

**A CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY**  
**in the former Danish West Indian Islands,**  
**especially the History of the Danish Lodges**  
**in St. Croix & St. Thomas**  
**at the end of the 18th and the beginning of the 19th century**  
**gathered from the Archives**  
**of the Grand Lodge of Denmark**

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THE Harmonic Lodge No. 356 is a tiny little Lodge in a wee little Island, but still a growing leaf on the evergreen tree of Freemasonry.

Much has changed with us. We have seen our island sold, sold with its homes where Brethren lived, sold with its graves where Brethren sleep. But our Lodge is still here, true and strong and faithful, drinking its life from the very fountain-head of Freemasonry. And just because this Lodge means so very much to us, it has been more than a mere pleasure to me to translate from the Danish, a language now read by so very few here, this History of the foundation work done by the Brethren of those ancient Danish West Indian Lodges.

The author may be wrong in his belief that the Harmonic was founded on the ruins of the old "St. Thomas to Unity," but I have the comforting belief that it was in consequence of the work of the old Danish Lodge that the ground was so well prepared, and that the Harmonic was born strong enough to reach its present age of 102 years, still remaining strong.

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## S-T. C-R-O-I-X.

The first trace of Freemasonry in the former Danish West Indies, St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John, points towards England. We learn from *Allgemeines Handbuch der Freimaurerei* (3rd Edition, Volume ii., page 297) that the Grand Lodge of England in the year 1756 founded a Lodge in St. Croix (probably in Christiansted). We find the same in Bro. R. F. Gould's *History of Freemasonry* (Volume iii., page 362), where it is stated that the above-mentioned Lodge in the Grand Lodge Register for 1756 has the No. 224, but ten years later the number was 216. According to the same source this Lodge later on got the name "St. George Lodge" and is found in the Register up to 1814, but most likely ceased to work about the year 1788 after having been under the Danish Grand Lodge since 1776. Probably it is this Lodge that we find mentioned a few years after the foundation of the Danish Lodge in Christiansted.

Gould also says that the Grand Lodge of England in the year 1777 installed John Ryan as Provincial Grand-Master for St. Croix, without any other Lodge being founded there. We will later on hear about this Brother.

It would seem quite probable that at least some of the Brethren who formed part of the Danish Lodge at its foundation in 1776, belonged to or had belonged to, the local English Lodge. But it is certain that the W.M. of this new Danish Lodge, Bro. Christian Ewald, was initiated in Copenhagen the 15th of February, 1773, in Lodge "ZOROBABEL TIL NORDSTJERNEN" (Zorobabel to the Northstar). He is described as a lieutenant.

We do not know who conceived the idea of founding a Lodge in Christiansted under the Danish Constitution, but possibly it was Ewald, who on behalf of the Brethren took the preliminary steps, and these were made in 1775. He eventually through his Mother-Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar," in Copenhagen, petitioned to found a Daughter Lodge under said Mother-Lodge and with the name "TIL DET HELLIGE KORS" (To the Holy Cross).

A Minute-Book for the meetings of the Directorium in Copenhagen has on the order of the day for November 16, 1775: "To write to Prov. Grandmaster and Protector Prince Carl of Hessen concerning a request of August 12, 1775, for a Lodge Charter for St. Croix, and the expenses in connection with same." This is the first time this Lodge is mentioned in said Minute-Book.

The Charter, Instructions, Rituals and possibly a list of officers approved by the Lodge were then despatched from Copenhagen. At the same time certain written guarantees were demanded from the W.M. and the Founders of the Lodge. This is evident from two declarations still in existence, written in German and dated August 27th, 1776.

The first one is from Ewald as W.M. of the new founded Daughter-Lodge: "Til det hellige Kors" ("To the Holy Cross"). He declares under oath that he will fulfil his obligations particularly towards the "Store Skotte Loge" in Copenhagen (Scottish Grand Lodge) and will rule in accordance with his Charter, instructions and prescriptions. It is a personal declaration from Ewald, but is also signed by the two Wardens, Brothers Charisius and Röring.

The second declaration is the so-called Submission-Act in which the Brethren of "Til det hellige Kors" promise the Most W. Provincial for the 7th Province (North Germany and Denmark) and all the German Masons, and their special superior, the Supreme Scottish Grand Lodge in Copenhagen, obedience, secrecy, and not to join any secret society be it for or against Freemasonry, and if already members of any such, then to sever all connection with it. This declaration is signed by F. A. Charisius, 1st Surv.; Röring, 2nd Surv.; Christian F. Kipnasse, Secretary; A. C. Hoy, Treasurer; P. C. van Beverhoudt; Angell; John Ryan; and J. Hartmann, Serving Brother. (See *Personalia*).

According to this the Lodge seems to have been founded in 1776, and the nine above-mentioned Brethren to have been the founders, as we find the Lodge further mentioned in the Minute-Book, for the meeting of March 31, 1776:

As the Charter for the Lodge "Til det hellige Kors" in the West Indian island St. Croix, signed by the G.M. and Protector, has been received giving permission to work in the three first degrees of Freemasonry, be it resolved to give the M.W. Bro. Malleville, Knight of the Inner Order of the Rite of the Strict Observance, Commandant in St. Thomas, supervision of said Lodge, and to give the W.M. of that Lodge, Bro. Ewald, the general instructions for a W.M. and special instructions for him and his Lodge as a Daughter-Lodge of this Lodge, Zorobabel til Nordstjernen.

In the same Minute-Book for the meeting of April 16, 1776, both the general and the special instructions for Bro. Ewald were read and approved, and the Charter was signed and the large seal of the Lodge attached. It was resolved to send Bro. Ewald a Lodge-device similar to the one of Zoroastrianism, with the difference, however, that the letter Z in the centre to be replaced by a cross. There were also to be sent to him a hymnbook and the Almanac for the year to enable him to give those members of his Lodge who intended to travel, a list of all genuine Lodges. Further Kansler (G.S.) was requested to make a transcript of the obligation which Bro. Ewald and his two Wardens would have to sign and to return the original to the Mother-Lodge.

The hymn-book is most likely the big hymn-book for "Zorobabel" printed the same year. The hymns were in German and accompanied by the music. The Almanac is "Almanach oder taschenbuch für die Brüder Freymaurer der vereinigten Deutschen Logen": It is the Handbook for Lodges under the system of Strict Observance. This Almanac was edited in the years 1776 to 1779 inclusive, by Bro. I. I. C. Bode and contained amongst other matter a list of all Lodges belonging to said system, and some songs with music. In the edition for the year 1778 we find the Lodge in St. Croix, but no doubt by mistake on the part of the Copenhagen Directorium, Major Malleville is mentioned as the W.M. Ewald feels sore and writes the Directorium, and in the Handbook for 1779 we find Ewald mentioned as W.M.

From a Cashbook still existing for the Scottish Grand Lodge in Copenhagen we learn that the Charter-fee was 4 Species-Ducater, the copy of the Submission-Act, Rituals, etc., 4 Rd. 68 sk., the Lodge-device 2 Rd., and the Almanac 80 sk.

There does not exist any Minute-Book of initiations, meetings or other work of the Lodge in St. Croix, but the work was most likely conducted in German, following the custom at that time prevailing in Denmark when the rituals used were those of the Strict Observance system. This system was introduced in Denmark in 1765. The Grand Master was the well-known Karl Gotthelf, Reichsfreiherr von Hund, born in Manua in the year 1722, and died in Meiningen on the 8th of November, 1776.

In the Minute-Book for the Directorium meetings in Copenhagen (the so-called Prefecture "Binin") we read that at the meeting of December 27th same year it was resolved to notify the Lodge in St. Croix officially of the death of the G.M.

The first existing sign of life from the Lodge in St. Croix is a letter from Ewald, written in French, to a Brother in Copenhagen, whose name is not mentioned, but it was most likely the W.M. of the Mother-Lodge Zorobabel. This letter is dated June 19th, 1778. Ewald asks here to be given the last degrees of the Order as a token of the satisfaction expressed by having him as W.M., and at all events to entitle him to give the fourth degree, "Skottegraden" (Scottish degree). He mentions that Brother Malleville, who has visited his Lodge and been present at the initiation of Lieutenant Harboe, has promised to write Zorobabel to that effect. The reason for his desire to have the Scottish degree introduced in St. Croix is that several of the younger Brethren of the Lodge have obtained this degree on their visits at Copenhagen; and that the remainder of the Brethren complain because they cannot get that degree in their own Lodge and that this may in the end weaken their interest in their Lodge. Ewald has recommended patience, and for the present those Brethren have

ceased to give trouble, but this is likely to be for a time only. His desire to obtain the last degrees is solely because of his interest for the cause and because he thinks it will strengthen his position. At the same time Ewald states that he has remitted 10 Rd. as dispensation-fee for Brothers Holstein and Bradt, who have been passed before the normal time. He directs attention to the fact that it has been forgotten to send him the "Parole" for the year, and ends by mentioning that he got married in the month of November. In a post-script he states that Brother Angell (one of the founders of the Lodge) for certain reasons was expelled from the Lodge.

It seems that, about the same time, another Brother in St. Croix, Brother Oxholm, had written to the Directorium in Copenhagen, as the Minute-Book for the meeting of September 6th, 1779, states that a Brother living in the West Indies has petitioned for the founding of a West Indian Scottish Lodge there, with himself as W.M., and at the same time the said Brother had directed attention to the necessity of having an ordinary Lodge in *St. Thomas*. The first item the Directorium could not sanction as it would mean a slight on the W.M. Ewald whose Lodge had worked for a considerable time. Any decision on the second item was postponed.

At the following meeting, October 25th of same year, a member of the Directorium raised a discussion on what ought to be done with regard to the petitions from the Danish Brethren in the West Indies, Ewald and Oxholm, concerning establishing a Scottish Lodge in St. Croix and a Lodge in St. Thomas. It was resolved to notify Brother Ewald that at the present time on account of overwhelming obstacles it was impossible to advance him to the fourth degree, and consequently it was not possible to elevate his Lodge to a Scottish Lodge. He should warn his Brethren against affiliating with other Lodges and show them a letter of admonition from the Directorium which would be sent him. Brother Oxholm was to be answered that if a Scottish Lodge was established in St. Croix, then Brother Ewald and not he would be the W.M.

With regard to the establishing of a Lodge in St. Thomas, Brother Oxholm would please communicate with Brother Malleville and leave it to him to decide if the establishing of a Lodge there would be of use and possible, and that the Directorium would write Brother Malleville on the same matter and ask his opinion. The G.S. read next a sketch of a letter of admonition which was approved after some rather hard passages had been discussed and softened.

At meetings of the 12th and 29th of November of the same year the said documents as well as a private letter from the G.S. to Brother Ewald were sanctioned and signed.

It has not been possible to find out if Brother Malleville sent any answer, but the question of establishing a Lodge in St. Thomas was probably postponed, as the first Danish Lodge in St. Thomas was constituted December 3rd, 1798.

Ewald obtained the higher degrees on a trip to Europe in 1783. (See *Personalia*.) During a stay in Copenhagen on this same trip he succeeded in getting his Lodge promoted to a Mother-Lodge, and obtained thereby the right to give the Scottish Degree. About this we will learn later.

Under April 29th, 1780, King Christian the VII. signed a rescript to the leaders of the Freemasons in Denmark directing that never and nowhere in any Danish land or possession, should the Freemasons recognize a foreign Prince of royal blood as Grand Master or give any such any authority or influence over the Order.

It was a known fact that Duke Ferdinand of Brunswick had a certain influence over Lodges in the Danish lands and possessions (Duke Ferdinand had succeeded von Hund as Grand Master in the System of the Strict Observance), but when he retired no Lodge was to be permitted to allow any foreigner, be he Prince of royal blood or not, to have any authority over any Lodge without first having petitioned therefor and obtained royal permission.

This rescript was renewed and made wider in another royal document of 2nd November, 1792, wherein Prince Carl of Hessen (Danish Field Marshal) was recognized as Grand Master, and it was ruled: That no Lodge must be

held in any of Our lands or possessions without being in connection with and under the direction of the Masonic Society adopted in Our lands and possessions.

As will be seen later, the rescript of 1780 gave Brother Ewald occasion to refuse to the English Lodge in Christiansted, St. George Lodge No. 216, the right to work. Ewald must have taken this step convinced that it was against said rescript to allow a Lodge in the Danish lands and possessions to work under the Grand Master of England, at that time the Duke of Cumberland. At the same time he promised to try to obtain constitution for the Lodge from the Directorium in Copenhagen. This can be gathered from the following communications from Ewald to Copenhagen:—

1. A petition in German of October 19, 1784 to the W.M. and officers of the Mother Lodge Zorobabel that a Charter be given the English Lodge from the Scottish Grand Lodge in Copenhagen. This document was signed by Ewald, W.M., L. Ebbesen, S.W., I. P. Brown, J.W.
2. The above document is accompanied by a letter, written in English, September 23, 1784 A.L. from the English Lodge to the W.M., officers and members of the Lodge "Til det hellige Kors" ("To the Holy Cross") communicating the desire of the English Lodge for a constitution from Copenhagen. The signatories are Walter Burke, Sen., W. I. Godman and L. Boyle.
3. These official letters are accompanied by a letter written in Danish from Ewald to a Brother in Copenhagen (likely the Representative of the Lodge). Ewald asks this "M.W. friend and very W.Br." to support the petition and states what causes him to recommend it: "if the constitution be not granted, there are two alternatives: either to let the Brethren continue to work under their own constitution [The Lodge had then a constitution, but in Ewald's opinion not a legal one] or through the court to get the work discontinued, which would cause unfavourable comment and have no good result. If they do not get the constitution it will mean discomfiture for me, the Order and the Royal Rescript."
4. Ewald sends further, October 22, same year, a private letter written in German to the Grand Master of the Scottish Grand Lodge in Copenhagen. We learn here that Ewald recently had returned from his trip already mentioned to Copenhagen (During his absence Brother L. Ebbesen, S.W., acted as W.M.) and that he had found everything in a satisfactory state and had taken over the chair as W.M. The Brethren had worked well and had bought a Lodge-house for 7,000 Rd., having paid down 2,000 Rd. It is from this letter we learn that he has got the permission to give the Scottish Degree, and that at the same time his Lodge is promoted to a Mother-Lodge. He writes: "The Lodge-papers should be sent to me as soon as possible, if they are not already dispatched; having got your promise I have been expecting them long, and I have assured the Scottish Brethren here, that the necessary documents were already signed and ready."

He asks to have the rituals for all four degrees in Danish, and promises to send remittance promptly. Further he mentions the petition for a charter for the English Lodge and states that he has caused the works of this irregular Lodge to be discontinued. Up to now the Lodge had been working in the dark and without constitution.

(The expressions "irregular Lodge" and "without constitution" must be accepted as his personal opinion derived from the System of Strict Observance and the Royal Rescripts.)

He recommends once more the petition and the Brethren of the English Lodge, and promises, if the constitution be given, to keep an eye on the work. "As the Brethren of said Lodge are not Danish and are not conversant with

the German Language, an amalgamation of the two Lodges cannot be recommended, and the Lodge-rooms would not be large enough." Until further directed Ewald has, for political reasons, permitted the English Brethren to meet, but without initiations, and he hopes that the M.W.G.M. will not disapprove of this arrangement. Should the constitution be granted, Ewald begs to be instructed with regard to the ceremony of consecration.

At the important Masonic convention in Wilhelmsbad in 1782 the System of the Strict Observance was partly discontinued, and in the following years Denmark gradually adopted the so-called "Rectified System," and worked under this until the so-called "Swedish System" was introduced towards the middle of the last century. The transfer to the "Rectified System" took place just about the time when the above-mentioned letters from Brother Ewald arrived and caused the postponing of any decision on the questions contained in those letters. We know this from a Danish memorandum, still in existence, of June 8th, 1785, made by the Grand Lodge in Copenhagen, which may be considered as an answer to Ewald's letters: "Several conditions have made it necessary for our highest Masonic authorities to consider once more the rituals for the Masonic degrees and have them rectified by a general Masonic convention. These have then again to be made to fit our Lodges. As soon as possible we shall see that they are translated into Danish for the regular and perfect Lodge 'To the Holy Cross' in St. Croix and dispatched to the W.M. of said Lodge, and the Brethren can at the same time expect to be granted other petitions sent to us, also the constitution to install Brother Walter Burke as W.M. and Brothers Godman and James Boyle as Ws. for a new working daughter Lodge in St. Croix according to their wish and petition. Until said new rituals are received from us we shall, in the name of the Highest Authorities, veto all initiating, passing and raising."

It is later related that, on account of the above, Brother Ad. von Kohl was denied further promotion during his stay in Copenhagen (Brother von Kohl was J.W. in the Lodge "To the Holy Cross." As he already had his third degree, the degree in question must have been the fourth.) but that his own Lodge can promote him when it receives the necessary rituals. It is further notified to the Lodge that W. Brother Moth last month was elected W.M. for Mother-Lodge Zorobabel, replacing Brother Bierregaard (Not Brother Fr. Moth, who in 1784 was Master of Ceremonies for the Lodge in St. Croix. See List of Members for 1784.)

The memorandum warns the Lodge not to act against the laws of the Lodges by initiating strangers who have been educated, employed and in fact live where a Mother-Lodge is working, without previously having obtained the permission of the Mother-Lodge. It is often with the greatest surprise that the Masters of our Lodges hear that naval officers, who make a trip to the West Indies, often only a very short one, return with certificates from the Lodge "Til det hellige Kors" which perhaps has not always had an opportunity of studying the minds of these men, at all events not as deeply as the Mother-Lodge under whose eyes they have grown up. Sometimes these Brethren have not even reached the required age, and as far as we know from our Lodges in no case has there been sent any remittance for the initiation-fees to the Mother-Lodge.

Attention is therefore urgently drawn to this point and in the future even a Dane, who *establishes* himself in St. Croix, must not be initiated before the opinion of the Copenhagen working Lodges has been obtained. "In the case of permission being granted the initiation-fees belong to the Lodge "To the Holy Cross."

There is nothing to show that the English Lodge ever got the Constitutional Charter which we see was intended to be given to it, as above mentioned in the memorandum. It is likely that it came to nothing, that the Lodge ceased to work and perhaps some of the Brethren affiliated with the Danish Lodge.

In a letter of February 2, 1785, written in Danish to Ewald from Brother F. C. Trolle (see List of Members from 1784 No. 21) in St. Thomas this Brother complains about Brother Stoud's unmasonic conduct and states that he speaks in a disrespectful manner about Freemasonry, even to profanes, amongst other things by relating that Brother Malleville retired from the Order because "Freemasonry contained nothing." Brother Trolle maintains nevertheless that Brother Malleville always, for him, has spoken about the royal art with the greatest reverence and caution.

Under date of April 16, 1785, Ewald writes a letter in German to the Lodge in Copenhagen and incloses Brother Trolle's letter. After first having told how conscientiously he always tries to administer his office as W.M. he recommends the expulsion of Stoud from the Order as a warning to others. He tells how he, after a conference (presumably with his officers) stated the case to Brother Malleville, who told him that Stoud was no longer on the books of the Lodge and that Ewald ought to refer the case to the Grand-Lodge in Copenhagen where likely Brother Trolle as well as Stoud were at the time. The case could then be thoroughly investigated there.

Ewald adds that also outside the Order Stoud's conduct had not been as it ought to have been, if what Brothers Bentzen (Bentson), Beverhoudt and Stenersen in St. Thomas, had several times mentioned be correct. Ewald asks further how he ought to rule in a case of a Brother, whom he had refused to raise to the third degree before the stipulated time and who in St. Kitts in an irregular Lodge had been raised to the third degree.

The same letter complains about a local English Lodge (it must be another one than the one he recommended to be given a charter) which takes unto itself unheard of liberties. "It does not hold any regular meetings, but holds Lodge-meetings on the plantations (sugar-estates). Initiations take place in the mornings and the candidate receives at once the two first degrees, and four weeks later the third. The dinner is attended without any ceremony, and the day ends with a drinking-Lodge. Candidates refused by the Danish Lodge are accepted in this English Lodge. A local planter, Ryan, is Prov. Grand Master (see *Personalia*), and he has the audacity to issue Charters to other Grand Masters, which means a trespassing on the rights of our Provincial Grand Master. "The good cause decidedly suffers by this and I beg you, M.W. Brother to write the English Grand Master and ask him to withdraw the Charter of this Prov. G.M., something he cannot refuse to do" (?)

At the end of this same letter Ewald begs to have the Scottish Charter sent; it was, when he left Copenhagen, only wanting the signature of the G.M. He hopes also soon to receive "The Charter for the other local English Lodge, whose petition was forwarded to Copenhagen some time ago, and whose members daily come to me and are impatient in their waiting for this Charter."

The Charter from the Scottish Grand Lodge was at last signed on November 21st, 1785, and by this the Daughter Lodge "To the Holy Cross" was promoted as a Mother-Lodge of the same name and with Ewald as W.M. This Charter is in neat caligraphy in Danish, and signed by Carl of Hessen as Provincial Grand Master for Upper and Lower Germany and for the Royal Danish lands and possessions, by von Bechtolsheim as Scottish Grand Master, by Mahling as Dep. Scottish Grand Master, and by Aasheim as G.S. This document is still preserved in the archives at Copenhagen.

