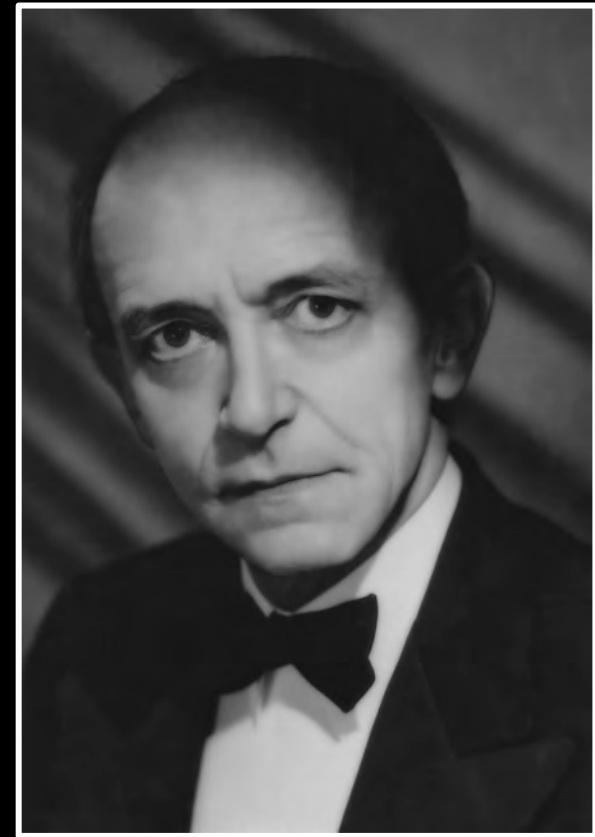




# *The Time of a Lifetime*

*Paul Foster Case in Mexico City - 1954*



Dear fellow aspirants,

It is such an honor and pleasure to be here with you today, in the heart of this great city.

As you may already know, it was here that our founder, Paul Foster Case, spent the final days of his incarnation - an incarnation of profound service to the spiritual well-being and evolution of humanity.

Today, I would like to share with you some of the details of that momentous visit.

Los Angeles, Calif.  
January, 1954  
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The meeting was called to order by our Prolocutor  
General, Paul Foster Case.

Present were: Paul Foster Case, Jason Lotterhand,  
Ruth Athay, and Ann Davies.

Paul Foster Case announced he was taking a trip to Mexico,  
and plans were made for contacting a student there, with  
the hope of stimulating a study group in that area.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Davies  
Grand Cancellaria  
Builders of the Adytum

B.O.T.A. Board Meeting Minutes - January 11, 1954

Paul and his wife, Harriet Bullock Case, came to Mexico City in early 1954 for vacation - to experience the sights and delights of the city, and to enjoy some much-needed rest and relaxation.

But of course, any such excursion provided opportunities for building connections and expanding the work of the Order.

The earliest known indicator that this voyage was being considered can be found in the B.O.T.A. board meeting minutes from January 11, 1954, which include the following entry:

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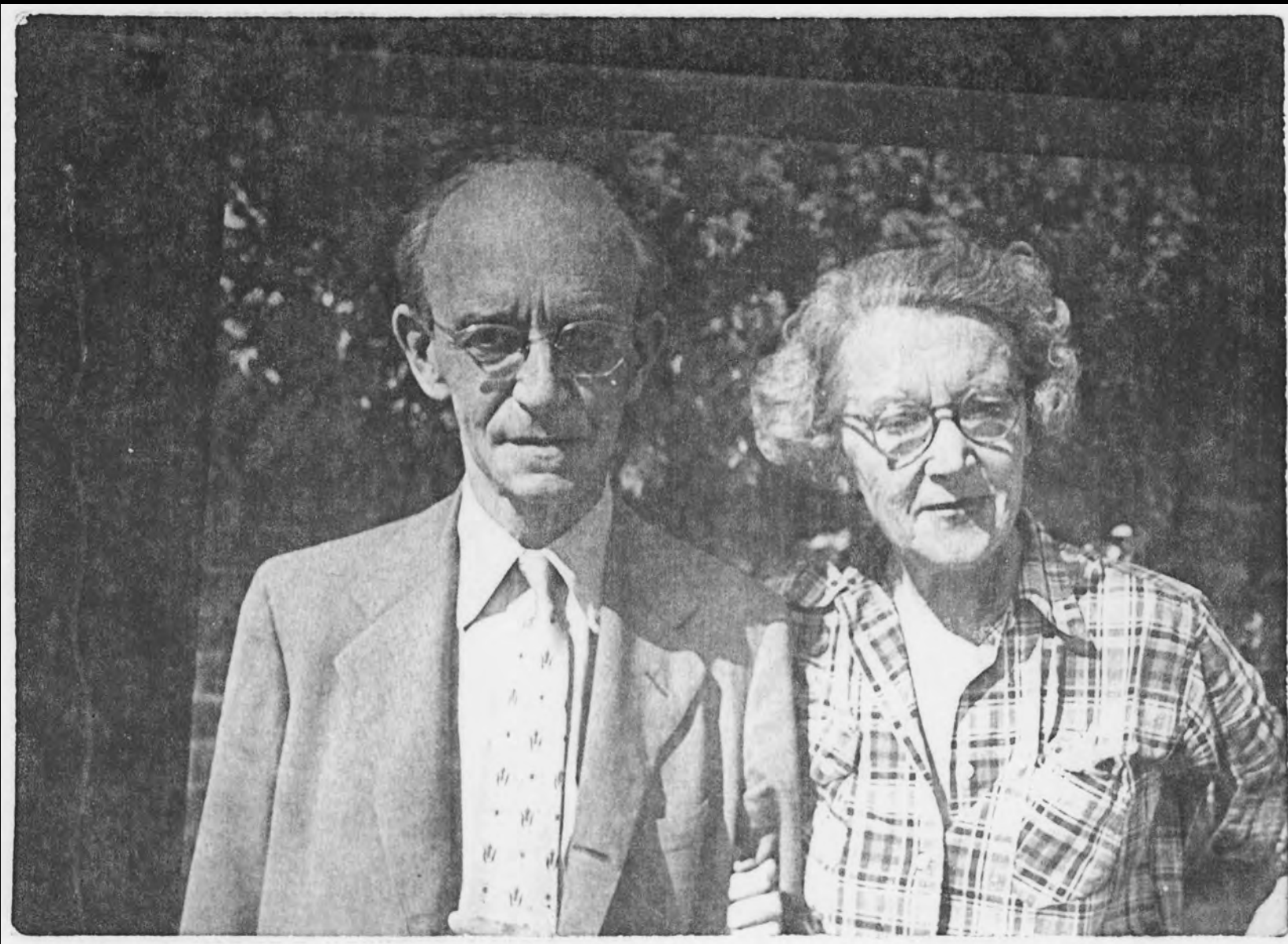
Pontiac Advertisement  
Valley Times Newspaper (North Hollywood)  
Tuesday, February 2, 1954

