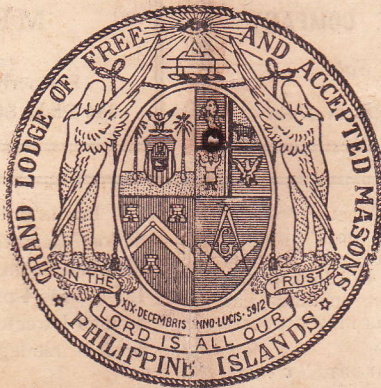


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Welcome!

We bid a warm fraternal welcome to the Officers and Members of the Most Wor. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands now preparing to attend the Annual Communication to be held in Manila on Tuesday, January 24, 1933, and subsequent days. We pray that their labors for the good of Masonry may be fruitful, and that the Great Architect of the Universe may so subdue every discordant passion within us that the Grand Lodge may humbly reflect that order and beauty which reign forever before His throne.

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NEWTON C. COMFORT, Secretary.

Manila, P. I., Dec. 1, 1932.

Por la presente se notifica que se celebrará la Junta Anual de los Miembros de la Gran Logia de M. L. y A. de las Islas Filipinas, como corporación, en el Templo Masónico, Manila, I. F., a las 4 p. m. del Martes, 24 de Enero de 1933 para elegir a cinco Directores y despachar los demás asuntos que puedan presentarse legalmente.

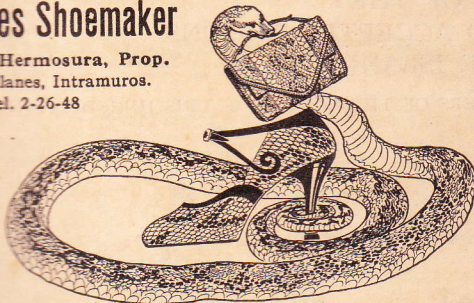
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The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, founded in 1912, has 105 Lodges (29 in city of Manila), with approximately 6,650 Master Masons. It is the only sovereign Grand Lodge in Asia and is universally recognized. Its territory, the Philippine Archipelago, has a land area of 114,400 square miles and a population of over 12 millions. The present elective Grand Officers are: Antonio González, Grand Master; Stanton Youngberg, Deputy Grand Master; Manuel Camus, Senior Grand Warden; Charles S. Banks, Junior Grand Warden; E. del Rosario Tan Kiang, Grand Treasurer; Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary, and Julian C. Balmaseda, Grand Lecturer. Grand Lodge meets on the fourth Tuesday of January each year and transacts business in both English and Spanish.

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Editorial Section

Our New Lodge in China

We are sure that every Mason of the Philippine Jurisdiction hails the advent of Nanking Lodge with delight and satisfaction. Good and sufficient reasons constrained Most Wor. Bro. González' immediate predecessor to deny a similar petition, much to his regret, and the Grand Lodge unanimously approved that action. But now there is no doubt that with the same unanimity, our Grand Lodge will approve the action of its present Grand Master in signing the second petition. May Nanking Lodge grow, flourish, and prosper, and may it win the respect of all other Lodges in China and throughout the Masonic world, the same as Amity Lodge No. 106 has done. Being an international Lodge like Amity No. 106, the new Lodge will attract Chinese of culture and high standing in the community, by whose admission Masonry will profit greatly and to whom the guide-post of Masonic thought and tenets will be invaluable. We expect much of our youngest Lodge and hope and trust that it will come up to our expectations and will, like Amity Lodge, surpass our fondest hopes.—L. F.

Our Newly Elected Officers

Our Lodges have been electing officers and quite a few of these have been installed in the last few weeks. New Master sit in the East, new Senior Wardens in the West, and new Juniors in the South, and in some Lodges, the badges with the crossed keys and the crossed pens adorn the breasts of Brethren new to those stations. We wish all these new officers success throughout the year. May their efforts in behalf of their Lodge be fruitful. May their acts be guided by wisdom. May they have the support of each and every member of the Lodge that has elected them. And may their elevation to office not turn their heads; but be helpful to them and teach them things that are best learned by being placed in authority and the knowledge and possession of which are essential to success in the world. Many a statesman, many an executive has received valuable training in a Masonic Lodge. May our new officers learn and improve during their term as they should and must do if they perform their duties well and conscientiously. A strict and unconditional adherence to their Masonic obligations and to the laws of the Fraternity and, more particularly, the Constitution of our Grand

Lodge, are the first and most essential condition, and we hope that none of the Brethren inducted into office during the present Masonic year will ever be found lacking in this respect.—L. F.

Our M. W. Bro. Comfort

During the month of December, a severe attack of bronchitis confined our veteran Grand Secretary, Most Wor. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, to his house for several weeks and greatly alarmed his numerous friends and admirers. However, though our good Brother is not a robust man, clean living throughout a long and useful life often wins the day in a contest of this kind, and Bro. Comfort has come out victorious and even improved by the enforced rest and the careful attention he received during his illness. We hope he will be spared to us for many years, because men of his caliber are difficult to find and few Masons in the Islands enjoy the love and esteem of the Craft in such a large measure as our Grand Secretary. During his twenty years of loyal service to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands as Grand Master and Grand Secretary, he has become a figure well known throughout the Masonic world, as shown by the numerous inquiries received in our office from many different parts of the globe when he was first reported ill.

While his infirmity has compelled Most Wor. Bro. Comfort to leave some of the details of his work to others, his mind and spirit guide the work of his office and like the Sublime Paralytic, he is still giving his best efforts to the cause he loves, in spite of the physical handicap from which he has been suffering for nearly two years.

We wish our distinguished Brother health and continued success.—L. F.

The Active Worker in Lodge

An active worker in the Lodge is a godsend. Always there when degree work is put on, a funeral to be attended, committee work to be done, or an entertainment to be arranged, he is a valuable assistant to the Master and a distinct asset to the Lodge. But does that alone qualify him to rise to the office of Master? We do not think so. The position of Master should and must go to the Brother

most fitted by his qualities to hold it. It demands executive ability, tact, and educational qualifications of its incumbent. The Master has to act as adviser and leader. He has to represent the Lodge in Grand Lodge and in the outside world and must be able to represent it worthily. He can not be a man deficient in breeding and schooling. He must be a man able to hold his own in good society. Unfortunately, the assiduous attendant, the faithful worker, is very often not the proper timber for the oriental chair.—L. F.

Masonry and the Criminal

Ten years ago, a President of the United States of America, Brother Warren G. Harding, said in an address delivered at the Shrine Conclave that "men lose their right of fraternal hearing when they transgress the law of the land." To such appeals, we surmise, the distinguished speaker had on more than one occasion been compelled to turn a deaf ear. The extension of executive clemency or immunity from prosecution and punishment has no doubt been urged more than once on fraternal grounds. But we have always held that a Mason who transgresses the law is doubly guilty, because he has committed a Masonic offense at the same time. The man is not a true Mason, we hold, who comes whining to the Fraternity to protect him from the consequences of a violation of the law for which he should justly suffer. A Mason, of all men, should be an exemplary citizen, and if he has yielded to temptation and sinned against the law, he should not try to have justice thwarted, but should bear the penalty with fortitude.—L. F.

The Ideal and The Real

The world in which we are living is by no means an ideal world and we can not live in it as if it were an ideal world. While Masonry is striving hard to bring about as nearly ideal conditions as possible, it does not close its eyes to the reality of things. Our great Fraternity is, and ever has been, an ardent advocate of the Brotherhood of Man and of Universal Peace. Yet it does not ignore the fact that the world is not ripe for such an ideal situation, and being a good citizen of the country to which he owes allegiance, the Mason would not think of hampering his government by opposition and refusal to cooperate to the fullest extent in time of a national emergency. The Mason is a pacifist in the sense that he will go far to maintain world peace, but he is not a stupid pacifist, a man who will consent to his country being turned over, bound hand and foot, as it were, to its enemies. Military preparedness will, no doubt, never be opposed by the Fraternity so long there is any necessity for it.—L. F.

A Mason's Daughter

We learn that Miss Mar'a Enteros Larraga, winner of the *Free Press* beauty contest, instead of using the 300-peso prize awarded to her for her own benefit, divided it into four equal parts and donated one-fourth to her Alma Mater, the Santa Rosa College; one-fourth to the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, one-fourth to the Culion Lepers, and one-fourth to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children. Miss Larraga, a charming maiden of seventeen summers, is the daughter of Wor. Bro. Federico V. Larraga, a Past Master of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, of Tacloban, Leyte. She is certainly an honor and a credit to a home where Masonic virtues are cultivated, and her example is worthy of emulation.

The man who lets life insurance help him is the man who is taking advantage of the best help that has ever been devised for the financial salvation of the family. Such a man will not bring a burden to the fraternity by leaving his dependents without means to provide for themselves after he has been called to the Celestial lodge above.

Editorial Comment and Correspondence

From Bro. Charles Schou

In a letter dated November 18, 1932, Bro. Charles Schou, of San Carlos, Occidental Negros, expresses the belief that the Grand Lodge has a "pull" with the weatherman, because after almost a week of extremely unfavorable radio conditions, Mr. Static turned tail on November 17th, leaving the field undisputedly in the possession of the Grand Lodge. The entire 20th Anniversary program, speeches, music, song, and the repeated applause came out "as plainly and clearly as if I had been in the hall in the Temple." Bro. Schou enjoyed the program very much.

Wor. Bro. Howe on Amity Lodge

In a letter to M. W. Bro. Jas. M. Clift, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Wor. Bro. Dr. James Lewis Howe, one of the most distinguished educators of the State of Virginia, writing about a recent visit to China, has the following to say of Amity Lodge No. 106:

...While in Shanghai, I saw a great deal of the members of Amity Lodge, the international Lodge recently established under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. They have no meetings in summer, so I could not attend, but I met many members, including the Secretary and the Master. It is a splendid set of men, and includes some of the most prominent men in Shanghai. (26 are members of the Shanghai Rotary Club). I would say that rather more than half are Chinese.

We are very much pleased to see our Lodge in China appreciated by distinguished Brethren from other Grand Jurisdiction, and we thank M. W. Bro. Clift for bringing the letter quoted to our knowledge. We are indeed proud of our Brethren of Amity Lodge!

Curtailing Funeral Processions

Under the above heading, the *Sunday Tribune* of Manila carries an editorial which is of much interest to us, in view of recent discussions on the subject of funerals. This article reads as follows:

In the panorama of our daily life in the Philippines there are certain features which call for at least a revision in the interest of our progressive cultural taste. One such feature is the pomp and circumstance with which we are wont to surround our funerals as a public ceremony.

Funeral processions are a relic of village life. In the barrio community where everyone knew everyone else, the death of one of the group was of personal interest to all of the others. Every member of a community, when the community is small, is more or less logically interested in paying his respects to the departed member.

But the growth of cities has wrought a profound change. The village custom has survived under conditions where it is no longer fitting. Outside of the immediate circle of family and friends, the third of a million inhabitants of Manila have no interest in the funeral processions which daily go through our streets. In most cases the families of the deceased would gladly avoid parading their grief before tens of thousands of indifferent strangers were it not for the fear that the omission would be interpreted as lack of respect for their dead.

The time has come when the people of Manila and the other large urban centers must make a radical change in one of their ancient customs, lest what they intend as a tribute of respect become a mockery. The day of the funeral processions is approaching its close.

It is right and fitting when a public personage or an outstanding figure whom the entire community wishes to honor should pass on, that an act of public ceremony should mark his passing. For the person whose death is of peculiar interest only to those, with whom he was acquainted in life, good taste dictates that only private obsequies should honor his interment.

It would not be amiss to place funeral processions under the category of public manifestations requiring a prior permit and to deny permits except in cases when the applicant claims that the ceremony is in honor of a public personage. This would obviously be a sound police measure, enabling the authorities to route the procession properly and provide

adequate traffic control. In cases not involving a public personage the custom now followed in large cities elsewhere should be adopted. This custom consists in having the mourners arrive at a certain hour at the place of interment, without the need for an organized procession.

If such a regulation were imposed it would enable the vast majority who do not wish to make a public spectacle of their grief, to avoid the ordeal gracefully. It would add immeasurably to the dignity and genuine respect which should mark our homage to our dear departed ones.

In this connection, we will quote part of a paragraph on "Funerals" from the official "Blue Book" of the Grand Lodge of California:

Well-informed Masons are of the opinion that in a short time a Masonic funeral will be an unusual occurrence. Already the day of long processions and brass bands has passed. Many funerals are now conducted privately, and undue expense and display are not considered good form. But Masters should not run counter to sentiment, and whenever the family or immediate friends or a deceased brother desire a Masonic funeral, it should be attended to promptly, and intelligently, and so far as is consonant with good taste, in the place and manner desired by the family. . .

We consider that the paragraphs quoted represent enlightened and cultured opinion on the matter of funerals, and that the display and expense that still characterize our funerals should disappear.

Reduction of Fees and Dues

Under the above caption, *The Lambskin*, the monthly bulletin of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, publishes an editorial which we have been asked to reproduce in THE CABLETOW, as being timely. The editor of the *Lambskin* being the same as the editor of the CABLETOW, we can not but agree with the opinions expressed in this article, which reads as follows:

At all great gatherings of Masons held of late there has been such a clamor for the reduction of the Grand Lodge dues, Home fund contributions, initiation fees, and other things, that one necessarily concludes that the Lodges are completely impoverished. And yet there have never been more numerous and lavish entertainments and buffet lunches than in these last few months.

What are we to conclude from this? When we see Lodges deeply in debt to the Grand Lodge or their landlords serve expensive spreads and provide splendid entertainments, we must justly conclude that there is something fundamentally wrong.

Unfortunately, a Grand Lodge can not be run on wind, like a windmill, and our Lodges could not make a worse mistake than to cheapen Masonry by reducing the minimum fees for the degrees. When a man cannot afford to put up 115 pesos cash with his petition for the degrees, Masonry is better off without him. What cheap fraternal organizations amount to has been amply demonstrated in the past, when such bodies rose out of obscurity, grew and prospered exceedingly, made a lot of noise and much show, and disappeared into the outer darkness again as if they had never existed.

Let us pay our just debts. Let us cut down expenses. Let us maintain a proper Grand Lodge. And don't let us cheapen Masonry!

What Is Your Definition?

Under the above heading, *Masonic Tidings*, published in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the able management and editorship of Bro. James A. Fetterly, presents the following editorial:

What is Masonry? This question has been asked millions of times and answered in thousands of ways. And well it might be, for to each member of the craft it has a different meaning, the interpretation determined by the seriousness of his desire to progress in Masonic lore. To some it is just another order in which they can claim membership, their initiation remains to them a vague memory, the obligations which they took upon themselves have been forgotten. They have not delved into its boundless store of knowledge, gathered during the many years of the Fraternity's existence; have not used the Master tools with which they are equipped, and remain Masons in name only.

There are others who have taken their Masonry seriously, have realized the pleasure, the wisdom, the benefit to be derived in the search for light. To these each symbol has a hidden meaning, is a sign post in the way of life, revealed and glorified only to those who search diligently. They follow the directions of Masonry's teachings and are amply rewarded for their faithfulness.

Because of the latter of the two classes Masonry has lived and flourished through the centuries; has withstood and thrived in the face of

persecution, its tenets being promulgated in every part of the world. True, also, because the fundamentals of civilization, of humanity's existence—love, charity, hope, tolerance—are enshrined in its teachings. Some have realized this, have made Masonry a part of their lives and, passing on, have left it a heritage to their successors.

But again arises the question, What is this heritage? And again it is realized that no combination of words, no group of sentences adequately defines it. To each initiate like material is given and the house he erects is limited only by the amount of effort expended.

No two men in the world have exactly the same idea and conception of Freemasonry and its mission on earth, and for that reason, our Fraternity is not as united all the world over as it might and should be. Like religion, Freemasonry has served as a means, an excuse and cloak, for many things foreign and abhorrent to it. Graft and politics have often attempted, to use it for their purposes, and these attempts have not always been unsuccessful. Religious and racial prejudice have raised their heads in the Masonry of some countries. But nevertheless, our Fraternity continues undismayed on its onward march, and while the number of its enemies and detractors is great, yet it has the respect and admiration of the fair-minded and unprejudiced wherever it has established its Lodges.

The Stewards

In commenting on our article on the *Stewards* in the November number, Bro. Dominador Gallardo, of Tacloban, makes comments on these officers which we consider worth while reproducing in this column. We would add that our newly elected Masters should bear Bro. Gallardo's remarks in mind and not only be careful in their selection of the Brethren who are to fill the offices of Senior and Junior Stewards; but instruct these Brethren in their duties and see that they comply with instructions. Here is the comment to which we refer:

. . . Doubtless, less-informed Masons feel themselves lowered in category when the Master appoints them to this important place. It happens then, that in small Lodges, such as can be found in the provinces, the Stewards are incapable of doing their duties. Thus, the preparation room becomes one of the most unwelcome places for the poor blind candidate, not only because he is made the "goat" by other members who have no business whatsoever to enter the room, but also because the Stewards unfortunately lack "tact and discretion", not knowing that "the most conscientious efforts of the Master, Wardens and Deacons and the most perfect work on the part of these officers may be brought to naught by their blundering attitude".

Thanks!

Congratulatory letters concerning the last issue of the CABLETOW have been received from various readers, including Wor. Bros. Juan O. Chioco and Cesario Dalmacio, of Makiling Lodge No. 72, and Bro. Dominador J. Gallardo, of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47. Many thanks, Brethren!

We also desire to thank the Plaza Lunch for the gift of a neat little memorandum book and the McCullough Printing Co. for an Amity bill fold.

Official Section

Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Antonio González has appointed Wor. Bros. Eulogio Manlapit (13), Mariano Sia (27), and William Merz (80), to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of January, 1933.

Addresses Wanted

Will any Brother knowing the address or whereabouts of Bro. Elin Rodriguez (formerly c/o S. S. Mauban, Manila, or 2 Pagkakaisa Str., Mendoza Estate, Sta. Ana, Manila)

communicate with the Secretary of Walana Lodge No. 13, Dionisio F. Alejandro, P. O. Box No. 2901, Manila, P. I.?

