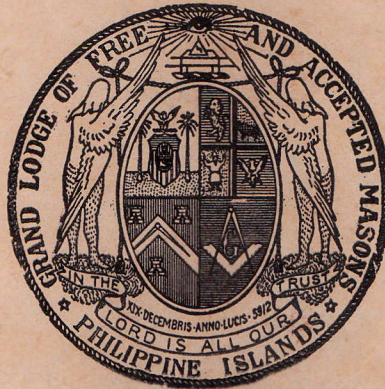


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THE WALLS

Grey, gaunt and merciless they tower
Those prison walls around our lives,
Mocking the feeble climbing skill
With which Man, witless, strives.
We batter at them with our fists,
To fall back sore and bleeding—
Better just saunter round and round,
Noting them without heeding!
Yet all their ruttled, naked heights,
Which all our quivering hopes deny,
And e'en their dampening, glowering fate,
Cannot shut out the sky!

—By FRANK J. RAWLINSON, P. M.,
Amity Lodge No. 106, Shanghai.

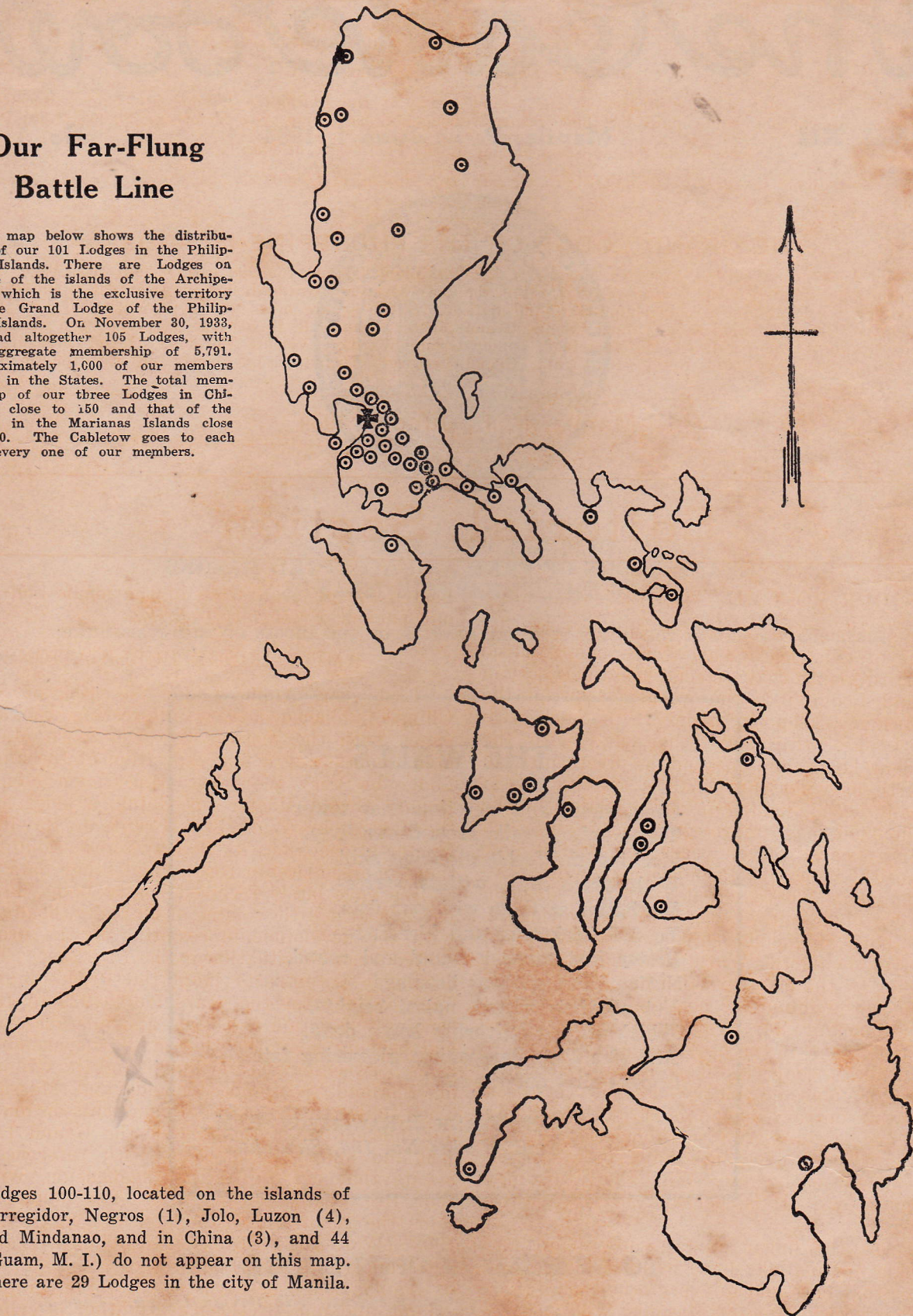
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Our Far-Flung Battle Line

The map below shows the distribution of our 101 Lodges in the Philippine Islands. There are Lodges on twelve of the islands of the Archipelago, which is the exclusive territory of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. On November 30, 1933, we had altogether 105 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 5,791. Approximately 1,000 of our members reside in the States. The total membership of our three Lodges in China is close to 150 and that of the Lodge in the Marianas Islands close to 100. The Cabletow goes to each and every one of our members.



Lodges 100-110, located on the islands of Corregidor, Negros (1), Jolo, Luzon (4), and Mindanao, and in China (3), and 44 (Guam, M. I.) do not appear on this map. There are 29 Lodges in the city of Manila.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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 6,000 Master Masons. It is the only sovereign Grand Lodge in Asia that 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: Manuel Camus, Grand Master; Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master; Conrado Benitez, Senior Grand Warden; Edward M. Masterson, Junior Grand Warden; Vicente Carmona, Grand Treasurer; Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary, and Emilio P. Virata, Grand Lecturer. Grand Lodge meets on the fourth Tuesday of January each year.

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Editorial Section

OUR VOLUME TWELVE

With this issue, *The Cabletow* enters upon its twelfth year of existence. This is the one hundred and thirty-third month that we send the official organ of our Grand Lodge into the world to spread the gospel of Masonry, keep our members in touch with the Grand Lodge, with each other, and with the Brotherhood at large, and inform the Fraternity all over the earth of what the Craft is striving to do and is actually accomplishing in these Islands of the Sea. Our journal has improved greatly since its first number appeared eleven years ago, and it now occupies a post of honor in Masonic journalism.

Great changes have taken place in the Masonic world since we made our first bow to the world. A Masonry plethoric in membership as a result of the boom period following the World War has been bled year after year by the penury which has been spreading throughout the inhabited portions of the globe. In Italy and Germany, our Fraternity can no longer be said to exist except in the hearts of a faithful few. In many European countries it is bitterly attacked and persecuted. Masonic unity has not yet been achieved: on the contrary, in the midst of the dangers by which we are beset, existing scissions seem to have been accentuated and new ones have been created where there should not be any. What the future may bring, no one knows. It is, perhaps, better that we do not know.

But however the finger of fate may point and whatever fickle fortune may have in store for us, one thing is sure: that here and in every other country of the world, the sacred flame of Masonry will be carefully tended and preserved for future generations by a few loyal and devoted Craftsmen, until the day when our principles shall triumph everywhere.

May our humble labors in this remote part of the world help to maintain the faith of our Brethren and

hasten the generalization of the ideals and tenets of our ancient Fraternity!—L. F.

AMITY LODGE PUBLICATIONS

Last year, Amity Lodge No. 106, of Shanghai, China, published a very interesting booklet of 46 pages with the motto "Towards more Masonry in Men," containing a fine exposition of the aims of the Lodge by Very Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei, District Deputy Grand Master for China, a brief history of the Lodge, by Wor. Bro. Frank J. Rawlinson, its Master at the time; its By-Laws and standing resolutions; a membership roster, and other data.

We have lately received Amity Lodge Publication No. 2, a neat little volume of 98 pages, dealing largely with the developments resulting in the present unsettled Masonic situation in the Far East. There are 63 pages of extracts from the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge for the years from 1929 to 1934, concerning our action in China, and miscellaneous material bearing upon the subject of suspension of relations between our Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Massachusetts. Then follow eleven pages of comments on inaccuracies and misleading statements of the Grand Lodges of England and Massachusetts with reference to the events that led up to that suspension, written by Wor. Bro. Frank J. Rawlinson. The volume also contains the report of the Master of Amity Lodge for 1933 (Wor. Bro. Frank J. Rawlinson), and other data concerning that Lodge.

Amity Lodge deserves credit for getting out this volume and our Brethren's attention is called particularly to Wor. Bro. Rawlinson's comments, above referred to, which are very ably and convincingly written. A few copies of the book will be kept in the Grand Lodge Library, to be lent to Brethren desiring to read it.—L. F.

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS

Our Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1934 are off the press and the Grand Secretary's Office is busy sending copies all over the world. Soon Brethren interested in what Masonry is doing in this part of the world will be bending over the pages of the volume, shrunk to half its size as compared with last year. In hundreds of towns in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Europe, China, and other countries, the activities and problems of our young Grand Lodge will be judged and weighed by men well skilled in the Royal Art.

We hope that the Proceedings will be perused with equal interest by our Brethren in the Islands. For reasons of economy, the free list has been reduced considerably, and thanks to the action of our Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, there is no longer any compulsion to read extracts from the Proceedings in open Lodge. But this notwithstanding, we venture to predict that this year our volume of Proceedings will be more widely read and discussed than during the preceding years, because of the important business transacted during the last Annual Communication and because of the smaller size of the volume.

This year's volume contains a record of splendid Masonic work fearlessly and conscientiously performed, and we recommend that our Brethren read it carefully.—L. F.

AN APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS

There are among the members of our Fraternity many who are either employers of labor or managers of offices, firms, banks or other establishments and have as such a voice in the selection of employees or are at least informed of the occurrence of vacancies in their concerns. On the other hand, we have a considerable number of Brethren less lucky than they, and it is on behalf of these unfortunates that we would say a few words to the fortunate class of members to whom we have referred.

Unemployment, which has been steadily increasing since the effects of the world depression first made themselves felt in these Islands, is something the agonies of which only one who has gone through them himself can fully realize. To understand its seriousness, a man must have knocked at door after door and met with a rebuff every time; he must have found himself with his savings and credit exhausted and unable to solve the problem of keeping his children at school and providing food, raiment, and shelter for himself and his family; he must in the bitterness of his heart have asked himself why God endowed him with strength and intelligence and failed to give him an opportunity to put these gifts to work.

Our Grand Master, in an appeal to the Craft which we publish in this number, asks those who are able to put any of our unemployed Brethren in the way of employment to give a thought to those Brethren, remembering that it is not charity but an opportunity to make a living that they seek. A simple note or telephone call inviting the attention of an unemployed Brother to a vacancy may save him and those dependent on him from despair and starvation. It is sure to redound to the benefit of both parties, because no Mason worthy of the name

will be an untrustworthy and ungrateful employee. Pledged as they are to go out of their way if need there be to aid a distressed Brother, the members to whom that appeal is addressed should not deem it too much trouble to act in accordance with its suggestions whenever an opportunity to do so presents itself.

We trust that our Grand Master's appeal will not fall on deaf ears.—L. F.

WOR. BRO. RAWLINSON'S ARTICLE

We invite the attention of our readers to the article published in this issue of our journal in which Wor. Bro. Frank Rawlinson, P. M. of Amity Lodge No. 106, of Shanghai, points out and discusses the inaccuracies and misleading statements contained in the various communications from the Grand Lodges of England and Massachusetts regarding the events which resulted in the suspension of relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands by the Grand Lodges mentioned and those of Scotland and Ireland. Upon reading this excellent article, one cannot but be shocked by the almost criminal carelessness with which the Grand Lodge committees concerned have acted and by the bias and ill will displayed. In as important a matter as the suspension of relations between Grand Bodies of Masonry, the greatest care should be exercised, the evidence should be conscientiously weighed and considered, and the accused should be given an opportunity to be heard in his own defence. One must be blind not to see that none of these things was done in the case under consideration. The Massachusetts report and statements, in addition to their lack of accuracy, show the same vindictive spirit which found its expression in the efforts of that Grand Lodge to wreck our Lodges in China and to induce the other Grand Lodges to break with ours.

We ask our readers to read Wor. Bro. Rawlinson's opus carefully and judge for themselves whether or not our Grand Lodge has had a square deal.—L. F.

GRAND LODGE AUDITOR

In accordance with the recommendation of his predecessor, M. W. Bro. Camus has created the office of Grand Lodge Auditor and has appointed Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, P. M. of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80, to that office. Wor. Bro. Santos, who is too well known in Masonic circles to need any introduction, is an excellent choice. His duties are defined in the Grand Lodge Circular of May 15, 1934, published in the Official Section of this issue of the *Cabletow*.

In this Circular, our Grand Master asks the Lodge officers to cooperate with the new officer to the fullest extent, and we have no doubt that such cooperation will be forthcoming. As intelligent men, the officers of our Lodges realize the value of business methods in Lodge administration, and we are confident that the visits of the Grand Lodge Auditor will leave our Lodges more familiar with Lodge accounting and administration than they have ever been before, and with their accounts and vouchers in the best of order.—L. F.

WOR. BRO. MENDOZA RESIGNS

The Grand Lodge has lost the services of Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, who has resigned to take effect on May 16th, last, after enjoying two months' leave of

absence. Wor. Bro. Mendoza is a Mason of the old school whose chief virtues have always been great patience and courtesy in his dealings with the Craft. His health has been rather poor of late and the weight of recent family misfortunes has added greatly to his burden. We wish Wor. Bro. Mendoza an improvement in the condition of his health and success in whatever he may undertake.—*L. F.*

WOR. BRO. CUEVAS LEAVES GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Wor. Bro. Honorio Cuevas, a clerk in the Grand Secretary's Office, has been dropped as a measure of economy. Brother Cuevas has been a familiar figure in the Grand Lodge Office during the years that he has been connected with the same, and has always been very active in Masonry, being a Past Master and present Secretary of Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51. We wish him success in whatever occupation he may take up.—*L. F.*

Official Section

Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Manuel Camus has appointed Wor. Bros. Alfredo S. Herrera (16), Esteban Munarriz (14), and Erwin C. Ross (9), to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of June, 1934.

[GRAND MASTER'S EDICT No. 23]

Subject: Correspondence with Subordinate Lodges of Foreign Grand Jurisdictions; Exchange of Representatives with such Lodges.

Recently, a number of our Subordinate Lodges have received from Lodges under Grand Lodges of Spanish American Republics communications offering to exchange Representatives.

In this connection, attention is invited to a resolution adopted by our Grand Lodge in 1914, providing that all communications between Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction and those of other Grand Jurisdictions, requiring official action, should be conducted through the office of the Grand Secretary. This Resolution is still in force and must be obeyed. Further, the practice of exchanging Representatives between Lodges is not sanctioned in our Grand Jurisdiction, and the exchange of such Representatives with foreign Lodges is to be discouraged, as it merely gives rise to a great deal of unnecessary correspondence and expense and serves no useful purpose.

Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction are, therefore, required to forward all communications of the character mentioned to the Office of the Grand Secretary, without further action on the part of the Lodge.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Manila, this 16th day of April, A. L. 5934 (A. D. 1934).

MANUEL CAMUS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

NEWTON C. COMFORT,
Grand Secretary.

(This Edict shall be read in each Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction at the first Stated Meeting after receipt of the issue of the *Cabletow* containing it, and mention of it having been read shall be made in the minutes.)

[GRAND LODGE CIRCULAR]

Subject: Unemployed Masons.
To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of all Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

GREETING:

The present economic crisis has resulted in much unemployment among the members of the Masonic Fraternity in these Islands, and your Grand Master believes that in times like these, advantage should and must be taken of every opportunity to help our Brethren in distress.

We have on our rolls numerous members in fortunate circumstances who control the employment of men and who could with no outlay and little trouble to themselves assist in reducing the number of unemployed Brethren to a minimum. All we ask of them is to ascertain, in case a vacancy occurs, whether there is an unemployed Mason qualified to fill the same, and to see that such Mason is informed of the vacancy and that in equality of conditions, preference is given to the Mason.

To assist our Brethren who control the employment of labor in thus giving a practical application to the tenets of Masonry, arrangements have been made, on recommendation of the Committee on Employment, to resume the publication in the *Cabletow* of a List of Unemployed Masons, with the qualifications of each and such other data as may be necessary, in brief form. Not only employers of labor, but other Brethren as well are urged to bring to the attention of the Grand Secretary's Office any vacancy that may come to their knowledge.

