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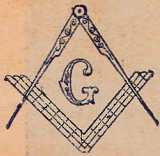
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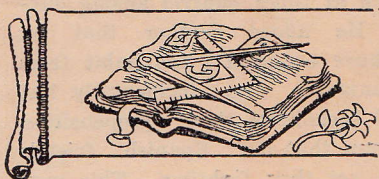
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## Editorial



## George Washington

**W**E honor this month the memory of that greatest of American Masons, George Washington. Filipinos in general honor him because he was the "father of his country" that has done so much for them in thirty-eight years of sovereignty over these islands. But Filipino Masons honor him more because his name stands for all that is frank, honest and sincere in human relations and as long as such is the case no stigma can attach to the degree of Master Mason.

A man so just in his dealings, with a mind so distinguished in its greatness, could not have espoused Masonry if it did not mean to him the satisfaction of his cravings for liberty—the ideal for which he fought so valiantly on the battlefield. In fact, it

should interest our detractors here to know this: that the Fraternity they would condemn counted with the full adherence of one who was "first in peace, first in war, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Thus we pay tribute now to that one who held Masonic standards so high that citizens of his country has since considered it an honor to be called Master Masons. Washington was great as a statesman of sterling qualities, and so was he as a soldier of proven valor and genius; but he was, more fundamentally, a greater citizen because of his uprightness in everyday life, his tolerance, and his magnanimous heart. Indeed, his record edifies every individual Mason in any land and at all times.

# MASONIC GOSPEL OF INDUSTRY

Oration Delivered at the Last Annual Communication by the Grand Orator,

Wor. Bro. ANGEL S. ARGUELLES

For centuries gone by, in the slow but upward struggle of mankind for progress and enlightenment, Masonry has played an important role. Masonry is an index to national culture and progress. Where the Craft flourishes in full splendor, we can be certain that democracy is well developed and the inherent rights of men are adequately guaranteed. On the other hand, if the Craft is suppressed and persecuted, one can be certain that oppression, tyranny and religious intolerance run rampant in the land.

The American revolution of 1776 was fought not only for political liberty, but for freedom of thought and creed, and the inherent rights of men. It was a patriotic outburst against oppression and this was led largely by members of the Craft. An outstanding Mason in the person of George Washington carried his people through the most trying years in the annals of America, and his achievements have gone down in history with ever increasing blessing and gratitude of enlightened and liberty-loving nations. History repeated itself in our own land and Dr. Jose Rizal, an outstanding member of the Craft aroused our people from lethargy, sacrificed all to blaze the way to freedom and enlightenment.

Many brethren of 1872 and 1896 led in the national upheavals that our people and the Craft may enter into an era of tolerance, freedom and progress. By divine providence, the American régime was ushered in and dominated by the spirit of Washington and Rizal for about three and a half decades. That golden era in our national annals was ended two years ago with the coming into existence of the Commonwealth Government. We all witnessed the rapid progress from a mediaeval and backward people to a progressive and modern nation in the field of politics, social improvement, education, public health, economics, science, and in fact, in practically all branches of human endeavor.

However, in the course of nation-building numerous problems arise and many things still remain to be done. Masonry, as an arch enemy of intolerance and superstition, has utilized science in its various forms. This is demonstrated in the liberal use of geo-

metric symbols in our rituals and the application of architectural science in building King Solomon's Temple. It is therefore felt that a brief dissertation of science with reference to the problems of the country and Masonry in general may not be entirely out of place.

The implantation of scientific work in the islands is of comparatively recent development. The coming of the American regime gave impetus to the development of science along lines adequate to meet modern requirements. Over thirty years ago, sanitation in the present sense of the term was practically unknown. Life in the tropics was considered extremely hazardous due to rampant epidemic diseases. The science of sanitation was not sufficiently prepared to cope with the ravages of diseases by which considerable proportion of the population became decimated.

Scientists with unremitting toil and untold sacrifices harnessed the forces of science to check the heavy tolls of these tropical epidemics which were then considered acts of God, similar to great upheavals of nature. Fortunately, those dark days are practically gone due to the work of the early pioneers in science. We can state that scientific work in the first decade of American regime was largely devoted to the control of tropical epidemics. The recent advances in sanitation here have made life more enjoyable and safer than in years gone by. Now it is essential for us to keep abreast with the progress of medical science in order that our population can grow normally with vigor and strength.

The second decade of our scientific progress in the islands was given over to the study of the different raw materials for industrial purposes and the exploitation of our natural resources. The great struggle for supremacy among nations had demonstrated the vital importance of economic development for the progress and contentment of a nation as well as for purposes of national defense. This period of world economic readjustment brings about conditions that compel nations to struggle with greater intensity for commercial and industrial supremacy.

The countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean have been undergoing marvelous changes and have become busy centers of industrial and commercial activities. The Philippines is in the midst of this development and it would be of the highest importance to marshal the forces of the nation in a manner adequate to meet new conditions.

One great handicap to our national progress is that the gospel of industry has not been deeply engrained in the life and customs of our people. This may be partly explained by the fact that the Latins under whom we lived for over 300 years, were not also too enthusiastic for physical work. Then the climatic conditions have the tendency to retard our inclination for physical exertion. A great American friend of our people recently remarked that we Filipinos have the propensity to talk of our plans a little in excess, and at times quarrel among ourselves. He added further that we might have acquired this habit from the Spaniards, who incidentally lost a world because of these propensities. It appears that our Spanish friends are not yet thru fighting. This may be a little far fetched, but just the same it deserves serious consideration because a people not inclined to industry, cannot go very far.

Self-analysis with a view to improve ourselves is in order. Let us strive to convert the old formula of failure into a formula of success, by converting ourselves into workers and cooperating among ourselves to accomplish a definite purpose. Frequently we are also careless about the use of our time. We are apt to have too many holidays. We are apt to go into heavy expenses on "fiestas" even to the point of getting into debt. Then we have such well known "evils" for wasting our days and money as cockpits, "jueteng", and other non-productive and unmasonic activities.

All these are great handicaps in the industrial progress of a nation. Although our country is endowed with great wealth in natural resources and agriculture, our people will not be able to take full advantage in utilizing these resources unless our rank and

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# An Invitation and A Response

By LEO FISCHER, F. P. S.,  
Editor, "Far Eastern Freemason"

Manila, P. I.

We have before us a circular signed by Bro. J. Mossaz, Grand Chancellor of the International Masonic Association, addressed "To all Masonic Obediences throughout the World." By means of this document, the International Masonic Association publishes to the Masonic world that it will, at its next Convention which is to take place in September, 1938, pursue an inquiry into "The Possibilities and means of Rapprochement between Regular Masonic Authorities throughout the World." For the purposes of this inquiry, the Association invites the Lodges and Brethren of all regular Grand Masonic Jurisdictions to send to its Chancellor memoranda embodying their ideas on this important matter. We accept with pleasure this invitation of Bro. Mossaz, whose address is Case Stand 138, Geneva, Switzerland, and state hereunder our own personal views on this subject which, we know, are shared by many Brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Philippines.

In taking up the subject under consideration, these questions suggest themselves:

Do any important disagreements or serious lack of union actually exist in world Freemasonry?

If so, what are the causes?

Why should these causes be removed and the estranged Grand Bodies brought together instead of allowing them to continue on their separate ways?

Is it possible to remove these causes? If so, how can and should it be done?

The first question must unfortunately be answered in the affirmative. Freemasonry, far from being united, is divided by a number of schisms and differences of opinion, many of which are of long standing. The Mason hailing from a Lodge under the Grand Orient of France finds the doors of the Lodges of Anglo-Saxon origin closed to him. The Brethren of many of the Grand Jurisdictions in Mexico cannot visit Lodges in the United States. For a number of years, Masons holding membership under the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands were barred from visiting Lodges under the Grand

Lodges of the British Isles and Massachusetts.

Why is it that the various Grand Lodges and Grand Orients are thus divided into what we might call hostile camps? The principal causes are differences as regards religious requirements, race prejudice, and disputes relative to territorial jurisdiction.

Because most of the Belgian Lodges use the Book of Constitution of 1723, instead of the Holy Bible, the same as the Grand Lodge of England was doing until 1760, very few of the Grand Lodges of Anglo-Saxon origin maintain fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium. Because the Grand Orient of France failed to respect the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, the latter and other Grand Lodges broke off fraternal relations with it. Negro Freemasonry is not recognized by the regular Grand Lodges of the United States of America.

There are, besides, causes of disagreement of a different character, among which must be mentioned the introduction of politics into the Lodges and the subordination of the Symbolic Lodges of a Grand Jurisdiction to the so-called higher degrees of the Scottish Rite. Alleged political activities of the Lodges of a Grand Body have often stood in the way of the latter's recognition by other Grand Bodies. The Grand Lodges of the Anglo-Saxon type demand as a requirement for the recognition of a foreign Grand Body that the same be absolutely sovereign and independent from any Supreme Council or other body pretending to exercise control over it.

