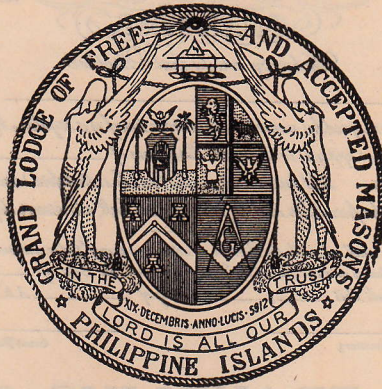


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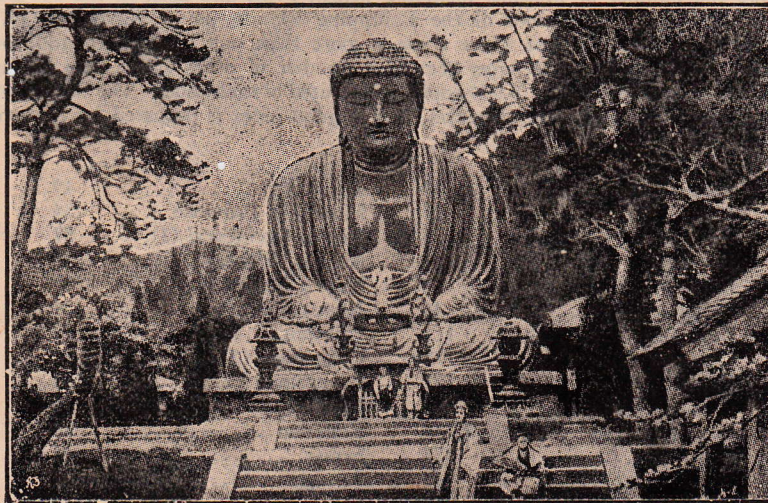
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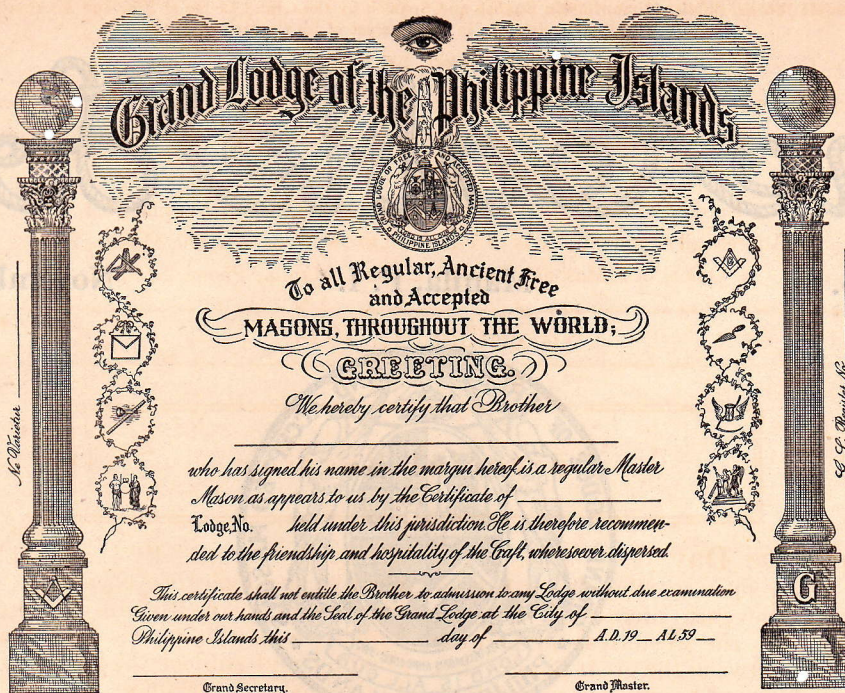
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Editorial Section

Armistice Day

Eleven years have passed since, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 1918, the guns became silent on the western front because the armistice had been signed between the great powers that had for several years been engaged in murderous warfare. The war taught the world many lessons, chief among them the one that war is damnable, inhuman, unprofitable. It also taught the world that war is a contingency for which a nation must be prepared. And the events of the last eleven years have shown us that the "war to end war" has by no means accomplished its mission and that, cruel and terrible as that great conflict was, the wars of the future will be more so to an extent at which we can only guess.—L. F.

Sun Yat-Sen

On November 12th, our Chinese friends will be celebrating the anniversary of the birth of their great compatriot, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen, who was born in 1866 and to whose tireless, self-sacrificing efforts China owes so much. Like Washington, Mazzini, and Rizal, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen was a member of our great Fraternity, and like theirs, his name will be forever blessed by a grateful people.—L. F.

Bonifacio Day

Andrés Bonifacio, the anniversary of whose birth the Filipino people will celebrate on the 30th of this month, was born in 1863, in Tondo. After taking part in the work of the Liga Filipina, Bonifacio, convinced that Masonry and the existing patriotic organizations could not accomplish what he considered to be necessary, a revolution, founded the Katipunan. He did not confine his labors to word and pen but took up arms when the cry of rebellion was raised. He was not yet twenty-nine years old when he founded the Katipunan, and at the beginning of the rebellion he was but thirty-three. His life and political career were short and his death was the result of circumstance. He was a member of our Fraternity, but evidently the methods and procedure of Freemasonry did not satisfy him and he, therefore, created in the Katipunan an organization more in accordance with his ideas. He came and went like a meteor, after playing in the history of the Philippines the part assigned to him by Providence.—L. F.

Electioneering

The Uniform Code of By-Laws requires the Master of each Lodge of our Grand Jurisdiction to read in open lodge, at the stated meetings of October, November, and December,

the section of the By-Laws prohibiting the soliciting of elective or appointive office in the Lodge and electioneering, canvassing or soliciting of votes or support for any member. Violations of this provision of law are deemed unmasonic conduct and subject the offender to such discipline as the Lodge may determine.

The prohibition of electioneering is a wise measure. Political campaign methods can only disturb the peace and harmony of a Lodge and cannot do any good. Let us enforce and obey the law as good Masons should.—L. F.

Thanksgiving Day

America, upon her advent in the Philippine Islands, transplanted to these shores the observance of one of the principal holidays of the nation, Thanksgiving Day. The idea of a day of thanksgiving at a season of the year when the harvest has been completed is as old as humanity itself. It exists all over the world. Quite naturally, when the most arduous labors on field and meadow are completed, when the barns, store-rooms, and cellars are replete, and the husbandman finds at last the time to look over the season's results and take it easier, the feeling of gratitude is uppermost in his soul. The offerings of fruits of the harvest of the pagan times have been replaced by spiritual offerings to the Giver of All and the feasting has, perhaps, taken a more refined form; but the underlying idea is the same that it was thousands of years ago. Instead of libations to Bacchus and sacrifices to Ceres, we have prayers to the Supreme Being. And to the Mason, Thanksgiving is one of the occasions on which he thinks of sharing his blessings with the poor and needy, these being sacrifices most pleasing to God.—L. F.

Food for Thought

There is food for thought in what our Brother Joseph E. Morcombe, of the *Masonic World*, writes on Masonry and civic duties. A difference of opinion seems to exist among our Brethren as to the extent to which Masonry should participate in public affairs. The consensus of opinion seems to be that we should take an active interest in the affairs of our country and its government; that we should stand solidly behind those who strive to uphold the principles of Freemasonry and that we should do our duty at the polls and elsewhere. On the other hand, all seem to be agreed that party politics must be kept out of the Lodge.

Have we, as individual Masons, done our full duty as regards public affairs? Have we seven thousand intelligent, upright men exercised the influence that we should exercise

for the purpose of securing liberal legislation and keeping our government clean? Have we stood back our Brethren who are in the forefront of the battle, as they had a right to expect us to do?

Let each man answer for himself.

Here is what Bro. Morcombe, one of the foremost thinkers of the Masonic press, has to say on the subjects mentioned:

HAS MASONRY A CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY?

Because of a desire to keep Masonry clear of all unwholesome entanglements of a political or sociological nature, many of the brethren fail of carrying the fraternal teachings beyond the precincts of the Lodge. At least this might be the charitable explanation for a disregard of all that is insisted upon in Masonic precept. There is a great bogey, and frequently invoked, at the least showing among the brothers to consider their duties, as Masons, in any matter of public importance. The word "politics" is whispered about, and usually serves to silence any who would have Craftsmen foremost in promoting the welfare of their communities. The late Brother Jason Lewis, of the *Masonic Chronicler*, once remarked, and with a justified sarcasm, that to utter the words "United States" in certain Lodges was to be accused and likely convicted of violating the ancient landmarks by bringing forward a political subject for consideration in an assemblage of Masons.

A BROADER CONCEPTION IS NEEDED

Masons generally need to be educated along the line of civic duty. The great fraternity in the United States, representing a considerable fraction of the voting population, and being rather above the average in intelligence and influence, cannot afford to neglect the duties that are fundamental and the responsibilities that attach to every member of our democracy. And where better can they be informed of such duties than in the presence of their brethren? However far apart from the ordinary affairs of humanity we may imagine the institution to stand, it remains a great social agency. Its open and unchallenged existence in the land is a virtual recognition by the public. In turn it must justify its existence by contributing directly and positively to the general good. The immaculate apron, "unspotted from the world," is properly to be worn in the Lodge room, where the sordid and defiling things of life may not intrude. But the Masonic apron becomes a prouder badge of honor if it shows the stains of labor in any cause that is for the benefit of others. This is no argument for entrance of the American Craft into the arena of partisan politics. It is rather the pointing to a duty that has its due emphasis and clear statement in the teachings of Masonry.

—L. F.

The Initiative of a Mason

Among the institutions which owe their existence to Masons is the Red Cross. But it is not that fact alone which endears that organization to our Fraternity. It is the task which it has set for itself and the work which it is doing that brings the Red Cross so close to our hearts. If it were not for the Red Cross, the task facing Masonic bodies in time of calamity and disaster would be much greater than it is. With its wonderful organization, the Red Cross can accomplish things that would be an impossibility to us.

As regards the work of the Red Cross in these Islands, Governor-General Davis, in his recent proclamation designating the period from Armistice Day, November 11th, to Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, as the time for the Thirteenth Annual Roll Call of the Red Cross in the Philippines, has this to say:

"The Red Cross has become a vital part of the national life of the Philippine people. In their support of this Society, our citizens find an opportunity to unite for humanitarian purposes and to associate themselves with a great international movement. The Philippines has the proud distinction of being in the front rank among the nations of the world for Red Cross work.

"The activities of the Red Cross in these Islands are well known. Its budget, covering the present fiscal year, for health and nursing activities, for the support of health and rehabilitation units, for relief in time of disaster, for service to the enlisted personnel of the United States Army and Navy, for the Junior Red Cross dental services, and for other miscellaneous services, exceeds half a million pesos. In addition to this amount, the Red Cross is prepared to act promptly, constructively, and liberally in time of disaster."

As a non-sectarian, non-political, and non-partisan organization, whose purpose is to relieve distress, the Red Cross recommends itself particularly to the members of our Institution, and we know that in its drive, it will have the full moral and material support of every regular Mason in these Islands.—L. F.

Tolerance and Tact

Tolerance and tact are two excellent prophylactics against enemies. Nothing breeds enmity like intolerance. A man whose views we do not share but respect, may think highly of us, while a person to whose side of the case we will not even listen is sure to dislike or even despise us. If we use no circumspection and keep forever stepping on other people's toes, we are sure to make ourselves enemies right and left, which the exercise of tact might have prevented.

But tolerance can be carried to the extreme and become weakness or connivance, and a man who is everybody's friend is nobody's. A man of strong convictions and strong friendships is bound to have enemies. He will not stand by and hear his beliefs attacked and his friends reviled. What is a man who has no enemies? Let the poet answer:

You have no enemies, you say?

Alas, my friend, the boast is poor.

He who has mingled in the fray

Of duty, that the brave endure,

Must have made foes. If you have none,

You've hit no traitor on the hip;

You've dashed no cup from perjured lip,

You've never turned the wrong to right—

You've been a coward in the fight.

We have just as much right to be proud of our enemies as of our friends.—L. F.

Publishing the Names of Petitioners

Is it unlawful to publish the names of petitioners for the degrees in a Lodge bulletin? This question has been asked us recently and we consider it important enough to answer it editorially.

Upon consulting the decisions of the Grand Lodge of California from which our Grand Lodge took its Constitution, we find the following rulings which answer the question above referred to with an emphatic NO:

No Masonic precedent is violated by sending out a printed folder, but that the names of applicants for the degrees should not be published therein. (1897, p. 239.)

Nor should the names of such applicants be printed on postal cards, notices, folders or cards. (1913, pp. 76, 162.)

Nor should the bulletin board on which such names are posted be exposed to view except during the meetings of the Masonic Lodges using the hall. (1897, p. 239.)

The last decision we have cited in order to strengthen still further our contention that the fact of a man being a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry must be kept from becoming known to outsiders, and that every reasonable precaution should be taken to prevent such information from being passed on to the public. That Lodge bulletins are frequently read by outsiders is a fact which cannot be successfully contradicted, and for this reason the publication of the names of petitioners for the degrees in Lodge bulletins must be considered not only impolitic and unwise, but in violation of our Masonic law.—L. F.

The Death of Bro. Gustav Stresemann

Universally regretted, Brother Gustav Stresemann, Foreign Minister of the German Republic and acknowledged to be the greatest post-war statesman of his country, died at Berlin on October 3rd, at the age of 51 years, of a second attack of apoplexy. His death was hastened by overwork.

Bro. Stresemann was born in Berlin on May 10, 1878. After brilliant studies in Berlin and Leipzig, where he specialized in economics and political science, he had a distinguished political career, being twice Chancellor and five times Minister of Foreign Affairs of his country. His services to the cause of peace won for Brother Stresemann the love and admiration of all nations concerned. His untimely death constitutes a great loss to humanity.—L. F.