Instructions will be published with the List of Unemployed to be inserted in the *Cabletow*, and the cooperation of all concerned in this work of Masonic relief is earnestly invited.

This Circular shall be read in each Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction at the first Stated Meeting after receipt of the issue of the *Cabletow* containing it, and mention of its having been so read shall be made in the minutes.

Given at Manila, P. I., this 2nd day of May, A. L. 5934 (A. D. 1934).

MANUEL CAMUS, *Grand Master.*

Attest:

NEWTON C. COMFORT, *Grand Secretary.*

[GRAND LODGE CIRCULAR]

Subject: Appointment of Grand Lodge Auditor.
To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of all Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

GREETING: In accordance with the recommendation of my immediate predecessor, Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, I hereby create the position of Grand Lodge Auditor and appoint as such Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, P. M. of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80, as of April 16, 1934, to hold office during my pleasure or until relieved by competent authority.

The Grand Lodge Auditor shall supervise accounting in the Grand Lodge Office and shall examine the books and accounts of such of the Subordinate Lodges as may require an audit and the examination whereof may be assigned to him by competent authority. He shall also act as adviser and instructor of the Lodge officers concerned in matters pertaining to keeping the

books and accounts and handling the funds of the Lodge.

In addition to his salary, the Grand Lodge Auditor shall be paid his actual and necessary traveling expenses, including transportation and subsistence while en route, it being understood that while in provincial towns engaged in examining the books and accounts of a Lodge, the Lodge concerned will look after him.

Lodge officers are hereby directed to turn over to the Grand Lodge Auditor, upon his arrival, all books of account and vouchers of the Lodge, assist him in every way in the performance of his duties, and take advantage of his presence to perfect themselves in Lodge accounting and administration. The books and vouchers of the Lodge should be brought up to date and put in order immediately upon receipt of the notice of the Grand Lodge Auditor's visit, in order that the work of that officer may be expedited and useless expense and loss of time avoided.

This Circular shall be read in each Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction at the first Stated Meeting after receipt of the issue of the Cabletow containing it, and mention of its having been so read shall be made in the minutes.

Given at Manila, P. I., this 15th day of May, A. L. 5934 (A. D. 1934).

MANUEL CAMUS,
Grand Master.

Attest:

LEO FISCHER,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

BRETHREN SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Brethren having a vacancy, or informed of one, should immediately communicate with the Grand Secretary's Office (P. O. Box 990; telephone 2-15-06).

The name and address, and additional data relative to each case, are on file in the Office of the Grand Secretary, 524 Masonic Temple, Escolta.

Applicants for employment must be Master Masons not under suspension or expulsion and holding membership in a regular Lodge. So-called "dormant" Masons or holders of dimits are not eligible. Applications should be addressed to the Grand Lodge Committee on Employment, P. O. Box 990, Manila, P. I., and should state the name, address, age, and qualifications of the applicant, cause of separation from former employment, position sought, salary expected, etc.

Applicants who have found employment should notify the Grand Secretary's Office, in order that their application may be removed from the list.

1. *K.C.E. (55), Capiz.*—Chinese; speaks Chinese, English, Visayan, and Spanish. Desires "some occupation with salary," being in desperate need of employment. Highly recommended by Master of his Lodge.

2. *A.V. (61), Manila.*—High School graduate, speaks English, Spanish, Ilocano, Tagalog, and Bikol. Has been agent and warehouse man and shipping clerk M. R. R. Co. Will accept any work he can do.

3. *A.P. (49).*—Mechanical engineer, automobile expert, aviation mechanic (5 yrs. experience) seeks employment in his line.

4. *E.M.A. (49).*—Qualified private land surveyor; was chief surveyor of Manila Elec. Co. during construction of Botocan hydro-electric plant. Seeks employment in his line.

5. *E.B.P. (49).*—Surgeon's assistant, six years with U. S. Public Health Service and six years with Pullman Co., St. Louis, Mo. Has wife and two children. Work desired: hospital work or railroad inspector or auditor.

6. *D.N. (49).*—Carpenter, 1st class, 15 years experience. Has been employed in Cavite Navy Yard and at Fort Mills. Speaks Tagalog, Spanish, English.

7. *C.L. (22).*—Dentist, long practice, former professor school of dentistry, seeks employment in his line.

8. *R.R. (22).*—Certified public accountant, formerly with Bureau of Public Works. Will accept any position but prefers accounting or administrative work.

9. *M.S.G. (22).*—Physician, formerly with Government, now in private practice, seeks steady employment.

10. *J.M.U. (10).*—Former provincial treasurer and assistant director of Bureau of Commerce and Industry, seeks work for which he is fitted.

11. *P.G.E. (17).*—Clerk, seeks employment in his line.

12. *J.P.B. (4).*—Practising public accountant, former examiner Bureau of Audits, accountant with branches of Phil. Nat. Bank at Shanghai and New York, and various banks and commercial firms. Has numerous references. Ready to furnish fidelity bond.

13. *P.L.M. (23).*—Salesman; has been managing salesman of Singer Sewing Machine Co. for 20 years.

14. *E.H. (21).*—Graduate of school of carpentry, Phil. School of Arts and Trades. Formerly with Bureau of Plant Industry Shops. 45 years old, married, several children.

15. *P.M. (21).*—Chief steward on several inter-island vessels, from 1914 to 1933; lost last position because he is a Mason. 47 years old, married, 8 children.

16. *J.Z. (21).*—Bookbinder, formerly with Bureau of Printing, master of his art, retired from Government Service, seeks steady employment or will do jobs of binding. Grand Secretary's Office recommends his work highly.

17. *A.M.A.M. (39), Aparri.*—Mechanic, 4th year mechanical engineering, U. P. Several year's experience as mechanic and in electrical work. Seeks employment in his line.

18. *T.D.M. (75), Cabanatuan.*—High school graduate, speaks English, Spanish Tagalog, Ilocano, Pangasinan. Seeks employment as traveling salesman (cigars), private secretary, head waiter, provincial collector, cashier, commercial agent, gasoline agent, etc. Has been a teacher for 10 years, is married, and has 4 children.

19. *C.V.B. (34), Olongapo.*—Machinist, steam engines and launches; general repairs ship's machinery; ex-Navy man, seeks employment in his line.

20. *T.B. (34), Moron, Bataan.*—Machinist, steam engine and launches; general repairs of ship's machinery; ex-Navy man. Seeks work in his line.

21. *A.V. (34), Olongapo.*—Machinist, steam and gasoline engines, automobiles and motor boats; bench

work; general machinery repairs; ex-Navy machinist. Seeks work in his line.

22. *V.M.V. (75)*.—Brother experienced in general office management and work, accounting, bookkeeping, auditing, and storekeeping, seeks work in these lines. Has good record as teacher, deputy provincial treasurer, postmaster, and municipal secretary.

23. *D.G. (47), Tacloban*.—Traveling representative or salesman position sought by registered pharmacist who managed drug store for 8 years, speaks English, Spanish, Tagalog, and Visayan, and will be satisfied with moderate salary.

24. *S.J. (16)*.—Steamship engineer and mechanic, with experience as chief engineer on army, navy and commercial vessels extending over many years, both in the Islands and in the U. S., looks for employment in his line, or as mechanic or machinist with a mining company.

25. *J.H.S. (89)*.—High school graduate, with experience as general foreman, clerk, and storekeeper, desires employment.

26. *A.D.L.C. (51)*.—Licensed 1st class radio operator, with knowledge of English and Spanish, desires employment in receiving or transmitting station. Has 8 children to support. Recently retired from Government after 26 years service.

27. *W.F. (7)*.—Bookkeeper, with 20 years experience, wants employment.

28. *S.D.D. (7)*.—Storekeeper, with 12 years experience, wants employment.

CAN YOU EMPLOY ANY OF THEM?

Above is a list of 28 unemployed Brethren. Have you employment for any of them, or do you know of any? If so, please communicate with the Grand Secretary's Office, as requested at the head of that List. You may find the man you are looking for under the number mentioned below:

Accountant, 8, 12, 22	Head waiter, 18
Automobile mechanic, 3	Machinist, 19, 20, 21, 24
Aviation mechanic, 3	Mechanic, 3, 17, 24
Bookbinder, 16	Physician, 9
Bookkeeper 22, 27	Radio operator, 26
Carpenter, 6, 14	Salesman, 13, 18, 23
Cashier, 18	Shipping clerk, 2
Clerk, 8, 11, 18, 25	Steward, 15
Dentist, 7	Surgeon's assistant, 5
Druggist, 23	Surveyor, 4
Foreman, 15	Unclassified, 1, 10.
Warehouseman, 2, 25	

GRAND LODGE TEAM FOR CHINA VISIT

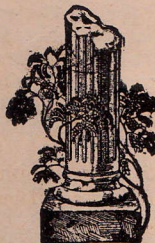
It is the intention of our Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, to visit our Lodges in China, leaving Manila during the first half of September, with a team composed of Past Masters and present Masters of Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction who will exemplify the Third Degree in the Lodges visited. The party is to be composed of American, Filipino and Chinese Masons, in order that it may be a living illustration of the universality of Masonry. Each member will defray his own expenses. A reduced rate of P144.00 for the round trip,

Manila-Hongkong-Shanghai and return, has been promised by the Dollar Line. Upon arrival at Hongkong, the party will proceed immediately to Canton to visit Pearl River Lodge No. 109, and will return in time to rejoin the ship. Amity Lodge No. 106 will be visited on the evening of the day of the arrival of the boat at Shanghai, and the party will then proceed to Nanking to visit Nanking Lodge No. 108. The duration of the entire trip will not be more than three weeks. Brethren desiring to participate in this trip are requested to leave their names with the Deputy Grand Secretary.

KUTANG BATO LODGE TO BE CONSTITUTED

The outstanding Masonic event of July will be the constitution of Kutang Bato Lodge at Cotabato, Mindanao. Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master, plans to leave Manila on the S. S. "Rizal" at the beginning of July for a visit to the Lodges in the South of the Archipelago, and Kutang Bato Lodge will be constituted by him on that occasion. Under our Constitution, a Lodge forfeits its charter if it is not constituted within six months after the charter was granted, and in the case of our youngest Lodge, the dead line is July 23rd.

Our Dead



We knew them here, and with them
wept and smiled,
Our life was one;
We met and parted, still of each
beguiled;
Their work was done;
And they are resting in the morning
land.
And we are toiling yet, with heart
and hand.—Selected.

Brother Juan Evangelista.

Member of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, Sta. Cruz, Laguna.

Died at San Lazaro Hospital, Manila, on March 29, 1934.

Buried with Masonic honors at Pagsanhan, Laguna, on March 31, 1934.

Worshipful Brother José Arpal.

Wor. Master, Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7, Manila.

Died at Manila, on April, 1934.

Buried masonically in the Cementerio del Norte, Manila, on April 29, 1934.

Brother Gregorio Enriquez Zaule.

Member of Acacia Lodge No. 78, Iloilo.

Died at Iloilo, on April 27, 1934.

Brother Teodoro Mariano.

Member of Ibarra Lodge No. 31, Kawit.

Died at Altavas, Capiz, on April 23, 1934.

Buried under the auspices of Makawiwili Lodge No. 55, of Capiz, on April 24, 1934.

Fraternal Reviews

By Leo Fischer, P.M., F.P.S., Fraternal Correspondent.

By order of the Grand Lodge, the Fraternal Reviews are now published in the *Cabletow* from month to month instead of being kept for and published in, the Volume of Proceedings. Our Brethren will find much of interest in this Department of our paper and are urged to read the same.

ALABAMA, 1933

The Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of Alabama, founded in 1821, had on September 15, 1933, a total of 521 Lodges, with a membership of 30,927, which shows a loss during the year in Lodges of 18 and in membership of 6,134. The retiring Grand Master was M. W. Bro. William L. Lee, and the present Grand Master is M. W. Bro. Samuel A. Moore, of Gadsden. The Grand Secretary, since 1931, is V. W. Bro. Guy T. Smith (Montgomery).

The 113th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama was held in the city of Montgomery on December 5 and 6, 1933. Our Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. Lemuel B. Coley, was not present. We see from the annual address delivered by M. W. Bro. Lee that further disaster has befallen the much tried Grand Lodge of Alabama. He said:

We began the new year auspiciously and our future seemed bright, our hopes ran high, only to be dimmed when the financial crash of March 4, 1933, involved our finances and what few dollars we had seemed retired to closed vaults and the ability of Masons of the State to respond to the needs and necessities of the Home and the Craft were lessened, but the courage and the determination shown by you in the trials of the preceding year gave me a confidence that made leadership possible and a Masonic army, equipped and trained in the armor of the Craft, was at my command and ready and willing to execute all orders.

Grand Master Lee launched a plan for the relief of distress among Masons and the revival of interest in Masonry by means of the organization of District Masonic Relief Associations or Masonic Clubs with a per capita of \$1.50 per member, to be used exclusively for the maintenance and support of the Alabama Masonic Home. The Jefferson County Masonic Relief Association, at Woodlawn, was the first such body organized, on November 22, 1933; the constitution and by-laws of this Association are inserted in the Annual Address, for the information of the Craft. We hope this plan will prosper and find imitators.

M. W. Bro. Lee had words of praise for the Order of the Eastern Star, the members of which helped greatly with the Masonic Home. One dispensation to form a Lodge, and one to re-organize a defunct Lodge, were granted. There were six consolidations of Lodges. Fourteen charters were forfeited.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence did not recommend recognition of any of the foreign Grand Lodges which had applied, and it did not submit any fraternal reviews, the publication thereof having been suspended because of the financial stringency.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address said of the work of the retiring Grand Master:

We wish to express the pleasure and gratification of this Committee and of the Grand Lodge for the excellent and efficient work of our Grand Master during the past year under most difficult and trying conditions. No Grand Master in our history has ever had a more perplexing situation to deal with than has Brother Lee. He has met and handled its problems courageously and effectively and we note with great pleasure the many evidences of the general improvement of the

Craft throughout the State during the recent months. Our retiring Grand Master deserves, and we are sure will have, the thanks and appreciation of every true Mason in Alabama.

A resolution was adopted praising M. W. Bro. Lee for the splendid work accomplished by him during the two years of his administration as Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge of Alabama has a very zealous Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge in the person of Wor. Bro. Lawrence Benton.

BELGIUM, 1932

Founded in 1833, shortly after the Kingdom of Belgium had come into being, with Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, a Mason, as first King of the Belgians, the Grand Orient of Belgium has a membership of close to 5,000, distributed in 28 Subordinate Lodges, of which one is located at Leopoldville, the capital of the Belgian Congo in Africa. Grand Master (1931-1933), Victor Carpentier, an engineer, resident of Ghent and member of the Belgian Senate, and Grand Secretary, Fred van der Linden, a journalist. Correspondence for this Grand Orient must be addressed to M. Rian Nedgrot, 6, rue du Persil, Brussels, Belgium.

During the year under review, 1932, the Grand Orient of Belgium held communications on March 6th, April 17th, April 24th, June 5th, and November 6th.

At the communication of March 6, 1932, the Grand Orator, who is an important officer in Latin Masonry, submitted his annual written report on the "moral condition of the Craft and the activities of the Grand Orient and Grand Committee." We translate the following interesting paragraphs:

The number of Lodges is growing slowly but surely. A group of Brussels Brethren, considering it important that propagandists be trained for spreading the ideas we cherish in environments where the Flemish language is spoken, founded Balder Lodge, in the Orient of Brussels. It will be able to play in the Brabant region the role played since many years ago in and about Antwerp by the Lodges Marnix van Sint Aldegonde and Les Eleves de Thémis. On the other hand, there has been an awakening at Ostend in a Lodge entitled "Les Trois Niveaux." The fraternal gatherings held during the summer time by the Brethren visiting the Belgian littoral will soon become regular Lodge meetings where both in winter and in summer, a spirit will prevail as pure as the beautiful evenings and as enthusiastic as the greenish-blue waves of our sea which are eternally in motion. The coming conservation of these two dear sister Lodges will increase the number of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Belgium to 28.

With the same regularity, representing an active but sound progress, the number of our Belgian Freemasons continues growing. Our Lodges initiated 233 luftons and neophytes.

Had we not lost 77 Brethren who were called to the Eternal Orient, our total membership would now be 5,000 or over. We can expect to be five thousand Masons next year when we shall celebrate the centenary of the Grand Orient of Belgium.

It was on February 23, 1833, that Most Wor. Bro. Defrenne, heading the Grand Lodge of Administration of the Provinces of the South, presided at the first work of the Grand Orient of Belgium. He began by announcing that the monarch, him-

self a Mason, extended his protection to the Grand Orient, inclosing with his letter of congratulation a gift of five hundred florins for indigent Masons. On the suggestion of our Most Wor. National Grand Master, Bro. Carpentier, it has been decided that there will be a worthy celebration of our centenary.

