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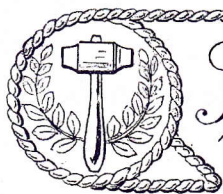
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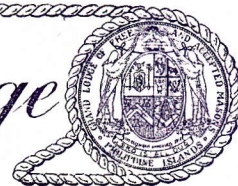
A MASON'S VIEW ON THE ENLIGHTENMENT OF ALL CLASSES

"Senior Pasta said: 'There are too many lawyers now, many of them become mere clerks. Doctors? They insult and abuse one another, and even kill each other in competition for a patient. Laborers, sir, laborers, are what we need, for agriculture!'

"Replying to this, Isagani said: 'Undoubtedly, there are many lawyers, but I won't say there are too many, since we have towns that lack them entirely, and if they do abound in quantity, perhaps they are deficient in quality. Since the young men can't be prevented from studying, and no other professions are open to us, why let them waste their time and effort? And if the instruction, deficient as it is, does not keep many from becoming lawyers and doctors, if we must finally have them, why not good ones? After all, even if the sole wish is to make the country a country of farmers and laborers, and condemn in it all intellectual activity, I don't see any evil in enlightening those same farmers and laborers, giving them at least an education that will aid them in perfecting their work, in placing them in a condition to understand many things of which they are at present ignorant.' " — **JOSE RIZAL**, "The Reign of Greed" — Chapter 15, pp. 145 and 146 of Derbyshire's translation.



The Grand Master's Message



TO THE AMERICAN BRETHREN

By the fortunes of war the Philippines became a dependency of the United States forty-eight years ago. During all the period of time since then, our association has been very cordial and pleasant. You established here a popular government. You linked many of our cities and towns with macadam roads. You brought prosperity to us by harnessing our agriculture, commerce and industry with modern equipment and mechanical energy. And last year you proclaimed before the world the birth of the Philippine Republic which today stands as a monument in the Far East of America's altruism and sense of justice. By the grace of the great and benevolent nation you represent, we are now a free and independent people. Truly, your tutelage has been most charitable, fruitful and beneficial.

For obvious reasons, however, the severance of our political relations has brought us closer together, and made our friendship more warm and enduring. The spiritual bond that binds us has become tighter than ever. This is an eloquent proof that loving kindness, and not weapons or wealth, conquers a nation.

In all the experiments undertaken by your government Masonic influence, no doubt, has played a major part. For the Masonic spirit and ideals have ever been a part and parcel of American lives. They were inculcated unto you from birth. They remain with you until death. They are in your blood. Your Filipino brethren are most anxious to share with you the benefit of this Masonic education. And I know you will not deny them such honor and privilege.

For a purpose like this a lodge room is the appropriate meeting place. I most fraternally invite you, therefore, to visit more frequently our lodges and

take more active part in our activities—social and otherwise—so far as you can do so without serious inconvenience or hardship to yourselves. On special occasions, I expect to see a great number of you among our Filipino brethren just as you see a big delegation of us when we are invited to your lodges. An aggressive and militant Masonry in the Philippines needs your moral support or, for that matter, the support of any other Mason. To all the scandals in our government and the seeming decadence of moral values among our citizens, Masonry can not be indifferent. The situation should spur us to action, and act we must until we secure results that are in consonance with the tenets and principles of our Order.

I wish to inform you that Masonry in these islands has been completely rehabilitated, both materially and spiritually. Our Grand Lodge has a new temple at No. 520 San Marcelino, Manila, where a great majority of our subordinate lodges now hold their regular meetings. Peace and harmony prevail in our valley, with members who are responsive to duty. Attendance at Committee meetings is one hundred per cent. With the support and cooperation of all, but specially of the Past Grand Masters, who are my council of elders and the Grand Officers who are my copilots, much has already been accomplished by the Grand Lodge during the four months of its administration for the year 1947.

It is my ardent hope that you will not let us down—that you will give more tangible proofs of your love for our Venerable Institution by practicing its tenets toward your fellowmen without consideration to race, color or social position, and otherwise by dedicating yourselves to the service of Him who is our Lord and Master.

THE CABLETOW

EDITORIALS

THE MASON AND HIS COUNTRY

A country is not only the territory where man is born but the seat of his affections. The prince and the pauper, the statesman and the soldier, and the saint and the sinner have some kind of an attachment to their native land because its power is their strength and its weakness, their failure. "Tell me your country," said an historian, "and I will tell you who you really are." Many a man has served his land in one way or another. In song and story, the experiences and exploits of heroes and martyrs have been immortalized.

The Mason is no less patriotic in fighting worthy causes for his country's sake. On becoming a member of our Venerable Institution, he is given a solemn charge to be a peaceful citizen, loyal to constituted authorities and just to his country. He does not tolerate disloyalty or rebellion which undermines the very existence of government nor will he be a party to unbridled dictatorship or extreme nationalism which ultimately leads to ruin and disgrace. For centuries, the Mason fought for his country's welfare; its honor is his very own. Because he believes that Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are the foundations of Free Government, he can not and should not allow any man or group of men in his land to replace these three with foreign ideologies and conflicting shibboleths.

The Philippines is a country that has at long last become free. The attainment of this objective is due in a great measure to the efforts of Masonry in spite of discouragements and bitter disappointments from influential sources. The Constitution of the Philippines declares that the Philippines is a republican state; that sovereignty resides in the people and that all government authority emanates from them; it further declares that the defense of the State is a prime duty of government and that in the fulfillment of this duty all citizens may be required by law to render personal military or civil service. These declarations appear masonically inspired; at least Masons had something to do with their inclusion — together with other essential provisions — in the fundamental law of the land. No Mason, therefore living in a sovereign Republic can fail to understand the significance

of independence and the corresponding effort that should be exerted to make it real and lasting. Many a Mason has risked his life to make his country a land of freedom and the Philippines is a notable example.

Jose P. Rizal, the Mason — like many brethren before him — wanted to rid his country of oppression and tyranny. "If one has to die," Rizal wrote, "let him die in his country, by his country, and for his country." Indeed, he was shot at Bagumbayan in December, 1896 but not long after that, the Spanish regime here came to an end.

Jose Abad Santos, another Mason, expressed the conviction that was Brother Rizal's. His earnest desire was to see the liberation of his country from the reign of terror imposed by the enemies. "This is a rare opportunity for me to die for our country," he told his young son, a fellow captive. And his parting words were: "Not everybody is given that chance." Brother Abad Santos too was executed in Malabang, Cotabato in May, 1942; and countless fellowmen suffered the same fate throughout the Japanese occupation. Three years later, the Japanese invaders were driven from our shores and the dreaded Empire of the Mikado is no more.

