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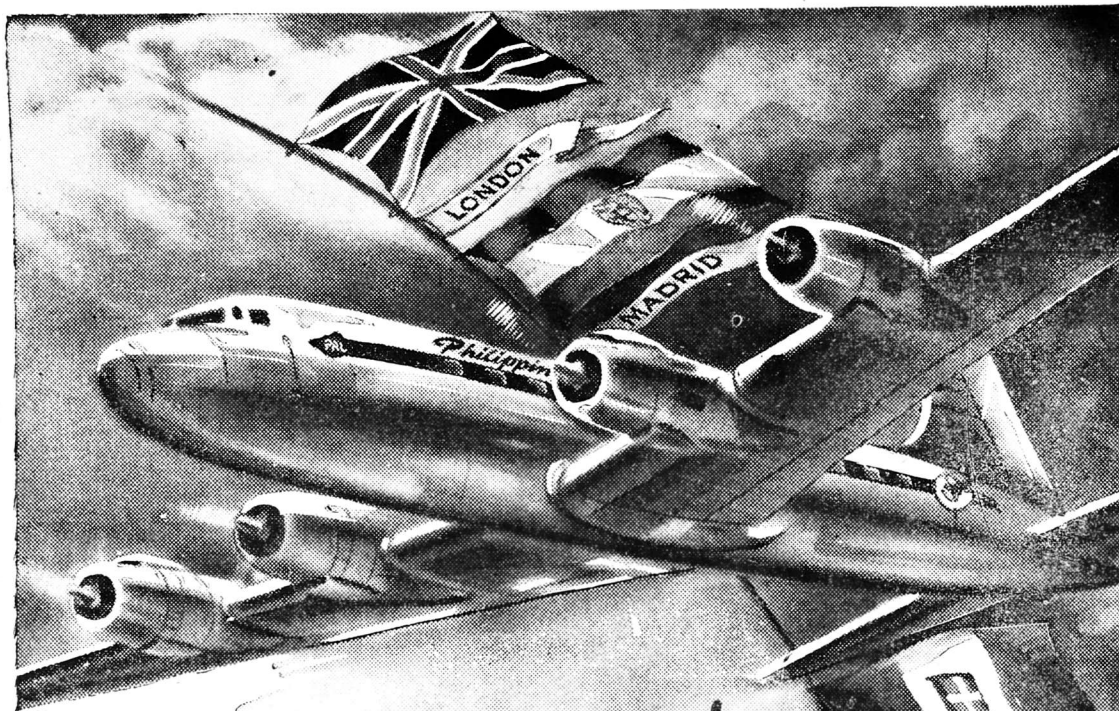
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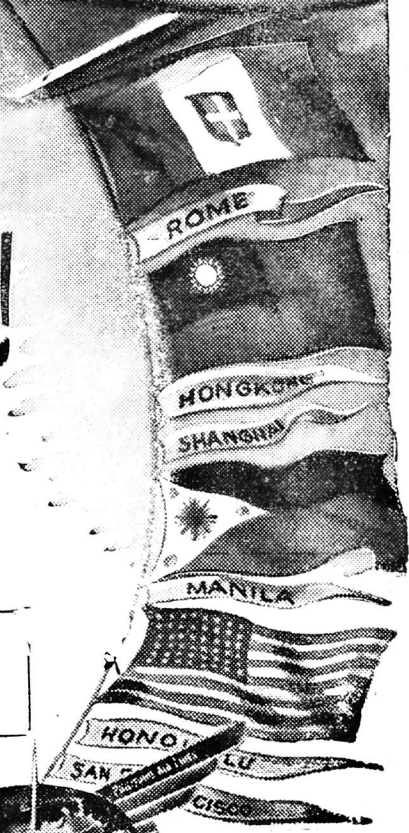
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EDITORIALS

GLORYING IN OUR PAST

MANY and varied are the cases which remind us of the past. The Charges given to candidates in the first three degrees of Masonry may be cited as instances. The Entered Apprentice is told that our Fraternity has existed since time immemorial and that he should adhere to the Ancient Landmarks thereof; the Fellow Craft is conferred the corresponding honor by the Brethren due to his past regular department and upright conduct; and the Master Mason is enjoined not only to be true and faithful but to imitate the celebrated artist whom he had represented before becoming a full-pledged member of the Craft.

During Lodge meetings, it is not uncommon to refer to the accomplishments of previous administra-

A BROTHER SHOWS THE WAY

THERE is much to learn from a Brother in our midst. In spite of the fact that he lives many miles away from the seat of his Lodge, he has never missed any of its stated meetings nor absented himself from its social activities this year. He takes the view that a member should habitually practice the principles of Masonry before he can conscientiously tell others to do likewise. And our Brother is not rich either. He has barely sufficient means to support his big family. Compared with his income before his admission to the Fraternity, he earns at present only half as much. But note the change in atmosphere and difference in attitude that have taken place ever since. Instead of the house in disorder, he has now a home; his irritative nature has given way to a sympathetic

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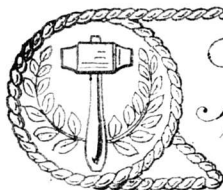
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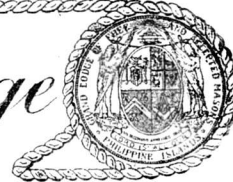
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The Grand Master's Message



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PUBLIC Schools in a democracy should be for all the children of the people. In them, boys and girls both rich and poor, from all walks of life, mingle and are taught the rudiments of education which fit them as future citizens. And it is the citizens that make either a good government or a bad government. Our schools should be nonpartisan, nonsectarian, efficient and democratic, inculcating patriotism in the children, respect for law and order, with an undying loyalty to the Constitution of the Philippines.

