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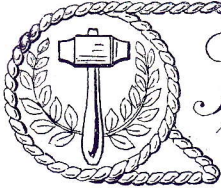


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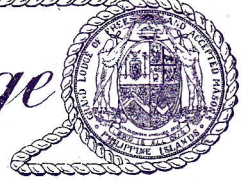


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The Grand Master's Message



FAVORITISM HINDRANCE TO PROGRESS AND HAPPINESS

It is discouraging to see favoritism being the only medium in which some people manage to get to positions which they would never be able to attain by their own merit. Some people give and take favors at the cost of the other fellow. In the old days we called them "Hand-Shakers", in the army "Dog Robbers" and among the Filipinos, "Langiseros" or "Greasers like O.I." Sometimes, you run across them in high Government positions which they occupy undeservedly. They have not scaled the ladder thru their own merit but only reached there thru "Favoritism" or in exchange of mutual favors or other consideration. We know that this practice should be stopped but how can it be stopped. Hardly anyone would confess to the truth about their rapid rise to positions which should have been occupied by others more deserving. In this country, some people purposely have numerous "Compadres" sponsors or "Godfathers" in all walks of life so that when a favor is needed, nine chances out of ten, he will surely be favored by his "Compadre." But it works both ways, the other fellow might need a favor such as "Backing" or a "Dinner" for an influential friend in order to be favored with further favors in business, position or advancement or even to perpetuate occupying his own present high position, etc.

In some remote cases, we also note favoritism in Masonry of brethren who are not qualified for advancement but are suddenly placed in an elective position and is allowed to scale the ladder to Mastership who is not even capable of holding any position of merit for many reasons. But the brethren will do nothing to remedy the situation for fear of hurting somebody's feeling. This is absolutely wrong, we must not tolerate "Favoritism" in Masonry. Our order honors those who merits to be so honored. We cannot and should not permit anyone to be elected to positions of merit who shows very little interest and does nothing but deprive others who would merit the position.

Our elections is now approaching and let us not allow "Favoritism" to rule our lodges. Use your Judgment solely for the benefit of your respective lodges and elect anyone among your brethren who is best qualified to be your Masonic Leaders without fear or favor. Men with sound judgment and proven leadership who you consider will do their utmost for our institution should be your choice as officers. Hereafter, we should not tolerate "Favoritism" in any form but resolve now to carefully choose your future officers who will merit this confidence and would in turn bring happiness and prosperity to the lodge and thru it to the craft in general.

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EDITORIALS

LET US WIN THE PEACE

Twenty-eight years ago when the Armistice was signed in Europe by the Great Powers, Aristide Briand spoke thus:

"As there is not one of the nations represented here that has not shed the blood of her children on the battlefields of the last war, I propose that we should dedicate to the dead, to all the dead of the **Great War**, the event which we are going to consecrate together with our signatures."

Since then a **Greater War** has taken place and with its termination, came the universal hope that it was the war to end all wars. So today, as the representatives of the United Nations meet in America, we are all wishing and praying that the treaties being drafted, discussed and yet to be signed, will be fair, just and honorable to all parties concerned and that in the future, they may not be looked upon again as just other "scraps of paper" signifying nothing. The bitter lessons of the past, therefore, should be taken advantage of to avoid a third world conflict, the **Greatest War** that will destroy civilization and even mankind itself.

There is one rule of conduct which is as safe as it is sound for the UNO representatives and all the nations to follow.

This is the Golden Rule, not the rule of gold. Under its influence all men, regardless of nationality, race or creed should achieve true harmony and discourage destructive rivalry.

The gospel of "one world" should be popularized by men even at the risk of being branded as idealistic and Utopian. Man's ever-increasing interest in the affairs of his fellowmen is a healthy sign that it is infinitely better to live together as a big family under the Fatherhood of God than as a divided humanity under the influence of greed.

We shall never tire of thinking and talking about peace until it shall have become part of our being and as a consequence, we shall live and practice its message as a matter of habit. And this goal is never too far to be reached because it is righteous, noble, and worthwhile.

If we can only practice the Masonic Creed to be as **charitable** as the Supreme Being is, toward the unbelieving, the mistakes and blunders, the follies, and the faults and shortcomings of men, then the day is near when the peace among men and nations will be real and its effects enduring. We sacrificed much to achieve victory in war. We must now be ready to sacrifice more to win the peace.—**Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.**



MASONRY IN ACTION

W. B. Enrique R. Martinez, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has recently been awarded the **Purple Heart** by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces Western Pacific. This honor comes to a limited number of men whose love of country is beyond question and whose courage might as well be a beacon light to illumine the byways and pathways of those who place the people's welfare above their own and cheerfully answer the call of duty, not the lure of luxury. Had our brother been a soldier in the Armed Forces during the last war, we could readily understand the reason for the award; but he was a civilian employee at the time and had he elected to follow the easy road, he might not have suffered as much as he did.

In expressing its appreciation for patriotic service in a position of trust and responsibility to Bro. Martinez, the War Department said:

"For eminent service as Construction Supervisor for the United States Engineers Department during the Japanese invasion and conquest of the Philippines. Mr. Martinez returned to duty from retirement in 1939 and, employing a thorough familiarity with construction work on

Corregidor gained through long years of service there, he successfully maintained vital gun emplacements during the Japanese attacks on that important fortification, suffering wounds and subsequent imprisonment. He contributed materially to the maintenance of the National Defense and the prosecution of the war."

It is to be noted that Bro. Martinez "returned to duty from retirement" instead of remaining inactive after many years of service or because of failing health. But the man is a Mason and a Mason is the embodiment of duty and sacrifice for the common good; he detests oppression and fights for the truth. We have no doubt that when our brother risked his life in renowned Corregidor, he expected neither praise nor fame. To the Ancient Fraternity, performance of duty is the member's obligation and rewarded or unrewarded, sung or unsung, he resolves to carry on. Our brother, known for his humility and thoroughness may find added satisfaction in the fact that by his example he has made more eloquent the heroism of countless brethren and brought greater glory to our Venerable Institution. This and nothing less is Masonry in action.—**Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.**

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To the Brethren of this
Grand Jurisdiction

GREETINGS

The following brethren are hereby appointed to constitute the

SICK COMMITTEE

for the month of November, 1946, of this Grand Lodge and are requested to observe the duties enjoined to said Committee for the benefit of all concerned.

Wor. Bro. Sixto Tenmatay (12)
" " Mamerto M. Buenafe (4)
" " Leoncio Tanguan (13)
Sgd. MICHAEL GOLDENBERG
Grand Master

ATTEST:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

NOVEMBER MASONIC LUNCHEON

The monthly Masonic Luncheon to be held in the Grand Lodge Hall on Sunday, November 24, 1946, will be sponsored by Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, F. & A.M. Masons and members of their families are invited. There will be a cinematograph and floor show free of charge for the entertainment of all. Guest speakers are M.W. Bro. C. Rosenstock PGM and Rt. W. Bro. Andrew D. Gruber, Senior Grand Warden, who have just arrived from the States.

Reservations with Bro. L. Carmona. P3.00 per cover.

A SHORT MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF DAPITAN LODGE No. 21

If we were to endeavor to have the existence of our Institution perdure as the Dapitan Lodge No. 21 had perdured, the symbolism of the TROWEL should ever be present in our minds. When we obtained the full privileges of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, we were taught that the working tools of the Master Mason are all the implements of Freemasonry, but particularly the TROWEL. This tool is used to spread the cement — by the operative hands of the workman — to convert the construction into one solid mass, consistent and homogenous. And thus, the Master Mason should endeavor to do. By his actions he should strive to spread every-where the cement of love and unite all men into one solid mass of true brothers, consistent and homogenous. May our Lord grant that this symbolism pervade the minds of all men, at all times and at

all places, and we can rest assured that a better humanity with less imperfections will arise from the family of races and peoples, ultimately recognizing and accepting our sublime ideology: The Brotherhood of Humanity under the Fatherhood of God.—ANTONIO GONZALEZ F.P.S., Grand Secretary.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following are some of the many letters received from various Grand Lodges in the United States commenting on the 1946 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands:*

GRAND LODGE A. F. & A. M.
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

September 20th, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary F. & A. M.
142 Gunao, Corner Arlegui
Quiapo, Manila, Philippine Islands
My dear and M. W. Brother Gonzalez:

This is to acknowledge yours of August 21st with reference to the proceedings of your Annual Communication, which, as you say, was the first since liberation. I do hope that these proceedings will reach my table in time so we may use some of the information in connection with our October Grand Lodge Bulletin. I have some understanding of the awful devastation worked by the Japanese in the Philippines, but I feel confident that you are coming back, and coming back strong. We do hope that American Freemasonry can be of real aid and service to you.

With cordial greetings. I am,
Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) WALTER L. STOCKWELL
Grand Secretary

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THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ARIZONA.

September 21, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary
142 Gunao, corner Arlegui
Quiapo, Manila
Dear Brother Gonzalez:

This acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of the proceedings of your last Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge, which was received this morning.

I took a few minutes time to read a part of that portion of the proceedings which you referred to as a good synopsis of the outrageous Japanese occupation of the Philippines, the ordeal with

which Masons have been subjected to, etc. It is hard to believe that any human being would go to the extremes that the Japanese went to. I will acquaint our Brethren with some of these facts. I will publish part of your report in our Arizona Grand Lodge News which is distributed among our Lodges and sent to all Grand Lodges with which we have fraternal relations. When published I will send you a supply of them.

Our Grand Lodge in May of 1945 sent to the Grand Lodge of California a check for \$500.00 for the relief of the Masons of the Philippines which we hope was of some benefit to some of your Brethren.

With kindest personal regards and good wishes, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(Sgd.) HARRY A. DRACHMAN
Grand Secretary

P.S. Word has just been received that our old Grand Secretary of New Mexico, R. W. Brother Alpheus A. Keen passed away yesterday morning.

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THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND AC- CEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

September 23, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Sec'y.
138 Gunao St.
Corner Arlegui, Quiapo
Manila, Philippine Islands
Dear Brother Gonzalez:

I received your letter of August 21st a few days ago and I am now pleased to state that the copy of the Proceedings of your last annual meeting has reached me in perfect condition.

As stated in your letter, I did find a good synopsis of the outrageous Japanese occupation of the Philippines. It is rather difficult for us who are so far from you to realize the ordeal of which the masons in the Philippines were subjected. I want to congratulate you and the other good brethren of the Philippines for not losing courage and for carrying on the good work as you did.

Our Grand Lodge will meet on October 8 and 9 and our Committee on Correspondence has already had his report printed so we cannot review your Proceedings in time to include them in our report this year. I will, however, send your Proceedings to Brother Elmer E. Beach, one of our Past Grand Masters who writes our correspondence Report and it will be reviewed in our next Grand Lodge Proceedings.

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I have also received a copy of the CABLETOW for July. I always enjoy that publication, because it is one of the best that comes to my desk.

With every good wish, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(SGD.) RICHARD C. DAVENPORT
Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE
AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
MONTANA

September 23, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands
142 Gunao, Corner Arlegui
Quiapo, Manila.

Dear Brother Grand Secretary:

I am delighted to have your letter of August 21st saying a copy of your annual Proceedings for 1946 was being sent us. I am happy to tell you that the book has arrived.

Let me compliment you on the excellent volume sent us. It gives a vivid picture of conditions during the outrageous Japanese occupation of your land. You and your associate Grand Officers are wise in printing as much of the history as you can while the matter is fresh. You have made an excellent start and I hope there will be more of it.

We congratulate you on your reorganization and the courage you all have shown. With good wishes to you, I am,

Fraternally yours,
(SGD.) LUTHER T. HAUBERG

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M. W. GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M.
OF WASHINGTON

September 23, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez
Grand Secretary of Masons
138 Gunao Street, Quiapo, Manila
Philippine Islands

Dear Grand Secretary:

This acknowledges receipt of one copy of the 1946 Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.

I note where your Proceedings have been autographed by the Grand Master and yourself, and we wish to thank you for your thoughtfulness in so doing.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(SGD.) JOHN I. PREISSNER
Grand Secretary

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THE GRAND LODGE OF A. F. & A. M.
OF WYOMING

September 23, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary,

142 Gunao, Corner Arlegui,
Quiapo, Manila, P. I.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

I have yours of August 21, 1946 telling me that you were sending one copy of your 1946 proceedings and asked me to let you know when it arrived. This is to advise you that the proceedings came today in fine shape. They will be carefully reviewed and preserved for our Grand Lodge Library. We like two copies but understand your circumstances and will be most happy to get on with one.

