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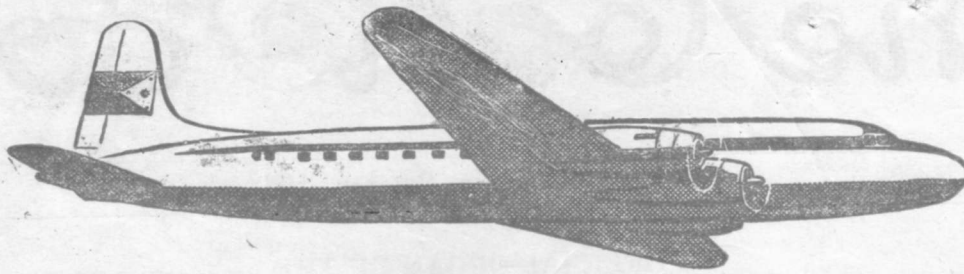


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## EDITORIALS

### THE MASON AND CHARITY

THE general impression is that when one speaks of charity, he has reference to almsgiving or institutions for gratuitous aid, as for instance a hospital. To the Mason, however, the term is broader in scope. This may be gleaned from the charges given to candidates for the first three degrees in Masonry.

The Entered Apprentice is reminded of his duty to his neighbor which is four-fold namely: (1) by acting with him squarely; (2) by assisting him kindly and justly; (3) by cheering him up when he is down and sympathizing with him in time of discouragement and sorrow; and (4) by observing the golden rule. The Fellow Craft is told to be tolerant and dignified as befits a worthy Brother. And the Master Mason is urged to infuse universal benevolence which is synonymous with generosity.

Thus, when a man becomes a Mason he should be charitable in his thoughts about his Brethren, in his heart, and in his dealings with the needy

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### NOT TOO LATE

A NEWLY-OBLIGATED Brother upon being called to say a few words by the Worshipful Master, stood up reluctantly to express his regret that he did not seek membership in the Craft earlier. "For the past twenty years" he said, "it was my earnest desire to become a Mason but procrastination and pleasure got the better part of my being." "Now, I am almost fifty," he continued, "and my fruitful years are over. I am late in appreciating the true meaning of the Great Light but I still hope for the best."

Of course, it is never too late to do good. Man's usefulness is not counted in terms of years but reckoned in deeds for his fellowmen. Living a few years as a real Mason with a mission to accomplish and a goal to reach is preferable to that of merely existing for half a century without a definite objective in life.

Like a traveler, the Mason knows why and where he is going. His Fraternity stands for the freedom and dignity of man and with these, he is helping spread the message of goodwill everywhere.

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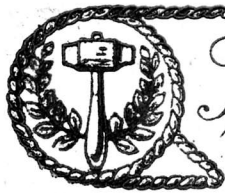
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# The Grand Master's Message



ON November 13th I had the pleasure of attending St. Johns Lodge No. 9 and witnessing the splendid conferral of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of Masonry on Bro. Bowman, a War Damage Commission employee.—The conferral team was headed by Most Wor. Bro. Francisco Delgado, a Past Grand Master of this Jurisdiction and was composed of brothers in the War Damage Commission from six different Grand Jurisdictions all working together in unity and exemplifying the degree with Masonic dignity and beauty.

The majority of us join the masonic order not only to better our brothers and to make true friendships among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

The association and fellowship we derive from our meetings and social gatherings are a pleasant remembrance we always speak of and look forward too.

We should strive for more inter-lodge visits for by doing this we meet more new brethren who help us in a better understanding of their problems and improves and broadens the scope of our thinking and establishes lasting and binding friendships.

*Albert J. Prayce Jr.*

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**YOKOSUKA NAVAL MASONIC LODGE U.D. AND  
OKINAWA LODGE U.D. CONSTITUTED**

Editor's Note: The brethren in this jurisdiction are interested to know the details of the constitution of Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge and Okinawa Lodge, previously under dispensation. The necessary permission having been previously obtained, we quote hereunder the report of Rt. Wor. Bro. David W. K. Au to the Most Wor. Grand Master sent from Shanghai, August 6, 1948:

M. W. Grand Master:—

It having been your pleasure to appoint me as your representative to constitute Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge U.D. at Yokosuka, Japan, and Okinawa Lodge U.D. at Okinawa, Rykyu, as per letter from the M. W. Grand Secretary dated May 17, 1948, I immediately set about to apply for permission to visit these localities from SCAP headquarters in Tokyo. Through the combined efforts of the officers of the two lodges and Wor. Col. M. B. de Pass of the Army Advisory Group in Peiping, Past Master of our Nanking Lodge No. 100 who wrote personally to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur on the subject CINCFE in Washington approved of my application in record time. I was ready to proceed on my mission in early July, but due to the arrival of the Islam Temple Divan at Shanghai on July 19th, I postponed my departure until July 24th.

The day dawned clear and bright and at 0800 I was aboard a Northwest plane heading towards the land of the Rising Sun. At 1430 (1330 Shanghai time) the plane landed at Haneda Airport, Tokyo; was welcomed by Bros. David C. Beeler, Master-elect; D. W. Bogue, S. W.-elect; J. M. Jackson, J. W. elect and E. G. Brown, Secretary-elect of Yokosuka Lodge who immediately whisked me by car to Yokosuka Naval Base, some 33 miles from Tokyo, where I was comfortably quartered in the Officers' Mess. On the same evening, Bro. Captain Banton W. Decker, Commander of Fleet Activities, gave a dinner in my honor which enabled me to meet many distinguished Naval officers and their wives and also several prominent brothers of the craft from Tokyo and Yokohama. Bro. Decker, a member of Yokosuka Lodge, has done more to encourage the establishment of the Lodge and to keep it going than anybody else. It was a great privilege meeting this real Mason.

