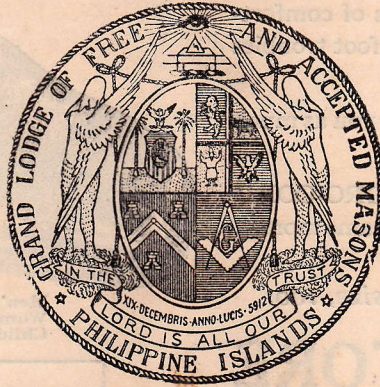


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Bro. JOSÉ RIZAL

December 30, 1896

Yo muero cuando veo que el cielo se colora
Y al fin anuncia el día tras lóbrego capúz;
Si grana necesitas para teñir la aurora,
¡Vierte la sangre mía, derrámala en buena hora,
Y dórela un reflejo de su naciente luz!

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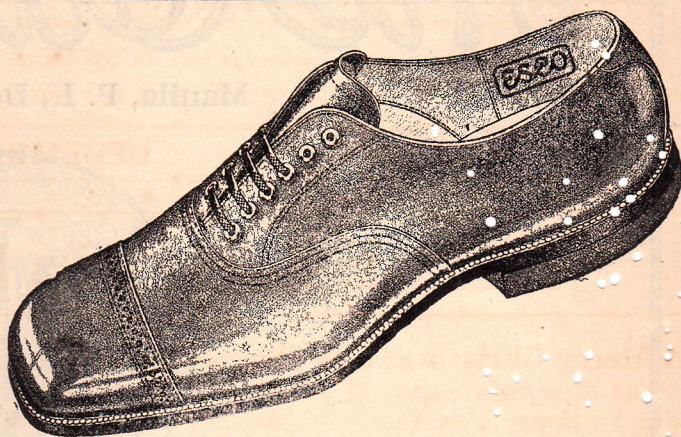
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Editorial Section

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

THE CABLETOW wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that this Christmas season will abound in acts of Masonic beneficence and that the year 1930 will be one of great blessings, peace and harmony for the Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction and their members. These wishes we make, of course, extensive to all Lodges and Masons of the world, whithersoever dispersed. May the year at the portals of which we stand be an outstanding one in Universal Freemasonry. May it see a strengthening of the ties between the various Grand Bodies throughout the world, a cementing of the huge structure of Freemasonry unprecedented in the history of our Institution, a weakening of the influences that have been holding Grand Lodges and Grand Orients apart for so many decades. Peace be unto all!—L. F.

Rizal Day

On December 30th of this year it will be thirty-three years that our great Brother José Rizal poured out his life blood for his ideals and his native land. His death was one to be envied. A hero to the last, he gave an example to the world of how a man can make the supreme sacrifice for that which he holds dearer than life. A man of prophetic vision, he must have seen what his death meant to his cause, to which he was lost completely so long as he remained an exile and a prisoner under the watchful eyes of those who stood for political and spiritual despotism. May the spirit that inspired him and the ideals that he defended live forever in the land that gave him birth!—L. F.

Lodge Secretaries

Past Grand Master Oliver Day Street, of Alabama, has the following to say with regard to Lodge secretaries:

Much of the correspondence received by me during the year indicates that the only qualifications required by many lodges to be possessed by those chosen as secretary of the lodge are carelessness and incompetency. The ignorance and unfitness of many of these so-called secretaries is truly astonishing. They can neither write, spell, punctuate nor compose and have not the slightest idea of form. How they can keep an intelligible minute or a correct record of collections made and the dispositions of the funds or conduct the most meagre correspondence of the lodge is a mystery to me. They may be and no doubt are excellent men and Masons, but this, one of the most important offices in a lodge, should not be committed into the hands of an incompetent brother. I have no doubt the death of many a lodge is traceable to an incompetent and unsuitable secretary. Let me impress on the lodges, if possible, that next to the Master and Tiler, the Secretary is the most vital factor in the prosperity of the lodge.

A Lodge cannot be too careful in choosing its secretary. A good secretary is a valuable asset, a jewel. Being the

officer who has the most dealings with other Lodges and the outside world, he shows his Lodge to the best advantage and gives it a reputation for efficiency, punctuality, and courtesy. No officer has more direct communication with the members of the Lodge, present and especially absent, than the Secretary. An able and conscientious secretary keeps the members happy and contented. A poor and indifferent secretary can do the Lodge untold harm; in fact, he is sure to hurt it in many ways. Neglect and delay on his part in answering letters, attending to business, and making reports always reflect on the Lodge and give it a bad name. They are responsible for financial losses and, frequently, for dimits.

In our dealings with the Lodges we have met both classes of secretaries. There are Brethren wearing the crossed pens who deserve the highest praise; but unfortunately the number of secretaries who do not even come up to the classification of "fair" is still much too large. Let our Brethren look well at the ballot when they elect the man who is to sit to the left and in the Master's chair during the ensuing year!—L. F.

Petty Jealousies

Petty jealousies have brought failure to more noble enterprises and ruin to more organizations with lofty purposes than all the forces of evil and darkness combined. When the efforts of an outstanding individual or group of persons promise to bear fruit, the credit and glory that will attach to those who do the work will often attract the envy of persons who have had no share in the enterprise. Fearing that their own fame, merited or unmerited, will be put in the shade by that of the rising star, the envious frequently manage to undermine the foundations of the edifice and make it fall. Masons are taught to rejoice in each other's prosperity, but Masonry is by no means free from petty individuals who would rather have a splendid plan fail than have it prosper and see some one of whom they are envious reap the reward due to him for his efforts.

—L. F.

The Masonic Club of Manila

The Manager of the House Committee of the Masonic Club of Manila has sent out the following appeal to the Craft in this city:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—

As the year 1929 is drawing to a close, the Masonic Club of Manila is getting ready to meet the expenses of the year 1930. You are a member of the Club whose quota, which was left to your discretion, has been of great assistance to the Masonic Club in these past years and has helped to make it a place where Craftsmen have at all times been able to mingle with their Brethren and find recreation and refreshment.

The same as in past years, we therefore ask you to send us, in lieu of dues for the year 1930, any sum that you may see fit to donate. Whatever it be, the Masonic Club of Manila will be grateful for it. Inclosed please find your membership card for the year 1930.

Any suggestion that you may be pleased to make for the good of the Club will also be appreciated.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

JOAQUIN GARCIA,
Chairman of the House Committee,
Masonic Club of Manila.

The Masonic Club of Manila offers facilities to the Brethren which, we fear, are not taken advantage of as they should be. We hope that there will be a hearty response to this appeal and that during the coming year, the Club will be patronized by a larger number of Masons than in the past and that its management will see the conscientious efforts made by it crowned by complete success.—L. F.

Smoking in Lodge

Our Grand Lodge has been taken to task by one or two fraternal reviewers and Masonic journals in the United States because of the liberal attitude taken by it towards smoking in the Lodge. It is particularly Grand Lodge Circular No. 53, of March 11, 1927, against which this criticism has been levelled. The circular mentioned, construing an edict issued in 1923 which prohibited smoking within the Lodge room during the opening and closing ceremonies as well as during degree work, acknowledged the wisdom of such prohibition, but recommended a more liberal interpretation than that given to it by some of the Philippine Lodges. In accordance with the terms of this circular, smoking is now absolutely prohibited during the opening and closing ceremonies and the actual degree work, which latter, for the purposes of the edict mentioned, is not considered to include the lectures. In other words, smoking is allowed while the Lodge is transacting business at its stated meetings, while the lectures of the three degrees are being delivered, and while the Lodge is at refreshment.

In view of this liberal attitude of our Grand Lodge towards smoking, local conditions should be taken into consideration. Not only is tobacco one of the chief products of the Philippine Islands and there is the corresponding amount of smoking, but there is no prohibition of smoking in moving picture palaces, government offices (except those of the U. S. Army), street-cars, etc., as there is in the United States, and an absolute prohibition of smoking in Lodge would have been looked upon and resented as a tyrannical imposition. In the United States, the Lodge room is merely an additional place where the cigar and cigarette are barred, while in the Islands it would be almost the only place.

Since the adoption of the liberal construction of the edict on smoking, the number of members who "sneak out" of the Lodge room before the lecture has decreased enormously, because now a man can listen to the lecture smoking his cigar or cigarette and does not have to go outside to enjoy his weed.

Tolerance of the small weaknesses of his brothers and fellows is a thing that should come easy to a Mason, and it is that tolerance and solicitude for the comfort of the Brethren which inspired the circular mentioned.—L. F.

How Errors Creep In

There is a children's game many of our readers doubtless know, which is played as follows: The players form a circle and one chooses a word that he whispers rapidly into the ear of his left-hand neighbor who must pass it on immediately. By the time the word gets back to the player who selected it, it has generally undergone the weirdest transformations one could imagine.

The mouth to ear method is apt to change a ritual transmitted by it exclusively, in the same way. In fact, a number of errors have crept into the masonic ritual that make the meaning of parts of it obscure and doubtful. For some time, "Pythagoras" had become "Peter Gower" and the "Phoenicians" the "Venetians" in the old lectures.

Another source of errors are the changes and variations every language undergoes in the course of the centuries. As a striking example of this we have the word "hail" which, as used by our operative predecessors, was synonymous with "conceal". Most of our Brethren, not knowing the old meaning and proper spelling of the word, quite naturally fall into the error of substituting the verb "hail" for it which happens to make a meaning, too, but entirely changes the idea originally expressed.

Mistakes in translation and retranslation are no doubt responsible for other obscurities in the rituals of the several degrees of Masonry. A poor translation takes all the meaning and beauty out of the best products of the human brain. This reminds us of a teacher on an Indian reservation in the United States where the Indians in chapel used to sing some of the fine old American hymns in the tongue of the tribe. This teacher noticed that the Indians did not seem very enthusiastic over these hymns and finally she asked one of her brightest students to translate "Rock of Ages" back into English, just as it read in the Indian version.

After reading the first two lines, the teacher nearly fainted. The beautiful words of the old hymn:

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

read as follows in the retranslation:

Very ancient stone, split for my benefit,
Let me hide under one of your fragments.

After that, all hymns were sung in English in chapel on that particular reservation.—L. F.

Do Not Publish Names of Petitioners

This is the advice we meant to give to our Lodges in the editorial headed "Publishing the names of petitioners" in the November number of this paper. The entire article conveys that meaning with the exception of the beginning of it. Through an inadvertence, the third word of the editorial mentioned, as printed, reads "unlawful" while it should have read "lawful."

We, therefore, repeat, this time without making that mistake, that we must answer the question "Is it lawful to publish the names of petitioners for the degrees in a Lodge bulletin?" with an emphatic NO!—L. F.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Larkin's Appeal

A letter is being sent out by Rt. Wor. Bro. William W. Larkin, our Senior Grand Warden, in his capacity as President of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, asking for donations. About Christmas time, appeals for donations are as plentiful as blackberries, but somehow, Rt. Wor. Bro. Larkin's letter is in a class by itself. In it we are asked to give our mite to the noblest work ever undertaken by Freemasonry in these Islands. This work is done for the benefit of beings that deserve all our sympathy: the poor crippled children. It is really constructive work—if you do not believe it, visit the Masonic Ward at the Mary J. Johnston Hospital in Tondo. And it is work that is carried on without any appropriation for salaries and expenses of officers, because the latter are Masons in whom the spirit of sacrifice and altruism is stronger than in the average. Let us help them in their splendid work. Let us practise true Masonic charity!—L. F.

Official Section

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands, a corporation, will be held at the Masonic Temple, Manila, P. I., on Tuesday, January 28, 1930, at 4 o'clock p. m., on said day for the election of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Secretary.*

Manila, P. I., December 1, 1929.

Grand Lodge Committee For Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Seldon W. O'Brien has appointed Wor. Bros. Julián C. Balmaseda (51), Fred M. Holmes (8), and Eugenio Dizon (27), to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of December, 1929.

Addresses Wanted

The Secretary of Dapitan Lodge No. 21 is anxious to have the addresses of four members of his Lodge, these being Bros. *Ong Chiong, Ong Chun Chiu, Fabian Vidallon,* and *Yap Chuan Seng.* Will any Brother knowing the address of any of these Brethren please communicate the same to the Secretary mentioned, whose address is Inocentes Villégas, Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes, Manila?

The Secretary of Marble Lodge makes a similar request as to the address of Bro. *Alfredo Villarruz.* If you know it, please drop a line to Bonifacio Marrón, Romblon, Romblon, P. I.

Important for Lodge Secretaries!

Through conversations with Masters and Secretaries of Lodges who have been paying arrears in their CABLETOW Quota lately, the Managing Editor has come to the conclusion that in some Lodges little attention has been paid to the edicts and instructions on the subject of that quota, and that the most woeful ignorance prevails regarding it.

We again call attention to the fact that the management of the CABLETOW has nothing to do with individual subscribers; that the CABLETOW Quota is not a sum total of subscriptions, but a contribution towards the expenses of the CABLETOW imposed by the Grand Lodge on a per capita basis; that the last edict on this subject, No. 14, which has been published several times this year and appears hereunder, fixes the quota for the six-month's period from June 1 to November 30, 1929; that the same edict also provides for the manner of paying the quota for the ensuing Masonic year, which method of payment has been adopted as being much more practical and satisfactory than that heretofore in vogue; that no credit is given to Lodges for members which drop out during the CABLETOW year and no extra charge is made for new subscribers that come in during the same period; that every member (Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts included) is entitled to receive the CABLETOW from the moment he enters the Lodge; and that initiations, affiliations, suspensions, dismissions, and deaths, also changes of address, must be promptly reported to the management by the secretary of each Lodge.

A considerable number of the Lodges still owe the quota for the six months from June 1, 1929, to November 30, 1929, which should have been paid before June 1, 1929. A few Lodges have been owing for past years, some of them

large sums. Statements of account have been sent to these delinquents, many of whom have already settled their indebtedness for past years.

The management of the CABLETOW hopes to receive the full cooperation of the Secretaries and other Officers of the Lodges in the future.

[Edict No. 14]

*To the Masters, Wardens, and other Brethren
of all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge
of the Philippine Islands.*

GREETINGS:—Pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Grand Master by resolution of the Grand Lodge adopted at its Annual Communication of 1927, each subordinate Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction is hereby required to pay its annual quota for THE CABLETOW for the period from June, 1929, to November, 1929, inclusive, at the rate of SIXTY CENTAVOS (₱0.60) for each Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason holding membership in the Lodge concerned on the day when said quota is paid.

Since THE CABLETOW quota is payable in advance, each Lodge shall remit its quota for the period from June, 1929, to November, 1929, on or before June 1, 1929, when No. 1, Volume VII, of THE CABLETOW will be issued.

THE CABLETOW quota for the period from December, 1929, to November, 1930, inclusive, shall be at the rate of ONE PESO AND TWENTY CENTAVOS (₱1.20) for each Master Mason on the rolls of the Lodge on November 30, 1929, and shall be remitted during the first half of December, 1929, jointly with the Grand Lodge dues and subject to the conditions governing said dues.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, this thirty-first day of March, A. L. 5929, A. D. 1929.

