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NILAD LODGE

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro Manguiat Kalaw, P.G.M.,

Grand Secretary Emeritus

The Grand Master's Message

Let Us Be More Militant

WITH THE passing of each day, the date for the holding of the Twenty-ninth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge draws nearer. We are beginning another year, and all in all we have covered a broad span of existence of which any Institution like ours may well be proud of. Have we honestly done our respective duties and helped promote the interests of our Fraternity?

The well being of Masonry imposes upon us the duty to make from time to time a judicial introspection that we may not inadvertently deviate from the straight path of our mission.

Very clearly, Masonry is and has always been operative. We believe that Masonry is work and that its law is duty. Among the Masonic virtues that have been inculcated upon us as members of the Craft, industry and honesty stand out with equal persuasive force.

In the conscience of every Mason, the particular obligation has been constituted by the Almighty. We have all willingly accepted the corresponding share of labor assigned to each of us, and the Supreme Grand Master has given us all the material as well as the necessary instruction whereby to pursue our labors.

The challenge before Masonry in this country is for a more earnest devotion to its mission of freeing the people from the shackle of fanaticism and superstition, and to work for the maintenance of the complete separation of Church and State. We would be disloyal to our profession, and dishonest to ourselves, if we were to turn our backs to the sacred banner which we have pledged upon our honor to defend. Let us put all our trust in God, and with faith in Him heroically fight for our cause. The crown of triumph awaits the victor at the end of the battle.

As we look forward to the pleasure of meeting one another at the coming Annual Communication, let us open our hearts to the message of peace and good-will to all men on earth which the birthday of the humble Nazarene symbolizes, and add to our joy some deed of mercy and compassion however small to the needy and the poor, as our individual circumstances will permit. Let us not forget to humbly implore our Heavenly Father to extend His infinite mercy to the millions of human beings who, even at this hour, are enduring bitter sufferings and are spilling tears and blood amid the horrors of war.

My parting message to you is that you should strive to make Masonry a vital part of our daily lives, to make it more practical and less theoretical, more militant and less passive. It should be your constant endeavor to see that its altruistic aims are felt in the communities in which you live. By its practice we may be subjected to virulent attacks by our enemies, but we would not be worth our salt as Masons if we did not equal to the task of facing our attackers with courage. Let us always bear in mind the sacrifices of those who gladly gave their all that our people might enjoy equal opportunity without regard to race, creed and opinion, and that freedom of the individual to worship his God as he pleases, and the right of every parent to teach his children the religion of his choice, might not be denied us in this country.

José delos Reyes

Grand Master

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EDITORIALS

A Memorable Event

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Nilad Lodge No. 12 which has just completed its fiftieth year of life. This is an event never to be forgotten in Philippine Masonic annals.

Behind those fifty years has been Nilad's unflagging adherence to the Masonic vow, through all that time has shone the light of a Lodge of free men with the courage of their convictions. Undoubtedly, there must have been trying days for the brethren of Nilad, but they have stood the test without flinching, and now as before, they honor their Fraternity.

We wish Nilad Lodge No. 12 many more years of life. May its shadow never grow less.

Welcome to the Brethren

WELCOME to the brethren who will gather here on the 28th of this month for the 29th Grand Annual Communication. We assure them that Grand Lodge will give an attentive ear to all ideas that they may wish to develop for the year immediately ahead.

Undoubtedly, the delegates of our Lodges will come full of good ideas. Richer in experience since they last gathered in Manila twelve months ago, they should enlighten us on how best to meet the particular situations in their communities for the furtherance of our Masonic mission.

The brethren of this Jurisdiction could not have failed to notice the intermittent attacks against their Order from the centers of Catholic propaganda in Manila. The movement to discredit Masonry's historic work has been organized into a formidable system of villification.

The Government itself has not escaped the vile thrusts of the malefactors, as when its public school system is repeatedly condemned as "Godless." Even the Constitution, by implication, has been held up in contempt for no other reason than that it stands foursquare against religious interference in the affairs of this Commonwealth.

The plain charge is thus made against the people of this country, that not only are they educating their children in schools that have not the blessings of God, but that they are living under a system of laws which is the devil's agency in this corner of the globe.

As plain as this charge is the Masonic proposition that, precisely because no church can meddle with our state and our consciences are still free, our system is sound. We take the view that as long as we can maintain ourselves this way, God will be with us, but that the moment we allow any church to dictate to us, we should be ready again for the tyrannies of a hierarchy of which Philippine history is so full.

Since, instead of loving their fellow men, our intolerant foes prefer to be combative and vituperative, let us think of the best means of counteracting their propaganda, which in the last analysis can mean but poison to our democratic way of life. Indeed, the brethren would do well to give this matter a serious thought when they meet this month to chart their Masonic course for 1941.

Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw

DEATH has just snatched from the scene of our Masonic labors a man who undoubtedly was one of the most solid pillars of the Fraternity in this Jurisdiction. That man is no other than the Most Worshipful Teodoro M. Kalaw, until but a year ago Grand Secretary of our Grand Lodge. At the age of 57, he departed from our midst leaving a gap which it woud be hard indeed to fill.

Those of us who had known Brother Kalaw as he lived his private life, will not forget the fundamental rectitude of his ways, the abundant loving kindness of his heart. As a Mason, his interest in the Craft was unremitting; he toiled for its perpetuation, and never ceased studying its imponderables that its splendor might shine here forever.

All that Brother Kalaw had around him were friends, who liked him sincerely and, what was more, respected his distinguished mind. They knew that they were dealing with one whose Masonic scholarship was recognized here as well as abroad, but more important, that his heart was in the right place, that there was a soft spot in there for every fellow being.

To be highly respected for one's talents, is a reward to be coveted; but to be liked and loved, besides, sincerely and spontaneously by all manner of men, as Brother Kalaw was,—this is reward, indeed, only a good God can make possible.

We pray for him who is gone and resolve to emulate his example.

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I earnestly congratulate you on your Golden Anniversary. Your useful years of Masonic accomplishments have been followed by the approving eyes of all other Lodges of this Jurisdiction. I commend you for your splendid work for, with, and by Masonry and I wish **all good health and happiness for each individual member.**

H. EUGENE STAFFORD
Past Grand Master

I wish to congratulate Nilad Lodge and all its officers and members individually upon the Lodge having reached its Fiftieth Anniversary in the service of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I trust that your good work for humanity may continue during many more half centuries.

GEO. R. HARVEY
Past Grand Master

Another anniversary and this time a Golden One. My sincere congratulations!

Fifty years! Are you satisfied with your progress?

In those fifty years have you advanced the cause of Masonry, have you endeavored to make Masonry an object of veneration and respect? Those fifty years have been difficult ones but what about the fifty years to come? The world is in a chaos and because Masonry stands for democracy, she is being banished in many countries. Look well to our own! Enemies of Masonry and intolerant totalitarian interests surround us. If you love your country, your home, the free intercourse of ideas and have love and respect for your neighbors, be alive to the dangers that are about you! Remember that the dictator is not new to Masonry. The totalitarians may challenge the principles for which we stand, but they cannot prevail. The next fifty years! Our course is clear and based on loving-kindness.

In closing, I quote you excerpt from an address delivered in Boston, Mass., 84 years ago, by Charles Whitlock, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

> "Masonry is indeed a universal Institution. History does not furnish its parallel. It exists where Christianity has not gone, and its claims will be respected even where the superior claims of religion would fail. It is never obscured by darkness of night. The eye of day is always upon it. Its footprints are to be traced in the most distant regions and the remotest ages of the earth.
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> Among all civilized people, and in all Christianized people, and in all Christianized lands, its existence is recognized. It came to our shores at a most auspicious period; and it was here rocked in the Cradle of Liberty, by a Washington, a Franklin, a Hancock and a Warren.
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> Unaffected by tempests of war, storms of persecution, or the denunciations of fanaticism, it still stands proudly erect in the sunshine and clear light of heaven, with not a marble fractured, not a pillar fallen."

Mother Nilad Lodge, we greet you on this most auspicious occasion and congratulate you on your past, and our best wishes go to you for the future.

FREDERIC H. STEVENS
Past Grand Master

I wish to congratulate the members and officers of Nilad Lodge No. 12, upon the Golden Anniversary of their Lodge.

It should be a matter of gratification for all Masons in the Philippines to be able to look to a Lodge, such as Nilad Lodge No. 12, which has contributed so much to the progress of Masonry in this country throughout its long history. May the members and officers of that Lodge continue in their efforts to advance the cause of Masonry, particularly at this time when the principles of our Craft are being challenged.

JOSE A. SANTOS
Past Grand Master

I can hardly find words adequate to express my congratulations to Mother Nilad Lodge No. 12, in commemorating its Golden Anniversary. This event is an outstanding one in the history of Masonry in the Philippines, and out of Nilad Lodge has come some of the most eminent Masons to add lustre to our venerable Institution. With such a back-ground I know we can confidently expect Nilad Lodge to continue rendering such outstanding service to Masonry for many years to come.

JOHN R. McFIE, Jr.
Deputy Grand Master

In reaching its Golden Anniversary or 50 years of existence, Nilad Lodge No. 12, has once again demonstrated that Masonry in the Philippines is built on a firm foundation and Nilad's work during these 50 years has upheld all of the finer principles of our Fraternity.

Nilad has shown the way to its younger Sister Lodges and has indeed earned for itself the title Mother Nilad Lodge.

I wish to add my congratulations to all the others that are on this occasion being extended to the officers and brethren of Nilad Lodge No. 12.

B. H. SILEN
Grand Marshal

On the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of Nilad Lodge No. 12, I extend my warmest fraternal congratulations to its officers and members for their achievements, and express my earnest hope that the Lodge will live long and remain one of the effective pillars of strength of the noble Institution.

ORESTES HERMOSURA
Grand Standard Bearer

I feel myself proud to belong to the oldest Lodge under this jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, and this special event has taught me a great lesson on perseverance which is the basic law of all success. Nilad Lodge No. 12 has encountered all kinds of weathers, unabated, so every Mason should ever remember not to faint in any adversity in life, but must follow the spirit of conquer. May our Lord in the heavens bless our Lodge and its members!

JOSE MA. E. LEON, Jr.
Senior Grand Deacon

I consider it a great honor to have been requested to say a few words congratulating Nilad Lodge No. 12 upon having attained its Golden Anniversary. An examination of Masonic History shows Nilad Lodge to have been organized on January 6, 1891, under authority of the Spanish Grand Orient, and that during the time it remained under such Grand Jurisdiction, and before prescription by the Spanish Government, it was instrumental in the organization of about 100 other Lodges within the Philippine Islands. It necessarily lay dormant during the time of prescription, but was revived in 1906, still under the Spanish Grand

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Orient, and united with the present Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands in February, 1917. Nilad Lodge, therefore, has the right to call itself the "Mother" Lodge of Masonry in the Philippines. It is true that other Lodges were instituted here before the organization of Nilad Lodge, but all have disappeared. I congratulate Nilad Lodge, its officers and members, upon having completed a half century of Masonic existence, and bespeak for it a continuance of the work it has done for the good of the order. May I be permitted to express the belief that advancing years will not cause it to falter in this.