One of the most interesting documents in existence from the old Danish Lodge in St. Croix is a manuscript list of members from October 1st, 1784, which we have already referred to, and for its great personal historic interest is here given in extenso:—

## I.

## LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE LODGE

"T-O T-H-E H-O-L-Y C-R-O-S-S,"

ST. CROIX IN AMERICA, OCTOBER 1ST, 1784.

| NO. | NAME.                      | OCCUPATION.               | BORN. | RELIG. | DEG. | REMARKS.           |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|--------------------|
| 1.  | Christian Ewald            | Cancelleirath             | 1751  | Luth.  | 4    | W.M.               |
| 2.  | Lorentz Ebbesen            | Royal Dan.<br>Agent       | 1728  | do.    | 3    | S.W. & Tr.         |
| 3.  | Carl Ad. Kohl.             | Captain                   | 1754  | do.    | 3    | J.W. (off).        |
| 4.  | Jens Parelius<br>Brown     | Stadt Vogt                | 1751  | do.    | 3    | J.W.<br>(interim). |
| 5.  | Peter Loth<br>Oxholm       | Merchant                  | 1752  | do.    | 4    | Orator             |
| 6.  | Friederich Moth            | Captain                   | 1751  | do.    | 4    | M. of Cer.         |
| 7.  | Carl Fred.<br>Brandt       | Builder                   | 1750  | do.    | 3    | Stew.              |
| 8.  | Edmun Jones                | Painter                   | 1748  | do.    | 3    | 2 Stew.            |
| 9.  | Georg Werligh              | Chief-clerk               | 1745  | do.    | 3    | Secretary.         |
| 10. | Chr. Fr.<br>Kipnasse       | Planter                   | ?     | do.    | 3    |                    |
| 11. | John Ryan                  | Planter                   | ?     | Cath.  | 3    |                    |
| 12. | P. Clan. van<br>Beverhoudt | Royal Agent               | 1752  | Refor. | 3    |                    |
| 13. | Diedrich v.<br>Holstein    | Captain, R.D.N.           | ?     | Luth.  | 3    | off.               |
| 14. | W. Wood P. Son             | Planter                   | ?     | Refor. | 3    |                    |
| 15. | Friederich<br>Harboe       | Lieutenant,<br>R.D.N.     | ?     | Luth.  | 3    | off.               |
| 16. | Peter Rogiers              | Procurator                | 1746  | Refor. | 3    |                    |
| 17. | Jacob Bentson              | Auditor                   | ?     | Luth.  | 3    | St. Thomas.        |
| 18. | Peter Hansen<br>Koch       | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | 1745  | do.    | 3    | off.               |
| 19. | Mads Kirkegaard            | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | ?     | do.    | 3    | off.               |
| 20. | Chr. Walterstorff          | Lieutenant,<br>R.D.N.     | ?     | do.    | 3    | off.               |
| 21. | Fr. Chr. Trolle            | Lieutenant                |       | do.    | 2    | St. Thomas.        |
| 22. | Johan Faerentz             | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | ?     | do.    | 2    | off.               |
| 23. | Johan Dam                  | Merchant                  | ?     | Refor. | 1    | off.               |
| 24. | And. Colding               | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | 1740  | Luth.  | 1    | off.               |
| 25. | Hans Kaas                  | Lieutenant,<br>R.D.N.     | 1760  | do.    | 3    | off.               |
| 26. | Hans Ernst<br>Porth        | ?                         | 1759  | do.    | 2    |                    |
| 27. | Peter Holte                | Merchant                  | 1754  | do.    | 3    |                    |
| 28. | Joh. Chr.<br>Smidt         | Chirurgius                | ?     | do.    | 3    | off.               |
| 29. | B. L. Groot                | Merchant                  | 1751  | do.    | 4    |                    |
| 30. | Edm. Bourcke               | Planter                   | 1761  | Cath.  | 3    | off.               |
| 31. | Johannes Brun              | Merchant                  | 1752  | Luth.  | 3    | In Copen.          |
| 32. | Peter Jurgensen            | Merchant                  | 1759  | do.    | 1    | off.               |
| 33. | Carl Gotlieb<br>Fleischer  | Merchant                  | 1759  | do.    | 3    |                    |
| 34. | John Gordon                | M.D.                      | 1756  | Refor. | 3    |                    |



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|-----|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|------|----------------|
| 35. | Joseph Mooze             | Merchant                  | 1754  | do.    | 3    |                |
| 36. | Joh. Cornl.<br>Krieger   | Capt.-Lieut.,<br>R.D.N.   | 1756  | Luth.  | 1    | off.           |
| 37. | Martin Meermann          | Bookkeeper                | 1742  | do.    | 2    | In St. Thomas. |
| 38. | Swen Stenersen           | Procurator                | 1752  | do.    | 1    | do.            |
| 39. | Jurg. D. Funck           | Controller                | 1750  | do.    | 1    | do.            |
| 40. | Ant. Gravenhorst         | Bookkeeper                | 1754  | do.    | 2    | do.            |
| 41. | Hans Jac.<br>Ahlman      | Controller                | 1756  | do.    | 1    | do.            |
| 42. | Didr. Tutein             | Merchant                  | 1755  | do.    | 2    | do.            |
| 43. | Christian Dolner         | Lieutenant                | 1759  | do.    | 2    |                |
| 44. | Chr. von<br>Holstein     | Capt.-Lieut.,<br>R.D.N.   | 1749  | do.    | 3    | In Copenhagen. |
| 45. | Fried. Saltwedel         | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | 1759  | do.    | 1    | off.           |
| 46. | Chr. W. Meyer            | Merchant                  | 1759  | do.    | 2    | In St. Thomas. |
| 47. | Jens Alstrup             | 2nd Clark,<br>Deal. Court | 1757  | do.    | 2    |                |
| 48. | Fried. Stibolt           | Pr. Lieut.,<br>R.D.N.     | 1750  | do.    | 2    | In Copenhagen. |
| 49. | Johs. Thortsen           | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | 1753  | do.    | 1    | off.           |
| 50. | Johs.<br>Mallevillewood  | Merchant                  | 1762  | Refor. | 1    | In St. Thomas. |
| 51. | Peter Aroe               | Lieutenant                | 1763  | Luth.  | 1    | do.            |
| 52. | Lanzet Sandberg          | Secretary-clerk           | 1758  | do.    | 1    | do.            |
| 53. | And. Grove               | Lieut., R.D.N.            | 1761  | do.    | 1    | In Copenhagen. |
| 54. | P. Erland<br>Hoffgaard   | Captain,<br>Merch. Marine | 1758  | do.    | 1    | off.           |
| 55. | Carl Gotfr.<br>van Megen | Merchant                  | 1746  | do.    | 1    | In St. Thomas. |
| 56. | Chr. Fr.<br>Bendecke     | Procurator                | 1758  | do.    | 1    | do.            |
| 57. | Andreas Winding          | Procurator                | 1758  | do.    | 1    |                |
| 58. | Sct. Herm.<br>Zimmerman  | Chirurgius                | 1744  | do.    | 1    |                |
| 59. | Joh. Alb. Ursin          | Clerk, R.<br>Appoint.     | 1745  | do.    | 1    |                |
| 60. | Geo. And.<br>Francke     | Former Soldier            | 1749  | do.    | 3    | Serv. Bro.     |
| 61. | Johs. Fr. Bayer          | Sergeant                  | 1759  | do.    | 1    | do.            |
| 62. | Carl Vilh. Jessen        | Lieut., R.D.N.            | 1764  | do.    | 1    |                |

In the archives and museum in Copenhagen there are five certificates from the Lodge "To the Holy Cross." They are all in French. No. 1 is handwritten in colours on thick paper and was no doubt a local production. The others are partly printed and of the same pattern as those used at that time in other Danish Lodges:—

No. 1. Certificate for Captain Joh. Ferentz (List 1, No. 22) as companion, dated June 26th, 1779, signed by Ewald, W.M.; Charesius, S.W.; Ebbesen, J.W.; and Kipnasse, Secretary.

No. 2. Certificate for John Thortsen (List 1, No. 49) as apprentice, dated Feb. 21, 1784, signed by Ebbesen, W.M. (Ewald in Copenhagen); Moth, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; and Werligh, Secretary.

- No. 3. Certificate for Henrich Rasmussen as M.M., dated August 11th, 1785, signed by Ewald, W.M.; Ebbesen, S.W.; Brown, J.W.; and Werligh, Secretary.
- No. 4. Certificate for Nicolaj Moller as M.M., dated November 3rd, 1795, signed by Ursin, W.M.; Schuster, S.W.; Joh. van Beverhoudt, J.W.; and B. Muller, Secretary.
- (Nicolaj Moller was a Controller in St. Croix.)
- No. 5. Certificate for E. A. Wadskiaer as M.M., dated July 29, 1803, signed by Joh. van Beverhoudt, W.M.; M. L. Krausch, S.W.; Joh. Mauritzen, J.W.; and P. C. Dons, Secretary.

Johs. Mauritzen was Judge in Christiansted, obtained the title of Justitsraad and was in 1823 made a member of the Government.

Peter Christian Dons was in 1800 Chief Clerk in the Custom Office in St. Croix, in 1805 Chief Clerk in St. Thomas and in 1814 member of the Council for St. Thomas and St. John.

During Ewald's Mastership, the Lodge sent regularly remittances to the Mother-Lodge in Copenhagen, the so-called St. John dues. This amounted to about 30-50 Rd. a year, always forwarded through home-visiting Brethren. The last time it was paid seems to have been in 1787, but it is possible that the Lodge was not bound to pay these dues after it was made a Mother-Lodge.

In a letter of Authorization of April 15th, 1793, from the Lodge it can be seen that a Brother in Copenhagen was appointed to represent the Lodge in the Directorium. The name of this Brother was Chr. Kierulff. The letter is signed by A. Ursin, W.M.; Sandberg, S.W.; P. Lund, J.W.; and Schuster, Secretary.

The Lodge in St. Croix, as later on the Lodge in St. Thomas, had also to pay dues to the Provincial-archive in Slesvig. It cannot be seen if these dues were paid regularly, but a note shows that the above-mentioned Brother Kierulff in 1795 paid on account of the Lodge for two years, 7 Rd. 1 m. per year.

There is no doubt about it but that Brother Ewald as W.M. governed his Lodge in a good and reliable way and with great interest and zeal and that the Lodge under him progressed rather well, everything considered.

Besides his Masonic work Brother Ewald was a member of another Society, the "KAEDE-ORDENEN," "Order of the Chain"; indeed he was even its leader for St. Croix. Two certificates are still in existence in the Lodge Museum in Copenhagen shewing this. These certificates are for Captain Henrich Rasmussen as Brother of the first and second degrees of the governing body in St. Croix called "The Hope in the West"; they are dated respectively August 30, 1786, and July 31, 1787, and are signed by Ewald and Jens Alstrup. (See the List, No. 47.)

This Rasmussen is the same to whom belonged the Masonic Certificate above mentioned (No. 3). He was thus a Freemason previous to his admittance into the Order of the Chain.

Ewald had been admitted to "The Order of the Chain" during his stay in Copenhagen 1783 to 1784, and probably he then obtained permission to form a Government of the Order in St. Croix. It seems to be beyond doubt that this Order, in St. Croix as well as in Copenhagen, got the majority of its members from among Freemasons and their female relatives, and the Fraternity did not put any obstacles in the way of the Brethren who wished to be admitted in this Order. The highest office of the Fraternity and of this Order has several times been occupied by the same person, the last time by the late King Frederik the Eighth.

The Order of the Chain is supposed to be a very old Society and to have been existing in several countries. In Copenhagen it was introduced anew in 1776, partly on the initiative of Freemasons. It has four degrees and its

methods of work are said to remind one much of Freemasonry. This Order, which admits men as well as women, has in the profane world done much good work for the blind.

After Ewald's departure from St. Croix in 1787 there is, so to say, nothing of much importance concerning the Lodge "To the Holy Cross." It can be seen from a signature in some ritual-protocols that at all events the following three Brethren succeeded Ewald in the Chair:—A. Ursin (see List, No. 59), Fr. Moth (see List, No. 6), and Johs. van Beverhoudt, who must have been initiated after 1784. But possibly there were other Brethren who occupied the Chair. It seems likely that either Ebbesen or I. P. Brown was Ewald's immediate successor. A somewhat apocryphal tradition mentions Johs. W. Mauritzen as the last W.M.

We have, however, to realize that, after Ewald's departure, the Lodge gradually declined; firstly, the formation of a Lodge in St. Thomas (December 3rd, 1798) deprived the Mother-Lodge in St. Croix of a number of its members, and of the opportunity of getting any more members from St. Thomas. And, secondly, later on, here, as in St. Thomas, the English occupation of the islands contributed to a further stagnation.

It is not much that we find in Copenhagen to tell the history of this old Danish Lodge in St. Croix.

Besides what we have already mentioned we find the complete Rituals for the St. John's degrees under the Rectified System. The different volumes are solidly bound and, with the exception of two, have the seal of "To the Holy Cross" attached.

The author believes that these books can only indirectly be said to have belonged to the Lodge "To the Holy Cross," as they are merely copies signed either: Copy Correct, Lodge "To the Holy Cross" in St. Croix, April 29th, 5799, Fr. Moth W.M., Joh's van Beverhoudt S.W., Chr. von Holstein J.W., P. Iversen, Secretary, or: In conformity with the ritual used in the Lodge "To the Holy Cross" complete, St. Croix, May 29th, 5799. Same signatures.

The two Rituals which do not bear the seal of the Lodge have neither date nor any indication of place, and the verification runs as follows:—"The correctness of the copy verified, Gravenhorst W.M., the Lodge 'St. Thomas til Enighed' (St. Thomas to Unity)." These are, therefore, copies verified after the promotion of this Lodge in St. Thomas to a Mother-Lodge in 1803.

It seems justifiable to say that all these Rituals are copies for the use of the Lodge in St. Thomas after this was started, first as a Daughter-Lodge in St. Croix, December 3rd, 1798, till in 1803 it became a Mother-Lodge.

The original Rituals, both for the St. John's degrees and for the Scottish Degree, used in Lodge To the Holy Cross, do not now exist, although it seems that they were sent to Copenhagen in 1861, together with the above-mentioned Rituals and the protocols from St. Thomas.

During a stay in Copenhagen in 1859, Brother Kammerjunker Bie, at that time Controller of Customs in Christiansted, St. Croix, notified the Danish G.L. that he knew of different documents concerning the Lodge "To the Holy Cross" were in the possession of non-Masons in Christiansted, and, amongst others, one Sergeant Jensen of the West Indian Troops had a protocol. The Danish G.L., through one of its highest officials, Director of Police, Braestrup, empowered Brother Bie to get possession of these things on his return to Christiansted, if necessary, by the assistance of the Governor.

On the 27th of April, 1861, Brother Bie writes that he is dispatching all that he was able to get hold of, both from the Lodge in St. Croix and from the one in St. Thomas. A few of the things were in the possession of Freemasons, but the greater part was in the hands of profanes, who were said to have bought them. There had besides been a great many other relics from these two Lodges, but a Brother in St. Thomas stated that these had been handed over to him after the death of an old Brother. The contents of the different trunks being almost entirely destroyed by insects, he had preferred to burn them all.

Brother Bie had also made a trip to St. Thomas and obtained very useful assistance from Brother William Martin, Senior, Merchant, member of the Lodge "Les Coeurs Sincères" No. 141, under the Grand Orient of France. It was this brother who had burned the old defaced relics.

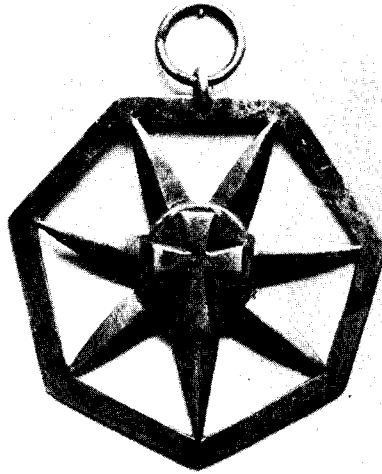
The name of the old deceased Brother, who had had these things in his possession, Brother Bie believes was either Wandel, Wanding or Wallich.<sup>1</sup>

The papers having been received by the Danish Grand Lodge, a letter of thanks was sent to Brother Bie and to Brother William Martin, Senior, who in a letter to the Danish Grand Lodge expressed his pleasure that his assistance was considered of some value.

It is possible that the original protocols from St. Croix were found on their arrival to be so much defaced by the tooth of age that they were not fit for the archives.

In the Lodge-Museum is a Lodge-emblem or jewel for Brethren of the Lodge "To the Holy Cross." This was worn on the breast attached to a blue ribbon, as were the Lodge-emblems of all Danish Lodges of those days.

Such is all we know about the old Danish Lodge in St. Croix, but in the following about St. Thomas a little more information will be found, and in "Personalia" we shall hear something about a few of the Brethren.



*P-E-R-S-O-N-A-L-I-A.*

*FOUNDERS:*

*Christian Ewald* was born on May 11th, 1751, became a barrister-at-law and lieutenant; he was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge "ZOROBABEL TIL NORDSTIERNEN" in Copenhagen on February 15th, 1773. In this Lodge he got his Master's degree and possibly also the fourth degree (Scottish degree), before he, probably in 1774, was appointed Notary in Christiansted and got the title of "Kancelliraad."

Shortly after his arrival in St. Croix, where he lived in Etatsraad Ryberg's house in Hospital Street, in Christiansted, he procured the establishment of the Lodge "To the Holy Cross," whose W.M. he was until he in 1787 left the West Indies.

<sup>1</sup> Must have been Walloe, whose name Brother Jno. N. Lightbourn, P.M. No. 356, tells me he has seen mentioned in a St. Thomas Almanac for 1832 as W.M. of a Danish Lodge in St. Thomas, whose name he thinks was "Unity." K.-H.

After his return to Denmark, Ewald seems to have bought a farm, "Lille Hesbjerg," near the town Odense, where he lived until he sold it in 1793. When the Lodge "Maria to the three Hearts"—an earlier Lodge there had been dormant for some years—was constituted and consecrated May 30th, 1793, Ewald was put in the chair as W.M. It is not unreasonable to believe that Ewald, as a former W.M., had taken the initiative in getting the constitution in order. That he had a good name in the highest places in the Directorium can be seen from a letter written to him personally by the Prov. Grand Master, Prince Carl of Hesse, which was sent at the same time as the Charter of Constitution, and in which the Prince expressed his pleasure at seeing the governing of the new Lodge put in the hands of a Mason so well fitted for the post, so honest and so devoted to the cause of the Order.

The Lodge continued to make good progress under his rule as W.M. till he resigned in 1800, on being sent as Merchant-Commissary to Cette in France. His stay there could not have been long, as in the years 1802 to 1803 we find him as member ad interim of the Government in the Danish colony in Tranquebar in the East Indies. His last official office was a deputy in the Economy-commerce-collegium in Copenhagen from 1804 to 1816. He got the title "Generalkrigskommisaer," and was made Knight of Dannebrog.

On his trip to Denmark in 1783 to 1784 Brother Ewald must have passed through Paris, and there been admitted into the higher degrees of the Order, and thereafter communicating perhaps in person with Prince Carl of Hesse. This is evident from a letter from the prince read at the meeting of the 29th of October, 1783, in the Scottish Grand Lodge in Copenhagen, and in which he notifies them that he recognises the Very W. Brother Ewald as a Brother of the Inner Order on account of degrees which he has obtained in France, and that he has given Ewald the Order-name, "Christianus Eques a Cruce sancte" (Knight Christian to the Holy Cross), and as arms a red cross on a white ground with the following inscription:—"Finis et merces laborum" (The end and the reward of the labour).

Brother Ewald was accordingly considered and received as a Brother of the Inner Order and his name is, in fact, found in the Register of those Brethren in Copenhagen.

Brother Ewald was himself present as a visiting Brother at the meeting in the Directorium. Shortly after this he petitioned the Directorium to elevate his Lodge to a Mother Lodge.

This petition was circulated amongst the members, and twenty-four of these members gave their opinions in writing. None of them were actually against the granting of the petition, but one of the Brethren voiced his own and twelve other Brethren's doubt that, when Brother Ewald retired as the W.M., it might possibly be difficult over there to find a man fit to govern a Mother Lodge. The petition was, as we know, later on granted.

At a meeting of the Directorium of May 6th, 1784, Ewald petitioned to have his brother, Erik Ewald, lieutenant in the Life-Guards, initiated in the Lodge in Copenhagen, but for the account of the Lodge "To the Holy Cross." This could not be granted, as the candidate was living in Copenhagen, but it was resolved to initiate him gratis in the Lodge "Zorobabel Til Nordstjernen." This initiation took place the 18th of the same month.

It is evident that Ewald during his stay in Tranquebar discussed with Brethren the usefulness of erecting a Lodge there under the Danish Grand Lodge and many were for it. It is known that Ewald during his final stay in Copenhagen, where he was made a member of the Directorium, caused a constitution to be prepared for a Lodge in Tranquebar which got the name "To the Brotherly Love," and Ewald was the representative of this Lodge in the Directorium.

It is learned from the protocols of the Directorium that Ewald was an industrious and interested Brother, who held several offices of trust; he was, for instance, Second Deputy Grand Master at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and

was in 1820 appointed to arrange the archives received from Prince Carl, belonging to the former Prefectur "Binin."

Brother Ewald died in 1829, but, as far as can be seen, he did not attend any Masonic meetings during his last years. But we are surely permitted to believe that he, in the evening of his life, with pleasure and gratitude looked back over fifty-six years of industrious and interesting life as a Freemason.

Besides his brother, already mentioned, he introduced into the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar," two sons, both born in Odense in Denmark, namely, in 1814, Mate E. F. Ewald; and, in 1816, Lieutenant H. F. Ewald.

*Ferdinand August Charesius* was a broker in St. Croix.

*Eduard Roring*: Secretary for the Governor-General, and later Deputy Collector of Customs in St. Thomas.

*Christ. Fred. Kipmasse*: Owner of an estate in north-side quarter, litra B. in St. Croix.