They should teach the children the principles of the democratic way of life and the ideals of citizenship; but above all, there should be the entire separation of church and state, because if we did not have this, we would not be a democratic country. Through the influence of a church, no matter of what denomination, our children going to the public schools would become biased and not free-thinking individuals.

We all need religion as it is the foundation of a good moral life and teaches us due respect, obedience and reverence to GOD. But for any particular church to encroach itself in the public schools is a danger we must all guard against. Religion should be taught in Sunday Schools, Churches and Institutions created for that purpose.

Recently, there has been a very strong move in the Philippines for a certain church to encroach itself in our public schools, thereby forcing their own religion on the children of this country. Remember that this move is contrary to the Constitution of the Philippines.

Our Public Schools play a very vital part in the welfare of this country. Let us all endeavor and work to keep any and all religions in this Democratic Republic, out of our Public School system.

Ever since the beginning in discussions over politics or religions, men have become bitter enemies. Let us avoid these discussions and give everyone the right to his own opinion and give our full cooperation and support to the Philippine Government and its officials whom the majority of the People have elected to office and maintain a democratic Republic that we will be proud of and that the rest of the world will respect.

Albert J. Brage Jr.

Grand Master

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SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE GRANDMASTER



No less than 500 Masons and members of their families gathered together at the social hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple on July 23, 1948 in the evening on the occasion of the celebration of the birthday anniversary of M. W. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The program of entertainment was replete with surprise numbers notably the dance "Lancers" wherein the officers of the Grand Lodge and their wives participated, demonstrating the many-sided activities of the Brethren. The literary-musical part was one of inspiration and praise. Past Grand Masters, past masters, and other officers and members of the Fraternity coming from various parts of the Philippines greeted the Grand Master and wished him many happy returns of the day.

M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary who acted as toastmaster recounted the history of Masonry in the Philippines and described the role of the Fraternity in connection with present-day problems. Rt. Wor. Bro. Cenon Cervantes,

Junior Grand Warden extended the felicitations to the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Grand Orator, presented a life-size picture of the Grand Master on behalf of the various lodges and members of the Craft. Mrs. Nancy Brazee, distinguished wife of the Grand Master was presented with a gorgeous bouquet of flowers by Rt. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. Another feature of the celebration was the presentation to the All-Girls Welfareville String Band of a CAPRICE MARIMBA (modern xylophone) through Mrs. Asuncion Perez, Commissioner of Social Welfare by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Lodge, the Philippine and Manila Bodies, A. & A.S.R., Asoka Conclave No. 30, Red Cross Constantine, Bro. Richard Stevenson and others.

The Grand Master in his response and closing remarks expressed his gratitude to all those responsible for making the occasion successful and pledged to continue doing his very best for the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and Masonry as a whole.

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OFFICIAL VISITATION OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER TO THE LODGES IN VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

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| OFF. VISITATION TO KANLAON LODGE No. 34 | | |
| Lv. Bacolod | 15:20 | |
| Ar. Cebu | 15:25 (Overnight) | |
| OFF. VISITATION TO MAKTAN LODGE No. 30 | | |
| Sept. 24, Lv. Cebu | 9:00 | |
| Ar. Tagbilaran | 9:25 | |
| OFF. VISITATION TO DAGOHY LODGE No. 84 | | |
| Lv. Tagbilaran | 11:25 | |

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| Ar. Dumaguete | 11:45 |
| OFF. VISITATION TO MOUNT KALADIAS LODGE No. 91 | |
| Lv. Dumaguete | 13:45 |
| Ar. Zamboanga | 15:15 (Overnight) |
| OFF. VISITATION TO MOUNT APO LODGE No. 45 | |
| Sept. 25, Lv. Zamboanga | 9:00 |
| Ar. Jolo | 9:40 |
| OFF. VISITATION TO BUD DAHO LODGE No. 102 | |
| Lv. Jolo | 11:40 |
| Ar. Cotabato | 13:30 |

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

PINAGSABITAN No. 26
Santa Cruz, Laguna

THE most colorful masonic event ever held in this Lodge was the get-together party given by the members thereof on August 1, 1948. The object of the party was to bring together the wives and children of masons so that they may know each other and thereby give birth to closer understanding and friendship among them. The same brotherly relationship among masons is little by little being brought to members of their families. The brethren believe that this idea will result in disseminating masonic precepts by example, and ultimately encourage the profane world to appreciate masons, their work, and what they stand for.

