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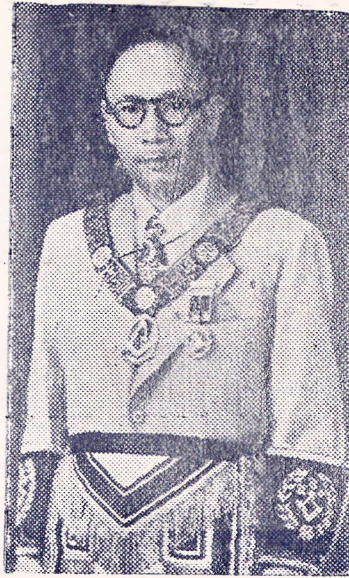
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EDITORIALS



PROBLEMS OF OUR LODGES

DAVID W. K. AU

THOSE who had the opportunity of joining the official visitation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to our subordinate lodges throughout the Philippines have worthwhile experiences. They were given the privilege of meeting more brethren and friends and of observing the work of the lodges at close range.

In these travels encouraging news and progress of the brethren came to light. Their weaknesses, ordinary and serious, were also presented or discovered.

There are lodges meeting in borrowed homes or rented buildings and their finances are low. Instead of exerting every effort on their part to raise the necessary funds for reconstructing their destroyed temples, the brethren pin rosy hopes on the payments of war damage claims which may turn out to be of real assistance or another disappointment. There is also the persistent appeal to

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A DECADE and more of Masonic leadership in any community is short in point of time. But when one has filled such a period with human kindness, no apology is needed for the brevity of his service; and when he leaves behind not days, months, or years but pleasant thoughts, cheerfulness, and golden deeds, then everybody's wish for him is to live longer and achieve even more. This description applies to Right Wor. Bro. David W. K. Au, present District Grand Master for China and worshipful master of Pearl River Lodge No. 109 (Canton) in 1935-36.

Before World War II, brethren who had the opportunity of meeting Bro. Au spoke very highly not only of the hospitality shown them while he was in his home in China but of the wide range of his charitable work and the sincerity of his friendship.

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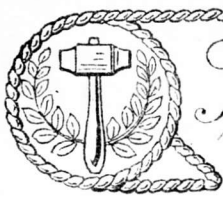
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In the conferral of our degrees, let us be careful to exemplify them not only proficiently but in a manner that will leave a lasting impression on the candidate and pride to those present.

In our human relations there are always some people whom we cannot please no matter how hard we try. This condition—I am sorry to say—exists in a very minor degree in our fraternity. Let us endeavor to do our best to wipe out this minor condition by reviewing our obligation occasionally and living up to them, by adhering to our ancient landmarks and by putting forth our best efforts to keep our fraternity pure and fine.

Remember that—

It is not the people we meet
But the friends we make;
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Official Visitation At Gumaca, Quezon



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AT seven o'clock a.m. on Saturday 18, 1948, M. W. Grand Master Albert J. Brazee, Jr. headed a big delegation composed of his official family, Brethren from various Lodges and their wives, to Gumaca, Quezon the seat of Balintawak Lodge No. 28. From the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila the party boarded a streamlined bus. Neither the dust on the way nor the heat later on in the day could dampen the spirit of the group. As a matter of fact, some were continuously chatting, others cracking jokes at one another, and still others were singing familiar songs. Upon arrival in San Pablo City, Laguna, Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig of Malinaw Lodge No. 25 and Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Lodge entertained the visitors at his coconut mills where refreshments were served; then at Candelaria, Quezon, Bro. Howard R. Hick, acting Master of Manila Lodge No. 1 took the party around the premises of Peter Paul Corporation; the slow but steady climb of the bus on the winding and precipitous road—the zigzag in Atimonan only added to the thrill and picturesqueness of the journey; and yet the party had many kilometers more to go—on the high lands along the seashores and most of the time over rough and rugged roads.

