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138 Gunao, Quiapo Manila, Philippines

The Grand Master's Message

A Merry X'mas
and
A Happy New Year
To All

FAITH HOPE CHARITY

We have never lost hope in our eventual salvation from the precarious situation we found ourselves as we have always had full and individual faith in the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe. At this time we are yearly reminded of the words of the Great Master — "Goodwill and Charity towards all mankind." Faith in mankind is not possible until mankind is cleansed of its mode of living and its distrust of each other is remedied. But Faith in God is real, whatever we do is witnessed by Him and merited reward is received by us through the many blessings He has bestowed upon us and suffering humanity. The world has deviated from the straight path of God, in other words, it has become faithless, Peace and Goodwill disappeared, instead, the world plunged into Darkness and millions perished.

We are again on the path leading to Peace and Harmony but the road is rough, misunderstanding and distrust still prevail. Until this situation is erased, we will still live in fear and in want.

No one seems to desire to make sacrifices for the benefit of his community, but few are willing to sacrifice for personal gain and very much less for the benefit of humanity in general. Materialism prevails everywhere and nothing is done for you unless you have the means. You are by-passed and only pretended or inadequate Charity will greet you. Human Charity which emanates from the heart is hard to find. It is now up to our Honorable Fraternity to educate our own members that they may not be led astray by ambition from the path of righteousness and Charity. If we do practice real Charity, it would be impossible for anyone to be materialistic. Money can be made and lost but your good name and reputation is something that money can never buy.

We are now ending the year, much has been accomplished but let us reflect a moment and take a serious inventory of what has been done, what should have been done and how much we have neglected to do. When opportunity was offered for you to do your share of goodness, did you neglect the opportunity or you just were indifferent. Whatever it may have been, let us turn a new leaf and resolve to add our collective effort no matter how little it may count, for the betterment of ourselves, our Brotherhood and humanity in general.

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EDITORIALS

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas has a two-fold significance. It is a religious festival in that the Christian Church commemorates the day —December 25—as the natal day of Christ who is looked upon as the son of God and the savior of man. While Masonry does not teach one creed or espouse a particular religion, it considers the founder of the Christian faith as the noblest exponent of the gospel of love to one's neighbor. He is thus entitled to the undying gratitude and true reverence of all. If we could only heed His matchless counsel to love God with all our hearts and souls and minds and also our neighbor as ourselves, there would be no greed and hatred today. Long ago, a multitude of the heavenly host sung: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." This has become the oft-repeated hymn of man as well as his constant prayer. Let us continue praising God with our hearts and preaching peace with our lives.

Christmas is also a public holiday. Under such an atmosphere, all kinds of celebrations are held, from the simplest to the most luxurious. It is the one day of the year where gift-giving is universal; this latter aspect should strike a harmonious chord in the Mason's heart especially now when so many persons are in dire need. Are not the poor and distressed people around a Mason, his own brethren? Would he not feel happier by giving as much as he can to lighten the burdens of others? There is a drive going on among the wives of masters and officers of lodges for gifts and donations for Masonic orphans and children and we join these civic-spirited friends in their laudable undertaking. The members of our Ancient Fraternity who are well known for their philanthrophy will contribute cheerfully and substantially to this worthy cause.

May the Christmas spirit make us merrier and bring us closer to God and our fellowmen.—MAURO BARADI, M.P.S.

RIZAL, THE MASON

Brother Jose Rizal's execution at Bagumbayan field in Manila on December 30, 1896 was a great loss to the Filipinos and liberty-loving peoples everywhere. But on the eve of his death, he penned his last thoughts in the form of a poem that has become immortal, entitled "My Last Farewell" (Mi Ultimo Adios). He said:

> Farewell, dear Fatherland, clime of the sun caress'd,
> Pearl of the Orient seas, our Eden lost!
> Gladly now I go to give thee this faded life's best,
> Still would I give it thee, nor count the cost.
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> Pray for all those that hapless have died,
> For all who have suffered the unmeasur'd pain;
> For our mothers that bitterly their woes have cried,
> For widows and orphans, for captives by torture tried;
> And then for thyself that redemption thou mayst gain.

History records that the patriot's wish has been fulfilled and the prayer, answered. He gladly gave his life for our dear Fatherland that has at long last gained redemption.

It is now fifty years since Brother Rizal's martyrdom. Eighteen million Filipinos pay him homage as it were. It was he who fought for reforms to improve their welfare; it was he who revealed the weaknesses of the poor and exposed the abuses of the mighty; it was he who demonstrated the virtues and capabilities of a down-trodden race and the hipocrisy and viciousness of corrupt colonizers. Indeed, it was he who by his own life as a Filipino and example as a Mason, eloquently spoke the message that liberty of thought, equality of all men in the eye of God and universal fraternity which constitute the old Masonic truth, must be observed in order to make our world a decent and safer place for everyone.

By honoring Brother Rizal on the anniversary of his death, we are committed to espouse the ideals and principles for which he lived. To recall his sacrificial patriotism is to remind ourselves of the serious tasks at hand and at the same time realize the little things we have so far done. He died heroically. We must not live in vain.—MAURO BARADI, M.P.S.

WELCOME HOME

At the monthly Masonic luncheon in March of this year, we bade goodby to Rt. Wor. Bro. Andrew D. Gruber, senior grand warden of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. His departure for the United States was quite a surprise to us. In fact it was hoped that he could stay longer in order to keep up the good Masonic work he had been doing since his arrival here in August, 1945. Like other members of our Fraternity from America, Bro. Gruber has been an ambassador of goodwill in the Philippines and this is the type of diplomacy we certainly need today: a minimum of selfishness and an abundance of otherliness, less friction and more appreciation among men and nations.

Then at the Masonic luncheon held last month, another surprise was in store for us. Our senior grand warden has come back and this time to be with us for a longer period. As a Mason he is ready to act and willing to serve sacrificially; it is not too much to expect that with him and the brethren in general, Masonry in this jurisdiction will be more active in the days to come. To Bro. Gruber we say, Welcome Home Again.—MAURO BARADI, M.P.S.

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MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AS A CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, a corporation duly registered under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, will be held at the Masonic Hall, of the Grand Lodge, Manila, on January 28-30, 1947, at 4:00 o'clock, when the Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may come up during the meeting will be transacted.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary.

December 2, 1946

The Worshipful Masters
and Officers

Dear Sirs:

In line with the plan of the Philippine Bodies, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites to celebrate Christmas Festival in conjunction with the Grand Lodge monthly Masonic Dinner to be held at Plaridel Temple on December 29, 1946 at 12:00 o'clock A.M. the Ladies Directorate, of which Mrs. Michael Goldenberg is the Chairman, has approved in its meeting held Sunday, December 1, 1946 that wives of master and officers of each lodge be members of subcommittees to collect donations and gifts from Masons and their friends.

These gifts are for the orphans and children of masons. The subcommittees are requested to send their gifts and donations to the Masonic Hall at 138 Gunao, Manila, not later than December 22, 1946.

Ladies Directorate: Mrs. Michael Goldenberg, Chairman; Mrs. Antonio Gonzalez, Mrs. Eduardo Tankiang, Mrs. Constancio San Jose, Mrs. Jose Vergara, Mrs. Fidel Encarnacion, Mrs. Francisco Bonifacio, Mrs. Pura V. de Kalaw, Mrs. Regino Padua, Mrs. Macario Ofilada, Mrs. Jose Artiaga, Mrs. Lamberto Javalera, Miss Clarita Tankiang; Mrs. Gregorio A. Vicente, Executive Secretary.

Let us make this day memorable for everyone—to the orphans for our thoughtfulness; to the children for fun; to the masons and their ladies for our comradeship; and to the profane world let us show that masonic spirit can rise courageously above chaos and ruin left by war.

Hoping for your cooperation and generous support, I am

Yours very sincerely,

MRS. GREGORIO A. VICENTE
Executive Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following are additional 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 F. & A. M. OF INDIANA

September 24, 1946.

Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands,
F. & A. M.
142 Gunao, Corner Arlegui
Quiapo, Manila, Philippine Islands

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

I have before me your letter of August 21st and wish to say that I have received a copy of your Grand Lodge Proceedings as well as a copy of the Cabletow. I have read parts of each of these and find them very interesting. I also might tell you that I had the pleasure of visiting a little with your Senior Grand Warden, Brother Andrew D. Gruber, who was present at a reception of our Grand Master in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 7th last.

You have a tremenduously big job in the Philippines and it is with a great deal of satisfaction that I note the manner in which you are assuming same.

With best wishes for your future, I am
Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(SGD.) Wm. H. SWINTZ
Grand Secretary.

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GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF TENNESSEE

Sept. 25, 1946.

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

We have your letter of August 21, and the copy of your Proceedings has now reached us. We are indeed glad to receive the Proceedings, and find much of interest therein.

We are turning the Proceedings over to the Chairman of our Correspondence Committee for his use in writing his report for our next Annual Communication, and have requested him to return the Proceedings to us for our file when he has reviewed the book. We realize the conditions under which you are operating, and feel that you have done an excellent job in getting even a limited supply of the Proceedings printed.

With all good wishes for the continued growth and welfare of the fraternity in your Jurisdiction, I am

Yours fraternally,
(SGD.) T. E. DOSS
Grand Secretary

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THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

September 26, 1946

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary,
142 Gunao, Corner Arlegui,
Quiapo, Manila.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

We have received today copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for 1946, following closely upon the receipt of your letter of August 21st. I thank you very much for this publication, which we shall read with keen interest.

With best regards, I am
Fraternally yours,
(SGD.) DANIEL W. LOKLIN
Grand Secretary

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THE GRAND LODGE OF TEXAS ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

October 18, 1946.

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

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

Please accept my sincere thanks for copy of Proceedings of your last annual Communication which was duly received in this office.

I have read the Proceedings with great deal of interest and my deepest sympathy and respect goes to you and the other good Brethren who sacrificed so much during the war.

If at all possible we would like to have one more copy of your Proceedings in order that we may place them in the vault of our Grand Lodge Library for safe keeping. The copy we now have

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will be read by many Masons and we are afraid that it might be either damaged or lost.

With every good wish and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
(SGD.) GEORGE H. BELEW
Grand Secretary

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GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NEVADA

October 19, 1946

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

M. W. Sir and dear Brother Gonzalez:

Yours of August 21st reached me about the middle of September and the proceedings followed several weeks later. I have gone through the proceedings hurriedly, have noted the outrages that you and the Masons of the Islands were subjected to, how all your valuable records were lost, and sitting here, really wonder how you had the fortitude to try to start again, but I mustn't forget that the Masonic Spirit never dies. I trust that your recovery will be speedy and that it will not be long before all traces of the Japanese barbarities will be but a memory.

I expect to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Nevada in a few days and will forward two copies to you.

Last Monday, I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Lodge of California and heard the report of M. W. Grand Master Brouillet, in which he gave an interesting account of the progress you were making towards recovery. Again I am inclined to say, more power to you.

With the kindest of greetings from Nevada, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
(SGD.) E. C. PETERSON
Grand Secretary.