SELDON W. O'BRIEN, *Grand Master.*

Attest:—NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Grand Secretary.*

Stated Meetings of Manila Lodges

December 2 (First Monday).—Luz Oceánica No. 85, Masonic Temple; Service No. 95, Plaridel Temple.

December 3 (First Tuesday).—Manila No. 1, Masonic Temple; Kasilawan No. 77, Masonic Temple.

December 4 (First Wednesday).—Cosmos No. 8, Masonic Temple; Rizal No. 22, Plaridel Temple.

December 5 (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.

December 6 (First Friday).—St. John's No. 9, Masonic Temple; Hiram No. 88, Plaridel Temple.

December 7 (First Saturday).—Nilad No. 12, Plaridel Temple; Taga-Ilog No. 79, Masonic Temple; Araw No. 18, 527 Alvarado.

December 9 (Second Sunday).—Southern Cross No. 6, Masonic Temple.

December 10 (Second Monday).—Benjamin Franklin No. 94, Masonic Temple.

December 11 (Second Tuesday).—Bagumbayan No. 4, Masonic Temple.

December 12 (Second Wednesday).—Corregidor No. 3, Masonic Temple; Batong-Buhay No. 27, 527 Alvarado.

December 13 (Second Thursday).—Dapitan No. 21, Plaridel Temple.

December 14 (Second Friday).—Biak-na-Bato No. 7, Masonic Temple; Dalisay No. 14, Plaridel Temple; Walana No. 13, Masonic Temple.

December 20 (Third Monday).—Modestia-Liwayway No. 81, Plaridel Temple.

December 21 (Third Tuesday).—Hagdang Bato No. 87, 527 Alvarado, Manila; High Twelve No. 82, Masonic Temple.

January 1 (First Wednesday).—Cosmos No. 8, Masonic Temple; Rizal No. 22, Plaridel Temple.

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Masonic Fiction

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By LEO FISCHER, P. M.

(Continued)

Two days later, Captain Wood of "G" company, with sixty men of that aggregation of American fighting-men, ten having been left in Balaran in charge of quarters, was scouting in the mountains west of the town. The rainy season would be coming soon, and the captain was anxious to make a coup like that of "F" company at Camp Liberty. Sergeant Gross himself was in charge of the point, looking fit and eager.

Suddenly a noise to the left of the trail attracted his attention. With his rifle ready, the "Top" faced in the direction from which it came. There, in the bushes, half naked, dishevelled, and pale as a ghost stood the Kid.

The "Top" stared at the strange figure as if he had seen a specter. Choking with emotion, he made a few inarticulate sounds, then he stepped forward to meet his "bunkie."

"D-n it if it does not do me good to see you again, Kid!" he exclaimed, nearly shaking the boy's hand off. "But what has happened? How do you come to be here?"

The Kid seemed to have lost his habitual smile. He looked weary and worn.

"Who is in command, sergeant?" he asked.

"Captain Wood," replied Sergeant Gross. "We are going on a wild-goose chase again, this time after a party of insurgents reported by brigade headquarters to be at Saysain."

"There is nothing in that report; I know it," said the Kid. "But here is the captain."

Captain Wood, on seeing the Kid, shocked the men by taking the boy's hand and shaking it vigorously.

"Captain," he said, in a hoarse, tired voice, "I am wounded and suffering; but I can take you to Lanza's camp and will do it if it kills me. If I could see a map—"

A few moments afterwards the captain and first lieutenant were eagerly following the boy's finger of the Kid as he pointed out the location of Lanza's *cuartel* on the map, the work of Captain Wood himself, and outlined a plan of attack.

"We are unobserved here," he said, "the woods are too thick. What I propose is this: send twenty of the best men with me and have the rest go back and follow the trail the old Negrito showed us in January, until they reach the Oolong trail. On that they must go west to where Corporal Murphy was killed in December, and from there they must go up the gulch to the left. They won't have gone very far when they will meet the survivors of Lanza's outfit running down the gulch, with some of us twenty after them."

"That is a clever plan, sergeant," said the captain, admiringly. "We must start immediately. Here, take a swig of this; you are not a booze-fighter, I know, but you need something."

The Kid took a sip from the captain's silver brandy flask and returned it with a word of thanks.

A few minutes later the column, divided into two, started on its way to test the Kid's plan for the annihilation of Lanza's command.

General Lanza sat on a camp stool of bamboo, toying with his dagger. A screen of plaited bamboo protected him and his adjutant, who stood by his side, from the morning sun. Before the general stood a wizened, kinky-haired Negrito, about four feet high. The thin arms of the

little Papuan were bound securely and cruelly with rattan strips.

"He has guided the Americans on at least one occasion, and that is all I need to know," snarled the general. "Take him out and cut his throat; that will teach his tribe a lesson."

The dwarf trembled. Even to him, a miserable, half-starved nomad of the jungle, life was sweet.

"Spare my life, general," he begged. "You are my god, my father and my mother! Deign to remember that a poor defenceless man like me cannot refuse to obey those terrible *Americanos*. If you let me go, I shall tell you something that may be worth much to you."

The general sneered. "What can a mangy cur like you possibly have to say that could be of value to me?" he asked. "But go ahead, speak."

The Negrito bent forward. "General," he said, "that white man who was chased out of your camp three nights ago is not dead."

General Lanza jumped up. "What do you say, not dead? Have they been lying to me? Am I surrounded by nothing but traitors? Tell me what you know, you groveling swine, and your life will be spared!"

Shaking like a leaf, the Negrito related that he knew that at Andoy's *kaiñgin* a wounded *Kastila* was hidden in the mango tree, like a bird in his nest, and Tecla, Andoy's daughter, was nursing him.

The general was besides himself with rage. With a curse he called for Lieutenant Soler and five soldiers. "Lieutenant," he stormed, "according to this pig of a Negrito, the American spy is not dead, but is being concealed by Andoy in his *kaiñgin* somewhere on the other side of the hill. Find that place and investigate, and if it is as this dog says, bring the *Americano*, alive, mind you! As to Andoy, I don't want to see him; have your men hamstring him and tear out his tongue, as a warning to others. But bring that pretty daughter of his and be sure she suffers no harm on the way. She is my meat!"

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The twenty infantrymen guided by Sergeant Sinclair were advancing as quickly as the dense jungle would let them. The atmosphere was like that of a steam bath and the men were gasping for breath. The Kid himself was panting with the heat and exertion. Turning round, he said to the lieutenant:

"There is a clearing ahead where we shall get the breeze. It is there where I lay concealed for three days."

Cautiously he stepped forth from the woods, when he heard a scream. For a moment his blood seemed to freeze in his veins. Near the hut he saw Tecla struggling like a wildcat in the grasp of two insurgent soldiers, while Andoy was fighting several others.

Seizing the rifle of the soldier nearest to him, the Kid raised it. Five times the Krag barked, and when the Kid tossed it back to its owner, three of Lanza's men were lying on the ground, while one was limping and the others running away.

But Erikson, the long Swede, had raised his Krag, and one by one, the fleeing insurgents dropped. The Americans swarmed over the clearing.

Pale and shaking, Andoy hailed the Kid. "*Gracias, hermano mio!*" he said, "you came in the nick of time, indeed." His daughter did not say a word; but her heaving bosom and shining eyes spoke volumes.

The Kid turned towards the lieutenant.

"They probably have not heard the shots in the insurgent camp," he said, "because there is all that jungle between and the wind is blowing towards us. But we must hurry now."

The advance was made as quickly as possible under the circumstances, and half an hour later the Kid and his detachment reached the edge of the woods adjacent to the camp. It was time for the noon meal. One of the in-

surgent soldiers was lifting a rice pot from the clay *kalan* (stove), while others stood around waiting to receive their ration on banana leaves they held in readiness.

Silently forming a skirmish line, the Americans lay down, waiting for the voice of the lieutenant.

"Commence firing!"

The surprise was complete. Lanza's fighting men, brave though they were, had no chance. A number of them tried to reach the long shed where their precious guns were kept; but only a few reached it. The Kid, making his way through the high cogon grass in order to cut off the retreat of the Insurgents emerging from the shed, found himself confronted by Lieutenant Marco. Raising his rifle, he was about to fire; but, like a flash, the remembrance came to him of a talk he had had with the old warrior. Jumping towards the Filipino, he parried a quick bolo thrust with the barrel of his rifle, then his fist shot out and the other man struck the ground with a thud.

Relieving the unconscious man of his empty revolver and his bolo, the Kid muttered; "All right, Brother Marco; by and by you will come to and make your escape. You are pretty well concealed here and I would have hated like hell to kill a good old scout like you, and a Brother at that!"

Turning back towards the camp, he heard a heavy burst of firing down the gorge, where the fugitives from the camp had evidently run into the main column of the Americans. In less than a quarter of an hour, the battle was over and Lanza's force was destroyed or scattered.

The Kid went over the entire field of battle, looking for the body of Lanza; but he failed to find it. He questioned the few survivors who had surrendered. One remembered seeing the general disappear in the jungle after emptying his revolver at the oncoming skirmishers.

Clenching his fists, the Kid stood in front of the gun shed. His head was throbbing and the blood was trickling from his wound which had broken open. Lanza had escaped! With a moan, the Kid turned towards Captain Wood, who was watching him anxiously, then everything turned black before his eyes and he would have fallen had not the officer caught him in time.

"Knocked out completely, poor fellow," said the captain, as he laid the sergeant down in the shade of the shed. The hospital steward looked worried as he was dressing the wound. But the Kid had quit worrying, for a while at least.

The Insurgent prisoners to whom fell the task of carrying Sergeant Sinclair the nine miles of rough trail to the regimental hospital at Balaran thanked their stars that his emaciated body weighed only ninety pounds. They also marvelled exceedingly at the fluency with which the *Americano* they were carrying cursed in Tagalog in his delirium.

Thus "S. S. 54" returned to Balaran in state, in a litter borne by privates and non-coms of Lanza's command; but he did not know nor care anything about his triumphant entry into the town he had left so quietly six weeks before.

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Dolores felt guilty. Naturally a truth-loving girl, the idea that she had made her dear friend, Mrs. Cooper, believe she had been to see her aunt Emilia while she had in reality gone to meet Donald Sinclair, was repugnant to her. She blushed violently when she thought of the ardent kisses she had received and given during that delicious half hour at Captain Cook's house. Mrs. Cook had conveniently left the young folks alone while she was in the kitchen with her Chinese cook, making arrangements for the big dinner she was to give next day, and Donald had made good use of this opportunity.

Huddled up in a big arm chair near the window, the girl closed her eyes and reflected over her newly-found happiness. A week ago a visitor had been announced. The major, taking the card handed to him by the *muchacho*,

had said: "Donald Sinclair, 2nd lieutenant, 54th Infantry, U.S.V. I don't remember ever meeting that man. Show him up, Juan." On hearing the name, Dolores had jumped up from her chair, and when the visitor arrived at the head of the stairs, it was she who received him. And what a reception did he get! Dolores blushed again when she remembered how she had thrown herself into the arms of her sweetheart of eleven years ago, laughing and sobbing when he raised her chin and examined her face to see whether his *novia* still had the same glorious eyes.

What a wonderful man her lover was, how brave, how handsome, how noble!

Her day dreams were interrupted by the major who came up the stairs. He evidently did not see Dolores.

Tossing his dripping raincoat to the *muchacho*, he exclaimed, addressing his wife: "Jano, I thought young Sinclair was not a boozier; but I was shocked to see him half an hour ago, much the worse for liquor. I hope he did not meet the wrong officer, because his commission would not last very long if he did."

Quick as a flash Dolores jumped up. Her eyes were blazing.

"Major, Donald has never been intoxicated in his life, and half an hour ago—" embarrassed, the girl stopped. Half an hour ago Donald was certainly intoxicated, but not in the way to which the major had alluded. "I am sure," the girl continued, "the man you saw was not Lieutenant Sinclair."

"Then he must have been Sinclair's twin brother." With this remark the major dismissed the subject.

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A few minutes earlier, General Lanza had made the same mistake as Major Cooper. Dressed as a man of the laboring class, he and a stocky-looking companion were following an American officer who was evidently under the influence of liquor. With the stealthy step of a panther, the two Filipinos crept up to the American who was at the time walking along one of the most deserted and poorly lighted streets of the *Walled City*. The rain was coming down in torrents and the overhanging upper floors of the houses afforded some protection against it.

"Knock him in the head," whispered Lanza to his companion; "but mind you, I want to cut his throat with my own hand!" An expression of intense hatred distorted the face of the speaker.

The young officer had no idea that he was being followed. He dropped without a sound under the stunning blow which struck him from behind. With a bound, Lanza was upon him. A knife flashed, and when the murderer rose, his face bore a triumphant smile.

"You are disposed of," he muttered. "Now I am going to get that turt dove of yours."

His country and his people mattered little to Lanza since his crushing defeat at the hands of the Americans. A determination to be revenged upon the man responsible for his disgrace and to get his step-daughter into his power had been uppermost in his mind since his escape from the disaster at Camp Aguinaldo.

The two murderers disappeared into the night, in different directions. On the narrow sidewalk lay the body of the murdered officer, the young lieutenant who looked so much like Donald Sinclair, in a pool of blood which spread rapidly until it trickled into the gutter.

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The curfew hour was approaching, and Lanza walked fast in order to be off the streets at eight o'clock. Two blocks away there was a friendly tailor who would be only too glad to keep him over night. Lanza hastened his step. On turning the corner, he nearly ran into an army officer who was coming from the opposite direction. The murderer looked up, then he uttered an exclamation of superstitious terror and staggered back against the wall. Before him

stood Lieutenant Sinclair, the man whose throat he had cut two or three minutes ago!

Before Lanza had a chance to recover from his fright, a terrible blow on the point of the chin, the same that had laid low Colonel José at Camp Aguinaldo, caused him to slump to the side-walk in a heap, and when he came to, he was in the hands of the provost guard, securely handcuffed.

Lanza's encounter with the dead man come to life again had taken all the fight out of him, and he stood mute, stubbornly refusing to answer the questions addressed to him. But when he was told that the man he had killed was not his former aide-de-camp, and that his enemy had again bested him, Lanza became a raving maniac. With a cry of rage that was like the roar of a wild beast, he butted his head violently against the wall and dropped with a cracked skull. Three days later, Dolores was greatly relieved to learn that her step-father, who had been her constant nightmare, had died.

It was her lover himself who brought her the news when he called to bid her good-bye before his departure for Balaran.

"I have another piece of news for you, *alma mía*," he said, looking into the dark eyes of the young girl, who was perched on the arm of the big Spanish chair on which he was sitting. "My mother has written me that she is coming out here next month to 'take care of me,' as she says. She has offered to help me in business if the quarter million that I have in my own name is not sufficient."