The Grand Orator's report shows good work for public instruction by our Belgian Brethren. "Free-masons—he says—march in the vanguard in the direction of the various educational centers." He warns the Brethren that the public school, free from interference by the Church, is in great danger in Belgium.

Active work for world peace is likewise stressed by Belgian Masonry.

The Grand Secretary's report is also interesting; it covers among other important subjects the reorganization of the Grand Offices and the revision of the Statutes by a Special Committee headed by Deputy Grand Master Erculisse. That unity and intelligent cooperation are especially necessary in Belgian Masonry is shown by the following paragraph:

This intelligent cohesion of all live forces of the Grand Orient of Belgium is so much the more necessary because we have noted in the last few months that our adversaries do not seem at all inclined to stop their attacks against Belgian Masonry. On the contrary, from various quarters our attention has been called to publications which show how the clericals are always striving to reveal the names of our Brethren, often in the hope of doing them injury in their material interests...

The Communication of April 17, 1932, was devoted to a debate on the public school question, and that of April 24, 1932, to the revision of the Statutes of the Craft in Belgium. On June 5, 1932, the Grand Orient, among other things, listened to the reading of communications from American Grand Lodges in response to the message of the Grand Orient of Belgium rendering homage to Brother George Washington on occasion of the bicentenary of his birth. The communications read came from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, and New York, through the Grand Lodge of New York.

As customary in that Grand Jurisdiction, reports on the activities of the several Lodges are published in the volume of proceedings. These reports show much activity, many lectures on a wide range of subjects, and in a number of Lodges, increases in membership.

The writer of this review has the honor of being the Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands of the Grand Orient of Belgium, some of whose leaders he has met personally. Our Grand Representative near the Grand Orient of Belgium is Wor. Bro. Léon Hallet, a prominent attorney of the city of Ghent.

COLORADO, 1933

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado, founded in 1861, had on June 30, 1933, a total membership of 32,671, in 147 chartered Lodges. A decrease of 861 in membership was reported for the year just past. The outgoing Grand Master was M. W. Bro. George A. Luxford; he was succeeded by M. W. Bro. Howard T. Vaille, of Denver. The Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Wm. W. Cooper (319 Masonic Temple, Denver), has been in office since 1921.

The 73rd Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Denver on September 19 and 20,

1933. Our Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. Fred G. Walsen, was present. They call the roll of the deceased Past Grand Masters in Colorado, a list of 47 names. Our Grand Lodge is fortunate not to have any such list; but it has been in existence only twenty-one years, as against seventy-three for Colorado.

The Grand Lodge of Colorado, as we see from the Annual Report of Grand Master Luxford, has to face the same problems as the other Grand Lodges of the world, arising from the depression. The Grand Master pronounced himself as opposed to the proposition to appropriate \$60,000 for the erection of a Masonic Home and divert 35 cents per capita of the annual dues for its maintenance. He said, among other things:

I have found general satisfaction with the present mode of handling our benevolent funds. Our Benevolent Fund has been in operation now for thirty-two years and, so far, it has been handled at an overhead that is simply infinitesimal, so that practically every dollar available has been given to the beneficiaries themselves. A Masonic Home—a building, is of course visible, physical and outstanding. You can see it, but granted that the erection of a Masonic Home is desirable, I do not believe it is possible to erect one for the amount that could be diverted from our General Fund. I also believe it impossible to maintain a Home for an amount equal to thirty-five cents per head of membership. Further, my Brethren, I do not deem it wise to impose such an obligation upon our membership during the present period of depression.

M. W. Bro. Luxford has words of high praise for R. W. Bro. Harry L. Baum's Masonic play "Brother Service" which was performed at the 1932 Annual Communication and a number of times afterwards. At the 1933 Annual Communication, another play by the same gifted Brother was staged in the auditorium of Colorado Consistory No. 1, entitled "An Eighteenth Century Lodge;" it, also, was a great success.

M. W. Bro. Luxford, dedicated two new Masonic Halls, and a Masonic monument marking the site of the first Masonic building in Colorado, at Central City. He commissioned Past Grand Master Crain to relay the corner stone of the court house at Boulder.

The proposition to build a Masonic Home and provide for its maintenance was rejected by the Grand Lodges, as recommended by the Grand Master and the Committees on Jurisprudence and Finance.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry L. Baum, whom we have already mentioned as the author of Masonic plays, and who is Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Colorado, delivered a fine oration on the subject "The Leaven in the Loaf" which was ordered printed in the Proceedings.

The work of compiling a history of Masonry in Colorado is progressing; Bro. Geo. B. Clark has collected a great amount of material for it.

The Committee on Necrology rendered a tribute to Past Grand Master Horace T. DeLong, who entered into rest on June 8, 1933.

Chairman Stanley C. Warner of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence presents reviews of the proceedings of 58 sister Grand Lodges. His reviews are short and contain about 50% of quoted matter. We are sorry our Colorado colleague did not receive our 1933 Proceedings in time to review them.

Wor. Bro. Aurelio L. Corcuera represents the Grand Lodge of Colorado near that of the Philippine Islands.

From Near And Far

GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA SUSPENDS RELATIONS WITH OURS

Following the lead of England, the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, whose see is at Melbourne, Australia, has suspended relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands

in view of the decision of your Grand Lodge to refuse its cooperation to the compact made in connection with the Fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges, and continues to issue Warrants to establish Lodges in China, contrary to the desires of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland...

We fail to understand the allusion to the "compact made in connection with the Fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges" because no such issue has ever been raised between the Grand Lodges concerned. On the contrary, our Grand Lodge, three years ago, adopted exactly the same bases of recognition of Grand Lodges as the United Grand Lodge of England. Both the paragraph quoted and the fact that the Grand Lodge of Victoria condemned ours without an investigation or hearing, simply because others had done it, shows how little justice and fairness enter at times into momentous decisions, even in Masonry. Principles that are considered elementary in human relations are disregarded in relations between Grand Lodges. After the United Grand Lodge of England condemned ours without a hearing, on a committee report full of errors prejudicial to our side of the case, the United Grand Lodge of Victoria followed its lead, adding a serious error of its own to those of England. It is to be hoped that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria will reconsider its hasty action, as it has in the meantime been furnished with a correct statement of the facts of the case.

FRENCH GRAND BODY FOLLOWS ENGLAND

The Grand Secretary's Office is in receipt of a communication from the Grande Loge Nationale Indépendante & Régulière pour la France & les Colonies Françaises, dated Paris, April 17, 1934, and signed by the Grand Secretary, the pertinent part of which reads as follows:

Referring to your letter of January 22nd we regret that owing to our fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, we are unable to continue our fraternal relations with your Grand Lodge until you have once more entered into fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of England.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge mentioned near ours is Wor. Bro. Ramon A. Arnaldo.

FROM THE GRAND ORIENT OF GREECE

A communication has been received from the Grand Orient of Greece, Rue Acharnon 19, Athens, appointing Wor. Bro. Major Rafael L. Garcia as Grand Representative of that Masonic Body near our Grand Lodge, and recommending that Ill. Bro. Georges Georgalas be commissioned as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands near the Grand Orient of Greece. Most Wor. Bro. Camus has made the appointment proposed.

STAMP COLLECTOR

A member of Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 94 who is a philatelist desires to contact some Brother

in the Islands interested in stamps. Address O. E. Musgrove, Mr. Sgt. Finance Dept., U. S. Army, Fort Riley, Kansas.

GRAND LODGE OFFICE NOTES

The Grand Lodge Service Committee met on April 30th and the Committee on Employment on May 2nd, at the Grand Secretary's Office. Both Committees transacted important business.

The Custodians of the Work have been very busy with the new edition of the Manual. Bro. Wm. Howard, S. W., of Corregidor Lodge No. 3, was of great help to the Chairman, V. W. Bro. Harvey A. Bordner, for which volunteer assistance M. W. Bro. Camus, G. M., expressed his appreciation in a special letter.

The *Cabletow* Committee was very busy in April and May, in connection with the bidding for and awarding of the contract for printing the *Cabletow* during the ensuing *Cabletow* year. The contract was, on recommendation of the Committee, awarded to the "Dia Filipino" Press, Inc., and the present number is the handiwork of that concern. The reduction in the expense of printing our official organ resulting from this change of printer is considerable.

BROTHER C. T. WANG ENTERTAINED

Bro. Chengting Wang, of Amity Lodge No. 106, F. & A. M., Shanghai, China, the distinguished Chinese diplomat and ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, came to the Philippines with the delegation of Chinese athletes who gave such a good account of themselves in the Tenth Far Eastern Championship Games held in Manila last month. He was, of course, entertained a great deal, both publicly and privately, during his stay in our city. In our Lodge News column, our readers will find an account of the Special Meeting held in his honor by Mencius Lodge No. 93, on May 17th, with a Grand Lodge visitation and fraternal banquet to add luster to the affair.

On Sunday, May 20th, Very Wor. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang, Past Grand Treasurer, gave a *thé dansant* at the Tan Club in honor of Dr. Wang and the Chinese delegation, which was attended by M. W. Bro. Camus and other officers and members of the Grand Lodge and of many of the subordinate Lodges and was an animated and enjoyable function. Very Wor. Bro. Tan Kiang was assisted in his rôle of host by his charming daughter Clarita, who was Queen of the Philippine Carnival of 1934. Unfortunately, the guest of honor was ill and unable to come; but his distinguished wife appeared in his stead and the athletes from China attended practically in a body.

On Tuesday, May 22nd, the eve of his departure from the Philippines, a dinner was given in honor of the distinguished visitor from China at the Plaridel Masonic Temple by the Philippine Masonic Delegation of 1932 to China, of which Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez was the chairman. The big banquet hall of the Plaridel Temple was crowded with Brethren anxious to meet Bro. Wang and wish him bon voyage. M. W. Bro. Gonzalez acted as toastmaster, and after the Brethren had done justice to the dinner, he made a few interesting remarks on the early relations between Chinese and Filipinos, the mingling of the two races, and the further strengthening of the bonds between them by the Masonic tie. He mentioned how,

on his visit to China, the purpose of which was to clear the way for Masonry in that country, he first met Dr. Wang and was impressed with his personality. Touching upon the present difference between certain Grand Lodges and our own, M. W. Bro. Gonzalez then introduced Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge and editor of the *Cabletow*. Bro. Fischer gave a résumé of the comments on the present Masonic situation in the Far East gleaned by him from the Masonic press, based largely on the misinformation broadcast by England and Massachusetts. The next speaker, Rt. Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez, Junior Grand Warden, spoke of the foundation of our own Grand Lodge as a great adventure in human relationships and praised the pioneer work done by it here and in China. He praised the outstanding qualities of the Chinese people, one of which, self control, was a virtue exhibited by the guest of honor, Dr. Wang. M. W. Bro. Teodoro M. Kalaw, P. G. M., gave a number of historical facts concerning the relations between Chinese and Filipinos and predicted a great future for Masonry in the Far East. Wor. Bro. Aurelio D. Rosario, who was manager of the Masonic Delegation of 1932, with appropriate words, then presented the guest of honor with a fine walking stick as a souvenir of the occasion. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang, another member of Commerce, made a short address, expressing the hope that the present rift between the Grand Lodges interested in China would soon be healed. Very Wor. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang, another member of the Delegation, drank a toast to Mrs. Wang. Most Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus then delivered an address, lauding the guest of honor and touching upon the consequences of the venture of our Grand Lodge in China, saying that we had nothing to regret and would stand by our Brethren in China. An enthusiastic ovation greeted Dr. Wang when he rose to address the gathering. He said he was overwhelmed by the demonstrations of affection that he had been receiving and thanked everybody. Speaking of the broken relationships so often mentioned during the evening, he said it was possible that politics had played a part in the affair. He related the story of Lloyd George's last speech in the British Parliament, on the Irish question, when the majority of the members, though stirred by his eloquence, voted not as their hearts bade them to do but as their interests commanded. He spoke of the absurdity of a "superiority complex" among Masons. His remarks on the "Blue" and "Red" Sects or Bands which were especially prominent in China towards the closing years of the Ming Dynasty and which were organized somewhat like our Fraternity, were very interesting. Bro. Wang, too, stressed the fact that China is an excellent field for Masonry and said that some day the proportion of Chinese in the Craft would, perhaps, be greater than that of any other people.

A number of Brethren saw Dr. and Mrs. Wang off when they left Manila on the "President Jackson" on May 23rd.

It was a pleasure and a privilege for the Masons of the Philippines to have Bro. Wang in their midst and all hope that he will bear back to our Brethren in China a message of affection and brotherly love that will inspire them in their loyal and faithful work for the Craft in Old Cathay.—L. F.

Pieces Of Architecture

COMMENTS ON INACCURACIES AND MISLEADING STATEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND MASSACHUSETTS ANENT FOUNDING OF LODGES IN CHINA BY THE M. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, AND THE "SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS" THEREWITH.

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In preparing and reading proof of the material in the brochure known as Amity Lodge Publication No. 2 which deals with the suspension of relations between the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, England, Scotland and Ireland and the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, I have noted certain inaccuracies, misleading statements and erroneous judgments that call for comment and correction. It is not my purpose to deal with all of these. But of the most careless and unnecessary mistakes justice requires that something be said. Neither is it my intention to argue as to the suspension of relations as such. This latter the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has done repeatedly and clearly. The mistakes and misleading statements, however, have not as yet been dealt with adequately. Though these were made by those charged with the affairs of Grand Lodges, and with conserving harmonious relations between Grand Lodges, they reveal a degree of carelessness in ascertaining facts, that accords neither with the principles of Masonry nor the dignity or responsibility of the Masonic officials concerned. Unless they are corrected by those who have made them they will, as they become known, undermine confidence in both their integrity and ability. Apart from the question of the justification of their act of suspension of relations with the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, these careless errors, if left unchallenged and unacknowledged, will do harm to both those making them and those affected thereby.

I. *Alleged Official Objection to the Founding of Amity Lodge No. 106.*

The United Grand Lodge of England affirms (p. 56)* that the warranting of Amity Lodge was granted "notwithstanding joint representation from the four Grand Lodges." In a letter to Wor. Bro. Wm. Bacon Pettus January 3, 1934, Melvin M. Johnson, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council Scottish Rite, says, evidently referring also to Amity Lodge, "He (the Grand Master of the Philippines) was advised by all four of our Grand Lodges that we should consider it an unfriendly act for him to grant a charter to this Lodge."

The charter for Amity Lodge was granted on January 27, 1931, practically three years before either of these statements were made. No such official objection was made to the granting of that charter. The first official communications from other Grand Lodges

(*) *The figures given in parentheses indicate the pages in Amity Lodge Publication No. 2 where the mistakes noted occur.*

received by the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands came between August 26 and September 21, 1931 (pp. 13-16). All refer to the matter of granting *additional* warrants but not to Amity Lodge. These communications did lead the M. W. Grand Master of the Philippine Islands to *defer granting* a dispensation to Nanking Lodge for which application was first received on September 11, 1931. That the granting of a charter to Amity Lodge influenced the sending of these communications is probably true, but that they were sent in protest to the founding of Amity Lodge is not true. Amity Lodge was formally constituted on May 25, 1931, before any of the communications mentioned above were written, and was attended by official representatives of all the Grand Lodges concerned. The writers of the above statements were, therefore, careless in ascertaining the facts. The statement by the Grand Master of Massachusetts under date of January, 1933, (pp. 41, 42, 65) about the plan to found a Lodge in Amoy is an equally egregious blunder. While there is in Amoy a group of Masons raised in Manila no plans whatever have as yet emerged to found a Lodge there. One may note that the higher the position of the Masonic officials making these mistakes the more reprehensible are the blunders.

II. *Petition of Amity Lodge to Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.*

In the lengthy statement by Frederick W. Hamilton, Grand Secretary of Massachusetts (p. 65) it is said, "He (the Grand Master of the Philippines) knew of the Massachusetts refusal (to grant a dispensation to the proposed Chung Hua Lodge) but immediately granted a Dispensation, which was followed in a short time by a Charter." "Steps were immediately taken to organize other Lodges under Philippine Charters." These statements must be intended to give an impression of extreme precipitancy in action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines which is not true to the facts in the case. The word "immediately" is particularly misleading. The writer thereof has not taken the trouble to ascertain either the facts as to the relation of the effort to found a Lodge in Shanghai to either Massachusetts Grand Lodge, or the Philippine Grand Lodge, or the dates of the founding of the other two lodges in China so far chartered under the Philippine Constitution. The history concerned has an important bearing on the statements made above.

