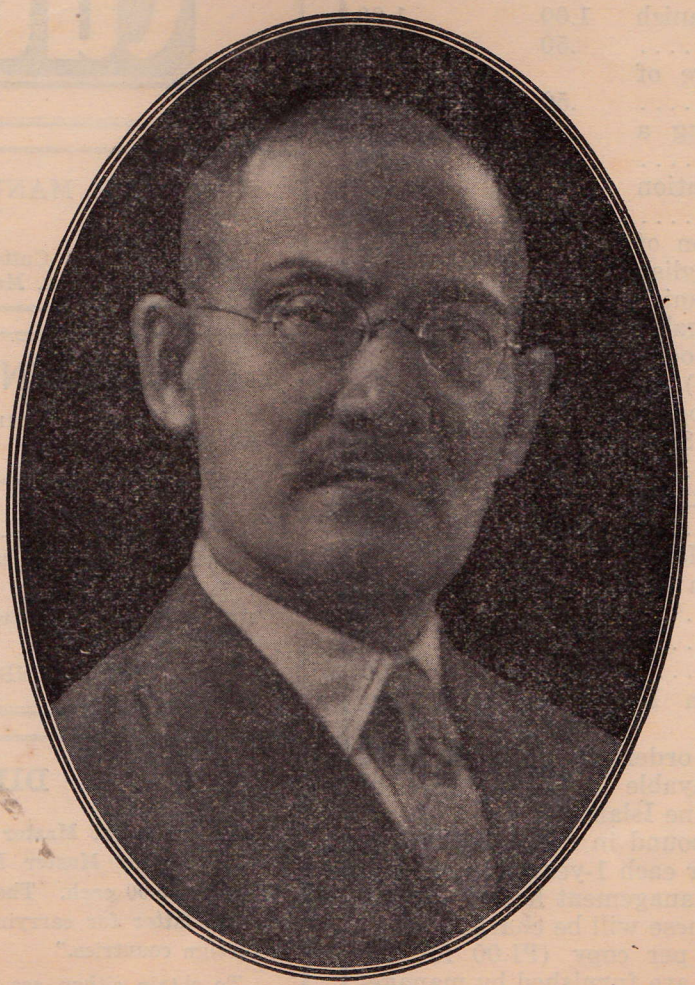
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The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, founded in 1912, has 102 Lodges (23 in City of Manila), with approximately 5,500 Master Masons. It is the only sovereign Grand Lodge in Asia that is universally recognized. Its 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: Samuel R. Hawthorne, Grand Master; Conrado Benitez, Deputy Grand Master; Edward M. Masterson, Senior Grand Warden; José Abad Santos, Junior Grand Warden; Vicente Carmona, Grand Treasurer, and Teodoro M. Kalaw, Grand Secretary. Grand Lodge meets on the fourth Tuesday of January each year.

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Editorial Section

MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER MANUEL CAMUS

Commenting upon the Message to the Grand Lodge read by Most Wor. Bro. Manuel Camus at the Annual Communication, on January 22nd, last, the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers, among other things, said this:

Our Grand Master's Annual Message which has been referred to us for distribution of the several subjects which it covers to the proper committees, is an ably prepared document. It shows excellent work, conscientiously and fearlessly performed, with an eye to the good of the Grand Lodge and the Craft. We are, indeed, to be congratulated upon having had a Grand Master this year who neither traveled along the line of least resistence nor worried about a close adherence to the mandates of the Grand Lodge being liable to make him unpopular. Fortunate is the Grand Lodge that has a Mason of this type at the helm!

The year behind us was one beset with numerous problems and requiring of the Grand Master the performance of many disagreeable duties. Our Grand Lodge would have been most unfortunate had it been governed by a man of less ability and strength of character than Most Worshipful Brother Camus.

We make the words of the Committee above copied our own and take great pleasure in publishing in this issue of the Cabletow the full text of Most Worshipful Brother Camus' Message and on our front cover page his picture.

Our distinguished Brother may well be proud of what he accomplished during the strenuous year of his Grand Mastership.—*L. F.*

.. OUR NEW GRAND MASTER

We bid a hearty welcome to our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother Samuel Roy Hawthorne, who will govern the Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction for the next twelve months. He has been a very active Deputy Grand Master, visiting many of our Lodges in the Philippines as well as our three Lodges in China, and many of our Brethren have for this reason had the privilege of meeting him. Thanks to the good work done by his predeccessor, who did not shirk the tasks that confronted him, Most Wor. Bro. Hawthorne has less problems to solve than he might otherwise find in store for him. However, those that he will have to wrestle with throughout the year are of no mean order, because not only is the depression an unwelcome guest in our midst, as before, but the "Confusion in the Temple" is still an unpleasant reality, as the sister Grand Lodges who sought to punish us for sustaining opinions differing from theirs by suspending fraternal relations with our Grand Lodge seem to think that we have not yet been chastised sufficiently.

We are convinced that our new Grand Master will handle whatever situation may arise with the good common sense, tact and energy that distinguish him, and we bespeak for him the unstinted support of the Craft which will find him a most capable, conscientious and fearless leader.—*L. F.*

OUR RETIRING GRAND SECRETARY

Most Worshipful Brother Newton C. Comfort is well known not only in the Philippine Islands but throughout the Masonic world for the eminent service that he has rendered to Masonry, in his modest and unassuming way, since he first entered its portals during the early days of the present century. He has been a master builder, indeed, and much work in our Masonic edifice, both for strength and ornament, is due to his skill and industry. Among those who reared the proud columns of our Grand Lodge, Brother Comfort occupies a leading place. His counsel and advice were eagerly sought by the long line of eminent Masons who have occupied the Grand East since the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was founded in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve, and until illness overcame and smote him sorely, a few years ago, he was the tower of strength of every Grand Master and the wise counselor of the Masons of the subordinate Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction. Quiet-

ly he came and quietly he has ceased to labor actively in our midst. But he has left that which will go on working for him: that spirit the flame of which he tended with such exquisite care. The work he helped initiate, continue and perfect with such tireless care will be the best and most fitting monument of his active labors. May he not live to see it ruined or profaned by unskilled and unhallowed hands!—*L. F.*

OUR NEW GRAND SECRETARY

Most Worshipful Brother Teodoro M. Kalaw is known through the length and breadth of the Philippine Islands as a scholar, author, orator, and statesman of the highest order, and we members of the Craft are fortunate indeed that he has placed his talents and efforts at the service of the Royal Art with such rare enthusiasm and devotion. He might well have reposed on his laurels after serving as our Grand Master with credit to himself and honor to the Fraternity; but when a worthy successor to Most Wor. Bro. Comfort was needed, M. W. Bro. Kalaw responded to the call and we see him again a Grand Officer, this time adorned with the crossed pens of the Grand Secretary.

We hope and trust that our Grand Lodge will derive great benefit from the effort of our eminent Brother in the Grand Secretary's Office and that he will find his task, though it be arduous and burdensome, pleasant and satisfying as work one does from a sense of duty and for the benefit of an institution one loves is almost sure to be.—*L. F.*

SECRETARIES, ATTENTION!

The "Personals" Department will be discontinued beginning with the March issue. Lodge news only will be accepted for publication. Send brief references to Grand Lodge visitations, important resolutions, degrees conferred (don't send names of members of teams), excursions by Lodge, lectures delivered, etc. Get this information to the Cabletow before the 20th of the month.

Send your latest mailing list, in order that we may check our addressographs against it.

Immediately upon the initiation of a candidate, send his name and address, in order that he may be put on our mailing list.

Be sure and read Grand Lodge Circulars Nos. 1 2 and 3, published in this issue of the Cabletow, at the first stated meeting of your Lodge after you receive this issue. The Special Circular need not be read in open Lodge, as it is not for the government of the Lodges in general but only for that of a limited number, i. e., the members of extinct Lodges.

PRINTER'S ERROR

The printer played us a trick when, in making corrections indicated in the proof of Wor. Bro. Tatton's article in the January number of our paper he left out eleven words in the first full paragraph on page 161 of the issue mentioned. The sentence beginning on the eighth line of that paragraph should have read as follows:

In the reference to Euclid, we find that he taught the "Science of Geometry in practice" which was "to work in stone and all manner of worthy work that belongs to the building of churches, temples, castles, towers, and manors, and all other kinds of buildings."

We are sorry, Brother Tatton!

Official Section

Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick

Most Wor. Grand Master Samuel R. Hawthorne has appointed Wor. Bros. J. W. Schilling (8), S. Gatchalian (14) and Leonardo Garduño (16) to act as Grand Lodge Committee for Visiting the Sick during the month of February, 1935.

Grand Lodge Circular)
No. 1, ser. of 1935)
Subject: Amendment of Pars. 3 and 18 of Constitution, making Senior Grand Lecturer an Appointive Officer.

TO ALL LODGES:

Notice is hereby given of the following amendment to the Constitution adopted by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication for 1935:

Paragraph 3 (Sec. I, Art. II, Part I) of the Constitution is hereby amended in the seventh and eighth lines by striking out the words "A Senior Grand Lecturer and Junior Grand Lecturer," and by inserting in the twelfth line, after the words "a Grand Bible Bearer," the words "a Senior Grand Lecturer, a Junior Grand Lecturer."

Paragraph 18 (Sec. I, Art. V, Part I) of the Constitution is amended by striking out the words "and Grand Lecturer" and inserting the word "and" between the words "Grand Treasurer" and "Grand Secretary," thus making the amended first clause read as follows:

"Section 1.—The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary shall be elected by ballot at each Annual Communication etc."

The effect of these amendments is to make the Senior Grand Lecturer an appointive instead of an elective officer.

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

Given at Manila, P. I., this 25th day of January, A. L. 5935 (A. D. 1935).

S. R. HAWTHORNE,
Grand Master.

Attest:
LEO FISCHER,
Acting Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge Circular)
No. 2, ser. of 1935)
Subject: Amendment Par. 100 of Constitution, abolishing office of Assistant Grand Secretary.

TO ALL LODGES:

Notice is hereby given of the following amendment to the Constitution adopted by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication for 1935:

Paragraph 100 of the Constitution was, on January 23, 1935, repealed.

The effect of this amendment is to abolish the office of Assistant Grand Secretary.

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

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Grand Master.

Attest:
LEO FISCHER,
Acting Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge Circular)
No. 3, ser. of 1935)
Subject: Remittance of Home Fund fee of ₱15.00 to Grand Secretary immediately after raising.

TO ALL LODGES:

Notice is hereby given of the following action of Grand Lodge at its 23rd Annual Communication:

Grand Lodge unanimously adopted the following recommendation of the Committee on Finances:

That subordinate Lodges be required to remit to the Grand Secretary the sum of ₱15.00 immediately after a Brother is raised to Master Mason, thus avoiding the possibility of the amount being used by the Lodge for other purposes.

Strict observance of this provision of law is enjoined upon the Lodge officers concerned.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF NEW GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

In order to provide for the appointment of Grand Representatives near our Grand Lodge of the four sister Grand Jurisdictions granted recognition at the 23rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and to fill vacancies created by the former incumbents being relieved on account of lack of interest in their duties, Most Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne has submitted the following nominations to the Grand Lodges listed hereunder:

1. Amazonas e Acre (Brazil)	Wor. Bro. Carl M. Hasselmann
2. Ceará (Brazil)	Wor. Bro. Delfín Jaranilla
3. Illinois	Wor. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer
4. La Oriental-Peninsular (Mexico)	Wor. Bro. Sixto Tenmatay
5. Louisiana	Wor. Bro. August Schipull
6. Missouri	Wor. Bro. Adriano Rivera
7. Roumania	Wor. Bro. José Abad Santos
8. Texas	Wor. Bro. Theodore L. Hall
9. Utah	Wor. Bro. Gervasio Eraña

PUT PROPER ADDRESS!

Attention is again called to the necessity of addressing letters using the official title and the P. O. Box of the Grand Lodge, and not to the individual. Letters to the Grand Secretary should be addressed "Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of F. & A. M., P. O. Box No. 990, Manila, P. I."

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WORK FOR EVERY FREEMASON

The Grand Master of Western Australia, Bro. Fred A. McMullen, has a very large territory and is a much travelled Grand Master. But all his travelling has not been in connection with Grand Lodge service; he travels many short distances (short in his view, but what might be termed fair and long distances in England) to visit sick Brethren. Whenever he learns that a Grand Officer, present or past, is ill, he stretches his cable tow to its utmost limits to visit him and have a chat with him, and perhaps he does the Brother more good than his doctor does.

He relates an incident where a Brother came up to him and said he could not do anything for Freemasonry as he could not memorise. The Grand Master said that although he had only been in that town for a few hours he had heard of a Brother who was lying sick at his farm about fourteen miles out. He said to the Brother with whom he was conversing "Could you not visit that Brother? He will not want anything from you, but he will value the shake of your hand and the kindly sympathy in your eye. Probably that will do him more good than the medicine which his doctor has prescribed for him."

Again, the Tyler was very busy that hot afternoon moving heavy furniture out for the meeting, bringing in the Lodge furniture, and later taking away that furniture and bringing in the tables for the supper. The Grand Master addressing the Brother he was conversing with said "Could you not have given him a helping hand?" The Brother replied that he had not looked at the matter in that way, and the Grand Master then told him "Look at it in that way in future; look out for opportunities of the kind I have been indicating. It is not much use our being Freemasons, pledged to help one another, if we do not act up to what our principles and tenets teach us."

There is a deal of truth in the remarks above; both humanity and Freemasonry are the same the world over. Many Brethren in England have an idea Freemasonry has little use for them if they cannot memorise or if they hold no office. But there is a job for every Freemason. How many people are there —members of the Order or not—who are afflicted by some trouble, worry, or illness (and any one of the three bringing on the other two) who would be wonderfully "bucked" by a kindly visit, cordial handshake, sympathetic eye, encouraging word. All these cost nothing, but what a wonderful tonic!

Whenever a Brother is absent from his Lodge enquiry should be made as to the reason. Many organizations and even the Church have waned by taking no heed of absentees. It is all very well to act in the spirit—here we are, the members know we are here, and it is their fault if they do not turn up—but what is the cause of their absence? Very few armies have had to leave those who dropped out from fatigue, &c., to their fate.—**Freemason's Chronicle.**

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From Near And Far

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands (being the 23rd) was held at the Masonic Temple, 90 Escolta, Manila, on January 22-24, 1935. It was well attended, 480 admission cards being issued to members of Grand Lodge representing 90 chartered Lodges.

The Annual Communication was opened on the 22nd by Deputy Grand Master S. R. Hawthorne. The Past Grand Masters were introduced and welcomed, then M. W. Bro. Manuel Camus was introduced and welcomed and assumed the Grand Gavel. Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer was asked to act as Grand Secretary and interpreter during the Communication.

Sessions were held as follows: on the 22nd, 4:00 p. m. to 7:00 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. to 10:30 p. m.; on the 23rd, 4:00 to 6:30 p. m. and 8:00 p. m. to 12:18 a. m.; on the 24th, 8:45 p. m. to 11:00 p. m.

Dinner was served in the Scottish Rite Hall on the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd, and refreshments after the installation of Grand Officers.

Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the entire Communication.

The business transacted during this Communication includes the following:

The Constitution was amended (a) by making the office of Senior Grand Lecturer appointive instead of elective, and (b) by abolishing the office of Assistant Grand Secretary.

A charter was granted to Maranaw Lodge No. 111, of Dansalan, Lanao.

The charters of Noli-me-Tangere Lodge No. 42, Filipinas No. 54, Plaridel No. 74, and Hamtik No. 76 were declared forfeited.

Fraternal recognition was granted to the Grand Lodges of Amazonas e Acre, Ceará, La Oriental-Peninsular (Mexico), and Roumania.

Most Wor. Bro. Camus' action in connection with the suspension of relations between the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and those of England, Scotland, Ireland, Massachusetts, France (National) and Victoria was approved and ratified, and all his decisions, edicts, and circulars, as well as dispensations issued by him, were approved.

A budget was adopted, without much opposition. It reduces the salaries of the Grand Secretary and Editor of the Cabletow 50% and appropriates ₱600.00 for the Grand Lodge Library. The position of Grand Lodge Auditor is eliminated. ₱500.00 is appropriated for a donation to the Masonic Hospital if the money is available on June 30, 1935. The bond of the Grand Secretary is fixed at ₱5,000,00.

The Committee on Employment was abolished as being useless.

Honorary membership in the Grand Lodge was voted to Wor. Bro. Charles Sumner Lobingier, of Washington, D. C.