Finally, disputes over more or less trifling matters have more than once resulted in the temporary rupture of relations between Grand Bodies.

Now comes the next question: is a reconciliation, a rapprochement between the Masonic Grand Bodies now separated by differences of opinion necessary or desirable? Would it not be just as well to let each Grand Body of Masonry practice the Royal Art in its own way and work out its own salvation within its jurisdictional territory, because conditions and idiosyncracies differ so much in each country, and what is

necessary, useful or desirable in one jurisdiction may be unnecessary, harmful or undesirable in another?

In answering this question, we must bear in mind that whatever may be the ways and means adopted, the aims and purposes of our great Fraternity are invariably the same. Conditions may alter cases but they do not affect the eternal principles of truth and justice. To reach the common goal, a common, united effort is essential. We must not pull in different directions. We must not waste our time in useless discussion and disputes. We must not undo each other's work and neutralize each other's efforts by quarreling over unessentials. To bring about that united effort, a rapprochement is not only desirable and useful, but absolutely necessary.

There is no doubt that the task of removing the barriers which now separate the various tendencies and schools in Freemasonry is an arduous one; but that does not mean that it is impossible of execution. On the contrary, the undertaking should be easy if each Mason concerned would take it up with an open mind, willing to listen patiently to the reasons and views of the other man and to yield, if necessary, in so far as his conscience allows it. To be hidebound and bigoted in such matters by some Masons and Masonic Bodies does not fall far from meriting these qualifications. A Mason who is intolerant of opinions conflicting with his own is not a true Mason, yet tolerance has been conspicuous by its absence in more than one of the dissensions that are of not infrequent occurrence in the history of Masonry.

The first condition for the success of the task which Freemasonry must undertake for its own good and that of humanity, that of bringing about union and harmony within the Institution, is, therefore, a spiritual one: we must approach each other in a spirit of tolerance and good will and win a sincere desire to give as well as take, all for the sake of peace and harmony.

It should not be over difficult to settle the dispute about religion. Our Latin Brethren contend that as regards religion, they practice Masonry

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# Impressive Annual Communication Held

## 85 Chartered Lodges in Eventful Confab

### Relief Work, Masonic Service Stressed at 1938 Conference Marked by Harmony

Six hundred and twenty nine credentials representing 85 chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were issued during the Annual Communication held from January 25 to 27, 1938. It was one of the most fruitful communications in many years, harmony and concord reigning throughout.

The members of Grand Lodge assembled in the Grand Lodge hall were called to order by the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Jose Abad Santos, at 4:00 P. M. on January 25th. Among those who were present were eight Past Grand Masters and five Past Grand Officers.

Before the deliberations, an appropriate prayer was offered by the Very Rev. Filomeno Galang, Grand Chaplain. The Past Grand Masters were then fittingly welcomed and conducted to seats in the East, after which the Most Wor. Grand Master, Joseph H. Alley, was received with Grand Honors. The Grand Master then ascended the Grand East, accepted the Grand Gavel, and welcomed the brethren from the different Lodges of this Jurisdiction. Wor. Bro. F. M. Alejo, responding, assured the Grand Master of the brethren's cooperation. "We are within the fold he said, "not to become expert in the execution of its ritualistic work, or to use the sacred name of the Institution for any possible aggrandizement and benefits, nor for revenge or the like, but to live up in the most ideal manner possible, doing our duty to God, to our Country, to our neighbors and ourselves."

In the name of the Grand Representatives who were also welcomed, Wor. Bro. Joseph F. Boomer, responded saying that the ears of those whom the Grand Master had just addressed were by proxy, those of the great multitude of Masons comprised in the several Grand Jurisdictions. He believed the group proved a practical instrument of our Order and served to strengthen the ligaments of affection which bind Philippine Masonry to the great family of the Craft throughout the world. He hoped that in the course of time it will become the duty of each Grand Representative to report annually to the Grand Lodge to

which he is accredited, the things he has done during the year to enhance those fraternal relations which are the life-blood of our beloved Institution.

The Grand Master then read his exhaustive annual message in which he reported to have made 100 visitations and his Deputy four. He said he regretted exceedingly not having had the time to visit also Charleston Lodge at Guam, and Palawan Lodge at Puerto Princesa. According to him, one of the most important duties of the Grand Master is to visit every Lodge once a year, for while the Lodges not visited make no complaint, he feels that they are neglected and deserve more attention from Grand Lodge officers.

Most Worshipful Alley was glad to announce that the Lodges were in better condition than they had been for some time and that they were working in peace and harmony. He commended the excellent work of the Grand Lodge Inspectors, who on occasions had acted as his personal representatives to clear up matters in their valleys.

The proposed agreement signed by him providing each Grand Lodge operating in China to thresh out questions of major import to Masonry in that country, was acted upon favorably. The agreement will not limit the sovereign rights of any Grand Jurisdiction, but will be an effective agency for the promotion of harmonious relations and the advancement of a high standard of Masonry in the Chinese Republic.

"The China Lodges," said Grand Master Alley, "in spite of the dangerous and difficult conditions obtaining there as a result of the undeclared war, are prosperous and growing." He extolled the determination and Masonic spirit shown by the brethren there and praised the humanitarian work being done by them. The Grand Master mentioned particularly Wor. Bro. George A. Fitch of Nanking, who stayed in that capital notwithstanding the fact that the Y.M.C.A. building where he was working had been completely demolished and his house looted, in order to assist the

needy, the homeless, the sick and the orphaned. He likewise mentioned Wor. Bro. Stephen Douglas Sturton, who has remained in Hangchow under similar conditions. The China brethren are carrying on a campaign of humanitarian work successfully, he said. In this connection, the Grand Master read portions of a letter from Rt. Wor. Bro. Mei, District Grand Master for China, appealing to the brethren of the Philippines for relief, saying it would be a sublime gesture of the Fraternity to extend relief and that the act would be deeply appreciated not only by brethren in China but also by the entire public there. "War relief," Rt. Wor. Bro Mei explained, "is a work of mercy and charity for those in dire need during these frightful days of intense privation, cold and starvation. It is distinctly an act of relief and not participation in any controversy." Answering the appeal and initiating the drive, the Grand Lodge voted P1,000.00 from the service fund, and authorized the Grand Master to request and solicit voluntary contributions from all the subordinate Lodges and from all Master Masons on the rolls of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose. The Grand Master then recounted the splendid work of the General Masonic Service Committee which assisted the evacuees from China, reporting a collection of P9,500.00 in the form of loans later refunded to the donors after pro rata share of the expenses in the amount of P64.55 were taken.

Our Grand Lodge's scholars were reported to be doing well in the colleges where they are enrolled. There was a wise distribution of the scholarship fund which was increased by  
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the Grand Lodge to P2,500.00 for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended the recognition and exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Lodge of the Department of Antioquia at Medellin, the Grand Lodge Occidental of Colombia at Cali, and the Grand Lodge of Colombia, A. F. & A. M. at Bogota, which was adopted.

In conclusion, the Most Wor. Grand Master thanked all those who have cooperated with him to make his tenure of office one of Masonic service.

The Acting Grand Secretary, M.W. Christian W. Rosenstock, who took the place of M.W. Grand Secretary Kalaw, then on his way back to the Philippines after his successful operation at the Mayo Brothers Clinic, reported a net increase of 21 in membership. Of the 5,246 Master Masons in this Jurisdiction, 2,681 are Filipinos, 1,958 Americans, 473 Chinese, and 134 other nationalities. 252 Masonic books were placed in the shelves of the Library. A total of 9,888 letters, circulars, replies, programs, etc., were said to have been prepared in the Grand Secretary's office during year past.

The Senior Grand Lecturer, Wor. Bro. Jose C. Velo, enumerated five objectives for Lodges, to wit: (1) put on good, accurate and effective ritualistic work, (2) provide proper financing of all Lodge activities, (3) carefully attend to calls for relief, (4) make a far reaching plan of Masonic education, (5) consider the need of an adequate plan for the social life of the Lodge. Grand Lodge Inspectors will now be accorded a distinctive badge, the Grand Lodge having favorably adopted the Senior Grand Lecturer's recommendation. It was recalled that a team of Grand Lodge Inspectors presided by Wor. Bro. Michael Goldenberg exemplified the Third Degree, the night before the opening of the Grand Lodge and that a large attendance applauded the precision and perfection of the Inspectors' work.

The Fraternal Dead received an appropriate tribute. The Grand Lodge sustained irreparable losses in the death of Past Grand Master W. W. Larkin, and the District Grand Secretary for China, Wor. Bro. Frank J.

Rawlinson, who died during the first bombings of Shanghai.

Among the resolutions adopted were the use of the dialect in Lodge discussions, and the vehement protest against the proposed instruction of religion in the public schools. The latter resolution, which is printed elsewhere in this issue will be presented to the President of the Commonwealth

by a Committee composed of Past Grand Masters of this Jurisdiction.

The Oration of Wor. Bro. Angel S. Arguelles appears on page 384 of this number, and the verbal report of Wor. Bro. Au, District Deputy Grand Master for China will be published in an early issue.