After about three years of negotiations and consideration a petition for a dispensation was sent by the proposed Chung Hua Lodge group to the Grand Master of Massachusetts. It was dated July 13, 1928. This was denied *twenty-six months afterwards!* Previous to this date, however, and *before* a petition has been made to any Grand Lodge, informal and tentative approach was made to Masons connected with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Had a dispensation then been sought it would, there was reason to believe, have been granted. The Chung Hua group was deflected from then petitioning the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for a dispensation by the urgent representations of prominent Massachusetts Masons in Shanghai and the fact that in July, 1928, Right Worshipful Bro. I. V. Gillis, D. G. M. of District Grand Lodge for China telegraphed to Shanghai that he favored the petition being made to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. When, therefore, on October 10, 1930, the *reorganized* group, then

known as Amity Lodge, applied for a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the Philippines the latter had had more than two years and a half to consider informally the matter. Thus their action was neither immediate nor precipitate. They simply did on the later date what they would probably have done in the early part of 1928.

There is the same absence of precipitancy in regards to the founding of Nanking and Pearl River Lodges respectively. The former received its dispensation on December 16, 1932, over two years after the founding of Amity Lodge, and Pearl River Lodge was granted a dispensation on May 15, 1933, two years and eight months after the founding of Amity Lodge. At the time of writing a group in Chengtu, Szechwan, is considering presenting a petition for a dispensation, though it has not yet done so. In no other place in China has any group taken steps in the same direction, nor are there signs at the moment of groups being formed for that purpose.

III. *Question of that "Grand Lodge of China."*

Numerous especially careless and misleading statements have been made about the "intention" of Philippine Masons in China to found immediately, or at an early date, a "Grand Lodge of China." This idea is entirely the creation of the critics of those working for the founding of the proposed Chung Hua Lodge (defunct) and Amity Lodge. The first reference to such a Grand Lodge of China occurred in Sinim Lodge, (Mass. Constitution) when the petition for the proposed Chung Hua Lodge was presented and a majority thereof voted favorably for it. This reference was made by those in opposition to the founding of the proposed Chung Hua Lodge. At the Regular Communication (Jan. 26, 1929) of the District Grand Lodge of China, I. V. Gillis said with reference to the petition of Chung Hua Lodge:—"upon receipt of *detailed information* (italics mine) it was quite evident that there exists an intention to eventually set up as soon as possible, other lodges... with the purpose of ultimately forming a Sovereign Grand Lodge of China." The Grand Lodge of England (pp. 57, 60) also refers to the "*avowed* (italics mine) intention of forming a Sovereign Grand Lodge of China." A statement by the Grand Secretary of Massachusetts likewise affirms that this "purpose of forming a Grand Lodge of China with a Chinese membership is not disguised." (p. 65).

These statements are misleading and unfair. Only two references to such a Grand Lodge can be found in any material emanating from either the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands or from any of its Lodges in China. The first reference was made by M. W. Grand Master Vicente Carmona and is as follows (p. 5):—"China being open territory, the granting of this dispensation (to Amity Lodge) involves no invasion of jurisdiction and it is hoped that Amity Lodge may in *due time* (italics mine) serve as the corner-stone of a Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Chinese Republic." Another reference thereto was made about a year later by Grand Master Larkin, (p. 17). These references, while expressing the hope of such a consummation in "due time," are very far

(1) See *Proceedings of District Grand Lodge of China, Mass. Const. Covering Period from June 1927 to January 1929, page 68.*

from being a "purpose" or "avowed intention." That the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands had any such "avowed intention" has now been expressly denied by them. (p. 60). Indeed, only Masons in China could formulate or express such a "purpose" or "avowed intention." It should be noted, also, that his look at a future possibility was not made public by M. W. Grand Master Carmona until about three years after I. V. Gillis telegraphed his approval of the petition of the proposed Chung Hua Lodge to Shanghai, and two and a half years after he made the statement quoted above. This reference of the Grand Master of the Philippines to the *future possibility* of a Grand Lodge of China was explicitly referred to by the Massachusetts' Grand Master, Herbert W. Dean (pp. 14-15) in these words:—"With the intent of forming, in what appears to be the near future, a Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Chinese Republic." The reference to an "intent" to form this Grand Lodge in "the near future" has no basis except in the mind of the writer of the letter. As Grand Master he should have known that even though the statement might imply willingness to recognize such a Grand Lodge, if formed, it could not be an "intention" to form it.

Philippine Masons in China have never published any statement, typewritten or printed, referring to such a Grand Lodge. They have discussed it a number of times because of reference thereto coming from outside their group. They have never, however, acted in any way on the statement of Grand Master Vicente Carmona. Their Lodge minutes contain no reference to it. Such considerations as they have engaged in have never resulted in the least suggestion to work up a plan for such a Lodge. Nothing approaching even the preliminary outline of such a plan exists. They are still without a "purpose" or an "avowed intention" in the matter. The "detailed information" to which I. V. Gillis refers is, therefore, nothing more than his detailed imaginings and fears. The only Philippine Masons who are qualified to make a move towards a Grand Lodge of China have never made any such move. They beg respectfully to request, therefore, that the "detailed information" referred to be produced!

IV. Chinese Masons and Philippine Lodges in China.

In outlining certain comments and corrections anent the relation of Chinese to Philippine Lodges I wish to state emphatically that all members of such Lodges approve of Chinese entering them, whether in preponderance or not. There is no desire or intention to disguise that fact. Chinese Masons base their right to be Masons on the avowed and well-known universality of Freemasonry. But I desire with equal emphasis to deny many statements which have been made with regards to the Chinese membership of Philippine Lodges up to date.

The Grand Secretary of Massachusetts speaks (p. 65) of "the immediate creation of a Grand Lodge of China *hastily recruited* (italics mine) among Chinese." With all due respect to this distinguished Mason I must say that this is a slanderous statement. With the question of the "immediate creation of a Grand Lodge," I have already dealt sufficiently. To say that either the Grand Lodge implied that, or that Philippine Lodges are "hastily recruited from Chi-

nese" for that purpose is also a slander on other than Chinese Masons and officials of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. The Grand Secretary of Massachusetts has made a really serious blunder! In the proposed Chung Hua Lodge only one-third of the members were Chinese, with Americans and members of Sinim Lodge being the most numerous. They represented *seven* Grand Jurisdictions. Among the twenty-eight charter members of Amity Lodge five Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Most of them were members of Sinim Lodge, Massachusetts Constitution. In this case, too, the majority were foreign Masons. The Grand Secretary is not only, therefore, misrepresenting the true situation but is also casting a slur on members of other jurisdictions than his own and especially slurring the Massachusetts Masons in the group which worked for the proposed Chung Hua Lodge, which led it to seek so long and patiently for a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts lost the opportunity to direct this new movement is not the fault of its sponsors. To say, too, that the Chinese members were "hastily recruited" overlooks the fact that the group of Chinese in both the proposed Chung Hua Lodge and Amity Lodge were practically the same and stayed on the job for over three years, before actually petitioning for a dispensation from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

In all the Grand Lodge statements reproduced in this pamphlet the same inaccuracy appears, namely that when started these Philippine Lodges had a majority of Chinese therein. The Grand Lodge of England (p. 57) speaks of "new Lodges, *mainly* (italics mine) consisting of Chinese" and also "of new Lodges, largely Chinese in membership and influence." The Grand Secretary of Massachusetts says, (p. 64): "While several of the petitioners were foreigners, there was a *preponderance* (italics mine) of Chinese." The officials of two such prominent Grand Lodges should know how to get such data straight! Such deliberate twisting of facts is quite inexcusable. For such data are easily obtainable in a way that purposes might not be.

The facts are as follows: The proposed Chung Hua Lodge contained of those of foreign race 64%; Amity Lodge had 60% of foreign race; Nanking Lodge had 55.5% foreigners; Pearl River Lodge had 75% of foreign race and the proposed Chengtu Lodge is made up 100% of those of foreign race. Taking the members of the groups by nationality the proportion of citizens of other countries than China is larger in every case. The small drop in the proportion of foreigners and Chinese as between the proposed Chung Hua Lodge and Amity Lodge is due to the fact that some foreigners dropped out when Amity Lodge decided to petition the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for a dispensation. The movement to start these Lodges was composed, therefore, predominantly of foreign Masons. Amity Lodge now has a majority of Chinese members; the other two Lodges—Nanking and Pearl River—still have a preponderance of foreign Masons. These data are open to verification by any one who desires it. The movement under Philippine Masonry has never, therefore, been a purely Chinese one and there is no intention to make it such.

V. *Reasons for Suspension of Relations as Expressed.*

"There is ample evidence," says the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, (p. 65) "that the conception of Freemasonry held by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines is quite different from ours." That is one of the reasons given for the suspension of relations between the two Grand Lodges. It is a strange reason! Before this action was taken the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts had recognized the Grand Lodge of the Philippines a long time. Why, then, such a *late* discovery of this difference in their conception of Masonry? Wherein is the difference? Evidently it cannot be in the difference of ritualistic practice. Such differences are much greater as between the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland and England and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts than they are between the latter and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The only vital difference left, therefore, to explain this statement is in the fact that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines allows all worthy men, Filipinos, Chinese and others, to enter Masonry freely. Why did not the Grand Secretary explicitly state this the obvious implication of his remark?

The same Grand Secretary also refers (p. 66) to the "Masonic discourtesy" shown by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in warranting Lodges in China without consulting the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland and Massachusetts. But why should what has been considered Masonic courtesy as between these four Grand Lodges in the past, the right as sovereign Grand Lodges to charter new Lodges without consulting each other, become in the case of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands a "masonic discourtesy" when it acts upon its equally sovereign right to do the same thing? Did the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts seek such permission when, within recent years, it warranted Lodges in China, or the Grand Lodge of Scotland consult the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and the Philippines when it more recently organized Lodge Shanghai Kilwinning? Obviously what had been a courtesy became a discourtesy when it concerned granting Chinese the right to enter Masonry freely! Why not say so? Masonic sincerity requires it!

The reason most frequently mentioned, however, for the suspension of relations is that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines declined to enter the proposed North China Masonic Advisory Council. To the reasons given therefor by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines there is no need that I add anything. I should like to point out, however, that in this matter the principle of Masonic equality as applied to Grand Lodges was violated. The plan for this proposed council was prepared and presented to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines as though it were less than an equal. Here is a manifest breach of Masonic courtesy! Whether preliminary discussion of the proposed council with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines would have eventuated differently than it has is not for me to say. It is clear, however, that such preliminary courtesy would have obviated the charge of discourtesy which may now be made against the four Grand Lodges, or whichever one it was started the matter going. The four Grand Lodges had no right to approach the Grand Lodge of the Philippines as they did. Their assumption of this right has certainly landed them in a discourtesy to a sister Grand Lodge. Such things do not help to make Masonry understood

and respected, as its officials should above all conduct their business in harmony and courtesy.

VI. *Is China Open Territory?*

More than one of the documents dealing with this matter of suspension of relations refers to the right, theoretical or otherwise, of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to charter lodges, to the fact that China is open territory, (p. 66) and to a desire to put no hindrance in the way of Chinese becoming Masons. It is interesting to note how the status of this right has changed during the course of the correspondence anent suspension. Writing on September 9, 1931 (p. 14) M. W. Grand Master Dean referred to it as "indisputable". But writing on December 13, 1933 the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts refers to it as a "technical right" only. (p. 66). Their own actions, however, show that they assume they have a *superior* right in China, that they do not look on China as open territory for all jurisdictions and that when they face the possibility of Chinese taking a leading part in advancing Masonry in their own country they wish to head them off. These are fair implications from the documents published in the brochure. Massachusetts makes a particular point about its desire to allow Chinese to enter Masonry and then falls most frequently into misstatements about their relations to the Lodges as organized and shows quite plainly its fear of Chinese becoming preponderant therein. Since the foreigners and Chinese seeking to start a Lodge in Shanghai had long associations with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in their efforts to start the proposed Chung Hua Lodge, that Grand Lodge has the least excuse for the misleading statements and inaccuracies it has put forth. The officials of that Grand Lodge have, indeed, been the worst offenders in this regard. That point is abundantly proved by the perusal of the documents given in this brochure.

VII. *Four Questions.*

In conclusion, four questions may fairly be asked: First, what Masonic principle is violated in having a preponderance of Chinese in a Lodge? Second, what Masonic principle or procedure is violated if and when Chinese Masons look forward to having a Grand Lodge in their own country even though, as I have pointed out, that is still only a vision of the future? Third, has not the time come when someone in Masonic authority should endeavor to determine what person or persons, are responsible for the misleading statements and egregious errors that have been so freely published? Only one of those who have written the documents critical of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines reprinted in the brochure has been in China. In contrast many distinguished representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines have frequently visited China. Fourth, why have the four Grand Lodges raised the utterly unmasonic color bar and started class legislation in Masonry in China?

NOTE OF EDITOR: The above is the article by Wor. Bro. Frank Rawlinson, P. M. of Amity Lodge No. 106, of Shanghai, China, which appeared in the brochure recently published by that Lodge; but we offer it to our readers as revised (slightly) by its author. Copies of the brochure mentioned, known as Amity Lodge Publications, No. 2, may be obtained by writing to the Secretary of Amity Lodge No. 106, F. & A. M., P. O. Box 800, Shanghai, China.

Lodge News

Only Lodge news of more than usual interest will be published in this section, such as Grand Lodge visitations, meetings with especially interesting features, changes of meet-in 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 NILAD LODGE No. 12, MANILA

The 2nd Bi-Monthly Family Gathering of Nilad Lodge was in the form of a very enjoyable excursion to Tagaytay, Cavite, with Rt. Wor. Junior Grand Warden E. M. Masterson as guest of honor. The trip was made in three of the big Manila Railroad buses, starting from the Plaridel Temple at 7 a. m. on Sunday, April 22nd. After seeing the sights at Tagaytay Ridge, the party returned to Mendez Nuñez, where all partook of substantial refreshments, including lechon and buko, the Worshipful Master being the host. The host, and Bros. Torres, Quijano, and Zapanta made speeches, Bro. Carmona acting as master of ceremonies. There was also dancing.

GRAND MASTER VISITS TUPAS AND MACTAN LODGES IN CEBU

On April 6th, Most Worshipful Manuel Camus, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippine Islands, accompanied by Worshipful Brother Ernest E. Voss, Master of Manila Lodge No. 1, made a voyage to Cebu, and accompanied by other members of the Grand Lodge residing in Cebu, conducted an Lodges.

Thirty-three Master Masons were in attendance and heard a brilliant address by the Grand Master on "Masonry and Independence", which was so well received that a committee of Past Masters from the two lodges requested the Grand Master to have it printed in a future issue of the Cabletow.

The address was of historical significance because it dealt not only with the First Constitutional Assembly in the Philippines at Malolos, Bulacan, and the part that Masons played therein, but also reviewed the history of the republics of the world and the part that Masons, as individuals, played in their efforts to insure the principles of democracy and tolerance.

Grand Master Camus pointed out in a very interesting manner the weaknesses to be avoided in the establishment of constitutional government, and cited examples how the neglect of insuring those principles invariably resulted in general unrest, commotion, civil riot, and revolution, when the poor and the weak believed that their personal rights were being abrogated.

The address was strongly applauded, and there appeared to be in evidence a sincere appreciation on the part of all present, of the patriotic solicitude of the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the country's welfare.

The splendid spirit of Masonry in the city of Cebu was enhanced by this memorable visit, and it is believed that our brethren will go forward with renewed vigor and enthusiasm for the cause of the Craft.—E. E. V.

FROM TAGA-ILOG LODGE No. 79, MANILA

A splendid exhibition of the work of the Second Section of the Third Degree was given by a team from Service Lodge No. 95 at a meeting held by Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79 on May 5th, last, at which Bro. Santiago Puertollano was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The First Section was conferred by the officers of the Lodge.

The Special Team, composed of 22 members, was headed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Edward M. Masterson, J. G. W., with Bro. Geo. W. Edgar in the West. The members were arrayed in costumes of the period and classes represented which made the work doubly impressive.

Addresses were made by the candidate, by Wor. Bros. Robert Key (80) and Geo. W. Edgar (95), and by Rt. Wor. Bro. E. M. Masterson. Wor. Bro. R. Carpio, on behalf of Taga-Ilog Lodge, presented to Service Lodge 3 silver mounted gavels, suitably inscribed, as souvenirs of the occasion.

The meeting which was very well attended, was followed by an excellent buffet lunch.