The party was very well attended and friendliness, enthusiasm, and happiness prevailed throughout the whole day affair. Short speeches, songs, dances and amateur magic performances were among the numbers in the program. There was dancing from morning till five in the afternoon. Simple refreshments were served. The unanimous opinion expressed by those who attended the party was that it was a huge success, viewed from all points. Many brethren even suggested that it be continued every year and made a traditional affair of the Lodge. The following program of the day was held:

M O R N I N G

1. *Opening Address* — — — Bro. Rustico de los Reyes, Senior Warden
2. *MESSAGE* — — — — — Wor. Bro. Hilario Zalameda, Wor. Master
3. *Musical Number* — — — Miss Loida Taiño of Pagsanjan, Laguna

4. *Speech in Tagalog* — — — Wor. Bro. Balbino Kabigting, P. M.
5. *Amateur Magic* — — — — Bro. R. de los Reyes, Senior Warden

A F T E R N O O N

1. *Song "ANG MAYA"* — — — Mrs. Trinidad S. de Santos, Mrs. Lydia K. Meneses on the Piano and Mr. A. R. Santos on the Flute.
2. *Short Talk about Masonry* — — — — — Wor. Bro. Zosimo Fernandez, P. M.
3. *HARANA SA BUKID* — — — Invisible Trio (Gambalosa, M. Flores and J. Pecaña)
4. *Exhibition Dance* — — — — Four partners to be selected by Mr. Balbino Kabigting from among the ladies and gentlemen present.
5. *Closing Remarks* — — — — Bro. Cecilio M. Bituin, Junior Warden
6. *Picture Taking* — — — — — All present.
7. *D A N C E*

TOASTMASTER — Bro. Rustico de los Reyes

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LINCOLN No. 34

THE 87th anniversary of the birth of Bro. Jose Rizal, the never to-be-forgotten hero and martyr and the greatest Mason the Philippines ever produced, was fittingly celebrated by Lincoln Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M., Olongapo, Zambales, on June 19, 1948. A well-prepared program consisting of songs and speeches was held. The principal speaker was Wor. Bro. Purisimo Ramos, P.M., Secretary of the Lodge. The musical numbers were rendered by Mr. & Mrs. Vicente Basilio, Miss Ameia Esteban and Miss Vergelina Mercado.

In connection with the celebration, the presentation of Life Membership Buttons and Past Master's Aprons were also made. The Life membership Buttons were supposed to be presented by Wor. Bro. H. Perez Santos, Lodge Inspector, but in view of his inability to be present, his message was read by Bro. Desiderio Herbon, Junior Warden of the Lodge, who also made presentation of the buttons. The following Brethren were declared Life Members of the Lodge: Wor. Bro. Ruperto Ramos, P.M., oldest member of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Valeriano Abad, P.M.; Bro. Gregorio Yuse, Bro. Gabriel Cabling, Bro. Basilio Molina, Bro. Felix Tulio, Bro. Francisco del Carmen, Bro. Antonio Velasquez, Bro. Simforoso Quimson and Bro. Macario Arbolente. Wor. Bro. V. Abad, on behalf of the life members gave the response.

Recipients of the Past Master's Aprons were the following: W. Bro. Ruperto Ramos, Wor. Bro. Valeriano Abad, Wor. Bro. Foo Ying, Wor. Bro. Doroteo Bala, Bro. Wenceslao de Aro and Wor. Bro. S. M. Domingo. Response was made by each individual recipient. Presentation was made by Bro. D. P. Santiago in place of Wor. Bro. J. B. Ralston who was not able to be present during the program.

A big crowd composing of Brother Masons and their families, prominent citizens of the community and Officers of the Naval Base were in attendance. They all enjoyed the very impressive program and the dance held thereafter. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Women's Fraternity. Consensus of opinion is that the affair was the most successful masonic affair so far held by the Lodge during the year.

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KALILAYAN No. 37

Lucena, Quezon

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND STATED MEETING

HELD ON MAY 29, 1948

THE meeting was opened at 5:00 P.M. with the usual ceremonies. The minutes of the previous meeting, circulars and letters received were read by the Secretary.

The following resolution was passed by the Lodge:

WHEREAS, according to a reliable report received by our Lodge to the effect that a most fraternal welcome and courtesy was extended to our Bro. E. G. Dimaano (P.M.) at present Provincial Treasurer of Davao, by the Members of SARANGANI LODGE No. 50, F. & A. M., Davao City;

WHEREAS, it could always be fraternally expected that all the needed help and necessary cooperation will never be denied to our Bro. E. G. Dimaano (P.M.) as long as he is in Davao City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that all Members of KALILAYAN LODGE No. 27, F. & A. M., Lucena, Quezon, hereby express and convey to their Brethren of SARANGANI LODGE No. 50, F. & A. M., their heartfelt thanks and unbounded gratitude, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sarangani Lodge No. 50, F. & A. M., Davao City.