*H. C. Hoy*: Chief Clerk under the Government, Royal Appointment.

*P. Claussen van Beverhoudt* was likely a merchant and had the title of Royal Agent. He belonged probably to a very widely spread family of that name in St. Croix, and was possibly a son of General Warcommissary Lucas van Beverhoudt and possibly father or brother of the later W.M. of the Lodge, Johs. van Beverhoudt, Royal Bookkeeper.

*Angell*, likely identical with Nicholas Angel, later Bookkeeper at the Secretary's Office in St. Croix.

*John Ryan*: Owner of estates in King's, Queen's and East End-quarters of St. Croix. As will be remembered, in 1777, that is shortly after the erection of the Lodge "To the Holy Cross," one of whose founders he was, John Ryan was appointed English Prov. G.M. for St. Croix. All the same we find him still in 1784 as a member of the Danish Lodge (List of Members, No. 11). But in the year 1785 Ewald complains about him in connection with an irregular English Lodge, and at the same time Ewald tries his best to obtain a Danish constitution for the original English Lodge, named St. George, of which John Ryan must have been a member before the erection of the Danish Lodge, and of which he also later seems to have considered himself a member. Together with another Brother, James S. Ferrall, he visits on March 15th, 1800, the Lodge in Copenhagen, and both sign as members of the Lodge St. George, although this Lodge most likely had been dormant for years. If it is not a case of mixing of names, and that is not likely, then this good Brother Ryan<sup>1</sup> must have played a peculiar double-role, also for the English G.L.

*J. Harthmann*, who as serving Brother was one of the founders of the Lodge, was likely a minor official of some kind. At that time there were a couple of that name in Christiansted, one of whom lived in the same street as Ewald. That is all we know.

#### OTHER BRETHREN:

*Thomas de Malleville* was born in St. Thomas on September 16th, 1742, and was in 1764 a captain in a regiment in Denmark "Det Falsterske," and was probably initiated into Freemasonry in Copenhagen in "Vinkel" Lodge<sup>2</sup> "Zu den drei Rosen" (To the Three Roses). From this Lodge he affiliated in March, 1764 with Lodge Phoenix, which was constituted in 1763, and whose W.M. he became about three weeks after his affiliation.

<sup>1</sup> I find it my duty to state that John Ryan in H. West's book of 1793 on St. Croix, etc., is mentioned as a gentleman who had become a well-known and thorough naturalist, one who with great kindness and skill taught his science to Mr. West, who himself was a scholar of renown. K.-H.

<sup>2</sup> Vinkel Lodge=Irregular Lodge.

In 1772 he was made a Major, and in 1773 a Colonel in the Infantry and Commandant for St. Thomas and St. John. This same year he was, for a short while, W.M. for the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar." In the System of the Strict Observance Brother Malleville was promoted to the highest degree of the Order (the Knight-Degree of Brother of the Inner-Order) and obtained the Order-Name "Eques ab Igniaris" (Knight of the Flint). In 1796 he was Governor-General over the islands.

*Peter Lotharius Oxholm* was in his youth a lieutenant and was as far as we know made a Mason in the town Rendsborg. He was later a merchant and estate-owner in St. Croix, and about 1795 a member of the Government there. He was in Copenhagen in 1797 and wrote several pamphlets against various criticisms of the administration of the islands. As Major-General he was in 1814 made Vice-Governor-General for the islands.

*Jens Stoud*, born on September 1st, 1741, in the Island of Moen in Denmark, was initiated into Freemasonry on November 17th, 1774, in the Lodge Zorobabel to the Northstar, being at that time already Judge in St. Thomas. He was in 1787 appointed Chief Justice. Nothing is known about Brother Stoud's eventual exclusion from the Lodge as proposed by Brother Ewald.

The following Brethren have been mentioned in connection with the Lodge in St. Croix, but as they have special interest for the history of the St. Thomas Lodge their personalia will follow the sketch of the history of the latter:—Stenersen, Carl Gottlieb Fleischer and Johs. Malleville Wood.

*Lorentz Ebbesen* was initiated on October 26th, 1775, in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar."

*Jens Parelius Brown* was born in Norway, initiated on December 27th, 1780, in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar," appointed Judge in Christiansted in 1781, and made Chief Judge in 1798. Later he obtained the title of Etatsraad and was made Director of Auctions in Copenhagen. He died in 1817.

*Friederich Moth* was born in St. Croix in 1750, and became a captain. He was initiated in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar" on October 26th, 1775. Married first Miss Wood and later Miss Stoud. He died in 1801.

*Georg Werligh*, born in Slagelse in Denmark, initiated July 5th, 1779, in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar," and died as procurator in Christiansted about 1801.

*Diedrich von Holstein* was initiated in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar" on October 18th, 1778.

*Peter Holte* was initiated in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar" on November 10th, 1779.

*Edmund Bourcke* was owner of estate "St. Maria."

*Johannes Brun* was initiated in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar" on November 14th, 1781.

*Christian von Holstein* was initiated in the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar" on November 11th, 1777.

*Joachim Fr. Samuel Schuster* was Archivist in the Government, later Chief Clerk in the Office of the Secretary, then Cashier under the Customs, and, in 1817, Broker in Christiansted.

## S-T. T-H-O-M-A-S.

In R. F. Gould's *History of Freemasonry* and in the German hand-book *Allgemeines Handbuch der Freimaurerei* we read that in 1792 some Freemasons in St. Thomas got a dispensation from the Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania "to hold Lodge for 6 months." This Lodge-activity—if it took place at all—we are allowed to suppose was the first Lodge-life in St. Thomas.

According to the List of Members of the Lodge "To the Holy Cross" for 1784 there were already in that year fourteen Brethren living in St. Thomas and belonging to that Lodge. It is not likely that any of these, or any other St. Thomians, initiated later than 1784 in the Lodge "To the Holy Cross," were amongst those who petitioned and obtained that dispensation from Pennsylvania. On the other hand, it would seem strange if those fourteen Brethren, who very likely knew one another well, did not meet now and then to discuss questions of a Masonic nature. Such meetings must have taken place, and by degrees led to a desire to get a Lodge in their own island, a Lodge with which St. Thomians belonging to other Lodges could also affiliate. Negotiations with the Lodge in St. Croix had probably taken place, and these negotiations matured in 1798 when the Mother-Lodge "To the Holy Cross" gave permission for the founding of a Daughter-Lodge of Instruction in St. Thomas; for only such work the new Lodge in St. Thomas did during its first four to five years; no initiations, only instruction and conferences.

From an historian's point of view, we have with St. Thomas better luck than we had with St. Croix, as two Minute-Books are still in existence of this Lodge, and by the help of these we are able to follow its work and discussions through the period they cover.

The first of these Minute-Books runs from the day of its consecration, December 3rd, 1798, to April 2nd, 1803, which is the period during which the Lodge worked under the name "*Enighed*" (Unity). The second one commences on April 9th, 1803—the day when the Lodge, under the name "St. Thomas to Unity," starts as a Regular working Lodge with Charter from the Directorium in Copenhagen (the Scottish Lodge Directorium), and this Minute-Book is kept up to June 8th, 1808.

As Brother Ewald was the one who worked indefatigably for the Lodge in St. Croix, so it was also a single Brother who was the soul of the Lodge in St. Thomas, and this was Brother ANTHON GRAVENHORST, who was initiated in the Lodge "To the Holy Cross," in whose List of Members we see him (1784) as No. 40 Brother of the second degree, and, in the profane life, a bookkeeper. At the foundation of the Lodge in St. Thomas he was Controller of Customs there. He became the first W.M. and, as Ewald had done before him, he went to Copenhagen and there got a Charter for his Lodge as a Regular Lodge.

We have no special list of Brethren from the first period of the Lodge (December 3rd, 1798, to April 3rd, 1803), but to a certain extent it is possible to construct one from the Minute-Book. This is not altogether easy, especially as the first of the two Minute-Books has suffered great damage, thus making it difficult to make out the names and furthermore the names are often spelled differently at the different meetings. It is also not rare to find Brethren at one meeting marked down as members and at the next meeting as visiting Brethren, and vice versa. And we learn from the Minutes themselves that it has not always been clear who were real members of the Lodge. The following lists have been constructed with the greatest possible accuracy by the writer. (List No. 2: Members, and List No. 3: Visitors.) These lists refer to the first period.

Of the second period there is still in existence an original written List of Members from 1804 (List No. 4), and in List No. 5 we have gathered from the Minute-Book names of Brethren who, either before or after 1804, could justly be considered real members. Further we give in List No. 6 the names of visitors during this same second period gathered from the protocol, and we add



Lists No. 7 and No. 8, which are of interest for the history of West Indian Lodges. Neither from the first nor from the second period have we any Charter or certificates. But we have still some letters from Brother Gravenhorst and some other papers the contents of which will be given as far as they in any way can throw light on the history of the Lodge. But it is mostly from the two Minute-Books that we can form a picture of the Lodge-life in these remote days. We shall now study those Minute-Books, but we first make the following remarks:—

(1) To avoid unnecessary bulk and tiresome repetitions, we shall give an extract of the Minutes, trying not to omit anything of interest.

(2) At and after the meeting of July 3rd, 1799, a charity-box was circulated at the meetings.

(3) The Minutes are signed generally only by the W.M., the two Wardens and the Secretary, but later on as a rule also by the initiated or promoted Brethren.

(4) In the Minutes are the names of the Brethren present, members as well as visitors. In the extracts we will give only the number of Brethren present, but the names will be found in the lists.

(5) In cases where another Brother fills an office during the absence of an officer, the name of such Brother will not be mentioned in the extracts.

(6) One half Johannes (a Joe) is, when of full weight, equal to 12 Rdr. 24 Styver. One Patacon (a dollar) is 15 old Reals or 75 Styver. Eight Patacons make one Johannes. One old Real (an old bit) is 5 Styver. A good Real (a good bit) is no coin but 6 Styver. Eight good Reals make one Rigsdaler (one piece of eight), which is no coin but 48 Styver. The smallest coin is a Styver. One hundred and twenty-five Rdl. (Rigsdaler) West Indian=100 Rdr. Danish. See H. West's book of the former Danish W. I., etc., of 1793. This item (6) is the Translator's note.

The first Minutes are in their entirety as follows:—

“ Anno 5798.12.3.—5 [*i.e.*, 1798, the twelfth month, the third day at 5 o'clock] in the Lodge “ ENIGHEDEN ” in St. Thomas the following Master Masons: V.W.B. Gravenhorst, B.B. Stenersen, Holte, Otto, Olsen, Troxell, Magens, Hordmann, Marques, Blake, Hoff, Warren, Runnels, Beaudouin and Fleischer elected

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|-------------------------|--------|--------------|
| as Senior Warden        | ...    | Bro. Magens, |
| as Junior Warden        | ...    | „ Hoff.      |
| as Sec. and Orator      | ...    | „ Stenersen. |
| as Treasurer            | ... .. | „ Otto,      |
| as Aumonier             | ... .. | „ Runnels.   |
| as Master of Ceremonies | ...    | „ Olsen.     |

As members of committee for economical purposes were appointed: Brothers Stenersen, Magens, Runnels and Fleischer, who would give report on December 19th, in open Lodge of all Brethren.”

It is evident from this that it previously was decided that Brother Gravenhorst was to be the W.M., an office he filled through all the time covered by the two Minute-Books, except for the period when he was on a voyage to Europe.

The next meeting was a committee-meeting:—

“ Anno 5798.12.7.—8 in a meeting of this committee it was decided that every Brother pay a monthly fee to the Lodge of 4

petacons, and that from the funds now in hand a complete outfit for the Lodge be bought, as cheaply as possible." Signed by the four members of the committee.

The meeting of December 19th, for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee seems not to have taken place.

"Anno 5798.12.27—12. Lodge Enighedden [Unity] held a meeting; present were twenty-three Brethren and one Brother visitor. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the speaker read the charter of this Daughter Lodge and gave a short speech, after which the W.M. closed the Lodge." [Paper much damaged.]

It is to be supposed that all work now was suspended till the Lodge-rooms were fixed and the rituals previously mentioned arrived from St. Croix. These were, as we have seen, copied in April to May, 1799. In all about half a year elapsed before the next meeting was held:—

"Anno 5799. June 24. A 'Taffel-Lodge' [Dinner Lodge] was held, twenty-two Brethren were present. Before the dinner, Brother Kruger was appointed Secretary, vice Brother Stenersen, who was leaving for Denmark. Brother Holte was appointed Preparator and Brother Eckhard Orator. Thereafter the Royal Rescript of April 29th, 1780, was read. Further was read a letter from the Mother-Lodge in St. Croix to the W.M., written on account of wishes expressed by Jews to gain admission and initiation in the Lodges, which the letter states cannot be allowed. It was also decided to hold a Lodge of Instruction, on the first Wednesday of every month. The Lodge was then closed by the W.M."

"Anno 5799, July 3. Lodge meeting. Fourteen Brethren and two visitors were present. A letter was read from a Vinkel-Lodge in St. Thomas, petitioning the Lodge in St. Croix—and asking our recommendation—for permission to open and hold a Lodge in St. Thomas. It was decided to forward said petition after having signed it. Then was read a letter from Brother Bradt, who had done a part of the work required at the fixing up of the Lodge-rooms, for which he asked to be refunded trouble and loss of time. It was decided to give him 50 Johannisser." Charity-box: 10 petacons.

"Anno 5799, August 7. Lodge meeting, ten Brethren present. Letter of thanks from Brother Bradt." Charity-box: 4 ptc., 4 rl., 5 st.

"Anno 5799, August 13 (?). Conference-Lodge. Present were eighteen Brethren and one visitor.

The W.M., Brother Gravenhorst, had verbally summoned Brother Renaudon as Master of "Les maçons étrangères réunis," and his two Wardens in order to give them the Mother-Lodge's answer to their petition to open and keep a Lodge here. Bro. Renaudon met and received the letter of August 1st, containing the following ruling:—

"The petition cannot directly be granted, but they are at liberty to send to this Lodge a petition worded to the Directorium in Copenhagen asking for a special constitution, giving the name of the intended Lodge and giving their promise under their obligation as Freemasons, if the constitution be granted, to work entirely after our Lodge's System. A petition of this nature would, circumstances permitting, be forwarded after having been recommended here, and till resolution thereon be taken, the petitioners will have to give up all separate meetings. This Lodge has no objection till the resolution of the Directorium arrives, that the petitioners as well as any other Brethren never mind of what religion (but it must be understood as

the Christian religion) or of what nation, shall have free admission to this Lodge in St. Thomas as well as to the other Danish Lodges."

Brother Renauldon answered, that in his opinion the Lodge in St. Croix had no competence whatsoever to rule as it did, and that he would continue to work as before as W.M. of the Lodge in St. Thomas: "Les maçons étrangers réunis," until stopped by the authorities.

After this it was resolved by the W.M. and the Brethren to procure the discontinuance, through the authorities, of a Lodge whose existence did not conform to the Rescript of April 29th, 1780. (It is not likely, however, that this was really done, see later.)

Anno 5799 the 4th of September an Apprentice Lodge was held. Present were twenty Brethren and two Brother visitors. "It was resolved to write the Lodge in St. Croix in order to obtain the laws which were framed at that Lodge's foundation to be able to fix the status of the membership here, thereby making sure who were real members of this Lodge." As serving Brothers were proposed Ole Nielsen and Soren Jensen, and it was decided to send them to the Lodge in St. Croix to have them initiated. Brethren present were asked to pay their arrears to the Treasurer, Brother Otto.

Brothers Fleischer, Grüner and Morch were appointed to examine if any Brethren wished to become members of the Lodge. Charity-box: 9 ptc.

Anno 5799. September 14th, a conference Lodge was held. Ten Brethren were present. It was decided to make out a list of the Brethren who wished to be considered as real members of the Lodge. This was done and the list was signed by the Brethren present. Brothers Fleischer and Holte were then by vote appointed to get this list signed by masons who would like to be considered members of the Lodge. "It was further decided" that the W.M. should inspect the house of Mr. Janiche, and if he found that house fit, then to rent it for 20 Johannisser a month as the present Lodge-house had proven too small when all Brethren were present.

Anno 5799. October 12th a "Taffel Lodge" was held. Present were thirteen Brethren and one Brother visitor. The visitor, Brother Rotgers, was proposed and accepted as a member. Charity-box: 21 ptc., 7 rl.

Anno 1799. October 16th, an Apprentice Lodge was opened. Fourteen Brethren were present. "The W.M. undertook the Catechetical instruction."<sup>1</sup> Charity-box: 7 ptc. 2 rl. 3 styv.

Anno 5800. January 31st, an Apprentice Lodge was opened. Present were twenty-one Brethren and six visiting Brothers. Instruction. Charity-box: 17 ptc. 2 rl. 5 st.

Anno 5800, March 19th, a conference Lodge was held. Thirteen Brethren were present. Brother Gravenhorst mentioned that he and S. W. Magens and the Treasurer, Brother Otto, were shortly going to Europe and asked the Lodge to elect three Brethren to fill the three offices thus becoming vacant.

The departing Brethren expressed their gratitude to the Brethren for brotherly kindness shown towards them, and all good wishes for the Lodge and all the Brethren.

Brother Otto gave account as treasurer with a credit of 54 ptc. 2 rl. 5 st. This amount together with 21 Lodge-jewels were pro tempore given over to the J.W., Brother Hoff.

<sup>1</sup> Further references of this nature will be mentioned merely as 'instruction.'

“ Per plurima vota ”:

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| Brother von Scholten was elected | W.M.       |
| „ Hoff                           | S.W.       |
| „ Kruger                         | J.W.       |
| „ Blake                          | Treasurer. |
| „ P.M. Morch                     | Secretary. |

Brother Hoff gave over to Brother Blake that which he had just received. Finally Brothers Gravenhorst, Otto and Magens asked that their memberships be suspended until their return.

Anno 5800, March 22nd, an Apprentice Lodge was opened by the W.M., Brother Gravenhorst. Present were seventeen Brethren and one visiting Brother. Brother Gravenhorst handed over the gavel to Brother C. W. von Scholten. Charity-box: 19 ptc. 4 rl.

Anno 5800, April 11th, a “ Taffel Lodge ” was opened. Present were twenty-two Brethren (including Brother Gravenhorst) and ten visiting Brethren (including Brothers Otto and Magens). Charity-box: 41 pcn. 2 rl. 3 st. (This “ Taffel Lodge ” most likely in honour of the three departing Brethren.)

Anno 5800, May 3rd, a conference Lodge was held. Eighteen Brethren were present. “ The W.M. asked if it were the pleasure of the Brethren to continue to rent this house, or to buy it for 20,000 rl., or to buy for 14,000 rl. the new one just being built by Janiche, or build themselves a Lodge house. The Brethren present were in favour of continuing to rent the house until our contract with Janiche was up, and then to build a Lodge house if the members of the local French Lodge agreed.” (This proves that there was no longer any animosity against the French Lodge.)

Anno 5800, June 11th, a conference Lodge was held. Fourteen Brethren were present. “ It was resolved to rent out the lower part of the house in which the Lodge was kept on the condition that the Lodge would not be disturbed in its work.”

By vote: Brothers Holte, Fleischer and Runnels were elected members to frame bye-laws, and Brothers Von Scholten, Olsen and Blake members of the “ Buildings-Committee.”

Anno 1800, July 22, a conference Lodge was held. Present were eight Brethren. “ The W.M. wished the Lodge to elect a new W.M. in his place as he, Brother von Scholten did not consider himself able to fulfil his duties as he would like to. Per plurima vota Brother Hoff was elected W.M., Brother Kruger S.W., Brother Olsen J.W. and Brother Gruner, Master of Ceremonies.”

Anno 5800, June 24th a regular Apprentice Lodge and Taffel Lodge was held. Eight Brethren were present (only the office bearers present). “ A Petition from Mary Elizabeth was read to the effect that she was a widow with five children of the deceased Brother Aaroe and asked for help from the Lodge. It was decided that every member of the Lodge should contribute according to his means, and that the Secretary should write the widow and ask her every year about the same time to petition the Lodge which would grant her help as far as the circumstances allowed it.” Charity-box: 15 ptc. 3 rl.

Anno 5800 August 6th, an Apprentice Lodge was opened. Ten Brethren. Instruction. The W.M. made known that he intended to rehearse a reception Lodge on the first Wednesday in the following month. The treasurer was asked to collect all arrears. Charity-box: 5 ptc.

Anno 5800 September 3.—7, an Instruction Lodge in first degree was held. The W.M. asked Brother Nissen to act as the candidate. Ten Brethren and one Brother-visitor. Charity-box: 2 ptc. 1 st.

Anno 5800 October 1.—7. An Apprentice Lodge was held. Fourteen Brethren and two Brother-visitors. Instruction. A letter

from the W.M. of "Holy Cross" was read concerning the inexcusable conduct of the former master of ceremonies, Brother Leimburnus, against that Lodge; stating further that he had been excluded. The W.M. decided to write the French Lodge here about Brother Leimburnus's bad conduct. Charity-box: 4 ptc. 4 rl. 2 st.

Anno 5800 October 21st. A Conference Lodge was held. Sixteen Brethren. The Treasurer, Brother Blake gave an account of the arrears amounting to 5164 ptc. 6 rl. All the Brethren present declared that they were willing to pay what they might owe. "Read By-laws of the Lodge consisting of nine paragraphs which were signed by the Brethren present, and it was decided to send them for signature to the Brethren absent. Brothers Eckard and Fournier said that they were about to leave the island and wished to be exempt from paying any monthly dues until their return."

Anno 5800 November 5—7 Apprentice Lodge. Thirteen Brethren. Four Brother visitors. Instruction. Charity-box: 9 ptc. 6 rl. 3 st.