FROM MENCIOUS LODGE No. 93, MANILA

Among the Masonic events in connection with the presence of Bro. Dr. C. T. Wang in the Philippine Islands was a Special Meeting held in honor of that distinguished Chinese diplomat and ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs by Mencius Lodge No. 93 in the evening of Thursday, May 17, 1934. Shortly after 8 p. m., Grand Master Manuel Camus, accompanied by officers and members of the Grand Lodge, was introduced and received with the Grand Honors, and then the guest of honor and Bro. K. L. Kwong, Consul General of China, both members of Amity Lodge No. 106, were introduced and conducted to seats in the East. Wor. Bro. Chan Lin Cuon, Master of Mencius Lodge, then declared a recess, after announcing that the Second Section of the Third Degree would be conferred upon Bro. Tan Hok San by a special team composed of members of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge team did excellent work, the line-up being as follows: K. S. Rt. Wor. Bro. S. R. Hawthorne, D. G. M.; H. K. O. T., Rt. Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez, S.G.W.; S. D., Wor. Bro. Fidel T. Manalo, S. G. D.; Men of Tyre, Wor. Bro. Thomas G. Henderson, J. G. D.; Rt. Wor. Bro. E. M. Masterson, J. G. W.; and Wor. Bro. Paul F. Whitacre; Fellow Crafts, Wor. Bro. Fidel T. Manalo, S.G.D.; Wor. Bro. John R. McFie, Jr., G. St. B., and Ruperto Cipriano; Sec., Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, D.G.S.; S. F. and W. F. Man. Wor. Bro. José de los Reyes, G. Mar.; Lecture, Wor. Bro. Aurelio L. Corcuera; Charae, M. W. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, P.G.M., and Congratulations, Wor. Bro. Daniel Limbo.

Before the Lecture was delivered, Bro. C. T. Wang, whom another engagemment compelled to leave at that time, made a very interesting address in which he conveyed to the Brethren the greetings of Amity Lodge and spoke of his pride of being a member of a Lodge of the Philippine Jurisdiction. He emphasized the great opportunity for Masonic work in China and the great good Masonry accomplishes, especially as far as the promotion of unity is concerned.—Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, P. G. M., then installed Wor. Bro. C. E. Piatt as Grand Chaplain and handed him his diploma as Grand Representative of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee near that of the Philippine Islands.

A recess was thereupon declared by the Wor. Master of Mencius Lodge and the Brethren repaired to the Scottish Rite Hall, where a fine Chinese supper was served. Both the meeting and the banquet were very well attended and were greatly enjoyed by every one present.

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Personals

Contributions to this column are heartily welcomed but their publication is subject to the space available. Items received on or after the 20th of the month will not be published in the issue for the next month. We will not publish items of little or exclusively local interest. Report births, deaths, serious illness in immediate families of Masons, marriages, promotions, changes of residence, station or occupation of Masons, honors and promotions, trips abroad, and similar news. Omit congratulations, thanks, etc.

Manila No. 1.—Bro. and Mrs. R. B. Lockwood left on April 2nd, on the "Empress of Japan," for a vacation in the United States.

Bro. and Mrs. W. W. Marquardt left on the "President Johnson" on March 5th; they were booked for Marseille.

Bro. J. N. Wolfson went to Hongkong on the "President McKinley" on March 14th.

Claude Fred Marvin received the E. A. degree on March 6th and was passed to the degree of F. C. on March 20th.

After being absent from the city in March on active service as captain in the Field Artillery Reserve, Wor. Bro. E. E. Voss had again to leave for the South in April, in connection with his work with the Boy Scouts. He accompanied Most Wor. Bro. Camus on his official visit to the Cebu Lodges early last month.

Bro. Gustav Klein is now stationed at Fort Douglas, Utah.

Bro. William R. Black has left California and is now located at Caldwell, Ark.

Bro. George A. Clegg left for a vacation in Scotland on April 2nd.

Bro. Albert K. Spielberger, S. W., and family left about the end of April for a vacation in the United States.

Dues and greetings have been received from the following Brethren overseas: Capt. Carleton Burgess, Fort Clark, Texas; Rev. Charles W. Clash, 2400 W. 17th St., Wilmington, Del.; Charles G. Colegrove, Room 2506 Chanin Bldg., 122 E. 42nd St., New York City; Jacob K. Haber, 477 61st St. Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. M. Hall, 1502 S. W. Hall St., Portland, Ore.; R. A. Heacock, 1351 27th Ave., San Francisco Cal.; C. H. Loeber, 1928 Kearney St., N. E., Washington, D. C.; Hugo H. Miller, P. O. Box 131, Ben Lomond, Sta. Cruz Co., California; Chester H. Ober, 21 Park Lane, Glennbrook, Conn.; Major Eustace M. Peixotto, Fort Warren, Wyoming; Lieut. Lewis A. Riggins, Fort Wadsworth, New York; Harry S. Ross, 4242 Suro Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.; Major Spencer E. Shearer, R. D. No. 9, York, Penna.; Col. Charles C. Smith, P. O. Box 374, Oakland, Calif.; and C. B. Whiting, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

V. W. Bro. Amos G. Bellis left on April 16th, on the "President Garfield," for a trip around the world.

Cavite No. 2.—The Secretary reports the following named Brethren as among those which can be reached at San Diego, California: A. L. Phelps (U. S. S. Holland, Box 7); R. T. Day (U. S. Naval Hospital); H. C. Presley (U. S. Naval Training Station).

New addresses in Pearl Harbor, T. H., are those of Bros. A. J. Clarke (Submarine Base) and P. Martinelli (U. S. S. S-34).

At San Pedro, California, he reports Bros. P. C. Cobet (U. S. S. Relief, c/o P. M.); W. B. Black, Ch. Yeoman (U. S. S. Pennsylvania).

At San Francisco, Bros. C. P. Howe, R. M. McRoberts, and F. I. Stewart, all on the U. S. S. San Francisco, and W. H. Theisen, at 542 Mason Street.

Bro. P. A. Adtkins writes from the U. S. S. Houston, Bremerton, Wash.

Bro. R. L. Dunn is on the U. S. S. Alleghany, Navy Yard, Philadelphia.

Two more members of Cavite Lodge No. 2 are now at Washington, D. C.: they are Bro. W. W. Willgrube (Apt 205, The Marday, 815 Maryland Ave. N. E.), and E. W. Hanlon (Apt 501-1631 Euclid St., N. W.)

Bro. J. G. Davis writes that he is on the U. S. S. Cuttlefish, at Groton, Conn.

Bro. M. O. Birkner's new address is 5319 Chippewa St., St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. J. H. Geyer sends regards from 65 Astor St., Suite 18, Boston, Mass.

Bro. John Edens is at the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station at 730 East Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Three new addresses are reported from San Francisco, California; they are those of Bro. J. A. Roberts, U. S. S. Oklahoma; Bro. G. S. M. Cook, 2335-21 Ave., and Bro. D. W. Walker, U. S. S. San Francisco.

Bro. J. F. Lawson is now on the U. S. S. Astoria at Bremerton, Wash.

Bro. G. L. Robinson sends greetings from Pearl Harbor, T. H. (Co. "A" Marine Barracks).

Bro. C. B. Brown writes from 365-12th Ave., Paterson, N. J.

Bro. T. W. Owens has been heard from on the U. S. S. Rathburne, c/o P.M., San Diego, Calif.

Bro. G. W. Higgins is now located at Hawthorne, Nevada.

Bro. E. S. Fleming's present address is Receiving Station, Astoria Detail, Puget Sound, Wash.

Bro. F. C. Cooley is at the Cañacao Hospital, Cavite.

Bro. F. W. Hunt can be reached at 311-West 14th Street, Norfolk, Va.

Bros. John Breson, Ott, and Eason were patients at the Cañacao Hospital last month.

Corregidor No. 3.—Two Past Masters of this Lodge, with their wives, were passengers on board the "President Coolidge" when that liner left for the United States on March 21st; they were Most Wor. Bro. George R. Harvey and Wor. Bro. Charles A. Massell. Brother Massell expects to spend a vacation of six months in the homeland, while Brother Harvey will stay less than three months.

Letters with greetings have been received from Very Wor. Bro. J. F. Bromfield and Bros. W. C. Cox, W. A. Kufs, I. W. Gailhouse, J. M. G. Toney, Samuel H. Edwards, G. M. Rothaug, and C. J. Rosenberg.

Bro. Carson Taylor returned to Manila from his visit to the United States on February 26th, on board the "General Grant."

V. W. Bro. Mei wrote from Shanghai that M. W. Bro. and Mrs. Geo. R. Harvey passed through that port on March 26th, on their voyage to the United States; but that owing to Mrs. Harvey's illness and the rain, they did not come ashore. Shanghai Brethren sent a basket of flowers on board for Mrs. Harvey.

Bro. S. W. Hulse (Captain, Q. M. C., Office of the C. Q. M., Ft. Mason, Calif.), writes from his new station that recently, on the U. S. A. T. Republic, he had a long talk with Bro. Captain McClellan, who mentioned seeing many of the old timers in New York and is, like Bro. Hulse, still much interested in all news from the Philippines.

Bagumbayan No. 4.—The "April Letter" of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, speaks in terms of praise of a sermon delivered by Bro. Enrique Sobrepeña at the Protestant Church of Taclaban on a recent visit to that town.

Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer's eldest daughter, Miss Alessandra C. Fischer, left for Honolulu on the "President Pierce," on May 5th.

The Makabugwas Lodge "April Letters" also reports the visit to their town of Wor. Bro. José C. Velo, as sales manager of the Insular Book Company.

Island No. 5.—Bro. Harold O. Douglas gives his new address as 702 Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Ark.

Bro. Wm. Bahm sends greetings from 5009 McKissock Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Bro. Ernest L. Harrison is at the Southern Methodist Hospital at Tucson, Arizona.

Bro. George F. Moore, major, C. A. C., is at the Army War College at Washington, D. C.

Bro. Daniel P. Surber is at Barksdale Field near Shreveport, La.

Bro. Russell W. Welshans writes that he wants his Cabletow sent to 11042 Hortense Street, North Hollywood, Calif.

Bro. Lawrence M. Miller's new address is U. S. M. P. GEN. ORD., Brooklyn Army Base, Brooklyn N. Y.

New Entered Apprentices of this Lodge are Bros. Cliff Paul Miller, Clarence Joseph Greve, Hardin Bottoms Nowlin, Samuel Floyd Rumford.

Southern Cross No. 6.—Bro. W. H. Geagen has sent dues from 40 Bruce Ave., Yonkers, New York.

Wor. Bro. Luther B. Bewley, as Director of Education, made an official trip to the Southern Islands in February and March.

Bro. John C. Robb, who is back in Manila with his family, is getting ready to take his Third Degree.

Wor. Bro. Austin Craig, by resolution of the Provincial Board of Rizal, has been made an adopted son of the Province of Rizal, in recognition of his good work as biographer of the great Filipino patriot.

Bro. Frank L. Merritt, wife and daughter sailed on April 2nd for Australia, for a six-month vacation.

Bro. Donald A. Cook, for many years with the China Banking Corporation, is now manager of the American Oriental Finance Corporation.

Bro. E. E. Littlewood, Iloilo, made a flying visit to Manila during the latter part of March.

Bro. Roy C. Bennett, who has been the proud father of a daughter since March 11th, sailed on the "President Hoover" on April 18th, for a vacation and business visit to the United States.

Bro. J. L. Hodgetts has changed his address from Lima, Peru, to Station Road, Watlington, King's Lynn, Norfolk, England.

Biak-na-Bato No. 7.—Bro. Alejandro Fuentes has been ill since last December but is now in the convalescent stage at his house.

Bro. Toribio Teodoro, the "Slipper King," has recently established a new shoe store at the corner of Rizal Avenue and Carriedo Street.

Cosmos No. 8.—Bro. William F. Daland sends greetings from Tandoc, Siruma, Camarines Sur; Bro. Karl F. Muller from Canlubang, Laguna, and Bro. Shelby M. Yount from San Pedro, California. The Brother last named is radio electrician on board the U. S. S. *Medusa*.

Bro. Henry N. Guernsey left on March 21st for the United States, on the *President Coolidge*. He expects to be back from his vacation by the end of the year.

Bro. Morris Finkelstein has left for Shanghai again.

Bro. Henry Strauss is the recipient of numerous condolences on the tragic death of his son Henry, which occurred at Legaspi, Albay, in April.

Wor. Bro. Thomas G. Henderson, after a few days' vacation in Baguio, is busily engaged attending to his duties as chairman of the Subcommittee on Decoration and Arrangements of the Memorial Day Committee appointed by the Governor-General.

Bro. John Meyer left on April 18th for a vacation in the United States. He expects to return to Manila before the end of the year.

St. John's No. 9.—Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, P. G. M., was given a despedida luncheon by St. John's Lodge on March 6th, on which occasion he was presented with a P. M. diploma and a M. M. traveling certificate. On the same occasion, the York Rite Bodies presented our distinguished Brother with a York Rite ring. M. W. Bro. and Mrs. Youngberg sailed on March 8th for the United States. It was Bro. Youngberg's intention to make an official visitation to Amity Lodge No. 106, in Shanghai; but a heavy fog delayed the arrival of the ship. However, our Brother and Mrs. Youngberg were hospitably entertained by the Shanghai Brethren on the following day.

Wor. Bro. Innis, who also left (for a short vacation) on March 8th, was presented with a Master Mason's traveling certificate by the Lodge at the Youngberg despedida luncheon on March 6th.

Wor. Bro. Charles S. Salmon and family have left for a trip around the world, by way of South Africa and South America.

Wor. Bro. Jinks and family left for a two-month vacation in Japan on March 12th.

Wor. Bro. Rothenboefer spent the latter part of March in the Southern Islands on business.

Letters with greetings have been received from Bros. Guv F. Hull (North Carolina), P. E. Trapeur (Pearl Harbor, T. H.), and J. W. Lewis (Keo, Arkansas).

Mrs. E. M. Grimm and two daughters left for the United States on the "President Coolidge" on March 21st.

Wor. Bro. B. F. Jinks, his wife and their son Terry left on March 15th, on the "Empress of Britain," for Japan, where they plan to spend a vacation at Miyanosita.

Bro. Elmer John Boise was passed on April 16th.

Iloilo No. 11.—Bro. Mengraj T. Isardas is the youngest E. A. of this Lodge; he was initiated at the March Stated Meeting.

Bro. Juan Q. Cootenghee and family are enjoying a vacation at Amoy, China.

Nilad No. 12.—Bro. Maximino C. Nebres has been on leave of absence since last November; he had been ill since August and the long rest, which he enjoyed in his home town, Bacnotan, La Union, and in Manila, with his family, did him a great deal of good. Bro. Nebres has now returned to duty in the Bureau of Public Works.

Bro. Guerra's son was ill at the San Juan de Dios Hos-

pital for a number of days last month with intestinal trouble; but he is now well on the way to recovery.

Walana No. 13.—Mr. Oscar Pasi6n was initiated on April 15th.

Bro. Basilio Co Bon Kim gives his new address as Box No. 86, Cotabato.

Bro. Enrique Roxas has been transferred from the S. S. *Mactan* to the S. S. *Bohol*, on which latter ship he is chief engineer.

Wor. Bro. Canuto S. Nadurata's eldest sister, Mrs. Sinfarosa Nadurata Plata, died on March 28th and was buried at Calocan on April 1st. Several members of the Lodge attended the funeral.

Bro. Casiano C. Lim was taken sick with stomach trouble while travelling through Abra on official business and was laid up during the whole of Holy Week. He returned to Manila on April 9th.

Bro. Eustaquio Vallecer is still ill at his residence at Sevilla Extension, San Nicolas, Binondo, behind the Katubusan Cigar Factory.

Bros. Esteban Diokno and Pedro Marquinez left about the middle of last month for the South, their ship having been chartered for the floating commercial and industrial exposition.

Pilar No. 15.—Bro. Aurelio Olivero's daughter Luz was married to Ricardo A. Belardo at Silang, Cavite, on April 20th, last.

Bro. Maracio Darusin has written from Yokohama, Japan, sending greetings to all the Brethren.

Simukuan No. 16.—Bro. Protasio C. Cueto's wife is in St. Luke's Hospital where she underwent a surgical operation recently.

Wor. Bro. Alfredo S. Herrera spent some time in Los Baños, for his health.

Dapitan No. 21.—Bro. Rafael Moreno has added general construction, painting and plastering to his electrical and machine business.

Wor. Bro. Temistocles Elviña left for the Southern Islands with the Floating Exhibit sponsored by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce, on April 4th, taking with him a display of embroidery for La Nueva Ecijana.

Bro. and Mrs. Macario V. Linsao announce the birth of a son, on March 19th, at the San Juan de Dios Hospital.