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 "Gran Logia Soberana del Archipiélago Filipino" and the "Gran Logia Nacional de Filipinas."
 The "Supremo Consejo del Gr. 33 para Filipinas" and the so-called Scottish Rite Bodies under its auspices.
 The organizations calling themselves "Gran Masonería Filipina," "Gran Oriente Filipino," "Mártires de Filipinas" and "Gran Luz Masonería Filipina."

SELDON W. O'BRIEN, *Grand Master*

Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Seldon W. O'Brien has appointed Wor. Bros. Edward F. Hickman (3), Rogaciano Cosio (21), and Ladislao José (57), to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of November, 1929.

Addresses Wanted

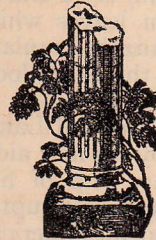
Does any Brother know the present address of any of the following-named members of Acacia Lodge No. 78, of Iloilo, P. I.: S. E. Aldrich, E. E. Brown, Oscar H. Charles, F. W. Kress, Ralph Pauli, and John B. Wilson? Please communicate with The Secretary, Acacia Lodge No. 78, F. & A. M., P. O. Box No. 352, Iloilo, P. I.

Stated Meetings of Manila Lodges

- November 1 (First Friday).*—St. John's No. 9, Masonic Temple; Hiram No. 88, Plaridel Temple.
November 2 (First Saturday).—Nilad No. 12, Plaridel Temple; Taga-Ilog No. 79, Masonic Temple; Araw No. 18, 527 Alvarado.
November 4 (First Monday).—Luz Oceánica No. 85, Masonic Temple; Service No. 95, Plaridel Temple.
November 5 (First Tuesday).—Manila No. 1, Masonic Temple; Kasilawan No. 77, Masonic Temple.
November 6 (First Wednesday).—Cosmos No. 8, Masonic Temple; Rizal No. 22, Plaridel Temple.
November 7 (First Thursday).—Isla de Luzon No. 57, Masonic Temple; Minerva No. 41, Plaridel Temple; Mt. Lebanon No. 80, 1132 California; Mencius No. 93, Masonic Temple.
November 8 (Second Friday).—Dapitan No. 21, Plaridel Temple.
November 9 (Second Saturday).—Biak-na-Bato No. 7, Masonic Temple; Dalisay No. 14, Plaridel Temple; Walana No. 13, Masonic Temple.
November 11 (Second Monday).—Southern Cross No. 6, Masonic Temple.
November 12 (Second Tuesday).—Benjamin Franklin No. 94, Masonic Temple.
November 13 (Second Wednesday).—Bagumbayan No. 4, Masonic Temple.
November 14 (Second Thursday).—Corregidor No. 3, Masonic Temple; Batong-Buhay No. 27, 527 Alvarado.
November 15 (Third Friday).—Modestia-Liwayway No. 81, Plaridel Temple.
November 16 (Third Saturday).—Hagdang Bato No. 87, 527 Alvarado, Manila; High Twelve No. 82, Masonic Temple.
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Lodge Cards Lost

Bro. G. E. MacKenzie, C.M.M., U.S.S. *Beaver*, reports the loss of a lodge card folder containing due cards issued in the name of Glenn Emmett MacKenzie by East Chicago Lodge No. 595, F. & A. M., East Chicago, Ind., and by York Rite Bodies, an Eastern Star Chapter, Scottish Rite Bodies, and Orak Shrine Temple, in Indiana and Illinois.



Our Dead

One by one we loose the hand clasps
 That so warm a welcome gave;
 One by one the voices silence
 In the stillness of the grave.

—Anon.

Wor. Bro. Juan Ll. Evangelista.

Past Master of Isabela Lodge No. 60.

Died at Ilagan, Isabela, on September 25, 1929.

Buried with Masonic honors, September 26, 1929.

Brother Mariano A. Paez.

Member of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53.

Died on September 25, 1929.

Buried on September 27, 1929.

Brother Santiago E. Besas.

Member of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84.

Died at the Presbyterian Hospital, Tagbilaran, Bohol, on March 11, 1929.

Brother Francisco Villamor.

Member of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84.

Died at Tacloban, Leyte, on May 14, 1929.

Gathered from Various Sources

Four Men at Table

It chanced upon a winter's night, safe sheltered from the weather,
 The board was spread for only one, yet four men dined together.
 There sat the man I meant to be, in glory spurred and booted,
 And close beside him to the right, the man I am reputed.
 The man I think myself to be, a seat was occupying
 Hard by the man I really am, who to hold his own was trying.
 And though beneath one roof we met
 None called his fellow brother,
 No sign of recognition passed—They knew not one another.

—From an old Scrapbook.

Losing Its Bearing

Three elements are contributing to the degeneration of Freemasonry, and unless the Fraternity can be brought to see the danger ahead, it will not be long until the Masonry of the fathers will be no more. These elements are: 1, A crude endeavour to make Masonry conform to every new fashion; 2, The fact that lodges are making it their chief business to amuse and entertain; 3, A feeling that Masons are imparting teaching which they do not believe and practise.

Analyse the conditions in your own lodge and see how far the truth has been misstated above. The tendency of the times is to popularize Masonry and to make it so attractive that candidates will come in by the dozen. Freemasonry is no longer an exclusive society such as existed fifty years ago. The measure of Masonic prosperity is numerical. Each succeeding Master sets a new record, and thus the grind of degrees continues, to the end that the roll of members is expanded and the treasury enhanced. The practical working of the Fraternity is lost sight of, and no wonder that every new fashion beckons conformity, and the wits are called upon for odd and freakish means of entertainment. We need a new Hiram to draw designs of true Masonry.—*London Freemason.*

Masonic Fiction

S. S. 54

By LEO FISCHER, P. M.

(Continued)

Snugly ensconced amidst the forest, on a clearing a thousand feet or more above the coastal plain, lay a cluster of eighteen low huts of bamboo and palm leaves which sheltered sixty or seventy of General Lanza's regulars. Few of the inhabitants of the plains knew the exact location of Camp "Liberty".

Just now the camp was in a turmoil. General Lanza had arrived the night before, accompanied by his new aide-de-camp, Lieutenant Iglesias, after a weary trip of five days from Manila, and his rest had just been interrupted by the report that the look-out had sighted an American infantry column of sixty or seventy men marching from the town of Mulawin towards the mountains.

"They will pass in this vicinity about an hour from now," remarked Captain Tremendos, flecking an imaginary particle of something from his uniform. He was a recent appointee from Manila, some general's protégé, who had joined the command a few days ago.

"Two hours, you mean," corrected Lieutenant Marco. A grizzled old veteran, he was a man of quite different caliber. "I have timed them often enough. They are going over to Moro, I presume, to slay and burn as they did at Bago. Now, *Señor Capitán*, you who are so clever, having mastered the theory of war from A to Z, what do you think the general ought to do?"

"Prepare an ambushade at the ravine yonder, of course. That is the strategic point *par excellence* and we could sweep the trail beautifully with our brass howitzer," enunciated the captain, sticking out his chest, of which there was mighty little. One or two of his ragged comrades snickered.

"That would be an outright stupidity," boomed out the voice of General Lanza, who had approached the group unseen. "And you, *Señor Capitán*, let me tell you that two or three hours from now you won't be half so smart-looking as you are now. We are up here for business. No, we are not going to attack the enemy five hundred yards away from our camp which we have succeeded in keeping hidden so long; they would soon find it if we did! Gentlemen, we shall leave twenty men in camp and with the other fifty we shall attack the enemy as they cross the Caluya river, a mile and a half from here. I have thought out a new scheme. After the five men marching at the head of their column have crossed the river and are in the jungle, they will be attacked and cut down by fifteen picked men with bolos. That will give us five additional rifles and much ammunition. They won't have time to shoot and the roaring of the torrent will drown their death cries. The rest of the Americans will bunch up in the stream-bed to fill their canteens, and then our riflemen will let them have it from behind the rocks. That is a new departure, and I think the plan will work out fine. What do you think of it, *teniente*?"

The new aide-de-camp, who had stepped up, answered that the idea was worthy of a great strategist like the general. He said he had climbed the fifty feet up to the bamboo platform, cunningly hidden in the crown of a tree, where the lookout was stationed, and had seen the column.

"There are about fifty men," he said, "quite a large force to tackle; but the more there are, the more we can kill."

General Lanza slapped his aide on the back. "That is the spirit," he shouted. "Now get your men ready; we have no time to lose!"

The officers disappeared in different directions, and half an hour later the fifty men of the Insurgent attacking

force waded down the creek-bed until they reached the trail. Two men mounted on lumbering carabaos followed the detachment to obliterate the tracks. The general's aide himself saw that this was properly done and rode on his pony down the trail a distance in order to make sure that nothing was visible from the trail in that direction.

After he had left and rejoined the Insurgent column, the trail was a picture of the deepest peace. Through the foliage of the trees and lianas, a ray of sunlight struck the high clay bank on the right side of the trail. It fell on a bright speck of white that looked out of place on that muddy path in the steaming forest. A wild pig about to cross the trail saw it and dashed away with a frightened snort.

Suddenly, around the bend of the trail, holding his trusty Krag ready for instant action, came a stalwart figure in blue and khaki. The tanned, intelligent face under the campaign hat bore an expression of intense alertness. Sergeant Dean, who in civilian life wrote an "M. D." behind his name, was a great hunter and nothing escaped his attention. The white speck immediately caught his eye. Stepping over to the bank, he took the paper and examined it. "A letter, by Jove," he muttered.

Casting a keen glance ahead, he turned around.

"Jackson," he said to one of the four men following him in single file, "take charge of the point. Keep a sharp lookout while I read this."

Falling in behind the four men, the sergeant unfolded the paper and read it. Then he signalled to his companions to halt and walked back towards the main column.

Seeing him come, the captain in command turned towards his men and raised his hand. "Halt!" he commanded, "What is it, sergeant?"

"Captain," the sergeant replied, "I found this letter sticking in the bank on the side of the trail. I have halted the point where I found it."

The captain read the note, then he turned to the first lieutenant who had come up.

"Read this, Bender; a *billet doux* from that mysterious secret service operator we received instructions about."

The lieutenant wiped his perspiring hands on the seat of his khaki trousers and took the paper, which read as follows:

"Commanding Officer, U. S. Troops. At next ravine follow creek bed to left five hundred yards and surprise insurgent camp. Eighteen huts, twenty men with fifteen guns. Lanza with fifty more preparing ambush Caluya River; fifteen bolomen to cut down point, remainder to fire on column from behind rocks.—S. S. 54"

"Well, I'll be d—d," was all the comment vouchsafed by the lieutenant.

Captain Deverill did not lose time. Half an hour later, the infantrymen, creeping through the high cogon grass, approached the huts, having completely surrounded the camp, unperceived even by the lookout up in the tree who, unable to see the column after it had entered the forest, was taking a rest. Not a shot was fired, though two insurgents were killed, one with a bayonet and the other with the butt of a gun. Fifteen guns were captured and eighteen prisoners.

Captain Deverill was highly elated.

"That Caluya river crossing is a death trap with fifty men in ambush there," he said, "and I have strict orders not to risk the men without necessity. We'll burn their camp with all the provisions in it and return to town with the spoils of war."

* * * * *

General Lanza and his men were getting impatient. They were hungering for battle. The general was toying nervously with the silver-hilted dagger that hung from his belt in lieu of a saber.

"Are those sons of harlots never coming?" he muttered.

"I wonder what they can be doing?"

At this moment the dapper little captain came running down the trail, from the first outpost. His leather leggings and fine uniform were covered with mud.

"What is the matter now?" shouted the general, scenting disaster. "Speak, you nincompoop!"

The upper lip of the frightened captain trembled violently; but at last he managed to get out the words: "General, the lookout reports heavy clouds of smoke over the spot where the camp is located, and no enemy in sight yet."

The general turned greenish white. A blind fury seized him. With a terrible expression on his face he advanced towards the unfortunate officer, who turned and ran. Then, with an oath, the general faced about. "Gather the men, lieutenant," he shouted to his aide. "Those Americans came up to destroy our camp, and they have done it! Have thirty riflemen double-time down the trail, fire into their rear-guard and see whether they cannot liberate some of the prisoners and recover the guns. Ask Colonel Blanco to make the attack; you and the rest are going with me to Camp Aguinaldo."

Thirty men, armed with Remington and Mauser rifles, were soon running down the trail to overtake the retiring American column which, as the lookout on a tree reported, had just been sighted where the trail crossed a clearing.

But Captain Deverill had taken a leaf out of the book of the enemy. Lanza's thirty picked men, not expecting to run into the enemy so soon, walked into the trap he had prepared for them. The Filipinos fought bravely; but in five minutes' time, half of them were dead or wounded and the rest surrendered.

That evening Colonel Bland at regimental headquarters had a happy smile on his face as he read the telegram from Mulawin. "Forty-five guns and forty prisoners taken, and their camp burnt, on information furnished by S. S. 54! Splendid! That will silence brigade headquarters for a while! God bless that Kid!"

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General Lanza was in a terrible mood when he reached Camp Aguinaldo, situated in the mountains back of the town of Balaran. Forty-five guns lost! how was he ever to replace these and the supplies that the enemy had destroyed? His aide was having a hard time with the general, who was furious with the whole world and mistrustful of everybody.

There were additional causes for worry. As the Kid was riding through the woods, a branch had knocked off his smoked glasses and broken them, and he was afraid somebody from Balaran might come to visit the Insurgent camp and recognize him. Then the plant juice that he was using for staining his face and hands was giving out, and not being exposed to the sun so much in the forest, he was getting suspiciously white. Furthermore, all his efforts to communicate the location of Camp Aguinaldo to regimental headquarters had proved unavailing.

That night the Kid was tossing on his sleeping-mat on the split bamboo floor of the hut in which he and two other officers were housed. The mosquitoes were making the night hideous and the smell of the refuse near the hut was sickening. At last the Kid fell asleep. Then he had a nightmare. General Brown had come from brigade headquarters and was telling the colonel that he insisted on Sergeant Sinclair being tried as a deserter.

