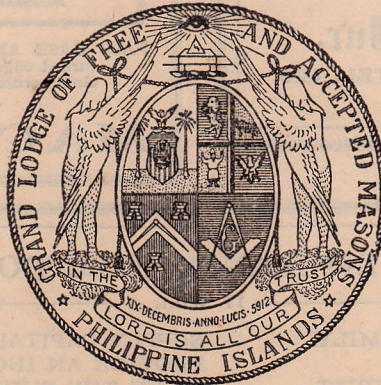


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## Editorial Section

### Dedication

This number we dedicate to our outgoing Grand Master and his administration. In it we publish the splendid Message of Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, and his picture adorns our front cover page. Our March number will be dedicated to the new Grand Officers and will contain the notable oration delivered by our present Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, and the pictures of the elective Grand Officers. At present we confine ourselves to congratulating our new Grand Master upon his election, which we hail with rejoicing, wishing him and the other Grand Officers a successful administration.—L. F.

### Most Worshipful Brother Joseph H. Schmidt

With a record of service and sacrifice unsurpassed in the history of our Grand Lodge, Most Worshipful Brother Joseph H. Schmidt relinquished the Grand Gavel on Friday, January twenty-seventh, and joined the ranks of Past Grand Masters. He has to his credit twelve months of unremitting efforts for Freemasonry the strenuousness of which only few Brethren in these Islands fully realize and appreciate. A big and generous heart, a shrewd business head, and a vast amount of enthusiasm and industry are a wonderful combination in a leader of the Craft. Most Worshipful Brother Schmidt's message, which we publish in this issue of the CABLETOW, is an account of the work accomplished by him, but leaves much unsaid that a less modest man than our immediate Past Grand Master would have mentioned with pride. It is better so. The satisfaction of duty well done is the most beautiful reward for the true Mason. To seek the lime-light and exact full credit for everything accomplished is a mark of the inferior. The spirit of modesty that makes us admire our Brother Lindbergh characterizes the great Mason who governed our Grand Lodge with such consummate skill and energy during the last twelve months and lends additional luster to the brilliant name that he has made for himself. We have sung the praises of more than one deserving Brother; but we have never done so with greater conviction and justification than in the present case. However, Most Wor. Bro. Schmidt needs no apologist: the record of his achievements shouts his glory where we can only whisper!—L. F.

### Get Back of Our Iloilo Brethren

Events down Iloilo way, which we have endeavored to describe elsewhere in this number, have convinced us

that our Brethren there are imbued with the Masonic pioneer spirit and a faith that removes mountains, and that they deserve our moral and material support in the great things they have undertaken. As we are writing these lines, a Masonic Temple is being erected in Iloilo which will be a credit to our Institution, and the Iloilo Free Clinic for Poor Children has taken a new lease on life and will soon carry on its humanitarian labor in a building of its own.

Brethren having money to invest could safely place it in Iloilo Temple stock and bonds, and donations to the Iloilo Free Clinic for Poor Children would enable that institution to extend its activities.

Our Iloilo Brethren are few in number and are entitled to our assistance and cooperation in the splendid work they are doing in the Masonic field.—L. F.

### Lodge Secretaries

It is to be hoped that all our Lodges have chosen wisely in electing the Secretary for the present Masonic year. The Secretary of a Lodge is in many respects a more important officer than the Master. He is generally a fixture, while the Master comes, abides a year, and then yields the gavel to the next man. In the performance of his duties, the Master largely relies upon the Secretary. That officer generally has been sitting at his desk for some time and knows just where to lay his hands on the records and the law. A whisper from his left often prevents the Master from making a mistake, and, upon taking any important action, he is wont to listen for that whisper of warning. The duties of the Master are much easier and his term is much more apt to be successful if the officer to the left and in front of the East is a tried and experienced Mason.

Another important feature of the Secretary's office is that through the hands of that Brother pass all the funds of the Lodge and it is he who keeps the important accounts and records. Honesty, accuracy, and punctuality are indispensable qualities of a good secretary, in addition to the clerical ability and knowledge of the law and regulations which he must possess.

It is, therefore, not astonishing that there are Masonic Lodges in many parts of the world where the Secretary has fifteen, twenty or more years of service in that capacity to his credit. Generally you will find that before assuming the office of Secretary, that faithful servant of the Lodge occupied for a season the East and was a wise and successful Master.—L. F.

## The Same Old Subject—Plagiarism

The "Palmer Templegram", the official organ of Henry I. Palmer Lodge, No. 301, of Milwaukee, Wis., is an unpretentious, but interesting paper which we never fail to read. Its editor, Bro. Walter H. Braun, shares our opinions on Masonic plagiarism and approves of the campaign against it in which we have taken an active part. In a recent letter, Bro. Braun says, among other things, the following on this subject, referring to an editorial in the *Masonic World* of San Francisco in which the editor of the CABLETOW is asked to cite the law under which he believes offenders in this sense could be disciplined:

We agree with the *Masonic World* of San Francisco, that no Grand Lodge Edict or Constitutional provision has as yet pronounced its "obiter dictum" on the nuisance in question. But at the same time we believe, that such should hardly be necessary. Why search in recorded Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, when the moral Law is so clearly defined in the obligation of any Fellow-Craft? As long as we have taken upon ourselves of our own free will and accord, at the holiest place of a physical Lodge and under the most solemn surroundings an obligation not to cheat, wrong or defraud our Brother Fellow Crafts, there does not seem to be any further necessity of enacting that obligation into an iron-clad Law or Edict, which would perhaps be noticed by or known to less than 1 per mille Masons, while every single one of them is fully conscious when he makes his obligation-declaration at the altar.

"A hit, a very palpable hit!" Brother Brown. I am sure you expressed the opinion of 95% of the Masonic editors. As to the remaining 5%, they will doubtless mend their ways when they see that they must. Masonic editors should shine by clean, honest methods in their journalism just as Masons are expected to do in their dealings with each other and with the world at large.—L. F.

## Old Friends in Los Angeles

In a letter dated December 14, 1927, of which we have received a copy, Bros. R. McC. Beanfield, David Fletcher, William F. Gallin (P. M.), Roy E. Glass, Frank L. Hemming, Louis M. Lang, E. H. Ruediger, M. A. Thompson (P. M.), and Ralph E. Wallace, who style themselves as "formerly exiled in the Philippines," send fraternal greetings to their Brethren in the Philippine Society of Los Angeles and emphasize the invitation to the installation of officers of Southland Lodge No. 618, F. & A. M., Hollywood Masonic Temple, 6840 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, which they inclose. They state that Southland Lodge was founded largely by Masons who received their Masonry in the Philippines and that the first two Masters of the Lodge and the incoming Wardens learned in the Islands that Masonry was sacrifice and service. The new Wardens, by the way, are Bros. Frank I. Hemming and David Fletcher.

Good luck to Southland Lodge!—L. F.

## One on the Editor

On page 154 of our January issue, we notice a printer's error which escaped our attention as errors of that particular stamp will sometimes do. The printer made us report that "Bro. Larkin provided a photograph for the entertainment of the little patients" at the Masonic Ward for Crippled Children. Our readers may have wondered what sort of a photograph could possibly furnish a considerable amount of entertainment to a ward full of little cripples. As a matter of fact, our big-hearted Bro. Larkin provided a phonograph and a large number of records, and not a photograph. That explains the puzzle, doesn't it?—L. F.

## Fraternal Advertising

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## Official Section

### Monthly Announcement of Organizations Barred to Masons

It is unlawful for Masons under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands to hold membership in or join any of the following associations and clandestine bodies:—

The spurious "Grand Lodge" recently formed by the fusion of the "Gran Logia Soberana del Archipiélago Filipino" and the "Gran Logia Nacional de Filipinas No. 1."

The "Supremo Consejo del Gr. 33 para Filipinas" and the so-called Scottish Rite Bodies under its auspices.

Gran Masonería Filipina.

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Mártires de Filipinas.

Gran Luz Masonería Filipina.

TEODORO M. KALAW,  
Grand Master.

### Notice

The management of the CABLETOW hereby gives notice that Mr. R. B. Clark is no longer connected with this paper as advertising manager or in any other capacity.

### Found—Masonic Jewelry

Last October, some one, traveling in an automobile, stopped between Salacot and Ilog Bulo, near San Miguel, Bulacan, to make some minor repairs or change a tire, and shortly after that, a 32nd degree jewel, a Master Mason's ring, and a ten-dollar gold piece were found on that spot. These will be returned to their rightful owner, upon identification, if he will communicate with Bro. Joaquin Siojo, of San Miguel, Bulacan. The automobile referred to was apparently going to Manila at the time the accident and loss occurred.

### Report Changes of Address Immediately

Our subscribers are requested to notify us themselves of any change of address and do so immediately. If they wait for the Lodge secretary to do so, they sometimes wait in vain, or the change is reported with much delay and a number or two of the CABLETOW are missent.

We ask the Lodge Secretaries to see that all changes of address are brought to our attention and that all initiations, dimissions, and deaths are reported promptly. Also, from time to time, the CABLETOW management should be furnished with a copy of the mailing list of the Lodge, in order that a check may be made and the address stencils corrected.

### Masonic Hospital Dues

The management of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, Inc., courteously requests all members who have not paid their dues in advance for a number of years, to pay their dues for the current year. Make checks payable to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, Inc., and send your remittance to P. O. Box No. 34, Manila, P. I. The annual dues for ordinary members are ₱2.00.

### Unemployed Brethren Seeking Employment

No. 130.—Filipino, 33 years of age, married, 4 children, seeks employment. Is thoroughly versed in elementary agriculture (horticulture, poultry—and pig-raising) and has 10 years experience in the teaching profession (phonics, gardening, and basketry). Some knowledge of bookkeeping and typewriting. Schools: second year, College of Agriculture and Philippine School of Commerce. Has passed junior agricultural assistant examination.

Please address replies to, or call on, Managing Editor, THE CABLETOW, P. O. Box 990 (5th floor, Masonic Temple, Escolta), Manila, P. I.

# Annual Message, delivered by Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, as Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, on January 24, 1928

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands:—Masonry is Friendship and Service, and it has been my constant endeavor, during the year just past, to give you, my Brethren, a full measure of both. It is not for me to say how successful I have been in my efforts; but I can and will say, that I have had more friendship and service from my Masonic Brethren during my term as Grand Master, than my fondest hopes had led me to expect. I therefore stand before you a profoundly grateful and proud man; grateful for the splendid cooperation that has made my work pleasant, and proud to have been, for one year, head of so splendid a body of Masons as those of the Philippine Islands.

I will endeavor to make the report of my stewardship brief, but comprehensive. My military and business experience have both taught me the value of brevity and clearness, and our gifted Grand Orator will fully satisfy any desire that you may entertain for lofty thoughts expressed in eloquent and beautiful language.

The progress that Masonry has made in the Philippines in the last 25 years is something phenomenal. From a few struggling Lodges in 1902, only two of which were recognized, a Masonic Grand Body has developed, and this Grand Body is known and respected throughout the masonic world under the name of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands. It now consists of 101 Lodges scattered throughout the Archipelago from Aparri to Jolo. Composed of the best elements of the population, the 7,000 regular Masons of the Philippines are doing splendid work. Funds for a Masonic Home, School, and Dormitory are accumulating and have already reached a respectable figure, and the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children is also raising a large building fund and is in the meantime operating a five-bed ward for little cripples in the Mary J. Johnston Memorial Hospital in Tondo. Masonic Lodges have free clinics for children and other local charities in several places in the Islands. Many of the most prominent citizens in our city and provincial life, as well as the leaders in commerce, industry, philanthropy, education, and statesmanship are Masons. Thanks to this, the old-time prejudice against the Order is fast disappearing in the Islands. As evidence of the activity and prosperity of Masonry we can also cite the Masonic temples and cemeteries in many towns of these Islands and the existence of two widely-read masonic reviews, *THE CABLETOW* and *The Far Eastern Freemason*, published monthly in this city; also of a number of Lodge papers or bulletins, published every month.

## OUR DEAD

Fortunately, the Grim Reaper has spared our official family this year; but a number of members of the Grand Lodge and other Brethren of this and Sister Jurisdictions have been summoned to appear before the Great White Throne. Their names will be read to you by the Committee on Necrology. They have gone to their reward, and while we feel the separation from them keenly and miss their familiar faces, yet as thinking men and firm believers in the immortality of the soul and a life beyond the grave, we feel that they are happier by far there than we whom they left here.

One of those who passed on this year was our beloved Brother, Major General Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands. The world lost one of the outstanding figures of modern times when he passed on, the United States one of her most valiant soldiers, patriots, and citizens, the Philippines a wise, efficient, and conscientious governor, and the Craft a Brother who possessed to a high degree all the qualities that make a man a real Mason.

The wonderful privilege of having so great and good a man address this Communication, as he did a few years ago, is not ours this time. But in the Celestial Grand Lodge, Bro. Leonard Wood will occupy a seat of honor among those who have labored well for Humanity.

A Special Committee has been appointed to frame suitable resolutions on the death of Brother Wood and will report the same to the Grand Lodge in the course of the present Communication.

## ABSENT PAST GRAND MASTERS

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and Philippine Masonry in general, suffered a great loss in 1927 when two of our most distinguished Past Grand Masters, Most Wor. Bros. George Rogers Harvey and Milton Earle Springer, returned to the United States. Most Wor. Bro. Springer has left a monument in these Islands in the form of the Masonic Temple in which we are now holding this Communication. This temple came into existence largely through his efforts. Most Wor. Bro. Harvey, who is among the best known Masons living, will be greatly missed by the Grand Lodge. He rendered, among other things, valuable service as Fraternal Reviewer and Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence. We hope that both these Brethren will return to our shores very soon and resume their Masonic labors among us.

We also sincerely regret the absence from our midst, though fortunately only temporary, of Most Wor. Bros. Manuel L. Quezon and Rafael Palma, two other Past Grand Masters, who are in the United States at present. We hope they will soon again be with us.

## FOREIGN RELATIONS

Relations with our sister Grand Lodges have continued to be most cordial and harmonious.

As instructed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Orient of France, and the commission of our Grand Representative there was cancelled. During the year we noticed that a number of other Grand Lodges discontinued communication with the Grand Orient of France.

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At the request of the Grand Masters of other Grand Jurisdictions, I nominated the following persons to be the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near the Grand Lodges named:

Utah.....	William B. Dods
Kentucky.....	Joseph T. O'Neal
Maine.....	Cleff Maxwell
Connecticut.....	James E. Brinkerhoff
New Jersey.....	Howard J. Durdley

The following Grand Representatives were appointed by the Grand Masters of the Grand Lodges cited to be their Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands:

Alabama.....	Lawrence Benton
Kentucky.....	Stanton Youngberg
Virginia.....	Joaquin Garcia
Saskatchewan.....	Vicente Orosa
Indiana.....	Edward M. Masterson

## COURTESY DEGREES

During the year, a number of degrees were conferred by Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction for other Lodges, either on our rolls or belonging to Sister Grand Jurisdictions. In the latter case, arrangements were made through the Grand Secretary's offices concerned, in accordance with our law and custom. Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions have extended the same courtesies to us.