Bro. and Mrs. Manuel Lenon have a similar announcement to make: also a son, born on March 29th in the Maternity Hospital on Calle Gral. Solano.

Wor. Bro. Antonio Jons6n and family spent a week's vacation in Batangas during the Easter Holidays.

Wor. Bro. Enrique Hernandez was on the sick list in March and April.

Bro. Segundo Alano left for Bongabon, N. E., on March 24th, on official business of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Bro. Manajan who, as we learn, lost his position in Iloilo because of his being a Mason, is temporarily residing at 203 P. Rada, Tondo.

Bro. Cipriano Cruz, formerly captain of the Sta. Cruz Fire Station, has been promoted to chief of construction and repairs of the Manila Fire Department.

Bro. and Mrs. Macario V. Linsao's home was the scene of the first monthly family get-together of Dapitan Lodge on April 15th, the occasion being Bro. Linsao's 40th birthday and a christening in the family.

Bros. Troadio San Miguel, Moises C. Nicomedes, and Manuel A. Guieb were on the sick list in April and so was Bro. Ong Chiong, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Chinese Hospital on April 10th.

A daughter was born to Bro. and Mrs. Moises C. Nicomedes in April.

Letters have been received from the following Brethren: Melecio Labalan, Magallanes, Sorsogon; Florentino R. Flores, Bontoc, Mt. Province; Yap Sing Lay, Tayabas, Tayabas; Go Piao, San Fernando, Pampanga; and Agustin J. Gustilo, Menlo Park, California; F. G. Gaddi, Baguio, and Jos6 C. Collantes, Binalbagan.

Malinaw No. 25.—Wor. Bro. Restituto Briñas and Bro. Julio Alvero were on the sick list in April 1.

Pinagsabitan No. 26.—Bro. Nicasio K. Galipot's health is greatly improved; he has been on leave of absence for some time on account of illness.

Wor. Bro. G. D. Corvissiano's present residence is 54 Del Pan, Pasay.

Wor. Bro. Leopoldo N. Reyes was reported sick at his home in April.

Bro. Clodualdo Arizala was raised on April 7th, last. Wor. Bro. Fermin D. Buan, of Calamba, had to go on leave to undergo medical treatment in April.

Batong Buhay No. 27.—Wor. Bro. Nicanor Mendoza, W. M., had the misfortune of losing both his uncle and his grandfather in the April. Both were buried in the municipal cemetery of Cavite.

Bro. Ang Ka is sick in bed at his home at 923 Juan Luna (interior letter K) Tondo, Manila.

Bro. Conrado Tanting's new address is 98 Soler, Binondo.

Bro. Simplicio Lizaso's mother died recently at her residence at No. 37 Real, San Mateo, Rizal.

Wor. Bro. Conrado Tanting was sick in bed at his home, 148 Rosario, Manila, in March.

Dues and greetings have been received from Bro. Ramon A. Maneja of Cebu, Cebu.

Wor. Bro. Nicanor C. Mendoza lost his only sister, who died on April 3rd at the age of fifteen years.

Bro. Telesforo P. Luna, recently returned from Los Angeles, California, is now with his family at Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte.

Bro. and Mrs. Francisco Hernandez announce the birth of a 7-pound daughter.

Bros. Lorenzo Ohero, Hermogenes C. Oreta, and Narciso Valencia have sent dues and greetings from the United States.

Ibarra No. 31.—Bro. Pastor Olaes has been transferred from the U. S. S. Argonne to the U. S. S. Oklahoma; he sends best wishes.

Bro. Fred Blasingame sends best wishes from New London, Conn., and reports having visited Brainard Lodge No. 102 last April.

Bro. Maximino Pulido, of the U. S. S. S-41, and Bro. George Mariano, of the U. S. S. Augusta, visited Amity Lodge No. 106 at Shanghai in April.

Bro. Clemente Carandang, of the U. S. S. Houston, sends greetings from Seattle and reports the birth of a daughter at San José, Batangas.

Bro. Francisco Lorenzo has been transferred from the U. S. S. Black Hawk to the Receiving Ship at Cavite.

Bro. Gregorio Aglipay, head of the Philippine Independent Church, left for the United States on the "Empress of Asia" last April; he plans to attend the International Congress of Liberal Churches in Switzerland in the later part of the year.

Letters with greetings have been received from the following named Brethren: Thomas F. Curry (Army & Navy Y. M. C. A., San Francisco, California); John H. Vanover (U.S.S. S-30, Pearl Harbor, T. H.); Manuel Vigil (U.S.S. Black Hawk, in China), George Mariano (U.S.S. Augusta), and Aquilino Cortes (Batan, Capiz).

Isarog No. 33.—Wor. Bro. S. D. Gonzales, of Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98, the district inspector of Isarog Lodge, was given a banquet at the Libmanan Hotel.

Bro. George Skribikin, Jr., who has been ill for some time, is on the road to recovery.

Wor. Bro. L. de la Rosa was acting judge for Camarines Sur during the vacation period and attended Lodge while at Naga. He was guest of honor at a banquet held after the meeting at the Libmanan Hotel. Bro. de la Rosa returned to Catbalogan at the end of last month.

Wor. Bro. Crisanto N. Guysayko joined Isarog Lodge by affiliation on May 11th.

Bro. Antonio Martinez, now stationed at Naga as lieutenant of Constabulary, has also joined Isarog Lodge by affiliation; he is the champion tennis player of the Bikol region.

Lincoln No. 34.—Bro. Juan P. Nite has been transferred to the Fleet Naval Reserve after sixteen years in the U. S. Navy.

Bro. Andy F. Turner writes that he is still a patient in the hospital, but is getting along nicely.

Bro. Moises de Guzman is back at work after an operation on his tonsils.

Letters with dues and greetings have been received from Bros. F. N. C. Overall and Jesus Banday.

Bro. Remigio Tandez is still sick at his home in Sta. Ana.

Wor. Bro. Ruperto Ramos was host at the christening of his daughter on March 27th.

Bro. Charles F. Hoeltke writes that he is going to South America on Uncle Sam's newest battleship, the "San Francisco," and sends greetings to all.

Letters with dues and greetings have also been received from Bros. Fannel N. C. Overall and Isabelo Guico.

Bro. John L. Brill has been sent to the Cañacao Hospital for treatment; he is suffering from the liver.

Mabini No. 39.—Wor. Bro. Angel Padilla, P.M., was ope-

rated on for appendicitis at the Mission Hospital, Iloilo, in March.

Malolos No. 46.—Wor. Bro. Hermenegildo Pascual was a caller at the Grand Lodge Office at the beginning of May.

Makabugwas No. 47.—Wor. Bro. Alberto Santacruz was in Manila on official business in April.

Bro. Irineo V. Austria, a much transferred man indeed, is at present in Surigao as provincial auditor.

Bro. Romualdo Añover is now at Bacolod.

Bro. Donato Pesado reported an increase in his family last April.

Bro. Dominador Gallardo was awarded the Bronze Thanks Badge at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Philippine Council of Boy Scouts, "for valuable pioneer work in Scouting on the Island of Leyte."

The "Goat Club" rendered a despedida to Bros. Gregorio Zamuco (82) and Casiano Yuzon (30), at the Oriental Restaurant, on April 8th, last. The Brother first named has been transferred to Iloilo and the other is going to Misamis.

Bro. Dominador Gallardo was a visitor at the Grand Secretary's and Cabletow offices on April 13th, last.

Bro. Felix Releve, sgt. major, P. C., celebrated the 20th anniversary of his enlistment in the Constabulary by a lechonnada at his quarters.

Bro. José A. Mendoza and Wor. Bro. Mauro G. Rodriguez are spending their vacations with the folks at home in Pangasinan.

Mount Mainam No. 49.—Wor. Bro. Eugenio Yuvienco, until recently assistant provincial treasurer of Pampanga, has been promoted to provincial treasurer of Camarines Norte. He left for his new post on March 31st, last.

Pintong Bato No. 51.—Wor. Bro. Eugenio Padua is back from a trip to the North, made in the interest of the Philippine Engineering Co. of which he is assistant manager.

Wor. Bro. Teopisto C. Batungbacal's wife was acting postmaster of Sibul Springs during the period from March 28th to April 8th, last. By a strange coincidence, Wor. Bro. Batungbacal was acting superintendent of the Manila Post Office during the same period. During her short incumbency, Mrs. Batungbacal had her office and accounts inspected and passed with flying colors.

Cabanatuan No. 53.—Bro. Graciano P. Fajardo is now stationed at Iloilo where he is a regular visitor at Iloilo Lodge No. 11, as reported by the Secretary.

Pangasinan No. 56.—Bros. Fortunato R. Domingo and Hong Sam Wong were passed to the degree of F. C. on March 17th, last.

Bro. Benedicto Reinoso's eldest son, Nestor, recently graduated from the Constabulary Academy at Baguio.

Dues and greetings have been received from Bros. Tomas de Guzman, Ilagan, and D. Cabali, Daet.

Bro. Julian A. de Vera, of the Baguio Hospital, mourns the death of his youngest son, who passed away on April 8th.

Bro. Adolfo Cascolan, principal of the Cotabato High School, is spending his vacation with his family at Pozorrubio, Pangasinan.

Bro. Eusebio A. Beltran's son was married on March 12th, last.

The Lodge gave a despedida party to Bro. Zacarias B. Gatchalian, of Palawan Lodge No. 99, on the eve of his departure for Tarlac, where he is now stationed as chief district land officer.

Isla de Luzon No. 57.—Miss Nicerata Mendoza, the only daughter of Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, P. M. of this Lodge, died of heart trouble at the Chinese Hospital, Manila, on April 3rd, last, at noon. The young lady, who was only fifteen years of age, had recently graduated from the Philippine Women's College. The funeral, on April 8th, was very well attended and numerous Brethren were present or sent wreaths.

Bro. Santiago Gochangco has visited Baguio twice recently to look for a site for his shoe factory and grocery store.

Bro. Antonio G. Perez has lost his adopted daughter, Miss Hubi Celis, 15 years of age, who died on March 21st. He has removed to 1021-C Calle O'Donnell.

Bro. Vicente P. Flechero was in bed several days at the close of March, with influenza.

Bro. Antonino Buenaventura made a short trip to Baguio early in April, on business of the Conservatory of Music of the University of the Philippines.

Bro. Dalmacio Matondo passed through Manila on the "Golden Hind" and called on the Master of the Lodge on April 13th; he left the same evening for Cebu.

Bro. S. Gochangco's daughter Iluminada graduated this

year, which event our Brother celebrated by a dinner dance on April 1st.

Mayon No. 61.—Bro. Lazaro Tani's wife and children left for Baguio on April 10th; they will spend the entire vacation season in the mountain city, at the Vallejo Hotel.

Kanlaon No. 64.—Bro. Benjamin Hollero y Lopez was raised to the degree of M. M. on February 10th, last.

Baguio No. 67.—Bro. J. Kenneth Stewart sends greetings from 517 Goldsboro Street, Easton, Md.

New addresses of Baguio Lodge Brethren are the following: Rev. Carl B. Eschbach, Baguio; Raymond G. Brown, c/o Gold River Mining Co., Baguio, and Santiago Laureano, c/o Bureau of Health, Manila.

Magat No. 68.—Bro. Angel R. Sandiego was in Manila for over a week on business.

Union No. 70.—Bro. Pedro G. Balagot was raised to the degree of M. M. on March 17th. He is now residing at 418 Salsipuedes, Ermita, Manila.

Bro. Leoncio B. Martinez, who has been at the hospital for about six weeks with typhoid fever, is planning to go to Baguio for a vacation and expects to recover his full health and strength in the hills.

Mrs. Pedro G. Balagot was operated on for appendicitis at the Mary Chiles Hospital in Manila.

Bro. and Mrs. Felipe B. Casuga report the birth of a daughter, their first child, at the Bethany Hospital, on the 10th of last month.

Paridel No. 74.—Wor. Bro. Esperidion Arguelles, who has been Master of the Lodge for over a year, contemplates resigning, as he has lost the sight of one eye and may lose that of the other, too, unless he takes special care of it.

Wor. Bro. Mamerto Espino's son Carmelo entered the Masonic Ward for Crippled Children on April 26th and was discharged on May 7th, last, after a successful operation for a harelip.

Agno No. 75.—Bro. Mamerto Cabanayan was married to Mrs. Filomena Caldito y Araos at Pozorrubio on April 12th, last.

Bro. Felipe D. Querimit and family are vacationing at Natividad, Pangasinan.

The Secretary has received letters with dues and greetings from Wor. Bro. Leonardo J. Oteyza and Bros. Fidel B. Paragas, Mariano B. Velasco, and Benito P. Zamudio.

Taga-Ilog No. 79.—Bro. Romualdo Sator having been retired from the U. S. Army Q. M. Service after 34 years of service, he was tendered an informal banquet at Wor. Bro. Fred Gathercole's residence by his friends and was presented with a suitable gift.

Bro. Pio C. C. Velasco is very ill at his home at 1109 M. de Santos.

Bro. C. Bernabe, Secretary, made a trip to Baguio in March and caused much comment by negotiating the Kennon Road with a Ford car of the most ancient vintage.

Bro. A. H. Aguilar sends regards from Baguio where he and his family have taken up their abode. Our Brother's health is much improved; he is with the firm Marsman & Co.

Wor. Bro. R. Carpio has to go to the provinces next June and may have to leave the government of the Lodge in the hands of the Senior Warden during the rest of his term.

Bro. Gabriel Garduque sends greetings from Langley Field, Va.

Mount Lebanon No. 80.—Brother Motel Godstein left for Japan on April 25th for a much needed vacation. Wor. Bro. William Merz has been appointed by the Worshipful Master to act as Treasurer during the absence of Bro. Goldstein.

Brother Hyman M. Levine, who has been ill since July 4th, 1933, was able to attend our last stated meeting.

Word has been received from the Hall of Pentalpha Lodge No. 202, F. & A. M., Los Angeles, Calif., that Brother Anthony Simkus has been attending their meeting regularly.

Brother Charles Brunner and Mrs. Brunner left for a vacation.

News has been received that Brother Benjamin Peterson has taken unto himself a bride. Brother Peterson is now at Rariton Arsenal but is leaving this month to locate permanently in the state of Washington.

Fraternal greetings have been received from Brother Jack Kovitz.

Brother Theodore H. Ginsburg has been busily engaged in teaching the Student Police of Manila the art of life-saving.

High Twelve No. 82.—Bro. Felix Abad has been trans-

ferred from the Bureau of Forestry to the Bureau of Science, by way of promotion.

Bro. Antonio Quiaoit has been transferred from the Los Baños Agricultural College to the central office of the Bureau of Forestry.

Bro. Adriano C. Uson having graduated from the Philippine Law School in March, he is now getting ready for the bar examination in August.

Bro. Filomeno Galang, who was a preacher of the M. E. Church at Iba, Zambales, has resigned and is now in Manila.

Wor. Bro. Roberto P. Villatuya has taken his wife to Tayabas to recover from an attack of pleurisy there.

Bro. George Why Chan is temporarily at House 10 Pass, 156 Rue Amiral Courbet, Shanghai, China.

Bro. Esteban T. Cruz has been transferred from Malolos to Manila.

Bro. Lucio P. Morales sends dues and greeting from Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, T. H.

Bro. Isabelo Umile is in mourning, his wife having died on May 14th.

Bro. Ong Siong Ya left for Mindoro about the middle of May, on a business and pleasure trip.

Bro. Gregorio Zamuco has been transferred from Tacloban to Iloilo.

Bro. Alberto Barros has been transferred from the Forest School at Los Baños to the Forest Station at Zamboanga.

Bro. Guillermo Ponce also has changed station; he has gone from the Central Office of the Bureau of Forestry to the Forest School at Los Baños.

Bro. Quintin passed the civil engineer's examination last April.

Bro. G. W. Lewis de Silva's wife died on May 3rd and was buried in the La Loma Cemetery on May 6th. Her death left nine children motherless.

Dagohoy No. 84.—Wor. Bro. Frank Lombardo has been receiving many letters of congratulations on the success of the Bohol Stock Farm at Ubay, long under his able management.

Bro. Leoncio Marapao was raised at the Stated Meeting on March 10th, last; he invited the Brethren to dinner at the Fortich Hotel after the meeting.

Mrs. Jimenez, wife of Wor. Bro. Idefonso D. Jimenez, is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Muog No. 89.—Letters and dues have been received from Bro. Joseph W. Crim, U. S. Army Medical Center Washington, D. C.; Bro. Luther L. Pettus, Station Hospital, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and Wor. Bro. James T. Lyons.

Bro. Santa Rosa's wife was reported ill at their home in Tondo.

