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CRITICISM

It's easy enough to pick out the flaws
In the work that others have done.
To point out the errors that others have made,
When your own task you haven't begun.
It is easy enough to fuss and find fault
When others are doing their best,
To sneer at the little that they have achieved,
When you have done nothing but rest.
It's easy enough to cavil and carp,
To criticise, scoff, and deride,
For few of us ever have done perfect work.
No matter how hard we have tried.
It is easy enough not to speak of the best,
And to dwell all the time on the worst,
And perhaps it is proper sometimes to find fault,
But be sure that you've done something first.

—*Somerville Journal*

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Editorial Section

OUR CONTRIBUTOR, Bro. GILBERT PATTEN BROWN

For forty years, Prof. Gilbert Patten Brown, of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, who has frequently contributed interesting articles to the *Cabletow*, has not only been an essayist and poct of no mean ability but a prolific author of articles of Masonic interest which have been published by the Masonic press all the world over. Born in Bristol, Lincoln County, Maine, on March 5, 1868, as son of Captain Timothy F. and Lydia (Poole) Brown, our Brother takes special pride in the fact that his paternal ancestors for five generations back were master mariners and he himself sailed the seas at an early age, and suffered shipwreck twice, before he chose the pursuit of the sciences, arts, and letters. In knocking at the portals of Freemasonry, he also followed a family tradition. Engaged in the gentle art of healing, Bro. Brown, who is not married, still finds time to give to the most varied literary and fraternal activities. His writings breathe sturdy Americanism and a staunch Masonic spirit.

We are glad to be able to insert in this issue of our paper an article on Brother William Howard Taft, a man whom not only the author, but a number of Philippine Masons, including the editor of the *Cabletow*, knew personally and whose admission into the mysteries of Freemasonry at least one Philippine Mason witnessed.

We heartily thank Bro. Brown, not only for this article from his able pen but for others which we have been publishing in the past.—*L. F.*

UNMASONIC CONDUCT

A few weeks ago, a number of Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction received circulars in which a Mason employed by an important department store of this city solicited business for his firm, addressing the Brethren to whom this circular was sent as Masons, referring in the body of the letter to his Masonic membership, and putting the name of his Lodge under his signature. It goes without saying that the writer of that letter acted from sheer ignorance, that he offended because he had failed to grasp some of the fundamental principles of Masonry. But it is a source of great surprise and regret to us that members of our Fraternity whom one would expect to realize that tolerance in such things is harmful, instead of severely condemning such conduct, show a tendency to look upon this prostitution of Masonry as a mere peccadillo.

It has ever been considered as one of the vital principles of our Institution that Masonry must under no circumstances be subordinated to business, and this is so self-evident that no prohibitive clause in this sense has been put into any Masonic constitution we know of. In some Grand Jurisdictions, special regulations have been issued prohibiting the use of the emblems and name of Masonry on business or political cards, or by way of advertisement; but no specific prohibition should be necessary. Every Master Mason knows that to preserve unsullied the reputation of the Fraternity ought to be his constant care, and we can conceive of nothing more liable to bring Masonry into disrepute than its prostitution for business purposes.

We hope and trust that Masonry in these Islands will never again be disgraced by a circular like that to which we have reference.—*L. F.*

THE SECRETARY OF THE LODGE

Do you know exactly what a scapegoat was? It was in the days of the ancient Israelites a goat upon which the priest symbolically placed the sins of the people, after which it was driven into the wilderness. In many Lodges, the Secretary is still treated some-

what like that poor goat we read of in the Bible. If the meeting notice is delayed or goes astray in the mail, or if mischievous children or meddling neighbors take it from the box, it is the Secretary who gets the blame for it. Non-attendance at the meetings, non-payment of the dues, failure to act when on a committee, are often excused by the statement that notices were not received, simply because that excuse is the most convenient for the neglectful member, and the poor Secretary, though not at fault, is again the goat. But the calvary of many a Secretary begins when, conscientious and anxious to do his full duty, he endeavors to collect dues. He meets here a sour face, there a promise as glibly given as broken. His devotion to duty are counted as nothing, and when, convinced that the word of a Mason is as good as his bond, he comes back to collect on the day promised, the member who made the promise gets on the high horse and acts insulted.

Our sympathy is, and always has been, with the hard-working, conscientious Secretary who attends to the disagreeable duty of collecting delinquent dues in spite of unpleasant experiences, and we have little use for the Lodge member who settles every obligation before his Masonic dues and who pays these with grumbling and complaining and after repeated reminders, as if they were an unjust imposition and as if the Brother doing him the favor of asking him for the money were an importunate beggar.—*L. F.*

Official Section

Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Manuel Camus has appointed Wor. Bros. A. D. Tanner (42), José P. Paterno (57), and Delfín C. Medel (17), to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of September, 1934.

OUR GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTION

Corrected copies of the Grand Lodge Constitution, edition of 1926, in English, can now be secured at the Grand Secretary's Office at ₱1.20 a copy (the old price, for uncorrected copies, was ₱2.00). A "Correction and Amendment Sheet" has been prepared and printed for the 1926 edition of the Constitution, and a copy of it will be sent to any Brother applying for it, free of charge

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution will recommend that, in view of the large number of copies of the 1926 edition on hand in the Grand Lodge Office, a revised edition be not printed until the stock of copies of the last edition is low enough to warrant it. The "Correction and Amendment Sheet" above mentioned has been issued in order to enable owners of the 1926 edition to bring their copies up to date in the meantime.

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution (c/o Grand Secretary, P. O. Box No. 990, Manila, P. I.) asks any Brother who has found errors or discrepancies in the provisions of our Constitution to bring the same to its attention. Several contradictory provisions, such as, for instance, those concerning Past Masters (last three lines of par. 3, and last two lines of par. 323), have already been noted.

From The Grand Lodge Office

TRANSFER OF GRAND LODGE LIBRARY

Most of the Grand Lodge Library has been transferred to the Plaridel Masonic Temple; only the books required for reference, and the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges, have been kept in the Temple on the Escolta. The M. W. Grand Master has appointed Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño as an additional member of the Library Committee and Grand Lodge Librarian for the Plaridel Temple. Wor. Bro. Garduño's ability and zeal for Masonry are too well known to enlarge upon them, and we can feel confident that under his direction, the Plaridel Temple division of the Grand Lodge Library will become a real asset to the Fraternity. The books include a number of standard works on Masonry, numerous volumes of proceedings of sister Grand Lodges, bound volumes of Masonic and profane magazines and journals, books of general reference, a miscellaneous assortment of books of travel, novels and other works of fiction, and many works of useful knowledge. Seven big book-cases were sent to the Plaridel Temple on August 3rd, and as soon as the library room has been prepared and the books placed and indexed, the members of the Craft visiting Plaridel Temple will be able to study and improve themselves in Masonry to their heart's content.

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Having been newly painted and arranged and provided with proper furniture, the Grand Secretary's Office on the 5th floor of the Escolta Temple looks like a real office now. The office work is being carried on by the Deputy Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, the Grand Lodge Auditor, Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, and the Chief Clerk, Bro. Francisco Guerra. With M. W. Bro. Camus' office on the floor below, it is easy for the personnel to get into touch with the Grand Master. Two Past Grand Masters have their offices on the 5th floor and another on the 4th, and the Deputy Grand Master's office is across the street from the Temple. All these are advantages which greatly facilitate the work of the Grand Secretary's Office.

Most Wor. Bro. Newton C. Comfort, the Grand Secretary, has been compelled by the delicate state of his health to confine his work to one of general supervision, without occupying himself with any of the details, and he is now taking that rest from his labors which he has so richly earned.

REACTION ON OUR LETTER OF MAY 31ST

On May 31st, last, the Grand Secretary's Office addressed a rather lengthy letter to approximately nine hundred Brethren of Philippine Lodges residing in the United States, advising them of the suspension of relations between certain Grand Lodges and ours, giving them the correct facts, and asking them to "stand pat." Replies coming in now show that this letter was well received. From a letter that has come to our desk from Bro. Harry R. Taylor, U. S. Navy Yard, Mare Island, Calif., we copy the following paragraphs:

I am in receipt of your letter dated 31 May 1934, and wish to state that I have requested a demit from Corregidor

Lodge No. 3 in order that I may affiliate with a Lodge in the United States. Please be informed that this action on my part was not prompted by the present confusion in the Temple...

My brother, if such confusion as is now existing is permitted to go on we can no longer say that our Fraternity is universal. Must it be so that when we meet a man displaying the emblem of our great Fraternity and he greets us, we must reply, "Now, you must wait until I find out whether or not I can recognize you?" I sincerely hope that the Grand Lodges who have broken relations with us will see their error and that the confusion will be washed from our great Temple so that we may all strive together to meet as brethren in that Greater Temple, that house not made by hands eternal in the heavens.

PAST GRAND MASTERS' LUNCHEON

On August 8th, last, Most Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus invited the Past Grand Masters to a luncheon at the Grand Lodge Office, chiefly for the purpose of showing them the changes made in the office in the last few months and informing them of various measures adopted by him since he assumed the duties of Grand Master. After lunch had been served by the Plaza Hotel, important business of the Grand Lodge was discussed until 2:30 p. m. The Past Grand Masters present were, Most Worshipful Bros. George R. Harvey, Rafael Palma, Frederic H. Stevens, Christian W. Rosenstock, Seldon W. O'Brien, Vicente Carmona, and Wm. W. Larkin. Illness or previous engagements prevented the others from attending. Wor. Bros. Leo Fischer, Ricardo C. Santos, and Miguel Bonifacio, and Bro. Francisco Guerra were also present, to give explanations.

OUR EXCHANGES

The Cabletow Office receives regularly, by way of exchange, Masonic journals from many parts of the world. The list hereunder shows the titles of most of these periodicals and the countries or states where they are published. In the case of journals published in languages other than English, we have stated the language in which they are printed in parentheses. These foreign languages include Dutch, French, German, Greek, and Spanish. Publications in Danish, Italian, Portuguese and Rumanian are also received, though not regularly.

UNITED STATES

California:
The Masonic Digest, Los Angeles
The Masonic World, San Francisco
The Master Mason, San Diego
The Megaphone, Hollywood
Die Akazie, San Diego (German)

Colorado:
Square and Compass, Denver

District of Columbia:
The New Age, Washington, D. C.
The Sojourner, Washington, D. C.
The Kraftsman, Washington, D. C.

Florida:
Home Echoes, St. Petersburg
The Tampa Mason, Tampa

Georgia:
The Trestle Board, Atlanta

Illinois:
Masonic Chronicler, Chicago
Masonic Observer, Chicago
West Suburban Mason, Chicago
Temple Topics, Chicago
The Masonic News, Peoria

Iowa:
Grand Lodge Bulletin, Cedar Rapids

Kansas:
Ivanhoe Masonic News, Kansas City

Kentucky:
Masonic Home Journal, Louisville

Louisiana:
Square and Compasses, New Orleans

Massachusetts:
Friends by the Road, Boston

Michigan:
The American Tyler-Keystone, Battle Creek

Montana:
The Montana Mason, Great Falls

New Hampshire:
New Hampshire Masonic Bulletin, Concord

New York:
The New York Masonic Outlook, New York City
The Gavel, Newburgh

North Carolina:
The Orphans' Friend, Oxford, N. C.

Ohio:
The Masonic Beacon, Akron

Oklahoma:
The Oklahoma Freemason, McAllester

Oregon:
The Masonic Analyst, Portland

Tennessee:
Masonic Jewel, Chattanooga

Texas:
Texas Freemason and Eastern Star, Dallas
Texas Grand Lodge Bulletin, Dallas

Virginia:
The Virginia Masonic Herald, Highland Springs

Washington:
Masonic Tribune, Seattle

West Virginia:
A. & A. Scottish Rite Bulletin, Wheeling

Wisconsin:
Masonic Tidings, Milwaukee

OTHER COUNTRIES

Argentine Republic:
Constancia, Buenos Aires (Spanish)

Australia:
Masonic Club Journal, Sydney
The South Australian Freemason, Adelaide

Austria:
Wiener Freimaurer-Zeitung, Vienna (German)

Belgium:
La Revue M, Brussels (French)

Canada:
The Masonic Sun, Toronto
The Square, Vancouver, B. C.

Chile:
Revista Masónica de Chile, Santiago (Spanish)

Colombia:
Revista Masónica, Bogotá (Spanish)

Cuba:
Mundo Masónico, Habana (Spanish)
Tydings, Habana

Czechoslovakia:
Bulletin of Czechoslovak Masons, Prague

Dominican Republic:
Boletín Masónico, Santo Domingo (Spanish)

Dutch East India:
Indisch Maconniek Tijdschrift (Dutch)

England:
The Freemason's Chronicle, New Barnet

France:
Bulletin de la Grande Loge de France, Paris (French)
Greece:
Pythagoras-Gnomon, Athens (Greek)
Holland:
Correspondentieblad, The Hague (Dutch)
Mexico:
York Rite Trestleboard, Mexico
Cronos, Mexico (Spanish)
Alma de Anáhuac, Mexico (Spanish)
El Simbolismo, Merida (Spanish)
Peru:
Revista Masónica, Lima (Spanish)
Switzerland:
Bulletin de l'Association Maconnique Internationale, Geneva (French)
Turkey:
Buyuk Sark, Istanbul (Turkish)

FRATERNAL REVIEWS

Since the Annual Communication of 1934, the editor of the Cabletow, who is chairman of the Committee on Correspondence and whose duty it is to review the Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, has already reviewed thirty-five volumes. The majority of the reviews have been published in the present and past issues of the Cabletow, and clippings have been sent to the fraternal reviewers of the foreign Grand Jurisdictions concerned. The present system has several great advantages over the old method of publishing the reviews in the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Lodge; the fraternal reviews reach the readers earlier and go to each and every member of the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, the annual appropriation for reviewer's expenses is eliminated, and the expense of printing the Proceedings has been reduced very materially.

From Near And Far

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER VISITS LODGES

The period from July 10th to 28th, last, was a very busy one for our Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne. Accompanied by Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, P. M. Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80 and Grand Lodge Auditor, and Wor. Bro. E. E. Voss, Worshipful Master of Manila Lodge No. 1, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne left Manila on July 10th, on the "Mayon". On the 11th, the ship called at Iloilo, where a big delegation met the party and arrangements were made for a visitation on the return of the party. Upon their arrival at Zamboanga, at 8:00 a. m. on the 12th, the travelers were hospitably received by the local Masons, and in the evening, an official visitation was made to Mount Apo Lodge No. 45. Twenty-two members and 11 visitors were present. It was a very pleasant affair; as Wor. Bro. J. J. Wilson, P. M., with 45 years of Masonic service to his credit, said in his interesting address:

> Mount Apo Lodge has been described as a very happy family in the past, and as I look round this gathering, I see that the traditions of the past are exemplified by the present state of affairs in the Lodge. We are an extraordinarily happy family tonight...

From Zamboanga, the party went by steamer, sailing on July 16th, to Cotabato, where Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110 was constituted on July 17th. A number of Brethren from Zamboanga accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne on this voyage. An account of the constitution of this, our youngest, Lodge will be found under Lodge News.

During the stay of the visitors at Zamboanga, Bro. Lucien R. Stevens, colonel, P. C., was especially attentive to them and his many kindnesses will never be forgotten by the members of the party.