It's not entirely clear when the couple set out on their journey, but it was probably sometime in early-to-mid-February.

They appear to have driven the whole distance in their car, which was a Pontiac of some variety.

One can only imagine what such a lengthy trip must have been like for the couple.

Even today, with modern highways and vehicles, it would take approximately 33 hours of driving to traverse the distance between Los Angeles and Mexico City, a span of nearly two thousand miles or three thousand kilometers.



Paul and Harriet (date uncertain, between 1946 and 1954)

Paul was 69 years old.

He also had a number of physical health issues, probably as a result of his many years of hardship and severe austerity.

Harriet was younger – being just shy of 61 - but had fallen and broken her hip less than ten months prior to their drive to Mexico.

Even so, they were both veteran travelers and exceedingly adventurous.

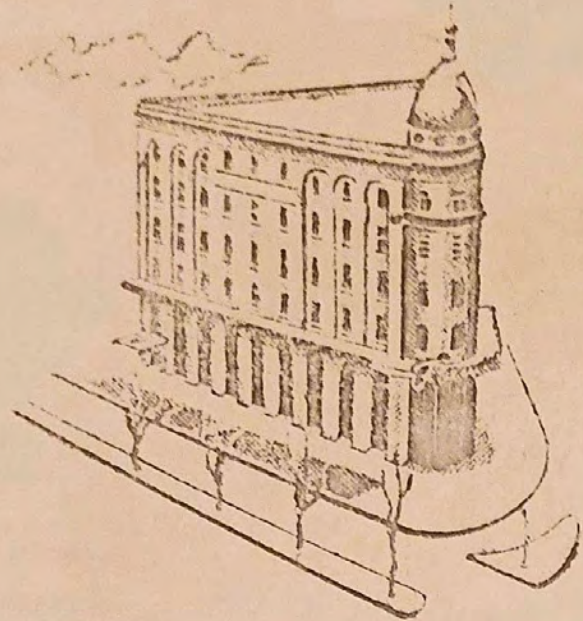


Hotel Francis - Mexico City (date unknown)

While in Mexico City, the couple roomed at the Hotel Francis.

This iconic establishment still exists, although it is now called the Hotel Imperial Reforma.

In fact, it is only about half a mile, or one kilometer, away from where we are currently assembled.



HOTEL

*Francis*



PASEO DE LA REFORMA Y AVE MORELOS

TEL 10-18-22 MEXICO, D F

22 February, 1954

JOSE BROCKMAN  
GERENTE GENERAL

RAUL POZA  
GERENTE

Hotel Francis Letterhead - Letter from Paul Foster Case to Ann Davies - February 22, 1954

It was from the Hotel Francis that Paul Foster Case wrote his final letter – or at least the last one that we know of - which was addressed to Ann Davies in Los Angeles.

The letter is written on the Hotel Francis letterhead and dated February 22, 1954.

Chanale's darling:

Extract from a letter from Paul Foster Case to Ann Davies - February 22, 1954

Chanale

חנה

Channah / Hannah / Anna / Ann

Affectionately, the letter opens with a pet name for Ann: “Chanale.”

This is a diminutive form of Chana or Hanah, the original Hebrew for Anna or Ann, meaning “grace” or “favor.”

Thus, Chanale means “little grace” or “little favor.”



Ann Davies - probably mid-to-late 1940s

Chanale darling:  
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A Collins cocktail

Let's read some of the letter together.

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Jena Bar and Restaurant - exterior - 1950s

