

A. New Masonic Temple Association

In 1912, a plan to give Manila and the Philippines a new Masonic Temple was begun. The Masonic Temple Association composed mainly by prominent members of different lodges in Manila. It was given the task of raising the amount of money needed for the construction of the Masonic Temple. The money needed came primarily from contributions from lodges and bond purchases by different individual Masons. The building was five stories high and built mainly with reinforced concrete. The building had an *Escolta* frontage, and the lower three floors were devoted for commercial offices. The fourth and fifth floors were reserved for Masonry. The Masonic Temple was completely built during the later part of 1916.

New Masonic Temple Association, Incorporated

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Board Meetings First Monday Each Month

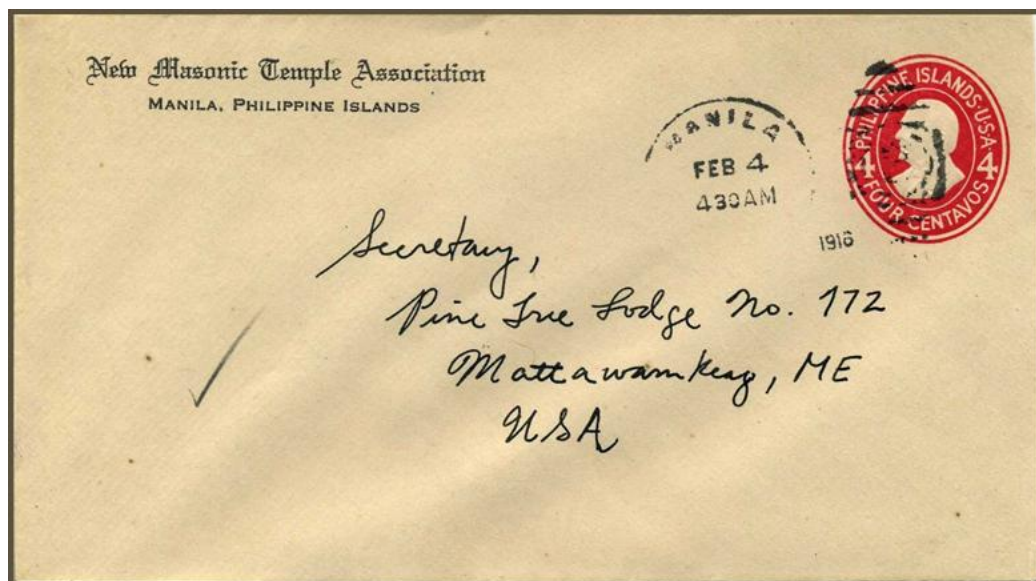
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Source: 1917 Rosenstock's
City of Manila Directory

Masonic Temple at Manila, Philippine Islands

The Masonic Temple Association of Manila, P. I., issues a little folder giving a fine view of their new Masonic Temple erected at considerable expense by the Masons of Manila. The fifth floor of this large building is devoted entirely to the Masonic Bodies of Manila. The banquet room is said to be very spacious and beautifully enriched by the colors of the native woods, which have been used in its decoration. It was a question whether such an expensive building could be made to pay on the Islands or not, but the Secretary writes that it does pay, not alone in money, but in the satisfaction to each and everyone who helped to build it.

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February 4, 1916: MANILA to MATTAWAMKEAG, MAINE, USA

New Masonic Temple Association corner card on 4c McKinley PSE issue of 1907 (UPSS# 81).