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M. W. Bro. Stanton Youngberg
Grand Master of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands, 1933-34.

GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE NUMBER

This Number contains the Annual Message of Most Wor. Brother Stanton Youngberg as Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands

Also a Résumé of the Business transacted by the Grand Lodge at its 22nd Annual Communication, January 23-25, 1934

OFFICIAL SECTION

Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Manuel Camus has appointed Wor. Bros. E. E. Riddle (6), Patricio del Rosario (12), and Ong Tiong Che (18), to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of February, 1934.

The Lodge Secretary's Monthly Reminder

JANUARY —Make preparations, if necessary, for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, on the 4th Tuesday of January.—Lodge Budget (See Edict No. 15 of February 25, 1930, in Vol. VII, p. 248, of *The Cabletow*), to be submitted, approved and forwarded. See "General Reminders."

FEBRUARY —See "General Reminders."

MARCH —See "General Reminders."

APRIL —See "General Reminders."

MAY —Report to Lodge members in arrears with their dues and amount owed by each, as provided in Section 1, Article VI, Uniform Code of By-Laws.—See "General Reminders."

JUNE —While the By-Laws do not provide for it, it is a good practice for the Secretary to submit to the Lodge at this meeting an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements for the 6 months ending on May 31st, in conjunction with the report of the Treasurer, as provided in Section 1, Article V, Uniform Code of By-Laws.—See "General Reminders."—It is also a good idea to send a revised copy of the mailing list to the *Cabletow*, for checking purposes.

JULY —Remind the Wardens to begin thinking of P. M. Jewel.—Annual Meeting of Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children.—See "General Reminders."

AUGUST —See "General Reminders."

SEPTEMBER —See "General Reminders."

OCTOBER —Remind the Master to read Sec. 2, Art. II, Uniform Code of By-Laws, re electioneering, and mention reading thereof in the minutes.—See "General Reminders."

NOVEMBER —Report to the Lodge the members in arrears with their dues and the amounts owed by each, as provided in Sec. 1, Art. VI, Uniform Code of By-Laws.—Remind the Wor. Master to read Sec. 2, Art. II, Uniform Code of By-Laws, and mention the reading thereof in your minutes.—Also see "General Reminders."

DECEMBER 1.—Submit to the Grand Secretary, not later than December 15th, an annual report on forms prepared by the Grand Secretary's Office. (Par. 140 of the Constitution.)

2.—Have your report itemizing receipts and disbursements, ready for the Annual Meeting.

3.—Prepare ballots, pencils, and paper for the election of officers.

4.—Remind the Wor. Master to read Sec. 2, Art. II, Uniform Code of By-Laws, and mention the reading thereof in your minutes.

5.—Send certificates of election and installation to Grand Secretary.

6.—Revise your mailing list, and furnish copy to the *Cabletow*, for checking purposes.

7.—In the case covered by par. 325 of the Constitution, the Brother who is to represent the Lodge at the Annual Communication should be elected during the month of December.

8.—See "General Reminders."

GENERAL REMINDERS

1.—Before every Stated Meeting, the Secretary should prepare a memorandum setting forth in detail all business to be disposed of during the meeting, in the order prescribed in Article XII, Uniform Code of By-Laws, and furnish a copy of it to the Master.

2.—After each Stated Meeting, the Secretary must transmit, under the seal of the Lodge, to the Grand Secretary, Form 10, reporting petitions received, restorations, and other changes in the membership of the Lodge.

3.—After each initiation, affiliation or restoration, the name and address of the new member should be sent to the *Cabletow*, in order that he may receive his paper. Changes of address of members and losses by death, suspension, expulsion or dimit, should likewise be reported to the *Cabletow* without delay.

4.—Also transmit as soon as possible after the close of the calendar month, in duplicate, a report on Form 19, showing in detail the receipts, disbursements, etc., as directed in par. 3, Edict No. 15 of February 25, 1930, (Page 45, Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1931; also Vol. VII, page 248, of *The Cabletow*).

Addresses Wanted

The Secretary of Service Lodge No. 95 needs the address of Bro. James H. West, whose last known address was c/o E. A. Cuddy, 213-C Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, China. If you know the whereabouts of this Brother, please communicate with the Secretary, Service Lodge No. 95, P. O. Box 1378, Manila, P. I., or with (Bro.) E. A. Cuddy, 1206 Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, China.

Any Brother who knows the present address of Stanley Karp, a member of Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, whose last known address was 1232-1/2 Marengo Street. Los Angeles. Calif., is requested to communicate the same to Fred Sladky, Secretary, Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, Fort Stotsenburg, Pampanga, P.I.

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THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, founded in 1912, has 105 Lodges (29 in City of Manila), with approximately 6,000 Master Masons. It is the only sovereign Grand Lodge in Asia that is universally recognized. Its territory, the Philippine Archipelago, has a land area of 114,400 square miles and a population of over 12 millions. The present elective Grand Officers are: Manuel Camus, Grand Master; Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master; Conrado Benitez, Senior Grand Warden; Edward M. Masterson, Junior Grand Warden; Vicente Carmona, Grand Treasurer; Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary, and Emilio P. Virata, Grand Lecturer. Grand Lodge meets on the fourth Tuesday of January each year.

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Editorial Section

"Big Four" Suspends Relations with our Grand Lodge

Because the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands declined to join an international council and "continues to warrant Lodges in China contrary to the desire of the Grand Lodges concerned and of the council above mentioned," the United Grand Lodge of England has suspended intercourse and exchange of representatives between it and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. The President of the Board of General Purposes, in explaining this action, said that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had already adopted a resolution suspending relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and that the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Massachusetts propose to take similar action in the immediate future. The text of the chapter of the proceedings of the United Grand Lodge of England relating to this matter will be found in the "From Near and Far" department of the present issue of the *Cabletow*. The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands will meet in a few days, and our readers will find its action stated in résumé in same department. All we can say now is that we have not lost faith and that we firmly believe that Masonic justice and fairness will prevail in the end.—L.F.

Prohibition

Prohibition is a subject of a controversial nature and has for this reason never been discussed on the floor of our Lodges, public opinion having always been divided on whether or not there should be prohibition. In the United States of America, prohibition has for many years been a national issue; but it always has been decided without Masonry participating in the contest. While Masonry has never advocated abstinence from the use of intoxicating liquors, it has always insisted upon temperance in general, and as regards the abuse of alcoholic beverages, the "Charges of a Freemason," which were written at a time when heavy drinking was the rule rather than the exception, enjoined the Brethren not to force any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, and to avoid gluttony or drunkenness. Following these wise injunctions, the men who framed and enacted the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, adopted provisions prohibiting the expenditure of Lodge funds for spirituous, malt, or fermented liquors and the use of such liquors at Masonic banquets or gatherings. Going still farther, one of our Grand Masters issued an edict prohibiting Lodges from receiving applications of barkeepers and persons engaged in the saloon business, and declaring it a Masonic offence to engage in that occupation or business. The provisions of the Constitution as well as the edict mentioned are still in full force and effect. Neither the introduction of prohibition in the United States nor the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment have affected our Grand Lodge, as it has always had prohibition since, upon its foundation in 1912, it took over, with the rest of the California Grand Lodge Constitution, the liquor clause contained in it, and it looks to us as if there were little chance of that clause ever being repealed. —L.F.

The Right of Way

The Grand Master's Message, a splendid and very important document, has the right of way in this issue of the *Cabletow*. Everything else has had to yield to it: there is neither a Spanish section nor a vernacular page, and much good material has had to be held for the March number.

We hope our readers, especially those of other Grand Jurisdictions, will read the articles and the portions of the Message referring to the present Masonic situation carefully and dispassionately, and will bear in mind that nearly four hundred men good and true, all members of our Grand Lodge, have unanimously approved what has been done by M. W. Bro. Youngberg with reference to China and the regrettable attitude adopted by certain Grand Jurisdictions toward our Grand Lodge.—L. F.

From Near and Far

The Grand Lodge Communication

Lack of space prevents our publishing the account of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, at Manila, from January 23-25, 1934, which we had prepared. We shall give a considerably shorter résumé, instead.

Events preceding the Annual Communication were the splendid reception and dinner dance at the Cosmos Club, on January 31st, given by Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27 in honor of Very Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Hua-Chuen Mei, and the exemplification of the Third Degree by Service Lodge No. 95, on January 22nd.

Some 430 members of Grand Lodge were present. The usual ceremonies were had during the opening session. The Grand Master's able message is published in this issue of our paper; its reading consumed about 2½ hours.

At this Annual Communication, Grand Lodge granted fraternal recognition to four sister Grand Lodges, viz., *Rio Grande do Sul, Colombia (Bogota), Colombia (Cartagena),* and *Lessing zu den drei Ringen (Czechoslovakia).*—Charters were granted to Pearl River Lodge No. 109, of Canton, China, and Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, of Cotabato.—Fountain pens were presented to the winners of the Grand Lodge Literary Contest, Wor. Bros. Leo Fischer and Policarpo Aromin.—Among the Grand Master's recommendations approved by Grand Lodge, on recommendation of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, were those relative to the continuation of the district inspectors' conventions; the preparation of a cemetery dedication ritual; revision and reprinting of the Grand Lodge Constitution; presentation of a copy of the constitution to each newly raised Master Mason; discontinuation of the obligatory reading of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in open Lodge; suspension of Grand Lodge literary contests; study of the trial by commission system, with a view to its adoption by our Grand Lodge; postponement of the consideration of the proposed dual membership amendment until next Annual Communication; approval of the work of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet Square Club; vote of thanks to Wor. Bros. Dionisio San Agustin and Faustino Aguilar, for their work in connection with the translation into Tagalog of certain rituals; fostering of Masonic lectures; preparation of material for a future history of Philippine Masonry; acceptance of lot for First Masonic Lodge monument at Kawit, and approval of the Grand Master's action with reference to return of charter by Lodges Mártires del 96 No. 32 and Marble No. 58.

A resolution providing for the payment of the indebtedness of certain Lodges in ten annual installments was passed.—A new paragraph was added to the Constitution empowering Lodges to create a new class of life members, for 30-year membership in the Lodge.—The matter of printing the Masonic Handbook was referred to the incoming Grand Master, for action.—It was resolved that the publication of the fraternal reviews in the Cabletow continue.—Consideration of the proposition to erect a Masonic cottage at the Santol Sanatorium was postponed.—Steps were taken toward a reduction of salaries and expenses in the Grand Secretary's Office.—Lodges will hereafter be required to submit to the Grand Secretary's office a list of their unemployed members, for reference to the Employment Committee.—Last year's Grand Lodge budget was adopted for the ensuing Masonic year.—A resolution was passed authorizing Grand Lodge to foreclose the Plaridel Temple mortgage.

The Grand Master's action with reference to our Lodges in China and the suspension of relations with our Grand Lodge by certain Grand Bodies interested in China was unanimously approved, confirmed, and ratified by Grand Lodge which took no further action on these matters, leaving this entirely to the incoming Grand Master.

The election of Grand Officers was held on January 24th, from 9:15 p.m. to 1:20 a.m. There were 322 votes cast during the election for Grand Master.

In the afternoon of the 3rd day, January 25th, Grand Lodge disposed of all remaining business, and in the evening of the same day, the Grand Officers were installed. The Grand Lodge Officers for 1934-1935 are:

Manuel Camus (8).....Grand Master
Samuel R. Hawthorne (1).....Deputy Grand Master
Conrado Benitez (4).....Senior Grand Warden
Edward M. Masterson (95).....Junior Grand Warden
Vicente Carmona (22).....Grand Treasurer
Newton C. Comfort (3).....Grand Secretary
Emilio P. Virata (31).....Senior Grand Lecturer
Joseph F. Boomer (9).....Junior Grand Lecturer
Hua-Chuen Mei (106).....District Deputy Grand Master for China
Columbus E. Piatt (3).....Grand Chaplain
José Abad Santos (4).....Grand Orator
Ramón Mendoza (57).....Asst. Grand Secretary
José de los Reyes (80).....Grand Marshal
John R. McFie, Jr. (6).....Grand Standard Bearer
José P. Guido (12).....Grand Sword Bearer
Frederick W. Meyer (55).....Grand Bible Bearer
Fidel T. Manalo (82).....Senior Grand Deacon
Thomas G. Henderson (8).....Junior Grand Deacon
Rufo M. San Juan (22).....Senior Grand Steward
David Innis (9).....Junior Grand Steward
Ricardo San Agustín (23).....Grand Pursuivant
José Hernandez (80).....Grand Organist
Carl G. Heilmann (89).....Grand Tyler

M. W. Bro. Stanton Youngberg installed the officers and M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez acted as Master of Ceremonies. Addresses were made by M. W. Bros. Manuel Camus, Delgado, Youngberg, and Gonzalez, and by Wor. Bro. José Abad Santos, the newly installed Grand Orator. The Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to M. W. Bro. Youngberg by M. W. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado.

Before closing this account, which must necessarily be very brief, we must mention the fraternal banquet tendered to Very Wor. Bro. John Whicher, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, and Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, at noon on January 24th in the Scottish Rite Hall. A fine gold-mounted camagon walking-stick was presented to the distinguished California Mason and a beautiful gold watch to Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, who will leave the Islands in a few weeks. Several hundred Masons attended this function, and many went to the pier to bid bon voyage to Very Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Whicher, who sailed for the United States on the "President Coolidge" at 3 p.m. on the same day

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United Grand Lodge Relations with Philippines Grand Lodge Suspended

Under the above caption, *The Freemason's Chronicle,* our esteemed London contemporary, which entitles itself "The Newspaper of the English Craft" and is a very ably edited Masonic journal, publishes

in its issue of December 9, 1933 an account of the Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England, held at Freemasons Hall, London, on December 6, 1933, with the Pro Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, presiding. We copy from this account the following portion:

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands

The Pro Grand Master read the following Message from the Grand Master:

> A Consultative Council comprising representatives of all Grand Lodges concerned in China has been formed, to advise regarding Masonic affairs in that country. The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has refused its co-operation, and continues to warrant Lodges in China contrary to the desire of the Grand Lodges concerned and of the Council above mentioned. In view of the above facts, I have decided that intercourse and exchange of representatives between the United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands be suspended.

The Pro Grand Master then called on the President of the Board of General Purposes to give an explanation of the circumstances in which the Message came to be issued.

The President of the Board of General Purposes then said:—

> For the information of Grand Lodge it is desirable that I should make a short explanation of the circumstances which have occasioned the message from the Throne to which you have just listened.
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> The Grand Lodges concerned are those of England, Ireland, Scotland and Massachusetts.
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> In 1930, certain Brethren of Chinese and other nationalities applied to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for a Warrant for a new Lodge in China. After careful consideration, and after personal consultation with representatives of the other Grand Lodges concerned, this request was refused though the then Grand Master of Massachusetts (M. W. Bro. Herbert W. Dean) was aware that the refusal would be followed by favourable consideration being given to the matter by the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.
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> Late in 1931, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands having warranted Amity Lodge in China meeting at Shanghai notwithstanding joint representations from the four Grand Lodges, the Consultative Council mentioned in the Grand Master's message was formed, meeting in Shanghai in April and June of this year under the presidency of R. W. Bro. Henry J. Clark, District Grand Master for Northern China, E. C. Co-operation with this body was refused by the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, which has since proceeded to grant Warrants for new Lodges, mainly consisting of Chinese nationals, in Nanking and Canton, with the avowed intention of forming a sovereign Grand Lodge of China.
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> The Consultative Council thereupon unanimously recommended the suspension of relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and this recommendation was confirmed at a conference which was held in London in July this year, presided over by Lord Ampthill, and attended by representatives of the four Grand Lodges, including the Grand Master Mason of Scotland (M. W. Bro. Lord Belhaven and Stenton, C.I.E., D.L.) and the present Grand Master of Massachusetts (M. W. Bro. Curtis Chipman).
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> The Grand Lodge of Scotland has already adopted a resolution in accordance with the foregoing recommendation, and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Massachusetts propose to take similar action in the immediate future.
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> While it is by no means the intention of the four Grand Lodges to place obstacles in the way of the practice of Freemasonry among Chinese nationals under proper regulation, it is their considered opinion that, in the present condition of that country, the continued warranting of new Lodges, largely Chinese in membership and influence, with the objective of bringing into being a sovereign Grand Lodge of China, is detrimental to the highest interests of the Order.
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> These are the reasons which have caused to be promulgated the message which we have heard to-day.

The reading of the Message and of the explanation was somewhat affected by the coughing which seemed to break out all over the Temple, indicative no doubt of the recent severe weather.

It may be pointed out that the 1934 Year Book, which is now available, contains no reference to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. A reference appeared in the 1933 Year Book.

The Editor, who has followed the entire matter very closely since the beginning, deems it his duty to point out a few errors in the account of events as given by the President of the Board of General Purposes:

The statement that Amity Lodge was chartered by our Grand Lodge "notwithstanding joint representations from the four Grand Lodges" (Massachusetts, England, Scotland, and Ireland) is erroneous. Not only were no such representations made; but the four Grand Lodges mentioned showed their good will by sending their official representatives to the consecration of Amity Lodge, on May 25, 1931.

It was NOT the avowed intention of our Grand Lodge to form a sovereign Grand Lodge in China. An enthusiastic Grand Master of our Grand Lodge, in his Annual Message, said that he hoped Amity Lodge might in due time serve as the corner stone of a Sovereign Grand Lodge of the Chinese Republic; but leading Masons of our Grand Jurisdiction have repeatedly stated that many years would have to pass before a Grand Lodge of China could be thought of.

We wonder how Grand Master Dean of Massachusetts, when he denied the application of certain Shanghai Brethren to form a Lodge in Shanghai, in 1930, could possibly have been "aware that the refusal would be followed by favorable consideration being given to the matter by the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands." Was it because he knew our Grand Lodge to be fair-minded and free from race prejudice? It is a fact that until the first petition from China was received, in October, 1930, there was no thought of our Grand Lodge engaging in the China venture, although, being the only sovereign Grand Lodge in Asia and the nearest to Shanghai, it was for Masons in China the logical Grand Lodge to which to present a petition for a dispensation to form a Lodge. We are wondering whether the recent severe weather was alone responsible for the coughing that accompanied the reading of the Message, also, why no reference to the Philippines is made in the 1934 Year Book of the United Grand Lodge of England. Coming events cast their shadow before them; but such anticipation of the action of Grand Lodge is uncanny.

These are your scribe's own comments on the article above quoted, hence they have no official or semi-official character; but we hope they will contribute to opening the eyes of our Brethren across the sea who may read them, and induce them to look more closely into the facts of the case before condemning a small Grand Lodge with which four of the most powerful Masonic Grand Jurisdictions of the world have seen fit to break because they are unable to bend it to their will.

From the National Grand Lodge of France

A communication has been received from the Grand Lodge Nationale Indépendante & Réguliére pour la France & les Colonies Francaises, proposing W. Bro. W. J. Coombes for appointment as Grand Representative of our Grand Lodge near theirs. This Grand Lodge is represented near ours by Wor. Bro. Ramon A. Arnaldo, whose commission will arrive very shortly.

