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New Masonic Temple Association
MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, P. I., January 1, 1916.

Secretary,

Pine Tree Lodge No 172, F.&A.M.,
Mattawamkeag, Me., USA

Dear Sir and Brother:-

We are writing you this letter asking you to present it to your Lodge at its next stated meeting.

Ever since American occupation of the Philippine Islands in 1898, there has been a growing interest in the establishment of Masonry here. Lodges were held within the Army in those first days, and later several lodges were formed under the grand jurisdiction of California. Recently we have organized a Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. We also have a Chapter, Commandery, and each of the Scottish Rite Bodies. A great and increasing interest is taken in all branches of Masonry. Some two or three years ago we undertook the erection of a Masonic Temple in Manila. It has been a tremendous undertaking. Our resources were very small, and individual Masons and all Masonic bodies have made many sacrifices to accomplish this task. Then the war came on to further hamper our work.

The building is a five-story reinforced concrete structure, situated on the best street in the City. It is costing some \$400,000 and will be completed by June 1, 1916, but we still need and must have \$50,000 to complete the same. We are issuing stock in the amount of \$25 per share to raise this money. If we can sell 2,000 such shares at once, it will take care of this situation.

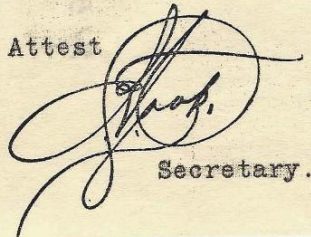
We want to earnestly request your Lodge to buy at least two of these shares. We are sure that it will be some satisfaction to your members to feel that you have helped us in this enterprise. We confidently expect that the building will yield a large net profit. So your action will only involve the investment of a small amount of money, which will yield good returns.

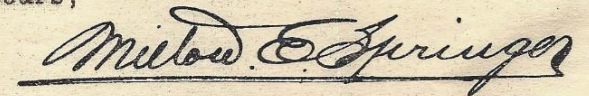
Also, there are certainly one or more of the members of your Lodge who, out of their abundance, will be willing to take stock to assist Masonry in this distant outpost.

If you do this, please act promptly and send the money by postal money order, or by check or draft, to the International Banking Corporation, Manila, P. I., and the Bank will send you the shares by return mail.

Fraternally yours,

Attest


Secretary.


President New Masonic Temple Association.

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