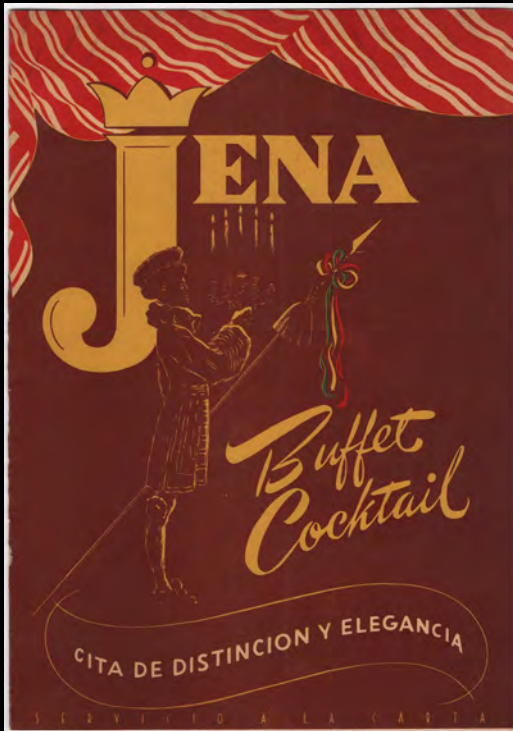


Jena Bar and Restaurant - interior - 1948

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HORS D'OEUVRES		HORS D'OEUVRES	
Cocktail de Conchas	\$ 6.00	Shrimps Cocktail	.....
Estremis Variada	10.00	Assorted Hors D'Oeuvres	.....
Caviar Romanoff	25.00	Romanoff Caviar	.....
Apio estivo	6.00	Stuffed Celery	.....
Pate de la Casa	10.00	Home made Pate	.....
Janin Serran con Melon	6.00	Prosutto W/Melón	.....
Cocktail de frutas	5.00	Fresh fruit Cocktail	.....
SOPAS Y PASTAS		SOPAS Y PASTAS	
Jigote en Taza	\$ 4.00	Jigote en Cup	.....
Sopa de Cebolla Granada	4.00	Onion Soup au Gratin	.....
Crema de Tomate	4.00	Crema of tomatoes Soup	.....
Sopa de Oxtinos	6.50	Oysters Cream Soup	.....
Spaghetti al gusto	6.00	Spaghett au Dressed	.....
Muchitos en Caldo	3.50	Muchitos in Caldo	.....
HUEVOS		EGGS	
Jena Especial	\$ 6.00	Jena Special	.....
Doublet Intervento	7.00	Sessan's Omelette	.....
Pouchet Gran Duc	6.00	Pouchet Gran Duc	.....
Fritas Rancheros	5.00	Frit Rancheros	.....
Revueltas con crema	6.00	Revueltas con crema	.....
PESCADOS Y MARISCOS		FISH & SHELL FISH	
Filet de Sole Margarte	\$ 10.00	Filet of Sole Margarte	.....
Horchata Colbert	10.00	Small Red Snapper Colbert	.....
Coccha de Marisco Thermidor	10.00	Assorted Sea Food in Shell Thermidor	.....
Lagostinos a la plancha	15.00	Broiled Craw fish Butter sauce	.....
Lagosta Cardinal	15.00	Lobster Cardinal	.....
Filet de trucha, Salsa de anchoas	10.00	Filet of Trout Anchovies Sauce	.....
Camarones fritos, Salsa Tártara	12.00	Fried Shrimps Tartara Sauce	.....
AVES Y ENTRADAS		AVES Y ENTRADAS	
Pato con salsa Navarra	\$ 15.00	Domestic Duck W/ Oyster Sauce	.....
Pechuga de Pollo Baden Baden	10.00	Best of Chicken Baden Baden	.....
Pechugas Sauté Romanoff	12.00	Purton Sauté Romanoff	.....
Steak de Janin Chien	15.00	York Ham Steak Chien	.....
Scalopus de filete Marsala	12.00	Scalops of truffle Marsala	.....
Pollo de leche Parrilla	12.00	Boiled Milked fed Chicken	.....
Pavo a la Ribonne	12.00	Roast Turkey Ribonne	.....
Tournedo Enrique IV	15.00	Tournedo Henry de IV	.....
Aroz con Pollo Valenciana (2 pers.)	30.00	Chicken W/Rice Spanish Style (2 pers.)	.....

### HORS D'OEUVRES

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Sanborns, La Casa de los Azulejos (The Tiled House) - 1940s (left) - date unknown (right)

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Paul and Harriet at the Xochimilco Canals, possibly with Señor and Señora Chavez - last known photograph of Paul Foster Case - 1954

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As always,

Paul

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Ann Davies and her sister, Rosalie Gordon – date unknown

According to Ann's sister, Rosalie Gordon, Harriet telephoned Ann one night to inform her that Paul had suffered a stroke but was still alive.

Paul was taken to the ABC Medical Center (Centro Médico ABC), otherwise known as the American-British-Cowdray Hospital.

This is the oldest private medical facility in Mexico and is located about 2 and half miles (or four kilometers) away from the Hotel Francis.

Conveniently, the hospital is well known for serving English-speaking patients.

**ACTA DE DEFUNCION**

Partida Núm. 328 En México Distrito Federal, a las ochos del día cuatro de marzo de mil novecientos cinquenta y cuatro ante mi Justicia y exhibe un certificado médico en el que se hace constar el fallecimiento de Paul Foster Case con los siguientes datos:

**GENERALES DEL FINADO**

Lugar de nacimiento: Fairport New York Estados Unidos  
 Edad: seventy y nine años  
 Nacionalidad: Norteamericana Ocupación: Retired Author  
 Domicilio: 5336 Highland View Place Los Angeles California  
 Estado Civil: Married to Harriet Bullock  
 Padres: Charles Case y Ella Foster Case  
 Enfermedad: Paso cardíaco. Se halla en un estado de coma  
 Día y hora del fallecimiento: 12 del actual a las 11:00 p.m.  
 Lugar del fallecimiento: Harriet Bullock 628  
 Lugar de inhumación: Inhumación en el cementerio de San Mateo  
 Médico que certifica: Carlos Castañeda  
 Domicilio del Médico: San Mateo, D.F.

**GENERALES DEL DECLARANTE**

Edad: veintidós años Ocupación: empleada  
 Estado Civil: soltera Domicilio: San Mateo 13

**TESTIGOS**

Nombres: <u>Antonio Cordero</u>	<u>Juan López</u>
Edad: <u>veintidós años</u>	<u>veintidós años</u>
Ocupación: <u>empleada</u>	<u>empleada</u>
Domicilio: <u>San Mateo 13</u>	<u>San Mateo 13</u>
Parentesco: <u>amigues</u>	<u>amigues</u>

Leída la presente acta, la ratifican y firman los que saben: Antonio Cordero Juan López

Paul Foster Case's death certificate, issued by Mexican authorities, in Spanish

**REPORT OF THE DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN**

Forma FS-192 11-19-51 AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE

Office of  
American Embassy, Mexico D. F., March 5, 1954.