Annual Message of M. W. Bro. Stanton Youngberg

GRAND MASTER

Read on January 23, 1934, in the 22nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands

BRETHREN OF
THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:

Another Masonic Year has passed swiftly into the realm of yesterday and today we are gathered in the Twenty-second Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands to review the past and plan for the future of our beloved Fraternity. I see before me the well-known faces of many of our older Brethren who have "borne the burden and heat of the day" in the upbuilding of our Grand Lodge and on whom, as our "Elder Statesmen," we are privileged to lean heavily for sage counsel and advice. There are also present many new Brethren, Masters and Wardens of Lodges, who come to assist us for the first time and to whom will eventually be flung the torch of leadership of this pivotal and virile Grand Jurisdiction. Beloved Brethren, both old and young, I bid you a hearty welcome and pray that your deliberations will be productive of actions and decisions that will still further enhance the stability and reputation of our Grand Lodge.

A year ago, when I accepted your mandate of service, I made the statement that the initiation of new projects requiring the expenditure of funds would have to be left for brighter days as the economic stress of the time called for a careful husbanding of our resources. I emphasized the fact that it would be my endeavor to consolidate the advances that had already been made in an endeavor to leave the Craft in a healthy condition at the end of the year. This I have tried to do. But, unfortunately, it is one of the imponderables of human life that one's realizations never measure up to one's expectations! Experience soon proved that I was not familiar with several Grand Lodge problems that I had at first assumed so easily and, furthermore, I found that many of these problems went back several years. As a result of my study of conditions, I find that their status has become such that a consistent follow-up for several administrations will be needed to effect a final solution. New and unlooked-for contingencies have also arisen which I have met to the best of my ability and have endeavored to leave in such a condition as to cause no embarrassment to my successor.

Whatever measure of success may have been achieved during the year, is due to the splendid loyalty and cooperation of many Brethren, from Past Grand Masters to Masters and Wardens of Lodges on whom I have frequently called for advice and assistance. They have all been more than willing to serve and to them I owe a debt of gratitude that I shall never be able to repay. These associations have more than justified my faith in the fundamental soundness of our Brotherhood and will always be cherished among the finest recollections of my life.

I have endeavored to serve this Grand Lodge and all of its Brethren to the best of my ability and I have the temerity to hope that you will cover the errors of commission and omission with the broad mantle of that truly Masonic virtue, Charity.

OUR DEAD

During the past twelve-month cycle the inevitable hour has struck for several Brethren of our own and Sister Grand Jurisdictions and the Supreme Grand Deacon has conducted their Immortal Souls into the serene presence of the Supreme Grand Master in the Celestial Lodge above, to receive there the wages of true and faithful Craftsmen. No more, while on this earth, will we hear their beloved voices or clasp their hands in fraternal greetings. The pain that was ours on their passing is in a measure assuaged by the memory of their many virtues and the faith that they have been awarded the crown of Eternal Life. Inspired by their example, it is for us, the living, to rededicate our lives to the performance of every duty that may become men and Masons and render ourselves worthy of their fellowship when we too shall receive the summons from that winged messenger called Death.

Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy goes out to their loved ones and we share with them and the Lodges and Grand Lodges that grief which Time, the greatest of all healers, alone can mitigate but never completely take away.

Our Committee on Necrology will in due time read the names of our departed brethren and pay a fitting tribute to their memory.

OUR SICK

I have continued the established custom of appointing a committee of three each month for visiting our sick Brethren. These committees have responded willingly and have gone about their duties with diligence and zeal. In many instances I have been the recipient of fine letters thanking me for giving them the opportunity to serve. I have also received letters from Brethren who had been visited by members of the committees expressing their profound appreciation for the kindness and attention shown by the Grand Lodge and for the moral support that this has given them in their battles for recovery. There is no doubt that such fraternal visits have a salutary effect and are a great source of comfort to sick and lonely Brethren.

We who are well and strong and busy with the everyday affairs of life do not fully realize the healing potency of a Brother's warm and hearty hand-clasp nor the buoyant remembrance left with the shut-in by words of cheer and comfort. I take this opportunity of thanking all the Brethren who have served on the monthly sick committees for their splendid service to our Fraternity but more especially for the strength and joy that they have brought to our ailing Brethren.

CONSTITUTION OF NANKING LODGE NO. 108

On January twenty-fifth, 1933, this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, by unanimous vote, granted a Charter to Nanking Lodge No. 108 at Nanking, China. My first official act as Grand Master was to comply with this mandate and arrange for the proper constitution of the new Lodge in accordance with the forms and usages of this Grand Jurisdiction. By a fortunate coincidence our newly elected Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne, was due to leave for Shanghai on January twenty-eighth on matters of personal business. At my request, he kindly consented to make the trip to Nanking and, as my personal representative, to constitute Nanking Lodge No. 108. He was of the opinion that Tuesday, February seventh, would be the date that would coincide best with his plans, and accordingly cablegrams were sent to the Brethren of Nanking Lodge and also of Amity Lodge No. 106 at Shanghai to prepare for the constitution on that date. After the departure of Right Worshipful Brother Hawthorne from Manila, cablegrams were received from the Brethren in China requesting that the date of constitution be advanced to Saturday, the fourth, so as not to conflict with a ceremonial already arranged for by Afifi Temple of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Fortunately, we succeeded in getting in touch with Right Worshipful Brother Hawthorne in Hong Kong and he graciously consented to alter his plans and carry out the ceremonies of constitution on February fourth. His report on this important event is reproduced herewith and reads as follows:

Manila, March 25, 1933.

Dr. Stanton Youngberg
Grand Master of Masons
of the Philippine Islands,
Manila, P. I.

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:

It is with pleasure that I report upon my commission from you to act as your representative in the constitution of Nanking Lodge No. 108 at Nanking, China, on February 4, 1933.

I arrived in Shanghai February 3rd and because of the lateness of the arrival of the steamer, I missed the committee from Amity Lodge No. 106 which was delegated to meet me. Upon arrival at my hotel I got in touch with Worshipful Brother Hua-Chuen Mei who immediately came, in company with Brothers Au and Jee, and we held a conference preparatory to leaving for Nanking. At 11:00 o'clock that evening, accompanied by nine Brethren of Amity Lodge, I started for Nanking and arrived there at 7:00 o'clock Saturday morning, February 4th. We were met by a large delegation of Brethren of Nanking Lodge No. 108 and after breakfast, which was already arranged for at the Bridge House Hotel, we were taken on a sightseeing trip of the city and surrounding country to view the many wonderful sights the beautiful city of Nanking has to offer. One of the particular points of interest visited was Dr. Sun Yat Sen's memorial. Through the courtesy of Worshipful Brother Claude Albert Buss, Master of Nanking Lodge No. 108, who obtained a special pass from the authorities, we were permitted to view parts of the tomb which are not ordinarily opened to visitors. We returned to the International Club where a lovely luncheon was spread at which the Brethren who were unable to

accompany us on the sightseeing tour were also present. I deemed it advisable to call a practice meeting for the purpose of constituting Nanking Lodge No. 108, which was held at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The ceremonies of consecration took place at 8:00 o'clock sharp. I was indeed gratified upon my arrival at the lodge room to find such a large number of Brethren present representing several other constitutions.

I wish to make it a matter of record that the wonderful assistance and cooperation given me by Worshipful Brother Mei and other Brethren of Amity Lodge No. 106 made my task much easier than it otherwise would have been. Worshipful Brother Mei two weeks previously had visited Nanking for the sole purpose of making necessary arrangements for this glorious event. Consequently, all details for the consecration services were properly taken care of.

After the consecration ceremonies were concluded, your representative immediately installed the officers of the new lodge, which was quite impressive to the Brethren from sister constitutions whose installation services are somewhat different from ours. Addresses were made by Worshipful Brother Mei of Amity Lodge No. 106 and Worshipful Brother Buss of Nanking Lodge No. 108 and your representative. There was not a discordant note in the whole proceedings. Every word of the speakers indicated the true Masonic spirit and it was gratifying to note the unity and brotherly love exemplified by the Brethren of Amity Lodge towards their new Brethren of Nanking Lodge. A banquet was held at the Bridge House Hotel following the consecration ceremonies. The officers of Nanking Lodge No. 108 voiced their gratitude to all who attended the ceremonies and those present at the banquet.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, I was extremely well impressed with the very fine caliber of the men who were instrumental in bringing about the dispensation and charter of Nanking Lodge No. 108. They are all outstanding in their respective stations in Nanking, men of very fine character and intellect and I feel certain our Constitution will never regret having given these Brethren an opportunity to carry on their Masonic work in Nanking, China. I have every reason to believe that Saturday, February 4th, will be a day long remembered and cherished by the members of Nanking Lodge No. 108 and will be a great source of pride and consolation to the members of Amity Lodge No. 106 who were so willingly to assist their new Brethren in realizing their desires.

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation of your appointing me as your personal representative on this memorable occasion. Knowing the Brethren of Nanking Lodge No. 108, as I have come to know them, and having observed their profound interest in the Fraternity, I have no doubt that they will act with care and caution in all their proceedings and that we need have no fear as to the future of this new lodge, which our Grand Lodge has seen fit to add to our Masonic family.

Sincerely and fraternally,
(Sgd.) S. R. HAWTHORNE, **Senior Grand Warden.**

LATER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING CHINA

A cablegram was received from Most Worshipful Brother Curtis Chipman, Grand Master of Massachusetts, on January 19, 1932, informing us that rumors had reached them that we planned to constitute Lodges at Nanking and Amoy. M. W. Bro. Chipman called our attention to their previous protest, and stated that they could not regard the establishment by us of new Lodges in China as a friendly act. An answer was made to this in a cablegram signed by our Grand Secretary, and a few days later I replied with the following letter:

January 31, 1933.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Boston, Mass. U. S. A.
Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following cablegram, which we received with genuine regret on the 19th of this month:

"Antonio Gonzalez, Glogfampi, Manila.

Rumors have reached us that you plan to set up Lodges at Nanking and Amoy. In view of our earlier correspondence and respectful protest we could not regard your establishment of new Lodges in China as a friendly act. Please cable us whether above rumors have any foundation in fact.

CHIPMAN, Grand Master Massachusetts.

to which we replied as follows:

"Grand Lodge, Boston.

Answering cable nineteenth will constitute Lodge Nanking February seventh. Nothing about Amoy. Nanking dispensation granted after careful investigation by Grand Master Gonzalez in China last September. Letter follows:

COMFORT."

On pages 18 to 22 of the Proceedings of our Grand Lodge for 1932, you will find an account of the correspondence exchanged between our Grand Masters on the subject of the previous petition from Nanking, and on 72, a report by our Committee on Jurisprudence, showing how, in deference to the wishes expressed by your Grand Master, our Grand Master took no further steps in China for the time being, and our Grand Lodge approved his action. In September, 1932, Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez, our Grand Master at the time, went to Shanghai and Nanking and made careful personal investigation of the conditions there; and when a second petition was received from Nanking he signed a Dispensation on December 16, 1932. His action was unanimously approved by our Grand Lodge at its recent Annual Communication, and on the 25th of this month, a Charter was granted to Nanking Lodge, which will be constituted on February 4, 1933.

Most Worshipful Brother Larkin's action in denying the first petition received from Nanking was taken most reluctantly. As he said in his letter of November 20, 1931, addressed to your worthy predecessor, he was not convinced of the soundness of the grounds upon which the objection was based. His decision was inspired by nothing but a desire to meet the wishes expressed by the Grand Master of Massachusetts and, at the latter's invitation, by the other Grand Masters whose Grand Lodges have chartered Lodges in China.

We fail to see how our action can be considered as unfriendly. As the nearest Grand Lodge, we naturally have always been very vitally interested in the development of Masonry in China. It would therefore have been quite natural for us to have established Lodges in China ere this; but no such step was taken until eighteen years after the organization of our Grand Lodge. The splendid success of he first Lodge chartered by us in China has resulted in a petition from Nanking, which petition like that from AMITY Lodge, was not of our own seeking. Ours being a Sovereign Grand Body and China being open territory, masonically speaking, we have an undoubted right to act on such petitions in the manner that we may consider to the best interests of Freemasonry in general.

Hoping that you will see that our action in this matter has from the beginning been inspired by a spirit of consideration and friendliness, and trusting that our Lodges in China will cooperate with yours in serving the best interests of Freemasonry for many years to come, I remain,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
(Sgd.) STANTON YOUNGBERG
Grand Master."

On May 1, 1933, we received a reply to the above letter couched in these terms:

"Masonic Temple, Boston, March 16, 1933.

Mr. Stanton Youngberg, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands,
Manila, Philippine Islands.
M. W. and dear Brother Youngberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 31, 1933, informing us of your attitude and that of your Grand Lodge in the matter of chartering new Lodges in China.

I am very sorry indeed to learn that you do not see eye to eye with us in this matter concerning which there has been considerable correspondence between our Grand Lodges, and regret extremely the action of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands in voting not to join our Advisory Council.

I have taken the liberty of sending a copy of your letter to the Grand Masters of England, Scotland and Ireland for their information.

Fraternally yours,
(Sgd.) CURTIS CHIPMAN
Grand Master."

Nothing further was heard regarding the question of our Lodges in China until November 1, 1933, when the following letter was received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland:

"Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street,
Edinburgh 2, 25th September, 1933.

Newton C. Comfort, Esq.,
Grand Secretary, Box 990, Manila,
Philippine Islands.

Dear Sir & R. W. Brother:
I regret to have to advise you that owing to the action taken by your Grand Lodge with regard to the formation of new Lodges in China, and its refusal to cooperate with the other Grand Lodges appearing there, my Grand Committee have reluctantly decided to recommend to Grand Lodge that masonic relations with your Grand Lodge be suspended meantime.

Yours fraternally,
(Sgd.) T. G. WINNING
Grand Secretary."

Then, on December ninth, this communication arrived:
"Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street,
Edinburgh 2, 3rd November, 1933.

Newton C. Comfort, Esq.,
Grand Secretary, Box 990, Manila,
Philippine Islands.
Dear Sir & R. W. Brother:
I beg to inform you that at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge held yesterday afternoon, it was agreed that masonic relations with your Grand Lodge be meantime suspended.

Yours fraternally,
(Sgd.) T. G. WINNING
Grand Secretary."

To these letters I replied as follows:
"Manila, December 14, 1933.

The Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland.
Dear Sir and R. W. Brother Winning:
(Attention: Grand Committee)

Fraternal acknowledgment is hereby made of the receipt, on November 1, 1933, of your letter of September 25, 1933, in which you advise this Grand Lodge that the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland had determined to recommend to the Grand Lodge the severing of fraternal masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. A few days later we also received a copy of your printed action announcing a QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION of the GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, to be held on Thursday, the 2nd day of November, at THREE o'clock P. M. This notice contained the information that in the order of business for action by your Grand Lodge at that time was the report of the Grand Committee. "(b) That Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands be meantime suspended." It was, therefore, quite obvious that the Grand Lodge of Scotland was prepared to take, and undoubtedly had already taken, action on this matter without waiting for our reply. We, accordingly, decided to withhold our answer until we should be definitely informed of the action that had been taken by your Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication of November second. Your letter of November 3, 1933, informing us that the Grand Lodge of Scotland had "agreed that masonic relations with your Grand Lodge be meantime suspended" was received by our Grand Secretary on December 9, 1933.

This information was received with great surprise and intense masonic regret.

The reasons given in your letter, without any further information with regard to the causes or motives which led your Grand Committee to recommend such a drastic step, do not appear to be masonic. The statement made that our Grand Lodge had refused to cooperate with the Grand Lodges having lodges in North China is a statement not in accord with facts. The accusation can not in any masonic sense be understood by this office without some statement from your Grand Committee which would show us wherein, how or when we failed to cooperate, or work together, with any of the Grand Lodges having lodges in China. It is true that this Grand Lodge, like Scotland, is not favorable to joining international masonic associations, or Inter-Grand Lodge bodies, which are often classed as efforts to form a General Grand Lodge, and was not in favor of joining the plan proposed by a Past Grand Master of Massachusetts because, as it is framed, it could only be a source of disharmony and could not be expected in any way to enhance Masonry or to accomplish anything which would make for unity or fraternity. Having no powers, and those it would have, such as recommending certain actions that might perhaps be contrary to the wishes of the Grand Office bearers, the intervention of such a body could result only in exactly the opposite of the cooperation of which mention is made.

In the absence of any enlightenment or correspondence from the Grand Office bearers of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, or its Grand Committee, as to the motives, reasons, facts, or reports upon which was based the recommendation made, this office can only conjecture or make a guess as to the basis for such action. Being 10,000 miles from China the Grand Committee of Scotland may be in possession of information not available to the members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands who are constantly in China. The Philippines are but a short distance from China and communication is constant, being "just across the channel." We, therefore, in attempting to study out a masonic reason for the recommendation are forced to consider facts as they are.

Our decision not to join the projected **ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MASONIC MATTERS IN NORTHERN CHINA**, formed by representatives to be appointed by the five Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Massachusetts, and the Philippine Islands, for the expressed sole purpose of "promoting harmonious relations in the advancement of a high standard of Masonry in North China" is an expression of our firm belief that the Grand Lodges of the British Isles, thru their subordinate Lodges whithersoever dispersed, are now and have been continuously teaching Masonry of the highest practicable standards. We do not admit that the admission of our Grand Lodge to such a council would aid the Grand Lodges of Scotland, England, Ireland, and Massachusetts in the advancement of a high standard of Masonry. Further, if this super-body or inter-grand lodge association, or advisory council, is deemed of such vital importance to the standards of Masonry in North China, it might be asked at once why the Grand Lodges concerned did not many years ago form such a body to prevent the suggested low standards which now need advancement to a higher plane.

If your Grand Committee has any information upon which to base its recommendation that a sentence be passed on our Grand Lodge, it would appear, in accordance with the usually accepted Masonic practices, that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands should have been furnished such data, even if of a confidential character. If you were advised that the Grand Master of Massachusetts has informed us in full, it should be stated that all the correspondence with that official has been printed in our proceedings for 1932 and 1933 and a careful perusal of such will, we are certain, disclose no Masonic reason, or excuse, or even a suggestion based on Masonic law, duty or unwritten obligation for such action. From data furnished by any of the Grand Lodges interested in this matter, we are in the dark entirely. Being on the ground, however, we are convinced that beyond any shadow of a doubt your Grand Committee has been misinformed and misled, and we hope not intentionally. Frequent visits to China, and even long residence therein by one of our elective Grand Officers, keeps us constantly in touch with Masonic progress in that country and we fail to find any need, or justification, for demanding such an advisory council of the various Grand Lodges to make suggestions, or recommendations to the Home Grand Lodges interested in North China. Masonically such dictates, intimations, or recommndations, to the Home Grand Lodge, if rejection thereof should be found wise by that Grand Lodge, could result only in lessened harmony, positive discord and reduced fraternalism, thus frustrating any good the said "Council" might be expected to accomplish. Up to the present time the most cordial relations have existed in North China between the Masonic entities therein engaged in the noble work of our Fraternity. We did not hear one word spoken in North China in favor of the plan. The suggestion in the Council plan that Masonry in Northern China needed advancement to a high standard was resented with emphasis; and positive statements were made with regard to the high standards continually exhibited by the Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodges of the British Isles.