NOVEMBER MASONIC LUNCHEON

Sponsored by Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79

November 24, 1946, is a date which will ever remain fresh in the memory of the brethren and members of their families who were present at the last monthly Masonic Luncheon held on that date. Heretofore, the Luncheon used to be sponsored by three or more lodges combined. This time, however, Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, one of the small lodges in Manila, sponsored the Luncheon. The affair was pronounced one, if not the best, ever held since the li-

1946 LIST OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS OF THE LODGES IN THE CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT

	Amity No. 106	Pearl River No. 109	Szechawn No. 112
Wor. Master	O. L. Dawson	Y. T. Tsang	D. C. Graham
S. Warden	J. D. Liang	H. S. Frank	Y. Y. Chu
J. Warden	Ning Watt	K. C. Liu	Gordon Jones
Treasurer	James Tsao	W. K. Cheung	Ashley Lindsay
Secretary	V. D. T. Tsu	F. H. Szeto	Canning Young

	West Lake No. 113	Sun No. 114	Nanking No. 108
Wor. Master	Robert Fan	Alfred S. Lee	T. T. Zee
S. Warden	H. H. Lin	Ernest Tso	John Y. Woo
J. Warden	Jack Foy Wu	P. Chu	C. H. Plopper
Treasurer	I. W. Chang	Lau Long	Y. H. Chen
Secretary	J. C. Oliver	Candia Nieh	Edwin Marx

(EDITOR'S NOTE: *The following figures have been reprinted from the Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin, Vol. 47, No. 6 for June, 1946.)*

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Due to the difference in dates on which information was given by the various Grand Jurisdictions, the net gain may not be identical with that found in their individual Proceedings. This explanation will account for some obvious differences and the figures listed below are taken from the certified report of the Grand Secretary on the dates indicated. Each of the 49 Grand Jurisdictions report a substantial net gain, totaling 181,593. We are glad to announce the net gain of 3,792 in Iowa for 1945. Each of the Grand Lodges in Canada also experienced a net gain.

Publications copying this report may do so with the proper acknowledgment as to its source.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS OF GRAND LODGES IN THE UNITED STATES.

Year	Lodges	Members	Increase or Decrease	@
1941	15,507	2,464,590	24,997	@
†1942	15,329	2,453,175	5,759	@
†1943	15,258	2,477,351	24,176	
†1944	15,215	2,560,752	83,401	
†1945	15,199	2,722,285	161,533	
†1946	15,154	2,903,878	181,593	

†No data for Philippine Islands available—membership not included.

UNITED STATES, 1945-1946

STATE	DATE	Lodges	Member-Ship	Increase
Alabama	Sept. 14, 1945	407	44,993	6,101
Arizona	Dec. 31, 1945	39	6,884	516
Arkansas	Sept. 30, 1945	377	34,651	2,492
California	Jan. 31, 1946	584	155,269	16,531
Colorado	June 30, 1945	147	32,232	1,652
Connecticut	Dec. 31, 1945	129	37,857	1,733
Delaware	June 24, 1945	22	5,527	248
Dist. of Columbia	Sept. 30, 1945	47	21,571	884
Florida	Dec. 27, 1945	222	31,239	4,267
Georgia	Aug. 31, 1945	451	54,132	6,047
Idaho	June 30, 1945	80	10,296	728
Illinois	June 30, 1945	978	205,397	9,177
Indiana	Jan. 1, 1946	538	139,597	8,202
Iowa	Dec. 31, 1945	543	76,864	3,792
Kansas	Dec. 31, 1945	436	73,956	5,265
Kentucky	July 31, 1945	488	57,693	5,157
Louisiana	Dec. 31, 1945	246	29,125	3,166
Maine	Apr. 13, 1946	206	38,384	1,421
Maryland	Oct. 31, 1945	120	32,360	1,725
Massachusetts	Aug. 31, 1945	325	98,695	3,255
Michigan	Dec. 31, 1945	514	134,852	7,848
Minnesota	Dec. 31, 1945	293	50,793	2,131
Mississippi	Aug. 31, 1945	307	31,189	3,130

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STATE	DATE	LODGES	MEMBERSHIP	INCREASE
Missouri	Sept. 10, 1945	604	93,797	3,913
Montana	June 30, 1945	135	19,575	854
Nebraska	Dec. 31, 1945	281	36,002	1,810
Nevada	Apr. 15, 1946	26	3,745	173
New Hampshire	Apr. 1, 1946	81	13,577	387
New Jersey	Dec. 31, 1945	278	77,512	3,374
New Mexico	Dec. 31, 1945	56	7,949	550
New York	Dec. 31, 1945	1,039	259,360	9,070
North Carolina	Jan. 1, 1946	315	35,014	3,683
North Dakota	Dec. 31, 1945	119	11,684	495
Ohio	July 31, 1945	625	206,625	12,104
Oklahoma	Jan. 1, 1946	386	57,006	4,701
Oregon	Dec. 31, 1945	170	50,748	2,407
Pennsylvania	Dec. 27, 1945	562	188,404	8,937
Rhode Island	Mar. 31, 1946	43	14,806	374
South Carolina	Dec. 31, 1945	268	29,116	2,921
South Dakota	Dec. 31, 1945	168	15,795	722
Tennessee	Oct. 31, 1945	376	47,168	3,794
Texas	Oct. 31, 1945	891	138,687	14,688
Utah	Dec. 31, 1945	26	5,042	310
Vermont	April 30, 1946	103	16,933	352
Virginia	Apr. 16, 1946	322	45,389	2,303
Washington	Dec. 31, 1945	263	50,321	4,447
West Virginia	Aug. 31, 1946	165	32,760	1,568
Wisconsin	Dec. 31, 1945	304	54,325	1,611
Wyoming	June 30, 1945	50	8,982	577
		15,154	2,903,878	181,593

CANADA, 1945-1946

Alberta	Dec. 31, 1945	150	12,226	703
British Columbia	Dec. 31, 1945	117	14,438	696
Canada	Dec. 31, 1945	569	99,600	3,329
Manitoba	Dec. 31, 1945	103	11,050	472
New Brunswick	Dec. 27, 1944	44	5,702	41
Nova Scotia	Dec. 31, 1945	85	10,634	1,010
Prince Edward Is.	Apr. 30, 1946	15	1,124	30
Quebec	June 30, 1945	94	14,292	519
Saskatchewan	Feb. 28, 1946	199	14,069	730
		1,376	183,035	7,430

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES IN NUMERICAL ORDER

NOS.	LODGE	LOCATION	REMARKS
1	Manila	Manila	
2	Cavite	Cavite	
3	Corregidor-Southern Cross	Manila	
4	Bagumbayan	Manila	
5	Island	Corregidor	Not yet reorganized
6	Southern Cross	Manila	Joined with No. 3
7	Biak na Bato	Manila	Not yet reorganized
8	Cosmos	Manila	
9	St. John's	Manila	
10	Far East	Manila	Defunct
11	Iloilo	Iloilo City	
12	Nilad	Manila	
13	Walana	Manila	
14	Dalisay	Manila	

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beration. The program composed the following:

PART I

Cinematograph show through the courtesy of Wor. Bro. J. W. Curameng, P.M. and member of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79. The masonic film entitled "YOUR SON IS MY BROTHER" was shown for the first time in the Philippines.

PART II

As the "lechon" and other delicacies were being served, the audience was entertained with native dances and music by the little orphans assisted by the All-Girl String Band of Welfareville Institutions, Bureau of Public Welfare. The intermission numbers were: "Baruray," "Sortido," "Abaruray," "La Jota Moncadeña" and "Tinikling." A Xylophone solo rendered by orphan Petra Molas thrilled the crowd.

PART III

1. Welcome: Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera, Master, Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79;
2. Introduction of the Guest of Honor: Bro. Mauro Baradi, Junior Warden, High Twelve Lodge No. 82;
3. Address of the Guest of Honor: Rt. Wor. Bro. Andrew D. Gruber, Senior Grand Warden;
4. Introduction of the Guest of Honor: M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary;
5. Address of the Guest of Honor: M. W. Bro. C. W. Rosenstock, Past Grand Master;
6. Remarks: M. W. Bro. Michael Goldenberg, Grand Master.

PART IV

Showing of the film entitled

"OFFICER O'BRIEN"

The thrilling performance of the little orphans in the floor show and the beautiful rendition of musical numbers by the All-Girl String Band of Welfareville touched the heart of everyone present whereupon, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary, stood up and announced that the sack of fraternal assistance would be passed around for the benefit of the orphans. The "sack" yielded ₱115.00. Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera, Master of Taga-Ilog Lodge No 79, acknowledged with thanks the donation in the name of the children and of his immediate Chief, Dr. Jose J. Vergara, Past Master of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 who was also present.

The speeches of Rt. Wor. Bro. Gruber and M. W. Bro. Rosenstock who have just arrived from the United States were both instructive and interesting. The introductions made of them by Bro. Baradi and M. W. Bro. Gonzalez were both excellent and impassioned. M. W. Bro.

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Goldenberg gave an inspiring remarks and made public the good news that our Plaridel Temple will be ready for occupancy before Christmas this year. During the whole affair the spirit of fellowship and brotherly love prevailed and the brethren, their ladies and their kids went home happy and contented.

The Luncheon was declared a complete success by the Grand Master and he congratulated the Officers and Members of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79 who took charge of the luncheon single-handed. He made special tribute to Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera, Master of the Lodge, who was the moving spirit behind the affair to his energetic Secretary, Wor. Bro. Clemente Bernabe, and to Wor. Bro. J. W. Curameng who offered free the use of his cinematograph apparatus and films for the entertainment of all. To Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, F. & A. M., the Cabletow offers MABUHAY.

GRAND LODGE VISITATION

On November 23rd, 1946, Wor. Bro. Clifford C. Bennett, Master of Service Lodge No. 95 and Grand Junior Steward, as representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, made the Grand Lodge Visitation at San Narciso, Zambales, wherein brethren of Zambales Lodge No. 103, Pinatubo Lodge No. 59 and Lincoln Lodge No. 34 were assembled. The Grand Master's representative was accompanied by Wor. Bro. A. D. Rosario, of Hiram Lodge No. 88 and Assistant Grand Secretary, Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa, of High-Twelve Lodge No. 82 and of the Cabletow staff, and Wor. Bro. Fidel Encarnacion, of Zapote Lodge No. 29.

The party left the Grand Lodge quarters at 8:00 A.M. and negotiated the 171-kilometer distance in about five hours, time for stop-overs at San Fernando, Pampanga, and Olongapo, Zambales, included. Wor. Bro. Foo Ying entertained the party at his place, California Restaurant, where a sumptuous luncheon was enjoyed by each and everyone, after which the delegation of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, some twenty-five brethren, arrived to join the party in the trip to San Narciso, arriving there a little before 2:00 P.M.