It was particularly gratifying to us to render this service lately to a Lodge in Germany, Saint John the Evangelist's, of Darmstadt. The son-in-law of the Grand Master of the German Grand Lodge "Zur Eintracht," a young physician, had established himself in Manila. Being only an Entered Apprentice and anxious to improve himself in Freemasonry, he had his Lodge and Grand Lodge petition the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands to confer the remaining degrees on him as a courtesy to the Lodge and Grand Lodge in Germany. Your Grand Master thereupon designated his own Lodge, Cosmos No. 8, to confer the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason on this Brother. Your Grand Master, assisted by four Past Grand Masters of our Grand Jurisdiction and with a visiting Past Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Lem Towers, of the District of Columbia, present, personally raised this young physician to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

## THE MISSISSIPPI FLOOD RELIEF

During the year just past, disastrous floods devastated a large portion of the Mississippi Valley. The cry for relief that came from the stricken regions found a prompt response from Brethren in the Philippine Islands. The Philippines Chapter of the American Red Cross advanced ₱10,000, and the public was called upon to raise funds to cover this sum, which was promptly cabled to the United States. Your Grand Master sent a circular letter to all members of the Fraternity which brought forth a quick and generous response. Although a large number of Masons had already made their contributions directly to the Red Cross, yet your Grand Master was able to remit to the Philippines Chapter of the Red Cross, as contributions received from Lodges and individual Masons, the sum of ₱2,582.30 (\$1,291.15). Charleston Lodge No. 44, the only Lodge of our Grand Jurisdiction situated outside the Philippine Archipelago (it is located on the small Island of Guam, Marianas Islands), raised the sum of ₱1,889.00 (\$944.50), which was remitted direct to Washington, D. C. The grand total of contributions from our Grand Jurisdiction was ₱4,473.30 (\$2,236.65).

I may state here that the generosity with which our Brethren have always responded to appeals for charity and beneficence, will be one of the brightest and most inspiring recollections of my term as Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands.

## DUAL MEMBERSHIP

In its desire to be at peace with the entire Masonic world, our Grand Lodge has until the present writing permitted the continuation within its jurisdictional territory of Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034, holden under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which existed when our Grand Lodge was organized in 1912. Lodge Perla del Oriente has very seriously embarrassed our Grand Lodge by furnishing an argument to clandestine lodges which were subsequently founded in our jurisdictional territory. Furthermore, it has been and is today taking unfair advantage of local legislation preventing the Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction in the City of Manila from accepting applicants from the

United States Navy vessels in Manila Bay, by taking in a large number of such applicants, contrary to the spirit of Edict No. 5. Several members of Lodges of our obedience also hold membership in the Lodge mentioned, in violation of a constitutional provision prohibiting dual membership in this Grand Jurisdiction and of a decision and circular issued by Most Worshipful Brother E. E. Elser in 1921.

Your Grand Master, unable to turn a deaf ear to the constant complaints he has been receiving and to ignore the harm to the prestige and sovereignty of our Grand Lodge resulting from this situation, has recently submitted the question of the proper interpretation of the prohibition of dual membership to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which will make its report in the course of this Communication.

Further action to remedy the situation to which I have alluded seems to be advisable and necessary.

**OUR RELATIONS WITH THE APPENDANT ORDERS**

We are exceptionally fortunate in this Grand Jurisdiction as regards the relations between the Grand Lodge and Symbolic Masonry in general on the one hand and the so-called "Higher Bodies" on the other. Absolute loyalty to Ancient Craft Masonry and its governing Grand Body are the rule here. There are no complaints from either side regarding interference or undue influence on the part of the other, and the active Scottish and York Rite workers are as active in the Symbolic Lodge as in the Higher Bodies. Not only the Grand Lodge, but many subordinate Lodges have received substantial moral and material support from these appendant bodies. The Scottish Rite Bodies have been particularly generous with financial contributions to general Masonic and Lodge charities and the York Rite Bodies have done noble work in supporting education.

It affords me considerable satisfaction to state that in this Grand Jurisdiction, Symbolic Masonry has never been considered as a mere stepping-stone to other Masonic organizations, and that the latter have at no time given cause for the charge of taking active Masons away from their Symbolic Lodge work and duties.

I therefore deem it my pleasant duty to thank the Bodies mentioned and their officers for their cooperation with and loyalty to Grand Lodge, Grand Master, and Ancient Craft Masonry, and I hope this enviable state of affairs will be permanent in our Islands.

**CLANDESTINE MASONRY AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS USING OUR INSIGNIA**

Neither clandestine Masonry nor labor organizations using our insignia have given us any trouble this year. The ranks of the clandestine Masons are torn by strife and discord, their activities are practically nil, and we confidently hope that in due time, they will vanish, like many others who have gone that way before. Pure gold stands the test of time, while tinsel soon tarnishes and disappears.

**CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES**

On April 2, 1927, I constituted Zambales Lodge No. 103, at Iba, Province of Zambales, and installed its officers.

On July 2, 1927, I proceeded to Limay, Province of Bataan, where I constituted Bataan Lodge No. 104 and installed its officers.

On August 1, 1927, I constituted Bud Daho Lodge No. 102, of Jolo, Province of Sulu, the southernmost Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, and installed its officers.

These ceremonies were all held publicly and were well attended.

**CORNER-STONES LAID**

It was my privilege to lay two corner-stones of Masonic Temples this year. On April 21, 1927, I laid the corner-stone of the Temple of Isabela Lodge No. 60, at Ilagan, Province of Isabela, and on January 6, 1928, I laid that of the new Masonic Temple in the city of Iloilo. In both cases, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was opened and the ceremony carried out in strict accordance with our ritual.

**MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATED**

On December 17, 1927, I opened Grand Lodge at Cabanatuan, Province of Nueva Ecija, and dedicated the Masonic Temple of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53. The dedication ceremony was public and was well attended.

**EDICTS AND CIRCULARS**

With this message, I submit for your consideration one edict and two circulars issued by me during the year.

Edict No. 12 provides for an increase of the quota payable by our subordinate Lodges for the support of the official organ of the Grand Lodge, the CABLETOW, from P1.00 to P1.20, as authorized by resolution of the Grand Lodge.

Circular No. 53 recommends a liberal construction of Edict No. 1, series of 1923, concerning the prohibition of smoking in Lodge.

Circular No. 54 provides that after balloting on petitions for the degrees or affiliation, members desiring to inspect the ballot box shall be given an opportunity to do so before the ballot is destroyed.

**ROUTINE DISPENSATIONS**

The usual number of dispensations for holding special elections, receiving and balloting on petitions of persons not subject to the general residence qualifications, and reballoting on rejected candidates, was issued, as follows:

To hold special elections:

- Cosmos Lodge No. 8
- Minerva Lodge No. 41
- Pinatubo Lodge No. 52
- Angalo Lodge No. 63
- Baguio Lodge No. 67
- Magdalo Lodge No. 31

To receive and ballot on the petitions of excepted persons without the prescribed residence qualifications:

- Cavite Lodge No. 2..... 4 candidates
- Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4..... 1 candidate
- Southern Cross Lodge No. 6..... 1 candidate
- Cosmos Lodge No. 8..... 1 candidate
- Lincoln Lodge No. 34..... 1 candidate
- Union Lodge No. 70..... 2 candidates
- Service Lodge No. 95..... 2 candidates

For reballoting on rejected candidates:

- Magdalo Lodge No. 31..... 1 candidate

**MASONIC TITLES**

Permission to use the word "Masonic" in their official titles was granted to the Masonic Temple Association of Iloilo, which is now erecting in that city a temple that will be a credit to Freemasonry, to be known as Iloilo Masonic Temple.

Permission to use the word "Masonic" has also been given to the Oriental Masonic Club, located at 527 Calle Alvarado, Manila. This is a purely social club whose membership is limited to Master Masons.

**BY-LAWS APPROVED**

The By-laws of Marble Lodge No. 58, Zambales Lodge No. 103, and Bataan Lodge No. 104 were approved.

**AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS**

Amendments of By-Laws were legally adopted and submitted by a number of Lodges. Finding them to be within the law, I approved them at the time, and I now submit them to the Grand Lodge for final approval, as required by Par. 141 of our Constitution.

The following is a list of the subjects of these amendments and of the Lodges which adopted the same:

For change of date of monthly meeting:

- Araw Lodge No. 18
- Dapitan Lodge No. 21
- Malolos Lodge No. 46
- Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53
- Baguio Lodge No. 67
- Plaridel Lodge No. 74
- Dagohoy Lodge No. 84
- Bagong-Ilaw Lodge No. 97

For change of amount of annual dues:

- Manila Lodge No. 1
- Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4
- Malolos Lodge No. 46
- Dapitan Lodge No. 21
- Isabela Lodge No. 60
- Malinaw Lodge No. 25

For change of meeting place:

- Aguo Lodge No. 75

**SEALS APPROVED**

In accordance with the constitutional requirement, the following named Lodges submitted new seals adopted by them, which were duly approved by me:

- Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80
- Bud Daho Lodge No. 102
- Zambales Lodge No. 103
- Bataan Lodge No. 104

**DECISIONS**

There have been hardly any calls for decisions of the Grand Master this year, which shows that our Lodge executives and Lodge members are more familiar with Masonic law than they were formerly. The few inquiries received were quickly settled by reference to provisions of Masonic Law, and no decisions, properly speaking, were rendered during the year.

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## PAST MASTER'S DIPLOMA

In response to the growing demand for a Past Master's diploma, and in conformity with the resolution adopted by our Grand Lodge at its Tenth Annual Communication, your Grand Master chose a design for one, and Past Master's diplomas are now being issued to any applicant entitled to the same. They are especially suitable for framing and are being greatly admired. There is no doubt but that during the coming months, numerous applications for these diplomas will be received, and they, too, will be a source of revenue to our Grand Lodge.

## TRAVELING CERTIFICATE

The Master Mason's diploma issued by the Grand Lodge being rather bulky and more suitable for framing than for carrying in the pocket, an artistic traveling certificate of handy size, on parchment paper, was prepared and placed on sale this year. This is in conformity with the resolution adopted by our Grand Lodge at its Fourteenth Annual Communication. The demand for these certificates is so great at present that their sale has been a source of revenue for the Grand Lodge. Many gratifying comments have been received concerning them, for it seems that the new certificate is filling a long-felt need. The large Master Mason's diploma is still being issued, and many members have secured both the traveling certificate and the Master Mason's diploma.

## VISITATIONS

The 101 Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction are, as you know, scattered over 15 islands; the distance of many of them from Manila is great; transportation facilities are few and far between, and traveling is difficult. For this reason it was impossible for me to visit all the Lodges; but I have done my very best under the circumstances. I have visited Lodges from our northernmost city, Aparri, to the southernmost, Jolo, and have been in several lodges which had never been visited by any Grand Master since they were constituted. It was to me a great privilege to bear a message of fraternal love and affection from the Grand Lodge to the Brethren in those distant places and to see and hear with my own eyes and ears that the tenets of our Institution are being taught and practiced and the Masonic virtues cultivated in a most commendable manner, even in those remote communities.

The dates and objects of the visits made were as follows:

- January 30.—Kasilawan No. 77.—Funeral.  
 January 31.—Service No. 95.—Informal visit; work in the third degree.  
 February 1.—Kasilawan No. 77.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 February 2.—Cosmos No. 8.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 February 6.—Minerva No. 41.—Funeral.  
 February 14.—St. John's No. 9.—Informal visit; 10th anniversary; work in the third degree.  
 February 15.—Manila No. 1.—Informal visit; work in the first degree.  
 February 19.—Batong-Buhay No. 27.—Official visitation.  
 February 21.—Cabanatuan No. 53, Cabanatuan.—Official visitation.  
 February 22.—Abra No. 86, Bangued.—Official visitation; public installation of officers.  
 February 26.—Batangas No. 35, Batangas.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 March 2.—Dapitan No. 21.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 March 3.—Biak-na-Bato No. 7.—Funeral.  
 March 3.—Mencius No. 93.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 March 3.—Isla de Luzon No. 57.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 March 4.—Hiram No. 88.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 March 10.—Mount Lebanon No. 80.—Informal visit; work in the third degree.  
 March 14.—Southern Cross No. 6.—Informal visit; work in the third degree.  
 March 15.—Manila No. 1.—Informal visit; work in the first degree.  
 March 16.—Cosmos No. 8.—Informal visit; work in the third degree.  
 March 22.—Manila No. 1.—Funeral.  
 March 25.—Mount Lebanon No. 80.—Informal visit; fifth anniversary celebration.  
 March 29.—Minerva No. 41.—Informal visit; work in the third degree.  
 April 1.—Lincoln No. 34, Olongapo.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 April 1.—Pinatubo Lodge No. 52, San Antonio.—Official visitation.  
 April 2.—Zambales No. 103, Iba.—Constitution of Lodge; installation of officers.  
 April 7.—Southern Cross No. 6.—Funeral.  
 April 17.—Cosmos No. 8.—Conducted funeral services.  
 April 18.—Nueva Ecija No. 73, Quezon.—Official visitation; reception.  
 April 19.—Memorial No. 90, Muñoz.—Informal gathering at home of Master.  
 April 20.—Magat Lodge No. 68, Bayombong.—Official visitation; third degree.  
 April 21.—Isabela No. 60, Ilagan.—Corner-stone laying, Masonic Temple; official visitation and public reception.  
 April 22.—Gonzaga No. 66, Tuguegarao.—Official visitation.  
 April 25.—Mabini No. 39, Aparri.—Official visitation.  
 April 26.—Mabini No. 39, Aparri.—Work in the first degree; public reception.  
 April 27.—Laoag No. 71, Laoag.—Informal gathering and inspection.  
 April 27.—Angalo No. 63, Vigan.—Official visitation.  
 April 30.—Baguio No. 67, Baguio.—Official visitation.  
 May 2.—Union Lodge No. 70, San Fernando.—Official visitation; work in the second degree.  
 May 3.—Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, Dagupan.—Official visitation.  
 May 4.—Agno No. 75, Tayug.—Official visitation.  
 May 8.—Benjamin Franklin No. 94.—Funeral.  
 May 20.—Island No. 5, Corregidor Island.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 May 21.—Keystone No. 100, Corregidor Island.—Official visitation; exemplification of second degree.  
 June 1.—Cosmos No. 8.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 June 4.—Bagumbayan No. 4.—Funeral.  
 June 23.—St. John's No. 8.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 June 29.—Niland No. 12.—Official visitation; exemplification of the third degree.  
 July 2.—Bataan No. 104, Limay.—Constitution of Lodge and installation of officers.  
 July 3.—Nilad No. 12.—Celebration of 35th anniversary of Lodge.  
 July 6.—Kasilawan No. 77.—Funeral.  
 July 6.—Cosmos No. 8.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 July 30.—Mount Apo No. 45, Zamboanga.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 August 1.—Bud Daho No. 102, Jolo.—Constitution of Lodge and installation of officers.  
 August 5.—Mount Kaladias No. 91, Dumaguete.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 August 6.—Maktan No. 30 and Tupas No. 62, Cebu.—Official visitation; work in the first degree.  
 August 11.—Corregidor No. 3.—Official visitation; work in the third degree; celebration of 20th anniversary.  
 August 17.—Cosmos No. 8.—Conducted funeral services.  
 August 18.—Kasilawan No. 77.—Funeral.  
 September 19.—Service No. 95.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 October 2.—Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 94.—Funeral.  
 October 5.—Cosmos Lodge No. 8.—Informal visit; stated meeting.  
 October 14.—Southern Cross No. 6.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 October 24.—Iloilo No. 11 and Acacia No. 78, Iloilo.—Official visitation; joint meeting and work in the third degree.  
 October 25.—Kanlaon No. 64, Bacolod.—Official visitation; work in the first degree.  
 October 26.—Elisha Ward Wilbur No. 101, Victorias.—Informal meeting.  
 October 27.—Hamtik No. 76, San José, Antique.—Informal visit; reception.  
 October 28.—Makawili No. 55, Capiz.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 November 8.—Benjamin Franklin No. 94.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 November 12.—Cosmos No. 8.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 December 8.—Mt. Lebanon No. 80.—Official visitation; work in the third degree.  
 December 10.—Araw No. 18.—Informal visit; election of officers.  
 December 14.—Cosmos No. 8.—Official visitation; installation of officers.  
 December 17.—Cabanatuan No. 53, Cabanatuan.—Official visitation; dedication of temple and public installation of officers.  
 December 19.—Southern Cross No. 6.—Official visitation; installation of officers; work in the first degree.  
 December 23.—Biak-na-Bato No. 7.—Official visitation; public installation of officers.  
 December 26.—Batong-Buhay No. 27 and Luz Oceanica No. 85.—Official visitation; public installation of officers.  
 December 29.—Nilad No. 12.—Official visitation; public installation of officers.  
 January 6, 1928.—Iloilo Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 78 at Iloilo, corner-stone laying, Masonic Temple; installation of officers, Iloilo Lodge No. 11.  
 January 7, 1928.—Acacia Lodge No. 78.—Official visitation; public installation of officers.  
 January 14, 1928.—Cavite Lodge No. 2.—Official visitation; installation of officers.  
 January 18, 1928.—Rizal Lodge No. 22.—Official visitation; installation of officers.