Name in full Paul Foster Case Occupation Retired author, lecturer.

Native born Fairport, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1884 Last known address in the United States 5336 Highland View Place, Los Angeles 41, California.

Date of death March 2 11:00 p.m. 1954 Age 69

Place of death American-British-Cowdray Hospital, Mexico D. F.

Cause of death Auricular Fibrillation of the Heart, certified by Dr. Carlos Castañeda, Nueva Leon 185, Mexico D. F.

Disposition of the remains Cremated and delivered to wife Harriet Bullock Case

Local law as to disinterring remains Not applicable.

Disposition of the effects Kept by wife above named.

Person or official responsible for custody of effects and accounting therefor Wife above named.

Informed by telegram:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	DATE SENT
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Copy of this report sent to:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	DATE SENT
<u>Harriet Bullock Case</u>	<u>5336 Highland View Place, Los Angeles 41, Calif.</u>	<u>widow</u>	<u>3/5/1954</u>

Traveling or residing abroad with relatives or friends as follows:

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
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Other known relatives (not given above):

NAME	ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP
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This information and data concerning an inventory of the effects, accounts, etc., have been placed under File 234 in the correspondence of this office.

Remarks: Death recorded March 4, 1954, book 2, page 329, item 328, Office of Civil Registry 9, Mexico D. F. Decedent had no U. S. passport and was not registered as American Citizen at this Embassy.

(Continue on reverse if necessary.)

223774 W. John Wilson Jr.  
 W. John Wilson Jr. Consul of the United States of America.

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Paul Foster Case's death certificate, issued by the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, in English

A couple of hours later, Harriet called Ann again to inform her that a second stroke had occurred and that Paul had passed peacefully.

According to a mutual friend, Harriet made both calls from the hospital.

Although Harriet reported strokes, the official cause of death was listed as “Auricular Fibrillation of the Heart.”

The time of death was recorded as 11:00 p.m.

Even though the emotional impact must have been tectonic, the news of Paul’s transition was not a total surprise to Ann.

Before the voyage south to Mexico City commenced, Paul confided to her that he felt that he would not be coming back.

Enfermedad: *Paro Cardíaco. Fibrilación Auricular*

Día y hora del fallecimiento: *1.º del actual a los Quinientos horas*

Lugar del fallecimiento: *Mariano Escribido 628*

Lugar de inhumación: *Incineración Puente de San Mateo, según  
Oficio 6914 Federico Hoy*

Médico que certifica: *Carlos Castañeda*

Domicilio del Médico: *Nuevo León, 185*

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MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL  
212.113

Extract from Paul Foster Case's death certificate, issued by the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, in English

One might expect such matters to be fairly straightforward; however, there is some confusion about the date of Paul's passing.

The original death certificate, in Spanish, documents the date as March 1st.

However, the English-language version records the date as March 2nd.

So, which date is actually correct?

All of the announcements that followed, whether issued by B.O.T.A., or in magazines or newspapers, reported the date of transition as March 2nd.

While it seems unlikely that the doctor would make an error concerning something so simple, yet so important, it seems even less probable to me that both Harriet and Ann would not know exactly when Paul's passing took place.

Additionally, Ann's sister, Rosalie, kept a daily journal and would likewise be well aware of the correct date.

So, with all of this in mind, it seems to me that March 2nd is the most likely answer.

On a rather surprising coincidental side note, the certifying doctor was named Carlos Castaneda.



Graves and crypts at Panteón Civil de Dolores - 2024



Crematorium at Panteón Civil de Dolores - 2009

In accordance with Mexican law, Paul's body was cremated within twenty-four hours of his passing, at the crematoria located within the Panteón Civil de Dolores.

The Panteón Civil de Dolores (or Civil Pantheon of Sorrows) is the largest cemetery in all of Mexico, with roughly 700,000 tombs.

It is the resting place of poets, musicians, political figures, and so many others, including such influential artists as Diego Rivera.



Harriet Bullock Case - date unknown



Felix J. Frazer - date unknown

Several days later, Harriet, bearing Paul's ashes, was driven back to Los Angeles by Felix Frazer.

For those who may not already know, Felix was an intellectual friend of Paul, Harriet, and Ann.

In subsequent years, Felix was also a vital force in manifesting Ann's dream of establishing a permanent Temple and in broadening the reach of the Order so as to make its teachings available to a larger number of aspirants.

6018 Springvale Drive  
Los Angeles 42, California  
March 9, 1954

To the Friends and Pupils of Dr. Paul Foster Case:

The Founder and Leader of Builders of the Adytum, Ltd., has left his physical body and entered into the Higher Life. Though our hearts are heavy with the thought of our own personal loss, we do rejoice with him in his glorious release.

Dr. Case was born in New York State October 3, 1884, and passed on Tuesday, March 2, 1954, in Mexico City, where he was vacationing with Mrs. Case. His physical body was cremated within 24 hours, in accordance with the laws of Mexico. Mrs. Case is returning from Mexico City and will bring the ashes with her, to be interred in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

In his young manhood, Dr. Case was a professional organist and orchestra leader. Later, as his mission in life became more apparent to him, and as his Inner Powers developed, he entered into his life's work. His mission - to translate the Techniques of Tarot and Qabalah, teachings of the Ageless Wisdom, into terms understandable to the modern mind, to assure that this and coming generations will have available a Way towards Spiritual, Psychological and Philosophical integration. The Western Occult techniques will remain alive, due to a life-time of dedication to this end. Forty-five years have been given to study, research, writing, lecturing and teaching.