A very well attended meeting was thereupon held and the Sublime Degree of Master Mason was exemplified upon Bro. Jose Manglicmot by a special team composed of brethren from the three lodges. After the ceremonies, the following made use of the floor: Worship-

Nos.	Lodge	Location	Remarks
15	Pilar	Imus, Cavite	
16	Sinukuan	Manila	
17	Bagong Buhay	San Roque, Cavite	
18	Araw	Manila	
19	Silanganan	Pasig, Rizal	
20	Rizal	Lopez, Tayabas	
21	Dapitan	Manila	
22	Rizal	Manila	
23	Solidaridad	Manila	
24	Banahaw	Atimonan, Tayabas	Not yet reorganized
25	Malinaw	San Pablo, Laguna	
26	Pinagsabitan	Sta. Cruz, Laguna	
27	Batong Buhay	Manila	
28	Balintawak	Gumaca, Tayabas	
29	Zapote	Manila	
30	Maktan	Cebu City	
31	Ibarra	Kawit, Cavite	
32	Martires del 96	Nagcarlan, Laguna	
33	Isarog	Naga, Camarines Sur	Defunct
34	Lincoln	Olongapo, Zambales	
35	Batangas	Batangas, Batangas	
36	La Regeneracion	Tarlac, Tarlac	Defunct
37	Kalilayan	Lucena, Tayabas	
38	Bulusan	Sorsogon, Sorsogon	
39	Mabini	Aparri, Cagayan	
40	Maguindanaw	Cagayan, Misamis	Not yet reorganized
41	Minerva	Manila	Not yet reorganized
42	Noli Me Tangere	Pasay, Rizal	Defunct
43	Tayabas	Tayabas, Tayabas	
44	Charleston	Agana, Guam	
45	Mount Apo	Zamboanga City	
46	Malolos	Malolos, Bulacan	
47	Makabugwas	Tacloban, Leyte	
48	Pampánga	San Fernando, Pampanga	
49	Mount Mainam	Naic, Cavite	
50	Sarangani	Davao City	
51	Pintong Bato	Bacoor, Cavite	
52	Pinatubo	San Narciso, Zambales	
53	Cabanatuan	Cabanatuan, Na. Ecija	
54	Filipinas	Unisan, Tayabas	Defunct
55	Makawiwili	Capiz, Capiz	Not yet reorganized
56	Pangasinan	Dagupan, Pangasinan	
57	Luzon	Manila	
58	Marble	Romblon	Defunct
59	Labong	Manila	
60	Isabela	Ilagan, Isabela	
61	Mayon	Legaspi, Albay	
62	Tupas	Cebu City	Not yet reorganized
63	Angalo	Vigan, Ilocos Sur	
64	Kanlaon	Bacolod, Occ. Negros	
65	Tamaraw	Calapan, Mindoro	
66	Gonzaga	Tuguegarao, Cagayan	Not yet reorganized
67	Baguio	Baguio City	
68	Magat	Bayombong, Na. Vizcaya	
69	1.a Luz Filipina	Binakayan, Cavite	
70	Union	San Fernando, La Union	

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NOS.	LODGE	LOCATION	REMARKS
71	Laoag	Laoag, Ilocos Norte	
72	Makiling	Calamba, Laguna	Not yet reorganized
73	Nueva Ecija	Quezon, Nueva Ecija	
74	Plaridel	Calauag, Tayabas	Defunct
75	Agno	Tayug, Pangasinan	
76	Hamtik	Antique, Antique	Defunct
77	Kasilawan	Manila	
78	Acacia	Iloilo, Iloilo	Joined with No. 11
79	Taga-Ilog	Manila	
80	Mount Lebanon	Manila	
81	Liwayway	Manila	Consolidated with No. 83 and 87, Not yet reorganized
82	High Twelve	Manila	
83	Modestia	Manila	Consolidated with No. 81 and 87, Not yet reorganized
84	Dagohoy	Tagbilaran, Bohol	
85	Luz Oceánica	Manila	
86	Abra	Abra	Not yet reorganized
87	Hagdang Bato	Manila	Consolidated with No. 81 and 83.
88	Hiram	Manila	
89	Muog	Parañaque, Rizal	
90	Memorial	Muñoz, Nueva Ecija	
91	Mount Kaladias	Dumaguete, Or. Negros	
92	Ma-Bu-Ti	Masbate, Masbate	Not yet reorganized
93	Mencius	Manila	
94	Benjamin Franklin	Manila	Joined with Nos. 3 & 6
95	Service	Manila	
96	Isagani	Tarlac, Tarlac	
97	Bagong Ilaw	Noveleta, Cavite	
98	Mount Huraw	Catbalogan, Samar	
99	Palawan	Puerto Princesa, Palawan	Not yet reorganized
100	Keystone	Manila	
101	Elisha Ward Wilbur	Or. Negros	Defunct
102	Bud Daho	Jolo, Sulu	
103	Zambales	Iba, Zambales	
104	Bataan	Balanga, Bataan	
105	Leonard Wood	Ft. Stotsenburg, Pampanga	Not yet reorganized
106	Amity	Shanghai	
107	Camarines Norte	Daet, Camarines Norte	
108	Nanking	Shanghai	
109	Pearl River	Hongkong	
110	Kutang Bato	Cotabato, Cotabato	
111	Maranaw	Dansalan, Lanao	
112	Szechwan	Chengtu, Sze.	
113	West Lake	Shanghai	
114	Sun	Shanghai	
115	Indang	Indang, Cavite	
U.D.	Victory	Camiling, Tarlac	

ful Master of Zambales Lodge No. 103, Bro. Ramos, of Lincoln Lodge No. 34 and Secretary of Subic Bay Square & Compass Club, Wor. Bro. Abrajano, of Pinatubo Lodge No. 59, Wor. Bro. A. D. Rosario, Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa and Wor. Bro. Clifford C. Bennett.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren repaired to the residence of Bro. Manglicmot's parents-in-law where eveybody partook of the splendid dinner followed by a dance which lasted until after low-twelve.

The party left Olongapo at 6:00 A.M. the following day, Sunday, November 24th, 1946, and arrived in Manila at 10:00 A.M., in plenty of time to be able to attend the November Monthly Masonic Luncheon under the auspices of Taga Ilog Lodge No. 79, held at the Grand Lodge Hall.

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OCTOBER MASONIC LUNCHEON

The monthly masonic luncheon for October was sponsored jointly by Pampanga Lodge No. 48, Labong Lodge No. 59 and Isagani Lodge No. 96 and held at the Grand Lodge Hall on October 27, 1946. The Malolos Lodge which was originally a member sponsor decided to send some representatives only and to hold their own luncheon by themselves alone or jointly with other lodges at some future time.

These luncheon meetings, attended as they are by representatives from various lodges, provide one of the best media for the free exchange of views and ideas on subject matter every member of the Fraternity should interest himself. Democratic living, nay democratic itself in substance, was aptly demostrated in this luncheon where a relatively new and young mason, Bro. Pantaleon Regala, of Labong Lodge No. 59, was made the master of ceremonies and thereby given the privelege of sitting at the presidential table with the M. W. Grand Master, Michael Goldenberg, the guest speaker, Prof. Benito F. Reyes and the present masters of the sponsoring lodges and past masters of other lodges.

The welcome addresses to wit: "Brotherly love and affection which clothe the atmosphere in every masonic lodge is conspicuous by its absence outside of it", by Wor. Bro. Quirino Abad Santos, who represented Pampanga Lodge No. 48, was as blunt as it was timely as his invitation to a mental visit to Huklandia. His statement, "If my life is needed to ultimately restore peace in Pampanga, I shall be glad to give it," was received with awe and admiration coupled by thunderous applauses. Wor. Bro. Elpidio Laiz, Master of Labong Lodge No. 59, called attention to "...dynamic masonic engagements one of which is sociability which is the premordial aim this reunion..." and the monologue of Bro. Davao, lodge orator of Isagani Lodge No. 96, on I am... Lodge...." was a deep mental excursion into the tenets of Freemasonry.

A clear cut, scientifically approached subject on "Brotherhood" by Prof. Benito F. Reyes of FEU, held sway the more than 135 hosts, guests, and representatives including some ladies for almost two hours in rapid-fire, breath-

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taking exposition. That he could hold his audience in an atmosphere where the "drop of a needle can be heard" for the time it took him to cover the subject, only proves him at home and at ease with it.

The closing remarks, as usual, were given by M. W. G. M., Michael Goldenberg, who whispered to the master of ceremonies not to forget that he, too, once upon a time was from Huklandia, and that was in the early 1900's when Pampanga was still very Eastern and very far from being Western. While he noticed and enjoyed the menu as so far the best and the service connected with it, and while he had profound admiration for the best speech he had had the opportunity to hear so far on the subject of "Brotherhood," he could not but regret the small representation in the luncheon of the Manila lodges.

Those who attended the luncheon wondered why Isagani Lodge No. 96 of Tarlac can send 35 representatives at their individual expense and be the first to arrive at the place; why Pampanga Lodge No. 48 was the only lodge with ladies; and why "did you notice the provinces of the sponsoring lodges, Malolos included?"

The success of the affair was due to the able management of the Executive Committee composed of Wor. Bro. Vicente Quijano, secretary of Labong Lodge No. 59, as chairman and Wor. Bro. Guillermo Espinosa, secretary of Isagani Lodge No. 96 and Bro. Razon, secretary of Pampanga Lodge No. 48, as members.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

LADIES DIRECTORATE MINUTES

The initial meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on 138 Gunao, Manila at 11:20 A.M., Sunday, December 1, 1946.

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines explained the purpose of the meeting — to ask ladies to assist the Christmas Festival Committee in the procurement and distribution of gifts to orphans and children of Masons at the Christmas celebration to be held in conjunction with the Grand Lodge monthly Masonic Dinner under the auspices of Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites of Freemasonry.

LADIES PRESENT:

1. Mrs. Michael Goldenberg
2. Mrs. Antonio Gonzalez
3. Mrs. Regino Padua
4. Mrs. Eduardo Tankiang
5. Mrs. Lamberto Javalera
6. Mrs. Rosita H. Iñigo
7. Mrs: Lina de Muniain
8. Mrs. Patricio E. del Rosario
9. Mrs. Pacifico Pablo
10. Mrs. Norberto Riego
11. Mrs. Jose Vergara
12. Mrs. Paciencia G. Bonifacio
13. Mrs. Fidel Encarnacion
14. Mrs. Sesenio Rivera
15. Mrs. Antonina Lintag
16. Mrs. Sergia N. San Jose
17. Mrs. Guadalupe M. de Artiaga
18. Mrs. Rosario U. Porciuncula
19. Mrs. Macario Ofilada
20. Mrs. Ana Carmona Pajarillo
21. Mrs. Gregorio A. Vicente

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez announced that Mrs. Michael Goldenberg was chosen chairman of the Ladies Directorate. He proposed that Mrs. Gregorio A. Vicente be the Executive secretary, which was approved by the ladies present.

The ladies have approved the following:

Place of celebration — Plaridel Temple, San Marcelino; Date — Sunday, December 29, 1946 at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEES:

1. Donations and Gifts:
   Mrs. Eduardo Tankiang —Chairman
   Mrs. Lina de Muniain —Member
   Mrs. Guadalupe M. de Artiaga—Member
   Mrs. Sergia M. San Jose —Member
   Mrs. Antonio Gonzalez —Member
   Mrs. Ana Carmona Pajarillo —Member
   Miss Clarita Tankiang —Member

2. Program:
   Mrs. Regino Padua —Chairman
   Mrs. Macario Ofilada —Member
   Mrs. Rosita M. Iñigo —Member
   Mrs. Jose Vergara —Member
   Mrs. Lamberto Javalera —Member
   Mrs. Patricio E. del Rosario —Member

3. Decoration:
   Mrs. Paciencia Bonifacio —Chairman
   Mrs. Fidel Encarnacion —Member
   Mrs. Sesenio Rivera —Member
   Mrs. Pacifico Pablo —Member
   Mrs. Norberto Riego —Member
   Mrs. Gregorio A. Vicente —Member

Donations and Gifts Committee — has approved that all wives of officers of each lodge be the members of subcommittees, in order to facilitate the gathering of donations and gifts from masons and their friends. Inasmuch as it is expected to be the biggest masonic affair in the Philippines, the Committee thinks it proper to ask the help of all Lodges.