M. R. MAGSINO
Secretary

ATTESTED:

A. E. PALILLO
Worshipful Master

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PANGASINAN No. 56

Dagupan, Pangasinan

THIS lodge held simple but impressive ceremonies in honor of Bro. Jose Rizal's birthday. The affair took place on June 20 instead of June 19. First there was the family gathering in the morning and then music and speeches in the afternoon.

The program was as follows:

From 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

1. Family Gathering at the Blue Beach
Bro. General MacArthur Marker.
2. Lunch in the premises of the Marker.

From 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

1. Flag Ceremony
Song "Philippines My Philippines."
2. Invocation by Wor. Bro. G. Gaerlan, Chaplain.
3. Address by Mr. Amado Ayson, City Councilor and Ex-Mayor.
4. "If Rizal Were Alive Today"
by Bro. Atty. T. Guadiz

5. "Last Farewell" by Urica Saingan, daughter of Bro. J. Z. Saingan.
6. "A Ti Leonor" by Mr. Andres Cruz, son of Bro. B. M. Cruz
7. Song by Mr. Ventires, a visitor.
8. Remarks, by Bro. Andres P. Torio, Senior Warden and Acting Master.
9. "Masonry is not Religion but Religious"
By Bro. F. Balquiedra.
10. "Past, Present and Future of the Philippines"
By Bro. J. Z. Saingan
11. Words of Thanks to all the Brethren and Visitors by Wor. Bro. V. de Leon.
- 12' Introduction of all the families by Wor. E. de los Santos, City Treasurer.

Ice cream party was held at the house (newly constructed) of Bro. & Mrs. Juan Z. Saingan at Blue Beach.

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LABONG No. 59

WOR. Bro. Elpidio Laiz, Assistant Chief Probation Officer of the Social Welfare Commission was awarded Fellowship by the United Nations to take up the study and observation of prevention, treatment and control of juvenile delinquency. He enplaned for the United States on June 21.

The brethren of this Lodge offered him a fraternal gathering in "The Elite Restaurant" before he left.

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

MAYON No. 61

LAST Monday, June 21, 1948, the Society Cafe in Legaspi was the scene of a banquet given by the Members of Mayon Lodge No. 61 and Sojourners to Bro. Lawrence Fox, Manager of Smith, Bell and Co., Legaspi Branch and member of Corregidor Southern Cross Lodge No. 3.

The following Masons attended the banquet: Wor. Bro. Leon B. Tiansay, Wor. Bro. Agapito L. Lorete, Wor. Bro. Victor D. Pineda, Wor. Bro. Kenneth P. MacDonald, Wor. Bro. Severo G. Dia, Bro. Dy Uy, Bro. Sinforoso Gonzales, Bro. Dalmacio Barce, Bro. Teodoro Luna, Bro. Lotero Samson, Bro. Guillermo Caliangang, Bro. Rodolfo Pena, Bro. Joseph Ty, Bro. Cayetano Limpo, Bro. Alejandro D. Cruz, Bro. Damaceno J. Ago, Bro. Jacinto Galang, Bro. Abundio Oliver, Bro. Florencio Fresnoza, Bro. Baltazar Aguirre, Bro. Qua Eng Chiong, Bro. Major Capayas, Bro. Martin Baitazar and Bro. Florencio Fresnoza.

After the banquet, Wor. Bro. Pineda, who acted as toastmaster made a brief introductory remarks about the affair and then announced he would "toast" anybody that came to his mind.

Short speeches were heard from Brethren Capayas, Ago, Barce, MacDonald and Tiansay. All speakers praised Bro. Fox for his exemplary masonic conduct in all his deliberations to the people of Bicolandia and to his brethren. The speakers spoke about Bro. Fox as a helper, who has helped brethren on many occasions.

Brother Lawrence Fox made a brief response by informing the brethren that he was leaving Albay and particularly Mayon Lodge, with a heavy heart. He said he has loved the people of Albay especially during those trying days of the Occupation. He further said that he has lived in practically all the small islands in Albay, such as San Miguel, Batan, Cagrarary, Rapu-Rapu, etc. Lastly he said, he would treasure in his mind the memories of Masons here and their cordiality.

The affair terminated at 9:30 P.M. The Masons went to their homes on new cars provided by Bro. Teodoro Luna, progressive businessman of Legaspi.

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RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AT THE STATED MEETING OF BAGUIO LODGE No. 67

(MARCH 4, 1947)

- East ... Wor. Bro. Jose D. Mandoriao
West ... Alberto Rosal, P.M.
South ... Bernardino C. Catbagan
Treasurer ... Rufino P. Rogel
Secretary ... Primo San Pedro, P.M.
Senior Deacon ... Tranquilino Abubo
Junior Deacon ... Leonor Lizardo
Tyler ... Bernardo Diaz

(Bro. Alberto Rosal acted as Chaplain)

After the Secretary read various communications in connection with the death of Wor. Bro. Jose Virtucio made his oral report. On motion by Bro. Isaac E. Dizon, seconded by Bro. Primo San Pedro, the following resolution was unanimously approved and carried:

WHEREAS, Wor. Bro. Jose Virtucio, a member of this Lodge (by affiliation from Magat Lodge No. 68) passed away at about 2:00 a.m., on February 9, 1947, in Manila;