I spent Sunday Evening, July 25th, as guest of Wor. Bro. Beeler and his charming lady and after supper, attended a meeting of the officers. It was decided that a rehearsal of the ceremonies be held the following evening; that the Constitution be instituted on Tuesday July 27th at 7:30 P.M.; that the Past Master of the Scottish and American Lodges at Tokyo and Yokohama be invited to participate in the ceremonies; and that due publicity be given in the "Stars and Stripes" so that sojourning Master Masons might be informed.

The rehearsal meeting was held at the Lodge Hall as scheduled, on Monday evening and all last minute arrangements attended to.

At 5:30 P. M. on Tuesday July 27th, I opened Grand Lodge in ample form with the assistance of Wor. Bro. Michael Apar. P.M. of Lodge Star in the East No. 640 S. C. as my Deputy Grand Master and Wor. Bro. G. Colton and Harvey Colton, Past Masters of the same Lodge in the Grand West and Grand South respectively, and Wor. Bro. Rastofer, W. M. of the Tokyo American Lodge U.D. under the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as Grand Tyler. After I had announced the purpose of the Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, and all brethren below the rank of Past or installed Master having retired, the secrets of the

Master's chair were communicated to Wor. Bro. David Cecil Beeler, Master-elect of the Lodge, in due and ancient form. A brief recess was then declared.

At 7:30 P.M. a Grand Lodge procession was formed with Wor. Bros. Nelson P. Perry as Grand Marshal; Wor. Bro. Michael Apar carrying the vessels containing corn, wine and oil; Wor. Bro. G. W. Colton bearing the Great Lights; Wor. Bro. Harvey Colton, the Lesser Lights; Wor. Bro. Rastofer, the emblem; with myself bringing up the rear, we marched into the Lodge Hall. Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge No. 120 F. & A. M. was then duly and solemnly constituted into a regular Lodge according to ancient ritual with appropriate adorations to the ever living God, the scattering of corn as symbol of plenty, the pouring of wine as a symbol of joy and the sprinkling of oil as a symbol of peace.

The Constitution ceremonies were followed by the installation of the officers elected and the investiture of the officers appointed in the following order, viz,

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| David C. Beeler       | — Worshipful Master |
| D.W. Bogue            | — Senior Warden     |
| J. M. Jackson         | — Junior Warden     |
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GREETING:

WHEREAS, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has voted to grant Silver Keys to all Master Masons who have served faithfully and well for 25 years, adopting the resolution submitted by our Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, which reads as follows:

"WHEREAS, in all organizations, long and faithful service of members are usually rewarded with some sort of remuneration, monetary or otherwise;

WHEREAS, in this Grand Jurisdiction, 50 year gold buttons are given to all who have served as Master Masons for fifty years;

WHEREAS, in this Atomic Age, life expectancy has been reduced and fifty years have become too long for any one to expect to wear the button;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, F. & A. M., petition the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands to give 25-year silver keys to all Master Masons who have served it faithfully and well for twenty-five years;

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that the following rules shall govern, the giving of the key:

1. A Master Mason must have served the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands faithfully and well for at least twenty five years from the time of raising, or his affiliation if he came from other Grand Jurisdiction, in order to wear the key;

2. He must have never been suspended (for non-payment of due or otherwise) or expelled by any Lodge under this Jurisdiction;

3. Limits of short duration are not to be counted against but in case he failed to affiliate after a lapse of time as provided in the Constitution and by-laws of the Lodge, the same shall be considered as separation and, therefore, bars him from wearing the key for then he had not served the Grand Lodge faithfully and well;

4. The key should be of sterling silver with the Grand Lodge seal in blue enamel on the obverse side and the Roman numeral XXV on the reverse, also in blue. Its size shall be that of a ten-centavo piece and it can either be worn as a watch charm or as a pin;"

WHEREAS, to implement said resolution it is necessary that the Grand Secretary's office be furnished with the names and personal masonic history of all brothers deserving said special award;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR., as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, do hereby decree that all the lodges should immediately adopt a resolution recommending those of their members who are qualified to receive the said award, submitting their names together with their personal masonic history and other personal data, not later than December the 15th, 1948, to the Grand Secretary's Office.

It is further fraternally requested that such recommendation should bear the favorable approval of the Inspector of the Lodge.

DONE and executed in this City of Manila, Republic of the Philippines, this 14th of September, 1948.

(SGD.) ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR.  
Grand Master

ATTEST:  
(SGD.) ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.  
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ISAROG No. 33

**T**HE Grand Master and his party arrived at the Pili Airport at exactly 2:20 P.M. April 10, 1948. All the members of the Lodge with ladies were at the air strip to welcome the party.

The Grand Master and members of the party then proceeded to the Lodge hall and a formal reception given. Wor. Master Doroteo Federis gave a brief welcome talk followed by the welcome address given by S. W. Bro. Jesus F. Alvarez.

The Grand Secretary then introduced all the members of the party and the respective lodges whence they came. Wor. Bro. Jose Fernandez of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27, then gave an inspiring speech on the need of Masonic fellowship. This was followed by the most illuminating address of the Grand Orator, Dr. Mauro Baradi on "The Meaning of Light." He stressed the beauty of the hand that waved the light which was the means of the salvation of three ships and their passengers. He also demonstrated the need for mental light and lastly with tremendous force, drove home the point that life sacrificed in order that others might live is the best light and the radiance of which shall never grow dim.