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the place of destination, Gumaca was reached. There began a series of surprises and unique reception. The delegation was met on the main street of the town; flowers galore were distributed by the ladies of the town to the arriving friends; followed next the long procession with bands of music; there was the ringing of church bells and a colorful fluvial parade; literally speaking, the whole town received the delegation with open arms, the visitation having coincided with the fiesta of the town. Upon approaching the plaza, a beautiful arch patiently built by Masons and their ladies stood high with bold letters for everyone to see and read—welcoming M. W. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines as well as his party. At the Municipal Building, town officials were on hand to

greet the visitors. The official visitation followed which was held at the Balintawak temple. The attendance was one of the biggest ever witnessed in many a year. A program which turned out to be instructive, informative, and inspiring was held among the numbers of which were: remarks and introduction of the Brethren of the M. W. Grand Master's party by M.W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary [of the Grand Lodge; speech by Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Worshipful Master of "High Twevie" Lodge No. 82 and Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge; speeches by Wor. Brothers Werner P. Schetelig, Marciano Evangelista, Howard R. Hick, Primo I. Guzman, Medel, J. Martinez, G. Garcia and the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master who dwelt on the need of tolerance among the Brethren and service and sacrifice by them. Wor. Bro. Mariano Enriquez of Balintawak Lodge No. 28 occupied the Oriental Chair.

Not content with the day's crowded activities, the Gumaca Brethren tendered the delegation a banquet and ball at the Municipal Building which lasted until the wee hours of the next morning.

On the return trip, the party was entertained by Wor. Bro. Hick and his lovely family in his home and luncheon was served where the Governor of the Province and his charming wife were in attendance.

Four o'clock, p.m. and Manila at last. The two day travel was somewhat tiresome but profitable in friendships formed. Indeed, the tie that binds the Masons and their families together has been made stronger and more secure.

Dr. Mauro Baradi

Lawyer

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October 19, 1948.

To all Masters, Wardens and Members
of Subordinate Lodges, F. & A. M.,
in and around Manila
Greeting:

Our subordinate Lodges in Cavite have agreed to celebrate their joint Convention on November 30, 1948 in the City of Cavite, at 10:00 a. m.

On the same occasion, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR., will make an official visitation to all said Lodges. Everyone of us is fraternally invited to that affair.

In order that this office can appraise the Committee in charge of the Convention as to the number of visiting brethren from Manila and the suburbs, it is requested that we be advised accordingly as to the number of representatives your Lodges could possibly send to accompany the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Party.

It is most desired that the report be submitted on or before November 15, 1948.