He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, and of the International Guild of Prestidigitators, having served as Recording Secretary and as Chaplain of the latter group. A Doctor of Sacred Theology; a Master Mason, holding membership in Eagle Rock Lodge #422, F. & A. M.; a Priest of the Liberal Catholic Church, whose Presiding Bishop is the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Pigott of London, England; a deep scholar with knowledge of Hebrew, Hindu, Chinese and Christian religions and philosophical teachings, his influence was widespread and his friends and pupils were many. As a man who taught the oneness of God, the brotherhood of man, and the unity of ALL Life, he has never been known to sit in judgment on a fellow creature. With deepest humility, he always insisted that he was only a channel for something Higher than himself, to assure that the modern world will have available a practical method for Spiritual unfoldment.

He was the recognized world authority on TAROT, such credit being given to him in the writings of many prominent Occult authorities, including Manley P. Hall. The headquarters of B.O.T.A. was moved from Boston to Los Angeles in 1933, and the work will go on now, still guided by him. For we know that he is more alive than he was when we knew him in the flesh, and he will continue working with us from the Larger Life upon which he has entered.

We rejoice - our hearts are filled with gladness for him, that his sojourn in the flesh has been so rich in accomplishment and that his release came so easily and painlessly.

In accordance with his expressed wishes, a Memorial Service will be conducted on TUESDAY, MARCH 16th, 1954, at 11:30 A.M. in the Church of the Recessional at Forest Lawn Memorial Park. We know that you, his friends and pupils, will want to be present to wish him Godspeed and to add your thoughts and blessings to those of others who love him and to whom he gave so much.

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B.O.T.A. announcement - March 9, 1954

An official announcement was sent out by B.O.T.A., dated March 9, 1954, which included the following statements:

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Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Glendale, California – grounds and Great Mausoleum - 2019

Forest Lawn Memorial Park is located in Glendale, California, about 4 miles (or 6 kilometers) from Paul and Harriet's home, and roughly the same distance from the building that would later become the B.O.T.A. Temple of Tarot and Holy Qabalah.

One of Forest Lawn's founders, Dr. Hubert Eaton, stated that he aimed to make it "*as unlike other cemeteries as sunshine is unlike darkness.*"

Upon viewing the grounds and the structures nestled here and there, many may feel inclined to believe that he did, indeed, achieve that aim.

The rolling green hills, leisurely winding ways, and vast shade trees, produce an atmosphere of emerald tranquility, which is simultaneously refreshingly open and sheltering.



Church of the Recessional - Forest Lawn Memorial Park - 2021

The Church of the Recessional at Forest Lawn was closely modeled after the Parish Church of St. Margaret of Antioch in Rottingdean, Sussex, England, portions of which predate the Norman Conquest in 1066.

St. Margaret's is a place of extraordinary beauty and history.

Rudyard Kipling was a resident of Rottingdean for a while and lived there during the time when he wrote his famous poem, Recessional, which was composed for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

In fact, this poem and St. Margaret's were the primary inspirations for the Church of the  
Recessional at Forest Lawn.

Evidence of this can be clearly seen above the exit of the Church of the Recessional,  
where the words "*LEST WE FORGET*" appear over the doorway.

This is the dramatic refrain from Kipling's poem.

The complete poem also appears engraved in stone outside, in the church grounds.



Rudyard Kipling - 1895

Some here may recall that Paul Foster Case and Rudyard Kipling corresponded by letter when Paul was a young boy.

This exchange may have taken place when Kipling lived in Dummerston, Vermont  
(from 1893 to 1896)

Dummerston is about 300 miles away from Paul's childhood home in Fairport,  
New York.

It seems probable that this point of connection contributed to Paul's choosing the  
Church of the Recessional for his memorial.



*Song of the Angels* by William-Adolphe Bouguereau – 1881 – Forest Lawn Memorial Park - 2021

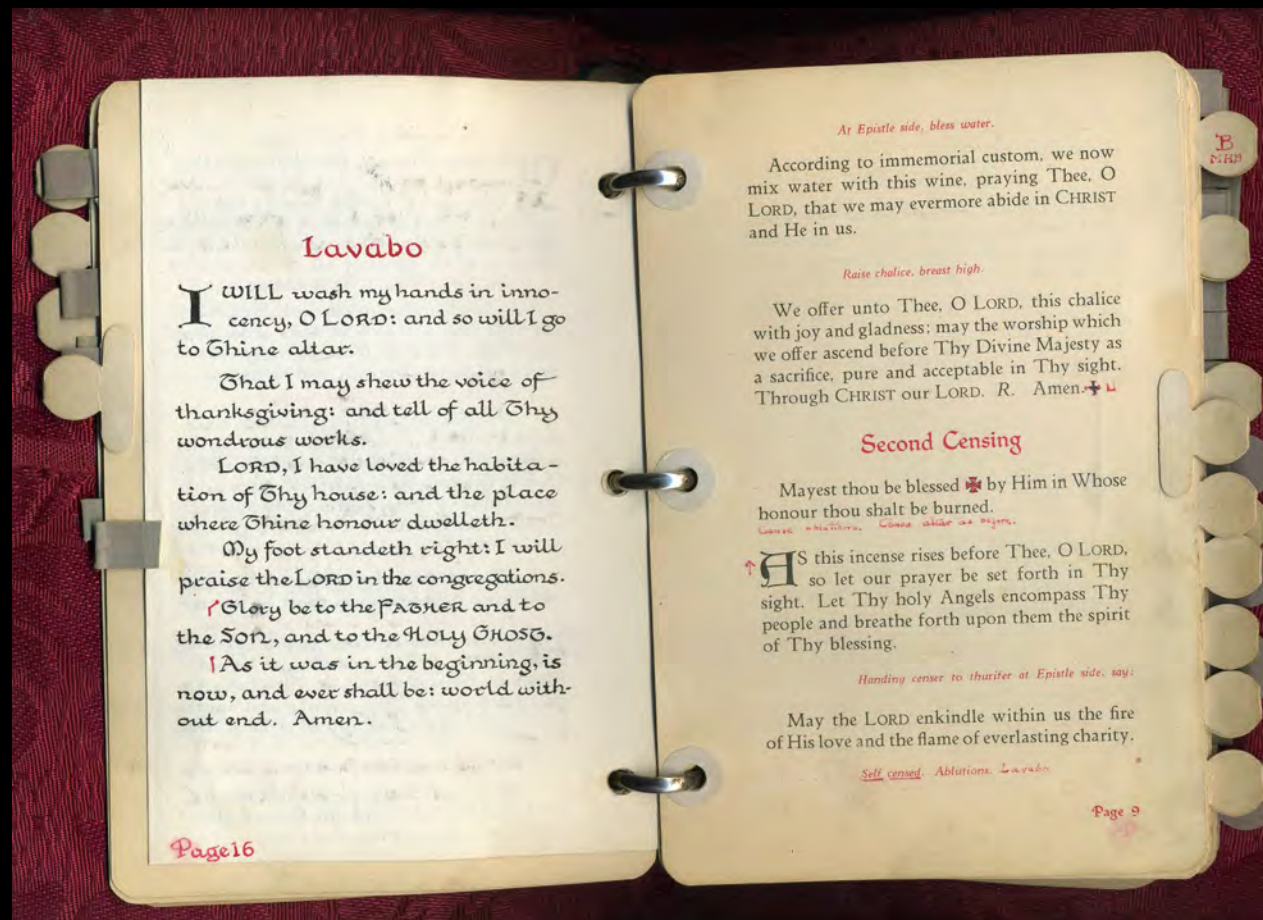
Other quotes of a Biblical nature, such as *“Let not your heart be troubled. Neither let it be afraid”* and *“I am the way, the truth, and the life”* can be found within the church.

