

An Overview of Freemasonry in the Spanish Antilles

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Outline

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- 1800: fallouts from the Haitian Slave Revolt
- Spanish Juntas and Colonial Independence
- Repression and re-appearance
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Anecdotic Events

- Freemasonry was forbidden in Spain; thence, also in all its colonies.
- In 1751-54 Grand Lodge of England created eight Provincial Grand Master positions, one of them for Cuba – but never realized.
- In 1762, during British occupation of Havana, Alexander Cockburn was initiated in the Irish Military Lodge #218. No Cuban took part or attended that Lodge.

French Lodges in the Caribbean

- In 1789 there were close to 40 lodges under the Grand Orient de France, half of them in Saint Domingue (Haiti) the rest in Martinique, etc.
- After the slave revolt of the 1790s most of Haiti's Lodges closed or moved out to Cuba, Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic.
- A Provincial Grand Lodge was created in the independent Haiti, under UGLE, in 1809
- Provincial Grand Lodge became independent in 1823, under Haitian President Jean-Pierre Boyer

President Jean Pierre Boyer; Haiti



French Lodges in Cuba; early 1800

- La Perseverance & La Concorde, Santiago, 1798
- L'Amitie & La Benefique Concorde, in Havana
- Temple des Vertues Theologales, in Havana, 1804
- WM Joseph Cernaux, later moved to NYC, granted Higher Degrees of Scottish Rite, creating a schism
- Reunion de Coeurs, in Santiago, 1805. WM Antoine Bideaud moved to NYC; communicated the Higher Degrees which were Confirmed by Mother Council.
- After Napoleon's invasion of Spain, French Lodges were closed and French moved to LA, SC, PA, NYC

Cronological Development of Freemasonry in Cuba & PR: 1800-1850

Epoch	Cuba	Puerto Rico
1800-1814 French In Carib. & Spain	<i>Virtudes Teologales</i> (G.L. Pennsylvania) Other lodges: Habana/Santiago Bonapartist Freemasonry arrives in Spain under French ocupation.	French emigrees from Haiti Create lodges in San Juan, Ponce and San Germán, The same as occurred in Cuba.
1820-1824 <i>Trienio Liberal</i>	<i>Gran Logia Espanola de York</i> <i>Gran Ote Territorial Espanol Amer.</i> Scottish Rite (GL Pennsylvania)	Capitulo Rosa Cruz/San Germán (GLNY). Gran Ote. De Francia en Mayaguez (Consistory/Consejo)
1830-1850	End of all masonic activities	Same

Development of Freemasonry in Dominican Republic: 1800-1850

Year	Historical Function	Santo Domingo	Events
1802	Precursors	Ferrand & Rochambeau	French Invasion: 1801-1809
1820	Precursors	Nuñez de Caceres	<i>España Boba</i> : 1809-20
1822	Organizers	Generals. Riché & Borgella	Haitian Invasion
1843	Organizers	Juan Pablo Duarte	Independence de 1844
1859	Organizers	Tomas Bobadilla	GL Republica Dominicana

Haitians Petion, Borgela & Riche



PÉTION, PRÉSIDENT D'HAÏTI
(1807-1818)



J. M. BORCELLA,
GÉNÉRAL DE DIVISION,
Décédé au Port-au-Prince, le 30 Mars 1844.



RICHÉ, PRÉSIDENT D'HAÏTI,
(1844-1847)

Cuban Timeline 1859-1885

- 1859: SGC Pike sends Bro. Andres Cassard to Cuba
 - Establishes Grand Lodge & Supreme Council Colon
- 1862: SGC Pike sends Bro Vicente A. DeCastro to Cuba
 - Establishes GOCA (Grand Orient of Cuba & Antilles)
- Internal struggle for the Cuban Masonic territory
- 1868: Start First Cuban War of Independence
 - Organized mainly with the help of GOCA Lodges
 - Murder of GM Puente Badell by Spanish troops
- 1870s: Arrive First Grand Orients from Spain
- 1880: Grand Lodge of Colon & Isla de Cuba
 - 1885: Gran Logia Soberana de Puerto Rico

Gran Logia Nacional Republica Dominicana:1859-1885

Year	Historical Function	Santo Domingo	Events
1858	Organizadores	Tomas Bobadilla	GL Rep. Dom.
1865	Politicians/Masons	Buenaventura Baez	Political Struggles
1870	Politicians/Masons	Ulises Espaillat	Liders & Presidents
1880	Politicians/Masons	Gregorio Luperon	After the <i>Guerra</i>
1885+	Politicians/Masons	Ulises Heureux/Lilis	<i>De Restauracion</i>

D.R. Politicians Bobadilla & Baez



Timeline: Puerto Rico; 1859-1885

Unión Germana (1866, GLNRD)

Estrella de Luquillo (1867, GLC)

Some lodges from Venezuela

First Orients from España, 1873

Creation Prov. Grnd Ldg, 1884

Creation Grd Lg *Soberana*, 1885

Struggles w/Spanish Orients

G.L. Unida de Colón e Isla de Cuba

Main Characters

Aurelio Almeida

Fco. de P. Rodriguez

José Fdez. Pellon

Aurelio Miranda

Antonio Govin

José Ma. Galvez

Events (1875-1885)

First Gran Logia Prov.

First Gran Logia Prov.

First Gran Logia Prov.