The election of Grand Officers (six now instead of seven) took three hours. The Grand Officers were installed in the evening of January 24th by M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, with M. W. Bro. S. W. O'Brien as Grand Director of Ceremonies. M. W. Bro. T. M. Kalaw, Grand Secretary elect, being out of town, was installed on January 31st. The P. G. M. jewel was presented by M. W. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens.

Pending M. W. Bro. Kalaw's installation, Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer was appointed as Acting Grand Secretary.

The new Grand Officers are as follows:

Grand Master	S. R. Hawthorne (1)
Deputy Grand Master	Conrado Benitez (4)
Senior Grand Warden	Edward M. Masterson (95)
Junior Grand Warden	José Abad Santos (4)
Grand Treasurer	Vicente Carmona (22)
Grand Secretary	Teodoro M. Kalaw (12)
District Deputy Grand Master for China	Hua-Chuen Mei (106)
Grand Chaplain	Nicolas Buendía (46)
Grand Orator	Joseph F. Boomer (9)
Grand Marshal	Teodorico A. Jimenez (31)
Grand Standard Bearer	William A. Weidmann (6)
Grand Sword Bearer	José Altavas (55)
Grand Bible Bearer	Kenneth P. MacDonald (61)
Senior Grand Lecturer	José de los Reyes (80)
Junior Grand Lecturer	L. M. Hausman (1)
Grand Senior Deacon	Julián C. Balmaseda (51)
Grand Junior Deacon	Juan O. Chioco (72)
Grand Senior Steward	J. H. Alley (62)
Grand Junior Steward	J. Lim Pe (93)
Grand Pursuivant	James J. Wilson (45)
Grand Organist	J. S. Hernandez (80)
Grand Tyler	Fortunato M. Bulan (60)

FROM WOR. BRO. MASON E. MITCHELL

The Editor was much pleased to read in the **Arkansas Methodist** (Nov. 29, 1934) an article regarding one of the pioneers of American Masonry in the Philippines, Wor. Bro. Mason E. Mitchell, P. M. of Cavite Lodge No. 2. Ye Editor still remembers meeting Bro.. Mitchell and his family, on board ship, between Hongkong and Manila, 32 or 33 years ago, with great pleasure.

Wor. Bro. Mitchell, the senior Past Master of Cavite Lodge No. 2, is a retired officer of the U. S. Navy residing at No. 536 Center Street, Conway, Ark., his birthplace. He evidently has not wearied in well-doing, as we read in the paper above mentioned that he undertook the monumental task of collecting, classifying, listing and distributing to the school children of four city schools and 15 rural schools more than 2,000 needed textbooks, within six weeks, with practically no expenditure of money. He collected these books, scattered through the bookshelves and attics of hundreds of homes and institutions, with the aid of Boy Scouts and completed the task he had set for himself in a most successful manner. How badly these schoolbooks were needed is illustrated by the statement that "in one rural school an entire fifth grade laboriously copied each day's lesson from a blackboard because the pupils had not a single book between them."

This is what we call real Masonic work though it has no direct relation to Masonry, and we are proud of the Brother who did it.

COMMENTS ON "CONFUSION"

Under the caption of "Another Belgian Invasion," our Seattle contemporary, the Masonic Tribune, publishes the following editorial in which it comments incidentally on the Far Eastern Masonic situation:

A recent news dispatch tells of the dissolution of the Anglo-Belgian Lodge in the Orient of Anvers, under the Obedience of the Grand Orient of Belgium. In its stead has been created Wellington Lodge No. 1385, which is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The ceremony was attended by a number of English

Masons, some being delegates from the Grand Lodge of England and some from the Independent National Grand Lodge of France and its colonies. The latter, although it carries the name "National," in reality is an English organization created in France in spite of all rules of territoriality.

It might be added that it seems a little curious that the Grand Lodge of Scotland (as well as other grand lodges) should break off relations with the Philippines because they founded a lodge in China, a country without Masonic jurisdiction and absolutely free, and at the same time encroach upon the Grand Orient of Belgium which has been sovereign for more than a century.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON PASTEL

We are indebted to Bro. George W. Vilain, of Manila Lodge No. 1, for the following interesting data on a well-known portrait of George Washington:

The pastel or painting of George Washington which is now in the possession of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, in Alexandria, Virginia, was painted by William Joseph Williams in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1794. The painting is valued at $150,000.00, which sum is said to have been offered and refused. The painting will probably be placed in the Washington Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia.

On a tombstone in a cemetery at New Bern, North Carolina, the following inscription appears:

William Joseph Williams
1794 Pastel Washington
in Philadelphia
Born New York City, Nov. 17, 1759
Died in New Bern, N.C., Nov. 30, 1823.

The pastel mentioned represents George Washington in Masonic regalia and is said to be one of the most faithful portraits of our illustrious Brother in existence.

A. M. I. COMES OUT FOR PEACE

The International Masonic Association held its annual convention in the city of Luxemberg, on September 6-9, 1934, with representatives of 25 of the 35 Masonic Grand Bodies holding membership in the Association present. The Association has its headquarters at Rue Général Dufour 20, Geneva, Switzerland, and its Grand Chancellor is Bro. John Mossaz. Among the resolutions adopted at the convention mentioned is one concerning peace to which, we are sure, every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction will wholeheartedly subscribe and which reads as follows:

RESOLUTION

passed by the Assembly of the A.M.I., in Luxemburg, 6-9 September '34.

The International Masonic Association (A.M.I.), assembled in Luxemberg on 7, 8 and 9 September 1934,

Recalls and solemnly reaffirms that the purpose of its existence and its activity is essentially to bring together men and peoples and, as the first step towards this end, to achieve a direct union among the masonic bodies which constitute our Order;

Expresses its vigorous, definite and unanimous condemnation of methods of violence, which seem to be gaining strength at the present time;

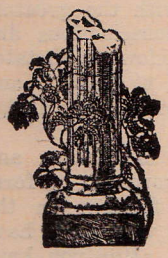
Regrets that the endeavours of the Association to promote the establishment of a World Federation of Freemasons, whose influence on the public mind would be in the highest degree favourable to concord between nations, have not yet fully succeeded and still encounter many obstacles;

Contemplates with horror the possibility of resort to warfare, which would destroy utterly the progress mankind has taken centuries to achieve;

Affirms the right and duty of Freemasons to love their country and defend it against all violent aggression and, at the same time, their obligation to work for the elimination of all causes of hatreds and disputes, and for the lowering of international barriers, which have multiplied since the official termination of the Great War and the maintenance and strengthening of which must lead inevitably to armed conflicts; and

Earnestly appeals to the conscience and humane feelings of all the masonic powers of the whole world, without exception, no matter what differences may exist between them on secondary matters, pleading that they will strain every effort to remove the dangers which threaten the peoples and to foster among all the nations those peaceful relations which it is one of the main objects of Freemasonry to create.

Our Dead



The days grow shorter, the nights grow longer,
The headstones thicker along the way:
And life grows sadder, but love grows stronger
For those who walk with us day by day.
Then let us clasp hands as we walk together
And let us speak softly in love's sweet tone,
For no man knows on the morning whether
We two pass by, or but one alone.

Wor. Brother Norberto C. Asinas.
Past Master of Walana Lodge No. 13.
Died at Manila, on November 29, 1934.
Masonic services were held for him at the Plaridel Temple on the day of his funeral, December 2, 1934.

Brother William Nelson Ray.
Member of Cosmos Lodge No. 8.
Died at Sawtelle, California, on November 25, 1934.

Brother Gavino Wisco.
Member of Laoag Lodge No. 71, Laoag, Ilocos Norte.
Died at Pasuquin, I. N., on November 23, 1934.
Buried under the auspices of his Lodge, at Pasuquin, on December 2, 1934.

Brother Pedro Samson y Bernal.
Member of Mabini Lodge No. 39, Aparri.
Died at Manila, on December 23, 1934.

Brother Alfredo Bautista.
Member of Banahaw Lodge No. 24, Atimonan.
Died on December 2, 1934.

Brother Co Biao.
Member of Isla de Luzon Lodge No. 57.
Died on November 5, 1934.

Brother Ramon Basa.
Member of Modestia-Liwayway Lodge No. 81.
Died on November 20, 1934.

Brother Joseph Cerny.
Member of Cavite Lodge No. 2.
Died on October 12, 1934.

Worshipful Brother George Martin Murphree.
Past Master of Charleston Lodge No. 44, Agaña, Guam, M. I.
Died at Susana Hospital, Guam, December 25, 1934.
Buried masonically in Naval Cemetery, Agaña, Guam.

Brother Harry Oscar Chance.
Member of Charleston Lodge No. 44, Agaña, Guam, M. I.
Died at Agaña, Guam, December 16, 1934.
Buried masonically in the Agaña Protestant Cemetery.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

read by M. W. Bro. Manuel Camus, Grand Master at the 23rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands, at Manila, on January 22, 1935

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

My path as your Grand Master during the Grand Lodge year that is about to close has been a rough and rugged one, beset by many perplexing problems, such as perhaps none of my predecessors has had to face. I have dealt with all these matters to the best of my ability. I might have chosen the easiest way out of it, leaving things to my successor in office, in order to step down from this high seat with the greatest measure of popularity compatible with the conscientious discharge of my duties; but I have preferred to follow the dictates of my conscience, regardless of consequences to myself, and mindful only of the dignity and welfare of our Grand Lodge and of the Fraternity as a whole.

At our last Annual Communication, you laid heavy and most trying tasks on me which I have endeavored to perform as commanded, without consulting my own feelings on the matters involved. I leave it to you to judge whether I have been a faithful servant of the Grand Lodge, after you have listened to my account of my stewardship as briefly set forth in the following paragraphs:

OUR DEAD

My first thought shall be for the absent Brethren, for those Masons of this and other Grand Jurisdictions who have received the summons of the Great Architect of the Universe and are now gathered in the Celestial Grand Lodge above where peace and harmony reign forever. Throughout the year, I have been in constant fear, because of the failing health of some of our Past Grand Masters, that we might open Grand Lodge this year with a vacant chair in the East, but the Master of Life and Death has mercifully stayed His hand and has decreed improvement in health and continued usefulness in this life for the beloved Brethren whom we feared to lose. May our family of Past Grand Masters be spared to us untouched by death as it is now, for many years to come.

Before the day draws to its close, you will listen to the report of our Committee on Necrology which will read to you a roll of those of our Brethren who have lain down for that sleep which knows no awakening.

THE YEAR IN GENERAL

This has been a year of trials and calamities for our Grand Jurisdiction.

A series of destructive typhoons has devastated our beautiful Islands and brought distress and great financial losses to many of our Brethren. I was in Tokyo, Japan, when the first of these typhoons passed over the Philippines, as representative of the Philippine Chapter of the American Red Cross at the International Red Cross Conference which was then in session. And fortunately, the president of the American Red Cross, Judge John Barton Payne, was generous enough to vote at the time a substantial sum of money to carry on the initial relief work to our people, which was followed by another sum when the second typhoon struck the country.

The economic depression is still with us and many of our members are in reduced circumstances or out of employment because of it.

Six of our Sister Grand Lodges have suspended relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines under conditions disheartening to us who have always believed that in Masonry at least, justice and fairness prevail.

And, finally, it has been necessary for your Grand Master to arrest the charters of several of our subordinate Lodges, in obedience to your mandate, and there has been a further decrease in membership.

But, Brethren, the night is darkest before the day breaks gloriously in the East, and I ask you to bear that in mind as you listen to my report on events that, though distressing, will serve to test our mettle and constancy and will, I am sure, leave us better and stronger.

THE GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

When I assumed office, it was reported to me that conditions in the Grand Secretary's Office were not what they should be. Most Wor. Bro. N. C. Comfort, our Grand Secretary, was in poor health and unable to attend to his duties in the proper manner. He asked that he be permitted to resign, but I considered it best not to accept his resignation.

The Assistant Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. Ramon Mendoza, had been attending to the financial transactions for several years, without supervision. No adequate system of accounting or bookkeeping had ever been established in the Grand Lodge Office, although several of my predecessors had tried to have this done and the audits made were altogether inadequate. In response to the urgent demands of several Brethren who brought evidence of irregularities to which I could not close my eyes, I appointed a committee consisting of Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master, V. W. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda, Past Senior Grand Lecturer, and Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño, to make an investigation, inventory, and audit.

On recommendation of the committee so appointed, I granted two months' leave of absence to Wor. Bros. Ramon Mendoza, Assistant Grand Secretary, and Honorio Cuevas, clerk, in order to leave the committee a free hand. I also dispensed with the services of one of the assistants in the Grand Secretary's Office, for the sake of economy.

At the expiration of their two months' leave and in view of the result of the investigation, I called on Wor. Bros. Mendoza and Cuevas to resign. Later I caused charges of unmasonic conduct to be filed against Wor. Bro. Mendoza, whom the investigation showed to have been guilty of serious irregularities. At the request of his Lodge, the trial of these charges was transferred to Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, which found the accused guilty and sentenced him to suspension. This penalty being deemed inadequate, an appeal was filed by the Grand Lodge Auditor, as prosecutor, and the case is now in the hands of the Committee on Grievances which will report later.

The Grand Lodge having directed me to rearrange the personnel of the Grand Secretary's Office with a view to economy, I organized a small and efficient force composed as follows: Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer, who had been performing many of the duties of the office of Grand Secretary since early in 1932, but had always declined to have anything to do with the financial and accounting features, was asked to continue performing the same duties and was authorized and directed to sign as Deputy Grand Secretary. This did not create any new office, nor did it entitle Bro. Fischer to Grand Officer's rank nor involve any increase of compensation, though his work was more than doubled under the new arrangement. Bro. Francisco Guerra, a temporary employee, was put on a permanent basis as chief clerk and property officer, and was required to furnish bond. Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos was appointed Grand Lodge Auditor. The Cabletow clerk was required to render service in the Grand Secretary's Office besides, and the son of a deceased Brother was employed as junior office assistant, at a very low salary. The office of Assistant Grand Secretary was left vacant.

With this small force, the Grand Secretary's Office has done a vast amount of work. The investigation of the office, the starting of new books and records, the preparation of a new edition of our "Manual", the correspondence in connection with the suspension of relations between our Grand Lodge and other Grand Jurisdictions, the re-arrangement and equipment of the Grand Lodge office, which has been thoroughly renovated, the determination and notification of the indebtedness of the several Lodges to the Grand Lodge and correspondence arising therefrom, and the arrests of charters all added enormously to the work of the small staff in the Grand Secretary's Office, which deserves great credit for what it has accomplished. Keeping regular office hours, maintaining strict discipline, and the elimination of many of the social calls which in the past interfered so greatly with the work of the Grand Secretary's staff are the factors which explain how so much has been accomplished with such a reduced force.

In view of the defects of the organization of our Grand Secretary's Office as I found it, and of the experience of the

last few months, I recommend that the following changes be sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, amending the Constitution where necessary: Insist upon the Grand Secretary furnishing good and sufficient bond, as required by the Constitution, and make him responsible for the acts of his subordinates. Abolish the office of Assistant Grand Secretary, as an officer of the Grand Lodge, and continue the employment of a Grand Lodge Auditor, under the same conditions as at present.

CONFUSION IN THE TEMPLE

The International Masonic situation which has arisen on account of the action of our Grand Lodge in China and which is occasionally referred to as the "Confusion in the Temple", may be briefly summed up as follows: As my predecessor, M. W. Bro. Youngberg, informed you a year ago, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at its Quarterly Communication of November 2, 1933, decided to suspend relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. As we expected, the United Grand Lodge of England passed a resolution to the same effect at its Quarterly Communication of December 6, 1933. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts broke with our Grand Lodge on December 13, 1933. The Grand Lodge of Ireland took the same action on December 27, 1933. Next came the Grand Lodge of Victoria (Australia), which gave us notice last May that it had followed the example of its Mother Grand Lodge, England. Shortly afterwards, a letter to the same effect was received from the National Grand Lodge of France. This brought the number of suspending Grand Lodges up to six.

The causes and events that led up to this situation have been set forth in detail by my predecessors in office. Briefly stated, they consist in our refusing to have the sovereign rights of our Grand Lodge curtailed by following an urgent invitation to join a Council of Grand Lodges created for the evident purpose of obstructing the action of our Grand Lodge in China. This movement was initiated by the Grand Master of Massachusetts, who prevailed on the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland to join, and the subsequent action of these Grand Lodges was based largely on a misunderstanding of our intentions, misrepresentations of the entire situation, and careless committee work. As regards the Grand Lodges of Victoria and France, they admittedly acted without any grievances or investigation on their part, merely because the suspending Grand Lodges, or some of them, had notified them that they had suspended relations with our Grand Lodge.