The new tableau of officers is composed of the following brethren:

Grand Master .....	Jose Abad Santos (4)
Deputy Grand Master .....	Clark James (56)
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District Grand Master for	
China .....	Hua-Chuen Mei (106)
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Grand Sword Bearer .....	Ubaldo D. Laya (111)
Grand Bible Bearer .....	Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang (27)
Senior Grand Lecturer .....	Jose C. Velo (4)
Junior Grand Lecturer .....	Colin M. Hoskins (1)
Senior Grand Deacon .....	Joaquin Garcia (12)
Junior Grand Deacon .....	Donald E. Scofield (34)
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Junior Grand Steward .....	Oscar G. Urquhart (2)
Grand Organist .....	Teodorico A. Jimenez (31)
Grand Pursuivant .....	Francisco M. Alejo (96)
Grand Tiler .....	Leland A. Bristol (5)

Installation was held on January 27, 1938, at 8:30 P.M. with M.W. Bro. Seldom W. O'Brien acting as Grand Installing Officer and M.W. Bro. Conrado Benitez as Grand Master of Ceremonies. M.W. Bro. Alley was presented with

a Past Grand Master's Jewel by M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M. The address of M.W. Jose Abad Santos, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, will be published in our next issue.



Children's party given by the members of Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, at the residence of its Master, Wor. Bro. Constancio San Jose, in Caloocan, on December 26, 1937.

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as it was understood in the early years of the Grand Lodge of England and as it is laid down in the Ancient Charges. The British Lodges are in many respects much more liberal than the Grand Lodges which claim direct descent from the Mother Grand Lodge of the World. While the former permit the use of the Koran or Zend-Avesta in the place of the Bible, the Grand Lodge of California, for instance, insists upon the Bible and demands of the candidate a belief in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

The race question, as it exists, for instance, in the United States of America, is in some countries a most difficult one to overcome. It is frequently asserted that in the United States this question can not be solved within our generation; but would it be fair and just for Masons to absolutely refuse to consider the subject and depend entirely on time to solve the problem as far as our Fraternity is concerned? While it would be impolitic, to say the least, to urge a rapid settlement of this question in countries where race prejudice is still very powerful, yet an effort to establish a *modus vivendi* would not be out of place anywhere, even at this time.

We have no doubt that the matters of territorial jurisdiction and of the discussion of political questions in the Lodges could be settled without great difficulty by international agreements. The question of the independence of Symbolic or Blue Masonry from the so-called higher degree is practically settled, as one Grand Lodge after another has abandoned the old Latin system under which the Symbolic Grand Lodge was subordinate to the Supreme Council.

The best means of bringing the several regular Grand Lodges together and having a free discussion of these matters would no doubt be an International Convention of all Bodies of Masonry generally considered as regular. For that the International Masonic Association has, in our opinion, already blazed the trail. A round table discussion would, perhaps, be a good beginning. The International Masonic Association might thereby develop into a larger body, more fully representative of World Freemasonry than it is at present.

## Masonic Gospel of Industry

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file have deeply rooted in them the masonic gospel of industry. Our people must have adequate participation in the wealth of our country, and this means a proper combination of hard work, business acumen and thrift. The Commonwealth Government, preparatory to the formation of a republic, expects of every citizen to do his utmost to contribute in the economic upbuilding of the country, and the greatest factor that can build up our industries, our commerce and create wealth for the nation is the gospel of industry. So, as a nation with great problems ahead, we must assimilate and thoroughly practice the masonic gospel of industry in our daily life.

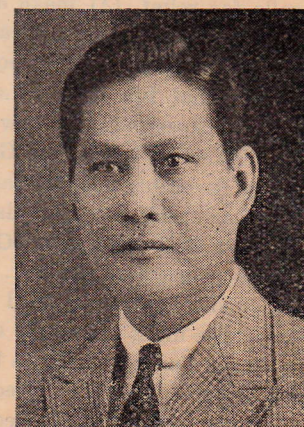
Since the implantation of the American regime, freedom of speech, religious tolerance and the absolute separation of the state and church, have been preached and thoroughly put into practice; that these have become a part and parcel of our national being. These are some of the fundamental tenets for which Masonry stands. For purposes of clarification and in view of certain mental reservation toward Masonry from several quarters, it might not be amiss to enumerate some principles which are advocated by Masonry. Above all, Masonry stands for the Brotherhood of Men. To gain entry into the Craft one should be honest, a man of principle, courageous in the fight for the cause of liberty and religious freedom and an ardent advocate for the enlightenment of the masses. The membership of the Craft is drawn from all nationalities and of all religious creeds. The only requirement being that one should believe in one God. One will, therefore, find Catholics, Protestants Mohammedans, followers of other religious sects fraternally bound together for the good of humanity in general, and for the welfare of the nation and of the community in particular. The impression in certain quarters that Masons are anti-Catholics is, of course, unfounded, for Masonry stands for religious

tolerance, and encourages a member of the Fraternity to retain his religious belief whether he is a Catholic, Protestant or of any of the other religions in good standing. Masonry has endeavored to be on friendly terms with all religious sects, in the belief that religion in whatever form is essential for an individual, community or a nation.

On the other hand, if the time shall ever come that tyranny, fanaticism, religious persecution shall block the progress of our people and darken our fair land, then Masonry shall rise and fight for the fundamental rights of men, as it has done in the different epochs of history in many lands. In these days of progress and peace, Masonry desires to work hand in hand with all lay and religious bodies for the welfare and stability of this Commonwealth.

In conclusion, a heavy responsibility rests on our Craft scattered in the far-flung sections of the Islands, to see that the fundamental principles of Masonry for which our brethren have worked and sacrificed shall be woven into the very fabric of our national structure for a greater and nobler Philippines. This is the challenge to every good Mason, and I am confident that everyone will respond to the call of duty.

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# District G. L. for China Lodges

Owing to the widespread dispersal of so many members from their usual or former habitats, it would be most appreciated if the brethren will inform the Loge of his present permanent address so that the Grand Lodge Office and the "Cabletow" may be informed and that publication sent along. A good many members have complained that they do not receive their "Cabletow" but the fact is that the publishing office continues to send the magazine to the address last given it by the respective Secretaries, and unless changes are made, will continue to send it there.

Sun Lodge U. D. was duly instituted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Hua Chuen Mei, D. G.M., at a ceremony held on December 10 at the Amity Lodge Hall, Shanghai. Our best wishes for the success of this the sixth Lodge in our district.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Mei tentatively booked to sail for the United States by the "President Hoover" but with the vessel stranded somewhere in Formosa, his departure may be delayed. We regret to hear Mrs. Mei has had a relapse of her old ailment and hopes she will have a speedy recovery.

At a meeting of Pearl River Lodge No. 109 held on December 14, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year, viz. W.M. Wor. Bro. H.H. Snuggs; S.W. Bro. Liu Chung Hang; J.W. Bro. Chien Shu Fan; Treasurer, Bro. A. J. Fisher and Secretary, Wor. Bro. H. de V. Booten.

On the same evening, Amity Lodge No. 106 held its Stated Meeting for the purpose of electing its officers with the following results, W.M. Wor. Bro. S. Henshaw Jee; S.W., Bro. T. J. Holt; J. W. Bro. H. C. Evangelista; Treasurer, Bro. E. K. Hsu, and Secretary, Wor. Bro. Luther M. Jee. Very Wor. Bro. David W. K. Au was elected to represent the Lodge at the An-

nual Communication of the Grand Lodge together with Wor. Bro. Victoriano Yamzon and Bro. E. L. Hall.

Very Wor. Bro. David W. K. Au is Chairman of the Emergency Relief Council of Hongkong which raised some \$20,000.00 towards relief of wounded soldiers and refugees. Among the brethren cooperating with him are Bro. Cheung Wing Kue (109), Treasurer, and Bros. E. H. Munson of Foochow Lodge, E. C. and Wm. G. Poy of Lodge St. John S. C., members of the Council.

Bro. Yinson Lee (106) as Regional Director of the Y's Men's Clubs in China helped to sponsor a revue for the Hongkong Club which raised some \$2,500.—towards war relief. Bro. Lee left Hongkong for Shanghai on December 6 and attended the Institution of Sun Lodge on December 10 of which he is a founder and one of the prime movers.

Bro. C. K. Kwok (109) returned to Hongkong with his bride on Nov. 22 for a visit to his aged father. Bro. Kwok is now Assistant Manager of The Bank of China at Singapore.

Bros. Drs. Paul Y. Sieux and Yan T. Tsang (109) have been doing good work in the Base hospitals in Canton attending to the wounded as a result of aerial attacks. Mrs. Sieux and Mrs. Tsang are temporary staying in Hongkong.

Bro. Frand Der Yuen (109) writes cheerfully from Kukong, Kwangtung, in spite of regular daily aerial attacks. He is associated with Bro. A. H. Lym (190) in the Aircraft work there.