J. W. FERRIER, Sr.
Junior Grand Deacon

It is with immense pride and pleasure that I am sending congratulatory greetings to Nilad Lodge No. 12 on the occasion of its Golden Anniversary. The sacred ideals and high principles which bind us together and have forged a common, indestructible faith on the anvil of almost fanatical belief in their ultimate triumph despite the evil forces on all sides, lend color to such a celebration and give rise to an absolute certainty that our Brotherhood will last thru eternity.

TEODORICO A. JIMENEZ
Senior Grand Steward

I take pleasure in congratulating Nilad Lodge No. 12 on its Golden Anniversary and insisting to continue working for the noble principles to which it has consecrated itself.

EDUARDO HIBIONADA
Master
Iloilo Lodge No. 11

Accept our congratulations and sincerest wishes with the Golden Anniversary of your Lodge which is a milestone in the history of all Lodges in the Philippine Islands. The history of your Lodge is an outstanding picture of how Masons should work and cherish Masonic life and we feel confident with you that the future of your Lodge will be as bright as its past, and that the Golden Anniversary will only be the beginning of bigger achievements in the field of Masonic activities in future.

WERNER SCHETELIG
Master
Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26

Permit me, in the name of the officers and members of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27, to extend to you all, our most sincere and fraternal congratulations on the occasion of the coming Golden Anniversary of your Lodge, and may you ever continue the good work you have so well undertaken.

DELFIN A. VIOLA
Master
Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.

The officers and members of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, felicitate you on the Golden Anniversary of your Lodge and congratulate you for its very distinguished career. Our best wishes for prosperity and many more years of continued success go with you in the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of your Lodge.

PURISIMO RAMOS
Master
Lincoln Lodge No. 34

On the Golden Anniversary of Nilad Lodge No. 12, the members of Kalilayan Lodge No. 37 convey their fraternal greetings and extend their warmest congratulations. A Lodge which has existed for half a century with such a splendid record deserves a prominent place in Masonic history, more especially so when it is taken into consideration that the most momentous events of Philippine history occurred during the last fifty years, and that many a member of Nilad Lodge had the rare privilege of participating in building this new nation of ours.

FEDERICO M. UNSON
Master
Kalilayan Lodge No. 37

Charleston Lodge No. 44 extends fraternal congratulations to Mother Nilad Lodge on having attained the unique distinction of being the first Lodge in this Grand Lodge jurisdiction to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary. May your Lodge continue to prosper and may it have as successful a future as it has had a distinguished past.

WALTER I. NOBLE
Master
Charleston Lodge No. 44

On behalf of the brethren of Mt. Apo Lodge No. 45, I send you our fraternal greetings and congratulations on the occasion of your Golden Anniversary and wish you evermore success and every prosperity.

HENRY E. TECK
Master
Mt. Apo Lodge No. 45.

In behalf of the members of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, I wish to extend fraternal greetings and best wishes to the members of Nilad Lodge No. 12, and we join them in their happy celebration on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of their Mother Lodge.

We congratulate the members of Nilad Lodge and may the Lodge have a lifelong prosperity.

GERMINIANO T. MENDOZA
Master
Makabugwas Lodge No. 47.

The members of Pampanga Lodge wish Nilad Lodge No. 12 long life in usefulness and prosperity in order that all of us, members of the honorable Fraternity, may reach that goal which gives light to all submerged in darkness.

May Nilad Lodge live forever!

P. D. NAVARRO, P.M.
Secretary
Pampanga Lodge No. 48.

In behalf of the officers and members of my Lodge and of my own, permit me to convey to you, through the columns of **The Cabletow**, our most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of the founding of your Lodge. It is, indeed, a source of pride and admiration that Nilad Lodge enjoys the distinction of being the first Lodge in our Grand jurisdiction to complete fifty years of existence and active Masonic service, surviving the test of time and withstanding the ruthless hand of ignorance. May you continue to be a shining example of devotion to a great cause in this country!

T. I. ALFELOR
Master
Sarangani Lodge No. 50.

In the name of the officers and members of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, and of my own, I extend our most sincere and fraternal felicitations on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the life of that worshipful Lodge.

Our enemies have been more active

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than ever in discrediting and belittling the principles and landmarks of our Institution. With your existence and the cooperation of the brethren, however, Masonry, in our country, shall "last when time shall be no more." You can rest assured of the cooperation and mutual understanding of your brethren in this Valley. Let us, notwithstanding, be more unified, more aggressive, and more militant in our endeavor for a worthy cause, for the cause for which Freemasonry is an ever-living and enduring statue.

D. M. JOSON
Master
Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53.

We are indeed very happy to know that our Sister Lodge No. 12 has existed for fifty years of Masonic life. Here is an example worthy of emulation. May the example of Nilad Lodge No. 12 be an encouragement for higher achievement for this Lodge of which I am the Master.

JOSE T. DARBIN
Master
Isabela Lodge No. 60

In behalf of the members and officers of Angalo Lodge No. 63, I take pleasure in extending our warm fraternal greetings and congratulations to the brethren of Nilad Lodge No. 12 on the occasion of the celebration of its Golden Anniversary. It is with great pleasure to note the fifty years of successful and uninterrupted existence of a Sister Lodge, Nilad Lodge No. 12, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. This clearly speaks of the pride and glory of the Fraternity and indicates that in the midst of adversities and tribulations, our brethren of Nilad Lodge No. 12 have championed bravely and vigorously the existence of their Lodge to continue until the present.

MANUEL T. ESPINOSA
Master
Angalo Lodge No. 63

On the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of your Lodge, I take pleasure in extending to you the sincere congratulations of my Lodge, Magat Lodge No. 68, and that of my own. It is rare indeed for a Masonic Lodge in this Jurisdiction to have lived continuously for half a century. Your Lodge started during the dark period of our history and you have survived all the trials and tribulations that our country passed through during our uprising against Spain, and through this peaceful regime under the American flag. The trials and tribulations ahead are plenty and I have no doubt but that your Lodge will continue to be an example to other Lodges in going through these critical periods.

ROMAN L. SANTOS
Master
Magat Lodge No. 68.

To a married person, a golden wedding is replete with many memories full of pleasant experiences of life and is regarded as a rare person, a golden wedding is replete with many memories full of pleasant experiences of life and is regarded as a rare and envious record of building up and maintaining a family. Nilad Lodge No. 12, therefore, enjoys this particular distinction of being the first to celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary, and we trust that it be crowned with another 50 years of more useful service to mankind, a service that labors for the welfare of others, a service that benefits that avails. Our warmest congratulations.

FEDERICO CONCEPCION
Master
Union Lodge No. 70

The entire officers and members of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 are joining with me in wishing Nilad Lodge No. 12, further vigor and harmony on their Golden Anniversary.

H. M. SAYCON
Master
Kasilawan Lodge No. 77

The fifty years of existence that your Lodge has so far enjoyed are emblematic of the triumph of patience, perseverance and determination in our fight for equality, justice, and democracy for which our fraternity has stood since its organization.

VICENTE GUSTILO
Master
Acacia Lodge No. 78.

The records show that Nilad Lodge No. 12 was founded at the time when the government was most hostile to it by Masons of sterling character and deep thinkers. Notwithstanding these bad times, the Lodge was able to survive. Fortunately, its growth was fertilized by the coming of the American liberty and democracy and now, it stands out as one of the most prosperous Lodges in the Philippines. Judging from its achievements and activities as well as the quality of members during the fifty years of existence, this Lodge has already earned a brilliant history for itself and is destined to become immortal.

S. PUERTOLLANO
Secretary
Taga Ilog Lodge No. 79

On the celebration of the Golden Anniversary of Nilad Lodge No. 12, the officers and members of High Twelve Lodge No. 82 are with you. You cannot forget that you have passed 50 long, wailing and passionate years into time and history. This is filled with thrilled faith, hope and love among the brethren of your Lodge, although surrounded with danger, difficulty and hardship at the beginning of its existence. You have reared within your Lodge respectable Masons worthy of credit and respect.

A. C. USON
Master
High Twelve Lodge No. 82

Fifty years of existence filled with achievements is a record which can never pass unnoticed in the annals of our Brotherhood. It symbolizes the unbroken harmony and perfect accord in which the brethren of your Lodge labor together. It portrays Masonry at its best—strong, triumphant and holding ever aloft, despite ruthless attacks, the Light of Truth and maintaining its high ideals for the benefit of mankind.

GONZALO P. LEYVA
Master
Hiram Lodge No. 88

There comes a time in the life of every well regulated, well governed Lodge when it reaches the grand and glorious age of fifty years. Nilad Lodge No. 12 should be justly proud and happy at achieving fifty years of exemplary service to mankind. So it is with sincere esteem that the brethren of Muog Lodge No. 89 salute you on your Golden Anniversary and extend best wishes for many more anniversaries.

JAMES KABAKOW
Master
Muog Lodge No. 89

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On the happy occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of Nilad Lodge No. 12, the members of Memorial Lodge No. 90, join with me in extending to you, our most enthusiastic greetings as well as our most sincere congratulations.

MARCELIANO HIDALGO
Master
Memorial Lodge No. 90

In behalf of Mencius Lodge No. 93, I fraternally greet and congratulate the brethren of Nilad Lodge No. 12, on the Golden Anniversary of the Mother Lodge. Its 50 years of continuous service to humanity and Masonic work, weathering dangerous storms in the beginning of its career and leaving a luminous wake on its onward march, are an outstanding achievement, a noteworthy, landmark and a lasting monument to posterity.

GAW PUNSO
Master
Mencius Lodge No. 93

The officers and members of Service Lodge No. 95 wish to take this opportunity to extend heartiest congratulations to Mother Nilad Lodge No. 12, on the occasion of your Golden Anniversary.

H. S. ARNOLD
Master
Service Lodge No. 95

To commemorate a Golden Anniversary of a Lodge like Nilad Lodge No. 12, is an inspiration and a good example to be followed by her sister Lodges. May this serve to all worthy Master Masons as an influence for a final determination to make his Mother Lodge next to commemorate a Golden Anniversary, much more I shall hope for Isagani No. 96.

JESUS V. EVANGELISTA
Master
Isagani Lodge No. 96

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Nilad Lodge No. 12, in the name of Mount Huraw Lodge No. 98, I wish to extend our hearty congratulations. Nilad Lodge No. 12 has everything to be proud of—it is the oldest Lodge in the Philippines and its members adorn the different branches of the Commonwealth. Philippine Masons owe a duty to emulate the good work done by the brethren of Nilad Lodge whose members, like those of other Lodges, promote the cause of Masonry and shape the destinies of our country.

TEODORICO NOBLE
Master
Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98

On the occasion of your Golden Anniversary, the officers and members of Zambales Lodge No. 103, with profound gratitude, express their heart-felt congratulations. It will not be amiss to state that the cause for which this organization was established, has been realized unmolested, and therefore, worthy of sincere appreciation.

