

GUNTER HOTEL,
November 2, 1933.

Dr. Paul J. Folk,
Chairman, Texas K.C. Historical Commission,
St. Edward's University,
Austin, Texas.

My dear Doctor Folk:

Your letter of October 23d notifying me that I had been elected a corresponding member of the K.C. Historical Commission is a gratifying notice and I shall be pleased to accept and to cooperate with you and the others to bring out the historical integrity of those remarkable Spanish years.

In 1930 I was decorated in the name of the King of Spain. His representative came to San Antonio. Ceremonies that reflected the atmosphere of Old Spain were held at Mrs. Brought's home. Don Ubarri, the King's representative, in his address, said:

"The Spanish Government seldom bestows the high distinction that I am about to confer on you. It was created in memory of the great Queen of Castille, Isabel I. . . . In presenting these insignias it is hoped you will continue in the future, as in the past, to sustain the history and honor of our country."

I was created a Comendador of the Royal Order of Isabel la Católica. In appreciation of that gracious recognition by Spain I have always desired, since then, to do what I could for the true historical understanding of the remarkable Spanish work in America. By being identified with you in your work will, I trust, increase my opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

Harral Ayres,
Gunter Hotel.