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January 19, 1928.—Kasilawan Lodge No. 77.—Official visitation; public installation of officers.

January 20, 1928.—Sinukuan Lodge No. 16.—Official visitation; installation of officers.

January 21, 1928.—Mencius Lodge No. 93.—Official visitation; installation of officers.

The following visitations were made by others in my name:

February 11, 1927.—Wor. Bro. Henry Gilhouser visited Iloilo Lodge No. 11, at Iloilo; public installation of officers; tenth anniversary celebration.

April 7, 1927.—Most Wor. Bro. H. Eugene Stafford visited Maktan Lodge No. 30 and Tupas Lodge No. 62, in joint meeting, at Cebu; work in 3rd degree.

April 16, 1927.—Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw visited Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, at Bacolod, Occ. Negro; initiation.

April 20, 1927.—Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw visited Acacia Lodge No. 78, at Iloilo; work in the 3rd degree.

April 23, 1927.—Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw visited Iloilo Lodge No. 11, at Iloilo; informal meeting.

May 21, 1927.—Very Wor. Bro. Miguel Unson Deputy Grand Master, visited Walana Lodge No. 13, at Manila; 3rd degree.

December 26, 1927.—Wor. Bro. A. Gabler-Gumbert visited Mount Huraw Lodge No. 98, at Catbalogan, Samar; work in the 3rd degree; reception.

January 3, 1928.—Very Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez visited Araw Lodge No. 18, at Manila; public installation of officers.

January 6, 1928.—Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens visited St. John's Lodge No. 9, at Manila; presented to Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, retiring Master, a diploma naming him Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky near our Grand Lodge.

January 6, 1928.—Most Wor. Bro. Newton C. Comfort visited Modestia-Liwayway Lodge No. 81, at Manila; installation of officers.

January 7, 1928.—Very Wor. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien visited Dapitan Lodge No. 21, at Manila; installation of officers.

January 7, 1928.—Most Wor. Bro. Newton C. Comfort visited Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80, at Manila; public installation of officers.

January 8, 1928.—Wor. Bro. A. D. Rosario visited Zapote Lodge No. 29; funeral.

January 14, 1928.—Most Wor. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad visited Batangas Lodge No. 35, at Batangas; public installation of officers.

#### PROVINCIAL HOSPITALITY

Our Filipino brethren are well known for their hospitality and the Mason in the provinces displays that quality to an especially high degree when a Brother Mason visits the locality. I was overwhelmed with attentions wherever I went on my provincial tours, and was often lavishly entertained by Brethren to whom it meant great financial sacrifice. Nothing seemed too good for me and no efforts were spared to make me comfortable during my stay with them. I now avail myself of this most timely opportunity, when I find myself facing so many of the Brethren to whom I am deeply indebted for their hospitality, to express to each one of them my sincere gratitude for all that they did for me while I was their guest in the provinces.

#### STANDARD OF PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP

Another thing most gratifying to me was the high standard of membership in the provincial lodges. Wherever I went, I found the outer door securely guarded. Petitioners for the degrees were submitted to a very careful investigation before election. The elements most numerous represented are the educated class and public officials. In one province, for instance, the governor of the province is a Past Master and present Secretary of the Lodge. In another, the chief executive of the province and of the Lodge are the same person. In still another, the district health officer is Master of the Lodge, and, finally, in one province, the entire Provincial Board consists of Masons. To be brief, careful selection and the high standard of membership are the watchwords of the Lodges which it has been my privilege to visit in the provinces.

#### RITUALISTIC WORK IN THE PROVINCES

My visits to the Lodges in the provinces have been a revelation to me. In view of the remoteness of some of the places from the capital of the Islands, I did not expect to see degree work worthy of special commendation; but imagine my surprise when, after crossing seas and rivers and traversing mountains and forests, I saw work done with an accuracy and dignified assurance that I found lacking in some of our metropolitan Lodges, and heard the lectures delivered in the English language, letter perfect and with good pronunciation and enunciation, by Brethren whose mother tongue is one of the local dialects and who have little or no opportunity to practise with their associates the English that they have learned at school.

#### MASONIC CEMETERIES

One of the outstanding characteristics of the three races to which nearly all the members of the Masonic Lodges of the Philippines, the Filipinos, Americans, and Chinese, belong, is their great reverence for the dead. Thanks to this, it has been easy for me to foster a movement for the establishment of Masonic cemeteries. Instead of being buried in ill-conditioned and worse kept municipal cemeteries, our dead in Laoag, Capiz, Tacloban, and other places in the provinces are laid to rest in beautiful Masonic cemeteries, and other Lodges are falling into line, so that the time is not far distant when Masonic cemeteries will be found wherever Masonic Lodges exist.

#### MASONIC FUNERALS

From time to time, provincial Lodges ask Lodges in Manila to conduct Masonic funeral services for them over the remains of members of theirs who die in the capital and are to be buried there. There have been cases in which such requests have been addressed to Lodges which were not prepared to put on the last rites in the proper manner; and the services held, to say the least, were not a credit to our Institution. To prevent this, I recommend that in the future all such requests be addressed to the Grand Master, asking him to designate the Lodge which is to take charge of the ceremonies. The Grand Master is sure to know which Lodges are the most competent and ready to conduct the last Masonic rites, and there will be no criticism of our Institution, such as there has been on several occasions in the past, in connection with Masonic funerals.

#### OUR DISTRICT INSPECTORS

Our District Inspectors have done most commendable work, the result of which is to be noticed in the Lodges belonging to their respective districts. Kindly, but firmly, they have insisted upon full compliance with the regulations and the provisions of our Constitution, and have seen that the business administration of the Lodge was properly carried out and our ritual strictly adhered to. I desire to thank them all for the valuable assistance they have rendered me in my endeavors to leave the Lodges better than I found them. This, in my opinion, should be one of the goals of a Grand Master.

I can not resist the temptation to remind my Brethren of the Grand Lodge on this occasion of the fact that in many Grand Jurisdictions, the District Inspectors are honored with the title of District Deputy Grand Master, and that it would dignify the office and encourage these officers to even greater efforts if we adopted the same designation in our Jurisdiction.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

During the year just past, Liwayway Lodge No. 81 and Modestia Lodge No. 83 have made arrangements to consolidate. I am heartily in favor of the consolidation of Lodges too small and too poor to operate with profit and credit to themselves and to the Masonic Fraternity. In such Lodges there is great danger of the Lodge remaining excessively poor because of the small number of members bearing its financial burdens, and Brethren lacking the necessary qualifications are liable to occupy the chairs and finally become members of the Grand Lodge, through lack of members really qualified to hold such offices.

I therefore recommend that the amalgamation of the two Lodges named be approved and that the incoming Grand Master take measures calculated to encourage and promote the consolidation of more of our weak and small Lodges.

#### MASONIC TRIALS AND CONTENTIONS BETWEEN LODGES

Contentions and misunderstandings between Lodges and Masonic trials were extremely rare this year, which is fortunate indeed. Experience has taught us that no good is accomplished by preferring Masonic charges where it is not absolutely necessary to purge the Lodge of undesirable members. One or two differences of opinion between Lodges were settled in a friendly manner, without leaving any sting of resentment worth mentioning. We find our Brethren less inclined than ever to stand on their dignity and allow vanity and self-love to get the best of their fraternal feelings. After an exchange of opinions, the hand of good fellowship is extended by one of the contending parties to the other much more readily than used to be the case. You may think me too optimistic; but it will be difficult to convince me that the quality of our Masonry has not improved in this as well as in many other respects.

#### SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Schools of instruction in the ritualistic work were held during the year in English as well as in Spanish. Junior Grand Lecturer Very Wor. Bro. W. W. Larkin directed the work in English while Very Wor. Bro. Felipe Tempongko and Wor. Bro. A. L. Corcuera took care of the instruction in Spanish. The schools in English were very well attended; those in Spanish drew only a small attendance. The small attendance of the Spanish classes shows by no means a lack of interest on the part of our Spanish-speaking element; simply a greatly decreased demand for instruction in Spanish.

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## GRAND LECTURER

I am constrained to recommend that an amendment be introduced into the Constitution which will make the Grand Lecturer an appointive officer. I do this for the benefit of the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction.

In looking over the records of past annual communications of this Grand Lodge, one finds action each year which suggests that there is much to be desired in our teaching system. Last year, even in the face of lack of funds, the Grand Lodge voted to engage two paid instructors. The year before, provision was made for one traveling instructor for a period of three years, and one was actually engaged, but his contract had to be cancelled last year on account of the adoption of the report of the Committee on Finance. These previous actions which are most laudable show a continued desire for a system which will provide Lodges with proper instruction. Your Grand Master believes that all the plans suggested and recommended were worthy of special attention, but, so far, they have proven failures.

The Grand Lecturer is the instructor in ritualistic work and the Constitution requires him to visit all the Lodges, to hold schools of instruction, and to perform many other duties. The Brother who is chosen Grand Lecturer should be one who is able to spend at least 7 or 8 months of the year visiting the distant provincial Lodges which need his instructions most and for the benefit of whom this officer was originally intended. Such a Brother should also conduct the schools of instruction called for by our Constitution.

After a careful study, a Brother should be chosen who is fitted for the position and who can carry out in full the duties of the Grand Lecturer, but it has been found that this does not always happen when the Grand Lecturer is elected and, in consequence of his election, is entitled to Past Grand Rank. In fact, you will no doubt agree that the present system is a detriment to the Lodges which most need instruction. It should be stated that the failure of the past cannot be charged to the worthy Brethren elected; but when the Grand Lecturer is selected from among the prominent men of the Fraternity who can perform the duties imposed upon them in Manila only, where the Grand Lecturer's services are not particularly needed, the system should be changed or improved. The present system has proven to be a failure.

I therefore recommend that the Grand Lecturer be appointed. Should the Brother appointed prove unsuitable for this office by temperament or ability, another can be appointed in his stead, and there will be no loss of the much coveted past rank, as is now the case. I believe that two Grand Lecturers are not required. One efficient man can be chosen who would be of great benefit to all of the Lodges of this Jurisdiction and also be more within the financial means of the Grand Lodge. May I, therefore, recommend that Paragraph 3, Section 1, Article 3, Part 1 of the Constitution be amended in the seventh and eighth lines, by striking out the words "A Senior Grand Lecturer and Junior Grand Lecturer," and by inserting in the twelfth line, after the words "A Grand Bible Bearer," the words "A Grand Lecturer." Also, that Par. 18 (Section 1, Article 5, Part 1) be amended by striking out the words "and Grand Lecturer" and inserting the word "and" between the words "Grand Treasurer" and "Grand Secretary," thus making the amended first clause read as follows:

"Section 1. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot, at each Annual Communication."

## THE NEW REVISED MONITOR

In compliance with a resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, a new revised Monitor has been prepared and is now being printed. Were it not for the numerous pressing occupations of your Grand Master and his repeated absences from this city, due to Masonic duties, I should be able to place that valuable little book in your hands to-day; but as it is, another month will be required to finish it. The amount of work involved in getting out the new monitor is very great, and the necessity for accuracy prevents its being rushed through, as could be done if it were an ordinary book.

## PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS IN SPANISH

The publication of our Grand Lodge Proceedings, including the fraternal reviews, in Spanish as well as in English, involves much work and considerable expense for translation and printing. I do not consider it justified by the benefits derived therefrom. The number of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction who are not able to read and understand English to some extent, is very small, and in view of the great necessity for retrenchment, I feel confident that there will be no objection to the discontinuance of the publication of our Proceedings in Spanish.

I have, therefore, instructed the Grand Secretary not to make any preparations for the translation of the Proceedings for the present Communication, and I recommend that no appropriation for the publication of the Proceedings in Spanish be made this year.

For the benefit of our Spanish-speaking Brethren, however, all the important features of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the

present Communication should be published as soon as possible in the Spanish language, thru the pages of the CABLETOW.

## MASONIC STUDY AND RESEARCH

As you will see from the report of the proper Committee, there has been a great increase in the demand for Masonic literature and in the number of Masonic scholars in this Grand Jurisdiction. In this, as well as in most respects, we are keeping well abreast of the Craft in other countries.