"I am no deserter," snapped out the Kid. "I am on a detached service, Sir, and am doing good work."

But the general would not listen and got hold of the Kid's arm. Then the Kid woke up with a start. He found his arm caught in the firm grip of his hut-mate, Colonel José.

"So you are an American spy, a traitor!" hissed the colonel. "I had just begun to suspect you. Hah, you shall die a slow death, you cur!"

In a flash the Kid realized that he had spoken out loud in his sleep and that unless he acted quickly, he was lost. Tearing himself loose, he felled the colonel with a dexterous blow under the chin, then he dashed through the door of the hut, out into the night. The revolver of Lieutenant Soler, the third occupant of the hut, barked several times, and the sentinel outside discharged his rifle at the flying figure. The Kid felt the bullet searing his side, but he ran on, down the path. He knew the lay of the land, having studied it thoroughly during the last few days, and after running four or five hundred yards, he turned into a small game trail and followed that. He had no definite plan; but in a general way he hoped to finally strike the Balaran-Bago trail.

The rest of the night the fugitive felt his way carefully along the jungle trail, stumbling and slipping. He was half crazy with thirst and pain from his wound. A python slid over his path; occasionally a deer or wild pig dashed away with a snort of fright, but his pursuers had evidently followed the wrong path and he was safe from them, at least for the present. At dawn he found himself on the edge of a clearing in the woods. It was a *kaiñgin*, where a native had cut down the trees and underbrush and was preparing to clear a large space to plant his hill rice or yams. In his feverish brain, the Kid's only thought was water. Regardless of consequences, he went up to the hut that stood on one side of the clearing. Just then a pretty girl stepped out of the door and looked around. She uttered a scream when she saw the dishevelled, wild-looking figure in front of her, and in response to it, a man dashed out from a smaller hut nearby, swinging a wicked-looking bolo. But the girl threw herself in front of the Kid.

"Don't strike, *tatay*," she screamed, "don't you see this is the good *Americano*, who saved your life? He is wounded, father, and in danger."

"Water, give me water!" moaned the Kid.

The girl immediately disappeared in the hut and returned with a coconut-shell full of cool water, which the Kid gulped down eagerly. She brought him another coconut-shell full, while the man examined the Kid's wound. The bullet had struck a rib, glanced, and cut a gash in the side. The wound was not dangerous; but there had been much loss of blood.

"They will soon be here from the camp," said the man. "We must conceal you, my Brother. Up in this old mango tree there is a hiding place I have fixed up for my daughter, for cases of emergency. I shall help you to climb up there. But first you must pull off your shirt; you will not need it for the present, and I have a good scheme at the back of my head."

Ten minutes later the Kid was lying on a large hammock of plaited bamboo, suspended from the stout limb of an old mango tree and completely concealed from view by the thick foliage. A bamboo tube full of water hung by his side. He was stretching himself voluptuously, when he heard a crackling noise and smelt burning wood.

Looking down, he saw that the Filipino had set the piled-up heap of dry branches on fire. Soon the flames were roaring merrily.

Then a shout was heard from the edge of the clearing. Three or four Filipinos with guns appeared; they were soldiers from Lanza's camp. Andoy went to meet them and asked what he could do for them.

One of the soldiers evidently knew the old man.

"Andoy," he said, earnestly, "you must help us find a cursed *Americano*, a spy, who has probably come in this direction. He is wounded and—"

"So he was a spy? thank God!" exclaimed Andoy.

"What do you mean?" asked the soldier. "Have you seen him?"

"Of course I have!" shouted Andoy. "Do you see that shirt over there on the bush? I took that from his

dirty carcass before I threw it into that fire. A while ago you could have smelled Yankee pork sizzling here, my boy! I thought he intended harm to my daughter, so I cut him down with my bolo. What luck that he was what he was!"

General Lanza was much relieved when the four soldiers returned to Camp Aguinaldo, reporting the death of his erstwhile aide and exhibiting his bloody shirt as evidence.

"Giving the devil his due, I want to tell you, gentlemen, that he was as daring and crafty a man as I have ever met. Why, he fooled even me, foxy Lanza!" These words were Lanza's funeral oration for his late aide-de-camp.

(To be continued)

Borrowed

Would Not That Drive You Crazy, Too?

From time to time we rummage around in our collection of chestnuts and pick out one that appeals to us, hoping our readers will like it. Here is one that has been copied and recopied so often that every trace of its origin has become lost. Even we do not know where we got it from. Here it is:

While visiting an insane asylum, Bro. X. was introduced to a "harmless nut" who talked quite rationally about the weather, politics, and other subjects. Finally X., being of rather a curious turn of mind, asked the patient what in the world he was doing in the asylum. The old fellow scratched his head and finally admitted that sometimes he had spells when he did not act quite rationally. "But," he said, "you would be here, too, if you were in my position. You see, I married a widow with a grown-up daughter, and my father married that same step-daughter of mine. That made my wife the mother-in-law of her father-in-law, and my father became my stepson. Then my stepmother, the daughter of my wife, had a son, and that boy, of course, was my brother, because he was my father's son; but he was also the son of my wife's step-daughter, and therefore her grandson, that making me grandfather of my step-brother. My wife having had a son, my mother-in-law, the step-sister of my son, is also his grandmother, because he is her step-son's child; my father is the brother-in-law of my child, because his step-sister is my wife. I am the brother of my son, who is also the son of my step-grandmother; I am my wife's brother-in-law; my wife is her own child's aunt; my son is my father's nephew; and I am my own grandfather."

Lodge No Reform School

Some Lodges seem to think that they can take a man into the fraternity and straighten him up. They hold to the opinion that affiliation with the fraternity and the association with reputable men will cause him to throw off whatever vicious habits he may have and to take a new stand for that which is right. But any Lodge which attempts to maintain a reform institution is making a very serious mistake. Masonry is a condition of mind and heart, and a good deal of it has to be in the man before his initiation if he is to measure up to the standards of the fraternity.—*Illinois Freemason.*

Masonic Nomenclature

The *Masonic Tribune* believes that the terminology of Freemasonry should be kept pure and used with careful precision. The observance of this tends to keep the ancient institution within the borders of the original design.

Freemasonry possesses a language peculiar to itself, the terms of which should never be changed, nor misapplied.

Freemasonry is not an order, but a brotherhood of moral philosophers, hence, "Masonic Order" is a misnomer.

There is no such thing as a "subordinate lodge" in Masonry. The Grand Lodge is composed of, or rather is, a combination of constituent lodges.

The "York" rite of Freemasonry does not exist in the United States, although there is a close approximation to the ancient York rite in Pennsylvania. The careless use of the term "York" rite is confusing and misleading.

Masonry as practiced in the United States may be divided into Symbolic Masonry, Capitular Masonry, Cryptic Masonry, to which may be added Chivalric Masonry, and the Scottish Rite.

These bodies of Masons constitute all that are regarded as legitimate in this country.

There are many modern organizations composed of Masons that do not come within the scope of genuine Freemasonry, and they are free to use any terminology that they see fit. With them we are not concerned.

The term "blat" lodge is illegitimate and unnecessary. The word lodge is necessary and sufficient to designate the only body to which it applies, that of a body of Ancient Craft Masons.—*Masonic Tribune.*

Questions and Answers

(This Department has been conducted by the Managing Editor of the CABLETOW, Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, since July, 1923. The answers are based upon generally accepted Masonic jurisprudence and the Landmarks and usages of Masonry; but are not to be considered as official rulings of our Grand Lodge or Grand Master, unless the answer specifically states that fact.)

461.—Is the George Washington Memorial of which mention has several times been made in the CABLETOW, completed, or has work on it been stopped?

Answer.—Neither. It is hoped that the building, which will cost approximately five million dollars when completed, will be finished by 1932, when the Washington bicentennial will be celebrated. The tower will probably be finished this year, and then work on the interior and exterior will be started. The structure will be 365 high. The expenditures so far made total approximately \$2,500,000.

462.—A member of our Lodge believes that when his dues are paid, he is a member in good standing, irrespective of whether he still owes money to the Lodge for contributions for charities, refreshments, etc. I hold that a member is in good standing only when he is free of all charges. Which of us is correct?

Answer.—Grand Master Springer, in Circular No. 2, of February 21, 1921, ruled that

To be in good standing, a Brother must have paid his dues in accordance with the By-Laws of his Lodge and be free from any charge preferred against him by a Lodge.

"Charge" here means charge of unmasonic conduct. The contributions you mention are not included in the term "dues," as used above. You are therefore wrong.

463.—Can you tell me the fraternal affiliation of our Governor-General, Hon. Dwight F. Davis?

Answer.—As far as we know, Governor-General Davis is not a member of the Masonic Fraternity. We have no information as to his membership in any other fraternal organization.

464.—Can you inform me why Mussolini, the Dictator of Italy, has turned against Freemasonry, though both he and the King of Italy are members of our Fraternity? Are the anti-Masonic laws not his work?

Answer.—Neither Benito Mussolini, the Dictator, nor Victor Emmanuel III, the King of Italy, are or ever were Masons. Mussolini desires to break Freemasonry because he cannot bend it to his will. The legislation against the Masons is a natural result of the enslavement of the Italian people by the Fascists.

465.—Is it proper for a Lodge member to sign the Tyler's Register without actually attending the meeting of the Lodge? Has such a member the right to insist upon his name being left on the Tyler's Register although he did not attend the meeting?

Answer.—If a member, after signing the Tyler's Register, finds it impossible to attend the meeting, the Tyler must see that his name is stricken out. To register without the intention of attending a meeting constitutes an act of bad faith and falsification of a record of the Lodge. In Masonic trials, the Tyler's Register is offered as proof of attendance at a meeting. It is, therefore, incumbent upon the Tyler to see that the register of which he is in charge is a faithful record of what it purports to be, namely, of all members or visitors who actually attended the meeting. We cannot conceive how a Mason could insist upon a false and misleading record being allowed to stand.

466.—Has the Master of a Lodge the right to direct that a vote on an important matter be taken by means of a paper ballot instead of the usual sign of Masons when voting? Is it not illegal to vote otherwise than by show of hands on questions before the Lodge, where there is no specific regulation to the contrary?

Answer.—There are cases in which a secret vote may be advisable or even necessary. In such cases, the Master should have the Lodge determine the manner of voting. This, at least, is law in California, where the Grand Lodge decided that—

The usual method of voting is "viva voce" or by "show of hands" but that the lodge may determine for itself how the vote on any particular matter should be taken. (1883, p. 276.)

467.—With reference to the editorial on Past Master's jewels, your correspondent seems to have referred to a Lodge of Sorrow that was held on St. John's Day. At such observances, no jewel or other insignia should be worn. In the pamphlet "Memorial Services (Lodge of Sorrow) Approved for the use of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction by V. W. Joseph H. Bromfield, Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands—1922," the first paragraph of the "Special Instructions" reads as follows: "1. Dark or white clothing must be worn. No insignia are admissible save white aprons and white gloves." Has this ruling been changed?

Answer.—The instructions referred to can hardly be classed as a ruling. They are recommendations inspired by the principle that an occasion of mourning is not one at which jewels and insignia should be displayed. Somber colors or pure white are in order at such times and not bright colors or scintillating jewels. Past Masters participating in Memorial Services would, therefore, do well to refrain from wearing their jewels during such services.

The Editor's Mail Bag

From the Masonic Hospital

Our Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children is performing its mission in the usual efficient and praiseworthy manner, thanks to the enthusiasts who are leaders in this work and a handful of others who assist them. The response on the part of the Craft in the Islands is not as general as we would like to see it be. Help comes frequently from the most unexpected quarters and fails to come from where it could reasonably be expected.

The two letters which we publish hereunder, one accompanying a remittance and the other voicing appreciation of the work done by the Hospital, may be an inspiration to some of our lukewarm Brethren.

Here they are:

Manila, P. I., Oct. 18, 1929.

MR. JOSEPH H. SCHMIDT,
Secretary,
Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children,
P. O. Box 34,
Manila, P. I.

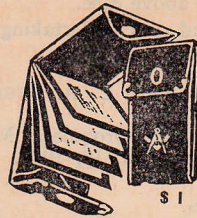
Dear Sir and Brother:

My daughter Mary, who was admitted to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children on June 26th, 1929, was released by Dr. Abuel on Oct. 14th, much improved.

When she entered the Hospital she was in very bad shape, having never been able in her life to stand erect. However after the operation which Dr. Abuel performed on the tendons of her legs, she can now stand erect and is much improved, and I think that it is only a question of a few weeks until she will be walking, as all she needs now is a little more strength and practice.

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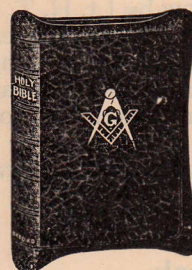
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Again thanking you, and wishing you and your undertaking every success, I am,

Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) C. A. PUGH.

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No. 1824 Oroquieta, Manila.
Oct. 19, 1929.

THE SECRETARY,
Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children,
Manila.

Sir:

Inclosed herewith is a postal money order No. 11691 for one dollar (\$1.00) which amount I gladly donate to the Hospital for the deformed and crippled children.

This amount represents my commission for securing subscriptions to the *Ladies Home Jour.* I shall send you donations from time to time.

Wishing the poor children in the hospital happiness and early recovery.

Yours for the support of your institution,
(Sgd.) MRS. ILUMINADA YATCO.

The Maclub of America, Inc.

A few days ago, a letter reached us from Bro. Ralph G. Martin, 1st Vice-President and Field Manager of the Maclub of America, Inc., Park Square Building, Boston, Mass., "The Automobile Club that is different." The notes "By invitation only" and "Friends along the Road" at the head of the letter, and the list of names of officers on the side, which includes the names well known in Masonry, show the nature of this organization. Bro. Martin, having been given the June number of the CABLETOW by Lt. H. T. Newman, U. S. N. (Cavite Lodge No. 2), found it interesting, and "as Maclub is an automobile club trying to bring out of the four walls of the lodge room on to the highway the principles of Masonry," he sends us a subscription for one year.