Muog Lodge will soon be minus a Master Wor. Bro. Carl G. Heilmann is leaving the Philippines in June on account of the transfer of the anti-malarial research activities of the Rockefeller Foundation from these Islands to Panama.

Mt. Kaladias No. 91.—Wor. J. G. Paraiso is spending his leave with his family in Laguna.

Wor. Bro. S. Teves and Bro. P. Changco were in Manila recently as representatives of the sugar planters of Oriental Negros.

Bro. A. Nazareno is attending a religious conference in Misamis.

Bro. J. L. Underwood went to Fabrica, Negros, for medical and dental treatment.

Bro. A. Cuevas is attending the Far Eastern Olympic Games in Manila.

Bro. and Mrs. R. Ponce de Leon have returned from a tour around the world. Bro. Ponce reports that he greatly enjoyed the fellowship with his Masonic Brethren wherever he visited.

Bro. L. Virumal, who is in business in Jolo, has been passed and raised by Bud Daho Lodge No. 102.

Bro. L. C. Winternheimer is directing the Silliman Summer School.

Bros. T. Uy Tengsu and Chiu Tek Ye have returned from a business trip to Cebu.

Service No. 95.—Bro. George Katz who was recently retired after a number of years service in the U. S. Navy, was granted a demit. Bro. Katz will sail for the U. S. about April 15, 1934.

Bro. Raymond F. Moses, affiliated member of Service Lodge No. 95, and serving on board the U. S. S. Black Hawk, has been granted a demit; he is returning to the U. S. in the near future.

Letters with greetings were received during the months March and April from Bros. William L. Hildebrand, U. S. S. Marblehead, c/o P. M., New York, N. Y.; Will Harper, Battery "A", 13th C. A., Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; Enoch D. Efund, U. S. S. General Delivery, San Francisco Cal.; Byron E. Clark, U. S. S. Tennessee, 3rd Division, c/o P. M., San Pedro, Calif.; George W. Quigley, Alderwood Manor, Washington; Hugh Boatright, U. S. S. Lexington, c/o P. M., San Pedro, Calif.; Roy E. McElfish, Finance School, Washington, D. C.; John W. Booker, Fort McKinley, Portland, Maine; John D. Harris, 901 Bartram Ave. Collingdale, Penna.; Sergeant Paul Hitler, Office of the R. O. T. C., Governor's Island, New York; Arthur L. Predmore, Box 175, Auburn, California; Grady L. Shinpaugh, Finance Office, Fort Douglas, Utah; Lieut. Walter L. Reynold, 7th Infantry, Vancouver Barracks, Washington, W. H. Jackson, U. S. S. Beaver, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Maxwell Weinstein, "K" Company, U. S. Army Troops, Tientsin China; Charles C. Alario, Tug Office Rec. Sta., Naval Operating Base, Norfolk, Virginia; Sgt. William J. Stone, P. O. Box 2211, Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, T. H.; J. R. Berry, No. 3 U. S. S. Childs, San Diego, Calif.; Frank Hoffman, Montana State College, Bozeman, Mont.; Albert McKee, No. 1 Huntington St., Apt. A-2, Hartford, Conn.; Leonard C. Jackson, U. S. S. Black Hawk, China Waters; Oakley G. Bardley, U. S. S. Canopus, China Waters; Emil J. Soika, U. S. S. Heron; W. A. Wright, U. S. S. Swan, San Diego, Calif.; and Michael Swata, U. S. S. Black Hawk, China Waters.

Bro. U. S. Nero, and Mrs. Nero, were recent vacationists in Baguio, Mountain Province. Bro. Eugene S. Espy, Jr., and Bro. Harry M. Davis, also visited the Mountain City.

Bro. Oscar Urquhart wrote a very interesting letter of the Asiatic Fleet's sojourn in Japan. Mrs. Urquhart sailed for China on the "General Pershing", to be with her husband during the summer months; she will make her home in Chefoo, China.

Mrs. C. A. Caron, wife of the Secretary, spent two weeks vacation in Baguio, recently.

Mr. Huraw No. 98.—Wor. Bro. Lao Hoo, W. M., has been appointed Chinese District Consul for Samar and Leyte.

Bro. Jesus F. Pastrana, It. P. C., Ormoc, Leyte, has sent dues and greetings.

Bro. Dr. Francisco Tan entertained on April 7th at dinner at the Masonic Temple the occasion being the monthly gathering of the C. O. W. Circle. The same society, on April 30th tendered a thé dansant to Wor. Bro. Benito Natividad.

Bro. Emilio Corrales was raised on May 5th. On that occasion, the Lodge had the official visit of Wor. Bro. Benito Natividad, its new inspector. Dinner was served after the meeting.

Bro. Teodorico Noble went to Catubig and stayed there three weeks with his aged father who was seriously ill.

Palawan No. 99.—Bro. E. Araneta Diaz was holding court at Puerto Princesa early last month.

Bro. H. Marquez is at Infanta, Tayabas, in which town his daughter was christened on January 28th last.

Bro. L. Gatchalian has been transferred to Coron as land inspector.

Bro. B. O. Aman Go's father died at Amoy, China, last December.

Keystone No. 100.—Wor. Bro. Cornelio M. Aguirre was operated on for tonsillitis. Bro. Santiago Boter returned to Corregidor for duty after several months' absence on account of the overhauling in Manila of the U. S. S. harbor boat "San Pedro" of which he is chief mate.

Bro. Primitivo A. Villapando is rejoicing over the birth of a son, on April 6th.

Wor. Bro. Juan Banaga and family have returned from a vacation in Camiling, Tarlac.

Bro. Rosendo Baron has been in the Station Hospital for several days, suffering from malaria.

Bro. Pablo L. Edrozo has been recently promoted to First Sergeant of Battery at Ft. Mills.

Bro. Felipe N. Padilla is on leave, attending to his wife who is ill in San Narciso, Zambales.

Bud Dako No. 102.—Bro. Melecio Fabros, S. W. left for Manila early in the month for a vacation.

Bros. Art. Villanueva W. M., and P. Villanueva are mourning the death of their mother-in-law.

Bro. B. S. Viray and family have been vacationing in Pangasinan.

Bro. Tan Ting Lik who has been in China for the past two years, returned to Jolo recently. His health has improved immensely.

Leonard Wood No. 105.—Greetings and dues were received from Bro. Albert N. Stubblebine, now stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill. and on duty with the Quartermaster Corps, Bro. Eric Van Tassel Judd also sent greeting and dues; he is employed in a shoe shop at Auburn, Maine, but still gives his address as 123 Varnum Ave., Lowell, Mass.

Bro. George Setzer, S. W. of this Lodge figured in an auto accident and was confined in the Post Hospital for two days suffering with a broken nose and minor cuts on the face.

The daughter of Bro. Nicolas Garaba was a patient at the Post Hospital suffering from typhoid fever, but is now well on the way to recovery.

Bro. Philip W. A. Wollershien, whose present address is Coultts, Alberta, Canada, and Wor. Bro. J. D. Cook, at 1819 W. Pershing Rd. Chicago, sent dues and greetings.

Amitu No. 106.—V. W. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei D. D. G. M., has been elected an honorary member of Pearl River Lodge No. 109, of Canton, as a testimonial of appreciation of his signal service to that Lodge.

Bro. Dr. Chenoting T. Wang, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, is sailing for Manila on May 2nd, leading the Chinese delegates to the Far East Olympic Games.

Wor. Bro. Donald H. Wythe and family are leaving for America for a well-deserved vacation of eight months.

Bro. Ralph M. Hogan and Dr. W. S. New are well on the road to recovery.

Bro. T. T. Zee has returned to Shanghai after a four months' stay at Kaifeng, Honan, and has resumed charge of the local Frenchtown branch of the Kincheng Banking Corporation.

Having recovered from his illness, Bro. T. K. King has left on a trip to Burma.

Bro. Israel Zwick has returned from a trip to England; while at Liverpool, he visited High Cross Lodge with his father, who is member of a Lodge in London.

Bro. David K. Au has returned to Shanghai after many weeks absence, during which he was of great assistance to Pearl River Lodge No. 109, at Canton. He is leaving Shanghai soon, as he has been transferred to Hongkong as manager of the Shanghai Com. & Sav. Bank.

Bro. Darwin H. Utter, S. D., has returned from a business trip to Hongkong and Canton.

Bro. Wm. Yinson Lee is back in Shanghai from an extended trip to the South and Southwest.

Bro. Clarence K. Chan has left the hospital and is convalescing at his home.

Bro. Yang Wei-Ping's new summer home at Mokanshan is nearing completion and will be occupied by his family this coming season.

Mrs. K. L. Kwong, the wife of our Brother, the Chinese Consul-General at Manila, and children have returned to China; they expect to spend the spring at Mokanshan.

Camarines Norte No. 107.—Bro. Andres Marques took his wife to Manila, for an operation, on January 29th.

Bro. Alfredo Suabillo, a charter member of this Lodge, was honored by a special meeting being held for his benefit on January 31st, last. Being master of the M. S. Naga. Bro. Suabillo had been unable to attend meetings for some time.

Bro. Pedro Encarnacion, of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, was given a lauriat party in the Lodge hall on March 28th, last, the occasion being his transfer from Camarines Norte to Surigao, as provincial treasurer.

Pearl River No. 109.—Rt. Wor. Bro. F. C. Mow Fung, accompanied by Bro. Liang, who had been requested by the Lodge to come down from Canton specially to assist in welcoming Most Wor. Bro. and Mrs. S. Youngberg, met that distinguished Brother, his wife and Mrs. Rue on their arrival in Hongkong, on board the S. S. "General Sherman," on March 10th and spent the whole day with them until 7:00 p. m., chatting and sight-seeing. The "General Sherman" sailed for Shanghai that same evening.

Cards with greetings have been received from Wor. Bro. Tien Sing, who is with his brother-in-law in New York City.

Bro. Liu Chung-hang, the Secretary of Pearl River Lodge, is in Shanghai on a 6 months transfer, to be trained at the Bank. During his absence, Bro. Kwok performs the duties of Secretary of the Lodge.

Seccion Castellana

THE CABLETOW

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 6,000 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: Manuel Camus, Gran Maestro; Samuel R. Hawthorne, Gran Maestro delegado; Conrado Benitez, Primer Gran Vigilante; Edward M. Masterson, Segundo Gran Vigilante; Vicente Carmona, 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.

Editoriales

LA CRUZ ROJA

El 7 de mayo de este año, el Jefe Ejecutivo de las Islas Filipinas expidió una proclama designando el período que media entre el Día de la Independencia, cuatro de julio, y el treinta y uno de julio, para el Alistamiento Anual de la Cruz Roja en Filipinas. Después de explicar el motivo por que se ha cambiado la época para dicha campaña que hasta ahora se solía llevar a cabo en noviembre de cada año, el Gobernador General expone que, confrontada por recursos mercedados y responsabilidades aumentadas, la Cruz Roja ha desempeñado su labor, aceptando nuevas cargas y cooperando activamente con el Gobierno en la solución de los problemas sociales creados por la emergencia actual. Dice que la Cruz Roja ha dado al Gobierno y al público pruebas convincentes de su robustez y eficacia y de su prontitud y capacidad para adaptar su programa y dedicar sus esfuerzos y fondos a las nuevas actividades extraordinarias que exige la situación actual. En conclusión, ruega a todos los habitantes de las Islas Filipinas, a todas nuestras empresas comerciales, a todos los funcionarios insulares, provinciales y municipales, al clero, a todos los maestros de las escuelas públicas y privadas y a todos los demás individuos e instituciones de elevado espíritu cívico asistan activamente en la organización y realización del Alistamiento Anual y concedan generoso y especial apoyo este año para que la Cruz Roja pueda responder a todas las necesidades urgentes.

Nos unimos a dicho llamamiento con entusiasmo y sinceridad. Es tan brillante la hoja de servicios de la Cruz Roja en estas Islas que dicha institución merece no solamente la simpatía sino la cooperación cordial e incondicional de todo Masón, y no cabe la menor duda de que los miembros de nuestras Logias serán entre los colaboradores más activos de la Cruz Roja en la campaña que acaba de iniciar.—L. F.

LA SUSPENSION DE RELACIONES

Masónicamente hablando, la República vecina de China es territorio libre y desocupado y cualquiera Gran Logia puede establecer Talleres en dicho país. La Potencia masónica más cercana es la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas la cual es hasta ahora la única Potencia masónica regular en Asia. Durante muchos años después de su fundación, en 1912, dicha Gran Logia dejó de hacer uso de su derecho de establecer Logias en China, en donde ya habían fundando Talleres las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia,

Irlanda y Massachusetts. En 1930, un grupo de Masones regulares entre los cuales se hallaban algunos chinos de alta categoría y cultura excepcional, habiendo fracasado en sus esfuerzos de obtener una dispensa de la Gran Logia de Massachusetts para formar una nueva Logia en Shanghai, presentaron su solicitud a la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas, y el Gran Maestro Carmona les concedió la dispensa solicitada. El 25 de mayo de 1931, se constituyó la primera Logia de la obediencia de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas en China, la Logia Amity No. 106, de Shanghai. A dicha ceremonia asistieron también los representantes oficiales en China de las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia, Irlanda y Massachusetts. En el mes de septiembre del mismo año, 1931, un grupo de Masones de Nanking, algunos de los cuales eran de nacionalidad china, pidió a la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas una dispensa para formar una nueva Logia en dicha ciudad. El Gran Maestro Larkin aun tenía dicho asunto bajo malleto cuando recibió un cablegrama del Gran Maestro Dean, de Massachusetts, el cual dijo hablar también por las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia e Irlanda, sugiriendo a la Gran Logia de Filipinas no constituya más Logias en China sin dar tiempo a cada Taller que organizara a probar su capacidad e idoneidad. El Gran Maestro de Filipinas, aunque en su carta contestación manifestó su desconformidad con los puntos de vista expresados en la epístola del Gran Maestro Dean y su resentimiento por las amenazas veladas que contenía, denegó la instancia presentada por los Hermanos de Nanking, en deferencia a los deseos de las cuatro Grandes Logias referidas. Pero los Hermanos de Nanking dirigieron otra instancia al sucesor del Gran Maestro Larkin y esta vez tuvieron mejor suerte. La Gran Logia de Massachusetts, con el concurso de las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia e Irlanda, fundó luego un llamado "Consejo Consultativo de Asuntos Masónicos en el Norte de China" y pidió a la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas, la cual no había tenido voz ni voto en la formación del referido Consejo, su adhesión a éste. La Gran Logia de Filipinas comprendía perfectamente que el único objeto de la creación del llamado consejo era atar las manos de dicha Gran Logia en China, y que el resultado no sería más que desacuerdos y amarguras, y, a propuesta del Gran Maestro González, se negó rotundamente adherirse. El llamado Consejo recomendó luego a las Grandes Logias fundadoras del mismo la suspensión de sus relaciones fraternales con la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas, y los representantes oficiales de las referidas cuatro Potencias, aprovechando la inauguración del Masonic Peace Memorial en Lon-

dres, acordaron dicha suspensión. La Gran Logia de Massachusetts, sin siquiera dar parte a la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas de lo que había resuelto, inmediatamente hizo lo que pudo para destruir o paralizar las Logias filipinas en China, exigiendo a los muchos miembros de las Logias de su obediencia que al mismo tiempo militaban en las filas de las de Filipinas, su separación de éstas. Pero la mayoría de los Hermanos referidos, en vez de pedir plancha de quite a la Logia filipina, la solicitaron a la de Massachusetts.

Al fin se recibió en Filipinas el aviso oficial de los acuerdos de las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra y Massachusetts y se vió que los informes que habían servido de base para dichos acuerdos estaban llenos de inexactitudes y manifestaciones altamente injustificadas. Es más, la Gran Logia de Massachusetts, dando prueba de un espíritu vengativo que nos es incomprendible, ha dirigido a las Grandes Logias de su amistad una plancha en la cual pide que éstas también suspendan sus relaciones fraternales con la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas.

Parece que las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia, Irlanda y Massachusetts temían que la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas pretendía fundar una Gran Logia soberana para la República de China, no obstante las afirmaciones de los jefes de la Masonería filipina y de los principales Masones chinos de que no pensaban en ello. El hecho es que los Masones chinos no desean más que tener Logias en las cuales puedan mostrar su aptitud y desempeñar un papel menos humillante que el a que se les había reducido en los muy contados Talleres que aceptaban a los de su nacionalidad. Habiéndoles negado la Gran Logia de Massachusetts dicha oportunidad, por motivos que no es del caso referir, se dirigieron a la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas y encontraron la acogida afectuosa y fraternal a que tenían derecho.