Anno 1800. December 27th. "Taffel Lodge." Charity-box: 11 ptc. 4 rl. 4 st.

Anno 5801 January 27th. Conference Lodge. Twenty Brethren. The Treasurer, Brother Blake gave an account of the arrears and asked, on account of private work, to be relieved from his office. Brother Gruner was elected in his place. Brothers Allicock and Schmerber were elected auditors, and it was remarked that Brother Blake would be considered responsible to the Lodge for what might be found unsatisfactory in the accounts.

It was further under discussion which one of Janiche's two houses should be bought. As he was going to Europe they were both for sale, the upper one, where the Lodge was held, for 18,000 ptc.; 4,000 to be paid the following year, 5,000 on mortgage and the rest with legal interest to be paid in 9 years. The price of the lower house was 12,000 ptc., of which 4,000 to be paid the following year and the balance within 8 years. (The opinion seems to have been for buying the lower one.) As the Brethren were not all present it was decided to ask the opinion of those absent. Brothers Hoff, Gruner and Olsen were elected to discuss a reduction in price with Mr. Janiche. Brother Blake gave up his membership from February 1st. One Mauerkart was accepted as serving Brother with a monthly pay of 8 ptc.

As the Lodge could not accept Brother Blake's reasons for dimitting it was decided to notify him to that effect. (Brother Blake must have left the meeting before this discussion.)

Anno 5801 February 4th. An Apprentice Lodge was opened. Present were fourteen Brethren and Serving Brother. Brothers Allicock and Schmerber had examined Brother Blake's books and stated that the arrears amounted to 3,736 petacons, 2 rl. The new Treasurer, Brother Gruner, took over the office and the hope was expressed "that he with the greatest possible diligence would try to get in the arrears and attend to the duties of his office." Brothers Hoff, Olsen and Gruner announced that Mr. Janiche stuck to the 12,000 ptc. for the lower house. As all the Brethren were not present, it was decided to open a Conference Lodge on Saturday the 7th to discuss the price. The By-Laws were then read and the W.M. remarked "That in accordance with paragraph five he would give the treasurer a note of the absent Brethren so that he could get in the fines for the benefit of the poor." Charity-box: 2 ptc. 2 rl. 4 st.

Anno 5801. February 10th. A Conference Lodge was opened. Eleven Brethren present. A circular was read which had been sent to all the Brethren, asking them to be present, but if any should be

unable to come, then such Brethren would be considered as consenting to what those present might decide with regard to the intended purchase of Mr. Janicke's house. Mr. Janicke was sent for and was offered 11,000 ptc., but he did not accept. It was then decided to continue to rent the house.

If we can believe the Minute-Book there seems to have been no meeting for the following two years. The Lodge possibly had no suitable rooms for its meetings.

The 12th of January 5803 the Brethren met by request of the W. Brother Hoff. Of those who signed the summons twenty-three Brethren met, amongst these were Brothers Gravenhorst and Otto, after two and three quarter years of absence. (Although the Minutes do not mention it, Brother Gravenhorst was again elected W.M. at this meeting.)

The W. Brother Gravenhorst explained that he had taken much pains in obtaining a Charter for this Lodge, to be advanced to a Regular Lodge, and he proposed to hold Lodge in Brother Hoff's house, "where the Brethren to-day have come together." He proposed either to rent or to buy it. The Brethren appointed a committee which on the following Saturday week should forward a plan for the fixing of the Lodge-rooms. Brothers Fleischer, Melstedt and Stenersen were appointed. It was further decided to write to the Brethren absent and ask them to be present to hear the committee's report on Saturday week. Minutes signed: Gravenhorst and Hoff.

Anno 5803 January 22nd. The meeting was kept as scheduled, but only twelve Brethren were present. Being so very few they would not take any decision, but another meeting was fixed for the following Tuesday to which Brother Gravenhorst would summon all the Brethren.

The Minutes of this meeting follow in extenso:—

"Anno 5803. January 25th. The Brethren came together—following the summons of the W. Brother Gravenhorst in the house of the W. Brother Hoff. Of those who had signed the summons there were absent: Tim Fogarthy, P. M. Morch, I. M. Wood, Baudouin, I. Blake and Von Holten, the last one sick. The following Brethren had, in the presence of Brother Nissen, promised to agree to whatever the majority might decide to-night (Brothers M. Wood, Tim Fogarthy, I. Blake and Michell). The Brethren present were: Fleischer, Otto, Hoff, Klein, Wadskiaer, Melstedt, Nannestad, Wasso, Schmerber, Morch, Raupach, Rotgers, Pieterson, Kruger, Kalhauge, Stenerson, Schifter and Nissen. During the discussion about a proper house for the Lodge, B. Hoff offered his house for sale on the following terms: (a) 10,000 rd. for the house of which 5,187 rd. to be paid to him within 8 years, and the rest, also within 8 years, to Brothers Holte and Raupach, all with interest to be calculated from the day of transfer. (b) Brother Hoff gets second mortgage and Brothers Holte and Raupach first. (c) The Lodge pays expenses for papers concerning the transfer.

Brothers Fleischer and Melstedt moved a vote of thanks to W. Brother Gravenhorst for pains taken in getting the Charter for the Lodge and immediately to refund expenses borne by him in Copenhagen for the interior fixtures for the Lodge. They further proposed to build a Lodge-house, Brother Stenersen as architect. Put to the vote: to buy or to build, it was decided by majority to buy Brother Hoff's house on terms as above. The vote of thanks to Brother Gravenhorst was carried, and it was decided to refund him

immediately the expenses mentioned, through a subscription which should also cover the necessary expenses for the interior fixing of the Lodge. Brother Gravenhorst was asked especially to supervise this work. It was further decided that Brothers Fleischer, Stenersen and Meldstedt on behalf of the Lodge should close the purchase and that all present and future Brethren should be responsible for their quota of the purchase sum until same was paid in full, their signatures in the minute-book being the proof of their assent. Brother Wood, who arrived late, took part in the voting and signed the minutes. Brother Shifter undertook to get all necessary papers fixed in a legal manner."

Anno 5003, February 7th, the Brethren were present in Brother Hoff's house, summoned by Brother Gravenhorst. Eleven Brethren absent. The W. Brother Gravenhorst, as reason for having summoned the meeting, presented to the Brethren the Royal Council's letter to him of February 4th in which the Council, on account of a proposal from the General in Command, asks the Lodge to give up the house recently bought from Brother Hoff and to sell it to His Majesty and thereby make it possible to complete the intended hospital. After deliberations and discussion by the twelve Brethren present it was agreed to give up the newly-bought house on condition that His Majesty take over the Lodge's obligations towards Brother Hoff or in some other way satisfy him, and towards Brothers Holte and Raupach, in order to free the Lodge from any obligation with regard to the purchase cancelled, and that His Majesty pay in cash 625 rd. D.W.C. as compensation for house rent the Lodge will have to pay until another house can be obtained, and that His Majesty empower the Lodge to, free of charge, select from grounds belonging to the State a parcel to be used for the Lodge and as property of the Lodge, that the Lodge can there erect a Lodge Building.

Further: Brothers Hoff, Holte and Raupach declared that if they received cash from His Majesty for their claim in the house, they would each of them let the Lodge have as a loan the half and pay that amount down cash right away, thus enabling the Lodge to start immediately the building of a house, on the condition that the Lodge, when the building be completed, give them mortgage on same for this loan of 5,000 rd. W.I.C. and promise to pay them in five years with necessary interest,  $\frac{1}{5}$  a year from the completion of the building, and that the Brethren be responsible for the money until the house is built and the necessary papers made out.

The W. Brother Gravenhorst decided to make the Royal Council in St. Thomas acquainted with the decision of the Lodge. The Minutes are signed by the Brethren present.

Anno 5803, April 2nd came together, summoned by the W.M., in the rooms rented from Auditor Lind, the said rooms to be fixed for keeping Lodge there under the new Charter received through the W.M.

Of those who signed the summons, twelve were absent. The W. Brother Gravenhorst announced that he to-day week at 5 p.m. would consecrate the new Lodge and asked all the Brethren to attend in full Masonic clothing. He then asked the Secretary to read out the instructions from the Directorium, which he then signed.

The Secretary then read an application from Johan Adolph Gravenhorst for admittance into the Order, recommended by Brother L. W. Klein, and it was decided to initiate him on the day of consecration in order to make this still more solemn. It was decided to keep a "Taffel Lodge" on the following day, Easter Sunday, and to invite all the Brethren. The W.M. gave an account of his expenses in Copenhagen for account of the Lodge and for the arranging of the

Lodge now; vouchers showed the amount of 1870 rd. 3 st. W.I.C., after which it was decided to send around a circular in order to ascertain the real number of members and thus be able to fix pro rata the expenses. To go over the vouchers presented by the W.M. were appointed BB. Kruger and Pietersen. Signed: Gravenhorst.

This is the last entry in the Minute-Book kept by the Daughter-Lodge "Enighedden" ("Unity"), and we shall now from other sources see what can be found out about the history of this Daughter-Lodge. To judge from the Minute-Book, Brother Gravenhorst went to Europe in April, 1800, in order to obtain for the Daughter-Lodge a Charter as a Regular Lodge, and this voyage was in agreement with the other Brethren. We have still a letter of September 9th, 1800, dated Copenhagen, from Gravenhorst to Brother von Schelton in which he makes excuses for not having written earlier, but his trip to Hamburg and other places was the reason. "I will hardly get the charter in a month but the petition has gone to Prince Carl and I am buying the necessary articles for the Lodge all of which, accompanied by the charter, will be dispatched with Brother Pieteresen. I have spoken to the proper authorities about the French 'Vinkel Lodge' and expect an order about discontinuing its work."

He did not get the Charter as quickly as he had hoped; in fact, we do not know when it was finally signed, but probably not until the first half of 1802, and Gravenhorst himself had then probably brought it back, which seems evident from what he said at the meeting on the 12th January, 1803.

A note in reference to the Charter is still in existence, dated 9—9—1800, that is the same date as Gravenhorst's letter to von Scholten, and from which we can see that the first intention was to name the Lodge: "Carl to Unity." In another note we find that the fee for the Charter would be 100 Rd. On the 26th of June, Gravenhorst, still in Copenhagen, signs a power of attorney for the W. Bro. Major Stie Tonsberg Lasson as representative for the Lodge at the Directorium in Copenhagen. This document is furnished with the seal of the new Lodge.

On the 9th of July Gravenhorst sends from Altona a letter to Bro. S. T. Lasson stating that in Slesvig he has received from Brother Licht (Secretary of Prince Carl) the installation ritual with the address. He expects to remain in Altona for ten days more and gives as his address Mr. Caspar Warnholz. He does not think that he will be able to leave Europe until the end of August. We do not know the route Gravenhorst chose for his return, but he landed in St. Thomas on December 31, 1802.

We do not know when the French "Vinkel Lodge," which is mentioned at the meetings of "Enighedden" of July 3, and August 13, 1799, started. But a Draft of its Minutes of a Meeting held at the latter part of 1793 is still in existence. By this it appears that the Lodge worked under "les auspices de la Maçonnerie en France," without, however, mentioning the particular Grand Lodge or Grand Orient. Consequently it can hardly be this Lodge which in 1792 is said to have obtained permission from the G.L. in Pennsylvania to work for six months in St. Thomas.

The intention to procure the discontinuance of this Lodge through the supreme authorities was probably abandoned, or it met with difficulties. It is most likely that Gravenhorst postponed the necessary steps until he reached Copenhagen. We know from his letter to von Scholten that he brought up the question. But when he sent his letter to von Scholten he could not know that von Scholten had already given up the office as W.M., and retained—as we shall see—a certain friendly relation with the French Lodge and Brother Renaudon; and after having received Gravenhorst's letter he quite likely warned Renaudon, who then decided voluntarily to dissolve the Lodge. This we may gather from a letter from Renaudon to von Scholten, dated the 10th day in the 11th Masonic month in the year of the True Light 5800 (October 1st, 1801). Amongst other things he mentions that the Lodge had ceased to work on the 8th of the same month and would meet only as a committee in order to arrange its pecuniary



affairs, and that he had sent a notice to that effect to "Holy Cross" in St. Croix. "The unhappy French Lodge shall not any longer worry anyone." He adds as a Masonic secret that the three Jews who still remained in the Lodge voted against the dissolving of the Lodge till "the columns were thrown down by the bayonet." But they were in the minority.

Some earlier letters from Renaudon to von Scholten show us that the connection between the two Lodges was not entirely severed during the time von Scholten was W.M., in spite of the decision made at the meeting of August 12th, 1799. The Minutes for the meeting of May 3rd, 1800, show even that there was not anything shocking in the idea of sharing rooms with the French Lodge. In a letter of May 10th, 1800, Renaudon asks von Scholten to give him a Masonic audience on the following Sunday, a day "he hopes that von Scholten will not be occupied by his profane work." Renaudon wishes to discuss with him Masonic matters in general and the two Lodges in particular.

In another letter, about three weeks later, von Scholten is invited to be present at a M.M. Lodge in the French Lodge. We do not know if von Scholten accepted this invitation, but we know for certainty that he several times visited the French Lodge. We read in a letter (the one about dissolution of the French Lodge): "Enclosed please find your certificate which you were noble enough to wish endorsed by the V.W. Lodge Des étrangers réunis. You will see that we have done it in an extraordinary manner as it is signed by the W.M. as well as by the two Wardens. This to show you that the Lodge is grateful that you sometimes were our guest. It would indeed have been happiness to have seen you at all our meetings, if that had been possible. The Lodge assures you through me of its highest esteem."

Renaudon does not give up entirely the idea of continuing the Lodge, though not on the same lines. Only six days after his announcement of the discontinuation of the work of his Lodge he writes von Scholten the following:—"I had yesterday a discussion with Bro. Beaudouin about the possibility of an amalgamation of the two Lodges, and as we judged it necessary to bring about a meeting between the W.M. Hoff and me, and as Hoff does not speak French, and I still less Danish or English, we beg to ask you, if it would please you, to allow us to arrange such a meeting at your residence on Sunday 10-11, and that you would be umpire in the proposal which I have framed and will lay before Brother Hoff."

Nothing positive resulted from these discussions if they ever took place, but the relations between Renaudon and von Scholten remained undisturbed.

Besides the three St. John degrees Renaudon must have had some French higher degrees, the highest probably being the "Rose-Croix Degree." Before the dissolution of the Lodge he signed himself J. B. Renaudon, A. Vbl. de la L. des Mac. Etr. R., but after the death of his Lodge his signature is:—Fr. J. B. Renaudon A R.†. & a. & a.

The knowledge of this Rose-Croix degree he must have offered von Scholten, for he writes in a letter of June 20, 1801:—

"I am sending you, my commandant, the booklet which I mentioned  
 "to you yesterday and ask you to copy it at your earliest convenience  
 "and not to show it to any mason who has not got this degree, neither  
 "to any 'Rose-Croix' till you have got a certificate stating that you  
 "belong to a Chapter. I send you further my Bijoux which I should  
 "like to sell, and for which I have been offered, parole d'honneur,  
 "\$64. I want \$80. It is a very fine Bijoux, and I would be happy  
 "to give it to you if circumstances allowed me to do so, but I am in  
 "need of all my small resources. It would indeed be very flattering  
 "to me to know that you were in possession of it. You will see from  
 "its aspect that it is a Bijoux for all the degrees. It stands me in  
 "\$100, and I consequently shall lose \$20 selling it for \$80. You will  
 "do me a favour in buying it. You shall not need any other Bijoux  
 "never mind what degree or Lodge you attend."

We can judge from this that Bro. Renauldon has been rather hard up, and it is just possible that Bro. von Scholten from sheer pity did buy the said Bijou (Renauldon spells it constantly "Bijoux") and the French rituals for the different degrees. At all events, there is still existing in Copenhagen a protocol containing rituals and catechisms in French for the following degrees:—Apprentifs, Compagnons, Maîtres, Maîtres parfaits, Parfait Maçon élu, Élu de Perignan, Élu de Quinze, Petit Architecte, and Chevalier de l'Épée and de Rose-Croix. Further some booklets for the St. John degrees, Maître ecossois de St. André d'ecosse and Souverain Prince de Rose-Croix. This last is possibly the ritual mentioned in the letter above, but it is in many points different from the one we find in the protocol named: Chevalier de l'Épée & de Rose-Croix.

All these rituals and all the letters from Renauldon are in French, and form a unit, and from a label on the protocol we can see that it all belonged to Chamberlain Fritz von Scholten, possibly a son of C. W. von Scholten. We have further a French Masonic song written by: "Un jeune homme de Nantes," and one more letter, in French, dated St. Thomas the 22nd day of the 10th Masonic month 5801 (Dec. 22, 1801). In this letter von Scholten—here cabled van Scholten á St. Jean—is invited by some Masons of this Order to celebrate with them the feast of the Patron on the 27th of Dec. The letter states that those Masons would feel much flattered if he would be present. The letter is signed: The Committee. Toulonzan R.†E. Merel. F. Privat.

These three signatories must have been members of the discontinued French Lodge, who seem to have kept up Masonic meetings, without holding a real Lodge. We know that Toulonzan visited the Lodge "Unity" Nov. 5, 1800, and still later we meet the name of Privat in the Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity."

We shall now tell what we can find about the Regular St. John Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity." Here also the one existing Minute-Book is almost our only source. The other material is scanty, though it gives us a few interesting facts:—

Anno 5803 April 9th, all the Brethren were invited to attend the consecration of the regular Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity." Forty Brethren were present. The W.M. gave the consecration address, clothed himself with the signs of honour which according to the ritual were his, and installed the following officers:—

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| Bro. Von Holten | S.W.             |
| „ Krüger        | J.W.             |
| „ Stenersen     | Orator.          |
| „ Wadskiaer     | Secretary.       |
| „ Hoff          | Treasurer.       |
| „ Pieteron      | Master of Cerem. |
| „ Klein         | Almoner.         |
| „ Kumnurle      | Economa.         |

The Secretary then read the Charter of Constitution, after which the S.W. read an address written by the Orator who himself was unable to read it on account of his weak chest. The ceremony of Consecration was closed as demanded in the ritual. An Apprentice Lodge was opened and a petition from the profane Enevold Christian Wilhelm Engholm was read. This petition, recommended by BB. Hoff and Rumnurle, was accepted. The Apprentices left the Lodge and petitions from BB. Nannestadt, Wartha and Rotgers for passing were read and granted. A Conference Lodge was opened, and the profane Johan Adolph Gravenhorst was discussed, found worthy and then initiated in the usual manner. His proposer was Almoner Klein. Bro. Waswo announced that he would be leaving the following day for Europe and deposited a gift in the charity-box where in

all were deposited that night 27 rd. 2 rl. 3 st. after which the Lodge was closed.

Gravenhorst.      Krüger.      Wadskiaer,  
Secretary.

The succeeding Minutes are all alike with regard to petitions from profanes, initiations and advancements. We will, therefore, not go further into details as far as such work goes, nor give the names of proposers. At the other meetings the absent Brethren are as a rule mentioned by name. We will simply give the number:—

Anno 5803, April 27. An Apprentice Lodge was held. Twenty eight Brethren and 3 Visiting Brethren present. Petition from Hendrich Wulff Hendricks for initiation, and from Peter Gandy (Gandi) for acceptance as Serving Brother; both accepted. Petitions granted BB. I. P. Nissen and L. W. Meyer (Meier) for passing, and Bro. Melstedt for raising. Soren Jensen and Elias Heneson Schouw were accepted in a Conference Lodge and then initiated. Charity-box: \$13.20.

(At initiations and advancements the protocol is generally signed by the initiated or advanced Brethren together with the W.M., the Wardens and the Secretary.)

Anno 5803 May 3. An Apprentice Lodge was opened. Present thirteen Brethren and one Brother Visitor. Nine Brethren absent. The Lodge was then opened in the 2nd degree and BB. Nannestadt and Wartha were passed. Petition from Bro. Kalhauge for raising was granted. Instruction. Charity-box: \$7.50.

Anno 5803 May 7. A Fellowcraft Lodge was held. Twelve Brethren and one Bro. Visitor present. BB. Shrifter's and Dancker's petition for passing. Serving BB. Jensen and Schouw passed. Instruction postponed. Charity-box: \$2.3 rl.

Anno 5803 May 14. Fellowcraft Lodge. Present were thirteen Brethren and two Bro. Visitors. Two BB. excused. Ten absent, BB. Rotgers and L. W. Meier passed. Charity-box: \$4.50.

Anno 5803 May 27. Fellowcraft Lodge. Present were twelve Brethren. Brothers Nissen and Dencker passed. Charity-box: \$7.3 rl.

Anno 5803, June 3. An Apprentice Instruction Lodge held. Seventeen Brethren and four Br. Visitors present. Nine BB. absent. G. Goldmann applies for initiation. H. W. Hendricks and P. Gandi were initiated, the latter as Serving Brother. Instruction postponed because of the late hour. Charity-box: 16 rd. 4 rl. 3 st.

Anno 5803, June 21. An Apprentice Lodge was opened, then a Fellowcraft Lodge. The Fellowcrafts retired and a petition from Bro. Svend Rotgers for raising on account of his pending trip to Europe was read. Granted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Svend Kalheuge was raised. Charity-box: \$3.

Anno 5803, July 1. An Apprentice Lodge was opened. Petition from Bro. Nissen for raising. One of the Master Masons expressed his doubt as to the fitness of raising a Bro. who had been passed so shortly. The majority of the Master Masons had no objection, but the W.M. postponed any final decision until later. C. Goldman was then initiated. Charity-box: \$4.6 rl.