Bro. Yu Yok Lin's address is needed by the Secretary of his Lodge. Will any Brother knowing it communicate it to Bro. Daniel Sindiong, Secretary, Mount Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Dumaguete, Or. Negros?

[Grand Master's Circular Letter]

To the Masters, Wardens, and Members of all

Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction:

GREETINGS:—It being the desire of the undersigned that provision be made in this Grand Jurisdiction for conferring the degree of Past Master, in pursuance of the provisions of paragraph 324 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, a Committee is hereby appointed, consisting of M. W. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey, and Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, to prepare the necessary rules and ritual therefor and submit the same to the undersigned before the Annual Communication of 1933.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Manila, this 29th day of December, A. L. 5932 (A. D. 1932).

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Grand Secretary.*

Lodge Secretaries, Attention

A number of Brethren have recently assumed the duties of Secretary of the Lodge to which each belongs and will no doubt appreciate some instructions concerning their work in connection with the CABLETOW which may save them a great deal of useless effort and increase their efficiency in the performance of the many and important duties of the office of Lodge Secretary. We have in the following paragraphs stated a few essential facts relative to that feature of their work, and hope that some of the reelected Secretaries will also read these instructions, as some of them still insist upon doing the wrong thing.

1. The CABLETOW management and Grand Lodge have nothing to do with individual accounts for subscription of the Lodge members. In fact, as far as these offices are concerned, there is no such a thing as a "subscription": there is merely a *contribution* for the support of the CABLETOW, ("CABLETOW Quota") paid to the Grand Lodge (since December 1, 1929) by each Lodge, at the rate of ₱1.00 for each Master Mason on the rolls of the Lodge on the date of the annual return. A Brother is entitled to the CABLETOW from the date of his initiation, and all initiations should, therefore, be reported immediately, with the address of the new Brother, to the CABLETOW Office. No charge is made for additions to the list of members entitled to the CABLETOW received during the year, nor is any credit given for names dropped during the year; in other words, the only money transactions of the Lodges with the Grand Lodge office as regards the CABLETOW are the payment of the CABLETOW Quota jointly with the Grand Lodge dues, at the time the annual return of the Lodge is made.

2. Payments for periods prior to December 1, 1929, must be made direct to the CABLETOW as this indebtedness accrued under the old arrangement.

3. Send changes of address and notices of names to be added or dropped, punctually, and send twice a year, or oftener, a copy of your mailing list, for checking purposes. The CABLETOW management is often blamed for the non-receipt of papers in cases in which the Secretary has not notified the office of changes of address, initiations, reinstatements, etc. A number of cases of papers being removed from the mails or mail-boxes by enemies of our Institution have also been reported. In all cases, inform the CABLETOW office.

4. In sending material for the columns entitled "Personal" and "Lodge News," follow the instructions generally published at the head of each of these columns. Our space is limited and we often have to omit items on this account; but we always try to give everybody a square deal.

5. The CABLETOW space is expensive and we can for this reason not publish resolutions of condolence, thanks, etc., passed by the Lodges, circular letters issued by Masters of Lodges, etc. What is fit and proper material for a Lodge *Bulletin* or circular is not always suitable for a paper going to nearly 7,000 readers in all parts of the world. The Board of Editors is the judge of what is to be published and what is not to be published.

6. The archives of each Lodge must include a complete file of the CABLETOW. Progressive Lodges are having their CABLETOW bound. Be sure that at the end of the year you have a complete file of the paper to show that you have not neglected this obligation during your term of office. With each May number we now print an index for the CABLETOW year which makes it easy to find things.

Stated Meetings of Manila Lodges

January 10 (Second Tuesday).—Benjamin Franklin No. 94, Masonic Temple.

January 11 (Second Wednesday).—Bagumbayan No. 4, Masonic Temple.

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

January 14 (Second Saturday).—Dalisay No. 14, Plaridel Temple; Walana No. 13, Masonic Temple.

January 18 (Third Wednesday).—Sinukuan No. 16, Plaridel Temple.

January 19 (Third Thursday).—Solidaridad No. 23, Plaridel Temple.

January 20 (Third Friday).—Modestia-Liwayway No. 81, Plaridel Temple.

January 21 (Third Saturday).—Hagdang Bato No. 87, 527 Alvarado; High Twelve No. 82, Masonic Temple.

January 28 (Fourth Saturday).—Biak-Na-Bato No. 7, Masonic Temple; Dapitan No. 21, Plaridel Temple.

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

February 2 (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.

February 3 (First Friday).—St. John's No. 9, Masonic Temple; Hiram No. 88, Plaridel Temple.

February 4 (First Saturday).—Nilad No. 12, Plaridel Temple; Taga-Ilog No. 79, Masonic Temple; Araw No. 18, 527 Alvarado.

February 6 (First Monday).—Luz Océanica No. 85, Masonic Temple; Service No. 95, Plaridel Temple.

February 7 (First Tuesday).—Manila No. 1, Masonic Temple; Kasilawan No. 77, Masonic Temple.

February 8 (Second Wednesday).—Bagumbayan No. 4, Masonic Temple.

February 9 (Second Thursday).—Corregidor No. 3, Masonic Temple; Batong-Buhay No. 27, 527 Alvarado.

February 11 (Second Saturday).—Dalisay No. 14, Plaridel Temple; Walana No. 13, Masonic Temple.

Masonic Exhibit at Annual Communication

A collection of Masonic papers, documents, books, pictures, aprons, collars, medals, etc., will be on exhibition in the Scottish Rite Hall of the Masonic Temple on the Escolta during the Annual Communication this year. It will consist of objects lent for the time being by Masons and others. Among the relics already secured are aprons and decorations used by Lodges under the Gran Oriente Español in these Islands, manuscript letters and speeches by Dr. José Rizal, M. H. del Pilar and other eminent Masons, a lantern used by Nilad Lodge No. 12, etc.

All Brethren having such objects are urged to lend them to the Grand Lodge for this occasion. Bro. Eduardo L. Claudio has been appointed a committee to receive, take charge of, and return the articles so lent, which should be delivered at the Grand Secretary's Office on the 5th floor of the Masonic Temple.

Translation
of M. W. Grand Master Antonio González'
Message for January

My Message

XII

My Farewell as Grand Master.

We said, upon initiating this series of brief monthly messages, that it was our purpose to enjoy a few moments of spiritual communion with the Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction, through the pages of this review, the official organ of our Grand Lodge.

With the aid of God, that Great Architect of the Universe whom we Masons always invoke before we engage in any great and important undertaking, we have achieved our purpose and have each month since February 1932 contributed an article to the editorial pages of our paper.

This is the last month of our term as Grand Master, hence this will be our last monthly message in that capacity. And, as we began these messages by sending fraternal greetings to all Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, so shall we conclude this series by bidding them all a fraternal FAREWELL and assuring them that nothing is so gratifying as the idea that everything we have been saying here has been so well received by our benevolent readers.

There is no doubt that in certain strata of our society a very erroneous idea prevails as to what MASONRY really is. There is so much prejudice and bias against our fraternity in certain quarters that our work there is exceedingly difficult.

It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that there be work of real culture, as regards our principles and ideals, not only among those who have been received into the world of Masonry, but also among those who belong to the world outside, to profane society.

And this is the explanation of the policy which we have constantly pursued since we took over the administration of affairs in our Grand Lodge.

We have striven to have the outside world profit by our tenets and teachings, because we have always held that this will render them more efficacious, it being the best means of removing from certain minds prejudices and suspicions that have no reason to exist.

This is not propaganda but merely a labor of enlightenment. We are not proselyting: we are engaged in a work of true masonic culture as the best means of making our institution a dynamic force for the moral and spiritual development of men and nations.

We can not have too many publications, and for that reason our review must be preserved at any cost and be still further improved, if possible. And if we could publish our altruistic ideals and purposes and the reason why we exist, by means of handbills and pamphlets, that would solve many of our difficulties and problems.

We have for this reason always urged our Lodges to continue publishing their bulletins because, though small and brief, they are excellent vehicles for spreading our sublime teachings in the communities in which we are living.

The same considerations inspired the preparation of a MASONIC MANUAL, the holding of a literary contest under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, the holding of monthly meetings, the several conventions of Master Masons in our Grand Jurisdiction, and other similar activities with which our members are well acquainted because they have taken such an active part in nearly all of them.

We have personally visited ninety-nine of the one hundred and four Lodges at present working in our Grand Jurisdiction. The other five have been visited by other Brethren

in our behalf. Only one Lodge has not received any visitation, and that was due to our lacking time and opportunity. That sole exception is Charleston Lodge No. 44, in Guam.

In all these visits, meetings, and conventions, we have asked the Craft to make their voice heard, to inform us of their desires, their problems and difficulties, and to submit frankly and sincerely whatever suggestions and requests they might see fit to make in the interest of Masonry.

We do not think we presume too much when we affirm that our members have shown a full appreciation of the spirit that animated us when we initiated this movement.

We also believe that it is due to this that there is now greater solidarity and mutual intelligence among the rank and file of the Craft.

We do not know how to express our sincere gratitude to all the Grand Officers, inspectors, and other Brethren who have made great sacrifices in order that our labor might be a success.

We are all aware of the present acute economic depression, owing to which some of our Lodges are in very straitened circumstances. Nevertheless, though the sacrifice was great, they have always been found ready to spend important sums when it was necessary to do any work required by the interest of the Fraternity.

Thus we were able to charter, for the first time, a vessel for the purpose of visiting the Lodges of the South, to visit the Lodges of the Bikol region with a large contingent of Brethren, and to make our journeys to Shanghai, to the northern provinces, and to other places of our beautiful Archipelago, accompanied by numerous parties of Brethren.

Having ascertained, through personal observation, that the most important problems affecting our Lodges are of a financial nature, we have recently appointed a SPECIAL ECONOMIC READJUSTMENT COMMITTEE, as announced in the last number of our review, the mission of which committee is to make a careful survey of everything concerning the finances of the subordinate Lodges and of the Grand Lodge, in order to enable us to act intelligently upon the many petitions and resolutions asking for the remission of debts, the reduction of fees and dues, etc.

We also found it necessary to make a careful study of what should be our future policy in China, and this was largely responsible for our visit to Shanghai last September. As a result of this visit we decided, upon the petition of several Brethren in Nanking, to issue a dispensation for the organization of NANKING LODGE, U.D., in the capital of the Republic of China.

Besides the special committees above referred to, we saw fit to create others, such as the committee which is to determine the place where the first Lodge raised its columns in the Philippine Islands; the committee to take care of Brethren from the provinces who are visiting Manila, and the committee which had charge of arrangements for the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the foundation of our Grand Lodge. These committees are preparing their reports which will be brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge during its coming Annual Communication.

We would like to inform you of all the principal features of our work; but we lack space for this. A summary account of them might give rise to mistaken impressions. We therefore ask all our members to try to attend the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, at which we shall make a detailed report of all that we have done during the year.

In bidding our Brethren farewell on this occasion, we do not mean that we shall discontinue collaborating with this review. We simply bid them all good-bye as Grand Master, because by the time the next number comes out we shall have resumed our place among the rank and file of the Craft.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands,

when you made me your Grand Master, you gave me the best opportunity that can be offered to man for being of service to humankind. The remembrance of your spontaneous and decided coöperation will afford me the greatest happiness during the succeeding years of my life. But that happiness will be much greater if during my year of office I have, to some extent at least, come up to your expectations when you made me your Grand Master, though I was undeserving of that signal honor.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, *Grand Master.*

Pieces of Architecture

Our Reading Table

The Modern Templar. By Chalmers L. Pancoast, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of New York. Copies can be had for \$2.65, postpaid (ordinary edition for \$2.15, postpaid), from the Macey Publishing and Masonic Supply Co., 35 W. 32nd Street, New York City, N. Y.

The number of Knights Templar in the Philippine Islands is rather small; but besides them, many of our Brethren are interested in Knight Templary and will be glad to learn of the publication of the book above mentioned. This volume shows Knight Templary in action in these trying times and especially answers the question so often propounded, "What is the Knight Templar doing today?" Some of the leading Knights Templar of today have contributed to this volume, also Bro. Perry Winslow Weidner, who died but lately as Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U. S. A. There are four parts to the book, entitled I. The Leaders of Templary; II. Templar Inspiration; III. Templar History and Symbolism; IV. Templar Statistics. The book, which will be particularly helpful to officers of the Commandery, ought to be of interest to Masons in general.

The Cornerstone. (Vol. I, No. 11.)—Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, Master of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80, deserves great credit for the special issue of *The Cornerstone*, the official bulletin of the Lodge mentioned for the month of December, 1932. This booklet of 126 pages, exclusive of the index, neatly bound in blue and well illustrated, speaks of intelligent and painstaking work on the part of the Wor. Master of Mount Lebanon Lodge for the year 1932. It contains contributions from a number of officers of the Grand Lodge, beginning with M. W. Bro. Antonio González, and other prominent members of the Craft, besides articles from the pen of Wor. Bro. Santos himself and his report as Master of his Lodge. We shall not go into details but shall, from time to time, reprint, with Wor. Bro. Santos' permission, some of the good material contained in this special number of Mount Lebanon's official organ.

Our Brethren in the Service

From the Annual Report of W. B. Ricardo C. Santos, W. M., Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80, Manila

History and tradition inform us that the first masonic meetings in the Philippines were held in the Roman Catholic cathedral in the Walled City by Brethren in the British army during the occupation of the city by the British in 1762 and 1763. When the Treaty of Paris was signed in 1763, ending the Seven Years War between Spain and England, the Archbishop of Manila ordered that the edifice used as a Lodge room be "cleaned and purified."

The first reforms introduced here in the early part of the nineteenth century were due to the untiring efforts of Lieutenant General Andrés G. Camba, of the Spanish army, who was a noted Freemason of his time. The



WOR. BRO. RICARDO C. SANTOS

first masonic Lodge that was founded here was the "Primera Luz Filipina". It was established at Cavite in 1856 by José Malcampo, later Captain General of the Philippines, and Casto Mendez Nuñez, another officer in the Spanish Navy. Almost all the generals and ranking officers of the revolutionary government of the Filipinos in 1898 were Masons. The first masonic meetings in these Islands held by Americans were conducted by brethren of the North Dakota Volunteers, who carried a traveling dispensation from the Grand Lodge of North Dakota during the hectic days of 1898. At least two-thirds of the officers of the Oregon Regiment in the army of occupation were members of the Fraternity. The first meeting for the organization of the first American Lodge here, in 1901, under the Grand Lodge of California, which became the nucleus of our present Grand Lodge, at the Oriente Hotel (now Constabulary Building) was called and presided by Brother Quinan, a Colonel of the United States Army. And of the handful of Charter Members of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80, two were Colonels of the Philippine Constabulary: Brothers José de los Reyes and Felix Llorente.

The signal service done to the Fraternity in the past by our brethren in the Army and Navy is repeated by those in our Lodge. As they are more accustomed to stern discipline than their brethren who chose a different line of human endeavor, which enables them to easily fortify the heart with virtuous principles, and to enlighten the mind with useful knowledge, in most cases, they become valuable assets to the Order, and their uniform and insignias are at once a guardian to the honor and integrity of the entire Fraternity.

This chapter would be incomplete without citing with honorable mention the devotion to duty of our members with the Thirty-first Infantry. During their brief stay in Shanghai, under the leadership of Worshipful Brother Robert Key, Past Master of this Lodge, our brethren in the expeditionary force organized a special team and conferred the Third Degree of Masonry upon one of their comrades. As far as we know, that was the first degree work ever exemplified on the continent of Asia by a team composed exclusively of Brethren of the United States Army. That pioneering work was made possible by the

ccöperation of Brothers Paul Rotherman, Benedict Mixor, David Geller, Morgan Shuster, and Erick W. Mannberg, all active members of this Lodge. All and every one of them merit our hearty congratulations, and I am confident that their names will go down in the Masonic History of China in letters emblazoned in gold.



WOR. BRO. SAMUEL N. SCHECHTER

Operative vs. Speculative Masonry

By SAMUEL N. SCHECHTER, P. M.

The subject I have chosen to discuss needs no special introduction; the title tells its own story. Time and again I wondered, as no doubt many others have too, on how the word "Speculative Masonry" found its way into our Ritual; until finally curiosity got the best of me, and I set about to learn something of its history.

With this end in view I searched such available records as I could lay my hands on, but without much success. I, therefore, concluded that it was one of those things which just happened. The term crept into Masonry for the want of a better one, and was allowed to go at that. An ill choice to my mind and an unfortunate one to Masonic progress in these Islands. By constant reiteration and repetition the symbolism has so possessed us that it has come to dominate our deeds and thoughts. Talk has supplanted action to a degree which is alarming.

That we no longer work in OPERATIVE MASONRY in the specialized sense of the phrase is true; but Masonry must die of inanition if we persist in taking the term "SPECULATIVE" literally and cease to be builders. To rest content on the laurels and accomplishments of our Operative Brethren of long ago is a travesty on an Ancient and Honorable Institution and a desecration of a noble heritage.

Look about, see if you can lay your finger on some recent visible sign of accomplishment. Some outstanding undertaking which we have started and finished. Something to point to with pride as the work of Masons in these Islands. Something to justify our acting as if the millenium had been reached with nothing more to strive for, no more work to be done, except to sit back and SPECULATE on the wonders we have wrought.

We live in a community where militant Masonry should be our constant watchword; where our interest in community and civic affairs, especially education, should be of vital concern to us. In a community where we should take the lead and tower head and shoulders over every other agency

for improving the conditions under which the masses live. Ask yourselves, and answer truthfully: what are we doing either as individual Lodges, or as collective body, more than passively carrying on? Have we interested ourselves in any movement of merit, and by the collective weight of our Institution brought it to a successful termination; or aligned ourselves against menacing proposals and by the same weight achieved their downfall?