The Grand Secretary then continued to praise Naga, as one of the best places in the Philippines. He then introduced the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Albert J. Brazee, Jr. After receiving the Honors due him he surprised us by saying that he was a Bicolano by right of birth. This was followed by his fatherly admonition to have compassion on the erring Brothers for according to him they have not as yet seen the full light of Masonry. He then assured the members of Isarog Lodge to carry on knowing that the Grand Lodge shall provide for them the needed inspiration, encouragement and the warmth of bro-

therhood they most desire. The wife of the Grand Master Mrs. Brazee was introduced and gave a short but significant talk. Thus ended the affair in the lodge hall.

A simple merienda was given to the visitors at the Sugar Bowl after which the Grand Master and party departed for the air strip for the homeward trip.

MALOLOS NO. 46

**T**HIS Lodge is grateful to President Elpidio Quirino for having appointed two of our Brethren, Charles Hallman and Felipe Tanchanco as Manager of the Manika Hotel and Provincial Assessor of Bulacan province respectively. Both Brethren are very well liked in the community and their experience will help them a lot in their new positions. Congratulations to these Brethren.

The members of this Lodge placed a wreath at the foot of the monument of Bro. Jose Rizal at Atlag, Malolos on June 19th in commemoration of his eighty-seventh birthday anniversary. The ladies and daughters of the Brethren secured the wreath. A short program was held including an invocation by Rev. Bro. Emilio Avila of this Lodge; speech by Bro. Hermogenes Dimagiba of Nilad Lodge No. 12; song by Miss Irene Pangindia, a teacher of the Malolos Elementary School; Speech by Wor. Bro. Emiliano Quijano of Nilad Lodge No. 12; closing remarks by Wor. Bro. Apolinario Cruz, Master of Malolos Lodge No. 46. F. E. Anlag acted as master of ceremonies. Bros. Anlag (Francisco and Melacio) entertained the brethren and visitors with a "merienda."

ISABELA NO. 60

**O**N June 19, the Lodge conferred the first degree of Masonry upon Mr. Juan Nery. The following were the officers at the conferral: Primitivo M. Israel, W. M., F. Z. Reyes, S. W., Andres Daugoy, J. W., E. Mirasol, Treasurer, C. M. Carino, Secretary, A. T. Tiburcio, Chaplain, J. T. Darbin, Marshal; M. I. Bunoan, S. Steward and J. Catindig, Tyler. After the initiation—the lecture having been given by Bro. Reyes and the charge by Bro. Tiburcio—the candidate gave a short talk stating that he had been a member of "Katipunan Mipanampun" and "Legionarios del Trabajo" but finally decided to leave these organizations to join Masonry which "was the organization for all men of good will." The candidate invited the brethren to Bro. Carino's house where dinner was served.

**I**N the evening Bro. Jose Rizal's birthday was celebrated. Bros. A. Salvador, M. Evangelista and A. T. Tiburcio gave short talks. Bro. Reyes gave a short biography of Rizal and branded as untrue the supposed retraction of Rizal.

**O**N July 1, 1948 fire broke out in the Commercial center of Ilagan, and completely destroyed the buildings occupied by the Lodge. All the records, minutes, jewels and furniture were burned. However, the brethren are undaunted. The erection of a new temple is contemplated if and when war damage claims are paid.

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## WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING



## GONZAGA No. 66

**B**RO. Teofilo Calimag, Fellowcraft of this Lodge was raised to the third and sublime degree of Master Mason on July 17, 1948. The regular officers of this Lodge conducted the ceremonies. After the ceremonies Bro. Calimag entertained the brethren in his house with a supper.

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**I**N the afternoon of August 16, 1948, the members of this Lodge and resident brethren from other Lodges gave a fraternal *merienda* in honor of the Honorable, the Undersecretary of Health, Bro. Regino G. Padua, Past Master of High Twelve Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M., at the Paredes Square Garden in this municipality of Tuguegarao, Province of Cagayan. During the *merienda* a true spirit of Brotherhood prevailed.

Bro. Padua arrived in the morning by plane to be present at the conference of the medical association of this province. He was greeted at the air port by the provincial officials, members of the medical association, and members of the craft.

## KASILAWAN NO. 77

**B**RO. Daniel V. Lomotan, who was recently promoted to Captain in the Manila Police Department, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 13, 1948. Brethren of sister lodges who are his intimate friends were present on this occasion. The brethren enjoyed the sumptuous supper offered by him at the White House Restaurant in Ermita.

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**W**OR. Bro. Pablo C. Mariano, Past Master of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, F. & A. M., was recently promoted to the position of Chief, Law Division of the Bureau of Customs. Wor. Bro. Mariano was the Legal Assistant in the Appraisers' Division of the same bureau before his promotion. He is a lawyer and is connected with the government for many years. He is co-author of a book entitled "The Philippine Customs Guide" which is now used by importers and exporters, businessmen, Customs Brokers, Lawyers and Customs Employees.

Wor. Bro. Mariano hails from Tagig, Rizal and is married to the former Miss Barbara Belulia of San Pablo City. They have three children, namely: Lubiminda, Violeta and Francisco.

In the name of the members of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, we extend to you our congratulations.