Since all this is of the utmost importance to the Craft, I shall submit some of the correspondence exchanged, with brief comments, giving each of the Grand Lodges concerned a separate chapter.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND

In M. W. Bro. Staton Youngberg's Message to the last Annual Communication, a communication written by him to the Grand Lodge of Scotland in reply to the notice of suspension was reproduced in full.

To this letter, the following reply was received:

"THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

Freemasons' Hall, 96 George Street,
Edinburgh, 2
17th January, 1934.

S. Youngberg, Esq.,
Grand Master, Manila,
Philippine Islands.

Dear Sir & Bro.,

I have to acknowledge your communication of 14th December last. Doubtless by this time you are in receipt of the communications from the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which set forth in detail the causes leading to their resolution to suspend relationships with your Grand Lodge, in which we have found ourselves obliged to concur.

Yours fraternally,

(Sgd.) T. G. WINNING
Grand Secretary"

THE UNITED GRAND LOGE OF ENGLAND

Before any official communication ever reached us, we read in a Masonic newspaper published in London the following excerpt from the Proceedings of the Quarterly Communication held by that ancient Grand Body on December 6, 1933:

"GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Message from the M. W. The Grand Master.

The M. W. Pro Grand Master: Brethren, I claim your attention to a Message from the M. W. The Grand Master on the subject of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

The Brethren stood while the M. W. Pro Grand Master read the following Message from the M. W. 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 M. W. Pro Grand Master: Brethren, I call on the President of the Board of General Purposes to give you an explanation of that Message.

The President of the Board of General Purposes (V. W. Bro. J. Russell McLaren): For the information of Grand Lodge it is desirable that I should make short explanation of the circumstances which have occasioned the message from the Throne to which you have just listened.

The Grand Lodges concerned are those of England, Scotland and Massachusetts.

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.

Late in 1931, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands having warranted Amity Lodge in China, meeting in 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.

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 of this year, presided over by M. W. Bro. 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).

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.

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.

These are the reasons which have caused to be promulgated the Message which we have heard to-day."

Several weeks later, we received the following communication:

"UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND
Freemasons' Hall,
Gt. Queen Street, London, W. C. 2
8th January, 1934.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother,

I have to inform you that at the last Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England on December 6th, 1933, it was decided that intercourse and exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands be suspended, and I am enclosing herewith copy of the official proceedings, on pages 461-2 of which you will see a full reference to the matter.

I shall be glad, therefore, if you will kindly return to me the Patent of Appointment and Jewel of Office of our Representative near your Grand Lodge.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,
(Sgd.) P. COLVILLE SMITH
Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro.
Newton C. Comfort,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands,
Manila."

Our reply to the above letter was worded as follows:

"R. W. Bro. Sir P. Colville Smith,
Grand Secretary, United Grand Lodge of England,
Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen Street, London, W. C. 2.

Dear Sir and R. W. Brother:

Your communication of January 8, 1934, informing us of the suspension of fraternal relations between your Most Wor. Grand Lodge and ours did not come as a surprise to us, as we had already learned through the Masonic press that this action had been taken. We deeply regret that the United Grand Lodge of England, whose friendship we have always valued highly, has seen fit to take such a step. From all indications, however, your Committee was misinformed and had a wrong conception of the nature and aims of our Grand Lodge, and we firmly believe that after our side of the question has been properly heard and considered, as Masonic justice and fairness demand, our English Brethren will take a different view of the entire matter.

We desire to point out that the report of your Committee contains inaccurate statements which are prejudicial to our case. For instance, the statement that our first Lodge in China, Amity Lodge, was chartered "notwithstanding joint representations from the four Grand Lodges," is erroneous. Not only were such representations not made; but the four Grand Lodges mentioned showed their good will by sending their official representatives to the consecration of that Lodge, on May 25, 1931. It was not the avowed intention of our Grand Lodge to form a sovereign Grand Lodge in China. While it is true that an enthusiastic Grand Master expressed the hope that at some future time Amity Lodge might serve as corner stone of such a Grand Lodge, leading Masons of our Grand Jurisdiction have repeatedly affirmed that many years would have to pass before a Grand Lodge of China could be thought of.

The Proceedings of our Grand Lodge for 1934 will be out in a few months; in the meantime we send you a copy of our official organ, The Cabletow, containing the Annual Message of Most Wor. Bro. Stanton Youngberg, which gives a complete account of events and our views on the subject of our action in China. I might add that everything done in this connection by M. W. Grand Master Youngberg was unanimously approved and ratified by our Grand Lodge.

In accordance with your request, we have asked your Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge to surrender his commission and jewel, which will be sent under separate cover, by registered mail.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
(Sgd.) MANUEL CAMUS
Grand Master."

THE GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA

Our fears that some of the Grand Lodges, seeing that four of the most ancient and powerful Grand Lodges had seen proper to withdraw the hand of good fellowship from us, might follow the lead of those Grand Bodies, were not altogether unfounded. The first Grand Lodge to take this attitude was that of Victoria, from which we received the following letter:

"THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VICTORIA

Freemasons' Hall, 25, Collins St. Melbourne.
29th March, 1934

Newton C. Comfort, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands,
Post Office Box 990,
Manila, Philippine Islands.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.,

I am directed to inform you that this Grand Lodge, in view of the decision of your Grand Lodge to refuse its co-operation to the compact made in connection with the Fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges, and continues to issue Warrants to establish Lodges in China, contrary to the desires of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Ireland, has decided that Fraternal intercourse and the exchange of Representatives between the United Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands be suspended.

Yours fraternally,
(Sgd.) Wm. STEWART
Grand Secretary."

Our reply to this communication was as follows:

"May 10, 1934.

R. W. Bro. Wm. Stewart,
Grand Secretary,
The United Grand Lodge of Antient Free
& Accepted Masons of Victoria,
Melbourne, 25 Collins Street.

Dear Sir and R. W. Bro.:-

We are in receipt of your communication of March 29, 1934, advising us that your Grand Lodge has suspended fraternal intercourse and the exchange of representatives with ours. We regret, of course, the temporary loss of the friendship of an esteemed Sister Grand Lodge; but more than anything else we regret that your Grand Lodge should have taken this action so hastily, without looking into the matter and with such a completely mistaken conception of the situation.

One of the reasons stated in your letter for the suspension of relations is that our Grand Lodge has decided to 'refuse its cooperation to the compact made in connection with the Fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges.'

As a matter of fact, our Grand Lodge has adopted exactly the same bases for fraternal recognition of Grand Lodges as the United Grand Lodge of England, hence there could not possibly have been any disagreement on this subject. This charge is for this reason entirely unfounded.

As to our reasons for establishing Lodges in China, we beg to refer you to our circular of March 15, 1934, our Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1934, and the brochure of Amity Lodge No. 106, of Shanghai, copies of which have been forwarded to your office and must have reached you by this time.

It is an elementary principle of justice that no one should be condemned without a fair hearing, and that principle should not be ignored in the intercourse between Grand Lodges. We have shown that the Grand Lodge of England based its action on a committee report that is full of errors and condemned us without giving us a hearing, and you must admit that your Grand Lodge merely followed the lead of England and acted with a mistaken idea of the entire matter.

We do not deem it necessary to ask your Grand Lodge for a reconsideration of its action, as we have full confidence in the Masonic sense of justice of our Brethren of Victoria and trust that this matter will be re-opened and the hasty decision of your Grand Lodge reconsidered.

Sincerely and fraternally,
(Sgd.) LEO FISCHER,
Deputy Grand Secretary."

Courteous as is their wont, our Brethren in Victoria answered the letter last copied as follows:

"THE UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VICTORIA

Freemasons' Hall,
25, Collins Street
Melbourne.
7th August, 1934

Newton C. Comfort, Esq.,
Grand Secretary,
Grand Lodge of The Philippine Islands,
Post Office Box 990,
MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Dear Sir & R. W. Bro.,

In reply to your letter of the 10th May last, I have been directed to advise you that the decision of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria to suspend Fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands cannot, at present, be revoked.

It has been our settled practice for many years to follow the decisions of the United Grand Lodge of England in such matters.

You must realize that in Victoria (Australia) we are not in a position, through lack of opportunity, to give full consideration to the evidence of both sides, to form our own conclusions as to the merits of a dispute of this kind and for this reason we always follow the lead of our "Mother Grand Lodge".

If the Grand Lodge of England can be induced to reconsider the matter and to revoke its decision to suspend fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, then I can assure you that the United Grand Lodge of Victoria will be glad to resume the Fraternal relations which have hitherto existed between our two Grand Lodges.

Yours sincerely & fraternally,
(Sgd.) Wm. STEWART,
Grand Secretary."

THE NATIONAL GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE

The National Grand Lodge of France is a Grand Body organized under the auspices of the United Grand Lodge of England in the jurisdictional territory of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of France. It was, therefore, not altogether a surprise to us when that Grand Body followed its Mother Grand Lodge blindly, as we cannot but consider it.

THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA

I was astonished and chagrined when, last June, I received from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia a letter worded as follows:

"It is with sincere regrets that I consider it my duty to issue the following order. which is self-explanatory. I hope that the differences mentioned may amicably be adjusted and that fraternal relations may be restored at an early date. The order follows:—

Whereas, it appears that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, by warranting certain Lodges in China, has ignored the requests and protests of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the warranting of these Lodges being, in the considered opinions of the said four Grand Lodges, to the detriment of the principles of true Freemasonry, I, as Grand Master of Freemasons in Georgia, hereby order that all relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands be suspended until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and direct all Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia to decline receiving any persons hailing from the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands or from any subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction;

And further. it is ordered that all Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia refrain from visiting the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands or any subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction during the term of suspension.

Fraternally,
(Sgd.) GUY G. LUNSFORD,
Grand Master."

In reply to this communication, the following letter was sent:

"Your communication of June 1, 1934, advising us that you have issued an order suspending relations between your M. W. Grand Lodge and ours because certain other Grand Lodges have done so, for reasons which seemed good to them at the time, has been received.

We have read this communication with mingled feeling of regret, disappointment, and astonishment.

We regret to see that by this action on your part, our Brethren are cut off from fraternal intercourse with the Craft of a Grand Jurisdiction whose friendship we have always valued very highly. We are dissapointed to see that our friendship is held in so little esteem that it is spurned without our being given a chance to present our side in a controversy in which we have been doing nothing but exercise and defend our sovereign rights and uphold vital principles of true Masonry. And we were astonished to see this action taken by the Grand Master of Georgia as if hasty action were unavoidable and he could not wait to have this matter properly investigated and laid before the Grand Lodge, or even suspend action until our 1934 proceedings had reached him.

We trust that the M. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia will give us that hearing to which we consider we are entitled, and will render a decision inspired by that spirit of Masonic justice and fairness which has always distinguished it."

An appeal from M. W. Bro. Lunsford's action to the Grand Lodge of Georgia was prepared and forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Georgia, but shortly before the Annual Communication of that Grand Lodge, which was held in October, M. W. Bro. Lunsford revoked his order, as shown by the following letter:

"This is to advise you and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands that on this date I, as Grand Master of Georgia Masons, have issued an order nullifying my order of June 1, 1934, which order suspended fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

This order is being published in the October issue of our Masonic Messenger, copy of which is being forwarded to you.

For any injustice done the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands I offer my apology. That a most friendly relationship may ever exist between your Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Georgia, is my prayer.

Fraternally,
(Sgd.) GUY G. LUNSFORD
Grand Master."

OUR POLICY

Our policy toward the Grand Lodges which have suspended relations with ours has, I believe, been a dignified and correct one throughout. We have not yielded on the chief issues, which concern the sovereign rights of our Grand Lodge as well as our belief in the universality of Freemasonry. We have not replied to the edicts and resolutions excluding our members from fraternal intercourse in kind, as shown by the following circular which I issued shortly after assuming the Grand Gavel:

"To the Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction.

GREETING: This is to inform all members of Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction that the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Massachusetts have advised us that they have temporarily suspended fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands because of the refusal of our Grand Lodge to join the "Advisory Council on Masonic Matters in Northern China." In view of this suspension of relations, the Lodges of the foreign Grand Jurisdictions named have been prohibited from admitting members of our Lodges as visitors. This disagreement which we hope and trust, will be of short duration, is not of our seeking and the doors of our Lodges will remain open to visitors from all regular Lodges as heretofore.

Let this Circular be read at the Stated Meeting of each Lodge next following the date of the receipt of the number of the Cabletow containing the same, and let mention of such reading be made in the minutes.

Given under our hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge, at Manila, P. I., this 15th day of February, A. L. 5934 (A. D. 1934).

MANUEL CAMUS, Grand Master.
ATTEST: NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary."

In order to lay the true facts of the case before our Sister Grand Lodges who we feared might be misled by the erroneous statements sent out by some of the Grand Lodges which had broken with ours, I sent to all the following circular letter:

"March 15, 1934.

To Our Grand Representatives near Sister Grand Lodges and other Friends of our Grand Lodge, withersoever dispersed.

GREETING:

We regret to inform you that the causes and events which led up to the suspension by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland and Massachussetts of fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, have been represented to the Masonic world in a way that is neither in strict accordance with the facts nor fair to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

In justice to our Grand Lodge, which now finds itself cut off from fraternal intercourse with the four Grand Lodges mentioned, we deem it appropriate to submit what we believe to be a fair and correct statement of the case, and ask you to consider the situation calmly and dispassionately.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands was founded in 1912 by three local Lodges of the Grand Lodge of California and was, and still is, the only regular sovereign Grand Lodge in Asia. Being the nearest Grand Lodge to the masonically free territory of China, it very naturally has a vital interest in Masonry in that country; but for eighteen years it abstained from making use of its undoubted right to create Masonic Lodges in that republic, and then it took such action only upon petition received from China and in order to right what it considered to be a wrong. The history of the activities of our Grand Lodge in China was briefly stated by Most Wor. Grand Master Stanton Youngberg in his Annual Message to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, on January 23, 1934, as follows:

"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 Massachussetts 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 Gonzalez replied that he would submit the propositon to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge for consideration. Subsequenty 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 Antonio 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."

It appears that the "Advisory Council" above referred to met at Shanghai on June 9, 1933, and "unanimously submitted a report and recommendations that their respective Grand Lodges sever relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines," and, further, that on occasion of the inauguration of the Masonic Peace Memorial in London, in July, 1933, the official representatives of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Massachusetts determined to carry out the rcommendations of the "Advisory Council". They did this without giving the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands a fair hearing, and acted on insufficient evidence and with an entirely erroneous conception of the situation. A mere glance at the reports on which the Grand Lodges of England and Massachusetts based their action is sufficient to show this.

In the report on which the United Grand Lodge of England based its action we read that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands warranted Amity Lodge in Shanghai notwithstanding joint representations from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland and Massachusetts. In fact, no such representations were made, and the constitution of Amity Lodge was attended by official representatives of the four Grand Lodges mentioned.

We further read that it is the avowed intention of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands to form a Grand Lodge in China. As a matter of fact, no such intention exists, nor has it ever existed. The hope has simply been expressed by one of our Grand Masters that the organization of Lodges in which Chinese are given an opportunity to show what they can do, will be the initial step toward the formation of a Grand Lodge of China at some future time.

The Massachusetts report is especially unfair to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Accusing that Grand Lodge of not heeding protests addressed to it, it carefully omits to mention the fact that on receiving the first protest, Grand Master Larkin reluctantly denied the petition of a group of Masons to form a Lodge at Nanking, although he resented the veiled threats contained in the letter of Grand Master Dean of Massachusetts. Nor is there any mention of the fact that each and every protest received was carefully examined and that Grand Masters Gonzalez and Youngberg made personal investigations in China in order to ascertain the facts. The statement that "There is ample evidence that the concep-

tion of Freemasonry held by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines is quite different from ours" was probably made by our Massachusetts Brethren in an unkind spirit; but we prefer to construe it to mean that our Grand Lodge is less cramped by time-worn precedents and less influenced by racial prejudice. Their statements that "It is a gross breach of fraternal regard, courtesy, and comity for the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to flout the seriously considered and mature judgment of these four Grand Lodges", and the reference to these Grand Lodges as the "four senior Grand Lodges of the world" is characteristic of the spirit inspiring this report, namely, that the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands is immature, incapable of an opinion of its own, and something to be disregarded and rudely brushed aside.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland refers us to the England and Massachusetts letters for the reasons for which it suspended relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, and the same may be said of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

In organizing Lodges in China without consulting the Grand Lodges who had established Lodges there, our Grand Lodge is supposed to have violated the principles of Masonic courtesy. Yet the Grand Lodge of Scotland warranted two Lodges in the Philippine Islands without consulting any of the Grand Jurisdictions (California, Spain, and Portugal) which had Lodges in this country, and it has been maintaining a Lodge in the territory of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands since the foundation of the latter in 1912.