You state that your Committee decided to recommend to Grand Lodge that Masonic relations with our Grand Lodge "be suspended meantime." This statement needs clarification.

It seems to suggest that if the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands will later join the said Advisory Council, or cease to form Lodges in China, such action will serve to be a mitigating circumstance of sufficient weight to cause the said suspension to cease. It therefore would be necessary for this Grand Lodge to petition to join the said association. It is not clear how our Grand Lodge, not being in Masonic relations with one of the member Grand Lodges, could be admitted or even be considered a proper applicant.

Consequently, even if we deemed it wise to ask to join, our application would certainly be rejected, and our Grand Lodge might be subjected to a further affront because the application would be from a Grand Lodge not recognized by one of the principal founders of the said council. It would appear that the intimation of the action which this Grand Lodge should take to cause the suspension to cease is one of flagrant Masonic discourtesy, if not an attempt at intimidating coercion.

The action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland has already eliminated any in the "meantime" because a Grand Lodge not in fraternal relations could not join such an Inter-Grand Lodge Advisory Council.

With regard to the statement that it was also due to the action taken by our Grand Lodge in the formation of new Lodges in China, it may be stated that such appears at first glance to be a questioning of the exercise of the sovereign powers and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands to form Lodges in its own territory, or adjacent unoccupied territory. The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands is the only generally recognized Grand Lodge in Asia. China is a very short distance from Manila, nearer in fact as concerns transportation facilities than many places within the Philippine Archipelago. Masonically, there can be no questioning of our right to charter Lodges in unoccupied territory. That North China is unoccupied is evidenced by the fact that the Grand Lodges of Scotland, England, Ireland, Vienna, and Massachusetts, all more than 10,000 miles from North China, have founded Lodges therein, whereas the Grand Lodge of the Philippines Islands is almost next door. It is hoped that the Grand Lodges concerned do not permit the fundamental universally accepted laws of Masonry to be questioned in this connection. Such action would be most repugnant to Freemasonry.

Further, we do not see with the Masonic light at hand why the formation of Lodges composed of a remarkably fine Masonic manhood is so offensive to the Grand Committee of Scotland that it would recommend suspension of the fraternal relations between Scotland and the Philippines. We note also that in the past few years the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts founded a number of Lodges in North China, and that the Grand Lodge of Scotland made no protest and did not threaten the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts with suspension of Masonic relations. Later, the Grand Lodge of Vienna chartered a new Lodge which was constituted by the District Grand Master of England in North China on January 25, 1933. The Grand Lodge of Scotland did not object nor did its Grand Committee recommend suspension of recognition. It will therefore be obvious, in view of the facts as they are, why this office is not able to sense the Masonic justice, or equity, or even find any Masonic level, which would justify the action already taken by the Grand Committee of Scotland, unless the members of that Committee have been misinformed, or have misinterpreted reports, or have been animated by excessive zeal for the "Standard" of Masonry in North China, or have been influenced to believe conditions to be what they are not.

We are Masonically right in every step we have taken in China. Our Masonic record is clean and irreproachable.

This Grand Lodge, by its Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, submits the foregoing, and requests that it be furnished with copies of the correspondence, and an explanation of the actual reasons, or circumstances, or even fears, which seemed to indicate to the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland the wisdom or necessity for said Committee's recommendation. Masonically, this is due. If we were the complaining Grand Lodge full details and every kind and character of data would have been sent with the notice or threat of severance of fraternal Masonic relations.

Our Grand Lodge has followed in the strictest manner all the laws, regulations, customs, usages and landmarks of Freemasonry; and naturally is not pleased with the insinuations and aspersions cast upon its honor, dignity and integrity of purpose by Massachusetts and now by Scotland.

We demand fair Masonic treatment in being furnished with a "Copy of the Charges," which are considered so offensive to the Grand Committee as to demand our expulsion from the number of Grand Lodges enjoying fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Please also refer to our Proceedings for 1933, recently off the press. The pertinent pages, 45 to 50 and 127-128, are enclosed.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Wor. Bro. William S. Malloch, who, prior to this severance of fraternal relations, was our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Fraternally and sincerely,
(Sgd.) S. YOUNGBERG
Grand Master."

I submit this correspondence to the Grand Lodge, trusting that what I have done has been for the best interests of our Fraternity and that my actions will merit your approval.

That we may refresh our memories on the subject, I deem it advisable to give at this time a short résumé of the activities of this Grand Lodge in China, which have so greatly perturbed some of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

On October 28, 1930, Most Worshipful Brother Vicente Carmona, then Grand Master, after a careful inquiry, granted a dispensation to twenty-seven Brethren from various Grand Jurisdictions to open a Lodge in Shanghai, China, to be known as AMITY Lodge, U. D. These petitioners had previously applied to the Grand Master of Massachusetts who had denied their request. The Masonic qualifications of these Brethren were so fine and the work performed by them was of such a high standard that Grand Lodge granted a Charter to Amity Lodge No. 106 at the Annual Communication of 1931. The lodge was constituted by Most Worshipful Brother George R. Harvey on May 25, 1931.

A petition for a dispensation to form a Lodge in Nanking, China, signed by twenty Master Masons in good standing was received by Most Worshipful Brother W. W. Larkin on September 11, 1931. With his usual caution, Grand Master Larkin instructed Worshipful Brother Edwin W. Lawson, our District Inspector in China at that time, to make a careful survey of the situation and then to submit his findings and recommendations. About that time cablegrams were received from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Ireland, England and Scotland requesting us to delay action regarding additional Lodges in China until we should receive important letters then on the way. In due course a letter was received from the Grand Master of Massachusetts, who also represented the Grand Masters of England and Ireland, suggesting that in view of the "changing and disturbing conditions as exist in China today" they believed "that the interests of all would be best conserved should each unit which you create be given time to prove their skill and ability in functioning before additional Lodges are chartered."

Most Worshipful Brother Larkin suspended action on the petition of our Nanking Brethren out of deference to the wishes of the Grand Masters of Massachusetts, England, Scotland and Ireland, but at the same time he made it clear that he was not convinced of the soundness of the grounds upon which the objection was based, and that his action should not in any way be considered binding upon our Grand Lodge or his successor in the Grand Master's Chair.

There, after the aforementioned correspondence, the matter rested until September, 1932, when Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez made an official visitation to Amity Lodge No. 106 in Shanghai. While on a visit to Nanking he made a careful survey of the Masonic situation in the capital of China and at a hearing granted to several Brethren there informed them "that any new petition they might present would be carefully considered from every angle." In December, 1932, a petition for a dispensation to open a Lodge in Nanking, signed by sixteen Master Masons, was received by the Grand Master. The petition complied with all the requirements of our Constitution and was unanimously indorsed by the Brethren of Amity Lodge No. 106. A dispensation was, therefore, granted by Most Worshipful Brother Gonzalez for the formation of Nanking Lodge U. D., which, as you already know, was by unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, chartered as Nanking Lodge No. 108.

In March, 1932, a letter was received from the Grand Master of Massachusetts proposing the establishment of an Advisory Council on Masonic Matters in Northern China, between the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Massachusetts, and the Philippine Islands. Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Ganzalez replied that he would submit the proposition to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for consideration. Subsequently, a letter was received from the Grand Master of Massachusetts under date of October 28, 1932, enclosing a copy of a form of agreement providing for the formation of the Advisory Council. The letter contained the further information that the agreement was in the process of being signed by the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, England, Ireland, and Scotland and also informed us who the representative of Massachusetts on the Council would be. The proposition with opinion thereon, was presented in detail by Most Worshipful Brother Gonzalez to the Grand Lodge, which voted unanimously not to adhere to the Advisory Council on Masonic Matters in

Northern China. In this connection it should be noted that the proposed agreement was prepared and presented for our acceptance without any representative of ours having been consulted. In order to be acceptable, any proposal of this nature should first have been worked out by duly accredited representatives of all the Grand Lodges concerned.

I believe that in all the steps we have taken so far in China, we have acted with wisdom and caution for the good of our Fraternity. During a stay of seven weeks in that country I had the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of most of our Brethren there and found them to be a high type of Masonic manhood of whom any Grand Jurisdiction might well be proud. I found the relationship existing between our Brethren and those of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions were most cordial and truly fraternal. It is, therefore, greatly to be regretted that these fine Masonic friendships should have to be interrupted even temporarily.

I have been informed by my District Deputy Grand Master for China, Very Worshipful Brother Hua-Chuen Mei, that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has also suspended relations in the meantime, though so far we have received no official notification from that Grand Lodge. I was greatly astonished when he further informed me that Massachusetts Masons in China had received instructions to dimit from our Lodges if they desired to retain their good standing under Massachusetts. This is, indeed, strange procedure if the suspension of relations is only temporary, and, especially, since the question of regularity has not been raised.

It is sincerely to be hoped that a further fraternal and frank exchange of views will be productive of an increased enlightenment on the part of all concerned and that it will lay the foundation for a greater mutual respect and tolerance when the present misunderstanding will have been forgotten. There is, however, one point on which this Grand Jurisdiction, situated as it is, cannot compromise; and that is that Ancient Landmark, or rather the ideal, that has been responsible for the real greatness and strength of our ancient and honorable Institution—the Universality of Freemasonry. If that ideal is taken away, then we can no longer say that "in every country and in every clime are Masons to be found."

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR CHINA

At its last Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands amended the Constitution of the Grand Lodge by empowering the Grand Master:

> "To appoint his official representative for the district of China, such representative to be known as the District Deputy Grand Master for China, with such powers and duties not inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution as the Grand Master may see fit to confer and impose upon him."

Worshipful Brother Hua-Chuen Mei, who had already begun to serve his second term as Worshipful Master of Amity Lodge No. 106, at my earnest solicitation, resigned that distinguished office in order that he might take up the duties of District Deputy Grand Master for China and assist me in the administration of our Lodges there. When his successor had been duly chosen by Amity Lodge No. 106, it gave me great pleasure to promulgate the following Order:

By the Most Worshipful Grand Master of F. & A. M.
of the Philippine Islands
An Order

By virtue of the power vested in me by paragraph 64-A, Section 1, Article I, Part II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands, I hereby appoint Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei, Past Master of Amity Lodge No. 106, as District Deputy Grand Master for China, with the following powers and duties:

1.—To represent the undersigned, as Grand Master, officially on all proper Masonic occasions.

2.—To exercise the powers and perform the duties of a Masonic District Inspector with reference to all Lodges now or hereafter established by this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in the territory of China.

3.—To receive petitions for dispensations of any nature and forward the same, with his recommendations thereon, to the Grand Master.

4.—To promote fraternal relations between the Lodges of his District and Masonic Bodies and Lodges established in said District by Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

5.—To make a detailed report of the state of the Lodges in the District of China, and of all his official acts as District Deputy Grand Master, prior to the Annual Communication of 1934, or whenever required.

6.—To perform such other specific duties as the undersigned may from time to time assign to him.

7.—The appointee shall rank after the Junior Grand Lecturer and his address shall be "Very Worshipful."

8.—This appointment shall expire at the close of the term of office of the undersigned Grand Master.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge in Manila, Philippine Islands, this 27th day of March, A. L. 5933, A. D. 1933.

STANTON YOUNGBERG, **Grand Master.**
Attest: NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary.

Very Worshipful Brother Hua-Chuen Mei has been the guiding spirit of Amity Lodge since the days of its request for a dispensation. He is a man of great culture, splendid education, and keen intelligence, and is thoroughly imbued with the teachings and philosophy of Freemasonry. With his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for China the supervision of our affairs in that country has been in exceedingly competent hands. He has rendered a service to this Grand Lodge which will redound greatly to its glory and honor in the years to come. It is indeed fortunate that Very Worshipful Brother Mei is with us at this Annual Communication to give us the benefit of his knowledge and experience in our deliberations. This is particularly true since the advent of our Grand Lodge into the Masonically open territory of China may have a vital bearing on the future course of our Institution in this part of the world.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES

On May 15, 1933, I signed a dispensation for a new Lodge to be held at Canton, China, to be known as Pearl River Lodge. On his return from China in the month of March, Right Worshipful Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne reported to me that while in Canton he had been interviewed by several enthusiastic Master Masons who were of the opinion that the organization of an international and cosmopolitan Lodge in that city under our Grand Jurisdiction would fulfill a very useful purpose. Shortly after this, official duties took me to China and during my stay there of several weeks, I was able to visit Canton on two different occasions and personally interview the Brethren who were petitioning for a dispensation. Fortunately, I was also enabled to meet and discuss the matter of a new Lodge with several of the officers and members of Lodge Star of Southern China No. 2013, E. C. This Lodge has been in existence in Canton for more than fifty years and has an honorable record of Masonic service in the South of China. The Brethren of Lodge Star of Southern China, some of whom are founding members of Pearl River Lodge, have been very helpful and in many ways have given evidence of their fraternal good will. I desire at this time to make note particularly of the fact that Lodge Star of Southern China, No. 2013, English Constitution, has earned our heartfelt gratitude by giving the use of its Lodge hall to Pearl River Lodge until our Brethren could secure one of their own. The signers of the petition for a dispensation were thirty-two Master Masons in good standing, representing fourteen Grand Jurisdictions. They are brethren of culture and fine Masonic attainments and many are leaders in the community. The Master, Brother J. Hall Paxton, is American vice-consul at Canton. Pearl River Lodge has made fine progress since its organization and I have no hesitancy in recommending that it be granted a charter.

The large province of Cotabato, on the island of Mindanao, is one of the few provinces in the Archipelago that has never had a Masonic Lodge. In July I received a petition for a dispensation signed by thirteen Master Masons in good standing living in that province. After the necessary formalities had been completed, on September 16, 1933, I signed a dispensation authorizing the signers of the petition to open a Lodge at Cotabato, Cotabato, under the name of Kutang-Bato Lodge, U. D. Mount Apo Lodge No. 45 recommended the granting of the dispensation. Our Committee on Charters will in due course make appropriate recommendations regarding the granting of a Charter to this Lodge.

VISITATIONS

One of the greatest pleasures that I have derived from the duties attached to the office of Grand Master were the official visitations made to various Lodges of our Jurisdictions as well as to some of our Sister Jurisdictions. They have been productive of an intimate acquaintance with the officers and Brethren of these Lodges that has made me doubly appreciative of their keen desire to uphold carefully and safeguard the principles of our Craft in this part of our globe. As long as this spirit is so ardently preserved we can rest assured that the future of our Grand Lodge will remain safely in the hands

of capable and loving Brethren. Due to long absences in China and in the Visayas and Mindanao in connection with my duties as a government official, I have not been able to make the number of visitations that I had fondly hoped for at the beginning of my term of office. This has been a source of much regret, as I have been the loser thereby.

It has been my policy to make many of these visitations, unannounced, on the occasion of the monthly stated meetings. By this means I have been able to familiarize myself more readily with the actual conditions of the Lodges visited and because of the absence of a large number of visiting Brethren we have not felt restrained in discussing their more intimate affairs. In many instances the visitations have been reminescent of the gathering of the members of a large family called together to straighten out vexatious problems. I believe that in this manner I have at times been able to be of actual practical service to the Lodges and their Brethren. I am of the opinion that frequent visits of this nature not alone by the Grand Master, but also by designated ranking officers of the Grand Lodge, will be of great assistance to the Masters in the administration of their respective Lodges.

The following is a summary of the visitations made by me during the year:

February 3, 1933—St. John's Lodge No. 9. Installation of Grand Stewards. Third Degree.
February 13, 1933—Southern Cross Lodge No. 6. Installation of Grand Sword Bearer, and Installation of Officers.
February 19, 1933—Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, Funeral Services for Wor. Bro. Salustiano Vibar, Past Master of Marble Lodge No. 58.
February 26, 1933—Sinukuan Lodge No. 16. Funeral Services for Wor. Bro. E. T. Mangay by Burgos Chapter Rose Croix, A. A. S. R.
April 4, 1933—Get-together with a group of enthusiastic Masons in the city of Canton, China.
April 5, 1933—Get-together tea party with the members of Lodge Star of Southern China, No. 2013, E. C.
April 10, 1933—Tiffin with the Officers of the District Grand Lodges of England and Scotland for Southern China.
April 14, 1933—Amity Lodge No. 106. First Degree.
April 24, 1933—Nanking Lodge No. 108.
April 26, 1933—Shanghai Kilwinning Lodge No. 1382, S. C. Consecration and installation of Officers.
May 4, 1933—St. George's Lodge No. 4575, E. C., Shanghai, Third Degree.
May 6, 1933—Doric Lodge No. 1433, E. C., Shanghai. First and Second Degree work.
May 9, 1933—Amity Lodge No. 106. Exemplification of the Second Degree.
May 12, 1933—Discussed matters with the Brethren at Canton in the hall of Lodge Star of Southern China, No. 2013, E. C.
June 3, 1933—Masonic convention of all the Lodges in Laguna Province under the auspicies of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26.
June 8, 1933—Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.
June 16, 1933—Mactan Lodge No. 30 and Tupas Lodge No. 62.
June 17, 2933—Dagohoy Lodge No. 84.
June 24, 1933—Sarangani Lodge No. 50.
July 6, 1933—Sarangani Lodge No. 50.
July 12, 11933—Mount Apo Lodge No. 45.
July 15, 1933—Masonic conference with Brethren of Lodges in Panay and Occidental Negros at the hall of Iloilo Lodge No. 11.
July 22, 1933—Zapote Lodge No. 29. Third Degree.
July 27, 1933—Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80. Third Degree.
July 29, 1933—Noli-Me-Tangere Lodge No. 42. Third Degree.
July 30, 1933.—Dalisay Lodge No. 14. Funeral Services for Bro. Doroteo Trinidad by Burgos Chapter Rose Croix, A. A. S. R.
August 1, 1933—Manila Lodge No. 1.
August 10, 1933—Corregidor Lodge No. 3.
September 7, 1933—Isla de Luzon Lodge No. 57.
September 9, 1933—Walana Lodge No. 13.
September 23, 1933—Pampanga Lodge No. 48.
October 3, 1933—Nilad Lodge No. 12. Third Degree.
October 5, 1933—Mencius Lodge No. 93. Presentation to the M. W. Grand Lodge of a memento from Amity Lodge No. 106 and conferring of Third Degree.
October 14, 1933—Muog Lodge No. 89.
November 3, 1933—St. John's Lodge No. 9. Third Degree.
November 11, 1933—Service Lodge No. 95. Welcome to the Asiatic Fleet Brethren.
November 24, 1933—Service Lodge No. 95. Entertainment to the Brethren of the Asiatic Fleet.
December 2, 1933—Mount Mainam Lodge No. 49.
December 9, 1933—Bagong-Buhay Lodge No. 17. Third Degree.
December 15, 1933—St. John's Lodge No. 9. Installation of Officers.
December 20, 1933—Sinukuan Lodge No. 16.
December 21, 1933—Ibarra Lodge No. 31. Installation of Officers.
December 23, 1933—Dapitan Lodge No. 21.
December 29, 1933—Nilad Lodge No. 12; Batong-Buhay No. 27; and Luz Oceanica Lodge No. 85. Joint installation of Officers.
December 30, 1933—Araw Lodge No. 18. Installation of Officers.
January 4, 1934—Labong Lodge No. 59.
January 10, 1934—Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. Installation of Officers.
January 18, 1934—Solidaridad No. 23. Installation of Officers.
January 19, 1934—Modestia-Liwayway No. 81. Installation of officers.
January 20, 1934—High-Twelve Lodge No. 82. Installation of Officers.