The "Conte Rosso" which arrived Hongkong from Shanghai on Nov. 28 had on board the following brethren, viz. Bros. Alfred S. Lee (106) P. S. Chung (106) David Woo (106) S. D. Ren (106), Henry Ling (106) and T. N. Lee (190). Bro. Lee and Bro. Woo left a few days later by the "President Taft", the former heading for San Francisco to join his family and the latter for a vacation trip to Honolulu.

Bro. P. S. Tong (106) was called to the Celestial Lodge above on Nov. 21 after a protracted illness. To Mrs. Tong and the family, we extend our deepest sympathies.

We also extend our condolence to Mrs. W. S. New on the passing of her brother-in-law Dr. W. L. New, so soon

after the demise of her own distinguished husband and our late brother W. S.

Bro. Welles I. Hsu (106) mourns the passing of his mother Mrs. Hsu Ho Sze who departed this world on Nov. 29 at the ripe old age of 67. The funeral was attended by several of our brethren.

Wor. Bro. D. H. Utter (106) is now located at the Enbankment Building, Shanghai.

Bro. S. F. Chang (103) and Bro. Samuel C. C. May (106) were last reported to be working with Wor. Bro. George A. Fitch (106 and 108) in relief work behind the Nanking lines.

Bro. T. T. Zee (108) arrived Hongkong by plane from Hankow on December 9 and left a few days later for Shanghai. He looks the same old "Dreadnought" in spite of the privations and humiliations suffered enroute.

Bro. C. H. Lam (109) and family returned safe to Hongkong from Kuling via the Canton Hankow Railway. Bro. Lam is much improved in health and even boasts of a "bay window". He is leaving shortly for Switzerland on a pleasure trip. With the returning party was Miss Sara Au, sister of Very Wor. Au, who has also been recuperating at the Mountain resort.

Mrs. Yang Wei Ping (106) had a terrible time getting back to Shanghai from Kuling. It took her nine days to complete the journey via Ningpo which normally takes only three. W.P. must have been sure glad to see his "Poony" again.

Bro. Ernest Hibbard (112) has been very active in collecting relief funds in Chengtu. The National Christian Council recently received a substantial check from him for this purpose.

Two of our brethren were involved in the U.S.S. "Panay" incident, Wor. Bro. J. Hall Paxton (109) and Bro. Norman Soong (108). We have received confirmation of Wor. Bro. Paxton's safety thru the Hongkong American Consulate, but at the time of writing, the fate of Bro. Soong is still unknown. May the Great Architect preserve our brother!

Wor. Bro. W. B. Pettus (108) and family remained throughout the past summer, fall and winter in Peiping as did also Mrs. Schultheis, daughter of Bro. E. E. Barnett (106)

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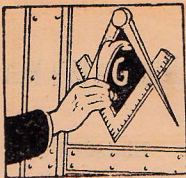
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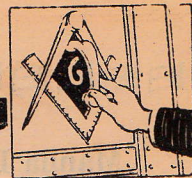
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# WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



## Pilar Lodge No. 15

(Imus, Cavite)

On January 8, 1938, the semi-public installation of the officers of Pilar Lodge No. 15 was held at its Hall, Pilar Masonic Temple. Wor. Bro. Mariano Gonzalez acted as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Joaquin Garcia as Master of Ceremonies. The officers installed were as follows: Worshipful Master, Mariano S. Remulla; Senior Warden, Mauro Mendez; Junior Warden, Fortunato M. Ejercito; Treasurer, Mariano Dominguez; Secretary, Meliton Darvin; Chaplain, Zosimo Topacio; Marshal, Alfredo B. Saqui, Senior Deacon, Pablo Tuñgol, Junior Deacon, Marciano Sayoc; Orator, Lorenzo B. Paredes; Senior Steward, Bernardino Samson; Junior Steward, Severo Sapinoso, Organist, Pastor R. Sapinoso, Tiler, Romualdo S. Samano. After the ceremony of installation the following program was rendered: Address by Wor. Bro. Mariano S. Remulla, Incoming Master; Duet by Miss Sinaglaya Reyes and Dr. Eliseo T. Reyes; Presentation of Past Master's Jewel; Vocal Solo by Miss Elena T. Sapinoso; Presentation of Life Membership Certificate to Wor. Bro. Candido Sayco; Presentation of Past Master's Diploma to Wor. Bro. Pastor R. Sapinoso. Refreshments were served after the installation.

Bro. Mariano N. Castañeda was given a banquet on the occasion of his recent promotion to Lieutenant Colonel of the Philippine Army, on January 16, 1938, at the Panciteria Antigua, by the members of Pilar Lodge No. 15 and some prominent residents of the town of Imus. Lunch was served at about 12:00 o'clock noon with plenty of delicious food and drink. Immediately after everybody had satisfied himself at the table, Wor. Bro. Zosimo Topacio, acting as toastmaster, introduced the following who gave brief remarks: Wor. Bro. Mariano Gonzalez, Mr. Mariano Tirona, Wor. Bro. Mariano S. Remulla, Wor. Bro. Patricio E. del Rosario, Wor. Bro. Candido Sayoc, Atty. Bienvenido Reyes, Atty. Eduardo Tagle, Mr. Paulino Stuart, and the Guest of Honor, Lt. Col. Mariano N. Castañeda. Others present were: Wor. Bro. Alfredo B. Saqui, Mr. Severino Tagle, Mr. Quirino Topacio, Mr. Sa-

lustiano B. Luna, Mr. Jacinto Ramirez, Mr. Macario Sarreal, Dr. Jose Bautista, Bro. Mariano Dominguez, Bro. Bonifacio Sapinoso, Bro. Severo Sapinoso, Wor. Bro. Pastor R. Sapinoso, Mrs. Cecilia R. del Rosario, Mr. Cayetano Buenaventura, Dr. Eliseo T. Reyes, Bro. Doroteo Mangubat, Bro. Ceferino Villacorte, Mr. Zosimo Ella, Mr. Pedro Vergel de Dios, Bro. Alfonso Chan Cok Cheng, Bro. Julian Olaz, Bro. Pio Yabut, Wor. Bro. Marciano no Sayoc, Bro. Fortunato M. Ejercito, Bro. Fausto Montoya, Bro. Agapito R. Ilano, Mr. Marcelo Tagle, Mr. Estanislao Sapinoso, Mr. Clemente Esguerra, Dr. Andres Dominguez, and Wor. Bro. Meliton Darvin.

## Sinukuan Lodge No. 16

(Manila)

The Lodge celebrated its 34th Anniversary on November 30th by holding an excursion to Los Baños, Laguna. The place selected for the celebration was the Immaculate Natatorium because of its facilities, consisting of a big hall with complete accessories and a swimming pool which were reserved for the exclusive use of the party during the day. Over 100 persons joined the celebration with the wives and children of the brethren and some invited guests from other sister lodges. The party left Tutuhan Station about 7:00 A.M. in two big motor buses and one automobile, while others followed later in their private cars. Among the invited brethren who honored the party were Wor. Bro. Francisco Santiago of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 with his wife and children, Wor. Bro. Eduardo L. Claudio of Batangas Lodge

with his wife, and Wor. Bro. Fiscal G. Narvasa with Bro. Isidro Vejungco of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.

The best part of the various entertainments was the bathing and swimming in the pool. The water was clear and delightfully warm. Many of those who went in for a swim did not leave the water until called for meal, while the rest of the party gathered at the hall and indulged in dancing, which was only interrupted when the meal was served at about 12 noon. As usual, an impromptu program was held with some speeches. Prizes were given to the best dressed male and female members of the party. The winners in the contest were Bro. Capt. Jose Artiaga and Mrs. Honorio Musni, the former, for the most elegant and fitting barong Tagalog worn by him, and the latter for the most typical Balintawak dress very becoming of the charming wearer.

## Makawiwili Lodge No. 55

(Capiz, Capiz)

Makawiwili Lodge No. 55 has resolved to build a modest temple on a lot of Worshipful Master Jose Altavas by the sea. The present temple suffered great damage from the recent storm that lashed the province. Many of the brethren report considerable personal losses in property.

## Service Lodge No. 95

(Manila)

A communication from Amity Lodge No. 106, Shanghai, China, informs us that work has been resumed after a short cessation due to the hostilities incidental to the Japanese aggression in that area and on the evening of November 2nd, Amity Lodge passed Bro. Paul Edward Musick, E. A., as courtesy to Service Lodge.

The proposed visit of Service Lodge along with Cavite Lodge No. 2, to Island Lodge No. 5 on November 17th had to be cancelled on account of the typhoon in this vicinity. We eagerly await another opportunity to visit our Brethren on the 'Rock.' "

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# PERSONALS



## Manila Lodge No. 1

(Manila)

Brother Eugene I. Totten has returned to the United States for retirement from the Federal Civil Service. His present address is: c/o Corps Area Ordnance Officer, Presidio, San Francisco California.

Brother Joseph P. Heilbronn has left on a vacation trip to Australia and the United States. He expects to be gone for several months.