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**B**RO. Eligio B. A. Hernandez, a member of this Lodge, is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He is a Lt. Chaplain in the US Army (P8). The Secretary of Okinawa Lodge No. 118 advised this Lodge that they had the pleasure of a visit from Bro. Hernandez in one of their meetings.

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**O**FFICER member Bro. Marvin C. Venable, who is a captain in the U. S. Army, was present in the Festival of the Scottish Rite Masons held on October 10, 1948. Bro. David Light was with him and went back to their camp in Marikina late in the evening.

## F. D. ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL NO. 81

**T**HIS Lodge gave a despedida dinner party on July 21, 1948 for Bro. Alfred C. Bunney who left for the United States to continue his studies in Navigation School in New York.

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**B**ROS. E. Babarda and Pedro Regala also left Manila for the Bicol Region with their families. Bro. Salvador Maglaya was initiated Entered Apprentice Mason by Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79 at its regular meeting on June 26, 1948. Our Lodge is grateful to the brethren of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79.

## "HIGH TWELVE" NO. 82

**F**AMILY Gathering of "High-Twelve" Lodge No. 82, sponsored by Brothers Baradi, Oliveros, Escosa, Santos, Williamson, Juaban, Mojica, Severo and Silva took place at the Social Hall of Plaridel Masonic Temple on August 29th, 1948, at 10:00 A.M. and lasted until a little after 3:00 P.M. It was attended by no less than 200 members, their loved ones and guests included.

An impromptu program followed: the community singing under the able leadership of Pete Celestino, proved to the liking of everyone present. Bro. Silva spoke in Ceylonese and his entire speech was translated by Bro. Baradi. Bro. Oliveros exhibited the latest Tango steps, while Bro. Mojica demonstrated the typical Filipino *Estilango*. Honorary Member, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez paired with Mrs. Gonzalez, obliged Bro. Baradi, the Toastmaster and those present by dancing to the tune of Blue Danube Waltz. Brother Escosa sang the Anniversary Song; Bro. Baradi requested his better-half to sit beside him near the microphone so he can be inspired while singing the G. L. Love Song; while Bro. Padua aired another *Ucayon* ballad and "O Sole Mio" for an encore. And M. W. Bro. Bruce performed magic and tricks that really amused and astonished everyone.

After luncheon, the little loved ones furnished the entertainment. To Master Cariaga went the First Prize for singing so well and to Elsa Pestana went the Second Prize for singing Happy Birthday To You. The two other Prize winners were the daughters of Bro. Baradi, who played on the piano and the daughter of Bro. Ruiz who declaimed. Sixteen other useful Prizes were also distributed by drawing lots and the winners follow: Brothers Erum, Gonzalez, Bascarra, Pestana, Fetalvero, Monroy, Ofilada, Rivera, Navales, Escosa Jr., Ramos, Castaneda, Del Callar, Bennett, Guzman and Casequin.

And lastly, Fine Master Baradi, fined several brethren for various shortcomings and good behaviour as well, the total fines amounting to P40.00, which will go to the Charity Fund of the Lodge.—D. E.

## MOUNT HURAW NO 98

**M**OUNT Huraw Lodge No. 98, F. & A. M., was convened for a special meeting to confer on Bro. Nicolas R. Penamora the EA degree on May 22 and the FC degree on July 10. After labor, refreshments were served.

Wor. Bro. Cayetano Froilan celebrated his 62nd birthday anniversary on August 7 with a sumptuous buffet supper. The brethren in this valley were in full attendance to give Bro. Froilan "many happy returns of the day".

Bros. Cayetano Froilan, Francisco Mendiola, Eufrazio Salazar and Jose Monteilo have been going to Cebu and Manila from time to time to get money from the insular government for the province of Samar.

Bro. Simeon Damian, in his capacity as provincial auditor, has recently gone to Guiuan to investigate alleged anomalies in the SPC base.

Bro. Delfin D. Zamar has been transferred from the Baybay (Leyte) agricultural high school to Kabankalan (Negros Occidental) national agricultural high school as

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**MY OBSERVATION OF FREEMASONRY  
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Address delivered by M. W. Brother Michael Goldenberg, P. G. M.  
on September 11, 1948, at High Twelve Lodge No. 32 F. & A.M.  
Plaridel Temple, Manila

**I**T is a great privilege and a signal honor for me to be asked to speak to you this evening.

Masonry is a wonderful society of friends and brothers and the greatest of all human brotherhood in the world. I am not going to speak on its origin, history and its antiquity but will only delve on my recent visit abroad and sound advice on the present masonic situation as it can be conducted in our country and of its membership, and what we can do to improve our interests in our great institution.

Masonry was born and directed under the wise King Solomon and continued to work in Harmony, for neither envy, discord or confusion was suffered to disturb the Peace and good-fellowship among the workmen in the Temple, and thereafter. Speculative Masonry flourished everywhere in spite of systematic opposition to its growth and progress by tyrants and usurpers of the peoples' rights. Its past is glorious and its present is praise-worthy and progressive. Because of my love for Masonry and for what it has done in modifying my life and the great body of men the world over, also for what it is doing and will do until time shall be no more, and that is my reason for this frank talk to you, my Brethren.

Freemasonry itself is blameless and has never committed a crime but the world will judge us as a whole by the acts of our own members and how much we would tolerate such acts within our membership. In allowing candidates to be admitted without a thorough investigation not only of his character, but his capability of understanding the meaning of our purposes and would prove sincere in his endeavor to become a better man. One who is capable of thinking and deciding for himself instead of being led by some with selfish motives in order to obtain advantages over his fellow members. You all know that we all bow to the will of the majority and when a faction exists which is led solely by selfish and ambitious motives, it can control and impose its will upon the rest of our membership. Masonry is ever popular, many are rushing to its altars, the worthy and the doubtful and we should not be tempted to be lax for we will have to repent for if and tolerate their company for a very long time even for years.