From Cotabato, the Grand Lodge party proceeded to Jolo, on the S. S. "Escaño", and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne, in the name of the Grand Master, visited Bud Daho Lodge No. 102 in that town. This was on July 20th. A reception at the wharf, luncheon at the Lodge Hall, and sight-seeing figured prominently on the program. The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Auditor were well satisfied with the result of their inspection. The official visitation took place at 4:30 p. m., because the visitors sailed at 6. p. m.

The "Escaño" arrived at Dumaguete on Sunday, July 22nd, in the morning. A reception committee of local Masons took the party to the hall, for an informal meeting, and thence to the home of the Secretary of Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Wor. Bro. Juan G. Paraiso, for refreshments. After luncheon at the home of Bro. H. Roy Bell, the visitors embarked again, at 2 p. m., for Cebu, where the boat arrived about midnight.

At Cebu, on July 23rd, joint meeting of the Masters and Wardens of Maktan Lodge No. 30 and Tupas Lodge No. 62 was held in the forenoon and a similar meeting of the Secretaries and Treasurers of both Lodges in the afternoon. The official visitation of the two Lodges in joint meeting was made in the evening. Fourteen Brethren from Dagohoy Lodge No. 84, of Tagbilaran, Bohol, were present; most of them had traveled great distances to attend this memorable meeting.

In the morning of the 24th, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne and Wor. Bros. Santos and Voss left Cebu by a special plane, arriving at Bacolod, Occidental Negross, at 11 a. m. A delegation from Kanlaon Lodge No. 64 and Elisha Ward Wilbur Lodge No. 101 received the visitors at the landing field and took them to the Bacolod Golf Club for lunch. After some sightseeing, everybody repaired to the hall of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64 where a joint meeting of that Lodge and of Elisha Ward Wilbur Lodge No. 101 (which is located at Victorias) was held. The Deputy Grand Master and companions were received with Grand Honors, then the Third Degree was conferred, with Wor. Bro. Voss in the East in the 1st section and Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne in the 2nd.

On July 25th, the Grand Lodge party left Bacolod by plane, arriving at Iloilo, at 12:15 p. m. The officers of Iloilo Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 78 received them at the airport and took them to Bro. Francisco Santos' sugar central at Barotac for luncheon and then for a sightseeing trip. Wor. Bro. Alva J. Hill entertained Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne and Wor. Bro. Voss at his home in La Paz, while Bro. B. Carbonilla took care of Wor. Bro. Santos. The official visitation took place in the evening, at a joint meeting of the two Iloilo Lodges, on which occasion the 3rd Degree was exemplified.

On July 26th, Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne and his companions, accompanied by three Iloilo Masons, went by rail to Capiz, leaving at 2 p. m. and arriving at 6 p. m. The party were the guests of Bro. Kuroki Hernandez, governor elect of Capiz. A meeting of

Makawiwili Lodge No. 55 was held for the purpose of receiving the Deputy Grand Master and party. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Dr. Frederick W. Meyer, now stationed at Ioilo, had come all the way from that city to attend the official visitation.

On July 27th, the visitors returned to Iloilo by train, and in the afternoon of July 28th they took the "Mayon" back to Manila, where they arrived in the morning of July 29th. All report a very busy but most pleasant time during the entire trip, and all were equally impressed by the earnestness and loyalty to Grand Lodge and Grand Master of our Brethren in the South.

GRAND LODGE "LESSING ZU DEN DREI RINGEN"

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge "Lessing zu den drei Ringen," of Prague, Czechoslovakia, appointing Wor. Bro. Wm. Merz, of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80, as Grand Representative of that Grand Lodge near ours, and proposing Wor. Bro. Arthur Brod for appointment as Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge near theirs. Arrangements have been made to send the Cabletow in exchange for the official publication of the Grand Lodge "Lessing zu den drei Ringen." The Grand Lodge mentioned was founded in 1920; it works in the German language.

Questions and Answers

(This Department has been conducted by the Managing Editor of the CABLETOW, *Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, since July* 1933. *The answers are based upon generally accepted Masonic jurisprudence and the Landmarks and usage of Masonry; but are not to be considered as official rulings of our Grand Lodge or Grand Master, unless the answer specifically states that fact.)*

580. Were the two appointive officers of the Grand Lodge who were not members thereof at the time they were appointed, legally appointed? If so, are they entitled to the designation "Worshipful?"

Answer. It goes without saying that they were appointed legally, otherwise they would not have been appointed. Our Constitution does not limit eligibility to appointive Grand Office to members of the Grand Lodge, and it expressly provides that appointive officers are members of the Grand Lodge. Consequently, while holding appointive office in the Grand Lodge, the Brethren to whom you refer, to wit, our Grand Orator and Grand Organist, are members of the Grand Lodge and are entitled to the designation "Worshipful", as provided in the Constitution. To cite one among several precedents: Bro. Frederick W. Abele, of Manila Lodge No. 1, the first Junior Grand Steward of our Grand Lodge, served as such from the organization of the Grand Lodge in 1912 until the Annual Communication of 1914, without being a member of the Grand Lodge except by virtue of his appointment as an officer thereof, and on the lists of Grand Officers in the Proceedings of 1912, 1913 and 1914, his name is preceded by the letter W followed by the familiar three points and meaning "Worshipful."

581. My Lodge desires to allow certain persons who are not all Masons to use its hall in the afternoon for classes in the Spanish language. Is this permissible?

Answer. A Lodge may rent or donate its hall for all proper purposes to other societies and persons. The diffusion of knowledge can surely be considered an eminently proper purpose.

LOYALTY IN MASONRY

There is no more important factor in human affairs than loyalty; none that enters more into the security of life, liberty, and happiness. It is the bulwark of society, the protection of all countries, the support of all governments. Loyalty includes honesty, fidelity, justice, love, and every principle of goodness. Loyalty is virtue. Loyalty is truth. Loyalty is not confined to the patriotic defence of one's country and government, but extends to principles, friends, and morals. No man can be loyal to the government who is false to his friends or untrue to the principles of justice and right. Patriotism is like family affection, simple and trustful. Its controling element is unselfishness. Loyalty of men to their friends constitutes a bond of affection which knows no sovereign. Prosperity but strengthens it and adversity cannot break it. He that is friendly when the sun of prosperity shines, but turns away when trouble comes or adversity assails, has not a spark of loyalty in his breast. Loyalty is the same under all conditions. It is not affected by clouds or storms, but is as firm in storms as in calm.

Loyalty is a great element of strength in the Masonic lodge. The man who lives up to the doctrines taught in lodge will be loyal to his country and his friends. We must be loyal to the lodge; stand by the Master and the officers, and on all occasions and under all circumstances defend the good name of the lodge.

He that is loyal to the tenets of the Craft will defend the character and reputation of his brethren, and never traduce them. Loyalty respects the rights of others, is just in all its acts, and brave in the support of right. Loyalty has charity for the shortcomings of others, and by word and action strives to correct them.

Loyalty brings success, harmony, and union... We must be loyal to the principles of Freemasonry, loyal to Grand Lodge, loyal to the Grand Master, and loyal to one another. Loyalty means obedience, and we must therefore be obedient to the laws of Grand Lodge and the edicts of the Grand Master if we would secure and maintain success.—*New South Wales Freemason.*

List Of Unemployed

38. J. R. A. (103).—Attorney-at-law, 8 years practice, experience as clerk in government offices and provincial secretary, 39 years of age, knows English, Spanish, Ilocano, Zambal, and Tagalog, having big family to support, seeks employment in some commercial house or other establishment in any capacity which his experience and education would qualify him to assume.

39. S. I. (96).—Former deputy provincial governor, justice of the peace, and municipal president has been unemployed for four years. 54 years of age; speaks Spanish and understands English, and has passed justice of the peace examination.

Pieces of Architecture

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT AS A FREEMASON

By Professor Gilbert Patten Brown, M.D., Ph.D.
Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

The pioneer ancestors of the 27th President of the United States of America are among the earliest in all New England history. Our fraternal brother himself was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on September 15, 1857. His degrees in the arts, letters, and sciences were many.

There has in the past been much discussion of the unusual manner in which William Howard Taft, while President-elect of the world's greatest republic, was made a Mason "at sight", and it will no doubt be useful and interesting to review the facts.

It was on Feb. 18, 1909, at a meeting of Kilwinning Lodge, No. 356, F. & A. M., in Cincinnati, Ohio, held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral of that city, that Bro. Taft was initiated, passed and raised to full membership within thirty minutes, in a lodge where his father and two brothers had been enrolled.

When the degrees of Masonry had been conferred upon him, and the distinguished candidate had received a Masonic pin, the gift of his mother, Bro. Taft in a brief address declared:

> I am glad to be here, and to be a Mason. It does me good to feel the thrill that comes from recognizing on all hands the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

In almost every way, the ceremonies were so outstanding as to be beyond compare with any event within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio before or since. The privilege of "creating" the new Mason was vouchsafed to M. W. Bro. Charles S. Hoskinson, then Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Nearly a year before his election to the highest office the United States offers, Mr. Taft had expressed a desire to become a member of the Masonic fraternity, but he was prevented from making formal application through a feeling of delicacy in view of his candidacy.

It was also his desire to be affiliated with Kilwinning Lodge, for the reason his father, Judge Alphonso Taft, had long been a member.

His time immediately after the presidential election had been highly occupied with public business matters which kept him away from the city, so it was actually impossible to confer the degrees in the usual manner, which would have required at least two weeks between degrees.

When Bro. Taft was returning home from a trip to Panama, it was learned he would be in Cincinnati for a day or two. Accordingly a petition was signed by William B. Mellish and Levi C. Goodale, Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, and Jacob H. Bromwell, Grand Secretary, and presented to the Grand Master, requesting him to exercise the extraordinary prerogative vested in him as Grand Master by making Mr. Taft a Master Mason "at sight," during the time of his brief visit to the city.

The Grand Master granted the petition, and named a committee to make arrangements and issue invitations, placing the three petitioners on that committee.

The invitations were eagerly accepted. Grand Masters from nineteen other jurisdictions were present, as well as numerous Past Grand Masters from over the United States.

Winchester Hiram Lodge, No. 21, of Winchester, Va., which in 1865 made William McKinley a Master Mason, sent a representative.

The actual ceremonies, which opened at 5 p. m., lasted but half an hour, and the entire meeting concluded within forty-five minutes.

The Grand Master of Ohio had announced that, by virtue of the power and authority vested in him by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, he declared that convocation of Masons to be an "Occasional Lodge," convened for the purpose of conferring upon Mr. Taft the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

The candidate was then duly initiated and instructed in the Masonic ritual, and formal proclamation was made that he was a Master Mason in good and regular standing.

Escorted to the stage, where he was affectionately greeted by his brother Charles, Bro. Taft then made this address:

> My brethren: I have stood in many presences and have felt embarrassment at the lack of anything appropriate to say, but never have I stood in any presence with such fear of saying something inappropriate.
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> The territory into which you have led me was until now a *terra incognita*, and I lift my foot in hesitation as to where to plant it. There is one consideration, however, which gives me confidence—the consciousness that many years ago my father stood in the same place and expressed his love and admiration for the Order.
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> I can only envy my brother (in Masonry and in fact) that it was given to him to be received under the auspices of that good old man. I would feel strange among this assemblage, but for the fact that numerous members are present with whom I have had close relations in daily life, which has robbed me of the terrors of initiation which otherwise it would have had for me.
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> And I am grateful at the presence of three of my classmates from distant cities who came for the ceremonies, showing the attachment of the members for the Order, and I am indeed grateful to them. I thank you and congratulate myself upon being one of you, and am very grateful for being received among you.

After the dramatic portrayal, Wor. Bro. C. A. J. Walker, on behalf of Kilwinning Lodge, thanked the Grand Master for having honored his lodge in the selection to exemplify the degrees, and referred to that occasion, thirty-eight years before, when Judge Alphonso Taft had assisted in Kilwinning Lodge in conferring the Master Mason degree upon two of his sons, Charles P. and Peter Taft.

In accordance with the ancient custom, a white lambskin apron was presented to the new Mason. He responded thus:

> I aspire some time to have the memory to make me an accomplished Mason, but now I find it impossible to acquire any of the charges heard tonight.
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> By the clemency of your Grand Master I have been permitted to come into Masonry without that labor that I should have been glad to give.
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> I desire to express my gratitude to the Grand Master and to the committee of arrangements, who have remembered even the length of the girdle necessary to hold up my apron.

Just before the ceremonies concluded, and after several other speakers had been heard, Ill. Bro. William Homan, then Deputy of the Supreme Council, Scottish Rite Masons, for New York State said:

> Representing the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry, I might say that the unusual manner of making President-elect Taft a Mason is but another unusual link in the unusual chain of his unusual life.
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> For thirty years Brother Taft has acted in this great world's theater in star parts, with the spotlight on his every

action. God and nature have combined in his composition all the qualities that blend in the perfect man.

As a nation, we have reason to rejoice that the reins of government are to be in the hands of one whose past performances are a guarantee of the future, for we entertain that feeling of restfulness which is born of a sense of security in the wisdom of his conclusions...

During the forty-seven years which followed the making of George Washington a Mason, he took advantage of every opportunity to extol the Masonic teachings, and the history of his life is full of incidents proving the impress of the Fraternity on his actions.

Every good man who is not yet a member of our Fraternity is an unitiated Mason, be his race or his creed what it may.

The really good man regards every man as his brother, whether he be a Freemason or not. He is prompted by the spirit of the Good Samaritan, who will do his brother a good turn, though he may never have met him before and may never hope to meet him again.

In Brother Taft we find the qualities that make good Masonic material, and he will no doubt avail himself of the earliest opportunity to witness the work in other lodges, and there learn the instruction which can be imparted in that great school which aims to teach the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and self-government by the Golden Rule.

The "Occasional Lodge" was thereupon closed and dissolved, with an announcement made that the degree team of Kilwinning Lodge would that evening present a drama entitled, "The Widow's Son."

The distinguished initiate inscribed upon the flyleaf of a new morocco-bound Bible, used in the ceremonies, "To Grand Master Hoskinson, with the gratitude and fraternal good wishes of William H. Taft, made a Master Mason February 18, 1909."

MASONRY AND POLITICS

Imbued with the desire to be of service to their respective communities, members of our Fraternity, as good and civic-minded citizens, take active part in politics. We see no objection to it, as the Masonry which we practice in the Philippines neither encourages law-breaking nor shelters criminals, and never attempted to control elections.

As is always the case in every big society of men, they naturally entertain different opinions, and consequently belong to opposing parties. Masonry does not expect them to be otherwise, but it constrains us to a world wide ministry, and to ever remember that above party convenience and expediency, the members of the Craft are men dedicated to the cause of human service. All good and true Masons agree that the Lodge is, and ought to be, a neutral ground where every one may learn to gather strength and tenderness for the gentle ministry to his fellow man, to build the ideal temple of life whose dome may shine like a beacon in the community, to guide and direct those who are groping in the darkness of ignorance, gross intolerance and selfishness, and to teach its votaries to rule and to obey, which is the cornerstone of all well regulated government.

It is a deplorable fact, however, that when a conspicuous member of a political party, by the suffrage of his own Brethren, happens to handle the gavel or occupy an important position in the Lodge, his political opponents cease to take an active part in Masonry and fail to attend the meetings, even on special occasions when their presence and cooperation are badly needed.