Anno 5803, July 13. An Apprentice Lodge was opened and then a Master Mason Lodge. Petition for raising from Bro. Svend Dencker granted on account of pending leaving. BB. Melstedt and Rotgers were raised. Instruction. Charity-box: \$5.

Anno 5803, July 20. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and Bro. Dencker raised. Charity-box: \$6.

Anno 5803, August 4. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees. Petition from Bro. L. W. Meier for raising. Granted, provided proof be given of his leaving. Serv. Bro. Soren Jensen raised. Instruction postponed. Charity-box: \$1.13 old rl.

Anno 5803, Aug. 5. Ordinary monthly meeting. Address of the W.M. on a Mason's duties in general. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.

Anno 5803, Sept. 24. Nine Brethren met, summoned by the Wardens by permission of the W.M. It was decided, and approved by the W.M. that the Wardens should send a circular to the seventeen BB. who had not yet paid their part of the expenses at the fixing of the Lodge requesting settlement within fourteen days, otherwise the other Brethren would take whatever measures they might deem necessary. As Bro. Landett had solemnly stated that he was unable to pay his part and that he only by mistake had signed the circular, which he thought to be the usual summons [probably it was the circular which it was decided to send out at the meeting of April 2 of the same year in "Unity"] and that he immediately had stated his mistake to BB. De Lage and Salgues and through them to the W.M. and the Treasurer, it was unanimously decided to exempt him from this payment provided he paid his arrears and became a contributing member of the Lodge. (All the Brethren present signed the Minutes, but among them there were none of the Brethren who were in arrears except the above-mentioned Landett who perhaps was summoned to give explanations.)

Anno 5803, Sept. 30. The Lodge was opened in the first and then in the 2nd degree. Twelve Brethren were present, thirteen absent. Petition from Bro. Cronenberg to be passed. BB. Shrifter and Gandi passed to the second degree, the latter as Serving Brother. Bro. J. C. Morch who on account of illness met for the first time in the Lodge, left the Temple with the W.M.'s consent, suffering from an attack of "his old well known ailment." Before the Lodge was closed, the Treasurer said that Lawyer Engholm asked for a definite answer as to when he would be initiated as he had been accepted since April 9th. The W.M. put once more his petition to the Lodge, and all were in favour, the W.M. fixing the following Oct. 7th for his initiation. Charity-box: \$5.8 old reals.

Anno 5803, Oct. 7. Apprentice Lodge. Eleven Brethren present, seven absent. The W.M. asked if the BB. still were willing to accept the profane Mr. Engholm. Answer affirmative. Engholm initiated. Brother Secretary asked to be relieved from his office as he was going to Europe. The petition was granted, and Bro. Kalhauge was elected in his place. The W.M. proposed to keep "Taffel-Lodge" once a month, which was approved by the majority. Instruction. Charity-box: 3 rd. 1 rl.

Anno 5803, Nov. 4. Apprentice Lodge. Eleven BB. present and one Brother Visitor; ten Brethren absent. The W.M. gave a lecture on Masonic duties and advice was given as to their correct discharge. Instruction. Charity-box: 3 rd. 1 rl.

Anno 5803, Dec. 2. Apprentice Lodge. Fourteen Brethren and one Bro. Visitor present; 13 Brethren absent. The W.M. gave a lecture on the discharge of Masonic duties and on the various reasons why profanes in general desired to become Masons. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.40 st.

Anno 5803, Dec. 16. The Lodge opened in the three degrees. B. L. W. Meier and Serv. B. Gandi raised to the third degree.

Anno 5804, Jan. 6. Apprentice Lodge. Ten Brethren present, four excused, eleven absent. Bro. Blake declared verbally to Serv. Bro. Jensen (probably when the usual summons was

presented to him) that he would no more attend to anything concerning the Lodge. Instruction and reading of the rules for a Taffel Lodge. The Treasurer, Bro. Hoff, presented the accounts for 5803: Credit 3144 rd. 5 rl., Debit 2577 rd. 3 rl. Cash 567 rd. 2 rl. Arrears 1140 rd. 78 st. By letter Bro. Treasurer Hoff asked to be relieved of his office. Petitions from BB. Nannestad and Nissen for raising were granted. The W.M. warned the Brethren to be more punctual in their attending to the opening of the Lodge. "Bro. V. Holten mentioned about a Brother who had been discharged from the military service and who was in distress and asked if the Lodge could not possibly help him away. The W.M. promised to see about it." Charity-box: \$1.10 old reals.

Anno 5804, Jan. 26. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees. Petition from Gottlieb Fried. Smidt for initiation granted. Bro. Nannestad raised. Instruction. Charity-box 5 rd. 7 rl. 2 st.

Anno 5804, Jan. 31. The Lodge opened in the 3 degrees. Twelve Brethren and 3 Brother Visitors present. Six Brethren absent. Serv. Brothers Schoun and Nissen raised. Instruction. Charity-box: \$1.7 st. The monthly meeting for the first coming Friday postponed.

Anno 5804, March 7. Apprentice Lodge. Fifteen Brethren and five visiting Brethren present, eight Brethren absent. Petitions for initiation from Peter Friestedt, Lieutenant Rasch, Matas and Bónnellykke. All granted. Bro. L. W. Meier was elected Treasurer and Bro. Nissen Oeconomus. G. F. Schmidt initiated. Charity-box: \$10.15 st.

Anno 5804, March 14. Apprentice Lodge. Fourteen Brethren and three visiting Brethren present. Six Brethren absent. Francisco Matas and Peter Friestedt initiated. Charity-box: \$19.35 st.

Anno 5804, March 21. Apprentice Lodge. Sixteen Brethren present, ten absent, two of whom offered excuses. Christoph Theodor Nielsen Dragset and B. Kortlang petitioned for admission. Both granted. Lieutenant Constantius Rasch and Mads Bónnellykke initiated. Charity-box: \$4.66 st.

Anno 5804, April 6. Apprentice Lodge. Thirteen Brethren present, six excused, five absent. H. Kierrumgaard petitioned for admission and Bro. Raupach for passing. Granted. Bro. Engholm petitioned for passing. Granting postponed. C. F. N. Dragseth & Bernard Kortlang initiated. Instruction postponed on account of late hour. Charity-box: \$12.62 st.

Anno 5804, April 20. Apprentice Lodge. Thirteen Brethren present, one excused, twelve absent. Hans Christian Kierrumgaard initiated. Instruction. Charity-box: \$2.45 st.

Anno 5804, May 4. Apprentice Lodge. Eleven Brethren and three Visiting Brethren present; three excused, fifteen absent. Bro. V. Holten asks the Lodge to grant the help asked for Bro. Schiafer (Jan. 6. 04) as the Brother was about leaving. Granted. Charity-box: \$3.11 st.

Anno 5804, June 1. Apprentice Lodge. Fifteen Brethren present and 4 Visiting Brethren. Six Brethren absent. Bro. Rasch asks to be passed as he is leaving shortly. Granted. F. D. Meyer & Mathias Michael Ladensack petition for admission. Granted. Bro. Goldmann wishes to be erased but as he does not give his reasons the Secretary is ordered to write him to find out the reason why, so that the Lodge might be able to take action, and at the same time notify him that he cannot obtain a certificate until he reports his intention of leaving the island. The W.M. then read several *rules and articles on Freemasonry*. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.20 st.

Anno 5804, June 8. Lodge opened in the first and second degree. Eight Brethren present and four Visiting Brethren. Six absent. Brothers Raupach & Rasch passed. Instruction. Brothers Brochmann & Mathaei proposed as active members. Granted. Charity-box \$11.43 st.

Anno 5804, June 14. Apprentice Lodge. Twenty Brethren present and four Visiting Brethren. Six absent. The rules for "Taffel Lodge" were read. Friederich Ditlev Meyer & Georg Mathias Michael Ladensack initiated. Instruction. Charity-box: \$6.10 st.

Anno 5804, June 29. Lodge opened in the first & second degrees. Eight Brethren present, eight absent. Bro. Gravenhorst being excused on account of illness, Bro. V. Holten acted. Bro. Cronenberg passed. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.

Anno 5804, July 6. Apprentice Lodge. Fourteen Brethren present, seven absent. Voucher read from Bro. Rossing for passage paid for Bro. Schiafer. Confirmed by the W.M. Bro. Bruggemann petitions for passing, "but as his pecuniary circumstances did not allow him just now, he received permission to wait until he was able to meet the necessary expenses." Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.30 st.

Anno 5801, Aug. 3. Apprentice Lodge. Sixteen members and two Visiting Brethren present, twelve absent. Visiting Brother Anthony Phelhan from St. Andrew Lodge, New York, was examined by the Bro. Ceremony Master and proved to be a M.M. as his certificate stated. Bro. Lorentzon of "To the Holy Cross," St. Croix, petitioned to become a member which was granted. The W.M. read a letter from the Pro.G.M. in Curaçao, the W.M. Bro. Im. Jones, the Master of the Lodge Union there, recommending Bro. I. L. Brion to our Lodge. Instruction. Charity-box: \$2.40 st.

Anno 5804, Aug. 10. Lodge opened in the first and second degree. Petition from F. N. Nygaard for admission, and from Bro. Schrifter for raising. Bro. Bruggemann passed. Instruction. Charity-box: \$2.40 st.

Anno 5804, Aug. 24. The Lodge opened in the three degrees. Eleven members and four Visiting Brethren present, one excused, ten absent. Bro. Schrifter raised. Instruction. Charity-box: \$10.21 st.

Anno 5804, Sept. 7. Apprentice Lodge. Nineteen members and six Visiting Brethren present, thirteen absent, of these one excused. Visiting Brothers I. de Latte & Privat petition to become active members of the Lodge, which was granted. Bro. I. A. Gravenhorst & Hendricks petition for passing. Granted. Peter Nicolay Nygaard initiated. Instruction. Charity-box: \$5.10 rl.

Anno 5804, Sept. 14. Lodge opened in the first and second degree. Nine Brethren present, ten absent. Brothers Johan Adolph Gravenhorst & Hendrich Wulff Hendricks passed. Instruction. Charity-box: \$9.15 st.

Anno 5804, Oct. 12. Apprentice Lodge. Twelve members and two Visiting Brethren present, five absent. The Visiting Brethren James Johnston of Lodge St. Andrew, Scotland, and Jan Sternenberg of the English Lodge in Bordeaux, proved by certificates that they had respectively the Royal Arch and the M.M. degrees. The certificates endorsed by the Secretary. The W.M. read rules for officers and other Masonic rules. Charity-box: \$2.8 rl.

Anno 5804, Nov. 12. Apprentice Lodge. Fourteen members and two Visiting Brethren present, seven absent. Instruction. The Treasurer handed in a list, shewing seven members in arrears. The Secretary was ordered to write said seven members to settle their

accounts and to let them know that the Lodge would otherwise have to take more serious steps. Bro. Friestedt asks for Passing. Granted. Charity-box: \$2.4 rl.

Anno 5805, Feb. 22. Apprentice Lodge. Fifteen members and three Visiting Brethren present, eight absent. The Visiting Brethren Hermann Bellmann, of Lodge No. 116, in England, and Johan Daniel Steinmetz of Lodge No. 57 in England had their M.M. certificates endorsed. Petitions were read from Jacob A. Meier, Hans Francke and Sand. Prom for admission. The result of the ballot proved unfavourable and the petitions could not be granted. Bro. Kortlang petitions for passing. Granted. Instruction. Charity-box: \$7.40 st.

Anno 5805, March ? Lodge opened in the second degree. 11 Brethren and three Visiting Brethren present, 8 absent. The Visiting Brother Nansen showed certificate from Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, New York. Brothers Friestedt and Kortlang passed. Petition from Bro. Raupach for raising was granted. Charity-box: \$4.

Anno 5805, April 5. Apprentice Lodge. Eleven members and four Visiting Brethren present, 8 absent. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.

Anno 5805, May 3. Apprentice Lodge. Twelve Brethren present, seven absent. Certain Lodge rules read. Instruction. Charity-box: \$5 $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Anno 5805, June 7. Apprentice Lodge. Sixteen members present and two Visiting Brethren, ten absent. The W.M. read rules concerning the Feast of St. John. Instruction. The Visiting Brethren I. B. Doyen & Charles Pererier, both of Lodge 87 old New York, had their Master Mason certificates endorsed. Charity-box: 4 rd. 5 rl. 3 st.

Anno 5805, July 5. Apprentice Lodge. Fifteen members present and three Visiting Brethren, five absent. Visiting Brother Ellion of Lodge No. 10, New York, showed his M.M. certificate. Petitions from Bros. Nyegaard & Dragseth for passing and for L. K. Heyliger for admission, all granted. It was likewise decided to admit the profane Hans Jorgen as Serv. Bro. Bro. Doyen wished to become a member of the Lodge, but any resolution was postponed as said Brother was not sufficiently known. Charity-box: \$2.

Anno 5805, July 19. Apprentice & Receptions Lodge. 16 members and two Visiting Brethren present, eleven absent. Initiated: the profane Lucas K. Heyliger, age 24 years 7 mo., name of father Joanes, religion Reformed, living in St. Thomas, occupation Chief Clerk in the office of notarius publicus. Before the initiation his petition was once more granted in the usual manner. The W.M. then proclaimed that the officers were to be as follows:—Bros. Wadskiaer, S.W., Nannestad, J.W., L. W. Klein, Almoner, and Nissen, Master of Ceremonies. Instruction. Charity-box: \$7.9 st. [This is the only case where the Minutes contain exact statements about the candidate's private life.]

Anno 5805, July 30. Fellowcraft Lodge. Eleven members and one Visiting Brother present, eight absent. Bros. Dragseth & Nyegaard passed. Charity-box: \$7.20 st.

Anno 5805, Sept. 5. Apprentice Lodge. Eighteen members and four Visiting Brethren present. Three of the Visitors showed Certificates which were endorsed, namely, Bro. Heilshorn, W.M. of Lodge "Carl zum Felsen," Hamburg (Altona), Bro. Jens Johannesen, fellow of Lodge "La Charité," Amsterdam, and Bro. Johannes Balthazar Morch, apprentice of Lodge The Palmtree in the East (possibly "Christian to the Palmtree," Copenhagen). Petition from

Bro. Friestedt for raising was granted. Bro. Privat asks that Bro. Lairoze be admitted as a member of the Lodge. Instruction and reading of some rules for Freemasonry. Charity-box: \$5.11 rl.

Anno 5805, Nov. 1. Apprentice Lodge. Fifteen members and four Visiting Brethren present. Three of the Visitors showed certificates, among these Bro. Haversaat, W.M. of the Lodge Sudermanie, No. 35, in St. Bartholomew (Swedish Lodge). Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.22 st.

Anno 5805, Dec. 6. Apprentice Lodge. Fourteen members and 6 Visiting Brethren present. Written petition from Bro. Wadskiaer for underofficer Jens Wendelboe to be admitted as Serv. Bro., as he had the very best recommendations. Granted. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.5 rl.

Anno 5805 (Dec. ?). Conference Lodge. Six Brethren present, ten absent.

The owner of the Lodge premises was summoned and it was agreed that when the present contract expired the Lodge would continue to use these same rooms for a monthly rental of six johannes, provided the owner, Mr. Lind, relinquished 500 rd.

Brothers Klein, Meier & Schrifter were commissioned to the best of their ability to collect the arrears from the various Brethren who were behind in paying their dues. It was further decided that strange Brethren who wish to become members must pay \$16—sixteen patacons—for their admission, besides the monthly dues.

Anno 5806, Jan. 4, 5.30. Apprentice & Receptions Lodge. Fourteen members and three Visiting Brethren present, seven absent. I. Wendelboe's wish to become Serv. Bro. was once more granted. Bro. Georg Friederich Haversaat's petition for becoming member of the Lodge was granted. From Bro. Doyen petition for admitting the profane Nicolay Roseau as member of the Lodge. No resolution was taken with regard to this petition as it was thought right to give the Brethren who did not know the applicant a chance to be acquainted with him, and become able to judge about his character. Instruction. Charity-box: \$3.2½ st.

Anno 5806, June 6. Apprentice Lodge. Fifteen Brethren present, ten absent. The Bro. Orator read some rules of Masonry. Instruction. Charity-box: \$2.5 rl.

Anno 5806, July 4. Apprentice Lodge. Twelve members present and four Visiting Brethren, nine absent. From the Five United Lodges in Hamburg were received two letters. Brothers Friestedt & Raupach were granted permission to be raised. Charity-box: \$3.

Anno 5806, July 11. Conference Lodge. Six Brethren present (the Officers). Excuse from Bro. Wadskiaer. The W.M. announced that the object of this Conference Lodge was that Brothers Melstedt & Lorentzen had communicated that a member of the Jewish nation who lives here and is a Freemason had expressed the wish to visit the Lodge. Before declaring the conference open, the W.M. drew attention to the fact that the V.W.M. Guldbrand in Copenhagen had told him that in Denmark the Jews were not admitted to any Lodge. Brothers Nissen and Klein observed that the proposers Bros. Melstedt & Lorentzen were not present, and no decision was taken. The Lodge which had been open from 6-8 was then closed after it first had been decided to pass Serv. Bro. Wendelboe. [The Minute-Book does not show when Bro. Wendelboe was initiated, probably the 4th of January.]

Anno 5806, July 15. Lodge opened in the second degree. 13 Brethren present, seven absent. Serv. Bro. Wendelboe passed. Instruction. Charity-box: \$1.6 rl.



Anno 5806, July 18. Master Masons Lodge. Bro. Raupach raised. Petition from Serv. Bro. Wendelboe for raising granted. Charity-box: \$10.4 rl.

Anno 5806, July 24. 5.30. Master Masons Lodge. Eleven members and one Visiting Brother present [Bro. F. Meyer from "To the Holy Cross," St. Croix], nine Brethren absent. Bro. Joh. Peter Wartha & Serv. Bro. Wendelboe raised. Instruction. Charity-box: \$6.9 st.

Anno 5806, Aug. 1. 5.30. Lodge opened in the three degrees. 14 members and one Visiting Brother present, four absent. The Visiting Brother, Joh. Fr. Nissen, produced certificate from "Concordia," Paramaribo-Surinam. Bro. Ludv. Petersen presented petition from the profane G. Einun for admission which was granted. The Fellowcrafts, Bros. Peter Friestedt & P. N. Nyegaard, were raised. Instruction. Charity-box: \$10.3 rl.

Anno 5806, Sept. 19. 6 p.m. Apprentice Lodge. 13 Brethren present, 7 absent. Georg Leupul v. Einen initiated. Charity-box: \$4.10 rl.

Anno 5806, Nov. 14. 5.30 p.m. Apprentice Lodge. Eleven Brethren present, four absent. Brother Melstedt presents petition from H. C. Glerup for admission. Granted. Instruction. Charity-box: 1 patacon 5 rl.

Anno 5806, Dec. 19. 6 p.m. Apprentice & Receptions Lodge. 11 Members and five Visiting Brethren present, 8 absent. Hans Christian Glerup once more granted admission and initiated. Instruction. Charity-box: \$6½.

Anno 5807, Jan. 16. 5.30 p.m. Apprentice Lodge. Twelve Brethren present, one [Bro. Nannestadt] excused, four absent. Instruction. It was decided to keep a Taffel Lodge on the birthday of the Crown Prince, Jan. 28. Charity-box: \$2.

Anno 5807, Feb. 5. Conference Lodge, as per summons. Subject: The wish of several French Brethren to join this Lodge and to work under the W.M. The petition was signed by Aveille and others. The letter which was not dated was read. Present were besides the W.M., Brothers Melstedt, Klein, Nissen, Meyer and Schifter. Of Visiting Brethren were present Aveille and five others. It was decided to elect two Brethren of this Lodge and two amongst the petitioners to discuss and—subject to the approbation of the W.M.—to decide on the conditions required before admitting the petitioners as members of this Lodge. The W.M. Melstedt and Schifter were elected to act in that quality on behalf of the Lodge. The petitioners who were present decided to elect amongst themselves two delegates to assist those elected by the W.M. in fixing the rules for their joining. The Lodge was then closed.

Anno 5807, Feb. (?). 5.15 p.m. "The undersigned Melstedt & Schifter met together as decided by the W.M. at the last Conference Lodge. Brothers Delatte & Cave were present at the meeting and produced power of attorney from the persons who had signed the petition which was read at the said Conference Lodge. They were then made acquainted with the conditions required for admitting them as members working under the W.M. of this venerable Lodge. Brothers Delatte & Cave then declared that it had not been their nor the other petitioners' intention to work under direction of our Lodge, but separately and following their own rituals. As recompense for being allowed to do so and for the permission to use our Lodge rooms they would pay one-half of the returns from their projected Lodge.

This declaration of Delatte & Cave, we, Melstedt & Schifter, deemed necessary to communicate to the W.M. and to that effect it

was decided to postpone this Conference Lodge till [no date] instant at 5 p.m." E. F. Schifter.

Anno 5807 [no date]. "We the undersigned were once more brought together on account of the decision taken in the last Conference Lodge and to communicate the ruling of the W.M. to Brothers Delatte & Cave, that the Lodge could not grant the petition. As Delatte & Cave had nothing further to propose the Conference Lodge was closed, and the results of the proceedings are to be communicated to the W.M. that he may be able to take further steps if he finds it necessary." E. Schifter.

Anno 5807, April 3. 5.30. Apprentice Lodge. Nine members and one Brother Visitor present. The W.M. read a letter from Lodge "Absalon" in Hamburg dated Aug. 9, 1806. Brother Nannestadt being sick, Brother L. Petersen was appointed J.W. *ad interim* and the Treasurer, Bro. L. W. Meier, who announced that he was going to leave the island was relieved of his office. Instruction. Charity-box: \$1.55 st.