"So it is settled that you will remain in the Islands when your regiment returns to the States?" asked the girl.

"Certainly," answered Sinclair. "The backbone of the insurrection is broken. The Filipinos in the field have fought bravely against great odds. With poor arms and equipment and half starved most of the time, they have certainly put up a grand fight. What they will need more than anything after peace is restored is to build up their country again and become a prosperous and united people. America will surely give them a square deal or I don't know my countrymen. And, Dolores, I am going to help these people. They have great qualities in them to which some of my countrymen, and of yours, too, seem to be blind. I am going to help them, first of all, to become great in commerce and industry, like any other people. They are novices in that now, and outsiders will prey on them until they shall have developed along the lines."

"That is splendid, Don," said the girl. She looked admiringly at the bronzed face of the lieutenant which was flushed with enthusiasm. "But, Don, what shall we do for your mother when she arrives? We must have a *fiesta*, a little celebration of some kind, mustn't we, *rico*?"

The young man smiled and pressed the girl on his lap. She struggled but not much, then nestled against Donald's breast, and looked up at him. "Answer me, won't you?"

Donald tightened his embrace. Kissing the rosy little ear, he whispered: "How would a quiet little wedding do, darling?"

The girl blushed furiously and pressed her face against the young man's breast. Though the position was not the most convenient for conversation, Donald plainly heard her half-stifled answer: "Oh, Don, that would suit me perfectly."

THE END

Sergeants Three

By LEO FISCHER

Dr. Dean was scanning the coast with his binoculars. The glittering expanse of sea between the ship and the mangroves lining the shore was interrupted here and there by a bamboo fish trap. Behind the mangrove swamps, but not visible from the ship, he knew there were rice fields and palm-thatched bamboo huts. However, the doctor was chiefly interested in the majestic, timber-clad mountains that lay beyond. Over two years had passed since he had left the Philippines, and now, on his return to the province where he had spent a strenuous year in 1900 and 1901 as a sergeant in "F" Company of the 54th U. S. Volunteer Infantry, the recollections of his campaign experiences made him break his habitual silence.

"Do you see that high mountain over there, shaped like a crouching lion?" he said, turning to his wife, who was seated by his side in a rattan arm chair on the top deck of the rickety old steamer. "The one I pointed out to you in Manila night before last, when we were on the Luneta? On the shoulder of that mountain was Camp Libertad, the Insurgent stronghold which my company destroyed in July 1900."

Mrs. Dean was nearly as tall as the doctor, who was a six-footer. She was a blonde, with large, grayish-blue eyes and an attractive sweet face. The two had been married upon the doctor's return from the Philippines, and now, having acquired considerable wealth by the discovery of oil on Dean's land in Texas, they were making a tour of the Orient.

"Tell me, Dan," Mrs. Dean inquired, "was that man Jasper whom we are going to visit one of you three sergeants who were such great friends during the war here in the Islands?"

The doctor replaced his field glasses in their case.

"Yes, Grace," he finally replied, "the man who has invited us to visit him at his plantation near Mulawin was one of that famous trio I have been telling you about. He is of Austrian birth; in fact, he was an officer in the Austrian army until he was cashiered."

"But why was he cashiered?" asked the young woman. "Dan, I should like to know a little more about the man whom I am going to meet in a few hours. Come on, speak; don't compel me to ask you questions all the time."

The doctor knocked the ashes out of his pipe.

"Well," he finally drawled, "Jasper had a row with an archduke or something. It seems he defended a waitress in a café whom that archduke had grossly insulted. Jasper would not apologize and was cashiered. He came to the United States early in 1899 and enlisted in the 54th, for service in the Philippines. Having received part of his education in England, he has a good command of English, and he was certainly a fine soldier."

"Was it not chiefly the fact that you three were Masons that made you such close friends?"

"Yes; it brought us together and kept us together. Occasionally we three would ride over to Balaran, where regimental headquarters was located, to meet other members of the Craft. Even the colonel came to our gatherings. There were Sinclair and Gross, of "G" Company, whom you met in Manila, and six or eight others who never missed any of them."

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"And who was the third of you three sergeants, the man who was killed?"

"That was Sergeant Lafitte, a Canadian. 'Big Hairy', the boys used to call him. Quite a different man from us two. Stocky, of herculean build, and a fierce fighter, but gentle as a child and a great lover of music."

"And he was killed by the Insurgents?"

"This is what happened: Lafitte was in love with Brigida, a very pretty Filipina. She responded to his love, and for her sake, Lafitte was anxious to distinguish himself in some way so as to get a commission. He said that if he had shoulder-straps for only one day, that would give him enough prestige in the eyes of the girl's mother to make her consent to their marriage. There was another man who was after Brigida, a Chinaman by the name of Toribio Navarro. He had abandoned his Chinese name when he became a Catholic, and he was a fervent Catholic, too. Navarro was wealthy. He was probably double-crossing both us and the Filipinos, so neither side trusted him overmuch. The Chinese just hated him. Cruel, vindictive, and unscrupulous as he was, the man was, I believe, deeply in love with the statuesque, proud Brigida.

"About that time we had pretty well cleaned up the Insurgents in the province. They had put up a good fight. Poorly supplied with arms and ammunition, often without food and other necessities, they had held out against us for many months. Then Donald Sinclair, whom you met in Manila, through some clever and daring secret service work, furnished us with the information necessary to break the backbone of the resistance in the province. After we had wiped out the two main bodies of the guerrilla forces, one Gonzalez, a brigand more than a *bona fide* Insurgent, remained in the field with about twenty rifles. The band headed by this so-called "general" would occasionally strike a blow against a small detachment of our troops and then disappear; but their chief occupation was to rob and terrorize the defenceless *taos* of the rural districts. That had to be stopped, of course. Lafitte tried his best to obtain information regarding Gonzalez' hiding-place. He was planning to capture him and bring him in, preferably single-handed. One evening, after taps, he came into our quarters and told me he had an absolutely reliable tip regarding Gonzalez and was going out to get him. He would not tell me more. I tried to dissuade him; but he refused to listen and sneaked out of the quarters and through the outposts.

"He never came back. For weeks we scoured the foothills and mangrove swamps without result. Two natives claimed they had seen him the night he disappeared, on a road in the ricefields, headed towards the mountains. For a time we suspected Toribio Navarro, because he, too, was sweet on Brigida. Then, one day, Lafitte's remains were found in the jungle up in the foothills."

"And the girl?" asked Mrs. Dean. "What became of her?"

The doctor smiled grimly. "She married Toribio. But she was forced to do it by her mother. Moreover, she had confided her secret to me and I knew that there

were other reasons for which an immediate marriage was imperative."

On the lower deck a number of the Filipino passengers were beginning to get busy. Bundles were being tied and baskets covered, to prevent the packages of matches, bolts of cloth, slippers, and other merchandise bought in Manila for the *tienda* at home, from becoming wet or falling out. The serious-faced young student who had been memorizing from the pages of a text-book put the book in his *tampipi* and, producing a mirror and a comb, began to make himself presentable for landing.

Dr. Dean pointed out a cluster of boats half a mile ahead.

"These are the *bancas* that will take the passengers for Mulawin ashore," he said. "I am sure Jasper is there, waiting for us."

A deck hand at the bow of the boat was throwing out a leadline from time to time and calling out the number of fathoms, which kept decreasing as the steamer drew closer to the shore.

Then, at a command from the little pock-marked captain, the anchor came down with a splash, while three blasts of the whistle announced that the "Don Luis" had arrived.

From the boats gathered near the spot, a large, gracefully built *banca* detached itself. Driven by the paddles of several sturdy Filipinos, it dashed towards the steamer. In the bow stood a white man, neatly dressed in khakie riding breeches, leather leggings, and a silk shirt. He was not nearly so tall as Dean, but his slender figure bespoke strength and agility and he had high-bred, strong features. Raising a large Stetson hat from his curly blond head, he called out: "Dan, old bunkie, isn't it just fine to see you again?"

The boat ran alongside and made fast to the steamer. Pulling off his gauntlet, Jasper held out his right hand to his old comrade. His handshake made the doctor wince. The introduction to Mrs. Dean took place while that lady was being lifted into the *banca* by the athletic planter. A few moments later, the huge brown sail of the *banca* went up and the boat began to glide towards the shore.

The two friends looked at each other with affection. For a moment, the woman was forgotten.

"Rupert Jasper, old fellow," exclaimed Dean, slapping his old comrade on the back. "You have not changed a bit, by Jove!"

Jasper looked at him, his blue eyes shining with pleasure in the bronzed face.

"And you have remained the same stalwart old Dan," he answered. "Only I haven't that lean and hungry look that you used to have when you were plain Sergeant Dean. You have found happiness, I can see that!"

Turning to Mrs. Dean, Jasper continued: "Mrs. Dean, my wife is very anxious to meet you. She knows Dan, and she was nearly beside herself with joy when we got the telegram announcing your visit. You will find the house spick and span and I can guarantee a cordial welcome."

The boat entered the mouth of the Mulawin river,

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and after ascending the stream a few hundred yards, it tied up to a bamboo landing stage. Two neat-looking two-wheeled *calesas*, drawn by sturdy ponies, were waiting for the little party.

But a small group of Filipinos—the reception committee, Jasper said—was also waiting for the visitors. There stood Padre Pedro, the parish priest, clad in a stiffly starched, dazzling white robe, his fat, good-natured face beaming with pleasure; Juan Malicsi, the *presidente municipal*; Teodoro de la Cruz, the school teacher, and a number of others who had known Dean and had learned to like him. The town band was present in full force to serenade the distinguished visitors.

After listening to a few speeches of welcome, the Americans were at last able to make their escape; but they had to promise they would attend dinner at the *convento* on Sunday, as guests of Padre Pedro. As the two *calesas* were driving through the little town, Mrs. Dean saw here and there the face of a Filipino man or woman light up with pleasure upon recognizing her husband.

"Abá, ang médico americano!"

The doctor would nod to them and then turn to his wife. "They surely are grateful to me for lancing their boils and helping their kids into the world. Padre Pedro told me I would go straight to Heaven on account of it, though I was a Mason. He often said that he could not understand that the three best Americanos he had ever known, meaning us three sergeants, were not only no Christians, but Masons!"

"Not Christians?"

"Yes. The people here are taught by the priests that only Roman Catholics are Christians."

Mrs. Dean smiled. "Heathen though you may be, you seem to have made many friends among the Christians here, Danny dear," she said, with an affectionate look at her stalwart husband.

Outside of the town, the road was rather bumpy. There were rice-fields on both sides; but it was close after the harvest and there was only dry stubble on the wide expanse of the fields. Here and there a carabao, with a white heron or two perched upon his back, stood gazing lazily at the passing vehicles.

Then the road passed through fields of sugar-cane which reminded Mrs. Dean of the corn-fields of her home state. Jasper turned to the young man and pointed at a big white building with galvanized iron roof, visible behind a group of dark, shady mango trees.

"There is my place," he said, with the pride of the proprietor; "my land begins with this sugar-cane field here. My rice land is on the other side. I have a sugar mill over yonder on the river, rather primitive, but efficient. I expect to have modern machinery in a year or so and shall then turn out centrifugal sugar instead of *muscovado*."

Ten minutes later they stopped in front of the *casa hacienda*. On the spacious, cool verandah a dainty, pretty Filipina whose features and color betrayed a considerable admixture of Spanish blood, was waiting for them. Dressed in a pink *sinamay* waist and *saya*, with a *tapis* of black lace, she offered a very attractive picture.

Her greeting was a mixture of courtesy and affection that won the heart of Grace Dean. Rosario immediately made the visitors feel at home. While one servant took their baggage upstairs, another appeared with a tray of glasses, a jug of cool water, a bottle of sherry, and a box of biscuits. It was delightful on the verandah after the heat and glare of the road, and the young American woman enjoyed the pleasant chatter of Mrs. Jasper, who spoke very good English.

In the bedroom to which Rosario took them, Mrs. Dean found an immense four-poster, the dazzling white linen and mosquito net on which, like the towels, had evidently never been used before. The washstand was crowded with various kinds of soap, toilet water, and talcum powder, all in unopened packages and bottles. Nothing had been spared to make the guests comfortable.

Few people are so generous and lavish in their hospitality as the Filipinos.

The Deans had barely made themselves comfortable when the deep notes of a Chinese gong rang out.

"Chow!" Jasper's merry voice reminded Dean of the fine spreads the three friends and other sergeants and corporals of "F" Company used to have in the little noncoms' mess in a back room of the *convento*, where part of the company was quartered in 1900. Jasper ate little; but he was fond of dainty dishes, and when he shouted "Chow!" with that intonation, the rest of the mess knew that something good was on the bill of fare.

On this occasion he might well have shouted "Chow!" five or ten times. From the excellent cocktails to the delicious dessert and fruit, everything was fit for a king, and Rosario's pretty face beamed with pleasure at the compliments she received.

Sea and forest had contributed alike to the meal. A haunch of venison, wild pig, wild fowl, delicious fish, shrimps, and oysters from the Bay: all met on the table at the *casa hacienda*.

After luncheon, the ladies retired, while Dean and Jasper picked out the coolest spot in the roomy *sala*, at the head of the wide stairs, where big Spanish armchairs invited for a rest. The hardwood floor was polished like a mirror and the native weapons and Japanese and Chinese brass vases and candlesticks on the walls and furniture shone like silver and gold.

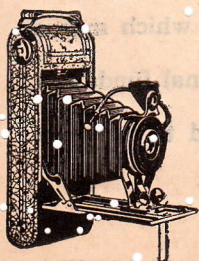
Jasper made Dean comfortable and called for cooling drinks. The two men had taken off their coats, shirts, and collars and had donned gauzy *camisas*, following the custom of the country.

They had been discussing old friends and acquaintances throughout the meal and after it, and Dean, who never traveled without gun and rod, inquired if hunting was as good as ever in the mountains back of Mulawin.

Jasper bent forward and slapped Dean on the knee.

"Dan, I have prepared an expedition for to-morrow that is a peach," he said. "It ought to interest an inveterate hunter like you more than anything else I could arrange for your entertainment. What would you say to a gorilla hunt, old fellow?"

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Freemasonry in the Land of the Pharaohs

By LEO FISCHER, P.M.

A few weeks ago, the Proceedings of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt for 1929 were handed to us, a volume written part in French and part in Arabic, gotten up, more or less, like the Proceedings of the American Grand Lodges. From it we have compiled the following brief sketch on Masonry in Egypt:

The National Grand Lodge of Egypt, which has 75 Lodges, maintains fraternal relations with 46 Masonic Grand Bodies, including the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Its present Grand Master is His Excellency, Mahmoud Fahmy Kutry Pasha, Cairo, and its Grand Secretary, Abdel Méguid Younis, Cairo. Of the 75 Lodges, 55 are in Egypt proper, 10 in Palestine, 8 in Syria and Lebanon, and 2 in Iraq. They work in six different languages, namely, Arabic, Greek, French, English, Italian, and Hebrew.

