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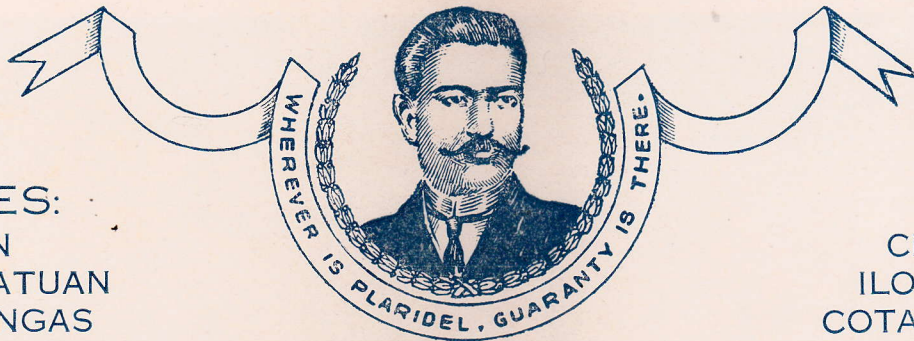
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Front Row from Left to Right: José M. E. Leon, Jr., Grand Marshal; Eriberto Gonzalez, Grand Bible Bearer; David W. K. Au, District Grand Master for China; Vicente Carmona, Grand Treasurer; Esteban Munarriz, Deputy Grand Master; Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master; Clifford C. Bennett, Senior Grand Warden; Cenon S. Cervantes, Junior Grand Warden; Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary; Wm. H. Fonger, Grand Chaplain; Mauro Baradi, Grand Orator.

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## EDITORIALS

### THE BRETHREN HAVE SPOKEN

**B**y an overwhelming vote, Most Worshipful Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. has been elected Grand Master of our Grand Lodge. No other choice could have been better as the recipient of this high office has won the respect and admiration of the Brethren and is one of the most active Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Last year he was Acting Grand Master for a few months in the absence of Most Worshipful Bro. Emilio P. Virata who was then in the United States on a Masonic mission. The former not only performed his duties efficiently but his very actuations were a credit to our Fraternity.

This year, 1948, the Grand Master-elect will charter the course for us to pursue. As in the past, the Grand Lodge will be confronted with problems of its own requiring prompt attention and satisfactory solution. Anything less than this will disrupt our plan of action and hamper the progress of our Institution.

Fortunately for us, the worthy occupant of the Oriental Chair is a man who knows Masonry and practices its teachings. The visits he has made to various Blue Lodges and his close contact with Brethren throughout the Philippines coupled with his foresight and passion for service are important factors that contribute toward the success of his administration.

Now that the Brethren have spoken, there should be no room for unnecessary discussion which may create obstacles that would make the delicate task of the Grand Lodge Officers more difficult to perform.

### THE MASON AND HIS WORK

**A** Masonic Lodge contains important objects authorizing the Brethren to work. The Entered Apprentice after making a promise to do something, is equipped with the working tools of his degree; the Fellow Craft vows to help his needy Brethren and is also presented a set of tools with which to labor; the Master Mason besides undertaking to aid and assist his Brethren solemnly obligates himself not to do wrong to any Mason or to any member of his family and is given his working tools; this includes the trowel which he should use to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection. Thus from the beginning to the end, Masonry is work. And this is so because man strives to attain perfection through work and finds salvation in work. Without work nothing can be accomplished, no goal worthy of the name will ever be reached.

Those who are not within the Masonic fold associate the Mason as "one who cuts, prepares, and lay stones." In other words, a builder in stone. Even this definition is not far-fetched because the Mason is really a builder not simply in stone but in terms of values which dignify human personality and make life itself worth living. This he does through the practical and constant application of such virtues as

*(Turn to page 155)*

We have only to pledge anew our undivided loyalty to the Grand Lodge and extend full cooperation to the men in whom we have reposed our confidence and trust.

*Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.*

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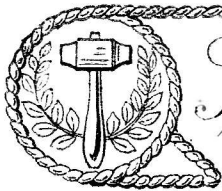
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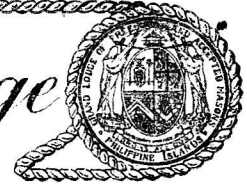
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# The Grand Master's Message



## World Peace Through Masonry

**S**peaking for your new officers and the brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, I wish to thank Most Wor. Bro. Emilio Pascual Virata our Junior Past Grand Master, for honoring us this evening by installing the Officers of this Grand Lodge; also, Rt. Wor. Bro. David W. K. Au, District Grand Master for China for his participation on this solemn occasion as Master of Ceremonies.

On this, the beginning of the 32nd year of a new helm for this Grand Lodge let me express to you in behalf of the new officers elected and appointed, our sincerest gratitude for your suffrage in selecting us out of six thousand three hundred Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction many of them not only of longer standing in our Institution, but also better qualified to carry on this great character-building, democratic, free thinking, and peace-loving work which installs in us righteousness in the heart; thereby, giving us beauty in character which causes harmony in the home and when we have harmony in the home, there is sure to be order in the Nation; and greatest of all, peace in the World.

Masonry in the Philippines is an outstanding example that we can have peace in the World. In this jurisdiction, we have Masons of many nations, colors and creeds, each understanding the others' problems and respecting their opinions and working together for the unification and happiness of all mankind.

The Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge this year are filled by two Americans and four Filipinos, the appointed officers by ten Filipinos, two Americans, two Chinese, one Englishman, and one Swiss; and of the appointed officers, six are provincial brethren covering the territory from North to the South. Needless to say, this proves the Universality of Masonry.

Many years ago, when I was in my teens, I read a poem written by Rudyard Kipling which became deeply seated in my mind as to what an ideal man should strive to attain in his Character to be beloved by all; fulfill his mission on this earth, and to leave to those behind that most precious legacy of all—a happy mind. Many of you have read this poem; it is entitled "IF":

If you can keep your head when all about you  
 Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
 If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
 But make allowances for their doubting, too;  
 If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
 Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
 Or being hated don't give way to hating,  
 And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;  
 If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;

*If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,*

*If you can meet with triumph and disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same:  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to,  
broken,*

*And stoop and build 'em up with worn out tools;*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it in one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginning  
And never breathe a word about your loss:  
If you can force your heart and nerve and  
sinew*

*To serve you long after they are gone;  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the will which says to them: "Hold on"*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,*

*Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,*

*If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;*

*If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds worth of distance run*

*Your's is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son.*

*In my humble opinion without casting any aspersions on this distinguished author, the last line should read:—*

*And—which is more—you'll be a Man and a Mason, my son.*

*I say this because when years ago my application was accepted for the degrees in this venerable institution, its teachings not only embodied the constructive thoughts of this wonderful poem, but also imbued in me the greatest teaching of all—The Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God.*

*This country, its peoples, and our institution have suffered greatly during the last Global War, but Masonry, notwithstanding, has not only survived; but is bigger not only in membership, but also in the true love of our venerable institution which is deeply inculcated in the hearts of our brethren. Most Wor. Bro. Michael Goldenberg had a herculean task to perform in reconstituting, rebuilding, and reestablishing Masonry in these Islands after the ravages of the last war. Most Wor. Bro. Emilio P. Virata has not only carried on that task, but has imbued us with active and militant Masonry. Our task this year is to carry on the constructive work of these two recent Grand Masters by listening carefully and acting wisely on the advice and counsel of that small group of Past Grand Masters whom we all should so dearly love and who have carried on the tradition and des-*



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tiny of this Grand Lodge and helped make it what it is today. I say helped because they were at the helm, the officers carried on the work, but nothing could have been done without the active and staunch support of the brethren who are the fuel, power, and backbone of this or any other Grand Lodge.