## MANILA CEMETERY PLOT

Considerable interest is being taken in the cemetery plot being acquired by the Grand Lodge. In 1920, a plot in the beautiful Del Norte Cemetery was purchased for the use of Lodges and individual Masons and their families. Since that date the Grand Lodge has been paying for this piece of ground and at the same time disposing of lots and sections to the various lodges in Manila, and also offering the same for sale to individual Masons for the use of their families. The Committee on Cemetery has decided that a chapel or mortuary be constructed, of a suitable type to compare favorably with the beautiful monuments and structures surrounding the present plot, and that it be so constructed that it can also serve as depository for the ashes of deceased Brethren. The cost is to be about P25,000.00.

A number of our Lodges have already acquired lots for the use of their members; but there are still a number of Lodges which should, while the lots are available, increase their space, as there is very little unsold space in Del Norte Cemetery. Manila has a larger number of Lodges than any other locality, and in view, also, of the fact that there are always members of provincial Lodges in the city of Manila, it was agreed that though the project may be of local character, it is important enough to make it a Grand Lodge project, for the benefit of the Craft generally.

During 1928, the last payments on the cemetery plot will be made to the city of Manila. The Grand Lodge is to be congratulated upon acquiring this property for the Fraternity. As soon as the collections from the sale of lots balance the amounts advanced from other funds of the Grand Lodge, steps will be taken for the erection and completion of the chapel or mausoleum which it is intended to erect in the center of the plot, and which will embellish in a manner befitting the dignity of the Craft the resting place of those who have been translated to the Celestial Lodge.

## HOME FUND

The Home Fund activities were as favorable as could be expected this year. Those Lodges which have not yet paid their quota in full have been making efforts to complete their payments. Every Lodge has paid something on this obligation. Your Grand Master has appointed Brethren to assist certain Lodges in their endeavors to raise the full quota.

Previous Grand Masters stated, and I should reiterate the announcement, that this fund being now formed can only be considered as the foundation of something to be. It is certain, based on our past experience, that no building should be erected for whatever purpose, until sufficient funds are on hand for its endowment and support, prior to construction, so that we do not have another financial burden similar to several we are now trying to finance. At the present time, the members of the Grand Lodge should not worry over the ultimate use of the Home Fund. There are many opinions as to its purpose, as is shown by the many names it has had since it was started as a Home Fund. I believe that for the present it should be carried as the Institutional and Service Fund. We should continue to raise the fund and encourage Brethren of means to remember the fund in their wills. It can be confidently stated that when the proper opportunity arises and the fund is consecrated to use, its purpose will be a monument to the Fraternity as a whole, and reflect credit and honor upon the entire Craft. The Grand Lodge should be enthusiastically congratulated upon the accumulation of this Fund, because with it, the future has a brighter hue than if we had nothing at all, as would have been the case if its originators had not pushed it along against much opposition.

## THE PLARIDEL TEMPLE

In fulfilment of my promise, I have exerted my utmost efforts this past year to save the Plaridel Masonic Temple property to Masonry. You would be surprised if you knew how many hours I and the faithful Grand Secretary, who was my right hand during this campaign of raising funds to save Plaridel Temple to Masonry, have devoted to this work. We do not regret the fatigue and worry we have gone through, because the response of the Craft has been magnificent, and the aim of the drive has been attained: the Temple is saved. I know you will rejoice with me over this result.

The means employed were: first, the printing of a large number of Plaridel Trust Agreement certificates of various denominations and their sale by the Lodges to their members; and, secondly, a special appeal by

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the Grand Master to each and every member of the constituent Lodges, inclosing a ten-peso certificate and asking for remittance of the price of this certificate.

The receipts amounted to ₱25,000.00 and enabled us to reduce considerably the first mortgage, held by the Philippine National Bank; the second mortgage, held by the Y. M. C. A., has also been taken care of. It is a pleasure to be able to report that remittances are still being received.

I desire to thank most heartily all those who have cooperated in this real Masonic undertaking and assure them that their support is duly and fully appreciated.

#### VISITING THE SICK

The Lodges have been conscientious in the performance of their duties towards the sick. In order that Brethren not connected with Lodges in Manila who are sick in the hospitals or in private houses in this city, might not be overlooked, your Grand Master appointed each month a Grand Lodge Committee for visiting the Sick. This Committee was composed of members of the Grand Lodge. The Brethren so appointed were instructed to visit all sick Brethren not belonging to Lodges located in Manila whose names were submitted to them by the Grand Secretary and to bring these sick Brethren cheer and comfort. The Committee inquired in what way the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or the Committee could be of help to them, and saw to it that they received visits from Masons residing in the city. Each visit was reported to the Grand Master, who endeavored to personally call on each sick Brother reported on by the Committee. The provincial Lodges were instructed to telegraph or write immediately when a Brother or a member of the immediate family of a Brother was to leave for Manila to enter a hospital here, and a great number of such letters and telegrams were actually received during the year.

The work done by this Committee was most commendable and it is earnestly recommended that future Grand Masters follow the practice initiated this year.

#### THE UNEMPLOYED

As in the past, this year we have done our best to find work for the unemployed and have extended relief where necessary. Employment has been found in a number of cases through the efforts of individual members and through insertions in the CABLETOW. The number of applications for help to find employment has been considerably smaller this year than during the last four or five years.

#### THE CABLETOW

The official organ of our Grand Lodge, "*The Cabletow*", will complete the fifth year of its existence in a few months. It has won for itself a most enviable position in the Masonic press and its articles are being quoted in all countries of the world where Masonic journals are published. Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, who has been doing the editorial work since the CABLETOW was started in 1923, and to whom unstinted praise is due, took over the business management last March and has been untiring in his efforts to keep up the high standard of our paper and better its finances. I can not thank him enough, nor praise him enough, for the great and unremitting amount of work that he has done and for the splendid results that he has accomplished for the CABLETOW. A number of improvements entirely due to Wor. Bro. Fischer were made during the year and the indebtedness of the CABLETOW, which was ₱9,595.27 on December 31, 1926, had been reduced to ₱5,603.42 on December 31, 1927. We expect to wipe out this indebtedness in another year or two, and my successor in office will probably be able to recommend a reduction in the CABLETOW quota of the Lodges from ₱1.20 to ₱1.00 per member.

A number of Lodges are badly in arrears with their quota and a wrong impression seems to prevail concerning the obligation of the Lodges in this respect. Every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction must see that each and every member gets the CABLETOW, which forms part of our educational program. Lodges should be punctual in the payment of their contribution towards the expense of publishing the paper, as well as in other things.

In addition to Bro. Fischer's looking after the CABLETOW, he virtually acted as my private secretary during the year and helped me greatly in many ways, and I hereby thank him most heartily for his valued assistance.

#### THE HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

I am particularly proud of the results of my pet charity, the Hospital for Crippled Children, and am pleased to be able to report to you that it has been doing more than expected this past year. The Masonic Ward for Crippled Children which we maintain at the Mary J. Johnston Memorial Hospital, has been full of patients every day of the past year and is doing splendid work. In the meantime, the building and endowment fund for a hospital of our own is growing, and the time is drawing near when our dream of a hospital building of our own will be fully realized. We have now Dr. Abuel, a specialist, whose expenses for an additional course in orthopaedic surgery, taken recently in Vienna, were paid by the Association, and who is taking care of these cases requiring special attention. The regular staff of surgeons and nurses of the Mary J. Johnston Hospital have rendered us most conscientious and efficient help in all ways possible and are entitled to much credit and our thanks.

As in the past, the finances of the Association have been handled both efficiently and economically. The officers all serve without compensation of any kind and expenses are reduced to a minimum. The increase in the membership continues slowly, but steadily, and this year there have been a great many donations, especially of Plaridel Trust Agreement certificates. We have at present no less than ₱7,310.00 worth of shares (at par) and ₱15,000.00 worth of Plaridel first mortgage certificates, and also ₱2,000.00 in New Masonic Temple stock. The Association has to-day, cash in banks, ₱33,000.00.

A dancing recital by children was given for the benefit of the Hospital Fund which netted approximately the sum of ₱2,500.00 and preparations are being made for two other benefits for this Fund which we hope will be equally profitable.

The Hospital for Crippled Children is not an institution under the control of the Grand Lodge; but the Grand Lodge has always taken great interest in this Masonic Charity. I earnestly recommend that this interest be not allowed to lag, and I feel confident that my successor in office will be as good and enthusiastic a supporter of this Hospital as those who have preceded him in the Grand East.

#### TUBERCULAR PROBLEM

A disease that claims many victims among our Masonic Brethren, as well as from all other classes in these Islands, is tuberculosis.

It takes a large toll from our Brethren every year. So great are the ravages of tuberculosis that I think the time has come for us to think about ways and means of abating the sufferings of Masons who are victims of this dreadful disease.

A number of such cases were brought to my attention during the year, when many Brethren from the provinces came to Manila for medical treatment who could not afford such treatment. I did what I could for them, drawing both from my own funds and from the Grand Master's discretionary fund. I take this opportunity to thank the officials of the Anti-tuberculosis Society for the assistance they rendered me.

May I invite your attention to the tuberculosis sanatorium on Calle Santol, Santamesa, which is doing splendid work for sufferers from this disease? A number of Masons were treated at this institution during the year; five were buried from it and four are there at the present writing receiving the best of care and attention. I do hope that some day we shall have a Masonic cottage or ward in the Santol Sanatorium for our Brethren and their nearest of kin.

For the present, I shall be satisfied with mentioning this to you, as I fully realize how frequent and how great have been the demands on your generosity during the past.

I shall, therefore, confine myself to commending the Santol Sanatorium to your individual generosity as being an institution deserving your moral and material support.

#### ATTENDANCE AMENDMENT

A legal provision that is a dead letter should be stricken from the statute books. For this reason I recommend that paragraph 172 of our Grand Lodge Constitution, as amended on January 27, 1926, be stricken out and replaced by the original text as it stood before its amendment. The purpose of the amendment was to compel members to attend Lodge meetings by imposing the penalty of suspension for unexcused attendance for twelve consecutive months. This clause has only been applied by one of our Lodges during the two years that it has been in force, while, on the other hand, we have been severely and repeatedly criticized for what has been termed "an attempt to make good Masons by coercion."

As regards amendments to the Constitution, I consider that such should be proposed and adopted only in cases of absolute necessity. The change I have just recommended is not an innovation; but its purpose is to restore the Constitution to what it was before the adoption of an unnecessary and unwise amendment.

#### POLITICS

In the early days of Freemasonry, those Brethren were wise who included in the Ancient Charges the solemn injunction that: "No private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less, any quarrels about religions, or nations, or State policies" and continued, "that we are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will." Bear that in mind, my Brethren, especially those among you who, fortunately few in number, have been making persistent efforts to introduce national or party politics into your Lodges. Politics are the rock on which many Lodges have suffered shipwreck. Politics were at the bottom of the whole trouble in the only Lodge that gave me serious concern during my administration. If you are willing to have strife and discord in your Lodge; if you desire to see its charter taken away and its name blotted out on the rolls of our Grand Lodge, all you have to do is to introduce politics into the Lodge. Like a corrosive acid, discussions on such subjects make bitter feelings and enmities, contrary to the teachings of our Institution, and tend to destroy the Masonic fabric built on peace, unity, and brotherly love, by creating confusion, hatred and spite among the Brethren. If Masonry is to endure, in these Islands or anywhere, it should and must avoid political discussions of any nature whatsoever.

## DONATIONS TO THE GRAND LODGE

The Grand Lodge owes a vote of thanks to Bro. A. E. Tatton, of Cosmos Lodge No. 8, for donating to it four nicely framed portraits of prominent Freemasons which are a fine ornament to our Grand Lodge office.

## OUR GRAND SECRETARY

Justice and gratitude now impel me to speak of a man whom you all esteem and love and who has helped me to "bear the heavy burden in the heat of the day" in the same quiet, conscientious, and efficient manner in which he has done this for my predecessors. Without his wise counsel and timely suggestions I should have felt lost many a time, indeed. I refer to our venerable Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Newton C. Comfort.

To work with him was a pleasure and a privilege, and his loyal cooperation and untiring efforts to make my administration a success will be one of the most cherished recollections of my term as Grand Master.

A Grand Secretary like our Brother Comfort, endowed with a Masonic heart and a privileged intelligence, thoroughly grounded in Masonic Law and jurisprudence, blessed with great patience and kindness, and esteemed by the entire community for his upright and exemplary conduct, is a jewel of great value and a godsend to any Grand Master.

## CONCLUSION

One year ago, after having been placed by you in the highest position that a Mason can occupy, I stood before you with a plea for your loyalty and cooperation and now, at the end of my term of office, I feel truly grateful for the many proofs that I have had of your loyalty throughout the year, to the extent of exceeding my fondest hopes. You have responded promptly and willingly to every call on your time or generosity and have helped me in all Masonic undertakings in a most efficient and laudable manner. As the seasons come and go, the repeated proofs of your unstinted loyalty will be one of the most joyous recollections that I shall have of my year as Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands.

If I have made mistakes, if I have unwittingly hurt the feelings of some of my Brethren in the performance of my Masonic duties, let me assure you that I did what I thought to be for the best interest of our Fraternity. Let me assure you that I have no other feelings toward any of you, but that of brotherly love and gratitude. My year's service has broadened my views and has made me a better and more charitable man, charitable towards the weaknesses and failings of others.

This is my farewell to you as Grand Master. But do not think that by returning the Grand Gavel, I shall cease my Masonic activities. Far from it. I shall continue to work with a will, to serve my fellowmen, especially my Masonic Brethren. I shall use the experience that I have acquired during my year as Grand Master in the service of others. I shall give you that same loyalty and service that you have given me and for which I am truly thankful.

In closing, let me bespeak for my successor in office that same loyalty which, I feel I can truthfully say, was the principal factor that made possible any success attained during my administration.

Fraternally submitted,  
JOSEPH H. SCHMIDT, *Grand Master.*

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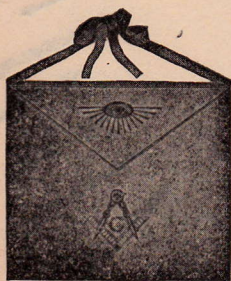
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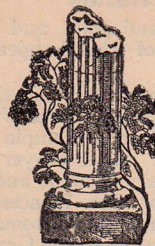
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Bro. Eusebio M. Leuterio.  
Member of Tamaraw Lodge No. 65.  
Died November 12, 1927.

Bro. José G. Escalada.  
Member of Zapote Lodge No. 29.  
Died January 1, 1928.

Bro. Mauro Rivera.  
Member of Rizal Lodge No. 22.  
Died January 11, 1928.

Bro. George Preston Nieman.  
Member of Tupas Lodge No. 62, Cebu.  
Died January 15, 1928.  
Buried on the same day.

Bro. Walter Marten.  
Member of Cavite Lodge No. 2, Cavite.  
Died December 10, 1927, in California.  
Buried at Piqua, Ohio, under the auspices of  
Warren Lodge No. 24, F. & A. M., on De-  
cember 18, 1927.

Bro. Fortunato Gatus.  
Member and treasurer of Muog Lodge No. 89.  
Died at Parañaque, Rizal, January 20, 1928.  
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### The Sixteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands

The Grand Lodge Communication has come and gone, and we shall endeavor to give, in a few words, a synopsis of what happened and what was done during the same.

Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt declared the Communication open on Tuesday, January 24th, at 4 p. m. The representatives of ... Lodges were present in the Riverside Hall of the Masonic Temple on the Escolta, Manila, where the sessions were held. After prayer in Spanish by the Grand Chaplain, Very Rev. Bro. Juan Muñoz, and a few words of welcome, also in Spanish, by Most Wor. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad, followed by the approval of the minutes and the customary corporation meeting, Wor. Bro. Vicente Orosa was called to the Grand East and presented with a diploma as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Then all the Grand Representatives were asked to assemble in front of the Grand East and were welcomed by the Grand Master in eloquent words, to which an adequate reply was made by Wor. Bro. William A. Weidmann. The Grand Master thereupon read his Annual Message, a splendid document which we reproduce in full in this number and which was applauded with great enthusiasm. Other Grand Lodge officers presented their reports, and shortly after 6 p. m. the session was suspended.

At 8 p. m., when labor was resumed, Wor. Bro. E. A. Perkins read in English and Spanish the fine resolutions prepared by him on the death of Bro. Leonard Wood (see our September issue, page 67), after a beautiful Report of the Committee on Necrology, written by Wor. Bro. Fred M. Holmes, had been read. Most Wor. Bro. Newton C. Comfort then had Bro. Hasselmann approach the East and handed to him, on behalf of the Lodge Johannes der Evangelist zur Eintracht, a Master Mason's apron. Next followed the exemplification of the third degree by Southern Cross Lodge No. 6, which we describe at length under "Lodge News." While the candidate was being prepared for the second section, Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, Hon. P. G. M. and Grand Orator, delivered a most eloquent and stirring Grand Oration in Spanish, which we shall reproduce in our March number.

On Wednesday, the 25th, and Thursday, the 26th, the Grand Lodge held long afternoon sessions at which much work was done and interest was never lacking.

No amendments to the Constitution were adopted.

It was decided that under our Constitution, expulsions and suspensions may be published in the Lodge bulletins, provided the permission of the Grand Master has first been obtained in each case.

A report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted by the Grand Lodge, emphasizes that membership in two Lodges at the

same time is prohibited if both such Lodges are situated within the territorial limits of the Philippine Islands.

A resolution was passed providing that a conference be held with Lodge Perla del Oriente, No. 1034, S. C., of Manila, P. I., for the purpose of arriving at an agreement concerning the observance of Edict No. 5, relative to material from the U. S. Navy vessels stationed in Manila Bay.

The Grand Lodge voted to continue publishing and supporting the CABLETOW, but the Grand Lodge contribution was reduced from ₱3,600 to ₱3,000. The CABLETOW received much praise, both on the floor of the Grand Lodge and in the Grand Master's Message.

The dispensations, circulars, etc., issued by Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt were all approved.

Worthy of mention is also the sending of a cablegram by the Grand Lodge to Past Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Manuel L. Quezon, at present confined in a sanatorium in California, which read as follows:

MANUEL QUEZON,

Grand Lodge members in sixteenth communication deeply regret your absence and extend to you fraternal greetings and sincere wishes early recovery and return.

COMFORT.

To this message, the following reply was received which was read to the Grand Lodge at a subsequent session:

GRAND SECRETARY,

Deeply touched Grand Lodge fraternal greetings which I reciprocate wishing Grand Lodge continued success.

QUEZON.

On the evening of Thursday, January 26th, the new Grand Lodge officers were elected. We publish hereunder a list of these officers and of those appointed by the incoming Grand Master, as follows:

- TEODORO M. KALAW, (12).....Grand Master
- Seldon W. O'Brien, (9).....Deputy Grand Master
- Antonio Gonzalez, (85).....Senior Grand Warden
- William W. Larkin, (6).....Junior Grand Warden
- Vicente Carmona, (22).....Grand Treasurer
- NEWTON C. COMFORT, (3).....Grand Secretary
- Isidro Paredes, (26).....Senior Grand Lecturer
- Stanton Youngberg, (9).....Junior Grand Lecturer
- Salvador Torra, (39).....Grand Chaplain
- Thomas N. Powell, (78).....Grand Orator
- Ramon Mendoza, (27).....Asst. Grand Secretary
- Henry D. Riley, (2).....Grand Marshal
- Lawrence Benton, (1).....Grand Standard Bearer
- E. del Rosario Tankiang, (27).....Grand Sword Bearer

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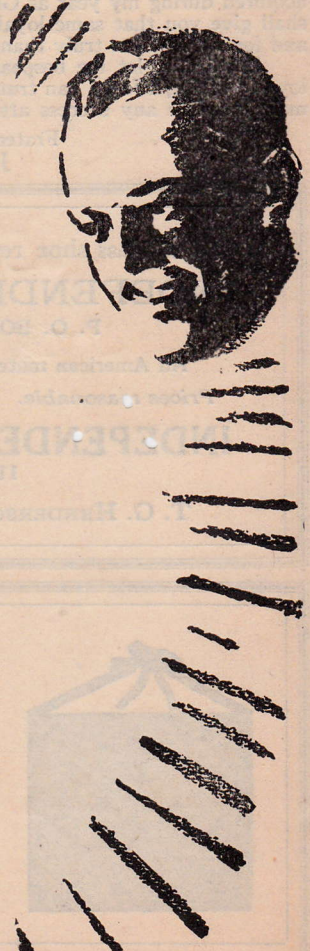
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 Joachim W. Schilling, (8)..... *Senior Grand Steward*  
 Miguel G. Luna, (97)..... *Junior Grand Steward*  
 Apolinar Barbasa, (25)..... *Grand Pursuivant*  
 José L. Intal, (82)..... *Grand Organist*  
 Pedro Lombos, (89)..... *Grand Tyler*

The installation of these officers took place in the evening of Friday, January 27, in the Plaridel Masonic Temple. The big hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and was crowded with Masons and their ladies. The officers were installed in accordance with the Grand Lodge ritual. Most Wor. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad acted as installing officer and Most Wor. Bro. C. W. Rosenstock as master of ceremonies, and both performed their duties in a most efficient and impressive manner.

The jewel of a Past Grand Master was then presented to the outgoing Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, by Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, with eloquent words of praise for the recipient. Most Wor. Bro. Schmidt replied with a short address, thanking the Grand Lodge for the jewel and the Brethren for their loyalty and support during his administration.

Most Wor. Bro. Quintin Paredes then made a very witty and brilliant speech in connection with the presentation, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, of a beautiful large basket of roses to the wife of Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, who, through her husband's arduous term of office, had been a source of inspiration and encouragement to him and had borne the sacrifices and hardships incidental to being an active Grand Master's wife with admirable resignation. Mrs. Schmidt replied with a few fitting words of thanks to this presentation, which came as a surprise to her.

A splendid address by the newly installed Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, who is well-known for his wonderful command of the Spanish language and his oratorical talent, closed most fittingly the solemnities of the evening. Dancing was then indulged in and refreshments were served on the spacious grounds of the Temple.

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The lecture "Rizal in his Travels" has remained for some time in Dumaguete, Oriental Negros, where Bro. J. W. Chapman has shown it several times to groups of students and boy scouts and finally, on the Sunday after Rizal Day, to all Silliman students and the Faculty of the Institute. The slides were also shown to all the students (about 1,000) of the Dumaguete High School and, finally, at the Protestant Church in Dumaguete.



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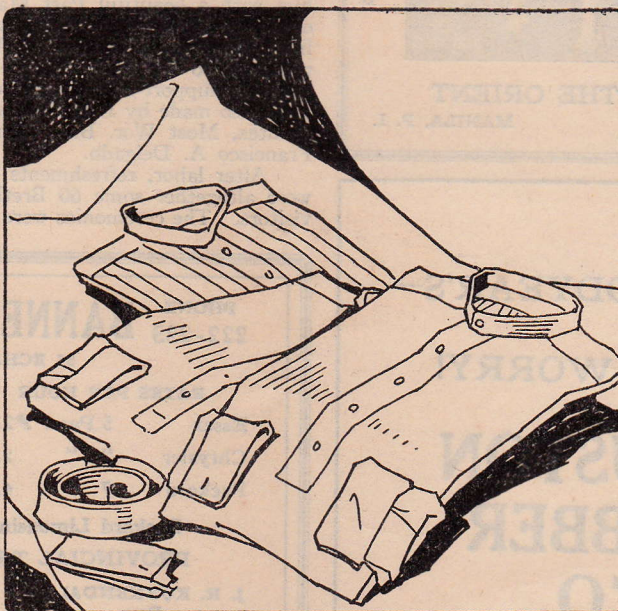
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## News from the Lodges

### From Manila No. 1

At its December stated meeting, Manila Lodge No. 1 unanimously passed a resolution raising the dues from P12.00 to P16.00 per annum, which has since been approved by the Grand Lodge. The amendment took effect on January 1, 1928.

The officers for 1928 were installed at a special meeting held on December 20th, Wor. Bro. Banks acting as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Heacock as master of ceremonies. The newly installed Master, Wor. Bro. Major Clinton Thomas Alden, made a fine address, which was followed by an interesting talk by Most Wor. Bro. Dr. H. Eugene Stafford. Wor. Bro. Banks presented a P. M. jewel to the outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Lawrence Benton. After the installation, the second section of the third degree was conferred on Bro. A. C. Williams, after which Wor. Bro. A. Simkus, of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80, presented the youngest Master Mason with a Masonic scarf pin, as a token of affection from his friends. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

### From Cavite Lodge No. 2

Cavite Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., installed its officers on the evening of Saturday, January 14th. The solemnity of the ceremony was enhanced by the official visitation of the M. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and by the fact that Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt himself acted as installing officer, as-

sisted by Wor. Bro. Emmanuel Valmas as Master of Ceremonies. The officers and members of Cosmos Lodge No. 8 attended in a body; they made up eighteen members of the party of fifty Brethren which came over from Manila on a Navy launch kindly placed at their disposal by our Brother, Rear Admiral Kittelle. Among the distinguished visitors present was Dr. H. Eugene Stafford, first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, who made an interesting speech. Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt also delivered an inspiring address and presented, on behalf of the Lodge, Past Master's diplomas to Wor. Bros. Valmas, Riley, Cropper, Smith, and Crosby.

### From Corregidor Lodge No. 3

Most Wor. Bro. Edwin E. Elser, assisted by Wor. Bro. Joseph F. Bromfield as master of ceremonies, installed the officers of Corregidor Lodge in the Blue Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple on the Escolta on Thursday evening, January 12th. Wor. Bro. E. Ford Hickman turned over to his successor, Wor. Bro. George Preston Bradford, a Lodge with its finances in a healthy condition. During his administration, part of the indebtedness of the Lodge was paid and doubtful items carried as assets were written off. The Lodge was particularly free from calls for charity, which helped much in the rehabilitation of its finances. The average attendance of Corregidor members at the stated meetings was 18 during the year 1927, which is good, considering that the number of members within reach of the Lodge-room was about 45.

Another prosperous year is expected under the administration of Wor. Bro. Bradford. The treasurer (M. W. Bro. Elser) and secretary (Bro. Wiltse) were both reelected.

### From Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

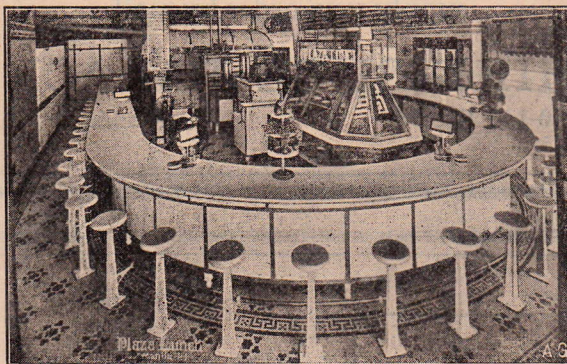
Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 held its January Stated Meeting on Wednesday, January 11, last, and installed its officers for the year 1928 after the routine business of the Lodge had been dispatched, Most Wor. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado acting as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer as Master of Ceremonies. Immediately before the installation, Wor. Bro. Fischer introduced Bro. Eugene A. Gilmore, Secretary of Public Instruction and acting Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, and conducted him to the altar, where Wor. Master Rafael L. Garcia informed him that his application for affiliation with Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 had been acted upon favorably by the Lodge. After signing the By-Laws, Bro. Gilmore was conducted to a seat in the East.

After the installation ceremonies, a fine address was delivered by Wor. Bro. José A. de Kastro, the newly installed Master of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Rafael L. Garcia, the outgoing Master, was then called before the East, where Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, on behalf of the Lodge, presented him with a beautiful Past Master's jewel, expressing the sentiments of the Brethren of the Lodge whom Wor. Bro. Garcia had served with freedom, fervency, and zeal. Wor. Bro. Garcia spoke feelingly of his gratitude to the Brethren for this token of appreciation and for the generous support he had received during his term of office. Addresses were also made by Bro. Eugene A. Gilmore, Very Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez, Most Wor. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad, and Most Wor. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado.

After labor, refreshments were served on the fifth floor. There were altogether some 60 Brethren present, of whom about 20 were visitors. The ceremonies were private.

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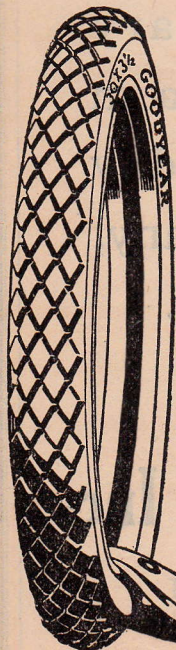
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**From Island Lodge No. 5**

The officers of Island Lodge No. 5 for the year 1928 were installed by Wor. Bro. George Renard Wingate, the retiring master, with Wor. Bro. Edward Staveley Turner, P. M. of Warwick Lodge No. 336, F. & A. M., of Fort Eustis, Virginia, acting as master of ceremonies. Wor. Bro. James Moses Covington, the new Master, has acquired much experience as regards the personnel and affairs of the Lodge during the several years that he has been secretary of the Lodge.

**From Southern Cross Lodge No. 6**

Southern Cross Lodge No. 6 was accorded the rare honor of exemplifying the work of the third degree, including the opening and closing of the Lodge, before the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands on the evening of January 24, 1928. The occasion was an especially memorable one because the work was done by Past Masters of the Lodge and the candidate was Bro. Lee Edward Stevens, the son of Past Grand Master Frederic H. Stevens, who had the rare privilege of raising his own son from a dead level to a living perpendicular that evening.