Anno 5807, May 1. 6 p.m. Apprentice Lodge. Eleven members and one Visiting Brother present. Six absent. Instruction. Charity-box: \$1.6 rl.

Anno 5807, June 5. 6 p.m. Apprentice Lodge. Eight members and one Brother Visitor present, six absent. The Visiting Brother, Louis Lentz, showed his Masters Certificate from the G.L. of the State of New York. Petition through Bro. L. Petersen from C. F. Lind for admission as Serv. Bro. Granted. Charity-box: \$1.3 rl.

Anno 5807, June 17. 5.30. Apprentice Lodge. Eight members and three Visiting Brethren present. After the E.A.'s and F.C.'s had been directed to retire a petition from Bro. Hendricks for raising was read. The Brethren did not find it right to raise this Brother just now, as he had not been present since the day he was passed, and it consequently was impossible to know if he was worthy of being raised to the Degree of Master Mason. The W.M. resolved that the petitioner should be raised according to his petition, but the day should be fixed later. Christian Friedrich was then initiated as Serv. Bro. Charity-box: \$1.11 rl.

Anno 5807, Aug. 8. 5.30. The Lodge opened in the three degrees. 9 Brethren present, 9 absent. F.C. Bro. Hendricks raised with the consent of the Brethren. F.C. Bro. Kortlang petitioned for raising which was granted in the usual manner. Charity-box: \$4.5 rl.

Anno 5807, Aug. 24. 5.30. Master Masons Lodge. Twelve members and three Visiting Brethren present, one absent. Brother Kortlang raised. Charity-box: \$3.

Anno 5807., Sept. 9. 6 p.m. Apprentice Lodge. Nine members plus two Visiting Brethren present. Instruction. Charity-box: \$2.6 rl.

Anno 5808, May 4. Apprentice Lodge. Ten members and one Visiting Brother present. Petition for admission from the profane Hjardemaal. Granted. Letter read from the Lodge "Concord," St. Vincent, stating the founding of said Lodge. Communication from "La Sincérité des Coeurs," St. Pierre, Martinique. Instruction Charity-box: \$1.5 rl.

Anno 5808, May 18. Apprentice Lodge. Twelve members and two Visiting Brethren present. One Visiting Brother, Henrich Graval, showed Certificate from the Lodge "Vergenoeging," Curaçao. N.L. Hjardemaal initiated. Brother L. K. Heyliger asks for passing. Granted. Charity-box: \$2.7 rl.

Anno 5808, May 27. E.A. and F.C. Lodge. Six Brethren present, seven absent. Bro. Heyliger passed. Charity-box: 4 rl.

Anno 5808, June 8. 5.30. Apprentice Lodge. Nine members and two Brother Visitors present, three absent. The W.M. read the rules for the feast of St. John. Instruction. Charity-box: \$1.9 rl.

This is the last of the Minutes, and we shall now go over what other material we still are in possession of for throwing light over the history of the Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity." The reader will remember that Bro. Gravenhorst during his stay in Copenhagen in 1802 signed a power of attorney for Bro. Major S. T. Lasson as Representative for the Lodge at the Freemason Directorium. It is to be supposed that Bro. Gravenhorst now and then, in the course of the years, sent this Brother communications as to the life of the Lodge, and that Bro. Lasson had sent him communications from Copenhagen and had helped him in the discharge of certain duties, for instance, the buying of things necessary for the Lodge, paying bills, etc. We glean this much from letters still in existence. On 23rd of February, 1803, Gravenhorst writes about his happy return to St. Thomas, and continues:—

"Since my return I have done all in my power in trying to obtain  
"a suitable house for the Lodge & succeeded at last in buying one  
"from Bro. Hoff. But as the Government had bought the one next  
"to it for a hospital & as the proper Authorities did not find it  
"large enough for that purpose, I received a letter asking me to let  
"His Majesty have the one bought by me; & when we considered  
"the position next to a hospital & the possible trouble in store for  
"us if we did not sell to the King & may be we would have other  
"buildings raised close to us, we gave in & are still waiting the  
"answer from the Council. We have then decided to build a house  
"ourselves or rent a suitable one that we may be able to commence  
"the work, & as soon as this happens, it will be communicated to  
"the Lodge [in Copenhagen]."

In a P.S.:—

"Will it please the dear Brother Lasson to let Bro. Wandinge  
"[Serv. Brother of the Lodge in Copenhagen] buy twelve Aprons  
"& the necessary gloves & to send a note of the amount to merchant  
"Vogel in Christianshavn [Copenhagen]; he will then pay for those  
"things & for what else I may owe."

On the 15th of October, same year, is the following letter from Gravenhorst to Bro. Lasson:—

"I have the honour to communicate to the Venerable Directorium  
"that the Consecration of the Lodge took place on the 9th of April.  
"On the 23rd of Feb. I had the pleasure to write you about my  
"happy return on the 31 of Dec. I asked in the same letter to let  
"Bro. Wandinge buy some Aprons & gloves. I ask further to  
"have a carpet for the First Degree bought [must be first Tracing  
"Board]. I would also like to have some large candles & a box  
"of smaller ones. Mr. Vogel, Christianshavn will defray the expenses.  
"The carrier of this is Bro. Wadskiaer, Secretary of our Lodge,  
"whom I beg to recommend to you. With greetings to our V.W.  
"Bro. Guldbrand, to you & to other dear Brethren I very respect-  
"fully remain your sincerely, Brother Gravenhorst."

In a letter of June 12th, 1804:—

"My last letter was of October 15, 1803, through kindness of Bro.  
"Wadskiaer, & I hope you have received it long ago, as we have  
"news of his arrival in Norway. I received last week my V.W.  
"Brother's letter of Nov. 23 '03 & the box & found everything in  
"best order, although the carrier, Captain Mildenstein, was taken

“to Tortola & the box had been opened. We received duly the  
 “news of Bro. Schonheider’s election to the Master’s chair & heard  
 “with deep regret why Bro. Hans Conrad Broer (Captain R.N.) laid  
 “down the gavel. To be on the safe side I beg you to buy for me  
 “12 aprons & twelve masters aprons as we cannot get any good  
 “skin here. I would appreciate much one dozen printed certificates,  
 “if possible Parchment.”

Gravenhorst writes on July 14th, 1804:—

“The carrier of this is Bro. Eckhard who makes a business trip to  
 “Europe. He was for years working here & came lately from  
 “North America where he lived for a while, last as vice Consul  
 “in Philadelphia. As this Bro. is a stranger in Copenhagen I  
 “beg to recommend him to your friendship being convinced that  
 “he will prove himself worthy thereof & I beg you further to  
 “introduce him to our V.W. Brother Guldbrand & to several others  
 “with my compliments. My last letter went with Captain Meinerts  
 “who sailed on the 17th June. Fraternally & deeply respectfully  
 “yours sincerely Gravenhorst.”

It is not possible to see whether the Lodge in St. Thomas paid any annual dues to the Directorium in Copenhagen, but it at all events paid 7 rd. 16 sk. a year to the maintenance of the archives in Schleswig, the same amount as the Lodge in St. Croix paid. We know this from four still existing receipts for 1802-1805, and we can see that the amounts were paid through the Representative of the Lodge, Bro. S. T. Lasson.

The above cited letters can be supplemented by a bill for the effects which are mentioned in the letters and ordered by Bro. Gravenhorst. As this bill is not without interest we will give it in extenso. The L at the foot of it possibly stands for the name of the Representative, Bro. Lasson. The document is probably only a copy kept by Bro. Lasson, while the original, paid by merchant Vogel, was sent to the West Indies:—

|  |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|
| An Entered App. carpet (paid to Bro. Cabott) | 28 rd. | 90 sk. |
| 51 lbs. white candles @ 72 sk.               | 38     | 16     |
| Emballage                                    |        | 64     |
| 21½ lbs. white altar candles @ 76 sk.        | 17     | 02     |
| Emballage                                    |        | 44     |
| To Serv. Bro. Wandinge (transport)           |        | 48     |

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|-------|--------|--------|
| Total | 85 rd. | 80 sk. |
|-------|--------|--------|

Further.

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| To Serv. Bro. Wandinge for:   |    |    |
| 12 Master Aprons @ 2 rd.      | 24 |    |
| 12 App. do. @ 40 sk.          | 5  |    |
| 12 certificate blanks @ 8 sk. | 1  |    |
| a box                         |    | 48 |
| to himself for his trouble    | 1  |    |

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|-------|---------|--------|
| Total | 117 rd. | 32 sk. |
|-------|---------|--------|

Further.

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|---|---------|--------|
| Archive-dues for this year St. John’s Day | 7       | 16     |
| Total                                     | 124 rd. | 48 sk. |

Above mentioned effects are packed in 3 boxes and handed to Coffard. Captain Lange, Master of the ship PETRA, each box marked T.F.G., a letter dated Sept. 10, 1804, follows with a list of the members of the Lodges here.

Copenhagen, Sept 10, 1804.

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As it will be remembered, the last Minutes of the Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity" are from the meeting June 8, 1808, and our question must be: Did the Lodge then cease to work from that night? A yes will probably be the correct answer. It must be borne in mind that the Danish West Indian Islands were at that time occupied by England, and that the occupation lasted to about the year 1815. The result of this occupation was bound to interfere with the life of this little Danish Lodge, and we get the clearest impression thereof from the latest existent report from Bro. Gravenhorst, forwarded through the acting representative of the Lodge, Bro. Hegermann-Lindencrone. No letter nor report is found in the Copenhagen archives from the time between Gravenhorst's last cited letter of July 14, 1804, and following report of May, 1810, but beyond doubt communications were sent during the years 1805-1808.

The report runs:—

"I am in this report attending to a very unpleasant duty, a duty which hurts my feelings deeply. I have to beg to report to the V.W. Directorium that the Lodge 'St. Thomas to Unity' has ceased to work and is suspended for the present. To make a clear exhibition of all the causes responsible for this sad necessity, painful to the Brethren, and especially painful to me, would be too lengthy. The nearest and also most important cause is the myriad of awful misfortunes which during the last decade have happened to this miserable, but formerly, so flourishing town. I do not know if history has any similar case of a town which in so short a period twice was captured and thrice burned down, and not alone this, but the almost total stagnation of the formerly so active and vastly expanded trade. The result was that a great majority of those who had established themselves here left the Island, as it no longer answered their speculative ventures, and amongst these were many of our members. Those who stayed on were, so to say, also lost to the Lodge as they on account of the miserable state of affairs refused to attend to their duties as Brethren. The final capture and occupation of the Island proved to be the death blow to the Lodge and the Brethren who did meet were not sufficient even to fill the necessary offices. The result was that the burden of keeping it up became too heavy for the few remaining Brethren, therefore the dissolution of the Lodge, or rather the temporary discontinuance of its work became inevitable, not to speak of the futility of so few Brethren keeping Lodge. It thus became the fate of this Lodge, which raised its columns under such good auspices, to bow to the grim necessity of dissolving itself on account of lack of members. I would have written earlier about this to the Ven. Directorium, had it not been for the difficulty during the present political conditions of getting letters safely forwarded home. Bro. Hiardemaal has promised to hand this in person.

"Most submissively,

"St. Thomas. May 12, 1810.

A. Gravenhorst.

"To the Ven. Freemason-Directorium, Copenhagen."

At a meeting of the Directorium on May 27, 1811, Brother Hegermann-Lindencrone was asked to find out where the protocols and other effects of the Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity" were deposited. There is nothing to tell us if any answer ever arrived. The Minute-Book of the Directorium for March, 1818, contains a note about Bro. Gravenhorst being in Copenhagen, and it was decided to invite him in the future to attend the meetings of the Directorium as Representative of his Lodge. But there is no statement in the Minutes of his having been present at any meeting, and he died the same year.

When Bro. C. H. Pram in the year 1820 was appointed Comptroller of Customs in St. Thomas he writes, previously to his departure, under date

March 6th of that year, a letter to the Freemason-Directorium in Copenhagen asking for Certificate and letter of recommendation:—

“as it is known to me that at least in St. Croix there exists and works  
 “a Lodge connected with the Lodges here. . . . Is it necessary  
 “for me to add that I am not alone willing to receive and to the best  
 “of my ability to execute whatever commission or order the Ven.  
 “Directorium might entrust me with, be it Masonic communications  
 “to the Lodge in Christiansted (St. Croix) or to the Brethren of the  
 “Lodge in St. Thomas which is said no longer to be working, but  
 “which possibly through the influence of a qualified and authorised  
 “Brother might be revived? I am willing to do this or whatever else  
 “I might be found worthy of, and I beg to say that whatever it  
 “may be, I shall consider it an honourable fortune to be of any  
 “service to the Order.”

The Directorium's answer is of the 14th, same month. The letter commences by thanking Brother Pram for his work in “Zorobabel to the Northstar,” whose second Orator he was for years, and informs him where to get the Certificate he asks for. It continues:—

“Under 6th May 1818 a letter was sent to the Lodge ‘To the Holy  
 “Cross’ in St. Croix to the address of Bro. Johannes Beverhoudt,  
 “E.Z., asking him to elect amongst the Brethren here a Representa-  
 “tive for the Lodge at the Directorium in Copenhagen vice the  
 “deceased Bro. Jens Parelius Brown, Councillor and Director of  
 “Auctions and to forward a list of members. No answer has been  
 “received, and neither have we heard anything from the Lodge  
 “‘Unity’ St. Thomas since its W.M. (our predecessor in the  
 “Customs office, the V.W. Bro. Gravenhorst) died. The rumour is  
 “that both these Lodges have ceased to work and as we consequently  
 “do not know with whom we in the future must communicate we  
 “ask you to be kind enough on your arrival to try to get us the  
 “necessary facts, and if possible to revive these Lodges. This is our  
 “deep wish and we give you full power to do by assistance of the  
 “Brethren, whatever you, in conformity with the Rules and Regula-  
 “tions of the Order, may find necessary to reach this goal. . . .  
 “Hauch. D. Manthey. U. Warberg.”

It is hardly possible to suppose that any positive result issued from the task with which Bro. Pram was entrusted, as he died the following year, being about sixty-five years old. From the following we know that at least once more the thought of the reactivity of the Lodge came up:—

“We the undersigned Brethren beg to be permitted by the Ven.  
 “Scottish Freemason Directorium (Copenhagen), to reestablish in St.  
 “Thomas, Danish West Indies, the there formerly working St. John's  
 “Lodge. To be, masonically and legally, entitled to do this work,  
 “we petition the Ven. Directorium's permission:  
 “(1). To revive the at present dormant St. John's Lodge in St.  
 “Thomas.  
 “(2). To work in the three St. John's Degrees after the present  
 “rectified system—to admit and advance in the Degrees—affiliate to  
 “Lodge—to enjoy and to exercise all the privileges which belong to  
 “any perfect and regular St. John's Lodge.  
 “(3). That the Lodge in St. Thomas on the strength of this may  
 “work under the old Scottish Freemason Directorium here, and to  
 “that effect retain its former Representative ven. Bro. S. T. Lasson,  
 “in his absence, as before, ven. Bro. Hegermann-Lindencrone.  
 “Hoping that the Ven. Directorium in fraternal kindness will  
 “grant this petition and recommend it, we beg further to have the

“honour to receive the Ven. Directorium’s full orders and regulations  
“for the reestablished St. John’s Lodge in St. Thomas.

“Fraternally and sincerely,

“<sup>1</sup> P. V. Scholten. Sommer. I. M. Magens.

“Copenhagen, Nov. 15, 1823

“To the Ven. Old Scottish Freemason Directorium, Copenhagen.”

The answer of the Directorium is dated Dec. 8, 1823, and is favourable:—

“It is a great pleasure to us to grant your petition and we give you  
“full authority to do what you and the other local Brethren with  
“conformity to the rules and regulations of the Order judge to be  
“conducive to that end, and we empower you further to receive from  
“those concerned the Charter and all Rituals, protocols and documents,  
“belonging to the Lodge formerly, and its Archives. With best  
“wishes for a successful result of your endeavours we ask your  
“report on the organization of the Lodge and its members and  
“beg through you to convey our fraternal greetings. It would also  
“please us much if any news could be had from ‘To the Holy Cross’  
“in St. Croix; we have not received any answer to our letter of  
“March 6th, 1818, sent to the address of Johannes Beverhoudt, E.Z.  
“Hauch. J. M. Schonheider. F. W. C. L. Prince of  
Hessen-Philipsthal.”

It does not seem that these three Brethren’s efforts to revive the dormant Lodge in St. Thomas had any success; there is, at all events, no written statement to that effect. (I shall also here state the fact that W. Bro. John N. Lightbourn, P.M., Harmonic 356, whose memory is excellent, maintains that he, some years aback, saw in a St. Thomas Almanac for 1832 the name of Bro. Walloe mentioned as W.M. of a Danish Lodge, and he believes its name to be “Unity” or “Harmony,” and he is under the sure impression that it was a Danish Lodge, and not the English Lodge “Harmonic 708—now 356—which was meant. He also saw on another occasion an old Visitors’ Book of Lodge “Unity” in St. Thomas, containing quite a number of names. He was also informed by an old inhabitant once that many years ago there was a Danish Lodge kept in one of the back rooms on property No. 38, Main Street, which property he thinks was at one time owned by Councillor Walloe, who it is believed was the last Master of the Danish Lodge in these Islands. There does not appear to have been any Danish Lodge working in St. Thomas at the time of the consecration of the Harmonic in 1818, but the “Unity” revived and again worked in 1823, till it finally ceased to work about 1835. K.-H.)

When Bro. Chamberlain I. F. Bardenfleth and Bro. C. W. Jessen became respectively Governor General and Commandant in St. Thomas in 1821, the Directorium tried through these Brethren to hear about the Lodges in the Danish West Indies, but, as far as we can ascertain, no report of this kind ever arrived.

It has surely been a most difficult task for the Directorium to follow the events in these remote islands.

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#### P E R S O N A L I A .

*Anthoñ Gravenhorst* was born in 1754, son of Joh. Adolph Gravenhorst. As a young man he got employment in the Customs Department and was in 1786 promoted to Comptroller of Customs in St. Thomas and died as such in 1818, during a stay in Copenhagen. He was married twice, first to Miss Wrisberg, who died in 1802, and then to Esther Gartner, possibly a daughter of a warehouse inspector in St. Thomas. She died as a widow in 1868. A son of his first marriage, Joh. Adolph Gravenhorst, was the first Brother to be

<sup>1</sup>All three of St. Thomas. K.-H.

initiated in the Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity"; he was as far as we know a merchant and in company with another member of the Lodge, Bro. Klein. Some of the members took the noble name Lovenstjerne to which they considered themselves entitled, and from some seals on letters from Bro. Anthon Gravenhorst we can see that he used the seal of the Lovenstjernes.

*Joachim (Jochum) Melchior Magens* was born in Dublin, and was probably initiated in the Lodge in St. Croix. He was on February 11, 1795, made a member of "Zorobabel to the Northstar," and was at that time Major and Judge in St. John. In 1817 we find him as Captain of the Militia in St. Croix, and he was later made advocatus regius in St. Thomas. He was owner of Lowerhill and Industry. Died in 1845.

*Simon Petrus Hoff* was first in the Customs Office in St. Croix, where he probably became a Mason; came later to St. Thomas, where he worked as cashier. He had from 1820 several public offices in St. Thomas.

*Bent Christian Stenersen* (in List No. 1 he is probably by mistake called Swen S). He was on the 17th April, 1781, initiated in "Zorobabel to the Northstar," and was then a Barrister-at-Law. In 1782 he was member of "St. Olaus to the White Leopard" in Christiania, and shortly after arrived in St. Thomas, as he in 1784 was member of the Lodge in St. Croix, but worked as a Lawyer in St. Thomas, till he was appointed Judge there. Died in Copenhagen 1828.

*Johan Traugott Libricht Otto* was born August 15, 1766, in Copenhagen; was Garrison Surgeon in St. Thomas until December 15, 1803, and later University Treasurer in Copenhagen. He was initiated in St. Croix, and became later member of "Zorobabel to the Northstar." A son of his was the well-known physician, Carl Otto, who was the last W.M. in Zorobabel, and the first W.M. of "Zorobabel and Frederik to the Crowned Hope," when this Lodge in 1855 was formed by amalgamation of the two Lodges "Zorobabel to the Northstar" and "Frederik to the Crowned Hope." He worked as W.M. for this Lodge (in Copenhagen) till 1874, and has a revered name in the history of Danish Masonry.

*Carl Gottlieb Fleischer* was in 1783 merchant in St. Croix, where he probably was made a Mason. He then became Harbour Master in St. Thomas, and for some time between 1820 and 1825, Commandant.

*Joh. S. Malleville Wood* was a merchant, but must also have had training as an Officer, as he in 1816 was appointed Captain and in 1817 made chief of the Cavalry in St. Thomas. He owned some estates in Little Northside quarter, St. Thomas (Sorgenfri).

*Christian August Kruger* was in 1779 chief clerk under the Customs in St. Croix, where he probably was made a Mason. He became later Royal Cashier, broker, etc., in St. Thomas.