Some of this class would memorize the work and only by being a "Good Fellow" would reach up to the highest possible honors that can be conferred by a Lodge or other office in the Grand Lodge. When his popularity wanes, he will readily become inactive or even drop out of the picture entirely. He would readily be a dispenser of masonic appointments or favors to those who would most likely share with his desires or ideas. But to those who would not easily let others to decide for them, would be considered "outsiders" or the "opposition" and these members who are the intellectuals would have a small chance to scale the ladder of office bearers under these circumstances. This situation can only exist and flourish by our own indifference and it can be prevented only by the convincing actions of the majority of our membership.

This society is based on Truth and Morality. It is un-masonic for anyone of us to disregard attempts to cover up or even minimize gross immoral criminal acts which may exist in our midst which is unpardonable by any decent person. We cannot afford to keep one of our eyes closed and keep the other eye partly open. It is time that we keep both eyes open and when you are right and positive of what is wrong, for the sake of everything that is right, just and your obligations, do

something about it. Do not be passive, indifferent or lukewarm, but be what Masons should be, militant, energetic, active and be among those who can express their minds for themselves and not thru any other source.

We want Masonry in the Philippine Jurisdiction that is as good and honorable as any other Jurisdiction. We are proud of the past and the sacrifices of our forefathers during the Spanish regime (my own father being one of them) and the courage and fortitude which sustained their Unity under the wrongs of persistent persecution.

Today, we do not have to worry for our personal safety to belong to this venerable institution, for we breathe the air of Freedom and Masonry now enjoys the distinction of having had a large share in the moulding of Philippine Liberties and the final goal — Independence. If you take away from Philippine History, everything and everyone which had Masonic connections, you will only have a one-sided account of the tyrants and usurpers who ruled here until Masonry infiltrated thru the works and sacrifices of Filipino Patriots led by Brothers Jose Rizal, M. H. del Pilar, Lopez Jaena and scores of others, all Masons at heart. Are you not proud of this historical fact for it is a wonderful heritage which was left to us to build upon. If only for the sake of the love and veneration of our National Heroes who were Masons, we should consider Masonry here sacred and it is our bounden duty to safeguard it in every way possible, particularly from within our own ranks.

To have Peace and Harmony, we must first obey to the letter our Constitution, Laws and usages of Masonry. Only

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one man is empowered to issue dispensations and limited in accordance with our laws and he is the Grand Master. His powers and prerogatives is a land-mark of Masonry and is guided by our Constitution. If we disregard our laws, we can never have Peace and Harmony. As Masons, we go further than civil laws of the land as we also must take into account our moral laws. Masonic laws are made for all members alike, we must not interpret our laws in favor of a chosen few, because they have held offices in Masonry or for any other reason. The Balance Scale of Justice is our assurance that Truth is the only side it will favor and not the individual. The meaning of Harmony is to have a well-disciplined membership who have confidence in each other, eliminating any traces of distrust, hatred and banding themselves into sectionalism with favoritism in exchange for their support at elections. The latter is absolutely not Masonry and should not be tolerated. We have heard it repeated hundreds of times in all our meetings that Harmony is the strength and support of all societies specially ours, etc., but to overlook unfriendly acts because action speaks more than words, or forgetting our obligations so that hardly any Brotherly love remains, that cannot build Harmony and it is our duty to correct, then and only then, we can expect real Harmony to exist.

The Mason who is impure in mind and speech, who cannot act justly to others is without doubt, most unworthy. We cannot all fill high stations, but at least we can be good men, true to our obligations and sincere in our desires to be brotherly. We can still adhere to the principles of the teachings of Him who said: "Love ye one another." The ideal of standard of membership set by Masonry is quite high and we may never measure up to its requirements. Only a few can subdue and overcome passion and temptations to be able to keep every vow and to fully measure up to their masonic duties, but at least it is our duty to try to overcome obstacles in order to improve our own character and standing. The Lodge is the one and only place where we are able to meet on an equal basis, where envy, discord or dissention has no place. There may be honest differences of opinion, which will arise, but when they do, we must be frank in our discussions, open-minded without discourtesy for it is far from a political arena or a cockpit, because it is a place sacred to all of us, the place where we first saw the light. A divided brotherhood cannot ever prosper and factions that may think they can control Masonry cannot have the sanction of right-thinking men.

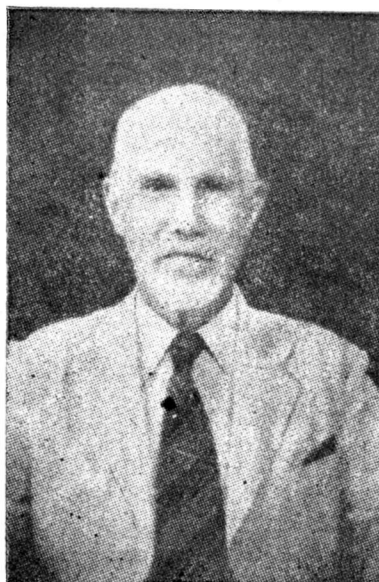
I will now give you a synopsis and impressions of my recent visitations in America.