We submit that, as Grand Master Youngberg said in his letter to the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, "we are masonically right in every step we have taken in China. Our Masonic record is clean and irreproachable." Our Grand Lodge courteously declined to join the so-called "Advisory Council," an inter-Grand Lodge body created for the express purpose of stifling our action in China, because it was not blind to the fact that nothing but friction and disagreement could come from such a body. We feel that certain Masonic principles are at stake in this controversy which we cannot ignore or violate, hence there must not be any cowardly yielding, although the "four senior Grand Lodges of the world" are arrayed against our struggling young Grand Lodge.

We trust that with the assistance and sympathy of our friends, the duration of this violent situation will be shortened, and that in the end justice will prevail.

Thanking you for your attention, I remain, dear Sir and Brother.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

MANUEL CAMUS
Grand Master."

NEWTON C. COMFORT, Grand Secretary.

With this letter, a pamphlet was sent prepared by our Amity Lodge No. 106 which contained all the correspondence exchanged and circulars and edicts issued in connection with the suspension of relations and the events that brought it about, as well as a splendid exposition of the errors on which the action of the suspending Grand Lodges had been premised, written by Wor. Bro. Frank J. Rawlinson.

A circular was sent to our own members abroad—we have nearly one thousand members who are residing in the United States—in order to acquaint them with the situation and prevent their becoming unnecessarily alarmed. The response to this circular has been most gratifying as it shows a deep sense of loyalty on the part of all.

Except as reported elsewhere in this Message, I have adopted an attitude of watchful waiting, as I firmly believe that the Grand Lodges concerned, having been shown that their action was taken on the strength of committee reports based on erroneous and prejudiced information and prepared in haste, will reconsider their decisions and resume relations with our Grand Lodge. The suspension is one-sided and our attitude can be but a passive one.

I recommend that the line of conduct thus adopted be maintained, as I have an abiding faith in the sense of justice and fairness of our Masonic Brethren abroad and trust that they will lift the ban pronounced against our Grand Lodge in a future not far removed.

CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES

Pearl River Lodge No. 109

It was my pleasant duty on February 7, 1934, to constitute Pearl River Lodge No. 109, of Canton, China, and install its officers. Very Wor. Bro. Hua-Chuen Mei, our District Deputy Grand Master, was of great assistance to me on that occasion, acting as Deputy Grand Master and Master of Ceremonies. The enthusiasm shown by the Brethren of the Lodge was most gratifying and I was greatly impressed by the high standard of its membership. The Masons belonging to Grand Jurisdictions which have suspended relations with ours, obedient to the orders they had received, did not attend these ceremonies, but the spirit of friendship and brotherly love which was so much in evidence before the break has not abated a whit and the Brethren concerned were unanimous in their expressions of regret and sympathy.

Kutang-Bato Lodge No. 110

Kutang-Bato Lodge No. 110, at Cotabato, on the Island of Mindanao, was constituted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master, on July 17th, and has been making good progress since.

DISPENSATION TO FORM NEW LODGES GRANTED

In November I received a petition signed by twenty Master Masons in good standing, praying for a dispensation to form a new Lodge in the municipality of Dansalan, Province of Lanao, Island of Mindanao, to be known as Maranaw Lodge. The petition and the vouchers accompanying it fulfilled all requirements, the necessity of a Lodge in that part of the important island of Mindanao was evident to me, and the character of the petitioners was such as to inspire full confidence in their ability to make a complete success of this enterprise. All these circumstances led me to grant the dispensation requested on November 14, 1934, and the Lodge was thereafter duly formed. In view of the showing made by the said Lodge, I trust that the Grand Lodge will perpetuate the same by granting it a charter.

DISPENSATION TO FORM NEW LODGES DENIED

Under date of September 3, 1934, I received a petition for a dispensation to organize a new Lodge in Pasay signed by practically the entire membership of Noli-me-Tangere Lodge No. 42, the charter of which I was then about to arrest. This petition not only lacked a number of essential requirements, but was plainly an attempt to organize the Lodge mentioned under another name. It was a case like that commented upon as follows by the Grand Master of Illinois in his Annual Message last October:

> ....Thus, certain officers and members of a Lodge, deeming the situation hopeless, submitted a plan of escape from legal obligations by surrender of the charter and procurement of another—a species of reorganization frowned upon as unethical, if not dishonest, by the better element of the business world and unworthy of Masonry.

An investigation revealed that the Lodge mentioned had not made any serious attempt to settle its heavy indebtedness to the Grand Lodge, and that a fraction of the expense of forming a new Lodge would have been sufficient to save the charter of Noli-me-Tangere Lodge. Considering it unwise to perpetuate a Lodge with such antecedents, and as it has for many years been the established policy of our Grand Lodge not to grant new charters in Manila and vicinity, where there are altogether too many Lodges, I denied the petition mentioned.

Another petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge which I was compelled to deny was that of twelve Brethren residing in and about Chengtu, a city difficult of access in the Province of Szechuen, China. While I was greatly impressed by the sincerity and integrity of the signers of this petition, who are men of splendid character and culture and to whom the existence of a Masonic Lodge in that remote city would be a godsend, the lack of certain essential requirements constrained me to refuse to grant the dispensation prayed for, an action which I took with great reluctance and sincere regret.

CHARTERS ARRESTED

Under the terms of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, it was my duty to arrest the charters of all Lodges in arrears who failed to pay 10% of their indebtedness on or before June 30, 1934. I did not carry this resolution into effect rigorously, as it would have necessitated the arresting of the charters of some twenty Lodges. Ample warning was given to the Lodges concerned that unless they complied with the terms of the resolution mentioned, the Grand Master would be compelled to take the action Grand Lodge had commanded him to take; but it was not until the last months of the year that I began to act. With few exceptions, the Lodges concerned saved their charters

by paying, and I ordered that payment be accepted and my order rescinded where such payment was tendered before the charter had been actually taken up.

This leniency was undeserved in several cases, where the Lodge was found to have funds and the failure to pay was due to neglect or stubbornness on the part of the Lodge officers.

The Lodges whose charters stand arrested are the following: Noli-me-Tangere No. 42, Filipinas No. 54, Plaridel No. 74, and Hamtik No. 76.

Charges against these Lodges for the forfeiture of their charters have been prepared and will be submitted to you in due time.

I believe that the weeding out of some of our weak Lodges will leave our Grand Lodge stronger and better, and will be for the benefit of the members of the Lodges eliminated instead of working a hardship for them. An additional, more severe, pruning would do the Craft a great deal of good, especially as far as the over numerous Lodges of Manila and vicinity are concerned.

THE MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, a corporation separate and independent from the Grand Lodge, has been able to carry on despite the depression although only a handful of enthusiastic Brethren are really doing anything for it. Even our Grand Lodge failed to make its usual donation for 1933 and 1934.

An appeal to the Craft which I sent out on Christmas brought gratifying results, however, and I sincerely hope that during the present year, the Hospital, our only organized charity worth of the name, will receive the support of the Fraternity to a greater extent than last year.

To further the cause, and give the little kids a few happy hours, monthly concerts by the Welfareville Band at the Mary J. Johnston Memorial Hospital, where the Masonic Ward for Crippled Children is located, have been instituted and will, I trust, be continued. During the year, the corporation expended one thousand pesos for the construction of a sun portico in the Mary J. Johnston Memorial Hospital, which was much needed and is greatly enjoyed by the little patients.

I recommend that Grand Lodge make an appropriation of three thousand pesos, representing a donation for the years 1933, 1934 and 1935 for the Masonic Hospital of which we are all so proud, and that said amount together with the "Larkin Fund" be turned over to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children for the purchase of much needed X-Ray equipment.

FORECLOSURE OF THE MORTGAGE OF PLARIDEL TEMPLE ASSOCIATION, INC.

At our last Annual Communication a resolution was adopted authorizing me to proceed with the foreclosure of the mortgage of the Plaridel Temple Association, Inc., in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 3135. My attention was called to the fact that many of our Brethren had invested part of their savings in Plaridel Trust Agreement certificates, upon the urgent invitation of leading Masons, when it was necessary to raise money to prevent the Philippine National Bank from foreclosing its mortgage on the Temple, and that their interests must be protected.

I consequently determined to make haste slowly and appointed a Special Advisory Committee, headed by Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, which will in due time render its report.

I join the Committee mentioned in its recommendation that action on this matter be postponed for the present.

FINANCES

It affords me great pleasure to report the finances of our Grand Lodge in good condition. Through economy in the management of our funds we are, in spite of the financial depression, ₱2,235.66 to the good this year.

As regards investments, only one was made this year, consisting in a loan of ₱5,500.00 from the Masonic Home, School and Dormitory Fund to Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, on very good security.

GRAND MASTER'S FUNDS

You placed at my disposal last year a Benevolent Fund of ₱900.00 and a Contingent Fund of ₱900.00. The latter I have left intact, and of the former I have spent only the sum of ₱250.00, which I sent to the Governor-General as contribution of our Fraternity towards the Typhoon Relief Fund.

THE OFFICE OF GRAND LECTURER

Seven years ago, M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, then Grand Master, recommended that the Constitution be amended in the sense of making the Grand Lecturer an appointive officer. Grand Lodge did not take any action on this recommendation. I now repeat the recommendation of my distinguished predecessor and shall set forth my reasons for so doing in plain language. In our Grand Lodge, the Grand Lecturer is considered as being in line for promotion to higher elective office and is elected with that idea in view and not for his ritualistic efficiency and fitness for that responsible post. In other words, the office has become a football for Grand Lodge politics. The incumbent is elected by his friends for the purpose of "getting him into line" and, having sought and accepted the office for the purpose of promotion, what is more natural than that he should use it to work for his election as Junior Grand Warden? Can such a Brother be expected to remain in that office for more than one year although the Grand Lecturer should be practically a permanent officer, because it takes several years to form a good one? And is there not great danger of such a Grand Lecturer being lax in granting certificates of proficiency and slow to criticize and report irregularities, in order not to impair his chances for promotion?

BRANCH LIBRARY AT PLARIDEL TEMPLE

For the benefit of the members of the Lodges meeting in the Plaridel Masonic Temple, most of the books and seven large book cases of the Grand Lodge were transferred from the Escolta Temple to the Plaridel Temple, where a library and reading room were established. Wor. Bro. Leonardo Garduño was appointed an additional member of the Library Committee and was placed in charge of the branch library mentioned, and I desire to thank him for his efforts in this connection. It is hoped that the use made of this library and reading room by the Brethren will warrant the expenses incurred in fitting it up and inaugurating it.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year, it was my pleasant duty to commission Grand Representatives of our Grand Lodge near certain Grand Lodges abroad, and to recommend certain well-deserving members of our Grand Lodge for appointment as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction.

The foreign Brethren commissioned were:

Wor. Bro. Dr. José Antonio Valverde R., National Grand Lodge of Colombia, (Bogota).

Wor. Bro. Arthur Brod, Grand Lodge Lessing zu den drei Ringen (Czechoslovakia).

Wor. Bro. Galloway Calhoun, Grand Lodge of Texas.

Wor. Bro. Georges Georgalas, Grand Orient of Greece.

Wor. Bro. John S. Hedelund, Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

The Brethren I recommended for designation as Grand Representatives near our Grand Lodge were:

V. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, National Grand Lodge of Colombia (Bogota).

M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Wor. Bro. William Merz, Grand Lodge Lessing zu den drei Ringen (Czechoslovakia).

Wor. Bro. J. Leon, Jr., Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

THE UNEMPLOYED

Among my first official acts were steps taken in favor of the unemployed. An appeal to the Craft was published in the form of a Grand Lodge circular; but I am sorry to state that this appeal and the efforts of the Grand Lodge Employment Committee, Grand Secretary's Office and Cabletow were of no avail. There was no cooperation to speak of on the part of employers and others; no replies were received to the notices published in the Cabletow, and the Lodge Secretaries soon ceased to send in lists of names of unemployed Brethren.

In view of the failure of the various methods tried, I believe the finding of employment for our unemployed Brethren should be left to the Lodges and the Grand Lodge Employment Committee should be abolished.

TASMANIA MASONIC CENTENARY

Our Grand Lodge has received a courteous invitation from the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Tasmania to attend the celebrations to commemorate the Centenary of Freemasonry in Tasmania and of the "Tasmania Operative" Lodge No. 1, to take place at Hobart, Tasmania, on February 23-28, 1935. To my great regret, the distance and expense involved prevent our sending a delegation to Hobart. Our Brother Masons in Tasmania are very dear to us and we rejoice with them in their achievements, hence I recommend that Grand Lodge adopt a resolution conveying a message of affection and congratulation to the Grand Lodge of Tasmania on the auspicious occasion mentioned.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Most Worshipful Brothers Albert E. Boynton and Charles Wollenberg, Past Grand Masters of California, accompanied by their families and by Bro. Karl Wohlbach, another prominent California Mason, visited the Far East last fall and were entertained by the Brethren in Manila, Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, and Nanking. A Committee of Past Grand Masters appointed by me before I left for China and Japan did the honors in Manila, and I owe a great debt of gratitude to our California Brethren for favoring us with their visit, and to the Committee, of Past Grand Masters, which was headed by M. W. Bro. F. H. Stevens, for performing its duties so conscientiously and well.

EDICTS AND CIRCULARS

EDICTS.—On April 16, 1934, your Grand Master signed the only Edict issued by him during his term of office, worded as follows:

"(Grand Master's Edict No. 23)

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

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

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

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

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

MANUEL CAMUS
Grand Master.

Attest:
NEWTON C. COMFORT,
Grand Secretary."

CIRCULARS.—Circulars were issued as follows:

January 26, 1934—Announcing amendment of the Constitution regarding life membership

January 27, 1934—Publishing the Grand Lodge Resolution regarding payment of indebtedness of Lodges to Grand Lodge in ten annual installments.

February 15, 1934—Announcing suspension of relations with our Grand Lodge by Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Massachusetts.

April 2, 1934—Regarding distribution of Grand Lodge Proceedings.

May 2, 1934—Regarding unemployed Masons.

May 15, 1934—Announcing appointment of Grand Lodge Auditor.

The edict and circulars above-mentioned were all published in the Cabletow and ordered read in open Lodge, besides.

VISITATIONS

I have not made as many visitations during my term of office as Grand Master as many of my predecessors, for several reasons. One of the principal considerations which made me refrain from taking greater advantage of this arduous though pleasant duty of my exalted office was my belief that the Grand Master should give his Deputy and Wardens ample opportunity to make such visits in his behalf, which not only affords these Brethren an excellent chance to acquire information and experience that will be very useful to them when, as may be expected, they attain to the office of Grand Master, but gives our Lodge members an opportunity to become acquainted with and observe the Brethren in line for promotion in Grand Lodge. I recommend to the consideration of my successor and of the Grand Lodge the system adopted in California, where the Grand Jurisdiction has been divided into three executive districts, which removes the responsibility of supervising ceremonies, visitations, etc., from one man to four: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

Later during the year, I made another trip to China and covered Japan besides; but as our Deputy Grand Master had but recently visited our Lodges in China in my behalf, I did not make any official visitations. However, I met many of our Brethren informally in Shanghai, Hongkong and Pekin. I also met leading members of other Grand Jurisdictions whose attitude towards our Grand Lodge and our Lodges in China I found to be very sympathetic. My conferences with these Brethren helped to clear up misunderstandings and will no doubt help to hasten the settlement of our present difficulties in China.