We hope our Brethren of the Maclub of America will enjoy the CABLETOW.

A Splendid Work

"*Die Gegenwarts-Maurerei—Gesicht, Geist, Arbeit*" (Modern Freemasonry—its Vision, Spirit, and Labor) is the title of a notable work published by the Grand Lodge of Vienna on occasion of its Decennial, on December 8, 1928, the editor being Ill. Bro. Eugen Lennhof. It contains contributions on a wide range of Masonic subjects in German, English, French, Italian, Dutch, and Czech, written by well-known Masonic authors representing some thirty Masonic Grand Jurisdictions. Among the authors

well known in the Philippines and the United States are H. L. Haywood, Dudley Wright, Wm. L. Boyden, Ossian Lang, R. J. Meekren, C. C. Hunt, John H. Cowles, Francisco Esteva, Louis Gertsch, Oswald Wirth, Albert Lantoiné, and others. The Philippines are represented by an article in German on "The Death of Dr. José Rizal," by Leo Fischer.

The publication mentioned does great honor to the Grand Lodge of Vienna, one of the youngest but nevertheless most remarkable in Masonic culture, spirit, and achievements of the Masonic Grand Bodies of the world.

From Contemporaries

Why Not?

Why shouldn't Masons trade with one another, all things being equal? We are a society organized for mutual helpfulness, and while there is absolutely no obligation requiring one Mason to trade with another, yet there is no reason why members of the fraternity should not support one another in business.—*Illinois Freemason.*

A Memento

The propriety of presenting to each candidate some token as a memorial that at a certain time and place he was made a Master Mason is generally conceded: but heretofore there has been no agreement as to what sort of gift is most appropriate.

A number of Lodges have used some well-known Masonic book, to serve as a nucleus of the candidate's Masonic library. Others have emblematically paid the wages of Fellowcraft in corn, wine, and oil, put up in small containers for the purpose. Still others have presented miniature sets of working tools, indeed, several Lodges present a gift to the candidate upon occasion of each of the three degrees.

Now that the recommendation of Bible presentations has brought the subject to the attention of the Lodges, the superior merit of the Great Light as a memorial gift is daily being more generally recognized. Several years ago Cosmos Lodge adopted the custom of presenting to each candidate, at the time he received the Third Degree, a copy of the Holy Bible, duly inscribed with his Masonic History, as the foundation of his Masonic library, and many other Lodges are now following this custom.

In the United States the ceremony of Bible presentation is becoming more universal, and the belief has been expressed that the general observance of this custom will prove one of the longest steps in advance ever taken by the Fraternity.—*Cosmos Lodge Bulletin, Manila.*

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LODGE NEWS

Only Lodge news of more than usual interest will be published in this section, such as Grand Lodge visitations, special meetings with interesting features, changes of meeting place or day, presentations, installations, etc. Secretaries or other Brethren submitting matter for this column should leave out all unnecessary details, long lists of names, etc., our space being limited. Such news letters will be "boiled down" and edited, as most communications have to be. Remember that the editor, though a busy man, does not mind going to a little trouble to make matter submitted publishable. But don't send accounts of mere degree work or other routine work or doings of little interest to readers not belonging to your Lodge.—L. F., Editor.

From Manila Lodge No. 1

The Stated Meeting for September, for which an informal musical entertainment had been announced, took place on the evening of one of the worst storms of the year. Eight Brethren braved storm and rain, and Wor. Bro. Haussman, the Master, appeared with his cook and refreshments for about five times the number of members present. The "Faithful Few" had a good time, we are told.

On Thursday, September 19th, the officers and a few members of the Lodge attended a meeting of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80 as guests of honor and conferred the second section of the Third Degree for that Lodge. The attendance was numerous and after labor, elaborate refreshments and song were enjoyed.

Anniversary Celebration of Dapitan Lodge No. 21

On Sunday, October 13th, last, Dapitan Lodge celebrated its anniversary by a very enjoyable party at the Plaridel Temple, at 520 San Marcelino. Many guests were present, among them being the members of the Cabanatuan Lodge Bowling Team. Excellent "eats" were served and two orchestras furnished music for the dancing, from 9:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m. Mesdames Manuel A. Guieb and Eugenio Sevilla were especially solicitous of the comfort of the guests of the Lodge.

From Dapitan Lodge No. 21

To be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the Masters of fifteen Sister Lodges of his own Lodge, Dapitan No. 21, was the distinction conferred upon Bro. Cruz Zafra Valenzuela on the evening of Saturday, September 28, 1929. The Masters who participated in the work were those of the Lodges Manila No. 1, Corregidor No. 3, Bagumbayan No. 4, St. John's No. 9, Nilad No. 12, Walana No. 13, Dapitan No. 21, Rizal No. 22, Solidaridad No. 23, Minerva No. 41, Noli-metangere No. 42, Taga-Ilog No. 79, Mount Lebanon No. 80, High-Twelve No. 82, Hiram No. 88, and Benjamin Franklin No. 94.

The teams which conferred the degree were composed as follows:

FIRST SECTION

Wor. Bro. Louis M. Haussman (1).....	as Master
" " Francisco Santiago (4).....	" Senior Warden
" " Gregorio Cariaga (82).....	" Junior Warden
" " Karl D. Krebs (41).....	" Treasurer
" " Orestes Hermosura (13).....	" Secretary
" " Henry S. Townsend (94).....	" Chaplain
" " Fabian T. Rigodon (23).....	" Marshal
" " William Merz (80).....	" Senior Deacon
" " Rosendo Reinoso (22).....	" Junior Deacon
" " Joseph F. Boomer (9).....	" Senior Steward
" " Estanislao Alfonso (42).....	" Junior Steward
" " Enrique Hernandez (21).....	" Tyler

SECOND SECTION

Wor. Bro. Francisco Santiago (4).....	as K. S.
" " Louis M. Haussman (1).....	" H. K. o. T.
" " Cirilo Asperilla (12).....	" Man of Tyre (1)
" " Julian Gimenez (79).....	" Man of Tyre (2)
" " Bonifacio Araullo (88).....	" Man of Tyre (3)
" " William Merz (80).....	" Fellowcraft (1)
" " John M. Aaron (4).....	" Fellowcraft (2)
" " Joseph F. Boomer (9).....	" Fellowcraft (3)

The lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. José A. de Kastro.

It goes without saying that the work was put on in excellent shape.

Short addresses were made by Wor. Bros. Louis M. Haussman, Francisco Santiago, and William Merz. After the meeting, the Brethren present were conveyed by automobile from the Plaridel Temple, where the function took place, to the Fajardo Building. In the renovated ground floor of this building is at present the Filipino Gun Store, of which Wor. Bro. Manuel A. Guieb, Master of Dapitan Lodge No. 21, is the principal stockholder, and there excellent refreshments were served and a good time was had by all present.

An Ibarra Lodge Member Visits Norfolk, Va., Lodge

Bro. V. V. Legaspi, of the U. S. S. *Cincinnati*, writes the Editor a letter dated September 20th, in which he describes with satisfaction a visit made by him to Atlantic Lodge No. 2, of Norfolk, Va. Bro. Legaspi, who is a member of Ibarra Lodge No. 31, of Kawit, Cavite, seems to have had no trouble in passing the examination. He enjoyed his visit and was told that he was welcome at any time in Atlantic Lodge. Like our seafaring Brethren in general, he appreciates the fact that membership in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands is an "open sesame" all the world over.

From Mount Apo Lodge No. 45, Zamboanga

The raising of Bro. Douglas James Stuart Hay, Acting British Consul for Zamboanga, was made the occasion of a gala meeting on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 10th, which was very well attended. The first section was conferred by the regular officers of the Lodge, while the second was put on by the past masters present, with Wor. Bro. J. J. Wilson in the chair. The lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. H. E. Teck.

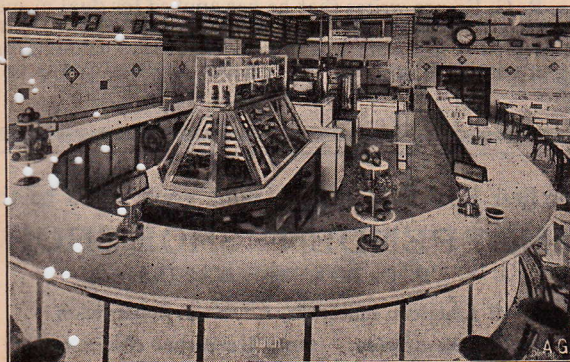
From Bagong-Ilaw Lodge No. 79, Noveleta, Cavite

Troop No. 282 of the Boy Scouts, sponsored by this Lodge, is now well organized under the leadership of Scout Master Primitivo Ricafrente, brother of Bro. Diosdado P. Ricafrente of this Lodge. The Troop Committee, consisting of W. Bro. Marcelo G. Alvarez, P.M., as chairman, and W. Bro. Joseph Ramos, W.M., W. Bro. Miguel G. Luna, Sec., Bro. José A. Alvarez, J.W., and Bro. Juan Salud, as members, is exerting all efforts to make this unit a real help to the community. About fifty pesos worth of equipment and supplies has been donated to the troop by the Lodge and individual members.

From Palawan Lodge No. 99, Puerto Princesa

Thanks to the untiring efforts of Bro. Minakawa, the Lodge was able to hold its first meeting in the new temple on September 20th. On this occasion, the third degree was conferred upon Bro. Hilario M. Marquez who provided refreshments after labor. All the members in town attended. The Lodge is planning to inaugurate the temple on St. John's Day, by which time the building will be entirely finished.

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Manila No. 1.—A letter from Mrs. Richards from San Pedro, Calif., contains the news that Bro. (Dr.) W. W. Richards has been very ill, with ulcers of the stomach, but is recovering.

Letters with greetings have been received from the following members: Bro. H. R. Chadwick, 4251 Wilcox St., Chicago; Bro. M. F. Lindsey, Fort Moultrie, S.C., and Bro. A. T. Morrill, P. O. Box 443, Bennington, Vt.

Greetings have likewise been received from Bro. Chester H. Ober, of Glenbrook, Conn., who hopes that when any of the members touch at New York they will look him up at his business address, The Iron Age, 239 W. 39th Street, N. Y. C.

Wor. Bro. Clinton Thomas Alden, major, P.S., returned from the United States on the U. S. A. T. Grant, on October 4, last, after a sojourn at Fort Benning, Ga.

Carite No. 2.—Bro. J. A. Roberts gives his present address as U. S. S. Omaha, c/o P. M. at San Francisco, Cal., Box 11.

Bro. Wallace A. Buchanan writes from Lansing, Mich., that he is enjoying his CABLETOW and is visiting Lodges frequently. He was at the time under orders to proceed to New London, Conn., on October 29th, for assignment to Submarines, after having been in Michigan for two years, on recruiting duty. He says he has been unsuccessful in his efforts to locate Charlie Thumser, who is living somewhere in that vicinity.

Bro. W. L. Friedell, captain, U. S. Navy, desires his address changed from U. S. S. Holland, San Diego; Calif., to U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

Corregidor No. 3.—Past Master Wade C. West is now at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, Nevada. He sends kindest greetings to all the Brethren. His family is living at Decatur, Alabama, but he expects to have all together in Nevada before Christmas.

Brother Robert F. Olds sends salutations from the 15 Miles Falls on the Connecticut River, with residence at East Barnet, Vermont.

Brother H. B. Atkins sends dues and "silver screen" ideas from Hollywood, California.

Dues and greetings were received during the month from Bros. Wilbur K. Hoyt, H. B. Brush, John Watts, Jr., D. H. Klinefelter, Fay S. Miller, Abraham Jacobs and Fred C. Wallace.

Brother Lafayette Moody has moved to Omaha, Nebraska; he and Brother Wiltse are neighbors.

Brother George M. Rothaug reports that he has moved to 1340 Burbank Ave., Alameda, California.

Bagumbayan No. 4.—Brother Hassamal Dallamal returned last month from China which country he had visited on business of his firm.

Bro. (Major) Vicente Lim returned from the United States on the U. S. A. Transport Grant on October 4th, after an absence of nearly 2½ years, during which he perfected his military education at Fort Benning, Georgia, and in other places.

Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer had two weeks illness in October, five days of which he spent in bed.

Wor. Bro. José C. Velo, P.M., has been called for fifteen days active duty as 1st lieutenant in the Q.M. Reserve of the U. S. Army, in November.

Bro. Froilan C. Eubanas has also been called to active duty; he is 1st lieutenant in the Medical Reserve of the U. S. Army.

Bro. Feliciano Paterno, manager of the foreign department of the Philippine National Bank, accompanied by Mrs. Paterno and their two children, returned from a 5 months vacation in Europe on the S. S. Trier on October 17th.

Bro. Professor José A. Espiritu, of the College of Law of the University of the Philippines, and wife, returned on the same steamer from a pleasure trip to Europe.

Mrs. C. W. Rosenstock and Mrs. P. S. Crovat left on the S. S. President Grant on October 4th, for Shanghai, where they were to meet Miss Virginia Rosenstock, who was returning from the U. S. on the S. S. President Madison.

Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez, chairman of the Philippine delegation to the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, to be held at Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, from October 28 to November 9, 1929, and Mrs. Benitez and Bro. Máximo M. Kalaw, members of the same delegation, are now in the Land of the Chrysanthemum. The object of the Conference, to which many foreign nations have sent representatives, is to study the most practical methods of keeping up the best possible relations between the countries of the Pacific. Wor. Bro. Benitez attended the last Conference of the Institute, which was held at Honolulu.

Southern Cross No. 6.—Wor. Bro. E. A. Perkins, shortly upon his return to the Islands from his third trip around the world, gave an interesting talk to the Manila Rotary Club of which he is president, this being his second term as such.