No cabe duda de que algunas Grandes Logias, al recibir la carta de la Gran Logia de Massachusetts, obrarán sin reflexión y condenarán a la pequeña Gran Logia de Filipinas sin haberla oído, basando su resolución en los informes lastimosos o maliciosamente inexactos de los comités de Massachusetts e Inglaterra; pero confiamos en que la gran mayoría de las Grandes Logias se dejarán guiar por aquel espíritu de justicia y equidad que debe distinguir al Masón y que brilla por su ausencia en la persecución que se ha iniciado contra la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas.—L. F.

LOS SEMBRADORES DE IDEAS

“Sembrador de ideas” es todo hombre de alma noble que lucha por corregir malas costumbres; mejorar la situación política del país; enseñar al ignorante e inculcar la moral más pura en la vida del pueblo.

El “sembrador de ideas,” es por lo tanto, un ser útil en medio social y su labor debería merecer todo aprecio; sin embargo, no siempre ocurre así.

Sucede que, los mercenarios de las religiones, los comerciantes de la patria, los explotadores del pueblo, etc., etc., que doquiera abundan, se alían todos contra el “sembrador de ideas.”

Es, que como adoradores que son del “becerro de oro,” no pueden mirar con simpatía a los que no comulgan en el credo materialista que ellos profesan.

El hecho de ser “sembrador de ideas,” ya es bastante para convertirse en el blanco del odio de todos aquellos que no desean más que medrar a costa del vicio y la ignorancia de los hombres.

José Martí, hoy un ídolo de los cubanos, en un tiempo, cuando luchaba por obtener la libertad de Cuba, fué odiado, por la mayoría de los hijos de esta isla y los españoles en general.

Abraham Lincoln, aquel gran hombre que tanto luchó por acabar con la esclavitud en los Estados Unidos de América, era el blanco del odio de todos los esclavistas, hasta el extremo que, el 14 de abril de 1865, fué asesinado por un enemigo de la libertad de los esclavos.

Cualquiera que se dedique a “sembrar ideas” en el corazón humano, está expuesto a hacerse de muchos enemigos.

Sin embargo, ¿qué sería de este mundo, sin los “sembradores de ideas”? Ellos han hecho mucho por mejorar nuestra vida, política, social y moralmente.

Los “sembradores de ideas,” han sido los sostenedores de la luz en medio de las tinieblas de la ignorancia.

No hay que hacer caso de los enemigos del progreso humano. Seguid en la hermosa labor de “sembradores de ideas”.

El farolero debe mantener la luz que indica el derrotero de las naves, sin preocuparse si son buenos o malos los marineros que navegan por los altos mares.

Sembrar ideas buenas; no importa que con eso se consiga crear enemigos.

Y si son perseguidos debido a la buena obra que realizan, no se aflijan por eso; pues, debe ser un privilegio figurar en la lista de Sócrates, Cristo, Lincoln, Juárez, Martí y miles de almas nobles e ilustres, que sufrieron persecuciones, por ser “sembradores de ideas.”—De “Alma de Anáhuac” Mexico.

UN EXAMEN

Los acontecimientos que vienen desarrollándose en el mundo, ya sean en relación a la Francmasonería o, en general, a la vida misma de los pueblos, plantea a nuestro raciocinio un formidable interrogante.

Para contestarlo, o siquiera para atender lo que su estudio suscita en nuestras mentes parecen no bastar los viejos principios consagrados, ya sean de orden filosófico, político o moral.

La Jefatura de nuestra Orden, viva e íntimamente ligada a la solución de tales problemas, acaba de plantear las premisas para afrontar su estudio:

¿Existe actualmente en el Mundo Civilizado una desorientación espiritual y cuáles serían sus causas?

¿Es efectivo que se ha perdido el concepto de la Libertad de Pensamiento, el del Derecho y el de Personalidad; y el hombre actual tiende a encarar solo el concepto económico y materialista de la vida?

¿Hacia dónde nos llevaría esta actitud, en el orden filosófico, moral, político y social? ¿No quedan a la Humanidad otros Caminos que el Fascismo, el Comunismo, el Socialismo o la Tecnoocracia?

¿Significarían estas orientaciones el renunciamiento a nuestra Libertad de Conciencia, a nuestro clásico concepto del Derecho, a nuestra Personalidad?

El tema es apasionante; y su estudio una obligación de todo verdadero francmasón.

Pensamos como la Gran Maestría, que la Francmasonería, como cultivadora de los más altos pensamientos de la Inteligencia Humana, y como nuestra Alma Mater, verdadera directora espiritual de sus adeptos, debe precisar y definir sus principios y doctrinas y responder a estas interrogaciones cuya trascendencia nadie puede discutir en los momentos actuales.

Como ella, nos preguntamos: ¿Dónde está la Verdad, que debe ser el norte y la guía de nuestra Orden?—*Revista Masónica de Chile.*

LAS FIESTAS SOLSTICIALES DE LA MASONERÍA Y LOS SANTOS JUAN

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Todas las religiones e instituciones generalmente cimentadas en el credo de un elevado misticismo, han observado desde los tiempos más remotes, ciertos y determinados días de fiestas dedicadas a sus grandes mártires y elegidos o consagrados a las deidades de sus respectivas creencias.

De igual manera que el Cristianismo revive anualmente el eterno recuerdo del Nacido en Belén en Pascuas de Navidad, inflando de regocijo y alborozo todo un mundo, por el advenimiento del Mesías; y los antiguos egipcios, adorantes del Sol, como su única deidad, le celebraban imponentes ceremonias a Osiris para afianzar al pueblo en el mito de sus paganas creencias, así también la Masonería Universal, sublime y poderosa que también encierra en sus secretos algo de religión que la sustenta espiritualmente y algo de mística leyenda que la mantiene en un constante ambiente de elevación filosófica, observa sus fiestas solsticiales dedicadas no sólo a sus más venerados patronos San Juan Bautista y San Juan El Evangelista, que sintetizan nuestra fraternidad en lo que de religión conserva con reverencia, sino también al Astro Rey, al luminar del día, que como astro principal del sistema planetario, ha sido siempre símbolo tradicional y sagrado, exponente elocuente de la suprema obra del G.: A.: del U.:

Los solsticios son las dos épocas del año en que el sol se aleja lo más posible de la línea ecuatorial llegando a su mayor declinación en los hemisferios norte y sud, apareciendo por algunos días como que para su carrera para iniciarla de nuevo por la eclíptica, o sea la órbita que aparentemente describe alrededor del globo terráqueo debido a la inclinación de éste y a sus movimientos de rotación y traslación que determinan el cambio de estaciones.

El solsticio de verano o boreal ocurre hacia el 21 de junio y el de invierno o austral para el 22 de diciembre, coincidiendo estas dos fechas del Zodiaco con los festivales religiosos de la iglesia cristiana del 24 de junio conmemorando a San Juan Bautista, precursor del Mesías y las del 24 al 27 de dic. consagradas al Nazareno, el Divino hijo y a San Juan Evangelista, el más joven y querido de sus apóstoles.

Véase luego cómo en estas dos épocas señaladas claramente, se demuestra también el íntimo consorcio que existe en Masonería entre el símbolo sagrado de la pagana antigüedad con el Sol como deidad suprema en la mitología y el evangelio de Cristo de Juan Bautista y el Apocalipsis del Evangelista.

En todas la leyendas encontramos al rubicundo Apolo ocupando un sitio prominente, siendo la representación más elevada y magnífica de la divinidad, según antiguas creencias.

Desde la cosmogonía bíblica narrada en el Géne-

sis por Moisés, uno de los Grandes Iniciados, endonde hasta el mismo Supremo Hacedor se regocija durante el bíblico tránsito de las tinieblas a la luz donde leemos—"Sea la Luz y fué la Luz," hasta nuestros días, el Sol siempre ha sido enseña gloriosa del Poder Creador, de vida y de esperanza. El culto al astro de quien la humanidad entera ha recibido constantemente los más preciados beneficios, ha sido perpetuado por todos los siglos. En Teos, Asia menor, y en Eleusis, Grecia, remontándonos a aquellas remotas edades, encontramos a instituciones similares a la nuestra, con parecidas leyes, usos y costumbres, celebrando imponentes ceremonias en pleno aire libre, sirviéndoles de templo la bella naturaleza, con el firmamento como bóveda celeste y el sol o luna como purísimos emblemas dedicados a la consagración de ese poder inmenso y oculto que llamamos el Gran Artífice.

En Egipto, considerado a veces como cuna de la civilización, el culto al dios Sol fué una religión en aquellos países en que la omnipotencia y omnisciencia divinas no podían ser concebidas por ellos de ninguna otra manera, sino por la constante renovación diaria de la luz solar y de sus apreciables beneficios.

Hasta en América, particularmente en Méjico, Perú, y últimamente en Centro América, los pergaminos y reliquias antiguas descubiertos por sabios arqueólogos en sus constantes deseos de indagar en los nublados arcanos del pasado encontramos muestras indubitables del concepto del sol que tenían nuestros primitivos pobladores, no sólo fué considerado como símbolo de luz y autoridad sino también como prueba material y visible del dominio y majestad de ese oculto poder.

Llámesese Osiris en la leyenda egipcia, Apolo en la griega, Mithra en la persa, Balder en la nórdica o de cualquiera otra manera, lo cierto es que su grandeza ha sido universalmente poderosa, su influjo y preponderancia ha sido inalterable a través de todas las edades, manteniéndose siempre puro y esplendente como los relucientes y vívidos rayos que dimanaban de su luminoso disco.

Aun hoy, en las sociedades simbólicas como la nuestra, y en las religiones positivas, ocupa el sol un lugar preferente; y grandes escritores y poetas han sabido rendirle los honores que merece este monarca del firmamento. Espronceda, el gran vate castellano, cuya influencia en el arte poético de fines del pasado siglo fué tan eminente, dedica al Sol una de sus mejores composiciones líricas que a manera de himno empieza de esta manera:—

Para y óyeme, ¡Oh Sol! yo te saludo
y extático ante tí me atrevo a hablarte,
Ardiente como tú mi fantasía,
Arrebatada en ansia de admirarte,
Intrépidas a ti mis alas guía.
¡Ojalá que mi acento poderoso,
Sublime resonando,
Del trueno pavoroso
La temerosa voz sobrepujando,
¡Oh Sol! a tí llegara
Y en medio de tu curso te parara
¡Ah! si la llama que mi mente alumbraba,
Diera también ardor a mis sentidos,
Al rayo vencedor que los deslumbra,
Los anhelantes ojos alzaría,
Y en tu semblante fúlgido atrevidos
Mirando sin cesar los fijaría.
¡Cuánto siempre te amé, Sol refulgente!
¡Con qué sencillo anhelo,
Siendo niño inocente,
Seguirte ansiaba en el tendido cielo,
Y extático te veía
Y en contemplar tu luz me embebecía!

Consideremos ahora a grandes rasgos la íntima relación que guardan los santos Juan de la Iglesia Cristiana con nuestra venerada institución y por qué son ellos reconocidos como patronos de la Masonería.

Juan el Bautista, el providente embajador sagrado, fué, según la profecía bíblica, el ángel enviado por Dios para preparar el sendero al Divino Maestro predicando sin tregua y sin miedo su seráfica doctrina. Vivió desde muy joven en un completo aislamiento material y espiritual observando constante penitencia. Uncido por la sacra llama del Santo Espíritu, adquirió gran popularidad y renombre entre el pueblo judío que le escuchaba con sumo fervor y abstracción al anunciárseles la buena nueva y el advenimiento de un nuevo Idolo, presentándoles a Cristo desde el punto de vista celestial o divino. Invitaba a sus nuevos adeptos a pasar por las límpidas aguas de la purificación enseñándoles con entera claridad, amor y ternura el sagrado programa de su nuevo evangelio que se sintetiza en la frase Cree y Vive.

Fué realmente un reformador religioso en aquella azarosa época de múltiples incertidumbres, revolucionando las paganas creencias aún latentes en el pueblo de Israel, al extremo de verse luego, después del advenimiento del Elegido de Dios, perseguido y maltratado. Herodes, celoso de ver debilitarse las filas de sus súbditos con aquellas extrañables prédicas del Bautista, lo envía prisionero fuera de Jerusalén, donde sufrió con beatífica resignación afianzado en su inquebrantable fe, los más cruentos tormentos y torturas. Luego fué sacrificado, y decapitado después de haber pasado por un terrible martirio sólo comparable con el del Crucificado. Parte de sus preciosas cenizas, salvadas por sus fieles que nunca lo abandonaron, se dice que reposan en el hermoso templo construido en Constantinopla a su imperecedera memoria.

Juan el Evangelista, el apóstol del amor, como se le ha llamado, nacido en Galilea, fué pescador de oficio e hizo su conversión al Cristianismo al ser testigo ocular, con asombroso júbilo, de la milagrosa pesca de que habla el Evangelio, siendo aún muy joven cuando fué llamado a ejercer su sagrado apostolado. Fué el discípulo más adicto y predilecto de Jesús. El que le interrogó en la última cena, quién había de entregarlo. Fué el único que lo acompañó a través de su vía-crucis hasta el Calvario donde El Cristo le recomienda el cuidado de su virgen madre. Fué él también el primero que reconoció a Jesús después de su resurrección.

Por eso y por las preciosas prendas de virtud y fortaleza que le adornaban, es que la iglesia y también la Masonería lo ha considerado como una de sus más fuertes columnas.

Escribió la Epístola Universal conocida con el nombre de Compañerismo y Conocimiento, cuyo inquebrantable lema ha sido Luz, Amor y Vida, y el Apocalipsis, donde leemos con suma reflexión y recogimiento de espíritu la profética revelación que termina anunciando a los pueblos el surgimiento de un Reino que ha de levantarse de las ruinas de los poderes enemigos,

más fuerte, digno y poderoso que ninguno, y protegido y guiado por la égida gloriosa del Cordero del Calvario y su divino Padre.

Cuenta la leyenda, que el emperador Dionisiano lo persiguió despiadadamente condenándolo al horrendo suplicio de ser arrojado a una paila de hirviente plomo, de donde salió más fuerte y purificado que nunca, siendo luego desterrado a la isla de Patmos, en donde escribió su Evangelio y la Revelación que acabamos de citar. Finalmente murió en Efeso para el año 101 de la era cristiana y su conmemoración se celebra tanto por la Iglesia como por la Masonería el día 27 de diciembre.

Ningún masón tiene que hacer un gran esfuerzo imaginativo para comprender la íntima relación que existe entre estos dos santos varones, nuestros patronos, con la Masonería Universal. Hagamos algunos paralelos:—

Aunque la tradición nos indica que originalmente las logias eran dedicadas al Rey Salomón, como nuestro Más Ven. Gran Maestro, y a Hiram, rey de Tiro, y a Hiram Abiff, el Hijo de la Viuda, como copartícipes en la construcción del Gran Templo, esta práctica quedó en desuso por haber caído el sabio y poderoso monarca judío en la vanidad y concupiscencia, viendo inmolada su grandeza y destruida su obra maestra por castigo divino. La práctica universal presente, desde el advenimiento del Cristianismo, es la de dedicar los templos a los Santos Juan, que se mantuvieron siempre inmutables e impertérritos en la Fe de su doctrina, prefiriendo los más terribles martirios a abjurar de su credo, a traicionar a su Maestro o caer en oprobiosas tentaciones. A ellos fueron dedicados, porque tanto el Bautista como el Evangelista, durante su azarosa vida de persecuciones fueron humanos símbolos de Amor, Caridad y Fraternidad, habiendo sido ambos eminentes miembros de nuestra Institución, y el último, G.: M.: de nuestros augustos misterios, según la cita que aparece en la renombrada obra del Dr. Mackey, titulada Enciclopedia Masónica. Porque el Bautista usaba las aguas de la purificación por medio del bautismo, de igual modo que nuestros expertos hacen descender sobre el neófito la aspersion de las aguas puras para borrar todo error, toda mancha, todo sentimiento innoble o torpe inclinación que haya podido albergar en su pecho.

Celebremos, pues, hoy con nueva e impoluta fidelidad la fiesta del Solsticio de Invierno de Juan el Evangelista, nuestro venerado patrón. Que la renovación de los votos y juramentos prestados ante el ara sagrada afiancen nuestro cariño y nuestro celo por la Fraternidad, y hagan inquebrantable nuestra admiración y amor hacia ella. Que resueltos y firmes pero siempre ungidos con el óleo de las preciadas prendas de virtud y de justicia que emanaron de las ejecutorias de aquellos desaparecidos patronos de la Orden, prosigamos nuestra obra de regeneración en bien de la Humanidad y de nuestra gloriosa y noble Institución.



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