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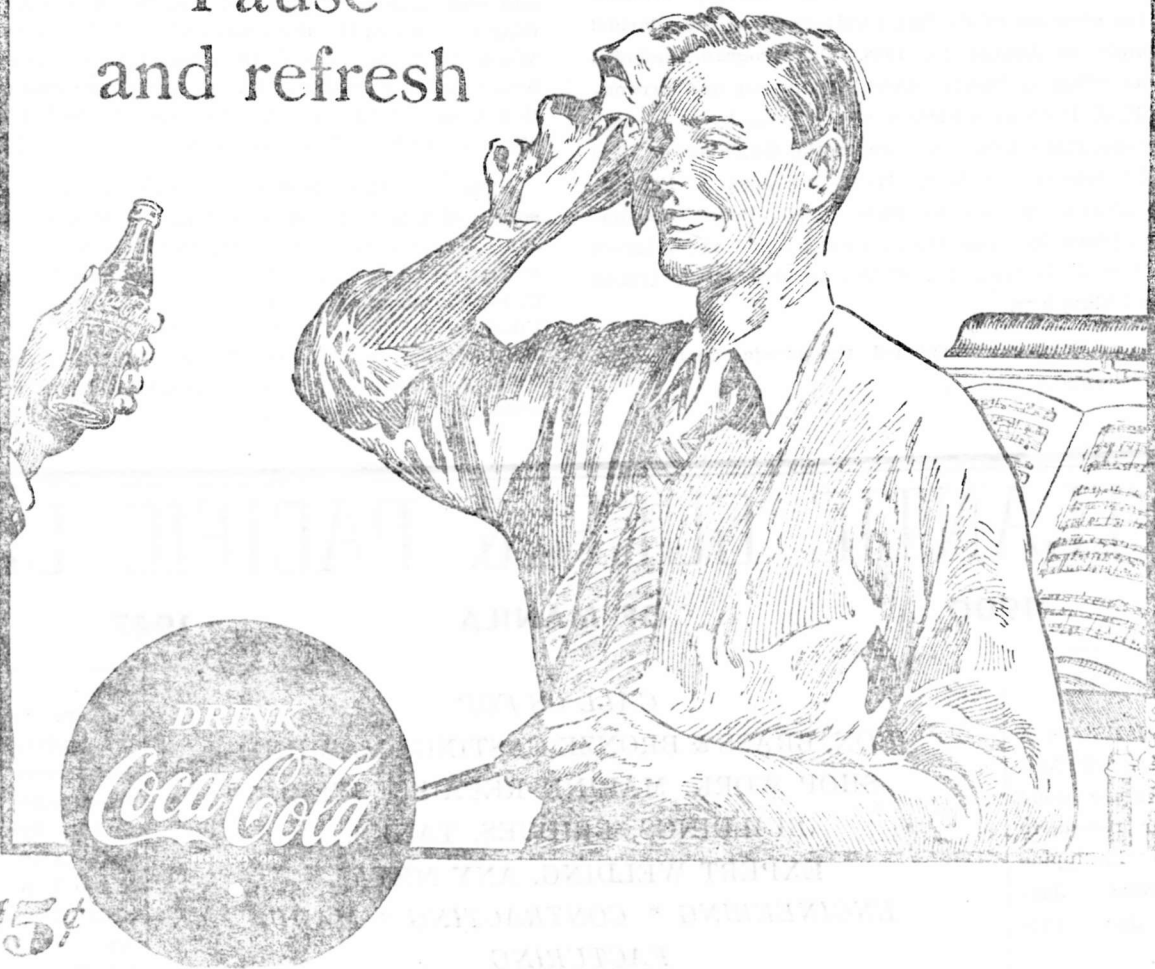
Bagumbayan No. 4

This lodge held a special program commemorating the 34th anniversary of the granting of its dispensation (August 18, 1914), last August 11, 1948 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple. The lodge's stated meeting was followed by a reception of the Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge and visiting brethren. The speakers included Bro. Antonio D. Alvir, M. W. Bro. C. W. Rosenstock, founder of the lodge, Wor Bro. Vitaliano Bernardino, M. W. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado and the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. who stressed on the need of harmony and vigilance among the brethren.

WALANA No. 13

The Secretary of this Lodge appeals to the members thereof to attend the stated meeting held every fourth Saturday of the month. He says "Transportation facilities are easily available and street lights are now installed. If the members would come punctually at 5:30 p.m. we shall be able to transact lodge business early enough to let us comply with other social obligations if there are any." And the Secretary concludes: "Try your best to come and if possible bring other brethren. The more, the merrier and the brighter the masonic light will glow."

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We remind the brethren who have not paid their dues to please do so in order to help the Lodge grow and so that they will again receive copies of the Cabletow.

BATONG BUHAY No. 27

This lodge gave a dinner and held a literary musical program on the occasion of its 34th anniversary at the Plaridel Masonic Temple on August 13, 1948. The program included the playing of "Batong Buhay March" composed and arranged by Prof. F. E. Pedron; a history of the lodge by Wor. Bro. Arturo Cayetano, P.M.; folk dance under the Guidance of Miss Concepcion Francisco; speech by Wor. Bro. Jose A. Fernandez, present Master; a song by Miss Bessie Pedron accompanied on the piano by Miss Jennie Pedron; and the address by Most. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The Louisiana Stompers furnished the music during the dance which followed.

ZAPOTE No. 29

The Lodge conferred the sublime degree of Master Mason upon Bro. George Knut Emblem. He is in the Philippines as Captain of U.S. Army Transport "Coastal Sentry" playing between Okinawa and our country. The conferring was done by courtesy, of Zapote Lodge No. 29. Bro. Emblem gave a despedida party in his ship with the following Brethren attending: Lorenzo Cruz, Fidel Encarnacion, Francisco Bonifacio, Calixto Antonio, D. Villanueva, Theodore R. Alwordt Willard E. Pirtle, Vicente Flechero, Ramon Ramos, Jose F. Fetalvero and Primo Guzman.