The following is a summary of the visitations made by Grand Lodge Officers especially delegated during the year:

February 4, 1933—Constitution of Nanking Lodge No. 108, F. & A. M., at Nanking, China, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, Senior Grand Warden.
February 18, 1933—Amity Lodge No. 106, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne. Third Degree.
February 20, 1933—Mount Huraw Lodge No. 98, by Wor. Bro. Arthur J. N. Gabler-Gumbert.
March 3, 1933—Daintree Lodge, E. C., a Lodge of Instruction, under the auspices of Perla del Oriente No. 1034, S. C., by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, D. G. M.
March 29, 1933—Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez.
April 1, 1933—Isagani Lodge No. 96, by Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza.
May 5, 1933—Hiram Lodge No. 88, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Deputy Grand Master. Installation of Grand Organist.
May 16, 1933—Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, by Wor. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda. (Informal gathering)).
May 19, 1933—Maguindanaw Lodge No. 40, by Wor. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda. Third Degree.
May 19, 1933—Palawan Lodge No. 99, by Wor. Bro. Rufo San Juan.
May 20, 1933—Cosmos Lodge No. 8, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, D. G. M.
May 31, 1933—Banahaw Lodge No. 24, by Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza. (Informal gathering).
June 1, 1933—Ma-Bu-Ti Lodge No. 92, by Wor. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda.
June 21, 1933—Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus.
June 22, 1933—Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus.
June 24, 1933—Muog Lodge No. 89, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus. Tenth Anniversary of the Lodge.
June 25, 1933—Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus. Funeral services for Wor. Bro. Luis Serrano.
July 14, 1933—Hamtik Lodge No. 76, by Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza. (Informal gathering.)
July 17, 1933—Makawiwili No. 55, by Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza.
July 30, 1933—Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, by Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza. Funeral services for Bro. de Guzman.
November 17, 1933—Modestia-Liwayway No. 81, by Rt. Wor. Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne. Third Degree.
January 2, 1934—Muog Lodge No. 89, by Rt. Wor. Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne, Senior Grand Warden. Public Installation.
January 6, 1934—Batangas Lodge No. 36, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Deputy Grand Master. Installation of Officers, Public.
January 13, 1934—Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51, by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Deputy Grand Master. Private Installation.
January 20, 1934—Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, by Rt. Wor. Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne, Senior Grand Warden. Public Installation.

As I have already indicated, it was my good fortune to have been able to spend some weeks in China during the months of April and May. I visited not only our own Lodges but also Lodges under the English and Scottish Constitutions. Two official visitations were made to Amity Lodge No. 106 and one

to Nanking Lodge No. 108. The Worshipful Master and Senior Warden of Nanking Lodge also individually called on me at Shanghai, at which times we further discussed the problems confronting a newly-chartered Lodge. The Brethren composing our Lodges in China are a fine type of men, conscientious and sincere Masons, who do not suffer one iota by comparison with any Brethren of our Fraternity whithersoever dispersed.

While in Hong Kong on April tenth, I had the honor of attending a luncheon given by Worshipful Brother F. C. Mow Fung, P. D. S. G. W., S. C.; there I had the pleasure of meeting Right Worshipful Brother J. L. McPherson, Deputy District Grand Master, English Constitution, and other distinguished officers and members of the English and Scottish District Grand Lodges.

On April fifteenth, at a luncheon given by Amity Lodge No. 106, we were honored by the presence of Right Worshipful Brother H. J. Clark, District Grand Master, English Constitution; Right Worshipful Brother F. G. Penfold, District Grand Master, Scottish Constitution; Worshipful Brother J. R. Porter, Deputy District Grand Master, Massachusetts Constitution; Worshipful Brother Stewart E. Young, representing the Irish Constitution, and Worshipful Brother F. Reiss, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Vienna.

On these occasions matters concerning the diffusion of Freemasonry in China and new problems that may arise in connection therewith were unofficially discussed in a thoroughly frank and friendly manner and many misunderstandings and misconceptions were cleared up. I truly believe that we were able to begin the laying of a solid foundation of good will and mutual understanding that will be a vital factor in the progress of Freemasonry in China in the decades to come.

On April 26th I attended the consecration and installation of officers of Lodge Shanghai Kilwinning No. 1382, S. C. At the consecration banquet which was held at the Armory of the Shanghai Volunteers, and at which all Grand Jurisdictions having Lodges in China were represented, I had the honor of responding to the toast to "Our Visitors."

On May 4th, I attended a regular meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 4575, E. C., Shanghai, and witnessed the raising of a Brother. District Grand Master H. J. Clark and the District Grand Master of the English Constitution in Japan were both present.

On May 6th I visited Doric Lodge No. 1433, E. C., Shanghai, and witnessed the raising of two Brothers and the passing of two other Brethren. The meeting was followed by a very enjoyable dinner at the Masonic Club.

Very Worshipful Brother H. C. Mei, District Deputy Grand Master for China, and several of our Brethren of Amity Lodge No. 106 accompanied me on these visits. We were on every occasion received with the warmest cordiality and made to feel perfectly at home. From conversation had with Brethren of various Grand Jurisdictions and from my own observations, I was led to believe that among the individual Brethren of these Jurisdictions resident in China there exists a fine spirit of fellowship and Masonic Brotherhood that truly exemplifies the universality of the Institution. It is to be devoutly hoped that this spirit will not be injured by temporary misunderstandings and that it will continue to shine even more brilliantly in the years to come.

LODGE INDEBTEDNESS

At its last Annual Communication this Grand Lodge adopted the following resolution regarding the indebtedness of subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge:

I.—"Resolved, That back dues or other indebtedness of subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge at the close of business on November 30, 1932, for dues, Masonic Home, School, and Dormitory Fund, Cabletow Quota, Cemetery Fund, stationery, or other accounts, shall be paid, together with current obligations, to the Grand Lodge in four installments, as follows:

25% of the amount due, on or before June 30, 1933.
25% of the amount due, on or before June 30, 1934.
25% of the amount due, on or before June 30, 1935.
25% of the amount due, on or before June 30, 1936.

In case a subordinate Lodge fails to pay any of said installments at maturity, together with its obligations to the Grand Lodge for the current year, its Charter shall be suspended, and if the arrearage is not paid in full by October 31st, its Charter shall be forfeited.

II.—Resolved, to authorize the Most Worshipful Grand Master, as he is hereby authorized to remit the past obligations of subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge for the Home, School and Dormitory Fund, whenever it is established to his satisfaction that the inability of the Lodge to effect the payment is its failure to collect the amount from a particular member or members, due to severance from the Fraternity; Provided, That in each case when a subordinate Lodge finds itself in a condition requiring condonement, all the details and circumstances shall be stated in a resolution adopted by the Lodge."

In due course your Grand Master received resolutions from certain Lodges which were in arrears to the Grand Lodge, requesting the remission of their entire Home Fund indebtedness. It was evident that these Lodges had misinterpreted the Resolution concerning the partial remission of obligations to the Grand Lodge for the Home, School and Dormitory Fund. In order to clarify such misinterpretations and at the same time to acquaint the subordinate Lodges with the Grand Master's policy regarding the matter of condonations, the following letter was sent to the Lodges which had requested remission of their indebtedness:

"The undersigned is in receipt of a resolution of your Lodge requesting the remission of its entire Home Fund indebtedness. He regrets to inform you that he can not consider this resolution favorably, for the following reasons:

When, at its last Annual Communication, our Grand Lodge considered the recommendation of the Readjustment Committee that the Grand Master be authorized to remit the past obligations of subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge for Home, School, and Dormitory Fund, whenever it is established to his satisfaction that the inability of the Lodge to effect the payment is its failure to collect the amount from a particular member or members, due to severance from the Fraternity, the trend of the debate showed clearly that the Grand Lodge was opposed to a general remission, like that requested by your Lodge, and that the plan was to authorize the Grand Master to grant condonations only for such individual uncollected 10-peso contributions, inability to collect which had been shown. To make that quite clear, an amendment was adopted, reading as follows:

That in each case where a subordinate Lodge finds itself in a condition requiring condonement, all the details and circumstances should be stated in a resolution adopted by the Lodge.

However, your Grand Master would be willing to consider a detailed statement, submitted by your Lodge, showing individual cases, with mention of names and other circumstances, in which, owing to the severance of the member concerned from the Fraternity, the Lodge was unable to collect the 10-peso share of a member whose name appeared on the rolls of the Lodge in January, 1923, but who was dropped soon after January 25, 1923, the date of the adoption of the Grand Lodge Home Fund resolution.

Your Grand Master feels that he must proceed very carefully in granting condonations, in view of the express will of the Grand Lodge and, further, in view of the fact that, while many of our Lodges, through energy and self-sacrifice, raised the total sum pledged and paid it to the Grand Lodge before June 24, 1924, others have ignored the pledge assumed by them and have, during the nine years that have elapsed, not made any serious effort to collect even part of it."

This communication was also published in the June issue of *The Cabletow* for the information of all the Lodges and Brethren of our Grand Jurisdiction.

At the beginning of my administration I did not realize the sums involved in the indebtedness of subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge. It was only after a careful check of the accounts of each subordinate Lodge as they appear on the Grand Secretary's books that I became aware of the great number of Lodges in arrears and the magnitude of the sums involved. This check revealed the fact that seventy-eight subordinate Lodges were indebted to the Grand Lodge in the amount of ₱45,418.73; of this sum, ₱33,925.05 was indebtedness to the Home, School and Dormitory Fund, and ₱11,493.68 was for annual dues, Cabletow quota, Cemetery Fund, stationery, and other miscellaneous items. The arrearages for none of these latter items are condonable. The debts of some of the Lodges were relatively small sums, evidently due to some oversight; these debts were promptly settled in full. The largest amount owed by a single Lodge was ₱4,335.10. At the time of writing, seventeen Lodges have settled their accounts in full, while sixty-one have paid varying sums. The total amount paid is ₱6,626.61.

An analysis of the outstanding indebtedness to the Home, School and Dormitory Fund revealed the fact that ₱19,616.15 were balances due on the original quotas assigned to each Lodge upon adoption of the Home Fund Resolution on January 25, 1923, and ₱14,308.80 represented unpaid accounts appertaining to the sum of ₱15.00 from each applicant for the de-

grees, which was made mandatory by the Home Fund Resolution.

After a careful study of the resolution creating the Home, School and Dormitory Fund and of the resolution authorizing the Grand Master to remit past obligations to this Fund, I came to the conclusion that this latter resoluion did not authorize me to make any condonation in arrearages of Lodges for sums due on degrees conferred since January 25, 1923. It is my opinion that the authorization was intended to apply only in cases of members who were on the rolls of the Lodges in January 1923, but who separated or were dropped soon after. Also the resolution of the Grand Lodge regarding the additional fee of five pesos for each degree conferred was very specific. Furthermore, in those cases there could be no logical plea of inability to collect, as in no case was it either necessary or proper to confer any degree until the corresponding fee had first been collected, for the resolution of the Grand Lodge stated categorically that the sum should be "collected from the candidate at the time of receiving his degree." Responsibility for any negligence in this connection must rest squarely on the subordinate Lodges concerned.

This left for consideration the possibility of condoning certain accounts appertaining to the original quotas. The Grand Lodge resolution creating the Fund provided that the payment of the original quotas should be made on or before St. John's Day of 1924. In other words, the subordinate Lodges were allowed almost one year and a half in which to get together the quotas assigned to each. It can, therefore, be presumed that any Brother who in any way was separated from his Lodge or died during that period did not do his share towards the raising of the quota assigned to the Lodge. It is, however, a well known fact that in this Jurisdiction many Brethren pay their dues about the end of each Masonic year and that the majority of suspensions for non-payment of dues are made in the stated meeting of November. Such being the case, it would be very confusing to attempt to base a multitude of calculations with regard to condonations on St. John's Day, which is a little more than the half-way point of the Masonic year. I, therefore, decided to consider the question as applicable to the Masonic years of 1923 and 1924. All subordinate Lodges who have petitioned for the remission of all or part of their indebtedness to the Home, School and Dormitory Fund, in the manner prescribed by the resolution of the Grand Lodge, have been informed that their respective arrearages on account of the original quotas due this Fund have been reduced in the amount of ten pesos for each member on the rolls in January 1923 who was suspended for nonpayment of dues, expelled, dimitted or died during the years 1923 and 1924. No remissions have been made in the case of suspended Brethren who were later reinstated or those who dimitted and afterwards affiliated with some other Lodge, as they have not been absolved from the duty of assisting those Lodges to which they owed allegiance on January 25, 1923. I have not made any condonations for Brethren who have been separated since 1924, as I believe that during the years which have since intervened, many of which, by the way, were very prosperous years, the subordinate Lodges should have had ample time in which to raise the necessary funds to cover their quotas.

I have acted on the resolutions submitted by thirty-one Lodges in accordance with this policy and have remitted past obligations to the original quotas of the Home, School and Dormitory Fund in the amount of ₱5,994.24.

REVOCATION OF CHARTERS

With the exception of Mártires del 96 Lodge No. 32 and Marble Lodge No. 58, which have voluntarily surrendered their Charters, no Charters have been suspended or revoked during the year. Although there are some Lodges that did not pay the full twenty-five per cent of their past indebtedness prior to October 31, 1933, your Grand Master has not deemed it wise to suspend their Charters for several reasons. In the first place, there was grave doubt in my mind as to the compatibility of the penal portion of the Grand Lodge resolution on indebtedness with paragraph 194 of the Constitution. Then the economic conditions of the country during the past year have been so depressed that many Lodges have had a hard struggle to carry on, because of the inability of several of their Brethren to pay their dues. For the same reason suitable candidates for the degrees are also scarce. Also, due to the fact that former Masters and Secretaries had left incomplete records, the present officers of several subordinate Lodges were not aware of their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge. Many were greatly surprised when their attention was called to the matter by the office of the Grand Secretary, and in those cases in which the past obligations are heavy they have found themselves in a very difficult position when attempting to raise any large sums of money in these critical times. Lastly, several Lodges have been laboring under the impression that the resolution of the Grand Lodge authorizing the Grand Master to remit past obligations for the Home, School and Dormitory Fund meant that there would be a general condonation of that indebtedness. I have done my best to convince them that as far as the present Grand Master is concerned, such would not be the case. There is, however, no doubt that several Lodges will have difficulty in meeting the payments called for by the Grand Lodge resolution as they fall due over the next two and one half years.

I believe that the majority of the members of the Grand Lodge who last year voted for the resolution of condonation were, like myself, not fully cognizant of all the facts concerning the amount and extent of the indebtedness or of the precarious precedent that might be established by the indiscriminate remission of monetary obligations. There should be no ambiguity in resolutions of this nature. This is due to the subordinate Lodges as well as to the Grand Master.

In addition to their indebtedness to the Home, School and Dormitory Fund, many Lodges owe varying amounts for Grand Lodge dues for 1932 and previous years. It is my opinion that those Lodges are not entitled to representation at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge until such back dues have been settled in full. Cases of this nature are exactly the same as those of individual Brethren who are in arrears to their respective Lodges. Any payments made to their Lodges by such Brethren are quite correctly credited to their back dues and they receive no receipts for the current year or any part thereof, nor are they in good standing, until the back dues have all been paid. In a like manner any payments made by subordinate Lodges on their accounts for Grand Lodge dues must first be applied to what they owe for previous years and no credit can be allowed on the current year's dues until the back dues have been liquidated.

In order that the Lodges may have more time to work out the solution of their present financial difficulties, I recommend that they be allowed to settle their past indebtedness in not more than ten equal annual installments, the first installment to be paid on or before June 30, 1934, and the other installments to be paid on or before the 30th day of June of each successive year thereafter until the indebtedness shall be completely paid; provided, that there shall be no further remission of any such indebtedness, and that in accordance with Paragraph 181 of the Grand Lodge Constitution, no subordinate Lodge which has not paid in full its dues to the Grand Lodge, including those which became due prior to November 30, 1932, shall be entitled to representation at the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge. I also recommend that upon the failure of any of said subordinate Lodges to comply faithfully with those provisions, its charter shall be arrested by the Grand Master under Paragraph 60 of the Constitution, and charges shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, against such Lodge for the forfeiture of its Charter in accordance with Paragraph 194 of the Constitution. In order to avoid any misunderstanding as to the amounts due, and to serve as a constant reminder to the Lodge, I further recommend that each Lodge in arrears be required to sign a promissory note in favor of the Grand Lodge; this note shall specify in each case the total amount of the indebtedness and the sums to be paid on that indebtedness on or before June thirtieth of each year.

MARTIRES DEL 96 LODGE NO. 32

This Lodge which had 53 members in 1923 had only 23 at the end of 1932 of whom only 16 were not in arrears for dues and very few were active in the Lodge. Of the original quota of ₱530.00 for the Home, School and Dormitory Fund, nothing had ever been paid. This Lodge also owed ₱25.00 for degrees conferred, making a total indebtedness of ₱555.00 to the Home Fund. In addition there was a balance of ₱332.90 due on Grand Lodge dues from 1923 to 1932. Other miscellaneous items brought the total indebtedness to the Grand Lodge up to ₱913.40. There were no funds in the Lodge treasury and no prospects of its being able to liquidate its account with the Grand Lodge. In the stated meeting of the Lodge held on December 2, 1933, all the members present unanimously voted to return the Charter to the Grand Lodge, and three days thereafter the Secretary personally delivered the Charter into my hands.

I appointed a committee composed of Worshipful Brother Ramon Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Worshipful Brother Gabriel D. Corvissiano, Master of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, Sta. Cruz, Laguna, to receive the jewels, furniture and other property and take all other necessary steps to dispose of the affairs of *Mártires del* 96 Lodge No. 32, as required by paragraphs 53 and 196 of our Constitution.

I request that my actions in this case be approved and that the Charter of *Mártires del* 96 Lodge No. 32 be definitely revoked.

MARBLE LODGE NO. 58

This Lodge is situated in the town of Romblon, the capital of one of the smallest provinces in the Islands. In the month of November, 1933, the Worshipful Master, who is also the governor of the province, called at my office to discuss the affairs of his Lodge. He informed me that the Brethren were scattered in many parts of the Archipelago, that the majority were in arrears for dues, and that it was imposible to get enough members together at the stated meetings to form a quorum. Consequently no stated meetings had been held for more than six months. The Lodge treasury was empty, with no prospects of even being able to pay this year's Grand Lodge dues to say nothing of any back indebtedness. I informed him that these were good and sufficient reasons to justify my arresting the Charter of *Marble* Lodge No. 58, but suggested that on his return to Romblon he should consult all the members whom he could reach and if after a thorough discussion no solution were found, he might then return the Charter to me. On January 8, 1934, I received the Charter accompanied by a letter from the Worshipful Master informing me that it was impossible for the few remaining active members to carry on any longer.

