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In recent times I have experienced examples of greater control with tinges of demagoguery on the part of the internet big boys such as Facebook, Google, and the like: requests of new passwords, sign in with and indirectly give your G-mail accounts info, some even want your photo. In essence I do not like all of this “manoeuvring” and forcing you to follow their instructions else you will not access A B C D.

This issue of Fil-Italia has taken more work than expected because some writers keep making changes or send illustrations with low definition.

Some of the delay was due to reviewing four books for a grand total of 1687 pages. By now readers know that I read the books I review.

Lately I had to control my reactions when someone told me that it is useless to review books written in a foreign language, except obviously the ones he publishes. It is true that we live in a “picturesque” world and must avoid strong reactions affecting one’s high blood pressure.

On the brighter side I have been able to empty 80% of the 260 large boxes I brought from the Caribbean; indeed the apartment needs a sign on the door “*Danger: Work is Underway, Wear Helmet*”.

I know that our Secretary is doing all he can to mail our Journal as soon as possible, and it is true that some of the delay was caused by yours truly..

Meanwhile I wish all the ICSC members, readers and friends a truly *Joyous Holiday Season*. GM