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"Star of Cuba" Lodge No. 742, New York, N.Y.

On the 18th day of September A.D. 1873, A. L. 5873 the Most Worshipful Grand Master Christopher G. Fox presented through R. W. Philander Reed D. D. G. M. of the 8th M. D., a dispensation to

W. Bro.	Edward H. Kent	Master
"	Joseph G. Angarica	S.W.
"	Felix Fuentes	S.W.
R. W.	Henry Clay Preston	
"	J. K. Hayward	
"	Antonio C. Gonzalez	
"	Edward R. Arnold	
"	José de J. Costales	
"	Pedro F. Desvermine	
Rev.	George H. Hepworth	
"	Leonardo del Monte	
"	Robert J. Leycraft	
"	George W. Hardie	
"	Andres C. Rodriguez	
Bro.	Isaac J. Brown	
"	Ricardo Lancis	
"	Ignacio Moré	
"	William H. Stiner	

upon the recommendation of Merchants Lodge No. 709 and its first three officers.

Said Lodge to be held in the City of New York and known as  
"Star of Cuba Lodge"

until the 15th day of May next, unless sooner recalled by the Grand Master, or by order of the Grand Lodge, for any irregularity in the conduct of said Lodge.

signed James H. Hustin

Grand Secretary

Many of these Cubans were merchants.

The first regular communication U.D. was held at the Lodge rooms on the North East corner of Fifty seventh Street and Third Avenue on the evening of (Thursday) October 9th A.D. 1873 A.L. 5873.

Hilario Cisneros - Treasurer in 1876.

Miguel de Aldama - Trustee 1876.

The 29th regular communication of the Lodge on July 2, 1874, were present, among others:

Joseph G. Angarica  
J. K. Hayward  
Ricardo del Prado  
Antonio C. Gonzalez  
Blas du Bouchet  
José G. Angarica  
José de J. Costales  
Manuel de J. Izaguirre  
Federico Machado  
Luis A. Baralt

Visitors:

Juan Díaz La Fraternidad 387  
Manuel Trujillo  
Francisco Cortés  
Francisco Ximens

Otto Lehman, "History of Star of Cuba Lodge No. 742 F. & A. M." (New York: J. J. Little and Ives Company, 1925).

"Finally those Cubans known to adhere to the principles of freemasonry were exiled from the island and their property confiscated. These exiled Master Masons fled to the United States, where they found the freedom they had dreamed of and struggled so hard to attain for their native land." p. 7.

"As a demonstration of their love for their mother country they called their lodge "Star of Cuba." p. 8.

Martí wrote about a masonic soirée of the lodge "La Fraternidad" in *Patria*, 21 May 1892.

"La Universal" lodge composed of Spaniards living in New York.

American masons had also been persecuted in the 1830s by the anti-Masonic party and therefore sympathized with persecuted Cuban masons.

Cuba's Flag First Flew in New York. (National Geographic Magazine, May 1949, p. 639).