W. Brother Louis M. Hausman has written under date of October 24th, advising that he will try and sail from San Francisco before November 15th on his return to Manila. At the time of writing he was in Chicago; he mentions that on October 19th, 1937, he was honored by having conferred upon him the 33rd degree. Our sincere congratulations to you, Brother Hausman.

Dues and greetings from overseas Brethren have been received from:

Captain James M. Barclay, Rtd., 2003—3rd Ave., Richmond, Va.

William Barker, C.B.M., U.S.S. Henderson, San Francisco, Calif.

William R. Black, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif.

David L. Branch, 922—58th Street Oakland, Calif.

William S. Hatch, 1750 Loma Vista Street, Pasadena, Calif.

Rupert A. Heacock, (P.M.), 880 Faxon Avenue, San Francisco, Calif.

John C. Howe, 619 Paloma Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Thomas J. May, 2670—16th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

T. Phaon Moyer, 1838—So. Orange Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

Clifford B. Whittings, 436 Blue Bonnet Blvd., San Antonio, Texas.

## Corregidor-Southern Cross Lodge No. 3

(Manila)

After an absence of six months in the United States, Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, P. G. M., arrived on February 10th. He had been most of the time in New York, Chicago and San Francisco in the interest of his own business. He also attended the biennial session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at Washington last October, of which he is the Deputy in the Philippines for a number of years.

## Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

(Manila)

Congratulations are hereby cordially extended to M. W. Bro. Conrado Benitez, who has been honored by the Scottish Rite Supreme Council in Washington with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor of the 32nd degree

Bro. Florentino S. Cayco is another member to be congratulated, he having been appointed President of the National University.

And, finally, we must congratulate Wor. Bro. Rafael L. Garcia on his promotion to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army. Wor. Bro. Garcia is now on duty with the General Staff of the Philippine Army.

Bro. Luis Duka was acting division superintendent of schools for Camarines Sur for several weeks prior to the appointment of a regular division superintendent in June, 1937. A resolution by Isarog Lodge No. 33, congratulating Bro. Duka on this assignment, was read at the last Stated Meeting of our Lodge.

## St. John's Lodge No. 9

(Manila)

Dues and greetings have been received from Bro. Charles C. Reese, c/o Olaa Sugar Company, Olaa, Hawaii,

Brother William H. Hughes has sent his best wishes and dues from San Diego, California, where he is stationed on the U.S.S. Whitney.

Brother Gerard V. Pelican is on the staff of a platinum mine company in South Africa, the only mine of its kind in that country. He enclosed his 1938 dues in a very interesting letter, descriptive of his work and conditions there. His address is: P. O. Box 8022, Johannesburg, S. A.

Brother Howard M. Cavender has just returned from a globe encircling tour during which he visited nearly all the offices of Dollar Steamship Lines, of which company he is the local manager.

Wor. Bro. Louis F. Rothenhofer sent greetings along with a program of the 77th anniversary celebration of St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M., located in Seattle, Washington. He still resides at 2225 East Newton Street, Seattle.

Brother Benjamin H. Blaisdell has been reported as being ill at the Spanish Hospital at San Pedro Makati, suffering from flu. A fraternal visit, if only a brief one, will surely be appreciated by the sick Brother.

## Pilar Lodge No. 15

(Imus, Cavite)

Bro. Mariano Castañeda has recently been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel of the Philippine Army.

Bro. Manuel de Leon sailed back to China on the U.S.S. Pope after a brief visit here.

The following were the Lodge officers elected on December 4, 1937, for the ensuing year:

Worshipful Master, Bro. Mariano S. Remulla, Senior Warden, Bro. Mauro Mendez, Junior Warden, Bro. Fortunato Ejercito, Treasurer, Bro. Mariano Dominguez, Secretary, Bro. Meliton Darwin.

## Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27

(Manila)

Wor. Bro. Victoriano Yamzon, President of the Lawyers League of the Philippines, was invited as a guest speaker to the weekly convocation of the University of the Philippines, on which occasion he attacked in a masterful way the proposed law regarding the compulsory teaching of religion in the public schools.

## Saragani Lodge No. 50

(Davao, Davao)

Wor. Bro. Bartolome J. Cuadra, P. M., a prominent planter and businessman of the province, came to Manila on business and visited the Grand Lodge office.

## Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79

(Manila)

The mother of Bro. Isabelo Sañga died at the old age of 94 at her residence in Sampaloc. Internment took place on February 7th at the Cementerio del Norte. Our condolence to Bro. Sañga.

## Ma-Bu-Ti Lodge No. 92

(Masbate, Masbaee)

Wor. Bro. Enrique Legaspi came to Manila on business and was a visitor in the Grand Secretary's office.

## P E R S O N A L S

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### Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80

(Manila)

Brother and Mrs. Hyman Mayer Levine celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their residence in Port Area, Manila, on Jan. 29. Numerous friends of the couple attended the affair.

Wor. Bro. Isidore Reich, P. M., is leaving on March 28 by the S. S. "Empress of Russia" on a six months' pleasure trip to the United States and Europe.

Bro. Samuel Feldman is enjoying a combined business and pleasure trip to the United States. His present address is c/o Thos. Cook & Sons, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Bro. Erick W. Mannberg arrived on January 17 after traveling several months in Europe, particularly in the Scandinavian countries. He says that he is glad to be back again and enjoy the breezes of the Philippines, but expects to renew his travels around the world.

Another member who is enjoying the rest of his life is Bro. Paul Rotherman. He is strolling along the streets of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to meet all kinds of people.

A Christmas card has been received from Wor. Bro. and Mrs. Robert Key who are residing in Denver, Colorado.

Bro. Jack Kovitz, 2420 A. Kuhio street, Honolulu, sent a Christmas card with the best wishes to all the brethren.

Bro. Leon Goldenberg became a benedictine when he led to the altar the former Miss Soledad Vidal, of the well known Vidal family in the city. Several hundred friends of the couple attended the brilliant reception given at the Casino Español immediately after the marriage ceremony.

According to the Jewish religion, the father is responsible for the moral behavior of his son until he reaches the age of thirteen, and upon reaching that age, the son is supposed to step into manhood. Brother Israel Konigsberg, owner of a chain of bookstores in the city and Rabbi of the Jewish community in the Philippines, had the privilege of personally inducting his own son into manhood amid an impressive ceremony at the synagogue

on Taft Avenue. The affair was attended by several hundred members of our cosmopolitan community. The reception and luncheon was held afterwards at Plaridel Temple.

### Muog Lodge No. 89

(Parañaque, Rizal)

Bro. James Kabakaw is the new addition to the roster of Muog. This worthy brother was initiated Nov. 17th, passed to the degree of F. C. Nov. 25th, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M.

Bro. Ernest Young, at this writing, is many, many miles away from his Mother Lodge. The party given in his honor on Nov. 10th was gratifying with the presence of several brethren and friends. We shall be looking forward with keen anticipation to the renewal of his fellowship when he comes back to the Islands after a short while, as Bro. Young hopes to do.

"They got me, pal," hollers Wor. Carl G. Heilmann. That in brief is the glad news that came across the Pacific from Wor. Bro. Hailmann, who was married very recently. The lucky girl must be real good, or she wouldn't have been Mrs. Heilmann. Congratulations and best wishes!

Bro. J. Mamon has just reported the illness of his wife two months ago. Here's hoping she has completely recovered. Bro. Mamon has recently returned to his old post in McKinley from Camp John Hay in Baguio.

The Lodge joins Bro. M. Tecla in his bereavement for the death of his mother.

Bro. M. Tecla, however, rejoices in the arrival of a new addition to his family—a bouncing baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Bro. M. Banot also has been blessed with a baby girl. It's not yet late to pass cigars around, Bro. Banot.

Bro. Tomas Borja is sick at his residence. Here's hoping for his early recovery.

Bro. E. Santos, principal of the Parañaque Elementary School, has recently been transferred to Taguig, Rizal. The Lodge desires to express its sincere congratulations for the promotion of this brother.

Bro. P. Castillote is now temporarily stationed in Manila, on special duty.

## A Leader Passes

On January 29, 1938, Bro. Jose Hernandez died after a prolonged illness at St. Joseph's Hospital in Manila, at the age of 62.

Bro. Hernandez was a typical self-made man. Being left an orphan at an early age, he entered San Juan de Letran College as a *becca*. Among his companions was Manuel L. Quezon, now the President of the Commonwealth and who, while they were still in their shorts, already showed a remarkable aggressiveness and leadership, with Bro. Hernandez trailing behind. After leaving college, he worked for Ayala & Co. of Manila, starting from the bottom, gradually rose until he became manager of the branch in Capiz and lastly, bought all the interests of the Roxas family in that province.

He devoted a great deal of his fortune to humanitarian purposes, among his activities being the support of the Mission Hospital in Capiz, and helping the poor. It was his favorite saying that he was himself a poor boy.