How rich then is the Mason's contribution and legacy to our people! How great is his suffering and sacrifice for our country! It is not enough that we who are living should be ever grateful. This would just be another empty gesture if we let the many things undone remain thus. Let no brother say that with the birth of this new nation, the fight is over; in reality it has just began. We are actually at war as it were in the Philippines, with the evil effects of the last War. As Masons we must fight corruption, crime and chaos which might get worse day by day. By adopting an "happen-what-may" attitude, we are accused of selfishness and stand convicted of dereliction of the duty expected of us. Of course, we glory in the achievements of the Masons of yesterday but what are the Masons doing for their country today? The tangible proofs, we have yet to see.

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ON RIZAL'S BIRTHDAY

The worth of man can hardly be evaluated until he is dead. If he lived fruitfully and served well, his birthday or date of death is fittingly remembered. In the case of Brother Rizal, both days are celebrated.

February 22 is to Washington and America as June 19 is to Rizal and the Philippines. Both Masons are first in the hearts of their countrymen. Certainly, it is more in keeping with Rizal's ideas if, instead of parading on the streets and holding long drawn out programs wherein his many accomplishments are enumerated over and over again, we pay more serious attention on what we ourselves should do. It is now

eighty-six years since he was born and fifty-one years since he gave his life for our country. Have we followed his advices and continued his program of regeneration? The scandals he exposed and the weaknesses he discovered as accurately depicted in "The Social Cancer" and "The Reign of Greed" are still with us today. To minimize these evils is to do justice to Rizal's memory; to tolerate them, knowing as we do that they are against the principles of Masonry is to contribute toward the ultimate downfall of society and the degradation of our country. May Rizal's birthday be an occasion for re-dedication on our part to the highest interest of our country!

—Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.

◆ OFFICIAL SECTION ◆

Manila, June 12, 1947.

To all the brethren of this
Grand Jurisdiction

Greetings:

This is to advise you that our Most
Worshipful Grand Master EMILIO P.
VIRATA will make official visitations:

June 13, 1947, at 6:00 p.m.

To BIAK NA BATO LODGE
No. 7, WALANA LODGE
No. 13, and ARAW LODGE
No. 18, jointly, at Manila.

June 14, 1947, at 3:00 p.m.

To MOUNT MAINAM LODGE
No. 49, and INDANG LODGE
No. 115, jointly at NAIC,
Cavite.

June 21, 1947, at 5:00 p.m.

To TAGA ILOG LODGE No. 79,
at Manila.

June 28, 1947, at 2:00 p.m.

To LINCOLN LODGE No. 34,
PINATUBO LODGE No. 52,
and ZAMBALES LODGE No.
103, jointly, at OLONGAPO,
Zambales. Leaving Manila 11:00
A.M.

July 3, 1947, at 6:00 p.m.

To MOUNT LEBANON LODGE
No. 80, at Manila.

July 4, 1947, at 2:00 p.m.

To BAGUMBAYAN LODGE No.
4, Manila.

July 5, 1947, at 6:00 p.m.

To LABONG LODGE No. 59, at
Manila.

July 7, 1947, at 6:00 p.m.

To BATONG BUHAY LODGE
No. 27, at Manila.

July 11, 1947, at 5:30 p.m.

To SINUKUAN LODGE No. 16,
at Manila.

July 12, 1947, at 2:00 p.m.

To PANGASINAN LODGE No.
56, and AGNO LODGE No. 75,
jointly at Dagupan, Pangasi-
nan.

July 26, 1947, at 2:00 p.m.

To CABANATUAN LODGE No.
53, MAGAT LODGE No. 68,
NUEVA ECIJA LODGE No. 73,
and MEMORIAL LODGE No.
90, at Cabanatuan, Nueva Eci-
ja, jointly.

Aug. 9, 1947, at 6:00 p.m.

To HIGH TWELVE LODGE
No. 82, at Manila.

Aug. 13, 1947, at 5:30 p.m.

To BAGUMBAYAN LODGE No.
4, at Manila.

Faternally,

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

CIRCULAR No. 5
Series of 1947.
June 4, 1947

To all Subordinate Lodges
in this Grand Jurisdiction

Greetings:

With a view to insuring the privacy
of our Temple, and at the same time
contributing to its improvement, there
is actually an urgent need for building
a wall around the Plaridel Masonic
Temple. This building is the home of
our Grand Lodge and also of all the
Subordinate Lodges and Free Masons
throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Masonic Temples
has estimated that for this purpose it
would be necessary to construct a wall
of adobe stones of about 3 meters high
and 220 meters long. The plan is to
divide the entire length of the wall
into 75 panels of about 3 meters from
pillar to pillar, and the costs of con-
structing each panel is estimated at
P150.00, including labor and materials.

We desire to extend to all Subordi-
nate Lodges and to all members of the
fraternity the privilege and honor of
helping in the construction of this
wall. It is fraternally expected that
each Subordinate Lodge will contri-
bute the costs of one panel on which
the name of the contributing lodge
will be inscribed or posted. The privi-
lege and honor can also be availed
of by any member of the fraternity of
this as well as of other Grand Juris-
dictions, and the name of such member
contributing the costs of one panel will
likewise be inscribed or posted there-
on. Any Lodge or any member there-
of may contribute or donate the costs
of more than one panel and have its
or his name inscribed or posted on as
many panels as contributed by it or by
him.

It is the common desire of all in the
fraternity to look up at the Plaridel
Masonic Temple as the result of their
joint labor so that it could be said that
the Temple has been reconstructed by
the common efforts and enthusiasm
of all the Masons and Lodges of this
Jurisdiction.

Please answer this fraternal appeal
as promptly as convenient, as it is de-
sired to begin the construction of the
much needed wall immediately or not
later than July, 1947. Send in your
contribution or donation now and per-
petuate the name of your Lodge or the
name of any particular member of the
fraternity.

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meters and the midst of beautiful
surroundings. We feel that we must
make this improvement in keeping with
the times and in compliance with the
demand of its fine environs.

EMILIO P. VIRATA
Grand Master

ATTEST:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

CIRCULAR No. 6
Series of 1947.