KUTANG-BATO No. 110

According to Bro. Jose M. Burdeous, Secretary of the Lodge, the brethren of said Lodge see in Bro. Tan Mo Giok's generosity and cooperation—a source of inspiration to all. Bro. Tan Mo Giok has offered the third story of his house as the lodge Room. When the Lodge is in distress this Brother always comes to a lend a helping hand. Fittingly, the Lodge approved a resolution thanking him for his kindness expressing the hope that other Brothers follow his example.

The first Masonic dinner held in Cotabato under the sponsorship of this Lodge was held at the Nanking Restaurant on June 5, 1948 attended by many members thereof, including sojourning Brethren J. G. Medina of Bulusan Lodge No. 38, Jose C. Patalinjug of Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, Jose P. Manglicmot of Pinatubo Lodge No. 52 and Felicisimo Maisog of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84. The Master of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Menandang Piang residing 64 kilometers away was unable to be present on this occasion.

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SPEECH OF RT. WOR. DAVID W. K. AU AT THE CONSTITUTION OF YOKOSUKA NAVAL MASONIC LODGE
No. 120, F. & A. M.

MASONIC History is made this evening with the Constitution of Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge No. 120, F. & A. M. It marks the first Masonic Lodge to be instituted in the land of the Rising Sun after the war, and is indicative of the fact that Masonry's mission is ever to build, never to destroy. The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands deems it an honor to be in a position to respond to your petition for a dispensation a year ago. Your petition was given due and careful examination. The Grand Lodge recognizes your right to practice the Royal Art; it endorses your zeal to share with existing lodges in Japan the mission to spread the gospel of Freemasonry. You have proved yourselves worthy of the trust imposed on you during the period of dispensation. From now on you are entitled to the full rights of a regular lodge, duly chartered and constituted. I offer you my hearty and sincere congratulations on attaining this end.

Lodges have been chartered and prospered to become pillars of our Great Temple; others have frizzled out and have had to return their charters. The difference lies in the quality of its membership and in the care of its selection. None but good men and true, tried and trusty, should be admitted into your Lodge; only the best are worthy even to knock at doors. Whenever there is any doubt regarding an applicant, always consider the interest of Masonry and the harmony of your brethren first to the exclusion of all or any personal sentiments. You will have your disappointments, no doubt, but let us hope they will be only few and far between.

I remember reading one of Walter Winchell's columns sometime ago when he classifies workmen into three categories. There are those who work with their hands and they

are called laborers. A second class work with their hands and brains and they are known as Craftsmen. Then there is a third class who work with both their hands, their brains and their hearts, and they have earned for themselves the title of Artists. I have no idea whether Winchell is a Mason or not but his sentiments are certainly Masonic and most applicable to Masonry. The question then is, are we men laborers and Craftsmen in Masonry or have we become Artists? In other words, do we put our hearts in Masonry? It is a searching question and deserves a searching answer.

Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge No. 120 has a special mission to perform in this war-torn land whose people have become embittered, confused and desperate. The Japanese must be taught their lesson of course, but they are also entitled to some hope that, if and when they become reconciled to the principles of democracy as we know it, they will receive our consideration as equals in the family of Nations. Masonry's contribution to this historical and gigantic experiment can reach extensive proportions. It does not necessarily consist of the indiscriminate chartering of new Lodges or the making of every Japanese a Mason. It will be sufficient if the brethren of Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge practice out of the lodge those teachings which they have been taught in it, if, in other words, they practice Masonry in their hearts, they will have made a great contribution to the democratization of the Japanese Nation. Remember that the Constitution of the United States, that recognized Charter of Liberty, was first conceived under Masonic influences and is saturated