In my travel abroad, I have had the pleasure of visiting the Great Grand Lodge of California, where I was very greatly honored by the brethren of our Mother Grand Lodge thru their genial and very active Grand Secretary, Bro. Lloyd E. Wilson. I was guest of California Lodge No. 1 where a special third degree was conferred which was the most perfect work I have ever witnessed. I was also guest of the Grand Officers at a luncheon at the Merchant's Club of San Francisco. I was guest for luncheon given me by Ill. Bro. Qualman 33<sup>o</sup> at the Olympic Club where all the other guests were also 33<sup>o</sup> masons. I had to decline further invitations as I was still sick.

(To be continued)

### FIFTY-NINE YEARS AS A MASON

(Speech delivered at Mount Apo Lodge No. 45, Zamboanga City on the occasion of the official visitation of M. W. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master, September 24, 1948.)



Wor. Bro. James Wilson, P.M.

we alternated — Filipino and American for master — until we ran out of American brethren.

Mount Apo is proud of its record. We lost everything during the invasion, but we have got rehabilitated and have high hopes of passing our previous record.

As for myself; I take great pride in my masonry. I was received into the craft almost 59 years ago, and I am sure today I have not exhausted even the smallest vein of its richly laden ore.

It is a source of help and comfort and pleasure I can absolutely rely upon when I have wearied of other labors. I can turn confidently to my Lodge room and find companionship and courage. There is something indefinable in Masonry I can find no where else in the world. Familiar as I am with Masonic ritual, it continues ever fresh and ever new. Always it seems to me as I hear it again repeated. I catch a new thought or a new grip on the eternal truths of Life.

Masonry has greatly enriched my life. It has given me friendships that I cherish dearly, it has I think whispered subconsciously to me in silent hours words of caution and encouragement.

I like attending the Lodge meetings. I have found it refreshing and good to step aside out of the path of my busy life and sit again with my Brother Masons. With them I can be what I long so often to be — — — their dreams and mine are similar; their pulses beat to the same inspiration and we are all at peace.

Note: James Wilson was made a M.M. in St. John's Lodge No. 16 F. & A.M. Falkirk Scotland on Tuesday, January 27th, 1890. Demitted in 1894 to Pentalfa Lodge No. 202, Los Angeles, California, then in 1918 demitted to Mount Apo Lodge No. 45, Zamboanga, Philippines.

Is a 32<sup>o</sup> member in the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Los Angeles, California, 1909 class.

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**W**E wish to announce that our Illustrious Deputy Frederic H. Stevens, 33<sup>o</sup> has had his fraternal call on the Sovereign Grand Commander recently. According to the letter of the Sovereign Grand Commander, Brother Stevens, and his good wife left for Williams<sup>town</sup> the day following his fraternal call. We wish them a well-spent sojourn abroad.

Our November conferrals will take place as scheduled. Members of the UNO and MANFIL Classes who compose two separate teams to confer the 14<sup>o</sup> and 4<sup>o</sup> in full form are now busy with their rehearsals and from all indications, the "recruits" will make a better showing than the oldtimers. It is fraternally requested that every brother who is assigned to communicate the degrees will cooperate, too, in rehearsing his assignment in order to insure a successful Reunion.

We are pleased to inform of the recent visit to us of the following brethren—Bro. Nicasio Valderrosa of Basilan City, Bro. Tiburcio Cervantes of Dayao City, Bro. Vicente Ealon of Iloilo City, Bro. Jose I. Araneta of Zamboanga City and Bro. James A. Schar of Long Beach, California. It is always a pleasure to meet visiting brethren.

Greetings to the Philippine Bodies were just received from high dignitaries of the Supreme Council —

From Illustrious Ford Q. Elvidge, 33<sup>o</sup>, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the State of Washington — "The revival of Scottish Rite Masonry in the Philippine Islands is epochal. Its significance is spiritual. It is a Relighting of the Lights. For those who perished in the dark hour, we utter our prayers. To you and the others who have survived to rehabilitate and carry forward, we send our best wishes and heartiest fraternal greetings."

From Illustrious Charles A. Moffet, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in the State of Alabama—"I, like other members of the Supreme Council are always interested in the good work you are doing in your Orient and I feel sure that with the guidance of my good Brother Stevens that you will continue to carry on the good work as you have in the past."

From Illustrious Charles P. Summerall, 30<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in South Carolina—"I extend my greetings and good wishes for 1948. The leadership and the response in all elements can not fail to bring to the Bodies even a greater degree of prosperity."

From Illustrious Walter R. Coombs, 33<sup>o</sup>, Deputy of the Supreme Council in Hawaii — "The Brethren of the Philippine Bodies have every reason to be proud of the good work they have done, since your Charters were granted by the Mother Supreme Council of the World. The splendid results attained in your Orient since liberation are outstanding. We feel a deep tie exists between your Orient and ours in Hawaii. Being in the same Pacific Ocean area, and although some 4,800 miles removed; we have always looked upon the Bodies of the Rite in the Philippines as good neighbors. May you grow and prosper, and continue to spread the Light of Knowledge. Mabuhay and Aloha."

The Stated Meeting of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection will take place on November 18, 1948 at the usual hour. It is fraternally requested that you attend and take part in the deliberation over all matters scheduled to be discussed in the meeting.

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farm manager thereat.

Bro. Pedro Congzon who is the municipal secretary of Catbalogan has recently gone to Guiuan to make purchases of fire engine and GI roofing from the surplus base for the

municipality of Catbalogan.