Planted in a most virgin field for Operative Masonry, with so much we could do, so much to be done, and yet so little done and accomplished. We need to be stirred from our lethargy; and moved to action. We need something to kindle within us a desire to build and do things that we like our Operative Brethren of old may also leave behind us a heritage to the lasting glory of Freemasonry in these Islands. The Temple must be finished before we are entitled to demand the secrets of a Master Mason, and receive Master Mason's wages.

Questions and Answers

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

528. Is it improper for the member of a Lodge to reveal to a Brother Mason not a member of his Lodge a discussion that has taken place at a stated meeting?

Answer.—It certainly is improper. Our Uniform Code of By-Laws (Art. XI) expressly prohibits the disclosing of "any proceedings of the Lodge, not proper to be made public." The Grand Lodge of California has declared revealing the transactions of a Lodge to be a Masonic offence. In this connection we would cite as significant that paragraph 180 of our Constitution says that the Master should request visitors to retire "when the private affairs of the Lodge are under discussion," and that this provision existed and was still enforced in the former Spanish Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction as late as 1920.

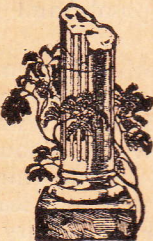
529. Under paragraph 260 of our Constitution, the widow of a Master Mason in good standing has the right to ask for and receive relief from the Lodge of which such Master Mason was a member, or from the Lodge within whose jurisdiction she may be, or from any Master Mason able to bestow the same. Does this right continue indefinitely?

Answer.—The provision you quote was taken bodily from the California Constitution into ours. It is in that Grand Jurisdiction construed as follows: the widow of a Master Mason who was in good standing at the time of the death of that Master Mason is entitled to relief only if there is evidence of a legal marriage (Cal. 1897, p. 239), so long as she remains his widow (Cal. 1899, pp. 19, 274), and while she is unable to support herself (Cal. 1897, p. 239).

530.—Before the annual election of officers in a Lodge, a Brother rises and says, more or less: "If it were not a violation of the Constitution, I would urge the Brethren, for the good of the Lodge, to re-elect our Master." Is this electioneering? and unmasonic conduct?

Answer.—Electioneering, in the sense in which our Constitution uses the word, is intended to cover pernicious soliciting, canvassing, and campaigning. The prohibition of electioneering was not contained in our constitution (taken largely from that of the Grand Lodge of California) as adopted in 1912, but was added by amendment. The

statement quoted by you, which comes close to being a nomination for office (also prohibited), should, perhaps, not have been made; but it can hardly be said to constitute unmasonic conduct.



Our Dead
Thus passes life.

The joys of youth—bright beauties of the spring—
Grow dim and faded; and the long, dark night
Of death's chill winter comes. But as the spring
Rebuilds the ruined wrecks of winter's waste
And cheers the gloomy earth with joyous light,
So o'er the tomb the star of hope shall rise
And usher in an eber-during day.

—Anon.

Brother Louis Schapiro.

Member of Manila Lodge No. 1, Manila.
Died at Bangkok, Siam, on February 4, 1932.
Accorded cremation honors by order of H. M., the
King of Siam.

Brother Jesse Frank McCullough.

Member of Manila Lodge No. 1, Manila.
Died at Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, on November
19, 1932.
Buried under the auspices of Eureka Lodge No. 302,
of Mechanicsburg, Penna., on November 22, 1932.

Brother Frederick Chosse.

Member of Charleston Lodge No. 44, Agaña, Guam,
M. I.
Died at San Diego, California, on November 1, 1932.
Buried with Masonic honors in the Bennington Gov-
ernment Cemetery, on November 5, 1932.

Wor. Brother Lovett Morton Nichols.

Past Master of Corregidor Lodge No. 3, Manila.
Died at San Francisco, California, on November 25,
1932.
Buried under the auspices of Military Service Lodge
No. 570, F. & A. M., in the Cypress Lawn Memorial
Park, San Francisco, on November 28, 1932.

From Near and Far

English Brethren to Visit Manila

Our M. W. Grand Master has appointed a committee consisting of Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Wor. Bro. John R. H. Mason, and Wor. Bro. John M. Aaron to receive and accommodate the members of the "China Fleet Lodge of Instruction" and other Craftsmen on His British Majesty's Ships *Kent* and *Medway* which are to visit Manila early this year. As Wor. Bro. P. W. Dolby, the Wor. Master of "Daintree" Lodge, No. 2938, E. C. (H. M. S. *Medway*, Hongkong), explains, some five years ago, a movement was inaugurated to enable Brethren of the Masonic Order, serving in H. M.'s China Fleet, to hold Lodges of Instruction and Rehearsal in Masonic Temples on shore at any port where H. M.'s ships were for the time being stationed. Rt. Wor. Bro. H. J. Clark, D.G.M., who is responsible for supervising the activities of the China Fleet Lodge of Instruction, appointed preceptors at Weiheiwei, Shanghai, and Hongkong, to whom he delegated his authority to supervise the affairs of the Lodge when meetings were held at either of those places. The branches of the China Fleet Lodge of Instruction on board the several ships meet on shore whenever possible, after securing permission from

the local Masonic authorities. Wor. Bro. Dolby, in his letter to the M. W. Grand Master, asked for this permission and requested that the proper facilities to meet be furnished to the Lodge of Instruction, if they expressed a desire to rehearse Craft ceremonies and lectures on shore. In reply to this letter, M. W. Bro. Gonzalez granted the permission desired and appointed the Committee above named to make the necessary arrangements.

Grand Master and Party Visit Lodges in Cagayan Valley

Through the kindness of Wor. Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz, of High Twelve Lodge No. 82, we are able to give our readers the following account of the visit of M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, G. M., and other officers and members of the Grand Lodge, to the Cagayan Valley Lodges.

The members of the party boarded automobiles as follows: (1st car) M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzales, Grand Master (85); Rt. W. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, Deputy Grand Master (9); W. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, Ass't. Grand Secretary (57); and Bro. Nicanor Mendoza (27); (2nd car) W. Bro. Edward M. Masterson, Jr. Grand Lecturer, W. Bro. Andres Filoteo (85); W. Bro. José See Yok Peng, (85); and W. Bro. Gregorio Garcia (12); and (3rd car) W. Bro. Joaquin Garcia (12), Bro. Honorio Tee (85), Bro. Jesus Alvarez (82), and W. Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz (82). It was about 9:00 o'clock in the morning of November fourth when the party left Manila, and about 12:30 p.m. when groups No. 1 and 3 arrived at the Balete Pass Rest House, where they were welcomed by a committee of Magat Lodge composed of Bros. Light, Olidán, Sanchez, and others. As soon as the members of the party had washed off the dust, the Committee invited them to partake of a good luncheon to which everyone did full justice.

About an hour later, group 2 showed up. After the belated members of the party had taken their luncheon, those who felt the need of a short nap took one. The refreshing, cool mountain breeze and the comfortable beds made the need for a brief rest more urgent.

At 3:30 p.m. the party left Balete Pass escorted by the committee, arriving at Bayombong at about 5:00 p.m. The Brethren of Magat Lodge No. 68 and Brethren from other Lodges were on hand to welcome the party. Lodge was opened in the 3rd Degree of Masonry and the Grand Master and party were received in due form. After an address of welcome by the Master, Wor. Bro. Sisenando Silvestre, the Grand Master responded stating the object of the visit of the Grand Lodge Party. Wor. M. Bro. Silvestre assured the Grand Master that his Lodge has no problem to solve, and that they are striving to make the profane participants in the benefits of the teachings of the Fraternity. The Deputy Grand Master, on being called upon to make a few remarks, stated that the Brethren of Magat knew him very well as he had visited their Lodge a number of times. He called attention to the fact that the great Masonic revival of which the Grand Master is the moving spirit is instilling new life into the Fraternity, and that it is the duty of all the Brethren to get behind the movement in order to accomplish something. Wor. Bro. Joaquin Garcia then spoke in Tagalog. He explained the duties of the Grand Lodge Committee on the accommodation of provincial Brethren visiting Manila. Wor. Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz was next asked to speak.

The Worshipful Master called the Lodge from labor to refreshment and all were invited to a *merienda*, after which the party were shown to their rooms in the Bayombong Hotel.

At 7:30 that same evening, the Grand Lodge party was

received publicly in the High School Auditorium where the cream of Bayombong society had gathered. The first part of the program was the address of Bro. Leon Cabarruguis, governor of the Province. The next speaker was the M. W. Grand Master who made a masterly address on the history of Masonry: how it was organized; what it has been doing; its aims and the benefits it has rendered to many countries. The last part of the program was the *rigodón de honor* in which the delegation participated. It was followed by dancing which lasted until late in the evening.

On November 5th, at 3:30 in the morning, everybody was up preparing for the trip to Ilagan. The party left Bayombong at 5:00 a.m., arriving at Ilagan at 9:15 a.m. Unfortunately, the committee of Isabela Lodge Brethren sent to meet the party at San Luis missed it, because of a stop-over at Echague for breakfast. The Temple dedication ceremonies took place at 11:00 a.m., with the Grand Master and the members of the Grand Lodge officiating. Brother Nicanor Mendoza of Batong Buhay No. 27, gave a talk on the symbolism of the Craft. Wor. Bro. Juan Orellana, on being called upon to speak, stated that his Lodge could not boast of any great achievement, but that peace and harmony prevailed among the Brethren. Wor. Secretary Manuel Alindayu, the next speaker, said that altho the Lodge has few members, yet, despite the present financial crisis, all had made sacrifices enabling them to build the temple dedicated on that day. Wor. Bro. Vicente Canoy and the Senior Warden, acting as Worshipful Master, both thanked the party for the visit to their Lodge which they consider as an inspiration to all members to work harder than ever. The last speaker was the Grand Master, who especially thanked the acting Master and the Brethren of the committee who went to meet the delegation at San Luis. After the program, the whole delegation was invited to luncheon, and at one o'clock the Grand Lodge Party left for Aparri. At the Tuguegarao ferry, the strong current caused a delay of nearly two and a half hours. At Lal-loc, the party was met by a big delegation from Mabini Lodge, who escorted it to Aparri. Upon arrival there, at about 8:00 p.m., the visitors were taken to the hotel and were given but a few minutes to wash and dress. At about 8:30 p.m., the Grand Master and party were received at the Lodge in due form. Here also, the Grand Master asked the local Brethren to make suggestions which the Grand Lodge might take up at the Annual Communication next January. Wor. Bro. Valentin Aguinaldo, P. M., speaking in behalf of his Lodge, asked for a loan to enable them to remodel their temple. Bro. Cecilio N. Ascaño, S. W., likewise in behalf of his Lodge, welcomed the Grand Master's Party and made two suggestions: (1) that the quota for the Grand Lodge be reduced to ₱2.00; and (2) that the Grand Lodge help to foster a travelling library. The Grand Master called on the Worshipful Master of Isabela Lodge, who was present, and who talked on the history of his Lodge. He was followed by Wor. Bro. Filoteo of Luz Oceanica, who was asked to talk for two minutes, but who forgot the time and did not stop until thirty minutes were over. The Deputy Grand Master was also called to give a talk. He said that altho "he was weary and worn out" and sleepy, due to the long and tedious trip with but little sleep, yet he was glad to be with the Brethren that evening. The last speaker was the Grand Master, who told the Brethren that in order that the Fraternity may be strong, only strong material should be used, and that Masonry is not there to promote the personal interests of its members.

Lodge was closed at about ten o'clock in the evening and everybody was invited to a splendid dinner offered by the Brethren of Mabini Lodge.

On Sunday, November 6th, at about 8:00 a.m., the

Brethren gathered in the Lodge hall for the taking of pictures, and at about 8:30 the Grand Lodge party left, bidding goodbye to the Aparri Brethren. Upon the arrival of the party in Tuguegarao, at about 11:00 a.m., an informal gathering was held, presided by Worshipful Master Juan B. Pagulayan, who welcomed the party. Wor. Bro. Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, was asked to introduce every member of the Grand Lodge party, and the Master of Gonzaga Lodge then introduced the members of his Lodge, one by one. Wor. Bro. Pagulayan next submitted the plan of the temple which his Lodge intends to construct, requesting the Grand Master to approve it and, if possible, to secure the necessary loan for them. Worshipful Bro. Becker stated that such a loan was necessary. Bro. Cornelio Balangi, S. W., read his address, containing a brief history and an account of the present condition of Gonzaga Lodge. He, also, advocated a travelling Masonic library. He further stated that the Masonic Assembly in the Cagayan Valley, which he organized in 1931 in Tuguegarao, and the assembly in 1932, in Aparri, were productive of good results for the Brethren of the Valley.

Rt. Worshipful Bro. Youngberg, the next speaker, gave the history of the Grand Lodge and how it grew and branched out to Old China by the establishment of Amity Lodge No. 106. The last speaker was the Grand Master, who expressed his surprise that his visit was the first made to Gonzaga Lodge by a Filipino Grand Master. He counselled the Brethren to go slow in erecting their temple in order not to incur heavy debts for others to shoulder in the future. Upon the termination of the program, the Brethren were taken to the hotel where an abundant luncheon was served. At about one o'clock in the afternoon, the Grand Lodge party left Tuguegarao, arriving at 10:30 in the evening at Balet Pass Rest House, where everybody had the first real sleep since leaving Manila.

On November 7, at about eight o'clock in the morning, the Grand Lodge party resumed its homeward journey, arriving in Manila at about two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master's Trip to Vigan

One of the biggest delegations of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands that ever visited distant localities was that organized by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to visit Angalo Lodge No. 63, Union Lodge No. 70, Laoag Lodge No. 71, and Abra Lodge No. 86, in Northern Luzon.

The party composed of sixty-three Brethren representing twenty-eight different Lodges under this jurisdiction, left Tutuban station of the Manila Railroad Company in a special coach at 6:55 a.m., on November 24, 1932. M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez appointed Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos (80) as historian of the trip.

At San Fernando, Pampanga, five members of Pampanga Lodge No. 48 joined the delegation. En route, various gifts were received by the party. At Angeles, Bro. Isaac Santos (96) presented a box of cigars to the Brethren. At Dagupan, Bros. Andres Torio (21) and Juan A. Benitez (31) presented the delegation with *lechón* and nicely cooked fish. The last railroad station, San Fernando, La Union, was reached at 1:07 p.m. Here two special busses of the Northern Luzon Transportation Company awaited the party, which immediately proceeded to Vigan. A delegation of forty-five Brethren from Union Lodge No. 70, at San Fernando, La Union, also in a special bus, joined the party on the bank of Abra River. The Brethren from Ilocos Sur and Ilocos Norte, in seven automobiles, headed by the governor of Ilocos, Wor. Bro. Alejandro Quiroigico, met the Grand Master's party at Banawang Ferry. At 5:10 p. m. the party arrived at

Vigan where an informal reception was given it by the provincial authorities and other Brethren in front of the provincial capitol. The provincial executive welcomed the party in the name of his province, and the acting Master of Angalo Lodge No. 63, Brother Eulogio Benito, made the necessary arrangements with the several hotels in Vigan for the accommodation of the Brethren. The provincial governor had the M. W. Grand Master and Bros. David W. K. Au, Ricardo C. Santos, Andrés Filoteo, and Doroteo Trinidad as his personal guests. The provincial fiscal, Wor. Bro. Felix Martinez, was host to Bros. Miguel G. Luna and Pablo Samson. The provincial treasurer, Wor. Bro. Basilio S. Santiago, also had a few personal guests. The other Brethren of Angalo Lodge No. 63 likewise gave evidence of their traditional hospitality.

At 7:00 p.m., the Lodge was opened in due form. The Tyler's register shows that there were 159 Brethren present. A few minutes later, the M. W. Grand Master and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands were received in due and ancient form. The acting Master of Angalo Lodge No. 63, Brother Eulogio Benito, welcomed the visiting Brethren, in behalf of the Lodge. The response of the Most Worshipful Grand Master was a gem. After expressing the appreciation of the Brethren for the hospitality of the members of Angalo Lodge No. 63, he stated that he was particularly interested in the Lodges in distant places which, though often surrounded on all sides by enemies, stand by their guns and never accept defeat; that he wanted to know their ideas, problems, needs and criticisms, to enable him to apply the proper remedy or submit their concerns to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, and that it was a pleasure for him to travel over 450 kilometers to see the zeal for the Fraternity shown by the members of the Craft in the Ilocos region.

Wor. Bro. Andrés Filoteo, chairman of the trip, introduced one by one the members of the Grand Master's party. Brother David W. K. Au, of Amity Lodge No. 106, Shanghai, China, received the most enthusiastic ovation.

The Grand Old Man of Ilocos Sur, Worshipful Brother Alejandro Quirolgico, delivered the principal address of the evening. After welcoming the visiting Brethren, he stated that Angalo Lodge No. 63 had to contend with many difficulties; that for centuries, Vigan had been the seat of intolerance, fanaticism and bigotry, which cannot be uprooted from the minds of the populace overnight; and that the enemies of Freemasonry are leaving no stone unturned to discredit the Institution before the public.

Bros. Felix Martinez and David W. K. Au were asked for, and made a few remarks, and were warmly applauded. At 8:30 labor was suspended and the Brethren gathered around the festive board to enjoy the excellent dinner offered by the Brethren of Angalo Lodge No. 63.

Half an hour later, the Convention of Master Masons, consisting of the members of Angalo Lodge No. 63, Union Lodge No. 70, Laoag Lodge No. 71, and Abra Lodge No. 86, was held. Bros. Felix Martinez and Bonifacio Taguian were elected president and secretary, respectively. Wor. Bros. Domingo J. Samonte, Alejandro Quirolgico, Julio Borbon, Leon Bañez, and Leon C. Flor were chosen to compose the Committee on Resolutions.

While the members of the Committee on Resolutions were deliberating in the anteroom, the chairman of the convention called upon Wors. Bros. Paul C. Palencia, Ricardo C. Santos, Joaquin García, Edward M. Masterson, and Ramón Mendoza for a few remarks.

The following resolutions for recommendation at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge were adopted by the Convention:

1. Adoption of dual membership, providing that sus-

pension in one Lodge carries with it suspension in the other.