Bro. Whipple S. Hall left Manila on October 4th, on the S. S. President Grant, with Mrs. Hall, for a six months' vacation in the United States. Bro. Hall was seriously ill some time before he sailed for the homeland.

Wor. Bro. Dankwerth has returned to Manila after a short vacation in China.

Word from Walter K. Perrett was received through a visiting brother who said that Brother Perrett had a very nice plantation at Saub, Cotabato via Zamboanga, and that he had about 3,000 coconuts planted and almost 20,000 hemp about ready to harvest.

Bro. J. Miclo's mail is being returned again.

Bro. A. W. Gibson sent a letter with dues and greetings.

Bro. R. G. France writes that he has applied for dual membership in Lodge Hiogo and Osaka. Their Bulletin is marked "Easy Dress".

Bro. North writes from Bush House, London, enclosing dues and advising of change of address. He extends kindest regards to all the brethren.

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Bro. Scoon writes that his new address is P. O. Box 732, Santa Barbara, California. He would like to hear from any who would care to write and would be especially pleased to have any of the brothers coming his way to visit him at Las Armas Rancho.

Biak-na-Bato No. 7.—Bro. Catalino Navarro was on the sick list in October, and so was Wor. Bro. Paulino Perez.

Wor. Bro. B. N. Adriano is in Baguio for his health. Wor. Bro. José Arpal is acting as secretary of the Lodge during his absence.

Cosmos No. 8.—Brother Charles E. Becker has been seriously ill. His sickness was contracted during the rush of dispatching shipments of drugs to the typhoon devastated provinces for the use of the Red Cross.

A very interesting letter has been received from Bro. Shelby M. Young, who is now at the Naval Radio Station, Mare Island, Cal. He has been on the move so much since leaving the Philippines that his mail had just caught up with him.

He says in part "I am glad to read of Brother Thomas of Los Baños having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations and best wishes to him. Have now received all my copies of the *Cable* and the *Lodge Bulletin*, and enjoyed reading every one. Am glad to see that *Cosmos* Lodge is still active and progressing.

"Bro. Thomas L. Ellis is working here in the Navy Yard, and we meet quite often. I expect to be here for about eighteen months more. The work is pleasant and climate is good. Give my best regards to all the Brethren in Manila."

Bro. William L. Simms was a visitor in Manila the early part of September. He has been in the mountains of Benguet for some time, and shows the healthful effects of the great out-doors. He expects to do some prospecting in certain other mountainous parts of Luzon upon his return. Bro. Simms extends his greetings and best wishes to all the brethren whom he has not been able to see personally during his stay in Manila.

Brother Thorbjorn M. Holmsen was obliged to leave last month for Palawan, where he is conducting a logging enterprise. He expects to return to Manila about the end of the year, and complete the degrees.

Brother William Zeitlin left on September 20th for a trip to the United States, on business. He will spend some time on the Pacific Coast, later going to Washington, D.C. He expects to return to Manila during the early part of 1930.

At our Special Meeting of September 18th we had the pleasure of extending a welcome to Bro. F. E. Pfannenschmidt, who had just returned from a trip round the world. He almost equaled the record of the Graf Zeppelin, only missing it due to a stop over in Paris. He also spent a few weeks in Detroit, but due to his limited time there had no opportunity to visit any of the Masonic Lodges.

Brother Otto O. Hanson left on September 28th for a business trip to Davao and the Visayan Islands, which will keep him away from Manila until December. He will call on our members residing in Cebu and Iloilo, and convey to them our fraternal greetings.

St. John's No. 9.—Wor. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer became a grandfather on September 22nd, last, when a 9-lb. son was born to Mrs. David Innis at St. Paul's Hospital, Manila.

Iloilo No. 11.—(See Spanish Section.)

Walana No. 13.—Brother Canuto S. Nadurata, pensionado and chief train dispatcher of the Manila Railroad, returned to the Philippines after spending several months visiting important railroad centers in the United States.

Pilar No. 15.—Bro. Doctor R. Jara, resident physician of the Batangas Provincial Hospital, had another addition to his family on September 21st, when a boy was born to Mrs. Jara.

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Bro. Sia Keng arrived in the City from the province, on business. Bro. B. Samson was sick last month and not able to attend our last stated meeting.

Bro. C. Sayoc, income tax examiner, formerly stationed at Surigao, has been transferred to Aparri, Cagayan.

Sinukuan No. 16.—Most Wor. Bro. Manuel L. Quezon, P. G. M., arrived in Manila on October 24th, having cut short his visit to countries of the Far East in order to head the Parliamentary Mission that is to resume the fight for independence during the December session of the United States Senate. Our illustrious Brother was given a rousing reception upon his return to his native land.

Silanganan No. 19.—The members of this Lodge are grateful to Wor. Bro. José S. Velasquez, of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, for coaching the new English team.

Wor. Bro. Honorio Musni, who is connected with the Manila Railroad Co., has returned from a two weeks' inspection trip to Hondagua. He expects to leave for La Union in a few days to inspect railroad conditions in that province.

Bro. Angelo Angeles has been transferred to the province of Laguna as provincial auditor.

Bro. Major Silvino Gallardo has recently been promoted. He is now chief of the secret service of the Bureau of Customs.

Bro. Juan Frisnedy is in Cebu working as accountant for the Cebu Portland Cement Company.

Bro. Felix Sanvictores, president of Taytay, was passed to the degree of Fellow craft on October 12th.

Bro. Daniel Razo has been transferred from Pasay to San Mateo District as supervising teacher.

Dapitan No. 21.—The Secretary has been advised of a new arrival in the family of Bro. Epifanio Santos, his wife having given birth to a robust boy.

Bro. Esteban Maglaya was ill at St. Luke's Hospital for about two weeks, but is well now and attending office.

The Secretary received a letter from Bro. Agustin Gustilo advising that he and his family have arrived at Los Angeles, California. His son, William, got sick on the way and was taken to the Hospital upon their arrival there. Bro. Gustilo sends regards to all Brethren.

Bro. Tomas Tan Eng Chiu was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the afternoon of September 28th. Wor. Bro. José Amon of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79 acted as Worshipful Master.

Bro. Onofre Zablan was initiated in the afternoon of Sept. 21st, with Bro. Luis Meneses, Junior Warden of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, in the East.

Bro. José Alindogan was taken ill last week. He is now fast recovering and is expected to return to his office in a few days.

Bro. Temistocles Elviña, our Junior Warden, was taken ill last Saturday evening and was not able to attend the celebration of the anniversary of the Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Francisco J. Olizon is now connected with the Western Equipment and Supply Company.

The Lodge was glad to learn of the recent promotion of Bro. Francisco Geronimo.

Bro. Antonio Jonson, vocational supervisor in the Bureau of Education, has arrived from the provinces. He is expected to leave again in a few days.

Bro. Watumull Jhamandas is busy selling his stock of goods in view of his plan to return to India.

Bro. H. W. Tan Sun, Treasurer of the Lodge, resigned his position on account of his desire to go to China on a pleasure and business trip.

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Bro. Felix Z. Ledda has been appointed acting treasurer of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

Zapote No. 29.—Wor. Bro. Miguel Bonifacio, P. M., has received orders for a 15-day period of training as 1st lieutenant in the Q.M. Reserve of the U. S. Army.

Mabini No. 39.—Wor. Bro. Salvador Torra, inspector of the 11th masonic district, has returned to Aparri after having been in Manila, under treatment, for 2½ months. There has been a wonderful improvement in his health.

Minerva No. 41.—The Secretary is in receipt of news from Bros. Clarence Stacy and A. Schwager, whose present address is 1917 Arlington Avenue, St. Louis, M., and who send best wishes to all the Brethren.

Mount Apo No. 45.—The infant son of Bro. T. Kurimoto died in the Zamboanga Gen. Hospital after a short illness and was buried in the Protestant Cemetery on Sept. 9th. Many masons attended the funeral.

Bro. Guy N. Rohrer, of the Standard Oil Co., accompanied by Mrs. Rohrer and their little girl, returned on S. S. *Luzon* after a vacation in the United States.

Bro. Benito Natividad, P. M., No. 50, and Judge of the Court of First Instance of Davao, passed through this city on Sept. 13th. He was on his way to Cotabato to hold Court there.

Bro. Rodrigo Silva, accompanied by Mrs. Silva, sailed for Manila on the S. S. *Cebu*. Mrs. Silva is going to Manila for medical treatment.

Bro. Herbert C. Page, capt. P. C., Provincial Commander and Deputy Governor at Glan, Sarangani, completed twenty years of service on Sept. 4th. He also celebrated his fifty-second birthday on Sept. 17th, making him the sixth oldest Officer in the Philippine Constabulary.

Bro. Yeo Boon Leong has returned home well, after several weeks in the Zamboanga Gen. Hospital with typhoid fever.

Bro. Juan S. Alano, P.M., was successfully operated for appendicitis on Oct. 7th, at the Zamboanga General Hospital.

Mt. Mainam No. 49.—Wor. Master S. Balacano has gone to San Fernando, Masbate, his home town, for a vacation and on business of his family. The Senior Warden, Bro. Guillermo del Rosario, has charge of the Lodge during his absence.

Bro. Dy Chua is in China on a vacation from which he expects to return in December.

Bro. Pablo Yuvienco, acting provincial treasurer of Bohol, visited his family in Naic in September. He is mourning the death of his father.

Bro. Baltazar Yuvienco, of the U. S. S. *Pittsburgh*, expects to be in Manila in November.

Bro. Conrado Costa is at Indang, Cavite, recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Bro. Isaias Andrade, E.A., is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at the Chinese Hospital, Manila.

Bro. Guillermo Polinas, who is with the Hawaiian Electrical Co., Honolulu, writes that he is getting along nicely and sends regards to the Brethren.

Sarangani No. 50.—On September 5, 1929, Bro. Felipe Caburian, manager of the Heacock-Alkans Branch in Davao, was married in the Roman Catholic Church to Miss Baldomera Garcia, a native of Guinobatan, Albay. Valuable gifts were given to the happy couple by the members of this Lodge.

Bro. Julian N. Esquejo, station commander, P.C., at Camp Ventura, this province, was recently transferred to the Province of Cotabato.

Wor. Bro. Benito Natividad, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the 27th Judicial District, left on the S. S. *Cebu* on Sept. 10th for Cotabato to hold sessions there.

Bro. Juan D. Soriano (70), internal revenue agent stationed in Davao, was ordered by the Bureau of Internal Revenue to proceed to Zamboanga, for duty there.

Bro. Julio R. Mendoza (13), Lt. P. C., stationed in Davao, received orders from the Chief of Constabulary to proceed to Manila for new assignment.

After several months' stay in Davao as acting postmaster during the absence of the regular incumbent, Bro. Geronimo Arguna has returned to his permanent station as postmaster-operator at Malita.

Wor. Bro. Feliciano Inigo, Past Master and well known hacendero of Davao, left early in October for Manila to spend a short vacation there.

Bro. José Viacrucis, assistant civil engineer, reports that his camp in the municipality of Guianga where he stored the government implements used in the construction of the provincial road, was burned by unknown Bagobos.

Pintong-Bato No. 51.—Bros. Teofisto C. Batungbakal, post-office inspector in the province of Cebu, Cebu, and Florentino B. Bautista, post-office inspector at Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, are now in Manila, by order of the Acting Director of Posts.

A letter from Pintong-Bato Lodge No. 51, F. & A. M., to the Secretary of Naval Lodge No. 24, at Pensacola, Florida, U. S. A., was read at the stated meeting of the latter Lodge on August 5, 1929, certifying that Bro. M. M. Prudente is an active member of Pintong-Bato Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda, asst. chief of the rural credit division, is now in Pangasinan, on official business.

Makawiwili No. 55.—Bro. Pedro A. Bernas has left the hospital and removed to the house of Bro. Dr. Herminio Bernas, his brother. His foot, several bones in which were broken in an autobus accident, is not yet completely cured.

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Bro. Andrés Garcia (16) has left for Estancia, Iloilo, after a stay of fifteen days in Capiz with his company, the "Circo Antonieta."

Wor. Bro. Ceferino Sevilla was inspecting the towns of the Aklan district at the end of September.

Bro. Julian Solidum visited the town of Capiz on official business in September.

Wor. Bro. Manuel Roxas, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines, was given a rousing reception upon his return from the United States on October 24th. His brilliant work in behalf of the Philippine Islands while in the United States entitles him to great credit, and he is expected to earn further laurels as member of the parliamentary mission which is to take up the fight for independence when the U. S. Senate meets coming December.

Isla de Luzon No. 57.—Bro. Alberto C. Donor, who is stationed at Olongapo, Zambales, made a flying trip to Manila to attend to important business.

Mrs. Antonio G. Roxas, who has been confined at her home at Fort Wm. McKinley for a long time, is now recovering.

Bro. Wenceslao Medina of San Roque, Cavite, was on the sick list this month, suffering from anthrax. Bros. Ramon Mendoza, Ladislao José, Santiago Gochangco, Bernabe Ejidang, Antonio Buenaventura, J. M. E. Leon, and Juan G. Cortes made a visit to Bro. Medina, on Oct. 5th.

On Oct. 6th, Sgt. Feliciano Balingit, of the 31st Infantry Band, gave a dinner in San Juan del Monte, the occasion being the inauguration of his new home at 4 calle Katubusan, behind the San Juan Cabaret. Bros. Nicaror Abelardo, Teodoro Arnesto, Antonio Buenaventura, Ladislao Corro, Juan G. Cortes, Bernabe Ejidang, Honorio Fajardo, Vicente Flechero, Vicente Frias, Santiago Gochangco, Ladislao José, J. M. E. Leon, Ramon Mendoza, Felisberto Z. Soriano, E. C. Yalong, P. Servillas, Arturo Cayetano, A. Salarda, José Ramos and Cayetano Jacobe were present.