To all Subordinate Lodges
in this Grand Jurisdiction

Greetings:

This is to advise you that the report
of the Committee on Jurisprudence re-
commending the establishment of a Re-
search Council as a Special Committee
of the Grand Lodge has my endorse-
ment. The basis follow:

1. That Research Council shall be
under the control, supervision
and administration of an execu-
tive committee composed of all
elected Grand Officers of the
Grand Lodge, the Grand Mas-
ter as its President, the De-
puty Grand Master as its Vice-
President, the Treasurer as its
Treasurer, and the Grand Sec-
retary as its Secretary;
2. That three or more members
shall be sufficient to constitute
a quorum for any meeting of
said Committee, and all ques-
tions shall be decided by a
majority of the members pres-
ent at any such meeting;
3. That the Executive Committee
shall have the following pow-
ers and duties:

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- a. To make arrangements for lectures to be delivered in any Masonic or public reunion, on subjects which are educational, cultural or of informative value and which will enhance the knowledge of the brethren in any branch of the arts and sciences.
 - b. To gather material for the publication of any work and arrange for the printing of books, pamphlets, dramas, poetry, translation by any Brother and to exhibit, exemplify or dramatize any work on masonic themes;
 - c. To organize contests, sponsor private or public functions, confer prizes, diplomas, or other kinds of rewards for the work of any Brother distinguishing himself in such contests or functions;
 - d. To give donations in the form of money, or other suitable rewards for those taking part in such contests; and
 - e. To receive voluntary contributions, donations or prizes offered by brethren or non-Masons.
4. That every subordinate Lodge is hereby declared to be a branch of the said Masonic Research Council and, as such should extend its cooperation and collaboration for the attainment of the ends herein set forth, the Worshipful Master and officers to prepare yearly a program of Masonic Education for their members with the right to request assistance from the Executive Committee, and to submit for the consideration of the said Committee any suggestion which may be conducive to the realization of the purposes and objectives of said Masonic Research Council;
5. That all brethren are requested to send immediately to the Executive Committee all written articles, pamphlets, speeches, orations, conferences, or other documents which they think are important in Masonic Education so that the said Executive Committee could study and examine them and make such use of the same as it believes most suited to the proper information of the Lodges and brethren in general;

- 6. That the Grand Master shall report annually to the Grand Lodge upon the activities of the Masonic Research Council during his year of office and make his recommendations as to the future activities of the same.

In consonance with the foregoing a set of Rules and Regulations for the government of the Council is now being prepared by the Committee.

You are fraternally requested to lend your assistance to this important undertaking and help make of the Council an instrumentality for the furtherance of Masonic education in our Grand Jurisdiction.

DONE at the City of Manila, this 5th day of June, 1947.

EMILIO P. VIRATA
Grand Master

ATTEST:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

MINUTES

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND EDUCATION HELD AT THE PLARIDEL MASONIC TEMPLE ON JUNE 6, 1947, at 5:45 P.M.

PRESENT:

- M. W. Grand Master Emilio P. Virata.
- M. W. Grand Secretary Antonio Gonzalez, who acted as Secretary for the Committee.
- Wor. Bros. Florentino Cayco, Chairman; José C. Velo, Zoilo M. Galang, Aurelio L. Corcuera, Michael Goldenberg, and J. W. Ferrier.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master explained to the Committee the purpose of Circular No. 4 which he read. Agreeable to said circular it was unanimously approved to prepare the history of Philippine Masonry under the following heading:

- I—History of Masonry in the Philippines:
 - (1) History of Masonry up to 1898;
 - (2) History of Masonry during the American regime;
 - (3) Masonic activities (under-

ground) during Japanese occupation;

- (4) Scottish Rite.
- II—Brief History of Subordinate Lodges.
- III—Outstanding achievements of individual Masons.
- IV—Anthology of Masonic Literature in the Philippines.
- V—Masonic historical Landmarks in the Philippines.

It was also unanimously approved to recommend to the Grand Master the appointment of the following brethren to undertake the work: Zoilo M. Galang, J. W. Ferrier, E. A. Perkins, Leo Fischer, Antonio Gonzalez, J. C. Balmaceda, Aurelio L. Corcuera and Dominador Gallardo.

M. W. Bro. M. Goldenberg offered his services while in the United States to find out the cost of printing and other pertinent matters in connection with the book to be published. His offer was accepted with thanks.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Secretary

APPROVED:

EMILIO P. VIRATA
Grand Master

CIRCULAR No. 7
Series of 1947.

GREETINGS:

SUBJECT: BIRTHDAY OF BROTHER JOSÉ P. RIZAL

June 19th—being the birthday of our departed brother, Dr. José P. Rizal,—and as per resolution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines, all Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction are hereby enjoined to commemorate the day in a manner most fitting and proper. For record purposes you will send a complete report of your program to the office of the Grand Secretary.

This year the Lodges in the City of Manila and the province of Rizal will celebrate jointly the occasion. In the program is the Monthly Masonic Dinner under the auspices of the Lodges in Rizal which event will take place

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on said day, June 19th, at 6:00 p.m., at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila.

DONE at the City of Manila, this 9th day of June, 1947.

EMILIO P. VIRATA
Grand Master

ATTEST:

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

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REPORT

March 27, 1947.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master
Grand Lodge of the Philippines
Manila.

Most Worshipful Sir:

Your Special Committee to name the Halls of the Plaridel Masonic Temple begs leave to submit the following report:

That the five halls of the Plaridel Masonic Temple be, as they are hereby named,

ABAD SANTOS HALL
KALAW HALL
PALMA HALL
McFIE HALL, and
COMFORT HALL.

Our reasons for naming these halls after five of our defunct Past Grand Masters are explained as follows:

1. The Assembly Hall or rather the big lodge hall is named after Past Grand Master JOSE ABAD SANTOS, who, in our opinion, was the personification of that celebrated artist in our Masonic legend that chose rather to lay down his life than to forfeit his integrity. He was also the veritable counterpart of JACQUES DE MOLAY who preferred to give his life rather than reveal the names of his confreres. JOSE ABAD SANTOS died as a true Mason in the hands of the enemy, murdered in cold blood, for having refused to cooperate with the barbarous invaders of the Philippine soil.

2. To honor one of the most erudite Masonic scholars, PGM TEODORO MANGUIAT KALAW, we believe that by placing his name on one of the small lodge halls of the Temple, we will be perpetuating his memory, thus to serve as an emulation for the Masonic generations to come.

3. To a no less distinguished Masonic scholar, PGM RAFAEL PALMA Y VELASQUEZ, the author of Rizal's Biography, who, with his convincing arguments, made patent our belief that JOSE RIZAL never retracted from Masonry, we honor and place his name on one of the small lodge halls. It is a matter of history that the Masonic conviction of Don Rafael Palma has remained unstinted until his death.

4. In order to venerate the name of another Past Grand Master who died in the hands of the enemy while interned in a Concentration Camp, we propose to place his name on the hall that at present house the Officers of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary. He is no other than PGM JOHN R. McFIE, Jr., the last Grand Master when the war broke out.

5. Last, but not least, we propose to name the Social Hall of the Temple after another PGM who has done more than any other for bringing about the unification of Masonry in the Philippines. He is no other than the Grand Secretary Emeritus, Past Grand Master NEWTON C. COMFORT. His name is not only enigmatic to serve as the name of our social hall, but symbolic of that which brings peace of mind in moments of relaxation. Newton C. Comfort was one of the most enthusiastic Masons we have ever had and perhaps one of the few Philippine Masons who have placed the name of our Grand Lodge in the concert of Universal Brotherhood.

Fraternally submitted.