Additionally, an exquisite painting named *Song of the Angels*, by the renowned artist, William-Adolphe Bouguereau, can be seen in a small chapel inside the church.

In short, the Church of the Recessional is a place of beauty and reverence – perfect for remembering a life dedicated to manifesting both those qualities.



Paul Foster Case (left) at his LCC ordination - 1937



Paul Foster Case's Liberal Catholic Church altar missal with handwritten additions

The service for Paul Foster Case was conducted by one of his friends, a fellow Liberal Catholic priest named Father Henry Donath.

He was assisted by Eugene Emard, a B.O.T.A. member who later became one of the first few ministers of Builders of the Adytum.



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The following account of the service appeared in the June 1954 edition of *Ubique Magazine*, an official publication of the Liberal Catholic Church (LCC):

*Dr. Paul Foster Case of Los Angeles, Liberal Catholic Priest since 1937, died unexpectedly on Tuesday night, March 2nd, while vacationing in Mexico City with his wife, Mrs. Harriet Case.*

*Dr. Case was born Oct. 3, 1884, in New York State and as a young man was a professional organist and orchestra leader.*

*Later in life he devoted his entire time to teaching, lecturing & writing on the Ancient Wisdom.*

*He was the founder and leader of Builders of the Adytum, Ltd., an organization which disseminates the teachings and techniques of the Tarot and the Qabalah.*

*On Tuesday, March 16, 1954 at 11 A.M., over 200 of his friends and pupils gathered at the beautiful Church of the Recessional for the memorial requiem.*

*It was, perhaps, the most impressive Liberal Catholic eucharist that has been celebrated in this area for many a long year.*

*The Church of the Recessional was built in Forest Lawn Memorial Park as a tribute to the life and works of the great soldier-poet Rudyard Kipling.*

*It is an exact reproduction of the Parish Church of St. Margaret in Rottingdean, England, where Kipling was inspired to write his famous poem 'Recessional.'*

*The beautiful words of the Liberal Catholic Liturgy made a profound impression on those who had never before been privileged to attend such a service.*

*The Rev. Henry B. Donath sang the mass and was assisted by a large group of Liberal Catholics who sat together in the front of the church, being led in the singing by Mrs. Donath.*

*The Rev. Arnold Richardson ably presided at the lovely organ.*

*Many people remarked about the fine music.*

*Father Donath gave a short but very impressive eulogy.*

*It is interesting to note, perhaps parenthetically, that several persons present testified to the inner beauty of the service and to the presence of Dr. Case, at whose especial request this memorial service for the repose of his soul was arranged.*

*One of Dr. Case's pupils who is totally blind was able, through inner sight, to see the candles on the altar!*

*Fr. Donath brought to the church the altar and appointments which are used in his private oratory.*

*Especial thanks go to Mr. Paul Chamberlain for the use of his trailer and for his wonderful co-operation in transporting the equipment, as well as his efficient assistance in the sanctuary.*

*The other server was Mr. Eugene Emard, a member of the Builders of the Adytum.*

*Mrs. Harriet Case, widow of Dr. Case, had brought the cremated ashes to the United States from Mexico City, and the box containing them was placed in the sanctuary.*

*Numerous members of the congregation said afterwards – ‘That is exactly the sort of memorial service I want when I go. It was simply perfect.’*



Reverend Harriet B. Case and Reverend Eugene Emard - date unknown (1959 - 1972)

According to Eugene Emard, Paul's ashes were contained in an urn made of Honduran mahogany about 8 to 10 inches (or 20 to 25 centimeters) tall, which he described as "*A beautiful thing.*"

In an interview conducted in 1979, Father Henry Donath added that the urn was placed on top of the tabernacle during the service.