Bro. Bruno P. Baguio, who recently arrived from the States on the U. S. Transport *Grant*, gave a little fiesta at his home in Sampaloc, on Oct. 6th on occasion of the baptism of his last baby boy.

Wor. Bro. Emeterio C. Yalong announces that he is giving a party at his home, 280 calle Sta. Maria, Tondo, on the evening of Oct. 22nd, on account of the birthday of his daughter.

Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza left on Oct. 17th for Northern Luzon; he is accompanying M. W. Bro. O'Brien on his visits to various Lodges.

Bros. Teodoro Arnesto and Honorio Fajardo will be hosts at November gatherings.

Rev. Bro. Francisco Santo Domingo, who was formerly in Marikina, Rizal, has moved to San Roque, Cavite.

Marble No. 58.—Bro. Matias S. Martinez and wife left for Manila on October 8th, Mrs. Martinez being ill.

Bro. Agustin Fetalvero was on the sick list in September, with malaria and complications.

Wor. Bro. Manuel T. Albergo arrived at Romblon on September 22nd, from Badajoz, where the ship had to take refuge. He was unable to visit Concepción and Jones, on account of the bad weather.

Magat No. 68.—Bro. Louis C. Danguilan has been transferred to Tablas Island as supervising line man; he left for his new station on October 3rd, on the S. S. *Nuestra Señora de la Paz*, accompanied by his family. Before his departure, Bro. Danguilan had the misfortune of losing one of his sons, who was about 7 years old, and who died the day after their arrival at Navotas, from Bayombong, on September 20th. The boy had been sick for four days when the family left Bayombong.

Laoag No. 71.—Wor. Bro. Domingo J. Samonte is the recipient of many congratulations on account of his recent triumph in the Courts in the election protest for the governorship of Ilocos Norte.

Bro. Pablo Tumaneng is now with his family in Laoag after several years spent in Manila as student and employee of the Academic Division of the Bureau of Education. He is now teaching in the Ilocos Norte High School.

Bro. Cleto N. Andres is in Palawan, as Principal of the Coron Elementary School.

The Secretary is in receipt of a letter from Bro. Rufino S. Roque, acting district land officer of the Bureau of Lands in Isabela Valley, regarding the death of his seven-year old daughter, from dysentery.

Bro. Feliciano Llacar, sergeant, P. C., one of the active members of this Lodge, has applied for retirement.

Bro. Baldomero Lazo left the Philippines on August 25th, to join his brothers in the United States.

Bros. M. C. Untay and Cu Loco were awarded the contract for the construction of the Bangui Presidencia building (Compostela Type) and the reconstruction of the Old Central School of Pasuquin. The buildings are about finished.

According to recent news received from Bro. Mateo Reyes, now an employee of the Hawaiian Sugar Association in Honolulu, he has received the 32nd degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Bro. Felipe P. Gamoña, a Fellowcraft of this Lodge, has sent a letter requesting that he be recommended to be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by courtesy in one of the Lodges near his residence in Hawaii.

Bro. B. G. Ventura, an employee in the office of the district engineer of Ilocos Norte District, who went to Manila for a vacation, is back in Laoag.

For Fellow Craftsmen

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Mrs. F. Domingo, wife of the Secretary of this Lodge, has given birth to triplets. One of the triplets died after four days. The mother and the two other children (boy and girl) are doing well.

Kaslawan No. 77.—Bro. Honorio M. Saycon was confined at the St. Paul's Hospital from Oct. 6 to 16 inclusive, for an operation for appendicitis. Bro. Saycon is very grateful to the brethren who visited him during that time.

Bro. Pablo C. Cortes had influenza and fever during the latter part of September.

Acacia No. 78.—Brother H. Paloma reports a new arrival in his family, a baby boy being born to him on the 14th inst. Mother and child are doing fine.

Wor. Bro. Felix Ronquillo, P. M., sends greetings from Zamboanga; his address is, for the present, c/o Standard Oil Co. of N. Y., Zamboanga.

Mt. Lebanon No. 80.—Bro. Ricardo C. Santos has received orders for a training period of fifteen days in November as 1st lieutenant in the Q. M. Reserve, U. S. Army.

High-Twelve No. 84.—Rev. Wor. Bro. José L. Intal, P.M., arrived in Manila with his family on October 6th. He is sick at his mother's at 137 Loreto, Sampaloc.

Wor. Bro. Felipe Carbonilla writes of the masonic courtesies accorded to him by the Iloilo brethren.

Bro. and Mrs. Heriberto G. Vila are the proud parents of a baby girl, who was born in the Philippine General Hospital on October 3rd. Bro. Angel Pedralvez is enjoying a two months and 20-day furlough.

Bro. Ponciano G. Bernarte, who is at Ligao, Albay, writes that he and family are well.

Bro. José B. Logan, located at Echague, Isabela, has also been heard from.

Bro. Eduardo Co Seteng, F. C., arrived from China on the S. S. *Susana II* on September 19th. He reported that his mother has fully recovered from her sickness which called our brother home hurriedly.

Bro. Rafael Quidilla, F. C., arrived on September 29th, from Malangus, Zamboanga, where he had been on official duty for the Bureau of Forestry for several months. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at the stated meeting of this Lodge for October.

Bro. Quintin Gellidon, F. C., left on October 4th for Laoang, Samar, on official business for the Bureau of Forestry.

Bro. Donato Valenzuela and family have removed to No. 569 Don Quijote, Sampaloc.

Muog No. 89.—Bro. Lewis M. Gould is now in the United States, at the Wm. Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas.

Ma-Bu-Ti No. 92.—Wor. Bro. Fernando Alvarez, at present a resident of Naga, Camarines Sur, visited Masbate in connection with his legal business.

Bro. Capt. Manuel Oppus writes from Vigan, I. S., where he is provincial commander of the Constabulary.

Bro. Montano O. Iligan has been transferred from Surigao to Capiz as chief clerk of the provincial auditor.

Wor. Bro. Restituto C. Chavez and family are doing well at Bangued, Abra. where Bro. Chavez is stationed as provincial treasurer.

Wor. Bro. Andrés F. Navarro and wife are visiting relatives in Albay.

Bros. Maximino Agnis and Celso Mayor, both of Bulusan Lodge No. 38, visited this province in September, on official business.

Bagong Ilaw No. 97.—Wor Bro. Vicente M. Vallido, P. M., was successfully operated on for appendicitis at the Philippine General Hospital last month. He is now back at his desk at the Cavite Naval Station.

Palawan No. 99.—Wor. Bro. R. P. Mitra and Bro. Pedro P. Guerrero spent some time at the Iwahig General Hospital, where Wor. Bro. Dr. Aberin operated on both for appendicitis. Bro. F. B. Santos acted as superintendent during the illness of Wor. Bro. Mitra.

Wor. Bro. S. F. Caddac, first Master of Palawan Lodge No. 99, is now stationed at Nueva Ecija as provincial commander of the Constabulary.

Bro. B. L. Rippetoe has been a patient at the Sternberg General Hospital in Manila, with senile debility.

Bro. C. F. Garcia, lieutenant, P. C., has been transferred to Manila.

Bro. Y. Minakawa has gone to Manila on the C. G. C. *Polillo*, on business, leaving Mrs. Minakawa in charge of the store during his absence.

Bro. Rev. B. Purugganan, of the Philippine Independent Church, ex-chaplain of the Iwahig Penal Colony, has been transferred to Urbiztondo, Pangasinan.

Keystone No. 100.—Mrs. Petronal Gaddula, wife of Wor. Bro. Felix Carreon, P.M., recently gave birth to a son at their home at Corregidor, Cavite, P. I.

The youngest daughter of Bro. Alejandro Timben and the youngest son of Bro. Esteban Castillo were recently baptized at the Corregidor Chapel. After the ceremony a reception and ball was given at their respective homes in honor of the godfather and godmother.

Bro. Luis A. Sevilla has been granted a three months' vacation and is visiting his parents in Albay province.

After spending a long vacation in his home province, Cebu, Bro. Rosendo Baron has returned to duty. Bro. Baron is a member of Battery "D," 91st Coast Artillery, U. S. Army, stationed at Corregidor.

Bro. and Mrs. José Paguio mourn the death of their only son, 2 years old, which occurred at the Station Hospital, Corregidor, on September 29th.



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The eldest daughter of Wor. Bro. Felix Carreon, P.M., underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Manila Sanitarium Hospital, Manila.

Bro. Eugenio Nueva is among the list of patients at the Philippine General Hospital, Manila. He was operated on for appendicitis and is recovering rapidly.

Bud Daho No. 102.—Miss Asiah Rasul, daughter of Bro. Sen. Hadji Butu (16) and Miss Vicente Sebastian, sister of Bro. Arsenio Sebastian (45), of the Hydro Electric Light Plant of Zamboanga, both graduates of the Zamboanga General Hospital Training School for Nurses, are now head nurses in the Sulu Public Hospital.

Wor. Bro. Ubaldo D. Laya (P.M.), provincial treasurer, and Bro. William J. Hollis, district engineer of Sulu respectively, had a narrow escape on their southern inspection trip when they were caught by bad weather on the sea at dawn on September 2nd, inst. The launch *Engineer*, on which they were traveling, was completely wrecked by striking a rock and only the engine of the launch could be salvaged.

The following were sick during the month: The son of Bro. and Mrs. Carlos Escio, Miss Inos Rasul, daughter of Bro. Sen. Hadji Butu, and Bro. Benigno S. Viray, our Tyler were admitted to the Sulu Public Hospital. The daughter of Bro. José M. Burdeos and Bro. Agapito de los Reyes, the Lodge Treasurer, were sick at home, and Bro. William J. Hollis had to remain at his country home at Balono-Timbangan, about 10 kilometers from Jolo, on account of illness.

Letters with fraternal greetings and dues were received from Bro. Dorr H. Malone (Major P.C.); Bro. José Ma. Paredes, now stationed in Talisay, Cebu; Bro. Dr. J. H. Yanzon, and Bro. Cipriano Jularbal. Bro. Eulogio Tablante (26), general foreman of Public Works in the Province of Cotabato, passed through Jolo on his way to Manila where he will spend his well-earned vacation leave with his family.

Bro. Casimiro Fasco (45), accountant of the Zamboanga firm Torrey & Jurika, is in Jolo on business, accompanied by his wife and 2 children.

Among the passengers on board the SS *Sirius*, southward bound, were Wor. Bro. Dr. José Raymundo (P.M. 59), district health inspector for the Department of Mindanao and Sulu, on his way to inspect Davao; Bro. K. Koyama (45) on a business trip, and Bro. José Trinidad, of the Non-Christian Tribes, on his regular inspection trip to the Bato-Bato Agricultural Colony, in the Tawi-tawi District, Sulu.

Wor. Bro. Dr. Julian Pilares is back from his inspection in the southern regions; he found everything to be satisfactory as far as the health of the people is concerned.

Bro. Arturo Villanueva (S.W.) left on the S. S. *Kinoo* accompanying his wife, who upon arrival in Manila will submit to a surgical operation.

A picnic was given by Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Ubaldo D. Laya in the pantalan, Jolo Public Bathing Place, on September 29th, in honor of Bro. and Mrs. José M. Burdeos, who were soon to leave on the S. S.

Islas Filipinas for Butuan, Agusan, their home town, for a five months vacation. The picnic was very well attended.

Wor. Bro. Dr. Julian Pilares, district health officer, Wor. Bro. Ubaldo D. Laya, provincial treasurer, and Bro. José Magnó, of the local custom house, left on the S. S. *Islas Filipinas* for an official inspection trip to Cagayan Sulu.

Bro. Alfonso Roque and Bro. José M. Burdeos, chief clerk and bookkeeper of the provincial treasurer's office, respectively, have left for an official inspection of several municipal districts on the island of Jolo.

Bataan No. 104.—On October 5th, the degree of Master Mason was conferred upon Bros. Laureano Escalada, Jesus Heras, and Toribio David.

Bro. Gervasio Banzon of the Bureau of Lands, who was rushed to San Juan de Dios Hospital, has been successfully operated on for gastric perforation (peritonitis) by Bro. Dr. Francisco Villaroman.

The wife of our Senior Warden, Bro. J. C. Hill, has successfully undergone a serious operation, performed by Bro. Dr. Francisco Villaroman.

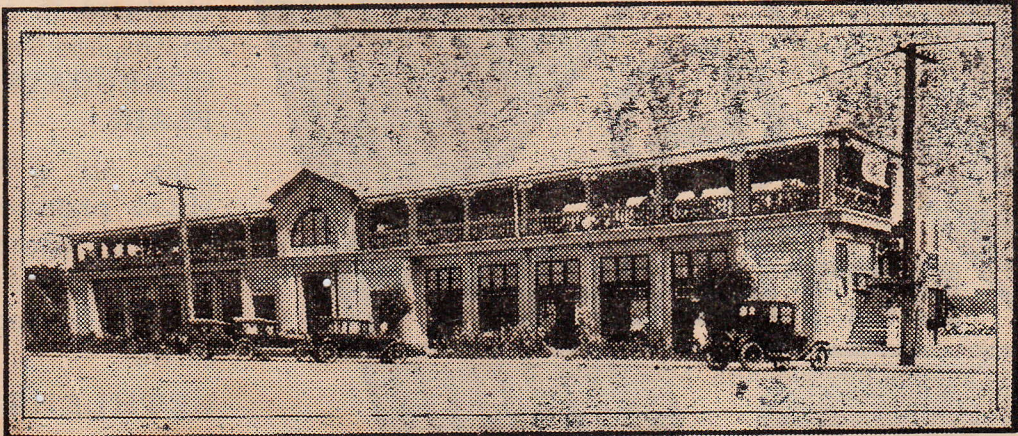
Bro. Dr. S. R. Ganzon, chairman of the sick committee, went to Manila on Oct. 11th to see Bro. Gervasio Banzon in the San Juan de Dios Hospital. He reports that Bro. Banzon is being well taken care of and is improving rapidly.