We believe that it is high time to remind the Brethren that when it comes to the welfare of the entire Institution, they should set aside their political creeds and opinions to insure the success, honor and glory of our ancient and revered Fraternity.—*R. C. S.*

From Exchanges

WHY THE MASTER SIGNS THE MINUTES

Signing the minutes recorded by the Secretary is one of the duties devolving upon the Master of a lodge. It should never be performed in a perfunctory manner or without reading over that to which he is affixing his signature. This act, which may seem of no significance, in reality is of considerable importance. Not only is it enjoined by the code, but it emphasizes the idea that the Master is responsible for all the official acts of the lodge.

Many persons, even some of the brethren, hold the erroneous belief that Masonry is democratic—that it is governed from the floor, that a lodge meeting is subject to the same rules of parliamentary practice as any assembly of citizens of equal rights. Such a notion is far from the truth. Though modern usage has softened some of the exterior signs the fact remains that Masonry is an organization of decidedly autocratic structure. It is built upon and about the idea of highly centralized authority. And the Master is the autocrat of the lodge. He is no mere presiding officer, subject to Roberts' Rules of Order and dependent upon the will and whims of those assembled before him. He is the leader, not the creature of the lodge. He has the power to guide debate, recognize what speakers he pleases, terminate the talk when he will and close the meeting at his own pleasure. And there is no appeal from his decision save to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

He is thus made the one man who is to "run" the lodge, but the almost absolute powers conferred upon him carry with them an equal amount of responsibility. In case of trouble or question he is the person who is called upon the carpet to answer to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. His position demands that he know and sanction every official act of the body over which he rules. He is required to sign the Secretary's minutes in attestation of this fact.—*Masonic Chronicler, Chicago.*

MASONS VISIT ROOSEVELT GRAVE

On June 7th, last, over three hundred members of the Rockland Country Lodge of Masons made a pilgrimage to the grave of President Theodore Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, Long Island, N. Y. A wreath was placed at the gate of Young's Memorial Cemetery, following Masonic services. President Roosevelt, as all our readers surely know, was an enthusiastic Mason.—*G. P. B.*

THE NEXT ELECTION

Mayor F. H. La Guardia, of New York City, says that "The minute a public official casts his eye on the next election he loses that election or he loses his soul." Mayor La Guardia is a Mason.—*G. P. B.*

XYLOPHONE INVENTED BY A MASON

Our esteemed contemporary, *La Revue M.* of Brussels, Belgium, informs us that the xylophone was invented by a Polish refugee in France who was a member of our Fraternity. Bro. Sankson, the inventor, was warmly applauded as virtuoso and originator of the musical instrument mentioned when he introduced the xylophone to the Lodge "Les Amis de la Philanthropie," of Epernay, France, at a celebration of the summer solstice on July 21, 1867.

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.

NEW YORK, 1934

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York was founded in 1781. According to the report before us, it has at present 1,032 Lodges, with a total membership of 312,229. A net loss of 20,090 was registered during the last twelve months. Grand Masters: retiring, Christopher C. Mollenhauer; incoming, Robert Elliott Owens. Grand Secretary (since 1932), Charles H. Johnson, Masonic Hall, New York City.

The 153rd Annual Communication was held in New York City on May 1-4, 1934. Our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. Charles Smith, was among those present.

The Grand Master, in his Annual Address, mentioned among those who had passed away during the year Past Grand Masters Robert H. Robinson and Thomas Penney and Grand Secretary emeritus Fredrick J. Milligan. He reported that he had continued the "Go-to-Church" Sunday movement by designating the first Sunday in November (for members of the Jewish faith the Friday preceding that day) as day on which all Masons in the State should make it a point to attend divine service. He praised the good work done by the Masonic Home at Utica. He reported improved conditions in the agencies throughout the State operating in behalf of unemployed Masons. He recommended that Grand Lodge require the previous approval of plans for financing and constructing Masonic Temples. He mentioned the award by the National Academy of Design of the Grand Master's medal to Bro. John Ward Dunsmore, one of America's foremost painters, whose famous painting, "The Petition," depicting the interior of a Lodge-room of the celebrated American Union Lodge, of the days of the Revolution, adorns the library on the seventeenth floor of the Masonic Hall of New York. He reported a rapid increase of interest in Masonic reading. He warned against Grand Lodge meddling with politics in connection with the present situation in certain European countries, saying that "we must proceed with the utmost caution if we are to play the part of a solvent rather than another stick of dynamite thrown into the arena of the world's affairs."

The report of the Superintendent of the Masonic Home and Hospital at Utica is very interesting. The first member entered this home on May 1, 1893; seven days later, Mrs. Maria L. Post was admitted, and the fact that this lady is still at the home and celebrated her 102nd birthday last November, shows that they take excellent care of people there. During those 41 years, the Home and Hospital has taken care of 3,880 men, women and children. On March 31, 1934, the Home and Hospital family consisted of 271 men, 184 women, 107 boys, and 63 girls, a total of 625. The Home family, with few exceptions, spent nine very enjoyable weeks last summer (1933) at the Home Camp at Round Lake, Town of Forestport. This camp consists of twenty-five buildings and lies in a pine forest on the lakeshore. It has played a very important part in the life of the Masonic Home since 1924.

On recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, fraternal recognition was granted to the Brazilian Grand Lodges of Rio de Janeiro, Parahyba, and Bahia. Pending the final decision of the Grand Lodge, intervisitation was authorized with the Lodges under the Grand Lodges of Para, Minas Geraes, and Ceara.

R. W. Bro. William Gettinger submitted the report of the Board of General Activities from which our Grand Lodge hears occasionally, whenever any New York Mason comes to the Philippines, the "Masonic Sojourner" or "Follow-up" system being one of the activities of the Board mentioned.

The report of the Committee on Law Enforcement contains the following paragraph:

> "Caballeros de Dimas-Alang," a Philippine organization working in the Tagalog language, has again been called to the Committee's attention, but nothing new concerning it has developed since our report in 1932.

A few years ago, one of the "Caballeros" tried to palm himself off as a Mason in New York but found that he could not get by with it.

R. W. Bro. Ossian Lang, Grand Historian, submitted another of his learned reports. He delves deep into the history of the trade gilds in the fourteenth century, showing that during the first half of that century there is no clear trace of any trade gild of masons in England, though a few religious fraternities of masons were in existence. There is also an enlightening report on the state of Masonry in Rumania.

The New York Committee reports that it made no drive for funds for the George Washington Masonic Memorial during the year, it simply accepted such contributions as came its way and paid an additional seven thousand dollars to the Association, leaving only three thousand to be paid in order to discharge the last pledge of $200,000.00, of the Grand Lodge, to the Association.

The Masons of the Metropolitan area of New York contributed $2,254 to the Warm Springs Foundation Fund sponsored by our distinguished Brother, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, for the benefit of sufferers from infantile paralysis.

Three Past Grand Masters composed the New York delegation which attended the dedication of the Peace Memorial in London.

A resolution against the recent manifestations in certain countries of religious and racial intolerance, bigotry, anti-Semitism and hatred, rewritten to meet the Grand Master's suggestions in his Annual Report, was adopted by Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication.

M. W. Bro. Mollenhauer's portrait in oil was presented to the Grand Lodge, to take its place alongside of his distinguished predecessors. That this Brother was energetic and outspoken as Grand Master is shown by the following paragraph in one of his addresses:

> You may not agree with the Grand Master's ideas, but I happen to be Grand Master; and if there is any District Deputy

that I have appointed who is not in perfect accord with my ideas I hope that he will have the manhood to say, "Grand Master, I return your commission."

The applause which followed seems to indicate that they would not stand for disloyalty to the Grand Master in the State of New York. We admire that spirit and believe that where it does not prevail Masonry is in a bad way.

Three Master Craftsmen, M. W. Bros. S. Nelson Sawyer, Arthur S. Tompkins, and Townsend Scudder, formed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence which submitted a report that ranks among the very finest. We are pleased with the conscientious and fair way in which the Philippines and particularly the events in connection with the suspension of relations with our Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Massachusetts, are dealt with. Twelve pages have been given to the review of our 1933 Proceeding and the subject mentioned. In reviewing our volume, the Committee cites some of the introductions of Grand Representatives by Deputy Grand Master Youngberg. It mentions the H. M. S. *Kent* visitors and the address by Bro. Theodore Roosevelt. It praises M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez' Message, saying that—

> The Grand Master's address takes up fifty-six pages in its printed form, but is so full of good things that it is bound to hold the attention of the reader to the very end. A profound understanding of the principles of the Fraternity and faith in its mission pervade the whole.

The outstanding features of the document are fully covered. Speaking of the reference to the illness of M. W. Bro. Comfort, the reviewer says:

> We are glad to read that Past Grand Master Bro. Newton C. Comfort has rallied from the effects of a severe illness through which he passed. His twenty years of service as Grand Secretary has made his name familiar throughout the Masonic world.

Mention is made of V. W. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda's good work as Senior Grand Lecturer, of Most Wor. Bro. Schmidt's stirring oration on the war Masonry is waging against intolerance, and of Most Wor. Bro. Palma's allocution to the Masons made under the Spanish régime. There is also a quotation from M. W. Bro. Youngberg's inaugural speech.

Regarding our own reviewer's work, the report says that—

> Past Grand Master George R. Harvey's reviews carry with them his clear Masonic conceptions of their practical application, although there is very little comment.

Under "The Lodges in China," the review gives a brief account of the activities of our Grand Lodge in China. In the next chapter, entitled "Grand Lodge of the Philippines and Masonry in China, R. W. Bro. Whicher's Report" we find the following paragraph:

> Bro. Whicher has had the kindness to send us a very full objective report of the difficulties, and we shall take the liberty of quoting from it rather fully, because the statement is based upon the very best information obtainable and will be valuable in years to come as a rather unusual departure in Masonic procedure. The following, though not set off by quotation marks, represents practically a verbatim copy...

V. W. Bro. John Whicher, Grand Secretary of California, who, as our readers will remember, visited Manila and was present at the last Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, made a splendid report to his Grand Lodge which will be published in the *Cabletow*, for the information of the Craft.

Under "Action of Massachusetts," the reviewer quotes the official Massachusetts statement with all its inaccuracies, without comment, leaving the reader to judge for himself. The resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland is also quoted, and that of England appears in the review of the Proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England.

We must not forget to mention that at the beginning of the report, the reviewer, under "Latest News and Addenda," gives the Philippines about a page more, quoting the tributes of the editor of the *Cabletow* to Most Wor. Brothers Stanton Youngberg and Manuel Camus.

The Craft in the Philippine Islands has certainly reason to be grateful to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New York for presenting the entire matter of the present "confusion in the Temple" in such a thorough, fair, and impartial manner. When, as quoted by the Committee, Deputy Grand Master Youngberg introduced the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York with these words, "The Empire State, where everything, including Masonry, is done in a big way," he spoke the truth, and the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is the best proof of that statement.

M. W. Bro. Harry Eugene Stafford, senior Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, worthily represents the Grand Lodge of New York near our Grand Lodge.

QUEBEC, 1934

Quebec is one of the provinces of the Dominion of Canada, and the Craft there is governed by the "Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons," which was founded in 1869 and whose see is in the city of Montreal. There are now 93 Lodges, with a total membership of 15,243; during the year just past, they registered a net loss of 506 members. Most W. Bro. J. A. MacDonald opened the 64th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, which was held in the city of Montreal on February 14, 1934, and his successor in the Grand East, M. W. Bro. Rev. Malcolm A. Campbell, closed it. The true and tried Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, of Montreal, has been in office since 1919. Our Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. R. E. Elliot, did not attend this Annual Communication.

M. W. Bro. McDonald's Annual Address was short. He reported the visitations made and his attendance at the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial in London. Speaking of life membership, he said:

> In this Jurisdiction Life Membership is general and a too liberal policy in the past has made it extremely difficult for many lodges to function properly during these difficult times and which have brought up many problems not heretofore met with. It seems essential that our lodges should, as soon as possible, study this serious aspect of our Masonic life or it may become necessary in the near future for this Grand Lodge to revise and restrict the constitutional privilege in this respect. I would recommend that no life membership be granted until a brother has been at least 25 or 30 years a member in good standing or else follow out the principle of the mother Grand Lodge that no life memberships be granted, a member paying dues from the time of initiation until his death or withdrawal.

The Grand Chaplain, Very Rev. Brother T. W. Jones, made a fine address on "The Creative Principles of Masonry" which was printed in full in the Proceedings.

We copy the following paragraph from the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry:

> We also wish to congratulate the Grand Lodge itself, upon the satisfactory condition of the Craft as a whole. The unusual economic conditions which have prevailed and are still pre-

vailing and which necessarily affect Free Masonry, have served but to stimulate and encourage the Craft in Masonic development, instruction and inspiration. Without exception, the District Deputy Grand Masters report a revival in the study of Free Masonry and the formation of Study Clubs in various Districts.

The Grand Lodge has under consideration the creation of a Board of General Purposes on the same plan as the United Grand Lodge of England.

Past Grand Master E. A. Evans presents the report of correspondence. Fifty-two Proceedings of Sister Grand Lodges are given brief reviews; but no volume of our Grand Lodge is included.

Wor. Bro. Amado V. Aldaba represents the Grand Lodge of Quebec near that of the Philippine Islands.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1934

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia was founded in 1884. It had on the date of its last annual report 152 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 14,199, showing a net loss for the year of 391 members. The Grand Master, His Excellency Brigadier-General The Hon. Sir Alexander Gore Arkwright Hore-Ruthven, V.C., K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who is governor of South Australia, was re-elected as Grand Master. The Grand Secretary is V. W. Bro. C. R. J. Glover, Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide.

An Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on July 26, 1933, to welcome back to South Australia the Grand Master and governor of the State, Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven, on his return from England.

A Half-Yearly Communication was held on October 18, 1933. At this communication, the Pro Grand Master scored unauthorized publications, saying, among other things:

> It should be clearly understood that any unauthorized publication of our proceedings, whether in Grand Lodge or in any Private Lodge is improper. In England it has been treated as a Masonic offence, but I prefer to dwell rather upon the question of good taste and etiquette than upon the breach of obligation. It seems to me, as it has seemed to Grand Masters in the past, that publications of this kind are of no interest to the general public. They savour of the publicity or parade, which we desire to discountenance and discourage, and from that point of view they are particularly embarrassing and distasteful to those whose names may be published in this way without their knowledge or consent.
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> I trust that it will be sufficient to say that in the opinion of those whose duty it is to exercise this control over the affairs of the Craft any publication of this kind is unauthorized and undesirable. If the Lodge wishes to have a record of its proceedings, or to publish them for the information of its friends, or others, who may properly be regarded as interested therein, it is well to remember that the Grand Lodge has granted its patronage to a Masonic Journal in which the information can be published, without any contravention of the laws or conventions of the Order.

The Grand Secretary submitted a report on his recent mission to England, where he had attended the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial on behalf of the Grand Lodge of South Australia.

The Annual Communication was held on April 18, 1934. At this gathering, the Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Master re-elected for the ensuing year, although that distinguished Brother was not to be within the jurisdictional territory of the Grand Lodge during the next twelve months. He said to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge that "he felt confident that they would be happy in the knowledge that although on the other side of the world they would still have a worthy representative of the South Australian Constitution."