The report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge is preceded by a brief history of Freemasonry in Egypt of which we shall give the following summary:

The Master of the first Lodge in Egypt, which was named "Isis" and was founded by the French in 1798, was Bro. Kléber, one of Napoleon's generals. After the premature death of this noted soldier, Masonry disappeared from Egypt. In 1838, it reappeared, largely through the efforts of Bro. Samuel Hennes, a survivor of "Isis" Lodge. The organization by this Brother of "Minas" Lodge was followed by that of an Italian Lodge, in Alexandria, in 1849, which latter prospered and did much to spread the Royal Art in the Land of the Pharaohs. In 1845, the French entered the field, and in 1862, the English. A Provincial Grand Lodge, with Prince Halim Pasha as Provincial Grand Master, was founded by the English in 1867. The Rite of Memphis, with its 96 degrees, and the Scottish Rite were also active, until both consolidated, in 1872, and founded the Grand Orient of Egypt, the bodies of each continuing to practise their own Rite. In the seventies, the Khedive, Ismail Pasha, took over the government of the Grand Orient. In 1876, the National Grand Lodge of Egypt, which was to have charge of the three Symbolic Degrees only, was created. Its seat was first Alexandria and, subsequently, Cairo. In 1881, the Grand Lodge had declined so much, through the weakness of the Grand Master then in the chair, that the Khedive, Tewfik Pasha, was asked to take over the Grand Mastership. Under this monarch, the Grand Lodge prospered exceedingly. In 1891, the Khedive relinquished the Grand Mastership

and Idris Bey Ragheb was elected to succeed him. This Brother governed the Grand Lodge for 31 years, but unsuccessfully towards the end. In 1922, Prince Mohamed Aly was elected to succeed him. Idris Bey Ragheb, however, refusing to be ousted, founded the irregular body styling itself, like the regular body, "Grande Loge Nationale de l'Égypte," and still operating under the leadership of the Lewa El Sayed Aly Pasha. The regular Grand Lodge was governed wisely by Prince Mohamed Aly until 1927, when ill health forced this Brother to retire, his successor being the present incumbent, M. W. Bro. Mahmoud Fahmy Kutry Pasha.

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 Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, Tacloban, Leyte

The Goat Club, an association of all Masons sojourning and residing in this Valley, tendered a fraternal banquet in honor of the first Filipino division superintendent of schools, Worshipful Brother Cecilio Putong, Past Master of Abra Lodge No. 86, on October 27, 1929, at Gallardo's Hotel. After dinner speeches were delivered by various brothers. Brother Joaquin L. Panis acting as toastmaster. Brother Fortunato Sevilla spoke on Masonry and education; Brother Fidel Fernandez, on the Masonic code; and the guest of honor, on the mission of Masonry. The wives and friends of Masons who attended the banquet were impressed with the lectures, and parted with the thought that Masonry is not a godless institution, but an association of good and true men working for the benefit of all mankind. Brother Dominador Gallardo was the Goat Officer and kept the reunion in perfect harmony and accord.

Brothers Albert Haynes of Riala Lodge No. 47, Jonesboro, Tenn., and Marcelo C. Ruiz of Memorial Lodge No. 90, Muñoz, and Worshipful Brother Harry L. Gray, Past Master of J. J. Jones Lodge No. 65, Lisbon, Ohio, principal and teachers respectively of the High School, visited our Lodge recently during the initiation of Donato Pesado, principal of Jaro Elementary School. Brothers Benjamin Yee See of Mencius Lodge No. 18, Manila, and Bernardino Santos of Mount Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Zamaguete, were present also on this occasion. On the same evening José A. Mendoza, agricultural extension agent stationed at the experimental farm at Jaro, was also initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A team of young blood did the work creditably.

From Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49, Naic, Cavite

Right Worshipful Brother William W. Larkin, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, were on official visit at the stated meeting of Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49 on Saturday night, November 2nd. Dinner

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ner was served at the residence of Wor. Bro. Matias S. Manalo, P. M., after which the Brethren proceeded to the Lodge where Right Worshipful Bro. Larkin was received with grand honors. Wor. Bro. Matias S. Manalo then proceeded to confer the First Degree of Masonry upon Mr. Raymundo C. Mangilit.

The following Brethren composed the team:
 Wor. Bro. Matias S. Manalo, Wor. Master; Bro. Guillermo del Rosario, Senior Warden; Bro. Eliseo Nazareno, Junior Warden; Wor. Bro. Arcadio Alarcon, Chaplain; Bro. Pedro Poblete, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. Alejandro Joco, Secretary; Bro. Felix R. Lupisan, Marshal; Bros. Lorenzo Vilorio and Salvador Sarangay, Senior and Junior Deacons; Bros. Basilio Molina and Gabriel Nazareno, Senior and Junior Stewards, and Bro. Atanacio Molina, Tyler.

After the work, addresses were delivered by Wor. Bro. Arcadio Alarcon, Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, Bro. Gorgonio Velasco, Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. Larkin, and Wor. Bro. Matias S. Manalo. Right Worshipful Bro. William W. Larkin delivered an instructive and interesting address on the significance of Freemasonry and impressed upon the minds of all members of Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49 the necessity and importance of proficiency in the floor work in a Lodge.

From Sarangani Lodge No 50, Davao

The interment of the remains of Bro. José Desiderio, a member of Bagong-Buhay Lodge No. 17, was held with masonic honors in the Municipal Cemetery of Davao at 4:00 p. m. on November 1, 1929, under the auspices of Sarangani Lodge No. 50. Bro. Desiderio died on his hacienda in Mamay on October 31st. As soon as Wor. Bro. Juan M. Ramos, Master of this Lodge, heard the news, he ordered the body moved to the hall of the Lodge where it lay in state until 4:00 p. m. on November 1st. The members of this Lodge as well as the sojourning Masons took turns in watching the coffin. The ceremony was performed in a solemn and impressive manner, in the presence of representative elements of the community.

Bro. Desiderio is survived by his wife and two sons.

From Mayon Lodge No. 61, Legaspi

On October 29, a farewell banquet which was attended by practically all the masons in this locality was given in honor of Bros. Jose Tapia, Manager of Lopez Jordana and Tapia Co. and Dalmacio Urtula, district engineer of Albay. A party of brethren from Bulusan Lodge No. 38 headed by Wor. Bro. Pedro R. Almonte honored the occasion. Bro. Urtula is transferred to an important position in the Bureau of Public Works in the capital, and Bro. Tapia will establish his office in Manila.

After the banquet the Lodge was opened and Bro. Rosendo Ralla was passed to Fellowcraft.

From Acacia Lodge No. 78, Iloilo

A new member was received from Most Wor. Bro. Joseph [Name], P. M., a warm friend of the Lodge, the present of a fine square and compass, for which its members are very grateful to the generous donor.

From High-Twelve Lodge No. 82

For the first time in the annals of High-Twelve Lodge No. 82, the Honorary Members thereof—Rt. Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, D.G.M., Most Wor. Bro. Quintin Paredes, P. M., Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, A.G.S., and Wor. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang, G.S.B.—were honored in a special meeting of the same held on November 2, 1929, at 8:00 p. m., on occasion of the official visitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

The Sublime Degree of Master Mason was conferred upon Bro. Eduardo Co Seteng, a Fellow Craft, by the regular officers of the Lodge as follows:

FIRST SECTION	
Wor. Bro. Gregorio Cariaga	Master
Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz	Senior Warden
Bro. Fidel Manalo	Junior Warden
Bro. Emilio Marquez	Treasurer
Wor. Bro. Nemesio Reyes	Secretary
Wor. Bro. Adriano R. Rivera	Chaplain
Bro. Dominador R. Escosa	Marshal
Bro. Roberto P. Villatuya	Senior Deacon
Bro. Paciano Armeña	Junior Deacon
Bro. Jesus Alvarez	Senior Steward
Bro. Juan V. Cunanan	Junior Steward
Bro. G. W. Lewis de Silva	Tyler

SECOND SECTION	
Wor. Bro. Gregorio Cariaga	K. S.
Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz	H. T.
Bro. Roberto P. Villatuya	Secretary
Bro. Dominador R. Escosa	Senior Deacon
Bro. Antonio Quiaoit	Man of Tyre (1)
Bro. Fidel Manalo	Man of Tyre (2)
Wor. Bro. Adriano R. Rivera	Man of Tyre (3)
Bro. Dominador R. Escosa	Fellow Craft (1)
Wor. Bro. Nemesio Reyes	Fellow Craft (2)
Wor. Bro. Manuel C. Dario	Fellow Craft (3)

The lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. Cariaga while the charge was given by Wor. Bro. Reyes.

The degree work was performed to the satisfaction and admiration not only of the Most Worshipful Grand Master but also of the officers and members of the various sister lodges present.

Short speeches of thanks and appreciation were delivered by Bros. Eduardo Co Seteng, Ong Siong Ya and Pedro F. de Jesus, the last two having received the third degree in the afternoon of the same day.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, in representation of the other three Honorary Members, delivered an instructive and impressive talk, and thanked the officers and members of the Lodge for this special honor accorded to them.

The last speaker was Most Wor. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien, the Grand Master, whose words of praise for the interest shown by the officers and members in their masonic activities, especially the satisfactory manner in which the degree work was exemplified, will be forever remembered by High-Twelve Lodge.

Excellent refreshments were served as the finale of this outstanding event.

From Muog Lodge No. 89, Parañaque, Rizal

On October 26, 1929, Most Wor. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien, Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. W. W. Larkin, Grand Senior Warden, of Masons of the Philippine Islands, accompanied by the other officers and members of the Grand Lodge, made an official visitation to Muog Lodge.

The Lodge having been opened before the arrival of the visiting Brethren, and the candidate, Bro. Wm. J. Walls, having been examined on a previous occasion, the Grand Lodge was introduced and received immediately after eight o'clock p. m.

When the Grand Lodge Officers were seated in the East, the first section of the sublime degree of Master Mason was conferred upon Bro. Walls by a special team composed of the following members of Muog Lodge:

Wor. Bro. J. T. Lyons, as Worshipful Master; Bro. Teodorico

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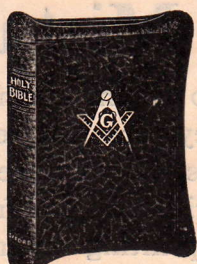
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The second section of the third degree was put on by the following: Wor. Bro. Lyons as K. S.; Bro. Teodorico Santos, as H. K. of T.; Wor. Bro. Lombos, as Secretary; Wor. Bro. E. Monsod, as Senior Deacon. Wor. Bro. Monsod and Bros. Agripino Pascual and E. Laquindanum acted as Fellowcrafts and Bros. M. B. Jaberina, Wm. E. Harton, and F. E. Hobbs as Men of Tyre.

The Working Tools were presented by Wor. Bro. Fausto Fronda, the Lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. Lyons and the Charge by Bro. Alejandro Lacuna, all of Muog Lodge.

After the newly obligated Brother had made a few remarks, the Worshipful Master of Muog Lodge requested the following to give some remarks: Wor. Bros. E. Monsod and S. de Guzman, both of Muog Lodge; Wor. Bro. Lawrence Benton, District Inspector of Muog Lodge; Rt. Wor. Bro. Larkin, Grand Senior Warden; Rt. Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Deputy Grand Master. The last but not the least to deliver an instructive speech was Most Worshipful Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

From Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97

On November 9th, Right Wor. Bro. William W. Larkin, Senior Grand Warden, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, visited and inspected this Lodge. He was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Lawrence Benton, P. M., Manila Lodge No. 1, Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. Honorio Cuevas, Secretary, Pintong-Bato Lodge No. 51. The Third Degree of Masonry was exemplified by the regular officers of the Lodge, after which Rt. Wor. Bro. Larkin spoke briefly on the purpose of his visit, conveying to the Lodge the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge. He also expressed the regrets of the Grand Master for his inability to visit the Lodge in person. The meeting proved to be interesting in all respects. After the Lodge was closed, refreshments were served to the visitors and members present.

A special meeting was held by this Lodge on November 16, on which occasion the third degree of Masonry was conferred on Bro. Dalmacio C. Reyes, a Fellowcraft of this Lodge. In the first section, Bro. Ramon Zapanta, Senior Warden of this Lodge, occupied the East, while in the second section, Wor. Bro. Miguel G. Luna, P. M., and Wor. Bro. Marcelo G. Alvarez, P. M., were designated as King Solomon and Hiram of Tyre, respectively. The lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. Manuel del Carmen, P. M., Bagong-Buhay Lodge No. 17, and Inspector of the Second District; and the charge was read by Wor. Bro. Teodorico A. Jimenez, P. M., Ibarra Lodge No. 31. After the ceremonies, the newly-obligated brother, upon being called to speak, read a very interesting address on the moral obligations of a Mason, which address elicited warm applause from the Brethren. Wor. Brothers del Carmen and Jimenez delivered short addresses, while Wor. Bro. Joseph Ramos thanked the visitors for their assistance in the degree work.

Personals

Items for publication in this column should be submitted not later than the 20th of the month. Secretaries sending personals for publication should omit congratulations, thanks, and matter suited for a Lodge bulletin, but not for a paper going to all the Masons of the Islands. State news and items of exclusively local interest will not be published. Report births, serious illness, and deaths in immediate family of Masons, marriages, promotions, changes of station or occupation, honors, letters from absent Brethren with greetings, trips abroad, and similar news. Secretaries of Lodges publishing bulletins should send the latter to the CABLETOW immediately upon publication, or make an extra copy of the personals when preparing the bulletin for the printer and send it to the CABLETOW.—L.F. Editor.

Manila No. 1.—Bro. Guy Strattan was a visitor from Jolo in November.

Bro. William Strattan, a former member of this Lodge, is now chief clerk of the Constructing Quartermaster's Office at Fort Riley, Kas. Bro. Strattan had received orders for his transfer from Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to Honolulu, but the orders were cancelled, as there had been a mistake in the computation of his foreign service.

Bro. and Mrs. David L. Branch, 5828 Genoa St., Oakland, Calif., had an automobile accident in July but escaped with bruises and scratches. Bro. Branch is still with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

An interesting letter has been received from Bro. E. L. Harris who resides in Los Angeles, Cal.

Bro. B. L. Meeden, writing from Fort Sam Houston, Texas, sends his warm regards to all his old friends.

Bro. Dallas W. Shaeffer sends his regards from New Castle, Pa.

Greetings have also been received from Bro. I. Goldman, New York City; W. H. Boynton, Berkeley, Cal.; Bro. H. C. Denson, Los Angeles, Cal. and Bro. Guy Roscoe Veal, Washington, D. C.

Bro. Samuel Fraser has recently returned to Manila with his wife and daughter after an extended business trip in the United States.

Bro. Jack Irwin is taking things easy at the Elks Club after a successful operation upon his eye. When last visited, he reported splendid progress but rather monotonous waiting and he expected to be out and about again within a few days.