Funeral services were conducted at the Funeraria Nacional on January 31st, under the auspices of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 with the cooperation of High Twelve Lodge No. 82. Prominent Masons attended the ceremonies. Past Grand Master Antonio Gonzalez was to deliver the eulogy, but unavoidable circumstances prevented him, so Wor. Bro. Ricardo C. Santos had to take his place extolling the many virtues of the deceased.

Internment took place at the Masonic Cemetery in Capiz under the auspices of Makawiwili Lodge No. 55. As a tribute to his memory, flags in all the municipalities of Capiz will be at half mast for thirty days.

His wife, Mrs. Josefa Acuña-Hernandez, Wor. Bro. Gabriel Kuroki Hernandez, P.M., twice and present governor of Capiz, and a daughter survive him.

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# Compulsory Religious Instruction in Schools Is Opposed

At the last annual communication of the Grand Lodge, four different resolutions were presented on the first day of the session protesting against the bill filed at the National Assembly providing for compulsory religious teaching in the public schools, namely, (1) by several Pastmasters under this

**RESOLVED** by the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, in its annual communication assembled, that it express, as it does hereby express, its most emphatic disapproval and opposition to the plan of certain members of the National Assembly to introduce religious instruction of a denominational character in all public schools of the Philippines during the regular school hours.

We believe that adoption of such a plan would be a gross violation of the fundamental principle of our Constitution regarding the separation of Church and State.

It was also decided that a copy of resolution be presented by a Committee of all Past Grand Masters to the President of the Commonwealth, and also

Jurisdiction, (2) by Wor. Bro Fidel Fernandez of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47 (3) by Pampanga Lodge No. 48, and (4) by Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17. A motion was made, duly seconded and approved by Grand Lodge, to refer all the resolutions to a Special Committee composed of M. W. Bro.

Rafael Palma, Wor. Bro Francisco Benitez and Wor. Bro John R. McFie, Jr., to consolidate and rewrite the same. The next day the Special Committee presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a standing vote, amid a prolonged applause of the members present:

We are not opposed to religious teaching, but the public schools, being the common heritage of all citizens of this country, should not become instruments for the dissemination of sectarian teachings for such would be detrimental to the larger interests of the nation.

We believe that there already exist numerous denominational and sectarian schools in this country which can give religious instruction to children should their parents desire it.

We should not countenance, therefore, any tax-supported institution, and much less our public schools to be made the center of propaganda of any sectarian doctrine or teaching.

to the members of the National Assembly who are members of the Fraternity. It was furthermore approved that in case the National Assembly

passes the bill in spite of our opposition, the case be brought to the Supreme Court for being unconstitutional.

## Official Section

The following brethren have been appointed members of the Grand Lodge Sick Committee for the month of February, 1938:

Fidel T. Manalo (82)  
 Quintin San Miguel (77)  
 Gregorio A. Vicente (12)

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Pursuant to the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge at the last Annual Communication, the Most Worshipful Grand Master has created a Committee on China Relief composed of the following brethren:

Joseph H. Alley, PGM, (63)  
 Victoriano Yamzon (27)  
 Baldomero Perez (39)  
 Antonio Ramos (12)  
 Glenn E. Hanaford (109)  
 Mariano M. Ilano (69)  
 C. M. Hoskins (1)  
 Marciano Evangelista (35)  
 Lot D. Lockwood (61)  
 Francisco Benitez (4)

## THE FRATERNAL DEAD

### DEOGRACIAS ESGUERRA

Member of Pilar Lodge No. 15  
 Initiated: Feb. 9, 1924  
 Passed: Feb. 22, 1924  
 Raised: Mar. 8, 1924  
 Died: November 15, 1937

### ROBERT S. MacDOUGALL

Member of Mabini Lodge No. 39  
 Initiated: May 4, 1906  
 Passed: June 4, 1906  
 Raised: Sept. 30, 1906  
 Died: April 10, 1937

### BALTAZAR YUVIENCO

Member of Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49  
 Initiated: Mar. 3, 1928  
 Passed: Mar. 10, 1928  
 Raised: Mar. 17, 1928  
 Died: November 21, 1937

### JOSE HERNANDEZ

Member of Makawiwili Lodge No. 55  
 Initiated: January 8, 1909  
 Passed: November 29, 1920  
 Raised: October 28, 1927  
 Died: January 29, 1938.

### NICOLAS J. SALAS

Member of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64  
 Initiated: Feb. 3, 1923  
 Passed: Mar. 17, 1923  
 Raised: Aug. 8, 1923  
 Died: No. 30, 1937

### FELICIANO NIVERA

Member of Baguio Lodge No. 67  
 Initiated: Apr. 3, 1922  
 Passed: May 6, 1922  
 Raised: May 17, 1922  
 Died: October 25, 1937

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## NOTAS EDITORIALES

**La Gran Logia de Filipinas Contra la Enseñanza de la Religión en las Escuelas Publicas**

N un ambiente feliz de paz y de sentida e intensa confraternidad se celebró la reunión anual de la Gran Logia de Filipinas en los días 25 al 27 del pasado mes de enero.

Un nutrido grupo de delegados representando ochenta y cinco logias de nuestra jurisdicción se reunieron en el Templo de Plaridel en magna convención para el despacho de los asuntos correspondientes a la vigésima-sexta comunicación.

Se aprobaron resoluciones constructivas, siendo la mas conspicua la siguiente que se aprobó por unanimidad y que va contra la enseñanza de la religión en las escuelas públicas del país:

“SE RESUELVE, que la Gran Logia de Masones Libres y Aceptados de Filipinas reunida en comunicación anual, exprese como por la presente expresa su desaprobación y oposición al plan anunciado por algunos miembros de la Asamblea Nacional de obligar la enseñanza de la religión en las escuelas publicas de Filipinas, de carácter sectario, durante las horas de clase.

Somos de opinión que la adopción de semejante plan sería una evidente violación del princi-

pio fundamental que informa nuestra constitución relativo a la separación de la Iglesia y el Estado.

No nos oponemos a la enseñanza de la religión; pero siendo las escuelas públicas un patrimonio común de todos los ciudadanos de este país no debiera ser nunca instrumento para diseminación de enseñanzas sectarias, pues que ello redundaría en perjuicio de los intereses de la nación.

Creemos que ya existen numerosas escuelas de carácter sectario en este país que están en condiciones de dar instrucción religiosa á los jóvenes si sus padres así lo desean.

No debemos consentir que instituciones mantenidas con fondos públicos, y mucho menos, nuestras escuelas públicas, se conviertan en centros de propaganda de doctrinas o enseñanzas sectarias.”

Copiamos íntegra la resolución no solamente para cumplir con un mandato de la Gran Logia, sino también para que llegue a conocimiento de todos los hermanos los deseos de la Gran Familia de masones en Filipinas de que la misma sea llevada al terreno de las realizaciones prácticas á fin de matar todo movimiento que tiende, como el combatido, á socavar los cimientos en que descansan ahora las instituciones de nuestro país.

¡A la obra, pues, hermanos!

**El Masón al Servicio de la Colectividad**

OS damos los masones al servicio de la colectividad como función substantiva inherente á nuestros postulados. Un masón consciente de su misión no puede ser insensible a las necesidades, y mucho menos, á los dolores humanos.

Al investirse masón recibe á modo de espaldarazo la fuerte responsabilidad de ponerse al servicio de sus semejantes. Y no es tan sólo absteniéndose de hacer el mal, sino promoviendo y haciendo el bien en todas partes y en todas las ocasiones, pues, se ha de decir que por allí donde pasa un masón deja como luminosa estela la marca indeleble de sus buenas obras y altas virtudes,

La colectividad y el masón forman una ligazón tan estrecha que la representaríamos con el

mismo símbolo que sirve de título a esta publicación,—*La Cuerda* o *The Cabletow*. Es bien sabido que desde los tiempos de la antigüedad se usaba en los Antiguos Misterios este símbolo para significar con él ligazón, una conexión íntima. Posteriormente se ha hecho uso del mismo para indicar acercamiento, unión, compenetración. En nuestros rituales tiene este mismo significado *la cuerda* que ata, que une, que controla, y que no es menester repetirlo, ya que de todo masón es bien conocido su verdadero significado.

El campo de nuestras actividades es la comunidad en que vivimos. Allí ha de desplazar el masón su labor y la colectividad habrá de recoger el fruto de su incesante bregar. No debemos vivir

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# DE CHARLA CON NUESTROS HOMBRES

*El hombre ha conquistado las profundidades de la tierra, los abismos del mar, y las regiones ignoradas del éter; pero no ha sabido conquistarse a sí mismo, exclama el M. I. H. JOSÉ ABAD SANTOS, nuestro Gran Maestro.*

Con las ceremonias de rigor, en la noche del 27 de enero pasado, fue instalado como Gran Maestro de la Gran Logia de Filipinas el Muy Ilustre Hermano José Abad Santos. Un nutrido grupo de hermanos, delegados de varias logias subordinadas a la jurisdicción de la Gran Logia de Filipinas, presenció el solemne acto.