Visitations were made during the year as follows:

Names of Lodges	*Dates*	*Places*
By the M. W. Grand Master		
Cosmos No. 8	Feb. 17, 1934	Masonic Temple
Manila No. 1	March 20, 1934	" "
Mencius No. 93	May 17, 1934	" "
St. John's Lodge No. 9	June 11, 1934	" "
Sinukuan No. 16	Aug. 28, 1934	Plaridel Temple
Dapitan No. 21	" " "	" "
Hagdang-Bato No. 87	" " "	" "
Manila No. 1	Nov. 20, 1934	Masonic Temple
By the Deputy Grand Master		
Biak-na-Bato No. 7	Feb. 24, 1934	Masonic Temple
Mt. Apo No. 45	July 12, 1934	Zamboanga
Kutang Bato No. 110	July 17, 1934	Cotabato
Bud Daho No. 102	July 20, 1934	Jolo, Jolo
Mt. Kaladias No. 91	July 22, 1934	Dumaguete
Maktan No. 30	July 23, 1934	Cebu, Cebu
Tupas No. 62	July 23, 1934	" "
Kanlaon No. 64	July 24, 1934	Bacolod, Occ. Neg.
Elisha W. Wilbur No. 101	July 24, 1934	Victorias
Iloilo	July 25, 1934	Iloilo, Iloilo
Acacia No. 78	July 25, 1934	Iloilo, Iloilo
Makawiwili No. 55	July 26, 1934	Capiz, Capiz
Baguio No. 67	Aug. 4, 1934	Baguio
Leonard Wood No. 105	Aug. 20, 1934	Camp Stotsenburg
Benjamin Franklin No. 94	Aug. 14, 1934	Masonic Temple
Keystone No. 100	Sept. 1, 1934	Corregidor, Cavite
Island No. 5	" " "	" "
Makiling No. 72	Nov. 3, 1934	Calamba, Laguna
Labong No. 59	Nov. 8, 1934	Malabon, Rizal
Malolos No. 46	Nov. 5, 1934	Malolos, Bulacan
Lincoln No. 34	Nov. 10, 1934	Olongapo, Zambales
Cavite No. 2	Nov. 12, 1934	Cavite, Cavite
Muog No. 89	Dec. 22, 1934	Parañaque, Rizal
Magat No. 68	Jan. 5, 1935	Bayombong, N. V.
Malinaw No. 25	Jan. 12, 1935	San Pablo, Laguna
By Senior Grand Warden in the name of the Grand Master		
Pinagsabitan No. 26	March 3, 1934	Sta. Cruz, Laguna
Dapitan No. 21	Jan. 19, 1935	Manila
By Junior Grand Warden in the name of the Grand Master		
Service Lodge No. 95	Nov. 24, 1934	Plaridel Temple
By Senior Grand Lecturer in the name of the Grand Master		
Pintong-Bato No. 51	March 3, 1934	Bacoor, Cavite
Pilar No. 15	April 7, 1934	Imus, Cavite
Zapote No. 29	April 21, 1934	Rosario, Cavite
Primera Luz Filipina No. 69	May 5, 1934	Kawit, Cavite
Ibarra No. 31	March 10, 1934	Kawit, Cavite
Bagong Buhay No. 17	March 17, 1934	Cavite, Cavite
Muog No. 89	June 9, 1934	Parañaque, Rizal
Silanganan No. 19	July 7, 1934	Pasig, Rizal
Batangas No. 35	July 21, 1934	Batangas, Batangas
Labong No. 59	Sept. 6, 1934	Malabon, Rizal
By Wor. Bro. R. C. Santos on behalf of the M. W. Grand Master		
Memorial No. 90	Dec. 3, 1934	Muñoz, N. Ecija
Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73	Dec. 5, 1934	Quezon, N. Ecija
Isarog No. 33	Dec. 27, 1934	Naga, C. S.
Mayon No. 61	Dec. 29, 1934	Legaspi, Albay
Camarines Norte No. 107	Dec. 31, 1934	Daet, C. N.

THE DEPUTY GRAND SECRETARY

Wor. Bro Leo Fischer did meritorious work this year as Deputy Grand Secretary, Editor of the Cabletow, and Fraternal Reviewer, in recognition of which I am writing him the following letter:

January 22, 1935.

Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer,
Manila, P. I.
My dear Bro. Fischer:

I feel it to be my pleasant duty before handing the gavel to my successor to publicly acknowledge the loyal and disinterested cooperation and support you have given me during my term of office. I am inclined to believe that your splendid effort for the Craft is not fully realized by our Brethren, and for this very reason I am constrained to express to you in this letter my appreciation for the faithful performance of your duties as Deputy Grand Secretary and for your constructive work as reviewer of the foreign Grand Lodge proceedings and as editor of "The Cabletow."

Trusting that in the future, as in the past, through your able pen and thorough knowledge of our Constitution, you will continue rendering your valuable services to the Craft in disseminating the genuine principles of Masonry, I remain.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,
MANUEL CAMUS,
Grand Master.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

I wish to commend the valuable support and cooperation I have received from the Finance Committee, especially from its chairman, Worshipful Bro. Miguel Bonifacio. Throughout the year, Wor. Bro. Bonifacio has conscientiously and creditably performed the work of his Committee, and whenever I needed, has readily furnished me with the necessary data in connection with the economical and efficient management of our Grand Lodge.

As stated before during the early part of my term as Grand Master, at the request of several Brethren, a special committee headed by Right Worshipful Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master, was appointed to investigate the conditions, and especially the accounts in the Grand Secretary's office. The Deputy Grand Master selected three technical assistants, with Wor. Bro. Miguel Bonifacio at the head of them. For seventeen years the accounts of our Grand Lodge had never been audited, and its system of bookkeeping was so defective that it had not even a ledger, and that no one, except probably the Grand Secretary or Assistant Grand Secretary knew whether an account had been paid or not. The beneficent result of that investigation and audit was beyond my expectations. Many disputed accounts have been straightened out to the satisfaction of all concerned.

THE GRAND LODGE AUDITOR

The Grand Lodge Auditor appointed by me last April, Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, visited 33 Lodges and inspected and audited their books and accounts, instructing the Lodge secretaries in the system of accounting adopted by the Grand Lodge, and giving me a good idea of the financial and general conditions of the Lodges he had thus visited. He accompanied the Deputy Grand Master on most of his official visitations and was of great assistance to him. In the Grand Secretary's Office, he did a great deal of work in relation with the financial affairs of the Lodges, especially of those which were in arrears and whose charters had been arrested.

DECISIONS

A few decisions were rendered by me during the year which deserve, perhaps, to be made of record. They are as follows:

1—The Master and Junior Warden of a Lodge in the provinces having removed from the jurisdiction of the Lodge but not having resigned, I decided that their offices could not be declared vacant by resolution of the Lodge until the incumbents had actually resigned or had removed permanently from this Grand Jurisdiction.

2.—*Pro tempore* appointments to the office of Warden should be made for the meeting only, although nothing prevents an understanding that such designation will be deemed renewed at each subsequent meeting if the regular incumbent is still absent or occupying a higher office and the Brother who has been acting in his stead is present.

3.—As regards the interpretation of the amendment to Section 2, Article VI of the Uniform Code of By-Laws, relative to the salary of the Secretary of the Lodge, which was passed by the Grand Lodge at the 1934 Annual Communication, it is held that for the purposes of said amendment, the 10% required by the resolution adopted at the same Annual Communication to be paid yearly on the arrears of a Lodge, is the only portion of those arrears which can be considered as a *current obligation* for that particular year. The new proviso limiting the Secretary's salary to ten pesos a month in certain cases does, therefore, not apply to a Lodge which has paid that 10% installment for the year and has no other current obligation outstanding.

4.—Section 3, Article I, Part IV (Par. 202) of the Constitution, which limits voting at any election and eligibility to any office in the Lodge to members in good standing whose dues are paid, refers to dues as the term is used in the Constitution. Hence, if a member's dues are paid up to the end of the current quarter and there are no Masonic charges pending against him, he must be allowed to vote, regardless of any debt that he may owe the Lodge.

5.—In case a member indebted to the Lodge for loans, assessments or charges other than his annual dues offers to pay his dues, the money so tendered cannot be applied to any other purpose than that for which it is tendered.

6.—A member who persistently refuses to pay just debts to his Lodge, such as money borrowed or relief received from the Lodge under a pledge to repay it, being able to pay such indebtedness, is guilty of unmasonic conduct and subject to Masonic charges and trial.

MASONRY

We may well be proud of what has been accomplished by Masonry in these Islands, for a few of us still living have witnessed its martyrdom on that masonic Golgotha where every lodge then in existence perished to give birth to our political and religious emancipation. On being restablished under the present régime, with the guidance of that gentle, kind mother, the Most Wor. Grand Lodge of California, new standards and policies, the Anglo-Saxon's became predominant and placed their impress upon the civilization and institutions of our Commonwealth. The teachings of our Order are salutary and ennobling. No man can be identified with it without having higher inspirations and a better conception of his duties to his fellowman. It awakens noble impulses and encourages an ambition to be helpful and do good. Every one of us can bear testimony to the benefits we have derived from it, and we have frequently witnessed the blessings it has poured out upon others. Its charities are unbounded, and yet, without ostentation. It inculcates morality, improves citizenship, and uplifts humanity. As a character builder, it has no superior; it makes men more considerate of the rights of others, more affectionate towards their families, and more fraternal in their intercourse with their fellowmen. By the profane, Masonry is usually judged by the acts of its individual members. This being so, let us strive to so live that we shall not bring disgrace upon it; let us bear in mind the lessons taught in the Lodge Room which will elevate us to a higher standard of manhood. Masonry develops the best traits in man's character; it tends to make him benevolent, kind-hearted, sympathetic, and charitable. We should remember, that charity is not confined to financial aid to those in need, but we should have charity in the broader sense of the word, looking with compassion upon the faults of our Brother, overlooking his shortcomings, and using our best endeavors to reclaim him if he has gone astray.

It is a pleasure, as well as a duty, to pass a word of cheer and lend a helping hand to those in sickness or distress, and to do what we can to better the condition of mankind, and the thousands of men belonging to our institution, and practising its principles can not but command the respect and admiration of the world.

CONCLUSION

In closing my report, I desire to thank you one and all for the kindness, courtesy and cooperation extended to me during the past masonic year. I commenced my year's work with the best intentions in the world, intending in the first place to give my best attention to the differences then existing with other Grand Lodges, and in the second place to silence with a thorough investigation and proper action the charges of inefficiency and irregularities in the administration of the Grand Secretary's Office. I hope that I have succeeded; that better relations are now in view with the Grand Lodges which have severed fraternal relations with us, and that in our executive department truly businesslike methods will prevail. Let us look forward to the coming masonic year with hope and high resolve. May the dictates of truth, honor and virtue ever guide and support our Brethren in their public and private life. May our beloved country enter into the new era of the Commonwealth government with proper plans for a successful administration, and may peace and harmony dwell among us and guide us to our destiny.

One word more and I am through. Keep on striving, my Brethren, is the secret of success in life. Forward was the watchword of creation, and forward has been the word of success ever since. As is natural, we have had our difficulties to overcome and may have more obstacles facing us. But as long as we are united and justice is in our side, never fear, for victory will be ours.

MANUEL CAMUS
Grand Master.

From Contemporaries

THE SECRETARY'S REWARD

The Secretary stood at the pearly gate,
His face was worn and old,
He merely asked the man at the gate
For admission to the fold.
"What did you do down there?" St. Peter asked,
To gain admission here?"
"Oh, I used to be a Masonic Lodge Secretary
Down there for many a year."
The pearly gate swung open sharp,
As St. Peter tapped the bell,
"Come in, Old Top, and take your harp;
You had enough of hell."

—*George Andrews, Sec'y Glenville Lodge.*

MASONIC LIVING

Perhaps no problem confronting the Institution of Masonry is greater than that of making it more effective in the every day life of the world.

Men, who are Masons, have widely different ideas about Masonry, for no other Fraternity or Society, in all history, has produced such a vast amount of literature concerning itself. Masonry is old and rich in the wisdom of ages. Masonry has done a vast amount of benevolent and charitable work about which the world knows little. Masonry particularly in America has been the constant support of the public school, and in these ways and others there can be no question as to its truly remarkable effect upon the world.

Notwithstanding this splendid attainment there are those who believe that the geographical spread and numerical growth is all that is necessary to guarantee its permanency. Vain hope—so long as anything in or about Masonic organization is permitted to rank higher than Masonic living.

A good attendance at meetings, a well kept lodge room, good fellowship and feeds, even letter perfect exemplification of the degrees and all else which pertains to organization are but means to an end—and the end itself is the great responsibility of seeing that Masonry is lived by those who receive its rights and benefits.

The truth of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, the supremacy of character, the immortality of the soul are fundamentals in Masonry that have survived the wrecks of time.—**Scottish Rite Sun, Minneapolis.**

DON'T STAY BURIED

This story isn't ours, but nevertheless it is a good one:

A farmer had an old blind horse which had outlived his usefulness. One day he fell into an old well. The farmer looked in and saw him standing deep in the water. There seemed to be no way to get him out, and as he was quite useless, and the well abandoned and dangerous, the farmer ordered his men to fill up the well and leave the horse buried in it.

The men began to shovel dirt into the well. But the horse was not willing to be buried. When the dirt began to pour in upon him he began to shake it off and tread it under foot. As the well was filled up the horse came nearer and nearer to the surface, and when the men finished their task the horse walked out into the pasture.

The very things which conspire to bury the lion-hearted these days, are used by them to lift themselves out of difficulties and into the light. The very last thing one should do is to agree to stay dead and buried.

Lodge News and Personals

With regard to this Section, see our notice under "Secretaries, Attention!" in Official Section of this issue.—Editor.

Manila No. 1.—The Special Meeting of December 18th was devoted to the installation of the officers elected and appointed for 1935. Rt. Wor. Brother Samuel R. Hawthorne, Deputy Grand Master, officiated as installing officer and Wor. Brother Frank C. Bennett, as master of ceremonies.

Before tht installation ceremonies, Wor. Brother Voss opened an Emergent Lodge of Past Masters and Wor. Brother Spielberger was invested with the Degree of Past Master. The Past Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Master by Wor. Brother Louis H. Hausman in well chosen words. Wor. Bro. Voss thanked the Brethren of the Lodge and assured them that he would continue to do his share of the work.

Much favorable comment has been heard on a booklet gotten out by Manila Lodge No. 1, with a "Manila Lodge Calendar" attached, in which Rt. Wor. Bro. Charles S. Banks, Keeper of the Archives of the Lodge, makes his report and commemorates the fact that the last signature in the member's register has passed the 1000 mark. The report is in verse and shows Rt. Wor. Bro. Banks to be "some poet" besides being an A No. 1 historian. The pamphlet was designed by Wor. Bro. Albert K. Spielberger, Master of the Lodge.

The new letter "G" over the East, a gift from Bro. Bertrand H. Silen, the new Junior Warden, is a beauty "when properly ignited."

Bro. T. P. Moyer has written from Los Angeles (1838 S. Orange Drive), that he reads the Cabletow with much pleasure and then passes it on to the editor of the bulletin published by the University Lodge and to the library of that Lodge.

Bro. John L. Drew, writing from the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, says he prefers the climate of the Golden State to that of the Philippines.

Other Brethren abroad who have written and sent greetings are: Clinton H. Hulbert, 5048 Eagle Rock Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.; Howard Ingram, 291 Champion Street, Battle Creek, Mich.; John G. Kellog, Finance Office, Fort Bliss, Texas; Geo. L. Richon, Fort Monmouth, N. J.; Elon G. Sargent, 2550 A. I. U. Citadel, Columbus, O.; Basil G. Squier, Finance Office, Army Base, Boston, and Frederick L. Taylor, now at 6625 Georgia Ave., Washington, D. C.

Special Christmas and New Year's greetings are reported by the Secretary as having been received from Brother Reuben J. Cristman, 3701 16th Str. N. W., Apt. 302, Washington, D. C.; Brother and Mrs. George W. Vilain, 1502 Walnut Hill, Edgewater, Norfolk, Va.; Brother and Mrs. Richard M. Hall, 1502 S. W. Hall Street, Portland, Ore.; Brother Gustav Klein, Fort Douglas, Utah; Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, Camp Stotsenburg, P. I.; Brother and Mrs. Harry I. Shoemaker, Manila; Brother Judge H. Oswald; Minerva Lodge No. 41, Manila.

Cavite No. 2, Cavite.—The principal offices in Cavite Lodge are now occupied as follows: W. M., John Lawrence Palmer; S. W., Dave Abraham Liechty; J. W., John Arthur Cropper, P. M.; Treasurer, Francis Victor Guittard, and Secretary, Henry David Riley, P. M. These and the appointive officers were installed by Wor. Bro. Louis Hausman (1), assisted by Wor. Bro. Joachim W. Schilling (8), on January 12th, last.

New addresses have been communicated by the Secretary as follows: (1) Elmir Anderson, U.S.S. Jacob Jones No. 130, Key West, Flo. (2) C. F. Johnson, U.S.S. Mindanao, Canton, China. (3) C. C. Gilmore, Los Baños, P. I. (4) J. H. Walls,

U.S.S. Vestal, 5th Div., c/o P.M., San Pedro, Calif. (5) R. R. Colyer, 315 Second St., Denora, Pa. (6) L. C. Wood, 818 W. Thoren St., San Diego, Calif. (7) Sgt. Maj. Horace Larn, U.S.M.C., 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, F.M.C. Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. (8) V. L. Holmgren, Atago Machi 109, Nagasaki, Japan.