WHEREAS, while Bro. Jose Virtucio was in this life had demonstrated and distinguished himself as a true and faithful brother, he having rendered all possible assistance to rehabilitate this Lodge from its re-organization on October 20, 1945, and his exemplary character as a true mason;

WHEREAS, according to the letter of Wor. Bro. Jose C. Velo, Secretary of Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R., dated February 12, 1947, the pertinent portion of which is quoted below:

"The Officers and members of the Grand Lodge with M. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, Grand Master, presiding, conducted the funeral services over the remains of our late Bro. Jose Virtucio, P. M. at the Plaridel Temple at 3:00 p.m. yesterday afternoon. Representing your Baguio Lodge No. 67, F. A. M. was Bro. Ciriaco Z. Cuenco, P.M., who acted as Grand Chaplain. Bro. Mauro Baradi delivered a short eulogy after which a member of the family of the deceased expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Brethren for complying with the last wishes of the late Bro. Virtucio for a Masonic burial. The body was buried at the Masonic plot of the Cementerio del Norte."

WHEREAS, the letter of Mrs. Consuelo T. Virtucio, widow of the deceased, dated February 13, 1947 quoted hereunder indicates how he safely guarded the trust committed to his care—

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BE IT RESOLVED: That the Officers and members of this Lodge deeply express, as they hereby express, their sorrow over the passing away of Bro. Jose Virtucio.

RESOLVED, FURTHER: That the Officers and members of this Lodge express, as they hereby express, their heart-felt appreciation and gratitude to all members of the Craft who had been instrumental in helping the deceased and his family during his sickness and at the funeral services, particularly to M. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, Grand Master; W. Bros. Ciriaco Z. Cuenco, Jose C. Velo, Regino G. Padua, Mauro Baradi, and other members of the Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges for the many courtesies extended to Bro. Virtucio and family, and, especially for the very impressive funeral services.

RESOLVED, FINALLY: That copies of this Resolution be sent to Mrs. Consuelo T. Virtucio, M. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, Grand Master, Wor. Bros. Ciriaco Z. Cuenco, Jose C. Velo, Regino G. Padua, Mauro Baradi, and Officers and Members of Magat Lodge No. 68, for their information.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above resolution.
PRIMO SAN PEDRO, P. M.
Secretary

ATTESTED:

JOSE D. MANDORIA
Master

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UNION No. 70
San Fernando, La Union

MOST Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. Grand Master accompanied by some officers of the Grand Lodge made a joint official visitation to Union Lodge No. 70 and Angalo Lodge No. 63, at the temporary lodge Hall of Union Lodge No. 70 on May 15, 1948, at San Fernando, La Union.

Immediately after the opening of the lodge at 1:00 o'clock P.M., the brethren headed by the Wor. Master, Bro. Doroteo A. Parong and Wor. Bro. Enrique Rimando, District Inspector of this lodge, motored to the air strip at San Fernando to meet the Most Wor. Grand Master and party.

The party was conducted to the lodge hall where they were received and greeted not only by masons but also by women and ladies, families of the members of Union Lodge No. 70.

The most Wor. Grand Master and party were received in public with full honors after which Wor. Bro. Doroteo A. Parong delivered his welcome address. In his speech he made mention that it was an honor and a great privilege for the lodge to be the center of Grand Lodge official visitations for the sister lodges in the Ilocos coastal region but

regretted the fact that the meeting was held in a borrowed building. However, efforts are being exerted to push the completion of the masonic temple which is under construction.

In the absence of the Master of Angalo Lodge No. 63, the Senior Warden, Bro. Federico Lazo was introduced and spoke in behalf of his lodge.

Wor. Bro. Enrique Rimando, District Inspector, spoke on the efficient performance of the officers of Union Lodge No. 70 in the rituals of the three degrees.

The Grand Secretary introduced the members of the party including Mrs. Brazee, the charming wife of the Most Wor. Grand Master; and Mrs. Gonzales was likewise introduced after which the Grand Lodge Orator, Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi was introduced and spoke about Masonry in Europe.

Among the high ranking officials of the Province who are masons attending this official visitation were the Provincial Governor, Bro. Doroteo Aguila, Provincial Auditor, Bro. Nic. Marin and Provincial Treasurer, Bro. Palma.

After the speech of the Most Wor. Grand Master refreshments (Native Recipes) were served.

The Party left at 4:15 and was escorted by masons and women to the Air Strip to wish them von voyage.

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After the stated meeting on June 5, 1948, a special team composing of Past Masters with W. Bro. Sesenio Rivera. Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, in the Oriental Chair conferred the first degree of masonry upon Lt. George T. Gamboa. The members present were impressed by the manner the degree work was performed. The lecture was also ably delivered by

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Bro. Rivera. Bro. Agustin Fontanilla of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 acted as a deacon and performed the task efficiently.

Immediately after the meeting, a get-together party was held at the residence of the Secretary to which the brethren were invited and enjoyed the eats out of native recipes."