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HIGHLIGHTS**

Shortly after a Dispensation by the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, U.S.A. Rosario Villaruel Chapter U. D. held its Institutional ceremonies on May 10, 1948 in the Chapter Room of Mayon Chapter No. I, Scottish Rite Temple, 912 Taft Avenue, Manila, at 6:55 p.m. In a very beautiful and impressive ceremony conducted by the General Grand Chapter officers, 56 original petitioners, mostly Master Masons wives, daughters, and widows of Master Masons were initiated into the Order. The officers spared no efforts to make the ceremonies a complete success. The room was fittingly decorated for the occasion and the team that conferred the degrees did excellent work, for which the General Grand Chapter Officers are to be heartily congratulated. Special mention is made of Brother Walter H. Schoening, PWP-(Deputy Most Worthy Grand Patron) Sister Agnes M. Schoening PWM, Right Worthy Grand Marshall and Sister Sarah M. England, PWM, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Sister Nancy Braze, Worthy Matron, Officers and members of Mayon Chapter No. I are also given special mention for their help in that very memorable night.

Regular Stated Meetings of Rosario Villaruel Chapter, U.D., are held in the Chapter Room at Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, at 6:00 p. m. on the first and third Mondays of the month. Visiting members of the Order from abroad and from Mayon Chapter are always welcome to Rosario Villaruel Chapter, U.D. On June, 1948, the first stated meeting of the Chapter was held in which four petitions were presented and in subsequent

meetings, they were favorably elected to receive the degrees of the Order.

The First Initiation Ceremonies were conducted by Rosario Villaruel Chapter, U.D., in the evening of July 19, 1948 in the Chapter Room of Plaridel Masonic Temple with the regular officers of the Chapter officiating after a series of practice meetings before this date, with the help of Sister Schoening and Sister England, also members of Mayon Chapter No. I. The candidates were Bros. Primo I. Guzman, Francisco Bonifacio, Jose F. Fetalvero, and Sis. Aniceta B. Santos. Short talks were delivered by the candidates after the ceremonies. Special thanks are due to Sister Schoening and Sister England for their help in preparing the officers in their work specially in the Ritual. Without them, the first Initiation ceremonies would not have been the success that it was. Thanks are also extended to the visitors whose presence was an inspiration to Rosario Villaruel Chapter, U.D.

Equally important and impressive was the second Initiation Ceremonies held by the regular Officers of the Chapter in Plaridel Masonic Temple on the evening of August 16, 1948, when Sister Rosita M. Inigo, Bros. Luis de los Santos, and Saw Eng Sam were initiated into the Order. The Chapter is to be congratulated for the acquisition of these members. Sister Inigo, made a solemn pledge to support the Chapter to the fullest extent of her ability on whatever activities the Chapter may undertake.

After all the ceremonies, refreshments were served the members and visitors.

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For information, we are quoting hereunder pertinent portion of the Report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the matter,—

"x x x. From all of the information it has been able to collect, giving to each factor due weight in its deliberations the Committee is of the unanimous opinion and so decides that at this session of the Supreme Council, for the Philippines Republic, nor does the Committee think that at this session this petition should be declined. It is recommended by the Committee that action on the applications be postponed until the next regular session of the Supreme Council, or until the time seems more propitious than at present for favorable action thereon.

"The Committee ventures to suggest that, in the meantime, the Brethren in the Philippines enhance the present feeling of amity and goodwill among them to such an extent that there may be no points of difference, but complete agreement, unity, and cooperation when this matter arises again for consideration."

Let it be known in passing that this is the result of the task for which we have sent a special representative to the Biennial Sessions of the Supreme Council.

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We are pleased to inform you that among our callers for the month were dignitaries of the Islam Temple of America, known as Shriners — Potentate Rey N. Busil and Dr. Howard McKinley Pass Potentate. Bro. Tiburcio Cervantes, CCF of Davao City did call on us too. Brothers Hedefonso Jimenez, Provincial Treasurer of Negros Occidental, Jose Collante, Provincial Treasurer of Sorsogon, Roman Padilla, Provincial Treasurer of Sulu, and Pio Advincula, Provincial Treasurer of Romblon also paid us with their visits.