(Sgd.) Julian C. Balmaseda

(Sgd.) Luther Bewley

(Sgd.) Inigo Ed. Regalado

RIZAL'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED

The monthly masonic dinner honoring Brother Jose Rizal's birthday was held on June 19, 1947 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila. The sponsors of the affair are the Lodges of Rizal province, namely: Silanganan No. 19, Labong No. 59, Muog No. 89, Noli Me Tangere, U.D., and Marikina, U.D.

The order of the program is as follows: 6:00-7:00 Dinner; 7:00-7:15, Opening Remarks by Wor. Bro. Roman Lorenzo, Master of Muog Lodge No. 89; 7:15-7:45, Entertainment by Frankie Gomez and his KZRH Radio Stars; 7:45-8:00, Introduction of the Guest Speaker by Wor. Bro. A. B. Aquino, P.M., Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4; 8:00-8:45, Address by Bro. Emilio M. Javier; 8:45-9:00, Address by M. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (broadcast by remote control over Station KZRH).

Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez delivered a few remarks dealing with Dr. Rizal as a Mason. The other addresses will appear in subsequent issues of THE CABLETOW.

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

BAGUMBAYAN NO. 4

A very successful meeting was held by this Lodge in connection with the Rizal Day Program held on June 11, 1947. Brethren from various lodges including some from the provinces were in attendance. Brother Camilo Osias was the principal speaker for the occasion.

Brother Osias began by telling his hearers that before he had a chance to study the life and writings of Dr. Jose Rizal, he doubted that Rizal who was born on June 19, 1861 and martyred on Dec. 30, 1896, could have made himself great in only 35 years. After having studied the life history of Dr. Rizal and his writings, he became convinced that Dr. Jose Rizal was not only great but he was also good. There are, in history everywhere, he said, many great men, but invariably, these great men have not been good, and also, there are a countless number of good men, but they have not been great. Dr. Jose Rizal is one of the very few who was both great and good. He was a linguist, a doctor of medicine and an eye specialist, a poet, and artist, a musician, a duelist, an agriculturist, an engineer, a patriot and a martyr.

He worked and fought for his people. He showed special interest in their needs. In his exile at Dapitan, he constructed a water supply system to provide for the needs of his countrymen there.

Rizal lived a fruitful life. He was a complete and logical thinker. He guessed right in the prediction for the future of his country in his book, "The Philippines, a Century Hence." He thought with certainty and with conviction.

On the supposed retraction of Dr. Jose Rizal, Dr. Osias said that the logical mentality of Dr. Rizal, his knowing completely what he was doing, and his strong convictions as shown in what he did, and what he decided in life, and in his writings showed that he, Dr. Jose Rizal, was not the type of a man to retract. Yet, if he retracted from the crime he was accused of and was still shot, it showed how heinously criminal were those responsible for his being shot at Bagumbayan Field on that early December morning of the 30th, 1896.

NILAD NO. 12

This Lodge has recently elected to Life Membership, the following: Bro. Nazario A. Santos and Bro. Rafael Agleham.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master made his official visitation to this Lodge on June 7, 1947. Among the numbers in the interesting program presented were: Reception of the visiting Brethren as well as of the families and friends of members of Nilad Lodge; reception of the Most Wor. Grand Master and his Party; short talks by the Master of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Jose E. Racela, Wor. Brothers M. Gonzales, E. Quijano, Sixto Tenmatay; then came the main address by the Most Wor. Grand Master. Musical numbers were contributed by Mrs. Macario Ofilada, Jose Racela, Jr., Miss A. Ofilada and others. Mrs. Gregorio Vicente responded on behalf of the families present at the occasion. Due credit goes to the Ladies Committee composed of Mrs. Mariano Gonzales, Mrs. Macario Ofilada, Mrs. Gregorio A. Vicente, Mrs. Antonio Gonzalez and Mrs. Jose E. Racela. The affair was one of the most instructive gatherings held so far.

MARIKINA, U. D.

The Marikina Lodge, U. D., held its stated meeting on June 21, 1947 with the following officers: Wor. Master, Catalino S. Cruz; Senior Warden, Florencio Ilagan; Junior Warden, Patrio del Rosario; Treasurer, Mauro Baradi; Secretary, Jose M. Santos; Senior Deacon, Julian S. Mendoza; Junior Deacon, Irineo Cruz Alarilla and Tyler, Benjamin T. Araniego. Among the various matters taken up at the meeting were the appointment of a Library Committee with the following: Bro. Mauro Baradi, Chairman, Bros. Candido Perez and Sesenio Rivera, members. The Budget Committee was also created with Bro. Mauro Baradi as chairman and Bros. Jose M. Santos and Florencio Ilagan as members.

After the meeting Wor. Master Cruz offered a *merienda* to the visiting brethren and friends. In the evening the brethren were invited by Bro. Mauro Baradi at his Marikina home where a "Bowling Tournament" was held.

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Lodges—56; Members—7,949;
Gain—550

The sixty-ninth annual communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Albuquerque, on October 21, 1946. Hiram Lodge No. 13 opened Lodge as a Special Communication. After opening the officers of Hiram Lodge vacated their stations and the Grand Lodge officers occupied them. As soon as the Grand Master had ascertained that a constitutional number of lodges were represented, he declared Hiram Lodge closed and the Grand Lodge duly opened. All Grand Lodge officers, 13 of the 25 living Past Grand Masters were present, and 49 of the 56 constituent lodges were represented.

This Grand Lodge held four special communication during the year: On September 14, 1945, to conduct the funeral of M. W. P. G. M. Nathan Jaffa; on November 7, 1945, for installation of the Grand Sword Bearer; on December 3, 1945 for the purpose of installing the Senior Grand Warden, and on March 4, 1946, to dedicate and consecrate the new hall of Cimarron Lodge No. 14.

Two Past Grand Masters fell to the Grim Reaper during the year, as did also R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, who had

served continuously as Grand Secretary from 1884—52 years.

The Grand Master granted 33 dispensations, three of which were to hold out-door meetings which he declared to be inspirational and worthwhile. He also granted the use in ritualistic work by one lodge of a portion of the third degree ritualistic work of the Iowa Grand Jurisdiction.

Among 15 decisions, we find the following: A petitioner for the degrees had had his cords clipped. Was he eligible? Ruling of the Grand Master of West Virginia in 1945 followed and petitioner held eligible; that the Grand Lodge may not be convened on Sunday to lay a cornerstone, and that a candidate cannot be required to meet with the Committee though he may be requested to do so. (All these were approved).

The Grand Master devotes several pages to a discussion of the recognition of sister Grand Lodges, particularly those of Mexico, and advocates the recognition of all those which comply with the usual requirements. He also gives time to set forth the advantages of attendance upon the four annual Masonic conferences held in the City of Washington in February.