Como se esperaba, un brillante y conceptuoso discurso por el Muy Ilustre Hermano José Abad Santos fue la nota culminante de aquel acto inolvidable. Dominio del tema, atildado lenguaje, dicción clara y fácil, simpatía desbordante, voz sonora, apostura correcta acompañan siempre al orador en las ocasiones en que habla.

“El hombre ha sabido conquistar las profundidades de la tierra y los abismos del mar y las regiones ignotas de los espacios; pero no ha sabido hasta ahora conquistarse a sí mismo”—fue éste uno de los párrafos mas aplaudidos en su luminoso discurso.

“Conocete a tí mismo”—va diciendo el masón a todos y en todas partes y en todas ocasiones, pues, mientras el hombre no se conoce a sí mismo no se podrá conquistar a sí mismo.

*Nosce te ipsum*—así aparecen inscritas en griego estas letras en el Templo de Delfos. Y de esta inscripción nace la ideología socrática. Pero los masones decimos—conócete a tí mismo, porque es tu deber vencerte a tí mismo. Esta es una verdad masónica. *Conócete a tí mismo, conquistate a tí mismo, véncete a tí mismo.* Cuando esta verdad masónica se practique por toda la tierra habrá empezado la verdadera era de paz y de justicia entre los hombres.

Dotado de una mente abierta a todas las ideas, nuestro Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro no se fosiliza en moldes conservadores que mas bien ahogan. Su mentalidad bien templada en la fragua del Derecho y de la Justicia no se amedrenta al soplo de la corriente

de nuevas ideas. Es por esto porque echa abajo teorías que no se ajustan a los nuevos tiempos aunque la doctrina conservadora los haya consagrado. Y es también por esto porque valientemente analiza defectos en nuestra legislación para exponerlos al medio de quienes corresponda actuar.

Su verbo es así arriete demoledor, pero constructivo, pues se deja guiar no solamente por la *letra* que *matu* sino por el *espíritu* que *vivifica* y que es el alma de toda legislación.

Mientras le tengamos en el mas alto tribunal de justicia en Filipinas estaremos seguros que allí habrá un baluarte contra la opresión y contra la iniquidad, y que, en estrecha cooperación con sus asociados en la ciencia difícil de interpretar las leyes y aplicarlas, se dispensará justicia en este país sin miedos ni contemporizaciones.

Este es el hombre que ahora tenemos al frente de nuestra institución en Filipinas y que por doce meses tendrá en sus manos el malleto de Gran Maestro. Entra en sus funciones con humildad, pero con grandes entusiasmos.

Aún sabiendo que le robamos un tiempo precioso nos dirigimos a él para una entrevista que creemos de nuestro deber hacerlo en provecho de nuestros lectores.

—Sí, señor,—y me aprovecharé de esta ocasión para extender mi saludos fraternales a todos los hermanos esparcidos por doquier.—

Así nos acepta y nos recibe el Muy Ilustre Hermano Santos dispuesto a cambiar con nosotros algunas breves impresiones.

—Entramos en otro nuevo año de esfuerzos masónicos que espero darán por resultado la promoción de los intereses de la fraternidad.

—En ningún otro tiempo, en la historia de las relaciones humanas, se ha hecho sentir como ahora la gran necesidad de que se traduzcan en acción

los principios de la masonería, sobre todo, el del *amor fraternal, socorro y verdad.*

—El sufrimiento y las angustias prevalecen allí donde debieran reinar la felicidad y el contento. Ante este cuadro la masonería no puede cruzarse de brazos. La masonería ante tanta miseria no puede fracasar. Y estoy seguro que no ha de fracasar. Ella ha de vivir ahora como ha vivido desde un principio según las mas nobles tradiciones de su caudillaje inteligente y esclarecido.

—Creo de mi deber llamar la atención de los hermanos que no se cumple como buen masón tan sólo asistiendo y atendiendo a nuestras tenidas ordinarias o extraordinarias o actuando de conformidad con los rituales. Estamos viviendo una época o una edad demasiado *realista* y el éxito de nuestra institución dependerá y se medirá no tan sólo por sus ideales bien conocidos si no mas bien por lo que la masonería contribuya práctica y realmente a la humana felicidad.

—Creo que este debe ser nuestro propósito y procuraré que nuestras actividades tomen esta orientación.

La Gran Logia de Filipinas es un cuerpo cosmopolita integrado por elementos heterogéneos. No es de extrañar, pues, que presente varios problemas, por lo mismo que sus elementos deben tener diferentes idiosincrasias o diferentes tendencias. Para la feliz realización de la labor masónica se hace necesario en el Gran Maestro dotes de comprensión inteligente para una acción concertada y orientadora. En mas de una ocasión, nuestro Muy Ilustre Hermano José Abad Santos ha dado pruebas de ser un Maestro de sutil compenetración. Su habilidad y gentileza al abordar estos problemas harán que ellas se resuelvan por sí solas si se presentan. *¡Deseamosle éxito!*

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aislados; habremos de movernos al ritmo de las necesidades, angustias y sufrimientos colectivos.

La *cuerva* nos une a la colectividad, nos liga a sus necesidades, nos enlaza a sus estremecimientos; nos recuerda que debemos auscultar sus males y remediarlos; habremos de pulsar sus ansias y encauzar sus agitaciones; guiarla en los angustiosos

mares de la vida librándola de las procelosas corrientes que obstruyen su camino.

Debemos agregar este significado a los varios que tiene *La Cuerva*, y recordar que este símbolo nos dice que el masón está al servicio de la colectividad.

# Breve Reportaje Sobre la Vigésima-sexta Comunicación Anual de la Gran Logia

Por RICARDO C. SANTOS, P. M.

La última comunicación anual de la Venerabilísima Gran Logia de Masones Libres y Aceptados de las Islas Filipinas se llevó a cabo en el Templo Plaridel, Manila, en los días 25, 26 y 27 del pasado mes de enero. El Comité de Credenciales informó que un total de 629 credenciales fueron expedidos.

A las cuatro en punto de la tarde del 25, el Ilustre Gran Maestre Delegado Hermano José Abad Santos, asistido de los Ilustres Hermanos Clark James y José de los Reyes, Gran Primero y Segundo Vigilantes, con otros grandes dignatarios, abrió la Gran Logia, previa la invocación pronunciada por el Muy Reverendo Gran Capellán Hno. Filomeno Galang.

Acto seguido se hizo la recepción a los siguientes Grandes Maestros pasados:

George Rogers Harvey, '15  
Rafael Palma, '20  
Christian W. Rosenstock, '25  
Francisco Afán Delgado, '26  
Seldon W. O'Brien, '29  
Vicente Carmona, '30  
Antonio Gonzalez, '32  
Manuel Camus, '34  
Conrado Benítez, '36

que fueron presentados uno a uno por el Gran Maestro de Ceremonias. El Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre Joseph Henry Alley fué igualmente recibido con grandes honores, y en ambas recepciones el Ilustre Hermano José Abad Santos pronunció una brillante alocución improvisada.

Se llamó a los Grandes Representantes de las Grandes Logias cerca de nuestra Gran Logia, y los presentes se congregaron en medio del salón. El Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre Alley expresó los sentimientos de afecto y amistad hacia las Grandes Jurisdicciones que representan. El Ven. Her. Joseph Francis Boomer, representante de la Gran Logia de Illinois, habló en nombre de los plenipotenciarios presentes, y dijo que para la mejor comprensión de sentimientos é ideales, era indispensable una mas estrecha comunión del espíritu y mas estrechos lazos de amor fraternal.

En su mensaie, el Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre Alley dijo que el visitó personalmente cien logias, y su Delegado cuatro. Sin embargo, expresó su pesar por no poder visitar las Logias Charleston No. 44 en Guam y Palawan No.

99 en Puerto Princesa. Según él, uno de los deberes mas importantes del Gran Maestre es visitar personalmente las logias subordinadas, siquiera una vez durante su incumbencia, porque una logia que no es visitada tiene la impresión de que es olvidada. Dijo que le placía observar que la paz y armonía prevalecen en nuestros talleres. Encomió á los Inspectores que le ayudaron mucho, y, en varias ocasiones, actuaron como su representante personal para resolver asuntos importantes en sus respectivos valles.

Dió cuenta de la reanudación de relaciones fraternales entre nuestra Gran Logia y las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia, Irlanda y Massachusetts, así como también de un convenio habido entre las potencias masónicas que tienen logias en China sobre la promoción de los asuntos masónicos en dichos valles.

Pintó un cuadro desconsolador de las tribulaciones que sufren nuestros hermanos en China á consecuencia de los horrores de la guerra, y dió palabras de encomio á la fortaleza de caracter de nuestros miembros, particularmente de los Venerables Hermanos George A. Fitch de Nanking y Stephen Douglas Sturton de Hangchow, y del Ilustre Gran Maestre del Distrito Hua Chuen-Mei. Alabó el trabajo incansable del Comité de Servicio General Masónico que él nombró á mediados del año para hacerse cargo de la ayuda á los masones y á sus familias que evacuaron China y que, gracias á los sentimientos altamente humanitarios de nuestros miembros y de las logias en estos valles, en un periodo muy corto, pudo recaudar la suma de P9,500,00, que mas tarde fué devuelta á sus donantes, despues de deducirse la suma de P64.55.