Corregidor No. 3.—At the January Stated Meeting, held on the 10th of the month, the officers for 1935 were installed by M. W. George R. Harvey, with Wor. Bro. Verne E. Miller acting as master of ceremonies. The elective offices in the Lodge are now occupied as follows: W. M., Reuben Levy; S.W., Isadore Cohen; J.W., Charles Becker; Treas., Fred G. Stewart, P. M., and Secretary, John M. Aaron, P. M. To sit in the East is nothing new to Wor. Bro. Levy, as he has been acting Master of the Lodge for several months. The Lodge began this Masonic year with a membership of 245 Master Masons, showing a net loss for the year of 8. The balance sheet for December 31, 1934, shows Corregidor Lodge to be in sound financial condition.

Bagumbayan No. 4.—Exactly one-third of the membership of this Lodge (30 out of 90) passed in front of the East and saluted the new Master when Bagumbayan Lodge installed officers on January 9th, last. M. W. Bro. C. W. Rosenstock did the installing and Wor. Bro. José C. Velo assisted him as master of ceremonies. The P. M. jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. Floro A. Santos by Wor. Bro. José A. de Kastro. Addresses were made by Deputy Grand Master Hawthorne, Senior Grand Warden Benitez, Past Grand Masters Harvey and Rosenstock, District Inspector Balmaseda, and the newly installed Master, Wor. Bro. Dr. José I. Abuel. Refreshments were served after the ceremonies had been completed.

Wor. Bro. Charles Gallagher, writing from Brooklyn, N. Y., reports that he was sick with the sprue three months last summer, at the Walter Reed Hospital, and that the frost has spoiled his orange crop in Florida. But Charlie, like a true philosopher, says "it might 'a been worse" and lets it go at that.

Island No. 5, Fort Mills, Corregidor.—Letters and dues have been received from the following Brethren in the U. S. recently: John E. Robinson, Fort Monroe, Virginia; John Kovasch, San Francisco, California; Lawrence M. Miller, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Frederick M. Griggs, Dover, N. J.; Alex J. Connor, Fort MacArthur, California; Cliff P. Miller, Hubbard, Oregon; John A. Downey, East San Diego, California; Henry H. Hammond, Climax, Colorado; and Fred Schmuelgen, Athens, Alabama.

Bro. John Kovasch writes that he will retire from the U. S. Army after thirty years' service in February.

Bro. Fred Schmuelgen states that he is leaving the Army to get married and settle down in civil life.

Bro. Ernest Lee Harrison is a patient in the Edwin Shaw Sanatorium, East Akron, Ohio.

Bro. James Gayle has just returned to Corregidor for another tour of duty here.

Southern Cross No. 6.—At the Annual Meeting, on December 10, 1934, officers were elected as follows: W. M., R. E. Holmes; S. W., E. R. Hyde; J. W., M. A. Hayes; Treas., W. W. Larkin, P.G.M., and Sec., John R. McFie, Jr., P.M. However, as the Master elect was forced to decline the office, because he will continue to be stationed in Zamboanga, a special election was held on January 14th, with the result that Bro. E. R. Hyde was elected to the East, Bro. E. E. Littlewood to the West, and Bro. J. W. Hayes to the South. The installation will be held as soon as the officers elect are ready.

A dimit was granted to Bro. W. H. North, a charter member of this Lodge, who is in the United States and does not expect to return to the Philippines.

Bro. Clarence Theo. Stark was initiated last December, at a special meeting.

Bro. Louis Ike Witcoff received the first and second degrees in December.

Bro. E. A. Hirsch is expected to be back in the Philippines about the middle of February.

A son was born to Bro. Whipple S. Hall's daughter, Mrs. J. H. Manning, at St. Luke's Hospital on December 27, 1934.

Bro. T. W. Wright has been transferred from Los Angeles to the main office of the Associated Oil Co. in San Francisco.

Cosmos No. 8.—Cosmos Lodge installed officers on December 19, 1934, M. W. Bro. W. W. Larkin being again installing officer, with Wor. Joachim W. Schilling assisting him. Bro. N. R. Baugh (1) officiated at the organ. Addresses were made by Wor. Bro. Joseph H. MacDonald, the newly installed Master, by Wor. Bro. John R. McFie, Jr., the district inspector, and by M. W. Bro. W. W. Larkin.

Bro. Bernard H. Berkenkotter has been seriously ill for several months and unable to receive visitors, but he is reported improving.

Bro. Sam Olsen, of Baguio, has been ill, but the hot baths at Klondike's seem to have put him on his feet again.

M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt, whose health is improving, was made glad by being recommended for appointment as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Bro. John C. Ropp again passed through Manila on December 22nd on the liner "President Coolidge."

St. John's No. 9.—Wor. Bro. Mark H. Nestle was installed as W.M., Bro. Frank C. Miles as S.W., Bro. G. E. C. von Pelikan as J.W., Wor. Bro. John George as Treasurer, and Wor. Bro. Louis F. Rothenhoefer as Secretary, on January 4, 1935. Wor. Bro. Rothenhoefer installed, with Wor. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer as master of ceremonies.

Christmas greetings have been received from many Brethren, including M. W. Bro. Stanton Youngberg (Grove City, O.) Bro. Earl Wells (241 Downey St., San Francisco), Wor. Bro. and Mrs. E. A. Rodier (Nanning, China), and Bro. Merton V. Best (Oakland, Cal.).

Bro. Martin F. Brenneke is reported as having visited Paul Revere Lodge No. 462, of San Francisco, Calif.

Bro. Glenn P. Leonard and family will be located in New York City.

Bro. Edmund Schedler and family are planning an extended vacation trip to Europe.

Wor. Bro. Charles S. Salmon, wife and daughter Dorothy arrived on January 19th, on the "President Hoover," after an absence from the Islands of a number of months.

Iloilo No. 11, Iloilo.—Since December 29, 1934, the elective positions in this Lodge are occupied as follows: W. M., Wor. Bro. Manuel Blanco; S. W., Bro. Isidro Uy Villanueva; J. W., Bro. Fortunato Ybiernas; Treas., Wor. Bro. Ricardo A. Luna, and Sec., Wor. Bro. José L. Zerrudo. These and the appointive officers were installed by Wor. Bro. Irineo Ferraris (64), with Wor. Bro. Fernando Ramirez (78) acting as master of ceremonies.

Sinukuan No. 16.—This Lodge acted as sponsor at the first concert given by the Welfareville Band at the Masonic Ward for Crippled Children, in the Mary J. Johnston Memorial Hospital at 101 Quesada, Tondo, on Saturday, December 1, 1934, at 4:30 p.m. The attendance was good and a sum of money was received for the Christmas celebration of the children.

Bagong Buhay No. 17, Cavite.—In a lengthy, detailed account in Spanish, which lack of space and the rules adopted prevent us from publishing in full, Wor. Bro. Francisco Advincula, the active Secretary of Bagong Buhay Lodge, describes recent activities of his Lodge, of which the following is a summary:

On December 30, 1934, the members of the Lodge and sojourning Masons gave a fraternal banquet in honor of Wor. Bro. Eusebio Dimaano, P.M. of Kalilayan Lodge No. 37, acting provincial treasurer of Cavite, who has been transferred back to Zambales. This banquet, which was held at Jim Lee's Restaurant, was very well attended. Addresses were made by Bros. Eladio Peñalosa, Pedro R. Santos, Andrés de León, Valeriano Custodio, Gervasio Pañgilinan, Hermenegildo P. Santos, Lupo G. de Torres, Ramon Samonte, and the guest of honor, with Wor. Bro. Francisco Advíncula acting as toastmaster.

The public installation of officers for 1935, held on January 5th, last, was also very well attended. V. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, Grand Lecturer, acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Andrés de León as master of ceremonies. Wor. Bro. Francisco Llamado congratulated the newly installed officers and Wor. Bro. Emilio Buenaventura, Jr. (84), pinned the P. M. jewel on the breast of Wor. Bro. Eladio Peñalosa, the retiring Master. Other speakers were: Ceferino Picache, S.W.; Gervasio Pangilinan, J.W.; Sabas Alcid, P.M. (29); Ramon C. Desiderio, W.M., and Emilio P. Virata, S.G.L. The five principal officers of the Lodge are now: Ramon C. Desiderio, W.M.; Ceferino Picache, S.W.; Gervasio Pañgilinan, J.W.; Silvino Picache, Treas., and Francisco Advincula, P.M., Secretary. The ceremonies of installation were followed by dancing and refreshments.

Araw No. 18.—The new officers of Araw Lodge No. 18 were inducted into office on December 31, 1934, with Most Wor. Bro. Antonio González acting as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Joaquín Garcia as master of ceremonies. The elective officers installed are: Wor. Bro. Santiago L. Laurea, Master; Bro. Yu Kitmen S.W.; Bro. Kui Pai, Treasurer; and Bro. Marcos A. Vega, Secretary. Bro. Miguel Enriquez, Junior Warden elect was absent; he will be installed later. Wor. Bro. Judge Diego Locsin presented the past master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Ong Tiong Chie, the retiring Master. The incoming and retiring Masters of the Lodge made interesting addresses. A buffet dinner was served after the installation.

Dapitan No. 21.—The public installation of the officers of Dapitan Lodge for the year 1935 was held on January 19th, at the Plaridel Temple. Wor. Bro. Macario Peralta acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Manuel A. Guieb as master of ceremonies. The past master's jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. Antonio Jonson by M. W. Bro. Antonio González. The solemnity of the occasion was enhanced by the reception of R. W. Bro. Conrado Benitez, Senior Grand Warden, and other officers and members of the Grand Lodge before the installation. The ceremonies were followed by a ball and refreshments. The elective offices in Dapitan Lodge are now occupied by the following-named Brethren: Macario V. Linsao, W.M.; Felix Z. Ledda, S.W.; Francisco Gerónimo, J.W.; Florentino E. Villacorta, Treas., and Francisco J. Olizon, Secretary.

Bro. Melecio Labalan's daughter Socorro, of Magallanes, Sorsogon, will continue her piano studies in the Conservatory of Music of the University of the Philippines next June.

Bro. Agustin J. Gustilo attended funeral services conducted by the Lodge at Menlo Park, Calif., last December.

Bro. Francisco Gavino writes from Honolulu that his eldest daughter has a son, and that he expects to return to the Philippines in three years.

Bro. Vicente Piñon, of the Bureau of Public Works, has been transferred from Cebu to Inabagan, Bohol.

Bro. Andrés P. Torio, of Dagupan, became ill on his return from Manila, where he had attended the annual meeting of Dapitan Lodge, but he has fully recovered since.

Bro. James E. McCulloch writes from Fort Barrancas, Florida, that he is now chief clerk in the Q.M. office, and sends greetings to all.

Bro. Pio L. Coquia, of Dagupan, was raised on December 22nd, last, he is the owner and manager of the Dagupan Automotive Supply Store.

Bro. Matias Wetack is now with the Automotive Department of the Pacific Commercial Company in Manila.

Pinagsabitan No. 26, Sta. Cruz, Laguna.—"The Beehive," the excellent little publication of this Lodge, made possible by the generosity of Wor. Bro. G. D. Corvissiano, reports that the temple of the Lodge was the refuge of several families during the severe typhoons last year.

Wor. Bro. Corvissiano sent regards from Montecatini, Italy.

Batong Buhay No. 27.—On January 8th, last, at the Plaridel Temple, the new officers of this Lodge were installed by Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, with Wor. Bro. Joaquin Garcia (12) as master of ceremonies. The five principal officers of the Lodge are now Wor. Bro. Pedro P. Servillas, W.M.; Bro. Emiterio R. Balboa, S.W.; Bro. Claro S. Basa, J.W.; Wor. Bro. Eugenio Dizon, Treas., and Bro. Enrique Ant. Gaerlan, Secretary. The P. M. jewel awarded by the Lodge was pinned on the breast of Wor. Bro. Nicanor C. Mendoza, the retiring Master, by Very Wor. Bro. Emilio P. Virata Senior Grand Lecturer. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Mabini No. 39, Aparri, Cagayan.—The public installation of officers held by this Lodge on January 5th, last, was both solemn and pleasant. Wor. Bro. Nemesio Furagganan was the installing officer and Bro. Ceferino Purísima (4) the master of ceremonies. There was a fine musical program, and the ceremonies were followed by a dance and refreshments. The principal officers are now: W. M., Baldomero Perez; S. W., Ignacio Chuah Pit; J. W., Melitón Tomaneng; Treas., Manuel Uy Sean, and Sec., Candido Valera (re-elected).

Bro. Federico M. Chua Hiong's father died in Manila of influenza and was buried in the Chinese Cemetery at Aparri.

Bro. Nicomedes Garcia reports the birth of a son on December 16, 1934.

Bro. Leonor Lizardo, of Cabanatuan, is vacationing in Pangasinan.

Wor. Bro. Cecilio N. Ascaño reports the birth of a daughter, on January 9th, last.

The Brethren were shocked to learn through the press that Bro. Pedro Samson y Bernal died in Manila on December 23rd, last.

Bro. Peter Johnson is now manager of the Mambulao Mineral Development Company, of Camarines Norte.

Minerava No. 41—M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, assisted by Wor. Bro. Fidel Manalo, installed the officers of this Lodge at the Plaridel Temple on January 3rd, last. The principal positions in the Lodge are now filled by the following Brethren: W. M., Albert E. Tatton; S. W., Ira M. Threet; J. W., Leo F. Henry; Treas., Charles A. Barker, P. M., and Sec., Walter L. Parman, P. M.

Makabugwas No. 47, Tacloban.—December 29, 1934, was a busy day for Makabugwas Lodge. At 6:30 p.m. a banquet was held under the auspices of the Goat Club at the Chinese Nationalist Party Building, and at 8:00 p.m. the officers for 1935 were installed by Wor. Bro. José Quisumbing (76), assisted by Wor. Bro. Pedro Almonte (38). Wor. Bro. Federico V. Larraga presented the past master's jewel and addresses were delivered by the retiring and incoming Masters of the Lodge, Wor. Bros. Alberto Santacruz and Tan Tiah Suya. The elective officers of the Lodge who were installed are: W. M., Tan Tiah Suya; S. W., Pio V. Advincula; J. W. Fidel Fernandez, P. M., Treas., Benedicto Cunanan, and Sec., Dominador Gallardo. Eleven Past Masters sat in the East during the ceremonies. The Secrets of the Chair had been communicated to the Master elect before his installation.

Sarangani No. 50, Davao.—The public installation of the officers for the year 1935 was held on December 22, 1934, at the Auad Building. Prior to the induction into office of the officers elect and appointed, the District Inspector, Wor. Bro. Alfred Zamora, was received, and past master's jewels were presented to Wor. Bros. Alfredo Zamora, Pedro R. Santos, Felipe F. Caburian, Benito Natividad, and Bartolome J. Cuadra. The presentation was made by Wor. Bro. Feliciano Iñigo. Wor. Bro. Dr. Pedro R. Santos installed the officers, assisted by Wor. Bro. Juan M. Ramos. Addresses were made by Wor. Bro. Amado F. Cortez (11), Wor. Bro. Bartolome J. Cuadra, Wor. Bro. Celestino Chaves, and Wor. Bro. José Viacrucis. The principal officers of Sarangani Lodge are now: José Viacrucis, W.M.; Vicente S. Nanciso, S.W.; Hilarion Q. Cabrera, J.W.; Te Chico, Treas., and Telesforo I. Alfelor, Sec. The newly installed officers having closed the Lodge, refreshments were served. The musical program was much enjoyed by all.

On December 30, 1934, a memorial service in honor of Bro. José Rizal was held by the Lodge. Addresses were delivered by Wor. Bro. Pedro Santos and Bros. Vicente Kasilag and Domingo Braganza, and a fine musical program suitable to the occasion was rendered. Rizal's "Ultimo Adios" was recited by Miss Rosario Narciso. This ceremony, which was held at the Puericulture Center Building, was solemn and impressive.

Pintong Bato No. 51, Bacoor.—Wor. Bro. Eugenio Padua, assisted by Wor. Bro. Rufino G. Tolentino, installed the officers of Pintong Bato Lodge for 1935 on the 5th of last month in the Masonic Temple at Bacoor. The ceremony, which was public, was well attended. The newly installed Master made a good inaugural address, and the Lodge, through V. W. Bro. Julian C. Balmaseda, presented a past master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Teopisto C. Batungbacal. The new Senior Warden also addressed the gathering. The principal stations in this Lodge are now occupied by the following Brethren; W.M., Tirso Bautista; S.W., Pablo S. Rivera; J.W., Teodorico B. Bayas; Treas., Francisco Gaudier, P.M., and Sec., Honorio R. Cuevas, P.M.