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ONE of the best attended stated meetings of the lodge took place July 10. Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Master of the lodge took occasion to express appreciation for the presence of so many members some of whom came from the provinces. Brethren from other lodges were also in attendance. Wor. Bro. John A. Cox, master of Okinawa Lodge No. 118 gave greetings from the brethren of his lodge and related his experiences in Okinawa among members of our Fraternity.

At this meeting three Fellowcrafts received the Master Mason's degree, namely Bros. Felipe Mojica, Vicente Casequin and Policarpo Sangalang. These brethren were enthusiastic in their labors and thanked the lodge for the honor they have received.

On the Trestle Board are the following candidates awaiting the conferral of different degrees:

For Initiation — Messrs. Rosario T. Cortes, Sabino Romero and Morris Armond; For Fellowcraft's degree — Bros. Robert R. Johnston, Grant E. Thomas, Tomas Clavel, Hamid (Moro) and Casiano Santos; For Master Mason's Degree — Bros. Francisco Florendo, Porfirio Alforque, Rafael Atayde, Bayani Estanislao and Matias Vergara.

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LEONARD WOOD LODGE No. 105

AT the stated meeting of Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105 F. & A. M., held on June 11, 1948, the Worshipful Master, Right Wor. Bro. Clifford C. Bennett, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands tendered his resignation as Worshipful Master. He made it clear to the members that his task of reorganizing said lodge having been completed in accordance with the Rules and regulations provided for by the Constitution; his resignation as such is in order to take effect as soon as a new Master is elected and installed. It was accepted after hearing satisfactory explanation. The Lodge approved a motion requesting the M. W. Grand Lodge authority that a special dispensation be granted to hold special election for the purpose of electing a new set of officers to serve for the remainder of the ensuing masonic year. The dispensation was granted and approved by the Grand Master.

The Inspector of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Sidney M. Austin, was delegated to go to Clark Field to attend and witness the election and installation. On June 17, 1948, a special meeting of Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105 was held. After the Lodge was opened, the Grand Lodge Inspector accompanied by Wor. Bros. Jose F. Fetalvero and Basilio Castro was received in due and ancient form. After the necessary cordial welcome, Wor. Bro. Clifford Bennett announced the purpose of the meeting. The election was conducted and the new set of officers elected and appointed is the following:

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| <i>Melvin R. Jones</i> | — <i>Wor. Master</i> |
| <i>Loraine W. Harris</i> | — <i>Senior Warden</i> |
| <i>Charles T. Anderson</i> | — <i>Junior Warden</i> |
| <i>Cranz Nichols, Jr.</i> | — <i>Treasurer</i> |
| <i>A. D. Rosario</i> | — <i>Secretary</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Connors</i> | — <i>Chaplain</i> |
| <i>Elroy A. Martin</i> | — <i>Marshal</i> |
| <i>Homer Hale</i> | — <i>Senior Deacon</i> |
| <i>S. P. Psomadakis</i> | — <i>Junior Deacon</i> |
| <i>Warren J. Ballou</i> | — <i>Senior Steward</i> |
| <i>Harry E. Styles, Jr.</i> | — <i>Junior Steward</i> |
| <i>William C. Easley</i> | — <i>Tyler</i> |

Immediately after the three lights were examined and found proficient, the installation took place. The Grand Lodge Inspector, Wor. Bro. S. M. Austin, acted as installing officer assisted by Wor. Bro. Basilio Castro as Master of Ceremonies. The congratulation was delivered by Wor. Bro. Jose F. Fetalvero of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 and present Secretary.

The brethren from Manila wish to thank the officers and brethren of the Lodge for extending to them every facility during their stay in Clark Field, particularly Bro. Walter F. Connors who arranged the transportation back to Manila.

Upon arriving in Manila the following day, the Grand Lodge Inspector, Wor. Bro. Sidney M. Austin, reported to the Grand Secretary that the mission entrusted into his hands was carried out to the letter. He particularly emphasized the fact that peace and harmony prevailed among the brethren of Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105.

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Our First Joint Reunion with the Manila Bodies

OUR first Joint Reunion with the Manila Bodies was voted a success. Our Illustrious Deputy, Bro. Frederick H. Stevens complimented the officers of the Manila and Philippine Bodies and the members of their teams.

Twenty-nine candidates of the Philippine Bodies, four of the Manila Bodies and one, by courtesy for New Bern Consistory of North Carolina became PERFECT ELUS on July 28. Bro. Jerome L. Spurr was the exemplar in the 4th degree while Bro. George B. Lowry was the exemplar in the 14th degree.

Thirty-two candidates of the Philippine Bodies, four of the Manila Bodies and one, by courtesy for New Bern Consistory of North Carolina became KNIGHTS OF THE ROSE CROIX on July 29. Bro. George Francis Smith was the exemplar in the 18th degree.

Twenty-nine candidates of the Philippine Bodies, four of the Manila Bodies and one, by courtesy for New Bern Consistory of North Carolina became KNIGHTS KADOSH on July 30. Bro. Ceferino M. Picache was the exemplar in the 30th degree.