Bro. Francisco L. Villafranca, who has recently arrived from a business trip, also visited Bro. Gervasio Banzon at the Hospital.

Dues and fraternal greetings to the Brethren have been received from Bros. Cecilio M. Bituin, Culasi, Antique and Salvador Banzon, Balanga, Bataan.

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Imbedded in the path a boulder lay,
 An obstacle to all who passed that way;
 The cautious traveler oft turned aside
 And with its insolent demands complied;
 The heedless bruised his feet and limped along,
 Nor made an effort to abate the wrong.
 Its sturdy strength unused and gone to waste,
 A goodly stone it was, but how misplaced!

At length a youth whose face with purpose shone
 Trudged down the path and paused before the stone,
 Then knelt to delve and strain with painful toil
 Until he'd wrenched the boulder from the soil,
 Nor faltered till he'd staggered with his load
 And set it in a ditch which barred the road;
 No more a menace, a delay, a loss,
 But stanch support for those who passed across.

Sermons there are in stones, and you who read
 May find a lesson if you will but heed.
 Each has his place in the Grand Master's plan,
 A bane or blessing to his fellow man—
 A snare to trip his feet and cause him pain,
 Or step to lift him to a higher plane.
 Which will you be, it rests with you alone,
 Your brother's stumbling block or stepping stone?

—George H. Free, Algona, Iowa, in
 Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin.

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Los Muñidores

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Ningún miembro solicitará para sí mismo, o para cualquier otro miembro de cualquiera Logia, cualquier cargo electivo o de nombramiento en una Logia; ni se permitirá a miembro alguno muñir, buscar o solicitar votos o apoyo a favor de cualquier miembro. No se hará ninguna nominación de candidatos para cualquier cargo. La infracción de esta sección se considerará como conducta impropia de un masón, y el infractor quedará sujeto a la acción disciplinaria que la Logia determine. Esta sección deberá leerse en Logia abierta por el Venerable Maestro, en las tenidas ordinarias de Octubre, Noviembre y Diciembre de cada año.

La inclusión en nuestro Reglamento Interior de la disposición que acabamos de acotar ha sido una medida acertada. No se pueden emplear en las Logias los procedimientos de la política de partido sin peligro grave para la paz y concordia entre los obreros del taller. Podríamos citar más de un ejemplo de los efectos funestos del muñimiento en las Logias masónicas.

Conviene, pues, que la disposición de que se trata se cumpla al pie de la letra en todas las Logias de Filipinas.

—L. F.

Iniciativa de Un Masón

La Cruz Roja es cara al Masón no solamente porque fué concebida en el corazón y cerebro de un miembro de nuestra antigua Orden, sino porque está dedicada a una labor altamente humanitaria.

El Gobernador General, en su proclama de fecha veintisiete de septiembre de este año, en que designa el período que media entre el Día del Armisticio, 11 de Noviembre, y el Día de Acción de Gracias, 28 de Noviembre, para el Décimotercio Alistamiento Anual de la Cruz Roja en Filipinas, dice lo que sigue acerca de dicha institución:

"La Cruz Roja se ha convertido en una parte vital de la vida nacional de los habitantes de Filipinas. Al apoyar a esta sociedad, nuestros ciudadanos encuentran una oportunidad para unirse con fines humanitarios y para adherirse a un gran movimiento internacional. Filipinas posee la honrosa distinción de ocupar un puesto en primera línea entre las naciones del mundo en lo que respecta a la obra de la Cruz Roja.

"La labor de la Cruz Roja en estas Islas es bien conocida. Su presupuesto correspondiente al presente año económico para servicios de sanidad y asistencia de enfermos, para ayudar a las entidades de sanidad y restauración, para prestar socorros en ocasión de algún desastre, para ayudar a las clases y soldados del Ejército y Marina de los Estados Unidos, para los servicios odontológicos de la Cruz Roja Menor y para otros diversos servicios, excede de medio millón de pesos. Además de esta cantidad, la Cruz Roja está dispuesta a acudir oportuna, eficaz y generosamente en todo caso de desastre."

Es de esperar que en su campaña este año, la Cruz Roja contará como siempre con el apoyo moral y material de todo buen Masón en estas Islas.—L. F.

El Malogrado Hmno. Marcelo Lopez

En el naufragio del vapor *Mayon* que ocurrió el 2 de Septiembre de 1929 en el golfo de Ragay, pereció el Ven. Hmno. Capitán Marcelo Lopez, valeroso marino, patriota de acción y Masón convencido. Durante la Revolución, el Hmno. Lopez fué jefe del destacamento militar de Romblón, bajo las órdenes inmediatas del General Malvar. Se distinguió en muchos combates y fué herido en la cabeza al ser tomado el pueblo de Romblón por las tropas americanas en Noviembre de 1899. Terminada la guerra, el Hmno. Lopez se trasladó a Manila y siguió la carrera de

marino que hubo abandonado al estallar la Revolución.

Iniciado en la Logia Sinukuan No. 16, tomó parte en la fundación de la Logia Marble No. 58, de Romblón.

Dicen que el naufragio del vapor *Mayon* fué el quinto que sufriera el Hmno. Lopez, habiéndose salvado de los demás.

¡Qué descanse en paz!

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Dicho libro es una buena traducción de la célebre obra de José Fort Newton titulada "The Builders."

Noticias

Viaje Oficial del Muy Il. Gran Maestro

El 17 de Octubre pasado, el Muy Il. Hmno. Seldon W. O'Brien, Gran Maestro de M. L. y A. de las Islas Filipinas, acompañado del Ven. Hmno. Ramón Mendoza, Gran Secretario auxiliar, salió de esta capital para visitar algunas de las Logias del Norte de Luzon. Insertamos a continuación el itinerario de la comitiva que el Ven. Hmno. Mendoza tuvo la amabilidad de facilitarnos antes de su salida y que sufrirá posiblemente ciertas ligeras modificaciones impuestas por las circunstancias:

<i>Jueves, Octubre 17, 1929</i>	- - - -	8:00 p. m.
	LOGIA MEMORIAL No. 90	
	Muñoz, Nueva Ecija.	
<i>Viernes, Octubre 18, 1929</i>	- - - -	8:00 p. m.
	LOGIA MAGAT No. 68	
	Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya.	
<i>Sabado, Octubre 19, 1929</i>	- - - -	2:30 p. m.
	LOGIA ISABELA No. 60	
	Ilagan, Isabela	
<i>Sabado, Octubre 19, 1929</i>	- - - -	8:00 p. m.
	LOGIA GONZAGA No. 66	
	Tuguegarao, Cagayan	
<i>Lunes, Octubre 21, 1929</i>	- - - -	8:00 p. m.
	LOGIA MABINI No. 39	
	Aparri, Cagayan	
<i>Miercoles, Octubre 23, 1929</i>	- - - -	8:00 p. m.
	LOGIA NUEVA ECIJA No. 73	
	Quezon, Nueva Ecija.	

De La Logia Iloilo No. 11

Durante el pasado mes, se han recibido cartas, con sus cotizaciones, de los Hmnos. Ignacio Achurra, Sara, Iloilo; Fortunato Kakilala, Cadiz, Negros Occidental; y Santiago de la Rosa, Davao, Davao.

El Hmno. Amado F. Cortes, cajero del Banco Nacional Filipino en Bacolod, Negros Occidental, ha estado en Iloilo durante la última semana para visitar a su familia.

Se halla en Hongkong, China, el Hmno. Felix A. Golez, Capitán del vapor *H. I. R.*, comisionado por la casa naviera Hijos de I. de la Rama, para adquirir otro barco con destino a la línea Iloilo-Pulupandan.

En una carta muy interesante, el Hmno. Santiago de la Rosa, cajero del Banco Nacional en Davao, se queja de la monotonía de la vida en aquellos contornos, haciéndose de desear, según expresión propia, la aparición de algún que otro "juramentado" e inclusive alguna conmoción sísmica, para "un cambio" en el estado ordinario de cosas.

Pide su plancha de quite el Hmno. Manuel V. Santiago, que tiene ahora su residencia establecida en Manila, con el fin de poder trabajar más activamente en una logia de la Capital, pues no espera poder volver a Iloilo por muchos años.

Es esperado de vuelta en Iloilo para dentro de todo el presente mes el Hmno. Chan Tin Foo, ausente en Canton, China, desde hace cerca de un año.

Ha salido para Manila, en viaje de negocios, el Hmno. Sy Siong, Tesorero de esta Logia.

De la Logia Malolos No. 46

Siguiendo la costumbre ya establecida, los hermanos de la Logia Malolos No. 46, residentes en Malolos, ofrecieron una comida por la siesta con baile, a los demás hermanos que viven en otros municipios, el Domingo, 22 de Septiembre de este año, en el Templo Plaridel, Malolos, con asistencia de numerosos invitados y varias chicas de la localidad. El baile duró desde las 10 de la mañana hasta las 6 de la tarde.

Entre los más prominentes invitados figuraban los siguientes: El Juez Anastasio Teodoro, el Representante Arellano, el Superintendente de Escuelas Mr. Hamme, el Dr. Juan Fernando, el Tesorero Provincial Sr. Maddela, el Auditor Provincial Sr. Salud, el Sr. Ramón Ramos de Manila, y otro.

Después de la comida se bailó el Rigodón en que tomaron parte 28 parejas, insertándose entre sus números el siguiente

PROGRAMA

1. Un canto por la Srta. Luz Morelos.
2. Discurso en tagalog por el hermano Marcelo Castillo.
3. Un canto por la Srta. Dolores del Castillo.
4. Declamación de una poesía en tagalog por la Srta. Estefanía Alvarez.
5. Coro General en que todos cantaron *Ramona*.
6. Cambio de Parejas y Cadenilla.

Es posible que la reunión para el mes de Octubre se celebre en Sibul, San Miguel.

De la Logia Marble No. 58, Romblón

El Hmno. Sih Toc Keng nos ha comunicado el aumento de su familia con el nacimiento de una nueva heredera, que tuvo lugar el día 13 de Agosto, hallándose madre e hija en perfecto estado de salud.

El Hmno. Vicente F. Mayor está de luto por la muerte de su hermano Fernando, ocurrida el día 8 de Septiembre en esta capital.

Nuestro Venerable saldrá pasado mañana para los pueblos de Concepción y Jones para continuar su viaje de inspección, acompañándole los Hmnos. Angel Tadeo, Ceferino Purísima y Vicente F. Mayor.

La esposa del Hmno. Domingo J. del Callar, que se encontraba en esta capital por una temporada con ocasión de la muerte de su padre, salió hace poco para Manila al objeto de reunirse con su esposo en Tarlac, Tarlac.

Piezas de Arquitectura

Elecciones

—Hermano Joaquinito, se aproximan las elecciones.

—Es verdad. Y se oye qué van a ser muy movidas.

—Pues, a luchar. ¿Por quién vas?

—Oye, pues, no parece sino que se trata de una función de boxeo.

—No, pero . . . ¿A quién te parece que debemos elegir?

—Pues, a quién lo merezca.

—No te parece que vayamos por Sullivan.

—Tu verás, pero yo no opino así. Prefiero al Primer Vigilante.

—Hombre, no. Ese es de los del grupo de Bloque-Dorado.

—No entiendo.

—¿No sabes que hay dos grupos? Los del Gordito y los del Bloque-Dorado.

—¡Caramba! ¿Y se presentan así, descaradamente?

—Nó. Hace sus cosas sigilosamente, hipócritamente y . . .

—Pero, oye, ¿son masones?

—Bueno. Eso de masones . . .

—Además, Sullivan es un infeliz, un inocente, un cándido . . .

—Pues, ese es el que nos conviene.

—Sí, tal vez sea a tí a quien únicamente convenga.

¡Valiente Venerable íbamos a sacar!

—Entonces, . . . ¿A quién?

—Al que sea digno y esté en condiciones. Al que no pertenezca a ningún bloque, por más que eso de bloque me huele a algo helado. En la Institución no debe existir ninguna de esas diferencias sociales, nada que tienda a dividir o a separar a los hermanos. Recuerda aquello del cemento del amor fraternal. . . .

—Anda, anda. Pues véte con remilgos y verás si ellos tienen escrúpulos. En cierta ocasión, se confabularon todos los del bloque del Gordito en sacar a uno que hacía mucho tiempo no aparecía por la Logia y ni siquiera se había dignado excusar sus ausencias, y lo consiguieron, posponiendo a los que tenían mejor derecho. Y todo porque aquel era prominentemente figura en la judicatura. ¿Está esto ni medianamente bien?

—No, señor. Está plusquam perfectamente mal. Ya he dicho que se debe nombrar al que tenga más méritos y realmente lo merezca. La posición profana de un miembro no debe influir únicamente para hacerse acreedor a cargos. Tampoco debe nombrarse al que ocupa el puesto superior inmediato, si no se hallara en condiciones para desempeñar la Veneratura. Pero si lo estuviera, se cometería con él una injusticia si se hiciera una preterición, tanto más si el impuesto para la elección no tuviera más méritos que su posición profana. Estas pretericiones han causado, hasta en esferas más elevadas, el desánimo de algunos miembros que prefirieron "eclipsarse" y no contemplar con paciencia aquellas injusticias.

—Entonces, . . . ¿Qué haremos?

—Animar a nuestros compañeros, sin que a esto se le dé la interpretación de un muñimiento, a que nombren a aquellos hermanos que en su concepto sean dignos de desempeñar los cargos y que poco más o menos podemos asegurar que lo harán con buena voluntad y conciencia. Es muy triste asistir a una tenida en la que las primeras ausencias que se notan son las de los Oficiales. Debemos también animarles a que respeten aquella especie de derecho que el uso o la práctica ha establecido sobre los que desempeñan los cargos superiores, si es que están en condiciones para el cargo inmediato superior. Y como regla general, nombrar al que cada uno quiera, sin olvidarse de los principios fundamentales de equidad y justicia.