PLACIDO FARIN
Master
Zambales Lodge No. 103

The members of Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105 appreciate this privilege of conveying to you their sincere greetings and felicitations on the occasion of the Golden Anniversary of the foundation of your Lodge.

We congratulate you for your examplary achievement.

BASILIO S. CALAGUAS
Acting Master
Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105.

Amity Lodge No. 106 at Shanghai, China, fraternally salutes and heartily congratulates you, its elder sister Lodge, upon the auspicious celebration of your Golden Anniversary and wishes that your future shall not only be as co-extensive with, but excel your half century's brilliant record.

Fifty years is a short span when measured against the historic cycles of this ancient land, but the lustre of your splendid membership and the high quality of your achievements must forever honor and grace the annals of the Craft in the Philippines.

As we rejoice with your Worshipful Lodge on attaining its half century, so do we share your deep sorrow in the loss of your distinguished Brother Teodoro M. Kalaw, whose Masonic and public service career along with his ripe scholarship have shed such undying radiance upon the intellectual and political tone of the Philippine people.

We, your brethren of the Philippine Lodges in China, have found constant inspiration from those bold, startling words of his, as quoted by our Right Wor. District Grand Master in the November issue of *The Cabletow*,—words so freighted with prophetic vision, lofty courage and stirring conviction that even now, after a decade since their utterance, it is no extravagance to assert that our very **raison d'etre** germinated in his profound wisdom and Masonic statesmanship.

H. C. EVANGELISTA,
Master
Amity Lodge No. 106

It is indeed very gratifying to note that Nilad Lodge No. 12, is celebrating its Golden Anniversary this year. The fifty years of successful existence of this Lodge is a landmark to be reckoned with in the annals of Philippine Masonry, of which its members in particular and the Philippine Masons in general should be proud, and for which all have every reason to rejoice. Those fifty years were years of hard struggle against threatening forces of the time—political and economic. On the occasion of this glorious event, I take this unique and rare privilege to greet the members of Nilad Lodge with my most sincere felicitations and wish the Lodge continued success and its members, health and prosperity. In behalf of Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, I convey to you our kind thought with assurances of our loyal sentiments and fraternal relations.

ALBINO R. BARLAAN
Master
Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110

As one of the youngest Lodges in this grand jurisdiction it gives West Lake Lodge No. 113 a great deal of pleasure to congratulate Nilad Lodge No. 12 on its Golden Anniversary. We are impressed with the fact that your history is ten times that of ours and are inspired by the records you have made. We congratulate you on the accomplisments of the past and wish you even greater success during the half century ahead.

R. J. McMULLEN
Master
West Lake Lodge No. 113

FUNERAL SERVICES IN HONOR OF BRO. KALAW

THE FUNERAL ceremonies in honor of our late Grand Secretary Emeritus, Past Grand Master Teodoro M. Kalaw, eminent Filipino scholar, author, and political figure, were held at Plaridel Temple, under the auspices of Nilad Lodge No. 12, on Wednesday evening, December 11, 1940.

A marble bust of the departed Brother donated to the Grand Lodge by his widow, Mrs. Pura Villanueva-Kalaw, was placed on a special pedestal in the main lobby of the Temple. Suspended below the bust was his Past Grand Master's Apron. All around the pedestal were wreaths and bouquets offered by the different Masonic organizations in the city.

The services were attended by high government officials and prominent figures in banking, commercial, literary, and cultural circles. At the head of the bier was the wreath of President and Mrs. Quezon.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Jose de los Reyes, accompanied by the officers of Grand Lodge and Past Grand Masters, was received with public grand honors. The officers of Nilad Lodge then vacated their stations in favor of the Past Grand Masters, who conducted the ceremonies in a very impressive manner. The stations were filled by the following brethren:

Wor. Master: .....Jose de los Reyes
Senior Warden: ...George R. Harvey
Junior Warden: ...Manuel Camus
Treasurer: .....Vicente Carmona
Secretary: .....C. W. Rosenstock
Chaplain: .....Joseph F. Boomer
Bible Bearer: .....Frederic H. Stevens
Marshal: .....Antonio Gonzalez
Senior Deacon: ...Jose C. Velo
Junior Deacon: ... Stanton Youngberg
Senior Steward: ..Joseph H. Alley
Junior Steward: ...Conrado Benitez
Tiler: .....John R. McFie, Jr.

The funeral orations delivered by Past Grand Masters Frederic H. Stevens, Antonio Gonzalez, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, extolling the many virtues of the deceased, appear elsewhere in this issue. We hope to publish the oration of Most Wor. Bro. George R. Harvey in our next issue. The only son of the deceased, Teodoro M. Kalaw, Jr., responded as follows:

"Brethren of my father's Masonic Lodges:

"It is very difficult to express in a few simple words my feeling and that of my family towards you and your Fraternity for the love and affection you have shown to my beloved father not only during his lifetime but now, at his death. I can well understand now his intense loyalty towards you and your brotherhood. You never let him down, for in those few times that he needed friends, you were there to sustain him and give him comfort. Just a few years back, at the Mayo Clinic, my father was also very close to death. There was one of you beside him all those days, a Masonic Brother who never left his side, who stood ready to be of service and help. My mother and I, who were with him also, can never forget that. It was then that we both understood the meaning of your Fraternity.

"Tonight, again my family and I realize the same thing. For your unselfish affection, we are grateful. This is the first time that such a great sorrow has descended upon our family. In an hour like this, your warmth of feeling is like a soothing consolation. There are others, besides us, who also loved him. In our own hearts we consider him a good and great man, because we loved him well. Thank you for showing us that not only we but you too, thought highly of him. Yours is a wonderful brotherhood, indeed. It is little wonder that my beloved father gave up much of the outside world to be with you often."

The musical numbers were rendered under the personal direction of Bro. Juan de S. Hernandez. Prof. Dalisay Aldaba sang "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod; Prof. Raymunda Careaga de Ofilada; "O Dry Those Tears" by del Riego, and "Ave Maria" by Gounod; and Prof. Elsa Aenlle, "Elegie" by Massenet. "Arioso" by Bach was played on the violin by Prof. Ramon Mendoza. Prof. Bernardino Custodio was the organ accompanist. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by the audience at the end of the services.

RADIO PROGRAM

The regular Masonic radio program for January, 1941, will be broadcast from station KZRH on the 13th and 27th, at 7:30 in the evening.

The speaker on the 13th will be Past Grand Master Frederic H. Stevens.

On January 27th the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Major General Jose de los Reyes, will deliver another address in Tagalog.

Wor. Bro. Henry Gilhouser, Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Education, will act as master of ceremonies.

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BIGOTRY IS ONE OF THE WORST ENEMIES OF MASONRY

By EPIFANIO T. SANTOS
Master, Nilad Lodge No. 12

OBSTINATE and unreasoning attachment to one's own belief and opinions, right or wrong, with intolerance of beliefs opposed to them is bigotry. This state of mind of bigots is what I consider the root cause of the world chaos today. The forces of greed and selfishness, for instance, assert their ideas through force and violence at the expense of human life, property and comfort. Human sufferings will never find solace anywhere under an atmosphere of bigotry and intolerance. Blind and narrow-minded nationalism drive the world towards hatred and bloodshed. The lure of gold blinds reason and prevents the dispensation of justice and righteousness. Individual rights are trampled upon and the masses of humanity's lower bracket are kept under the fog of ignorance which permits their easy exploitation by the select few who govern them. Even the middle and highest strata of society which are supposed to understand things are forced to submit to the will of the dictator by regimentation.

Free interchange of ideas and mutual respect for one another's opinion in matters of government, religion and morality are unknown in the bigot's dominion and sphere of influence. Freedom of speech and action are forbidden for these endanger the lives of the autocrats. The worst types of bigots are those who refuse to see things in their proper light. No individual has a right to force anyone to believe in anything based on an unsound principle. Justice, righteousness and charity are the bases of true happiness and life worth living.

The salvation of the human race lies in mutual understanding and respect for one another's opinion in all matters affecting the life of the individual or group of individuals or nations.

Masonry which derives its existence from the practice of the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth is perhaps the only institution worth embracing if peace and harmony in the world are to reign supreme. Tolerance, one of its principal tenets constitutes the mainstay of its enduring existence. Masonry wars with none and befriends everyone who believes in Liberty, Equality and Fraternity of mankind in general.

In a peaceful country like ours where hypocricy and intolerance are rampant, poisoned ideas which are more forceful than poison gas, will in due time lead us to social struggle more destructive than what can be imagined in the fields of battle now raging across the ocean. The tentacles of oppression and tyranny which work silently but surely among us constitute a real menace upon our very existence as a people and as a nation.

The indoctrination of the youth of the land in faiths and dogmas which are diametrically opposed to the teachings of Masonry and democracy is a sure source of evil in our social structure in the years to come. May our bigots realize the errors of their folly and cease poisoning the minds of our youth and the ignorants? The time has come when each and every true Mason in this country should meditate and look forward for the safety of our beloved fatherland. Our brethren who died in the dark labored and gave their all for the cause of Masonry and democracy in this corner of the globe. We, their successors, have a sacred duty to perform. Let not intolerance dim our vision so that we could work harmoniously and efficiently for the perpetuation of the sacred trust and legacy that our martyrs and heroes have left to us. Let truth and justice illuminate our thoughts and feelings, faith and hope be our guide and dispense charity and love for all. Mudslinging is an unwholesome pastime and therefore unworthy for any civilized person to engage in; much less for Masons. Prudence and forbearance are well worth practicing in our struggle for the recognition of the worthy cause to which we are committed. We could be tolerant and yet remain loyal to the principles of our beloved order.

"Freemasonry does not seek to satisfy any petty or selfish interests. Its purpose is noble and elevated, its mission exclusively humanitarian. It strives to promote charity and philanthropy among all free and good men. To enter the ranks of Freemasonry in order to serve one's private interest or purposes would be an absurdity, and to do so without being possessed of all the self-denial demanded by Freemasonry would be deceit.

"Freemasonry has secrets that cannot be revealed to everybody and vows that cannot be broken, but neither the former nor the latter interferes in the least with any religion, law and ethics.

"The cult of Maosnry is that of knowledge and virtue; its dogmas are prudence and valor, one for all and all for one; its mysteries are light and right, its precepts are charity for humanity and through humanity. It requires its members to harbor no pride, but to be humble without vileness, to do no evil, to despise anger for only fools will harbor it, to reject avarice which is vanity, to esteem the good, pity the weaknesses of others, shun the bad, but hate none, respect the traveler; hold out a helping hand to the indigent, strengthen the weak, clothe the naked, devide their bread with the hungry, give shelter to the pilgrim, and above all to worship the Great Artificer of the Universe, which is God."

With the above declaration of principles, no bigot has any right to persecute Masonry and the things for which it stands. Tolerance demands sympathetic understanding for others' beliefs, practices, or habits and indulgence toward offenders and enemies; but not to the extent of sacrificing the welfare and existence of a nation or people.