I have appointed a committee composed of Worshipful Brother Ramon Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Worshipful Brother Manuel T. Alvaro, Master of the Lodge, to receive all the property and take whatever steps may be necessary to settle the affairs of *Marble* Lodge No. 58 at the earliest practicable date.

I request that my actions in this case be also approved and the Charter of *Marble* Lodge No. 58 be definitely revoked.

SEPARATIONS FROM THE FRATERNITY

Our membership has again suffered a decrease due principally to a large number of suspensions for non-payment of dues. This has affected nearly all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction. A few Lodges have managed to come through the year without any loss and only eighteen have been able to show an increase in membership. In a time of severe economic stress the right kind of prospective material is frequently not financially able to assume fraternal obligations.

This condition is not peculiar to us alone, as nearly all Grand Jurisdictions are facing the same problems. In the 1933 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, a compilation of membership statistics for the United States and Canada shows that of the fifty-nine Grand Jurisdictions in those countries all lost members, except Nevada, which showed a gain of 39 members. The net decrease for the United States was 144,139 and for Canada, 4,705.

I am inclined to agree with many leaders of our Craft who believe that during the excitement of the World War and the abnormally prosperous years that followed, we admitted too many into our Fraternity who proved in many cases to be merely "members" and who were more concerned with receiving its benefits than they were anxious for an opportunity to serve. Naturally, such material is blown away by the first strong winds of adversity. So after all we shall not have lost much of great value and if it should teach us to guard our portals more carefully in the future, the experience will have been of considerable profit. This, however, is no time for vain regrets. My experience during the past year has confirmed me in the belief that our Institution is sound at heart and that the time has arrived for a consolidation of the genuine progress that has been made during the past twenty-one years so that we may face the future more firmly united and be prepared to carry on the great work of our Fraternity.

At this time I desire to say a few words concerning the duty incumbent upon every Brother of keeping himself in good standing with his Lodge. On the occasion of a visitation to one of our Lodges several months ago I heard a Brother, who had recently been reinstated, chide his Brethren for having suspended him for non-payment of dues, though he had been considerably more than twelve months in arrears. The discussion brought out the fact that the Secretary had notified him in writing of his delinquency several times, all of which notices he had overlooked. After waiting patiently for many months and having received no reply, the Lodge finally took the only action that it could and voted to suspend him for non-payment of dues. This evidently hurt the Brother's pride and instead of blaming himself he felt that his Brethren had done him an injustice. In this attitude he was absolutely wrong, for it is the duty of every Brother, no matter what may be his station in the Fraternity, to see to it personally that his dues are regularly and promptly paid. Should he meet with financial reverses and not be able to meet his obligations promptly, his Brethren should be so informed in order that the Lodge may take the necessary action on the remission of the dues for a certain period. In a Brotherhood such as ours there should be no false pride in fundamental matters of this nature.

Many Lodges have carried Brethren on their rolls who had been delinquent for several years and thus got themselves further into debt with the Grand Lodge. This shows poor business methods and if continued for a long period of years there can be only the inevitable ending. I have counseled the Masters and Secretaries of Lodges to inform their Brethren that they intend to follow strictly the provisions of our Grand Lodge Constitution as they relate to the payment of members' dues. If they will only do this, they will save themselves much trouble in the end and the finances of their Lodges will be in better condition.

CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES

It is an unfortunate fact that several of our Lodges are, and for some time past have been making a desperate effort to exist. I have already reported on two which have given up the struggle and I believe that others must follow in due course. It has been a source of wonder to me to observe the tenacity with which some are endeavoring to carry on in the face of overwhelming odds. It is a noble effort and I sincerely appreciate and sympathize with the sentiments of the Brethren in their desire to maintain the individuality of their respective Lodges. But after all, does this always enhance the good name and promote the best interests of our Fraternity as a whole? My opinion must be in the negative. Many of these Lodges, in addition to their indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, owe considerable sums for rent and other miscellaneous items. Their membership is small, the Lodge treasuries empty, and as a result they cannot take proper care of their distressed members, widows and orphans. In their anxiety over depleted funds, laxness in the admission of new members will inevitably creep in. Furthermore, such Lodges are in no position to shoulder their part in any humanitarian or charitable projects that the Grand Lodge may wish to undertake. And worst of all, they are no longer that important leaven in the social order of their respective communities, which we in this Grand Jurisdiction expect our Lodges to be. It would be far better for the reputation of our ancient and honorable Institution that such Lodges pass quietly out of existence.

In centers where there are several Lodges or in those sections where Lodges are situated within a short distance of each other it would be preferable if two or more weak Lodges should consolidate to form a strong and active unit. They would then be able to take on a new lease of life and be a credit to the Fraternity. Such a course of action will sooner or later be inevitable for many. The improvement in means of transportation and the still greater fundamental changes that have taken place in the social organization of the country during the last quarter of a century have made the existence of many small Lodges superfluous. In many respects, this is to be regretted, but we cannot stay the march of progress; we must mould our Institution to conform to its changing requirements. This we can do without the sacrifice of a single one of our fundamental tenets. They are so broad and so eternal that we can readily keep pace with the evolution of human society. The weight of numbers is not an essential attribute of greatness nor is it absolutely needful to have numerous Lodges in order to be a living force on the side of progress and enlightenment. I believe that one of Freemasonry's most glorious epochs in this country was lived about forty years ago, when, though persecuted and driven from place to place, the small band of Brethren carried on with fervency and zeal and even yielded up their lives for the immortal principles of our Fraternity.

INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

When the elected and appointed Grand Lodge officers were installed on January 26, 1933, Most Worshipful Brother Quintin Paredes, who had been appointed Grand Orator, and Wor. Brother John R. McFie, Jr., and Perfecto Feliciano, who had been appointed Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Organist, respectively, were unable to be present and were not installed. On February 13, 1933, at a Stated Meeting of Southern Cross Lodge No. 6, assisted by Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, I installed Wor. Bro. John R. McFie, Jr., as Grand Sword Bearer. At a Stated Meeting of Hiram Lodge No. 88, held at Plaridel Temple on May 5, 1933, Wor. Bro. Perfecto Feliciano was installed as Grand Organist by Rt. Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Deputy Grand Master. At a joint special meeting of Nilad Lodge No. 12, Luz Oceanica

No. 85 and Batong-Buhay No. 27, held at the Plaridel Temple, I had the pleasure of installing Most Worshipful Brother Quintin Paredes as Grand Orator. Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez, our immediate Past Grand Master, acted as Grand Marshal. Upon the completion of the ceremonies of installation, Most Worshipful Brother Quintin Paredes delivered an eloquent address.

Later that same evening it gave me great satisfaction to present to our very popular Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez, a Past Grand Master's Apron as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by the Brethren of this Grand Lodge for his outstanding services in behalf of Freemasonry during his term as Grand Master. Most Worshipful Brother Gonzalez accepted the memento in an address replete with sage counsel and advice, which was delivered in his usual brilliant manner.

EDICTS, CIRCULARS AND ORDERS

I issued only two edicts during the year:

Edict No. 21: Re possession of any unauthorized printed or written text whether in cipher or not purporting to be the secret work of Masonry, or any part thereof.

Edict No. 22: Reading of Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1933 in open Lodge.

The following Circulars and Orders were also issued:

CIRCULARS

Philippine Islands Anti-Tuberculosis Society, need for financial help

Discussion by Subordinate Lodges of subjects of "Dual Membership and Abolition of Territorial Jurisdiction of Lodges over Petitioners for the Degrees."

Prize Essay Contest

Amendments to Constitution

Resolutions adopted by Grand Lodge: Payment of Lodge Indebtedness to Grand Lodge; condonation of Masonic Home Fund debts; Study Program.

ORDERS

Appointment of Very Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei as District Deputy Grand Master for China.

Committee on Correspondence; Publication of Fraternal Reviews.

Special Committee: Secretary's Monthly Reminder.

Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Committee to judge the papers submitted for the Literary Contest announced by Grand Lodge Circular of March 31, 1933.

These edicts, circulars and orders have all been published in the Cabletow. Some will be discussed further in this message in connection with certain subjects which require more detailed consideration.

SEAL APPROVED

In accordance with the constitutional requirement, Nanking Lodge No. 108, F. & A. M., submitted a copy of the seal adopted by it, which was duly approved by me.

AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS AND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

The following is a list of amendments of by-laws and standing resolutions adopted by Lodges and approved by me during the year:

The by-laws of Lodges found to be in accordance with our Uniform Code of By-laws, approved:

Nanking Lodge No. 108
Pearl River Lodge, U. D.
Kutang-Bato Lodge, U. D.

Amendments of by-laws of Lodges submitted for approval and approved by me:

To change the amount of the annual dues:

Dapitan Lodge No. 21
Modestia-Liwayway Lodge No. 81
Muog Lodge No. 89
Rizal Lodge No. 20
Pangasinan Lodge No. 56

To change the date and hour of the Stated Meeting:

Amity Lodge No. 106

Approved the amendment of the Standing Resolution of Corregidor Lodge No. 3 increasing the amount of the fee for life membership.

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMISSIONS

I have approved the following dispensations and permissions during my term of office:

To receive and ballot upon petitioners for degrees lacking the required residence, to the following Lodges:

Cavite Lodge No. 2	2 candidates
Mount Mainam Lodge No. 49	1 candiadte
Service Lodge No. 95	2 candidates
Ibarra Lodge No. 31	1 candidate

For reballoting on rejected candidate:

Makabugwas Lodge No. 47	1 candidate

To confer degrees only at the town of San Carlos, Occidental Negros during 1933:

Elisha Ward Wilbur Lodge No. 101.

To hold special elections:

Island Lodge No. 5
Filipinas Lodge No. 54
Luz Oceanica Lodge No. 85
Amity Lodge No. 106

For the formation of new Lodges:

Pearl River Lodge
Kutang-Bato Lodge

Permission to transfer Isagani Lodge No. 96 from Moncada to Paniqui, Tarlac.

Permission to use the word "Freemasons" in their official titles was granted to the Freemasons' Hall Inc. of Bacolod, Occidental Negros, for the purpose of erecting in that city a Masonic Temple.

Magindanaw Lodge No. 40 was granted permission to defer the installation of its Master-elect.

Permission granted to the U. S. Asiatic Fleet Square Club to form a body or Lodge for the purpose of instruction and practice in the ritualistic work, with the condition, of course, that the ritual of our Grand Jurisdiction be used and that it be kept pure and free from alteration or deviation.

The H. B. M. S. "Medway" Branch of the China Fleet Lodge of Instruction of the British Navy was granted permission to hold meetings anywhere in our jurisdictional territory for the sole purpose of reciting or practising Masonic work while in said territory.

DECISIONS

Only two written decisions of minor importance were made during the year. In each case this consisted of a clarification of the phraseology used in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. At other times advice and information were given orally and were not of sufficient moment to require official sanction.

GRAND MASTER'S FUND

I have used but a small part of the sum of nine hundred pesos alloted to me by the Grand Lodge as a Contingent Fund, because of the fact that it has not been necessary to use any of this fund to defray the Grand Master's traveling expenses. I have likewise used very little of the nine hundred pesos set aside as the Grand Master's Benevolent Fund. In view of the need of additional relief funds I have, however, turned over the balances to the Grand Lodge Special Fund.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

On my recommendation, the following Brethren were appointed Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands by the Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdictions set opposite their names:

Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño	Argentina
Wor. Bro. Joseph Ramos	Bahia, Brazil
Wor. Bro. Pedro Abad Santos	Bolivia
Wor. Bro. Manuel C. Torres	Cuscatlan
Wor. Bro. Samuel N. Schechter	Delaware
Wor. Bro. Ramon Arnaldo	France
Wor. Bro. Thomas N. Powell	Georgia
Wor. Bro. Rafael L. Garcia	Greece
Wor. Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz	Honduras
Very Rev. Bro. J. Francis Boomer	Ireland
Wor. Bro. A. J. N. Gabler-Gumbert	Jugo-Slavia
Wor. Bro. Orestes Hermosura	Minas Geraes, Brazil
Wor. Bro. Ricardo San Agustin	New Zealand
Wor. Bro. Miguel Bonifacio	Nicaragua
Wor. Bro. William C. Ogan	North Dakota
Wor. Bro. G. D. Corvissiano	Oregon
Wor. Bro. Teodorico Santos	Pacifico, Mexico
Very Wor. Bro. E. del Rosario Tankiang	Panama
Wor. Bro. Gregorio S. Narvasa	Para, Brazil
Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarris	Parahyba, Brazil
Very Wor. Bro. J. C. Balmaseda	Rio de Janeiro
Wor. Bro. Zosimo Fernandez	San Paulo, Brazil
Wor. Bro. Nicanor C. Mendoza	South Australia
M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez	Spain, Española
Wor. Bro. Columbus E. Piatt	Tennessee
Wor. Bro. John Maurice Aaron	Victoria

Upon recommendation of the Grand Lodges concerned, I have appointed the following Brethren as Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands near their respective Grand Jurisdictions:

R. W. Bro. Noah Stockburger ..... Arkansas
Wor. Bro. Carlos Kiappe Pereira da Silva.....Bahia, Brazil
Wor. Bro. Hector Pineda Ugarte.....Honduras
Bro. Nilo Liberato Barroso.....Minas Geraes
Very Wor. Bro. Ignacio Ramirez y Camacho.....Pacífico
Wor. Bro. Antonio Joaquin da Silva.....Para, Brazil
Wor. Bro. Jacinto Goñi.....Uruguay
Very Rev. Bro. William G. Towart.....Vermont
Wor. Bro. Milton Stanley Hodges.....West Virginia

There is no doubt that these eminent and enthusiastic Brethren will prove to be fitting Representatives of their respective Grand Jurisdictions and that as a result of their labors, peace and harmony will prevail and that mystic tie that binds our Universal Brotherhood into one progressive and liberalizing band will be more firmly knit.

THE INSPECTORS

In compliance with the will of the Grand Lodge as expressed at the last Annual Communication, one Inspector was appointed for each of our subordinate Lodges with the exception of those in China, which have been assigned to the supervision of our very able District Deputy Grand Master for China, Very Wor. shipful Brother Hua-Chuen Mei. As far as possible the Inspectors have been selected from Past Masters who held no elective office at the time and who live near the Lodge assigned to them. This has made it possible for each Lodge to receive more individual attention from its inspector than was always the case in the past. It has been observed that where an inspector takes a genuine interest in the Lodge to which he is assigned, attends its meetings with regularity, and in general acts as its guide, mentor and friend, the effect has been most salutary. I have also impressed upon the Inspectors that they are in effect the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, and that the Grand Master is always anxious to receive them to talk over their plans and problems.

On the whole, the Inspectors have performed their duties zealously and conscientiously and have been a help to the Lodges during these critical times. Many of those who are serving for the first time are no doubt acquiring valuable experience which will stand them and their Lodges in good stead in the future.

The conventions of Inspectors, instituted by my predecessor, Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez, have been continued under the direction of the Grand Lecturers. These conventions were held in the months of March, July and September and I was fortunately able to be present at all of them as were most of the Grand Lodge officers. My only regret is that very few of our Inspectors assigned to provincial Lodges have been able to attend.

I believe that these conventions have been an important aid in familiarizing the Inspectors with the manifold duties appertaining to the office, have established valuable personal contacts among themselves as well as with the Grand Lodge Officers and have served as a fine medium for the exchange of ideas and the correlation of effort. I recommend that these conventions be continued and that if feasible the place of meeting be in certain provincial centers from time to time.

THE LODGE SECRETARIES

The pivot job in the average Lodge is not so much that of the Master as that of the Secretary. This is by no means an exaggeration as many of our Brethren here, with many years of Masonic experience, can testify. I have found most of our Lodge Secretaries to be conscientious, competent and hard-working officers of whom their Lodges may well be proud and who have been a tower of strength to the Masters under whom they have been serving. But some have been a drawback to their Lodges and the despair of the Grand Lodge office. The office of the Grand Secretary has several times had to repeat its requests for monthly reports and other documents which were urgently needed in connection with cases that required prompt action. This has been the cause of the accumulation of much unfinished business in the Grand Secretary's office. I have had to take disciplinary action in a few cases.

I take this opportunity of reminding the Brethren of our Lodges, as has frequently been done by my predecessors, that they cannot be too careful in the selection of the Brother who is to occupy the important and responsible post of Secretary.

To aid the Lodge Secretaries in the performance of their many duties, I appointed two of our most experienced and competent men in that field, Worshipful Brothers August Schipull and José A. de Kastro, to submit suggestions for a "Lodge Secretary's Monthly Reminder." A sufficient number of copies of the documents prepared on the basis of the recommendation of the Brethren mentioned are to be printed and sent to the Secretaries of our Lodges to whom they will no doubt be of some assistance in their work.

GRAND LODGE AUDITOR

In my official visits as Grand Master I have had the opportunity of inspecting the books of several of the Lodges visited. I have been impressed with the fact that there is a lack of uniformity in the system followed and even in the kind of books kept by the different Lodges. This lack of uniformity in the economic management of the various Lodges under the same Jurisdiction should be corrected. A reorganization of the methods of accounting and keeping of records followed by our Lodges should be undertaken and a uniform system established. In order to accomplish this purpose it will be necessary to place the matter in the hands of a competent Brother who will visit the subordinate Lodges and personally install the system. He should be known as the Grand Lodge Auditor, and would hold his office at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

I recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Grand Lodge Auditor at a salary not to exceed two hundred pesos per month plus actual and necessary traveling expenses.

LODGE BULLETINS

During the year bulletins and circulars have been received from various Lodges and have always been perused with interest and benefit to myself. Some of these publications are quite meritorious and often contain articles of a high order that are truly educative as well as informative. It is much to be regretted that several Lodges have had to discontinue their publications because of adverse financial conditions and it is to be hoped they will be resumed with the turn of the economic tide. Lodge bulletins and circulars are a potent means of retaining the interest of the members not only in the affairs of their particular Lodges but also in all matters that are of vital importance to the whole Fraternity. I know from experience that the absent Brethren eagerly look forward each month to the arrival of the message from the Old Home Lodge. Now more than ever, the Masters of Lodges should exert their endeavors to keep in touch with those Bretheren who are situated at such a distance that they can no longer take an active part in the affairs of their Lodges.

The following Lodges furnished us with copies of their publications:

Lodge Bulletins

The Lambskin, of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4
The Bee Hive of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26
The Gavel of Mactan Lodge No. 30
The Rough Ashler, of Charleston Lodge No. 44
The Craftsman, of Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91
Towards More Masonry in Men, Amity Lodge No. 106

Lodge Circulars

Manila Lodge No. 1
Southern Cross Lodge No. 6
Cosmos Lodge No. 8
St. John's Lodge No. 9
Pampanga Lodge No. 48
Makawiwili Lodge No. 55
Tupas Lodge No. 62
Kasilawan Lodge No. 77
Acacia Lodge No. 78
Amity Lodge No. 106

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

In September, 1933, M. W. Bro. George W. Harvey found that it would be impossible for him to devote the necessary time to his work as Fraternal Reviewer, and therefore he tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, which I accepted with great regret. I thereupon issued the following order:

(Our readers will find the text of this Order in the October, 1933, number of the Cabletow—Vol. XI, No. 5, p. 90)

This action, which is apparently, but not in reality, in conflict with a resolution adopted by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, was rendered necessary by the imperative necessity of reducing expense. In this connection I desire to express my appreciation to Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer who volunteered to take over this additional work free of expense to the Grand Lodge, which offer I gladly accepted. A number of the reviews have already been published and others are ready, as the Committee on Correspondence will report in due time.