The Lodge of Master Masons was opened and closed by the regular officers, with Wor. Bro. Truman S. Holt, the Master, in the chair. The degree work was put on by the following team: Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, P. G. M., as W. M. and K. S.; Wor. Bro. W. W. Larkin, P. M., as S. W.; Wor. Bro. Luther B. Bewley, P. M., as J. W.; Wor. Bro. Eugene A. Perkins, P. M., as S. D.; Wor. Bro. Wm. A. Weidmann, P. M., as J. D.; Wor. Bro. George C. Dankwerth, P. M., as S. S.; Wor. Bro. Theo. L. Hall, P. M., as J. S.; Wor. Bro. John F. Brown, P. M., as 1st M. of T.; Wor. Bro. Wm. A. Weidmann, P. M., as 2nd M. of T.; Wor. Bro. Theodore L. Hall, P. M., as 3rd M. of T.; Wor. Bros. Eugene A. Perkins, P. M., Omar M. Shuman, P. M., and George C. Dankwerth, P. M., as Fellow Crafts. The working tools were presented by Wor. Bro. Truman S. Holt and the lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. W. W. Larkin, P. M. and Junior Grand Lecturer. Most Wor. Bro. Stevens himself delivered the charge to his son and congratulated him in words vibrating with fatherly affection and pride. Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master, presented the newly raised Master Mason with a beautiful bound and suitably inscribed copy of the Holy Bible.

All the work was done in fine shape and the lecture was delivered in a most finished and impressive manner. Southern Cross Lodge No. 6 may be well proud of the showing it made on the evening of January 6th, before a hall crowded to its utmost capacity by Master Masons from every part of the Islands.

**From Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7**

On December 23rd, Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7 held a special meeting for the purpose of installing the officers elect and appointed for the year 1928. Very Wor. Bro. Felipe Tempongko acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Salim Ackad as master of ceremonies. Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master, accompanied by officers and members of the Grand Lodge, was present officially. The out-

going Master, Wor. Bro. José Campos Rueda, was presented with a fine P. M. jewel by the Lodge. This badge of honor was pinned on Bro. Campos Rueda's breast by Wor. Bro. Gregorio E. José, who eloquently expressed the love and affection felt by the members of the Lodge for their outgoing Master. Wor. Bro. Campos replied, promising that he would show his gratitude by continuing to be an active worker in the Lodge.

"Maria Clara's Song" by Rizal, the music to which was composed by Bro. Juan Hernandez, was sung beautifully by Miss Mercedes Carrión, accompanied on the piano by the composer himself.

After an inspiring speech by the M. W. Grand Master, the Brethren and visitors—the installation was public—repaired to the roof-garden where excellent refreshments awaited them.

**From Cosmos No. 8**

The installation of officers was held early this year, on December 14, 1927. Very Wor. Bro. W. W. Larkin, Junior Grand Lecturer and Grand Inspector, who was making an official visitation on that occasion, acted as installing officer, assisted by Wor. Bro. Fred M. Holmes, as master of ceremonies. The P. M. jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. Fred A. Gathercole, the retiring Master, by Wor. Bro. A. J. N. Gabler-Gumbert. Addresses were made by Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, P.G.M., and Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master. Both congratulated the Lodge upon its splendid record and upon the fine corps of officers they had elected. At this meeting, the newly installed officers conferred the first degree upon Frederick E. Pfannenschmidt.

**From Iloilo Lodge No. 11**

The installation of officers of this Lodge, which was held on the evening of January 7th, last, was made especially memorable by the presence of our Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, who was in our city in connection with the laying of the corner-stone of the Iloilo Masonic Temple. The newly installed Master and Wardens are Wor. Bro. Ricardo A. Luna and Bros. Melecio R. Domingo and Pablo Nava, respectively.

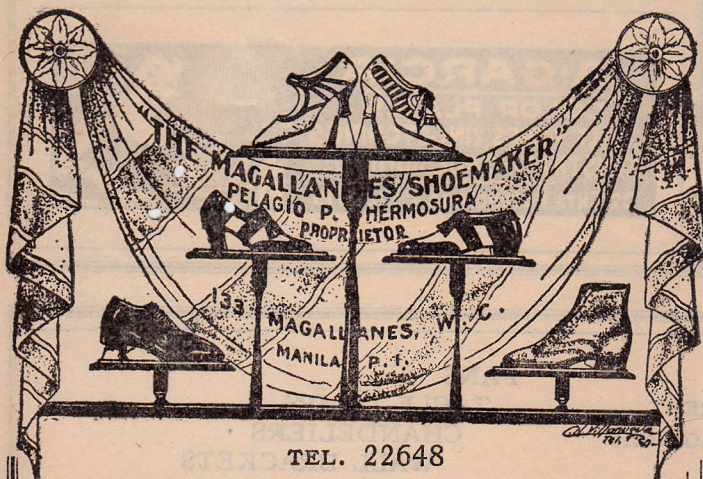
A collection was taken up on this occasion for the purchase of a building and lot for the Iloilo Free Clinic for Poor Children, with excellent results.

**From Sinukuan Lodge No. 16**

On the evening of Friday, January 16th, the Plaridel Masonic Temple in Manila was the scene of the public installation of the new officers of Sinukuan Lodge No. 16. Rt. Wor. Bro. Miguel Unson, Deputy Grand master, was installing officer and Very Wor. Bro. Eugene A. Perkins master of ceremonies. The Most Wor. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands made an official visitation on this occasion, being, of course, received with all honors due them. Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master, presented to the outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Perfecto Feliciano, on behalf of Sinukuan Lodge, a beautiful P. M. jewel, with eloquent words in which he mentioned the loyal and strong support that he had received from Wor. Bro. Feliciano throughout his term of office as Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Schmidt was also called upon to address the Lodge and the gathering in general, which he did in his usual pleasant and winning manner. The incoming Master, Wor. Bro. Juan Nolasco, also made an excellent speech.

Vocal solos by Miss Amparo Santos and Mr. Manuel Rubio, who were accompanied by Mrs. Consuelo Muyot de Caviles; a song entitled "Past Master," by a group of young ladies from the Philippine Lyric Academy; a vocal solo by Mrs. Mercedes de Ossorio, with Bro. Perfecto Feliciano at the piano, and a violin solo by Miss Rosalina David, accompanied by Mrs. Cayetana Ignacio on the piano, were rendered and much applauded.

After a reception, the ball was opened with the *rigodón de honor*, and dancing, music, and refreshments were enjoyed by the large number of Brethren and visitors present.



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**From Araw Lodge No. 18**

Araw Lodge No. 18 installed its officers for 1928 at the Masonic Temple on the Escolta on January 3rd, the Junior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, acting as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Joaquin Garcia, P. M. of Nilad Lodge No. 12, as master of ceremonies. The addresses of the evening were delivered by Wor. Bro. Diego Locsin, the incoming Master, and by Very Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzales, Grand Junior Warden. The installation was public and the large gathering was entertained by vocal solos by Miss Emiliana Feliciano, Mrs. Carmen Bernabé, and Mr. Manuel Tiaoqui. The ceremonies were followed by an enjoyable ball, and excellent refreshments were served.

**From Dapitan Lodge No. 21**

On January 7th, Dapitan Lodge No. 21 met at the Masonic Temple on the Escolta for the purpose of installing its officers for the year 1928, after receiving, first, Hiram Lodge No. 88, as guests of honor for the evening, and then the Most Wor. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, headed on this occasion by Rt. Wor. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien, the Senior Grand Warden, Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt being absent in Iloilo. The ceremonies were very impressive. Wor. Bro. Francisco J. Olizon, the outgoing Master, himself installed his successor, Wor. Bro. E. Hernandez, who had so ably assisted him as Junior Warden in 1927. Wor. Bro. Aurelio D. Rosario, P. M. of Hiram Lodge No. 88, acted as master of ceremonies. The officers having been proclaimed duly installed, Past Master's jewels were presented by Very Wor. Bro. Gonzalez, first to Wor. Bro. Francisco J. Olizon and then to Wor. Bro. Aurelio D. Rosario, on behalf of Dapitan Lodge No. 21 and Hiram Lodge No. 88, respectively. The installation was public.

The ceremonies being over, dancing was indulged in and refreshments were served.

**From Rizal Lodge No. 22**

The Plaridel Masonic Temple, at No. 520 San Marcelino, was the scene of the installation of officers of Rizal Lodge No. 22, on Wednesday, January 18, 1928. Most Wor. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad and Most Wor. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado, Past Grand Masters, acted as installing officer and master of ceremonies, respectively. Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master, and Wor. Bro. Antonio de las Alas, the newly installed Master, were the outstanding speakers of the evening. Refreshments were served after the Lodge was closed.

**From Batong-Buhay Lodge No. 27**

Batong-Buhay Lodge No. 27 and Luz Oceanica Lodge No. 85 strengthened the bonds of friendship existing between them by installing their officers jointly at the Masonic Temple on the Escolta on December 26, 1927. The Most Wor. Grand Master and officers and members of the Grand Lodge honored the occasion by their official presence. Wor. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario Tankiang now heads Lodge No. 27, while Wor. Bro. Enrique Legarda Koh rules the destinies of No. 85.

**From Isarog Lodge No. 33**

The installation of officers of Isarog Lodge No. 33, of Naga, Camarines Sur, was held on January 19th. The ceremonies were semi-public, being attended by members of the families and a few friends of the Brethren. Bro. C. M. Guysayko acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Ceferino Arroyo presented the P. M. jewel to Wor. Bro. Mariano Dy-Liacco, whose place in the Oriental Chair of the Lodge is now occupied by Wor. Bro. Victorino H. Perez. At midnight, a lunch was served.

**From Minerva Lodge No. 41**

The installation of officers of this Lodge for the year 1928, held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple on December 27th, last, was solemn and well attended. The officers were installed by the outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Thomas J. Talmadge, with Bro. A. E. Tatton (Cosmos No. 8) acting as master of ceremonies. Wor. Bro. John Arville, P. M. of Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034, S. C., presented a P. M. jewel to the outgoing Master, on behalf of Minerva Lodge.

Bro. Tatton then presented to the Lodge various utensils for the use of the Lodge, donated by some of the officers who had just been installed. Addresses were made by several prominent visitors, and after the Lodge had been closed, an excellent lunch was served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed by the members and visitors present.

The Lodge is once more headed by a seafaring man, Wor. Bro. Karl D. Krebs, the new Worshipful Master, being a master mariner.

**From Malolos Lodge No. 46**

The installation of the officers elected and appointed for the year 1928 was held privately this year; it took place on January 2nd, Wor. Bro. Escolastico Gatmaitan acting as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Dionisio Dumagiba as master of ceremonies. Refreshments were offered to the Brethren by Wor. Bro. Jacinto Molina, the outgoing and incoming Master of the Lodge, he having been reelected.

**From Pampanga Lodge No. 48**


On December 17th, last, at 7.00 p. m., Wor. Bro. V. J. Villaflor, Master of Bataan Lodge No. 104, accompanied by the officers and other members of the Lodge, arrived at San Fernando, Pampanga, for a visit to Pampanga Lodge No. 48. They were received with honors at the General Hizon Temple. Wor. Bro. Isidoro Makabali, the Master of Pampanga Lodge, turned the gavel over to Wor. Bro. Villaflor who, assisted by a selected team, then conferred the sublime degree of Master Mason upon Bro. Alejo Roque, a F. C. of Pampanga Lodge. Addresses were made by the Masters of both Lodges, alluding to the ties of friendship that unite these. After closing the Lodge, the Brethren partook of a light lunch and refreshments prepared by the Secretary, Bro. Basilio Castro.

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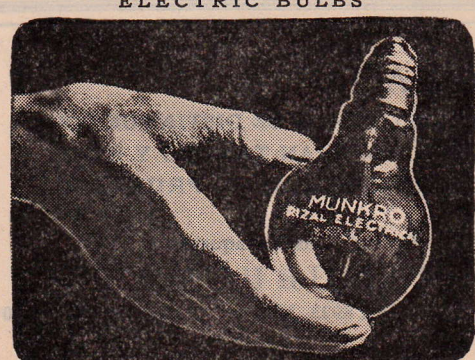
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### From Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80

With Wor. Bro. M. Goldenberg as installing officer and Wor. Bro. I. Reich as master of ceremonies, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80 inducted its dignitaries for 1928 into office on Saturday, January 7th, in its hall at 1132 California Street, Manila. The Lodge was honored on this occasion by the presence of Most Wor. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, P. G. M., who came as representative of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, the latter having been called to Iloilo to lay the corner-stone of the Temple there.

Wor. Bro. O. F. Andersen, the newly installed Master, called on Most Wor. Bro. Comfort for a speech, to which Bro. Comfort responded in his inimitable style. The installation ceremonies were public and were followed by dancing and refreshments.

### From Modestia-Liwayway Lodge No. 81

The new officers of Modestia-Liwayway Lodge No. 81 were inducted into office on January 6th, Wor. Bro. Ty Engan being installed as Master of the Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Lodge, headed on this occasion by Rt. Wor. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien, Senior Grand Warden, made an official visitation on this occasion.

### From Mencius Lodge No. 93

One of the best frequented Masonic functions of the present "installation season" was the public installation of the officers of Mencius Lodge No. 93, which was held in the Scottish Rite Hall of the Masonic Temple on the Escolta in the evening of Saturday, January 21st. Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, and officers and members of the Grand Lodge were introduced, with the usual ceremonies. The officers were then installed by M. W. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad, P. G. M., with Wor. Bro. Michael Goldenberg, P. M., acting as Master of Ceremonies. This ceremony, which was carried through in a very efficient and impressive manner, was followed by the presentation of a P. M. jewel to the outgoing Master of Mencius Lodge, Wor. Bro. O Hway Peck. M. W. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens presented this token of appreciation, on behalf of Mencius Lodge, with well-chosen words. Wor. Bro. O Hway Peck, in his response, made a few interesting remarks about Mencius, the great Chinese moral teacher after whom the Lodge was named.

Diplomas of honorary membership were then presented to M. W. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, M. W. Bro. Wenceslao Trinidad, Wor. Bro. Cu Uy Gam, and Wor. Bro. M. Goldenberg, by Wor. Bro. Manuel X. Burgos, Jr., on behalf of Mencius Lodge No. 93.

After a few words by Bro. G. Schlachter, of St. John's Lodge, Hongkong, the gathering listened to a speech by M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master, who praised the spirit of charity and loyalty to the Grand Lodge of the members of Mencius Lodge to which he augured a successful year under the guidance of Wor. Bro. Tieng Sing, the newly installed Master.

Dancing followed and excellent refreshments were served.

### From Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 94

The installation of the officers of Benjamin Franklin Lodge, for the year 1928, occurred on the evening of January 10, 1928, in the Blue Lodge Hall, Masonic Temple, Escolta. The officers, headed by Wor. Bro. G. B. Obear, were installed by Most Worshipful Brother Comfort ably assisted by Worshipful Brother Weidmann as Master of Ceremonies.

Interesting speeches were made by Worshipful Brother Corcuera, Worshipful Brother Bury, Worshipful Brother Morgan, who presented the Past Master's Jewel, Worshipful Brother Birsh, the retiring Master, who fittingly responded to the Jewel Presentation, and Most Worshipful Brother Comfort, the nature of whose message was in its habitually helpful vein.