He comments upon the efforts of the so-called "higher degrees" to secure

members, suggests that getting them too early in the Masonic life of the applicant secured, is but weakening their own structure and bidding for inferior material. He suggests this should be remedied by these bodies themselves, but admonishes all that blue Lodge Masonry is the highest Masonic authority in New Mexico.

He reported attendance at 31 Masonic gatherings during his term, and recommended that membership be continued in the Masonic Service Association, the Grand Masters Conference, and the Grand Secretaries Conference, which was approved.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico has not had a Grand Orator in the past, but the M. W. Grand Master appointed W. Brother John W. Hall, Senior Grand Deacon, to that office, and he prepared a very thought-provoking oration which every American Mason, at least, should read.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended several changes in the Grand Lodge By-Laws, all of which were adopted.

After the usual statistical tables, the proceedings as printed contain the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in which the proceedings of 44 sister Grand Jurisdictions are reviewed.

For Survey Works:

PRIVATE LANDS:

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THE PRESENT ROLE OF FREEMASONRY

By Wor. Bro. ISIDRO MAKABALI
Pampanga Lodge No. 48

(Excerpts of Speech Delivered on April 12, 1947, in connection with the conferring of the Sublime Degree on Bro. Charles R. Abel)

Allow me to say a few remarks regarding the role of Freemasonry at this time. The whole world is suffering from the effects of the last War; it is now confronted with conflicting ideologies, principally that of Democracy on the one hand and Communism on the other. Democracy which is akin to Masonry proclaims liberty, equality and fraternity. Communism is just the contrary; it is based on the theory that all things are held in common. Whether Communism holds sway in our country is at times a matter of opinion. We know, however, that in Central Luzon there is terrorism; we hear of murders, kidnappings, and robberies. What is the Masonic Fraternity doing to help remedy this condition? Now is the opportune time to combat these evils. Tomorrow might be too late. If our country is a Democracy why should we not make it so both in theory and in practice? The various freedoms guaranteed to every man by our fundamental law must be respected and preserved for the peace-loving and law abiding citizens. Unfortunately there are so many injustices being perpetrated and the authors—some of them—take pride in the fact that the law can do nothing against them for they have force, influence and the means to defeat justice itself. To us society is not safe if the citizens live in fear; if they are deprived of their life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without due process of law. I reiterate, we as Masons must counteract the growing menace of lawlessness in our country today.

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

By Wor. Bro. PABLO C. MARIANO
Kasilawan Lodge No. 77

It is with deep regret to note that there seems to be serious ailments prevalent among the members of this Lodge (No. 77) and other Lodges; a malignant cancer that, to my mind, needs urgent spiritual operation; it requires injection of obligatory self-consciousness for it is gnawing slowly but surely our moral masonic fiber and destroying the very foundation of our brotherly spirit that may lead to the

collapse of our fraternal edifice. I refer to those brethren who became Past Masters, and after receiving their Past Master's Jewels, they lost personal interest and enthusiasm in the work of the craft; they lost their aesthetic sense of appreciation in the beauty of our labors; they seldom attend stated meetings and only visit the lodge occasionally. They begin to lose confidence in themselves and begin to doubt even the sacred principles and the good tenets of Freemasonry. How many of our Past Masters are now dormant? How many of them have been suspended for non-payment of dues, not because they could not afford to pay, but simply because they intentionally neglect to pay? How many of them are here in the City of Manila, but they do not show up in the Lodge? Many of them. I repeat my brethren that I am referring to Past Masters in general.

I was thinking and I have the impression that those brethren have the wrong conception that when a brother is elected Master of his Lodge, the moment he leaves his position in the East, the time he vacates the Oriental Chair and receives his Past Master's Jewels as a token of appreciation and gratitude of his brethren for his past efforts, he had already attained the summit of his career as a Mason. I do believe they are entirely mistaken, for if we concede that Masonry is the true symbol of SERVICE and therefore, synonymous to continuous sacrifice, if we believe that Masonry stands for what it is and for what it should be, then a Past Master is just beginning to enter the threshold of his obligations assigned to him by this great organization to which he belongs. While it is true that a Past Master is relieved of his burden of supervisory power and authority over the Lodge he is called to preside, yet there still remains over his shoulders his endless duties and responsibilities as a Mason towards God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, to his Country, to his Neighbor, and to his Fellow-beings.

In expressing my views on the subject, I am prompted by no other purpose and desire but to advocate an early reform and to expound a sound constructive criticism, for I think it was Bro. Jose Rizal who was himself a true Mason who said, "break the bottle that the essence and fragrance may spread." My dear brethren, if there really exists such an ailment, the cure is in our own hands.

My brethren, if I had exposed to you

the so-called malignant cancer, I have no ulterior motive but to call your attention to the seriousness of the situation; to improve our stock and produce a better quality of Masons, Masons ever conscious of their moral and fraternal obligations, Masons who will place the interest of Masonry over and above personal and self-aggrandizement, Masons who will give light and add luster to our time-honored institution; Masons who will be looked upon as model citizens of their respective community, Masons who will be **REAL-
LY MASON**S in the strict sense of the word. I thank you.

DISSEMINATION OF MASONRY*

By MARIA LUISA A. VICENTE

Allow me to thank the members of Nilad Lodge No. 12 for this honor of addressing you in the name of their families. It is indeed a rare privilege and a great challenge. It is a privilege because I know that there are others who can very well represent the members' families. It is a challenge because it calls for courage to make use of this opportunity to express honestly my impressions of the Masonic fraternity of today.

To the ladies now present permit to tell you that this event is indeed unique in the history of Masonic lodges under the York rite. Unique because ladies were never allowed into the Masonic halls and together with the members of the Lodge greet the Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in their official visitation during a stated meeting. Ladies had been invited before to public installations, funeral services, and Masonic luncheons, but never to a stated meeting, so for the first time Nilad Lodge No. 12 is breaking a Masonic tradition in including their ladies. To the members of this lodge, we, therefore, humbly and sincerely say, "We are grateful for the honor bestowed on us."

It is quite evident that the purpose of this event is to acquaint the ladies of the principles, ideals and practices of Masonry. Indeed it is about time that Masons should do this if they ever hope to escape from the clutches of ignorance due to religious fanaticism.

May I tell you how I first became conscious of the Masonic movement?