In view of the advantages outlined in the order above copied, I recommend that this form of publishing the Fraternal Reviews be continued.

THE MASONIC MANUAL

A year ago, my worthy predecessor, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, recommended to the Grand Lodge the printing and publication of a Masonic Manual, the material for which was at that time incomplete. This matter was referred to the Committee on Finance which reported on the feasibility of printing the book and recommended that the material be edited before submitting the copy to the printer. No action other than to adopt this report was taken by the Grand Lodge, and no funds were appropriated. Grand Master Gonzalez' recommendations on the subject include specific recommendations relative to the obligatory purchase by the Lodges of copies of the proposed Manual, for the use of the Lodge and its presentation to each newly-raised Brother.

I recommend that the entire matter of the printing and publication of the Manual and especially of the compulsory purchase of copies thereof by the Lodges, be resubmitted to the Grand Lodge at this Annual Communication, for final action.

TRANSLATION OF RITUALS INTO THE VERNACULAR

Wor. Bro. Dionisio San Agustin, P. M., prepared early last year a translation into Tagalog of our Installation and Burial Rituals; but owing to the great amount of work in the Grand Secretary's Office, this matter was not prosecuted as actively as it might have been. At the translator's own request, these rituals were submitted to Wor. Bro. Faustino Aguilar who, in the midst of his exacting duties as Commissioner of Labor, found the time necessary to make a careful revision of the translation of the Installation Ritual. The Brethren who did this work deserve the thanks of the Grand Lodge for their disinterested labors.

I recommend that a vote of thanks be extended to the Brethren who assisted in the work of translating the Installation and Burial Rituals into Tagalog, and that the rituals be printed and sold to the Lodges at a reasonable margin of profit for the Grand Lodge.

THE CABLETOW

Our official organ, *The Cabletow*, now in its eleventh year, has been doing excellent work during the year, keeping the members in touch with Masonic activities in the Islands and abroad, furnishing instructive reading, and making a printed record of much that will be of value for the Masonic history of these Islands. The same high standard of journalism has been maintained as in the past, and our paper is much appreciated and esteemed all the world over and does more than any other agency to inform the world of the high type of Masonry practised in these Islands. The expense of printing has been greatly reduced since July, 1933, when the contract was awarded to the printing establishment making the lowest bid, on invitation of the Cabletow Committee. The editor, Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, helped to reduce the expense of publishing the *Cabletow* by a voluntary reduction of his salary of ₱50.00 per month, beginning with last February.

Owing to the depression, there have been very few advertisements and collections have been difficult. I do not believe that the official organ of our Grand Lodge should carry any commercial advertisements and many of our Brethren agree with me in the opinion that this feature detracts from the dignity and standard of the Cabletow.

I, therefore, recommend that the publication of the Cabletow be continued, without advertisements.

THE MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children has continued in operation in spite of the depression, though the adverse financial conditions now prevailing have impaired its revenues considerably. A handful of enthusiastic Masons have been carrying on this noble enterprise, sacrificing much of their valuable time and spending considerable money out of their own pockets. The Masonic Ward for Crippled Children at the Mary J. Johnston Memorial Hospital has been doing admirable work and the Brethren present at this Annual Communication are cordially invited to visit it and see for themselves. Two of our Past Grand Masters, Most Wor. Bros. Joseph H. Schmidt and W. W. Larkin, deserve special credit for their services to the Masonic Hospital since it was first organized in 1924. Whether times be bad or good and our funds low or plentiful, the Grand Lodge should, I believe, continue to give the Masonic Hospital its moral and material support.

I therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands donate to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children the same sum that it appropriated for that purpose last year.

BURIAL PLOT DEDICATION RITUAL

My attention has recently been called to the fact that we have no ritual for the dedication of Masonic cemeteries and burial plots. Even our Mother Grand Lodge, California, was without such a ritual until its last Annual Communication, when a ritual was submitted which, as we read in the Proceedings of that Grand Body, "is beautifully written, replete with tender and inspiring thought." I have written to California for a copy of this ritual, which we can either copy or adopt in amended form. If the California ritual is found unsuitable, we should prepare and use a ritual of our own. At my request, Very Wor. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda, Past Senior Grand Lecturer, and one of our outstanding ritualists, has also prepared a draft of a Cemetery Dedication Ritual which I consider very ably conceived. As we wish to have a ritual that is particularly appropriate for this country, it is my opinion that this matter should be referred to a Special Committee.

I recommend that a Special Committee on a Cemetery Dedication Ritual be appointed by the incoming Grand Master, with instructions to prepare a ritual for the dedication of Masonic cemeteries or burial plots and submit the same to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

NEW EDITION OF CONSTITUTION AND PRESENTATION OF COPIES TO NEWLY RAISED MEMBERS

Many of the difficulties that have arisen in our Lodges can be traced to ignorance of the Masonic law of this Grand Jurisdiction as embodied in our Grand Lodge Constitution. There are Lodges in which only one or two members have a copy of the Constitution and the average member seldom sees that book. We believe that each member of our Lodges should own a copy of the Constitution. In many Grand Jurisdictions, including that of California (since 1917), the presentation by each Lodge of a copy of the Constitution to each Brother receiving the Third Degree is obligatory. There has not been any compilation of the amendments and approved decisions since 1926, the date of the last edition of our Constitution, and not only should a revised edition of the Constitution be published; but a copy of it should hereafter be placed in the hands of every newly raised Mason.

It is recommended (1) That the incoming Grand Master appoint a Special Committee on Reprinting the Constitution, with instructions to prepare and order the printing of a new edition of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, including a compilation of all Grand Lodge Resolutions, Grand Master's Edicts, approved decisions, and other important legislation and regulations in force. (2) That as soon as the new edition of the Constitution is off the press, the Grand Master shall be required to issue an edict providing for the purchase by each Lodge of three copies thereof for Lodge use and of a sufficient number for the presentation of a copy to each newly raised Master Mason.

READING OF PROCEEDINGS IN LODGE

In compliance with a resolution adopted by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, I issued the following edict:

(Our readers will find this edict in the October, 1933, issue of the Cabletow—Vol. XI, No. 5, p. 90.)

The Proceedings for 1933 became available to the Lodges very late this year, and while the provisions of the edict quoted were complied with, this was done perfunctorily in most of the Lodges and little enthusiasm was displayed by the Brethren. This may be accounted for in a great measure by the fact that the most important part of our Grand Lodge Proceedings already had been published in our official organ, *The Cabletow*, which goes to each member of our Lodges, and had therefore already been perused. Also it is the opinion of many that compulsion, wherever it is not absolutely necessary in Masonry, should be proscribed and avoided.

I, therefore, recommend that my successors be not obliged to issue edicts or orders providing for the compulsory reading of the Grand Lodge Proceedings in open Lodge.

GRAND LODGE LITERARY CONTEST

At its last Annual Communication, the Grand Lodge resolved, on recommendation of my worthy predecessor, that further literary contests on Masonic subjects be held. In accordance with this resolution, I issued on March 31, 1933, a circular worded as follows:

(Our readers will find this order in the April, 1933, issue of the Cabletow, Vol. X, No. 11, p. 219.)

The time was extended to August 31, 1933, as the number of entries was small. On September 1, 1933, the Grand Secretary referred the seven papers submitted to the Committee appointed to judge the entries, and on Ocober 11, 1933, that Committee unanimously voted that the first prize be awarded

to Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, and the second to Wor. Bro. Policarpo Aromin, of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53. Considering fountain pens more suitable and practical gifts for the authors of the prize essays than medals, fountain pens have been purchased and will be presented to the prize winners later in the day.

The response to the prize essay contests held so far has not been such as to justify a continuation of these contests, and I therefore recommend that my successor be not put under any obligation to arrange for another contest.

TRIAL BY COMMISSION

Masonic trials as we conduct them under our Constitution are seldom productive of good. It is often difficult to secure a conviction, and where one is obtained, it frequently engenders dissension and resentment, from the effects of which the Lodge may never fully recover. Within the limited circle of the membership of a Lodge it is almost impossible to find Brethren not prejudiced for or against the accused, and for this reason the system of trial by commissioners appointed by the Grand Master has been adopted in a number of Grand Jurisdictions and has worked out splendidly. I believe that we can not afford to ignore the example and experience of many of the most progressive Grand Lodges of the United States in this respect; but before taking any action, we should ascertain whether conditions in our Grand Jurisdiction demand or justify the adoption of the trial by commission system.

I therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Special Committee with instructions to ascertain whether the adoption of the system of trial by commission would be proper and advantageous in this Grand Jurisdiction, and if its report be favorable, to prepare suitable legislation for submission to the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

DUAL AND PLURAL MEMBERSHIP, AND ABOLITION OF JURISDICTION OF LODGES OVER PETITIONERS FOR THE DEGREES

In conformity with the action taken by the Grand Lodge last year these proposals have been referred to the subordinate Lodges with instructions to lay them before their members for consideration and for the adoption by the respective Lodges of resolutions recommending either adoption or rejection. The resolutions as received have been transmitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which will in due course make the recommendations that it may deem fit and proper.

Because of unlooked for contingencies that have arisen in connection with our relations with Sister Grand Jurisdictions I would suggest that the question of dual membership be handled most cautiously and conservatively. As there is no question of extreme urgency that would call for its immediate adoption within the Philippine Islands I think it would be the part of wisdom to leave this matter pending until some future Communication.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BICENTENARY

At its last Annual Communication, our Grand Lodge, on recommendation of M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, resolved to participate in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Unfortunately, the state of our funds did not warrant the expense of sending a delegation to a place ten thousand miles distant from Manila; but we expressed our rejoicing over this auspicious event in a letter worded as follows:

Manila, P. I., May 17, 1933.

Most Wor. Bro. Curtis Chipman,
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of F. & A. M.
ofMassachusetts, Masonic Temple,
Boston, Massachusetts.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:—

At its Annual Communication in January, 1933, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands adopted the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Master convey to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts the sincere and cordial congratulations of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands upon its Two Hundredth Anniversary, wishing it and all its members great happiness and trusting that its future may be as prosperous and brilliant as its past, for the best of our ancient and honorable Fraternity."

In proposing, in his Message to the Craft, the adoption of the resolution above quoted, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, then Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, said, among other things:

"I further recommend that the Grand Master appoint a delegate to represent this Grand Lodge at all ceremonies and other Masonic occasions in connection with the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

"This, I believe, will be a reaffirmation of our good will toward the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and will tend to emphasize the relations of friendship that have always united our two Grand Lodges."

Unfortunately, distance and expense make it impossible for our Grand Lodge to send a Brother of sufficiently high Masonic rank to represent our Grand Lodge fittingly at your Anniversary Celebration; all we can do is to transcribe the resolution of our Grand Lodge and reiterate the expressions of our admiration and fraternal affection for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
STANTON YOUNGBERG,
Grand Master.

In reply to this message, we received the following letter from the M. W. Grand Master of Massachusetts:

Masonic Temple, Boston,
June 19, 1933.

Mr. Stanton Youngberg, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands,
Manila, Philippine Islands.

M. W. AND DEAR BROTHER YOUNGBERG:

I write to acknowledge with deep appreciation and thanks your cordial letter of May 17 with its welcome words of congratulation on the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, together with your good wishes for our future happiness and prosperity.

We deeply regret that it will not be possible for you or one of your Grand Officers to be present at our ceremonies, but it is expected that your Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge, Right Worshipful Myron L. Keith, Past Deputy Grand Master, will attend and as without doubt such action on our part will meet with your approval, we shall accord him every honor and attention as your representative.

Sincerely and cordially yours,
CURTIS CHIPMAN,
Grand Master.

The bicentennial celebration referred to was a brilliant success and we regret that circumstances rendered it impossible for our Grand Lodge to participate in it other than by a fraternal message. This is but one of the many outstanding Masonic events in which our remote situation has prevented us from participating.

FRATERNAL GREETINGS FROM NORTH DAKOTA

On my return from China in the middle of the month of May I found a letter waiting for me from Most Worshipful Brother John W. Robinson, Grand Master of North Dakota. It was a letter of felicitation and warm fraternal greetings, inviting me to be present at the Forty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota to be held in Fargo on June 20th and 21st, 1933. This invitation was most welcome to me personally as Grand Master Robinson is a professional colleague and I was formerly a resident of North Dakota. As a Grand Lodge we also claim a kinship with the Grand Lodge of North Dakota as the first American Masonic degrees conferred in this country were put on by a Military Lodge attached to the First North Dakota Volunteer Regiment.

As it was impossible for me to attend in person, I replied by letter which went part way by air mail and fortunately arrived in Fargo during the Grand Lodge Communication. An account of the receipt of the letter appears in the 1933 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, an autographed copy of which was sent to me by Most Worshipful Brother Robinson and which I prize very highly.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE FROM AMITY LODGE NO. 106

On the occasion of an official visitation made to *Mencius* Lodge No. 93 on the evening of October 5, 1933, I had the privilege of presiding at a ceremony of more than ordinary significance which truly illustrated the universality of Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction and which was also indicative of the high regard in which our Fraternity is held by men in high places who do not happen to be counted among its votaries. A beautiful plaque of red lacquer with a message of true Masonic import inscribed on it in Chinese ideographs in gold was presented to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands by Brother K. L. Kwong, Consul-General of the Chinese Republic for the Philippine Islands, in behalf of *Amity*

Lodge No. 106. This splendid gift was received in behalf of the Grand Lodge by Right Worshipful Brother Conrado Benitez, Junior Grand Warden, in an admirable speech of acceptance.

To use the words of Brother Kwong, "we trust that this plaque may be a testimony to the development in China of the international spirit of Freemasonry and of a brotherhood that will prove that Masons can rise above their immediate problems and by means of the cement of brotherly love and affection unite themselves into a society whose only contention is that of 'who best can work and best agree!'"

This beautiful plaque now hangs in the office of the Grand Secretary. The four large ideographs, meaning "The Spirit of Mutual Helpfulness," were traced by the Honorable Lim Sen, President of the Republic of China. The column of characters on the right reads "To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands" and that on the left, "Eleventh Month of the Twenty-First Year of the Republic of China. From Lim Sen."

UNITED STATES ASIATIC FLEET SQUARE CLUB

This Club, which was organized in 1928, is a voluntary organization open to all members of recognized Lodges in good standing, who are serving in the United States Asiatic Fleet. Its season of greatest activity is during the summer months when the United States Asiatic Fleet is in Chinese waters with headquarters at Tsingtao. The Club has been the focal point of Masonic activity among naval Brethren in Tsingtao for the past six years. The purpose of the Club is well set forth as follows in article II of its by-laws:

> "To afford a Masonic contact at the summer base of Submarine Squadron Five to all members of the Fraternity; to advance by such contact the interests of Freemasonry in general and of all Masons serving in the United States Asiatic Fleet in particular."

On July 5, 1933, I received a petition signed by twelve Master Masons in good standing, members of Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, requesting that the United States Asiatic Fleet Square Club be authorized to hold a Lodge of Instruction in the ritual and work of the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason as approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands. This petition was granted under date of July 26, 1933.

Early in the season the United States Asiatic Fleet Square Club was able to be of assistance to Northern Star of China Lodge No. 2673, E. C., which had just been transferred from Newchwang to Tsingtao, by granting the Brethren thereof the use of the club rooms for the work of the Lodge until such time as they might be able to find suitable quarters. In reciprocation our Brethren have been assured that in the planning of the new building which will house Northern Star of China Lodge No. 2673, E. C., full consideration will be given the needs of the Asiatic Fleet Square Club, which will thus have a permanent home.

That the Brethren of the United States Asiatic Fleet Square Club took full advantage of their opportunity by perfecting themselves in our ritualistic work cannot be gainsaid. Even before their return to Manila I had received reports of their prowess from Very Worshipful Brother H. C. Mei, our District Deputy Grand Master for China, who had witnessed their conferring of degrees upon various candidates in *Amity* Lodge No. 106 at Shanghai. On November 24, 1933 at a special meeting of *Service* Lodge No. 95 I had the pleasure of witnessing the Third Degree of Masonry conferred by a team composed entirely of members of the Asiatic Fleet Square Club headed by Brother D. A. Liechty of Cavite Lodge No. 2. I can sum it all up by saying that the work was excellent.

The Brethren who compose the membership of the United States Asiatic Fleet Square Club are sincere and zealous Masons of sterling character who are a credit to the Lodges to which they owe allegiance and to this Grand Jurisdiction. I have no hesitancy in commending them to the fraternal consideration of my successor in office.

MASONIC EDUCATION

In accordance with the policy recommended by my worthy predecessor and urged by the Grand Lodge, many Lodges have contributed to the Masonic education of their members by means of lectures delivered at stated and special meetings. Most of these lectures, though not original, were instructive, while some of them had the additional merit of showing much original thought and effort on the part of the lecturer. The effect of all has been to impart to our Lodge members much information that is not contained in our rituals and to stimulate Masonic study and reading. A few Lodges have asked our Grand Lodge office for material for these lectures, which has been furnished. Our official organ, *The Cabletow*, which goes to every member of our Lodges, also has been an important factor in spreading useful knowledge on Masonry, its teachings, symbolism, history, and jurisprudence. Every year that passes leaves the Craft better informed and educated, Masonically speaking, and we sincerely hope that this progress will continue.

It is recommended that all Lodges be urged this year to initiate a course of Masonic lectures, if this has not already been done, and that the Grand Secretary's Office be prepared to furnish material for lectures when called upon to do so, without necessity of a special appropriation for this purpose.

HISTORY

Historical research and study of considerable merit has been done by several of our Brethren in the past. Published in the *Cabletow* for the last ten years, will be found much valuable material for the history of Masonry in the Philippine Islands. The most valuable contribution of this kind during the year 1933 is no doubt the article entitled "A History of the Introduction of Regular Ancient Freemasonry into the Philippine Islands," by Past Junior Grand Warden Charles S. Banks, one of the prominent organizers of the Grand Lodge. This studious Brother deserves great credit for undertaking the task of compiling from the archives of our Grand Lodge and from his personal recollections a historical sketch of the pioneer work done in the Philippine Islands by the men who laid the foundation of the edifice of which we are so proud, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands. It is to be hoped that other participants in that glorious enterprise still in our midst will take an active interest in the work of preparing material for a future history of our Grand Lodge, either by compiling histories of their Lodges or by furnishing data regarding the history of our Grand Lodge and of the bodies and institutions which contributed to its birth, growth and development. To gather, coordinate, and preserve this material, a strong Committee on History should be appointed by my successor in office, consisting of Brethren qualified to do such work who are able and willing to give the necessary time to it. I consider it too early to undertake the writing of a history at this time; let us rather collect the material, the stones and timbers, and begin with the work of construction when the plans have been thought out and traced and the material is ready at hand.