Thirty-one candidates of the Philippine Bodies, four of the Manila Bodies and one, by courtesy for New Bern Consistory of North Carolina became MASTERS OF THE ROYAL SECRET on July 31. Bro. Hermogenes Dimagiba was the exemplar in the 31st degree. The honor of being the exemplar for the 32nd degree was given to Bro. Bernard Walpole Roberts from the New Bern Consistory of North Carolina.

During the conferrals inspiring remarks were given by Illustrious Brother Frederick H. Stevens, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Philippines, Illustrious Brother Michael Goldenberg, 33°, Most Worshipful Brother Albert J. Brazee, Jr. 32°, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, and Brother W. H. Schoening, 32°, KCCH. All the exemplars voiced their gratitude to the Bodies for having prepared their investitures.

The members of the conferring teams were in complete regalia while the lodge room was fittingly dressed in accordance with ancient form.

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NUESTRA GRAN JURISDICCION EN TIERRAS DEL JAPON

POR acuerdo de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas, cartas constitutivas se concedieron en nuestra última Gran Convención para la organización con carta permanente de nuestras Logias OKINAWA en Okinawa, y YOKUSUKA en Tokio. Esta es la primera vez que nuestra Gran Jurisdicción se ha extendido hasta tierras del Japón. Aunque ahora OKINAWA ya no es parte del Japón, sin embargo, hasta antes de la liberación era parte de su territorio.

Que tenemos y teníamos absoluto derecho a establecer estas Logias en el Japón y en Okinawa, es elemental en derecho masónico. Nadie puede reclamar jurisdicción exclusiva en el Japón por lo mismo que nunca se ha establecido ninguna Gran Logia en Japón. Se han establecido allá Logias Subordinadas a otras Grandes Jurisdicciones pero nunca se ha establecido en el Japón propiamente una Gran Logia. Y el derecho a establecer Logias en un territorio libre es inherente a toda Gran Logia. No se adquiere derecho exclusivo a establecer Logias en un territorio nada mas que por el mero hecho de ser el primero en abrir Logias en el mismo. La regla es bien conocida por todo aquél que conozca la Ley Masónica al efecto de que tres o mas Logias Subordinadas a una Gran Logia Regular tienen el absoluto derecho a organizarse en una Gran Logia si en el territorio de su organización no existiera una Gran Logia legal y propiamente establecida.

Esta fue la teoría sustentada en el caso de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas en el año de 1912. Las Logias Subordinadas aquí existentes entonces no se habían congregado u organizado en una Gran Logia, pues, ellas dependían de otras Grandes Jurisdicciones extranjeras. Inmediatamente cuando nos organizamos como Gran Logia en Filipinas fuimos reconocidos por casi todas las potencias masónicas, pues, no había hasta entonces en Filipinas una Gran Logia.

Hubiera sido absurdo que alguna Gran Logia extranjera se hubiera opuesto a la organización de la Gran Logia en Filipinas nada mas que por el mero

hecho de que ella ya tenía aquí establecida una Logia a ella subordinada.

Pero es mucho mas absurdo aún suponer o afirmar que nada mas que por allí, en el Japón, otra Gran Potencia extranjera ha organizado antes que nosotros Logias Subordinadas nosotros ya carecemos de algún derecho a establecer dichas Logias. Ninguna Gran Logia adquiere así derecho exclusivo para organizar Logias Subordinadas en territorio extranjero, sino que todas las Grandes Logias gozan de este absoluto derecho, hasta el momento mismo en que en dicho territorio se establezca una Gran Logia regular.

Y este es el mismo caso ocurrido en el territorio de la República de China. Las Grandes Logias de Inglaterra, Escocia, Irlanda, Massachussets y Filipinas han organizado y constituido Logias a ellas subordinadas en la República de China. Nadie ha contendido ni disputado el derecho de ninguna de dichas Grandes Logias a establecer Logias Subordinadas en dicho territorio de la China. Y esto es tan elemental que se dio por siempre y para siempre como bien hecha la organización de dichas Logias Subordinadas, por lo menos dentro del punto de vista de la Ley Masónica.

Y lo que ha pasado en China, y lo que ha pasado en Filipinas, y lo que ha pasado y está pasando en otros muchos territorios libres, no es mas que una ratificación de la doctrina que venimos enunciando. Sería ridículo hacer una excepción del caso del Japón. Hasta que se establezca una Gran Logia en el territorio del Japón propiamente dicho, toda potencia masónica regular tiene absoluto derecho a establecer en el mismo Logias Subordinadas. Esta es la doctrina de "territorio libre".

Esperamos que esta proposición sea bien clara para todos y especialmente para aquellos que pretenden enseñar o insinuar nuevas teorías sobre DERECHOS EXCLUSIVOS que todo intento de echar abajo esta regla bien antigua y unánimemente adoptada quede prontamente frustrado.

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Todos sabéis lo que el Dr. Rafael Palma ha sido y ha hecho en el gobierno de la Nación. Son públicamente conocidas sus obras y sus escritos como patriota, pensador, pedagogo, literato y periodista. También nos es muy conocido D. Rafael en la vida social y en la intimidad de las relaciones por su sencillez, sinceridad y hombría de bien; y, por tanto, no hay de qué hablar ahora del mismo como hombre público y como ciudadano privado.