This writer is also the reviewer in Wyoming. I had the pleasure of reviewing the last proceedings your Grand Lodge put out—those of 1941—and shall enjoy reviewing these very much. At a quick glance it looks like you have done your usual good job getting them out.

With warm regards and all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(SGD.) IRVING E. CLARK
Grand Secretary

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GRAND LODGE ANCIENT FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF IDAHO

Boise, Idaho

September 24, 1946.

Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands
Manila, P. I.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

This will acknowledge receipt and extend out thanks for the copy of the 1946 Proceedings of your Grand Lodge.

We are very pleased to receive our copy and although we have not had time to read it (it having arrived yesterday) we know it will contain some very interesting and valuable information depicting the ordeals your Grand Lodge and Constituent Lodges have gone through during the terrible years just passed.

We wish for you a speedy return to normal functions and Masonic prosperity in the coming years. Idaho Masonry held its 80th annual communication last week and we are off to a new year.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(SGD.) CLYDE I. RUSH
Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. OF
UTAH

September 24, 1946.

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of P. I.
142 Gunao, Corner Arlegui,
Quiapo, Manila.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

I thank you very much for your letter of August 26, advising that you were then sending to this office a copy of the Proceedings of your last Annual Communication (the first since liberation).

This arrived today in the same mail as the July issue of the CABLETOW and I thank you kindly for both. I have taken a few minutes out to glance over your Proceedings and find it very interesting. I will take it home this evening where I can read it with less disturbance.

The copies of the CABLETOW, all since and including January last, have arrived and are very much in demand by the Brethren who visit our library.

Sincerely and fraternally,
(SGD.) E. R. GIBSON
Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF MICHIGAN
Grand Rapids, 3, Michigan

September 25, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez
Grand Secretary
138 Gunao
Manila, Philippine Islands

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

We have your letter of August 21st also copy of the Proceedings of your last annual communication which has been read with keen interest and wish you to know that the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan extends its fraternal sympathy to the officers and brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction of Philippine Islands.

The terrible destruction to the property and human beings and especially that of the Masonic Fraternity during the Japanese invasion was appalling, however, we predict from the ashes of the terrible conflagration will spring a new and stronger Masonic Fraternity in the Philippine Islands.

You have withstood scourging both financially, physically and otherwise and it has been a pleasure for the Grand Jurisdiction in Continental United States to financially aid in rebuilding the Masonic Fraternity in your part of the world.

Assuring you the co-operation of this Grand Jurisdiction in all matters possible, wishing you every success, and

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with fraternal greetings to the officers and members of your Grand Jurisdiction of Free and Accepted Masons.

Fraternally yours,
(SGD.) F. HOMER NEWTON
Grand Secretary

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GRAND LODGE OF THE DISTRICT
OF COLUMBIA

September 26, 1946.

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary,
138 Gunao,
Manila, Philippine Islands.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

Yours of August 21 and the copy of your 1946 Proceedings came duly to hand.

I shall examine your record at the first opportunity and know that it will interest me greatly, although part of it will certainly be depressing.

With best regards and cordial good wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,
(SGD.) AUBREY H. CLAYTON
Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE OF MAINE ANCIENT
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

September 26, 1946.

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands
138 Gunao, Quiapo, Manila.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

Received a copy of your 1946 Grand Lodge Proceedings today. Accept my thanks. It is fine to hear from you and your jurisdiction again. The best of progress to you and the members of your Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,
(SGD.) CONVERS E. LEACH
Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF OHIO

September 26, 1946

Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary
Manila

Republic of the Philippines

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

In accordance with your letter of

August 21st, we are acknowledging receipt of the Proceedings of your last Annual Communication. We have looked through them just casually and before sending the copy to our Foreign Correspondent for review we will read the synopsis of the outrageous Japanese occupation of the Philippines which you refer to.

We do not know of a greater blessing that has come out of the terrible war than that your good people, after suffering centuries of persecution, starvation and inhuman treatment, have now your freedom. It is our prayer that our Masonic Brethren and the people of the Philippines will not forget the God who has brought this great blessing and made you all free and that you will also remember "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it!" Just be instruments in His hands of carrying out His will concerning your people and you will find you will receive great moral and spiritual blessings as well as material prosperity.

With greetings to your brethren and with all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely and fraternally,
(SGD.) H. S. JOHNSON
Grand Secretary

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THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MOST
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS FOR THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY

September 26, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez
Grand Secretary
Manila, P. I.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

We are in receipt of your letter of August 21, 1946; also a copy of the 1946 Proceedings of your Grand Lodge. Thank you so much for sending it to us. I am sure its contents will be very interesting.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
(SGD.) ISAAC CHERRY
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND
MASTER

[Continued from Last Issue]

I want to remind the brethren, that years ago this Grand Lodge was a member of the Masonic Service Association and due to our financial condition we had to cease our membership. I believe that now is the time that we should start to study the advisability of again joining the Masonic Service Association not only for our own advantage and convenience but also as a proof of our gratitude to what this association had done to rehabilitate masonry in the Philippine Islands through its present leader, M.W. Bro. Claudy.

I recommend that the incoming Grand Master and the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge enquire and immediately take the necessary steps to revive our membership in the Masonic Service Association.

Certain Constitutional Amendments

However, not all our subordinate lodges actively functioning before the war has been reorganized. The reason is that we cannot overlook and override some of the provisions of our Constitution. In view of the fact that many of their members are scattered in different places, some lodges were not able to gather seven or more members, and according to our Constitution, they are not authorized to convene with less than seven. And the worst part of it is that in a given place there are not enough members of our Grand Jurisdiction while many in other Grand Jurisdictions. If permitted by our Constitution, said members would gladly join our lodges for the sole purpose of assisting us to reestablish the same. As an example, we had our lodge in Guam, Charleston No. 44, which is in this predicament and we are unable to do anything about it. For the same reasons, I consider it also imperative to permit to a lodge to confer degrees in a place and lodge room other than the place and lodge room fixed by its charter or dispensation. In view thereof, I believe it essential to amend our Constitution, adding to Section 1 of Article I, Part II, the following paragraph:

64 B—12th. To, in case of extreme emergency, grant dispensation to any lodge to transact business with less than seven members present; to enable any mason in good standing to affiliate with any lodge for the sole purpose of its reorganization;

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and to allow any lodge to confer degrees in a place and lodge room other than those fixed by its Charter or Dispensation.

During last year, we came across with many cases concerning suspended members for lack of payment of dues, but who are unable to seek restoration for the reason that their respective lodges are still not reorganized. Inasmuch as the procedure in these cases is expressly indicated in our Constitution, I considered myself unauthorized to grant any restoration for there is no provision in our Constitution authorizing me to do so. However, I believe that something must be done in fairness and in justice to said members. I, therefore, propose that the Grand Master be authorized to restore such members, provided their respective lodges are not yet functioning, upon payment of the unpaid dues which is to be credited to the corresponding lodge, by adding after paragraph 172 (Section 11, Article III, Part III), the following:

Should any member suspended for non-payment of dues desire to be restored in his lodge which is not functioning he could be so restored only by the Grand Master and upon payment of the arrearages due at the time of his suspension to the credit of his lodge.

I would also like to call attention to the fact that in accordance with Par. 212, Article II, Section 1, par. 3rd, Part IV, of our Constitution, your Grand Master has authority to defer the lecture of the Third Degree, to be given later; which is not the case with the other two degrees. I see no reason why the Grand Master could not authorize the postponement of the lecture of the other blue lodge degrees, when this is possible for the degree of Master Mason. Taking into account the present circumstances precisely when many degrees are being conferred upon which makes it almost physically impossible to utilize the late hours of the evening due to poor lighting facilities, the postponement of the lecture—appertaining to any degree—becomes almost a necessity which should, of course, be given at a later date. For this reason, I recommend to amend said paragraph which should read as follows:

3rd. To give, in full, the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual; Provided, that upon authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, the lecture of any degree may be deferred by the Master, upon the condition that the candidate

shall receive the same, in open lodge, on a subsequent occasion.

For reasons above mentioned also, the Grand Master should be vested with powers to be able to authorize any lodge to confer degrees upon any number of candidates in one meeting, taking into account the difficulty of transportation as well as the desire of many candidates to finish up their degrees before leaving the Philippines on urgent orders, which makes it essential to have the lodge confer degrees on more than FIVE candidates in one meeting. For this reason, I propose to add this ruling to Par. 170, Section 9, Article III, Part III, of our Constitution, to wit:

Provided that, upon the authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, a lodge may confer degrees upon more than five candidates at any one meeting.

Moratorium in China

Our lodges in China petitioned thru the District and Grand Master that the moratorium be extended to cover this current year of 1946. Inasmuch as my authority as Acting Grand Master ceases at this present communication, I did not deem it proper to extend the moratorium to China as prayed for. However, I submit to this Grand Communication this matter, and taking into consideration the difficult financial and economic problems that our lodges in China have to tackle, it is but timely to grant the Grand Master ample discretionary power to extend the moratorium to such further period as he may deem proper and convenient.

Obligations Incurred Before the War

As a practical measure under the present circumstances and to help our lodges to rehabilitate themselves, I believe that we should declare a condonation of all obligations due from them to the Grand Lodge before the war. We know that many of our lodges have lost all their properties and several of them a great majority of their members. If we were to tax them further by collecting their obligations to us, we would be killing them instead of helping them in their prompt rehabilitation. I, therefore, propose a general condonation of all obligations incurred in favor of the Grand Lodge before the war, except on

Cemetery Lots.

With respect to the individual obligations of the members to their respective lodges, I believe and so submit to the Grand Lodge that the matter of condonation or collection thereof, be left entirely to the discretion of the corresponding lodge. The lodges are in a better position to determine if a member is entitled to some consideration, or if the lodge is in a condition to condone without harming its own economic interests. After all, this matter is rather an internal affair of a lodge and is a matter between lodges and its membership and not of the Grand Lodge.

Consolidation of Lodges

In the Province of Iloilo, our Iloilo Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 78 have consolidated. They followed all the constitutional prerequisites and they have consolidated in pursuance to the wishes of the members of both lodges. I approved the same inasmuch as I believed that the interests of masonry in Iloilo would be better served with such consolidation.

New Charters

A great majority of our lodges have lost their respective charters as I have explained. They have been functioning and continue to function by virtue of the special dispensation granted under Edict No. 29.

I recommend that new charters be granted these lodges with the statement that the same is granted in lieu of the original, in addition to other routine matters that should be recited therein. In the meantime, I recommend that these lodges be allowed to continue functioning under the dispensation granted them.

In view of the high cost of materials and printing, we should leave to the discretion of the Grand Secretary as to when our regular printed charters should be issued, and with respect to the price of the same, that matter should be fixed by the Committee on Accounts as provided for in Paragraph 46, Section 1, Article VIII, Part I, of our Constitution.

Our Relations with Other Grand Lodges

We immediately resumed our relations

WAR DAMAGE CLAIMS

SYSTEM INSTALLATION

FRANCISCO SANTIAGO

(Lt. Col. Ret.) B.C.S., C.P.A.

Formerly Comptroller and Operating Manager
Madrigal & Company and Subsidiaries.

INDUSTRIAL ANALYST & CONSULTANT

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Plaza Goiti, Manila

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with other Grand Lodges that we had fraternal amity before the war. Our Most Wor. Bro. Grand Secretary got in touch with them as soon as the mail facilities permitted, and from many of them we received messages of admiration, of cheer and of encouragement. In the Grand Secretary's report you will read their words of affection. To each and every one of them we extend our fraternal greetings and best wishes.