Corregidor No. 3.—Brother J. Truitt Maxwell has located permanently at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is now state Physical Director for the Y. M. C. A.

We are in receipt of a letter certifying that at a stated meeting of Anchor Lodge No. 182, of Key West, Florida, our Brother William Downing Evans was elected an honorary member of said Lodge, for exceptional services rendered, steady presence of presence and loyalty to the Fraternity. The resolution adopted in recognition of his such distinction terminated with these words "In recognition of the Brother's faithful and regular attendance upon our meetings and his valuable assistance to us in our work."

Word has been received from Past Master Charles A. Massell stating that he arrived at Los Angeles and had a splendid trip.

Brother Charles Norman writes from San Francisco that he expects to be in the Philippines again within a short time.

News has been received from our Senior Warden, Bro. Verne E. Miller, at Lowell, Massachusetts, where he was present at a dedication of the new Masonic Temple in that city. Bro. Miller writes that over 600 members of the Fraternity were present and that he will give us details of this most interesting assembly upon his return which will be within a few weeks.

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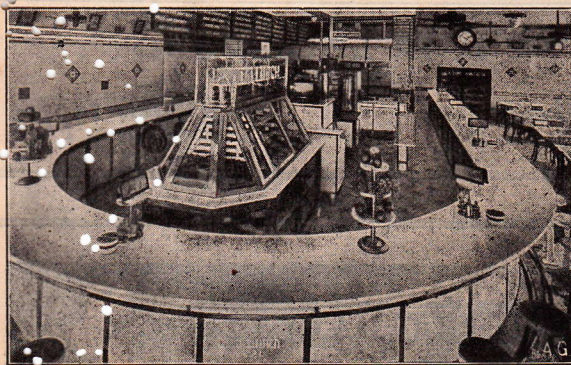
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Bagumbayan No. 4.—Dean Maximo M. Kalaw returned on the S.S. *President McKinley* on November 21st from Japan, where he attended the convention of the Institute of Pacific Relations at Kyoto as one of the Philippine delegates.

Another returning passenger on the S.S. *President McKinley* was Bro. Florentino Cayco, likewise a member of Bagumbayan Lodge. Bro. Cayco, who is assistant superintendent of city schools, was one of the Philippine delegates at the International Educational Conference at Geneva, Switzerland, the other delegate being Dean Francisco Benitez, who is also a member of our Lodge. While Bro. Benitez returned to Manila several months ago, Bro. Cayco travelled through some of the principal European countries, studying the school systems in each, and then went to the United States where he made further studies.

On the same ship which brought these travelers back to their native shores, another member of Bagumbayan Lodge left for his. This was Bro. Eugene A. Gilmore, Vice-Governor General and Secretary of Public Instruction of the Philippine Islands, who left with Mrs. Gilmore on November 23rd to be gone four months. He is going direct to his home in Wisconsin where he will spend Christmas. On December 27th he is to speak before an educational convention in New Orleans, after which he will visit various educational institutions in the East. He expects to sail from San Francisco in time to reach Manila by the middle of March. Mrs. Gilmore will probably return to the Islands later, it being her intention to do so by way of Italy, where their daughter is at school in Florence.

The newspapers keep the Lodge informed of the activities of Bro. Camilo Osias, one of the Philippine Resident Commissioners in the United States, who has been visiting Nebraska and other western States recently.

Wor. Bro. José C. Velo is busy traveling through the provinces in the interests of the Philippine Education Company of which he is an active agent and representative.

Southern Cross No. 6.—Bro. Ben F. Wright, who has many admirers in the Philippine Islands because of the fearless manner in which he fought all attempts to loot the Insular Treasury, was, upon his departure, presented by the Lodge with a handsome traveling bag, fully fitted, selected by Bros. Irving B. Brown and Donald Maclean.

Cosmos No. 8.—Bro. John Sinn has written from Honolulu where he has been living so long that he considers it his permanent home.

Bro. Henry Strauss will be traveling through the provinces of north Luzon until the Christmas season.

Bro. Charles P. Neuffer was a visitor in Manila in October; he returned to Dapa, Surigao, his present place of abode, on October 29th, promising to visit Manila again about the first of next year.

Bro. Charles E. Becker, who had a severe case of pneumonia in October, is up and about again.

Bro. Fred M. Holmes made a business trip through the northern provinces in October. He met Bro. José A. Reyna, superintendent of the agricultural school at Abra province, who is doing good work. He visited Bro. William C. Clark, who is maintaining electrical connections in various provincial towns, as part of the Manila Electric Company project for lighting and power service in the provinces.

Bro. Albert E. Tatton is recuperating at Camp John Hay, near Baguio, where the bracing climate is doing him much good. He gave a brief lecture and a talk at a meeting of the Lodge No. 67 in October.

St. John's No. 9.—Bro. Herbert [unclear], of Baguio, visited Manila about the middle of October.

Mrs. Ross, wife of Bro. E. C. Ross, sailed Saturday, October 26th, for Shanghai for a short visit with friends there.

Wor. Bro. C. S. Salmon, accompanied by Mrs. Salmon, went to Baguio, October 21, and returned October [unclear].

Mail addressed to Bro. Charles J. [unclear] and that addressed to Bro. Francis S. Gates continues to be returned unclaimed.

Bro. E. S. Turner and Mrs. Turner were hosts to a group of friends at a buffet dinner and bridge, on the evening of October 18th.

Bro. Jack George and family returned on the *President Harrison*

from a vacation in the United States on October 9, 1929. St. John's welcomes Bro. George back.

Bro. A. L. Ryan, president of the National Council of Religious Education of the Philippines, will preside over a convention of that organization to be held early in November, beginning on the 7th.

Bro. E. S. Turner was recently named by the Rotary Club of Manila chairman of a committee to welcome and help entertain the round-the-world tourists due to arrive in Manila early in November.

Bro. Louis F. Rothenhoefer, our junior deacon, was one of the "chief cooks" and "bottle-washers" at a "German" dinner held Friday evening, October 25, 1929, by the congregation and friends of Union Church, on the roofgarden.

Bro. Henry B. Smith left for the United States on vacation, on October 18th. Bro. Smith has been in poor health for the last six months and it is hoped that vacation in the States will restore him to good health and send him back to the Philippines fit again.

Bro. R. B. Latham, of Del Carmen, visited Manila early in October, attending our stated meeting and transacting business. Bro. Latham and Bro. Otto Wyss figure as incorporators of the Malig Plantation, Inc., recently organized.

Most Wor. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien and Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg made a trip to Aparri, in the interests of Masonry, October 17, 1929, by auto.

Mr. John Harrison Leask, who is awaiting the degrees in St. John's No. 9, has written the secretary from Banbury Terrace, South Shields, England, where he has been spending a holiday. He expected to leave there September 12, 1929, for New York, from which port he expected to start for Manila in October to arrive some time in December. He promised to send a wireless before arriving.

Wor. Bro. Theo. C. Zschokke wrote under date of September 15, 1929, from Honolulu, sending dues. He reported most interesting work as Extension Forester in the Agricultural Extension Service connected with the University of Hawaii. His work is continued to reforestation of waste land among the farmers, where his work is meeting with a ready response.

Wor. Bro. Zschokke reports that Margaret Gallin, daughter of Wor. Bro. "Bill" Gallin, is teaching in a high school in Hawaii. He also reports having called on Bro. Joseph Anderson and talked over many things, and on Bro. Ramsey, dimitted from St. John's in February, 1928, who is now in service at the transport dock in Honolulu.

Bro. Robert N. Cadwallader, our senior deacon, recently suffered a painful accident, having had a percolator full of hot coffee spilled over his arm. His flesh from wrist to elbow was badly scalded; in one or two places the injury reached the seriousness of a third degree burn. Under skillful careful treatment the injured arm is healing well and promises soon to be out of danger of permanent ill effects.

A report has reached Manila that Bro. Cauveren is now at Grafton, W. Va., and that his doctors tell him that he will be able to return to duty by the end of the year. Bro. Cauveren was very seriously ill when last heard from. His address is given as c/o M. Warner, Route No. 6, Box No. 22 Grafton, W. Va.

Walana No. 13.—Bro. Gregorio A. Vicente lost his sister by death on June 29th, and Bro. Eulogio Manlapit his father, also in June. Both funerals were attended by members of the Lodge.

Pilar No. 15.—Bro. Lieut. Eleuterio Nave, who was formerly stationed at Casiguran, was transferred temporarily to Lucena, Tayabas.

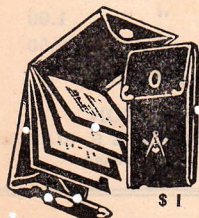
Bro. Pedro Catuncan was successfully operated on for appendicitis and is now back at the Trade School where he is teaching. Shortly after his operation, Mrs. Catuncan gave birth to a child at the Maternity House. All are doing well.

Bro. Doctor Macario Bautista wrote to the Secretary from Eldorado, Stockton, California; he and his family are all well.

Bros. Telesforo and Alfredo Saqui entertained the Brethren by giving a delicious supper with music after the November stated meeting, at their residence at Imus, Cavite.

Bro. Federico Alcantara had the misfortune of losing his sister who died on the evening of November 2nd.

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Dapitan No. 21.—Bro. Pedro Aza Cruz visited Batangas last week on business. He stayed at the house of Bro. Gerardo Aguado, the treasurer of Batangas Lodge No. 35, whose hospitality he cannot praise enough.

Bro. Francisco Geronimo and wife have returned to Manila after spending their honeymoon at Los Baños.

Wor. Bro. Miguel E. Gozon has returned to Manila after visiting his brother in Iloilo.

The street car on which Bro. Eligio Gumatay was motorman, ran over a child in calle M. H. del Pilar last month. The child died the day after the accident.

Bro. Esteban de Guzman, charter member of the Lodge, attended the last stated meeting despite his numerous duties requiring his presence in his store.

Bro. Watumull Jhamandas is back in Manila after visiting his family in India.

Bro. Gonzalo Pagdanganan, after having been confined in the Philippine General Hospital for two weeks, is now in his home where he is convalescing.

Bro. Teofilo Palma has been continuously ill since three years ago.

Bros. Santiago Non and Onofre Zablan were passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on November 12th.

Bro. and Mrs. Felix Z. Ledda celebrated the christening of their youngest child at their residence on November 17th. Many Brethren of our Lodge were present, among them Wor. Bro. Manuel A. Guieb, Bros. Macario Peralta, Jose Serrano, Manuel Lennon, Roman Tesoro, Cruz Zafra Valensuela, and others. All had a splendid time.

Rizal No. 22.—Wor. Bro. Antonio de las Alas, P. M., was elected Speaker pro tempore in the sine die session of the House of Representatives, to act during the absence of Wor. Bro. Manuel Roxas, P. M., who is leaving for the United States with the Philippine Mission. This will be the second time Bro. Alas will be Speaker pro tempore of the House.

Bro. Rufo M. San Juan, ex-governor of Palawan, is now practising law in the City of Manila with law offices at suite 313, Masonic Temple Bldg., Escolta. He has joined the law firm of Bros. Camus and Delgado.

Balintawak No. 28.—Wor. Bro. Arsenio Natividad, P. M. and member of Balintawak Lodge, Captain of the Philippine Constabulary, has been transferred from Imus, Cavite, to Lucena, Tayabas, as provincial commander.

Minerva No. 41.—The Secretary is in receipt of a letter from Bro. Ronald H. Short stating that he is now stationed at Langley Field, Hampton Roads, Va.

Bro. G. Lasarte writes from Shanghai that he has been ill for a long time, but has fully recovered and sends regards to all the Brethren in Manila.

Mount Mainam No. 49.—Bro. Esteban Yavienco was discharged from the General Hospital after an operation for appendicitis. He is now in Naic for recovery.

Bro. Eliseo Nazareno, junior warden of this Lodge, also had an operation for appendicitis at the General Hospital. He has now resumed his work in the Bureau of Posts, Manila.

Bros. Daniel Arenas, Basilio C. Molina and Felix R. Lupisan, residing at Naga, C. S., Calumpit, and Luisiana, respectively, attended Lodge on the night of the official visitation of Right Worshipful Bro. Larkin, Nov. 2nd, having come to Manila expressly for this purpose.

Bro. Cornelio B. Mangahas, until recently deputy municipal treasurer in Corregidor, Cavite, has been transferred to the office of the provincial treasurer of Cavite, as deputy clerk.

Bro. Ciriaco O. Ramos has been discharged from the General Hospital and is now in Ternate, Cavite, his home town, recovering.

Sarangani No. 50.—Bro. A. Hui (93), who is with the Asiatic Petroleum Company at Davao, had an accident at the hempstripping establishment of Sonoda at Tongcalan, Guanga, on October 1st, a sheet of galvanized iron roofing striking him in the head.

Wor. Bros. A. Zamora and Eugenio de Jesus have left to inspect the municipalities on the East coast.

Among the sick during the month of October were Bro. Eligio C. Ureta, and the youngest baby girl of Bro. Sergio Salvaleon. The former was confined in the Davao Public Hospital and the latter at home.

Bro. Ciriaco B. Raval, special agent of the Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes, was in Davao the latter part of October.

The one-year old baby girl of Bro. Hilarion Cabrera died on Nov. 2nd in the Davao Public Hospital. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon in the Roman Catholic Cemetery. Most of the members of Sarangani Lodge as well as the sojourning Masons attended the funeral.

Pintong-Bato No. 51.—Wor. Brother Julian Cruz Balmaseda, Past Master of this Lodge, one of the winners of the last thrift campaign contest of the Bureau of Posts ("*Ang Piso Ni Anita*") a drama in Tagalog) was given a banquet at the Panciteria Asia on November 8th by the members of Pintong-Bato Lodge residing in Manila. The majority of the Manila-resident members of said Lodge attended and enjoyed the banquet.

Filipinas No. 54.—Bro. Leon Pelaez, provincial governor of Marinduque, announces the birth of a daughter on October 27th and reports both mother and child well. This is the first child that has come to make the Pelaez home happy.

Makawiwili No. 55.—Many of the Brethren attended the funeral of Miss Julita Estrada, sister of Bro. Juan Estrada, of Mt. Apo Lodge No. 45. The young lady died at Calivo on October 28th.

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Bro. Lim Tong Sing has been ill but is up and about again.

Isla de Luzon No. 57.—On November 22nd, Bro. Emeterio C. Yalong gave a party at his home 280 calle Santa Maria, Tondo, on the occasion of the birthday of his daughter. Brothers José P. Paterno, Felixbert Z. Soriano, C. Gutierrez, J. M. E. Leon, Ladislao José, Clemente Reyes, Vicente Badillo and others attended this fiesta.

Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza returned to Manila October 24th, after having visited Lodges in Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Ecija, with Most Worshipful Brother Seidon W. O'Brien.

Wor. Bro. Sisenando Palarca mourns the untimely death of his brother-in-law, Dr. Lim, who was killed by an accidental shot, while showing his family his new weapon, at their residence in calle Mangahan.