2. That the Constitution be amended by requiring the Secretary to turn funds received in to the Treasurer of the Lodge within a period of not more than one week.
3. That the fees for the three degrees be reduced to ₱80.00.
4. That the Grand Lodge per capita dues be reduced to ₱2.00.
5. That authority be granted for the translation into the dialect of the locality of the installation and funeral rituals.
6. The appointment of two Grand Lodge auditors, paid by the Grand Lodge, who shall check the funds of subordinate Lodges and at the same time serve as instructors.
7. That before a Grand Lodge Inspector is appointed, a certificate of proficiency in the ritualistic work must be obtained.

Lodge was closed at 12:15 a.m., after which refreshments were served.

At 6:30 the next morning, November 25th, the Brethren gathered in front of the provincial capitol. Wor. Bros. Alejandro Quirolgico and Felix Martinez showed them a few places of interest, and Wor. Bro. Paul C. Palencia also entertained the Brethren. An hour later, the party left on its homeward trip. To kill the time on the 140 kilometer autobus trip, two choruses were formed, one under the direction of Wor. Bro. Francisco Santiago and the other under Brother Charles A. Caron. A contest on popular music was held during the whole trip, and the selections were highly enjoyed by the Brethren. The audience called it a tie.

At 12:00 noon, luncheon was served at Hotel Munar, San Fernando, La Union, under the auspices of Union Lodge No. 70. The Master of the Lodge showed to the M. W. Grand Master the lot upon which the proposed three-story building of Union Lodge No. 70 is to be erected. Toasts were offered to the M. W. Grand Master and to the members of Union Lodge. At one o'clock, the Brethren repaired to the Lodge room, where the Master, Wor. Bro. Leon C. Flor, called upon Wor. Bro. Basilio R. Aromin to welcome the Grand Master's party, which Wor. Bro. Aromin did with his usual eloquence. The following Brethren were asked for remarks: Luis Fe, Ramón Mendoza, Enrique Rimando, Ricardo San Agustín, Teodorico A. Jimenez, Isidoro Makabali, Julian C. Balmaseda, and the M. W. Grand Master.

As usual, M. W. Bro. González was very eloquent. He stressed the necessity of Masonic education and emphasized the fact that Masonry has always been a factor in the well-being of a nation. He mentioned that when Washington wanted to insure the fidelity of his army, he chose to responsible positions those officers who belonged to the Fraternity. He cited numerous instances in which men who wore the lambskin apron made good where non-Masons had utterly failed. He stated that sometimes Lodges show signs of decadence because the Brethren do not practise the militant form of Masonry; that by precept and example, they must make their Masonic influence felt in the community in which they live, and must by their acts convince the mass of the people that Masonry is a factor in the advancement of a nation. He said that our esoteric work is only for the tyled Lodge; but the mission of Masonry is not only for the Lodge Hall, but for the community; and that what our country needs now is not more men in Masonry, but more Masonry among men.

Wor. Bro. Leon C. Flor, in a few well-chosen words, expressed the gratitude of the members of his Lodge for the visitation of the Grand Master and party. Lodge was

closed hurriedly at 2:20 p. m. to enable the Brethren to catch the train. Besides the members of Union Lodge, Bro. Buenaventura Ocampo, Judge of the Court of First Instance of La Union, and Wor. Bro. Tirso Coronel, of Zambales Lodge No. 103, district health officer of the province, also entertained the Brethren.

The party left San Fernando, La Union, in a special coach at 2:50 p.m. On the train, singing was resumed by the chorus under the direction of Brother Charles A. Caron. When the delegation from Pampanga Lodge No. 48 alighted at San Fernando, Pampanga, they were given a warm send-off. The Grand Master's party arrived in Tutuban station at 8:55 on Friday evening, November 25, 1932, with the most pleasant recollections of the hospitality they had received from the Brethren and Lodges of the region visited.—*Ricardo C. Santos (80)*.

Master Masons' Convention in Cebu

The First Convention of Master Masons of Cebu (and we might add, Bohol) was held on November 26 and 27, 1932. At 5 p. m. on the 26th, 43 Master Masons gathered at the Masonic Temple in the city of Cebu, there being 23 from Maktan Lodge No. 30 (Cebu), 5 from Tupas Lodge No. 62 (Cebu), 9 from Dagohoy Lodge No. 84 (Bohol), and 6 from other Lodges. Lodge was called to order by Wor. Bro. Savellon (30) and opened in due form by Wor. Bro. Buenaventura (84). Wor. Bro. Segura (30) acted as Secretary. Wor. Bro. R. M. Miller (62) made the opening remarks, and Wor. Bro. S. A. Savellon (30) welcomed the visitors. Then followed a one-hour talk in Spanish by Bro. Severo Fuentesbella, who gave the history of Maktan Lodge No. 30. Wor. Bro. A. A. Williamson (62) spoke of the foundation and history of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, one of the objects of the gathering being the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the foundation of that august body.

The floor was then declared open to any Brother who had suggestions to make. Two members spoke. Bro. Severo Fuentesbella emphasized the necessity of selecting only good material for membership in the Lodges, and Bro. Bernardo Palma's subject was the importance of the publication of a Lodge bulletin and of the prompt payment of the dues.

All the Brethren present, and the families of some, then partook of a very pleasant banquet at the Shamrock Hotel. After dessert, brief addresses were made by Bro. Murillo, Wor. Bro. Lombardo, Wor. Bro. Rodriguez, Bro. Go Chan, and Wor. Bro. de Booten. Bro. Diao acted as toastmaster.

On the 27th, a very enjoyable picnic was held at Talisay.

Grand Master Signs Nanking Lodge Dispensation

On December 16, 1932, M. W. Bro. Antonio González, Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, signed a dispensation authorizing sixteen Master Masons therein named to open a Lodge in the city of Nanking, China, under the name of Nanking Lodge. The Master-elect of the new Lodge is Bro. Claude Albert Buss, of Harry A. Houseman Lodge No. 717, Somerton, Philadelphia, Pa.; the Senior Warden-elect, Bro. Johannes Morch Hansen, of Pagoda Lodge, Mukden; the Junior Warden-elect, Bro. Lawrence T. C. Kwong, of International Lodge, Pei-ping, China; the Secretary-elect, Bro. Edwin Marx, of Dry Ridge Lodge No. 849, Dry Ridge, Ky., and the Treasurer-elect, Bro. Russel Clay Jackson, of International Lodge, Pei-ping, China. Among the signers of the petition is Bro. C. T. Wang, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. Bro. Buss, the Master-elect, is an officer in the American Foreign Service. Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei, Master of Amity Lodge No. 106, of Shanghai, advises that the officers-elect

are proficient in their work, and the petition was granted on the favorable indorsement of Amity Lodge. The great success of Amity Lodge and his own investigation of Masonic conditions in China convinced our Grand Master that the time was ripe for the organization of the Lodge in Nanking, after a delay counseled by prudence.

This is the second body founded under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands in China, and judging by the exceptionally high standard of the signers of the petition, Nanking Lodge bids fair to become as good a Lodge as Amity Lodge No. 106, of which we Masons of the Philippines are justly proud.

District Inspectors' Convention

On Thursday, December 22nd, the last Quarterly Convention of Masonic District Inspectors was held in the Plaridel Temple, Manila. There were fifty-four Brethren present, including the guest of honor, Most Worshipful Grand Master Antonio Gonzalez. The convention was presided by Wor. Brother Miguel Bonifacio (29), dean of District Inspectors, having served as such continuously since 1924. After dinner, which preceded the convention, the first speaker was presented, Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño (16). Among other things, he recommended that the Ritual for the Installation of Officers be translated into principal dialects of the Islands. After Wor. Bro. Garduño's speech, which was well received by the Brethren, the Chairman announced that as the guest of honor and other Brethren were expected by Ibarra Lodge No. 31 at their installation of officers that night in Kawit, there would be but one other speaker, Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez. The Grand Master spoke extensively regarding the duties of the District Inspectors and stated that in his opinion an Inspector should be appointed only for one Lodge and that the Inspector should visit the Lodge at least at each Stated Meeting. He explained that Inspectors can materially assist Lodges under their inspection, maintaining discipline and closer cooperation among the Brethren within and without the Lodge. The speaker was warmly applauded, and the Convention adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

Precept alone, however pure and lofty, means little—fulfillment means much. A promise by itself means nothing—keeping a promise means everything.—*Norris Brown, Grand Orator, Nebraska.*

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 Corregidor Lodge No. 3, Manila

On Thursday, November 15, 1932, Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Master, accompanied by Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, made an official visit to the Lodge. The meeting was well attended, 162 Brethren signing the Tyler's Register. The Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Ernest August Heise, as a courtesy to Manila Lodge No. 1. The work was done by a special team of Past Masters under the direction of the Grand Lecturer, Very Wor. Bro. Julian Balmaseda, who occupied the East in the First Section, while Very Wor. Bro. E. M. Masterson, Junior Grand Lecturer, occupied it in the Second. Wor. Bro. Verne E. Miller delivered the Lecture and Wor. Bro. C. E. Piatt the Congratulations. The delegation of Amity Lodge No. 106, of Shanghai, consisting of Bros. David Au and E. L. Hall, was received as guests of honor of the Lodge, they having come

from China to attend the celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

Bro. John C. Howe reports from San Francisco the death of a Past Master of Corregidor Lodge, Wor. Bro. Lovett Morton Nichols, which occurred in that city on November 25th, last. Wor. Bro. Nichols was 57 years of age when he passed away; he was a native of Santa Barbara, Calif., and was with the Quartermaster Department of the U. S. Army while in this city. His funeral was held under the auspices of Military Service Lodge No. 570, of Free and Accepted Masons, on November 28th, and interment took place in the Cypress Lawn Memorial Park. Among the ex-Manilans who attended the funeral were Bro. John C. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Seale, and Bro. Eugene M. Barton, the stepfather of the deceased, who had driven up from San Diego. Bro. Nichols leaves a widow and a son. He had many friends in this city, being a man with a big heart and sunny disposition. His mother, who died in California a number of years ago, will be remembered by Old Timers here as owner of the St. Nicholas Boarding House in the Walled City and later, with her second husband, Bro. E. M. Barton, as owner of the old Bay View Hotel in Ermita.

From Walana Lodge No. 13, Manila

On November 12th, a team composed of members of Walana Lodge No. 13 and High Twelve Lodge No. 82 conferred the First Degree on Carlos de Jesus at 2:30 p. m., and later in the afternoon, special teams conferred the Third Degree on Bros. Feliciano Cayetano and Pacifico M. Cruz. The East was occupied, successively, by Bro. Geronimo Genilo, Bro. Eulogio Manlapit, and Bro. Casiano C. Lim. Refreshments were served after labor.

At the Stated Meeting on October 8th, Bro. Esteban Diokno delivered an interesting lecture on the Creation of Man and its relation with the aims and purposes of Masonry.

From Pilar Lodge No. 15, Imus, Cavite

On the evening of November 26, 1932, Pilar Lodge No. 15, Zapote Lodge No. 29, Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49, and Bagong-Ilaw Lodge No. 97 held a joint meeting at the Hall of Pilar Lodge No. 15, at Imus, Cavite, to receive the official visitation of the M. W. Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge.

The Second Degree of Masonry, which was conferred on Bro. Carl Irvin Whitlock, an E. A. of Service Lodge No. 95, was exemplified by a selected team of Cavite Past Masters in honor of the delegation from Amity Lodge No. 106, Shanghai, China. The team was composed of the following Brethren: *First Section*—Very Wor. Bro. Julian Balmaseda and Wor. Bros. Teodorico Jimenez (31), Felix Cajulis (69), Eugenio Padua (51), Joseph Ramos (97), Rufino G. Tolentino (51), Pedro R. Santos (17), Higinio de Guia (51), and Andrés de Leon (17).

Second Section:—Wor. Bros. Miguel G. Luna (97), Teodorico Jimenez (31), Felix Cajulis (69), Manuel del Carmen (17), Rufino G. Tolentino (51), Pedro R. Santos (17), Higinio de Guia (51), and Emilio P. Virata (31).

Interesting remarks were made by Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño, Past Master of Sinukuan Lodge No. 16; Wor. Master Marciano Sayco, of Pilar Lodge No. 15; Wor. Master Raymundo Samala, of Zapote Lodge No. 29; Wor. Master Juan Hernandez, of Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49, and Wor. Master Ramón Zapanta, of Bagong-Ilaw Lodge No. 97. Lastly, M. W. Grand Master Antonio Gonzalez made a very instructive and impressive speech.

One hundred and twenty-one Brethren representing lodges in Manila, Cavite, and near-by provinces signed the Tyler's Register. When the Second Degree work terminated, the Brethren repaired to the ground floor where refreshments were served.

From Magindanaw Lodge No. 40, Cagayan, Or. Misamis

On November 17, 1932, the Misamis Masons, their families, and friends gathered in the Cagayan Masonic Club room to listen in on the Twentieth Anniversary program of the Grand Lodge, broadcasted over Station KZRM, a Westinghouse combination radio receiving set having been installed in the club room. The audience listened with rapt attention to the words of M. W. Bros. Stafford and Kalaw and enjoyed games and refreshments before and after the radio séance. All were very grateful to Bros. Caballero and Pabayo, of Cagayan, through whose courtesy they were able to listen to the program in distant Manila.

From Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, Tacloban

At the Annual Meeting of Makabugwas Lodge, on December 3, 1932, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: Bro. Wayne Gray, W. M.; Bro. Alberto Santacruz, S. W.; Bro. Pio V. Advincula, J. W.; Bro. Benedicto Cunanan, Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. Fidel Fernandez, Secretary. Wor. Bro. Adolfo Aldaba, the District Inspector, made an official visitation on this occasion.

On December 4th, the Goat Club met at Lay Sau San's Restaurant. The guest of honor on this occasion was the Consul General of China, Bro. K. L. Kwong, of Amity Lodge No. 106, Shanghai. Every Brother in town was present, and some of those living in other places had come hundreds of kilometers to attend. Bro. Kwong delivered a notable address on the mission of Masonry. He was followed by Bro. Alberto

Ramos, captain, P. C., who made an able survey of the situation in the Far East and the strategic importance of the Philippine Islands. Hon. Ruperto Kapunan spoke on the proximity of independence and the attendant responsibilities. Wor. Bro. Fidel Fernandez, president of the Goat Club, presented Bro. Kwong with a certificate of honorary membership. Bro. Juan de G. Rodriguez acted as toastmaster, while Bro. Tan Tiah Suya was goat officer for the occasion and received congratulations upon the success of the banquet. The gastronomical and intellectual refreshments were purely oriental, while the attendance was very cosmopolitan.—D. G.

From Mount Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Dumaguete, Or. Negros

Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91 has been in existence nine years, the dispensation authorizing it to work in Dumaguete being signed on November 6, 1923. During its anniversary month this year, the Lodge was quite busy. At the special meeting on November 15th, Mr. Alfredo M. Estacion was initiated, at the special on the 17th of the same month, Mr. Salim E. Salem, and on November 24th, Mr. Pedro R. de Rama.

On November 17th, after the degree work, a social meeting was held to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Salem, assisted by other ladies. A short program, largely musical, followed. Wor. Bro. C. V. Powers then installed a radio receiving set in the Lodge room and the Brethren listened in on the Grand Lodge program broadcasted from the Masonic Temple in Manila beginning at 9 o'clock that evening.

From Service Lodge No. 95, Manila

November 1932 was a busy month for Service Lodge No. 95. Six meetings were held.

At the Special Meeting on November 14th, Bros. Ben Frank Matthey and Herbert Bruce Blank were passed to the degree of F. C.

At the Special Meeting on November 19th, William Carl Hazell, Benjamin Knight, and Carl Irvin Whitlock were initiated.

At the Special Meeting on November 21st, Bros. Matthey and Blank were raised.

At the Special Meeting of November 26th, Bros. William Carl Hazell and Benjamin Knight were passed to the Degree of F. C. In response to a request made by Most Worshipful Grand Master Antonio Gonzalez and Very Wor. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda, Senior Grand Lecturer, Bro. Carl Irvin Whitlock was designated as the candidate upon whom the Second Degree of Masonry was conferred by a Special Team of Cavite Past Masters, at Pilar Lodge No. 15, Imus, Cavite, that evening, the guest of honor being Bro. David W. K. Au, Secretary of Amity Lodge No. 106.

The Special Meeting of November 28th was in honor of Bro. David W. K. Au, Secretary of Amity Lodge No. 106, Shanghai, China. The Third Degree of Masonry was conferred upon Bro. William C. Hazell and Bro. Carl I. Whitlock. The Wor. Master, Wardens and Brethren of Service Lodge No. 95 presented a Silver Trowel to Bro. David W. K. Au, as a token of good fellowship. The presentation was made by Wor. Master E. M. Masterson. The Brethren sang "A Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne". Bro. Au delivered very heartfelt and feeling remarks of appreciation. Refreshments were served in the Social Hall.

From Palawan Lodge No. 99, Puerto Princesa

On November 24, 1932 (Thanksgiving Day), Palawan Lodge No. 99 had the rare honor of an official visit of a representative of the M. W. Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge. The distinguished visitor was met at the wharf by District Inspector Gaudencio E. Abordo, Bro. Y. Minakawa, and Bro. Eduardo Valencia. The Brother last named, an E. A. and member of the Provincial Board of Palawan, took Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus through the several government offices before conducting him to the Temple. After an informal fraternal reception by the members of Palawan Lodge, headed by the Acting Worshipful Master, Bro. Valentin Macasaet, a luncheon was given in honor of Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus, at which practically all prominent persons of the community were present. In the afternoon, the Brethren took their honored guest sight-seeing on a motor bus. At the Iwahig Penal Colony, Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus was received by Bro. Lieut. Peralta, assistant superintendent of the colony, and Bros. Delloza, Dabuit, and Lim. An ice cream party was tendered to the visitors at Bro. Peralta's residence. The return trip to Puerto Princesa was made by motor launch. At 7:30 p. m. Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus made his official visitation to the Lodge, accompanied by Bro. George C. Dunham, medical adviser of the Governor-General. He was accorded the honors due him, whereupon a recess was called to admit visitors. Bro. Macasaet, as acting Master of the Lodge, gave a history of the same and then presented Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus. The interesting address of this eminent Mason, which was interpreted into the Cuyono dialect by Wor. Bro. Abordo, was well received by the audience. Wor. Bro. Abordo made the response for the Lodge. After the speech-making, a ball was held, ushered in by a *rigodón de honor* at which Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus had as partner Mrs. Peralta. Refreshments were served after 10 p. m., and at 10:45 p. m. the departure of Rt. Wor. Bro. Camus, who had to return to his ship, brought the function to a close.