It is recommended that the incoming Grand Master appoint a strong Committee on History, and that the subordinate Lodges be encouraged to compile Lodge histories, and Masons able and qualified be urged to submit reliable information on the years preceding the foundation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and any data of value they may possess for a future history of Masonry in this country.

FIRST MASONIC LODGE IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

My worthy predecessor, Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez, appointed a Special Committee to ascertain which was the first Masonic Lodge in this country and where it erected its first temple or held its first Masonic meeting; this committee was to recommend a plan and ways and means for the erection of a memorial in the place so designated for the purpose of a perpetual commemoration of that auspicious event. The Committee, of which I had the honor of being the chairman, submitted its report and recommendations to the Grand Master, who incorporated them into his message to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge, however, due to pressure of business, had no time to act on the report and the recommendations it contained.

I have indorsed this matter to the Grand Lodge Committee on Commemorative Monuments for their action and report. Very Worshipful Brother Julian C. Balmaseda, the Chairman of the Committee, informed me that the owner of the plot of ground in Kawit, Cavite, near which stood the building which housed the first Masonic Lodge in these Islands, is willing to donate it to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands. I, therefore, recommend that the incoming Grand Master be authorized to accept this gift in the name of the Grand Lodge, and that the Committee on Commemorative Monuments be instructed to prepare the plans for the Monument and an estimate of the cost thereof, for the approval of the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

OUR GRAND OFFICERS

It would be an act of grave injustice to close this report without thanking all the Grand Officers for their loyal cooperation and support. No matter what might be the day or the

hour, they have always cheerfully responded to the requests that I have made. Whether it has been a call to represent me at the meeting of a Lodge or a request to come to my office to consult and advise with me, my slightest wish has been immediately attended to. I know of cases in which private business has been neglected, without the least hesitation, that the Grand Master might be served. I have been favored with a truly Masonic service of such a high order that it is impossible for me to express adequately the depth of my sentiments of thankfulness and appreciation.

I wish particularly to pay tribute to the Nestor of Philippine Freemasonry, our "Grand Old Man," our well-beloved Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother Newton C. Comfort. Without the benefit of his experienced counsel and guiding hand I should have been at a loss on many occasions as to what to do, and in consequence my mistakes would have been legion. We devoutly hope that he will be spared to us for many years to come, to be the mentor and guide of a long and able line of Grand Masters.

Worshipful Brother Ramon Mendoza, our Assistant Grand Secretary, has carried on the increasingly heavy duties of the office with an industry, patience and zeal that have been a continual source of satisfaction to me. He has done this work in spite of the fact that for a long period his health was not good. There have been times when I have virtually had to insist on his leaving the office to get the much needed rest which he needed. As an example of patient and uncomplaining loyalty and fidelity to duty he stands without a peer. He truly deserves that sublime commendation of "well done, thou good and faithful servant." Worshipful Brother Mendoza has had no vacation since he joined the Grand Secretary's office more than seventeen years ago, and I, therefore, hope that the incoming Grand Master will be able to provide such suitable assistance that the burdens of the Assistant Grand Secretary may be considerably lightened.

And last, but decidedly not least, I join with my predecessors in saluting the outstanding ability and quiet efficiency of Worshipful Brother Leo Fischer, whose official title is Managing Editor of *The Cabletow*. That, however, conveys an erroneous impression to the uninitiated, for *he* is *The Cabletow*. I do not like to think what would become of our "Official Organ" should the Managing Editor be laid low by reason of sickness or injury. I have breathed a deep sigh of relief that no such catastrophe occurred during my administration. In his spare moments, when he is not performing his duties as Chief Translator for the Executive branch of the Government, writing *The Cabletow*, or editing the *Far Eastern Freemason*, he finds plenty of time to attend to a voluminous English correspondence in the Grand Secretary's office and to do his bit in keeping a Grand Master out of trouble. When there is something to be written, just a hint need be given to Bro. Fischer, and it is done. Worshipful Brother Fischer is one of those rare individuals who wear best on long and close acquaintance. For the peace of mind of my successors in the Grand East, I sincerely hope that he will continue to serve our Grand Lodge for a long time to come.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this Message let me say that I have no fitting words to express to you the pleasure and satisfaction that have come to me during my year of service as your Grand Master. I can only say that truly my life has been made fuller and richer by this experience and by my association with the sterling characters of our well-loved Fraternity. Nothing can ever efface the memory of the sincere comradeship and good fellowship which I have enjoyed in trying to contribute my small share to the advancement of Masonic ideals.

If I shall have added anything to the service of humanity thru my Masonic labors then I shall have been more than amply repaid for the work which at times seemed almost unsurmountable. But with your unfailing spirit of loyalty, courtesy and universal helpfulness, I have met these obstacles as best I could.

May the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands take its rightful place in the constellation of Grand Jurisdictions and be second to no one of them in power for good, strength in moulding character and far-reaching progress and enlightenment.

My parting word, my Brethren, is to wish that you as individuals and the Grand Lodge as a whole, may continue prosperous and happy. I hope that the present existing harmony and cooperation among you may forever continue. I trust that the mighty work of Freemasonry undertaken in the virgin fields of this Far East may add its quota to making the world a better place to live in. In order that you may continue in this enlightening work, I enjoin upon you unselfishness, devotion to whatever service you may be called, kindness, charity—in a word, all of those cardinal virtues that our Order so nobly exemplifies.

Finally, I know of no better precept to commend to you when trying to solve life's difficult problems than these words of the immortal Abraham Lincoln:

> "I do the very best I know how—the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me wont amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

The End.

Lodge News

From Manila Lodge No. 1, Manila

At the Annual Meeting of Manila Lodge No. 1, on December 5, 1933, Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles S. Banks, as Keeper of the Archives, read a report which, being of great interest, will be published in installments in the Lodge Bulletin. Rising votes of thanks were tendered to Bro. N. R. Baugh, for his musical contributions to the work of the Lodge, and to Bro. E. Newman, for his conscientious work on the Cemetery Committee. The officers for 1934, elected at this meeting, are: Ernest E. Voss, Master; Albert K. Spielberg, S. W.; George A. Clegg, J. W.; Lawrence Benton, P. M., Treas., and August Schipull, P. M., Secretary.

The officers elect and appointed were installed at a Special Meeting held on December 19th, after the Secrets of the Chair had been communicated to the Master elect. A fine musical program was rendered, under the direction of Bro. Neville R. Baugh, the Organist.

From Cavite Lodge No. 2, Cavite

Wor. Bro. Louis M. Hausman (1) acted as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Joachim W. Schilling (8) as Master of Ceremonies at the installation of officers of Cavite Lodge No. 2, on January 13, 1934. The five principal offices in this Lodge are now occupied by the following Brethren: Frank DeHaven Jones, P. M., Master; Gunval Andreas Wagelie, S. W.; William Reid Marshall, J. W.; Francis Victor Guittard, Treasurer, and Henry David Riley, P. M., Secretary.

From Corregidor Lodge No. 3, Manila

The new officers of Corregidor Lodge No. 3 were installed at the Stated Meeting for January, on the 11th of last month. The installation was conducted by M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey, P. G. M., assisted by Very Wor. Bro. Harvey A. Bordner, as Master of Ceremonies. The elective officers of the Lodge are now the following Brethren: J. A. DeLude, W. M.; W. Howard, S. W.; R. Levy, J. W.; H. M. Johnston, P. M., Treas., and J. M. Aaron, P. M., Secretary.

From Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, Manila

Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 met at the Blue Lodge Hall of the Masonic Temple on January 10, 1934, for the purpose of holding its Stated Meeting for January and installing officers. Rt. Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez, P. M., installed the officers and Wor. Bro. Daniel Limbo, P. M., acted as Master of Ceremonies. Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer communicated the Secrets of the Chair to the new Master before the installation. Wor. Bro. Floro A. Santos had just finished his inaugural address when, unexpectedly, M. W. Bro. Stanton Youngberg was announced. The Grand Master came accompanied by Very Rev. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer, the Grand Chaplain, and was received with Grand Honors. A P. M. jewel was then presented to Wor. Bro. Antonio Fernando, the retiring Master; Wor. Bro. Herminio Talusan made the presentation. Addresses were made by Wor. Bros. Domingo Dikit, William Merz (80), Francisco Santiago, Mariano Gonzalez (12), and Leo Fischer, Very Rev. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer (9), Very Wor. Bro. Edward M. Masterson (95), Rt. Wor. Bro. Conrado Benitez, and Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg. These addresses were well received, that of the M. W. Grand Master being in a felicitous vein and especially good. Not less than 32 Bagumbayan Lodge members lined up to salute the newly installed Master of the Lodge. The elective

officers of the Lodge are now: Wor. Bro. Floro A. Santos, Master; Bro. Dr. José I. Abuel, S. W.; Bro. Florentino Cayco, J. W.; Bro. Lino Chaves, Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. José A. de Kastro, Secretary. Refreshments were served to the numerous Brethren present after Lodge had closed.

From Southern Cross Lodge No. 6, Manila

At its Stated Meeting for December, 1933, on the 11th of that month, Southern Cross Lodge No. 6 elected as officers for the ensuing year the following-named Brethren: E. R. Riddle, Master; R. C. Caldwell, S. W.; R. E. Holmes, J. W.; W. W. Larkin, P. G. M., Treas., and John R. McFie, Jr., Secretary. Due to the absence of the Master elect in the United States, the installation of officers for 1934 will not take place until the Stated Meeting in February.

From St. John's Lodge No. 9, Manila

St. John's Lodge No. 9 installed officers at its 219th Special Meeting, on December 15, 1933. Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg acted as Installing Officer, with Wor. Bro. C. S. Salmon assisting him as Master of Ceremonies. The retiring Master, assisted by Wor. Bros. Salmon and Jinks, communicated the Secrets of the Chair to the incoming Master, opening an Emergent Lodge of Installed Past Masters for this purpose immediately before the installation of officers. The elective officers installed were David Innis, W. M.; Glenn P. Leonard, S. W.; Mark H. Nestle, J. W.; Seldon W. O'Brien, P. G. M., Treasurer, and Louis R. Rothenhoefer, P. M., Secretary. Addresses were made by the newly installed Master, by Wor. Bro. Ervin C. Ross, and, finally, by Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg. Wor. Bro. Ross pinned the P. M. jewel on the breast of Wor. Bro. Louis F. Rothenhoefer, the retiring Master. After the Lodge had been closed by the new officers, light refreshments were served in the ante-room and the Brethren spent a pleasant social half hour.

From Walana Lodge No. 13, Manila

Walana Lodge No. 13 had its installation of officers at the Escolta Masonic Temple on January 13th, last, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M., acting as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Orestes Hermosura, P. M., as Master of Ceremonies. Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, P. M. of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80, presented the P. M. jewel to Wor. Bro. Eulogio S. Manlapit, the retiring Master. The principal chairs in the Lodge are now occupied by the following Brethren, under whose guidance Walana Lodge expects to have a prosperous year: Canuto S. Nadurata, P. M., Master; Esteban Diokno, S. W.; Casiano C. Lim, J. W.; Rafael Araujo, P. M., Treasurer, and Dionisio F. Alejandro, Secretary.

From Pilar Lodge No. 15, Imus, Cavite

On Dec. 23rd, last, the private installation of Officers of Pilar Lodge No. 15, for the ensuing year was held in its hall and on this occasion Deputy Grand Master Manuel Camus, accompanied by Grand Officers, made his official visitation.

Wor. Bro. Santiago Salvador, P. M. of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, acted as Installing Officer, and Wor. Bro. Manuel Agbulos, P. M. and Secretary of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, as Master of Ceremonies.

The elective officers installed were: Wor. Bro. Tiburcio Gayo, Master; Bro. Alfredo B. Saqui, Senior Warden; Bro. Pastor R. Sapinoso, Junior Warden; Bro. Mariano Dominguez, Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. Meliton Darvin, P. M., Secretary.

Past Master jewels were presented: to Wor. Bro. Manuel de Leon, retiring Master, by Wor. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, P. M. of Ibarra Lodge No. 31; and to Wor. Bro. Lorenzo B. Paredes, Master in 1928, by Wor. Bro. Ricardo Santos, P. M. of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80.

After the Master had delivered his brilliant address he called on the following brethren for remarks: Bro. Pastor R. Sapinoso, Junior Warden; Wor. Bro. Antonio Fernando, P. M. of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4; Wor. Bro. Andrés Filoteo, P. M. of Luz Oceanica Lodge No. 85. Lastly, the Deputy Grand Master was presented and made a very interesting and impressive speech.

Fifty-two Master Masons representing Lodges in Manila and near-by towns were present.

From Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, Santa Cruz, Laguna

Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 lost an active and popular member when Bro. L. Ed. Christern died at his home at San Pablo, Laguna, on the morning of January 2nd, last. The cause of death was a heart attack following an injury to the leg which Bro. Christern had sustained several weeks previously. Bro. Christern was but 46 years of age when he died; he leaves a widow and three children who left recently for a visit to Holland. A native of Germany, the deceased had been a resident of the Philippines since 1924; he was the owner of oil mills at San Pablo and senior partner in the firm Christern, Huenefeld & Co., Inc.

Bro. Christern's funeral services were conducted by Manila Lodge No. 1 on Saturday afternoon, January 6th, with Wor. Bro. August Schipull in the East and Bro. Albert K. Spielberger as Chaplain. The services were very impressive and the hall was crowded; the German colony attended practically in a body and the German Consul delivered a eulogy in the mother tongue of the deceased before the Masonic ritual was exemplified. Bro. Christern's remains were cremated.

Note of Editor:—Lodge News from numerous other Lodges have had to be held over for the March number of the *Cable-tow*, for the reason that the Grand Master's Annual Report had to be published in full in the February issue of our paper.

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Personals

Manila No. 1.—Bro. Otis L. Vanderford and wife returned on December 31st from a two-month stay in Baguio. The rest and the climate did our Brother a world of good and he has returned in much improved health.

Wor. Bros. Lawrence Benton and Louis M. Hausman accompanied M. W. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens when, on December 16 and 17, last, he made a trip to Baguio for the purpose of conferring Scottish Rite degrees there.

Bro. John L. Headington won a prize of ₱200 at the Rizal Stadium Sweepstake on December 31st, last.

Bro. A. K. Spielberger is returning to the United States for an extended vacation this year, for which reason he declined the mastership of Manila Lodge, though elected unanimously.

On Janaury 16th the Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Colin McRae Hoskins by a special team of Past Masters of Manila Lodge.

Bro. John L. Drew wrote from the Letterman General Hospital at San Francisco that Bro. Gustav Klein had been discharged from that institution and had proceeded to his new station, Fort Douglas, Utah.

Bro. Albert H. Terry, who was passed on December 12th, last, will be raised on February 20th by a special team composed of Elks.

Dues and greetings have been received from the following-named Brethren outside the Philippine Islands:

James M. Barclay, 2008 3rd Ave., Richmond, Va.; Carl B. Joy, U.S.S. S-33, Pearl Harbor, H. T.; Hugo M. Miller, P. O. Box 131, Ben Lamond, Calif.; Charles B. Spruit, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; G. B. Wescot, 801 San Carlos Ave., Berkeley, Calif.; Milton E. Springer, 10 East Coover St., Mechanicsburg, Pa.; John T. Golt, 322-1/2 Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif.; T. P. Moyer, 1838 So. Orange Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.; Bert Palmer, Route 2, Lake Ballinger, Edmonds, Wash.; John G. Kellog, Finance Office, Fort Bliss., Texas; and C. E. Nathorst, Stockholm Enskilda Bank, Stockholm, Sweden.

Cavite No. 2.—Wor. Bro. Henry D. Riley made a trip to Baguio on December 16th and 17th, last, on Scottish Rite business.

Corregidor No. 3.—M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey, P. G. M., has been elected President of Far East Chapter No. 15, National Sojourners, of Manila.

Wor. Bro. C. E. Piatt and wife went to Baguio for a vacation in December.

The wife of Bro. W. D. Evans, 328 Elizabeth St., Key West, Florida, writes that she is recuperating after spending five weeks at the Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D. C., and is enjoying the lovely weather at Key West after the cold at Washington.

M. W. Bro. George R. Harvey was in Baguio on December 16th and 17th, last, to assist in conferring the Scottish Rite degrees.

Bro. John A. Hull, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands, was an outgoing passenger on the "Empress of Canada" when that liner left Manila on Christmas Day.

Bagumbayan No. 4.—Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer is a grandfather now: a daughter was born to Mrs. Acacia L. Brice, his youngest daughter, on December 9th, last. Bro. Fischer spent the days from December 16th to 23rd, last, at Baguio, for a much needed vacation.

Wor. Bro. Francisco Santiago won a prize of ₱1,000 at the Rizal Stadium Sweepstake on December 31, 1933.

During the month of November, Bro. Vicente Duque Castillo had the misfortune of losing his young daughter who died of broncho-pneumonia.

Letters with greetings have been received from Bro. Samuel M. Daniel, now at Washington, D. C., and Bro. V. A. Navarro, who is at Harding, Mass.

Island No. 5.—Letters inclosing dues have been received recently from Brothers John A. Downey, East San Diego, Calif.; George W. Card, Melrose, Mass.; Edward F. Lucey, Washington, D. C.; Delbert Blanford, Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.; Nicolas B. Dalao, Binalbagan, Oc. N., P. I.; and Edwin B. Spiller, St. Louis, Mo. Brother Spiller was recently transferred from San Francisco to his new station with the organized reserves.

Southern Cross No. 6.—M. Bro. W. W. Larkin spent December 15th and 16th, last, at Baguio, where he assisted M. W. Bro. F. H. Stevens, Deputy of the Supreme Council, in conferring the Scottish Rite degrees on a class of candidates.

Cosmos No. 8.—Among the Cosmos Lodge members who attended the Scottish Rite work at Baguio on December 16th, last, were Most Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus, Wor. Bro. Fred M. Holmes and Bros. Joseph H. McDonald, F. de la Cantera, Otto O. Hanson, Thorbjorn M. Holmsen and Sam Olson.

On December 17th, last, the 33rd Degree was conferred on Most Wor. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt in his apartment at the Pines Hotel in Baguio by Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, assisted by M. W. Bros. W. W. Larkin and George R. Harvey and Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer.

Bro. John S. Gould writes interestingly from the Station Hospital at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y., from where he sends greetings to all the Brethren.

Christmas greetings were also received from Bro. José A. Reyna, Lagangilang, Abra, where he is in charge of the Agricultural School.

Bro. Samuel C. Hunter, formerly of Cosmos Lodge, is now affiliated with Paxton Lodge No. 416, of Illinois, and sends fraternal regards to all.

Bro. Charles P. Neuffer writes from his plantation at remote Dapa, Surigao, asking to be remembered to all the Brethren.

The wife of Wor. Bro. Dr. Carl Max Hasselmann is back in Manila, after an interesting trip to Japan.

Bro. Fernando de la Cantera won a 200-peso prize at the Rizal Stadium Sweepstake on December 31st, last.

On December 23rd, last, Bro. A. F. Kelly, of Baguio, returned from a brief vacation in the United States on the S. S. "President Hoover."

Bro. H. E. A. Ruething is now in the Hawaiian Islands; he sailed for Honolulu on the "President Coolidge" on November 29, 1933.