Masonry causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. It is not possible for any of us to form these friendships which lead to brotherly love by staying away from our lodges. I know at times that many of us are very tired at the end of a day's work and that exhaustion dominates us, keeping us at home, but on many occasions I have heard many brethren say although they were tired before going, the atmosphere, smiles and association with their brethren were so great a lift to them that it was better than a good nite's rest. Let everyone of us try it this year and I promise you a feeling at the close of this year that you will cherish dearly and never forget.

This past year in accompanying our Grand Master on his official visitations, I have had the privilege

of meeting many of our provincial brethren. They received us with open arms, and went out of their way to do everything possible to make us comfortable and enjoy our stay, even though many of them had lost not only their lodges, but their homes and personal belongings; and are still in the process of rehabilitating themselves. Brethren, that is true Masonry, deep in the soul and not superficial. I salute our provincial brethren.

This last year, it has been the policy of our Past Grand Master Emilio Pascual Virata to get our families together to introduce our womenfolk to our brothers so that they might learn first hand the type and calibre of the men we associate with. That is the purpose of this open installation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands this evening to form friendships and acquaint you all with the lofty ideals of our Fraternity.

It is an extreme pleasure to see so many of the fair sex with us this evening and we promise you an active and enjoyable year.

In the closing and starting of this new Masonic Year, let us all reiterate our obligations and clear our minds of our man made weakness which are given to us to test our strength both physically and mentally; and let us strive through this association to reach that ultimate objective—Peace in the World and goodwill toward men!

*Albert J. Brayer Jr.*

\* Address delivered at the Installation of the Grand Lodge Officers for 1948, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, January 29, 1948.

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W. M. Eustaquio de Guzman, S. W. Gorgonio Valledor, J. W. Andres Marquez, Treas. Jose Santos Seeping, Sec. Bartolome Ortega, Daet, Camarines Norte. (Last Saturday).

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**Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
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February 16, 1948

TO THE BRETHREN OF THIS  
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GREETINGS:

*The Committee on Entertainment and Public Function of the Grand Lodge is pleased to announce that the First Monthly Masonic Gathering this year will be held on Saturday, February 28, 1948 at 3:00 p.m. in the home of M. W. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master, who has generously offered his swimming pool and refreshments free of charge. All Masons, their wives and children are cordially and fraternally invited to this gathering. A most delightful afternoon is in store for all. As one of the features of the party is swimming, the guests are requested to bring along bathing suits.*

*Masons who are going to attend this affair are requested to register their names and the number of the members of their families with Bro. Lazaro Carmona, c/o Grand Secretary's office, Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, on or before February 25, 1948.*

*The residence of M. W. Bro. Brazee, Jr., is on No. 35 Easy Street, San Juan, Rizal. It can be reached by taking N. Domingo Street near the Municipal Building of San Juan proceeding toward Marikina and passing Hollywood Street which leads to "CIELITO LINDO". Turn right on next street named M. Paterno and from there it is easy to find "EASY STREET" and the home of the Grand Master.*

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BY BRO. PEDRO MACABAGDAL

**M**asonry, like other good institutions, has existed through the ages and stood the tests of time. It will continue to exist through the centuries yet to come. Masons will come and Masons will go but Masonry will stay.

The times have considerably changed. Conditions obtaining at present call and will continue to call for a vigorous, militant, and aggressive Masonry as the years roll by. This objective has been set forth in no unmistakable terms by our Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother, Emilio P. Virata, and it is for us to find ways and means by which that objective can be realized. The following is offered as one of the possible avenues which may lead to that goal.

How do we get new members for our lodges? In certain cases, members are added through the spontaneous initiative of the person seeking for membership, and at times, through the invitation of the members. In the first case, it can be

safely stated that interest in Masonry comes from within, whereas, in the second case, it comes from without. Whatever be the motive or motives of the persons in both instances in joining the fraternity will be revealed only in their future actions.

Now let us take stock of our goods. How many of the members of our lodges joined the fraternity at their own initiative? How many joined our fold by invitation? How does each one of them fare along? What steps have we taken to promote the welfare of every member? Does every member know and feel that he is part and parcel of the organization? How many have fallen by the wayside? How many are still hanging on through "thick and thin"?