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. Stale 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 Lodge 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 O. Fort sailed on the *President Hoover*, on December 31st, for his first vacation in the last eighteen years. Col. Fort expects to return to the Islands.

The result of the annual election of officers on December 6th was as follows: W. M., Frank C. Bennett; S. W., Albert K. Spielberger; J. W., Ernest E. Voss; Treas., Lawrence Benton, P. M.; Sec., August Schipull, P. M.

Dues and fraternal greetings have been received from Bro. David L. Branch, 922—58th Street, Oakland, Calif.; Bro. Capt. Eustace M. Peixotto, Fort Warren, Wyoming; Bro. Jesse M. Maxwell, 2201 Durango Street, San Antonio, Texas; Bro. James M. Barclay, 2008 3rd Ave., Richmond, Va.; Bro. Otto Wallfisch, 782 Minnesota St., San Francisco, Calif.; and Bro. E. G. Sargent, East Jaffery, N. H.

Brother John C. Howe, who for many years was the Organist of the Lodge, has sent greetings and 1933 dues from 619 Paloma Ave., Oakland, Calif. He appreciates the regular arrival of the *Lodge Bulletin* and the CABLETOW.

Brother Leroy R. Sawyer, still with the United Fruit Company, at Santa Marta, Colombia, S. A., is at present sojourning in London, England, from which place he sent his dues and fraternal greetings.

Brother William H. Harstedt, 10 Park Terrace East, New York City, sent his dues and fraternal greetings. He reports shipping still dull and as a consequence has not had a ship to command for some time.

Brother George H. Bathey, of the 64th Service Squadron, March Field, Riverside, Calif., sent his 1933 dues with the best wishes to the Brethren here. He also remembered the Hospital for Crippled Children with a fine donation.

Cavite No. 2.—Wor. Bros. E. W. Lawson and G. E. Williams officiated at the Masonic funeral of Bro. C. G. Lothigius, of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, when the remains of that Brother were consigned to the sea from the U. S. S. *Henderson*, between Guam and Honolulu, at midnight, on October 20, 1932. Other members of the Lodge present were Bros. G. D. Adams, D. O. Pankoke, C. P. Hamilton, R. P. Molpus, L. R. Atkinson, L. C. Montgomery, and W. J. Lamb.

Bro. C. F. Carriker is now on the U. S. S. *Parrot*, c/o P. M., Manila. Bro. Robert R. Stoll writes from 2730 Cabrilla Street, San Francisco, Calif.

Bro. W. W. Love is with the U. S. S. *Pruitt*, at San Diego, Calif.

Bro. C. S. Roberts' present address is c/o U. S. S. *Lexington*, San Pedro, Calif.

Bro. C. J. Tammany has been heard of from "Chi," where his address is c/o Harris Trust & Saving Bank, 115 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Ill.

Bro. D. E. Schreiber writes from 1214-33 Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Bro. R. L. Hicks, Jr., is at the Yard Dispensary, Navy Yard, New York, N. Y.

Bro. C. J. Barnhart is far inland now; he may be reached at 509 South 12th Ave., Marshalltown, Iowa.

Bro. Roy T. Lile writes from the U. S. Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Va., that he has not been receiving the CABLETOW for some time, which was due to the editor not having been notified of his change of address. Back numbers were sent to Bro. Lile to complete his collection.

At its Annual Meeting on December 12th, Cavite Lodge elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Frank DeH. Jones, W. M.; Henry C. Presley, S. W.; Alva O. Corwin, J. W.; Francis V. Guittard, Treas., and Henry D. Riley, P. M., Sec.

Corregidor No. 3.—Early in December, Most Wor. Bro. N. C. Comfort was confined to his bed and house by a severe attack of bronchitis.

Bagumbayan No. 4.—Bro. Samuel M. Daniel, at present at Tampa, Florida, recently visited Bro. W. W. Stone, a former member of Bagumbayan Lodge, who has a drug store at Tampa. Another ex-member of this Lodge living in that vicinity is Bro. Elmer Jeen, of Orlando, Florida.

Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer and family have removed to 340 Gral. Luna, Walled City.

The following-named elective officers will be installed at the January Stated Meeting: Dr. Antonio S. Fernando, W. M.; Floro A. Santos, S. W.; Dr. José I. Abuel, J. W.; Lino Chaves, Treas., and José A. de Kastro, P. M., Secretary. After the Annual Meeting, the Master-elect entertained the Brethren at the Banahaw Restaurant.

Bro. Eduardo Montenegro is still practising law in Dumaguete and Cebu; he made a short visit to Manila in November.

Island No. 5.—Bro. Lucey gives his new address as follows: Edward

F. Lucey, Finance Office, Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.

The youngest E. A. of this Lodge is Bro. Frederick M. Fernald, Chief Engineer, Q. M. C., Fort Mills.

At its Annual Meeting, held on December 5, 1932, Island Lodge elected as officers for the ensuing year: George R. Wingate, P. M., Master; Troy Fields, P. M., Senior Warden; Raphael Meyerson, Jun. Warden; Enrique R. Martinez, P. M., Treas., and James M. Covington, P. M., Secretary.

Southern Cross No. 6.—Mrs. Ella Ross Tenney, mother of Bro. Charles E. Tenney, a member of this Lodge who died four years ago, is reported to have died at the home of her daughter at Hempstead, Long Island, last September. Mrs. Tenney had many friends in Manila.

The widow and daughter of Wor. Bro. Harry E. Price, who died in London 3 or 4 years ago, are back in Manila and are staying with Mrs. Tyre.

Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, who returned to the Islands early in November, has established offices in the Insular Life Building. He represents a number of important commercial houses in the United States.

Word has been received that Wor. Bro. Irving B. Brown was presented with his P. M. jewel in San Francisco. Bro. Brown was elected Master of this Lodge for 1931 but found it necessary to return to the U. S. early that year.

Bro. J. L. McKesson is the father of a fine daughter since December 7th.

The following Brethren will be officers of the Lodge during the year 1933: A. J. Balls, W. M.; E. R. Riddle, S. W.; R. C. Caldwell, J. W.; W. W. Larkin (P. G. M.), Treas., and John R. McFie, Jr. (P. M.), Secretary.

Biak-na-Bato No. 7.—Bro. Melchor Ongjoco y Cruz, formerly of Noli-me-Tangere Lodge No. 42, has joined this Lodge by affiliation.

The wife of Bro. Moises Buzon died on November 7th and was buried in the Cementerio del Norte on the 9th of the same month. A number of members of the Lodge attended the funeral.

Cosmos No. 8.—Bro. José A. Reyna has returned to his home at Lagangilang, Abra, after undergoing an operation in the Christian Hospital at Vigan. He is very grateful to Bro. P. C. Palencia, the attending surgeon, and the many other members of Angalo Lodge No. 63 who were kind to him during his sojourn in the hospital.

Bro. Jesse W. Palmer returned to his home in Los Baños on November 22nd, after spending some time in St. Paul's Hospital with injuries from an accident he had in November, and malaria.

Bro. John C. Ruyman is back home after a long siege at St. Luke's Hospital.

Bro. Cecil E. Walter is vacationing in Japan; he was operated for hernia in November.

Bro. William J. Ellis' daughter Catherine underwent an operation in the Manila Sanitarium on November 11th.

Wor. Bro. Thomas G. Henderson had the pleasure of entertaining his brother, the Hon. R. H. Henderson, a member of the South African Parliament, who spent ten days in Manila last November.

Bro. LeRoy W. Huntington visited Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147, at Juneau, Alaska, on September 26th, last.

Bros. Otto O. Hanson and Thorbjorn M. Holmsen, who are vacationing in Europe, have been sending cards from Sweden, Denmark, and other countries.

Bro. Samuel C. Hunter has demitted to affiliate with a Lodge in Illinois.

Bro. Henry Strauss writes about attending a meeting of Mayon Lodge No. 61, Legaspi, Albay, on November 8th.

Bro. David Naftaly is now a grandfather, his daughter Lillian having announced the birth of a son in San Francisco, on November 8th.

Bros. Paul A. Schwab and Bernard H. Berkenkotter have started development work on their gold claims in the Mountain Province.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus made an official visitation of Palawan Lodge No. 99, Puerto Princesa, as representative of the Grand Master, in November.

The tableau of elective officers for 1933 is as follows: W. M., Richard E. Jamison; S. W., Dr. Carl M. Hasselmann; J. W., Joseph H. Donald; Treas., William J. Ellis, Sr., and Secretary, Fred M. Holmes (P. M.).

St. John's No. 9.—At its November Stated Meeting, the Lodge passed a resolution thanking M. W. Bro. S. W. O'Brien for the interest taken and work done by him in connection with the Special Meeting of the Lodge on October 21st, while Wor. Bro. C. S. Salmon was likewise thanked for looking out for the refreshments on that occasion.

C. S. Lounsbury was initiated after the transaction of business at the Stated Meeting on November 1st, last, with Bro. Martin Rasch in the East, and Bro. Glenn P. Leonard in the West.

At a special meeting held in the afternoon of November 1st, Mr. Henry Kent Harris was initiated, with Bro. Glenn P. Leonard in the East and Bro. Martin Rasch in the West.

Bro. Jack Brookman left Manila about the middle of November on a business trip to China.

Bro. Benton Holmes left for the U. S. early in November.

Bro. G. E. von Pelikan is back in Manila after a tour of the Southern Islands, and Bro. Howard M. Cavender has returned from a business and pleasure trip to Europe and the U. S.

Bro. Arnold H. Warren was a visitor to Manila in November.

Most Wor. Bro. S. W. O'Brien was installed as Commander of Far East Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, on December 10th.

At its Stated Meeting for December, this Lodge held its annual election of officers, with the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Louis F. Rothenhoefer; Senior Warden, Bro. David Innis; Junior Warden, Bro. Paul Martin Rasch; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. John George, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. B. F. Jinks.

Iloilo No. 11.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was held at the December Stated Meeting of this Lodge and the following-named Brethren were declared elected; Wor. Master, Timoteo Certeza; Sen. Warden, Amado F. Cortez; Junior Warden, Manuel Blanco; Treasurer, Ricardo Luna, and Secretary, Felipe Carbonilla (P.M.).

Nilad No. 12.—Most Wor. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, P.G.M., accompanied by Mrs. Kalaw, left for Cagayan, Misamis, on official business, on the S.S. *Cebu*, on December 10th. Several high government officials were at the wharf to see our distinguished Brother off.

The elective officers of this Lodge for 1933 are Sixto Tenmatay, Wor. Master; Patricio E. del Rosario, Sen. Warden; Licerio Lapuz, Jun. Warden; Pablo Hernandez (reelected), Treas., and Gregorio Garcia (P.M.), Secretary.

Walana No. 13.—Bro. Eustaquio Vallecer, who retired from the U. S. Quartermaster Department recently, after 35 years' service, suffered from acute rheumatism in November but has recuperated.

At its Annual Meeting, Walana Lodge elected the following-named Brethren to office for the ensuing year: Eulogio Manlapit, W. M.; Esteban Diokno, S. W.; Casiano C. Lim, J. W.; Rafael Araujo (P.M.), Treas., and Dionisio F. Alejandro, Secretary.

Dalisy No. 14.—At its Stated Meeting for December, this Lodge held its annual election of officers, with the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Emiliano Enriquez; Senior Warden, Bro. Dr. Pablo Anzures; Junior Warden, Bro. Andres Gaoat; Treasurer, Bro. Santiago Gatchalian, P.M.; and Secretary, Bro. Domingo Santos.

Pilar No. 15.—Wor. Bro. Lorenzo B. Paredes was one of the guests of honor at a recent social function of Maguindanao Lodge No. 40, of Cagayan, Or. Misamis.

Bro. Romualdo Samala sent dues and greetings from San Diego, Calif.

Bro. Doroteo Mangubat mourns the untimely death of his wife on November 19th.

Bro. Mariano Dominguez has been in bed at his home in Imus since December 3rd, from the consequences of a fall.

Pilar Lodge will have the following elective officers during the year 1933: W. M., Manuel de Leon; S. W., Tiburcio Gayo; J. W., Alfredo Saqui; Treas., Mariano Dominguez, and Sec., Meliton Darwin.

Sinukuan No. 16.—Bro. Juan Evarista has been ill at his home for some time.

Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño has been assigned to the Bureau of Justice in Manila for temporary duty, after enjoying his vacation.

Wor. Bro. Potenciano Herrera suffered internal injuries when his car collided with a carretela, in Candelaria, Tayabas, on December 11th, last. He received first aid in the hospital at Lucena, Tayabas. Fortunately, the injuries were not serious and our Brother is up and about again.

Bros. Ramon Farolan and Heraclio T. Mangay are on the sick list.

Bagong-Buhay No. 17.—At its December Stated Meeting, this Lodge elected the following named Brethren to serve it as officers during the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Master, Francisco Advincula; Senior Warden, Eladio Ponalosa; Junior Warden, Ramon C. Desiderio; Treasurer, Silvino Picacho, and Secretary, Manuel del Carmen (P.M.).

Araw No. 18.—During the year 1933, this Lodge will be governed by the following Brethren who were elected at the Annual Meeting last month: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Anastasio Uy Mochay; Senior Warden, Bro. Ong Tiong Che; Junior Warden, Bro. Santiago L. Laurea; Treasurer, Bro. Chua Pio, and Secretary, Bro. Marcos A. Vega.

Silañagan No. 19.—Bros. José M. Santos and David S. Santos accompanied the Grand Master on his visit to Corregidor Island on November 20th.

Bro. Quintin Cueto had the misfortune of losing his wife who died at Montalban on November 29th.

Bros. Peglowski, Jabson, and Legaspi were on the sick list in December.

Bro. Valeriano E. Sison's new address is P. O. Box 306, Davao.

Bro. José M. Perez was the principal speaker at the Bonifacio Day celebration in Pasig.

The officers elected at the Stated Meeting in December are: Master, Wor. Bro. Elpidio L. Cruz; S. W., Bro. David S. Santos; J. W., Bro. Ramon Peralta; Treas., Wor. Bro. Pedro C. Jabson, and Secretary, Bro. José M. Santos.

Banahaw No. 24.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was held at the December Stated Meeting of this Lodge and the following-named Brethren were declared elected; Wor. Master, Vicente Orda; Sen. Warden, Victor Degracia; Junior Warden, Ambrosio Velasco; Treasurer, Cenon Yap Sing Song; and Secretary, Enrique D. Epino.

Malinau No. 25.—At its Stated Meeting for December, this Lodge held its annual election of officers, with the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Ireneo I. Exconde; Senior Warden, Bro. Marcial Maghirang; Junior Warden, Bro. Isabelo Eubinag; Treasurer, Bro. Florencio Dantic; and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Julio A. Alvero.

Pinagsabitan No. 26.—At its December Stated Meeting, this Lodge elected the following-named Brethren to serve it as officers during the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Master, Gabriel D. Corvissiano; Senior Warden, Hilario Zalameda; Junior Warden, Augusto P. Arenas; Treasurer, Mariano Guilatco, and Secretary, Julio Sulit (P.M.).

Batong Buhay No. 27.—Bro. Telesforo P. Luna and family left Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte for Los Angeles, California, where they will reside permanently.

The wife of Very Wor. Brother Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang gave birth to a baby boy at the Misericordia Maternity Hospital.

Very Wor. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang and daughter are to return soon from a three months' vacation in China and a visit to other parts of the Orient.

The new elective officers of this Lodge are: Gregorio S. Narvasa, W. M.; Nicanor C. Mendoza, S. W.; Cirilo Lim, J. W.; Eugenio Dizon, P.M., Treas., and Enrique Ant. Gaerlan, Sec.

Balintawak No. 28.—Bro. Pacifico Diva was raised to the degree of M.M. on October 15th, last.

Bro. Gabriel Viduya, Lt., P.C., was transferred from Casiguran to Infanta, Tayabas, on November 1st, last.

Wor. Bro. Victoriano A. Tañafra reports the birth of a daughter on November 14th, last.

On November 15th, Wor. Bro. Romualdo Libranda married Miss Emilia Enfeo.

The annual election of officers in this Lodge gave the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Felipe de Leon; S. W., Bro. Hugo Cancio; J. W., Bro. Lim Hap; Treas., Bro. Eustacio Villafuerte, and Sec., Wor. Bro. Victoriano A. Tañafra.

Maktan No. 30.—During the year 1933, this Lodge will be governed by the following Brethren who were elected at the Annual Meeting last month: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Lim Yok Su; Senior Warden, Bro. Vicente S. Ysidro; Junior Warden, Bro. Severo Fuentesbella; Treasurer, Bro. Go Chan, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Valeriano Segura.

Ibarra No. 31.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was held at the December Stated Meeting of this Lodge and the following-named Brethren were declared elected: Wor. Master, Roberto J. Cipriano; Sen. Warden, Laureano D. Alvarez; Junior Warden, Antonio Villarama; Treasurer, Anselmo O. Diaz, and Secretary, Andres Polintan.

Isarog No. 33.—On December 9th, at its Annual Meeting, the Lodge elected the following-named officers, who will be installed on January 13th in the new home of the Lodge, at Naga, erected by Wor. Bro. Gordenker and Mr. George Skibiken: W. M., Rufino A. Sarasanza; Sen. Warden, William A. Cole; Jun. Warden, Doratio Ferarres; Treas., Dy Chincin, and Secretary, P. Elisan.