From continental Europe, we received the first letters from the Grand Lodge of Norway and Finland, informing us that they had resumed their labors since their liberation. The Grand Lodge of Norway lost its Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

We received as Grand Representative from near Grand Lodges the following Brethren:

R. W. Bro. John C. Green near the Grand Lodge of Norway.

R. W. Bro. Newton P. Steacy near the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

And we recommend the following Brethren as our Grand Representatives to the near Grand Lodges:

Arizona	Filemon Asuncion
British Columbia	Clifford C. Bennett
Cuba	Dalmacio Aquino
Ecuador	Hermenegildo Santos
Bolivia	Jesus Alvarez
Dist. of Columbia	Antonio Gonzalez
Indiana	Elpidio Laiz
Louisiana	Albert J. Brazee Jr.
Maryland	Teofilo Abejo
Massachusetts	Mateo D. Cipriano
Mississippi	Geo. L. Rickard
Missouri	Melecio Fabros
New South Wales	T. Parsons
New York	Michael Goldenberg
Nicaragua	Abdon Manapat
North Dakota	Francisco Santiago
Norway	Macario M. Ofilada
Oregon	Ramon Alonzo
Perú	Abilio de Altonaga
Portugal	Fidel Encarnacion
Puerto Rico	Pascual Lintag
Rhode Island	Mark Nestle
South Australia	Regino Padua
South Carolina	Fidel T. Manalo
Vermont	Ramon Ramos
Bahia	Vicente de Leon
Ceara	Eulogio Manlapit
New Jersey	Ivor D. Butler
Tennessee	Guillermo Espinosa

Cloth Distribution

Through the representations made by our Grand Secretary to the corresponding authorities and with the help of Wor. Bros. Elpidio Laiz and Francisco Santiago, we were able to get from the

Welfare Bureau a small quantity of cloth for our brethren's widows and orphans, which was distributed by a committee created for that purpose. Said committee submitted its report to me, which is filed and can be read in the office of the Grand Secretary.

Official Visitations

Due to the prevalent transportation difficulties, we were not able to make all the corresponding official visitations to all our subordinate lodges. We did our best to make such visitations as the prevailing circumstances permitted, and in those cases where we were not able to make the visitation personally, we delegated some brethren who could do so in our name and representation.

Reconstruction of Our Temples

In view of the fact that the money received by us thru the Grand Lodge of California has been delivered to us with the express condition that the same be exclusively dedicated to personal relief of our brethren, we did not and we could not make use of the same for other purposes. Therefore, we have to avail ourselves of other sources in order to reconstruct our Plaridel Temple, the home of our Grand Lodge, as well as those of our subordinate lodges in the provinces. Due to the economic disaster suffered by all of us, it is impossible to expect from the individual masons in this Jurisdiction to do something worth while for the prompt reconstruction of the Grand Lodge edifice and those of the subordinate lodges. The help must again come from outside the Philippines. This is the truth, though painful to admit.

In view thereof, and inasmuch as this matter is one of great importance and requires immediate solution, I propose that all the elective officers of the Grand Lodge as soon as they shall have assumed their respective offices act immediately on this matter, giving it preferential attention, and find a way to get financial help in or outside the Philippines for the reconstruction of our Temples, particularly of our Plaridel Temple.

Our Offices and Its Personnel

Within the bounds of human limitations, our offices have been functioning regularly and efficiently with the help of a personnel whose zeal is far above par.

Of our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, we have this to say: From the very beginning of our liberation, he has devoted his fullest energy,

time and employed his best talents in behalf of masonry. His valuable assistance to me during the task of rehabilitation of our Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges and of the relief of our members, their dependents, widows and orphans, in fact his wise counsel and untiring efforts in behalf of masonry in the Philippines, made it much easier for me to properly carry on in my duties as head of the craft here, during the most critical period of its history. I pay the highest tribute within my means for the work he has disinterestedly rendered to masonry in the Philippines. We have worked together every day and night, not excluding Sundays and holidays and I have nothing but words of the highest praise for him. Without his unlimited aid and support, it would have been impossible for us to have progressed as much as we did in such a short period of time. He worked as hard as anyone else and was always available when wanted. He is a man of high ideals and truly a mason at heart and we are all very fortunate that God had spared him for us and I am specially thankful to Him that I was assisted in this greatest task of my life, by a man to be a mason in the full measure of the word. Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, your zeal for our institution and the exceptional interest you have shown in your duties as Grand Secretary, and the way you have always cheerfully performed the intricate problems of reorganization and your unlimited labors in assisting me in my arduous task, have endeared you to each and everyone of us and I extend to you the gratitude of all masons in this Jurisdiction.

Regarding the other members of the Office of the Grand Secretary, such as Wor. Bros. Aurelio Diego Rosario, Abilio Altonaga, Dominador R. Escosa and Lazaro Carmona, I have nothing but words of appreciation and praise for their sincere cooperation and zealous activity which have made possible my discharging the duties as Grand Master.

Each one of them has endeared to perform their duties with the greatest economy possible to the benefit of the Grand Lodge, but without detriment to efficiency. My sincerest thanks to all of them.

Conclusion

I cannot close my report without extending to each and every member of this Grand Jurisdiction my most sincere thanks for the disinterested cooperation extended to me. Nothing could have

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

CABANATUAN NO. 53, F. & A. M.

Official visitation by the Grand Master of the three sister Lodges of Nueva Ecija, namely, Memorial Lodge No. 90, Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, and Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, took place at the Lodge Hall of the latter on October 19, 1946. The memorable visit of our M. W. Grand Master Goldenberg elicited favorable impression from among the masons who attended and which helped renew fraternal masonic friendship and strengthened relations of brotherly love. The Grand Master and his companions were received in due form after luncheon and a short program was rendered as follows: Welcome address by Wor. Master Mariano Sta. Romana of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53; response by M. W. Master Goldenberg; address of Wor. Bro. Romualdo F. Vijandre (53); reading of a prize-winning essay in the vernacular by its worthy author, Bro. Lazaro Francisco (53); and closing remarks by the M. W. Grand Master. The Grand Master related his experiences during the occupation; spoke of Masonic labors among brethren that kept the spirit of Masonry always alive in all distant valleys; enumerated Masonic activities during and after liberation; described the splendid help rendered by the American GI's for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Lodges; and extolled the work of Nueva Ecija Masons because of their part in helping American internees in Cabanatuan by supplying food and extending other assistance—materially or otherwise.

He demonstrated his kindness by offering three small bibles to each of the three Lodges, and gave a special bigger one for the Altar of Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73. In conclusion, he appealed for the organization in Nueva Ecija of an order or chapter of "DeMOLAY", for the betterment of the youth that may be selected as members. This, he stated, may to a certain degree, help in the improvement of lawlessness in the province in days to come.

With the M. W. Grand Master in the East, the Lodge of Master Masons was declared suspended, and a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons opened for the purpose of conferring the first degree of Masonry upon Mr. Manuel C. Garcia, candidate of Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73. The Grand Master and his companions composed the team that conferred the degree. Among the visitors: Wor. Bros. Aurelio D. Rosario, V. Quijano, Elpidio Laiz, Candido Perez, Claudio, Filoteo,

Bahia, Espinosa, Friend.

The following brethren of this province received the M. W. Grand Master and companions in open Lodge:

W. M., Wor. Bro. Mariano Sta. Romana (53)

S. W. Wor. Bro. Ponciano D. Rivera (73)

J. W. Wor. Bro. Rufino Angeles (90)

Treas., Wor. Bro. Martin Villasana (73)

Sec., Wor. Bro. Apolonio Fuertes (90)

Marshal, Wor. Bro. Doroteo M. Josen (53)

Chaplain, Bro. Lazaro Francisco (53)

S. D., Wor. Bro. R. F. Vijandre (53)

J. D., Wor. Bro. Antonio B. Manalo (53)

S. S. Bro. Miguel Jardiel (53)

J. S., Wor. Bro. Benedicto Q. Bringas (73)

Tyler, Wor. Bro. Gregorio D. Robles

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TAGA-ILOG NO. 79

In response to an invitation of Silanganan Lodge No. 19, Pasig, Rizal; the team of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, Manila, conferred the First Degree of Masonry upon Bro. Amado Posadas, a teacher of the Rizal High School and presently an Army Officer, in the Silanganan Lodge Hall in the afternoon of October 12, 1946. Wor. Bro. Manuel C. Jabson, Master of the Lodge, officially greeted the visiting brethren, after which, he requested the regular officers to vacate their stations and turn them over to the special team of Taga-Ilog Lodge composed of the following:

Master, Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera
Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. Jose W.
Curameng, P.M.

Junior Warden, Wor. Bro. Santiago
Puertollano, P.M.

Marshal, Wor. Bro. Clemente Bernabe, P.M.

Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Clemente Bernabe, P.M.

Secretary, Bro. Petronilo I. Vallejo (19)

Senior Deacon, Bro. Jose Bernabe
Junior Deacon, Bro. Juan Garduque (19)

Senior Steward, Bro. Sebastian Eus-taquio

Junior Steward, Bro. Felix Duban
The lecture was delivered by Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera (79) and the Charge was given by Bro. Vicente Garcia, Senior Warden of Silanganan Lodge No. 19. Wor. Bro. Curameng gave a few words of advice to the candidate.

Wor. Bro. Jabson thanked the visiting brethren for their cooperation to which

Wor. Bro. Rivera responded and expressed his appreciation of the honor and pleasure accorded Taga-Ilog Lodge in conferring the degree and pledged cooperation of his Lodge whenever given the opportunity to do so. The brethren of Silanganan Lodge were unanimous in expressing their delight in witnessing the conferring of the degree upon their candidate in a very impressive manner. According to them this special meeting of the lodge was so far the best attended since liberation. Wor. Bro. Pablo Noroña, P.M., Assistant Director of Prisons, and four other brethren from Bilibid Prison in Muntinglupa, made the long trip to be able to attend this affair. After the labors, Bro. Posadas assisted by his charming wife offered "techon" and every brother present enjoyed the treat.

Visits to other lodges like this are encouraged by Taga-Ilog Lodge.

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GEN. JONATHAN WAINWRIGHT RECEIVES MASONIC DEGREES IN UNION LODGE No. 7, KANSAS

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *From Masonic News of September 21, 1946*)

America's hero of Bataan, General Jonathan Wainwright, received the first three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry in Union Lodge No. 7, of Junction City, Kansas, Thursday, May 16. This was made possible by a Special Dispensation from Samuel G. Wiles, Grand Master of Masons in Kansas. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred at 9:30 A. M., the Fellowcraft Degree at 1:00 P. M., and the Master Mason Degree at 8:00 P. M.

The Degree work was portrayed by special casts selected by Worshipful Master Norman White.

According to the Kansas Masonic Digest, publicity was forbidden and, as a result, it was not generally known that the general was to receive his degrees. Nevertheless, a large number of officers and men of the United States Army were present, including several generals.

Union Lodge is located near Forts Riley and Leavenworth and it is only natural that the Lodge is able to boast of many members of the military stationed at those points. In this connection, it is interesting to note that General of the Army Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, until recently Air Force Chief, is a member of this Lodge, as are a great many other

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Fraternal Reviews



J. W. FERRIER, P.M.

DELAWARE—1945

Lodges—22; Mem.—5,527; Gain—241

The proceedings cover the work of the 140th annual communication, of an emergent communication for the purpose of adopting a resolution authorizing the disposal of two \$1,000.00 bonds registered in the name of the Grand Lodge, and of an occasional lodge called for the purpose of making Mr. Robert Ruliph Morgan Carpenter a Mason at sight. The annual communication was held at Wilmington, October 3, 1945; the emergent one in the same place on July 17, 1945, and the occasional one on September 19, 1945, also in Wilmington. M. W. Brother W. Harry Lewis, Grand Master, presided over all three meetings. At the annual communication 12 of the 13 Grand Lodge officers were present as were 14 of the 22 living Past Grand Masters, and all but three of the subordinate lodges were represented. Three Grand Masters, as well as many other Grand officers from the same sister jurisdictions and some from other grand jurisdictions, together with many of the highest officers of the concordant bodies within the Delaware jurisdiction likewise attended.

The Grand Master reported the granting of 23 dispensations, the making of one decision, and submitted four recommendations. He reported he had officially visited all subordinate lodges, and had attended 12 other Masonic meetings of various kinds within the Grand jurisdiction, as well as the meetings of the Grand Lodges of three sister jurisdictions. He spoke highly of the Masonic Service Association for which \$8,550.00 was contributed by the brethren during the year; of the Delaware Masonic Home for which \$9,805.00 was donated by the Craft; of the Sojourners and of the Order of DeMolay. He also spoke of the request of the Grand Lodge of California for a contribution of \$0.03 for each member of the order to assist the Masons of the Philippines, further stating that Delaware was the first Grand Jurisdiction to respond to this petition with a payment of \$158.37. A contribution was also made to the American Leprosy Foundation (Leonard Wood Memorial).

The Grand Secretary reported that complete returns with payment in full

of all dues and assessments had been received from all the lodges. (Rather unusual, we think.)

The Jurisprudence Committee approved the one decision and all four of the recommendations of the Grand Master, and upon reference to the Grand Lodge the report of the Committee was approved and adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended the granting of fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Chile, the National Grand Lodge of Columbia, the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, and the Grand Lodge "El Potosi" of Mexico, which recommendation was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on By-Laws reported the approval of the six By-Laws and/or amendments to by-laws submitted to it. Approved.