*Casimir Wilhelm v. Scholten*, born in 1752, was Commandant in St. Thomas. He was initiated in the Lodge "Peace, Joy and Brotherly Love" No. 361 in Penryn, Cornwall, England. At a visit to the Lodge "Zorobabel to the Northstar," on February 12, 1803, he signs himself as member of the above-mentioned English Lodge, and probably he was never a real member of the Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity," although he for a while was W.M. of the daughter Lodge "Unity." He died in 1810. Of his sons, two, maybe three, were Masons: *Jost Gerhard v. Scholten*, initiated April 23, 1811, in "Zorobabel to the Northstar"; he became an officer in the West Indies and got a title in 1822. *Peder Carl Frederik v. Scholten* was born 1784; he began as a Second Lieutenant in the West Indies in 1803, was promoted to First Lieutenant in 1811, to Major 1816, "Stadthauptmann" in St. Thomas 1818 to 1824, Lieutenant-Colonel 1820, Intendant of Customs 1822, Chamberlain and Governor



*ad interim* 1824, General-Major 1829, and Governor-General 1836. Prominent in the negro revolt in St. Croix in 1847, after which he was sent home retired. Died 1854. He was initiated in "Zorobabel to the Northstar" on January 8th, 1812. (3) *Frederik v. Scholten* was an official in Frederiksted, St. Croix, at the time of the negro revolt. Like his brother, he was a Chamberlain, but we do not know if he was a Mason. It must have been one of these two last mentioned Brothers who left behind him the protocol previously mentioned. Both were named Frederick, of which Fritz may be an abbreviation.

*Fr. Andr. Raupach*. Born in Pommeren in 1760; garrison surgeon in St. Thomas 1803, promoted in 1814 to regimental surgeon. Initiated in the Lodge in St. Croix. Died in St. Thomas 1821.

*Lars Nannestad*, Comptroller of Customs in St. Croix, and from 1798 in St. Thomas.

*Christian Ludvig v. Holten* was born in 1774, came to St. Thomas as a First Lieutenant in 1796, appointed Commandant for St. Thomas and St. John in 1814, and Colonel 1817. Returned to Copenhagen 1825. Died 1829. Owner of the Estate Frydendal.

*Ketil Johnsen Melstedt*, Government Secretary, Captain and later member of the Royal Council, Notary Public in St. Thomas, Major 1808. He was born in Iceland 1766, and was killed in action March 26, 1811 (Anholt).

*Lamberdt Wohlbrandt Klein*, merchant and owner of the Estate Bonne Esperance. Initiated in St. Croix, and became in 1800, December 2, member of "Zorobabel to the Northstar," but returned later to St. Thomas, and became a member of the Lodge there.

*Hans Kalhauge* was chief clerk under the Customs in St. Croix, Book-keeper 1802 in St. Thomas, and Inspector of Customs in 1805 in Frederiksted, St. Croix.

*Johs. Severin Weyle*, Judge in St. John, owner of Estates in Macobay quarter, St. Thomas, and Riffel Bay quarter, St. John.

*Fr. Chr. v. Meley* was in 1785 chief clerk under the Customs, in 1798 Surveyor and Building Inspector in St. Thomas, and had in this capacity a quarrel with Governor-General Muhlenfels, who suspended him from his office but had to re-appoint him.

## 2.

MEMBERS OR BRETHREN CONSIDERED AS MEMBERS OF  
"UNITY," ST. THOMAS.

| NO. | NAME.                  | REMARKS.                 | FIRST ATTENDANCE. |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1.  | Antho Gravenhorst      | Controller of Customs.   | Dec. 3, 1798.     |
| 2.  | Bent Chr. Stenersen    | Judge.                   | do.               |
| 3.  | Peter Holte            | Merchant & Broker.       | do.               |
| 4.  | Joh. Trangott L. Otto  | Garrison Surgeon.        | do.               |
| 5.  | Austen Olsen           | Lieutenant.              | do.               |
| 6.  | Troxell                |                          | do.               |
| 7.  | Jochum Melchior Magens | Major & Judge, St. John. | do.               |
| 8.  | John Herdmann          |                          | do.               |
| 9.  | P.C. Marques           |                          | do.               |
| 10. | Joseph Blake (Blacke)  | Estate Owner.            | do.               |
| 11. | Simon Petrus Hoff      | Custom Office Clerk.     | do.               |
| 12. | Rob. Warren            |                          | do.               |
| 13. | P. H. Runnels          |                          | do.               |

## 2 (continued).

| NO. | NAME.                          | REMARKS.   | FIRST ATTENDANCE. |
|-----|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 14. | J. P. Beaudouin                | Physician.   | Dec. 3, 1798.     |
| 15. | Carl Gottlieb Fleischer        | Harbourmaster.                                     | do.               |
| 16. | C. S. Gruner                   |  | Dec. 27, 1798.    |
| 17. | C. van Bergen                  | Estate Owner.                                      | do.               |
| 18. | Paulus Moulin Morch            | "Stadshauptmann."                                  | do.               |
| 19. | A. W. Volkersen                | Lutheran Minister.                                 | do.               |
| 20. | A. Michel                      |  | do.               |
| 21. | Trochard (Troxard)             | Catholic Priest, owner of<br>"Frenchmans Bay" est. | do.               |
| 22. | Pietersen                      | Captain.   | do.               |
| 23. | Johs. Malleville Wood          | Planter.   | do.               |
| 24. | Allicock                       |  | do.               |
| 25. | Jos. Guilbert (Gilbert)        |  | do.               |
| 26. | Rich. Lawson                   | "Stadshauptmann."                                  | do.               |
| 27. | John Vetter                    |  | do.               |
| 28. | Peter Wood                     | Planter.   | do.               |
| 29. | C. H. A. Kruger                | Cashier, Royal appoint.                            | June 24, 1799     |
| 30. | Jens Christensen Morch         | Acting Broker.                                     | do.               |
| 31. | I. T. Eckard                   | Merchant, owner of<br>"Havensight."                | do.               |
| 32. | Samuel Milner                  | Owner of "Perseverance."                           | do.               |
| 33. | P. Waldkirch                   | Merchant.  | do.               |
| 34. | H. Fournier                    |  | do.               |
| 35. | Jens Kirkerup                  | Merchant.  | do.               |
| 36. | Francois Coltin                |  | do.               |
| 37. | Chr. Huebert (Huber)           | Physician.   | July 3, 1799.     |
| 38. | Johan Peter Wartha             | Owner of "Zufrieden-<br>heit."                     | do.               |
| 39. | J. P. Kummerle                 | Lieutenant (Major 1814).                           | do.               |
| 40. | Johan Peter Nissen             | Merchant.  | Sept. 14, 1799.   |
| 41. | J. W. Rundt                    |  | Oct. 12, 1799.    |
| 42. | Johs. H. Rotgers               | Merchant.  | Oct. 12, 1799.    |
| 43. | Hendrich Cuyler                |  | Oct. 16, 1799.    |
| 44. | Marx Evers                     |  | Jan. 1, 1800.     |
| 45. | Martin L. Ellis                |  | do.               |
| 46. | Casimir Vilh. v. Scholten      | Commandant St. Th.                                 | do.               |
| 47. | Fr. Andr. Raupach              | Garrison Surgeon.                                  | do.               |
| 48. | A. H. Waswo                    | Merchant.  | Mar. 19, 1800.    |
| 49. | Lars Nannestad                 |  | June 11, 1800.    |
| 50. | Thomas Fogarthy                | Merchant.  | do.               |
| 51. | Bankson                        |  | Aug. 6, 1800.     |
| 52. | Falk Daniel Chr.<br>Castonier  | Lieutenant (Col 1819).                             | do.               |
| 53. | Timothy Fogarthy               | Merchant.  | Nov. 5, 1800.     |
| 54. | J. J. Schmerber                |  | do.               |
| 55. | N. Giellerup                   | Merchant.  | Jan. 27, 1801.    |
| 56. | Chr. Ludv. v. Holten           | First Lieutenant.                                  | Jan. 12, 1803     |
| 57. | Ketil Johnsen Melstedt         | Captain.   | do.               |
| 58. | Enriche Augustin<br>Wadskier   | Clerk, Royal appt.                                 | do.               |
| 59. | Lomberdt Wohlbrandt<br>Klein   | Merchant.  | do.               |
| 60. | Hans Kalhauge                  | Bookkeeper, Royal appt.                            | do.               |
| 61. | Erasmus Friederich<br>Schifter | Lawyer, Owner of<br>"Raphune."                     | do.               |
| 62. | Esler                          |  | Apl. 2, 1803.     |

## 3.

## VISITING BRETHREN, "UNITY," ST. THOS.

| NO. | NAME.                  | FIRST VISIT.       | REMARKS.                               |
|-----|------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 1.  | Brown                  | December 17, 1798. | Probably J. P. Brown,<br>"Holy Cross." |
| 2.  | Bradt.                 | July 3, 1799.      | Probably C. F. Bradt,<br>"Holy Cross." |
| 3.  | Jach. Fr. Sam Schuster | do.                | Official, St. Croix.                   |
| 4.  | Renauldon              | August 12, 1799.   | *                                      |
| 5.  | Aquart                 | April 9, 1799.     | *                                      |
| 6.  | N. Andonville          | do.                | *                                      |
| 7.  | Johs. Heinrich Rotgers | do.                | **Merchant.                            |
| 8.  | M. Krause              | November 6, 1799.  |  |
| 9.  | Martin L. Ellis        | do.                | **                                     |
| 10. | Marx Evers             | do.                | **                                     |
| 11. | Johan Severin Weyle    | January 31, 1800.  | Judge, St. John.                       |
| 12. | v. Frecht              | do.                |  |
| 13. | v. Thun                | do.                | Danish Naval Officer.                  |
| 14. | A. H. Waswo            | do.                | **Merchant.                            |
| 15. | John O. Ellis          | do.                | Owner "Altona" &<br>"Welgens."         |
| 16. | Thomas Fogarthy        | do.                | **Merchant.                            |
| 17. | F. Chr. v. Meley       | April 11, 1800.    | Surveyor and Building<br>Inspector.    |
| 18. | H. D. Cronenberg       | do.                | Captain.                               |
| 19. | I. I. Schmerber        | do.                | **                                     |
| 20. | Pasche                 | August 6, 1800.    |  |
| 21. | Fr. Moth               | September 3, 1800. | "Holy Cross."                          |
| 22. | O. M. Flor             | October 1, 1800.   |  |
| 23. | Toulazan               | November 5, 1800.  | *                                      |
| 24. | Dunuy                  | do.                | *                                      |
| 25. | Fougas, fils           | do.                | *                                      |
| 26. | C. W. Jessen           | do.                | "Holy Cross."                          |
| 27. | Hans Stephansen        | do.                | "Z to N," Danish<br>Naval Officer.     |
| 28. | Astrup                 | do.                | Possibly Alstrup,<br>"Holy Cross."     |

\* Members of "Des Maçons Etrangères réunis."

\*\* Became later members of "Unity."

## OFFICERS OF "UNITY."

*W.M.* A. Gravenhorst; C.W. v. Scholten; S. P. Hoff; A. Gravenhorst.

*S.W.* I. H. Magens; Hoff; Kruger.

*J.W.* Hoff; Kruger; A. Olsen.

*Secretary.* Stenersen; Kruger; P. M. Morch.

*Orator.* Stenersen; Eckhard.

*Treasurer.* Otto; Blake; Gruner.

*Almoner.* Runnels; P. M. Morch; P. Wood.

*Director of Ceremonies.* A. Olsen; Gruner (?).

*Preparator.* P. Holte.

## 4.

## MEMBERS OF "ST. THOMAS TO UNITY," JUNE 24, 1804.

| NO. | NAME.                   | OCCUPATION.            | BIRTH-YEAR<br>& DEGREE. | REMARKS.       |
|-----|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | Anthon Gravenhorst      | Controller of Customs. | 1754.3.                 | W.M.           |
| 2.  | Christian v. Holten     | Captain.               | 1774.3.                 | S.W.           |
| 3.  | Henr. A. Kruger         | Royal Cashier.         | 1765.3.                 | J.W.           |
| 4.  | Bent Chr. Stenersen     | Judge.                 | 1748.3.                 | Orator.        |
| 5.  | Hans Kalhauge           | Royal Bookkeeper.      | 1774.3.                 | Secretary.     |
| 6.  | Ludwig W. Meyer         | Merchant.              | 1775.3.                 | Treasurer.     |
| 7.  | Ketil J. Melstedt       | Captain, Com. Secy.    | 1766.3.                 | Dir. of Cer.   |
| 8.  | Johan Peter Nissen      | Merchant.              | 1767.3.                 | Econom.        |
| 9.  | Berend Waldkirch        | Merchant.              | 1774.3.                 | Almoner.       |
| 10. | Simon Petrus Hoff       | Church Warden.         | 1763.3.                 | In Copenhagen. |
| 11. | Enriche A. Wadskier     | Clerk, Royal appt.     | 3.                      | ---            |
| 12. | L. W. Klein             | Merchant.              | 1768.3.                 | ---            |
| 13. | Johs. Wood              | Planter.               | 1762.3.                 |                |
| 14. | Peter Wood              | Planter.               | 1773.3.                 |                |
| 15. | Nicolas de Luge         | Merchant.              | 1742.3.                 |                |
| 16. | Thomas Fogarthy         | Merchant.              | 1763.3.                 |                |
| 17. | Jean Pierre Boudevin    | Physician.             | 1749.3.                 |                |
| 18. | Carl Gottlieb Fleischer | Harbourmaster.         | 1759.3.                 |                |
| 19. | Jean Baptist Salgues    | Merchant.              | 1759.3.                 |                |
| 20. | Richard Lawson          | Major.                 | 1753.3.                 |                |
| 21. | A. H. Waswo             | Merchant.              | 1767.3.                 | In Europe.     |
| 22. | Durevier                | Merchant.              | 1744.3.                 |                |
| 23. | Johan Dencker           | Merchant.              | 1762.3.                 |                |
| 24. | Johan Severin Weyle     | Judge, St. John.       | 1759.3.                 |                |
| 25. | Lars Nannestad          |                        | 1757.3.                 |                |
| 26. | Johan H. Rotgers        | Merchant.              | 3.                      | In Europe.     |
| 27. | J. D. Laudett           | Merchant.              | 1762.3.                 |                |
| 28. | E. Morell               | Merchant.              | 1772.3.                 |                |
| 29. | Mattei                  | Clerk.                 | 1780.3.                 |                |
| 30. | Erasmus F. Schrifter    | Lawyer.                | 1775.2.                 |                |
| 31. | I. C. Morch             | Acting Broker.         | 1766.2.                 |                |
| 32. | Johan P. Wartha         | Planter.               | 1773.2.                 |                |
| 33. | Andreas Raupach         | Garrison Surgeon.      | 1760.2.                 |                |
| 34. | H. D. v. Cronenberg     | Captain.               | 1754.2.                 |                |
| 35. | Joh. Ad. Gravenhorst    | Merchant.              | 1780.1.                 |                |
| 36. | Constantius Rasch       | First Lieutenant, R.N. | 1776.2.                 | off.           |
| 37. | Gottlieb Schmidt        | Merchant.              | 1782.1.                 |                |
| 38. | Peter Friestedt         | Governm. Clerk, act.   | 1777.1.                 |                |
| 39. | Mads Bonnelykke         | Smith.                 | 1770.1.                 |                |
| 40. | Frid. D. Meyer          | Medical doctor.        | 1.                      |                |
| 41. | Georg M. M. Ladensack   | Merchant.              | 1766.1.                 |                |
| 42. | Hans Chr. Kierrumgaard  | Clerk.                 | 1783.1.                 |                |
| 43. | Christophus Dragsett    | Merchant.              | 1763.1.                 |                |
| 44. | Soren Jensen            | Minor official.        | 1765.3.                 | Serv. Bro.     |
| 45. | Elias H. Schoun         | ---                    | 1781.3.                 | ---            |
| 46. | Peter Gandi *           | Inn-keeper.            | 1770.3.                 |                |

\* Owner (1807) estate "Godthaab," West End quarter.

## 5.

Besides those mentioned in 4, the following Brethren seem to have been members, or to have been considered as members of "St. Thomas to Unity," either before or after June 24, 1804:—

| NO.  | NAME.                  | REMARKS.  | FIRST MEETING.                  |
|------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1.   | Joseph Blake           |   | April 9, 1803.                  |
| 2.   | Johs. Traugott L. Otto | Garrison Surgeon.   | do.                             |
| 3.   | Esler                  |   | do.                             |
| 4.   | J. H. Kummerle         | Lieutenant, later Major.  | do.                             |
| 5.   | A. V. Volkersen        | Lutheran Minister.  | do.                             |
| 6.   | Th. de Malleville      | Major, Commandant<br>St. Thos.  | do.                             |
| 7.   | L. S. Pieteron         | Master Mariner.   | do.                             |
| 8.   | Robert Warren          |   | do.                             |
| 9.   | Henry Geyer            |   | do.                             |
| 10.  | Joseph Freguglia       |   | do.                             |
| 11.  | This Meinerts          | Master Mariner.   | do.                             |
| 12.  | Brink                  |   | do.                             |
| 13.  | Touscher               |   | do.                             |
| 14.  | Marx Evers             |   | April 27, 1803.                 |
| 15.  | Guilio Fini            |   | do.                             |
| 16.  | Block                  | Possibly Math. Block,<br>Planter, St. Croix,<br>initiated May 15,<br>1799, "Z to N*."               | do.                             |
| 17.  | Pedersen               |   | do.                             |
| 18.  | Timothy Fogarthy       |   | do.                             |
| 19.  | Figure                 |   | do.                             |
| *20. | H. W. Hendricks        |   | June 3, 1803                    |
| *21. | Chr. Goldman           | Aide Gov. General.  | July 1, 1803.                   |
| *22. | E. C. V. Engholm       | Lawyer.   | Octr. 7, 1803.                  |
| *23. | Francisco Matas        |   | March 14, 1804                  |
| *24. | Bernhard Kortlung      |   | April 6, 1804.                  |
| 25.  | F. L. C. Bruggemann    | Officer, born 1764,<br>affiliated 1810 with<br>"St. Olaus to the<br>White Leopard,"<br>Christiania. | June 14, 1804                   |
| 26.  | Brochmann              | Possibly Mich. Brock-<br>mand, Broker, St.<br>Thos.   | June 8, 1804.<br>June 29, 1804. |
| 27.  | Jacques Regnier        |   | June 29, 1804.                  |
| 28.  | Henning Lorentzen      | Bookkeeper, Col. Council.   | Aug. 3, 1804.                   |
| 29.  | Joseph de Latte        |   | Sept. 7, 1804.                  |
| 30.  | Francois Privat        |   | do.                             |
| *31. | Peter N. Nyegaard      | Translator.   | do.                             |
| *32. | Lucas K. Heyligher     | Clerk at Not. Pub.  | July 19, 1804.                  |
| 33.  | Jean B. Doyen          |   | Nov. 1, 1805.                   |
| 34.  | Philibert Michaut      |   | do.                             |
| 35.  | Georg Fr. Haaversaat   |   | April 1, 1806.                  |
| 36.  | Ludvig Petersen        | Officer.  | July 11, 1806.                  |
| *37. | Jens Wendelboe         | Serv. Bro.  | April 1, 1806.                  |
| *38. | Georg Leopold v. Einem | Major.  | Sept. 19, 1806.                 |
| *39. | Hans Chr. Gleerup      |   | Dec. 19, 1806.                  |
| 40.  | Fr. Lind               | Serv. Bro.  | June 17, 1807.                  |
| 41.  | N. S. Hjardemaal       | Merchant, must have<br>died a very old man.   | May 18, 1808.                   |

\* Day of initiation.

6.