On this occasion, the Grand Lodge of South Australia celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. A commemorative tablet was unveiled by the Grand Master, after which the Grand Chaplain delivered a Prayer of Thanksgiving. Of the five surviving signers of the petition presented in 1884, four were present, the fifth being ill and living in a town distant from Adelaide. Visiting Brethren from all over Australia attended the anniversary celebration and were hospitably entertained. A brief historical record of the Grand Lodge of South Australia is printed in the Proceedings, also a short sketch of early Freemasonry in Australia.

In South Australia, the reviews of the proceedings are written by the Representative of the Grand Lodge concerned. They are generally brief. Our Grand Representative, Wor. Bro. H. Gaetjens, neither sent a review nor did he attend the Annual Communication. Perhaps he was ill.

The Grand Lodge of South Australia is represented near our Grand Lodge by Wor. Bro. Ricardo P. Ticson.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1934

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina is one of the oldest in the United States of America; in a few years, it will celebrate its bicentenary, and on March 14 and 15, 1934, it held its 197th Annual Communication in the city of Columbia. It has 282 Lodges, with a total membership of 21,485. There was a net loss of members during the preceding year of 1,904, which represents nearly 9%. Grand Masters: Retiring, E. S. C. Baker; incoming, O. Frank Hart. Grand Secretary, T. Alex Heise.

The Annual Communication was preceded by devotional exercises conducted by R.W. Bro. John H. Graves, Grand Chaplain. Our Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. Wm. A. Wannamaker, was present; he was one of the seven Past Grand Masters attending this Annual Communication. Among the "distinguished visitors" introduced to the Grand Lodge at the opening was the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of South Carolina, who delivered an address which occupies almost four pages of close-space printing in the proceedings. Of course, Grand Lodge was "at ease" while enjoying the visit and speech of that distinguished lady.

Grand Master Baker, in his annual address, recommended that the Grand Lodge emphasize ritualism. He reported at length on his visits to England, where he attended the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial, to Massachusetts, where he was at the bicentennial observance of the Grand Lodge, and to Washington, where he attended the Grand Masters' Conference and other important gatherings in February, 1934. He recommended that, in view of the approaching 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the fraternal relations of that body be extended to all Grand Jurisdictions of the world who might be found worthy and with which South Carolina is now in relations of amity.

A resolution to establish a Grand Lodge library and museum was passed at this Annual Communication.

Among the Brethren who pronounced speeches was Past Grand Master Ibra C. Blackwood, governor of the State of South Carolina.

They have no Masonic Home in South Carolina; but from the report of the Trustees of the Masonic

Relief Fund we see that during the year, that Fund contributed $4,320.00 to the support of 36 orphans in various orphanages.

Rt. Wor. Bro. George T. Harmon, Deputy Grand Master, submits his 6th annual report as Fraternal Correspondent. For the sake of economy, the reviews have been made very short; but even in their condensed form they are very good. Our Proceedings for 1932 are given two full pages. He mentioned, among other things, our making it unlawful for Lodges to request or permit candidates for the degrees to provide refreshments while receiving the degrees. He said he was not aware of any such practice in any jurisdiction. We know of more than one, and as one of the oldest references, we quote the famous entry in Ashmole's Diary (1717):

> We all dyned at the halfe moone Taverne in Cheapside at a Noble Dinner prepared at the charge of the new-accepted Masons.

Bro. Harmon copies the remarks of the present reviewer on the review of our Proceedings for 1932 by Bro. Allen, of North Carolina, regarding harmony between the several races and the trouble our Grand Lodge had at one time with Shrine pilgrimages to Manila, and the good understanding that now prevails among all concerned.

We thank Bro. Harmon for the friendly, sympathetic spirit in which his review of our annual volume is written.

The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina near our Grand Lodge is not Wor. Bro. Elisha Ward Wilbur; but Wor. Bro. Diego Locsin, who is a regular attendant at our Annual Communications. Wor. Bro. Wilbur passed to the Celestial Grand Lodge in 1919, being at the time Senior Grand Deacon, and our Lodge at Victorias, Occidental Negros, No. 101, was named after him.

WYOMING, 1932

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming was founded in 1874. On June 30, 1932, it had 49 Lodges, with a total membership of 8,418, which was 59 less than on the same date in 1931. Grand Masters: 1931/2, Lewis J. Holliday; 1932/3, Fred S. Fobes, Cheyenne. Grand Secretary, since 1915, Joseph M. Lowndes, P. O. Box 899, Casper, Wyo.

The 58th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in the city of Rawlins on August 24-25, 1932. 48 of the 49 Lodges were represented, and 92 Past Masters and 20 Past Grand Masters attended. A Past Grand Master's apron was presented to M. W. Bro. Charles H. Townsend, who had not missed a Grand Lodge Communication for thirty-six years. Bro. Harry S. Masters, W.M. of Rawlins Lodge No. 5, made an address of welcome, to which Past Grand Master Elwood Anderson responded. A recess was called, and Grand Lodge, in procession, marched to the cemetery to place a wreath on the tomb of Past Grand Master William Daley, with Past Grand Master William O. Wilson pronouncing a brief eulogy. The Grand Lodge lost two Past Grand Masters during the year, M. W. Bro. Frank A. Holliday and Mr. John K. Jeffrey. The latter, who had served two terms as Grand Master, "was not affiliated with the Masonic Order when he died." Two corner stones were laid by Grand Lodge during the year. No new Lodge was instituted. Most of the Lodges were reported in good financial condition. Grand Master Lewis J. Holliday protested against a Mid-Summer Ball with a lottery being held by Korein Temple, of the Mystic Shrine, in June, 1932, and asked that the lottery portion of the ticket sale be withdrawn. It seems, however, that the delivery of lottery tickets was carried on just the same (by messenger, because the promoters evidently feared prosecution by the federal authorities if they used the mails)—another case of the authority of the Grand Lodge being flouted by Shriners.

We read in M. W. Bro. Holliday's Annual Report that the Potentate finally replied to the Grand Master's letter,

> stating that he did not consider this a lottery and also questioning whether the Shrine is Masonry. I agree that it is not. To the best of my knowledge there is nothing Masonic about the Shrine. However, membership in a Masonic Lodge is requisite to membership in the Shrine and even though this Grand Lodge gives no official recognition to it most Shriners and Masons generally think of the Shrine as a Masonic affiliation.

We had trouble with the Shrine in the Philippines several years ago, and we think it were about time that such misconduct were stopped.

The Grand Master and other leading Masons of Wyoming attended the dedication of the George Washington Memorial and the Grand Masters' Conference in May, 1932. A Grand Lodge resolution is in force in Wyoming providing for the collection of one dollar from each Master Mason raised until the Memorial shall be completed.

The reports of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence contains many interesting bits of information; it is the work of the Grand Secretary, V. W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, who also presents his 18th review, embracing the proceedings of 59 Sister Grand Lodges, including ours for 1932. Each volume is given little space. The introductory part of Grand Master Larkin's Annual Address is quoted in part and the high points of the Proceedings are covered. But the reviewer is mistaken when he says that souvenir trowels are presented to each member raised in the Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction—that was merely recommended by the Grand Master. As regards Bolivia and the Brazilian Grand Lodges, recognition was not denied, but action was deferred pending further information.

Wyoming is one of the few Grand Loges in the United States which have not adopted the Grand Representative system.

WYOMING, 1933

The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Wyominng had on June 30, 1933, a total membership of 8,162, distributed among 49 Lodges. The decrease in membership reported for the year, 256, is the largest that Grand Lodge ever had in any one year. Grand Masters: 1932/3, Fred S. Fobes; 1933/4. Charles C. Mitchell, Cheyenne. Grand Secretary, since 1915, Joseph M. Lowndes, P. O. Box 899, Casper, Wyo.

The 59th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wyoming was held in the city of Lander, on August 23-24, 1933. All Lodges were represented. 16 of the 32 living Past Grand Masters, and 95 of the 798 living Past Masters attented. They have a Flag reception ceremony in that Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Fred A. Nutting, Master of Wyoming Lodge No. 2, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Cheyenne, and Past

Grand Master T. Blake Kennedy responded to his address.

Among the retiring Grand Master's recommendations was one to the effect that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to appoint a committee to investigate the matter of trials by commission.

We see from the Grand Secretary's report that M. W. Bro. William H. Dickinson, one of the Past Grand Masters of Wyoming, passed away during the year.

They have a Masonic Home Fund Foundation in Wyoming, the total resources of which amount to $73,635.49 and which disbursed $4,389.73 for relief during the year.

It appears from the report of V. W. Bro. Lowndes, as Custodian of the Work, that they need an edict against smoking in their Lodges. Here is what he says on the subject, in part:

> What is more out of the place than seeing a visitor escorted to the Altar and being welcomed by a Worshipful Master who has a cigar about six inches long in his mouth, a silk hat on his head and a smoke screen about his station?
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> In another Lodge the presiding officer walked to the Altar with a cigarette in his mouth; on his arrival, took a few extra puffs, then laid the cigarette alongside of the Bible and proceeded with his work. Between each "furthermore" it would be necessary for him to retain the cigarette and have a few more additional pulls, and on his return to the East he placed it in his mouth for a final exhibition.

In our Grand Jurisdiction, smoking is not allowed in Lodge during the opening and closing ceremonies and during degree work.

M. W. Bro. William H. Dickinson, Grand Master of Wyoming in 1915-1916, died on October 30, 1932.

V. W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes, the Grand Secretary, presents his 19th report on Fraternal Correspondence, with reviews of the Proceedings of 64 Grand Jurisdictions. Our volume for 1933 had not yet been received when he wrote this report, and consequently there is no review of any Proceedings of the Philippine Islands.

They have not adopted the Grand Representative system in Wyoming, hence that Grand Lodge is not represented by any of our Philippine Brethren and we have no Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge.

ARIZONA, 1934

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Arizona, founded in 1882, had on December 31, 1933, 38 Lodges, the total membership of which, 6,169, shows a net loss during the year 1933 of 416 members. Grand Masters: Retiring, Marquis Lafayette Gibbons; incoming, James Whetstine, of Prescott. Secretary (since 1929), Harry A. Drachman, Box 229, Tucson, Arizona.

The 52nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Arizona was held in the city of Tucson, on March 13, 14, and 15, 1934. In his Annual Address, M. W. Bro. Gibbons said that—

> Never can it be said of the Masons of Arizona that they lost sight of their duty to God, their neighbors or posterity, even under the stress of the greatest crisis that ever beset the American nation. Rather has Masonry become the stronger. Our lodges, inspired by Masonic teachings, have become bulwarks to which every true Mason could turn for inspiration and strength. And from those lodges have come faith and hope—faith in the benevolent purposes of God, and hope that in due season we shall see the light and understand the purposes of the Great Architect.

The Grand Master reported granting a dispensation to form a new Lodge at Grand Canyon, to be known as Grand Canyon Lodge, U. D. He attended the Grand Masters' Conference at Washington. He ordered a simultaneous meeting of all Lodges of his jurisdiction on the evening of February 22, 1934, to participate in a ceremony of reobligation and reconsecration to Freemasonry. He praised the noble work done by the Sojourners' and Wayfarers' Clubs and recommended further financial assistance to them. Another of his recommendations was that a historical record be kept of each and every member of the Lodges of the jurisdiction.

The Sojourners' Club, above referred to, is a source of comfort and cheer to the Masons at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital in Tucson. As regards the Wayfarers' Club, we copy the following paragraph from the brief report submitted by that organization:

> We, as a Masonic Club, are continuing to carry on our welfare work among our sick Brethren to the best of our ability. During the year our Welfare Committee has made approximately fifteen hundred visits and distributed over one hundred and fifty bouquets of flowers to sick Brothers. Besides this the committee has done a great many errands for bed-ridden Brothers, and we hope to be able to continue this type of work.

It was resolved that the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge be held at Prescott (on March 13, 1935).

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence appended to the Proceedings is an experiment. Bro. Lloyd C. Henning, in the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, makes the following remarks on this subject:

> Unbelievable. That thirty-one, or forty per cent, of the Grand Representatives, seventy-four in all, should have responded to the request for a review of the most recent proceedings obtainable of the respective jurisdictions they represent.
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> That, indeed, is most encouraging for what to this Grand Lodge Committee is an experiment, and indicates the intelligence of the Craft in Arizona, as evidenced by the Brethren who have been and are now participating in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge of Arizona.

Our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arizona, Wor. Bro. Hedrick D. Aitken, of Prescott, was not among those who wrote reviews, nor did he attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Thomas G. Henderson, Arizona's Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge, never fails to answer "Here" for the Grand Lodge he represents at our Annual Communications; he plans to visit Arizona in the near future, to visit his son who has settled in that State.

CALIFORNIA, 1933

The Grand Lodge of California, founded in 1850, has 579 Lodges, with a total membership of 136,694. A net loss in membership of 3,942 is reported; this is the second time in the history of that Grand Lodge that the annual report shows a loss in membership. It also lost one Lodge, the charter of which was arrested because of cleavage among its members. Grand Masters: 1932-1933, Frank Wilber Mixter; 1933-1934, James B. Gist, San Francisco. Grand Secretary (since 1908), John Whicher, Masonic Temple, San Francisco.

The 84th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California was held at the city of San Francisco on October 10-13, 1933. The outgoing Grand

Master, M. W. Bro. Mixter, delivered an Annual Message that contains much of interest. In it he expressed his concern that so many of the California Lodges were unable to pay their Grand Lodge dues. He reported visiting the eight Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction in the Hawaiian Islands, which he found prosperous and doing good work. He issued a circular urging the Masons of California to vote at the special election in their State on June 27, 1933. Another circular to the Lodges was issued concerning assistance to unemployed Brethren. We also see from the Message that the earthquake in Southern California, in March, 1933, resulted in the total destruction of one Masonic building and in serious damage to nine, while eight other Lodges likewise suffered losses. It is pleasing to learn that numerous offers of financial assistance for the earthquake sufferers were received by the Grand Lodge, those offering such aid including the Grand Lodges of Oregon, Ireland, Ohio, Utah, and Bahia, and the Masonic Service Association. 1933 was the fourteenth year in which Public Schools Week was proclaimed for observance by the California Lodges and Masons. Grand Master Mixter believes in Officers' Associations, which have given good results in California. He turned down a request that he allow 3.2 beer to be served at Lodge banquets, and was upheld in his decision by the Grand Lodge. He does not believe in reducing the fees for the degrees of Masonry. In a circular letter addressed to the Lodges, he quoted Past Grand Master Gaylord's remarks on the subject, as follows (in part):

> I believe it is a mistake for our Lodges to reduce fees even during the present financial stringency. The reduction of fees tends to cheapen our fraternity, and in the long run does not, I believe, result in any advantage to the particular Lodge. Experience in the past in our own and its allied organizations indicated that a reduction in fees tends to lower the standard of membership and ultimately has tended even to reduce the number of petitioners. I do not believe that the man who will be deterred from membership because of a small difference in initiation fee should be encouraged to join the fraternity. In a modified sense Masonic membership is a luxury, and no man should expend his money for that purpose if the necessities of himself and his family are such that a small difference in the original charge will prevent his presenting a petition.