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We regret to advise you that presently our Brothers E. R. Martinez and Enrique Lolarga are ill. They are confined in their homes. Advice has reached us too from Dagupan City that Bro. Aquino is stricken with pneumonia and is now confined in the Pangasinan Provincial Hospital. We pray and hope for their prompt recovery.

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Mas Sobre La Organizacion de Grandes Logias

DECIAMOS en esta misma página editorial el mes pasado, que en todo territorio libre cualquier Gran Logia regular tiene el inherente derecho de constituir Logias Subordinadas, sin excepción alguna. Y entiéndese por territorio libre aquél en el que ninguna Gran Logia se ha establecido aún como una Gran Logia del dicho territorio. Esta doctrina, que es una regulación masónica de carácter universal, está bien establecida en las siguientes palabras del eminente tratadista MACKKEY:

“Sólo resta por tratar el modo propio de organizar una Gran Logia en un territorio donde semejante cuerpo no exista. Para entender perfectamente esta materia, será necesario comenzar con el desarrollo primero de la Masonería en dicho país.

“Vamos a suponer que en un territorio no existiera aún la Masonería formalmente organizada dentro de sus límites geográficos. Podría suceder que en dicho territorio existiera un número adecuado de masones; pero que no existiera ninguna Logia.

“Ahora bien, el primer principio en Ley Masónica que ha de llamar nuestra atención en este estado de cosas, es que en un territorio en el cual la Masonería no se haya introducido en forma organizada de Logias, es un territorio común o libre para todas las potencias masónicas del mundo; por lo que es competente para cualquier Gran Logia otorgar cartas constitutivas para establecer una Logia en dicho territorio así no ocupado, siempre que haya una petición por un número constitucional de masones al efecto.

“Y este derecho de otorgar Cartas Constitutivas es inherente a toda Gran Logia en el mundo, y se podrá ejercitar por tantas cuantas deseen ejercerlo, siempre y cuando en dicho territorio no existiera una Gran Logia debidamente organizada. Por lo que, podría haber diez o una docena de Logias que trabajen

al mismo tiempo en dicho territorio, y cada una de ellas podría derivar su existencia legal de diferentes Grandes Logias.

“En dicho caso, ninguna de las Grandes Logias que han otorgado así cartas constitutivas adquiere con dicho acto jurisdicción exclusiva sobre dicho territorio, el cual permanece LIBRE para la admisión de cualquier otra Gran Logia con poderes para otorgar Cartas Constitutivas. La jurisdicción que ejercen las Grandes Logias en dicho territorio es una jurisdicción masónica no sobre el territorio sino sobre las Logias Subordinadas por ellas constituidas.”

Aparece bien claro, por tanto, que ninguna Gran Logia podrá reclamar jurisdicción exclusiva sobre Japón nada mas que por el hecho de haber establecido Logias Subordinadas en dicho territorio con anterioridad a cualquier otra Gran Logia. Las Grandes Logias que han establecido Logias Subordinadas en el Japón ejercen jurisdicción no sobre el territorio del Japón, el cual permanece libre y abierto para el establecimiento de cualquier otra Logia Subordinada de cualquier Gran Logia regular, sino que sólo ejercen jurisdicción masónica sobre las Logias Subordinadas que ellas hayan constituido en dicho territorio libre.

Y esta es una regulación de carácter universal que no puede ser objeto de innovación alguna. El consentimiento universal a esta Ley Masónica tan antigua como la misma masonería; la práctica universal y constante en todos los tiempos y en todos los países; y su propia filosofía que ha resistido la acción de años y de siglos, no podría justificar una desviación en el caso del Japón.

Es mas, cualquier Gran Logia que propusiera la desviación en lo mas mínimo de esta doctrina se arriesgaría a ser considerada como irregular, y su actitud como una tentativa de introducir innovaciones perjudiciales a prácticas bien establecidas.

(Antonio Gonzalez, F.P.S.)