Bro. Mariano Sapetin of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53 mayor appointee of the new municipality of Mofiong, gave a "blow-out" to the brethren on August 1. Dinner was served and a dance was indulged in until late at night.

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**NOTAS EDITORIALES**

## AGITADORES Y CRUZADOS

**T**AMBIEN en masonería tenemos nuestros agitadores y cruzados. Muchas veces hemos oído que se alistan en nuestras filas elementos que vienen para vivir una vida de tranquilidad, de paz, de plácida camaradería. Toda labor que rompa el ritmo languidecente de una vida confortable les asusta y arredra.

Creemos que nuestra institución no es para esos que creen en una vida incolora, sin luchas ni agitaciones. Masonería significa lucha, agitación, cruzada contra todo aquello que signifique intolerancia, despotismo, intransigencias, egoísmo, soberbia, envidia, ambición desmedida y desenfrenada, imposición, ignorancia, fanatismo, y toda esa escala de bajas pasiones de que algunos hermanos aún no pueden despojarse, no obstante las sabias doctrinas y prácticas de nuestra orden.

Contra ese cúmulo de males hay que agitarse y ser verdaderos cruzados. No es posible llevar una

vida lánguida e incolora, despojarse de todo espíritu de lucha, y permitir que esos logreros que en mala hora se han introducido en nuestras filas siembren el descontento y el malestar en detrimento de una inmensa mayoría. El cruzarse de brazos es hasta criminal. Seríamos cómplices del crimen de lesa masonería si no nos agitamos para echar abajo toda maquinación que dé al traste con las mejores intenciones de una gran mayoría.

Afortunadamente muchos prefieren una vida de lucha, ser cruzados de una labor de poda, a fin de que nuestra institución siga adelante con su labor constructiva como hasta aquí. El ser agitador en ese sentido es hasta un mérito. Y es que hay que agitarse y limpiar nuestras filas de elementos que puedan inficionar la atmósfera en que nos movemos, y arrancar la mala raíz mientras la planta es aún chica, pues, cuando se haga árbol la tarea sería muchísimo mas dificultosa.

(Antonio González, F. P. S.)



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By J. W. FERRIER, Sr., P. M.  
(Continued from last issue)

The Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower Court, finding the clandestine organization without the right to use the name or any part thereof, of any legitimate Grand Lodge now in existence.

The third quarterly communication was held on September 3, 1947, with 188 lodges represented. Copies of proposed by-laws and amendments to by-laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws, which later submitted its report thereon.

A request from the Grande Oriente D'Italia, Rome, Italy, was received and referred to the Committee on Correspondence, which at the annual meeting recommended approval of the request, which recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Temple reported and the Grand Master announced the death of Brother Albert T. Handy, R. W. Junior Grand Warden, and after an eulogy by a brother Past Master announced a number of deaths and of appointments.

After an address by Grand Chaplain, Brother Fred P. Corson, the Rev. Lewis L. L. Cameron, Provincial Grand Master of Linlithgowshire Grand Lodge of Scotland, briefly addressed the meeting.

The fourth and last quarterly communication of the year 1947, was held on December 3, 1947, with all the elected Grand Lodge officers and five Past Grand Masters present, and 482 lodges represented. The Grand Masters of New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, Ohio, Illinois, and the District of Columbia, attended, as well as many ranking officers of these and other grand jurisdictions. This quarterly meeting being the one on which the Grand Lodge officers are to be elected according to the Grand Constitution, that was the first order of business and the Deputy Grand Master and the Senior Grand Warden were advanced, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary retained, while the Junior Grand Warden having died the year, a brother from the floor was elected, to succeed him.

Requests for recognition were received from the Grand Lodges of Uruguay, Hungary and Mines Gerais, Brazil. Referred to the Committee on Correspondence which, however, made no report on any of them, either at this quarterly communication or at the succeeding annual communication.

The Trustees of the various funds, of which your reviewer counted 43 in the abstract of the proceedings of this quarterly communication, take up 67 pages of the same with their reports.

The annual communication was held in Philadelphia on December 27, 1947, with all grand lodge officers except one and 4 Past Grand Masters present and 136 lodges represented. The Most Worshipful Grand Masters of North Carolina, New York, Maryland, Delaware and Nova Scotia, as well as many other dignitaries from the same and other Grand Jurisdictions, were in attendance.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended rejection of the application of the Syrian Lebanese Grand Lodge for Masonic recognition for lack of any information as to the legitimacy of the three subordinate lodges composing it; recommended the extension of fraternal recognition to the Grand East of the Netherlands and recommended that fraternal recognition be given the Gran Loggia Nazionale, located at Palazzo Guastiniani, Rome, all of which recommendations were adopted.

The retiring Grand Master in his address stated that "Masonry is on the March" throughout the world. He stated that Freemasons have ever been the champions of democracy and that it has been and still is the first target of those who seek to destroy democracy. That Masons of today are more generally conscious of the principles for which they stand and are more interested and active in the propagation and support of these principles than ever before. This is the great stimulus for the growth of Freemasonry, not merely in numbers, but in the quality of its membership, with the result that not only are there increasingly more Masons in the world today, but they are better Masons.

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## EDITORIALS

### THE MASON AND CHARITY

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and the distressed. If a man comes to the aid of another, he should do so not to enrich himself but to share what he has with him. And the Mason who gives, neither expects material profit nor personal favor in return; the reward, if it can be called such, is the pleasant thought and real satisfaction of having parted with something freely and voluntarily for the sake of someone.