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### El M. Ilustre Her. Albert J. Brazee, Jr.

Con nuestros primeros saludos en este número de nuestra revista para el M. Ilustre Her. ALBERT J. BRAZEE, Jr. que casi con una unanimidad de votos fue elegido en la pasada convención como el presente Gran Maestro de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas.

El Hermano Brazee viene bien preparado para desempeñar este cargo, pues, ha estado ocupando muchos cargos de responsabilidad en nuestra Gran Logia. Años antes de la pasada guerra fue Ven. Maestro de su Logia COSMOS No. 8, y fue admirado y querido por todos por su brillante actuación. Esto motivó para que durante el año pasado actuara por sufragio de sus Hermanos de Logia como Venerable Maestro otra vez, a fin de completar la rehabilitación de su propia Logia. Debido a sus esfuerzos, entusiasmos y don de gentes, llegó a rehabilitar su Logia, siendo ésta ahora una de las primeras en nuestra constelación.

Durante la ausencia por algunos meses el año pasado de nuestro entonces Gran Maestro, el Hermano Brazee estuvo interinando como tal, pues, ocupaba el puesto de Ilustre Gran Delegado de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas. Su actuación también fue brillante, inteligente y prometedora. Esto justificó su elección como Gran Maestro en la pasada convención. Es, por tanto, no solamente una tradición su elección a la Gran silla oriental, sino mas bien una recompensa, una hermosa oportunidad para mayores servicios a la fraternidad en este país.

Americano por su nacionalidad, nació y creció en Filipinas. Se educó aquí, en nuestras escuelas públicas, y se empapó de ese espíritu nacional filipino que debe caracterizar nuestras instituciones. De espíritu

### La Trigesima Segunda Gran Convencion De La Gran Logia De Las Islas Filipinas

Del veintisiete al veintinueve de enero pasado se celebró la trigésima segunda Gran convención de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas. Mucho mas de quinientos delegados estuvieron presentes, y casi todas las Logias subordinadas tuvieron su representación. El embajador americano en nuestra República filipina estuvo presente y dirigió unas pocas palabras a los representantes. Su discurso fue bien acogido y comentado. Una buena porción de maestros masones fue admitida para presenciar las deliberaciones, con gran contentamiento de los mismos.

Masones veteranos y jóvenes aún en nuestras filas se mezclaban en admirable comunión espiritual, todos animados de un espíritu de verdadera fraternidad.

Los Grandes Representantes de Grandes Jurisdicciones Hermanas fueron llamados a Oriente para recibir los saludos fraternales de nuestro Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro, y el Ven. Hermano Silen fue quien respondió con mucha gracia por aquellos.

Fueron después recibidos los informes de los Grandes Oficiales, informes que se enviaron a los respectivos comités para su estudio y consideración.

La contestación al discurso de bienvenida a los liberal, se mueve en un ambiente de luchas por todo lo que signifique desenvolvimiento de nuestras ideas e ideales. Conservador tan sólo hasta el punto de velar por nuestras tradicionales y leyes fundamentales.

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Se anunció la completa rehabilitación del edificio para el Dormitorio Masónico que ahora se está acomodando para dar cabida a nuestros miembros, muy especialmente a los de provincias. Muchos de los delegados venidos de provincias estuvieron hospedados en dicho dormitorio durante su estancia en esta capital.

Se adoptaron valiosas resoluciones, las cuales aparecerán en nuestras actuaciones que se publicarán dentro de poco. En cuanto a esta revista, se aprobó por casi una unanimidad de votos el hacer que todas las Logias se suscriban a ella según el número de sus miembros, siendo esta suscripción obligatoria.