Lincoln No. 34.—At its Stated Meeting for December, this Lodge held its annual election of officers, with the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Valeriano E. Abad; Senior Warden, Bro. Vicente Escota; Junior Warden, Bro. Francisco del Carmen; Treasurer, Bro. Gabriel M. Cabling; and Secretary, Bro. Juan Ramos.

Christmas and New Year's greetings for all Brethren in the Islands have been received from Bro. Jesus Banday, who is on the U.S.S. *Wyoming* (c/o P.M., New York City, N.Y.).

Kalilayan No. 37.—At its December Stated Meeting, this Lodge elected the following-named Brethren to serve it as officers during the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Master, Eligio Magallanes; Senior Warden, Filemon N. Caperiña; Junior Warden, Lucio Bucas; Treasurer, Federico M. Unson (P.M.), and Secretary, Julian Garcia (P.M.).

Bulusan No. 38.—During the year 1933, this Lodge will be governed by the following Brethren who were elected at the Annual Meeting last month: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Máximo Beriña; Senior Warden, Bro. Tomás S. Clemente; Junior Warden, Bro. Hermenegildo Encinas; Treasurer, Bro. Celso N. Mayor, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. José E. de Vera.

Mabini No. 39.—Bro. Andrés Collado was recently transferred from Ballesteros to Aparri, as supervising teacher of the Aparri District.

Wor. Bro. Oswald G. Taylor and his son John are now residing at Energy, R. D. No. 7, New Castle, Lawrence Co., Pa. The Doctor's health was beginning to break down from the effects of the climate in India, which made his return to the United States necessary.

Bro. Leon Taguba went to Manila on official business in November.

Bro. Blas Villanueva, who arrived here recently from Nueva Vizcaya, where he had been making an inspection, speaks highly of the friendliness of the Brethren of Magat Lodge at Bayombong.

The result of the annual election of officers last month was as follows: W. M., Andrés Collado; S. W., Cecilio N. Ascaño; J. W., Blas Villanueva; Treas., Hermogenes Florentino, and Sec., Candido Valera.

Maguindanao No. 40.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was held at the December Stated Meeting of Maguindanao Lodge and the following-named Brethren were declared elected: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Máximo Y. Suniel; Sen. Warden, Bro. P. M. Aberin; Junior Warden, Bro. Máximo F. Gimenez; Treasurer, Bro. Go Ana, and Secretary, Bro. Alfredo P. Shapit.

Minerva No. 41.—According to a report received in our office, the officers named below were elected at the Annual Meeting in December: W. M., Bro. Charles A. Barker; S. W., Bro. Walter L. Parman; J. W., Bro. Guy Emerson Morse; Treas., Bro. Tan C. Tee (reelected), and Sec., Bro. Ira M. Treet.

Noli-Me-Tangere No. 42.—At its Stated Meeting for December, this Lodge held its annual election of officers, with the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Primitivo Lovina; Senior Warden, Bro. Godofredo Ricafort; Junior Warden, Bro. Luis San Juan; Treasurer, Bro. Filemon José, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Dionisio San Agustín.

Tayabas No. 43.—At its December Stated Meeting, Tayabas Lodge elected the following-named Brethren to serve it as officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Master, Luis Pineda; Senior Warden, Policarpo Pandý; Junior Warden, Victor Lafuente; Treasurer, Yap Bona, and Secretary, Simeon San Agustín.

Charleston No. 44.—Owing to the serious illness of his wife, Wor. Bro. W. V. Harris was unable to complete his term as Master of the Lodge in Guam, having to sail on the U.S.S. *Henderson*. While on board of this transport, Wor. Bro. Harris officiated at the Masonic funeral of Capt. C. G. Lothigius, of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, who had died on board and was buried at sea at midnight on October 20, 1932. Bro. George Fitzgerald was also present at this funeral.

Mount Apo No. 45.—During the year 1933, Mount Apo Lodge will be governed by the following Brethren who were elected at the Annual Meeting last month: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Arsenio Sebastian; Senior Warden, Bro. Fred J. Legare; Junior Warden, Bro. Rosalio Macrohon; Treasurer, Bro. Nicasio Valderrosa, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Marcelo Mendoza.

Malolos No. 46.—At its December Stated Meeting, Malolos Lodge elected the following-named Brethren to serve it as officers for the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Master, Honorato Carlos; Senior Warden, Hermenegildo Pascual; Junior Warden, Felipe Tanchanco; Treasurer, Ciriano Calalang, and Secretary, Francisco Viri.

Pampanga No. 48.—During the year 1933, Pampanga Lodge will be governed by the following Brethren who were elected at the Annual Meeting last month: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Apolinario S. de Leon; Senior Warden, Bro. Basilio Castro; Junior Warden, Bro. Pablo A. Loroña; Treasurer, Bro. Pelagio N. Dizon, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Isidoro Makabali.

Mount Mainam No. 49.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was held at the December Stated Meeting of this Lodge and the following-named Brethren were declared elected: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Juan Hernandez; Senior Warden, Bro. Leon D. Nazareno; Junior Warden, Bro. Lorenzo Vloria; Treasurer, Bro. Cornelio B. Mangahas, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Alejandro Joco. In other words, the Lodge reelected every one of its five principal officers.

Sarangani No. 50.—At its December Stated Meeting, Sarangani Lodge elected the following-named Brethren to serve it as officers during the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Master, Benito Natividad; Senior Warden, Bartolome J. Cuadra; Junior Warden, José Viacrucis; Treasurer, Hilarion Cabrera, and Secretary, Telesforo I. Alfelor. The Senior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary were reelected.

Pintong-Bato No. 51.—During the year 1933, Pintong-Bato Lodge will be governed by the following Brethren who were elected at the Annual Meeting held last month: Wor. Master, Wor. Bro. Simon N. Reyes; Senior Warden, Bro. Teopisto C. Batungbacal; Junior Warden, Bro. Marcelo Perez; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Francisco Gaudier, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Honorio R. Cuevas.

Pinatubo No. 52.—Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, the election of officers for the ensuing Masonic year was held at the December Stated Meeting of Pinatubo Lodge and the following-named Brethren were declared elected: Wor. Master, Bro. M. Buenaventura; Senior Warden, Bro. Raymundo Valente; Junior Warden, Bro. Ignacio M. Acierto; Treasurer, Bro. Manuel Arkoncel, and Secretary, Bro. Silvestre F. Fontilea.

Cabanatuan No. 53.—Bro. Apolinar B. Damian has lost his daughter Aurelia who died recently.

Bro. Nicolas Orosa's son has fully recovered from an operation which he underwent at the Nueva Ecija Provincial Hospital.

In 1933, this Lodge will have the following elective officers: Ignacio Susara, W. M.; Policarpo Aromin, S. W.; Gregorio S. Castelo, J. W.; Vicente Lopez, P. M., Treasurer, and Doroteo M. Josen, Secretary.

Isla de Luzon No. 57.—The elective officers of Isla de Luzon Lodge for the year 1933 are: Hilario M. Soriano, W. M.; Leonardo Fajardo y Garcia, S. W.; Santiago Gochangco, Jun. Warden; Felisberto Z. Soriano, P. M., Treasurer, and Ramon Mendoza y Reyes, P. M., Secretary.

Labong No. 59.—The annual election of Labong Lodge, held at the December Stated Meeting, resulted in the following-named Brethren being designated to fill the principal offices: W. M., Vicente Quijano; S. W., Generoso Jiongco; J. W., Filomeno Santiago; Treasurer, Amado Jacinto P. M., and Secretary, Julian Sogueco, P. M.

Isabela No. 60.—The election of Isabela Lodge held at its December Stated Meeting resulted in the following-named Brethren being chosen: W. M., Fidel C. Querubin; S. W., Francisco Beltran; J. W., Agustin Casipag; Treasurer, Juan Orellana, P. M., and Secretary, Manuel Alindayu, P. M.

Mayon No. 61.—Messrs. Severo Dia, Victor Piñeda, and Antonio Verceles were initiated at a special meeting of the Lodge held on December 2nd.

On December 5th, Mayon Lodge elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: W. M., K. P. MacDonald; S. W., Pablo Buñag, J. W., Pedro Hizon; Treasurer, Dy Uy, and Secretary, Harry L. Cash.

Kanlaon No. 64.—During the year 1933, the elective offices in Kanlaon Lodge will be filled by the following-named Brethren: W. M., José

B. Lopez; S. W., Rosendo M. Locsin; J. W., Remigio Abello; Treasurer, Manuel Garcia, P. M., and Secretary, Irineo Ferraris, P. M. The Treasurer and Secretary were reelected.

Baguio No. 67.—The Brethren named below were elected, at the Annual Meeting in December, to fill the elective offices in Baguio Lodge: W. M., William H. Reese, P. M.; S. W., Juan Medina; J. W., Thomas J. Brennan; Treasurer, Emil Speth, and Secretary, Alberto Rosal.

Magat No. 68.—Magat Lodge has chosen the Brethren named below to fill the elective offices in 1933: W. M., Sisenando Silvestre, P. M.; S. W., Vicente Lumicao, P. M.; J. W., Cornelio Gallardo; Treas., Julio Tugab, and Sec., Dioscoro A. Navarrete. The Master and Treasurer were reelected.

Primera Luz Filipina No. 69.—According to the report of this Lodge received in the Grand Secretary's office, the officers named below were elected at the Annual Meeting in December: W. M., Bro. Pablo Samson; S. W., Bro. Florentino Bautista; J. W., Bro. Severino Manotok; Treas., Bro. Ruperto Punzalan, and Sec., Wor. Bro. Felix Cajulis.

Union No. 70.—At its Stated Meeting for December, Union Lodge held its annual election of officers, with the following result: Wor. Master, Bro. Luis Fe; Senior Warden, Bro. Gregorio G. Niduaza; Junior Warden, Bro. Basilio Atomin; Treasurer, Bro. Matias S. Parlan, and Secretary, Bro. Andrés B. Rivera.

Makiling No. 72.—The annual election of Makiling Lodge, held at the December Stated Meeting, resulted in the following-named Brethren being designated to fill the principal offices: W. M., Roberto A. Ruiz; S. W., John T. Farley; J. W., Engracio L. Valmonte; Treas., Cayetano R. Jacinto; and Secretary, Cesario Dalmacio, P. M. All these Brethren are residents of Canlubang, Laguna.

Nueva Ecija No. 73.—At the annual election of this Lodge in December, the following-named Brethren were chosen to fill the principal offices: W. M., Pedro Medina; S. W., Benjamin Garcia; J. W., Feliciano S. Ayroso; Treas., Martin Villasan, and Secretary, Carlos S. Domingo.

Plaridel No. 74.—During the year 1933, the elective offices in this Lodge will be filled by the following-named Brethren: W. M., Esperidion Arguelles; S. W., Gregorio Orlanda; J. W., Isaias Gumban; Treas., Fortunato Alcantara, and Secretary, Victorio L. Jorvina. All these Brethren reside at Calauag, Tayabas.

Ago No. 75.—Bro. Tomas D. Morfe was unable to attend the November Stated meeting, being ill at the time.

Bro. Ambrosio Arce has been temporarily transferred to Tayug. Bro. and Mrs. Eusebio Medina are both ill.

Kasilawan No. 77.—Dues and greetings have been received from Bro. Siy Chaw, of Cabanatuan, N. E.

Bro. and Mrs. Leoncio Pallorina have lost their small daughter who passed away on October 30th.

Bro. Leopoldo Boquiren has written from Davao that he acted as S. D. on occasion of M. W. Bro. S. W. O'Brien's visit to Sarangani Lodge, on October 29th. He also sent dues and greetings.

Bro. Manuel B. Espinosa was raised to the degree of M. M. on October 26th in the Plaridel Temple.

Bro. Fructuoso V. Peñalosa gives his new address as 1202 Rizal Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila.

On December 28th, Kasilawan Lodge installed its officers for 1933. The elective offices are held by Wor. Bro. Santiago S. Salvador, W. M.; Bro. Juan S. Velasquez, S. W.; Bro. Elias Ibañez, J. W.; Bro. Alejandro E. Sison, Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. Manuel M. Agbulos, Secretary. The two Brethren last named were reelected.

Acacia No. 78.—Wor. Bro. José Jara, Jr., has been seriously ill; but he has returned to work at the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, though he undoubtedly needs a vacation.

Taga-Ilog No. 79.—Bro. Sotaro Kumagari reports the birth of a robust daughter.

Bro. Pio C. C. Velasco, recently returned from Amoy, is in poor health.

Wor. Bro. C. Bernabe celebrated his 50th birthday, on November 23, 1932, by a supper at his home, 1849 Sulo, which was attended by numerous friends and Brethren, including Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez and other officers and members of the Grand Lodge.

At the Annual Meeting in December, Bro. Restituto Carpio was elected as W. M., Bro. Ambrosio Perlado as S. W., Bro. Guillermo Valido as J. W., Bro. Julian Gimenez as Treasurer, and Bro. Clemente Bernabe as Secretary.

Mt. Lebanon No. 80.—Among the incoming passagers on the S.S. *President Taft*, on December 5th, was Bro. Col. José de los Reyes, who had been in Japan for medical treatment.

The tableau of elective officers for 1933 is as follows: Walter Ruebe, W. M.; Ogdén Eugene Bishop, S. W.; Louis Rifkin, J. W.; Motel Goldstein, Treas., and Elie Akross, Secretary.

High Twelve No. 82.—The Brethren named below were elected, at the Annual Meeting in December, to occupy the elective offices in High Twelve Lodge: W. M., Jesus Alvarez; S. W., Donato Valenzuela; J. W., Dominador R. Escosa; Treas., Eugenio Tadle; and Sec., Fidel T. Manalo, P. M.

Dagohoy No. 84.—Nine members of this Lodge attended the Master Masons' Convention at Cebu on November 26th and 27th, last; they were Wor. Bros. Emilio Buenaventura, Jr., Frank Lombardo, and Alfonso Lecaros, and Bros. Remigio C. Ramirez, Vicente Alferéz, Arturo Fortich, Ygnacio Molina, Juan G. Pagsoligan, and Bernardo Palma.

Bro. Vicente Hockan has lost his father, who died in Amoy on November 17th, last.

Several Brethren have reported new arrivals in their homes; they are: Bro. Macario Sañiel, a son, born on October 8th; Bro. Emilio Buenaventura, a son, born on November 2nd; Bro. Nicolas Roxas, a daughter, born on November 11th, and Bro. Anacleto Sevilla, a daughter, born on November 24th.

Bro. Go L. Chan was raised on November 12th, with Bro. Bernardo Palma in the East in the First Section and Bro. Vicente Tan Hockan in the Second.

At the Annual Meeting, Bro. Bernardo Palma, the efficient Secretary of Dagohoy Lodge, was elected as Master. Bros. Macario Saníel and Claudio Butalid were chosen to be Wardens of the Lodge. Bro. Yap Son Leon was reelected as Treasurer. The new Secretary of the Lodge is Bro. Catalino Castillo.

Luz Oceanica No. 85.—The Brethren named below were elected, at the Annual Meeting in December, to assume the elective offices in this, Lodge: W. M., Andrés Filoteo, P. M.; S. W., Enrique S. Chua Sy Quiat, P. M.; J. W., Honorio Tee; Treas., Co Ban Kiat, and Sec., José See Yok Peng, P. M.

Hiram No. 88.—According to the report of this Lodge received in the Grand Secretary's office, the officers named below were elected at the Annual Meeting in December: W. M., Bro. Benjamin Rios; S. W., Bro. Inocencio C. Dumpit; J. W., Bro. Modesto Flores; Treas., Bro. Hilarion D. Abad, and Sec., Wor. Bro. Enrique Rimando.

Muog No. 89.—The annual election in this Lodge, held at the December Stated Meeting, resulted in the following-named Brethren being designated to occupy the principal offices in 1933: W. M., Agripino Pascual; S. W., Carl G. Heilmann; J. W., Eusebio B. Beltran; Treas., Eusebio Laquindanum, and Secretary, Mauricio B. Jaberina, P. M.

Bro. Elzie Smith was raised on December 3rd, last. Letters and dues have been received from Bros. Thomas I. Wells, Fort Lawton, Wash., and Frank Hobbs, William Beaumont General Hospital.

Memorial No. 90.—During the year 1933, the elective offices in this Lodge will be occupied by the following-named Brethren: W. M., Eugenio Ramos; S. W., Marceliano Hidalgo, P. M.; J. W., Manuel Abellara; Treas., Enrique L. Locsin, P. M., and Secretary, Francisco S. Andres. These are the same officers that served the Lodge during the preceding year.

Ma-Bu-Ti No. 92.—The elective officers of this Lodge for 1933 are: Carlos F. Loza, W. M.; Florentino M. Serrano, S. W.; Manuel M. Perez, J. W.; Francisco Lim Yao Giok, Treas., and Ciriaco L. Latonero, P. M., Secretary.

Letters have been received from Bro. Estanislao R. Lopez, division superintendent of schools at Romblon, and Bro. Montano O. Iligan, chief clerk, auditor's office, Capiz.

Wor. Bro. A. F. Navarro reports that his youngest son, who had to undergo a serious operation, is recovering quickly.

Bro. Andrés Teodoro's family has been increased by the arrival of another daughter.

Mencius No. 93.—During the Masonic year 1933, the elective offices in this Lodge will be occupied by the following-named Brethren: W. M., Chan Lin Cuon; S. W., Say Koc Chuan; J. W., John Edwin Goo; Treas., Tan Han Huy, and Secretary, Tieng Sing, P. M. The Treasurer and Secretary are the same that served the Lodge faithfully and well in 1932.

Service No. 95.—Bros. W. L. Hildebrand and D. H. Campbell were present at the midnight funeral of Bro. Lothigius (34), on board the U.S.S. *Henderson*, between Guam and Honolulu, on October 20th, last.