Thanks to the wisdom and courage of the powers that be and to the alertness and influence of a number of our illustrous brethren that our public schools of today are still free and independent from spiritual enslavement.

Brethren, beware of the inroads of the forces of hypocricy, intolerance, and avarice whose schemes of attack are too cunning to be detected by an unscrutinizing eye. Beware also of the "anay" of our own mansion, lest it will crumble to pieces through indecision, indifference, and inactivity. Concerted action of the militant type may be needed for the perpetuation of our Masonic ideas and ideals. Perhaps the Masonic spirit of 1889 or thereabout, should be recalled to inspire us to the defense of our rights already won, and insure the happiness and welfare of posterity which we are in duty bound to safeguard particularly at this crucial stage of world history when the fate of democracy and Masonry is at stake.

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MARIA CLARA DAY

THE GRAND Lodge dinner for the month of December was held at Plaridel Temple on December 16, 1940, at 7:00 p.m., under the auspices of the wives, daughters, sisters, mothers, and widows of Master Masons in this Jurisdiction, and which the organizer, Mrs. Pura Villanueva Kalaw, fittingly called "Maria Clara Day." About 500 persons attended the affair, which proved to be a brillant success due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Kalaw and the society matrons who assisted her.

Among those present was Miss Rosario Villaruel, the first Filipino woman to be initiated into a Lodge of Adoption under the Grande Oriente Español. She is the only daughter of Wor. Bro. Faustino Villaruel, organizer and first Master of Walana Lodge No. 158 under the Grande Oriente Español, now No. 13 under our Grand Lodge. Bro. Villaruel was shot by a firing squad at Bagumbayan in 1897 for being a Mason. Both Miss Villaruel and her brother Luis were tortured in prison for their Masonic connections.

The affair was opened with a prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Very Rev. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer. Owing to the untimely death of Past Grand Master Teodoro M. Kalaw, Mrs. Pura Villanueva Kalaw was unable to be present. Requesting the Grand Secretary to preside in her stead, Mrs. Kalaw reiterated her faith in the altruistic aims of Masonry, and promised that beginning next year she would travel all over the Philippines to organize chapters of Ladies' Auxiliary, as recommended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Jose de los Reyes.

In token of reverence to the memory of one of the greatest Filipino scholars and statesmen of the present generation, Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, the audience stood in silence for a moment.

Past Grand Master Antonio Gonzalez, who presided at the banquet, explained the role of the Filipino woman in her capacity as wife, as daughter, or as sister of a Mason, and said that she is the true repository of Masonic virtues and ideals.

The roll of subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction was called, and women delegates from various Lodges answered the call, including Magindanaw Lodge No. 40 in Cagayan, Misamis Oriental, and Amity Lodge No. 106 in Shanghai, China. For sending in the biggest number of delegates, the following Lodges received the prizes donated by Mrs. Pura Villanueva Kalaw, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Jose de los Reyes, the Deputy Grand Master John R. McFie, Jr., the Senior Grand Warden Jose P. Guido, the Junior Grand Warden M. Goldenberg, and Past Grand Treasurer Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang:

1. Sinukuan No. 16
2. Nilad No. 12
3. Bagong Buhay No. 17
4. Taga Ilog No. 79
5. Batong Buhay No. 27
6. Primera Luz Filipina No. 69

The first speaker of the evening was Miss Carmen Planas, reelected Councilor for Manila. She said that she has heard of Masonry since she was a little girl, as her father is a Mason, a member of Walana Lodge No. 13, but as he told her nothing of its activities, she thought that Masonry was made up only for silent men. However, that evening she realized that the Masons have plenty of good things to say. Her first favorable impression of this Institution was when she visited the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children several years ago. She learned that the hospital was a benevolent institution dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering. She revealed that her conversations that evening with Past Grand Masters Frederic H. Stevens and Stanton Youngberg gave her a fair knowledge of what Masonry is. Knowing now that Masonry is an avowed enemy of bigotry and that it inculcates the liberty of conscience and the uplift of the individual, she said she would carry into the Municipal Board the principles for which the Fraternity stands.

Mrs. H. McVay spoke about the principal tenets of the Order of the Eastern Star—fidelity, courtesy, and loyalty.

The last speaker of the evening was the Most Worshipful Grand Master, who spoke of the role of Masons in the communities in which they live.

Miss Charmian Boomer, daughter of Very Rev. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer, sang a vocal solo; attorney Isabel J. Padua, wife of Bro. Dr. Regino Padua, sang "Good Bye" by Tosti; Prof. Stella Goldenberg Brimo, daughter of our Junior Grand Warden, rendered a piano selection; Miss Sarah Jane England, daughter of Mrs. Sarah M. England, exhibited a classical dance; and Mr. Billy Johns rendered an accordion solo.

As an acknowledgement of the valuable services rendered to the Fraternity by the Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction, the Most Worshipful Grand Master presented baskets of fresh flowers to Mesdames George R. Harvey, Wenceslao Trinidad, C. W. Rosenstock, Marie D. Larkin, Antonio Gonzalez, Stanton Youngberg, and Joseph H. Alley.

In the opinion of those present, the signal success of this meeting proved beyond doubt that the female members of the families of Masons in this Jurisdiction, particularly the Filipino women, believe in the ideals of our Order. Many of the ladies present expressed their enthusiasm over the formation of Ladies' Auxiliary groups, as recommended by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in his message before the last Annual Communication.

The event was closed with a benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

The language of friendship is not words, but meaning. It is an intelligence above language.

How quickly a truly benevolent act is repaid by the consciousness of having done it.

SICK COMMITTEE

The following brethren have been appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master as member of the Sick Committee for the month of January, 1941:

Ceferino Purisima (115), Trade School, Manila.

Horatio S. Arnold (95), Cavite Navy Yard, Cavite.

Filemon de Guzman (59), Malabon, Rizal.

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BRO. KALAW HAS LIVED A FULL LIFE

(Editor's note: Oration delivered by Past Grand Master Frederic Harper Stevens at the funeral ceremonies in memory of Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, Grand Secretary Emeritus, held at Plaridel Temple on December 11, 1940.)

Most Worshipful Grand Master,
Brethren and Friends:

WE ARE gathered together to honor a great man, a great Mason—a man honored by his country, respected by the community and loved by his family and friends. What more need be said? A man who has served his country well, who is a respected citizen in the community in which he lives, who is loved by his family and revered by his Masonic Brothers, has lived a full life. We can well boast that our late Brother lived those Masonic principles that he knew so well and about which he wrote and spoke so convincingly.

Many years ago, when I first came to the Philippines I attended a Masonic meeting in one of the old Spanish Lodges, and because of my lack of knowledge in the language of old Castille it was proving to be a rather tiresome affair. Then suddenly a young man was introduced and as he stood up, calmly surveyed his audience, and started his talk by saying: "Soy Mason!" I can see him to this day, for in those words, and the words that followed, he put the enthusiasm and fire of youth and while I knew not of what he spoke I could see by his gestures, his earnestness, the sparkle in his eyes, that he was a man who believed in what he was saying and when he finished again he repeated "Soy Mason." The tremendous applause that followed showed that his remarks had touched a responsive chord in the hearts and minds of his audience. From that night dated a friendship that I prized highly, a friendship rich in many varied experiences, for I had found a friend and a Brother Mason who was willing at all times to give the wealth of his culture to the cause of the Fraternity that he loved, for he believed in Masonic principles and what the Fraternity was doing for his beloved land.

"Soy Mason," was said in a manner that was not boasting, but as a man proud that he was in the ranks of a militant body fighting for tolerance, for the right of every one to worship his God as he pleased or as his conscience dictated, for the separation of Church and State, for the furtherance of public schools, so that every boy or girl in these far-flung islands might have the benefit of that untold blessing—an education. An education that would give that boy or girl the right and privilege of standing equal with his or her fellows.

A short time ago, I had lost one that I held very dear and I went out and sat on the breakwater in front of the house and listened to the ceaseless pounding of the waves. In times of stress it is good to be alone with your God. You want to remember those things of the past, connected with those you loved. If we do not, we are deficient in memory, and in that big spiritual feeling which ties us to the past. As I sat there Bro. Kalaw came and sat beside me. I little realized then that he had gotten out of a sick bed to come and place his hand in mine, and attempt in some way to console me in my sorrow.

We talked about immortality and he said that this question of immortality is one that has been asked during all ages. In fact, faith in it is, itself, immortal. It is as old as age, and as profound as love and death. No wind can blow it out. The deeper the love, the more kindly the friendship; the stronger the tie, the more pronounced is the longing for it. So, faith in immortality is, itself, immortal. These last moments are ones of intense recollection. They are jewels of the dearest memories. They are moments of re-living. The call to the departed is not obligatory—it is the spontaneous act of living hearts. There can be no diagraming—no comprehensive definition—of those whom we remember, because they ran the gamut of mental and spiritual reach. They differ as do the sunsets—as do the sunrises—yet they are all included within the frontiers that our philosophy and beliefs mark.

Such was Bro. Kalaw's kindly philosophy toward life in the hereafter. He did not kneel especially at any chancel, for he worshipped in church, in cathedral, in synagogue—but always he had a fundamental goodness and consciousness that was commendable.

His world was one that embraced all peoples, of all races and creeds. In our Masonic Fraternity be found what he had been seeking. Because Bro. Kalaw believed so thoroughly in our Masonic teaching, he became the most learned of our Craft. His book "La Masoneria Filipina" is considered by Masonic scholars to rank high among books on our Order.

It is to be wondered that he was elected by his brethren to the highest position in the Fraternity, or that the Supreme Council at Washington, D.C., selected him as one of the few Filipinos to receive the thirty-third degree? Bro. Kalaw was Gran Maestre in 1915 and 1916 of the Gran Logia Regional de Filipinas serving until the fusion with the present Grand Lodge. He was not only elected an honorary Grand Master of this Grand Lodge but was later "drafted" as Grand Master. I know of no one so deserving of the honor, as Bro. Kalaw.

The man who said "Soy Mason" has gone to the Grand Architect of the Universe, but his teaching and his life will always be our guiding star.

Yes, Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw was a Mason, a Mason that we of the Grand Lodge will ever be proud to call him Brother.

Masonry gives the finishing touches to man, so that he may the better be able to do his duties in his home, community, and country: a true servant of God.—Gregorio A. Vicente

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Masonry is service—Emiliano Quijano

No man is obliged to be rich or great, and no man is obliged to be wise; but all are obliged to be honest.—P. E. del Rosario

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Fraternal Reviews

By JOSEPH F. BOOMER, P.M.

NEW YORK

159th. Lodges: 1,036
May 7-9, 1940 Members: 249,382
New York City Net Loss: 6,079

Representative near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, M. W. H. Eugene Stafford; Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, Charles Smith, Oneonta.