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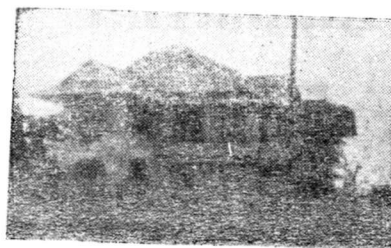
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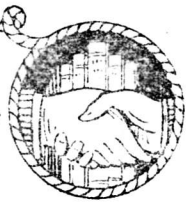
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BY J. W. FERRIER, SR., P. M.

During the 16th year of its existence the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held four quarterly Communications, the first of which was held March 5, 1947, with 216 lodges represented. A number of requests from lodge for permission to receive further petitions for initiation from various applicants were received and granted. Grand Lodge dues were waived on a number of brothers who had become mental cases and were under confinement as such, for the period of such confinement; a legacy of a farm provided for in the will of a brother was accepted; the expenditure of \$225,000 for repairs on the Masonic Homes Buildings was approved; the Committee on By-Laws made a report as did the Grand Secretary; the merger of two lodges was approved, and the R. W. Senior Grand Warden, Brother William E. Yeager and R. W. Grand Master, Brother Richard A. Kern, gave interesting talks on the various subjects discussed at the February meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association and the Grand Master's Conference.

At the second of these quarterly communications, held June 4, 1947, 191 lodges were represented. Proposed By-Laws and amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws. Requests for recognition were received from the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands and from the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence, which, at the fourth quarterly meeting, recommended the granting of the requests of both grand lodges, which recommendation was approved. A number of additional requests from lodges to receive petitions for membership and initiation were received and granted.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that the

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with Masonic principles and tenet. There is no reason why a Constitution for Japan should not be modeled along the same lines.

The ceremonies which we have gone through tonight reminds me very much of one evening some 18 years ago when Amity Lodge No 106 my Mother Lodge, was Constituted and given its charter in Shanghai, China. There were present that evening representatives from the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland, Massachusetts and other Jurisdictions, symbolical of the universality of Masonry. Tonight we have the honor of receiving representatives from the Grand Jurisdictions of Scotland and Connecticut — Wor. Bros. Apar, Colton and Rasthofer — who have not only come to us at great inconvenience from Tokyo, but have ably assisted us in the ceremonies of Constitution and Installation. On behalf of the Grand Master I wish to thank them for their presence and would ask them to convey our fraternal greetings and regards to their respective Grand Lodges.

Brethren, nothing remains for me to say but to offer you, once again, my own congratulations and best wishes. May the Grand Architect Bless and prosper you in all your doings and may the result of your labors reflect credit to the honor of His Holy Name.

Grand Lodge Benito Juarez, of Torreon, Mexico, had requested recognition; that the Committee had twice written the said Grand Lodge for a copy of the "History and Constitution" of such Grand Lodge but that no reply to either letter had been received, and asked that it be discharged from further consideration of the petition until the requested document had been received. Granted.

The Committee on Finance reported a bequest of \$5,000.00 to the Grand Lodge by a deceased brother, which on motion was accepted.

The Committee on By-Laws presented a lengthy report which was adopted and the Right Worshipful Grand Master announced the passing of a number of brethren and the appointment of others to various positions. He then addressed the meeting reviewing the proceedings necessary in preparing for a grand lodge meetings stressed the necessity of care in the case of committees of inquiry and investigation, and reviewed a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on an appeal taken thereto from a decision of a lower Court taken by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which decision had given a clandestine Negro Grand Lodge authority to set up its Grand Lodge in the State of Pennsylvania.

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PROBLEMS OF OUR LODGES

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DAVID W. K. AU

the Grand Lodge for funds to be returned in due time. This practice has been discouraged and the present tendency is to discontinue granting loans to subordinate lodges. If some have built their temples in spite of hardships, why can not others pool their resources and do likewise?