The retiring Grand Master paid well-deserved compliments to Grand Secretary John Whicher, who has served in that capacity for over a quarter of a century, and to Grand Lecturer Thomas J. Baker, who has completed 26 years of service as custodian of the esoteric work of that Grand Jurisdiction.

Grand Secretary Whicher's annual report is also interesting. We copy the following paragraph on "Unpaid Grand Lodge Dues":

> Last year fifteen Lodges failed to pay their full dues to Grand Lodge, and by resolution presented by the Finance Committee and adopted, the delinquent Lodges were requested to excute notes for the amounts due, payable six months after October 14, 1932. These notes have been paid with the exception of six amounting to $1.587.20.
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> For the year ended July 31, 1933, fifteen Loges have made partial payments, the balance due being $5,973.80. Twenty Lodges have made no payments, the deliquency amounting to $7,869.75. The total of unpaid dues by Lodges is $13,843.55. This delinquency is largely because of frozen funds in closed banks and building and loan associations, and not by reason of depleted treasuries.

Wor. Bro. Oakley K. Morton delivered the annual oration which was ordered printed and distributed to the Lodges.

The Masonic Homes of California are threatened by a scarcity of funds brought on by the depression. On August 31, 1933, the Home at Decoto sheltered 359 wards of the Lodges (old folks), and the Covina home 151 children. We copy one paragraph from the trustees' reports:

> Last June seventeen children were honorably dismissed by reason of graduation from the high school, or because of having attained the age of 18 years. In every instance the Lodge was notified and requested to provide employment for such children, and in no instance was employment secured. It is the age-old truism, "Out of sight, out of mind." But the members of our Lodges ought to assume some of the responsibility for the future of those of its ward who, until graduation from the Masonic Home, are cared for through your Trustees by the entire fraternity; and it does not reflect credit on the individual members of Lodges to shirk the duty of taking a fatherly interest in the boys and girls of deceased brethren. These children are dismissed at an age when they seriously need a warm and welcome friendship on the part of the brethren; they need employment; they need the fostering assistance of friends who can be trusted to direct them in paths of good conduct; they need to be directed in their new environment to keep good company...

At the Covina Home, 10% of the children are full orphans, 81% are half orphans, and 9% have both parents living.

The system of financing the homes was considered unsafe and dangerous and they have since 1932 a Masonic Homes Endowment Board, the rules and regulations of which are inserted in the volume under review.

Salaries in the Grand Lodge office were cut in order to reduce expense.

There is a report of the "Committee on Clandestine Masonry" which shows that they have a pretty fair assortment of clandestine bodies in California. Co-Masonry is quite active there. The largest body of irregulars, the "Rito Nacional Mejicano," now has great difficulty in holding its Lodges together.

The Grand Lodge of California resolved to discontinue the publication of the Correspondence Report with the Grand Lodge Proceedings, in order to reduce expense.

Among the amendments to the Constitution adopted at this Annual Communication of the California Grand Lodge was one authorizing Lodges whose charter has been suspended by the Grand Master to meet "for the purpose of granting relief, paying bills or other obligations of the Lodge, granting dimits, or for such other purposes as may be authorized by the Grand Master." The places and stations of the officers at any such meetings must be filled by members of the Lodge designated by the Grand Master. On the approval of the proceedings by the Grand Master, the regular secretary of the Lodge is then authorized to draw such warrants as are so approved.

Another amendment of the Constitution consisted in putting back into it the clause against the serving of intoxicants which had been dropped as unnecessary when the United States went dry.

A Fraternal Correspondence Report in a separate volume was promised but none has been received so far.

The Grand Lodge of California does not exchange Grand Representatives with other Grand Jurisdictions.

CONNECTICUT, 1934

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Connecticut had on December 31, 1933, 128 Subordinate Lodges, with a total membership of 41,639, having had a net loss in membership of 2,525 during the year 1933. Grand Masters: retiring,

Samuel A. Moyle; incoming, James E. Brinckerhoff (Stamford). Grand Secretary, Winthrop Buck, Masonic Temple, Hartford.

The 146th Annual Communication was held at Hartford, on February 7 and 8, 1934. The Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands being the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. James E. Brinckerhoff, who was subsequently elected Grand Master, our Grand Lodge was worthily represented.

We see from the Annual Address of the retiring Grand Master that in 1933, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut lost three of its most active Past Grand Masters, Most Wor. Bros. Sherwood H. Raymond, Andrew J. Hallock and William F. English. That was a sad year, indeed, and our Connecticut Brethren have our deep sympathy. Our Grand Lodge is fortunate in that it has not yet lost any of its Past Grand Masters by death.

M. W. Bro. Moyle attended the Grand Masters' Conference and the annual conventions of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Masonic Service Association in February, 1933, also the Bicentenary Observance of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. He mentioned in his address the fact that fourteen Lodges of the eighteen which formed the Grand Lodge of Connecticut had received their charters from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. On September 23rd, M. W. Bro. Moyle attended the observance of Grand Master's Day at the Masonic Home at Wallingford. There are 498 members of the Home now, of whom 303 adults are in the Home, where every room is occupied, 20 new members are on the waiting list. No less than 57 adults and 138 children are receiving outside assistance. Many children who have attained the age of sixteen years cannot be discharged because they cannot find work to enable them to assist in supporting themselves and their widowed mothers with whom they live.

They have Masters', Wardens' and Secretaries' Associations in each of the nine Masonic Districts of Connecticut which "are of great value because they bring about more friendly relations between Lodges, and enable the officers to become better acquainted with each other as well as with their District Deputies."

The Grand Master issued warnings against lotteries, raffles, and games of chance, and also against the misuse of Masonic emblems on signs, business cards, etc.

In Connecticut, the annual report of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Trustees and the financial records of the Grand Secretary are audited yearly by a certified public accountant, whose report is checked by the Auditing Committee with the books of the officers mentioned.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended recognition of the National Grand Lodge of France, the Grand Lodge of Sweden, the Grand Lodges of Bahia, Parahyba, and Sao Paulo (Brazil), and the National Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla. It recommended postponement of action on the applications of the Grand Lodge of Denmark, the Grand Orient of Amazonas e Acre (Brazil), and the Grand Lodge Lessing zu den drei Ringen (Czechoslovakia). These recommendations were all adopted.

On July 8, 1939, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut will celebrate its 150th anniversary in the city of New Haven where the Grand Lodge was formed.

A special report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, submitted with the Proceedings, shows excellent work in the line of Masonic relief.

Past Grand Master Bro. George A. Kies presents reviews of the Proceedings of a number of Sister Grand Jurisdictions which are brief but well written. Occasional clever quips and sallies add to the charm of his work. But he missed our Proceedings this year; perhaps those of 1933 had not yet been received when he wrote his report.

Most Wor. Bro. Edwin E. Elser, P. G. M., represents the Grand Lodge of Connecticut near ours; he never misses an Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge if he can help it.

COSTA RICA, 1933

Costa Rica, the southern state of Central America, has an area of 23,000 square miles and a population of 527,690 (as of Dec. 31, 1931). The Masonic sovereignty is vested in the "Gran Logia de Costa Rica." On December 31, 1933, this Grand Lodge had 7 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 316 (according to our calculations; this total, however, includes E. A. and F. C. and not M. M. alone), showing a net loss of 13 in membership. Grand Masters: retiring, Oscar Valverde C.; incoming, Ramiro Aguilar Villenave. Grand Secretary, Geo. F. A. Bowden, Apartado Y, San José, Costa Rica.

Quarterly Communications were held in February, May, and August, 1933. Grand Officers were elected at the 34th Annual, held at San José on November 24, 1933, and were installed at a Special Communication on January 12, 1934. At the latter, the retiring Grand Master read a brief account of the activities of the Grand Lodge and Grand Master during the year, and the new Grand Master delivered an inaugural address.

From the former document, printed in full in the Proceedings (a booklet of about 90 pages), we see that the Grand Master dedicated two new Temples during the year, one belonging to Maravilla Lodge No. 10 and the other to Próspero Fernandez Lodge No. 12, both at Alajuela. Attention is called to the tendency to reduce the income of the Grand Lodge, although there must be funds for current expenses and for the construction of a modern building to house the Grand Lodge, the present building being inadequate and in bad state of repair.

As an appendix, we find "Notes by the Committee on Correspondence," historical documents, historical notes and correspondence, in both Spanish and English. These concern the foundation of the Grande Oriente y Supremo Consejo Neo-Granadino, the Grand Orient of Central America, and the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica. The latter was organized on Dec. 7, 1899, by four regular Lodges in San José who held charters from the Grand Orient of Central America, organized by the Gran Oriente y Supremo Consejo Neo-Granadino in 1871.

Our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica is Wor. Bro. Pedro Hurtado Peña, while the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica is now vacant, owing to the recent resignation of Wor. Bro. Austin Craig.

KANSAS, 1934

The M. W. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas had on December 31, 1933, 448 Lodges, with a total membership of 69,280, showing a net loss of 4,871 members during the year 1933. Grand Masters: retiring, George O. Foster; incoming, James A. Cassler. Grand Secretary, Elmer F. Strain, Topeka.

The 78th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held on February 21 and 22, 1934, at Topeka, in the Representative Hall of the State Capitol. Wor. Bro. Roy G. Shearer, of Abilene, our Grand Representative, was one of the 56 Grand Representatives present.

We copy the following from the introductory paragraphs of M. W. Bro. Foster's Annual Address:

> Commercial organizations, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, life insurance associations, offshoots of the Masonic Order itself, attempt to win members by advertising or persuasion. Members are happy to ask their friends to join their clubs. But a man must come to the West Gate of the Lodge "of his own free will and accord," and come only by the good offices of a friend whom he himself has enlisted on his behalf. The candidate obligates himself for all time: "Once a Mason, always a Mason." He may take no interest in the Order; he may dimit, or remain unaffiliated, be dropped for non-payment of dues, be tried for a Masonic offense and suspended or expelled, but he cannot "unmake" himself a Mason, or ever avoid the moral responsibility of keeping the obligations that make him a Mason. He must declare in his petition, and many times during his progress through the degrees, that the act is "of my own free will and accord." Not only must he do so, but he must so swear.

Does every one of our Brethren and every one of our Lodges realize this and act accordingly?

On the subject of life membership, this Grand Master said, among other things:

> The evils incident to the spreading of the life membership idea require attention. There are a growing number of instances where some brother, without realizing the injustice resulting therefrom, offers a motion to make all Past Masters life members. Others move to confer this privilege upon those who have been members for, perhaps, twenty or twenty-five years, and so on.
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> A recent survey of the Kansas lodges shows a number of our lodges with a deplorable number of life members...
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> Masonic writers are agreed that all members should share in the cost of operating a lodge. Mackey, the universally accepted authority, says, "The payment of dues is a duty incumbent on all members of a Lodge." Chase, another authority on jurisprudence, says, "One brother should not be required or allowed to pay an increased tax for the support of our organization, for the purpose of relieving another, and one equally, or perhaps better able to pay, from any tax of the kind."

We have life membership provisions in our Grand Jurisdiction, but they are surrounded by sufficient safeguards to prevent their resulting in harm to the Lodges.

Like our Grand Jurisdiction, Kansas has found it necessary to require the approval of Grand Master or Grand Lodge for Masonic Temple projects.

M. W. Bro. Foster does not believe in the "unrelated" or "extraneous" organizations, some forty in number, which claim connection with Masonry, and said so in unmistakable terms. He spoke in behalf of the fine library and museum of the Grand Lodge, built up largely by R. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson when he was Grand Secretary. He also spoke with pride of the Masonic Home of Kansas, which has an enrolled membership of 368 and has been operated with a deficit in the last few years, and he recommended that the per capita tax of the Grand Lodge be increased from $1.10 to $1.60, and that 1 dollar, instead of 50 cents, of that tax be set aside for the Masonic Home.

Bro. Raymond A. Schwegler delivered the Grand Oration, which was ordered printed in the Proceedings. It is worth reading; here are a few remarks which we may well heed:

> Let no man foolishly imagine that freedom having been once gained needs no further defense. Every stuffed ballot-box, every crooked politician every move toward sumptuary control by organized fanatic minorities, every blast of honeyed propaganda intent on narcotizing the public mind is an assault on liberty, none the less truly because it is subtle and indirect. The Mason's task is clear. He is the world's great unflinching protagonist of freedom—freedom of thought, freedom of conscience. freedom of act—intelligent freedom, considerate freedom, orderly freedom.

R. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, for the Committee on Correspondence, recommended that fraternal relations be not established with the Grand Lodges of Sao Paulo, Para, Denmark, Nicaragua, and Palestine, until definite information shall have been received, and that the application for fraternal recognition of the Grand Lodge Lessing zu den drei Ringen be denied because that Grand Lodge has not exclusive jurisdiction in Czechoslovakia. The application of the Grand Lodge of Parahyba (Brazil) was also denied, because it recognizes the Supreme Council of the A. & A. S. R. as superior to the Symbolic Grand Lodge. These recommendations were adopted by Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary emeritus, also submitted the fraternal reviews, which he made very brief this year, at the Grand Master's behest. Evidently our Proceedings for 1933 had not been received when this report was made. We are sorry, because we looked forward to that excellent reviewer's comments on the activities of our Grand Lodge.

V. Wor. Bro. Harvey A. Bordner, P. G. L., represents the Grand Lodge of Kansas near our Grand Lodge and does it very conscientiously.

MAINE, 1934

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine was founded in 1820 and held its 115th Annual Communication in the city of Portland, on May 1, 2, and 3, 1934. It had on March 1, 1934, a total of 216 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 40,721. The net loss for the year amounted to 1,431 members. Grand Masters: Retiring, Ernest C. Butler; incoming, Clark D. Chapman, of Portland. Grand Secretary, Convers E. Leach, Masonic Temple, Portland.

M. W. Bro. Butler, in his Annual Address, reported attending the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the dedication of the Masonic Peace Memorial in London. The Grand Secretary's report on the latter visit is very interestingly written. Speaking of Grand Lodge representatives, the Grand Master said:

> Evidently the Grand Lodge Representatives seem to feel that this is an honor which requires no work and no effort on their part. These Grand Representatives are the means by which this Grand Lodge maintains a close relationship with other Grand Lodges. I therefore urge upon such representatives that they make their anual report, and if they find for two or three years that they are unable to attend Grand Lodge and make report, that Masonic courtesy should require that they tender their resignation, to allow someone to be appointed who would feel the responsibility and act accordingly.

While we are on this subject, we might say that our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Maine, Wor. Bro. Cleff Maxwell, has not attended the Annual Communications of his Grand Lodge for several years. Maine's Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge, Most Wor. Bro. George R. Harvey, has never yet failed to attend an Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge granted recognition to the Grand Lodge of Denmark; we hope it was not the spurious organization.

An instructive illustrated lecture on "The Land and the Book" was delivered by Wor. Bro. Jacob Gross, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., and the work of the Master Mason degree was exemplified by the officers of Bar Harbor Lodge No. 185, of Bar Harbor, at this Annual Communication.