El resultado de las elecciones para los que van a dirigir los destinos de la Gran Logia durante el presente año masónico es el siguiente:

Gran Maestro—M. I. Her. ALBERT J. BRAZEE, Jr.  
Gran Delegado—Ilustre Her. ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ  
Gran Primer Vigilante—Ilustre Her. C. C. BENNETT  
Gran Segundo Vigilante—Ilustre Her. CENON CERVANTES

Gran Tesorero—M. I. Her. VICENTE CARMONA  
Gran Secretario—M. I. Her. ANTONIO GONZALEZ

En unas ceremonias públicas se instalaron estos oficiales conjuntamente con los de nombramiento en los hermosos salones del Templo Masónico del Pla-

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sympathy, humility, love, tolerance, clean living, and sacrifice. And the Brother who does the contrary in order to satisfy his own desire or insure the selfish interest of a particular group, ceases to be a Mason and becomes a source of dishonor both to himself and Masonry as well. He should not seek to destroy that which he vowed to help build.

To every Mason therefore, there lies limitless opportunities for service when he can apply to good advantage the lessons derived from his working tools. The community is his immediate shop and the nation, his vast working ground. The hands that resist the evil, guide the erring, lift the fallen, cheer the disconsolate, help the distressed, strengthen the weak and give hope to the hopeless are not only the useful hands of man but the very instruments of the Mason with which to work in order to build not a corrupted humanity living in a chaotic age but a Brotherhood of Man subscribing to the One World Ideal.

*Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.*

ridel en la noche del 29 de enero.

Enviamos a la Gran Logia y a sus miembros nuestras felicitaciones por los resultados de esta convención, que será de positivo valor masónico en esta Gran Jurisdicción.

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### WORKING TOGETHER IN HARMONY

BY WOR. BRO. JUAN A. BENITEZ

(ON THE OCCASION OF HIS INDUCTION AS MASTER  
OF PANGASINAN LODGE NO. 56)

On this occasion I stand before you with all meekness and humility. I now find myself in the East, be it undeserved, because in your infinite goodness you have chosen to overlook my shortcomings, and helped me in my journey from West to East. I thank each and every brother for this signal demonstration of brotherly love and affection and I here and now, as I assume the burdens and responsibilities of Master of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, solemnly and sincerely resolve to discharge such duties and responsibilities attached to the same.

I beseech, however, of every brother his loyalty and untinted cooperation, not that my term of office would be a success, but so that we may, as Masons, all succeed, even in a small degree, in our endeavor toward the perfection of man which is the ultimate aim and purpose of our ancient and venerable institution. No single individual, however industrious and qualified he may be, can ever hope to attain much in an order like ours. I therefore again repeat, dear brethren, let us all work together and in harmony for the greater and everlasting glory of the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Masonry, as you all now, is the bulwark of love, freedom, equality and fraternity. It is the champion of the oppressed and downtrodden. It is the comfort of the distressed and weary. It is the lighthouse in the dark and tempestuous sea of life. It is the expression of all that is noble and good in manhood. A perfect Mason is a creature his Maker may well be pleased and proud of.

Brethren, bear with me as I invite you to look into our own individual lives and see if we are real and upright Masons. Let us pray into our own consciences and see if we are true Masons. Let us recall our deeds and actions in the past and evaluate our standing as Masons. Are we religiously and steadfastly complying with our solemn obligations in the different degrees? Have we taken care of the widows and orphans of our departed brethren? Have we made them any happier; have we made their burdens any lighter; have we given them comfort; because their departed ones were brother masons? Has our lodge, as a body, done anything concrete other than the usual insignificant contribution to the family of a dead brother? Are we content that we had done our duty after doing that? These questions, brethren, I desire to bring to your attention and consideration in future stated meetings.

As Masons, are we making provisions so that our children and other people's children are given the right start in their young and formative stage of life? Are we helping or fostering such boys' and girls' movements as scouting and the like? Have we given the organization of a DeMolay Chapter for our young boys in Pangasinan any further thought than the mere reading of letters and circulars on the subject from

### MASONIC SERVICE

BY WOR. BRO. JOSE A. FERNANDEZ

Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27

Allow me to express my gratitude to the members of my lodge for my elevation to this exalted position in the east. I thank them for this expression of their trust and confidence, and I pray to our Almighty, that I shall be able to follow well the footsteps of my predecessors who during their tenure of office have performed their duties and responsibilities with glory and with achievements.