* Speech delivered at Nilad Lodge No. 12, in connection with the official visitation (public) of M. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines and the Grand Officers, June 7, 1947, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

My father became a Mason in 1896 in Walana Lodge No. 158, now No. 13. That was six years before I was born. In those days to be a member of the fraternity was just like signing your death warrant. I was about 12 years old when I first heard of Masonry. Father was telling me one of his experiences during the revolution. He had a cousin who was brought up in a convent and like a true Roman Catholic the cousin divulged to her Father Confessor that her brother and cousin were Masons. Next day my uncle was asked to appear before the Archbishop of Manila. Nothing was heard of him until after a week when he was brought home very ill. He told his family that he was kept in one of the cells of Fort Santiago for being a Mason. He died after three days. Father, in the meantime, kept going from one house to another trying to evade arrest until finally a brother Mason told him to leave Manila. Father frankly told his friend that he could not leave Mother who was soon to have a baby. The friend assured Father that Mother would be taken care of. He was asked to leave immediately for Olongapo. Thinking that Father might be caught on the way and that his identity would be revealed, the Brother Mason asked for Father's cedula and gave his own ce-

dula in exchange. He left before Father could remonstrate.

Father ended his narrative by saying that he owed his life to his friend. To my question as to why his friend made that risk, my father said, "Because he is a Mason." "What is a Mason?" I queried. "A Mason is a man who loves God and never fails a brother in distress." I was too young then to understand the import of that statement, but quite old enough to know that it was a Mason who helped and saved my father.

Father had allowed me to read his books in Architecture and Masonry, for these were the only ones that were not locked and not kept away from our hands. He never gave me a chance to get hold of his Spanish novels so that I had only Architecture and Masonry for reading matter. But between these two subjects, I chose Masonry. Books on Masonry fascinated me with their stories of Santa Inquisition. I also learned from them that in Spain cardinals and high church dignitaries, as well as ladies, were tortured to death because they had joined the Masonic Fraternity.

Yesterday, women were trained to cook, sew, wash, and bear children. They had only the church and the market to go to. Now, women are educated primarily to learn a profession

or trade. Education and training for better citizenship and wiser motherhood are not given due emphasis hence they are not fully equipped to assume civic and home responsibilities. Women, therefore, are not entirely to be blamed. Men must not always let women have their own way especially when they are heading the wrong direction. Man must be masculine enough to assert his authority over that of his wife, when prestige and principles are involved. Have women been given the opportunity to hear and understand what Masonry stands for? Have you taken them into your confidence and imbued them with the ideals of your fraternity? No. Naturally, you cannot have the women endorse a movement which they do not understand.

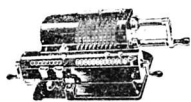
Many still persist to keep women groping in the dark for a knowledge of that thing they call Masonry. Masonry has always been thought of by them to be a secret society. But there is no secret about it, that should be known, more so now that religious toleration is practiced in this country. If ever women are still being used as tools by the church, it is because they are still kept ignorant of the principles and ideals of Masonry. Given the chance to know more about the fraternity, you can rest assured that the Filipino women, who are naturally in-



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clined to lofty ideals, will adhere to the Masonic cause.

I may say in here, that it was because I have heard of and seen Masonry in action early in life that I had preferred a Mason for a husband.

If the Masons are really intent in their desire to make the Masonic movement grow and have it disseminated, it is about time that they act now. Let us start right in the home. It is in the home where we have to lay the foundations upon which we will build as we go on our crusade to spread Masonry. We must start with our children. Let us nurture them in Masonic ideals and teachings even before they can fully understand them. Always the first principles of education is to excite curiosity, awaken interest. Tell them stories, incidents, anecdotes, experiences and even jokes relative to Masonry. Then about the time that they are seven years old, they must have had the Masonic spirit in them. Let them live in a Masonic atmosphere. Then and only then can the Fraternity be safe. "Let me have a child until he is seven then you can have him the rest of his years," once said a philosopher.

Is Masonry today the same as the Masonry of yore? From an outsider's point of view, the rituals—yes, but the essence and practice, — no. Before, a man voluntarily seeks to be a member

of a lodge, today Masons campaign for memberships. The result is that you get them in quantity; with few quality Masons. Then, it was a requisite that a man's life could stand a rigid and careful scrutiny prior to his being accepted. Now, the qualifications do not go beyond having a good and secure position which makes him desirable for contact purposes. Also sad to note is the fact that nowadays members are accepted as long as he is in a position to pay for his dues and fees. No further attempts to study the inner life of an applicant for membership in a lodge are done. His moral weakness, if he had any, was screened and remedied by applying tolerance. Hence, they fail to take in a quality member, but succeeds in having one who will indiscriminately use the fraternity for his own convenience.

If there is an erring brother, the members deliberately, and without any serious thought, close their eyes and say, "Let us be tolerant." There is where the word "tolerant" is grossly misused. We must find a way of bringing these erring brothers to the path of righteousness. And tolerance is not the way. It cannot and must not be the way. It is and must be moral courage.

In closing, let me quote Joseph Fort Newton,—“Whatever needs to be done in any community the Masons ought to

be the leaders in doing it, because they are Builders. Every Masonic Lodge ought to be a social and civic center, where designs are drawn upon the Trestleboard for the common good, regardless of sect or party.

“If we work together wisely, keeping the human touch and the spiritual vision, our experiments will ripen into a fruitful experience of how the spirit and principles of Freemasonry can be practically applied to the life and service of our generation.

“The lodge that simply makes Masons, and does not teach Masonry, does only half its work, or does its work only half way. If we do not know Masonry ourselves, if we do not know how to teach it to our young initiates, if our lodges become simply mills grinding out degrees, our Freemasonry will sink to the level of a club—useful as such, but in nowise unique—losing its original purpose and power, and its great opportunity in our own day.”

I sincerely hope and pray that the members of the Fraternity, that of Nilad Lodge No. 12 especially will never let Freemasonry degenerate into a club but would try every ways and means “to seek to build men and then to make them Brothers and Builders for Masonry is made up of strong men, picked men—sworn and trained to make righteousness and goodwill prevail.”

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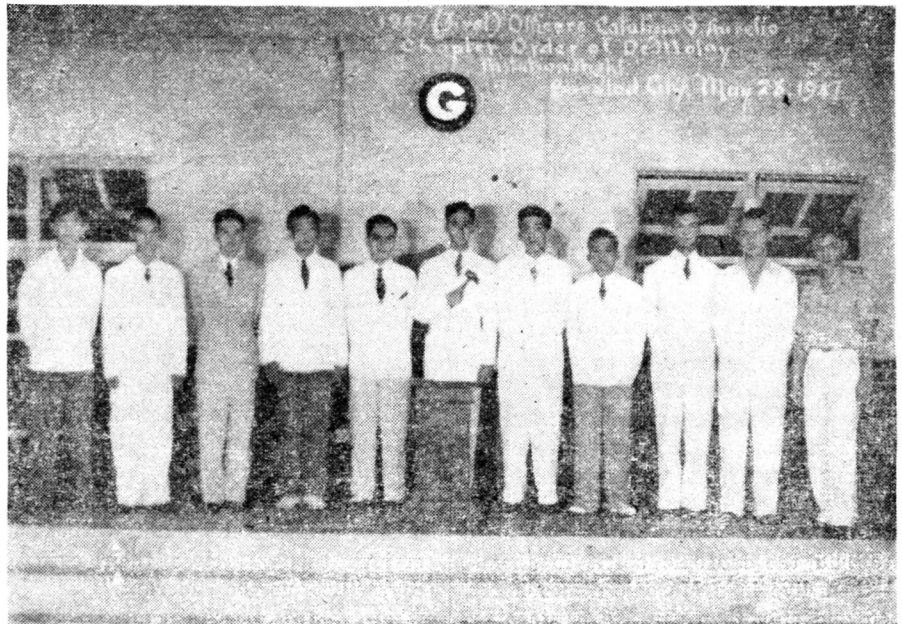
JOSE ABAD SANTOS CHAPTER, ORDER OF DeMOLAY