Rev. Ashley A. Smith, D. D., of Bangor, submits the report on Fraternal Correspondence which is very good. His review of our Proceedings for 1934 is comprehensive and well written. In it he mentions M. W. Bro. Comfort's illness. He says M. W. Bro. Gonzalez' report is the most voluminous of the year. After a brief reference to the matter of the "Advisory Council," this reviewer says:

The words of Grand Master Gonzalez' report, relative to this situation, are these: "I am of the opinion that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands should not subscribe to the plan proposed by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts." Certainly from the evidence submitted and the arguments advanced by M. W. Bro. Gonzalez there is much justification in this position and we can see how the matter might easily become the thin entering wedge to trouble and divisions in this open Masonic territory of China. With two lodges in China the Grand Master believes that to join such an advisory council would be to yield something of Masonic sovereignty and curtail liberty of Masonic activity. It is an interesting and delicate situation which we have enjoyed reading in these annual proceedings of the Philippines.

Wor. Bro. Smith looks at the controversy from the proper angle and does not allow the antiquity and power of the Masonic Grand Lodges which are endeavoring to stifle our action in China to blind him. We are grateful to him for his frank expression of opinion and for the interest which he takes in our struggling young Grand Lodge.

Lodge News

FROM WALANA LODGE No. 13, MANILA

At its Stated Meeting on August 11, 1934, Walana Lodge passed a standing resolution providing for life membership for members of the Lodge who have been members in good standing of the same for thirty consecutive years, in conformity with the action of the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication. This resolution has in the meantime been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master.

At the same meeting, the Lodge also passed a resolution to remove its meeting place from the Masonic Temple on the Escolta to the Plaridel Masonic Temple, for the sake of economy.

FROM DAPITAN LODGE No. 21, MANILA

On Saturday, August 4th, last, beginning at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, High Twelve Lodge No. 21 conferred the Sublime Degree of Master Mason upon three Fellow Crafts of Dapitan Lodge No. 21. Refreshments were served after the work. The Brethren raised were Florentino R. Villacorta, Deogracias Robles, and Francisco Herrera.

FROM KUTANG BATO LODGE No. 110, COTABATO

On July 17, 1934, another star was added to the constellation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands when Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110 was constituted at Cotabato, on the island of Mindanao, by Rt. Worshipful Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Accompanied by the Grand Lodge Auditor, Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos; Wor. Bro. E. E. Voss, W. M. of Manila Lodge No. 1, and several Masons who had joined the small party at Zamboanga, the distinguished visitor was properly received, and at 7 p. m. a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was opened at the Lodge Hall. Grand Lodge was opened in due form, with the following Brethren filling the stations:

Samuel Roy Hawthorne,	as Grand Master
Ernest E. Voss	" Deputy Grand Master
Juan S. Alano	" Senior Grand Warden
Lucien R. Stevens	" Junior Grand Warden
Henry E. Teck	" Grand Treasurer
Ricardo C. Santos	" Grand Secretary
William J. Hollis	" Senior Grand Lecturer
José Burdeos	" Junior Grand Lecturer
James J. Wilson	" Grand Chaplain
Lee R. Tillet	" Grand Orator
Benigno S. Viray	" Grand Marshal
Marcelo Domingo	" Grand Standard Bearer
José Hombrebueno	" Grand Sword Bearer
Albino R. Barlaan	" Grand Bible Bearer

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, acting as Grand Master, announced that the Grand Lodge had convened for the purpose of constituting Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, which had been granted a charter at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Marshal then formed the Grand Lodge in procession and all proceeded to the old High School Building where the new Lodge was duly constituted and its officers installed.

Addresses were made by the Master, Worshipful Brother Dionisio Gutierrez, by Worshipful Bros. Ricardo C. Santos and Ernest E. Voss and by Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master Samuel R. Hawthorne. Some three hundred persons were present, including the most prominent people of the province. A reception and ball followed the ceremony. The Grand Lodge returned to the Lodge Hall where the Special Communication was closed in due form.

Personals

Manila No. 1.—Bro, Jack Christian Klasson was passed to the Degree of F. C. on August 14th.

Bro. Norman Talbot Reid was raised to the Degree of M. M. on August 21st by the costumed team of Cosmos Lodge No. 8.

Bros. Hubert MacGowan and James Weldon Jones are now members of Manila Lodge by affiliation; they were elected at the July Stated Meeting.

The following-named members of this Lodge are now life members under the amendment to the By-Laws of this Lodge adopted under the constitutional amendment passed by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, the figures in parentheses being the years when each became a member: M. W. Bro. H. Eugene Stafford, (charter member, 1901), M. W. Bro. Milton E. Springer (1902), Bro. Samuel F. Gaches (1902), Bro. Dallas E. Blossom (1902), Bro. Joseph N. Wolfson (1902), Bro. David Walstrom (1903), Bro. John T. Golt (1903), Bro. Chas. A. H. Schoendube (1903), and Bro. George W. Vilain (1904).

Bro. Neville R. Baugh returned on June 16th from a vacation in the United States.

Bro. James B. Laing has now a permanent position in Honolulu.

Letters with greetings, most of them remitting dues, have been received from Brethren in other parts of the world as follows: David H. Beveryly, 132 Chestnut Ave., Long Beach, Calif.; Edwin M. Clarke, 832 Laurel Ave., Bellflower, Calif.; Robert E. Clarke, 1150 Guinda Street, Palo Alto, Calif.; Harold F. Denniston, 33 Manor Drive, Piedmont, Calif.; Thomas C. Fain, P. O. Box 26, Crockett. Texas; Benjamin H. Graves, 2 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.; Henry W. Hemple, Coast & Geodetic Survey, Washington, D. C.; Joseph W. Morris, Robert Dollar Line, Hongkong, China and John L. Stewart, 322 W. Victoria Street, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Bro. Guy Strattan sends greetings from Sulu, Jolo.

Cavite No. 2, Cavite.—Bro. Wayne W. Willgrube has been granted a dimit.

Corregidor No. 3.—Bro. D. O. Gunn reports that a son, Donald Burries Fortenberry, was born to Bro. and Mrs. Fortenberry, now at San Antonio, Texas.

Island No. 5, Corregidor Island.—Bro. Alfred W. Olsen was sick recently but has returned to his duties since.

Mrs. Wm. J. Lutz has been quite ill with pneumonia.

Bro. Edwin B. Spiller expects to be placed on the retired list of the army shortly; he will make his home at Wytheville, Virginia.

The Masonic Board of Relief of Portland, Oregon, reports Bro. Fred B. Robinson a patient in the U. S. Veterans Hospital in that city.

Wor. Bro. Geo. R. Wingate was on the sick list in July.

Bro. Arthur Heller returned to the United States last June.

Southern Cross No. 6.—Bro. John C. Robb was raised at the July Stated Meeting.

Wor. Bro. George C. Dankwerth and family sailed on the "President Coolidge" on July 10th, for a vacation in the United States.

Word has been received that Mrs. J. H. Marsman, now in Scotland, is recovering nicely from a recent operation. Bro. and Mrs. Marsman are expected back in the Philippines before the end of the year.

Bro. E. A. Hirsch and family left on August 8th on the "President Hoover," for a six months vacation in the United States.

Wor. Bro. Omar M. Shuman has been on the sick list recently.

Cosmos No. 8.—Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., was raised to the sublime degree of M. M. by a special team of Past Masters on August 1st.

Bro. Thorbjorn M. Holmsen and bride left for a honeymoon trip to Japan on July 6th on the M. S. "Tai Yang."

Wor. Bro. Geo. A. Mayhew returned on July 22nd from a business trip to the South. He reports meeting Bro. Charles C. Jensen in Cebu and Bro. Clinton F. Carlson in Iloilo.

Bro. O. O. Hanson also returned from the South, on July 15th.

Bro. Wm. J. Odom has returned to the Benguet hills after a short stay in Manila.

Bro. F. de la Cantera spent two weeks in the Mountain Province, on business and pleasure.

St. John's No. 9.—Wor. Bro. David Innis, his wife and two sons returned from a short vacation in the United States by the "General Lee," on July 31st.

Bro. Glenn P. Leonard, who left for the United States, accompanied by his wife and son, on the "General Lee," gives his temporary address as 705 S. Gregory St., Urbana, Illinois.

The members of this Lodge were greatly disappointed to learn that the report of Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg's early return to the Philippine Islands proved to be untrue.

Walana No. 13.—Wor. Bro. Casiano C. Lim returned to the city from the Visayas in July, in time to attend the Stated Meeting.

Bro. Agapito Fernandez is chief engineer of the S. S. Masbate (Fernandez Hermanos) since March, 1934, when he was transferred to that steamer from the S. S. Luzon.

Bro. Marcos W. Manabat was passed to the Degree of F. C. on July 14th.

Bro. Oscar Pasion was raised on August 11th; the High Twelve Lodge special team did the work.

Bro. Agapito Fernandez, chief engineer of the S. S. "Masbate," has been transferred to the S.S. "Fernandez Hermanos," with the same rank, and is now temporarily on the Mindanao run.

Bro. Luis A. Gutierrez has been transferred to the S. S. "Romblon" as chief engineer; he used to be on the S. S. "Islas Filipinas."

Bro. Enrique Roxas has returned to the S. S. "Mactan" after several months' temporary duty as chief engineer on the S. S. "Romblon."

Bro. Nemesio Fernando and Bro. Eustaquio Vallecer were on the sick list in August.

Wor. Bro. Ciriaco Gaspar has found temporary employment as book-keeper for M. Lopez & National Stationery Co.

Bro. Apolonio Bamba is still sick at his home at 421 Dagupan (Int. Kabulusan No. 8), Tondo.

Dapitan No. 21.—Bro. Esteban Maglaya underwent a minor surgical operation in July which made it necessary for him to stay home for three weeks.

Bros. Florentino E. Villacorta and Francisco Gerrera mere passed to the degree of F. C. on July 28th.

Bro. Matias Wetack resigned from Macondray & Co. and is now with the Far Eastern Surety and Insurance Co., Inc.

Bro. Edilberto M. Dayao travelled through the provinces of Central Luzon in July for the General Electric Company.

Bro. Macario V. Linsao made a business tour of the Bicol provinces in August, in the interest of the Pacific Commercial Company.

Bro. James E. McCulloch writes from Fort Barrancas, Fla., reporting an interesting trip to the United States, with some stormy and cold weather. In Honolulu all Masons on board were entertained at dinner at the Blaisdell Hotel by a former member of Elisha Ward Wilbur Lodge No. 101, of Victorias, Occ. Negros. A dust storm in Montana and North Dakota was an unpleasant experience. Bro. and Mrs. McCulloch thanked the Lodge for the despedida tendered them before they left Manila.

Letters with greetings were received from Bro. Florentino R. Flores, Bontoc; Bro. Melecio Labalan, Magallanes (Sorsogon), and Bro. Macario V. Luisao, Legaspi.

Pinagsabitan No. 26, Sta. Cruz, Laguna.—Bro. Ching Coc had to rush his wife to Manila for medical treatment; but we are glad to report that the patient is now recovering.

Bro. Nicasio K. Galipot returned to work as postmaster of Sta. Cruz on July 1st, after a long leave of absence.

Bro. José Ambrosio reports the birth of a son.

Wor. Bro. Zosimo Fernandez, who was operated on for appendicitis at the Philippine General Hospital, is convalescing at his home in Pagsanhan.

Wor. Bro. Fermin D. Buan has returned to his work as municipal treasurer of Calamba after a long vacation.

Wor. Bro. Gabriel D. Corvissiano, the active Master of this Lodge, has left for Europe for a well-deserved vacation of six months.

Balintawak No. 28, Gumaca, Tayabas.—Bro. Iñigo Avecilla's home was made happy by the arrival of a baby girl on August 7th, last.

Bro. Ng Sam recently arrived at Alabat, from China.

Wor. Bro. Eustacio Villafuerte's wife has been sick in bed for nearly a month now.

Zapote No. 29, Rosario, Cavite.—The Secretary of Bulusan Lodge No. 38, of Sorsogon, reports that on July 4th, Bro. Juan Escultura was raised by that Lodge to the Degree of Master Mason, as a courtesy to Zapote Lodge of which he is a member.

Ibarra No. 31, Kawit.—After a year's absence at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he attended the Infantry School, Wor. Bro. Emanuel A. Baja, major, P. C., has returned to the Philippines, where he was cordially welcomed by his friends and Brethren.

Bro. Francisco Lorenzano sends greetings and gives his new address as Putiao, Sorsogon.

Bro. Feliciano T. Fallago has taken his retirement from the U. S. Navy and is now living at Santa Isabel, Kawit.

Isarog No. 33, Naga, C. S.—Bro. Chin Yit recently returned from a vacation in China.

Bro. Silvestre M. Tan Chanco, district engineer for Mindoro, has been transferred to the same post in Camarines Sur.

Wor. Bro. Santiago Rodrigo, who was seriously ill, has returned from Manila and is convalescing at his home in Iriga.

Bro. P. Elisan, who was operated by Dr. Imperial for anthrax, has fully recovered and is back at work.

Bros. Chin Yit and Tan Chanco were given a banquet at the Libmanan Hotel at Naga, attended by over fifty Brethren, to celebrate their return to the province.

Lincoln No. 34, Olongapo.—Bro. Santiago Novero had a relapse but has recovered again. Mrs. Novero is also better, after a long illness.

Bro. Bonifacio Supatan rejoices over the birth of a daughter.

Bro. Pablo Abille is undergoing medical treatment in Manila.

Mabini No. 39, Aparri.—Bro. Blas Villanueva, J. W., has been transferred to Dagupan, to act as assistant supervising agent of the Bureau of Internal Revenue in that district. He was given a farewell dinner by his Brethren here on the eve of his departure.

Bro. Leonor Lizardo has been transferred from Coron, Palawan, to Cabanatuan, N. E., where he will be in charge of the forest district.

Bro. Andres Medina, after being out of employment for some time, is now instructor in physics in the Northern Cagayan Academy at Ballesteros.

Wor. Bro. Leopoldo Resurreccion has lost his beloved wife who died of diabetes recently.

Magindanaw No. 40, Cagayan, Or. Misamis.—Wor. Bro. Manuel C. Fernandez, P.M., has been elected a Delegate to the Constitutional Convention and is now attending the sessions of that body.

Bro. S. C. Arsenio, stationed at Jolo as lieutenant in the Constabulary, plans to spend his accrued leave in Cagayan.

Bro. Vicente Acosta has been reassigned to the Camiguin District as supervising teacher.

Bro. Florencio P. Cruz and family are reported to be in fine health at Kolambugan.

Wor. Bro. Timoteo Quimpo and family left for Cebu in July, as our Master has been transferred to that city as administrative officer of the Forestry Office there. Shortly after the arrival of the family in Cebu, two of the children became ill and one of them, the youngest boy, died. The Cebu Masons showed on this occasion that with them, brotherly love is not an empty word, and Magindanaw Lodge adopted a resolution thanking them for their truly fraternal attitude.

Bro. M. Arumpac was raised at a special meeting held on July 14th.

Bro. Bernardino Reyes, Lt., P. C., is station commander at Tugaya, Lanao.

Makabugwas No. 47, Tacloban, Leyte.—Bro. Gregorio Miras and Francisco Tantuico (40), recently assigned to Tacloban, were given a welcome party at the Oriental Restaurant on June 4th.

Bro. Federico Gaviola and Ex-Representative Ruperto Kapunan gave interesting talks on subjects related with the constitution and government of the Commonwealth at a gathering of the Goat Club on July 8th.