St. John No. 9.—M. W. Bro. Seldon W. O'Brien spent December 16 and 17, 1933, at Baguio, where he attended the Scottish Rite Degree work.

Bro. Frank C. Miles, of Union Grove Lodge No 238, Wisconsin, was elected to membership in St. John's Lodge by affiliation, at the December Stated Meeting.

A dimit was granted to Bro. Archie L. Ryan, who wrote the Lodge that there was no probability of his returning to the Philippines.

M. Julian Francis Cox was initiated at the 220th Special Meeting of St. John's Lodge, held on December 26, 1933, with Wor. Bro. Mark Nestle in the East.

Bro. George Dudley Gibbs, Jr., was passed to the degree of F. C., with Bro. Glenn P. Leonard occupying the East, at the Special Meeting held on December 26, 1933.

Very Rev. Bro. F. J. Boomer and wife spent the New Year holidays with Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Verne E. Miller at the new Y. M. C. A. Camp Labi, in Nueva Ecija.

Bro. Frank C. Miles was out of town during the Christmas holidays, on a business trip in Northern Luzon.

Bro. G. E. C. Pelikan has recently joined the law firm of Dewitt, Perkins & Brady.

Bro. Mark Nestle left for Baguio immediately after the special meeting on December 26th, for a well-earned two weeks' vacation.

Bro. and Mrs. Geo. H. Evans are celebrating the arrival of an eight-pound son on Christmas Day.

Bro. E. S. Turner and family spent the New Year's holidays in Baguio.

Bro. C. L. Pickett spent the Christmas holidays in a student conference at Lamao, Bataan.

Wor. Bro. and Mrs. C. S. Salmon celebrated their Silver Wedding with an "At home" on Sunday, December 17, 1933. Wor. Bro. Salmon has in the meantime left for Honolulu, to be gone about two months.

Bro. Glenn Leonard's wife was in the Manila Sanitarium for a serious operation, but left the hospital in a much improved condition, after the operation.

Letters with greetings have been received from Bro. Elmer Jeen, Orlando, Florida; Bro. Robert E. Trapeur, Pearl Harbor, T. H.; Bro. C. W. Rummel, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Wor. Bro. E. A. Rodier, Nanning, China; Bro. Harry W. Coonrad, Riverside, Calif., and Bro. Merton V. Best, Oakland, Calif.

Walana No. 13.—Bros. Pedro J. José and Marcos A. Castillo were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the afternoon of January 13, 1934.

Bro. Victor S. Fernandez has changed his address to Laong-Nasa Building, Antonio Rivera, Tondo, Manila.

Pilar No. 15.—Bro. Dr. Ricardo Jara has recently returned from a graduate course in medicine.

Bro. Fortunato M. Ejercito feels very appreciative and grateful for the cordial reception given him on November 26th, last, by the Mountain Level Club, a social organization composed of Masons from different lodges.

The following officers were elected on December 2: Tiburcio Gayo, Worshipful Master; Alfredo Saqui, Senior Warden; Pastor R. Sapinoso, Junior Warden; Mariano Dominguez, Treasurer; Meliton Darvin, Secretary.

Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Manuel de Leon are the happy parents of a bouncing baby girl born in December, 1933.

Bros. Jacinto and Gonzalo Kamantigue mourn the loss of their aunt who died on January 9th.

Dues and greetings have been received from: Bro. José L. Dumlao, U.S.S.-S-41; Bro. Julian Olaez, General Land Registration; Bro. Francisco Chancoco, San José, Camarines Sur; Bro. Romualdo Samano, U. S. S. **Maryland.**

Pinagsabitan No. 26.—At the annual election of the Lodge held last December 2nd, 1933, Wor. Bro. Gabriel D. Corvissiano was unanimously reelected Worshipful Master to serve again during 1934. The other officers elected are Bros. Hilario Zalameda, Senior Warden, reelected; Ramon Dado, Jr., Junior Warden; Hans Welcher, Treasurer; and Wor. Bro. Julio Sulit, P. M., Secretary, reelected.

Bro. Leon C. Grove was raised to the Degree of Master Mason by a special team presided by Wor. Bro. Vicente C. Reventar.

Bro. Nicasio K. Galipot, postmaster at Santa Cruz, Laguna, is on leave of absence for medical treatment.

Bro. Rufino de Ramos gave an interesting talk at the Community Assembly held at Alaminos on November 25, 1933.

Isarog No. 33.—Bros. Juan Meliton and Felicisimo Capacao have resumed active life in this Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Alexander Gordenker is absent in Manila on business of the firms of which he is auditor.

Wor. Bro. Lot D. Lockwood will represent this Lodge at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge this year.

Wor. Bros. Rufino A. Serrano, Zeferino Arroyo, and W. A. Cole, Bros. Duka, Briones, and Elisan, and others went to Daet on January 3rd to attend the installation of officers of Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107.

Lincoln No. 34.—Wor. Bro. Foo Ying installed the officers of Lincoln Lodge on December 23rd, last, ably assisted by Bro. Thomas E. Johnson, as Master of Ceremonies.

Bro. Joseph Goldstein sent dues and greetings from Washington, D. C., his home city, where is now stationed.

Bro. Andy F. Turner wrote from Fort Bayard, New Mexico, that he has recovered from his illness.

Bros. Rufino R. Salida and Moises de Guzman have also been heard from.

Mabini No. 39.—Bro. F. Hiram T. Kalata was raised at a special meeting of this Lodge held on December 26, 1933.

Bro. Manuel Uy Sean, formerly of Hagdang Bato Lodge, affiliated with Mabini Lodge on January 5th, last.

Bro. Bernardo R. Yolores, of Kabibihan, Tayabas, represented the Bureau of Forestry at the fair at Boac, Marinduque, held from December 7th to 9th, last; he was absent a fortnight from his station.

Mt. Apo No. 45.—Bro. Yeo Boon Liong has returned from a vacation in China and his P. O. address is Box 161, Zamboanga.

Bro. Capt. Leon Angeles was under the weather last month and spent a few days at the Sulu Public Hospital.

Pampanga No. 48.—Wor. Bro. Apolinario S. de Leon, who has been re-elected Wor. Master of his Lodge, has removed his residence to Manila, having been assigned to duty in the Bureau of Audits there.

Bros. Justo M. Gomez and Raymundo P. Lagman were raised to the degree of Master Mason at a special meeting held by this Lodge on December 2nd.

The wife of Wor. Bro. Felix B. Bautista was buried on December 1st, last. Many Brethren attended this funeral.

Sarangani No. 50.—Wor. Bro. Bartolome J. Cuadra went to Cebu in December on business.

Bro. José Viacrucis, who was married to Miss Angela Pongoss, daughter of the provincial fiscal of Davao, on December 24th, left for a honeymoon trip to Manila and Baguio on Christmas Day.

Bro. Constancio S. Sasedor's father-in-law died last December.

Bro. Sergio Salvaleon spent a week in the hospital in December, and had a minor operation performed there.

Bro. Sebastian C. Balagtas, S. D., has been appointed reporter of Sarangani Lodge and will keep the Cabletow supplied with news from the Lodge.

Pangasinan No. 56.—Bro. Cenon S. Cervantes was raised on November 11th, last, by a special team composed of Past Masters, headed in the first section by Wor. Bro. Bonifacio Tadiar (70) and in the second by Wor. Bro. Clark James. After labor, refreshments were served at the Anahaw Hotel.

Bro. Ramon Labo, superintendent of the Dagupan Waterworks, visited his home in Manila on December 17th, last, and called at the Grand Secretary's office where he admired the beautiful plaque donated by Amity Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

Wor. Bro. Emeterio de los Santos has lost his father, who died at Alcalá, Pangasinan, on December 18th, last and was buried on the 19th. Several members of the Masonic Fraternity attended the funeral.

Bro. Julian A. de Vera, cashier and administrative officer of the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital, has been transferred to the Baguio Hospital in the same capacity. A despedida was given to him by the Masons residing in Dagupan on December 15th, at the Dagupan Hotel.

The following-named Brethren were elected to serve the Lodge in the five elective offices during the ensuing Masonic year: W. M., Gregorio P. Domagas; S. W., Pio U. Reyes; J. W., Mariano Ereso; Secretary, Luis S. Vallejos, and Treasurer, Inocencio de Guzman.

Isla de Luzon No. 57.—Bro. Antonino Buenaventura's masterpiece "Sea Shells" was highly commended by the Faculty of the Conservatory of Music of the University of the Philippines. Bro. Buenaevntura is making preparations to go to the States to take a post graduate course in music next year.

Bros. Bruno P. Baguio, Simeon Burdeos, Juan G. Cortes, Primitivo Dalman, Bernabe Ejidang, E. H. Ekstedt, Vicente Frias. M. E. Haene, Jose A. Varcas, left Manila on December 21st on the U. S. Transport **Grant**, and are scheduled to return early next March.

Bro. Pacifico A. Ruiz writes from Cebu that he will be in the city on Xmas to spend New Year in his hometown, Cavite.

Bro. Dr. Marcelino T. Viduya writes that he has moved to San Fernando, La Union, where he is practising medicine.

Tupas No. 62.—Bro. S. M. Austin is back at work at Kolambugan, Lanao, after a long visit at home.

Angalo No. 63.—The wife of Bro. Roberto Paredes Chan Sonso died at her home at Vigan after a year's illness and was buried in the municipal cemetery. The remains will later be transferred to China to lie with those of the ancestors of the couple.

Kanlaon No. 64.—Wor. Bro. Dr. Ernesto S. Salas was a welcome visitor to the Grand Secretary's and Cabletow offices on December 27, 1933.

Bro. Rubin Yap was raised to the degree of M. M. on November 29, 1933.

Tamaraw No. 65.—Bro. Juan Dacanay, municipal treasurer of Lubang, has applied for a dimit to his Mother Lodge, Union No. 70, as he intends to affiliate with Tamaraw Lodge.

Bro. Manuel Cudiamat, of Pinamalayan, and Bro. Juan Dacanay, of Lubang, were at Calapan in January, attending the municipal treasurers' convention there.

Union No. 70.—Bro. Catalino Rodriguez' wife and daughter were both on the sick list in November, the former with high blood pressure and the latter with pneumonia.

Bro. Nicasio Rodriguez, San Juan, La Union, had an accident but escaped with a bruised arm.

The son of Bro. Higino Buccat, of Bacnotan, died of bronchitis on December 4, 1933, and was buried on the 5th.

Agno No. 75.—Bro. Eusebio Medina's wife has been seriously ill; she had to be taken to Manila for treatment.

Wor. Bro. Valentin M. Valdez has secured temporary employment with the Socony-Vacuum Corporation at Pandacan, through the good offices of Wor. Bros. Ramon Mendoza and Miguel Bonifacio.

The Secretary has received letters inclosing dues from Bros. Ambrosio Arce, Vicente E. Kayaban, and Mariano B. Velasco.

Kasilawan No. 77.—Bro. Francisco Ancheta, of Concepción, Tarlac, sent dues and greetings.

Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Delfin C. Medel entertained many friends on December 10th, last, at their home in Mandaluyong, on occasion of the town fiesta.

Mt. Lebanon No. 80.—Wor. Bro. Samuel N. Schechter was in Baguio, on business, on December 16-21, 1933, and again last month.

Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos made a trip to Baguio and Haight's Place last December.

Wor. Bro. Samuel N. Schechter was presented by the M. W. Grand Master with his commission as Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, when M. W. Bro. Youngberg made a surprise visit to Mt. Lebanon Lodge last month.

After thirty years of faithful and honest service with the armed forces of the United States, Brother Erick Mannberg was retired from active service on November 30, 1933. Brother Mannberg is sailing for the United States on the March transport.

News has been received that Brother Simon Salamy is due to arrive in Manila on January 20, 1934.

Brother Frederick Vogt, who left Manila some time in September, 1933, is now living in Shanghai, China, and mail addressed to the Navy Y. M. C. A., Shanghai, China, will reach him.

Brother Theodore Henry Ginsburg, who writes songs under the name of Ted Gaylor, has composed another song which has indications of becoming an international hit. It is entitled, "I Must Confess."

Fraternal Greetings for a Happy New Year have been received from Brothers Wolf, Triska, Lizer, Ponyman, Mixor and Cohen.

Abra No. 86.—Bro. Angel S. Tadeo, until recently provincial treasurer of Mindoro, was given a farewell reception and dance at Calapan on January 11, 1934, on the eve of his departure for Capiz, of which province he is now the treasurer. Many of his Masonic Brethren attended this function.

Muog No. 89.—Dues and greetings have been received from the following Brethren: Thomas L. Wells, Fort Lawton, Wash.; Franks Hobbs, Beaumont General Hospital; James T. Lyons, Station Hospital, Fort Omaha, Nebr.; Lawrence W. Cott, Lynchburg, Mo.; Luther L. Pettus, Tripler General Hospital, Honolulu, T. H.

Ma-Bu-Ti No. 92.—The officers elect for the year 1934 are: Bro. Carlos F. Loza, W. M.; Bro. Florentino Serrano, S. W.; Bro. Manuel M. Perez, J. W.; Bro. F. Liam Yao Giok, Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. Ciriaco I. Latonero, Secretary.

Bro. Montano O. Iligan sent greetings from Capiz where he is chief clerk in the provincial auditor's office.

Bro. Estanislao R. Lopez has been transferred from Romblon to Sorsogon, as division superintendent of schools.

Service No. 95.—Letters, some with Christmas and New Year's wishes, others containing remittances, but all with greetings, were received from the following Brethren: Alexander W. Bott, U. S. S. **Fulton**; E. M. Moore, 104 Rainey St., Marshall, Texas; Joseph A. Heinly, Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Ga.; R. S. Butler, Chefoo, China; B. E. Klein, 801 Selly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; A. L. Predmore, General Delivery, Auburn, Calif.; The Square Club Lodge of Instruction; Most Worshipful Grand Master Dr. Stanton Youngberg: Isadore Oricht at 36 Pursuit Squadron, Langley Field, Va.; Lyman H. Conklin, 4805-14th St. N. W., Washington, D. C.; William T. Kelley, U. S. Naval Radio Station, St. Paul Island, Alaska; Stanley White, c/o Lawrence Scudder & Co., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif.; Munroe Reynolds, P. O. Box 321, Randolph Field, Texas; Fred L. Crain, Chief Pharmacist's Mate, U. S. N., First Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps, Port Au Prince, Haiti; Thomas Reed, Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Calif.; Grady L. Shimpaugh, Finance Office, Fort Douglas, Utah; George Philip Adams, U. S. S. **Hatfield**, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash.; Lloyd Trammell, 53d School Squadron, Randolph Field, Texas; Tracy E. Huber, Walter Reed General Hospital, Army Medical Center, Washington, D. C.; Alpheus T. Stone, Station Hospital, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Walter Martin, Co. C, 4th Inft., Fort Missoula, Mont.; Edward A. Greautman, 4890-33d St., San Diego, Calif.; and Ben F. Matthey, U. S. S. Saratoga, c/o Postmaster, San Pedro, Calif.

Brother Greautman writes that he is now married.

Brother Matthey writes that due to the present conditions in the States he advises the Brethren now in the Islands to remain there until the situation has improved.

Brother Oscar Urquhart was married to Miss Dorothy Virginia Pimentel on December 11, 1933.

A demit from Service Lodge was granted Brother Bailey T. Hodgson. Brother Hogson is returning to the United States in the very near future.

Bro. Clem Carney was in Baguio on December 16th and 17th, last; he went up with the party of Scottish Rite Masons who conferred the degrees of the Rite in a class of candidates in readiness there.

Brothers Theodore Roosevelt Harker and Wilton C. Owens were initiated on December 8, 1933.

Brother Robert Powers was initiated on December 16, 1933.

Brother Edmund Burke Freeman was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 16, 1933.

Brother Harker and Brother Owens were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 18, 1933. At the same meeting the Lodge tendered a farewell to Brother Raymond Shonley, Brother Grant, and Brother Young, who were returning to the United States on the Transport Grant in December.

Brothers Edmund Burke Freeman and Oscar Lee Lookabill (of Denton Lodge No. 404, of Denton, North Carolina) were raised to the Degree of Master Mason on December 28, 1933.

Bagong Ilaw No. 97.—Wor. Bro. Joseph Ramos, who is in business in Iloilo, was in Manila for about a week at the beginning of the year. He is looking hale and hearty after his long illness last year.

Bud Daho No. 102.—Mr. A. D. Gonzalez was initiated on January 5th, last, at a special meeting attended by over twenty members. The new officers showed up well in the degree work.

Zambales No. 103.—Wor. Bro. Tirson Coronado, who is with the Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes, has dimitted from Zambales Lodge.

Bataan No. 104.—The elective officers for 1934 are the following Brethren: W. M., Toribio David; S. W., Juan S. Paguio; J. W., Marcos Jorge; Treas., Amando Banzon, and Sec., Lorenzo Pakingan.

The famous Bataan Teachers' Band, headed by Bro. Juan S. Paguio, of which Wor. Bro. Toribio David is band master and Bros. Laureano Ecalada and Angel Simpao members, will give a series of concerts in Aparri and Tuguegarao, by invitation, of Bro. Ceferino Purisima (4), division superintendent of schools of Cagayan.

Bro. Stanley S. Tongko has written from Los Angeles, Calif.

Bro. Pedro L. Paulino visited Limay last December; he is now located at Gandara, Samar.

Another visitor to Limay was Bro. Leoncio Blanas, of Fábrica, Occ. Negros.

Bro. and Mrs. V. V. Soriano, of Orion, Bataan, arrived on November 17th from the United States, after an absence of about two years.

Leonard Wood No. 105.—Greetings were recently had from Wor. Bro. James L. Blakeney, Chaplain at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, California. He informs us that his wife is steadily improving in health and they are anxiously awaiting her complete recovery.

Wor. Bro. Doyle O. Hickey, P. M. of this Lodge, sent dues and greetings from Washington, D. C., were he is engaged in important research work.

Bro. Terril E. Price also remembered us with his best wishes and a check for yearly dues.

Amity No. 106.—Bro. Te-Ching Yen, one of the founders of Nanking Lodge No. 108 and also a member of this Lodge, was on December 1st elected President of the Nanking Rotary Club.

Bro. N. B. Doodha has joined the executive staff of the China International Famine Relief Commission, having offices with its Yangtsze Advisory Committee at Shanghai, of which Very Wor. Bro. Mei is a member.

Bro. Sing-Bea Chang is now pursuing advanced studies in the Graduate Department of John Hopkins University Medical School at Baltimore, Md.; he expects to remain there till June, 1934.

Bro. Eugene L. Barnett has just returned from a business trip to Japan.

Bro. Sing-Hai Tang has been appointed a member of the Cotton Industry Commission, recently established by the Ministry of Finance to reorganize the cotton industry on a firm basis.

Bro. F. C. Yen and Mrs. Yen left by the S. S. "Empress of Canada" on December 20, for a short visit to Manila.

Bro. Tong Pao-Shu has been appointed Acting Director-General of Posts, with full charge of the General Post Office at Shanghai.

Bro. T. T. Zee has been transferred from Shanghai to be sub-manager of the Chengchow (Honan) branch of the Kincheng Banking Corporation.