Grand Master presiding, M. W. Dana B. Hellings, serving second term. The proceedings comprise an impressive cloth bound volume of 520 pages, exclusive of index.

Excerpts from M. W. Bro. Hellings' address:

Re visitations.—"I urge Grand Lodge to take the initiative in the establishment and regularization of such meetings and not to leave them to the caprice of special invitation of District or Lodge. I urge it to plan them carefully, to make them available to as many brethren as possible and to assist the localities where they are held in preparatory arrangements."

Re Masonic Outlook.—"How to improve the worth and usefulness of *The Masonic Outlook* and create a wider acceptance of it resulting in more numerous subscriptions, is a problem not easy to solve. The Board of General Activities are working steadily at their solution. In the meantime, I urge *The Outlook's* continuance. The Grand Lodge at best has too few media and opportunities of contact and communication with the Lodges and the brethren. *The Outlook* thus far has been an important vehicle for such purpose. Its value in this respect has far exceeded its cost to Grand Lodge. Discontinuance would mean a tragic loss, and should not be ordered until an adequate substitute has been established, or necessity requires, or the brethren insist."

Life Membership.—"Again, I am not here advocating Grand Lodge control of life membership. My guess is that Lodge tendency in this State is either to abolish life membership or to grant them under such severe restrictions as to prevent further damage financially or otherwise."

General Conclusions.—"As Grand Lodge looks ahead unto another year, it faces the blackest horizon the world has ever seen ..... The minds of many men are filled with evil; their hearts with selfishness and hate. But let not us be so. Let not us lose faith in Freemasonry, or doubt its mission or curb our effort to accomplish its success. Let us rather recall that we are under the eye of God and that our principal tenet, Brotherly Love, teaches us 'to regard the human race as one family, the high, the low, the rich, the poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent, inhabiting the same planet, should aid, support, and protect one another,'—and so march forward."

An outstanding incident of the session: The awarding of Medal for Distinguished Achievement to Bro. Charles Keck, the distinguished American Sculptor, of Greenpoint Lodge No. 403.

Bro. Keck: "Many years ago when I was in Rome, the great American artist, Elihu Vedder, gave a tea to which the tourists who were visiting Italy were invited. At one of these teas I heard a lady say to Mr. Vedder, 'Mr. Vedder, it must be wonderful to have such genius as you have, and such marvelous inspirations.' He looked at the lady and said, 'Madam, I presume you wish to compliment me, but let me tell you, that by calling me a simple genius you take away the credit of fifty years of hard work, and as for inspiration, let me say it is ninety-nine per cent perspiration.' "

The American Lodge of Research reported through its Master, M. W. Charles H. Johnson. Item:

"It is the custom of the Lodge to devote one meeting a year to the presentation of Masonic music, old and new. It has introduced the Degree Music of R. W. Jean Sibelius to this country, the Masonic Music of Mozart and, at a recent communication, gave the first American presentation of the Masonic songs of Brother Johann Gottlieb Neumann, 1740-1801."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence under the chairmanship of M. W. Townsend Scudder presents 24 pages of cogent comment on Masonic subjects gleaned from the proceedings of a large number of Grand Lodges rather than specific reviews. The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands gets mention in this report, in one place as one of eight Grand Jurisdictions showing increase in membership, and in another place where, under mention of Masonry in China, it is said:

"The six Lodges of the Philippine Constitution have held on very well; only three have had to move away from their cities—those at Nanking, Hangchow and Canton. The first two now meet in Shanghai, the third in Hongkong under dispensation. The others are doing splendidly, with membership increased and always more than a third of the membership attending meetings, for lack of recreational facilities and for need of fraternal fellowship in wartime. Even the Lodge meeting in Hongkong has added to its roster; and every Communication is enthusiastically supported."

Henry C. Turner, Grand Master, Brooklyn.

Charles H. Johnson, P.G.M., Secretary, New York City.

NEW JERSEY

153rd Annual Lodges: 279
Trenton Members: 73,687
April 17-18, 1940 Loss: 1,810

Joseph C. Imhoff, Grand Master, in the East.

Two hundred seventy-six Lodges were represented, and a very large percentage of the membership, including 23 P. G. M's, were in attendance, as were a large number of distinguished Masons from adjacent jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines is represented near New Jersey by R. W. Walter S. Graw, and New Jersey, in this jurisdiction, by W. Henry Elijah Smith, Cavite.

The Grand Master reported the laying of corner stones for two Federal buildings.

In furtherance of a campaign for greater church attendance on the part of Masons, the Lodges were circularized officially and the Masters enjoined to invite all members and sojourning Masons to set aside November 3 or 5, 1939, to go to church. The invitation was accompanied by a brief exhortation:

> "...our Grand Lodge recently adopted a declaration of principles which proclaims that its teachings are based upon the sacred law and that it stands for the worship of God; truth and justice; fraternity and philanthropy; enlightenment and orderly liberty, civil, religious and intellectual. To this and we search inwardly and seek understanding that we may have fortitude to uphold and maintain our churches, temples, and Masonic institutions; prudence to regulate our thoughts and actions, so as to merit the approbation of the Creator; temperance to subordinate our desires and keep ourselves within due bounds in our conduct with our fellow men; and justice to deal squarely at all times and under all circumstances."

The celebration of the feast of St. John, an annual Masonic function in New Jersey, brought together at Trenton nearly 900 Masonic celebrants.

A noteworthy feature of the communication was the interval devoted to addresses by distinguished visitors and especially interesting was that of Bro. A. Harry Moore, governor of New Jersey.

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Fraternal Reviews

By A. E. TATTON, P.M.

VERMONT, 1939

146th Annual Lodges: 103
Burlington Members: 16,592
June 14 & 15, 1939 Loss: 316

We have a new Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. Walter H. Weston, appointed during the year but he was not present at this Communication.

Relief in the amount of $2,993.48 was expended from Grand Lodge funds. Lodges are reimbursed for all expenditures of Relief which exceed $1.00 per capita.

The Rhode Island Bible again shows up and was rededicated in a brief but beautiful ceremony.

The first six officers of Grand Lodge were all re-elected for a second term. They also elect the Grand Deacons in Vermont. In 41 Grand Jurisdictions in the United States, Wardens and Deacons are designated as Senior Grand and Junior Grand while in eight they get the "cart before the horse" and call them Grand Senior and Grand Junior. Vermont is one of the eight.

The Reviews are written by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman, P. G. M., who presents his 17th Annual review as Reviewer.

Grand Master, Charles F. Dalton, re-elected.

Grand Secretary, Archie S. Harriman, Burlington, Vt.

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NEW JERSEY

(Continued from the preceding page)

R. W. David McGregor, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in his report, reviewed the proceedings of 48 American, 9 Canadian, 3 British Isles, 7 Australasian and one Mexican Grand Lodge in an interesting and instructive way. From his survey of those proceedings he gleaned and recorded several enlightening general acts concerning the Craft:

"...the total membership in the United States amounts to 2,499,401, being a net loss of 33,461, or 1.32 per cent., which is slightly less than last year. Nine of these Grand Lodges had net increases in membership, three of them for the third consecutive year.

"The Canadian returns give a membership of 171,298, net loss of 2,708, or about the same loss per cent as in the United States.

"The Grand Lodge of England, the largest in the world with 5,060 Lodges and over 400,000 members, continues to show a steady increase in members and financial resources.

"Each of the seven Grand Lodges of Australasia showed normal increases in membership, amounting to over 20,000 or about 1.25 per cent.

C. Lyle Hagaman, Grand Master, Lakewood, New Jersey.

Isaac Cherry, Grand Secretary, Trenton, New Jersey.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1838

74th Annual Lodges: 165
Fairmont Members: 29,558
Oct. 12 & 13, 1938 Loss: 146

Our Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. M. Stanley Hodges was present, as were 43 other Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master dedicated one Masonic Temple and laid four corner stones, the latter being for a crippled children's sanatorium and three churches. He made fourteen decisions, issued six dispensation and two edicts. He boasted that he had issued no proxies and described himself as a jealous Grand Master.

The Committee on Educational Fund loaned to 33 beneficiaries the sum of $4,845.00.

We find several references to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands in the reviews of other Grand Lodge Proceedings. Under British Columbia be quotes Bro. De Wolf-Smith's reference to the statement made by President Quezon, which he erroneously reported as made by Grand Master Conrado Benitez. Under England, he noted with pleasure that fraternal relations had been resumed between our Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England. Note is also made of the request of the Grand Master of Massachusetts for full power and authority to act in connection with relations between Massachusetts and the Philippine Islands.

Grand Master, Henry Aherns of Wheeling.

Grand Secretary, I. Wade Coffman, Box 346, Charleston, W. Va.

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WASHINGTON, 1939

82nd Annual Lodges: 268
Tacoma Members: 39,780
June 20-22, 1939 Loss: 654

Our Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. Harry E. Anderson, was present.

The Mayor of Tacoma, Bro. Joseph J. Kaufman welcomed the members of Grand Lodge to which a response was given by the Junior Grand Warden.

According to information received, Wor. Bro. Tatsch died in London on July 17, 1939, the day preceding the Installation.

The Oration by Wor. Bro. George E. Maine on the subject of "Desaguliers and the March of Militant Masonry" is a masterpiece. It is well worth the attention of all Masons who believe that Freemasonry has a definite mission to perform. It will be found on page 85 to 98 inclusive in the Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington 1939. In connection therewith we also recommend a perusal of the Foreword to the Reviews in the same book in the Appendix following page 470.

To those interested in the subject of "Uniformity of Work," we recommend a reading of the Report of the Grand Historian, M. W. Bro. Walter F. Meiser, which covers some fifty-nine pages.

The Philippine Islands, 1938, are given little over two pages of fraternal consideration. He reports on various items in Grand Master Alley's address, and quotes the resolution on the teaching of religion in the public schools. He comments favorably on the Oration of Wor. Bro. Angel S. Arguelles, quoting the last two paragraphs. He also quotes from the inaugural address of M. W. Bro. José Abad Santos.

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Members are urged not to wait until the last minute to obtain their admission cards or transact essential business, but to attend to these matters as early as they can.

Admission cards must be secured from the Committee on Credentials which will be in session during the following hours in the Grand Lodge Library's office: Thursday, January 23rd; Friday, January 24th; Saturday, January 25th; and Monday, January 27th, from 5:00 to 6:00 o'clock p. m. Credentials will also be issued from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on January 28th.

The annual meeting of the Corporation will be held at the same time as the business sessions of the Grand Lodge.

José de los Reyes
Grand Master

Attest:

Antonio Gonzalez
Grand Secretary

Note: The Grand Secretary's office is open during the noon period on every working day until the Grand Lodge Annual Communication is over. The office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. continuously.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, a corporation duly registered under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, will be held at Plaridel Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, Philippines, on Tuesday afternoon, January 28, 1941, at 4:00 o'clock sharp, when the Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may come up during the meeting will be transacted.