These subcommittees are requested to bring in their gifts and donation to the Masonic Hall at 138 Gunao, Manila **not later than December 22, 1946.**

Program Committee — will meet its members at Plaridel Temple on December 8, 1946 at 3:00 in the afternoon to see how the place will be decorated. Mrs. Goldenberg will be present.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. and the ladies were taken to the hall to partake of the lunch offered by the Sinukuan Lodge No. 16 celebrating their 43th anniversary.

MRS. GREGORIO A. VICENTE
Executive Secretary.

WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

NILAD NO. 12

Nilad Lodge No. 12 is inquiring for the whereabouts of the following members, from whom nothing was heard of since liberation:

Maximo Domingo, formerly of Fernandez Hermanos.

Henry Slownsky, who is now in the United States.

John Earl Brown, formerly of San Felipe, Zambales.

Juan Romero, formerly residing at Go Quiolay, Pasay, Rizal.

If you know their addresses, please inform the Secretary, whose office is at the Grand Lodge Headquarters.

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Wor. Bro. Nicolas S. Cruz celebrated his Fiftieth Birthday at his home at 2719 M. Natividad, Sta. Cruz, Manila, where a number of his brethren greeted him. Wor. Bros. Macario M. Ofilada, Mariano Gonzalez, Joaquin Garcia, Patricio del Rosario and Bro. Geruncio Javier were among his guests.

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Our brother Cayetano Borja is now confined in his home at 216 Guipit, Sampaloc, Manila, after having been treated at Singian Clinic. We hope for his prompt and complete recovery.

HIGH-TWELVE NO. 82

The election of officers for the incoming masonic year will be held at the Grand Lodge Hall, 138 Gunao, Quiapo, Manila, on Saturday, December 14, 1946, at 3 p.m. The outgoing officers of the lodge are as follows: W. M., Regino G. Padua, S. W., Pedro Arcilla, J. W., Mauro Baradi, Treas., Pio Salomon, Sec., Dominador R. Escosa.

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Wor. Bro. Eugenio G. Padua, Master of the lodge, flew to the Ilocandia with the Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, in the performance of his official duties as a public servant.

Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa, Secretary, likewise flew to Legaspi, thence to Tacloban, thence to Cebu, thence to Iloilo and back to Manila, in the performance of his masonic duties, accompanying the M. W. Grand Master and his party in Official Visitations.

Bro. Pedro Vergel de Dios and Bro. Gregorio Alcabao, who have been absent for some time, called at the Grand Lodge Hall and assured the brethren they will both be present at the next and subsequent meetings. It is hoped that the next meeting being Election of Officers, Bro. Eugenio Tadle and Guillermo Ponce will also be there.

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Fraternal Reviews

J. W. FERRIER, P.M.

ILLINOIS—1945

Lodges—978; Members—205,397; Gain—9,177

The 106th annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois was held in the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Chicago, on October 9, 1945, with Grand Master Stuart E. Pierson in the East. All Grand Lodge officers, 7 of the 11 living Past Grand Masters of the grand jurisdiction, and representatives from 880 of the subordinate lodges were present at the meeting. If any distinguished visitors were present they escaped notice in the proceedings.

The grand master in his address spoke of the past year as being one of growth and service, paid tribute to the members of the Eastern Star for their assistance in handling the service centers created for the benefit of the armed forces by the grand lodge, spoke highly of the service rendered by the two Masonic homes conducted by the grand lodge, stated no questions had been submitted to him for decision which could not be readily answered by a reference to the Code, stated that for several years in the past a number (the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Report shows the actual number to have been 70) of the Masonic temples throughout the estate, were in a distressed financial condition but that this had been cured in all but three places and he hoped they would be adjusted by January 1, 1946; recommended the dissemination of Masonic news to the Craft through a continuation of the "Grand Lodge News Letter" which had been issued during the year; reported he had attended 67 Masonic meetings, reunions, etc. (a check of these shows he visited the grand lodges of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Saskatchewan); that by an occasional Grand Lodge with D.G.M. Wm. Ginsley, acting as grand master, one cornerstone was laid; that he issued 104 dispensations; that two lodges consolidated with others.

The Committee on Obituaries presented memorials setting forth the Masonic activities and attainments of eight former grand lodge officers, and the Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported nothing had been referred to it. Then followed the election of officers with the result that the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Fred L. Mills, was advanced to the Oriental chair.

The Committee on Petitions had before it for action the petitions of three formerly expelled members of the fraternity, all of whom had been recommended for reinstatement by the several lodges which had expelled them. The Committee recommended approval of all the petitions which recommendation was approved.

The Committee on Legislation approved the recommendation made at the preceding grand communication that no lodge shall encumber its real estate, its improvements thereon, or the furniture, fixtures and equipment therein for any sum in excess of one-third of the actual cost thereof, or in excess of one-third of the fair market value of same at the time of making the loan, and the necessary amendment to the Code was adopted.

This Committee also recommended approval of the suggestion of the Grand Master that instead of giving 50-year buttons, all 50-year Masons be relieved from the payment of dues to the lodges, and the corresponding lodges relieved from per capita dues to the Grand Lodge on such members. The recommendation was adopted to take effect at once.

After the installation of the elected and appointed grand lodge officers, a past Grand Master's Jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

After the usual statistical reports follow detailed reports regarding the two Masonic Homes; report of the board of grand examiners (for appointment as grand lecturers), auditor's financial report; and lastly the report of the Committee on Fraternal correspondence.

This report was prepared by M. W. Elmer E. Beach, who in his "Foreword" directs attention to the numerous grand lodges, which have repealed the ancient "Perfect Youth" doctrine, and to the fact that many of the grand lodges which have done so are daughters of Grand Lodges which still maintain the old doctrine and regard it as a landmark. He poses the question, "Should these so-called daughter grand lodges declare their Mother grand lodges illegitimate and irregular?" He further asks if

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consistency does not require such action on their part.

MISSOURI—1945

Lodges—603; Members—99,797;
Gain—4,117

The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri does not call the meeting which it held on September 25, 1945, in the Masonic Temple at St. Louis, a communication, but a "conference," on account of the limited number allowed to attend in accordance with governmental regulations. (As we figure it, it took the place of what would have been the 125th annual communication.)

But with all that, all four of the grand chaplains and both the grand marshals, as well as 10 of the 20 living Past Grand Masters were present.

In the Grand Master's address he quoted in full from a report made by a committee of two who made a careful analysis of Masonic conditions in the lodges of Missouri as appears from the annual reports for the preceding five years from all lodges which made reports, under the title "Wanted — Big Brothers for Little Lodges." From this he stressed the importance and necessity of help from the big lodges to the small ones if the latter were to continue in existence.

In the consideration of the loss of members for lack of interest or other reasons, he gave it as his opinion that often the obligations were administered by brethren who did not always follow them in their daily lives, saying as regards this—

"I consider it a fact beyond contravention that no one ever effectively teaches truth while living a lie. * * * If we would implant the truth of Masonry in the hearts of our initiates we must be sure that those same truths are so deeply implanted in our own hearts that they find expression in our daily lives."

He reported he had made 33 visits to subordinate lodges, district meetings and to meetings of concordant Masonic bodies within the grand jurisdiction and had also visited the Grand Lodges of Illinois and Texas.

He further reported that in compliance with a resolution adopted at the 1943 communication, he had entered into fraternal relations with all the Mexican Grand Lodges constituting the "Supreme Consejo" or Federation of Mexican Grand Lodges, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico having received such recognition sometime ago.

Reported the collection and payment of something over $7,000.00 ($7,677.10, according to the Grand Secretary's reports) to the Philippine Relief fund through the Masonic Service Association, and that one dispensation had been issued for the organization of a new lodge; that he had issued 32 dispensations; had laid one cornerstone, and dedicated one new lodge hall; that he had caused charges to be preferred against four brothers, one a member of a Texas lodge, resulting in three expulsions, with one case not yet decided.

He rendered 22 decisions among which we find the following:

(a) It is not proper for lodge funds to be voted for non-Masonic purposes, even for the Red Cross.

(b) It is not proper for a lodge to permit discussion of the merits of a proposed new state constitution.

(c) A man in the armed forces and in foreign service may petition the lodge of his residence for the Masonic degrees.

(d) The name "Masonic" may not be used in connection with any extra-Masonic activity. A bowling team was the meat of the question asked.

(e) A man so illiterate that he cannot read or sign his own petition or fill it out in his own handwriting is not eligible to petition for the degrees of Masonry.

(f) An Entered Apprentice may serve on a team conferring that degree upon another candidate.

(g) It is improper for a lodge to have its hall on the second floor of a building, the first floor of which is used as a beer parlor.

The Grand Secretary reported four duplicate charters issued to replace an equal number lost or destroyed; that 5 lodges had consolidated with an equal number of other lodges; that sixty-five 50-year buttons had been issued during the year, and that the Grand Lodge had on hand in cash on September 10, 1945, the sum of $91,970.12, together with U.S. Government bonds worth $46,059.50. The Grand Treasurer reports $109,500.00 in U. S. Government bonds held by him, but it seems likely a considerable portion of these are held for the Missouri Masonic Home, which according to the report of the auditor has an endowment fund of $1,330,354.59.

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There follow the reports of several of the Grand Lodge Committees, then the usual statistical tables. There was no election of officers, and but few changes in the appointive ones.

Following this comes "The Masonic World," a resumé by M. W. Ray V. Denslow of Masonic events the world over. And a most interesting report it is too.

Among the particular things of interest which we find in this report is the fact that the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge of England is generally held for a long time. The first Grand Master after 1813, the Earl of Sussex served for 30 years, then Lord Zetland served for 26 years, followed by one short term of 4 years only by the Earl de Gray-Ripon; then the Prince of Wales, afterwards King Edward VII for 27 years, and lastly, the Duke of Connaught and Stratheam who held the office 28 years.

This resumé concludes with the statement that the author, M. W. Ray V. Denslow, had been selected as a member of a commission of four to investigate Masonic conditions throughout devastated Europe.

There follows a reprint of an article entitled "Masoneria Mexicana" by the same author, published early in the year 1945, and included as a part of the proceedings at the request of the Grand Master. It contains a broad outline of the history, organization and past and present condition of the various grand lodges of the different states of the Republic of Mexico, together with what appears at this distance to be most sensible conclusions of how the question of fraternal relations with such grand lodges should be handled. It is accompanied by a table showing such of said grand lodges as have been recognized by the various grand lodges of the United States. From it Missouri appears to be the only grand lodge which has recognized all 19 of them, though the York Grand Lodge is the only one of them almost universally recognized, Massachusetts and Texas being the only ones of the grand jurisdictions of the United States still refusing it recognition.

In the opinion of this reviewer, this report should be sufficient to broadly determine whether recognition should be accorded the Mexican Grand Lodges.