Pangasinan No. 56, Dagupan.—On Friday, December 28, 1934, at 4 p.m., Pangasinan Lodge met for the purpose of installing officers. Wor. Bro. Rafael M. Llorente acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Emeterio de los Santos as master of ceremonies. Addresses were made by Wor. Bro. Gregorio P. Domagas, re-elected Master of the Lodge, by Wor. Bro. Clark James, senior Past Master, and by Wor. Bro. Andrés Filoteo, District Inspector. The installation was followed by a fraternal banquet. The elective officers of the Lodge installed on that occasion are the following: Gregorio P. Domagas W.M.; Pio U. Reyes, S.W.; Mariano Ereso, J.W.; Vicente de León, P.M., Treasurer, and Luis S. Vallejos, Secretary.

Baguio No. 67, Baguio.—On January 14th, last, after the business of the Lodge had been transacted, the officers for 1935 were solemnly installed by Wor. Bro. Clark James, with Wor. Bro. William A. Weidman acting as master of ceremonies. The elective offices in the Lodge are now occupied by the following Brethren: W.M., Juan Medina; S.W., James E. Moore; J.W., Juan Resurrección; Treas., Emil Speth, and Sec., John Woodson.

Magat No. 68, Bayombong, N. V.—Deputy Grand Master Rt. Wor. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, accompanied by Bros. Ricardo Santos, Theodore H. Ginsberg, Reuben Levy, and William J. Ellis, honored the Lodge by his official visitation on January 5th in conjunction with the installation of officers for 1935. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne and party were received in due form in the Lodge, where Bro. Cornelio Gallardo, Actg. Wor. Master, gave a welcome address to the visitors.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne then installed the officers elect and appointed, with the assistance of Bro. Emeterio Relloza (49), captain, P.C. After the ceremony, which was held at the Nueva Vizcaya High School and to which the public was admitted, addresses were made by the newly installed Master, by Wor. Bro. Catalino Guillermo, the district inspector, and by the Deputy Grand Master. Dancing and refreshments followed the ceremony. Rt. Wor. Bro. Hawthorne and party left for the Balete Pass Rest House, where they were given excellent accommodations by the manager, Bro. Esteban Sanchez. The officers elect installed on that occasion were the W.M., José Virtucio; the S.W., Cornelio Gallardo; the J.W., Joaquín M. Villanueva, and the Secretary, Dioscoro A. Navarrete. The treasurer elect, Bro. Tan Siow Kew, was out of town and will be installed later.

Letters with dues and greetings have been received from abroad from Bro. Tomás Santiago, St. Louis, Mo., and Bro. León B. Moscoso, Hanapepe, Kauai, T. H.

Laoag No. 71, Laoag, I. N.—The new elective officers of this Lodge, elected at the Annual Meeting in December and installed privately at the January Stated Meeting, are Baltazar Aguirre, W.M.: Feliciano Llacar, S.W.; León Verano, J.W.; Felicisimo Ruiz, Treas., and Alberto Suguitan, Secretary.

Nueva Ecija No. 73, Quezon, No. E.—At the Meeting of Nueva Ecija Lodge, on Decmber 1, 1934, the following-named Brethren were elected to serve the Lodge as officers during the ensuing Masonic year: Wor. Bro. Felino Villasan, as Master; Ponciano D. Rivera, as Senior Warden; Leoncio T. Juan, as Junior Warden; Martin Villasan, as Treasurer (re-elected) and Carlos S. Domingo, as Secretary (re-elected). The installation of the elected and appointed officers was held on January 19, 1935.

On December 5, 1934, the representative of the Most Wor. Grand Master, Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos, Grand Lodge Auditor, visited Nueva Ecija Lodge.

Agno No. 75, Tayug.—Bro. and Mrs. Fidel B. Paragas report the birth of a son, on November 27, 1934.

The wife of Bro. Benito Malicdem presented her husband with twins.

Kasilawan No. 77.—Wor. Bro. Manuel Agbulos and Bro. Mariano Agbulos are mourning the death of their father which occurred on December 26th, last.

Wor. Bro. Braulio M. Epino spent part of his Christmas vacation in Atimonan, Tayabas.

Wor. Bro. José J. de Guzman was in the Mountain Province last month in the interest of the Aseguradores de las Islas Filipinas, of which he is managing director.

Mount Lebanon No. 80.—The installation of officers of Mount Lebanon Lodge took place at the Lodge Hall, at 1132 California St., on January 3, 1935. M.W. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Samuel N. Schechter as master of ceremonies. The district inspector Wor. Bro. Arthur J. N. Gabler-Gumbert, at the request of the Lodge, presented the past maser's jewel to the retiring Master, Col. José de los Reyes. Refreshments were served. The elective officers of the Lodge are: Wor. Bro. Charles Alfred Bruner, W. M.; Bro. Theodore Henry Ginsburg, S. W.; Bro. Dr. Lothar Lissner, J.W.; Bro. Motel Goldstein, Treas., and Bro. Elie Akrass, Secretary.

High Twelve No. 82.—Bro. and Mrs. Ciriaco C. Magsanoc are the proud parents of a boy born at the Philippine General Hospital on January 6th, last.

A son was also born to Bro. and Mrs. Eugenio Columbretes, on October 16, 1934, at Carigara, Leyte.

Bro. Antonio Quiaoit enjoyed a fortnight's vacation at Batac, Ilocos Norte, his home town, last month, after having spent a month travelling through the Mt. Banahaw and San Cristobal forest reserve for the Bureau of Forestry.

Hiram No. 88.—Very Wor. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, the Grand Lecturer, made a surprise visit to the Lodge at its Stated Meeting on January 4th.

Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Gregorio R. Sales were hosts to the members of Hiram Lodge and their families at a party on New Year's Eve.

Bro. Alejandro Diamitas is reported still ill at his home at Rosario, Batangas.

Service No. 95.—Service Lodge held its first public installation at Plaridel Temple on the night of Dec. 28, 1934, with M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., acting as installing officer and V. W. Bro. Mariano Gonzales as master of ceremonies. Wor. Bro. Robert Key (80) presented the past master's jewel and Wor. Bro. Teodorico Jimenez (31) the past master's apron to Wor. Bro. George William Edgar. Wor. Bro. A. D. Rosario (88) delivered the final instructions.

The elective officers installed were, Rt. Wor. Bro. Edward M. Masterson, W.M.; Bro. Clifford C. Bennett, J.W.; Bro. Samuel Robinovitz, Treasurer, and Bro. George Moore, Secretary.

Short addresses were made by M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., Wor. Bro. George W. Edgar, and Rt. Wor. Bro. Edward M. Masterson, J.G.W. Dancing and refreshments followed the installation ceremonies. The attendance was very satisfactory.

Bro. Michael Krump reports a visit to United Press Lodge No. 281, A. F. & A. M., where they were given a cordial and fraternal welcome by the W. M.

Dues and holiday greetings were received from the following Brethren: Charles W. Graham, B. P. O. E. No. 92, Seattle, Wash.; Leonard A. Taylor, U.S.S. Tulsa, Amoy, China; Leo K. Harper, 502 Lafayette St., Topeka, Kans.; William J. Stone, Barksdale Field, La.; Arthur L. Predmore, Box 175, Auburn, Calif.; Monroe Reynolds, Box 321, Randolph Field, Texas; Isidore Oricht, 75th Service Sqdn., Wheeler Field, T. H.; Robert G. Westwick, 1217 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Frank Olender, U.S.S. Maryland, San Pedro, Calif.; Harry M. Davis, Randolph Field, Texas; C. A. Weeks, Fort Douglas, Wash.; Alpheus T. Stone, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; R. A. Jackson, P. O. Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; C. A. Berry, U.S.S. Chicago, San Pedro, Calif.; Charles Gail, Rockwell Field, Coronado, Calif., and Don I. Cameron, Hamilton Field, San Rafael, Calif.

Mount Huraw No. 98, Catbalogan.—On December 10th, last, necrological services were held over the remains of Bro. Lao Yu Tiok, drowned six years ago, his remains having been disinterred for shipment to China. There was a numerous attendance.

Amity No. 106, Shanghai, China.—The Lodge donated 35 pesos and Bro. Alfredo T. C. Kao 10 Shanghai dollars to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children.

Nanking No. 108, Nanking, China.—The Lodge recently adopted a standing resolution suspending stated meetings during the months of July and August when the heat is very oppressive in Nanking.

Bro. Captain H. T. Baillie-Grohman is reported due in China again soon from England; he is in charge of the 1st Destroyer Flotilla.

Bro. Ralph A. Ward, our Secretary, spent most of November and December sick in bed either in University Hospital, Nanking, or at his home.

Wor. Bro. J. Morch Hansen's wife and children have sailed for Europe. Our Brother will follow his family in a few months and will spend part of his leave with them in Denmark.

Bro. Frank A. Abbott passed through Nanking some time ago on his way to Changsha, returning from leave.

Bro. J. D. Bennett, at Chungking, Szechuen, has left for the United States.

Bro. and Mrs. James K. Shen are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Bro. Jefferson D. H. Lamb has been having an interesting trip into Tibet and other parts of Asia.

Fraternal Reviews

The Volumes of Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdictions are, upon receipt, reviewed by Wor. Bro. Leo Fischer and the reviews are published in the Cabletow. Clippings are sent to the Fraternal Reviewers or Grand Secretaries of the Grand Jurisdictions concerned. Reviews are no longer published in our Proceedings.

MISSOURI, 1934

The Grand Lodge Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri was founded in 1821. On September 15, 1934, it had 645 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 97,266, which was 4,358 members less than the year before. Grand Lodge, at the 114th Annual Communication, which was held in the city of St. Louis on September 25 and 26, 1934, was opened by M. W. Bro. Frank C. Barnhill, of Marshall, and closed by M. W. Bro. Du Val Smith, of St. Joseph. The Grand Secretary is V. W. Bro. Arthur Mather, 3681 Lindell, St. Louis. Our Grand Representative near this Grand Lodge is Wor. Bro. Anthony F. Ittner.

The retiring Grand Master, in his address, referred to the death of Doctor William Alfred Clark, who was Grand Master of Missouri in 1918 and passed away on April 11, 1934. The funeral was conducted by the Grand Master.

On May 18, 1934, M. W. Bro. Barnhill dedicated the quarter scale replica of the original building of the Masonic College of Missouri at Lexington, and the Memorial Columns erected at the four corners of the original site of the building, the replica occupying the middle of the site. This event took place on the 87th anniversary of the laying of the original cornerstone of the building in 1847. There are two views of this monument which was erected as part of the Civil Works Administration program in Lafayette County.

The Grand Master attended the several national Masonic events in and near Washington in February, 1934. On that occasion, he visited the historic town of Williamsburg, Virginia, which is now being restored by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to its appearance in the days of its colonial prosperity and supremacy, at an expense so far, during the last four years, of over eleven million dollars.

The bond of the Grand Treasurer is $55,000 and that of the Grand Secretary $25,000 in Missouri.

The Grand Master ruled that no intoxicating liquors can be used in any Masonic room, anteroom or banqueting room.

We quote the closing paragraphs of M. W. Bro. Barnhill's Annual Report:

> It is my belief that the institution with which we are connected can never be destroyed by the elements that are outside, but it is equally true that the most vulnerable points in our fabric will ever be found on the inside.
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> Let us, therefore, guard well our portals, keep our feet on the ground, incline neither to the right nor the left, keep eternity in view, and thus shall we ever be in a position in which the Great Architect of the Universe shall bless and prosper us.
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> It has been said, "In the last analysis every institution is no stronger than the character and quality of the men who are responsible for it." If that be true, and I believe it is, then those who are officers in our Lodges, and Grand Lodge, as well as every member of the Craft, should ever strive to practice the principles of brotherhood and service promulgated by our Fraternity, to the end that Freemasonry in Missouri may continue to be a strong influence for the upbuilding of character and good citizenship in the future as it has been in the past.

R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Mather, Grand Orator, a son of the Grand Secretary, Dr. Arthur Mather, delivered an inspiring address which was printed in the Proceedings.

The report of the Special Committee on Grand Master's Relief Program is of particular interest as it contains much valuable information on Masonic Homes in the United States and the administration of Masonic relief outside these homes. This committee sent out an elaborate questionnaire. The following paragraphs covering points we have discussed in other reviews will serve as sample of its work:

> 6. Nineteen homes reported that, in their opinion, it is desirable to have indigent persons cared for in the homes of relatives or friends if possible, while five reported that this plan has been found unsatisfactory. The consensus of opinion favors the plan of caring for the indigent outside the Masonic Home where possible.
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> 7. In 25 of the Masonic Homes, it was reported that hospital facilities are provided, while 8 reported that they do not have such facilities. As a matter of fact, many of the old people in our Missouri Home are hospital cases, totally unable to care for themselves in any respect.

This committee report, which covers nine pages, goes into many details, such as the per capita cost of maintaining old people's departments and hospitals, and school facilities, libraries, housing and feeding arrangements, financing of the homes, composition of the home boards, outside relief, age limits, etc. As regards the Missouri Home, we see that there are about 440 members in the same, from 191 Lodges. What abuses of Masonic charity have occurred in that institution is shown by the following extracts:

> One Lodge with a very small membership had about 10 per cent of its membership in the Masonic Home. For several years the Masons of Missouri have been spending more than $5,000 per year on the members of this Lodge....
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> Another Lodge in a small town paid the Grand Lodge per capita tax in 1932 a total of $180.60. They had five members in the Home, costing the Fraternity $2,297.65....
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> Once recently, an old Brother died in the Home after his residence of 12 years there. The Fraternity had spent $6,000 on him. After his death, it was discovered that his son had a beautiful home in Philadelphia, and another in Miami, Florida, and that the son had five different bank accounts. Thus was the Fraternity imposed upon because careful investigation was not made....

The per capita cost of the Missouri Home family in 1933-1934 was $451.45. The average age of the old folks of the Home was 78 years. Every room in the Home was filled and had been for several years. Twenty destitute children were awaiting admission.

Under the title "The Masonic World," Past Grand Master Ray V. Denslow submits a fraternal review written in the topical style which is a masterpiece. Under "Addresses and Orations," we find a brief reference to M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Schmidt's oration (1933) on "Intolerance." Under "Masonic Personalities", our Resolution congratulating M. W. Bro. Paredes on his election as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Philippines is mentioned. Under "Dual and Life Membership," the reviewer mentions the 25-year life membership resolution which failed of passage in our Annual Communication of 1933. Under "Clandestine Masonry and Extraneous Societies", there is a paragraph on clandestinism in the Philippines. And under "Miscellaneous," Governor-General Roosevelt's visit to our Annual Communication of 1933 and the chartering of a ship for the Southern Islands cruise are briefly touched upon.

The Grand Representative of Missouri near our Grand Lodge is W. Bro. Adriano Rivera.

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THE CABLETOW

La Gran Logia de M. L. y A. de las Islas Filipinas se fundó en 1912. Tiene 102 Logias (28 en la ciudad de Manila) con 5,500 Maestros Masones aproximadamente. Es la única Gran Logia soberana en Asia universalmente reconocida. Su territorio, o sea, el Archipiélago Filipino, tiene una superficie de 114,400 millas cuadradas de tierra y una población de más de 12 millones. Sus actuales Grandes Dignatarios principales son: Samuel R. Hawthorne, Gran Maestre; Conrado Benitez, Gran Maestre delegado; E. M. Masterson, Primer Gran Vigilante; José Abad Santos, Segundo Gran Vigilante; Vicente Carmona, Gran Tesorero, y Teodoro M. Kalaw, Gran Secretario. La asamblea anual de la Gran Logia se celebra el cuarto martes de enero de cada año.

Editoriales

LOS CHINOS Y LA MASONERIA

Hojeando en nuestra colección del Cabletow, encontramos en el número correspondiente al mes de septiembre de 1924 un artículo que copiamos a continuación por ser de interés actual. Ciertas Grandes Logias han suspendido las relaciones fraternales con la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas porque ésta no quiere adherirse al plan de acción adoptado por dichas Potencias, consistente en negar a los chinos el derecho de fundar Logias propias. Dicho artículo, que demuestra que hace diez años teníamos la misma opinión de los chinos que tenemos actualmente, es del tenor siguiente:

En relación con la constitución reciente bajo la obediencia de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas de una Logia cuyos miembros son todos chinos, es interesante la noticia de que una averiguación que se hizo en 1899 con el fin de saber si Chang, el gigante chino, que había visitado la Logia Scoon and Perth en 1860, era verdaderamente Masón, el secretario de distrito A. O'D. Gourdin, de Hongkong, dijo lo que sigue en su carta oficial que se publica en la obra de Gratton titulada *Freemasonry in Shanghai and Northern China:*

> La Gran Logia (según Vd. sabe, desde luego), está muy opuesta a la admisión de los chinos a la Francmasonería, y aunque por infortunio nuestro tenemos actualmente a uno o dos de dicha nacionalidad en una de nuestras Logias no es probable que vaya creciendo su número.