I am conscious of the duties and responsibilities concomittant to this position and I realize especially, that I am to lead a group of matured and responsible men, members of a sacred organization, the influence of whose everyday lives is felt, not only on the government machinery but even to mankind and to the whole world.

the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines?

Have we, as Masons, asserted ourselves and made our influence felt in our immediate communities? Have we not jealously kept our membership to a Masonic lodge a secret for fear of the contempt and ridicule of the intolerant and bigots? Brethren, if we are, we are not true and upright Masons and we will do better by staying outside the fold.

Are we doing our duty by our lodge? I have in mind our still incomplete temple. In its present stage of construction we are indebted in the amount of P1,500.00. Have we all given our much needed financial support that we may soon be able to complete our temple and pay off our debt? No amount is too small to be of help. No brother, however economically circumstanced can not dig into his pocket and find a few pesos for the temple fund. One's contribution is not measured by the amount it represents but by how big and generous is the heart and spirit in which it is given. Brethren, I appeal to each and everyone of you to please add your grain of sand to the seemingly herculean task of meeting the cost of the construction of the temple.

Brethren, let us be militant and aggressive in Masonry. Let us be glad and proud that we are Masons. Let us not hide our Masonic light within the four walls of the lodge. Let the influence of Masonry permeate and saturate the air wherein we move, even as the delicate and sweet sampaguita perfumes the air. Let the teachings of Masonry radiate in all our deeds. Let the love of fellowmen manifest itself at every turn. Let love of freedom assume figure, form and substance. Let fraternal love bind us not only among ourselves but to all mankind. Let charity become a reality and not an empty and meaningless word. Let tolerance iron out all differences of opinions so that we may, on earth, humbly reflect that beauty and harmony which reigns above. Let justice be ever our rule in life, for by the measure we measure others, with the same shall we be measured. Masonry has ever been, in ancient ages to our time, been prosecuted, tried and tested—only to make it the more robust, the stronger, the more militant.

Once more, my brethren, I urge you to live up to the traditions and history of Masonry, its sublime ideals and tenets, living and acting as Masons not only inside the lodge, but in our homes and communities—that our people and country shall be the better, the nobler, and the happier because in the Philippines there is Masonry.

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I need not beseech the co-operation of the brethren because I know they are fully aware of their own duties and responsibilities to the lodge.

I would like to remind them however that masonic obligations to individuals and to our community in particular, are at present, much harder and more manifold than before. We are beset by a post war situation which calls for greater devotion to duty and many times even to the extent of personal sacrifices.

As such we are called upon to practice actively our masonic principles, but above all, the spirit of service. We must prepare ourselves for service, and in order to make this effective, we should never lose sight not only of the use of the square and compass, but of knowing how to divide well our time everyday. As such we will always have time and occasion for fruitful service. Because we are of lawful age and well vouched for, it should not be hard for each and every one of us to get conditioned to a habit of service.

All of us are well qualified to realize the blessings of service. It is the forerunner of industry and hence of progress and advancement. It is the precursor to honor and dignity in the lives of peoples.

In service both the donor and the recipient find satisfaction conducive to a life of peace, happiness and contentment.

Because masonic service is for the integration of the individual it has its requirements. Like all masonic principles, masonic service aims at results. As God help those who help themselves, we should serve those who are willing to serve themselves. In short our service is to put back to his feet any individual that is in need. By giving material and social help during the period of distress, he should later on be able to find means to support himself and his family and ultimately be in a position, able to render this same service.