PUBLIC MAJORITY SERVICE

With Manila City Mayor, Hon. Valeriano Fugoso as guest of honor, Jose Abad Santos Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held a public Majority Service on June 22, 1947, at 4:00 p.m., at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila. The Jose Abad Santos Hall was filled to capacity by parents and friends of the DeMolays. Chapter Advisor, Enrique A. Lolarga, made the opening remarks giving a birds eye view of the organization and the principles it inculcates which are Love of Parents, Patriotism, Reverence, Cleanness, Courtesy, Comradeship and Fidelity.

Introduced by Dr. Mauro Baradi, member of the Advisory Council, Mayor Fugoso said it was a privilege to address the representative group of young men whose ideals in life are as rich as their future is bright. "I understand," he continued, "that most of the members of this group are sons of Masons. Your elders are the regular members of an ancient institution which has expanded its activities to all parts of the world promoting the social betterment of all peoples. Here you will be privileged to enjoy the benefits of good fellowship; you will form such ties of friendship that will pay substantial dividends in time in the form of improved and harmonious human relations; here you will infuse in your character and soul, the fine qualities of manhood which constitute the basis of happiness and success. In the years to come, you will find that the experience, training and education gained in your group will serve you in good stead. At this stage of your development, you have joined an organization one of whose objectives is to practice and promote manly virtues. Individual discipline, observance of regulation, respect for law and constituted authority, love for and cooperation with the neighbor, charity for the weak and downtrodden, and belief in God are fine things in life. These, I am sure, you will absorb, possess and treasure as members of the Order of DeMolay."

Acting Deputy of the Grand Council in the Philippines, Emilio P. Virata, presently Grand Master of Masons, congratulated the officers and members of Jose Abad Santos for the able manner in which they performed the impressive service. He said that he found in the City Mayor a staunch sup-



*1947 (First) Officers of Catalino G. Aurelio
Chapter, Order of DeMolay Installation Night,
Bacolod City, May 28, 1947.*

CATALINO G. AURELIO CHAPTER, ORDER OF DeMOLAY

The distinction of being the first Chapter of the Order of DeMolay organized in the Visayas goes to Catalino G. Aurelio Chapter of Bacolod City. It was named in honor of a Past Master of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, F. & A.M. who was killed by the enemy while helping the guerrillas at Hinigaran, Negros Occidental during the first year of Jap occupation. The installation of its first officers was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Luzuriaga St., Bacolod City, May 28, 1947. The following are the officers for 1947: Rafael Salas, Master Councilor; Arturo H. Villanueva, Jr., Senior Council; Edward M. Matti, Junior Councilor; Angel A. Salas, Jr., Treasurer; Roberto W. Medel, Scribe; Godofredo Villanueva, Jr., Senior Deacon; Samuel Espinosa, Junior Deacon;

porter of the Order and hoped that he would continue his interest in promoting the activities of this great organization. He assured him that if all the young men in the City of Manila are DeMolays, the problem of peace and order is solved.

The following DeMolays who have attained the age of 21 were presented to the community as public spirited citizens: Ernesto Rivera, Past Master Councilor; Jesus Vergara, Past Master Councilor; and Roberto Herrera.

Roberto Bailon, Senior Steward; Alberto Matti, Junior Steward; Antonio L. Lopez, Chaplain; Wenceslao Buenaventura, Marshal; and Ernesto Domingo, Sentinel. They were installed by Judge David Fuentebella, Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Council with Artemio Villanueva as Marshal. Advisor of the Chapter is Dr. E. S. Salas who was recently the recipient of a Zerrubabel Key awarded to him by the Grand Council for organizing the Catalino G. Aurelio Chapter.

In his inaugural speech, the Master Councilor, Rafael Salas, stated that the DeMolay organization is not a religion neither is it anti-religious. "It believes" he said, "in God and its members are enjoined to be religious and to go to church regularly. It respects all faiths. It is not a junior Masonic body nor does it assure future membership in masonic bodies. It is a fraternity which aims to cultivate in the youth such virtues as are needed during these turbulent days. It gives no room for bigotry and intolerance. It believes that through the practice of the virtues of filial love, reverence for God, comradeship, courtesy, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism, it can make the youth of today better men and better prepared to assume the responsibilities of life that await them. And finally, it believes that a young man so tempered, should be a more devoted son, a kinder and more helpful neighbor, and a more patriotic citizen of his country."



SECCION CASTELLANA
NOTAS EDITORIALES

EN EL DIA DE RIZAL

Por acuerdo de nuestra Gran Logia, el día 19 de los corrientes se ha fijado como el día de Rizal para nuestras Logias. En ese día debemos conmemorar el natalicio de nuestro héroe y Mártir, el Hermano Masón que supo aplicar en su vida de todos los días las prácticas lecciones que aprendiera en nuestros talleres.

La resignación no siempre es virtud, es crimen cuando alienta tiranías. Nada nos ha impresionado mas como este pasaje suyo en su libro inmortal. Como Masón tenía fe en las luchas del pensamiento, y no en la de las armas. Como Masón quería ver a su patria preparada para una vida de democracia y emancipación,—democracia en su estructura política, y emancipación no solamente política sino también moral y espiritual. Veía a su patria morir en el ambiente inficionado de esclavitud política y moral; veía a su patria hundirse en la oscuridad intelectual que asfixiaba su mente. Y dió la señal de alarma. Fue su pueblo un pueblo resignado, un pueblo paciente, un pueblo dado a la vida fácil de cómodo conformismo. Contra esto había que dar la voz de alarma. Si se había de levantar al pueblo del letar-

go que le mataba, había que enseñarle a no ser siempre resignado, a levantar dignamente la voz de protesta, a sacudir el marasmo del mal traído conformismo, y por eso escribió, y escribió mucho; pero su primera admonición fue contra ese conformismo mal entendido, esa resignación que no servía mas que para alentar al tirano a ser mas cruel, más déspota, más lobo de sus semejantes.

“Es un crimen alentar tiranías,” pues, como Masón aprendió desde un principio que la lucha habrá de ser siempre contra todo tirano ya en las esferas de la política como en las de la religión, o en cualesquier otras de las múltiples actividades del hombre.