—Y oye, Hermano. Hemos estado hablando de bloques. ¿Es verdad, acaso, que existen?

—No, hombre. ¿Qué han de existir? Lo que hay es que, se les han desafilado las herramientas a algunos y no han conseguido quitar todas las asperezas de muchas piedras brutas, y así han quedado.

—Y, ¿por qué no se remedia?

—Ya se remediará. ¿Cuándo? No lo sé. Sólo puedo asegurarte que no tardarás en ver la revisión de cuentas, y aunque te horroricen los golpes del mazo sobre el cincel y llegue a iluminarse el firmamento con la multitud de chispas que broten de tantas piedras brutas que están a medio desbastar, conserva tu ánimo sereno que el trabajo no será para mucho tiempo. Por esta misma razón te recomiendo que procures que los cargos de tu Logia sean desempeñados por personas competentes y no te dejes influenciar por otros que velan más por su conveniencia personal que por el prestigio y gloria de nuestra sagrada Institución.

—Adios, Cantaclaro.

—Adios, Joaquinito. —"Zurriaga," en el *Boletín de la Logia Biak-na-Bato No. 7.*

Política y Masonería

Se ha creído por muchos y durante largos años, que la Masonería es una institución esencialmente política, que pretende el gobierno de los pueblos y procura la solución de sus problemas.

Extrañados algunos de que la Masonería no ejercite esta acción política intensa que se le atribuye en el mundo

profano, se preguntan, desengañados, cuál es entonces la verdadera misión de la Orden, y si es posible que podamos vivir absortos en el estudio de cuestiones éticas y filosóficas mientras la humanidad padece las consecuencias de su defectuosa organización.

Crean que esto significa un abandono de viejos y verdaderos principios masónicos para dedicarse a cuestiones egoístas y desconectadas del sentimiento y de las necesidades de la colectividad.

No creemos que acierten quienes así piensan.

La Franc-Masonería no es, en verdad, una institución política que pretenda gobernar ni domeñar al poder civil con el objeto de hacerlo servir determinadas convicciones. No es ajena, ni podría serlo, a las grandes convulsiones de las sociedades, pero, como institución esencialmente filosófica y moral, busca la verdad que ha de guiar, antes que el brazo y la palabra de los hombres, su espíritu y su idea.

Convencida está de que es inútil, cuando no perjudicial, allegar ideas y palabras que carezcan de sólido fundamento y que sólo signifiquen ligeras variantes de los remedios tantas veces propuestos y tantas veces ensayados casi con inalterable fracaso.

El hombre antes de actuar y antes de estar en condiciones de conducir a los demás hombres, ha de tener plena conciencia y dominio de sí mismo y ha de estar alumbrada su mente y guiada su voluntad por alguna convicción central que le permita apreciar en el conjunto la armonía de la vida, la sabiduría del misterioso plan que la rige y la misión que cada hombre desempeña en su paso por la tierra.

Sus enseñanzas abarcan, es cierto, la totalidad de los conocimientos humanos, pero no pretende conocerlos en detalle sino que busca descubrir las leyes fundamentales del Universo. Enseña con pocas palabras, pero guía a sus adeptos con hechos tangibles e invariables, representados por su organización y evocados por sus símbolos.

La enseñanza se recibe por grados y con esto quiere significar que, aunque los hombres son iguales en su esencia, difieren en sus aptitudes y en su afán de perfeccionamiento y que es locura mirarlos como iguales en absoluto.

Completada la tarea de instrucción en un grado y cumplidos todos los deberes que éste impone al adepto, está el hermano en situación de recibir un ascenso y de adquirir cierta suma de derechos.

Sin embargo, no reconoce posición social ni fortuna y atiende sólo al mérito íntimo y verdadero de los hombres para juzgarlos.

¿No está claramente expresado así un plan político y de organización social en el más alto sentido de la palabra?

¿Democrática en su esencia, jerárquica en la función, cómo podría predicar afuera lo que no predica dentro de sus templos, ni entregar a la volubilidad de las palabras lo que expresa con hechos?

No ha de reemplazarse el caos por el orden ni el descontento por la felicidad, si no se mejora y no se lleva el convencimiento necesario al elemento básico de la sociedad, que es el hombre.

La sociedad humana, organizada sobre la base del más amplio ejercicio de los derechos que cada cual se atribuye o cree tener, no ha podido saciar su descontento y va de ensayo en ensayo y de tumbos en tumbos. Las ideas y las soluciones son sociales, son económicas, pero no son morales, esto es, no tienden a transformar la conciencia del hombre, a dar unidad a sus convicciones, esperanza a sus anhelos, pero una esperanza que enaltezca su espíritu y fortalezca su voluntad.

La solución salvadora ha de venir con una nueva verdad que haga comprender a los pueblos que la vida no es el ejercicio constante de un derecho, sino el cumplimiento perpetuo de un deber.—*Revista Masónica de Chile.*

La Tolerancia

Hay en la vida una "cualidad" humilde y sencilla, a la cual, sin escrúpulo, llamaríamos "una virtud," teniendo en cuenta los benéficos y provechosos resultados que produce a quienes la practican.

Comúnmente se acompaña de la discreción, el buen juicio y la benevolencia, y sus resultados naturales son la prosperidad, el progreso y la paz. Esta hermosa cualidad, aún hoy no bastante estimada y practicada por la humanidad, es la "tolerancia".

Así como la vid con su lozano follaje preserva de los ardientes rayos solares, y en sus dorados frutos ofrece al que la cultiva un grato refrigerio y un fortificante y saludable licor, del mismo modo la tolerancia es, para las sociedades que la practican, un escudo que preservándolas de aviesas pasiones, las une, las consolida y las levanta del común nivel.

Para valorizar como es debido el inapreciable mérito de la tolerancia, y el papel que desempeña en los destinos humanos, basta fijar ligeramente la atención en los males inmensos que la carencia de ella ha producido al mundo en todo tiempo.

La historia, esa muda enseñanza de los siglos que pasaron, nos hace contemplar a la Inquisición con todos sus horrores; la sangrienta hecatombe de la noche de San Bartolomé en Francia; y el suplicio de millones de mártires, como resultado exclusivo de la intolerancia religiosa.

En política, se nos manifiesta dividiendo a las naciones en luchas fratricidas y siendo causa de sangrientas guerras que llevan por funesto séquito la desolación, los odios inveterados, el horror y la muerte.

La intolerancia en las ciencias ha servido sólo para perpetrar los errores de la ignorancia y sujetar el libre vuelo de la inteligencia, poniendo una rémora al progreso. Que se examine en grande o pequeña escala, siempre se encontrará que donde reina la intolerancia, enmudece la razón y sufre o desaparece la libertad.

La tolerancia es compañera inseparable de la civilización, la cual sin ella no puede avanzar sino muy lentamente.

Y, como todas las virtudes, tiene su nacimiento en la familia; en ese pequeño terreno donde deben germinar todos los granos selectos que han de producir más tarde abundante y saludable fruto a la sociedad.

Allí es también donde se hace más necesaria e imprescindible, por lo mismo que el trato más íntimo pone de relieve los mutuos afectos.

"Para vivir en familia",—decía un ilustre jurisconsulto,—"prefiero un adarme de tolerancia, a un quintal de amor." No podía ocultarse a ese ilustrado talento, que la falta de recíproca tolerancia rebaja los más sagrados vínculos y destruye, o por lo menos entibia el santo amor de la familia, bálsamo consolador de las penalidades de la vida.

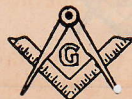
¿Y quién mejor que la mujer, que es la sacerdotisa del hogar, está llamada a inspirarla y cultivarla en el corazón de sus hijos y de todos los que forman su pequeño reino, por medio de la palabra y por el medio aún más persuasivo y eficaz del ejemplo?

Ciertamente que es a ella a quien de preferencia le compete desempeñar esta tarea de tanta trascendencia y de tan profucuos resultados.

No basta ser bueno y cumplir estrictamente sus deberes: es menester hacer amable la virtud y atraerle prosélitos por medio de la indulgencia, la persuasión y la benevolencia.

Son verdaderamente insoportables aquellas hurañas virtudes que, encastilladas en su superioridad, miran con orgulloso desdén las fragilidades humanas; y a quienes sólo hastío y repulsión inspiran las faltas ajenas.

¿De dónde proviene si no la preferencia que no pocas veces se acuerda a ciertas personas cuyos remarcables defectos están en evidencia, sobre algunas otras que no sólo están exentas de ellos, sino que aún suelen ser poseedoras de un mérito indisputable?



Es que las primeras conceden de buen grado la indulgencia que para sí mismas necesitan, en tanto que las segundas pretendiendo sujetar a la humanidad a cierto modelo especial que su fantasía ha forjado, no toleran la más mínima discrepancia erigiéndose arbitrariamente en directores y jueces de los demás.

Ni la amistad, ni el amor, ni las relaciones de familia pueden subsistir con tan grave obstáculo. La naturalidad, la confianza y ese ingenuo abandono que forman el mayor encanto de las relaciones íntimas, son prontamente sustituidas por el recelo, la tirantez y la reserva, que traen por obligadas consecuencias el distanciamiento y la desunión.

Aquel que más olvidado se encuentre de las nociones del bien, será siempre sensible a la benévola indulgencia, al prudente consejo, que traten de apartarlo de la senda del vicio o del error; pero rechazará con indómita altivez las más saludables doctrinas, si se les pretende imponer con humillante dureza. Predominando la intolerancia, no hay unión en las familias ni verdadera cultura para las sociedades ni paz para las naciones.

Yo creo que Marcelo Prevost tiene muchísima razón al recomendar al hombre en la vida, silencio, paciencia y discreción, cuando haga vibrar sus rayos sobre nuestra cabeza la pálida envidia y el ruin desprecio, dignos hijos de Pandora.

Muy atinado también el ejemplo de aquellos perros que en las noches luminosas ladrar ellos a la Luna, y el satélite, a pesar de eso, sigue impasible su curso en el estrellado firmamento; se eclipsa entre las nubes, y vuelve a aparecer luego triunfadora, por una ley de la naturaleza, en los espacios infinitos, y los perros ladrarán toda la vida, sin que logren interrumpir el curso de la Luna, que desde tan alto no alcanza a verlos. ¡Son tan pigmeos!

Cuentan las crónicas que un día le llevaron a Mirabeau

un libelo escrito contra él, y le dijeron los comisarios de la Convención: "Os atacan perversamente, defendeos," y el gran orador exclamó: "Conozco a quienes me atacan, por eso no me defenderé, pues sería entrar en tratos y discusiones sobre mi dignidad con quienes no tienen ninguna, y con los cuales no puede medir sus armas un hombre que vale, no digamos mucho, pero sí más que todos ellos".

Hermano mío, sigue ese ejemplo que también lo aconseja Prevost: Sé callado y paciente.

No te bajes hasta el nivel que ocupa la canalla, porque te encanallacerías. Quédate donde estás. Nada te importe que abajo griten la calumnia, el odio, el despecho y la envidia, porque esos gritos en el viento se pierden, y tú, firme en tu silencio digno, cuya elocuencia no entienden tus enemigos, pero que vale ante la gente que a ellos los conocen y a tí te aprecian.

Fíjate, querido hermano, en lo que ellos valen socialmente y en lo que tú vales, y saca la cuenta.

El odio que los devora es su propio castigo.

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No les dispenses el valor de tu atención, porque los infelices pueden creerse personas de verdad.—Antonio R. Zúñiga, en "Acacia" (Puerto Rico.)

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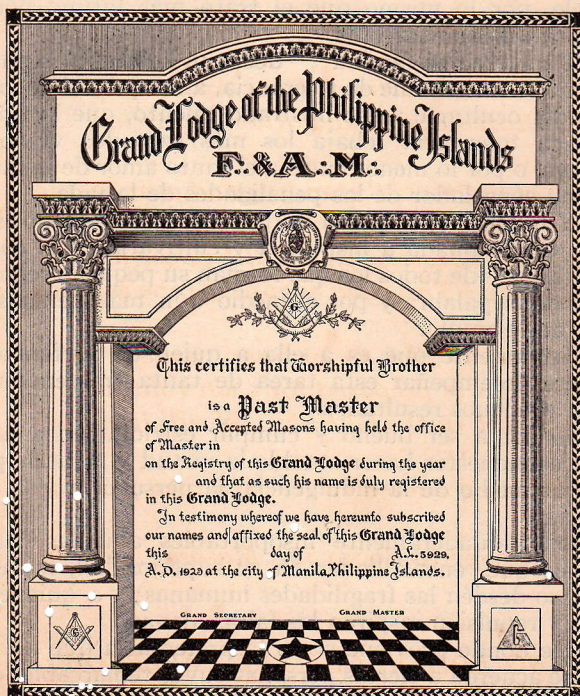
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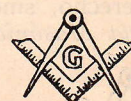


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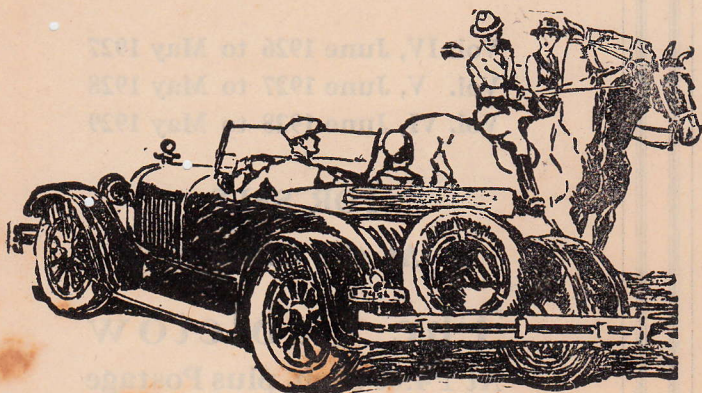
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