Lodge as I have actually become quite friendly with many of the brothers and because Sinim was the Lodge that gave me my start in Masonry. For this privilege and honor I shall always be grateful to you and the brothers of Sinim.

"I expect to continue my work in Masonry in the States; however, I am sure that any Lodge I may attend will not have the cosmopolitan atmosphere that surrounds Sinim.

"I will consider it a privilege to continue my membership with Sinim in absentia and would appreciate future correspondence being sent to the above address, which is my permanent address.

"My best wishes to you and the new officers of the Lodge in the coming years."

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12. Bro. C. I. Pinnell, c/o Mr. William Pinnell, Newman, Illinois, writes to the Worshipful Master thus:-

"During July 1955, I will be transferred to a new duty assignment in the United States. My permanent address is c/o William Pinnell, Newman, Ill.

"I would like to express my deep appreciation to the Worshipful Master and Brothers of Sinim Lodge for the courteous, efficient manner in which I was received as a candidate and then later given degree work in Sinim Lodge. My only regret is having to leave the area and miss the opportunity of thoroughly learning the work with the Brothers of Sinim Lodge.

"I shall look forward to seeing you again, and wish each Brother of Sinim Lodge the very best in every undertaking."

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Sinim Lodge

It is with a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow by the Worshipful Master, Officers and Brethren of Sinim Lodge to have received word of the death of the following brothers, for whom we join in prayer to Almighty God that they may enjoy eternal peace and solitude with the Great Maker.

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Bro. Hans G. Wantoch
Survived by:
Mrs. Caroline Wantoch
102-40 67th Drive
Forest Hills, 75, N.Y.
U.S.A.

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Bro. Mark Louis Moody
Address Unknown
Notified of death by
the Masonic Board of Relief
Glendale, Calif.
U.S.A.

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