Masonic service should begin with the family. The individual mason should ever strive to keep himself fairly well integrated, always with means to support his family, not only in their necessary and immediate needs but if possible in their cultural, educative and social needs. A mason that is indigent gets help from the fraternity especially if his indigency is beyond his power and not due to his own fault. But if in spite of the help of the fraternity he prefers to remain indigent, refusing to use what ever strength and faculty he has remaining in him, then he ceases to be a mason because he chose to abandon his share of the cares and responsibilities entrusted him by the fraternity. Indigency among the brethren had been common after the last war. To those indigents help has reached them and they never were denied everytime they asked for it. As matured men, of lawful ages, I would like to remind them however that opportunities for decent existence now abound in our country. The fraternity will help them in this respect but they should not choose to depend on charity; such is against masonic principles, because masons should be assets and never as liabilities.

Masonic service extends to the community. We maintain boys' clubs for their physical, cultural and spiritual welfare. We maintain hospitals and donate to other causes for the sick and infirm. Above all the thousands upon thousands of masons, who because of their principles, social, civic and spiritual all contribute to the peace, prosperity and welfare of the many communities wherein they live.

Masonic service is extended not for reward because it is given to those worthy of it. We extend service not primarily for the propagation of our species, because membership to the organization is voluntary. In extending our service, we do not rely on purely standard practices but we evoke yet divine guidance for wisdom and strength necessary in order to extend best this service.

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### FILIPINO GRAND MASTER VISITS MICHIGAN

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#### LAUDS MICHIGAN AID

Grand Master of Masons in Michigan Clarence A. Hooper of Flint held a conference Monday, December 8 at the Book Cadillac Hotel with Emilio Pascual Virata, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippine Islands. The conference was attended by Deputy Grand Master Hazen P. Cole, Ithaca; Junior Grand Warden Morgan J. Smead, Rochester; Grand Treasurer Clark W. MacKenzie, P.G.M., Kalamazoo; Grand Secretary F. Homer Newton, P.G.M., Grand Rapids; Grand Lecturer Francis B. Lambie, P.G.M., Midland; Senior Grand Deacon Guy C. Powell, Detroit; Past Grand Master Paul O. Strawhecker, Grand Rapids, who made arrangements for the conference, and Supreme Court Justice George E. Bushnell, chairman of the Committee on fraternal relations.

Grand Master Virata stated that he was desirous of the conference because of the kindness shown in a most material way by the Masons of Michigan. Early in 1947, \$12,500 was turned over to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands for the rehabilitation of Masonic structures, and the Grand Master made an accounting of how this money had been spent.

The gorgeous Masonic structure known as the Plaridel Temple in Manila was completely destroyed by shell fire and Michigan's \$12,500 did much to erect a temporary building to take its place.

The future of Filipino Freemasonry appears to be excellent. Grand Master Virata and his associates are making every effort to restore most of the Masonic Temples and at the present time nearly 105 Lodges have been rehabilitated. A Masonic dormitory has been established at Manila and a Masonic school will also be in operation. The Grand Lodge has also already erected five Chapters of the Order of DeMolay for boys and it is planned to organize Eastern Star Chapters for Filipino women. The Masonic Press—the Manila Masonic Cabletow, which was long the official publication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, will also soon renew operations.

Most Worshipful Brother Virata stated that the Japanese occupation armies had burned the Masonic Temples in almost every town in the Islands and as a result a complete rebuilding program was necessary. Lodges at the present time are meeting in churches, schools and store rooms. American Masonry has during the past year contributed almost \$80,000 for relief work and undoubtedly further money will be forthcoming from the same source.

Masonry in the Philippines was established in 1856 by the Spaniards. The first Grand Lodge was erected in 1912 by three Lodges chartered by the Grand Lodge of California. Fusion of the American and Spanish Masonic factions was accomplished in 1917. The present membership is about 6500.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines has six active chartered Lodges in China, two in Japan, and two in Guam.

Grand Master Virata is a member of Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, of Cavite. He was elected from the floor as Grand Master soon after the reorganization of the Grand Lodge.

He was formerly a member of the Filipino Congress and was a member of the parliamentary commission which visited the United States in 1922.

His present trip to the United States was made for the express purpose of seeking permission to form an independent Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. This permission was denied for the time being.

Scottish Rite Masonry is at present under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction.

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