En Filipinas no se considera "infortunio" el tener Hermanos chinos en las Logias, porque se ha visto que los chinos son material excelente y muchos de ellos militan hoy en las filas de la Francmasonería en las Islas.—*L. F.*

De Fuentes Extranjeras

LA FRANCMASONERIA ACUSADA Y ATACADA EN FRANCIA

Reseña escrita para la "Revista Masónica de Chile" por un distinguido Hermano chileno, en Ginebra, Suiza, el mes de abril de 1934.

La grave crisis moral, política y económica que atraviesa la Humanidad ha revestido caracteres particularmente agudos en Francia y ha culminado con la "revolución" del 6 de Febrero de este año, con su triste cortejo de muertos, heridos y perturbaciones de todo orden. Estos acontecimientos han dado motivo a "la prensa reaccionaria", a los elementos católicos y otros grupos para desatar una violenta campaña de ataques a la Franc-Masonería Francesa; y lo que es más grave, para que se le indicara como la culpable de las perturbaciones producidas el 6 y el 9 de Febrero, de las muertes y de varios crimenes sensacionales; y todavía más, de estar comprometida en los grandes negociados y escándalos de los últimos meses.

Los elementos de la reacción llegaron hasta intentar el incendio del local del Gran Oriente de Francia, en la noche del 6 de Febrero, y recientemente en Niza, el 26 de Marzo hicieron volar con dinamita parte del local de la Logia de aquella ciudad.

Por las repercusiones e importancia de estos hechos y por las enseñanzas que de ellos se pueden deducir, conviene examinarlos con cierta detención.

Los hechos.—Para comprender en toda su amplitud la cuestión es indispensable trazar un breve cuadro de la politica francesa de los últimos meses.

Desde hace alrededor de tres años dominaba casi sin gran oposición—salvo cortos períodos—el "cartel", compuesto del partido radical, radical socialista, socialista y neo-socialista; tenían como opositores los diversos partidos del centro, de la derecha y los comunistas.

Después de la guerra la Francia ha debido afrontar una serie ininterrumpida de grandes problemas de excepcional gravedad, internos unos, internacionales otros; entre estos últimos, muy particularmente, las cuestiones relacionadas con la liquidación de la guerra, el mantenimiento de la paz europea amenazada por el intento de Alemania de reanimarse y, finalmente, los esfuerzos por llegar a una política económica de cooperación internacional.

En cuanto a los problemas internos, los más agudos han sido: el de la desocupación y el financiero; el déficit del presupuesto se ha elevado, los últimos años, a seis millares de francos. Un fenómeno característico del parlamentarismo francés ha sido el aumento desmedido de los gastos públicos originados por las iniciativas parlamentarias, sin límites de ninguna especie. En consecuencia, toda previsión presupuestaria es inútil e imposible de armonizar con las posibilidades de percepción de las entradas; lo que hace el equilibrio presupuestario utópico. El aumento desmedido de la burocracia ha influído naturalmente en el aumento de los gastos públicos.

A todo esto se agrega la "lucha por el poder", de las diversas fracciones que se forman dentro de los mismos partidos alrededor de determinadas personalidades, lo que da como resultado las crisis ministeriales frecuentes.

Una serie de escándalos financieros que estallaron el año 1933, y en los que parece estaban comprometidos numerosos parlamentarios del "cartel", varios ministros en el gobierno y altos funcionarios y aún elementos de la policía, fué el punto de partida de los

ataques de la prensa y de los partidos de la oposición. Se pudo comprobar que varios intentos de persecusión a las bandas de estafadores habían sido detenidos por los políticos y, aún, que algunos partidos habían recibido de esos mismos elementos sospechosos de las finanzas, una fuerte contribución en dinero para las campañas electorales.

La prensa francesa, que era antes de la guerra "prensa de opinión", en los últimos años había sido acaparada por los representantes de las grandes empresas económicas, principalmente de los magnates de la "industria pesada", de los grandes bancos y firmas comerciales. Salvo la "Humanité" diario del partido comunista, "Le Populaire" y "Le Peuple", diarios de los socialistas, toda ella,—la prensa—era adversaria encarnizada del Gobierno. Y esta prensa se encargó de exagerar y falsear los hechos para excitar a la opinión pública, lanzándola contra el Gobierno y el Parlamento, y aprovechando de la situación para atacar a la Francmasonería Francesa. La Agencia Havas, que tiene el monopolio del servicio cablegráfico de Europa, y que está influenciada por los elementos de reacción, ha enviado, sistemáticamente a América, informaciones tendenciosas sobre todos estos hechos.

Cinco grupos bien definidos se distinguieron y se distinguen en Francia, por sus ataques contra la Franc-Masonería Francesa y han tenido una participación violenta y activa en los últimos acontecimientos: 1.º—Los elementos de la "Acción Francesa", compuesta por los partidarios de la monarquía, que reune toda la juventud de la nobleza y de la aristocracia: 2.º—"Los Cruz de Fuego" (Croix de Feu) asociación que reune a la mayor parte de los "antiguos combatientes" de la guerra del año 1914, que tiene un programa de tendencia y orientación fascista; 3.º—El partido de los "Jóvenes Patriotas" (Les Jeunesses Patriotiques) que aunque republicanos, son francamente fascistas; 4.º—Los "Francistas" partido creado a fines del año pasado, francamente reaccionario y enemigo del Parlamentarismo y que en el punto XI de su programa dice textualmente: "Disolución de la Francmasonería, asociación secreta responsable de la sangre vertida;" y finalmente 5.º—Los comunistas.

La prensa al servicio de estos grupos, y especialmente "L'Action Francaise" no ha desperdiciado ocasión para injuriar a la Orden. El conocido escritor Gustavo Hervé,—que fué un tiempo socialista y que ahora es reaccionario—en un artículo publicado en la prensa de París decía lo siguiente:

La culpa es de la Francmasonería. ¿Por qué trepidaré en culpar a la Francmasonería, a pesar de los servicios que ella ha podido prestar en otros tiempos a Francia y que ha mantenido desde la Revolución Francesa hasta ahora la llama republicana en nuestro país? Ella ha tenido en su seno en el siglo XIX, y que guarda aun, yo estoy seguro, una multitud de gente buena y de buenos patriotas; pero los mejores de los francmasones de hoy están de tal manera enceguecidos por su mística "librepensadora", que no ven que, desde hace cincuenta años, esta mística ha hecho bancarrota y quebrantado todas las disciplinas morales y religiosas de nuestra nación. La Francmasonería ha comenzado a demoler la patria. ¿Por qué tener consideraciones con estas gentes que con las mejores intenciones del mundo asesinan la Francia desde hace 50 años que están en el poder, y que, cada día más, ven introducirse en sus filas "arribistas" y aprovechadores para quienes la república no es un ideal sino un banquete a que sentarse?

No se necesita mucha perspicacia para descubrir en este ataque burdo el odio, la ignorancia y la insidia.

"El Nacional" órgano de la "Juventud Patriota" decía a su vez: "Mientras que el Gobierno Jacobino ejecuta a la letra las órdenes de la Francmasonería y prepara una lucha a muerte contra la Francia patriota nuestra misión es clara... Una gran batalla se aproxima..."

Con ocasión del asesinato de un alto funcionario judicial, encargado de informar sobre los últimos escándalos financieros, la prensa reaccionaria se destaca nuevamente en ataques contra la Francmasonería culpándola del crimen; entre otros el diario "Gringoire". El conocido socialista León Blum asegura otro tanto en el diario "Le Populaire". El diario "Je suis partout", al culpar a la Francmasonería de todos estos crímenes y de los acontecimientos del 6 de Febrero, da la lista de los hh. que en esa época estaban en el Gobierno, entre otros: M. Chauptemps, Junien, Hesse, Frot, etc.

La respuesta.—Han sido tan calumniosos, reiterados y violentos los ataques que dejamos esbozados, que el Gran Maestro del Gran Oriente de Francia H. Arthur Groussier, antiguo Vice-Presidente de la Cámara, reunió al Gran Consejo de la Orden y a otras autoridades masónicas, a fin de consultarles lo que se debía hacer. Por la totalidad de los votos de los hh. presentes, menos un voto, se decidió facultar al Gran Maestro para que hiciera una declaración pública. Además, en la citada reunión se tomaron, también por unanimidad, los siguientes acuerdos: "Adoptar todas las medidas necesarias para "sanear" las filas de los Talleres, de cualquier grado que fuera, no solamente de los hh. masones inculpados en los últimos acontecimientos, sino que también aquellos que puedan estar comprometidos por cualquier motivo o que descubra que se beneficiaban con negociados deshonrosos de cualquier naturaleza que fueran."

Se decidió, además, 1.º exigir el "retiro" inmediato de todos los HH. cuyos nombres hubieren sido señalados con ocasión de uno de los escándalos actuales; 2.º La declaración, bajo la fe del juramento masónico, de todos los hh. de los Talleres de que "ellos de ninguna manera han participado de ninguno de los negociados u operaciones relacionadas con los escándalos antes mencionados."

Finalmente el Gran Oriente de Francia resolvió imprimir y repartir la siguiente declaración:

"La Francmasonería del *Gran Oriente de Francia* a los hombres de buena voluntad:

"Despreciando los ataques, las injurias, la difamación, las calumnias de sus tradicionales enemigos que, a sabiendas, falsean la opinión pública, la Francmasonería del Gran Oriente de Francia recuerda a los hombres de buena fe el artículo primero de su Constitución:

La Francmasonería, institución esencialmente filantrópica, filosófica y progresista, tiene por objeto la investigación de la verdad, el estudio de la moral y la práctica de la solidaridad; ella trabaja por el mejoramiento material y moral, y por el perfeccionamiento intelectual y social de la Humanidad.

Ella tiene por principio la tolerancia mutua, el respeto de los demás y de sí mismos, y la libertad absoluta de conciencia.

Esto bastaría para refutar las acusaciones, que, con un fin evidente, tienden a hacerla aparecer lo contrario de lo que ella es.

La Francmasonería del Oriente de Francia no es una agrupación política; está naturalmente abierta a los hombres de todas las convicciones filosóficas y de todas las doctrinas políticas y deseosos de confrontar lealmente sus inclinaciones para esforzarse en encontrar la verdad y en defender las libertades tan penosamente conquistadas.

Como todas las Asociaciones, ha podido a veces dejarse sorprender acogiendo en su seno a personas deseosas de cubrirse por Ella de una garantía de honorabilidad.

Pero ella ha excluído a aquellos que se han revelado indignos y tomará las mismas medidas frente a aquellos—sean quienes sean—que aparecieren culpables.

¿Es necesario decir que desde el primer día Ella se ha sublevado de indignación contra todos los escándalos que legítimamente han conmovido la opinión?

Ella pide el castigo inmediato y riguroso de los malhechores públicos: estafadores, ladrones y asesinos.

Ha sido preciso el odio de sus eternos detractores para mezclarla a sus abominaciones y ella los desafía, si no a continuar sus ataques—la calumnia no se desarma nunca—por lo menos a probar la menor justificación.

La Francmasonería del Gran Oriente de Francia desea, finalmente, proclamar muy en alto que la Sociedad no podrá encontrar su equilibrio y su marcha hacia el Progreso sin un enérgico levantamiento de la Moralidad.

La grandeza moral de la Francia y el porvenir de la República dependen de ello.—*El Gran Oriente de Francia.*

Este manifiesto sobriamente concebido constituye la mejor respuesta a los enemigos de la Verdad y de la Justicia.

APLICACIÓN DE LOS PRINCIPIOS MASÓNICOS EN LOS NEGOCIOS

En el comercio un masón puede ejercer una acción eficaz como orientador y como corrector de muchas rutinas.

Como todos sabemos, la mentalidad moral e intelectual de los comerciantes es en una alta proporción deficiente: y esto tiene su explicación. El comerciante generalmente ha recibido una educación rudimentaria, la que después va desapareciendo por el abandono de su ejercicio. Son contados los hombres de comercio que resten al poco resposo que les deja el oficio, horas para dedicarse al estudio.

Por estas circunstancias las doctrinas y principios masónicos encuentran en el comercio un vasto campo de experimentación y raigambre. El masón comerciante tiene aquí una vastísima cátedra de inculcación de ideas superiores que despierten el deseo entre el círculo de sus relaciones mercantiles por ser mejores; o, por lo menos, la curiosidad por conocer tantas cosas bonitas que encierra un libro.

La obra del comerciante masón debe ir hacia allá; es decir, al mejoramiento del sujeto, para que, obtenida esta evolución mental y moral entre los comerciantes, desaparezcan las bajas rutinas, las malas artes de la competencia y por sobre todo el fraude.

Un "viajero" masón debiera ser en la colmena social la abeja tesonera que a su paso vaya sembrando la buena simiente, con la palabra y el ejemplo. El "viajero" que llega a un pueblo es recibido con mayor consideración y es escuchado con franco interés, por cuanto se supone que trae nuevas noticias, que cuenta con mayores conocimientos y que está capacitado para emitir juicios sobre los problemas de las más diversas materias.

Honestamente el masón viajero debe sacar partido de esta situación de cierta preponderancia que su misión le otorga y valerse de élla, no solo como inspiradora de los problemas que se debaten, sino como difusora del ideal masónico.

En mi vida de viajero yo he experimentado la posición favorable que al instinto de curiosidad humana le brinda al extraño y he podido también advertir la aureola de superioridad que se desprende expontánea en las sociedades por donde uno trafica.

Aquí, como digo, está el fuerte de la irradiación masónica. La propaganda por las buenas y correctas normas; el combate a la maledicencia comercial, la altura de miras en una honrada competencia y las normas de armonía entre las actividades productoras, son fundamento cierto que con ello se sirve nuestra causa y se realiza una encomiástica propaganda.

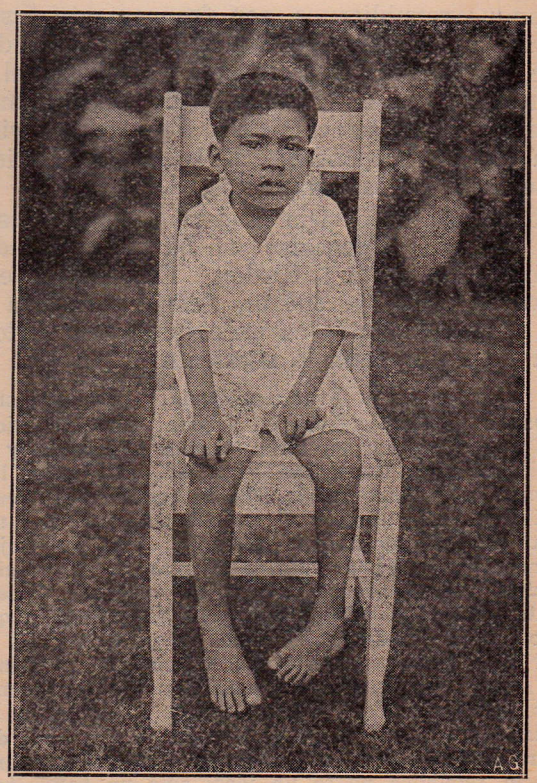
Desgraciadamente los tiempos que corremos son duros y problemáticos; pues atravesamos por un período de profundo egoísmo que no repara en nada. Los lazos de sangre, los afectos de la amistad, los compromisos de honor, las obligaciones más elementales que rigen las relaciones de los hombres y de los pueblos; los deberes sociales y económicos; todo está siendo letra muerta, nada se respeta.

Este estado de cosas repercute directa y hondamente en las actividades comerciales y filtra su veneno, perturba y anarquiza las antiguas y tradicionales normas, por las cuales se rigieran estas labores en todas sus capas económicas; desde el magnate de importación, hasta el humilde que detalla.

En resúmen; yo pienso que aunque sea la obra ímproba, y aunque el medio ambiente no esté de nuestra parte; la serena acción nuestra, debe ejercitarse e imponerse, como una revelación de perseverancia y fé masónica. El ejercicio de las virtudes alcanza las mayores alturas cuando existe una perseverancia fecunda que, como un reguero de energía viva y permanente, produce el fluído de la luz.

Cuando los tiempos son adversos y las calamidades públicas son mayores; es cuando más se necesita de la intervención de hombres de temple férreo; al servicio de una moral superior; que no se anonade por ningún esfuerzo y que permanezca inflexible ante el sacrificio.

No nos asuste el panorama en que se debaten las actividades de las naciones; no nos sorprenda ninguna tragedia; ni nos amilane el desconcierto reinante; avancemos con la mirada fija hacia un porvenir mejor y que en esta peregrinación sea el dolor la mejor cuna de un nuevo ideal.—**Revista Masónica de Chile.**



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