Dues and greetings have been received from the following-named Brethren at the addresses stated: Ernest J. Cone, Station Hospital, Randolph Field, Texas; John F. Lapinsky, Co. "F," 30th Inf., San Francisco, Calif.; Stanley White, 369 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.; Wm. J. Bell, Co. "A" 11th Inf., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.; Victor C. Hawley, 36th Sqdn., Langley Field, Virginia; Grady L. Sninpaugh, Finance Office, Fort Douglas, Utah; Wm. A. W. Von Gehr, 217 Cass Ave., St. Louis, Missouri; D. H. Singletary, Co. "K," 22nd Inf., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Edward P. Clite, 10707 So. Hale Ave., Chicago, Illinois; Tom Sutton, Co. "C," 4th Inf., Fort Missoula, Mont.; Percy G. Smith, 1st Sqdn., Mitchell Field, L. I., N. Y.; Robert A. Jackson, Chemical Warfare School, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and Charles Gail, 19th Group Hdqrs., Rockwell Field, Coronada, Calif.

Greetings have been received from Bros. A. L. Predmore, General Delivery, Auburn, California; S. M. Walden, Co. "B," 38th Inf., Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and Thomas Conway, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois.

Very Wor. Bro. E. M. Masterson, Bro. Charles A. Caron and Bro. B. E. Clark, visited Vigan, Ilocos Sur and San Fernando, La Union, Provinces, on November 24 and 25, 1932, as members of the Grand Master's Party.

At the Annual Meeting, Very Wor. Bro. E. M. Masterson was elected to serve still another term as Master of this Lodge. Bros. Geo. Wm. Edgar and Oscar Urquhart were chosen as Wardens of the Lodge. Bro. Johannes Hoebee was elected as Treasurer, and Bro. Charles A. Caron was reelected to the office of Secretary.

Isagani No. 96.—At the Annual Meeting in December, the Brethren named below were elected to occupy the elective offices in Isagani Lodge in 1933: W. M., Sixto Guiang; S. W., Eugenio E. Villanos; J. W., Teodoro M. Lising; Treas., Clemente Terso, P. M., and Sec., Arcadio Evangelista, P. M.

Bagong-Ilaw No. 97.—According to the report of this Lodge received in the Grand Secretary's office, the officers named below were elected

at the Annual Meeting in December: W. M., Bro. Bonifacio C. Bernal; S. W., Bro. José A. Alvarez; J. W., Bro. Juan Valero; Treas., Bro. Ramon Zapanta, and Sec., Wor. Bro. Miguel G. Luna. The Master-elect served the Lodge as Secretary in 1932.

Mt. Huraw No. 98.—Bro. Mariano Lim has been transferred to Cartaman, Samar, as supervising teacher.

Bro. Lao Hoo has been appointed representative of the Consul General of China for Samar. A reception and ball was given to him on this account by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Samar, of which Bro. Inocencio Tan Sima is the president.

Bro. Tan Leong Kee contemplates a trip to Manila on business.

Bro. Fornillos, who has retired from the teaching service, has established a furniture shop.

Bro. José Rosales, Major, P. C., has been transferred from Iloilo to Tacloban.

Bro. Froilan, J. W., has recently returned from Manila.

It is rumored that Bro. Macasaet will be transferred to Tacloban as assistant provincial treasurer.

Wor. Bro. Santos is now agent for the Rosicrucian Press, San José, Calif.

Palawan No. 99.—Bro. Y. Minakawa, acting secretary-treasurer, is planning a visit to Japan in 1933, for a year's vacation. Mrs. Minakawa is in Japan now.

Bro. Tan Geok Poy, treasurer of the Lodge, has gone to China for medical treatment.

Bro. Baltazar Oaman, who left a year ago, is expected to return to Palawan in a few months.

Keystone No. 100.—Bro. Luis del Rosario's daughter has been ill.

Bro. Juan M. Lucas has been ordered to Fort Wint, Grande Island, for duty.

Wor. Bro. Amado Esleta and Bros. Santiago Boter, Castor Viray, Cecilio Munar, Pablo L. Edrozo and Felipe N. Padilla attended the Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

According to the report of this Lodge received in the Grand Secretary's office, the officers named below were elected at the Annual Meeting in December: W. M., Bro. Juan Banaga; S. W., Bro. Porfirio Tijing; J. W., Bro. Inocencio G. Sigua; Treas., Bro. Macario Odiamar, and Sec., Wor. Bro. Federico E. Palma. The Treasurer and Secretary were reelected.

Bro. Pio T. Franco was raised on November 24th, last.

Bud Daho No. 102.—The annual election of Bud Daho Lodge, held at the December Stated Meeting, resulted in the following-named Brethren being designated to occupy the principal offices: W. M., Arturo Villanueva; S. W., Manuel Escudero; J. W., Melecio Fabros; Treas., Agapito de los Reyes, and Secretary, Carlos M. Escio. The Brethren last named were reelected.

Zambales No. 103.—During the year 1933, the elective offices in Zambales Lodge will be occupied by the following-named Brethren: W. M., Placido Farin; S. W., Raymundo de Castro; J. W., Tomas Achacoso; Treas., Luis Ruanto, and Secretary, Juan R. Arbizo.

Leonard Wood No. 105.—Bro. W. L. Jones, Secretary, was taken to the hospital on November 17th with a compound fracture of the right arm caused by a fall.

Bro. George Setzer has been undergoing treatment for a simple fracture and severe lacerations of the left arm since November 23rd.

Another hospital case is Bro. P. W. A. Wellershire, who has been on the sick list since November 19th.

Bro. Fred Sladky, who has been acting as W. M. of the Lodge since the departure for the U. S. of Wor. Bro. Blakeney, a few months ago, was operated on for hernia on November 30th.

Bro. Basilio Calaguas rejoices over the arrival of a daughter, born on December 5th at Ft. Stotsenburg.

Bro. C. Masiclat, S. D., and Wor. Bro. Col. H. R. Andreas, District Inspector, were on a practice march to Botolan, Zambales, with the 26th cavalry during the first half of the month of December.

Bro. Major O. E. Fisher, the post chaplain, preached a sermon on the Lily Work at the Top of the Pillars at the post chapel on Sunday, December 4th. A number of Masons attended to listen to this interesting sermon.

Amity No. 106.—The result of the election in Amity Lodge, held on December 12th, was as follows: W. M., Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei (re-elected); Sen. Warden, Bro. Frank J. Rawlinson (re-elected); Jun. Warden, Bro. Luther M. Jee; Treas., Bro. W. P. Cheung, and Secretary, Bro. David W. K. Au (re-elected).

Bro. David W. K. Au, our Secretary, has finally returned to Shanghai; he did not sail from Manila until December 7th and had to stop at Hongkong and Canton on the way, on business of his bank. Bro. Au speaks enthusiastically of the hospitality of the Philippine Brethren during his stay in the Islands.

Bro. Ralph M. Hogan acted as Secretary of the Lodge during the absence of Bro. Au.

Bro. Luther M. Jee was sick in bed during the first part of December.

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Órgano Oficial de la Gran Logia de M. L. y A. de las Islas Filipinas

La Gran Logia de M. L. y A. de las Islas Filipinas se fundó en 1912. Tiene 105 Logias (29 en la ciudad de Manila) con 6,650 Maestros Masones aproximadamente. Es la única Gran Logia soberana en Asia y es universalmente reconocida. Su territorio, o sea, el Archipiélago Filipino, tiene una superficie de 114,400 millas cuadradas de tierra y una población de más de 12 millones. Sus actuales Grandes Dignatarios principales son: Antonio González, Gran Maestro; Stanton Youngberg, Gran Maestro delegado; Manuel Camus, Primer Gran Vigilante; Charles S. Banks, Segundo Gran Vigilante; E. del Rosario Tan Kiang, Gran Tesorero y Newton C. Comfort, Gran Secretario. La asamblea anual de la Gran Logia se celebra el cuarto martes de enero de cada año y en sus deliberaciones se emplean indistintamente el inglés y el castellano.

Mi Mensaje

XII

Mi Adiós como Gran Maestro.

Decíamos al iniciar estos breves mensajes mensuales que era nuestro propósito tener un rato de comunión espiritual con los hermanos de esta Gran Jurisdicción en las columnas de esta revista como órgano oficial que es de nuestra Gran Logia.

Con la ayuda de Dios, nuestro Gran Arquitecto, que siempre lo imploramos como masones antes de emprender cualquier cosa grande e importante, hemos conseguido nuestro propósito, y mensualmente desde el pasado mes de Febrero de 1932, hemos estado contribuyendo con una pequeña colaboración a sus páginas editoriales.

Hoy es el último mes de nuestra incumbencia como Gran Maestro, y, por tanto, este será nuestro último mensaje mensual como tal. Y así como empezamos estos mensajes enviando nuestros saludos fraternales a todos los masones de esta Gran Jurisdicción, así también terminaremos esta serie enviando nuestro ADIÓS, como fraternal despedida, asegurando a todos que nada es tan agradable como la idea de que cuanto aquí venimos diciendo es bien acogido por nuestros benévolos lectores.

No hay duda alguna que en ciertos sectores de nuestra sociedad se tiene una idea muy equivocada de lo que es MASONERÍA. En ciertas comunidades hay tanta prevención y tanto prejuicio contra nuestra fraternidad que nuestra labor se hace verdaderamente muy dificultosa.

He aquí porque se impone una labor de verdadera cultura, en lo que se refiere a nuestros principios e ideales, no sólo entre los que pertenecemos al mundo masónico, sino también entre los que pertenecen al mundo profano, al mundo que nos rodea.

Y esto explica la política que constantemente hemos estado siguiendo desde que nos hicimos cargo de los asuntos de nuestra Gran Logia.

Hemos procurado llevar fuera nuestras predicaciones, nuestras enseñanzas, porque siempre hemos creído que se hacen así más eficaces. Es la mejor manera de borrar de ciertas mentes suspicacias y prevenciones que no tienen razón de ser.

Esta no es labor de propaganda, es tan solo labor de predicación. No estamos empeñados en una labor de prosectismo; pero sí estamos empeñados en una labor de verdadera cultura masónica como el medio más eficaz para que nuestra institución sea una verdadera fuerza para el desarrollo moral y espiritual de los hombres y de los pueblos.

Cuantas más publicaciones tuviéramos tanto mejor será para nosotros. Y es por esto porque nuestra revista debe ser conservada a todo trance, y, si es posible, mejorada aun más. Y es más, si de algún modo pudiéramos publicar en forma de volantes u hojas sueltas nuestros desinteresados ideales, nuestros fines, nuestra razón de ser, resolveríamos muchas de nuestras dificultades y problemas.

Por eso siempre hemos urgido a las logias a que sigan publicando sus boletines y demás revistas porque dentro

de su precisión y brevedad son el mejor medio, el mejor vehículo, para llevar a las comunidades en donde vivimos nuestras sublimes enseñanzas.

A esto mismo obedece la preparación de un MANUAL MASÓNICO, la celebración de un concurso literario bajo los auspicios de la Gran Logia, la celebración de reuniones mensuales, las constantes asambleas de maestros masones en nuestra Gran Jurisdicción, y otras actividades semejantes que ya conocen nuestros miembros porque en casi todas ellas han tomado gran parte.

Hemos visitado personalmente noventa y nueve (99) logias de las ciento cuatro (104) que trabajan actualmente en esta Gran Jurisdicción. Las cinco (5) restantes fueron visitadas por otros hermanos. Tan solo una logia no pudo ser visitada y ello se debió a que nos faltó tiempo y oportunidad. Nos referimos a la Logia CHARLESTON No. 44, en Guam.

En todas estas visitas, reuniones y asambleas hemos pedido al pueblo masónico a que se deje oír, a que nos haga conocedores de sus deseos, de sus problemas y dificultades, a que con la mayor franqueza y sinceridad nos haga las sugerencias, las proposiciones y las peticiones que creyera conveniente para la mejor marcha de nuestros asuntos.

No creemos presumir demasiado si decimos que nuestros miembros han apreciado en todo su valor el espíritu que nos ha animado al iniciar este movimiento.

También creemos que debido a esto existe ahora mayor solidaridad y mutua comprensión entre todos los que nutren nuestras filas.

No sabemos cómo expresar nuestra sincera gratitud a todos los Grandes Oficiales, inspectores y demás miembros que han estado sacrificándose para que nuestra labor sea un éxito.

Es de conocimiento general la aguda depresión económica porque atravesamos todos y que es causa de que algunas logias estén muy mal económicamente hablando. Sin embargo, todos se han impuesto el sacrificio de gastar un buen puñado de pesos siempre que ello era necesario para llevar a cabo alguna misión que exigieran los intereses de la fraternidad.

De este modo se explica cómo conseguimos por primera vez fletar un barco para visitar las logias del Sur, cómo conseguimos llevar un nutrido grupo de hermanos para visitar las logias de la Bicolandia, cómo un gran contingente de nuestros hermanos se sumaron a nosotros en nuestros viajes a Shanghai, a las provincias del Norte y a otros puntos de nuestro hermoso archipiélago.

Como quiera que los problemas que más afectan a nuestras logias según nuestra observación personal son los de carácter económico, nos hemos decidido a nombrar un COMITÉ ESPECIAL DE REAJUSTES ECONÓMICOS de que ya dimos conocimiento en un número anterior de nuestra revista, cuyo comité tiene el encargo de estudiar cuidadosamente todo lo que concierne a la finanza de las logias subordinadas y de la Gran Logia con vistas a resolver muchas peticiones y resoluciones sobre condonación de

obligaciones, reducción de cuotas, etc. . . .

También tuvimos que estudiar detenidamente la cuestión relativa a nuestra futura actuación en el territorio de China y a esto obedeció en parte nuestra ida a Shanghai, el Septiembre último. Como consecuencia de esta visita, y a solicitud de algunos hermanos en Nanking, nos hemos decidido a otorgar una dispensa para la organización de la LOGIA NANKING en la misma capital de la República China.

Además de los comités especiales arriba referidos, creímos conveniente formar otros más, como por ejemplo el comité para el estudio y la determinación del lugar donde se levantó la primera logia masónica en Filipinas, el comité para atender a los hermanos que vienen de provincias y el comité que se encargó de la celebración del vigésimo aniversario de la fundación de nuestra Gran Logia. Estos comités están preparando sus informes correspondientes y de ellos se dará conocimiento a la Gran Comunicación durante sus próximas sesiones.

Quisiéramos relatar una a una las principales fases de nuestra labor; pero nos falta espacio. Resumirla brevemente podría dar lugar a interpretaciones no muy exactas. Rogaríamos, pues, a todos nuestros miembros procuren estar y asistir a las sesiones de nuestra Gran Comunicación que allí procuraremos dar detalladamente un informe de toda nuestra pasada labor.

Y al enviar desde aquí nuestro ADIÓS no nos despedimos para abandonar nuestra colaboración a las páginas de esta revista. Simplemente nos despedimos como GRAN MAESTRE, pues, que al tiempo en que salga a luz el siguiente número, ya nos habremos reintegrado al último lugar en nuestras filas.

Hermanos de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas:—La mejor oportunidad que ofrecerse puede a un hombre para el servicio de sus semejantes me la habéis ofrecido al hacerme vuestro GRAN MAESTRE. En los siguientes años de mi vida, nunca me sentiré tan feliz como al recuerdo de vuestra decidida y espontánea colaboración. Pero mi felicidad sería mucho mayor si mi pasada actuación ha respondido, siquiera en parte, a lo que de mi esperabais cuando, sin méritos para ello, me hicisteis vuestro GRAN MAESTRE.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, *Gran Maestro.*

Nuestro Vigésimo Aniversario

Discurso pronunciado por el Ilmo. Hmno. Antonio González, Gran Maestro de Masones L. y A. de las Islas Filipinas, el 17 de Noviembre de 1932.

En la apacible quietud de la naturaleza, cuando los elementos están en calma, cuando desaparecen las borrascas y ceden las tormentas y se esfuman las tempestades; cuando los desbordados ríos vuelven a sus cauces y las embravecidas olas se aquietan y los impetuosos vientos se apaciguan; cuando las nubes descargando rayos y los volcanes vomitando lavas se amansan, la vida se hace más grande, más intensa, más lozana, se recogen los más preciados y copiosos frutos, y la humanidad, en la tranquila contemplación de las inefables armonías que pueblan el Universo, comprende, en su éxtasis glorioso, que allí donde llega el sol con sus rayos luminosos, el hombre es hermano del hombre.

Así también las sociedades humanas. Cuando están en calma y no se agitan turbulentas y todos se miran sin odios, sin rencores, sin rivalidades; cuando se deponen los prejuicios raciales y ceden los antagonismos de clases y cesan las luchas fratricidas; cuando en el pentágrama de los sentimientos vibra sonora la nota de amor en sus variadas manifestaciones, entonces el hombre recoge más copiosamente los frutos de su trabajo, despliega con más ardor las energías de su voluntad, emplea más sabiamente las luces de su mente creadora y cumple así mejor con la misión que le tiene señalada su Creador, el Gran Artífice del Universo. Pero el hombre no ha vivido en paz y en concordia.

Desde los primeros siglos, aquellos tiempos ya tan lejanos de nosotros, los hombres se dividieron en castas, en clases, en categorías, como lo atestiguan los pueblos de la Asiria, de la Caldea, de la Persia, del Egipto; y aun en los siglos que vinieron después, pueblos como los de la Grecia y de la Roma, se dividieron hasta lo infinito con absurdas diferencias y arbitrarios privilegios. Los hombres primero se miraron con desconfianzas y recelos; luego vivieron una vida anormal, una vida de lucha sorda y feroz, sangrienta y cruel. La sociedad civil lejos de estar sólidamente unida se aniquilaba a fuerza de odios, de rencores. La humanidad se perdía; pero en la densidad de aquella noche tenebrosa en los destinos de los hombres apareció radiante, alumbrando al mundo, la figura luminosa del Nazareno que murió crucificado para dar alientos de vida, carne de realidad, a un nuevo evangelio, el evangelio de amor y mutua comprensión entre todos los hombres.