Mt. Mainam No. 49, Naic, Cavite.—Bro. Guillermo del Rosario is mourning the untimely death of his wife, who has left him a widower with three children.

Wor. Bro. Matias S. Manalo and wife have lost their baby which died after a short illness.

Letters with greetings have been received from the United States from Bros. Menandro Vida and Alfredo Javier.

Bro. Guillermo Manalo, with the Asiatic Fleet, sends greetings.

Wor. Bro. Eugenio Yuvienco, provincial treasurer of Camarines Norte, visited his family at Naic towards the end of July.

Bro. José Miguelino (U.S.S. Canopus) is the proud father of a newly born baby girl.

Bro. F. Donesa sent dues and greetings from Sorsogon where he is at present stationed as a captain in the Constabulary.

Pintong Bato No. 51, Bacoor, Cavite.—Bro. Tito G. Edurise, who has been retired from the U. S. Navy after 16 years' service, sent dues and greetings from his home town, Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte.

Letters with dues and greetings have been received from Bros. Honorato Pacquing, 92 Nassau St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Nicolas V. Sumayo, Radio Iloilo, Iloilo, and Eulalio C. Evangelista, Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Makawiwili No. 55, Capiz.—Bro. Pedro Inserto plans to resign from the Bureau of Lands as draftsman, as he does not like his assignment in Agusan.

Pangasinan No. 56, Dagupan.—Bro. Hong Wong has resigned as agent of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is now vacationing in Hongkong. He plans to engage in business.

Bro. Gavino A. Erfe's wife was a patient at the Dagupan Hospital in July; she underwent an operation for anthrax and treatment for diabetes.

Bro. José Tomeldan, provincial fiscal of Abra, attended the August Stated Meeting and continued his journey to Manila the next day.

Bro. Fortunato R. Domingo has been granted a month's leave of absence by the President of the Philippine National Bank, effective on August 15th; he is visiting his old mother in Cagayan.

Isla de Luzon No. 57.—Bro. Pablo Tan, instead of leaving for Honolulu on the transport "Grant" on June 7th, will sail in October.

Bro. Co Biao, of Mulanay, Tayabas, will stay in Manila until he has fully recovered from his illness; his address in the city is 1514 Rizal Avenue.

Bro. Fernando Atienza spent a few days at Talisay, Batangas, his hometown, on election business.

Bro. Antonio Buenaventura received from Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States, the sad news of the death of his brother, Federico, a retired leader of the Selangor State Band, of that city.

Wor. Bro. Felisberto Z. Soriano and Bro. John Walczykowski were on the sick list in August.

Baguio No. 67, Baguio.—From Bayombong comes the sad news that Bro. and Mrs. Baltazar Karganilla are mourning the death of their son Ben who died of pneumonia on July 17th.

Magat No. 68, Bayombong, N. V.—A fraternal banquet at the Bayombong Hotel was given on July 1st, last, to Wor. Bro. Vicente B. Oledan, district engineer of Nueva Vizcaya, who had been promoted and transferred to the Province of Isabela. Twenty-six Brethren attended this banquet. Bro. Oledan and his family left on July 5th for Isabela.

Wor. Bro. Sisenando Silvestre, Worshipful Master of this Lodge for three consecutive terms, is now stationed in Marinduque as provincial treasurer. During his incumbency, the Lodge built its own Temple, a strong-material building of two stories worth 3,000 pesos, at Vista Alegre, on the provincial highway.

Bro. Cornelio Gallardo, the S. W., is acting as Master of the Lodge.

Bros. Sotero Torralba and José Virtucio were raised on March 17th, last. The Brethren present had dinner, as guests of the two newly-raised Brethren, at the residence of Bro. Virtucio after the meeting.

Kasilawan No. 77.—Wor. Bro. José J. Velasquez has been promoted to the position of municipal treasurer of Parañaque; he was stationed at Mariquina before.

Bro. Yao Siong Sio was raised to the degree of M. M. on August 7th.

Bro. Honorio M. Saycon has established his tailoring business on the roof garden of the Fernandez Building, on Calle T. Pinpin.

Bros. Leopoldo Boquiren and Mariano Agbulos have written from Davao and Baguio, respectively.

Acacia No. 78, Iloilo.—Bro. Alfonso S. Soldevilla, of Dingle, was passed to the degree of F. C. on August 8th, last.

Bro. Eladio Dolendo was raised to the degree of M. M. on July 25th, last.

Taga-Ilog No. 79.—Wor. Bro. Carlos F. Maglaya, now municipal president of Caba, La Union, recently visited Manila and called at the Grand Secretary's Office.

Mount Lebanon No. 80.—Wor. Bro. Isidore Reich and family, who left Manila on June 25th, write to friends that they are enjoying their vacation. The trip will take them around the world.

Bro. Motel Goldstein is back from a vacation in Japan and China.

Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos has been warmly congratulated by the Lodge upon his appointment as Grand Lodge Auditor. In that capacity he accompanied Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Haw horne, Deputy Grand Master, on his tour of the South and helped to constitute Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, on July 17th.

Bro. Erick W. Mannberg writes that he is having a fine time at Stockholm, Sweden.

Bro. John Ellis Wolf has returned from the United States and is now stationed at Sternberg General Hospital.

Word has been received from Bro. Benedict Mixior, who is located at Fort Washington, Md.

Another absent Brother, Frederick Vogt, at 226 Route Tenant de la Tour, Shanghai, China, writes that he is in good health and is enjoying his stay there.

High Twelve No. 82.—Bro. Dalmacio Reyes reports that Mrs. Reyes presented him with a daughter on July 21st, last, at the Maternity Hospital, and that everything is all right.

The Secretary has received letters with greetings from the following-named Brethren in the provinces and the United States: Felipe E. Advincula, Corregidor; Norberto R. Crisostomo, Corregidor; Rafael Quidilla, Baguio, and Frank Co-Tui, New York, N. Y.

Benjamin Franklin No. 94.—Having been tranferred to Baguio, Bro. E. B. Mullaney has found it necessary to resign as Secretary of the Lodge and Wor. Bro. Paul F. Whitacre, one of the wheel-horses of the Lodge, has been appointed acting Secretary.

Service No. 95.—During the month of July, the Secretary received letters with greetings, many of them remitting dues, from the following-named Brethren across the seas: Nolan W. Butcher, Box 467, Coco Solo, Canal Zone; Byron E. Clark, U. S. S. Tennessee, 3rd Div., San Pedro, Cal.; Daniel H. Campbell, Naval Air Station, Lakehurst, N. J.; Wm. A. W. Von Gehr, 11th at Gratiot, St. Louis, Mo.; John F. Lapinsky, Co. F., 30th Inf., Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; Fred L. Crain, care of Mr. Lloyd Wheat, 1420 E. La Rue St., Pensacola, Fla.; Victor C. Hawley, 36th Pur. Sqdn., A. C., Langley Field, Va.; Lieut. Bro. Floyd Dunn, Fort Snelling, Minn.; Frank Leo Dandrew, U. S. S. Sunnadin, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; A. E. Von Vleck, U. S. S. Ramapo, c/o P. M., San Francisco, Cal., and John H. Kiernan, Post Signal Office, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill.

At a special meeting of Service Lodge No. 95, on July 9th, farewell and **bon voyage** were extended to Bros. Powers, Whitlock, Dybedock, Freeman, Swata, Moses, Elliott, and Williams, who are returning to the States on the U. S. S. **Chaumont**, Other Brethren who recently returned to the U. S., are Bros. Whalen, Mosley and Bradley.

Bro. James Lambert was passed on July 9th and raised on July 23rd. Bro. Albert L. Lehman and Bro. Helge A. Nyquist were raised on July 16th and Bro. Malcolm K. Jackson on July 23rd.

Bro. John R. Berry has been granted a dimit.

Mount Huraw No. 98, Catbalogan, Samar.—Many members of the Lodges in Cebu attended the funeral of Mrs. Pablo Corsino who died at Cebu on July 19th and was laid to rest in the Masonic burial plot there the following day. Mount Huraw Lodge, at its August Stated Meeting, passed a resolution of condolence and thanked Maktan and Tupas Lodges for their kindness in this connection.

Bro. Benito Soloria reports the birth of his first child, a son, at Bulan, Sorsogon, last July.

Bro. Gregorio Abellera sends greetings from his present station, Lucena, where he is district land officer.

Wor. Bro. Luis Cervero and Bro. Gonzalo Villarin were elected municipal councilors of Catbalogan last June.

Wor. Bro. Cayetano Froilan had many Brethren as his guests at his birthday dinner on August 7th.

Keystone No. 100, Corregidor Island.—Wor. Bro. Pacifico C. Sevilla and wife rejoice over the birth of a daughter, on July 16th, last.

Bro. Alejandro Timban has lost his son Alfredo who died in Manila last July.

Bro. José Paguio has returned from his vacation in Baguio; he has completely recovered from his injury, sustained in the line of duty.

Bros. Macario Odiamar and Pablo L. Edrozo are back from vacation.

Bud Daho No. 102, Jolo, Sulu.—Bro. P. Villanueva left for his new station, Talatag, Bukidnon, on the S. S. Cebu, on July 23rd. On July 21st, a despedida party was given in his honor.

Bataan No. 104, Balanga.—Wor. Bro. Dr. S. R. Ganzon returned on August 4th from a trip to China and Japan.

Bro. Pedro L. Paulino who is acting superintendent of the experiment station of the Bureau of Plant Industry at Gandara, Samar, sends dues and regards.

Bro. Juan S. Paguio sends greetings from Vigan, his new station.

Bro. Marcos Jorge is back at his desk in the provincial treasurer's office after his illness.

Bro. Roman Valenzuela was made a F. C. on July 21st, last.

Amity No. 106, Shanghai.—Bro. Julean Arnold, with Mrs. and Miss Arnold, left for the homeland on six months' leave last June. Bro. and Mrs. Arnold will return to Shanghai in January, while Miss Arnold will enter college in California.

Bro. Y. Y. Chan entertained the Brethren at his fine Chapei Gardens when they went there to picnic on July 8th.

Bro. Sing-Bea Chang has returned to China with his wife after a year of medical research work at John Hopkins University, Baltimore.

Bro. T. L. Chen spent several weeks in North China during July, on extension work for the Kincheng Bank.

Bro. Robert Fan has moved into a modernistic apartment house, known as Yafa Court, corner Rues Huc and Maresca, which he designed, built, operates and owns jointly with Bro. W. P. Yang.

Bro. George A. Fitch and wife sailed for Europe the later part of June while the rest of the family went direct to Los Angeles. Bro. and Mrs. Fitch spent a day in Manila, had lunch with the Grand Master there and met the Governor-General of the Philippine Islands.

Mrs. N. L. Han suffered an apopletic stroke in June but is much better now.

Among the Brethren who with their families are spending the hot season in Mokanshan are V. W. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei and Bros. T. J. Holt, W. Imin Hsu, Alfred Lee, S. D. Sturton, Tong Pao-Shu, and W. P. Yang.

Bro. Truman Johnson and family returned to Shanghai in June after four months of business and holiday in America.

Bro. James Z. M. Lee has returned to Los Angeles to help film the picture "The Good Earth" in which production he is technical advisor.

Very Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei suffered a great loss on July 1st when his stepmother passed away.

Bro. S. Y. Mei announced his engagement to Miss Helen Fung on June 24th.

Bro. W. S. New and family have gone to Tsingtao for the summer.

Bro. T. L. Soong has been appointed general manager of the China Development Finance Corporation, capitalized at $10,000,000 to develop the vast virgin territory of northwestern China.

Bro. W. H. Tan has been appointed assistant vice-president of the Shanghai Telephone Co.

Bro. Y. Y. Tsu was elected and installed as Junior Warden of Amity Lodge on June 26th.

Bro. Darwin H. Utter has been promoted to the general managership of the Peacock Motion Picture Corporation, with head office at Shanghai.

Bro. Ying S. Wan has resumed his medical practice at Shanghai after spending several months with relatives in Hongkong and Canton.

Bro. T. T. Zee is now manager of the Sin Hua Trust Co. branch at Nanking. He reports the birth of a son towards the end of June.

Bro. F. C. Yen is taking over Bro. W. S. New's orthopaedic hospital which will eventually form a unit of the Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hospital at Pioneer Field, donated for the purpose by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Camarines Norte No. 107, Daet, C. N.—Wor. Bro. José Muniain, secretary of this Lodge, has resigned, owing to change of residence, and Bro. Bartolome Ortega has been appointed to act in his stead.

Nanking No. 108, Nanking, China.—Bro. Ralph A. Ward, Secretary, is acting pastor of the Community Church at Shanghai during the summer.

Bro. K. Y. King spent several days in Shanghai prior to sailing for Europe to make a six months survey of defense and geological matters for the National Geological Survey of China, as a special representative of the National Economical Council.

Pearl River No. 109, Canton, China.—Bro. Shu-Fen Chien took a vacation and visited members of his family in Nanking and Peiping.

Bro. Chan Wing-tsit, E. A., Dean of the Lingnan University, spent a week in Shanghai and attended an educational conference at Mokanshan.

Bro. M. T. Rankin has been spending his vacation on Lo Fau Mountain, 4000 feet above sea level and the coolest spot in South China, together with Bro. James M. Henry and H. M. Buley.

Bro. John Hall Paxton is in charge of the American Consulate General in Shameen during the absence on furlough of Mr. Ballantine, the Consul General.

Brother Chien Shu-fan has been appointed Director of Legal Affairs in the Kwangtung Provincial Assembly.

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 Maestre; Samuel R. Hawthorne, Gran Maestre 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

DEL PERU

Entre las mejores revistas que se reciben en la redacción del *Cabletow* se destaca la *Revista Masónica* publicada por la Gran Logia del Perú. No es solamente la excelencia del material literario que admiramos, sino el espíritu de justicia y equidad que inspira todo lo que publica nuestro querido colega en Lima. Nos faltan palabras con que expresar nuestra gratitud a la *Revista Masónica* por la valiosa ayuda que prestó a la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas cuando en su número correspondiente al mes de marzo de 1934 publicó una traducción de la carta dirigida por nuestra Gran Logia a sus Garantes de Amistad y otros amigos y exponiendo los verdaderos hechos de la suspensión de relaciones entre ciertas Grandes Logias y la nuestra. Sabemos apreciar en todo su valor ese proceder, hijo de un elevado sentido de justicia que hace honor a nuestros Hermanos peruanos.—*L. F.*

LA REVISTA FRATERNAL DE NUEVA YORK

No hay mejor memoria de correspondencia extranjera que la que presentó la comisión correspondiente a la Gran Logia de Nueva York en su última asamblea anual. En la revista titulada "New York, 1934" que publicamos en el presente número del *Cabletow*, verán nuestros lectores el trato equitativo que nos dispensa dicha comisión. No sale precisamente en nuestra defensa, sino que presenta los hechos relacionados con lo que hemos llamado la "confusión en el Templo" aquí en Extremo Oriente en forma tan justa, imparcial y acabada que todo el que sepa leer y tenga dos dedos de frente podrá comprender y sacar sus propias conclusiones. Hay ciertas Grandes Logias que, por ser la nuestra una Gran Logia pequeña y jóven y las de Inglaterra, Escocia, Irlanda y Massachusetts las más antiguas y poderosas del mundo, se callan respecto al asunto de que se trata, y por esto agradecemos tanto más la actitud adoptada por la ilustre comisión de la Gran Logia de Nueva York.—*L. F.*

De Fuentes Extranjeras

CODIGO MORAL MASONICO

Venera al Gran Arquitecto del Universo.