NORTH DAKOTA—1945

Lodges—119; Members—11,216; Gain—508

The M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of North Dakota convened in its regular annual communication, its Fifty-sixth, at Fargo, for a one-day session which is designated in the proceedings as "streamlined," on account of the directive from the office of Defense Transportation, strictly limiting attendance from outside the city where the meeting was held to 50 persons. The meeting was held on June 19, 1945, under M. W. Grand Master Brother Hjalmar W. Swenson, with all Grand Lodge officers present, and with the necessary quorum (3) of subordinate Lodges represented. Four Past Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdiction of Manitoba, and M. W. Brother Mark I. Forkner, S.G.I.G. of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R. for North Dakota, were the distinguished visitors who graced the meeting with their presence. Twelve of the 18 Past Grand Masters still resident in the jurisdiction were also in attendance. One charter member of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota (60 years a Mason), another brother who had been a member for an equal length of time, and one who had held membership for 54 years were welcomed.

The Grand Master in his address mourned the passing of 223 members of the Craft from the grand jurisdiction, among whom were four past grand masters. He reported the issuance of 71 dispensations, the approval of 3 by-laws, and 1 request to incorporate for the ownership of a temple. He made 61 visits to lodges, district meetings, and concordant bodies during the year.

He highly praised the Grand Lodge Bulletin and recommended that means be provided whereby a copy could be sent to every member of the craft within the state; reported that three subordinate lodges had celebrated their golden jubilees; rendered 3 decisions, and sent to the Masonic Service Association for rehabilitation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands the sum of $500.00; dedicated one lodge hall; recommended that all ritualistic work be done as it is in the ritual, and that if a lodge is unable to do it that way it should call in

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help from other lodges; regrets being obliged to miss the usual Grand Master's meeting in Washington, and expressed the hope that no future postponements of such meetings would be necessary.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Walter Lincoln Stockwell, who has been such officer since 1910, stated he had once expressed a desire to retire, but had changed his mind, and would like to serve a little longer. (His desire was gratified.)

A recess was ordered and a committee from the Order of the Eastern Star appeared and were greeted by the Grand Master who expressed gratification at the friendly relations which had existed between this organization and the Grand Lodge during the past fifty years.

The retiring Grand Master was allowed not to exceed $200.00 for his expenses in attending the Grand Master's Washington meeting next year, the one expected to be held in 1945 having been cancelled.

M. W. G. M. Brother Harry S. Woods of Manitoba, called upon, stated he had been coming to North Dakota for the past 8 or 9 years, during which he had made many friends and that he was making more friends; that times were difficult but that the challenge to Masons was to live according to Masonic principles; that there must be more than mere appearance for no group of men are more closely watched than Masons, particularly in small country lodges, where the daily lives of men are important in the maintenance of high standards.

M. W. Brother George Hunter, a P.G.M. of the same Canadian jurisdiction, also spoke, saying that a visit to the Grand Lodge of North Dakota was like a visit home, adding "In the strenuous days which we have been going through, your boys have been fighting under our generals, and ours under yours." Brother Hunter was unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

M. W. Brother Walter H. Murfin presented his 17th annual report as fraternal correspondent, which was on motion ordered printed with the proceedings. As printed in the proceedings the communications of 41 Grand Jurisdictions were reviews, all in a very interesting manner. In his report, he claims that North Dakota Masonry has always had an especial interest in Philippine Freemasonry because North Dakota Military Lodge No. 1 first introduced modern Masonry into the Islands in 1898.

In a supplementary report, he recommended that fraternal relations be established with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, at Mexico City, the Grand Lodge Occidental Mexicana, at Guadalajara, Jalisco; the Grand Lodge Oriental Peninsular, at Merida, Yucatan, the Grand Lodge del Pacifico, at Guayanas, Sonora, the Grand Lodge de la Maha California, at Tiajuana, Baha California, and the Grand Lodge El Potosi, at San Luis, Potosi, which recommendation was approved.

The Grand Secretary presented a resolution which was adopted by a large majority in which after stating that while the Grand Lodge of North Dakota had complied with the so-called Byrnes directive and had limited the attendance from outside the City of Fargo to fifty as therein required, it had come to the knowledge of the Grand Lodge that other organizations with less justification have been permitted to hold meetings with no limits upon attendance; that tens of thousands had attended the Kentucky Derby, the Narragansett Races and other similar affairs with no thought of obeying the directive, and that all of which wholesale legalized gambling was permitted, and resolved that the Grand Lodge representing some 12,000 loyal representative citizens, hundreds of whom were in the uniform of the nation, does respectfully but none the less emphatically protest the continuance of the Byrnes Directive, and asks for its early discontinuance or its uniform enforcement, because while its open disregard by certain groups is a reflection upon all good citizens, it is believed its enforcement is contrary to the spirit of Free America and a violation of the Constitutional right of assembly. (The true spirit of Masonry seems to us to be expressed).

After providing that the 1946 communication shall be held in Grand Forks, the new Grand Master, M. W. Brother Rilie R. Morgan and the other elected and appointed officers, except those re-elected or re-appointed, were installed.

In the appendix, in addition to the usual statistical tables, appears a table showing the total membership of all the Grand Jurisdictions in the United States (2,722,285) and Canada (175,605). Also pictures of the four Past Grand Masters who laid down their working tools and ceased their labors during the year, and of Worshipful Brother William J. Hutcheson, who for 23 years had been the Executive Secretary of the Committee on Masonic Service and Education.

We also note that the Grand Lodge maintains and supports a general library of some 40,000 volumes, which is apparently open to use by the general public, and that 2,335 of such books were circulated during the year. (A worthy project, apparently in need of more worthy caretaking if the report of the Librarian is any criterion.)

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SPEECH AT THE MONTHLY MASONIC DINNER, NOON, 24 NOVEMBER 1946

BY RT. W. BRO. ANDREW D. GRUBER

Most Worshipful Sir, Mr. Chairman, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, Brethren and Ladies:

First, may I say I am glad to be back with sincere Masons, those who know by deed, thought, and action what the principles of Freemasonry are. American Masons have grown complacent with good living. There have been few great adversities in the United States comparable to those existing here today, or to those trials and tribulations existing during the Fort Santiago days.

History teaches us that civilization and progress move westward—Cauldea, Egypt, Venice, Spain, France, England, and the United States. The civilization of ancient China did not blossom beyond its own borders possibly because it was blocked by impassable deserts and mountains, and there was no means of transportation.

America is entering a golden age; the precious metal is a symbol of ancient times representing a means of satisfying human wants. Greece and Rome with its ages of Pericles and Augustus had its golden age, but Greece had its Rome, and Rome had its Alaric. As Greece gave culture to Rome, and Rome gave culture to Western Europe, and Western Europe gave culture to the United States, so may the United States assist in extending protection, progress, education, and culture to the Philippines, if we are able to receive and recognize proper aid.

All new frontiers have been to the West. So will a new civilization arise here in the Philippines if we, with progressive Masonic intellectual thought, nurture it — tend it — and work for it.

How parallel does Freemasonry run to the continuity of the roadway of civilization westward — the worship of Zoroaster, of Oris and Isis, of the Lion of Judah, of the mysteries of Greece and Rome, of Knights Templar, of Knights Malta, the Operative Masons of Medieval Europe, the Speculative Masons of England and America, and now to the revival of all Masonry including York and Scottish Rite westward in the Philippines with the assistance of the American brethren. We must keep faith, and press westward to China, Japan, and India, a modern strengthened Speculative Masonry.

We must now, my brothers, more than ever before, realize our obligations as Masons through the teachings of Masonry. We must acquire wisdom as Proverbs teach us: "Incline thine ear unto wisdom and apply thine heart to understanding. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding, for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and gain thereof than fine gold. For wisdom is better than rubies and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

Knowledge is cognizance of facts. Wisdom is the strength of the mind to apply its knowledge. A mason may know every word of our ritual from the beginning of the E. A. Degree to the final words of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, and still have no wisdom, Masonic or otherwise. Many a great leader of the Craft has been a stumbling, halting ritualist, yet possessed in abundance a Masonic wisdom which made him a power for good among the brethren. Knowledge comes from study of all the great in the depository of civilization, and the United States of America is a major depository of knowledge. Wisdom, however, comes from the application of knowledge through experience. Knowledge may be the possession of the criminal, the politician, and the atheist. Wisdom comes only to the wise through the providence of the Master Architect, and the wise are ever good.

Today we must be moral men — live by Brotherly Love, relief, truth, temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice. To live by these virtues one must be moral.

A Master Mason has a public as well as a Masonic character. He must be a citizen before he can be a Freemason. All his reputation as a Master Mason, all the teachings of integrity and fidelity, all the magnificent examples of firmness and fortitude in trial and danger — yes — even in the Valley of the Shadow of Death — which a man has been taught as a Master Mason are concerned in supporting with dignity his character as a citizen.

Politics are never discussed in a Masonic lodge. We are not Liberal Nationalists, Nationalists, Democrats, or Republicans, but Masons. No lodge may take any political action. To do so would be to draw upon it the immediate censure of the Grand Master.

But these prohibitions do not mean that Masons should not study Political Economy even as a Lodge. Masons may listen to talks upon the science of government — compare Communism versus

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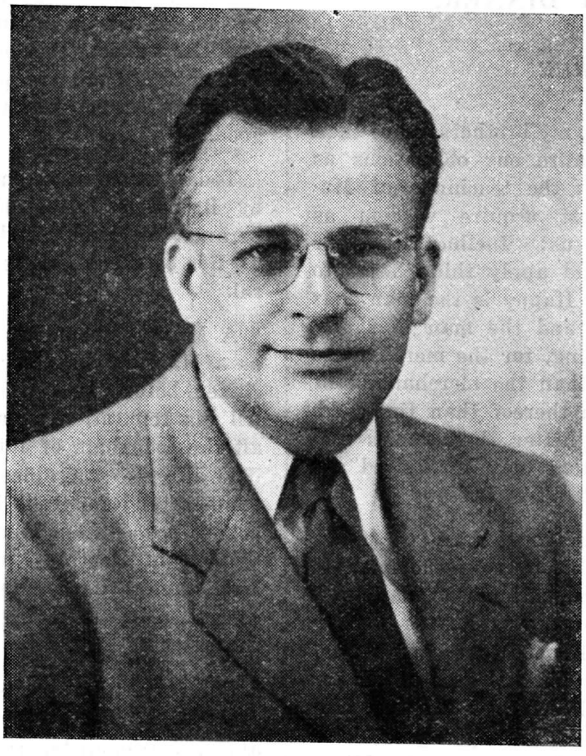

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free enterprise — king versus Republic — Dictatorship against Democracy. A Mason pays his taxes, goes to the polls and votes, bears arms when called to the colors, supports the public schools, keeps the peace, serves the nation, the state, the province, the village, yes, even in the barrio when called to leadership, and *so lives that his neighbors are happier for his living.*

When a citizen becomes a Mason, he adds to these moral obligations his pledged word, his sacred honor, his character as it is seen naked before God, that he will do certain things and refrain from doing other things.

In conclusion let me quote from Robert Burns: "Oh, waud some power the giftie gie us, to see ourselves as others see us."

GRAND MASTERS' OFFICIAL VISITATION OF MOUNT LEBANON NO. 80.