After the ceremonies light refreshments were served.

### From Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97

On Thursday evening, December 29th, last, Bagong Ilaw Lodge installed its officers for 1928, the ceremony being held in the new school building at Noveleta, Cavite, with admission of invited guests. Wor. Bro. Emiliano Quijano, P. M. of Nilad No. 12, acted as installing officer, and Wor. Bro. Teodorico A. Jimenez, W. M. of Magdalo Lodge No. 31, as master of ceremonies. An interesting address was delivered by Wor. Bro. Vicente M. Vallido, the newly installed Master. The outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Marcelo G. Alvarez, was then presented by Wor. Bro. Miguel G. Luna, who was Master of the Lodge from 1924 to 1926, with a fine P. M. jewel, symbolical of the love and affection of the Brethren of Bagong Ilaw Lodge. The response to Wor. Bro. Luna's words of praise by the recipient of the jewel was deeply felt.

A ball followed the ceremonies, and refreshments were served.

### From Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98

On December 20, 1927, Wor. Bro. A. Gabler-Gumbert, of Cosmos Lodge No. 8, arrived at Catbalogan and paid his respects to the newly elected Master and the Secretary of Mt. Huraw Lodge, to whom he presented a letter from the M. W. Grand Master, designating him as his representative for the purpose of making an official visitation to the

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Lodge. The Wor. Master then in the chair, Wor. Bro. Lucero, ex-governor of Samar, was absent at the time. On December 25th, Bro. Froilan, the secretary, went by launch to Majaba, where Wor. Bro. Gabler-Gumbert has a plantation, and invited that Brother to make the visitation on the 26th. On the date last mentioned, a special meeting was held, with Wor. Bro. Lucero in the chair. Wor. Bro. Gabler-Gumbert was received with full honors and welcomed by the Master. The Junior Warden, Bro. Sevilla, then made a speech, giving a brief history of the Lodge and assuring the Grand Master's representative of the loyalty of the Samar Brethren to their Grand Lodge and of their appreciation of this visitation. In his response, Wor. Bro. Gabler-Gumbert spoke most highly of the splendid work done by our active Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, from whom he brought a message of brotherly love and affection, and urged the Brethren to continue supporting the Grand Lodge and the charities sponsored and maintained by it. Lodge was closed at 8.15 p. m.

Wor. Bro. Gabler-Gumbert and Bro. Rokohl, the manager of his hacienda, dined with Bro. Lucero, and the Grand Master's special envoy then met all the Brethren and their families at a dance given in his honor, which lasted until midnight.

The Brethren of Mt. Huraw Lodge are very grateful to Most Worshipful Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt for sending his special representative to visit their Lodge, and to Wor. Bro. Gabler-Gumbert for fulfilling this mission in such an efficient and pleasing manner.

### The Iloilo Free Clinic

It gives us great pleasure to announce that the Iloilo Free Clinic which a few months ago was not exactly prosperous (see our article in the issue for September, 1927, Vol. V, p. 70), has advanced by leaps and bounds in the last few weeks and will soon be one of the most successful charities of Freemasonry in these Islands.

It all came about this way: At the installation of officers of Iloilo Lodge No. 11, on January 7, 1928, which was honored by the official visitation of Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Wor. Bro. Powell invited attention to the fact that the Free Clinic is at present housed rather unsatisfactorily on the ground floor of the building occupied by Acacia Lodge No. 78 and Lopez Jaena Lodge of Perfection; that these Lodges will move into the new Masonic Temple as soon as the same is completed, and that a house, with an ample lot, is now obtainable at a bargain which has the advantage of being situated in a district inhabited largely by poor people and of being admirably suited for the purposes of the clinic. It was proposed that the sum of ₱1,400.00 be raised for the purchase of the building and lot mentioned, the intention being to install the Free Clinic for Poor Children in the upper story and cede the ground floor, which will have to be rearranged, free of charge for use as a kindergarten school for poor children.

The proposition was received with enthusiasm. A subscription was taken up then and there and continued after the meeting, and in something less than twelve hours, the fourteen hundred pesos required to purchase the house and lot mentioned had been subscribed.

Our active Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Schmidt, was not contented with this. On his return to Manila he took further steps, with the result that the Manila Scottish Rite Bodies which had in the past been generous supporters of the Clinic, made a monthly appropriation of twenty-five pesos, for one year, as contribution to the support of

the Clinic. This, together with the five pesos per annum contributed by each member of Lopez Jaena Lodge of Perfection, and the liberal support by Iloilo Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 78, will be a wonderful help. The medical men of Iloilo all serve the Clinic free of charge, and a trained nurse is on duty throughout the day.

On Christmas Day, the Iloilo Masons entertained three hundred poor kiddies, and we can not help thinking that our Brethren there must by this time have won the love and esteem of all the poor of their city.

### Grand Master Schmidt Visits Iloilo

The laying of the corner-stone of the Masonic Temple at Iloilo, on January 6th, 1928, was an occasion that will take a prominent place in the history of Freemasonry in the southern city.

Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, having arrived from Manila, a special communication of the Grand Lodge was opened at the Temple of Iloilo Lodge No. 11 at 4.00 p. m., on the 6th. The Grand Lodge and other Brethren then formed in procession and marched to the site on which the new Iloilo Masonic Temple will soon stand, in the following order:

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<i>Grand Marshal</i>	- - -	Bro. Timoteo Certeza
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<i>Senior Grand Steward</i>	- - -	Wor. Bro. Fernando Ramirez
<i>Junior Grand Steward</i>	- - -	Wor. Bro. Ricardo A. Luna
<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>	- - -	Bro. William Ludwig
<i>Grand Tyler</i>	- - -	Bro. Gregorio Enriquez

### WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, F. & A. M., will hold a special meeting for the purpose of paying homage to the memory of our great Brother George Washington, on Wednesday, February 22nd, beginning at 8.00 p. m., in the Blue Lodge Hall, Masonic Temple, Manila, P. I. All regular Masons are cordially invited to attend.

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Upon the arrival of the procession at the temple site, Wor. Bro. Thomas N. Powell, President of the Iloilo Masonic Temple Association, addressed the Grand Master, requesting him to proceed with the ceremony of laying the corner-stone. The Grand Master, after a short speech, thereupon laid the corner-stone in due and ancient form, in accordance with the ritual of the Grand Lodge for such occasions.

The Chief Architect, Bro. W. J. Odom, addressed the gathering, and Wor. Bro. Henry Gilhouser delivered the Grand Oration.

The impressiveness of the ceremony was greatly enhanced by the splendid singing of a quartette, and the orators acquitted themselves of their task in excellent form. Iloilo has seldom witnessed a ceremony as solemn as this corner-stone laying. The non-Masons present viewed the proceedings with evident feelings of respect and reverence, and the members of the Order realized more than ever the greatness and powerful appeal of Freemasonry.

The Grand Lodge returned to the Temple and closed in ample form. In the evening, Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt made an official visitation to Iloilo Lodge No. 11 and installed the officers of that Lodge for the year 1928.

On the evening of the following day, January 7th, the Grand Master made an unofficial visit to Acacia Lodge No. 78. On this occasion he was handed a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which he, in his turn, most gallantly presented to Mrs. Gilhouser, the wife of Wor. Bro. Henry Gilhouser, inspector of the 5th Masonic District.

Most Wor. Bro. Schmidt is entitled to the gratitude of the Craft at Iloilo for having taken the time to make the voyage to Iloilo at a period when his duties as Grand Master were especially arduous and his business urgently demanded his presence in Manila. His visit was an inspiration and encouragement to the Brethren of the South who have undertaken a task that is fraught with great difficulties and in which they deserve the moral and material support of the Craft: the construction of a Masonic Temple worthy of the name.

### Our Traveling Past Grand Masters

According to recent news, Most Wor. Bro. Manuel L. Quezon is improving at the sanatorium at Monrovia, Calif., to which he was compelled to go when illness overtook him on his way home from Washington.

Most Wor. Bro. George R. Harvey announces by cable that he will return to the Islands for a short stay; he is scheduled to arrive in Manila on February 8th, on board the U. S. A. T. *Thomas*.

Most Wor. Bro. Rafael Palma will return to the Islands on board the *S. S. President Pierce*, arriving in Manila on February 10th. He has been absent on a tour of the world, in the interests of the University of the Philippines of which he is the president.

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## PERSONALS

*Manila No. 1.*—The Secretary has received letters from the following Brethren: Geo. H. Bathey, Bolling Field, D. C.; L. R. Sawyer, Hartford, Conn.; Bert Palmer, Edmundo, Wash.; B. L. Meeden, Camp Normoyle, Tex.; Geo. N. Hurd, Los Angeles, Cal., and Paul L. Lambert, Phoenix, Ariz.

Bro. David Leonard Branch sends greetings to his friends from Oakland. He and Mrs. Branch are doing well and are enjoying good health in the United States.

Bro. Guy Strattan was in Manila for a few weeks in December and January.

Bro. Thomas J. Wolff, accompanied by Mrs. Wolff, returned to the Islands on the *President Jefferson* on January 6th, after an absence of six months in the United States.

*Cavite No. 2.*—Bro. John V. S. Breson is up and about again after a long stay at the hospital where he underwent an operation.

*Bagumbayan No. 4.*—Bro. Francisco Santiago, our Senior Warden, left on January 16th for Daet, Camarines Norte, on business of his firm. He was absent a week. Upon his return he spoke very highly of the hospitality extended to him by Bros. Curva and Nebrida of Daet.

Bro. Manuel T. Paz had the misfortune of spraining his ankle shortly before the installation of officers and was the only officer not installed with the rest on January 11th.

Bro. Lingoh Wang left Manila on the *S.S. Asiatic Prince* on January 9, to assume office as Consul-General of China at Batavia.

Bro. Hassamal Dallamal was absent on a three-months visit to Japan during the latter part of 1927.

*Island No. 5.*—Bros. Albert E. Robinson and William Reekers are expected to return to the Philippines for duty in the near future.

*Southern Cross No. 6.*—Bro. Samuel Deebel, the faithful Tyler of this Lodge, in a successful effort to smother the flames enveloping a woman who had been caught in a fire, had both hands painfully burned and was confined to his room for two weeks.

Bro. James H. Morton and wife returned from the United States in January after an absence of several years, much improved in health. Bro. Morton is now with the P. C. C.

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Wor. Bro. A. C. Crossfield's condition, which was very serious, is improving slowly.

*Cosmos No. 8.*—New Year's wishes have been received from various Brethren, including Robert C. Whiting (1735 So. Hobart Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.), Edward F. Jones (Mariveles, Bataan), Thomas Waltenspiel (Fabrica, Occ. Negros), Sixto Y. Orosa (Bacolod, Occ. Negros), etc.

Bro. John N. Kruseman returned to Manila on December 11th from a trip to Europe and Australia.

Bro. Jacques Schlittler has left for Australia, where he will remain for some time.

Other Brethren who traveled were Philip W. Guimond, who went to the Bontoc Peninsula; Wor. Bro. Fred A. Gathercole, who went to Batangas for Christmas, and Bro. Henry, who went to the Bicol country to visit his children and inspect his coconut plantation.

Bro. Martin Lauritzen was on the sick list for a short time in December, and so was Bro. John C. Ruyman.

Bros. Odom and de la Cantera have been doing a great deal of traveling in connection with the building of the new Masonic Temple at Iloilo, the corner-stone of which was laid on January 7th.

*Nilad No. 11.*—Bro. B. K. West has again had an attack of his old intestinal trouble and has gone to Sibul Springs for a few months' stay and cure.

*Dapitan No. 21.*—Bro. Antonio Jonson had the great misfortune of losing his daughter in the Capiz Farm School at Banga. The Brethren at Kalibo were of great assistance during the illness and death of the girl and Bro. Jonson feels very grateful to them for the help extended by them.

*Pampanga No. 48.*—On January 14th, Mrs. Bautista presented Bro. Santiago L. Bautista, P. M., with a robust baby boy. Both mother and child are doing well in Malolos, where Bro. Bautista is stationed.

Bro. Castor P. Lansañgan, cane superintendent of the Pampanga Sugar Mills for Dinalupihan, Bataan, was transferred to the central office in Del Carmen.

Worshipful Brother Santiago L. Bautista and Bro. Pelagio Navarro Dizon are back at their desks after enjoying an extended accrued leave of absence.

Bro. Major Telesforo Martinez, until recently Provincial Commander of Pampanga, was transferred to the Military Academy at Baguio as Instructor. He was given a farewell dinner at the Canton Hotel in San Fernando by several members of the Lodge before he left.

Bros. Mariano S. Sulit and Master Sergeant Cipriano Masiclat, of the Philippine Scouts, are back at Camp Stotsenburg after taking part in the annual maneuvers of the Philippine Division in Bataan and Pampanga.

*Marble No. 58.*—Bros. Simplicio Festin and Amando Bulaong both have had increases in their families; Bro. Festin reports the birth of a girl and Bro. Bulaong that of a boy.

The wife of Bro. Cornelio Briones was very ill in December, but is better now.

Bro. Vicente F. Mayor had the misfortune of losing his wife by death on December 28th.

*Magat No. 68.*—Bro. Pastor C. Aluning has been transferred from the Province of Tarlac to Lucena, Tayabas, in the same capacity, i. e. chief clerk and deputy provincial treasurer.

*Makiling No. 72.*—Bros. C. Dalmacio, R. A. Ruiz, M. T. Peng, John T. Farley, and Mariano Dia, of this Lodge, accompanied by Bro. Juan O. Chioco, of Cabanatuan No. 53, made a New Year's Day visit to Wor. Bro. José Lucido, P. M. of Martires del '96 Lodge No. 32, at his home at Nagcarlan, Laguna.

*Hamtik No. 76.*—Bro. Venancio Nebrida, at present division superintendent of schools of Camarines Norte, with station at Daet, called on the managing editor of the CABLETOW on his visit to Manila on January 13th.

*Kasilawan No. 77.*—Mrs. Ang Chin Mun, wife of Bro. Ang Chin Mun, died of tuberculosis on December 18h, last, and was buried in the Chinese cemetery on December 23rd.

Wor. Bro. Dr. José Vergara was on the sick list with pleurisy in December, but has fully recovered and is able to perform his duties as Master of this Lodge and superintendent of "Welfareville" at San Felipe Neri.

Bro. Saw E. Sam has established his photographic studio, the Nueva Studio, at No. 605 Calle Nueva.

Mrs. Wenceslao Fajardo presented her husband with a son at the St. Luke's hospital on December 22nd.

Wor. Bro. Pedro V. Asunción has fully recovered from his attack of pleurisy.

Wor. Bro. Manuel M. Agbulos, now connected with the Mindanao Lumber Company, 660 Alvarado, Binondo, has removed his residence from 1025 O'Donnell Street to No. 1033 of the same street.

Bros. FERIA and Cardona, who were raised on January 3rd, offered a buffet lunch to fourteen Brethren at the Pancretaria Nueva the same evening.