Bro. Antonino Buenaventura made a flying trip to Baliwag, Bulacan, to visit his home folks during the month of October.

Bro. John Walczykowski severed his connections with the United States Shoe Co. at Pulupandan, Negros Occidental, and returned to Manila on October 28th to work with the Joe Bush Chemical Co. He is at present staying at 130 calle Magallanes, W. C.

Bro. Maximo M. de Ocampo writes from Chicago, Ill., that he met outgoing Grand Master Most Worshipful Bro. (Gov.) Louis L. Emerson, when he attended the 90th annual reunion of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Illinois. He closes his letter with greetings to his Brethren in the Philippines.

Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza gave a whole-day party at his home in San Roque, Cavite, on occasion of the town fiesta which was held on November 10th. Brothers José P. Paterno, E. C. Yalong, Ladislao José, Vicente Flechero, Eusebio A. Melo, Vicente Badillo, Santiago Gochango, Teodoro Arnesto, J. M. E. Leon, and Crispulo Layog were present.

Marble No. 58.—Bro. Matias S. Martinez and wife returned from Manila on October 26th. Mrs. Martinez is under medical treatment.

Wor. Bro. Manuel T. Albero, being provincial governor, is busy making visits of inspection to the municipalities. On October 29th he went to Manila on official business, returning to Romblon on November 13th.

The wife of Bro. Amando Bulaong, who had been here since her father's death, left in October to join her husband who is municipal treasurer of Guiguinto, Bulacan.

Bro. Agustin Fetalvero is again ill and will later go to Manila for treatment.

Bro. Andrés Mortel, supervising teacher of Odiongan, came to Romblon early in November on official business and to visit his family.

The wife of our Bro. Marcelino Buyco, a Constabulary officer stationed at Tunga, Carigara, Leyte, is at Odiongan for her health which has been poor since last October.

High-Twelve No. 82.—Wor. Bro. José L. Intal continues ill in the residence of his mother, although he informs us that he is beginning to feel some signs of improvement.

Wor. Bro. [Name obscured] was in the City for medical treatment and returned back to Baguio for urgent business.

The wife of Wor. Bro. Manuel C. [Name obscured], who was a patient in the Mary Chiles Hospital for a number of days, is now at their residence, though not entirely cured.

Bro. Casiano Karganilla and wife welcomed in their residence at Fort Mills, Corregidor, the arrival of [Name obscured] who was born on October 3, 1929. The child was christened [Name obscured] José on November 17th, Bro. Castor Viray, Chaplain of Key [Name obscured] Lodge No. 100, being godfather.

Bro. Rafael Quidilla will be on vacation at Atimonan, Tayabas, until the end of November.

Bro. Eugenio A. Columbrete is a sharpshooter with the pistol now.

Bro. Antonio Quiaoit and Entered Apprentice Dalmacio Reyes are leaving on November 18th for the forest service at San Vicente, Castilla, Sorsogon, where they will remain for about a year and a half years.

Bro. Vicente Cabrera reports that [Name obscured] was taken ill very recently, while Bros. Pedro Menor and Angelo Pedralvez state that their wives, who have been ill for some time, are on the road to recovery.

Bro. Alejandro N. Evangelista has transferred from the Pacific Commercial Company to the Vacuum Oil Company, as traveling representative.

Bro. Quintin Gellidon, F. C., arrived from his special assignment at Laoang, Samar, on October 4th.

Bro. Jesus Alvarez has been designated to discharge temporarily the duties of chief clerk of the Bureau of Posts.

Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 94.—Bro. S. W. Stagg writes from Chicago that he is making a lecturing tour across the continent to the Pacific coast, lecturing in all the principal cities on the way.

Bro. Wm. F. Wuncl. writes from Aurora, Ill.; Bro. Col. C. F. Morse from Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; Bro. C. M. Hewett from Sheboygan, Wis., and Bro. Wm. C. Conner from Clinto, Ill.

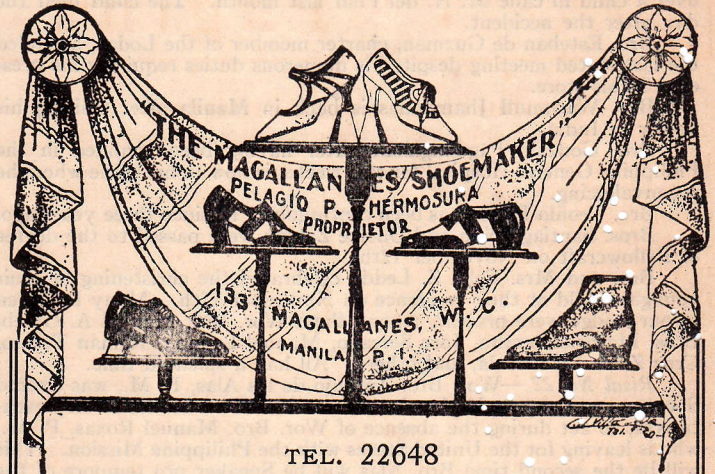
Bagong-Ilaw No. 97.—Bro. Diego de la Hoz, former chief engineer of the gubernatorial yacht "Apo," has recently been promoted to the position of superintendent of the Marine Railway and Repair Shops, Bureau of Commerce and Industry.

Wor. Bro. Marcelo G. Alvarez, P. M., has recently returned from a week's trip in the northern provinces, during which time he attended the Protestant Convention held at Burgos, Ilocos Norte, as a delegate from the Tagalog district.

On the first day of last month, Wor. Bro. Miguel G. Luna, P. M. and secretary of this Lodge, transferred his residence from Noveleta, Cavite, to 130 Solana, Intramuros, Manila.

Bataan Lodge No. 104, F. & A. M., of Limay, Bataan, having given aid to Bro. Policarpio Castañeda, a member of Pintong-Bato Lodge who is sick in bed at his residence in Limay, his Mother Lodge passed a Resolution thanking the members of *Bataan Lodge* for their kindness to Bro. P. Castañeda.

Greetings were received from Bro. Jesus Bautista, U. S. S. Hulbert No. 342, San Diego, California U. S. A.



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Instrucciones para Entierros

Uno de los sabios de la Francmasonería americana, el Ilustre Hermano Darrah, sugiere que cada Logia tenga un libro de instrucciones para entierros en que se puedan inscribir los deseos de cada uno de los miembros del Taller respecto al sepelio de sus restos. No cabe duda de que muchos de los Hermanos preferirán un entierro masónico, pero también los habrá que desearán respetar los prejuicios de su familia, como sucede en algunos casos en este país, y otros que pertenecen a las Cámaras altas optarán por los funerales del Consejo Kadosch. Sería prudente, pues, averiguar la voluntad de cada uno y pedir que la haga constar en el libro correspondiente y estampe su firma debajo del asiento.

La sugestión del Hermano Darrah es muy acertada porque un libro de la clase de que se trata puede evitar muchas dudas y disgustos y gastos inútiles.—L. F.

Nuestros Anunciadores

Recomendamos a las Logias y a los Masones que tengan que hacer gastos por banquetes, tabacos y cigarrillos, trabajos de imprenta, joyas, regalos, aguinaldos, zapatos, trajes, etc., no olviden a los comerciantes que nos han favorecido con sus anuncios. Desgraciadamente hay Masones que ganan grandes cantidades por sus negocios con las Logias y los Hermanos, y que esto no obstante se niegan a insertar sus anuncios en el *Cabletow*, tal vez porque temen que haciéndolo puedan perder algunos parroquianos entre los que son enemigos de la Institución masónica. Nuestros anunciadores tienen derecho a consideración preferente y los recomendamos eficazmente a nuestros lectores.—L. F.

El Tercer Grado

No solamente en Filipinas, sino también en las Logias de América se presta más atención al tercer grado que al primero y segundo. Los Grandes Maestres, al hacer sus visitas a los Talleres de la jurisdicción, ven en muy contadas ocasiones los trabajos en Cámara de Aprendiz o de Compañero Masón porque, en la gran mayoría de los casos, la Logia arde en deseos de mostrar su proficiencia en el grado de Maestro. Es cierto, también, que la asistencia es siempre mejor en los trabajos del tercer grado que en los del primero y segundo. Somos de parecer que no conviene postergar de esta manera los grados de Aprendiz y Compañero. Cada uno de los mismos tiene sus bellezas y puede ejemplificarse con maestría y solemnidad, y estamos seguros de que el Gran Maestro y los demás dignatarios de la Gran Logia estarán contentos de poder presenciar de vez en cuando algún buen trabajo ritualístico que no sea en Cámara de Maestro Masón.—L. F.

Silencio y Circunspección

Con bastante frecuencia oímos tratar de los asuntos de la Masonería en sitios donde hay profanos que fácilmente pueden ser enemigos de la Institución. No puede haber práctica más censurable y peligrosa. Los masones que, en la calle o en el tranvía, hablan en voz alta de cosas de la Institución o de la Logia, olvidan que el silencio y la circunspección son indispensables en un organismo cuyos negocios importantes deben saberse solamente por la familia masónica y no deben de pregonarse en alta voz a todo quien tenga oído. No debía haber profano alguno que esté enterado de lo que ocurre en el seno de las Logias, pero des-

graciadamente abundan los que están al corriente de los sucesos, sobre todo si se trata de alguna disputa o pequeño escándalo. Silencio, pues, y circunspección.—L. F.

Aviso Importante

Es muy importante que los Secretarios y otros Dignatarios de las Logias procuren enterarse de las disposiciones de la Gran Logia con respecto al CABLETOW. Por las conversaciones que hemos tenido con algunos de dichos Dignatarios, hemos llegado a la conclusión de que pocos prestan la atención debida a los edictos y resoluciones sobre la materia. En este número publicamos de nuevo el Edicto No. 14, que contiene instrucciones relativas al pago de la cuota del CABLETOW, y encarecemos a los que dirigen los asuntos económicos de cada Taller lo estudien con detención. Desgraciadamente, hay unas tantas Logias que por negligencia han llegado a deber a la Gran Logia cantidades crecidas por cuotas del CABLETOW y que hoy, obligadas a solventar dichas deudas, se ven en apuros.

Podríamos decir mucho más, pero a buen entendedor, con media palabra basta, y por esto nos limitamos a insertar a continuación el edicto aludido:

[Edicto No. 14]

A los Venerables Maestros, Vigilantes y demás Hermanos de todas las Logias de la Obediencia de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas.

SALUD:—De acuerdo con la autoridad conferida al Gran Maestro por la Gran Logia en su Reunión General de 1927, por la presente ordeno que toda Logia constituyente de esta Obediencia pague la cuota anual para el CABLETOW correspondiente al período desde Junio 1929 hasta Noviembre 1929, inclusive, al tipo de SESENTA CÉNTAVOS (₱0.60) por cada Aprendiz, Compañero y Maestro Masón que fuesen miembros de dicha Logia en la fecha en que se verifique el pago de la referida cuota.

Puesto que dicho pago se verificará por adelantado, cada Logia enviará su cuota correspondiente al período desde Junio 1929 hasta Noviembre 1929, con anterioridad al día 1.º de Junio de 1929, fecha en que se publicará el No. 1 del Tomo I del CABLETOW.

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En testimonio de lo cual, la firmo de mi puño y letra y hago estampar el sello de la Gran Logia, en la ciudad de Manila, hoy treinta y uno de Marzo, A. L. 5929, o sea, 1929 (E. V.).

SELDON W. O'BRIEN, *Gran Maestro.*

Doy Fe:—NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Gran Secretario.*

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Noticias

De la Logia Rizal No. 22, Manila

Los Hmnos. M. A. Albert, P.M., y Dionisio de Leon, cuyos nombramientos como Jueces de Primera Instancia auxiliares fueron confirmados por el Senado de Filipinas, presiden una de las salas del juzgado de primera instancia de esta ciudad de Manila y de Lingayen, Pangasinan, respectivamente.

El discurso en tagalo pronunciado por el Hmno. Louis Mazur, manager de la Beck's Department Store, 89-91 Escolta, con ocasion de una fiesta celebrada por todos los empleados de dicho establecimiento, fue objeto de aplauso por tratarse de un extranjero aunque actualmente es un ciudadano filipino.

Acaba de llegar procedente de los Estados Unidos, el Ven. Hmno. Francisco Zamora, P.M., quien formó parte del *staff* de los funcionarios que acompañaron a la última misión enviada a la Metrópoli.

El Hmno. Ike Weinstein ha vuelto a estar al frente de su establecimiento Weinstein Brothers, 619-621 Rizal Ave., después de haber estado ausente por mas de un año pasando la mayor parte en su pueblo natal de Nueva York y visitando París, Montecarlo, Londres, Berlin, y varias otras importantes ciudades de Europa.

De la Logia Maktan No. 30, Cebu

Después de una larga y penosa enfermedad, el Hermano Luis B. Hinojales bajó a la sepultura el 1.º de Septiembre del presente año. Bajo los auspicios de la Logia Maktan No. 30, el cadáver fué enterrado en el Cementerio Municipal. El Ven. Her. D. Alfon, P. M. de la Logia Tupas No. 62, actuó de capellán en las ceremonias en el Cementerio.

En la tenida ordinaria celebrada en el mes de Septiembre del presente año, el Cuadro acordó poner en vigor el acuerdo adoptado durante la Veneratura del Her. José J. Mirasol, en el sentido de dar una conferencia mensual después de los trabajos ordinarios. Como primer conferenciante fué designado el Ven. Her. J. A. Alix, P. M., quien en la tenida celebrada en la noche del día 11 de Octubre, disertó de un modo brillante sobre el desarrollo de la Masonería al través de las edades, su fin y su influencia moralizadora en la sociedad. Los concurrentes salieron gratamente impresionados. Para la siguiente tenida está designado el Her. Pantaleon E. del Rosario. No está demás el añadir que los de la Logia Tupas No. 62 adoptaron idéntico acuerdo, siendo el 1.º conferenciante el Her. H. de V. Booten. Este Hermano disertó en estilo ameno e interesante sobre el desarrollo de la Masonería en la India Británica.

De la Logia Malolos No. 46

Los miembros de la Logia Malolos No. 46 hicieron una excursión el domingo, 27 de Octubre, a Sibul, San Miguel, siguiendo la costumbre ya establecida de reunirse fraternalmente cada mes.

La comitiva compuesta de masones venidos de diferentes municipios de la provincia de Bulacan y de algunas chicas invitadas, partió de Malolos a las 8:00 de la mañana, en autobuses cómodos debidamente preparados para el viaje. Entre los miembros de la comitiva figuraban unas 14 niñas del Women's College de Manila, encabezadas por Sitang, hija del hermano Mariano C. Tiaopoco. Los excursionistas llegaron a San Miguel a las 10 de la mañana, y en la presidencia fueron recibidos cordialmente por los hermanos residentes en aquel municipio. All mediodía fueron agasajados con una deliciosa comida en el Hotel Internacional, ofrecida por los hermanos residentes en San Miguel.