The Stated Meeting of Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80 held on November 7th was a red letter day in the annals of the Lodge, for it was graced by the official visitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Michael Goldenberg and his party consisting of the Junior Grand Warden, the Grand Secretary and a score of other distinguished members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and guests. The affair was furthermore highlighted by the fact that the Rt. Wor. Bro. Gruber, Master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge and Senior Grand Warden was presiding over the meeting for the first time after an absence of some 7 months from Manila. During the course of business the arrival of the Grand Lodge party was announced in the usual manner, and upon admission were received with grand honours and conducted by the marshal to seats in the East. The Wor. Master delivered an oration of welcome to the Most Wor. Grand Master on his official visitation to his own mother Lodge and extending cordiality to him and his party, expressing his own delight at being back in Manila to meet again and be with his numerous friends, particularly brother Masons, whom he missed while in the States. Most. Wor. Bro. Goldenberg replied in his usual and effective manner dealing upon the progress of Masonry during the past year. He likewise welcomed the Rt. Wor. Bro. Gruber on his return to Manila to resume the labors of Wor. Master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80. His information that the Plaridel Temple will be completed for occupancy by the end of this year was received with great joy and acclamation by all those present.

Bro. Baradi, the popular orator of the Grand Lodge was the next speaker. He referred to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines as the Garden and the officers of the Grand Lodge he considered the Planters. He hoped that the good seeds —Masonic ideals and principles—which the planters — the Masons — in the Philippines under the masterful guidance of the Grand Lodge officers are unceasingly sowing will yield a good harvest of healthy fruits for the betterment of this new Republic. He furthermore referred to a new special seed — the Jose Abad Santos Chapter of the order of DeMolay — which was recently planted here through the indefatigable efforts of the Rt. Wor. Bro. Gruber in collaboration with Most Wor. Bro. Goldenberg. The DeMolay Chapter is already showing good results, and will remain a living monument to the Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden.

Other speakers of the day included Bros. Reyes, Ruiz, Carvajosa and Cuenco, who welcomed Bro. Gruber on his return to Manila. Bro. Cuenco also extended an invitation to all those present to visit his Lodge which is situated in the city of Baguio.

The next speakers were Bros. Earl Staup and Frank Finnel of the War Damage Commission who were introduced by the Wor. Master as Masons hailing from Washington, D. C. They expressed their great delight at seeing the reestablishment of Masonry in the Philippines, which they are visiting now for the first time. They offered their assistance to the Lodges here in every way possible.

At the conclusion of the labors all those present were invited to partake of refreshments.

PHILIPPINE SKIES

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

JANUARY, 1947

I. *PHENOMENA.* On the 2nd at 11.00 h Neptune in quadrature with Sun, on the 4th at 0.00 h Venus in perihelion (nearest point to Sun), at 10.00 h Earth in perihelion; on the 5th at 17.46 h Uranus in conjunction with Moon and will be occulted by the latter; on the 6th at 16.00 h Mars in conjunction with Sun; on the 7th at 20.00 h Mercury in aphelion (farthest point from the Sun); on the 8th at 20.00 h Saturn in conjunction with Moon (Saturn 3° 48' to the South); on the 13th at 9.18 h Nep-

tune in conjunction with Moon (Neptune 3° 19' S); on the 16th at 21.35 h Jupiter in conjunction with Moon (Jupiter will be occulted by Moon); on the 18th at 11.00 h Venus in conjunction with Moon (Venus 4° N), at 20.00 h Mercury in conjunction with Mars (Mercury 2° S); on the 22nd at 14.00 h Mercury in conjunction with Moon.

II. *CONSTELLATIONS AT 21.00 h (9.00 P. M.)* In the North there are all the winter constellations as in December. In the South in the Zenith is Taurus consisting of the head and shoulders of a bull which is in the act of plunging at Orion the Hunter, who has a sword in his belt, a club in his right hand and a skin of a lion in his left. Orion is the most conspicuous and beautiful constellation in the heaven. Orion the hunter is followed from his left by the Great Dog with Sirius the most brilliant star in the skies and the Little Dog with its star of first magnitude Procyon. It has been established that Sirius is moving towards the Earth at the rate of 10 miles a second. However, no undue alarm of a collision with Sirius need be entertained, as it takes 8.7 light years for its rays to reach the earth and its distance from the Solar System is about 50,000,000,000,000 miles.

III. *PHASES OF THE MOON, ETC.* Full Moon on the 7th at 12.47 h; Last Quarter on the 14th at 10.56 h; New Moon on the 22nd at 16.34 h; First Quarter on the 30th at 8:00 h.

	Rising	*Setting*	*Rising*	*Setting*
Jan.	*of Moon*		*of Sun*	
1	12.44	0.28	6.21	5.32
.5	16.04	4.26	6.23	5.37
10	21.14	9.29	6.24	5.43
15	0.50	12.45	6.25	5.45
20	5.01	16.24	6.25	5.48
25	8.48	20.43	6.26	5:50
30	12.06	0.10	6.25	5.54

IV. *ASPECTS OF PRINCIPAL PLANETS.* Venus in scorpio a morning star moving eastwards towards Sagitarius. Mars in Sagitarius on his way to Capricornus, invisible. Jupiter at present in Libra a morning star. Saturn moving "backwards". (towards the west) is midway between the "Twins" and the "Lion" and is visible throughout the night.

V. *ON ECLIPSES.* Every school boy knows that an eclipse of the Moon is caused by the passing of the Moon through the shadow of the Earth at time of opposition, i.e. during Full Moon. Similarily, a Sun Eclipse occurs at New Moon phase when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth. However, if it was as simple as that we should witness one Solar and one Lunar Eclipse during every Lunar month. That this is not the case is due to the fact that the plane of the Moon's orbit (path) is inclined by some 5° 9' to the ecliptic (path) of the Earth and it is only when a new or full moon occur near one of the two points (called "nodes") where these paths meet that an eclipse is possible.

Eclipses of the Moon, like those of the Sun, are total and partial, but no annular. During the eclipse the dark notch "Penumbra" or semi-shadow appears first on the eastern limb of the Moon moving westwards. Then follows the "Umbra" or shadow which darkens the face of our night luminary. Total eclipses of the Moon are rarer than those of the Sun. Yet they are more frequently seen at any given place, because every Lunar eclipse is visible over the entire unilluminated hemisphere of the Earth. In fact during a total eclipse it can be observed over a stretch of more than 5/8 of the surface of the Earth. Whereas the shadow of a solar eclipse can never exceed 170 miles in breadth, hence its visibility is very limited. During the past year 1946, there were four partial eclipses of the Sun, none of which were visible in the Far East, and two total lunar eclipses of the Moon both of which were visible in the Far East, including the Philippines. In the year 1947, there will be but two solar eclipses and none of the moon. (There will be a tiny lunar eclipse on June 4th when but two percent of the moon will be darkened, which will hardly be noticeable). Generally it differs every year.

The ancients were horror-stricken during a total eclipse of the Sun or Moon. To them it was an indication of wrath of an offended deity, it being the ill omen of impending calamity and heavenly punishment. Even to this very day the Hindus and Chinese believe that the eclipse is caused by a terrific monster who tries gradually to devour the luminary. They, therefore, beat gongs, fire crackers and rend the air with screams of terror and shouts of vengeance. For a time their frantic efforts seem futile and the eclipse still progresses. At length, however, the increasing uproar reaches the voracious monster; he appears to pause, and then, like a fish rejecting a nearly swallowed bait, gradually disgorges the fiery mouthful. When the Sun or Moon is again quite clear of the terrible dragon's mouth, a shout of joy is raised and the poor natives disperse delighted in their thought that they so successfully relieved their deity from its impending peril. It is surprising to see the multitude of superstitious people, who even nowadays consider an eclipse a forerunner of war, or some other national calamity. Thus many people associated the total solar eclipse of the 20th Sept. 1941, which passed all over the Far East (incl. the Philippines) with the war which subsequently broke out on December 8 of that year. That such fear is unfounded need hardly be mentioned, since the causes of eclipses are fully understood, and the time of their occurrence are predicted with the greatest accuracy. Already the bible warns us against such beliefs. "Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen and be not dismayed at the signs of

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SCOTTISH RITE NEWS

To one and all, a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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By the time this official organ reaches you, we will be meeting again at our old home, the PLARIDEL MASONIC TEMPLE. Desecrated by the Jap vandals during the occupation, looted of its furniture, paraphernalia, books, irreplaceable records and documents, it was purified by fire which gutted the historic building during the battle of Manila. From the ashes, a modest structure now rises, a monument to the unfaltering devotion to the principles and ideals of our Institution of the Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction and to the untiring efforts of its Grand Master, Ill. Bro. Michael Goldenberg, 33°.

While our own Temple cannot be compared with the stately Masonic edifices of sister Bodies elsewhere about the world, you can feel, upon entering its portals, the warmth of affection and brotherly love of the Masons in the Philippines. We fraternally welcome you to our home.

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There must be a reason why most of those who have returned to the United States have retained their membership in the Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R. Bro. Elmer E. Johnson, 32°, 48 Eastern Ave., Revere, Mass., one of the most active Masons seen here during the early part of the liberation, writes that when he attends a meeting or converse with another Mason, he is proud to say that he is a member of the Philippine Bodies because "it is an honor here to hold a membership in the Philippines." Bro. Hobert E. Turner, 32°, who owns the Turner's Service Station at Walton, Indiana, states that they really show him about the place when they see his P.I. Dues Card. "My wife and I were taken into the Eastern Star, with my Mother presiding in the East. It was a wonderful surprise to see her sitting there." The elder Turner is also a Scottish Rite Mason, so there we have a Masonic Family down to the in-laws.

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Speaking of Masonic Families, we are proud to present Bro. Vicente Marquez, 18°, who last month raised two of his sons, to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Assisting him was the Scottish Rite Third Degree Team which journeyed to Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite, where Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 59 of which he is Past Master is situated. Until proven to the contrary, we believe this is the first time in the history of Masonry in the Philippines that a father raised two sons to the degree of Master Mason in one evening. He was visibly the happiest Mason attending the Lodge, (giving the visiting Team a very succulent supper.) Bros. Danny and Demosthenes were warmly congratulated after the work by another brother, David, and a brother in-law, Artemio Domingo, who were also both raised by Don Vicente several months ago.

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Elsewhere in this issue is an account of the Grand Master's visitation to the Lodges in Legaspi, Tacloban, Cebu and Iloilo. The six-day trip on a PAL plane was fruitful and many Masonic problems confronting the Brethren in the South were threshed out by the Grand Master. Accompanying him were Bros. A. D. Rosario, 32°, Assistant Grand Secretary and Venerable Master of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection; Dominador R. Escosa, 32°, Past Master and Secretary of High Twelve Lodge No. 82; Candido Perez, 32°, Past Master of Labong Lodge No. 59; D. Gallardo, 32°, Assistant Secretary of the Philippine Bodies, A & A S R; and, Jose W. Curameng, 32°, Past Master of Taga Ilog Lodge No. 79. Makabugwas No. 47 at Tacloban, which has the Kalinaw (Peace) Temple built by the Brethren of the Armed Forces of liberation, and Iloilo No. 11 at Iloilo, whose Temple was spared by the bombings which nearly wiped out the whole city, are the fortunate Lodges. Maktan No. 30 at Cebu has its temporary quarters in a Chapel, while Mayon No. 61 at Legaspi meets in a school building. We found Scottish Rite Masons the most active members in these Lodges.

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Numerous letters were received by the Secretary during the closing month of the year. We wish to thank all our correspondents, especially those who sent us Christmas greetings and good cheer.

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We would like to quote all of them here but for lack of space we will just pick a few at random.