R. W. Brother Urah W. Long, Deputy Grand Master, was elected Grand Master for the ensuing term, and with the other elected and appointed officers, except the Senior Grand Steward, who was absent, was installed.

The Jewel, Portrait and Apron Committee reported that it had procured the three things it was expected to procure, the portrait, which was on the rostrum, and that the jewel and apron were ready when needed.

A member of the Jewel, Portrait and Apron Committee, in its behalf, presented to the retiring Grand Master a Past Grand Master's Jewel and Apron, for which the recipient thanked all his Masonic co-workers for the assistance they had rendered him during the past year.

The proceedings close with memorials to the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions and to those of the Grand Jurisdiction of Delaware, followed by a roster of all the members of the Grand Jurisdiction and the usual statistical reports regarding the Grand Lodge and its subordinate bodies, and ends with a review of the proceedings of 62 communications of various Grand Lodges.

MARYLAND—1945

Lodges-120; Mem.-32,360; Gain-1,725

The Grand Lodge of Maryland holds two communications each year, the first or semi-annual communication in May, and the second, or annual communication, in November. In the year 1945,

both were held in Baltimore. All the Grand Lodge Officers, all four of the living Past Grand Masters and all subordinate lodges were present or represented at both meetings.

When you first see the proceedings, a book of 450 pages, you think what a job it is going to be to go through it, but as you proceed, the careful courtesy and quiet dignity which prevails throughout the whole and the perfect harmony which is clearly shown to exist in this Grand Jurisdiction makes your labors a pleasure.

At the first meeting, Brother Rudolfo Ramirez, P.G.M. and present Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, was present, and made a short talk.

The Grand Master in his address at the first meeting reported that 347 members of the craft in Maryland had laid aside their working tools since the last annual communication. (Their names are published among the statistical reports at the end of the proceedings). He, like all other Grand Masters in the United States, was handicapped by Government orders in his efforts to make official visitations, but reports a total of 36 such visits to various organizations, but to only one outside Maryland—to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He spoke highly of the work of the Masonic Service Association and recommended that the contribution of \$0.50 per capita to the Association be continued for the succeeding year. (Approved by the Grand Lodge). Blood for the benefit of the sick and wounded was donated by 1,317 of the brethren. \$1,000.00 was appropriated for Philippine Relief and sent to the Grand Lodge of California.

From the following Grand Master's report, it may be seen that Masonic regulations are enforced in the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland: A subordinate lodge opened a special communication without dispensation and passed 5 Entered Apprentices. The Master of the lodge was summoned and a conference held with several of the Grand Lodge Officers. Although the Grand Master was satisfied that the occurrence was due to carelessness, he states he was equally convinced such carelessness should not exist. He ordered the 5 Entered Apprentices to be again obligated at a regular communication of the lodge, which was done

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and at its close the Grand Master, who was present, arrested its charter, but permitted the lodge to work under dispensation until the Worshipful Master demonstrated to the Committee on Examination of Worshipful Masters in the Law that he was qualified to preside over his Lodge. (A hard blow to any Master, deserved though it might be.) But the Master in question proved himself of the right Masonic caliber, because before the next stated communication of his lodge, he had convinced this committee that he was conversant with Masonic Law and Procedure and all restrictions were promptly removed.

Upon favorable report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, Mexico, was regularly recognized by vote of the Grand Lodge.

An emergent communication was held at Baltimore on September 27, 1945, to conduct the funeral of R.W.P.J.G.W. Charles N. Wild.

The annual communication was held in Baltimore on November 20 and 21, 1945. In addition to those heretofore mentioned as being present, there were in attendance representatives of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Virginia, New Jersey, Connecticut, Vermont, Delaware, the District of Columbia and Louisiana.

The Grand Master in his address at the annual meeting stated that 27 Past Masters and 256 Master Masons had been summoned to the Supreme Grand Lodge since the semi-annual communication. (A total for the year of 63'). He reported that the bond sales committees had sold U. S. bonds to a total value of \$11,097,850.00, and that since the semi-annual communication he had made 25 visits to Masonic meetings and that the Deputy Grand Master in his representation had made two more.

He called attention to the great laxity on the part of Committees on Investigation of candidates, citing two cases which are of sufficient force to support all his contentions in this respect; stated that waivers of jurisdiction continued to be the greatest Masonic irritant in Maryland, and that there was a great deficiency in the present system of advancement from degree to degree, in that the system used developed excellent Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, but failed to give satisfactory insight into the teachings of the Craft as they are inculcated in the Master Mason's degree. He also said that many

joined only for the purpose of being able to enter some other dependent body and, therefore, recommended that no applicant be enrolled as a member of a lodge until he has satisfactorily passed an examination in open lodge upon the Master's degree, such required proficiency to be decided by a vote of the lodge. (A good requirement). This recommendation was adopted, as was also a recommendation for a collection on behalf of the Masonic Service Association.

The report of the Museum Committee shows the donation or lending of many interesting things to same, not the least among which was a handwritten Torah (the five books of Moses) in Hebrew on lambskin, and mounted on spools so that it could be used as a scroll, which was found by a member of a Maryland Lodge, in Lavarno, Italy, in 1944, after the Germans had retired from the City.

The Committee on Jurisprudence stated it did not consider it to be its province to pass upon the merits or wisdom of proposed amendments to the Constitution, or to express any opinion as to the advisability of the passage or rejection of same; that its duty was to determine whether or not such proposed amendments were properly presented and whether or not they are in legal form and constitutional. (Sounds to us like the proper thing to do, as a committee, though of course each member of the committee as a member of the Grand Lodge would retain his individual right to argue for or against the proposed amendment.)

Three By-Laws or amendments thereto were approved by the Committee on By-Laws; the Committees on Dispensations and Charters and on Masonic Halls reported no work during the year, with the Grievance Committee reporting but one case brought before it.

The Communication was addressed by P.G.M. Carl H. Claudy, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association, after which the Committee on Foreign Relations presented a statement of the requirements thought necessary to secure fraternal recognition from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which were adopted by the vote of the Grand Lodge. (They are worthy of deep consideration). The same Committee recommended in another report that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Peru, heretofore granted, be suspended until further information could be secured regarding it. Adopted.

This was followed by an address by the R.W.D.G. Master of Pennsylvania, Brother John H. Doherty, and after the nominations for officers had been completed, by an address by the P.W.-J.G.W. of the District of Columbia, Brother Dean Hill Stanley.

To clear up a question, there was presented and adopted an amendment to the Constitution providing that "Territorial jurisdiction over a rejected petitioner is relinquished when such petitioner is not a resident of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland."

Then, an address by the R.W.D.G.M. of Vermont, Brother J. Harold Stacey, followed by one by a M.W.P.G.M. of Virginia, Brother James N. Hellman, who stated that Masonry stands for three things that must be preserved if we are to have a lasting peace — "a home, a flag, a place of prayer."

Another address, this time by M.W.-G.M. Urah W. Long, of Delaware, and then another one by R.W.G.S. Chester R. Jones, of Delaware, followed by others by Brother Edgar E. Bageant, Grand Lecturer, Brother Aubrey H. Clayton, R.W.G.S., by Brother Frederick B. Blackburn, Grand Sword Bearer, and by Brother Sydney J. Mayer, Grand Tyler, all of the District of Columbia.

Then another by P.G.M. Harry B. Wright of Maryland, after which a great number of the highest officers of the co-ordinate Masonic Bodies, a Congressman, 3 Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, with the only two living graduate mayors of Baltimore, all Masons, were introduced. The Congressman and one of the Judges responded.

Brother Herbert L. Langrall, Illustrious Potentate of Boumi Temple, A.-A.O.N.M.S. presented the Grand Lodge on behalf of the Temple with a check for \$2,500.00 to be used in helping to build the Masonic infirmary at Bonnie Blink, a Maryland Masonic charity. Then a short pledge of assistance at any time on behalf of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, given by Brother G. Ernest Bowers, Grand Tall Cedar, followed by a call of the roll of representatives from sister Grand Jurisdictions. Brother J. B. Marshall, representative for the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, called attention to the losses of the Masonic fraternity here, and to the request made for Masonic literature, requesting that any that could be sent be

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spared. The Grand Master then thanked the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for what it had done for the Grand Lodge of Maryland, when the latter had requested it to look after one of Maryland's families which had become stranded there, stating that it had advertised in the newspapers till it found the lost family, and then gave them money to get back to California.

The meeting was then addressed by the M.W.G.M. of Louisiana, Brother Otto E. Passman, and the M.W.G.M. of Connecticut, Brother Henry K. Plumb, from whom we quote:

We must recognize one of the teachings of Freemasonry, which is that each man is individually responsible — nothing is done by proxy. If we start our examination of the problems and contests of life by first seeing upon what basis we can agree with our opponent, we will find our differences minimized.

Then, Brother George O. Moores, I.G.M. of the G.C. of R. & S. M, who said:

Harmony is the keystone and foundation, top and bottom of Freemasonry in all its branches; and to the extent that harmony prevails among all such branches, to the same extent may Masonry be said to be successful.

After an announcement of the brethren elected to office for the ensuing year, the meeting was addressed by Brother John S. Caie, M.W.G.M. of New Jersey, who said:

Sentiment requires avenues for its expression. Three of such important avenues are Sympathy, Service, and Sacrifice. The last is the greatest of all. Every advancement in civilization in-

volves a victim. Before the progress of the world stands an altar, and on it, a sacrifice.

Then came addresses by Brother Charles E. Moylan, a Supreme Court Judge of Baltimore, by Brother I. Luther Jordan, M.W.P.G.M. of Louisiana, by Brother R. Dean Farr, R.W.S.G.D. of Louisiana, by Brother John C. Weiss, M.E.G.H.P.G.C.R.A.M. of Maryland, by Brother Allan Cleaveland, E.G.C.G.C., K.T., of Maryland, and by Brother Edgar Cordell Powers, D.D., Sov. G.I.G., A. & A.S.R.

The elected and appointed officers were then installed, and the annual communication closed in due form.

Among the usual statistical reports appearing in Grand Lodge Proceedings we find a roll of all the brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction who laid down their working tools during the year, as well as a list of the entire membership by lodges.

UTAH—1945

Lodges-26; Members-4,732; Gain-265

The 73rd annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah was held in the Masonic Temple at Salt Lake City, Utah, on January 22 and 23, 1945, with every Grand Lodge officer present, everyone of its 26 subordinate lodges represented, and 16 of its 23 living (4 having died during the year) Past Grand Masters in attendance. In addition, John R. Clark, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Colorado; Clyde I. Rush, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Idaho; James W. Collins, Deputy of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R. in

Utah; Warren E. Fleetwood, M.E.G.H.-P. of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Utah; C. Franklin Moulton, M.I.G.M. of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of Utah, Harold Russell Walde, Illustrious Potentate of El Kalah Temple, A.O.N.M.S.; Brother Frank S. Land, Founder and Secretary General of the Order of DeMolay, and David L. Stine, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of Utah, were in attendance, some of whom addressed the meeting.

This Grand Lodge has the usual committees, grievances and appeals being united in one, and additional ones on Masonic Education and Instruction, on the Masonic Foundation of Utah, on War Service and on Form of Petition.

The Grand Master reported that he had visited every subordinate lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction and that an average of 12 Grand Lodge Officers and 6 Past Grand Masters were present at each visitation. (A record truly to be envied and worthy of emulation.)

He also declared that Masonry in Utah was in a healthy and prosperous condition with a net gain in membership during 1944, of 262; and with every lodge in good financial condition. Owing to the great number of members called into the armed service, many lodges were unable to do work without assistance of other lodges, which assistance was cheerfully given. He also speaks in the most glowing terms of the special meeting held in Bushnell Hospital, to which meeting we have heretofore alluded in our review of the 1944 proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Three Past Grand Masters and twelve Past Masters conferred the third degree at this meeting.

The Grand Master granted twenty-five dispensations during the year, the majority for the shortening of the usual time between the conferring of degrees and for permission to ballot on petitions where the recommending brethren had known the applicant less than one year.