El verdadero culto que se da al Gran Arquitecto consiste, principalmente, en las buenas obras.

Ten siempre tu alma en un estado puro, para parecer dignamente delante de tu conciencia.

Ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo.

No hagas mal para esperar bien.

Haz bien por amor al mismo bien.

Estima a los buenos, ama a los débiles, huye de los malos, pero no odies a nadie.

No lisonjees a tu hermano, pues que es una traición; si tu hermano te lisonjea, teme que te corrompa.

Escucha siempre la voz de tu conciencia.

Sé el padre de los pobres; los suspiros que tu dureza les arranque son otras tantas maldiciones que caerán sobre tu cabeza.

Respeta al viajero nacional o extranjero: ayúdale; su persona es sagrada para tí.

Evita las querellas, prevé los insultos, deja que la razón quede siempre de tu lado.

Parte con el hambriento tu pan, y a los pobres y peregrinos mételos en tu casa; cuando vieses al desnudo, cúbrelo y no desprecies tu carne en la suya.

No seas ligero en airarte, porque la ira reposa en el seno del necio.

Detesta la avaricia, porque quien ama las riquezas ningún fruto sacará de ellas, y esto también es vanidad.

Huye de los impíos, porque su casa será arrasada; mas las tiendas de los justos florecerán.

En la senda del honor y de la justicia está la vida; mas el camino extraviado conduce a la muerte.

El corazón de los sabios está donde se practica la virtud, y el corazón de los necios, donde se festeja la vanidad.

Respeta a las mujeres, no abuses jamás de su debilidad y mucho menos pienses en deshonrarlas.

Si tienes un hijo, regocíjate; pero tiembla del depósito que se te confía. Haz que hasta los diez años te tema, hasta los veinte te ame y hasta la muerte te respete. Hasta los diez años sé su maestro, hasta los veinte su padre y hasta la muerte su amigo. Piensa, en darle buenos principios antes que bellas maneras; que te deba rectitud esclarecida y no frívola elegancia: Haz un hombre honesto, antes que un hombre hábil.

Si te avergüenzas de tu destino, tienes orgullo; piensa que aquél ni te honra ni te degrada; el modo con que cumplas te hará uno u otro.

Lee y aprovecha, ve e imita, reflexiona y trabaja, ocúpate siempre en el bien de tus hermanos y trabajarás para ti mismo.

Conténtate de todo, por todo y con todo.

No juzgues ligeramente las acciones de los hombres; no reproches y menos alabes; antes procura sondear bien los corazones para apreciar sus obras.

Sé entre los profanos libre sin licencia, grande sin orgullo, humilde sin bajeza, y entre los hermanos,

firme sin ser tenaz, severo sin ser inflexible, y sumiso sin ser servil.

Habla moderadamente con los grandes, prudentemente con tus iguales, sinceramente con tus amigos, dulcemente con los pequeños y tiernamente con los pobres.

Justo y valeroso defenderás al oprimido, protegerás la inocencia, sin reparar en nada de los servicios que prestares.

Exacto apreciador de los hombres y de las cosas, no atenderás más que al mérito personal, sean cuales fueren el rango, el estado y la fortuna.

El día que se generalicen estas máximas entre los hombres, la especie humana será feliz y la Masonería habrá terminado su tarea y cantado su triunfo regenerador.—*Canje.*

RIUS RIVERA Y HERNANDEZ DE VELAZCO

El año 1896, cuando el General Valeriano Weyler mandaba las Tropas Españolas en Cuba, era la guerra más enconada, pues dicho General, dió la orden a los Jefes de columnas Españolas, que fusilasen sin previo consejo de guerra, a todo prisionero Cubano.

En el mes de Septiembre de 1897, frente al lugar conocido por Paredones de Isidro Sariego en la finca Charco Hondo, muy cerca de la villa de San Cristóbal, en la Provincia de Pinar del Río, las fuerzas Españolas, mandadas por el General de Brigada Hernández de Velazco, sostuvieron un combate con las fuerzas Cubanas, mandadas por el General Juan Rius Rivera. Ante el fuego de cañón de las fuerzas españolas, los cubanos, menores en número y escasos de municiones, empezaron a retroceder, siendo herido en una pierna, por un casco de granada el General Rius Rivera, y también herido muy grave por otra granada, su ayudante el Capitán Terry.

Rius Rivera, con su otro Ayudante el Coronel Bacallao, por no abandonar al Capital Terry, se parapetaron en la falda de la loma "La Botella", donde fueron sorprendidos por un grupo de soldados españoles que mandados por un sargento, les apuntaban con sus fusiles, prestos a disparar, diciéndoles: "ríndanse!" El Coronel Bacallao se interpuso entre su General y los fusiles, exclamando: "No disparen, que matan a un General", lo que verificó éste, con sus dos Ayudantes.

Al darle cuenta de aquel hecho el Capitán Alonso, Jefe de la Compañía a que pertenecían aquellos soldados, al General Hernández de Velazco, éste se dirigió al lugar donde estaban los prisioneros.

Cuando se enfrentaron ambos Generales, Rius Rivera hizo el signo de A. M., el General Español, que también era Masón, lo reconoció y abrazó como a un fraternal hermano, y olvidándose de las severas órdenes que tenía, y de la pena que por faltarlas le sería impuesta, ordenó que ambos prisioneros fuesen curados por el Médico de su columna.

El Capitán Terry, falleció a los pocos momentos, y fué enterrado en el Cafetal "Estrada", poniendo sobre su tumba, una piedra con una cruz, para indicar el lugar de su eterno descanso. (Y en 1899 fueron sus restos exhumados y trasladados al panteón de los Veteranos en la Ciudad de Pinar del Rio). Al General Rius Rivera, lo colocaron en una camilla, y cargado por soldados Españoles, fué llevado a San Cristóbal, instalándolo en una habitación del Cuartel de la Guardia Civil, calle Real 34, hoy Maceo 34, y atendido por el Comandante Médico del Ejército Español Sr. Francisco Freyle y el Sargento Sanitario del mismo Ejército, Sr. Cecilio Muñoz, este último perteneciente hoy a la Resp. Log. Vida Expontánea de San Cristóbal.

Después de notas diplomáticas entre los Gobiernos de España y Estados Unidos de América, el General Rius Rivera fué trasladado a la prisión de la Cabaña. en la Habana, y más tarde al castillo de Monjuich en Barcelona, España.

El General Rius Rivera, quiso donar al General de Velazco, una hermosa colección de monedas antiguas que le habían acompañdo durante la campaña, pero a ello se negó el General Español. También quiso el prisionero, obsequiar con un centén, a cada uno de los ocho soldados Españoles que lo cargaron en la camilla, pero a ello también se opuso el General Español, aunque más tarde, a instancias de Rius Rivera accedió a ello, y el obsequio a los soldados se llevó a efecto.

El servicio que hizo el General Español a su fraternal hermano le costó una reprensión por parte del General Weyler, el que se quejó a las Autoridades de Madrid. Y el General de Brigada Hernandez de Velazco que debía ascender en aquel año a General de División, fue postergado, y pudo obtener este grado, un año después, y encontrándose en campaña, en la finca "La India", en el propio término de San Cristóbal, recibió la comunicación por la que se le otorgaba el ascenso.

Terminada la guerra, el General Rius Rivera con su esposa, visitó al Hno. Cecilio Muñoz en San Cristóbal, contándole su vida en el Castillo de Monjuich, y el buen trato que allí recibió de sus hermanos Masones, y en unión de su esposa, del Hno. Muñoz y de las Autoridades de San Cristóbal, visitó la loma "La Botella", histórico lugar, donde fué hecho prisionero y salvada su vida y la de su Ayudante, por el hermano Masón, que olvidó las severas órdenes que había recibido, y cumplió el juramento prestado ante el sencillo, pero augusto altar de la Masonería.

Como estas anécdotas hay millares, en todos los Países del Mundo, lo mismo en la tierra, que en el mar, pero como comprenderán los Hnos., se hace imposible reproducirlas todas, solo hemos querido señalar algunas, para recordar a los Hnos. que si desean que algún día se cuente alguna de ellos, que laboren constantemente, no olvidando nunca, el sagrado juramento prestado, ante el sencillo, pero augusto altar de la Masonería.—*José Garate Bru, en "El Mundo Masónico," Habana, Cuba.*

ALGUNAS REFLEXIONES MASONICAS

En mi labor de aprendiz he ido desbastando la piedra bruta de mi imperfecta personalidad masónica para ir aprendiendo; puesto que construir con la escuadra es construir para siempre; ya que regulando nuestros actos por el compás equidistan del centro del cual gravita la verdad, todas las líneas espirituales de lo que construyamos. He comprendido, también, como masón apendiz, contemplando la imponente ceremonia de la iniciación que de los bellos conceptos del Ritual emanan sabias lecciones de filosofía que debemos grabar en nuestra alma masónica como un nuevo evangelio de sabiduría. He podido comprender que así como iniciación significa nacimiento a una

vida nueva, ello importa, más que a una ceremonia externa, una experiencia interna, y como tal, requiere morir, como la semilla al podrirse, en la vida profana, para nacer puro y digno, como masón, encontrando el camino espiritual que desgraciadamente no todos ven.

Por eso, hermanos míos, la más bella respuesta que podemos dar cuando haciéndonos un exámen de introspección nos preguntemos: "¿Dónde aprendiste a ser masón?" es aquélla que dice: "En mi propio corazón".

Sabia y profunda fuente de filosofía encierra en cada uno de sus símbolos la Masonería. Atados de prejuicios llegamos al Templo. Un cuerda atada al cuello simboliza nuestra esclavitud en la ignorancia. Nuestra preparación interna requiere espíritus selectos, para poder recoger un día, abundante cosecha.

"No es fuente de pasatiempos, sino austera escuela de sacrificios" la Masonería como sabiamente lo dice el Ritual. Por eso, obreros del perfeccionamiento espiritual debemos simbólicamente coger cada día nuestras herramientas de trabajo, colocarnos el mandil, que como aprendices debemos llevar con la faldeta levantada para cubrirnos de las impurezas de los materiales e ir dando cada día tres golpes simbólicos—"Pedid y os darán", "buscad y encontraréis", "golpead y os abrirán"—en la piedra bruta que debemos desbastar, que simboliza nuestra imperfecta personalidad de aprendiz y conseguir así ir canteando nuestra personalidad, hasta poderla colocar perfectamente angular en el Templo del G.A.D.U.

He aquí, según mi concepto, nuestra labor de aprendiz.—*A. M. B. en Revista Masónica de Chile.*

LA ADULACION

Entre los medios de engañar a los hombres, no hay uno que haya producido en todos los tiempos mayores infortunios y desgracias que la adulación.

Diógenes decia que el más dañino de todos los animales salvajes era el murmurador; y de los animales domésticos, el adulador.

La adulación ha sido bien definida diciendo, que es un comercio de mentiras fundado por una parte en el más vil interés y por la otra en la vanidad. El adulador es un embustero que engaña para complacer y hacerse agradable a aquél cuya vanidad intenta seducir. Es un pérfido que le clava un cuchillo untado en miel. El que os adula, os aborrece, ha dicho un sabio árabe.

En efecto todo adulador se humilla forzosamente delante del necio a quien inciensa; como esta humillación no puede menos de ser muy costosa a su vanidad, debe necesariamente aborrecer y detestar al que así lo obliga a envilecerse.

Los gobernantes y los de una situación espectable se engañan groseramente, si se creen amados de cuantos los rodean.

Ninguno puede amar al que le degrada. A pesar de la bajeza y de la humillación adoptados entre las personas de situación, ningún adulador hay que no se avergüence interiormente de ellas.

La adulación, dice Charron, es peor que el falso testimonio, porque éste no corresponde al Juez, sino le engaña; en vez de que la adulación corrompa el juicio, encanta el entendimiento, le hace inaccesible a la verdad.

La adulación es, pues, una traición infame; es un crimen horrible que, después de entregar la sociedad a la tiranía, espone al tirano a terribles revoluciones, y muchas veces a su propia ruina. El adulador es el más peligroso enemigo tanto de los pueblos como de los gobernantes.

Todos los hombres aman la adulación porque todos tienen más o menos orgullo, vanidad y buena opinión de sí mismos. Son muy raros los hombres prudentes o fuertes que resistan a las acechanzas de los aduladores; todos prestan acogida a la adulación aun cuando reconozcan que todo es falsedad en ella; cada cual dice, yo bien sé que tú mientes, más continúa mintiendo, porque sin embargo me das un gran placer.

Un poeta célebre afirma con razón, que no hay quien sea enteramente inaccesible a la adulación, porque el hombre mismo que manifiesta aborrecer a la adulación, en alabarlo de ésto, es adulado con placer suyo.

La adulación comienza siempre cegando a los hombres. Indagando cuidadosamente cuál es el débil de aquellos a quienes pretenden engañar los aduladores al fin lo hallan; estos son comparados a los ladrones nocturnos, cuyo primer cuidado es apagar las luces de las casas donde entran a robar.

Se ha observado con mucha razón que los más detestables tiranos han sido siempre los más adulados; esto no es de admirar. Las personas más perversas son por lo común los más vanos, los más sospechosos y los más temibles; juntándose entonces el temor a la bajeza, ésta es conducida por aquél fuera de todo límite, sin que nunca pueda ir bastante lejos cuando se trata de complacer a un tirano, que regularmente suele ser tan estúpido como malvado.

La adulación hace más orgullosa a la necedad, y da mayor atrevimiento a la perversidad; se dice así mismo que es hacer un gran mal a los tontos el aplaudirlos.

La más baja adulación, la más servil, la más insípida no es desagradable a una pequeña alma; más para el hombre vano, cuando tiene algún pudor, se necesita una adulación más delicada; es menester un veneno preparado por manos hábiles; una adulación grosera ofendería su vanidad.

Tiburcio se encogía de hombros al ver las bajezas que los senadores poco diestros empleaban para adularle. Alejandro mismo que llevó su locura al extremo de que lo tuviesen por un dios, reprimió algunas veces a los aduladores que le lisonjeaban con poca delicadeza.

La adulación es desagradable cuando indica demasiada bajeza en el que la prodiga. La adulación vale bien poco aún para las personas más amantes de ella cuando proviene de un hombre despreciable; para agradarlas es necesario que el adulador muestre algún mérito, y sobre todo que afecte sinceridad; así que, ningún hombre puede apreciar las adulaciones inverosímiles, porque siempre desea que éstas tengan al menos algunos visos de verdades.

Sea como fuere, la adulación indica siempre bajeza en el que la prodiga, y necia vanidad en el que se deja sorprender de ella.

A primera vista parece que el adulador hace a la persona a quien adula un entero sacrificio de su orgullo y de su amor propio, más ésto no es porque sabe reprimirlos y ocultarlos.

Nada es más común que el ver a los subordinados más humildes en presencia del dueño, usar con sus inferiores la más insolente altanería. Aunque la ambición sea punto de orgullo, también se humilla a la lisonja, para conseguir la facultad de abatir a los otros, y que sientan el peso de su poder subalterno.—*E. J. G., en "Revista Masónica de Chile."*