Bro. William Clayton Bowen, 32°, who is presently with the faculty of the Clemson Agricultural College at Clemson, South Carolina, says that he enjoyed the fine fellowship of the Brethren in the Masonic bodies in Manila. Whenever he has the chance, he tells the story of Masonry in the Philippines whose members are imbued with the true Masonic spirit.

Bro. Walter R. Wiebking, 32°, writes from Seoul, Korea that Han Yang Lodge, S. C., has reopened and has 16 candidates awaiting initiation. The Lodge has more than 30 affiliated members and has three teams organized to confer the degrees.

Bro. Fred B. Irwin, 32°, VP 104, New York was very solicitous of our welfare. "I think of all of you almost daily, especially when the going gets tough," he indites; "when everything rights itself just thinking how well off we are here at home. It will take many years for you, toiling now under great handicaps, to get back to normal." Bro. Fred, you are a real shipmate.

"We have had our first snowfall of the year", Bro. Edward A. Bloom, 32°, 1872 Grand, St. Paul, Minnesota, tells us, and that made us shiver. Santa Claus must be around the corner.

We have received word from Bro. Claude B. Senger, 32°, 1118 Mejilla Avenue, Burlingame, California. After leaving Manila in early August of last year, he went to Japan where he was assigned as Executive Officer for the Chief of Transportation, USASOSCOM-C. He made numerous trips around the islands which he enjoyed. Presently he is at the Port of Embarkation at San Francisco as Executive Officer for the Superintendent of Water Division. Every once in a while he is fortunate enough to meet some of his old budies as they return from overseas. He had the pleasure of spending an evening with former Maj. William Wiarda, 32°, who is working for the Erie Railroad in northern New Jersey. "It is a great relief," he concludes his very interesting letter, "to know that you people are blessed again with the freedom you so much deserve. The war years were a great trial to the Philippine people."

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The November Conferral was successfully concluded after three days of intensive work. On the first day, November 28, Ill. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, 32°, Deputy of the Supreme Council, made an official visitation and addressed the Lodge of Perfection at the Masonic Hall on Gunao Street which was attended by nearly all the members in Manila and neighboring provinces. The 4th, 14th, 18th and 30th degrees as scheduled, were conferred in full ceremonial form. The National Heroes Class who became Masters of the Royal Secret was composed of the following Brethren: Florentino E. Villacorta, Meycauayan, Bulacan; Justin Thornton McCarthy, 1309 Oxford St., Berkeley, California; Antonio Jonson, 3 F. Roman; San Juan, Rizal; Gene Albert Roberts, 989 So., 8th East St., Salt Lake City, Utah; Luis Litonjua; 161 Lopez Jaena, Cavite City; Fred Wade; 4099 Gwynne Rd., Memphis, Tenn.; Quirino C. Manalao, 1070 Dos Castillas, Sampaloc, Manila; Antonio N. Verceles, 34 P. Gomez, Caloocan, Rizal; Earl Robert Gooding, 762 Fairfax, Denver, Colorado; Clemente Bernabe, 1840 Sulu, Manila; Angel C. Magallanes, Batangas; Charles J. Crawford, 596 Eng. Base Depot, Apo 75; Catalino S. Cruz, Marikina, Rizal; Mamerto Buenafe; 101 Gen. Diokno St., Manila; Ciriaco Z. Cuenco, Manila Hotel, Manila; Mercelo G. Decena, 314 W-Cavite, Manila; Walter H. Anderson, 414 Oakmore Rd., Oakland, Calif.; Quintin Gellidon, 182 Cagayan St., Sta. Ana, Manila; Eugene Farkas, 6 P. Parada, San Juan, Rizal; Andres V. Centenera, 1621 Sande, Tondo, Manila; Austin W. Morrill, Jr., 842 S. Ardmore Ave., Los Angeles 6, Calif.; Candido Perez, Malabon, Rizal; Tomas Mapua, 3687 Taft Ave., Pasay, Rizal; and Harry William Dudley, 3000 North 6th St., Port Dureth, Arkansas.

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See you at the PLARIDEL MASONIC TEMPLE, 520, San Marcelino; Manila, on 29th DECEMBER 1946 at 10:00 A.M. Grand Opening, Grand Lodge Dinner, Grand Christmas Festival, and you will have a Grand Time.

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THE WIDOW'S SON

The widow's son suffered much in the enemy's dungeon. He was given a chance to live if only he would tell who among his brethren were actually connected in the underground movement. Between his loyalty to country and the Fraternity and his own life, he chose forfeiting the latter and so it was that at dawn one rainy day he was executed. The tragic news spread around like wildfire. The youth in the neighborhood left town to join other guerrilleros in the mountains from where they took orders to assault garrison after garrison of the invader. And when the forces of liberation came, the guerrilleros again did their part and the enemy was wiped out, thanks partly to the example set by the widow's son.—*M. B.*

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heaven, for the heathens are dismayed by them". (Jeremiah x. 2).

It is related in history that Columbus made good use of an impending approach of a Lunar eclipse, which took place on March 1, 1504, to relieve his fleet, then in great distress from want of supplies, when in Jamaica. When all his entreaties for food to the natives were of no avail, he threatened to punish them by depriving them of the light of the Moon. At first they were indifferent to his threats. However, when the eclipse actually commenced the barbarians were so terrified that they vied with each other in the production of the necessary supplies for the Spanish Fleet.

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ENVIAMOS NUESTRAS FELICITACIONES PASCUALES

No es un mero gesto para ponernos a tono con el ambiente predominante en este mes que enviamos nuestras felicitaciones pascuales a nuestres lectores. Es que queremos enfatizar el espíritu que informa la temporada Pascual deseando que este espíritu informe todos nuestros actos no solamente en esta temporada y al influjo, de este ambiente, sino también en todas las estaciones del año y en todos los momentos de nuestra vida transitoria por este mundo.

El espíritu Pascual es el espíritu de dación incondicional, de completo olvido de sí mismo para derramar la felicidad a manos llenas en las vidas de nuestros semejantes. Deseamos ver retratada una genuina felicidad en el rostro no solo de nuestros pequeñuelos, sino también en el de todos los adultos, amigos o no amigos. El padre ha de derrochar tesoros de ternura para que los hijos de sus entrañas se sientan aún mas felices, si todavía pudieran serlo. Los hijos darán de sus primeros amores las flores más olorosas para perfumar la tarea dificultosa de sus papás y aliviarles en sus dificultades y problemas en la mundana existencia. Los patrones aliviarán la pesada carga de sus obreros vertiendo la ayuda material y espiritual que necesitan. Los obreros mirarán con más caridad las actitudes de sus patronos y amos, y comprenderán que no es deseo de exprimirlos, ni mala intención de sacar provecho de sus debilidades, lo que anima a éstos en sus empresas. En fin, todos tienen que moverse en este ambiente, dando y entregando algo de si ya material o ya espiritual.

Y es que en este mes conmemoramos la venida a este mundo de Aquél que en su vida toda fué la glorificación—la apoteosis—de la mas santa de las virtudes, la virtud de la dación, la dación incondicional, por la dación misma, que significa olvido de sí mismo, comprensión, caridad, desinterés, perdón, virtudes excelsas que nos cualifican para llamarnos hijos de Dios y de su Infinita Misericordia. Es este espíritu Pascual el que deseamos inflame los corazones de nuestros Hermanos en esta temporada y en todos los actos de su vida.

Y este espíritu Pascual es lo que enviamos con nuestros mejores deseos a todos los miembros de la Fraternidad. (Antonio Gonzáles, F. P. S.)

EL DIA DE RIZAL

Conmemoramos en este mes—el día 30—la muerte del mas grande de los filipinos, nuestro Hermano y compatriota, JOSÉ RIZAL. Día de recuerdos, fue consagrado el mismo tanto por nuestras altas autoridades gubernamentales, como por nuestras altas autoridades masónicas. Este día debe ser un día de meditación, de recogimiento espiritual, pues, en ese dia murió un patriota, murió un masón; pero surgió un pueblo, se reafirmó una nacionalidad.

¿Cuál fue el motivo de la actuación de Rizal que culminó en la tragedia de su muerte? Bien sencillo. La preparación de nuestro pueblo para una vida libre e independiente sin revoluciones sangrientas, sin choques frenéticos, sin orgías de sangre, sin epilépticas convulciones sociales. Tal vez fue muy idealista al pensar que la libertad se gana mediante una gradual educación del pueblo, sin alharacas ni derramamientos de sangre, por medio de la paz, del orden, de la convicción y de la decencia. Creemos que no fue idealista. Rizal fue un hombre de visión. Conocedor de la Historia sabía que, en el curso natural del progreso, el hombre habría de llegar a eso. Sabía que el mundo, la humanidad, no se estanca, y lo que entonces, y hasta antes de entonces, se conseguía tan sólo por medio de la violencia y del estallido de las revoluciones, con el tiempo se conseguiria por medios pacíficos, con la persuación, con la lucha de la razón y el intercambio de las ideas. El pensamiento es mucho mas fuerte que cualquier arma de guerra mortífera, y con el pensamiento el hombre habria de dirimir sus problemas políticos e internacionales dentro del campo de la razón y de la persuación, sin acudir a violencias propias de una edad salvaje.

En nuestras relaciones con América adoptamos este ideal de Rizal, yendo al terreno de la persuación y de la razón. Y el pueblo americano, ese pueblo idealista, ese pueblo comprensivo y justo, nos dió la razón. Ganamos nuestra causa, ganamos nuestra independencia no con revoluciones sangrientas, sino en el campo de la mutua inteligencia y de la comprensión. América vió que la razón estaba a nuestro lado y consiguientemente dió al mundo el primer ejemplo, el más elevado, el de conceder la libertad a un pueblo porque es de derecho natural el que nadie sojuzgue a sus semejantes.

El ideal de Rizal se hizo así carne de realidad, y de esto nunca debemos olvidarnos. Ese es para nosotros el significado de ese sagrado, aunque luctuoso día. (Antonio Gonzalez, F. P. S.)

NUESTRAS COLUMNAS SE REFUERZAN

Van llegando a nuestra tierra algunos Hermanos que se fueron de aquí después de nuestra liberación. Algunas se han ido para acondicionarse mejor a la futura labor que les esperará en nuestra patria y otros para cumplir con los reglamentos de la vida militar a que estaban sujetos. De entre ellos mencionaremos a los Hermanos A. D. Gruber, nuestro Ilustre Gran Primer Vigilante, y a nuestro M. I. Hermano C. W. Rosenstock, Gran Maestro que fue durante el año de 1935.

Y también van volviendo a nuestras filas Hermanos que han estado durmiendo por muchos años antes de la pasada guerra. Y así nuestras columnas se van reforzando.

Con el dinamismo de su juventud, nuestro Primer Gran Vigilante nos promete años de vida activa e intensa en nuestra Gran Logia, a fin de poner a ésta en completa rehabilitación, y, tal vaz, en mejores condiciones aún que las que tenía antes de la pasada emergencia. Y con la madurez y el sentido conservador del M. I Rosenstock, nuestra Gran Logia contará con el Hermano que ha de moderar los ímpetus y radicalismos de la sangre joven e imputuosa, y, tal vez, inexperta e impaciente.

A todos enviamos nuestros saludos. (Antonio Gonzalez, F. P. S.)