A lo que ahora deseo referirme en grandes rasgos es a Rafael Palma como Masón. El H.: Palma fué elegido Ven.: Maest.: de la Logia Sinukuan en la legislatura de 1914 y 1915, y el sufragio masónico le exaltó a la Gran Maestría de la Gran Logia de M.: L.: y A.: de las Islas Filipinas el año de 1920.

La biografía del Rizal escrita por el H.: Palma es una acabada obra masónica. Cual la Estrella Polar que orienta y guía al marino al socaire de un puerto seguro en las tinieblas de una noche tempestuosa y en medio de la vorágine violenta de un mar embravecido, esa biografía de Rizal alumbró la conciencia entenebrecida de los timoratos, manumite su mente esclavizada para que lleguen a conocer la verdad de que Rizal no ha abjurado de la Masonería. Nadie en su sano juicio y en el goce de sus sentidos abjura o se retracta de ninguna moral, de ningún principio, de ninguna filosofía que, como la Masonería, conduce a la posesión de la verdad, vía segura para llegar al conocimiento de Dios; y, como la acción benéfica del céfiro que en la Primavera reverdece las plantas agostadas por la sequía del Estío, así esa Biografía de Rizal escrita por el H.: Palma vigoriza las inteligencias debilitadas, infunde aliento en los corazones desfallecidos por la ignorancia de la fé ciega y la intolerancia de los dogmas religiosos, a fin de que todos practiquemos y sostengamos con firmeza y constancia el evangelio-Patrio que Rizal nos legó; por la libertad de la conciencia y del pensamiento; por una conciencia nacional filipina; una ciudadanía filipina honrada; un carácter cívico filipino, y un nacionalismo íntegro, fuerte y vigoroso que acabe de una vez y para siempre con los tentáculos del "alpinismo" en sus diversas manifestaciones tanto en los filipinos como en las filipinas.

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Palma se manifestó de un modo elocuente y majestuoso en los postreros momentos de su vida. No valieron las melifluas y amorosas súplicas de parientes y amigos, tampoco pudieron las variadas tretas y añagazas de que se han valido algunos ministros de la Iglesia Romana quienes, para apoderarse de su espíritu, de su alma, repitieronle una y otra vez que debía apostatarse de la Masonería, que se condenaría eternamente en el infierno, si no se reintegraba a la Iglesia Romana. Y Palma con su seriedad y laconismo de sabio les replicó: LEJOS, LEJOS DE MI ESE ESPANTAJO APROPOSITO PARA CATEQUIZAR GENTES DE MENTALIDAD INFANTIL NO, Y NO dijo a unos y a otros, y murió Masón del mismo modo que vivió como Masón, y como Masón compartió ante el Gran Arquitecto del Universo, ante Dios, para declarar en su Augusto y Divino Tribunal:

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Ven.: H.: Palma, desde esta Eternidad donde "la fe no mata, donde el que reina es Dios," inspíranos a resolver bien y fraternalmente nuestras dudas y controversias y a cumplir bien nuestros deberes y obligaciones.

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GLORYING IN OUR PAST

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tions and the fine records of past masters. On certain occasions such as a Lodge anniversary, Masonic holiday, and special gathering, the main theme would center around the past with special emphasis on splendid accomplishments.

Under the circumstances, it is well to mention certain tendencies which ought to be carefully checked. We seem to think that the historic past is a guarantee that we will succeed in our troublesome present; that the victories won by Masonry constitute a dependable shield against the constant attacks of its enemies; that because Masonic heroes and patriots have sacrificed greatly and served fruitfully, our future is assured.

Every time we are told of our inactivity, indifference, and complacency in matters vitally affecting the Order, we are tempted to answer by referring to its universality and the strength it has demonstrated in days gone by.

Our primary concern is what we actually do now while yet there is mortal life. Surely the past is gone and no power on earth can change or disturb it. Let us then express our remaining hours in terms of better understanding, kindness, and fair play knowing that the present will become another yesterday and the future, one more today.

The only justification for taking pride in the past is that by its recollection, we may be truly inspired to think wholesome thoughts and through its influence, we may be properly guided to do good deeds.—

Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.

A BROTHER SHOWS THE WAY

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heart; selfishness has been transformed to selflessness and cruelty replaced by kindness.

The poverty which our Brother finds himself in so far as material wealth is concerned is more than offset by his intangible riches such as character, honor, dignity. He is admired and respected because he hates no one and appreciates the goodness in man. He has his own weaknesses but these are overcome by the quality of his service to Brethren and fellow-men. He is neither a brilliant scholar nor a high official of our Venerable Institution. For him, one title is enough — that of being a Mason.

—Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.

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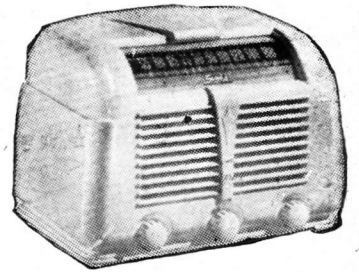
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