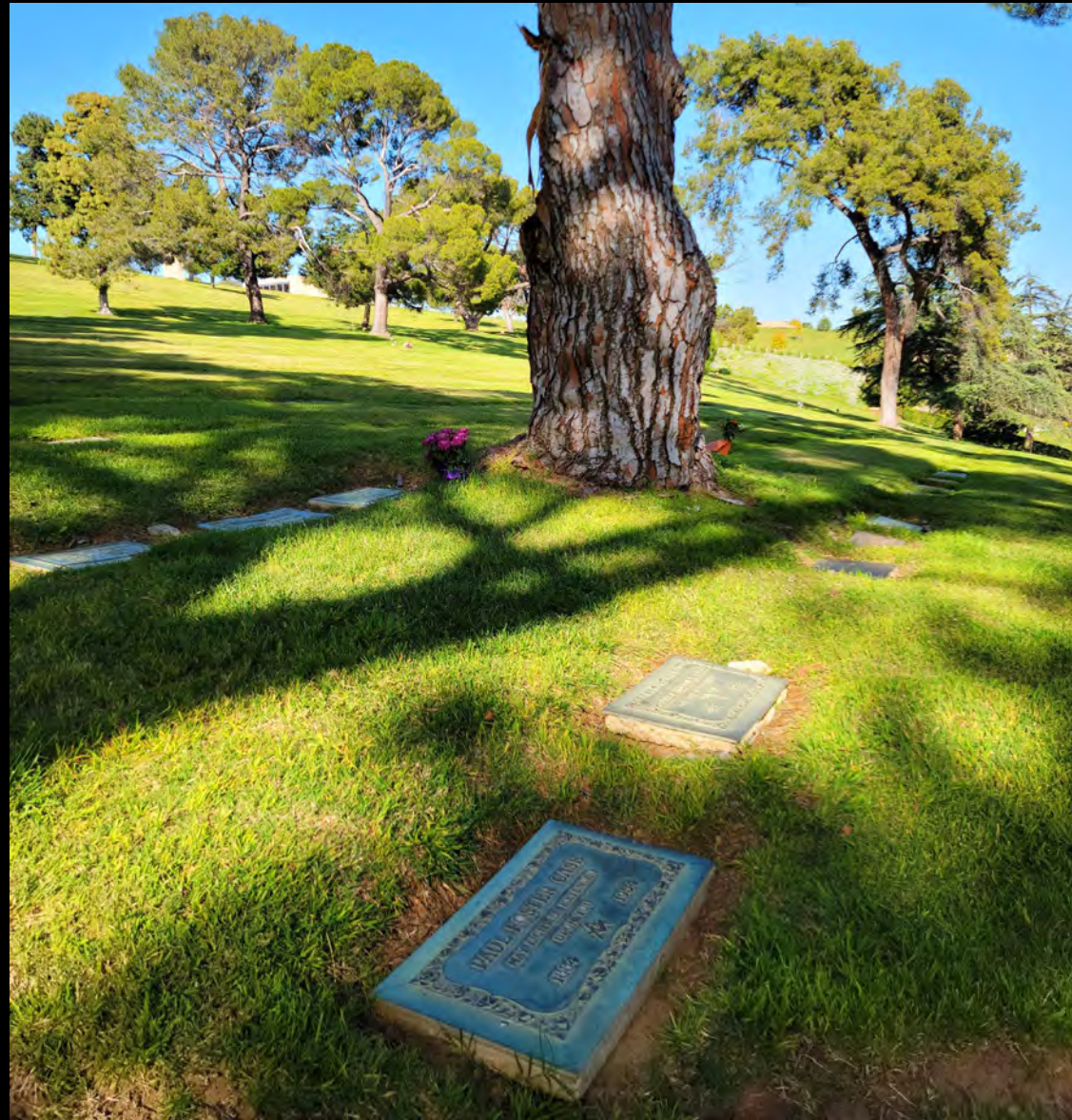
Harriet at home (Tiphareth) - 1971

Later that evening, a sort of 'wake' took place at Paul and Harriet's home on Highland View Place, which was lovingly named Tiphareth.

Many people were in attendance.

In the words of Father Donath:

*"We had a little ceremony where we all got together as friends... you know, make a kind of communication (with Paul), not a séance, but just to remember [and] send him our best thoughts, in his new life."*



Forest Lawn Memorial Park – Haven of Peace – Adepts' Row

Today, those who wish to pay their respects may do so on their own wherever they may be, or they can visit Forest Lawn Memorial Park where Paul's ashes and grave marker reside.

In fact, Paul, Harriet, and Ann were all laid to rest at Forest Lawn, in an area officially known as Haven of Peace.

But some B.O.T.A. old timers have another name for this revered patch of ground, which they call "Adepts' Row."



AT FOREST LAWN MEMORIAL PARK, GLENDALE, CA  
the resting places of

**Paul Foster Case**     1884-1954  
**Harriet B. Case**     1893-1972  
**Ann Davies Fuss**     1912-1975

It is inherent in our nature to remember our lost loved ones in tangible expressions, whether it be with flowers or in some other way. With our spiritual teachers, however, much love has flowed in the privilege of personal contact or knowledge of them, but the relationship has a special qualification.

We do not worship or deify them. We revere them. This rather uncommon word means that we regard a person as having been of an exalted nature. We hold them with both affection and veneration which, in turn, means profound respect.

The ashes of Paul Foster Case, Harriet B. Case, and Ann Davies lie together in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Glendale, California. Quite a story attaches to this site. For various reasons it has suffered from heavy rains and earth movement, but the head groundskeeper has so kindly restored the grass and made their resting place attractive. He understands how we revere these souls who literally sacrificed their whole lives with much hardship, so that in posterity we have a sound spiritual foundation.

One of our beloved members has helped us put together written directions to the site. The ashes of Paul Foster Case, Harriet B. Case and Ann Davies lie together beside the drive at the Haven of Peace section of Forest Lawn in Glendale.

When in gratitude you feel that you would like to visit and perhaps place a floral memento to our revered ones, we have provided this map to help you find the location.