LOS ULTIMOS MOMENTOS DE RIZAL Y SU "ULTIMO PENSAMIENTO"

Rizal fue fusilado el 30 de diciembre de 1896.

La noche anterior, después de leída la sentencia de muerte, escribió a su hermano y a su padre, y después escribió la siguiente poesía intitulándola *"último Pensamiento"*, conocida por todos los filipinos cómo su *"último Adiós"*. El Sr. Ponce en el Renacimiento, según Retana dijo lo siguiente acerca de esta poesía:

"Rizal antes de morir advirtió (a su familia?) la existencia de este papel dentro de la lamparilla (de alcohol, ya vacía), encargando además que recogieran otro papelito que estaría dentro de sus botas, en la planta del pie, cuando fuese cadáver. Este papelito ya no se halló, pues cuando fue exhumado en 1898, ya no existía más que polvo."

(ÚLTIMO PENSAMIENTO)

! Adios, Patria adorada, región del sol querida,
Perla del mar de Oriente, nuestro perdido edén!
A darte voy alegre, la triste mustia vida:
Si fuera más brillante, más fresca, más florida,
También por tí la diera, la diera por tu bien.

En campos de batalla, luchando con delirio,
Otros te dan sus vidas, sin dudas, sin pesar.
El sitio nada importa: ciprés, laurel o lirio,
Cadalso o campo abierto, combate o cruel martirio,
Lo mismo es, si lo piden la Patria y el hogar.

Yo muero cuando veo que el cielo se colora
Y al fin anuncia el día tras lóbrego capúz:
Si grana necesitas para teñir la aurora,
Vierte la sangre mía, derrámala en buen hora,
Y dórela un reflejo de su naciente luz!

Mis sueños cuando apenas niño o adolescente,
Mis sueños cuando joven, ya lleno de vigor,
Fueron el verte un día, !joya del mar de Oriente,!
Secos los negros ojos, alta la tersa frente,
Sin ceño, sin arrugas, sin manchas de rubor.

Ensueño de mi vida, mi ardiente vivo anhelo,
!Salud!, te grita el alma que pronto va a partir.
!Salud!.... !Oh, que es hermoso caer por darte vuelo,
Morir por darte vida, morir bajo tu cielo,
Y en tu encantada tierra la eternidad morir.

Si sobre mi sepulcro vieres brotar un día,
Entre la espesa yerba, sencilla humilde flor,
Acércala a tus labios y besa el alma mía,
Y sienta yo en mi frente, bajo la tumba fría,
De tu ternura el soplo, de tu hálito el calor.

Deja a la luna verme con luz tranquila y suave,
Deja que el alba envíe su resplandor fugaz,
Deja gemir al viento con su murmullo grave;
Y si desciende y posa sobre mi cruz una ave,
Deja que el ave entone su cántico de paz.

Deja que el sol ardiendo las lluvias evapore,
Y al cielo tornen puras con mi clamor en pos;
Deja que un sér amigo mi fin temprano llore,
Y en las serenas tardes, cuando por mí alguien ore,
Oro también, ¡Oh Patria!, por mi descanso a Dios.

Ora por todos cuantos murieron sin ventura,
Por cuantos padecieron tormentos sin igual,
Por nuestras pobres madres que gimen su amargura,
Por huérfanos y viudas, por presos en tortura,
Y ora por tí, que veas tu redención final.

Y cuando en noche oscura se envuelva el cementerio
Y sólo, sólo muertos queden velando allí,
No turbes su reposo, no turbes el misterio:
Tal vez acorde oigas de citara o salterio:
Soy yo, querida Patria; yo que te canto a tí.

Y cuando ya mi tumba, de todos olvidada,
No tenga cruz ni piedra que marquen su lugar,
Deja que la are el hombre, la esparza con la azada,
Y mis cenizas, antes que vuelvan a la nada,
El polvo de tu alfombra que vayan a formar.

Entonces nada importa me pongas en olvido.
Tu atmósfera, tu espacio, tus valles cruzaré.
Vibrante y limpia nota seré para tu oido;
Aroma, luz, colores, rumor, canto, gemido,
Constante repitiendo la esencia de mi fe.

¡Mi Patria idolatrada, dolor de mis dolores,
Querida Filipinas, oye el postrer adiós!
Ahí te dejo todo: mis padres, mis amores:
Voy a donde no hay esclavos, verdugos ni opresores;
Donde la fe no mata, ¡donde el que reina es Dios!

Adiós, padres, hermanos, trozos del alma mía,
Amigos de la infancia en el perdido hogar!
Dad gracias, que descanso del fatigoso día!
Adiós, dulce extranjera, mi amiga, mi alegría!
Adiós, queridos seres!...¡Morir es descansar!

DISCURSO PRONUNCIADO POR EL VEN. HER. FIDEL IBANEZ EN EL DIA DEL NACIMIENTO DE RIZAL EN CAVITE.

Venerables Maestro, Queridos Hermanos,
Damas y Caballeros:

Esta magna concurrencia de personas distinguidas, la santidad del Templo en que estamos hoy reunidos, y la solemnidad de este acto, todo esto demuestra lo grande y lo sagrado que es, para nosotros, la munificencia del Gran Arquitecto del Universo, consagrando nuestro pais con el nacimiento en nuestro suelo del gran sabio de la Raza Malaya.

Os ruego, pues, que me presteir vuestra paciencia y atención escuchando mi inmerecida participación en el programa de estas ceremonias para hablar sobre el tema:—"RIZAL COMO CIUDADANO".

Ochenta y cinco años atrás, en un pueblo pequeño, pero rico en nobles tradiciones, bañado por las aguas de la pintoresca Laguna de Bay, en el décimonono día de junio, vió por primera vez la luz del día nuestro Venerable Hermano, el mártir y patriota, Dr. Jose Rizal. Nacido en Calamba, Laguna, tierra filipina y de padres filipinos, fue de dual origen su nacionalidad. Era filipino por el lugar de su nacimiento y por la sangre heredada de sus padres; y es y será siempre filipino el espíritu inmortal que formó sus virtudes e ideales.

El hombre queda investido de nacionalidad a su nacimiento, pero su ciudadanía como condición jurídica-social lo adquiere a su mayoría de edad; y es

cuando empieza el cumplimiento de los deberes y obligaciones, y el goce de los derechos y prerrogativas pertenecientes al ciudadano.

Bajo la atmósfera de un hogar genuinamente filipino, Rizal recibió las primeras enseñanzas. Por su aplicación conquistó un conocimiento cabal de varias materias, no para su propio bien y beneficio, sino para servir mejor al pueblo en el desempeño de sus deberes de ciudadano. Con el amparo de sus conocimientos como hombre de letras, literato, linguista, escritor y poeta; y como hombre de ciencias, artes y oficios, médico, botánico, pintor, escultor y músico, llegó a comprender mejor los problemas sociales de su país y de su tiempo. Se desarrolló en él una pasión irresistible por la conquista de algunas reformas en el gobierno y un anhelo persistente por lograr una mejora social, y llegó a trazar el sendero del ciudadano ideal, sirviendo así al pueblo y a sus compatriotas. Desde luego, mayores conquistas suponen mayores sacrificios. Consecuentemente, en el cumplimiento de sus sagrados deberes de ciudadano, vertió sangre y dió su vida, "para teñir tu aurora y darte vida", dirigiendo estas palabras a su patria. Así se hizo martir al morir como un patriota.

Rizal, sabio por sus dotes de inteligencia y su experiencia, fue patriota por sus sentimientos nobles, y fue mártir por su abnegación y sacrificio. Cada una de sus virtudes contribuyó al cumplimiento de sus deberes de ciudadano. Todas ellas formaban un conjunto de bellos y atractivos detalles que revelaban su carácter fuerte, pero flexible, servicial sin ser esclavo, vigoroso y ardiente, pero compasivo. Un pensamiento sano y fecundo, un corazón grande y piadoso, y una conciencia justa y tranquila constituyeron su norma de conducta y embellecieron su espíritu. En toda la esfera de su influencia, su vida de ciudadano radiaba vitalidad y encanto. Sobre todo era un ciudadano ejemplar que pertenecía a la masa, diagnosticando las enfermedades sociales con el fin de aplicar el remedio más práctico y eficaz, ya proponiendo reformas en el sistema de gobierno emplantado en el país por la Corona de España, mediante mayor participación de los filipinos en su administración y la concesión de mas amplios derechos individuales; ya educando a la masa mediante sus escritos o ya apelando a la juventud como la bella esperanza de la patria en el día de su redención.

Imaginando a un árbol frondoso, tendrémos en nuestra mente a Rizal y sus virtudes. El tronco representa su vida y las ramas representan sus virtudes. Las raíces, sin embargo, que le sostienen y le suministran vitalidad, fuerza y firmeza son sus cualidades de ciudadano. Dirigiéndo nuestra visión a un cuadro artístico, tendremos a Rizal y sus ideales. El cuadro representa su espíritu y cada detalle artístico representa en un todo el panorama su gran ideal de ciudadano. Escuchando después imaginativamente a una composición musical, tendremos a Rizal y sus vívidas actuaciones. Cada nota, o mejor, cada sonido representa en nuestro oído una obra; pero el conjunto de todos sonidos, la armonia de la música que agrada y encanta y esa su magna ejecutoria como ciudadano, el conjunto de sus virtudes e ideales.

He dicho.

LAGRIMAS

Por CARLOS MARTIN

Vendrá un día de suspiros y dolores
A perturbar la dicha del hogar;
A vosotros queridos hijos míos
Me tendreis que llorar!

Pues la muerte, blandiendo su guadaña,
Algún día mi vida ha de cortar . . . .
Y en la tumba dormiré ya eternamente
Para nunca despertar!

Volverá la sonrisa a vuestros labios
Al otro día de aquella tempestad;
Y el sol, oculto entre las nubes,
También ha de brillar . . . . .

Pero aquél que tanto os adoraba,
Aquél que siempre os solía acompañar,
Aquél que fue vuestro padre cariñoso,
Ese, no volverá!

Volvereis el día de difuntos
Al cementerio mi tumba a visitar;
Y una flor bañada en vuestras lágrimas
Allí se quedará.

Pero luego, marchita y sin perfume,
Por el suelo deshojada ha de quedar;
Y otra vez, sin que nadie me visite,
Un año pasará!

Volverá el huracán a conmoveros,
El viento y la tormenta a retumbar,
Y a vosotros cobijados, vuestras mantas
Del frío os guardarán.

Pero aquél que duerme bajo tierra
Sus huesos de frío se helarán . . .
Aquél que siempre está en tinieblas
Ese, no volverá!

Volverá otra vez la Noche-Buena
Y a la iglesia ireis a rezar;
Y reunidos todos en familia
Volvereis a cenar . . . . .

Pero aquél que a la mesa se sentaba,
Cuyo sitio vacío ha de quedar,
Aquél que está bajo la tierra . . . .
Ese, no volverá!

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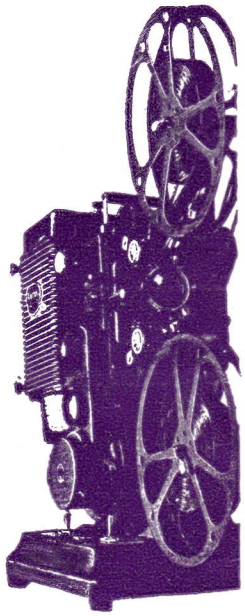

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