## VISITING BRETHREN "ST. THOMAS TO UNITY."

| NO. | NAME.                 | FIRST VISIT.   | REMARKS.                                   |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| 1.  | Esias Monefeldt       | Apl. 29, 1803. |  |
| 2.  | Rosenberg             | May 15, 1803.  |  |
| 3.  | Frasinett (?)         | June 3, 1803.  |  |
| 4.  | Nielsen               | do.            |  |
| 5.  | Reguire               | Nov. 4, 1803.  |  |
| 6.  | Halbert               | Jan. 10, 1804. |  |
| 7.  | A. Smith              | do.            |  |
| 8.  | Brouchet              | Mar. 7, 1804.  |  |
| 9.  | Andrieux              | do.            |  |
| 10. | Jacques Regnier       | do.            | Becomes a member later.                    |
| 11. | Romberg               | Mar. 14, 1804. |  |
| 12. | Koopmann              | do.            |  |
| 13. | Andro                 | do.            |  |
| 14. | Le Blouch             | do.            |  |
| 15. | F. Rossing            | May 4, 1804.   |  |
| 16. | F. Chr. v. Meley      |                | See List 3, No. 17.                        |
| 17. | Generis               | do.            |  |
| 18. | Matthaei              | June 1, 1804.  | See List 4, No. 29.                        |
| 19. | F. L. C. Bruggemann   | do.            | See List 5, No. 25.                        |
| 20. | C. W. Jessen          | do.            | See List 1, No. 60 and<br>List 3, No. 26.  |
| 21. | Rob. Gordon           | June 8, 1804.  |  |
| 22. | Joh. Henr. Rose       | June 14, 1804. |  |
| 23. | Henrichs              | Aug. 3, 1804.  |  |
| 24. | Anthony Phelham       | do.            | Member "St. Andrew,"<br>N.Y.               |
| 25. | Savary                | Aug. 24, 1804. |  |
| 26. | Andonville            | do.            |  |
| 27. | Rahlves               | do.            |  |
| 28. | Bebet                 | do.            |  |
| 29. | Carl Thombsen         | Sept. 7, 1804. |  |
| 30. | Joh. Cord Hallier     | do.            | Member "St. Georg,"<br>Hamburg.            |
| 31. | Anthony Relhan (?)    | do.            |  |
| 32. | I. B. Toulme          | do.            | "Parfaite Harmonie,"<br>Santo Domingo.     |
| 33. | Joseph Delatte        | do.            | List 5, No. 29.                            |
| 34. | Francois Privat       | do.            | List 5, No. 30.                            |
| 35. | James Johnston.       | Oct. 12, 1804. | R.A.M. "St. Andrews,"<br>Scotland.         |
| 36. | Jean Sternenberg      | do.            | "Loge Anglais,"<br>Bordeaux.               |
| 37. | Boulogny              | do.            |  |
| 38. | Herman Bollmann       | Dec. 2, 1804.  | Lodge 116, England.                        |
| 39. | Joh. Daniel Steinmetz | do.            | Lodge 57, England.                         |
| 40. | Nansen                | Mar. 2, 1805.  | R.A. Lodge No. 2, N.Y.                     |
| 41. | Abrahamsen            | Apl. 5, 1805.  | Possibly L. A. Abraham-<br>sen, "Z to N*." |
| 42. | I. B. Doyen           | June 7, 1805.  | See List 5, No. 33,<br>Lodge 87, N.Y.      |
| 43. | Charles Pererier      | do.            | Lodge 87, New York.                        |

## 6 (continued).

| NO. | NAME.                 | FIRST VISIT.   | REMARKS.  |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| 44. | Mapabyen (?)          | July 5, 1805.  |   |
| 45. | Ellion                | do.            | Lodge No. 10, New York.                                   |
| 46. | Howitz                | July 19, 1805. |   |
| 47. | Schutz                | do.            |   |
| 48. | Heilshorn             | Sept. 6, 1805. | "Carl zum felsen,"<br>Altona.                             |
| 49. | Jens Johannesen       | do.            | "La Charite,"<br>Amsterdam                                |
| 50. | Joh. Balthasar Morel. | do.            | "The Palmtree to the<br>East."                            |
| 51. | Ludv. Petersen        | Nov. 1, 1805.  | See List 5, No. 36.                                       |
| 52. | Georg F. Haversaat    | do.            | "Sudermanie," St.<br>Bartholomeus.<br>See List 5, No. 35. |
| 53. | I. B. Avelhe (Aville) | do.            |   |
| 54. | John Steen            | Dec. 6, 1805.  |   |
| 55. | C. H. Sontag          | do.            | "Zum rothen Adler,"<br>Hamburg.                           |
| 56. | Muller                | July 4, 1806.  |   |
| 57. | Heykins               | do.            |   |
| 58. | Cramer                | do.            |   |
| 59. | N. W. Bergust         | July 18, 1806. | Merchant, St. Thomas<br>(Bergust & Ulhorn).               |
| 60. | F. Meyer              | July 24, 1806. | "Holy Cross."   |
| 61. | Joh. Fr. Nissen       | Aug. 1, 1806.  | "Concordia,"<br>Paramaribo.                               |
| 62. | Joseph Gamble         | Dec. 19, 1806. |   |
| 63. | Geo. Jophan (Thopan)  | do.            |   |
| 64. | I. G. Haddoch         | do.            |   |
| 65. | Gruner                | do.            | See List 2, No. 16.                                       |
| 66. | Cave                  | Feb. 15, 1807. |   |
| 67. | C. P. Dons            | Apl. 3, 1807.  | "Holy Cross."   |
| 68. | Louis Lentz           | June 5, 1807.  | Grand Lodge, New York.                                    |
| 69. | J. E. Graval          | May 18, 1808.  | "De Vergenoeging,"<br>Curaçao.                            |

The majority of the French-named Visitors belonged probably to "Des Maçons étrangers réunis." The same about List No. 3.

7.

WEST INDIAN BRETHREN VISITING COPENHAGEN LODGES  
1778-1812.

| NO.  | NAME.                  | LODGE.        | FIRST VISIT.    | REMARKS.       | Feb. 16, |
|------|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| 1.   | Martin M. Heyligher    | Holy Cross.   | May 19, 1779.   | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1780.    |
| 2.   | Peter H. Krause        | do.           | Nov. 3, 1779.   |                | Feb. 2,  |
| 3.   | Johan Ferentz          | do.           | Nov. 10, 1779.  | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1780,    |
| 4.   | F. Chr. Trolle         | do.           | Nov. 17, 1779.  |                |          |
| 5.   | Jorgen Jessen          | do.           | Nov. 24, 1780.  |                | May 8,   |
| 6.   | Andr. Colding          | do.           | Jan. 24, 1781.  | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1782.    |
| 7.   | Hans Collin            | do.           |                 |                |          |
| *8.  | Mads Kirkegaard        | do.           | July 13, 1781.  |                | Feb. 2,  |
| 9.   | Peter H. Koch          | do.           | Mar. 15, 1783.  | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1803.    |
| 10.  | Chr. Ewald             | do.           | Oct. 23, 1783.  |                |          |
| *11. | Joh. Conrad Dienhoff   | do.           | do.             |                |          |
| 12.  | Hans Kaas              | do.           | Feb. 25, 1784.  |                | Mar. 7,  |
| 13.  | Joh. Chr. Schmidt      | do.           | Nov. 3, 1784.   | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1787.    |
| 14.  | Ad. v. Kohl            | do.           | Nov. 24, 1784.  |                | Oct. 12, |
| 15.  | P. Erland Hoffgaard    | do.           | do.             | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1785.    |
| 16.  | Fr. Saltwedel          | do.           | Dec. 8, 1784.   |                |          |
| 17.  | Trolle                 | do.           | Sept. 15, 1785. |                | Nov. 5,  |
| 18.  | H. Rasmussen           | do.           | Oct. 12, 1785.  | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1791.    |
| *19. | S. Plockross           | do.           | do.             |                | Oct. 26, |
| 20.  | Bendecke               | do.           | do.             | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1791.    |
| *21. | H. Zimmermann          | do.           | Dec. 14, 1785.  |                |          |
| *22. | Chr. F. Kipnasse       | do.           | Dec. 21, 1785.  |                |          |
| 23.  | I. (?) C. (?) Flemming | do.           | Feb. 4, 1789.   |                | Oct. 15. |
| 24.  | Dollner                | do.           | Apr. 17, 1793.  | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1794.    |
|      |                        |               |                 |                | Feb. 11, |
| 25.  | I. M. Magens           | do.           | Sept. 15, 1794. | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1795.    |
| 26.  | F. W. Berg             | do.           | Nov. 11, 1795.  |                |          |
| 27.  | A. Gravenhorst         | do.           | do.             |                | Apl. 23, |
| 28.  | I. Kirkerup            | do.           | do.             | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1811.    |
| 29.  | Hans Cramer Winding    | do.           | Jan. 20, 1796.  |                |          |
| 30.  | Jens Ferslew           | do.           | Apr. 10, 1797.  |                |          |
| *31. | Fr. Andr. Raupach      | do.           | Nov. 22, 1797.  |                |          |
| 32.  | I. C. Andrea           | do.           | do.             |                |          |
| 33.  | R. F. M. Lynch (?)     | do.           | do.             |                |          |
| 34.  | F. (?) W. Hesse        | do.           | May 22, 1799.   |                |          |
| 35.  | Mauritz Chr. Lytzen    | do.           | Dec. 14, 1799.  |                | Feb. 12. |
| 36.  | L. W. Klein            | do.           | Jan. 25, 1800.  | Aff. Z. to N*. | 1800.    |
| 37.  | Pieterston             | do.           | Apr. 9, 1800.   |                |          |
| 38.  | Henning Lorentzen      | do.           | Apr. 12, 1800.  |                |          |
| 39.  | A. Gravenhorst         | do.           | Nov. 5, 1800.   |                |          |
| 40.  | P. A. (?) Wittrock     | do.           | Sept. 13, 1801. |                |          |
| 41.  | Ludv. Petersen         | do.           | Oct. 24, 1801.  |                |          |
| 42.  | A. Olsen               | do.           | do.             |                |          |
| 43.  | F. L. C. Bruggemann    | do.           | do.             |                |          |
| 44.  | N. A. (?) Wengel       | do.           | Nov. 11, 1802.  |                |          |
| 45.  | Hendr. Wulff Hendricks | St. Th. to U. | Dec. 7, 1803.   |                |          |
| 46.  | Kummerle               | do.           | Jan. 11, 1804.  |                |          |
| 47.  | S. P. Hoff             | do.           | Oct. 10, 1804.  |                |          |
| 48.  | E. Chr. W. Engholm     | do.           | Oct. 23, 1804.  |                |          |
| 49.  | Ole Petersen           | Holy Cross.   | Jan. 2, 1805.   |                |          |
| 50.  | Andreas Moller         | do.           | Feb. 20, 1805.  |                |          |
| 51.  | Mich. Petersen         | do.           | May 6, 1806.    |                |          |
| 52.  | A. Wenzel              | do.           | Jan. 7, 1807.   |                |          |
| 53.  | P. N. Nyegaard         | St. Th. to U. | Nov. 11, 1807.  |                |          |
| 54.  | L. Dons                | Holy Cross.   | Nov. 13, 1811.  |                |          |
| *55. | F. G. Schmidt          | St. Th. to U. | Dec. 18, 1812.  |                |          |

\* Visited Copenhagen Lodges several times.



## OFFICERS OF "ST. THOMAS TO UNITY"

(As far as can be made out).

*W.M.* A. Gravenhorst.  
*S.W.* Chr. v. Holten; E. A. Wadskiaer.  
*J.W.* H. A. Kruger; L. Nannestad; Ludv. Petersen.  
*Orator.* Stenersen.  
*Secretary.* E. A. Wadskiaer; H. Kalhauge; E. F. Schifter.  
*Treasurer.* Hoff; L. W. Meier; — ? —  
*Director of Ceremonies.* Pieteron; K. J. Melstedt; I. P. Nissen.  
*Almoner.* L. W. Klein; B. Waldkirck; L. W. Klein.  
*Economa.* I. M. Kummerle; I. P. Nissen.

We find in the Lists of Members of Copenhagen Lodges in those ancient days the following names of Brethren who have not yet been mentioned in this paper. Some of them were born in or lived in St. Thomas or St. Croix; others were made Masons there:—

## 8.

1. *Paulus Moth*, Major, born 1727 in St. Thomas, initiated in 1751, in "St. Martin," Copenhagen. Died in Bergen 1802.
2. *Joh. Adolph Gravenhorst*, born 1724 in Copenhagen. Merchant and Planter (?) in St. Thomas. Father of Anthon Gravenhorst. Initiated 1758 in "St. Martin," Copenhagen. Died 1770 or 1775.
3. *Ulrich Vilhelm v. Roepstorff*, born 1730. Commandant of St. Thomas, later Governor-General. Initiated 1765, "St. Martin," Copenhagen.
4. *Amond v. Lowenberg*, Lieutenant in the Artillery, born in Norway, 1738. Member "Z. to N\*." Affiliated later with "Holy Cross."
5. *James Harriet*, Merchant, St. Croix. Born in London 1740. Affiliated with "Z. to N\*" March 9, 1775.
6. *Frederic Br. Bretton*, Captain in the Infanterie St. Croix. Born in St. Croix 1754. Initiated in "Z. to N\*" Oct. 6, 1775.
7. *Balth. Dan Bartels*, Bookkeeper for Baron Schimmelmann. Born in Tonder 1746. Initiated in "Z. to N\*" Apr. 25, 1776. Died in St. Croix.
8. *Friderich Chr. Moth*, born in St. Thomas 1730; Chamberlain. Supposed to have been initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates Oct. 16 with "Z. to N\*."
9. *Jacob Kobke*, born in Copenhagen 1732. Custom Officer in St. Croix. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates Feb. 18, 1778, with "Z. to N\*."
10. *Hans. Jacob Sobotker*, born in St. Croix. Affiliates Aug. 20, 1778, with "Z. to N\*."
11. *Giov. Sp. de Windt*, born in New York (?) 1749. Major, English service, in St. Thomas. Initiated Dec. 17, 1783, in "Z. to N\*."
12. *William Mackoi*, born in St. Croix, 1763. Merchant in St. Croix. Initiated Jan. 3, 1784, in "Z. to N\*."
13. *Jacob Tostrup*, born in Hillerod. Brewer. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates Jan. 24, 1797, with "Z. to N\*."
14. *Gotfred Hagerup*, born in Copenhagen 1777. Lieutenant, R.D.N. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates March 20, 1799, with "Z. to N\*."
15. *Peter Friederick Wulff*, born in Copenhagen 1774. Lieutenant, R.D.N. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates May 11, 1799, with "Z. to N\*."
16. *Peter Heger*, born in Copenhagen 1774. Mate. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates May 11, 1799, with "Z. to N\*."
17. *Mathias Block*, born 1748. Planter in West Indies. Initiated May 15, 1799, in "Z. to N\*." (List 5, No. 16.)
18. *Peter Grove Beyer*, born 1780. Bookkeeper at St. Thomas sugar refinery. Initiated Jan. 3, 1810, in "Z. to N\*."
19. *Frederich Chr. v. Scheley*, born 1750. Captain. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates Feb. 8, 1810, in "Z. to N\*."

20. *V. Haagen*, born 1779. Merchant. Initiated in St. Croix. Affiliates Feb. 5, 1811, with "Z. to N\*."
21. *Eric Noocolay Pontoppidan*, born in Copenhagen 1786. Chief Clerk in West Indies. Initiated June 1, 1814, in "Z. to N\*."
22. *Johan Friedr. Bloch*, born 1780. Chief Physician in St. Croix. Initiated Apr. 15, 1815, in "Z. to N\*."
23. *Frederik Ferd. Hansen*, born in Helsingor 1793. Chief Clerk in Christiansted. Initiated Feb. 7, 1817, in "Z. to N\*."
24. *Mathias August Braun*, born in Copenhagen 1797. Secretary in West Indies. Initiated Nov. 22, 1820, in "Z. to N\*."
25. *Andreas Charles Teilmann*, born in Emdrupholm, "Hofjaegermester." Controller of Customs in St. Croix. Initiated Dec. 21, 1831, in "Z. to N\*."

It is more than possible that many other Danish Brethren besides those already mentioned have lived in the West Indies, but we cannot prove it without too much searching. The leading members of these old Danish West Indian Lodges belonged evidently to the official life, military as well as civil, and a great contingent came from the more prominent business men and from the planters, Danish as well as foreign. There seem to have been very few of the Brethren who were mechanics, but many belonged to the seafaring class.

All in all the members were prominent men, and counted amongst their number many of the highest officials. The English occupation and the consequent difficult *economical conditions* was then the cause of the gradual dying out of the once flourishing Lodge life. But it is possible that the English Lodge, Harmonic 356 (then 708), grew out of the ruins of the old Danish Lodge, "St. Thomas to Unity,"<sup>1</sup> in the year 1818, as without doubt several of the members of that old Lodge were amongst the Founders of the Harmonic. And it is likely that the foundation of this English Lodge made all attempts of reviving the old Danish Lodge in vain.

Copenhagen, 1916.

Sig. Johs. Rasmussen.

In the year 1854, on the 1st of April, "Les Coeurs Sincères" was founded in St. Thomas under the auspices of the Sup. Council of France and its Dependencies.

The following are its Founders:—

Denizar Moreau; W. M. Senior, a native of Curaçao; Alex Raoul; Thomas Danastorg, a native of St. Domingo; Monrose Maduro, native of Curaçao; Geo. Jeffreys; Cheri Ben Martin; W. Gomez; W. Simmonds, native of Curaçao; Benj. Phil. Tapshire; Jean Paul, native of Curaçao; Ralph Hutington, native of Hayti.

And its first Officers were:—

D. Moreau, W.M.; Senior, S.W.; A. Raoul, J.W.; M. Maduro, Secretary; T. Danastorg, Orator; Jean Paul, Almoner; G. Jeffreys, Treasurer; C. B. Martin, First Expert; B. P. Tapshire, Director of Ceremonies; W. Gomez, First Diacre; W. Simmonds, Second Diacre; R. Hutington, I.G.

For many years it was quite prosperous, but it fell off in the early part of the present century and eventually struck its columns.

It did excellent ritualistic work in its day. Bro. Walloe, son of the last W.M. of the old Danish Lodge "St. Thomas to Unity," was one of the prominent Masters of "Les Coeurs Sincères," and was also for some years the Representative of the Sup. Council.

<sup>1</sup> In the opinion of Bro. John N. Lightbourn, P.M. 356, there is too much evidence to the contrary. There is only one name, H. Cuyler, of a member of the old Danish Lodge among the Founders of the Harmonic 356 (708). K.-H.

From the beginning of its career it placed itself in communication with the Danish Supreme Authority, insomuch that it actually had official recognition prior to the Harmonic that had been in existence thirty-six years in advance; it was only after the 141 was recognised that the Harmonic applied for similar recognition.

(These particulars W. Bro. J. N. Lightbourn has gleaned from an "Annuaire" of 141. K.-H.).

But although there were now two Lodges working in St. Thomas some Brethren communicated with Bro. Andrew Cassard, of New York, asking him to try to get them a Constitution from the Supreme Council, U.S., Southern Jurisdiction, for a third Lodge in St. Thomas. However, Bro. Andrew Cassard advised them to petition the Grand Lodge of Colon, Santiago de Cuba, and through Cassard a Charter was granted them from this last-named Grand Lodge in 1871 to a Lodge "The Star in the East," under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Colon. But the Supreme Council of Colon was not working any more, and in 1872 Bro. Cassard was in fact sentenced for his behaviour in St. Thomas. The Brethren then petitioned, in the same year, the Grand Master of South Carolina for a dispensation, stating that without it they could not continue to work, as the two other Lodges would not recognise their Lodge under the pretext that the Grand Lodge did not exist any longer, or had not existed at all. The petition having no result, the Brethren then tried the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in 1873, and had better luck there, as they not only got a temporary dispensation, but a real constitution. Unluckily, however, they had omitted mentioning to the Grand Master of Louisiana their previous petition to the Grand Master of South Carolina, and as soon as the real facts were made known to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, the Charter was immediately withdrawn and the "Star in the East" ceased to exist. Neither of the other two Lodges had ever recognised the "Star in the East," or permitted its members to visit them.

Johs. Rasmussen.

During the time that the "Star in the East" was attached to Colon neither 141 nor Harmonic had any communication with it, but whilst it held its charter from Louisiana the Harmonic gave it recognition, and its members visited 356 freely; in fact, one of its members later affiliated and became J.W. of the Harmonic; but Les Coeurs Sincères never held any communication with it at any time; in fact, I believe that that Lodge passed a very strong resolution against its members even after its Charter was withdrawn by Louisiana and the Lodge became defunct. It was always attainted in the eyes of 141.

(From Bro. Lightbourn, P.M. 356). K.-H.

In the year 1877 there was founded in Christiansted, St. Croix, the Lodge "Eureka," No. 605, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and this Lodge worked till about the year 1900.

We give the copy of the member list of 1893—A.L. 5897.

List of Officers and Members of the "Eureka" Lodge 605 under the registry of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, A.L. 5897.  
Orient, Christiansted, St. Croix.

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| Bro. J. Arendrup     | R.W.M.     |
| „ B. F. Dendtler     | D.M.       |
| „ A. C. Crowe        | S.W.       |
| „ P. H. Thurland     | J.W.       |
| „ H. de Chabert      | Treasurer. |
| „ Thos. Ash          | Secretary. |
| „ N. P. Christiansen | S.D.       |
| „ W. H. Brown        | J.D.       |

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| Bro. I. Jensen    | I.G.   |
| „ A. Henderson    | Tyler. |
| „ G. Armstrong    |        |
| „ R. L. Bush      |        |
| „ F. A. Carty     |        |
| „ W. Didrichsen   |        |
| „ E. R. Ford      |        |
| „ E. Grigg        |        |
| „ G. S. Hill      |        |
| „ H. I. Iversen   |        |
| „ A. Jorgensen    |        |
| „ C. E. Leevy     |        |
| „ F. Lunney       |        |
| „ F. Maggee       |        |
| „ P. Pentheny     |        |
| „ M. A. Pretto    |        |
| „ E. Struer       |        |
| „ F. L. Grandjean |        |
| „ G. A. Blakely   |        |
| „ I. N. Soanes    |        |
| „ J. F. Jacobs.   |        |

Honorary Members.

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| Bro. D. Pierre     |  |
| „ I. W. R. Hansen  |  |
| „ J. J. Richardson |  |
| „ A. Henderson     |  |
| „ H. Petersen.     |  |

None of the above-mentioned Brethren belonged to any Lodge in Denmark, but Bro. Alex. Henderson, police clerk and Church Warden in Christiansted, visited on several occasions Lodges in Copenhagen. He was initiated in "Union Lodge No. 2" under the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Boston (Grand Lodge for coloured Brethren), in the year 1866, was one of the founders of "Eureka" Lodge, and was thirteen years later made an honorary member of that Lodge. In 1892 he was present at the laying of the corner-stone of the new building of "Les Coeurs Sincères," and visited the Harmonic in 1892.

Johs. Rasmussen.

I may mention a strange thing with respect to the "Eureka" and Bro. Arendrup. It appears that the W.M. died. The Lodge then proceeded to the election of Bro. Arendrup as W.M., who took the Chair without due installation, and was never installed as far as I know. But he performed all the functions of a Master in initiation, passing and raising. I advised him to come to St. Thomas and be installed, or have a couple of Past Masters to visit his Lodge and instal him, but he did not seem to think it necessary.

It was irregularities of this nature which caused the Lodge to pass out of existence after so short a life.

(Note of W.Bro. J. N. Lightbourn. K.-H.)

This is what we know about Lodges in those ancient days. There is an old tale about a Lodge on the Estate Harmony at the east end of St. Thomas, and a Lodge at Leinster Bay Estate, St. John, but if ever any evidences existed out here they were lost in the different hurricanes.

The archives in Copenhagen know nothing about these two Lodges.

Since "Les Coeurs Sincères" struck its Columns, about the year 1900, there has been only one Lodge working in what are now the Virgin Islands of the U.S.A., namely, the Harmonic Lodge No. 356—on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England—founded 19th October, 1818.