The same question arose in Utah during the year 1944 as had arisen in Michigan in 1943, having to do with jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of these respective jurisdictions over organizations such as "Square and Compass" Clubs which make membership in a Masonic lodge a basis for membership in such organizations, only in Utah it arose in connection with the Shrine. The Grand Master ruled that as the by-laws of the particular Shrine Club in

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question had been approved by the Illustrious Potentate of El Kalah Temple, that was sufficient. The Committee on Jurisprudence disagreed with this ruling, stating that Section 105 of the Grand Lodge Code requires all organizations "requiring as a prerequisite to membership that the members thereof shall be Masons", to have their by-laws approved by the Grand Master, and that they shall be subject to the regulatory supervision of the Grand Lodge. Their report was adopted.

In addition to his visitations to the subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction, the Grand Master also attended the meetings of the Masonic Service Association, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the Conference of Grand Secretaries (as a proxy) and the conference of Grand Masters, all held in Washington in February, 1944.

He concludes his report with six recommendations:

1. That brethren who have received their E. A. or F. C. degrees in any lodge be not dropped from membership as is required by Sec. 142 of the Grand Lodge Code of Utah if they do not appear within two years for advancement, for the duration of the war, and thereafter, so long as such brethren are on foreign soil or at sea. The jurisprudence committee recommended that action be taken by dispensation of the G. M. during the duration of the war, and for one year thereafter, which shall only be granted with respect to candidates who are in the armed forces, which recommendation was adopted.

2. That the Grand Lodge of Utah continue to contribute to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association the sum of One Dollar for each newly made M. M. Referred to Finance Committee which made no report upon it.

3. That an annual appropriation of \$100.00 be made by the Grand Lodge of Utah to the same association. This sum was included in the budget recommended by the finance committee in its report, for the ensuing year, which report was adopted.

4. That a committee be appointed to take under consideration the desirability of setting up a fact-finding committee to study the status of Freemasonry in Latin America, what this will cost and what part the Grand Lodge of Utah should take, if any, in the matter, all

of which was recommended by the Conference of Grand Masters. The Committee on Grand Masters Address recommended that this portion thereof be approved and its report was adopted.

5. That an index of the books in the Grand Lodge Library be made. Referred to the Committee on Finance, which made no report thereon and apparently did not include the expense thereof in the yearly budget.

6. That \$400.00 be appropriated for the G. M.'s Contingent Fund. Referred to Finance Committee, which included the item in its proposed budget which was adopted.

The Committee on Form of Petition presented a new form containing, among other things, after the report and form had been amended, by various motions duly adopted, a requirement that the applicant shall "List the fraternal or religious organizations with which you are affiliated," in lieu of a re-application Statement, theretofore required in Utah, the Committee desired that this statement, which embodies the principles of Freemasonry, should be printed on the back of the petition, which was agreed to, but upon another motion duly adopted, the assertion contained therein that Masonry "interferes with neither the religion nor politics of its members" was stricken.

At the afternoon session of January 23, 1945, John Francis Rowe was elected M. W. Grand Master to succeed M. W. Eric A. Bjorklund, and was, later on the same day, installed together with the other Grand Lodge officers.

The proceedings also contain a complete list of all the officers and members of the subordinate lodges; a complete list of all elective Grand Lodge officers from the date of its organization to the present; a list of all the Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodge, as well as of all the Grand Representatives at other Grand Lodges; a memorial statement regarding each of the four Past Grand Masters who died during the year 1944; a list of all the members of subordinate lodges who died during the same year, and a most excellent report by Bro. E. G. Titus, Worshipful Grand Tyler, who is also Grand Correspondent, of the proceedings of the 57 Grand Jurisdictions reviewed by him. In the "Foreword" to such report, Bro. Titus sets forth certain excerpts from an oration delivered by Wor. Bro. the Rev. Herbert Dunnico, P.A.G.C. of New

Zealand in 1937, which carries so strong an appeal to all Masons that your reviewer cannot resist the temptation to quote them here:

"What kind of a New World are we going to build, and what part are we Masons called upon to play in this building of a New World? Seers and visionaries in all lands are agreed that if this world is going to last, it must be a world in which men of various races and nations must learn to live together in mutual cooperation and interdependence. In other words it must become a friendly world.

"Now this generation is a rather materialistic one. It prides itself upon being practical. It has little time for dreams and visions. It is rather inclined to treat them with good natured contempt or derision. If they make themselves a bit of a nuisance, they do not hesitate to raise the old cry, 'Behold this dreamer cometh, let us slay him.'

"And yet we are pathetically and tragically wrong. The world owes far more to its visionaries and dreamers than it does to its practically-minded men. It is the dreamers and visionaries in all ages that have sailed the seas, explored continents, extended frontiers, broken down racial barrier, destroyed superstition and flooded the world with larger opportunities and greater freedom, and made this old earth of ours a purer, sweeter place to live in.

"All great pictures have been painted, immortal prose and verse written, philosophies established, religions founded and great Empires set in motion by men who dreamed dreams and saw visions, and believed in something beyond the immediate hour of their own little lives. 'Where there is no vision the people perish', said the ancient prophet, and without vision we cannot survive.

"Enshrined in the very heart of Masonry from time immemorial we find the ideals of brotherhood and friendliness. No greater tragedy could befall our Order than that this hour should pass by, and the opportunity of enthroning friendliness in the heart of the world be lost.

"It is quite true that there is no place in Masonry for religious discussions, political feuds or racial hatreds. We stand above those things that divide good men one from the other. But that does not imply that we should remain dumb and silent in the face of things that not only violate every principle we profess, but threaten the world with ruin. Masonry demands that we apply our principles to every sphere of life. If it ends in fine emotions and pious platitudes and eloquent sentiments, it has failed. Ideas are but ghosts that mock us until organized in the service of truth. Ideals that simply fall from our lips condemn us unless they manifest themselves in life and conduct."

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME *

*By W. Bro. Eduardo del Rosario
Tan Kiang*

(Speech delivered at the banquet held at the Tan Club in honor of Chinese Minister Chen Chi Ping)

We are here convened for the purpose of honoring the presence in the Republic of the Philippines of the first Minister appointed by the Republic of China in these hospitable soils.

I am sure, and this Association of the Citizens of the Republic of China which I humbly represent is with me, when I say that there is no other country better qualified than China in heartily celebrating the advent of the Republic of the Philippines in being among the free and independent nations. As a better evidence of this, is that among the nations of the Orient who have sent their Minister Plenipotentiaries to honor the Republic of the Philippines, China has been the FIRST.

As the highest authority of the neighboring Republic of China in the Philippines we dedicate this banquet to Minister Chen Chi Ping, as a symbol of our unconditional decision of sincere cooperation to his labors in these Islands.

Philippines and China have always been united by indissoluble chains of blood and interests. By blood, because a great portion of the citizens of the Philippines have Chinese blood in their

veins. And by individual interests, because the commercial intercourse by both countries back many centuries even before Magellan ever discovered the Philippines. And this blood and interest relation has not cease during the trend of centuries after centuries. It is more so when both countries become brethren in their political and social ideologies. Both countries have struggled side by side during the last emergency by the principles of liberty and equality of peoples and individuals. Both countries have subscribed to the cause of the allies to definitely destroy the totalitarian scheme. Both countries have emerged in this fight, better than ever, to reaffirm and maintain in their respective territories the ideals of peace, order, liberty, emancipation and equality.

It was a Chinese philosopher who said many centuries ago that within the bounds of all seas all men are brothers. This philosophy, originating from China, has been propagated afterwards to the Western hemisphere where it became a reality, the same as it did in the Far East, where it was born. And that, even Civilization has emanated from the Orient spreading afterwards to the Occident and now illumines the world by spiritual communion from West to East. And the world comprehended that within this philosophy of brotherhood of men of all races, of all conditions there lies its salvation.

Philippines and China have always been loyal to said philosophy and it is for this reason why they have survived the last emergency with higher glory and greater honor.

It behooves us as citizens of both Republics to safeguard the existence of these ideals of brotherhood, of peace, of order, of liberty, of equality, and to have it maintained as it has been maintained so far.

The Republic of China pledges herself in this labor, and for this reason one of her most illustrious sons was commissioned here. We know his character, his ability and his sense of responsibility, his tact, his discretion and for this we know that he will be successful in his endeavors. But, for all this, he as any one else who might be in his place, needs the sincere support and efficient cooperation of all the Chinese citizens in these Islands.

In the name of this association I now stand to assure our guest of honor that he can always count with the full support and cooperation of all and each one of its members.

Gentlemen: I invite you all to drink to the health and success of the commission of our Guest of Honor!

PHILIPPINE SKIES*

*By J. L. FRIEND, F. R. A. S.
Secretary, Mount Lebanon No. 80.*

EDITOR'S NOTE:

To enable our readers to fully utilize the monthly *Astronomical Reviews* these will in future appear **ONE CLEAR Month in advance**, viz. the January Review will appear in the December issue, etc.

NOVEMBER, 1946

I. PHENOMENA. November, on the 1st at 8 h Mercury in conjunction with Venus (Mercury 3° to the North), at 22 h Saturn in quadrature with Sun. On the 6th at 16 h Venus in conjunction with Mars (Venus 5° to the South). On the 11th at 22.47 h Uranus in conjunction with moon (Uranus will be occulted by the Moon). On the 15th at 4 h Saturn in conjunction with Moon (Saturn 4° to the South), at 9 h Mercury in conjunction with Mars (Mercury 1° to the South). On the 18th at 3 h Venus in inferior conjunction with Sun. On the 19th at 18.33 h Neptune in conjunction with the Moon (Neptune 3° to the South). On the 21st at 8 h Saturn is

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stationary. On the 22nd at 1 h Mercury in inferior conjunction with the Sun, at 11.27 h Jupiter in conjunction with Moon (Jupiter 2° to the South). On the 23rd at 5 h Venus in conjunction with Moon (Venus 4° to the South), at 16.47 h Mercury in conjunction with Moon (Mercury is occulted by the Moon). On the 24th at 21 h Mercury in perihelion (nearest distance from the Sun). On the 25th at 2 h Mars in conjunction with Moon (Mars is occulted by the Moon).

The occultations of a star by the Moon is to be noted for the following reasons: It goes to prove that the moon has no appreciable atmosphere. Whenever the Moon occults a star the disappearance is sudden, without preliminary fading and reddening of the starlight which would take place had there been any atmosphere on the Moon. Furthermore, the interval until the star reappears is exactly the interval calculated geometrically, without any interference of refraction, which in our atmosphere delays the sunset and hastens the time of sunrise.

II. CONSTELLATIONS 21:00 (9:00 P.M.). In the North: Pegasus, Andromeda, Taurus with its fiery red star Aldebaran, at the left side (east) of which is the beautiful cluster Hyades forming a distinct V. Next are the Seven Sisters or Pleiades the most conspicuous group in the sky which is mentioned in the book of Job (31), Cygnus (The Swan), Lyra with its brilliant star Vega, Cepheus, Cassiopea, Auriga with its bright goat-star Capella. In the South: Pisces, Aquarius, Capricornus, Aquila (Eagle) and many others. The Swan is a group of stars the principal ones forming a large cross. The upright piece lies along the Milky way the principal star of which is called Deneb. The Lyra is mythologically the celestial harp upon which Orpheus played such charming music that wild beasts forgot their fierceness and gathered about him to listen, while the rivers ceased to flow and the very rocks and trees stood entranced.

III. PHASES OF MOON, ETC. First Quarter on the 2nd at 12.40 h. Full Moon on the 9th at 15.10 h. Last Quarter on the 16th at 6.35 h. New Moon on the 24th at 1.24 h.

	<i>Rising</i>	<i>Setting</i>	<i>Rising</i>	<i>Setting</i>
	<i>of MOON</i>		<i>of SUN</i>	
Nov. 1	11.42	23.10	5.52	17.28
" 5	14.38	1.49	5.53	17.27
" 10	18.25	6.37	5.55	17.25
" 15	23.30	11.48	5.57	17.24

Nov. 20	3.00	15.15	5.59	17.23
" 25	7.06	18.35	6.01	17.24
" 30	11.09	22.48	6.03	17.25

IV. ASPECTS OF PRINCIPAL PLANETS. Venus in Scorpio moving backwards toward the West is an evening star for a short while after sunset. Mars can be seen in the same neighborhood moving forward. Jupiter invisible at present is in Libra. Saturn in Leo a moving star visible in the east after 3.00 A.M.

V. A PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN, NOVEMBER 23/24, 1946

Eclipse begins Nov. 23rd at 23.24 h
Greatest Eclipse Nov. 24th at 1.37 h
End of eclipse Nov 24th at 3.50 h

The first contact of the shadow will be near McMurray in Canada and will gradually spread all over Canada and North America (Except Mexico), and the Atlantic Ocean, its southern limits being Venezuela in South America and the eastern limits being the coast of French West Africa. It is not visible in the Far East.