Todavía alientan en nuestro ambiente esas tiranías contra quienes habrá que luchar. Aún resuena en nuestros oídos el eco de predicaciones subversivas en el campo político y religioso. Nuestro suelo no está aún libre de esta peste. No nos crucemos de brazos. No nos demos a la cómoda idea del conformismo. Luchemos una vez más que “la resignación es siempre un crimen cuando alienta tiranías.” (Antonio González, F. P. S.)

ANTIGUOS LINDEROS O LIMITES

Continuando con nuestro tema del mes anterior, vamos a principiar ahora con traer a estas páginas lo que por algunos autores se ha creído como si fuera el verdadero cuerpo de ANTIGUOS LINDEROS O LIMITES DE LA FRANC-MASONERÍA.

Uno de los escritores mas prolíficos es el tratadista ALBERT G. MACKEY que enumera veinticinco en la forma siguiente:

(1) Los modos de reconocimiento. Según Mackey, los modos de reconocimiento son los mas legítimos e invariables;

(2) La división de la Masonería simbólica en tres (3) grados;

(3) La leyenda del grado tercero, pues, no hay masonería en ninguna parte del mundo en la cual no se haya preservado siquiera las partes esenciales de esta leyenda. Según él, el lenguaje o la forma podría variar; pero la substancia siempre ha permanecido la misma. Cualquier rito que quisiera excluir esta leyenda convertiría a la organización en una organización no masónica;

(4) El gobierno de la organización masónica por un Hermano o funcionario conocido o llamado el Gran Maestro;

(5) La prerrogativa del Gran Maestro de presidir toda asamblea de la organización masónica, ya en la Gran Logia o ya en las Logias subordinadas;

(6) La prerrogativa del Gran Maestro a conceder dispensas para conferir grados en tiempos irregulares;

(7) La prerrogativa del Gran Maestro a conceder dispensas para abrir Logias y establecer las mismas por el tiempo que crea conveniente y necesario;

(8) La prerrogativa del Gran Maestro de hacer masones sin el procedimiento señalado y requerido por los rituales, o sea, lo que en inglés se conoce como THE PRIVILEGE OF THE GRAND MASTER TO MAKE MASONS AT SIGHT;

(9) La necesidad de que los MASONES se congreguen en Logias;

(10) El gobierno de una Logia por un Venerable Maestro y dos Vigilantes, conocidos como Primer y Segundo Vigilantes;

(11) La necesidad de que una Logia, cuando esté congregada, debe estar a cubierto;

(12) El derecho de todo Masón de estar representado en toda asamblea de la Gran Logia y de instruir a su representante en sus deseos;

(13) El derecho de todo masón de apelar de la decisión de sus Hermanos reunidos en convención a la Gran Logia ó a la Asamblea General de MASONES;

(14) El derecho de todo Masón de visitar cualquier Logia y de sentarse entre sus Hermanos;

(15) El derecho de toda Logia de no admitir a ningún Masón a menos que el mismo sea en primer lugar examinado de acuerdo con las antiguas prácticas;

(16) El hecho de que ninguna Logia pueda intervenir en los asuntos de cualesquiera otra Logia, ni conferir grados a miembro alguno de otra Logia;

(17) El hecho de que todo Masón está sujeto a las leyes y regulaciones de la Jurisdicción Masónica en donde él reside, aunque no sea un miembro de la misma;

(18) El que todo solicitante a nuestra institución debe reunir estas cualidades (a) ser varón, (b) libre de nacimiento, y (c) de edad legal; (continuaremos en el mes siguiente) Antonio Gonzalez, F. P. S.

THE MASON AND HIS COUNTRY . . .

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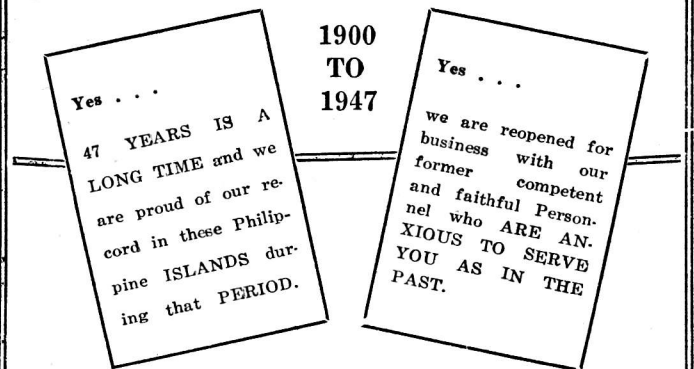
Let us wake up from our lethargy and go out as crusaders to help bring about peace, progress and prosperity. These we owe both to our Fraternity and the native land.

How fitting it is that in every country where Masonry flourishes, there is a national anthem expressive of the collective spirit of the people. The United States has its "The Star-Spangled Banner," Great Britain has its "God Save the King," France has its "La Marseillaise" and Belgium has its "La Brabanconne." For its part, the Philippines has the "National Hymn" which might as well be a Masonic poem and a ringing challenge to every Brother. Here it is:

Land of the morning,
Child of the sun returning,
With fervor burning,
Thee do our souls adore.
Land dear and holy,
Cradle of noble heroes,
Ne'er shall invaders,
Trample thy sacred shores.
Ever within thy skies and through thy clouds
And o'er thy hills and sea
Do we behold the radiance, feel the throb,
Of glorious liberty.
Thy banner, dear to all our hearts,
Its sun and stars alight.—
Oh, never shall its shining field
Be dimm'd by tyrant's might!
Beautiful land of love, O land of light,
In thine embrace 'tis rapture to lie;
But it is glory ever, when thou art wronged
For us, thy sons, to suffer and die!

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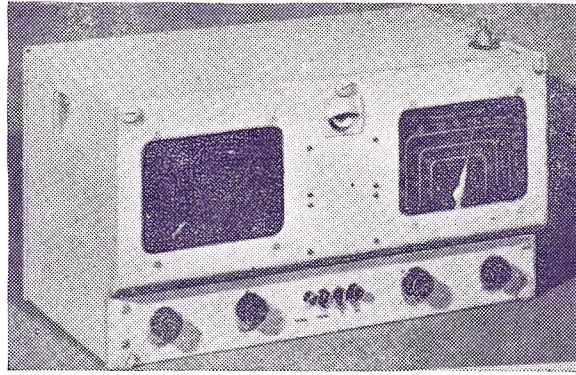
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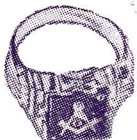
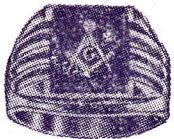
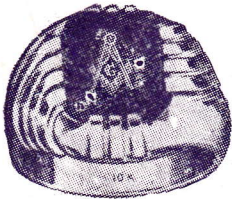
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