Después de la comida en que se sentaron alrededor de varias mesas unos 150 comensales, siguió un baile muy animado en el mismo kiosko del baño que duró hasta las 4 de la tarde, en que todos volvieron al Hotel para ser de nuevo servidos con una buena merienda.

Ya eran las 5 de la tarde cuando la comitiva partió de Sibul, saliendo todos muy satisfechos y agradecidos por la amabilidad con que los de San Miguel recibieron y entretenieron a sus numerosos huéspedes.

De la Logia Pampanga No. 48, San Fernando

El agape fraternal que la Logia Pampanga No. 48 ha organizado, al que fueron invitados los Ilustres Hnos. Teodoro M. Kalaw, Wenceslao Trinidad y Antonio González, Ex-Gran Maestres y Delegado Gran Maestro, respectivamente, tuvo lugar en la fecha y hora señaladas (a 28 de Septiembre de 1929, a las 7:00 p. m.)

Honraron con su presencia el acto, además de los Grandes Dignatarios ya mencionados, muchos hermanos de otras Logias. Terminada la cena, y a la hora de los discursos, el Venerable de la Logia, Hno. Sotero Baluyut, actuando de toastmaster, fué presentando sucesivamente a los Hmnos. Trinidad, González, y, por último, al huésped de honor, Ilustre Hmno. Kalaw, para dirigir algunas palabras a los hermanos presentes alusivas al acto.

El Hmno. Trinidad rememorando algo sobre el proceso de la organización de la Logia, relató los pasos que se habían dado para reunir material necesario que entonces se hallaba disperso en estos valles, y habló de los deberes y obligaciones que se impone el que se hace masón.

El Hmno. González habló en inglés en beneficio de aquellos hermanos que aunque conociendo el lenguaje de Castilla, prefieren oír el

que hablaron los Washington, los Franklin, y otros Masones que hicieron posible la fundación de la República más poderosa del mundo: Estados Unidos de América, haciendo un parangón entre las repúblicas que más sobresalen en los presentes tiempos, Francia y América.

Y, por último, fué presentado el huésped de honor, quien con un acento reposado en los principios de su atildada peroración y vibrante de entusiasmo después, comenzó citando algunos pasajes de su vida de masón, que si bien eran para él sorpresas, son una verdadera lección sobre fraternidad, camaradería, unión inquebrantable, que debería profesar todo aquel que se precia ostentar el nombre de masón. Dijo que estamos tan acostumbrados a trabajos ritualísticos que ya nos olvidamos de celebrar reuniones informales en las que el espíritu de camaradería, como se ha dicho ya, el toque de codo a codo, el apretón de manos, el abrazo fraternal, el cambio de impresiones reinan supremos.

Citó también las palabras del Ilustre Hno. Manuel L. Quezon pronunciadas en la noche de la reunión de despedida tributada en su honor, a iniciativa de los hermanos de los Altos Cuerpos.

Para demostrar la fraternidad y unión que reinaban entre los masones en el pasado régimen, citó el hecho de aquellos pocos españoles masones que hicieron causa común con los filipinos en su labor en pro de la institución, quienes olvidando su condición de españoles, se prestaban gustosos a guardar a pie firme las puertas de las casas donde solían reunirse sus hermanos filipinos, para frustrar todo intento de pesquiza, arretos, y demás persecuciones de que eran objeto de parte de las autoridades.

Mencionó también que la "tolerancia" practicada por los masones desarma muchas veces a los mismos que son sus encarizos e implacables enemigos. Como buena prueba de ello, citó un caso del que el mismo huésped de honor fué protagonista. Solicitado para sacar a la pila bautismal a un hijo de un comprovinciano suyo, en una iglesia católica, pidió al padre del niño que se viera primeramente con el cura para anunciarle que el (el huésped) fuera el padrino de su hijo, y así evitar el bochorno de ser rechazado después, como suele ocurrir en estos casos. Está visto que el referido cura, dejando excrúpulos aparte asintió; pues no solo fué permitido a ser el padrino sino que el cura hizo que la iglesia vistiese sus mejores galas, y el bautismo se celebrase con la mayor solemnidad. Y todo fué cedido *gratis et amore*. Aquello fué una verdadera sorpresa para el padrino. Después de aquella función religiosa, al agradecer tanta atención, nuestro huésped de honor quiso cerciorarse del muy bueno del cura el porqué de tanta munificencia, a lo que éste contestó que aquello no era más que un acto de reciprocidad, pues el párroco—para más señas un fraile español—debía su vida a los masones en la época de la Revolución, y gracias a éstos los hombres del Katipunan le perdonaron la vida.

El espíritu de la Masonería es tal que hace al hombre descuidar y despreciar lo propio para consagrarse al servicio del prójimo, según el orador. Al hablar así, recuerda a un hermano americano con un salario bastante crecido, quien se había habituado a distribuir la mitad o más de su salario, olvidándose de que con su acto se merecía considerablemente el sustento de su familia.

Tan amena como agradable reunión terminó con la mayor alegría y satisfacción de todos los concurrentes.

De la Logia Gonzaga No. 66, Tuguegarao

El día 19 de Octubre pasado, llegó a estos Valles el Gran Maestro, Muy Ilustre Hmno. Seldon W. O'Brien, en compañía de los Hermanos Dr. Youngberg y Ramón Mendoza, éste Secretario Auxiliar de la Gran Logia, para hacer una visita a la Resp. Logia Gonzaga No. 66. Dicha visita coincidió con el tercer sábado del mes, día de tenida ordinaria de la Logia.

Los miembros de esta Logia con los hermanos de otras Logias residentes aquí, obsequiaron a los ilustres visitantes con un excelente banquete en el Hotel Abraham, entre siete y ocho de la noche, después del cual, todos se dirigieron al local donde se hicieron los trabajos de ritual.

Los trabajos se hicieron como es natural en tercer grado, ocupando las estaciones el Venerable Hermano Victoriano Luna, el Primer Vigilante Hmno. Lorenzo de León y el Segundo Vigilante Hmno. Cornelio Balangue. Declarado abierta la Logia, el Gran Maestro con sus acompañantes fueron recibidos con los honores de costumbre, habiendo presenciado el trámite de todos los asuntos que se han sometido a la consideración de la Logia, y después se procedió a la exaltación del Compañero Agustín Palattao, en castellano, ocupando el Oriente el ex-Venerable Hmno. José F. Quinto, el Occidente, el ex-Venerable Hmno. Cefirino R. Diño, y el Mediodía, el Venerable Victoriano Luna. El Hermano Quinto dió la instrucción del grado.

El Gran Maestro, Muy Ilustre Hermano O'Brien, dirigió a todos una alocución, manifestando su felicitación y satisfacción por la manera como se habían realizado los trabajos, y exhortando a los presentes el fiel cumplimiento de sus deberes como miembros de nuestra augusta institución. El segundo Vigilante, Hermano Cornelio Balangue, contestó en nombre de la Logia.

Los trabajos terminaron a la una aproximadamente de la noche. Al día siguiente continuó la comitiva del Gran Maestro su viaje a Aparri.



De Fuentes Extranjeras

Goethe y la Masonería

El 13 de Febrero de 1780 envió Goethe la siguiente carta al Venerable Maestro de la Logia Amalia en Weimar:

"Excelencia:—Voy a tomarme la libertad de molestarlo con un favor. Hacé tiempo que tenía deseo de hacerme miembro de la sociedad masónica y este deseo se acrecentó enormemente en nuestro último viaje. Sólo faltaba una ocasión propicia para poder dirigirme a las personas amigas que he aprendido a estimar y es sólo este deseo vehemente el que me induce a pedir por intermedio suyo mi iniciación a su ilustre sociedad, ¿a quién podría confiarle este deseo mejor que a vuestra excelencia? Le dejo a Ud. en libertad de acción y espero de su parte las instrucciones del caso.

"Me suscribo de su excelencia su muy obsecuente servidor.—GOETHE."

La solicitud fué unánimemente aceptada y se procedió a su iniciación el 23 de Junio de 1780 en una tenida presidida por el hermano Borle.

Las afirmaciones vulgarizadas en que se sostiene que Goethe fué recibido con una ceremonia especial, que varios de los hermanos se opusieron a su ingreso son tendenciosas y por lo tanto despreciables. Aún miembros de la nobleza eran recibidos, a pesar de su rango social que en esos tiempos era aún tomado en cuenta por la logia, conforme a las tradiciones establecidas; y es lógico: una institución del auge y prestigio de la nuestra no pudo hacer excepción con determinadas personas; éstas desaparecen y se posponen a la idea. Y así poco después ingresaba el Gran Duque reinante que fué recibido como aprendiz sometiéndose a las costumbres establecidas; se desprende ésto de las actas de aquella tenida, en las que además se transcribe el informe que sobre él diera el hermano que tuvo a su cargo su preparación. Después de este informe se procedió a su recepción según el ritual acostumbrado. En esta acta se consagra además: Wolfgang von Goethe, de 30 años de edad, luterano, nacido en Frankfurt am Main, está al servicio de la corte del Gran Duque como consejero. La residencia es Weimar.

El destino quiso que en el año 1782 se clausurara la Logia Amalia en Weimar a causa de las desaveniencias de fondo que se suscitaron entre los miembros de la logia. Sin embargo este hecho no fué capaz de apagar en ellos los ideales que sustentaban y al poco tiempo algunos hermanos intentaron fundar una nueva logia; pero gracias a la actividad de Goethe ante el Gran Duque fracasó su proyecto y se reabrió la antigua Logia de Weimar el 8 de Julio de 1808 previo permiso de la Gran Logia de Hamburgo. La reapertura se celebraba en una fiesta sencilla en uno de los salones del palacio de Wittems. La fecha fijada, el 24 de Octubre, coincidía con su 44 aniversario y con el cumpleaños de la Gran Duquesa, que ya había fallecido. Conocida es la alnegación con que ella sirviera durante toda su vida a la logia.

Goethe en su viaje de regreso con el fin de asistir a la logia, tuvo que detenerse en Jena, donde esperaba la Gran Duquesa, para acompañarla a los distintos museos que ella deseaba visitar. Fué éste el motivo de su ausencia a esta magna tenida. Oportunamente Goethe comunicó a sus hermanos en un mensaje especial sus excusas, ya que él no quería mantenerse indiferente y ajeno a tan cara e importante asociación.

En la tenida de Enero de 1809 reinicia sus actividades masónicas, asistiendo a la tenida de banquete, memorable por el brillante discurso en homenaje al hermano Fernow y por la lectura de una sentida poesía dedicada al hermano Wemow. En la tenida del mes de Febrero, el mismo hermano dedicaba una poesía a la memoria de la Gran Duquesa Luisa con motivo de su cumpleaños.

El nuevo Venerable Maestro Bertuch era buen amigo de Wieland. Ya al estudiante Wieland le había manifestado sus simpatías y en el año 1774 lo declaraba como el

hombre más correcto y de mejores sentimientos de la tierra, simpatía que culminó con la siguiente declaración: lo amo como a mi hijo. . . . Pequeñas desaveniencias no fueron capaces de empeñar esa amistad y así vemos que aún 30 años después, seguían manteniéndola en igual intensidad. Las apreciaciones un tanto virientes para la Masonería, que había expresado Wieland hacia años, fueron por él retiradas gracias a la intervención de Bertuch y más tarde tuvo la satisfacción de declarar que la Masonería le hacía honor a la humanidad por sus actos y nobles ideales realizables. Sus íntimas convicciones y actividades coincidían con las masónicas y se consideraba como un miembro espiritual invisible de ellos. Poco después manifestó su satisfacción de pertenecer a tan venerable hermandad. En efecto en los primeros días de Abril era recibido en una tenida cerrada y reducida al Venerable Maestro con los hermanos vigilantes. Se usó tal procedimiento previa autorización especial del Gran Maestro para evitar a este anciano de 76 años las fórmulas del Rito habitual. El 4 de Abril era recibido con gran pompa por una muy concurrida tenida a la cual también asistió Goethe. En la tenida de banquete que siguió a la tenida, se cantó por instancias del hermano Werner una canción especialmente preparada por él para tan solemne acto en que expresaba su alegría porque las enseñanzas y rectitud de Goethe y Wieland sirvieran de modelos a los demás hermanos. Wieland agradeció emocionado tan magno homenaje. Sus actividades fueron múltiples: desarrolló un trabajo maravilloso sobre la importancia y eficacia de la Masonería, fué miembro de la comisión de los pobres.

Las múltiples ocupaciones de Goethe no le permitían dedicarse con toda su alma a la Masonería y es así como con su ausencia restara un tanto a la solemnidad y brillo con que fué recibido el príncipe Bernardo en una tenida especial en honor del yerno de Wieland, quien en un precioso discurso bosquejaba, analizaba y criticaba los ideales masónicos.

La siguiente carta de Goethe nos muestra de una manera palpable su cariño y respeto por la institución:

"Vuestra excelencia me haré un favor esp. . . forma apropiada a las costumbres masónicas me considerara como ausente suspendiera mis obligaciones frente a la asociación. No está en mi ánimo de abandonar completamente tan honorable e ideal asociación, pero no quisiera, ya que me es imposible asistir con regularidad a las tenidas, dar un mal ejemplo en mi conducta. Quizá verbalmente pueda explicarles más de los motivos de mi actual proceder; hasta entonces mis excusas.

"Vuestra afectísimo.

GOETHE."

Estas excusas fué lógicamente aceptadas, sin embargo Goethe no se ausentó verbalmente de la logia y en realidad se asegura que Goethe ocupaba ininterrumpidamente de los acontecimientos más importantes; participaba en las grandes fiestas de la Logia con tal entusiasmo que los principales discursos, cantos y procedimientos en general eran sometidos a su aprobación.

En el 50.º aniversario de la Logia el 24 de Octubre de 1814 fué recibido el coronel ruso von Geismar que se había distinguido por su actuación militar durante los ataques enemigos sobre Weimar el 21 de Octubre de 1813. Por su corta estadía en aquella ciudad fué ascendido rápidamente a 2.º y luego a 3.º grado, lo que se efectuó en una tenida de maestros a la cual asistió el Gran Duque Bernardo. Fué esta ocasión en que el Venerable Maestro tuvo la satisfacción de saludar a Goethe que después de larga ausencia volvía al círculo de los hermanos. La poesía "Des Maurers Wandeln, es gleich dem Leben. . ." fué inspirada en esa reunión.

El 5 de Diciembre de 1815 fueron saludados en la Logia los hermanos von Eglaffstein, von Linker y von Walfskeel que tuvieron una acción descollante y valerosa en las guerras de la independencia de Alemania.

Aquella misma noche era recibido Julio Augusto Walter von Goethe, teniendo como apoderado a su padre. Fué

el último trabajo ritual al que asistió Goethe padre. El nuevo hermano era una promesa para la institución por su trabajo y constancia. Rápidamente fué ascendido en los años 1818-1820 al segundo y tercer grado y desempeñó desde el año 1820 en forma admirable el puesto de tesorero. Era él quien servía de intermediario entre la Logia y su padre y así en la primera cámara de aprendices a que asistió el 16 de Enero de 1816 que agradeció en nombre de su padre a la Logia por la distinción a que había sido objeto el día de su iniciación. Igualmente habló en nombre de su padre en el aniversario de la Logia de Erfurt el 19 de Febrero de ese mismo año.