Antonio Gonzalez
Secretary

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A ROSE UPON THE ALTAR

The beautiful drama entitled *A Rose upon the Altar* written by Right Worshipful Brother Carl H. Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, and translated into Spanish by Past Grand Master Antonio Gonzalez, will be presented for the second time in this Grand Jurisdiction on the evening of January 28, 1941, at about 7:00 o'clock.

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NOTAS EDITORIALES

Saludamos a todos los Hermanos y lectores deseandoles un feliz Año Nuevo y toda clase de venturas y felicidades.

A la Logia Nilad No. 12

LA LOGIA NILAD No. 12 cumple en este mes cincuenta años de vida. Viene laborando continuamente durante cincuenta años sin desmayos ni fatigas. Ha sido la primera Logia filipina, organizada para dar mayor ímpetu a la masonización del elemento nativo. Desde su organización, de su seno surgieron otras muchas Logias, muchas de ellas actualmente existentes, y por este motivo se le llamó LOGIA MADRE. Ella, en su primera etapa, forjó el entronque moral y espiritual de muchos de nuestros pasados héroes nacionales que se dieron a la causa libertaria en este suelo imbuidos de un enaltecedor espíritu masónico. Contribuyó con su ideario por la causa de la emancipación nacional y ahora puede estar orgullosa de su pasado histórico. Esperamos que continuará con la misma divisa de antaño, y no cesará en su labor mientras **el eco recoja el gemido del que sufre,** como dijera nuestro Rizal.

Nuestra Bienvenida a los Delegados

DEL 28 al 30 del corriente mes de enero la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas celebrará su convención o gran reunión anual, y para esta ocasión los delegados de nuestras diferentes Logias vendrán a reunirse en Manila. Desde ahora les enviamos nuestro fraternal saludo y cordial bienvenida. Deseamos que pasen entre nosotros las horas mas felices y que sus deliberaciones redunden, como siempre, en beneficio de los intereses masónicos en este país. Muchos problemas tiene la masonería en sus manos y debemos afrontarla con el decidido empeño de hacer que de esta reunión surja una masonería más fuerte, más militante, más entusiasta, y sobre todo, más comprensiva.

¡Don Teodoro M. Kalaw Ha Muerto!

(Párrafos de una oración leída en memoria del M. I. Hermano T. M. Kalaw en sus funerales)

¡HA MUERTO! ¡Ha muerto y se ha ido! ¡Se ha ido un hombre que honra a la muerte porque ha sabido honrar a la vida! ¡Se ha ido Don Teodoro! ¡Y con él se ha ido—se nos ha arrancado—parte de nuestra propia existencia masónica y espiritual!

Estamos aquí para despedir, para depositar en la tierra la costral material del Amigo, del Hermano, del Maestro; pero nos quedamos, en medio del dolor que nos aturde, con el recuerdo de una vida fecunda en elevadas ideologías, una vida llena de grandezas .....

Diremos con un escritor que para el masón no puede haber mas que amor, amor pero con todos los matices del alba, amor a manera de la extensión infinita y espacial de todos los cielos y mundos, amor siempre inspirado en el simbolismo de nuestro compás. Así fué el amor del ilustre muerto. Amó con todos los matices del alba, amó en toda la extensión infinita y espacial de los cielos y de los mundos, amó inspirado en el simbolismo del compás. Por eso se hizo masón este ilustre varón. .....

Recordamos como si tal sólo fuera ayer que nos cogiera una vez entre sus manos temblantes de emoción, y nos dijera: "siga usted, siga usted con sus luchas y no desmaye; yo, hecho una ruina física, no puedo darle mas que el aliento espiritual de un alma enamorada." Y esa alma enamorada, gigante, fué nuestra inspiración en toda nuestra labor masónica. ¡Y se fue! ¡Y se ha ido! ¡Y el dolor atenaza nuestras almas! ¡ Y el dolor ahoga nuestros espíritus!

Se ha dicho que Confucio afirmaba que todo hombre se ilustra instruyendo a los demás. Fué Don Teodoro un hombre de vasta y elevada ilustración porque empleó su vida luminosa instruyendo a los demás. Le conocimos por primera vez entre las húmedas paredes de un salón de estudios en la Escuela de Derecho. Era entonces nuestro professor en Derecho Constitutional. Éramos mas de doscientos, sus alumnos. No faltaba ni uno a sus clases. ¡Era tanta la ansiedad por oir la palabra erudita del Maestro! Después, la vida nos llevó por otros derroteros. Ya no le volvimos a ver sino años después y dentro de las cálidas paredes de nuestros Templos. Allí advertimos que continuó su vida de instructor, de Maestro entre los Maestros. Allí hizo florecer una cultura caracteristicamente suya. .....

Y en los Templos Masónicos fundimos nuestras almas. Hubo un perfecto acoplamiento en nuestros espíritus. Tuvo su actuación masónica brotes de fuerte y atrevida evolución. Su concepto de la masonería coincide con el siguiente pensamiento de un autor:—"La masonería es escuela de ética individual y social, vivero de hombres rectos y sabios, crisol de héroes, broquel de pueblos y forja de patrias." Y por eso mismo fué su vida una prédica de ética individual y colectiva, y por eso mismo quiso hacer de nuestros talleres vivero de hombres rectos y sabios, y por eso mismo aspiró a que la masonería siga siendo en nuestro país ahora lo que fuera antaño, un crisol de héroes,

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LO QUE NO PUEDE HACER UNA LOGIA

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Enterrar con honores masónicos a un masón que hubiese muerto en desafío; entendiéndose que en el caso de un suicida, el Venerable Maestro y los Vigilantes podrán resolver y determinar por sí mismos si o no se le debe enterrar con tales honores;

Conferir u otorgar alguno o algunos de los socorros, privilegios o derechos masónicos a cualquier Maestro Masón no afiliado que habiendo residido seis meses dentro de la jurisdicción de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas rehuse o descuide solicitar ser miembro de alguna Logia dentro de dicha jurisdicción, pues, es deber de todo Maestro Masón ser miembro de alguna Logia, y cualquier Masón no afiliado que, habiendo residido seis meses dentro de esta jurisdicción, rehuse o descuide solicitar ser miembro de alguna Logia dentro de la misma, será juzgado indigno de consideración masónica y no tendrá derecho a ninguno de los derechos, privilegios o socorros de la orden, ni podrá recibirlos, entendiéndose que los que de ellos deseen rehabilitarse por afiliación, pueden hacerlo mediante pago de una cantidad equivalente a las cuotas de seis meses de la Logia a cual se dirijan, (la cual cantidad será propiedad de la Logia tanto si el solicitante es elegido como si es rechazado), en adición a los derechos de afiliación, si los requiriesen los estatutos, los cuales derechos de afiliación serán devueltos si el solicitante es rechazado;

Suspender a un miembro de los derechos y privilegios de la masonería como no sea por falta de pago de cuotas y en la forma prevista en la Sección 11, Artículo III, Parte III de la Constitución, o bien reprender, suspender o expulsar a un miembro como no sea por cualquier violación de las antiguas ordenanzas (Landmarks) de la orden, de la Constitución, de los reglamentos de la Gran Logia, de los estatutos de su Logia, de cualquier precepto de la Ley Masónica o moral, o por rehusar a pagar las deudas a su Logia, como el dinero tomado a préstamo o el socorro que haya recibido de la Logia bajo promesa de reembolsarlo y devolverlo, estando en condiciones de pagar, y en la forma y bajo el procedimiento prescritos en la parte VI, Artículo IV de la Constitución;

Dejar de considerar a algún miembro de su Logia que sea al mismo tiempo miembro de otra Logia como automaticamente suspendido o expulsado cuando dicho miembro haya sido suspendido o expulsado en la otra Logia de la cual fuera miembro inmediatamente que la Logia fuera notificada por escrito de este hecho por el Secretario de la otra Logia, a menos que la suspensión fuera por la falta de pago de cuotas tan sólo;

Reconocer en los Aprendices y Compañeros cualquier otro derecho como no sea (1) el de asistir a la Logia en la cual hayan recibido el grado o grados cuando dicha Logia está trabajando en un grado por ellos recibido, y (2) el de ser exaltados en la misma a un grado superior del que posean, después de sufrir un exámen riguroso entre columnas;

Exigir a los Aprendices o Compañeros a que paguen cuotas;

Conceder a los Aprendices o Compañeros voz o voto en los asuntos de la Logia;

Permitir a los Aprendices o Compañeros a que, trabajando en una Logia abierta en el grado a ellos conferido, intervengan en los asuntos referentes a los fondos de la Logia para beneficiencia o para cualquier otro propósito;

Reconocer en los Aprendices o Compañeros o en sus viudas o huérfanos algún derecho para pedir un socorro de los fondos de la Logia;

Reconocer en los Aprendices o Compañeros algún derecho a ser enterrados con honores masónicos;

Permitir a los Aprendices o Compañeros a que se den de baja en la Logia o a solicitar ser miembros o ser exaltados a grado superior al que posean en otra Logia, sin mediar antes una renuncia de jurisdicción;

Dejar de proceder contra los Aprendices o Compañeros cuando se formule alguna acusación contra los mismos, pues, en este caso se deberá proceder contra dichos Aprendices o Compañeros en la misma y procedimiento que se prescriben cuando se acusa a un maestro masón;

Ejercer jurisdicción penal sobre un masón que fuera entonces el Gran Maestro o el Venerable de su propia Logia;

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¡Don Teodoro M. Kalaw Ha Muerto!

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broquel de pueblos, forja de patrias. Le repugnaba todo aquello que obstruyera la firme ascensión por las cumbres elevadas del pensamiento. ..... Ningún aguila humana supo horadar como él las alturas incomensurables de la Idea. .....

El masón de firmes convicciones vive siempre de cara a Oriente y así vivió Don Teodoro, de cara a Oriente, de cara al sol. ..... El masón siente la inquietud de la renovación, el ansia de luminoso renacimiento. ¿Y qué fué la vida de Don Teodoro sino un ansia firme de renacimiento y renovación? .....

Don Teodoro fué un ecléctico. Fue un masón de fibra. Nunca capituló, nunca abdicó, nunca desmayó. ....Supo absolver. Supo perdonar.... Pero también supo fustigar a los desertores del Templo, a los desertores del Ideal. .....

Carlyle decía que un hombre se muestra grande sabiendo tratar a los pequeños. Don Teodoro se complacía en mezclarse con los pequeños, con los humildes, conocer de sus miserias y compartir con sus infortunios. ¡Por eso fué todo él un grandioso Templo humano, por eso fué que pronto se abrieron para él las puertas de la Inmortalidad!

Vivió una vida limpia, impoluta. Sentía innata repulsión por lo impuro, por lo inmundo, por la charca. Su vida fué clara y cristalina como el agua de nuestros manantiales. ..... ¡La muerte ha truncado una vida terrena; pero no ha truncado su espíritu, ni podrá truncar su Inmortalidad!... ¡Seguirá viviendo y ocupando un trono de gloria inmarcesible en el esforzado y heroico corazón de sus Hermanos, los masones, y en el alma siempre vibrante de la masonería filipina!