Some lodges are just existing, not thriving. This is due to poor attendance at stated meetings and lack of interest on the part of the members even on special occasions. A typical letter of a lodge secretary to habitual absentees runs thus: "You have not been seen at the lodge for quite sometime and we do not know the reason why. Your continued absence is hampering our progress." And here is another: "Our newly-obligated brethren are curious to find out why our membership is big but the attendance negligible. You can improve the situation by coming ever so often and be an example to young members." Reminders such as these are unnecessary if we but bear in mind not only our solemn obligation as Master Masons to maintain and support the Masonic Law but to acknowledge and obey all summonses from our lodges. Those who have Masonry at heart need neither coaxing nor begging in order to perform their duties and assume their responsibilities.

Attacks against the Fraternity by its enemies have alarmed brethren. And this is a sort of an excuse—which should not be the case—for the slow growth of the Craft and the hesitancy of our members to be active in their lodge work. Did we ever stop to think that those who know our Venerable Institution least are our most bitter critics? That the people who pretend to understand the Masons are those who are out of it? Mankind's fear is not in Masonry which preaches and emphasizes and practices universal brotherhood regardless of color, nationality, or creed but in other societies and organizations which in themselves are fertile fields for bigotry and intolerance, hypocrisy and arrogance.

The worries of our lodges should not and must never discourage our brothers; rather they should spur us on to fruitful action whenever we know we are right and true. Time and again history has shown that the Craft has overcome its obstacles, solved its problems, and survived crisis after

nic spirit. When men of lesser mould under enemy threat and continued pressure, bartered principle for profit and replaced conviction for convenience, Bro. Au at the risk of his own life chose to follow the difficult but honorable path of consistency both in matters of faith and practice.

In February, 1945, the Philippines was liberated. However, in China, the great war did not end until August of the same year. Yet by February, 1946 all our subordinate lodges there have been reorganized due in a large measure to Bro. Au's assistance and encouragement. The report he submitted during the thirty-second annual communication of the Grand Lodge held in Manila at the end of January, this year, which he attended, speaks splendidly of the great efforts exerted by brethren in China in the interest of our Institution as a whole.

Not long ago, Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. our Grand Master, appointed Bro. Au as his representative to constitute lodges beyond Philippine waters. True to his reputation as a thorough and conscientious worker, Bro. Au succeeded in constituting Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge U. D. at Yokosuka, Japan and Okinawa Lodge U. D. at Okinawa, Ryukyus in record time considering the difficulty in obtaining passage to these places. To the members of these lodges, he proved a capable spokesman of our beloved and energetic Grand Master and a worthy leader of the Craft.

If and when the time comes to form the Grand Lodge of China, we in this Grand Jurisdiction will have reason to believe that such Grand Lodge will be one more champion of universal peace and another bulwark of Masonry in Asia. Our feeling of assurance in this direction lies on the patriotic labors of men like Bro. Au and the untold story of many others in that ancient country who are living the Masonic way of life.—*Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.*

crisis. Our Institution is like that ever-shining light illumining the path of brave, independent, self-reliant, and free men throughout the centuries whom worldly affliction or even death itself had challenged but never, never conquered.—

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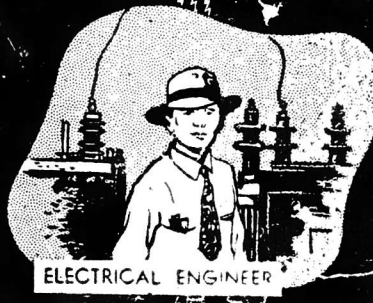
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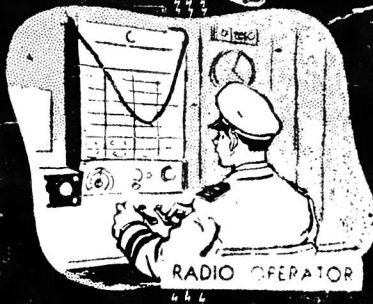
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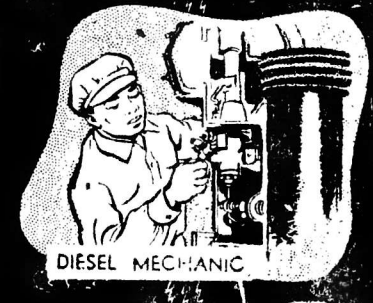
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