In a world where there are still envy and enmity, the Masonic tenet of selflessness must take a firmer root among men in order to check the evil influence of selfishness and minimize human suffering in all its forms.

Charity is not only the supreme virtue of man but the distinguishing mark of the Mason. The Brother has expressed it in countless ways—Masonic farms for the industrious, pension funds for the deserving, health resorts for the convalescing, hospitals for the crippled, brace-making factories for the maimed and the disabled, help for the unfortunate, and homes for the aged—and will continue doing so since charity is part and parcel of his creed.

While others waste their time finding fault with the Ancient and Venerable Institution, let the Mason avoid misunderstanding and be tolerant as it

### NOT TOO LATE

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It is infinitely better for man to have searched for something worthwhile and succeeded in the venture than for him to have simply wished and dreamt about the search without exerting any effort toward its fulfillment.

Our young Mason should have no cause for regret. He finally knocked at Masonry's door and having been found worthy and well qualified, was allowed to come in. It is for him now to perform his duty not as a young or an old man but as a Mason. His opportunity has arrived and to him, the field for service is wide open.—*Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.*

were to those who choose to disagree with him; while the critics attribute all sorts of imaginary evils against the Mason, let him answer not with counter accusations but in kind words and golden deeds; while the enemies by all means—fair or foul—seek to destroy that which Masonry has built, let the Mason never tire in well-doing for the good that is done will bear fruit and be remembered long after its author is gone. This quality of service, the Mason should render ever so often as a co-worker in the Universal Temple of Brotherhood. And as the Holy Writ fittingly says: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."—*Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.*

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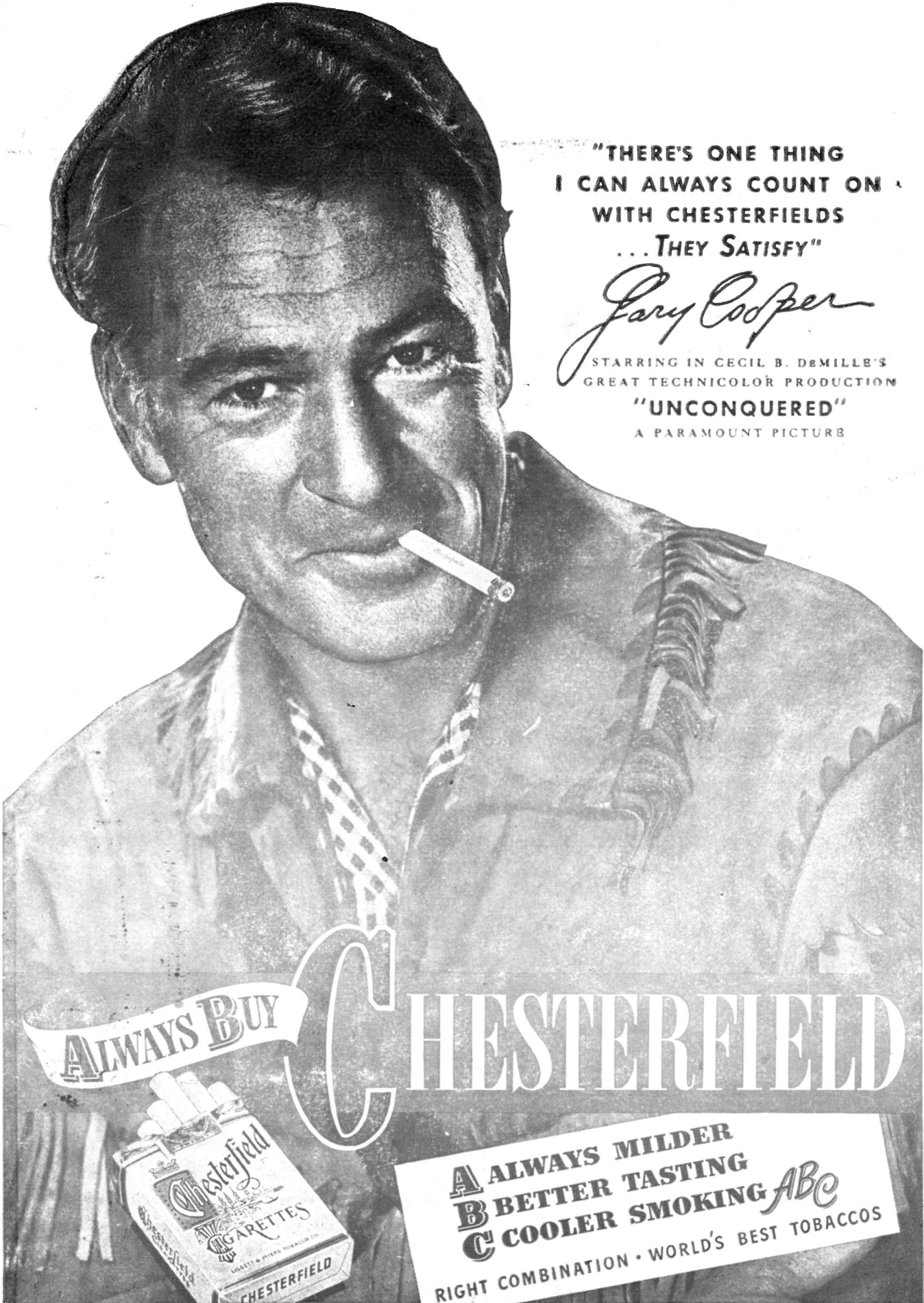


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