*William A. Chesterman*  
For the Board of Stewards

August 1999



Will Chesterman with Ann Davies in New Zealand - 1969

Forest Lawn information sheet by William A. Chesterman - 1999

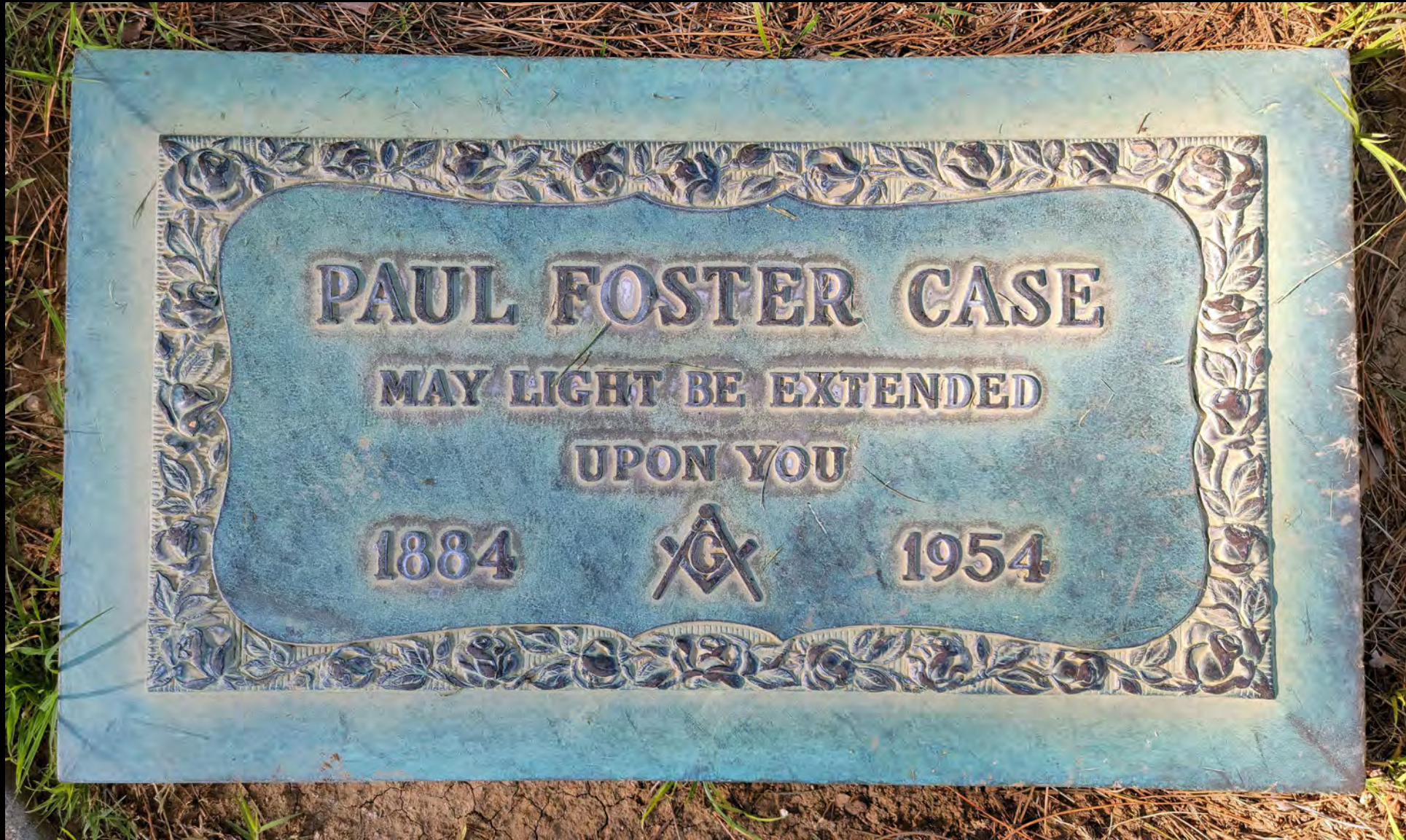
In 1999, Will Chesterman, who was the Prolocutor General of B.O.T.A. at that time, created an information sheet to guide aspirants to the spot where the grave markers reside.

The sheet included the following words about Paul, Harriet, and Ann:

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On a related note, Eugene Emard and his wife, Lillian, are also commemorated at Forest Lawn.

Additionally, Paul and Harriet's friend, Israel Regardie, is likewise interred within those peaceful grounds.



Paul Foster Case's grave marker

Piecing together the fragments of the past can feel somewhat like reconstructing a shattered vase of unknown design.

Little by little – as each shard joins to another, more and more of the original shape takes form.

Not only does this help us better understand how and why our wisdom tradition is fashioned as it is – revealing an unbroken golden chain of transference and development throughout human history – but, through greater comprehension of that continuity, we can better carry forth the light of wisdom and understanding into the future.

Furthermore, we can better appreciate the tremendous degrees of sacrifice and service that were necessary to make these precious teachings available to us today.



Peering into the past can also feel a little like traveling back in time.

I can imagine sitting at a table in the Hotel Francis with Paul and Harriet: the warm, flickering light of candles; the occasional clink of cutlery, their voices engaged in the easy rhythm of casual conversation; their laughter and expressions of enjoyment; and speech elevated by minds refined by decades of dedicated application of Ageless Wisdom, lovingly guided by the secret wisdom of the heart.

Although it would be a dream come true to actually roll back the years and share those moments with them for my own personal delight, I also wish that I could convey to them something of what the Order is like now, for their benefit.

I would love to tell Paul that his aspirations for a group in Mexico have not only come to fruition but that the work here is flourishing, with multiple groups throughout Latin America, and hundreds of studious Builders applying the teachings in their daily lives.

I think he would be tremendously pleased.

Moreso, I suspect that this conference - here in Mexico City, seventy-two years after his passing, to the very day - would move him deeply.

I am so thankful to all who made this gathering possible and who invited me to share this experience with you.

May light be extended upon and through us all.

Shalom.



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