VI. METEORIC SHOWERS. During the month of November there will be two showers, viz.: on the 13-15 very swift streaks of the Leonides visible after 2.00 A.M. in the East emerging from the constellation Leo. The Andromedids emerging from the constellation Andromeda are very slow short trains visible after sunset until 4:00 in the morning between the 24th and 27th of the month.

Meteors frequently pass over a great

extent of country and are seen for some seconds. Many leave behind them a fiery train, while others explode like the discharge of artillery, the pieces either continuing their course, or falling to the earth as meteorites. Meteorites are mentioned in the Bible (Ezekiel xiii, 11, 13; xxxviii. 22) and recorded in days of antiquity. It is estimated that over all the earth's surface meteors visible to the naked eye fall at the rate of 24,000,000 a day. The frequency of the meteors increases through the night until before dawn twice as many can be seen as of nightfall. Meteor swarms which are dark bodies, planets in miniature, travel around the Sun in elongated orbits, like those of comets. When their orbits intersect the orbit of the earth there will be a shower. When near the earth they are drawn to its surface by the force of gravity and the friction of our air causes them to illuminate, the body thus becomes visible to us. This accounts for their regular appearance at certain days of the year. It has been established that Leonides have a period of some 33 years when the display is particularly remarkable, the last maximum having been in 1933. The showers of 1799 and 1833 were extraordinary heavy when according to records, "the skies were covered with innumerable fiery trails, there was not a space in the heaven three times the diameter of the Moon that was not filled every instant with the celestial fire-works—large meteors—blending con-

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stantly their dazzling brilliancy with the long phosphorescent paths of the shooting stars." During the 1866 shower the staff of the Greenwich Observatory alone counted 8000 meteors in one night. When we witness such wiered and wondrous beauty of the heavenly dome above us, not superstitious fear but a feeling of awe and reverence mingled with a thought of God the Great Architect of the Universe comes over us and awakens the better nature within us. We are humbled as we gaze upon the infinity of stars, every one of which is millions of times larger than our daily sun.

"When I consider thy Heavens, the work of thy fingers
The Moon and the Stars, which thou has ordained.

What is man that thou art mindful of him?

And the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

(Psalms, viii. 5.6)

GEN. WAINWRIGHT . . .

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nationally well known members of the military forces of the United States.

General Wainwright is, at present, stationed at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. However, it was his desire that he belong to Union Lodge, near which he had spent so many years of his life. He attended school in Kansas and served five different tours of duty at Forts Riley and Leavenworth.

In speaking of the ceremony, the Kansas Masonic Digest stated, "When he received his Degrees and was instructed that he must thoroughly commit it to memory before he could prove himself to be a Master Mason, the general replied, 'I will learn it, Sir.'" Continuing, the Kansas magazine states, "When asked if he cared to make any remarks after he had completed his Degrees, the general said, 'I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to those of you who assisted in putting on this most impressive work. I want to thank you for the courtesies and from the bottom of my heart I thank you one and all.'"

When asked if he planned on keeping his membership in Kansas, the general replied, "My membership will remain with this Lodge in Junction City until my death."

In the Masonic Lodge room, all rank is eliminated and the Buck Private is on

DECEMBER, 1946

I. PHENOMENA. December, on the 9th at 8 h Uranus in conjunction with Moon. On the 12th at 12 h Saturn in conjunction with Moon (Saturn 4° to South); at 17 h Uranus in opposition to Sun. On the 18th at 1.30 h Neptune in conjunction with Moon (Neptune 3° to South). On the 20th at 5 h Jupiter in conjunction with Moon (Jupiter 1° to South); at 10 h Venus in conjunction with Moon (Venus 1° to North). On the 22nd at 6 h Mercury in conjunction with Moon; at 19 h Sun enters Capricornus Solstice. (Beginning of Winter). On the 24th at 5 h Mars in conjunction with Moon (Mars 1° to North).

II. CONSTELLATIONS AT 21.00 (9:00 P.M.). In the North: Pegasus, Andromeda, Perseus, Pleiades, Taurus, Gemini with its two bright stars Castor and Pollux. In the South: Orion, Canis major with the brightest stars Sirius, Cetus, Fisches & Aquarius. The myth runs that anciently the Pleiades were, but Electra left her place in order not to witness the destruction of Troy, which was founded by her son Dardanus. Another myth relates that the lost Pleiad was Merope, who married a mortal. The Pleiades were the daughters of Atlas, and Nymphs of Diana's train. They were distinguished for their unblemished virtue and mutual affection. The hunter Orion having pursued them one day, in their distress they prayed to the gods, when Jupiter, in pity, transferred them to the heavens.

III. PHASES OF THE MOON, ETC. First Quarter on the 2nd at 5.47 h. Full Moon on the 9th at 1.52 h. Last Quarter on the 15th at 18.57 h. New Moon on the 23rd at 21.06 h. First Quarter on the 31st at 20.23 h.

the par with the four- or five-star general.

Thus, on this particular occasion men from the ranks rubbed shoulders with high ranking officers for the common privilege of seeing one of America's top ranking military leaders to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

On Friday, June 17, the Degrees of the Scottish Rite were communicated to him by Dr. Claud F. Young, Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite Masonry in Kansas, following which he crossed the hot sands of the desert with 217 other novices to become a member of Isis Temple of Salina.

Rising Setting Rising Setting of MOON of SUN

Dec. 1	11.52	23.39	6.03	5.25
„ 5	14.34	2.17	6.05	5.26
„ 10	19.08	7.33	6.08	5.27
„ 15	0.00	12.00	6.11	5.30
„ 20	3.32	15.08	6.14	5.32
„ 25	7.34	19.00	6.17	5.32
„ 30	11.09	23.16	6.20	5.32

IV. ASPECTS OF PRINCIPAL PLANETS. With exception of Saturn at present in Leo a morning star, all the other planets are not visible.

V. A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON, DECEMBER 8/9, 1946.

Moon enters Penumbra (Semi-shadow) Dec. 8th 23.12 h

Moon enters Umbra (Shadow) Dec. 9th 0.10 h

Total Eclipse begins Dec. 9th 1.19 h

Middle phase of Eclipse Dec. 9th 1.48 h

Total Eclipse ends Dec. 9th 2.17

Moon leaves Umbra Dec. 9th 3.26 h

Moon leaves Penumbra Dec. 9th 4.24 h

The Eclipse is visible all over Europe, Asia, Australia, including PHILIPPINES, China, Japan, etc. During the phase of total darkness it is interesting to observe how the Moon remains visible cloaked in a faint copper-red hue, which results from the sunrays scattered while through the earth's atmosphere. At the time of a total Lunar Eclipse if one could observe it standing on the Moon, he would see our Mother Earth surrounded by a luminous halo—the brilliant outer atmosphere of the Sun.

VI. METEORIC SHOWERS. During this month there will be but one shower on December 12th when swift white short paths will emerge from the constellation Gemini (Twins), called Geminids. They can be seen after 22.00 (10:00 P.M.) throughout the night.

VII. GENERAL. By following up the tables of sunrise and sunset for the months of November, December and January we note the following phenomena: While the rising and the setting of the Moon are regularly retarding daily throughout the year, our daily luminary — the Sun — shows a peculiar behavior: From the November table it will be noted that the shortest afternoon occurs about No. 20th (the sunset being at 17.23) and after that day the sunsets gradually retard, thus increasing the length of the daylight in the afternoons. The mornings, however, continue to decrease, the shortest morning being on January 20th when the sunrise will be at 6.26 after which date the mornings are on a rapid increase!

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BRO. BARADI HIGHLY HONORED

Bro. Mauro Baradi, editorial writer of THE CABLETOW, official organ of the Grand Lodge of free and accepted Masons of the Philippines since 1945 has been elected to membership of the Philalethes Society with headquarters in Los Angeles, California. The Society is an international body, composed of prominent Masonic writers and editors in all parts of the world; the members are elected by virtue of achievement and are admitted by action of the executive committee after which the members are informed of the unsolicited honor. Bro. Baradi has been designated as corresponding member in this part of the world for Masonic News and literary contributions for publication in THE PHILALETHES, a magazine published every two months and read by members throughout the world. This announcement came from Bro. Walter A. Quincke, President of the Society. Bro. Leo Fischer, Second Vice President of the Society, gave the information that Bro. Baradi's articles in THE CABLETOW "are commented upon very favorably" in America.

Bro. Baradi's Masonic leadership and high thinking in this Grand Jurisdiction, has entitled him to this high honor; the Society composed of serious-minded Masons believes that the Craft is more than a mere meeting place for congenial spirits, but rather a medium for the practical expression of humanitarian impulses, of wide scope designed for and aimed at the improvement of society in general. It attempts to bring together and make accessible for the use of all the Craft the best thought of the best minds within it, thus seeking to promote an international viewpoint and to discover the way of truth and light.

Bro. Baradi is an integral part of the life of the Philippine Bodies, and with all humility and self-effacement, gives of his time and talents to maintain and forward the welfare of Scottish Rite Masonry in this Orient, thus firmly establishing his own monument within the Craft upon a pedestal of brilliant accomplishments that might well be emulated by the most humble Entered Apprentice to the Masters of the Royal Secret and even those honored with the purple of the Fraternity.—D. G.

COLLABORATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article appeared in MUNDO MASONICO, Cuba, in the issues for May and June of this year. It is by Dr. M. Novella, a Mason, and it has been translated from the Spanish by a member of our staff.)

In these moments in which Pope Pius XII is dealing with convincing the peoples of the world that the Vatican maintained a strict neutrality during the war and that it never collaborated with the nazi-fascists, and in this manner gain the favor of the victorious democracies, it is well to record the following things:

1. Pope Pius XI signed a concordat with Mussolini and in restitution of some millions of lira and supreme sovereignty of the Popular Italian Party and he gave incalculable help for tyrannizing over the people of Italy. Pius XI said that "Mussolini was as one sent by Providence." When Mussolini attacked defenseless Ethiopia, the Pope blessed the tanks and battalions that marched to assassinate the Ethiopians.

2. The Catholic Church in Spain conspired, intrigued and rebelled against the democratic government of Spain and destroyed it with the help of Hitler and Mussolini, Pius XI and Pius XII have blessed Franco and his fascist assassins.

3. Cardinal Pacelli, now Pius XII, negotiated the concordat with Hitler giving to the super-gangster the moral and material aid necessary for governing Germany and the prestige for obtaining recognition from abroad. Pius XI abolished the Central German Party (Catholic) because this was opposed to Hitler and he bestowed honors on Franz von Papen, judged now as a criminal of war, with Order of Pius, for his participation in these negotiations of the concordat.

4. Cardinal Michael Faulhaber gave essential financial help to Agolfo Muller, the printer of the Hitlerian periodical, VOLKISCHER BEOBACHTER, when said periodical would have disappeared without this help. A little later after signing the concordat Cardinal Bertram of Berlin wrote to Hitler the following: "The Episcopate of all the dioceses in Germany . . . the sincere disposition to cooperate . . . with the new government that has been proclaimed to the end of promoting Christian education, making war against the atheism and the immorality, fortifying the spirit of sacrifice for the common

good and protecting the rights of the Church." Cardinal Conrad Groeber ordered his priests to make salute of Hitler in the schools. Cardinal Initzer of Austria saluted the entrance of the nazi hordes by ringing the church bells and with a proclamation asking people to cooperate with the nazis, signed "Heil Hitler."

In pastoral letter dated in Fulda on August 30, 1936, the Catholic hierarchy of Germany declared its loyalty and help to the Fuehrer and asked the people of Germany to help loyally Hitler in his fight against the Republican Government.

In 1939, the hierarchy appealed another time to the Catholics with these words: "In this decisive hour, we exhort you, our Catholic soldiers, to comply with your duty of obedience to the Fuehrer and to be disposed to sacrifice your individual integrity." As soon as Hitler ascended to be Chancellor in 1933 the persecution of the Jews and liberals began with extreme cruelty and extended until the end of the war. The conquered people were also deported, persecuted and assassinated. Neither the German bishops nor the Vatican lifted a voice in protest against this inhumanity. Solely with the termination of the war was it that the Pope pronounced against the "Imperialism and the deportation en masse." A strange pity is in truth the pity of the Pope!