AMAOS LOS UNOS A LOS OTROS. Su acento de admonición resonó en los valles, en las montañas, llenó el ambiente en que se movían aquellas almas tan distanciadas. AMAOS LOS UNOS A LOS OTROS, musitaron aquellos labios en los estertores de su agonía. Y el eco de aquella voz, que debió resonar intensa y por eternidades en la conciencia de la humanidad, pronto se apagó, muy pronto se perdió en las porfías y egoísmos de los hombres. Vinieron persecuciones violentas. El fanatismo religioso tiñó de sangre la tierra en todos los rincones del mundo conocido. Sacudieron al mundo fuertes convulsiones sociales, guerras las más cruentas que desolaron pueblos y envenenaron los espíritus. Los hombres no se dieron tregua, ni paz, ni reposo. Se olvidaron que eran hijos de un mismo Dios, hechos a su imagen y semejanza. No oyeron, no quisieron oír la voz interior de la conciencia, esa voz que nos dice, que nos recuerda que somos un ser sociable por naturaleza, y que en la unión, en la solidaridad de la familia humana, los hombres hallarán su bienestar y progreso.

Y aquella lección que le repetía la naturaleza, el universo, lleno de armonías, aquella lección de amor que le cantaban los astros, los cuerpos celestes, cuando en su ignorado curso a fuerza de atracción se mantienen tan distantes, pero siempre tan unidos, aquello no apeló a su corazón. Y así pasaron los años, y así pasaron los siglos. Pero la humanidad no es mala. Nunca pudo serlo. Se habrá extraviado, habrá errado en su camino; pero como criatura de Dios, la humanidad no es mala por naturaleza. Coged al hombre más depravado, y encontraréis que su perversidad es accidental, hija del ambiente, producto de las circunstancias. Su madre, aquélla que le dió su sangre generosa, quizá os dijera que en medio de sus crímenes hay ternura en su corazón, destellos de amor en su alma pecadora.

Por eso la humanidad cansada se debatía contra aquella herencia de oscuros pasados siglos; por eso la humanidad, en sus ansias de redención, buscó un campo neutral a donde los hombres pudieran ir sin que les alejaran diferencias de clase, antagonismos de raza o creencias religiosas. Y entonces surgió la institución masónica. Como una apoteosis de luz, la Masonería ahuyentó del mundo las sombras de un pasado tenebroso; borró ideas caducas que atrofiaban la mentalidad de los hombres y la conciencia de los pueblos; rompió las cadenas que esclavizaban a la RAZÓN y A LA CONCIENCIA y proclamó al mundo el imperio de la libertad en todas sus manifestaciones, proclamó la libertad de las ideas, la libertad de las conciencias, la libertad de los hombres, la libertad de los pueblos, como la suprema dignificación de la familia humana.

Dió sus primeros frutos hacia principios del siglo décimo octavo en tierras de Inglaterra. La semilla estaba echada y pronto fecundó. Se hizo árbol robusto, gallardo y echó hondas raíces. Y las raíces se extendieron al continente europeo y alcanzó a tierras del África y del Asia. Se hizo recio y atravesó el Atlántico. Se agarró en tierra america-

na y llenó sus cimas y sus llanos. Y también por Oceanía apareció una de sus más sólidas raíces y en Filipinas se yergue, llena de vida, plétórica de entusiasmos, y ahora la vemos en su hermosa realidad, presentándose ante el mundo con el vigoroso empuje de sus grandes logros, como la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas.

Y así la Masonería trayendo al mundo los siglos emancipadores del espíritu humano es un elemento de civilización, de cultura, en los hombres, en los pueblos. Y si los masones en Filipinas organizamos esta fiesta, conmemorando un aniversario, es porque la masonería filipina, siempre activa, siempre vigilante, es el testimonio más elocuente, la mejor prueba al mundo, de que aquí en este rincón del globo, gozamos de una civilización, de una cultura, tan excelsas, tan admirables, como la cultura y civilización de que pudieran vanagloriarse los pueblos más avanzados de la tierra.

Hacia mediados del siglo pasado la Masonería se hizo sentir en la sociedad filipina. A España debemos la civilización cristiana que trajeron los primeros navegantes y los abnegados apóstoles de la fe. A ella debemos también muchos cuerpos de leyes tan sabias, tan previsoras, que aun hoy rigen nuestra sociedad. A esa España grande y generosa, que supo cantar las excelencias del trabajo y el amor a la virtud para unir a los hombres con los principios de amor y caridad predicados por el sublime mártir de Gólgota, de cuyos principios nos hacemos solidarios los masones, la Masonería filipina ha rendido siempre su homenaje de admiración y de respeto.

Pero aquí sucedió lo que en otras partes. El pueblo filipino se asfixiaba dentro de una organización civil poco propicia y hasta antagónica al ideal que la Masonería iba predicando por todas partes. Sus ideales de libertad hallaron eco en sus corazones; ansió gozar de los mismos derechos, de las mismas libertades, de los mismos privilegios de que gozaban otros pueblos, y entonces los lazos de unión se rompieron. Fueron designios de la Providencia que el fideicomiso puesto en manos de España estuviera hoy en manos de otro pueblo, también grande y generoso, el pueblo de los Estados Unidos de América. Bajo la égida americana, la Masonería filipina se desenvolvió sin obstáculos, libremente, e independizándose de otras grandes jurisdicciones organizó su propia Gran Logia, la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas, cuyo vigésimo aniversario celebramos esta noche.

En el curso de los tiempos el fideicomiso que el pueblo americano tiene en Filipinas también desaparecerá. El pueblo filipino regirá sus propios destinos y, entonces, la mejor garantía que podrá ofrecer al mundo de que aquí viviremos en paz y en concordia, de que aquí viviremos gozando de los beneficios de un gobierno de ley y de orden, será nuestra Masonería, la Masonería filipina, esa Masonería que ha vivido respetando y ha enseñado a respetar los derechos y las libertades de los hombres.

Si, señores, la Masonería es una institución de paz, de orden. Ella inculca el respeto a las autoridades legítimas, a las leyes, al gobierno constituido. Cooperamos los masones con los poderes públicos en sus altas funciones promoviendo el bienestar, el progreso, la felicidad de los pueblos.

Y así pasarán los días, y así pasarán los años, y la Masonería seguirá laborando por estos mismos altos ideales, hasta que los hombres, todos los hombres de Oriente a Occidente, de las tierras australes a las tierras hiperboreas, respondan a la voz de admonición de Jesús de Nazareth, que aun expirante en la Cruz, repetía al mundo: AMAOS LOS UNOS A LOS OTROS.

He dicho.



De Plumas Extranjeras

Los Muertos

Por AMADO NERVO

El paraíso existe;
pero no es un lugar (cual la creencia
común pretende) tras el hosco y triste
bregar del mundo: el paraíso existe;
pero es sólo un estado de conciencia.

Los muertos no se van a parte alguna,
no emprenden al azul remotos viajes,
ni anidan en los cándidos celajes,
ni tiemblan en los rayos de la luna.

Son voluntades lúcidas, atentos
y alados pensamientos
que flotan en redor, como diluídos
en la sombra; son límpidos intentos
de servirnos en todos los momentos;
son amores custodios, escondidos.

Son númenes propicios, que se escudan
en el arcano, mas que no se mudan
para nosotros; que obran en las cosas
por nuestro bien; son fuerzas misteriosas
que, si las invocamos, nos ayudan.

Feliz quien a su lado
tiene el alma de un muerto idolatrado
y en las angustias del camino siente,
sutil, mansa, impalpable, la delicia
de su santa caricia,
como un soplo de paz sobre la frente.

—De "Acacia," San Juan, P. R.

Observaciones Sobre la Admisión de Profanos en la Orden de los Francmasones

La posición, el porvenir y la evolución de la Orden de los francmasones en el mundo profano están íntimamente ligados con el estado intelectual, espiritual y moral de sus miembros.

Por su mismo carácter no tiene importancia la cantidad de los miembros de la Orden, si no su *calidad*.

Por esto las Logias, las Grandes Logias o los Grandes Orientes, tienen el *deber* de vigilar con la mayor cautela la admisión de profanos.

Su admisión no solamente es de gran importancia para la Logia, Gran Logia o Gran Oriente interesados, sino también para la Orden de los francmasones en general, cuyos miembros esparcidos sobre la superficie de la tierra forman una cadena cuya resistencia nunca será superior a la de su eslabón más débil.

Cuando, por causa de sus miembros, se desacredita una Logia, Gran Logia o Gran Oriente, no sólo se daña a sí mismo si no que también daña a la Orden de los francmasones en general.

Nunca se debe perder de vista que, antes de admitir a un profano se debe tener la certidumbre de que posee todas las condiciones necesarias para que pueda llegar a ser un francmasón.

Hay gente buena, hombres de los cuales no se puede decir nada malo, de buena reputación, honrados, trabajadores, etc., y que sin embargo son absolutamente inadecuados para ser miembros de la Orden. Conozco mucha gente de esta condición en el mundo profano y . . . desgraciadamente, también en la Orden.

La Orden necesita colaboradores, necesita miembros que trabajen masónicamente con todo celo; que estudien la

francmasonería, la sientan en todo su ser y la vivan en toda su vida; pues la Orden no existe para aquellos que la consideran sólo como una escuela de educación o club social de carácter íntimo.

La Orden da, da con todo su ser, pero el que quiere recibir, debe ser digno de recibir y apto para ello; debe poseer en sí la fuerza y la voluntad necesaria para buscar el secreto masónico en sí mismo; secreto masónico que es el ideal masónico, que se manifiesta en su elevado símbolo: el Gran Arquitecto del Universo.

El trabajo masónico tiene por objeto *formar el francmasón* con el fin de que los miembros de la Orden puedan llevar al mundo profano la luz que han visto y de lo cual han prometido dar testimonio.

Para que pueda formarse el francmasón es necesario que el profano que quiera ingresar a la Orden tenga en potencia *las cualidades necesarias para que sea posible tal formación.*

En la declaración de principios se encuentran ya las características que debe tener el profano para que pueda ser admitido en la Orden.

Ante todo, el profano debe tener *un sentimiento filosófico*, si desea ingresar a una institución que es esencialmente filosófica.

En el profano debe existir el deseo de penetrar en la sabiduría o, en otras palabras, de buscar la causa de las cosas o sea *la verdad.*

No se puede exigir del profano que sea filósofo y que sepa todos los sistemas filosóficos; basta que posea el deseo de buscar *independientemente* la verdad.

Por consiguiente, el profano que desee ingresar a la Orden debe ya reconocer en cada ser humano el derecho de buscar *independientemente* la verdad.

Los católicos romanos, por ejemplo, no pueden pertenecer a la Orden, porque el jefe de su Iglesia, el Papa, se los prohíbe.

Todo sistema religioso que se base en dogmas hace imposible para sus fieles el ser miembros de la Orden de los francmasones.

Por este motivo la Orden debe cerciorarse, antes de admitir a un profano de que está libre de todo dogma en el sentido de tesis religiosa, sobre todo de aquellas que exigen que sus dogmas sean aceptados por los demás, aún por los que tengan opinión religiosa diferente.

La Orden no se opone a ninguna religión, pero en cambio hay circunstancias en que las religiones, por su sistema dogmático e intolerante, hacen imposible a sus fieles el ingreso a la Orden.

Por este hecho de que la Orden no se opone a ninguna religión es que no se justifica la exclusión que de los judíos hacen algunas Grandes Logias.

La Orden jamás ha sido y jamás será una institución puramente cristiana y por esto no podrán ser jamás excluidos los candidatos que profesen otras religiones, no dogmáticas o fanáticas, o sean de determinadas razas.

Investigando el por qué esos poderes masónicos excluyen a los judíos, se llega a la conclusión de que se debe a razones de carácter político.

Las Grandes Logias mencionadas cometen así un doble error porque la Orden no es ni debe ser una institución política.

La historia muestra claramente que, cuando la política entra en la Logia, pierde ésta su carácter de institución espiritual, ética y filosófica.

Por consiguiente, cuando un profano solicita su admisión, la Orden debe cerciorarse de si el profano está o nó dominado por su pasión política, porque si lo está, no será hombre libre.

Tal profano, una vez que llegue a ser miembro de la Orden, podría constituir un peligro para ella, tratando de usarla para sus propios fines, cambiándola en un arma política.

Y en este orden de cosas no debe hacerse excepciones;

pues muy a menudo se ha comprobado el gran peligro que la intromisión de la política envuelve para la Orden.

Y también, así como la Orden rechaza al político fanático, también debe rehusar la solicitud de admisión de un patriota fanático o chauvinista.

La Francmasonería no es para un solo pueblo o para un solo país, nó; la Masonería es para *toda la humanidad.*

Si bien es cierto que en los diferentes países la Orden tiene las características de la nacionalidad de sus miembros, no lo es menos que ella no se opone al amor a la patria; muy por el contrario, ella lo exalta, pues considera el amor a la patria como una de las virtudes más hermosas del ser humano; pero, sin embargo, se opone al chauvinismo, porque el chauvinismo es, precisamente la causa por la cual los pueblos se separan en vez de unirse.

Nunca el ser humano reconoce su amor para su patria más bello y grande que cuando se da cuenta de que su semejante de un país extranjero tiene en sí también este amor para su propia tierra.

Entonces puede aproximarse a su semejante y del elevado amor que cada uno tiene para su tierra nativa nace el deseo de trabajar juntos por la paz y la armonía entre los pueblos de la tierra.

La Orden, antes de admitir a los profanos debe darse cuenta de la opinión de ellos sobre la cuestión que acabo de mencionar.

El profano que desea ingresar a la Orden debe reconocer al Gran Arquitecto del Universo en el sentido masónico; es decir debe reconocer una fuerza invisible pero existente; fuerza creadora y conservadora, fuerza que hace posible, y que es, la evolución del universo.

La Francmasonería deja libre la definición de esta fuerza que también puede ser definida como la fuerza impulsadora de la evolución de la humanidad y de lo bueno que hay en ella, haciendo nacer en el ser humano el impulso y el deseo de evolucionar y de elevarse a un nivel moral y espiritual más elevado.

El profano que quiera ser francmasón debe poseer un sentimiento religioso que despierte en él el deseo de comprender el simbolismo masónico como una manera de llegar a la interpretación de verdades elevadas.—R. d. D. d. C. en "Revista Masónica de Chile"

Tenga Presente

Que asistir a las sesiones, pagar las cuotas, visitar los enfermos y las Logias hermanas, desempeñar con puntualidad las comisiones, es hacer Masonería; los que cumplen con esos deberes impuestos voluntariamente, pueden con orgullo, contar los años que van transcurriendo desde que fueron iniciados, y exclamar con satisfacción: ¡Soy Masón!

Los que no asisten a las sesiones y no se puede contar con ellos para cumplir comisiones, dejan de visitar a sus hermanos enfermos, y nunca concurren a las sesiones de las Logias hermanas, y como en toda obra humana, no concurrendo al trabajo no han puesto sus manos en él, aunque aparecen formando parte del conjunto y recibiendo el honor que da la Institución con sus grandes prestigios, son meros iniciados.

Se equivocan los que creen que quedan cumplidos sus deberes, enviando las pesetas, importe de sus cuotas, pues el dinero no constituye el ideal de la Institución, y si bien necesita lo que cada cual debe abonar, es para solventar los compromisos necesarios de toda colectividad; a esos hermanos les decimos, que recibimos agradecidos su óbolo material, pero que es su voluntad, su energía, su talento y su cariño, el capital que más apreciamos, y del que estamos más necesitados.

No olvide que cada vez que se amonesta a un hermano por falta de pago, asistencia, o por haber dejado incumplido sus deberes, sufre el que ordena, y el que cumple el mandato,

por conocer de cerca esas flaquezas, y la copia de la comunicación dirigida, se archiva en el expediente personal del Hermano amonestado, y cada falta cometida, es una página que con su incumplimiento va escribiendo en su Historia Masónica, y aunque en muchos casos procuran los que dejan incumplido el deber, buscar en el pretexto la excusa, lo cierto es que esta y aquella son antecedentes que en todo tiempo hablan con elocuencia, de los que no han sabido cumplir con el deber.

No sea como algunos, que por no perder el número de orden que los acredita como antiguos, siguen afiliados a un Taller Masónico.

Evite todo esto, procurando cumplir con su deber, y evitando que los que están obligados a exigirnos el cumplimiento, pasen por el dolor de tener que cumplir con el suyo, y antes debe solicitar su retiro al descanso, pues con esto último también se sirve a la Logia, y la Fraternidad, pues al contarnos, sabemos cuantos son los que realmente se someten al noble sacrificio de ser útil a la Humanidad.—(Tomado del Boletín de la Resp.: Logia "Perseverancia" de la Habana, Cuba).

¡Gracias Mil!

Con suma satisfacción publicamos en esta sección dos hermosas piezas de arquitectura con que nos ha favorecido nuestro Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre, Hmno. Antonio González: su duodécimo mensaje mensual y el discurso elocuente que pronunció en la noche del 17 de Noviembre del año próximo pasado. Nos llena de satisfacción sobre todo la promesa contenida en el mensaje de que esta no ha de ser su última contribución a las columnas de la revista oficial de la Masonería de Filipinas. Le damos, pues, las más expresivas gracias por sus mensajes mensuales que nuestros lectores han saboreado con gusto y por los cuales han podido enterarse de muchas cosas de sumo interés para los Masones

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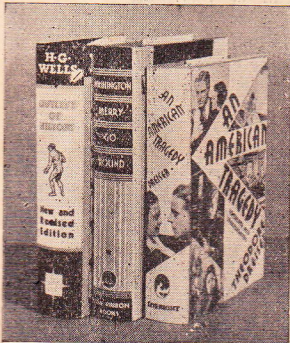
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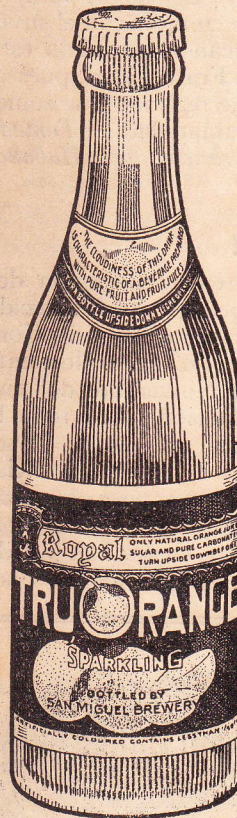
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