De Charla con Nuestros Hombres

"La masonería es la única institución que debe ser bien acogida por los hombres que realmente quieran que la paz y armonía reinen en todos los ámbitos de la tierra," afirma el Ven. Hermano Epifanio T. Santos, Ven. Maestro de la Logia Nilad No. 12.

DE CONFORMIDAD con lo que nos dice nuestro llorado Hermano Teodoro M. Kalaw, la organización de la Logia Nilad No. 12 fué el resultado directo del movimiento filipinista de la masonería iniciado por el Her. Marcelo H. del Pilar, Mariano Ponce y otros en Madrid, allá por los años de 1889 y 1890. Los Hermanos Antonio Luna y Pedro Serrano Laktaw, que entonces residían en España, fueron los designados para organizar la masonería filipina. El Hermano Luna no podía, sin embargo, volver a Filipinas por aquel entonces porque se había ido a París a organizar allí un triángulo masónico. Sin embargo, preparó un borrador para la organización y las regulaciones consiguientes y esto se trajo a Manila por el Her. Serrano Laktaw. Así que hubo llegado a Manila, Laktaw principió a organizar lo que es ahora conocida como la Logia NILAD No. 12. Le ayudaron los Hermanos Moisés Salvador y José A. Ramos, quienes antes de volver a Manila ya se habían hecho masones en Madrid y Londres, respectivamente.

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—La Logia NILAD quedó organizada oficialmente el día 6 de enero de 1891 bajo la jurisdicción del Grande Oriente Español con el No. 144, y aparecen como sus fundadores los siguientes: José A. Ramos, como su Venerable Maestro, Moisés Salvador, como su primer vigilante, Lorenzo Tuason, como su segundo vigilante, Timoteo Paez, como su orador, Pedro Serrano, como secretario, Tomás Tuason y José Kaknio como miembros.

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—En ocasión en que celebramos sus cincuenta años de vida, nosotros los que ahora formamos la Logia NILAD, no solamente agradecemos a la Providencia los favores recibidos, sino también echamos una mirada retrospectiva para analizar sus iniciales actividades y no pequeños triunfos, y así inundarnos de aquel espíritu que animó a sus primeros fundadores, y que dió más tarde lugar al movimiento emancipador para arrancar al país de las garras de la opresión y de la tiranía.

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—En esta ocasión todo masón filipino, y especialmente, aquél que pertenezca a la Logia Nilad, debe meditar sobre los éxitos del pasado y compararlos con los de los presentes tiempos. El presente espíritu masónico que predomina en nosotros ahora ¿puede ponerse en paragón con el de aquellos de los del año de 1890? ¿Cuántos de nuestros miembros en los presentes tiempos saben interpretar propiamente los principios de fraternidad y de igualdad o aquellos de amor fraternal, socorro y verdad? ¿Cuántos de los miembros de ahora saben traducir en acciones los principios que predicamos en nuestros Templos? Meditemos sobre todo esto en ocasión en que celebramos esta fiesta.

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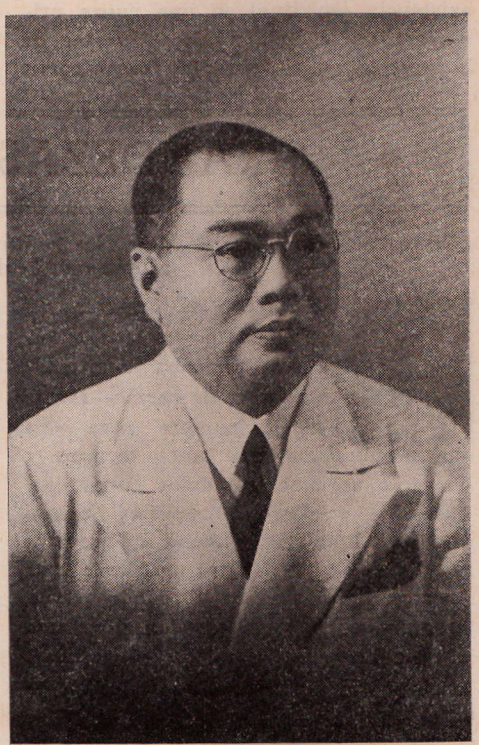

Ven. Her. Epifanio T. Santos

—Debemos los de la presente generación a los de la pasada, que dieron sus vidas y sus fortunas por la causa de la masonería y de la democracia en nuestro país, una obligación, mejor, un fideicomiso, que debemos guardar íntegro como ineludible deber. Debemos poner todo lo que podamos a fin de que no resulte inútil el sacrificio de los Hermanos idos; que no se diga que murieron en vano; que no se diga que por nuestros actos u omisiones aquellos principios por los cuales perdieron sus vidas no pueden prevalecer aquí, o que aquí prevalecen la opresión, la tiranía, el egoismo, la codicia, la intolerancia, la injusticia, el fanatismo, y todos sus males concurrentes nada más que por nuestra inercia.

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—Yo desearía que esta conmemoración sirva de recuerdo y acicate a la vez para los poco activos en el cumplimiento de sus obligaciones y responsabilidades para con sus respectivas Logias, para los que por una razón u otra encuentran siempre alguna excusa para no atender a sus tenidas, para los que pretenden no comprender los términos de *lealtad* y *cooperación*, para aquellos que resultan más bien una carga que no un beneficio para su Logia, para los que de propósito descuidan su propia cultura masónica y se contentan en ser meros espectadores, para aquellos que no tienen inconveniente alguno en prestar su ayuda a los detractores de nuestra Orden, patrocinando sus instituciones donde las enseñanzas masónicas son no solamente ridiculizadas sino también condenadas, y por último, para aquellos que más bien buscan en la Institución su propia vanagloria que no otra cosa.

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—Se ha insinuado en algunos sectores que nuestro mayor problema ahora es como extender el campo de nuestras actividades. Si se ha de extender el radio de acción de nuestras labores, yo sugeriría que ello fuera de tal carácter que no fuera el dolor de cabeza que vienen sufriendo muchos de nuestros oficiales. Como por ejemplo, si habremos de acrecer el número de nuestros miembros, éstos deben ser verdaderos masones militantes. Creo que debemos cerrar las puertas de nuestros Templos para aquellos débiles y timoratos.

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—Debemos recordar al que llame a nuestros portales que la masonería deriva su existencia de la práctica de los principios de amor fraternal, socorro, verdad, y que si vale la pena de que sea bien acogida por los hombres es porque sinceramente labora para que predomine en el mundo la paz y armonía hasta en sus últimos rincones. El que no venga a nosotros animado de estos ideales mejor es que se quede fuera. Sería un valor negativo para nuestras actividades. Sería más bien una carga.

El que se detiene a oír los ladridos de los perros, no llega nunca al término de la jornada.

EL HER. KALAW NO TEMIA AL SACRIFICIO

(Notas del Editor: Oración pronunciada por el Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre, Comandante General Jose de los Reyes, en las ceremonias fúnebres del Muy Ilustre Hermano Teodoro M. Kalaw que tuvieron lugar en el Templo Plaridel el 11 de diciembre de 1940.)

DAMAS Y CABALLEROS,
HERMANOS:

NO ESTAMOS aqui reunidos hoy por el dolor, no. Nos ha traido aqui un sentimiento de orden más elevado y muy distinto del dolor; y no se debe a una coincidencia nuestra presencia en estos momentos en este templo del Amor, todos igualmente animados por el más noble y grande de los atributos del corazón humano—el sentimiento del Amor. Y la razón es porque ante ese mismo altar, el varón justo, Don Teodoro M. Kalaw, un Masón de alma y corazón, bajaba humilde su poderosa cabeza para adorar a su Dios, según los dictados de su conciencia; porque en este mismo Templo tenia él su taller en donde habia pasado largas y felices horas de su bien empleada existencia, dedicado a la ardúa labor Masónica. ¡No turbemos su reposo!

Estamos hoy aqui porqué él esta aqui, porqué él nos amó y nosotros le hemos profesado un sincero afecto. Yo sé que la Masoneria fué uno de sus grandes amores y tanto la amó como él acendradamente amaba a nuestra madre patria que la hizo la religión de su vida.

Es porqué la Masonería es Amor; y esta esencia de la misma naturaleza de Dios constituye el fuerte lazo que une a los hombres, sin distinción de razas, fortuna ó color, creencia religiosa ú opinión política, en una verdadera fraternidad. Es el poderoso imán que les atrae á los altares de nuestros templos en busca de luz espiritual y les anima a consagrarse sin miras al lucro material ó medro personal al servicio de Dios, de la patria y de la humanidad. La Masonería es gloria y sacrificio.

Con verdadera fe del Masón, Teodoro M. Kalaw amó á la Masonería porqué nunca tuvo miedo al sacrificio. Consagró á ella su talento previlegiado, su pluma, su tiempo y sus energias, y bebiendo ávido de las riquezas de sus misterios, laboró infatigable por su engrandecimiento y la propagación de sus elevados principios é influencia benéfica. Así formó él su credo y su fé, fé que fortalece al alma y le presta dominio sobre la materia rebelde que lo aprisiona y lo aproxima á su Hacedor.

Hemos perdido, no solamente un amante hermano y un obrero de gran inteligencia, sino un verdadero caudillo militante. Hemos perdido un sabio consejero, un hombre íntegro, dotado de un hermoso carácter, que ocupó entre nosotros el puesto más alto á que por propios meritos se hizo acreedor.

Su inesperada partida al término de su triunfante carrera en este valle de lágrimas y duras pruebas, ha dejado en nuestras ya mermadas filas un inmenso vacío difícil de llenar. Y es por esto que la Fraternidad Masónica con razón se viste de luto por la ausencia de tan insigne caudillo como el Ilustre Hermano Kalaw.

Firmes creyentes en la infinita sabiduria del Supremo Creador del Universo y en la inmortalidad del alma, no participamos en la creencia vulgar que atribuye á la muerte dominio sobre el alma cuya existencia es inmortal. No es la que se llama muerte sino el alma misma, la que, al separarse de su cuerpo mortal deja á este sin vida, para continuar su existencia espiritual en una nueva primavera de la vida. Todo el poder de la muerte es destruir la fragil carne destructible.

Nuestro querido é inolvidable hermano no ha muerto. Su gran alma, con todos los triunfos que conquistára en su transitoria vida en la tierra, ha volado ya á la Gran Logia Celestial, para recibir del Supremo Gran Maestro el justo galardon que lé tenia preparado. Su muerte, si muerte es, no es mas que su renacimiento á una nueva existencia mucho más grande, más brillante y más gloriosa. Si la patria ha perdido un virtuoso ciudadano, si su atribulada familia ha perdido el calor de su amor, la nación entera y la Masoneria han perdido más, perdieron un hijo preclaro.

Hermanos mios, no hemos perdido todo. Nuestro hermano ido nos ha dejado un preciado legado que debemos atesorar como una valiosa alhaja—el noble ejemplo de su laboriosidad y provechosa vida.