5. The Vatican entered into a concordat with the Japanese government after the United States had been treacherously attacked and placed in great danger. In whatever other power this would have been considered as an act of least amity. The Vatican never has made official repudiation or breakage of its diplomatic relations with the criminal Germans and Japanese.

6. When the Nipponese took Manila, the officials marched with the soldiers to the Catholic churches and Cardinal Doherty appealed to the Filipinos to cooperate and shelter them.

7. After the French Republic fell before the nazi hordes, the OBSERVATORIO ROMANO expressed great joy before the apparent mortal collapse of the republic and gave plenty of help to Marshal Petain. Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, hurled an appeal to the people for collaboration with the puppet of Hitler, Petain, a good Catholic. The Archbishop of Tou-

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louse made the same. Laval, the arch-traitor, was also a good Catholic and a Papal Chamberlain, as was Franz von Papen. Never were they repudiated by the Pope.

8. While the Pope spoke of democracy and human rights, he sheltered and gave help to the worst enemies of democracy and the human rights, the fascist dictators such as Salazar of Portugal, Peron of Argentina and Franco of Spain.

These historical things result in very bad news, very bitter, for many people that, incapable of refuting these things, have made these things disappear with the stroke of the brush as an attack on the Catholic religion. These knew very well that this is not the case. To ignore these things will be to underestimate that our enemies, the fascists, are defeated but not dead. A constant vigilance is the price of Liberty!—[*Scottish Rite News Bulletin No. 93, August 5, 1946*]

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SCOTTISH RITE NEWS NOVEMBER CONFERRAL

The last Conferral for the year will be held for three consecutive days, the 28th, 29th, and 30th November 1946, at the Masonic Hall, 138 Gunao, Manila. This will also be the last Reunion to be held in this building, which has now become a Masonic landmark in this Orient. Most of the Brethren now in the United States will remember how inadequate were our implements then but that our Masonic spirit and will to survive were evident. By the first month of next year, we will again be at our old home, the Plaridel Masonic Temple at 520 San Marcelino, which is now under construction, thanks to the determination of our present Grand Master. While the new structure that has risen from the ashes left by the Jap vandals, will not be as magnificent as the Masonic Temples built elsewhere about the world, the Philippine Masons, we assure you, will welcome you to its unpretentious rooms and extend to you the same hospitality and fraternal fel-

lowship we are so well known and proud of.

Our present building at Gunao, which is owned by Bro. Victorino Floro, 32°, of the Manila Blue Printing Co. Inc. is also a historical landmark as attested by a marker placed by the Philippine Library Association in 1936. During the revolutionary epoch, in 1898, to be exact, the **Muso Biblioteca de Filipinas**, established in accordance with the Royal Decree of 12 August 1887, forerunner of the National Library and Museum of the Philippines, was transferred to this place. As a happy coincidence, the Library & Museum of the Philippine Bodies, A&AS, here had its modest beginning. Brethren from all parts of the country have been sending us books and reading matters on all subjects as well as Masonic, and from across the seas, our Brethren in the Valley of Portland have donated several valuable tomes which we expect to receive shortly through the kind assistance of Bro. K.C. Conyers, 32°, Manager of Moore-McCormick Steamship Co.

Going back to the Conferral, the 4th, 14th, and 18th degree teams will again be seen in action. Another cast under the direction of Ill. Bro. Michael Goldenberg, 33°, Director of the Work, will present the 30th degree in full ceremonial form on 30 November 1946. Several petitions have already been received and acted upon, and each member of the Philippine Bodies, A&ASR have pledged to sponsor at least one worthy Master Mason to take the Scottish Rite Degrees during this November Reunion.

Before the war, the November Reunion used to be the annual home coming of members of the Philippine Bodies. Brethren from the North, East, West and South made it a point to be in Manila to be present at the communication, and to assist the officers in their labors for the furtherance of Scottish Rite Masonry in this Orient. It is expected that our November Reunion will have the biggest class as well as

the best attended meeting of the year. Pictures will be taken of all those present. Come and Join the crowd.

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Now it can be told. The War Department has expressed its appreciation for patriotic service in a position of trust and responsibility by conferring upon our Bro. Enrique R. Martinez, 32°, Chancellor of Rizal Consistory, and Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, the coveted Purple Heart Award. Bro. Martinez returned to duty from retirement in 1939 and employing a thorough familiarity with construction work on Corregidor, gained through long years of service there, successfully maintained vital gun emplacements during the Jap attacks on the important fortification, suffering wounds and subsequent imprisonment. Our fervent Congratulations goes to Bro. Martinez for his heroism, and for having contributed materially to the maintenance of our national defense and the prosecution of the war to a successful end.

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A local columnist cannot be convinced that some of the institutions resorting to profane methods of raising funds (for reconstruction of Churches) are really in the red. What they have lost in the war, he says, is a drop in the bucket considering that some of them still own more lands in our country than anyone or all of us may dream to have. He thinks that with these institutions, the trouble is that they prefer not to open their rusty coffers because there are people who think that Charity begins at Rome!

Speaking of a more worthy cause, have you remembered the Almoner? This is where you can give until it hurts.

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We pass along to our American Brethren who saw action in the Pacific the words of Gen. Romulo, Philippine Ambassador: "...on July 4, we saw bedridden veterans who fought under the American flag, thrown out of American Army hospitals. These Filipino veterans (many of whom are Masons) fought for you in the darkest hours in the Pacific and held aloft the Stars and Stripes but today they are forgotten. Does not the Filipino veteran who fought side by side with you deserve better treatment..." The Brethren of the Philippine Bodies in this area are doing their bit to swell the funds for the relief of our forgotten veterans.

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Brethren who will have attained the Fourteenth Degree on 28th November 1946 will be presented with a ring, a plain flat band of gold. We quote from the **Missouri Consistory Bulletin** on its significance: "To our ancient Brethren who were members of Knightly Orders, three things in this life were prized above all others—even above life itself—for with the loss of either life's aim had failed. These three things so dear to the ancient Knight, were the purity of his honor, the integrity of his sword, and the spotlessness of his shield. Honor that never broke faith with anyone, whether man or woman; integrity of the sword, in never failing to draw it in defense of innocence and right; the shield never to be sullied by protecting oppression and wrong. At the death of the Knightly owner, he bequeathed his sword and shield to one nearest and dearest to him, the one he believed would maintain both unblemished. The Scottish Rite has adopted a symbol that represents the sword, shield and armor of our ancient brethren, and as clearly marks the profession of Knighthood as did those. This symbol is the Fourteenth Degree Ring, with its motto—'Virtus junxit, moris non separabit'—'Virtue has united, and death, shall not separate'—to be honorably worn through life, and at death, as was the custom of our ancient Brethren, to be handed down to one most dear, in the belief that it be kept pure and unsullied."

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The Philippines Commonwealth, wailing Official Catholic weekly organ, declared in a recent **encyclical** that the YMCA and the YWCA which did so much for the war prisoners at Capas and are doing a splendid job for the advancement of the youth in our Republic, are Protestant organizations and warns Catholics not to join or support them with impunity. Quoting an official rescript from the invincible Imperial Holy office, our contemporary bewails the fact that these associations are drawing Catholic youth away from the faith under the pretext of affording them opportunities for physical culture and education. The inexperienced, moans the rescript, can easily be deceived by the fact that these associations have the moral and financial support of *every respectable citizen* (italics ours) and *do very effec-*

tive work in the various fields of beneficence (italics again ours). Their aim, laments the rescript, is to cultivate the character and improve the morals of youth. This culture which is their religion, they define as perfect freedom of thought, dissociated from the control of any religious creed. (What's wrong with that) Hence, groans the rescript, the Sacred Congregation asks all who have received from God in a **special way** (we suppose the one, and only) the charge of governing His flock (we are no sheep) to guard young people carefully from the contagion of these societies! With the finale of a dying swan, the rescript calls upon the wealthy to help, they may have the means with which to combat the enemy. As Shakespeare said (there's the grub).

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See you at the Stated Meeting of LAKANDOLA LODGE OF PERFECTION, THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 1946 at 4:00 p.m. Please attend.

WHY A 32° MASON?

The answer to the above question is in two distinct parts; first, the effect which these additional twenty-nine degrees almost invariably has upon the recipient; and, second, the effect which being known as a thirty-second degree Mason has upon our associates in the outside world. Let us consider both, for both are of immense value to us.

The first three degrees of Masonry are very impressive and are a vast influence for the good. But they are incomplete. They end with a lost word. That word is revealed in Scottish Rite Masonry along with so many other deep mysteries of philosophy and of life that thinking men are profoundly impressed, many having their lives completely changed for the better. No one becoming a Master of the Royal Secret can fail to be benefited in mind, in heart, in conscience.

And merely to be known as a thirty-second degree Mason immediately raises one in the estimation of his associates, an estimation which, of course, it is up to him to maintain by right living and correct relations with others.

Yes, a thirty-second degree Mason bears a definite mark of distinction which is decidedly worth the cost, the

time and the effort to attain—and maintain. This accounts in a large measure for the growth of Scottish Rite Masonry and its tremendous influence for good.

—Exchange

Letter received by the Secretary of Manila Bodies from Judge George R. Harvey, 33°

"Brother Seldon W. O'Brien and I arranged last year upon his arrival in Los Angeles that we would return to Manila in January, 1946, or soon thereafter, to resume the practice of law; but Bro. O'Brien did not recover from malnutrition and beri-beri as soon as he expected, and owing to present housing and living conditions in Manila we have lately decided not to return to Manila. I hope, however, that I shall be able at some time in the future to visit Manila and look over the areas which have been so wantonly devastated by the enemy, where I have very happily spent the greater part of my life."

(Speech delivered by Ernesto C. Rivera on the occasion of his installation as Master Councilor, Jose Abad Santos Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Scottish Rite Building, Taft Avenue, Manila, September 29, 1946.)

Distinguished guests,
Illustrious Deputy of the Grand Council,
Order of DeMolay, Worthy Adviser,
My Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen:

One of the memorable moments which I will ever cherish in my life is this event this afternoon. I have just been installed Master Councilor of the Jose Abad Santos Chapter of the Order of DeMolay — a marked distinction which any young man may achieve and a trust full of responsibilities. I owe this distinction to my brethren of this Chapter and to them I extend my deepest appreciation for the trust they have reposed upon me. I owe it, also, to my father, Master of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, for the interest he has shown on my behalf, and who, upon the establishment of the Order of DeMolay in the Philippines, lost no time to enlist me in this wonderful organization. I wish to express my thanks, also, to my mother whose sympathetic understanding, encouragement and inspiration had made possible my attendance in the meetings and other activities of the Chapter.

◆ SCOTTISH RITE PAGE ◆

Brethren, I am fully conscious of my own limitations. I am, also, conscious of my obligations and responsibilities as Master Councilor, and, in spite of my shortcomings, you can rest assured that I will perform them to the best of my ability. Hence, I appeal to each and every one of the officers and members of Jose Abad Santos Chapter to extend to me their valuable cooperation and assistance. I know that they will not fail me.

For the information of those who may not yet know, allow me to state that the Order of DeMolay is not a junior masonic institution. It is an organization which has for its purpose the upbuilding of young manhood—a society of young men who strive for moral, spiritual, physical and social attainments—one that stands for clean living, useful citizenship, respectful and obedient sons and one that upholds right and justice, fraternity and the democratic way of life. Only, that this institution is sponsored by Masons.

With the foregoing as our guiding principles, we strive to become more serviceable to the home, to our school, to our church, to our community, and to the Republic of the Philippines. It is, therefore, incumbent upon us, members of the DeMolay organization, to prove to the world that, upon becoming members thereof, we have become better young men upon whom our Country can depend.

Members of the Jose Abad Santos Chapter: A few weeks ago in the Grand Lodge Hall of Manila, we had the distinct honor and pleasure to initiate the first 28 members of the M. H. del Pilar Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Malolos, Bulacan. We had the opportunity of having acquired new friendships among them and judging from the interest and enthusiasm they have shown, there now stands before us a solid challenge for the members of our Chapter. Let us accept the challenge and resolve to make the Jose Abad Santos Chapter the best chapter in the Far East and thus, be worthy of the name of the man and martyr in whose honor we have dedicated our Chapter.

Before closing, in the name of the Jose Abad Santos Chapter and of my own, permit me to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our distinguished guests, the Illustrious Deputy, the members of the advisory council, the installing officers, masons from different lodges, to each and every one present here who made this occasion a complete success. I THANK YOU.