Gran Logia Unida C&IC

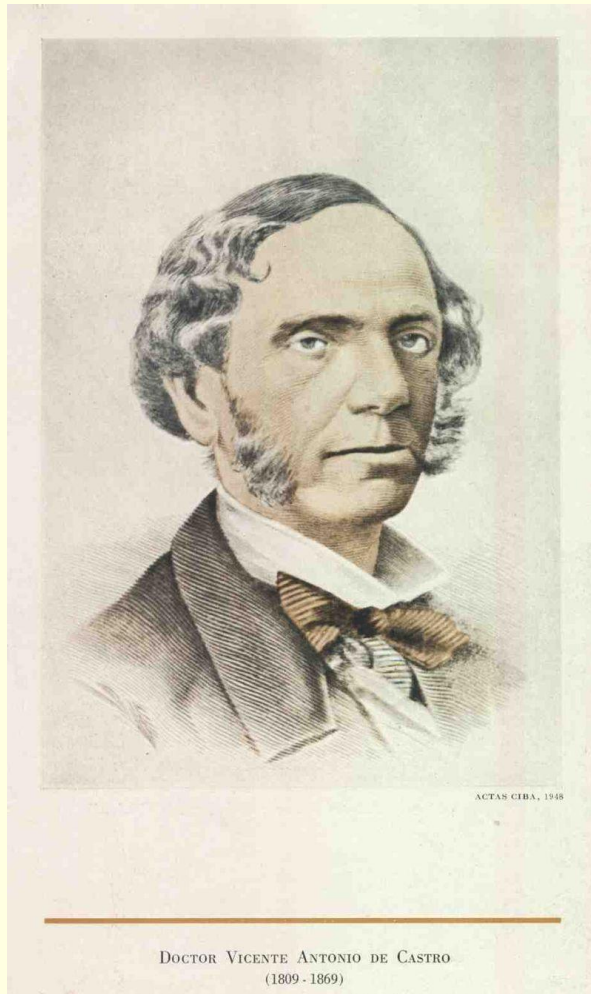
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Gran Logia Soberana de Puerto Rico (1859 – 1899)

Year	Historical Funct.	GLSPR	Eventos
1859+	Precursors	Eugenio Ma. Hostos	Orígenes/Difusión
1860+	Precursors	Ramón E. Betances	Grito de Lares
1870+	Organizers	Santiago R. Palmer	Fundando Logias
1875+	Organizers	R. Matienzo Cintron	Fundando Logias
1880+	Organizers	Segundo Ruiz Belvis	Gran Logia Provincial
1885+	Organizers	Antonio Ruiz Quinones	Gran Logia Soberana
1890+	Politicians/Masons	Luis Munoz Rivera	Partido Autonomista
1890+	Politicians/Masons	Manuel Fdez Juncos (2)	Partido Autonomista
1899+	Politicians/Masons	José Celso Barbosa	Transfer. Soberania

V. A. DeCastro & R. E. Betances



Principals Líders, Profesions and Education Centers

Liders Pto Rico	Liders Cuba	Profesions	Studied in:
Roman Baldorioty	Ricardo del Monte	Doctors, Teachers	Cuba
Federico Degateau	Rafael Montoro	Lawyers	Puerto Rico
Cayet. Coll Toste	Enrique J. Varona	Journalists	EE.UU.
Francisco Quinones	José A. Cortina	Writers, Poets	Spain
Antonio Cordero	Raimundo Cabrera	Industrialists	Germany
José De Diego	Eliseo Giberga	Agricultural	France
José Claudio Vera	Miguel Gener	Businessmen	England

Masons & Autonomists (1880-1890)

CUBANS

- Antonio Govin
- Carlos Saladrigas
- Raimundo Cabrera
- Manuel Sanguili
- Enrique Jose Varona
- Tomas Estrada Palma
- Aurelio Almeida

PUERTORRICANS

- Ramón E. Betances
- R. Baldorioty de Castro
- Jose de Diego
- M. Fernandez Juncos
- Luis Munoz Rivera
- Jose Celso Barbosa
- Santiago R. Palmer

Some Caribbean Masonic Leaders

Leaders Pto. Rico	Leaders Dom. Rep.	Leaders Cuba	Profession	Studies:
Santiago R. Palmer	Nuñez de Caceres	Aurelio Miranda	Poets	Cuba
R. Matienzo Cintron	Juan Pablo Duarte	Antonio Govín	Politicians	Puerto Rico
Luis Munoz Rivera	Tomas Bobadilla	José Ma. Galvez	Teachers	Dom. Rep.
Manuel Fdez Juncos	Buenaventura Baez	Ricardo del Monte	Doctors	EE.UU.
Roman Baldorioty	Ulises Espaillat	Rafael Montoro	Lawyers	Spain
Federico Degateau	Gregorio Luperon	Enrique J. Varona	Journalists	Germany
Cayetno. Coll Toste	Ulises Heureux (Lilis)	José A. Cortina	Industrials	France
Francisco. Quinones	Eugenio Ma. Hostos	Raimundo Cabrera	Agriculture	England
José De Diego	M. Caceres	Eliseo Giberga	Merchants	Mexico

Summary

- Anecdotal if any activity, before 1800
- French *emigrees* from Haiti seek refuge
- Liberal Spanish Juntas (1812 & 1820)
- Back to authoritarianism after 1830
 - Recess/Underground of masonic activity;
- Freemasonry Reappears, in 1859
- Puerto Rico, becomes a branch of Cuba
- Dominican Republic: a different trajectory

Questions