GRANDEZAS DEL AMOR

(Breve dialogo entre el Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre y la viuda del Muy Ilustre Hermano Teodoro M. Kalaw.)

SIGUIENDO el cadáver del esposo, llora desolada la esposa. Caminaba repitiendo su nombre de cariño—Doroy—dulce nombre para ella que pronunciaba con tanta ternura y que sólo un amor en dolor puede dar. Cariñosa y llorosa repetia llamandole entre quejidos. Llama a Dios y le pregunta por qué? Otra vez llama a su Doroy, preguntandole "¿donde estás, donde estás?," y su corazón sangrante y sus labios continuan pronunciando a gritos, "O, Dios mío, buen Dios, ¿es posible que él me deje sola? Él tan bueno, él me deje sola? Él tan bueno, tan amable..."

GRAN MAESTRE.—Doña Pura, valor. Es la voluntad de Dios. Él ha querido llamar a Don Teodoro al cielo para hacerle feliz.

DOÑA PURA.—O, mi Dios! Pero mi Doroy era tan bueno para conmigo, y él y yo nos amabamos mucho y eramos ambos muy felices.

GRAN MAESTRE.—Sí señora; pero él estará mucho más felíz en el cielo de los justos....

Doña Pura decía entre silabas y lágrimas, "Mi Dios! Mi Doroy me queria mucho y él era el todo para mi como yo vivía sóla para él. Yo, a su lado, con mis cuidados nada le faltaba y hoy estoy sóla sin él, huerfana de él, el uno lejos del otro y ambos lejos de nuestros amores... "¿Por qué, Dios mío?"

GRAN MAESTRE.—Señora, sed fuerte. Dios ama a su Doroy, y Dios y Doroy velarán por Ud. desde el cielo....

DOÑA PURA.—¡O, Dios! Mi Dios.... sóla y sin él... que dolor... Dios mío, mi Doroy.

Ante el retrato encresponado del Ven. Kalaw y ante su busto igualmente cubierto de luto y rodeado de flores, tributo de amor, la desconsolada esposa, vertiendo abundantes lágrimas seguia llamando ya a su Doroy, con intenso cariño ya a Dios, porque ambos, el retrato y busto, no podían responder a su dolorosa voz. Si respondian, la pobre Doña Pura no estaba en condición de oirles porque los gemidos de su torturado corazón la tenian embargada.

Es verdad que sólo en el dolor se manifiestan las grandezas del amor. Solamente el que ama y ama de verdad con lágrimas en el alma puede cantar las dulzuras del amor.

La voz de la conciencia es reflejo de la voz de Dios. Todo buen masón debe hacer de la observancia fiel y estricta de los dictados de su conciencia, su religión suprema.—Antonio Ramos.

MENSAJES PARA LA LOGIA NILAD

Quiero celebrar el aniversario de vuestra Venerable Logia Nilad No. 12, haciendo votos para que el Gran Arquitecto del Universo la colme de bendiciones.

El 5 de enero, la Logia Nilad No. 12 cumplirá exactamente medio siglo de existencia. Su nombre sólo es tan venerable como honrado es su record durante este período. Es mi único pensamiento en este momento que vuestra Logia tenga una vida vigorosa y muy fructífera lo que no duda Vd. y sus hermanos lo conseguirán mediante una intensa labor tanto en lo espiritual y moral como en lo material. Esto lo consigueréis si en cada reunión de la Logia todos os agrupáis ante su altar y pidáis a nuestro Padre que os anime en vuestros esfuerzos para su mayor gloria.

A Vd. y cada uno de los hijos de la Logia Nilad No. 12 os felicita muy cordial y

Fraternalmente,
JOSE DE LOS REYES
Gran Maestre

Mis mas efusivas congratulaciones a la Logia Nilad No. 12 por sus cincuenta años de vida. Dando el empuje de su organización y el carácter de sus miembros, espero que los siguientes cincuenta años serán tan ópimos en resultados positivos como esta primera etapa de su vida.

VICENTE CARMONA,
Gran Tescrero

Necesitamos hombres imbuídos del espíritu de emancipación espiritual, y esta clase de hombres nos ha dado la Logia Nilad No. 12 en sus cincuenta años de vida, y por ello nos sentimos orgullosos y la felicitamos con todos los entusiasmos de nuestra alma.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ
Gran Secretario

Cincuenta años de vida, medio siglo de existencia en ese piélago vastísimo de actividades masónicas, no solamente representa un aniversario de gran valor masónico, sino que, significa, además, una prueba inequívoca de lealtad a los principios sustentados por la Francmasonería Universal, una verdadera prueba de esfuerzo inalterable y un episodio glorioso por el triunfo de una causa justa y elevada, la causa de la fraternidad humana.

JOSE ARTIAGA
Venerable
Logia "SINUKUAN No. 16"

La Masonería de Filipinas debe estar orgullosa en el dia en que una de sus Logias celebra el aniversario de su fundación. La Logia Nilad es digna de admiración, pues, apesar de las guerras que han salado el pais ha sabido cumplir con sus deberes. De sus talleres han salido hombres que han sido lumbreras de la nación. Las Logias hermanas la felicitan y al mismo tiempo la admiran por su labor desinteresada. En nombre de la Logia Island No. 5, y en el mio, les deseamos felicidades para que puedan seguir difundiendo la luz masónica que tanto necesita Filipinas.

ENRIQUE R. MARTINEZ
Gran Organista

Ven. Her. Alejandro Torres

Es, sin duda, un secretario
atildado, el De la Torre,
que a todos **bate el cobre**
y que disputa hasta al **más sabio.**

La tiranía es la semilla de toda rebelión; sin aquel malestar y estrechez de nuestro pasado, la Logia Nilad no habra existido, y su luminosa antorcha no hubiera alumbrado el camino de la regeneración social de nuestro pueblo.

La Logia Nilad cumple en este año sus 50 años de vida ó sea medio siglo de hidalga lucha y valor contra las asperezas del destino; que la nobleza de su norte o de su ideal le aliente en su espinosa jornada, y que la fe le reanime en otro medio siglo mas de masónico labor.

SILVINO PICACHE
Venerable
Logia Bagong Buhay No. 17

Ví la primera Luz de la Masonería en esta dos veces Benemerita Logia, el junio 22 de 1912, de entonces aprendí pasar la vida dentro de la reducida espera de la Escuadra y el Compas. Existencia que habia sido generosa y felíz, apesar de las vicisitudes de una vida activa, consagrada al trabajo, como dentro de un humilde hogar, y luego en el de atender las necesidades de mi Logia, de la cual, inmerecidamente es uno de sus fundadores.

Con fervor pues elevó al Gran Arquitecto del Universo una plegaria, por que la Logia Nilad No. 12, con motivo de sus Bodas de Oro, sea un sitio seguro de un mundo de masones de todas las razas y linajes.

JOSE VELEZ MARTINEZ
Venerable
Logia Tayabas No. 43

La Logia Luz Oceánica No. 85 felicita a la Logia Nilad No. 12 deseándola se mantenga como hasta ahora, fuerte y vigorosa, y acaudilladora de todo aquello que fuera para los mejores intereses individuales y colectivos.

TROADIO SAN MIGUEL
Venerable
Logia Luz Oceánica No. 85.

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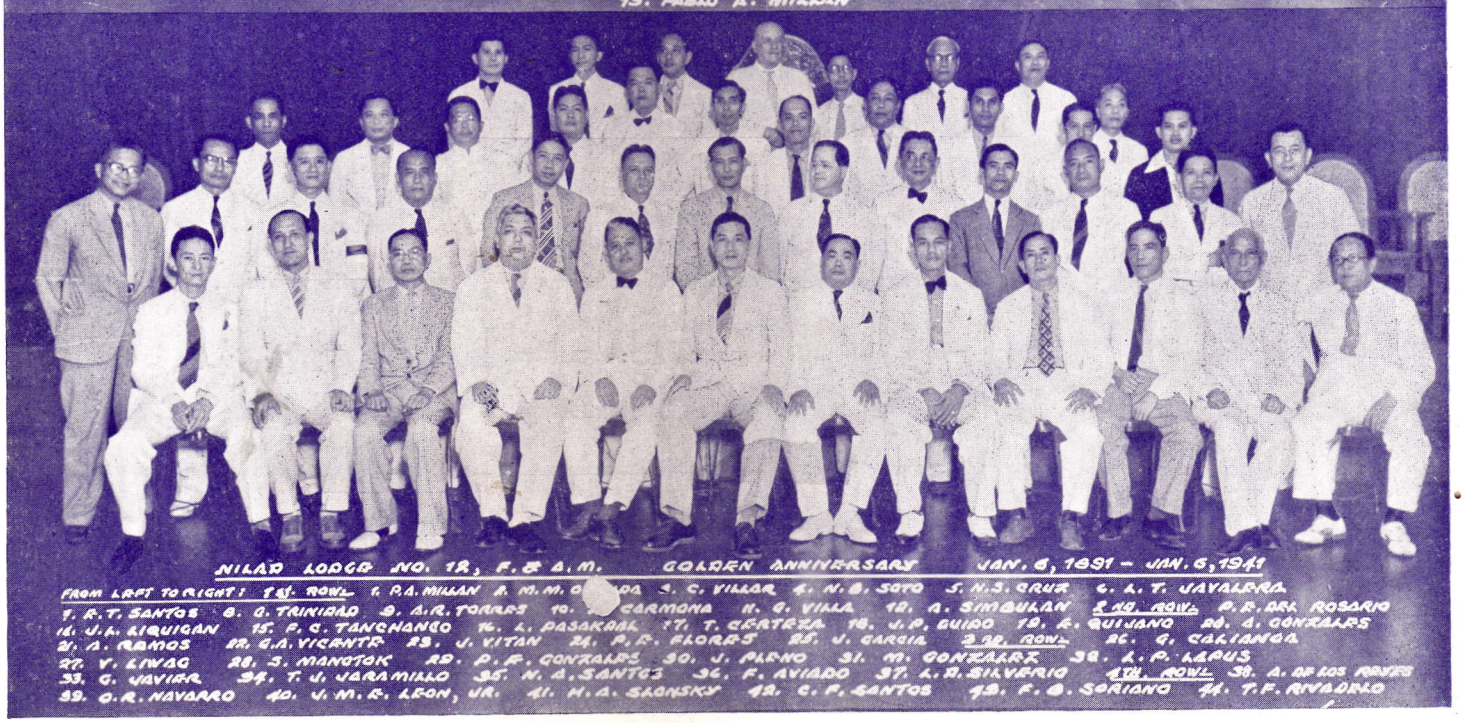

Above picture shows the officers for the year 1940-1941. Lower picture shows some of its active members.

To commemorate the event, Nilad Lodge No. 12 will install its officers for the year 1941-1942 on Saturday evening, January 4, 1941. A whole day affair will be held the next day in which all Master Masons and their families are cordially invited. Right Worshipful Brother José P. Guido, Senior Grand Warden, is chairman of the Executive Committee.