El Gran Secretario, Muy Ilustre Hermano Teodoro M. Kalaw, que acaba de ser operado en las clínicas de los hermanos Mayo en Rochester, Minnesota, envió un radiograma al Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre expresando su pesar por no poder asistir á esta comunicación de la Gran Logia.

La resolución que publicamos en otra parte de este número protestando contra el proyecto de ley haciendo obligatoria la enseñanza religiosa en las escuelas públicas fue aprobada por unanimidad y con un prolongado y entusiasta aplauso. Se resolvió, asimismo,

que copia de dicha resolución fuera entregada personalmente por un comité de Grandes Maestros pasados de esta Gran Logia al Presidente de la Mancomunidad Filipina. Se acordó también enviar una copia de la misma á cada uno de los Diputados y gobernadores provinciales que son miembros de nuestra institución. Se aprobó, por último, que caso que la Asamblea Nacional aprobase el proyecto de ley, el asunto sea llevado ante la Corte Suprema.

Por su parte, el Ven. Her. Juan S. Alano de la Logia Mount Apo No. 45, Diputado por Zamboanga, manifestó al Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre que él había notificado ya al Secretario de la Asamblea Nacional su oposicion á dicho proyecto de ley.

Se aprobaron también algunas resoluciones importantes, entre las cuales figuran el uso opcional de cualquier dialecto del país en las deliberaciones de las logias subordinadas y de la Gran Logia; el traspaso del Templo Plaridel á la Gran Logia como domicilio de la misma; el socorro de mil pesos á los hermanos damnificados en la guerra en China, autorizando además al Gran Maestre entrante á solicitar la ayuda pecuniaria de las logias subordinadas y de los miembros individuales; y la administración del dormitorio masónico que se trasladó al control del Gran Secretario.

El Ven. Her. David K. Au, Gran Maestre Delegado para el distrito de China, presentó las excusas del Gran Maestre del distrito, Ilustre Her. Hua Chuen-Mei, así como también su informe sobre las actuaciones de las logias en China. El Ven. Her. Au expresó el agradecimiento de los hermanos de China a los miembros de la Gran Logia y á todos los hermanos de estos valles.

El Gran Secretario interino, Muy Ilustre Hermano Christian W. Rosenstock, G. M. P., presentó su informe, del que acotamos los siguientes datos: hay al presente 5,246 maestros masones en esta jurisdicción de los cuales 2,681 son filipinos, 1,958 americanos, 473 chinos y 134 de otras nacionalidades; que hubo un aumento de veintiún miembros durante el año, y que se enviaron un total de 9,888 cartas

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# La 26.a Comunicacion de la Gran Logia

tas, circulares, programas, etc. durante el año.

El Ven. Her. Miguel Bonifacio, Presidente del Comité de Hacienda, presentó su informe sobre las actividades económicas de la Gran Logia, cuyo pasivo el año pasado ascendió a P23,564.46. El presupuesto para el año 1938 que monta a P21,500.00, con una economía de unos dos mil pesos sobre el año pasado, fué aprobado sin ningún voto disidente. Entre las partidas en el presupuesto aparecen P2,400.00 para beneficencia, y P2,000.00 para el pensionamiento de hijos de masones.

Se aprobó la recomendación del Comité de Correspondencia sobre el reconocimiento y el canje de grandes representantes con la Gran Logia de Antioquia en Medellin, con la Gran Logia Occidental de Columbia en Cali, y con la Gran Logia de Masones Antiguos Libres y Aceptados de Columbia en Bogotá.

El Gran Instructor Ven. Hermano José C. Velo presentó su informe, y recomendó cinco puntos que las logias subordinadas debieran fijar en su pro-

grama de acción, a saber: (1) un trabajo eficiente y esmerado, de conformidad con nuestra liturgia, (2) la debida administración económica en sus actividades, (3) la atención inmediata en los casos de beneficencia, (4) el desenvolvimiento de la educación masónica, y (5) la vida social de la logia dentro de la comunidad. Recomendó, asimismo, la adopción de un mandil y collar para el uso exclusivo de los Inspectores, como distintivo oficial, al visitar sus logias subordinadas. La recomendación fué aprobada por la asamblea.

El Gran Orador, Ven. Hermano Angel S. Arguelles, pronunció una oración que publicamos en la sección inglesa de este número.

Se celebró la instalación de oficiales en la noche del 27 de enero, actuando el Muy Ilustre Hermano Seldon W. O'Brien, G.M.P., como oficial instalador, asistido del Muy Iustre Hermano Conrado Benitez, G.M.P., como maestro de ceremonias, y los siguientes oficiales fueron debidamente instalados:

- Gran Maestre: — — — — — José Abad Santos (4)
- Gran Maestre Delegado: — — — — — Clark James (56)
- Primer Gran Vigilante: — — — — — José de los Reyes (80)
- Segundo Gran Vigilante: — — — — — John Robert McFie, Jr. (3)
- Gran Tesorero: — — — — — Vicente Carmona (22)
- Gran Secretario: — — — — — Teodoro M. Kalaw (12)
- Gran Capellan: — — — — — Marciano Evangelista (35)
- Gran Orador: — — — — — Henry Gilhouser (45)
- Gran Maestro de Ceremonias: — — — — — Victoriano Yamzon (27)
- Gran Porta Estandarte: — — — — — Baldomero Perez (39)
- Gran Porta Espada: — — — — — Ubaldo D. Laya (111)
- Gran Porta Biblia: — — — — — Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang (27)
- Primer Gran Instructor: — — — — — José Celestino Velo (4)
- Segundo Gran Instructor: — — — — — Colin M. Hoskins (1)
- Primer Gran Diacono: — — — — — Joaquin García (12)
- Segundo Gran Diacono: — — — — — Donald E. Scofield (34)
- Primer Gran Experto: — — — — — Apolinario S. de Leon (48)
- Segundo Gran Experto: — — — — — Oscar G. Urquhart (2)
- Gran Herald: — — — — — Francisco M. Alejo (96)
- Gran Organista: — — — — — Teodorico A. Jimenez (31)
- Gran Guarda Templo: — — — — — Leland A. Bristol (5)

El Ilustre Hermano Hua Chuen-Mei fué nombrado de nuevo Gran Maestre del Distrito de China.

El Muy Ilustre Gran Maestre Jose Abad Santos pronunció un discurso magistral y que aparecerá en nuestro próximo numero.

Con frases alusivas al acto, el Muy

Ilustre Hermano Antonio Gonzalez, G.M.P., presentó la joya al Muy Ilustre Hermano Joseph Henry Alley como testimonio de aprecio de los hermanos a su labor durante su incumbencia.

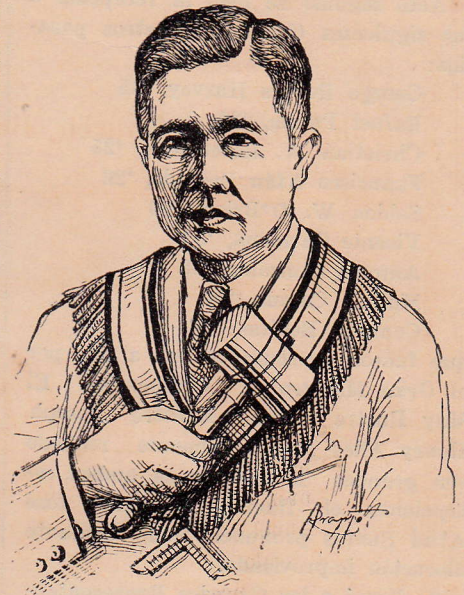
Y así terminó la vigésima-sexta comunicación de la Gran Logia en medio de una absoluta paz y concordia.

# Notas y Noticias

*Van nuestros saludos al M. I. H. Teodoro M. Kalaw y señora:—*

Completamente repuesto ha llegado el dia primero del presente mes de febrero el M. I. Hermano Teodoro M. Kalaw y su distinguida señora. Nos informa el querido Her. Kalaw que la operación ha sido de la mas feliz y ahora se siente fuerte y con mas brios para continuar con su árdua labor en la Gran Secretaría. Para mas tarde publicaremos aquí sus impresiones de viaje.  
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Para una corta temporada de vacaciones en Manila ha llegado de China la anciana madre de nuestro querido Her. Eduardo del Rosario Tan Kiang, a quien saludamos desde las columnas de esta revista.

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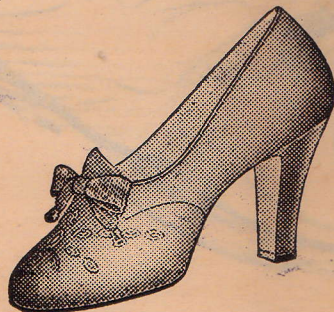
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