En la gran fiesta del 13 de Septiembre de 1825 con motivo del 50.º aniversario del gobierno feliz y eficaz del gran protector, se llevó a cabo una tenida conmemorativa de los hermanos de la Logia Amalia junto con las Logias hermanas, en que el Venerable Maestro y el hermano von Müller en brillantes discursos recalaban la influencia de Goethe en la vida y las acciones del honorable Duque, de su influencia sobre las artes y la ciencia y sobre el desarrollo de todo lo bello, bueno y noble en la patria. Goethe que en este día de júbilo tomó parte activa dedicó sus preciosas y sentidas poesías. Ese mismo año se festejaba el 50.º aniversario de las actividades gubernativas de Goethe. La fiesta que se llevó a cabo en la Municipalidad el 7 de Noviembre de 1825 no tuvo estrictamente carácter masónico, eso sí que la Logia tuvo una actividad preponderante en la preparación y en la fiesta misma.

En efecto los discursos, las poesías, composiciones, dedicadas al festejado, eran sin excepción miembros de la Logia Amalia. Esta fiesta fué presidida por el hermano Schwage, el alcalde.

En el año siguiente celebró junto con el cumpleaños del duque la vuelta del Duque Bernardo de su largo viaje que hizo a América. Durante la comida el hermano Goethe hijo, recitó una poesía dedicada por su padre al huésped.

El 14 de Julio de 1828 falleció el Gran Duque Carlos Augusto. Su muerte fué no sólo un duelo del Gran Ducado, sino un duelo para toda la Alemania; también fué una pérdida para la Logia Amalia a la cual había sido protegido con toda su fuerza y energía.

El día de su cumpleaños, el 3 de Septiembre, se llevó a cabo en la gran sala municipal el duelo y homenaje que rindió la Logia Amalia y las Logias hermanas al hermano perdido. A Goethe que ya tenía con más de 80 años de edad, afectó esta pérdida como un amigo en forma tal, que no tuvo valor para asistir a esa ceremonia ni para dar expresión a su dolor por medio de una poesía.

Las bodas de oro de Goethe por motivos de índole meramente personal, las celebró en su último círculo familiar y fué así como tampoco pudo asistir el 23 de Junio de 1830 la comisión de la Logia.

Del diploma de miembro honorario que se le entregó en el 50.º aniversario de su vuelta a la Logia Amalia fué recibido por Goethe con una íntima exteriorización de agradecimiento y gratitud, que lo manifestó en una poesía que fué leída en una fiesta especial de la Logia por el hermano von Müller, quien pronunció en esa ocasión un discurso que fué impreso y regalado al festejado. Goethe agradeció a von Müller y a la Logia por la distinción a que se le hacía objeto, como se deduce de la lectura de sus monografías. Es digno de mencionar una frase en que se entrevé el sentimiento íntimo de Goethe: Soy lo suficientemente anciano para poder juzgar imparcialmente lo que se escribe en honor mío, lo agradezco de todo corazón. . . .

En el año 1832 con motivo de la fiesta de San Juan se llevó a cabo una tenida de duelo, el día antes del cumpleaños del hermano Friedrich von Schiller. La tenida tuvo lugar en la gran sala municipal artísticamente adornada, junto con las Logias hermanas. En el oriente de la sala se veía un gran cuadro que representaba un valle y en el cual se veía un sarcófago sobre una gran roca con las insignias del maestro. Sobre ella una gran pirámide en cuya cúspide

brillaba una estrella con el nombre de Goethe, rodeada de coronas y trofeos. En la pirámide se leía:

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
nacido el 28 de Agosto de 1749
Ingresado a la Masonería
el 25 de Junio de 1780
Pasado al eterno oriente
el 22 de Marzo de 1832.

A su memoria, los hermanos de la Logia Amalia.

En este mismo lado, (oriente), tenía su asiento el Venerable Maestro.

Detrás de él, se destacaban las estatuas de Ana Amalia y Carlos Augusto. En el poniente, tomaban colocación los dos vigilantes. En el centro se veía una alfombra celeste, en uno de cuyos ángulos se dibujaba un alzar triangular con las insignias masónicas de Goethe rodeadas de una cadena de encinas. En los tres ángulos restantes había candelabros. Las paredes de la sala, profusamente iluminadas, estaban rodeadas con emblemas apropiadas.

Una gran cadena de estrellas adornaba el friso.

En una fiesta conmemorativa del inmortal poeta, también asistieron las nobles mujeres, que inspiraron, por así decirlo, casi todas sus obras. A cada una de ellas se les otorgó una pequeña fotografía de Goethe que las ostentaban sobre sus pechos.

Honda impresión causó la presencia de la nuera de Goethe, que fué especialmente invitada por la Logia a esta ceremonia, junto con sus dos hermanos Walter y Wolf.

Del breve resumen hecho de las actividades masónicas del inmortal poeta, resalta a la vista su enorme influencia en la evolución e ideología de nuestra querida institución y es por ello que nosotros, aún cientos de años después, debemos seguir venerándolo tal como sus hermanos contemporáneos lo hacían.—F. S. M. en "Revista Masónica de Chile."

Deberes del Maestro

Motivan estas mal trazadas líneas, sin pretensiones literarias, las observaciones que he efectuado en mis visitas a las Logias: he visto que en todas se produce el mismo mal que podríamos darle el carácter de endémico dentro de todos los Talleres.

Se inicia un profano; esperamos que contribuya con todas sus energías al engrandecimiento de la Logia que le ha dado la Luz; vemos con placer que concurre con asiduidad a los trabajos de su Taller, es Aprendiz; persiste en el conocimiento del Arte Real y llega a Compañero, pero su aspiración es ser Maestro y sigue instruyéndose y concurrendo a nuestros trabajos.

Es Maestro. A su juicio ha terminado su carrera masónica, empieza a faltar a las tenidas de su Logia; se le exhorta a concurrir; promete hacerlo pero no cumple. Hablando con otros Hermanos disculpa su inasistencia diciéndoles: "No voy porque en la Logia se trata siempre lo mismo." El que así piensa ¡qué engañado está! en todas las tenidas para el Maestro estudioso hay nuevos motivos de aprendizaje: "El que no trabaja para sí debe trabajar para otro que tenga más necesidad que él" dice el ritual de primer grado: el que está instruido debe enseñar al que desea aprender, este es el trabajo del Maestro, pero desgraciadamente en su mayoría se reciben de Maestro y dejan de concurrir al Taller que cifraba en ellos tantas esperanzas, olvidándose que, mientras fueron Aprendices y Compañeros, su deseo era ser instruido por los Maestros.

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Los Maestros son los que tienen mayor obligación en concurrir al trabajo de sus Talleres, pues éstos no podrán prosperar si ellos que son los que deben instruir a los Aprendices y Compañeros no lo hacen; son también los encargados de llevar sus ideas para ser discutidas, y siendo buenas para que se pongan en práctica.

Hermanos todos, os exhorto a que concurráis al trabajo de vuestras Logias. Cada uno debe aportar su grano de arena. Una idea es una semilla que bien regada dará hermosos frutos. No os desaniméis cuando vuestras ideas que creéis sanas y buenas no son aceptadas. Persistid, no todos podemos pensar lo mismo y lo que a mí me parece una idea feliz, a otro no le parece lo mismo y la combate. No abandonéis vuestro puesto, pues sería una Institución compuesta por autómatas si todos pensáramos e hicieramos lo mismo. No abandonéis la Logia cuando vuestras ideas son combatidas. Institución de hombres libres, tenemos el derecho de pensar cada uno de acuerdo con nuestra conciencia, y en la lucha, en la noble lucha por el ideal es deber masónico persistir. Recordad que ningún General ha ganado una batalla cediendo el campo al enemigo. No esperéis que el Venerable y los Oficiales de vuestra Logia lo hagan todo; acompañadles y entre todos podremos llevar a nuestra querida Orden a la altura que le corresponde estar por ser la única Institución basada en la hermosa trilogía, de Libertad, Igualdad, Fraternidad.—“Acacia,” Montevideo (Uruguay).

Hogares Tristes

Hay hogares muy tristes, desamparados de todo amor tranquilo, puro y sereno, donde sólo se incuban fieros rencores, donde moran los seres desventurados en cuyas tristes almas, llenas de cieno, jamás de la ternura brotan las flores. Hay hogares muy tristes, faltos de amores, cuyos siniestros muros nunca han oído aquel santo proceso en que se vierten frases en un oído que las va recogiendo con embeleso, mientras suena el chasquido con que bate sus alas un tierno beso.

Son los hogares tristes como pantanos productores de gérmenes caliginosos que emponzoñan el cuerpo que los respira, focos pestilenciales de aires insanos que truecan a sus hijos en ominosos perdurables esclavos del vicio y la ira. ¡Quién no siente piedades cuando los mira y el ansia de quitarles el maleficio que a cada paso augura que ha de hacer en sus almas su presa el vicio! ¡Quién no siente en su espíritu la gran ternura del santo beneficio de dar a un hogar triste pan y ventura!

Como la luz del día baja del cielo y entra del hogar triste por la ventana, cubriendo sus miserias con manto de oro, llegue hasta el hogar triste nuestro consuelo y henchida de piedades el alma humana derrame allí las ánforas de su tesoro. Levante al abatido, seque su lloro . . . Que los hogares tristes, faltos de amores, son plantas agostadas por la brutal crudeza de sus dolores. Dirijamos hacia ellos nuestras miradas, y sus marchitas flores por nuestras propias manos sean regadas.

—RAFAEL TORROME, en “Partenón,” Mérida (México)

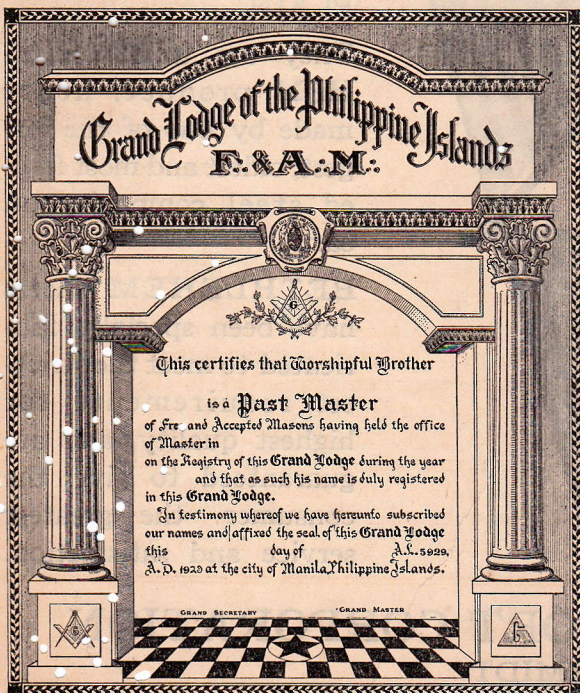
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DEL H. E. M. H.

Desde las más remotas edades, en todas las épocas, ha palpitado en lo íntimo del ser humano el anhelo de encontrar consuelo y esperanzas en medio de las luchas y sufrimientos de la vida diaria, que algunos han llamado "Valle de lágrimas".

No han encontrado los hombres en sí mismos ni en los objetos que los rodean, la satisfacción de sus deseos y por eso levantan, implorantes, sus ojos al cielo.

En él ven brillar el gran astro, fuente de vida y de salud, que anima y da fuerza a la naturaleza.

Y la maravilla de la vida y el misterio de la muerte ha inquietado e inquieta los espíritus como una incógnita solemne e indescifrable.

He aquí, en mi entender, el origen de las religiones, que reflejan la necesidad del espíritu humano de hallar una explicación a estas trascendentales cuestiones, a la vez que recuperar la fe y la esperanza que la vida nos arrebató.

Las mentalidades privilegiadas y los espíritus selectos, lejos de ser una excepción a esta regla del humano linaje, nos la confirman ampliamente. Pero ellos no han escogido el camino que recorre el vulgo, no se satisfacen con la imposición del dogma, sino que, por el contrario, se adelantan por el sendero de la Virtud y del Deber en cuyo término brilla, como un nuevo Sol, la Sabiduría.

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Ya se nos ha dicho. Nuestra tarea no es de mero pasatiempo, es de sacrificio constante. Debemos luchar contra nuestros prejuicios, vencer nuestras pasiones y ser más fuertes que nuestros errores; debemos, en suma, purificarnos.

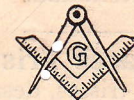
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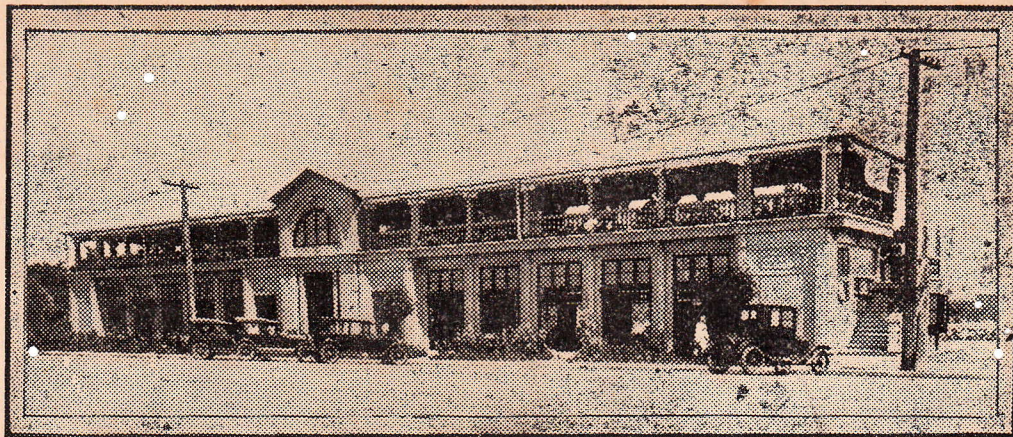
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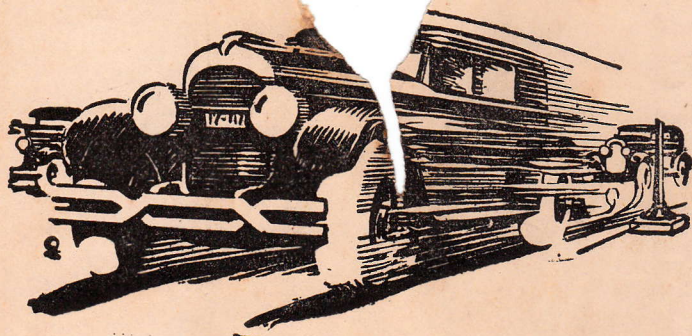
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