The next issue of the CABLETOW (December, 1946) will be the Christmas Number. Instructive articles and special features will be published therein. The brethren who have not as yet subscribed to our official organ should do so with-

out delay in order not to miss this special issue.

Articles written by the brethren intended for publication should send them to the Editor, the CABLETOW, Manila, promptly so that they may be published next month.

Remember the Christmas Number of your Paper. Be a subscriber and help your own lodge as well as the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands.

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been accomplished by the Grand Master if the brethren were not imbued with such spirit of cooperation which have always characterized masonry in the Philippines.

We have been united and united we labored. I earnestly hope that we be ever united in our labors, in and outside our Temples, and by that unity we shall bring forth the reputation and esteem earned by our Grand Lodge to the highest peak and we shall strengthen once again the deep regard it has commanded in and outside the Philippines.

Fraternally submitted,
M. GOLDENBERG
Grand Master

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HONRADO A NUESTRO GRAN PRIMER DIACONO
V. H. ENRIQUE R. MARTINEZ

A la cubierta de este número va la fotografía de nuestro Gran Primer Diácono, el V. H. Enrique R. Martínez. Nos honramos al hacerlo así presentando a un héroe en las campañas pasadas de Corregidor. Por su edad, ya estaba retirado del servicio activo; pero los deberes de emergencia pasada le hicieron volver a Corregidor para sostener la integridad de la patria y el honor de América en Filipinas. Y allí batalló de nuevo. No le importó los ataques del enemigo. El japonés hizo de Corregidor en la pasada guerra una verdadera carnicería, y fue allí donde nuestro Ven. Hermano, no obstante achaques propias de su avanzada edad, resistió, sufriendo heridas, primero, y un largo encarcelamiento por el enemigo después.

Nos alegramos que después sobrevivió no obstante los padecimientos físicos y morales que sufrió. Y ahora el Departamento de Guerra de los Estados le condecora por MERITORIOS SERVICIOS en la pasada guerra diciendo lo siguiente:

PURPLE HEART—AWARDS—Under the provision of Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, a Purple Heart is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Force Western Pacific to . . .

MR. ENRIQUE MARTINEZ, Civilian Employee of the War Department. For wounds received in action while serving with the United States Army Forces at Corregidor, Philippines, on 29 December 1941.

El V. H. Enrique R. Martínez es de los pocos masones que sobrevivieron después de una larga pugna con el enemigo. Él, como los idos, cumplieron con su deber para con la Patria y para con la Masonería, y tanto aquella como ésta les recuerda y les recordará como sus hijos predilectos. ¡Honor para todos ellos!

NACIONALISMO E INTERNACIONALISMO

Es un motivo de intensa satisfacción para la masonería y los masones la realización de que sus ideales y su ideología van incrustrándose en la conciencia de los pueblos. Después de grandes convulsiones sociales, nuestra predicación toma carne de realidad. Después de la revolución de Norte América, nuestros principios de libertad e independencia, cristalizaron en la nueva Constitución Norteamericana. En de la Revolución francesa, estos mismos principios emergieron contra ciertos y reconocidos privilegios de clases y castas. Los derechos del Hombre se propagaron en ambos hemisferios teniendo por base nuestros principios y predicaciones masónicas. Y así en el curso de la Historia. Nuestro lema de que "el hombre no es esclavo de sus semejantes, ni pueblo alguno es esclavo de otro," debiendo hombres y pueblos ser los propios señores de sus destinos, dió lugar a la doctrina de la propia determinación, que tomó también carne de realidad después de la primera guerra global. Y la ideología de la fraternidad humana, esa doctrina que abarca a hombres y a pueblos de diferentes razas, religiones, ideologías, estructuras socia-

les, idiomas, que constituye el nervio vital de la institución masónica, informa ahora la carta constitucional de los Pueblos o Naciones Unidas.

Ha desaparecido por completo la idea de que un pueblo puede vivir en completo aislamiento de otro. Aún los Estados Unidos de Norte América, pueblo eminentemente apegado a la idea de completo "aislamiento," años antes de la segunda guerra global, ha dejado a un lado esta política. Se ha convencido que los intereses de la humanidad demandan una acción conjunta de todos los hombres y de todos los pueblos. Nadie puede decir que los acontecimientos nacionales o sociales en una zona del globo no puede afectar a los de la otra zona. Los intereses de todos están ahora tan entrelazados que no se puede decir con exactitud matemática dónde termina lo que es perjudicial para unos y dónde principia lo que es beneficioso para otros. El principio de Hermandad de todos los hombres tal como siempre hemos predicado se ha cristalizado en la Carta de las Naciones Aliadas o Unidas, y ya ahora nadie va contra el mismo.

De esto ha nacido un espíritu de fuerte internacionalismo a tal extremo que muchos han creído que con él va a desaparecer el espíritu nacionalista. Creemos que no. La idea de internacionalismo implica la idea de nacionalismo. No se puede hablar de internacionalismo a menos que sea a base de nacionalismo. Tanto más fuerte será el espíritu internacionalista en la humanidad cuanto más fuerte sea el espíritu nacionalista. No se puede ser un buen internacionalista a menos que uno sea un buen nacionalista. La nación está integrada por la familia, y uno no puede ser un buen miembro de la nación, a menos que sea un buen miembro de la familia. Si una nación es fuerte, grande, digna, es porque su elemento constitucional — LA FAMILIA — es fuerte, grande, digna. Si queremos un internacionalismo fuerte, grande, digno, necesariamente tendremos que procurar que eso se desarrolle a base de un nacionalismo fuerte, grande y digno. Es elemental que un nacionalismo sabio e inteligente ha de respetar los derechos inherentes a otros pueblos y nacionalidades. Y no puede existir un nacionalismo fuerte y grande a menos que al propio tiempo sea inteligente y sabio.

Es por esto porque creemos que es conveniente inculcar en todos los pueblos un fuerte y vigoroso espíritu nacionalista. No creemos que se debe ahogar este espíritu. Es verdad que un nacionalismo exagerado es pernicioso. Pero eso no es nacionalismo; eso es "chauvinismo," o mejor "jingoísmo".

Por tanto, NACIONALISMO e INTERNACIONALISMO no son ideas antagónicas. Todo lo contrario; cuanto mas fuerte sea el sentimiento que inspire a la una, de esa misma intensidad será el sentimiento que inspire a la otra. Y vice-versa, cuanto menos fuerte sea el sentimiento que inspire a la una así también será el sentimiento que inspire a la última. Es evidente, pues, que si queremos ser buenos internacionalistas, procuremos antes ser buenos nacionalistas.—ANTONIO GONZALEZ, F. P. S.

¡CUANTOS ERRORES!

Todos saben porqué es una verdad firmemente incrustada en la conciencia humana, que existen cosas que no se deben imponer por la fuerza, como es el caso de una religión. Hemos visto y observado en nosotros mismos que nuestra religiosidad de ayer era aparente y superficial porqué era obligada y nos forzaba a ello. En cambio hoy la religiosidad es profunda y sincera porque es libre y espontánea, sin ninguna imposición.....

Esos detractores han errado siempre en sus ataques contra la masonería, con sus anatemas y predicaciones fuera de toda verdad, diciendo que los masones estamos en contra de la religión, de las buenas costumbres y hasta de Dios mismo y no saben que ninguno puede ser mason si no cree en Dios.....

Sin embargo, tenemos que hacer justicia y cuando uno por su libre albedrio escoge una religión, no existe razón alguna para dudar que su convicción no fuese sincera. Del mismo modo, no existe motivo razonable en suponer que los masones no tengan religión. Dentro de la institución no existe ni podrá existir jamás propósitos y sentimientos contrarios a los principios que Dios mismo ha predicado desde los primeros días de la creación, y, si por desgracia nuestra, se han cometido errores y se han profanado dichos principios, esas desviaciones los han cometido aquellos que han falseado la verdadera doctrina, los han producido aquellos que han violado los santos preceptos que deberían guiar a los hombres.....

¡Cuántos errores y cuántas injusticias se han cometido bajo la influencia perniciosa del ministerio sacerdotal en las conciencias fanaticamente intolerantes! Y una de ellas, es cuando la Francmasonería es atacada grosera e injustamente! Ella es una institución fraternal, no es una religión que prometa mejor asien to y acomodo allá en los Cielos; no, la masonería se ha constituido y fundado para la práctica de las virtudes morales y sociales, y con este principio proclama la unidad del género humano.—*JOSE ARTIAGA, Ven. M. Logia "Sinukuan" No. 16.*

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DISCURSO PRONUNCIADO POR EL VEN. HER. EDUARDO DEL ROSARIO TAN KIANG EN EL BANQUETE CELEBRADO POR CLUB TAN EN HONOR DEL MINISTRO CHINO CHENCHI PING. Distinguido Huesped de Honor, Señoras, Caballeros:

Estamos aquí reunidos para honrar la presencia en la República de Filipinas del primer Ministro nombrado por la República de China para estas hospitalarias playas.

Yo estoy seguro, y esta asociación de ciudadanos de la República de China a quien humildemente represento está conmigo, que nadie mejor que ella celebra de corazón el advenimiento de la República Filipina al concierto de pueblos libres e independientes. Y la mejor prueba de este aserto es que de entre los pueblos de Oriente que ha enviado su Ministro Plenipotenciario para honrar a esta República de Filipinas, Chi-

na ha sido el primero.

Como la más alta autoridad de la vecina República de China en Filipinas le tributamos este banquete al Ministro S. E. Chen Chi Ping, simbolizando con esto nuestra decisión incondicional de sincera cooperación a su labor en esta tierra.

Filipinas y China han estado siempre unidos por lazos indestructibles de sangre y de intereses. De sangre porque una gran proporción de ciudadanos filipinos tienen en sus venas sangre china. Y de intereses porque el intercambio comercial entre ambos países data de muchos siglos antes aún del descubrimiento de Filipinas por Magallanes. Y esta relación de sangre y de intereses no ha cesado en el correr de los siglos. Es mas se ha intensificado tanto, que ambos países han quedado hermanos en sus ideologías políticas y sociales. Ambos países han luchado en la pasada hacatombe por los principios de libertad e igualdad de los pueblos y de los individuos. Ambos países se han sumado a la causa de los aliados para dar muerte definitiva a los ideales de totalitarismo. Ambos países han emergido de estas luchas decididos mas que nunca de reafirmar y mantener en sus respectivos territorios los ideales de paz, orden, libertad, emancipación e igualdad.

Fue un filósofo chino quien dijo muchísimos siglos hace que en los confines de los mares todos los hombres son hermanos. Esa filosofía, china en su origen, se propagó después por Occidente y allí tomó carne de realidad, como tenía carne de realidad en Oriente de donde nació. Y es que la civilización tuvo su origen en Oriente pasando después al Occidente y ahora alumbró al mundo por una comunión espiritual de Occidente y Oriente. Y el mundo ha comprendido que dentro de esa filosofía de hermandad de todos los hombres, de todas las razas, de todas las condiciones está su salvación.

Filipinas y China han sido siempre leales a esa filosofía, y es por eso porque han sobrevivido con mas gloria y mas honor de la pasada catástrofe.

Es nuestra labor como ciudadanos de ambas Repúblicas velar que en ambos territorios estos ideales de hermandad, de paz, de orden, de libertad, de igualdad se mantengan como hasta ahora se han mantenido.

En esta labor está empeñada la República de China y por eso ha mandado aquí a uno de sus más ilustres hijos, nuestro huesped de honor. Conocemos su caracter, su habilidad, su sentido de responsabilidad, su tacto, su discreción, y por eso sabemos que han de triunfar en esa labor. Pero para eso, él como cualquier otro en su lugar, necesita de la sincera ayuda y eficaz cooperación de todos los ciudadanos chinos esparcidos por aquí. En nombre de esta asociación yo me levanto para asegurar a nuestro ilustre huesped de honor que él podrá contar siempre con la ayuda y cooperación de todos y cada uno de los miembros de la misma.

Señores, yo os invito para que bebamos todos a la salud y el éxito de la labor de nuestro Huesped!

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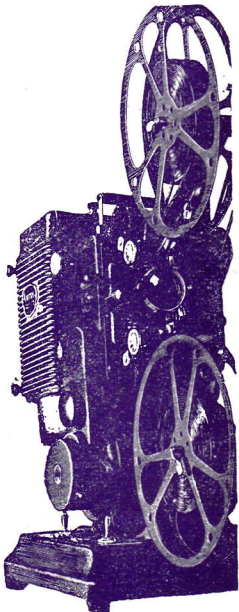
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