*Service No. 95.*—Bro. V. Walter Smith, 1st Lt., 16th Infantry, writes from Governors Island, N. Y., his present station, for numbers of the CABLETOW he has not received. He adds that he is at present the Senior Warden of the Degree Team of the Governors Island Square Club, which is doing quite a bit of work thruout the various Lodges in New York City and Brooklyn.

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# Sección Castellana

## Nuestro Próximo Número

En nuestro próximo número publicaremos la brillante oración pronunciada por nuestro Muy Ill. Hmno. Teodoro M. Kalaw en la noche del día veinticuatro de Enero. Dedicaremos el número del CABLETOW correspondiente al mes de Marzo a los nuevos dignatarios de la Gran Logia, cuyos retratos publicaremos en dicho número. El presente número lo dedicamos con pensamientos de gratitud y amor fraternal a los dignatarios del año próximo pasado que con tanto celo y éxito han sabido mantener y defender los intereses de la Institución en estos Valles. También publicaremos en el número de Marzo el "Roster" de las diferentes Logias correspondiente al año actual. Ya lo teníamos impreso, pero nos faltan los nombres de los nuevos dignatarios de dos de las Logias y nos falta asimismo sitio en este número que va "abarroto," como dirían nuestros Hermanos de la marina mercante.—L. F.

## Criticas Poco Justas

Como ya dijimos antes, hoy día el noventa por ciento de los Masones de Filipinas entienden perfectamente el inglés y los que no saben leerlo son menos del cinco por ciento. La sugestión que, según lo que nos dicen, se hizo en una de las sesiones de la Gran Logia, de que la mitad del CABLETOW se imprima en castellano es, por lo tanto, injustificada. Antes publicábamos los artículos de fondo en las dos lenguas, pero hubo tantas quejas, sobre todo de parte de los lectores de provincias, los cuales alegaban que preferían leer las dos secciones, con artículos diferentes, en vez de tener solamente una sección, por ser la otra nada más que una traducción de aquella, que tuvimos que cambiar de procedimiento.

Es más, raramente recibimos material en castellano que valga la pena publicar. Lo mismo sucede con la otra revista masónica de la localidad, el "Far Eastern Freemason." Y por no querer llenar el periódico de material copiado o artículos y discursos adocenados, nos hallamos muchas veces en la necesidad de reducir el tamaño de la sección castellana. Para el número de Marzo tendremos material muy a propósito, a saber, la Gran Oración de nuestro Mirabeau filipino, el Muy Il. Hmno. Teodoro M. Kalaw. Rogamos, pues, a nuestros críticos que miren el asunto desde un punto de vista más amplio y abnegado y tengan en cuenta que un redactor no puede publicar lo que no tiene y que las traducciones son costosas y el CABLETOW no tiene fondos de sobra.—L. F.

## Los Pensamientos Malos

Hay quienes creen que basta con que uno se guarde de obrar mal, porque no se le puede castigar al hombre por lo que piensa. No era esta la opinión del Nazareno quien dijo que el pensar mal es tan reprobable como el obrar mal. Nos acordamos haber leído en alguna parte estas palabras: "Lucha con tus pensamientos impuros a fin de que no te subyuguen, por que si permites que se arraiguen y crezcan, acabarán por dominarte y perderte." El pensamiento malo es padre de la obra mala y nuestra obra de regeneración debe empezar por el pensamiento y no por la obra.

El fin principal de la Masonería es llenar la mente de pensamientos nobles y puros y purificar de este modo la fuente. El alma y el cerebro del hombre son el laboratorio en que se preparan sus actos y es preciso barrer por dentro si queremos que nuestros actos sean dignos de un Masón.

—L. F.

## Interpretación Equivocada

No son raros los Masones que sustentan que la Masonería no debe dedicarse a obras de beneficencia de carácter general, porque ellos creen que nuestra Institución es solamente una sociedad de socorros mutuos cuyo objeto es ejercer la caridad dentro de un círculo restringido. No pensaba así el Masón eminente Alberto Pike, quien dijo que cuando una sociedad es fuerte por el número de sus miembros, tiene necesariamente deberes para con la patria, como tal sociedad, mucho más elevados que aquellos que sus miembros se deben reciprocamente. Esto no obstante, según dicho Hermano americano, la mayor parte de las sociedades, así como también la mayor parte de los individuos, han dejado de cumplir sus más altos deberes hacia su patria para dedicarse exclusivamente, como se han dedicado, a atender con egoísmo sus propios intereses y bienestar. La Masonería exige no solamente el cumplimiento de nuestros deberes hacia la patria, sino que nos pide sacrificios en beneficio de la humanidad.

El campo de acción de la Masonería no lo es, pues, la Logia ni el país en que ésta está radicada y la nación a que debemos lealtad, sino toda la humanidad. La interpretación egoísta de que hablamos al principio de este artículo es contraria al espíritu de nuestra Institución y sus autores y sostenedores demuestran que no han acertado en comprender toda la magnitud y grandeza de nuestra obra regeneradora en esta tierra.—L. F.

## Por Qué La Masonería Proclama la Instrucción Laica

Hace poco, nos dijo un buen Hermano que en una conversación con un enemigo de nuestra Institución, éste le dijo que la Masonería trataba de arrancar toda religión del corazón humano y que la mejor prueba de ello era que se oponía a la instrucción religiosa en las escuelas. "No sabía yo qué contestarle," confesó el aludido Hermano, "porque no hay nada en nuestros rituales sobre el motivo por que nos oponemos tanto a la instrucción religiosa, aunque es fácil probar que en vez de ser antireligiosa, la Masonería es altamente religiosa."

La Masonería no ha pretendido jamás ser religión, pero por el otro lado no se opone a ninguna religión basada sobre la moral y el amor al prójimo. Desde luego, es absolutamente calumniosa la acusación de que tratamos de arrancar la religión. Lo prueba la declaración siguiente de los Supremos Consejos del Rito Escocés, reunidos en Lausanne en 22 de Septiembre de 1875:

"A los hombres para quienes la religión es un consuelo supremo, la Francmasonería les dice: Cultivad vuestra religión, seguid las inspiraciones de vuestra conciencia; pero tened en cuenta que la Francmasonería no es una religión, no es un culto; por eso proclama la instrucción laica y toda su doctrina se encierra en este precepto: "Ama a tu prójimo."

Este texto oficial expresa acertadamente la actitud de la Masonería hacia las diferentes religiones y el motivo por que desea que se respete a todas y no se dé la preferencia a ninguna determinada en las instituciones públicas.—L. F.

¿No creéis que para marchar a la vanguardia del perfeccionamiento humano, basta poner en práctica exacta y religiosamente los sublimes preceptos de la masonería?—*Simbolismo Libre.*

### La Décimasexta Reunión Anual

En los días del veinticuatro al veintisiete de Enero de este año se celebró en Manila la Décimasexta Reunión Anual de la Gran Logia de Masones Libres y Aceptados, bajo buenos auspicios. En su mensaje anual, el cual reproducimos íntegro en la sección inglesa de nuestra revista, el Muy Il. Hmno. Joseph H. Schmidt expone con claridad su gestión oficial durante el año y de dicho documento importante se desprende que nuestro ex-Gran Maestro más joven ha desempeñado el cargo con inteligencia, celo y energía poco comunes.

La Gran Logia no ha introducido ninguna reforma en nuestra Constitución este año. Ha aprobado todas las dispensas, circulares y decisiones otorgadas por el Gran Maestro. Ha acordado que se debe cumplir la disposición que prohíbe que un Masón pertenezca a dos Logias a la vez si dichas Logias se hallan dentro de la jurisdicción territorial de la Gran Logia de Filipinas, o sea, el Archipiélago Filipino. Ha acordado, asimismo, que se celebre una conferencia con la Logia Perla del Oriente No. 1034, radicada en Manila y de la obediencia de la Gran Logia de Escocia, para llegar a una inteligencia sobre el material proveniente de los barcos de la marina de guerra cuyas solicitudes la referida Logia acepta, no obstante las disposiciones del Edicto No. 5 el cual da a las Logias de Cavite jurisdicción sobre el personal de los barcos de guerra en la bahía de Manila. Se acordó, también, que según nuestra Constitución, se pueden publicar las suspensiones, expulsiones, etc., en los boletines de las Logias, con tal que se haya obtenido previamente la autorización correspondiente del Gran Maestro. Se acordó la continuación de la publicación del CABLETOW, rebajándose la ayuda de la Gran Logia a la cantidad de tres mil pesos para el año 1928.

Como notas salientes podemos citar la presentación de resoluciones sobre la muerte del Hmno. Leonard Wood, el envío de un saludo cablegráfico al Muy Il. Hmno. Quezon y la contestación de éste; la presentación de un mandil de Maestro Masón al Hmno. Hasselmann, por encargo de su Logia en Alemania; la imposición del grado de Maestro Masón al Hmno. Lee E. Stevens por su padre, el Muy Il. Gran Maestro pasado Frederic H. Stevens, ante una multitud de Masones que llenaba de bote en bote el amplio salón; y la instalación de los Grandes Dignatarios en la noche del 27, en el Templo Plaridel, en la cual se presentó al Muy Il. Hmno. Joseph H. Schmidt una hermosa medalla de ex-Gran Maestro pasado y a su distinguida esposa una hermosa cesta de rosas.

### El Ambiente Masónico

En el ambiente masónico se olvidan, felizmente, las distinciones sociales, las religiosas, y sin que se descuiden un solo instante los graves

deberes para con la Patria, las distinciones de nacionalidad y de raza. El salvaje del desierto que ha recibido la iniciación considérase como hermano del hombre civilizado. El mundo es el gran teatro donde los masones tienen que mostrar la benevolencia de sus corazones, practicando continuamente la solidaridad social, y las virtudes todas, en favor del género humano. Debemos llegar a la conquista del mundo por el amor, por el sacrificio, por la bondad. Sólo así la Masonería habrá cumplido su misión universal, y los masones del orbe, el juramento que, a través de mil generaciones, vienen prestando en los altares del G.: A.: D.: U.: en el instante inolvidable de sellar nuestros más nobles compromisos.—*Jesús Arocha Moreno (Venezuela).*

### La Bola Negra

Es el estigma que se graba sobre la frente del peticionario candidato para ingresar en una colectividad ya de hombres unidos por los lazos de una asociación de amor y de justicia, ya para ingresar en un club revolucionario, donde se mide el valor y la discreción, como se pesa el oro o se aquilata el brillante, o ya para ingresar, en una sociedad secreta cuyos negros propósitos y malvados fines son más negros que la misma bola que los rechaza.

Pero antes de depositar en la urna una bola negra, que ha de ennegrecer la blancura de las bolas que son signos de admisión y belleza de amor, debe pensarse mucho. Que la duda no empañe la conducta de aquél, que por meros prejuicios, por repugnancia al carácter del candidato, por cuestiones políticas o religiosas, deposita una bola negra allí donde debió brillar una bola blanca, más pura cuanto que así puesta, demuestra que el que la deposita está libre de prejuicios.

La bola negra es la decapitación de un hombre. Es así como la licencia amarilla del presidiario.

—¿Por qué no fué Ud. admitido allí? y le señalan el templo de la ciencia.

—¿Por qué?, contesta el preguntado. Porque no soy de la misma opinión política de algunos hombres que en ella militan. Porque tengo allí enemigos gratuitos. Porque no comulgo con la misma hostia que comulgan algunos que tienen diferentes conceptos del mió en las cuestiones religiosas.

Y el que indaga se va pensando. No me convencen esas razones. Este hombre debe ser muy indigno, cuando le han dado bola negra.

Arguyen algunos hermanos, que para el ingreso se necesita la solvencia, y yo abundo en estas ideas. Pero hay atenuantes. El origen de la Masonería data, según unos autores, de los canteros alemanes, según otros de la construcción del templo de Salomón. Todos aquellos obreros fueron pobres trabajadores. La pobreza los glorifica. Hay pobres extremadamente pobres. El trabajo les pesa como una losa de plomo. Aquéllos son un beneficio social. Estos son una desgracia eterna. Aquéllos vienen a ofrecer su trabajo y su labor, éstos vienen con el espíritu especulativo, con la idea del lucro, y cuando no pueden obtener estas prebendas, se convierten en enemigos de la institución a que pertenecen, como los judas de la leyenda.

Hay que tener en cuenta la salud del cuerpo, y la salud moral del espíritu. Enfermos del cuerpo, una carga pesada para el tesoro. Enfermos del espíritu, una calamidad para la orden.

De todos modos, hay que ahondar mucho, pensar mucho y sentir hondo, para decapitar a un ser que es nuestro hermano antes de pensar con nosotros, de amar con nosotros y de unirse a la cadena fraternal del universo. Y tened presente aquella máxima sublime del maestro:

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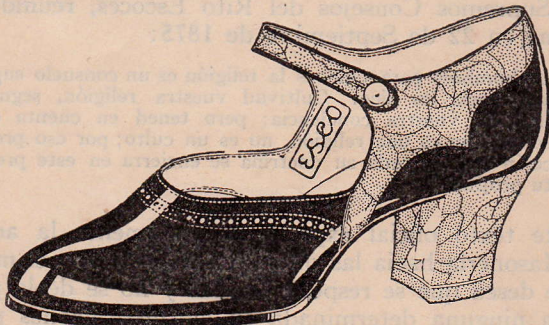
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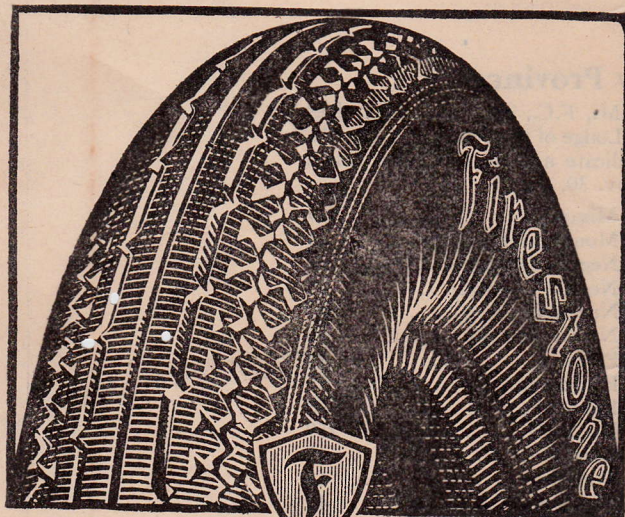
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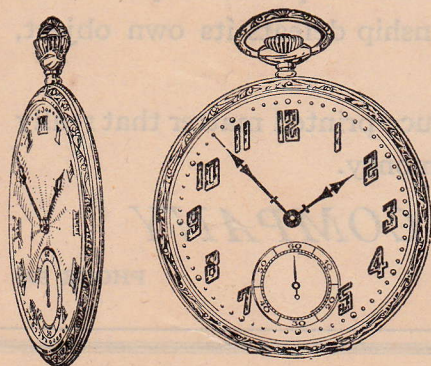
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