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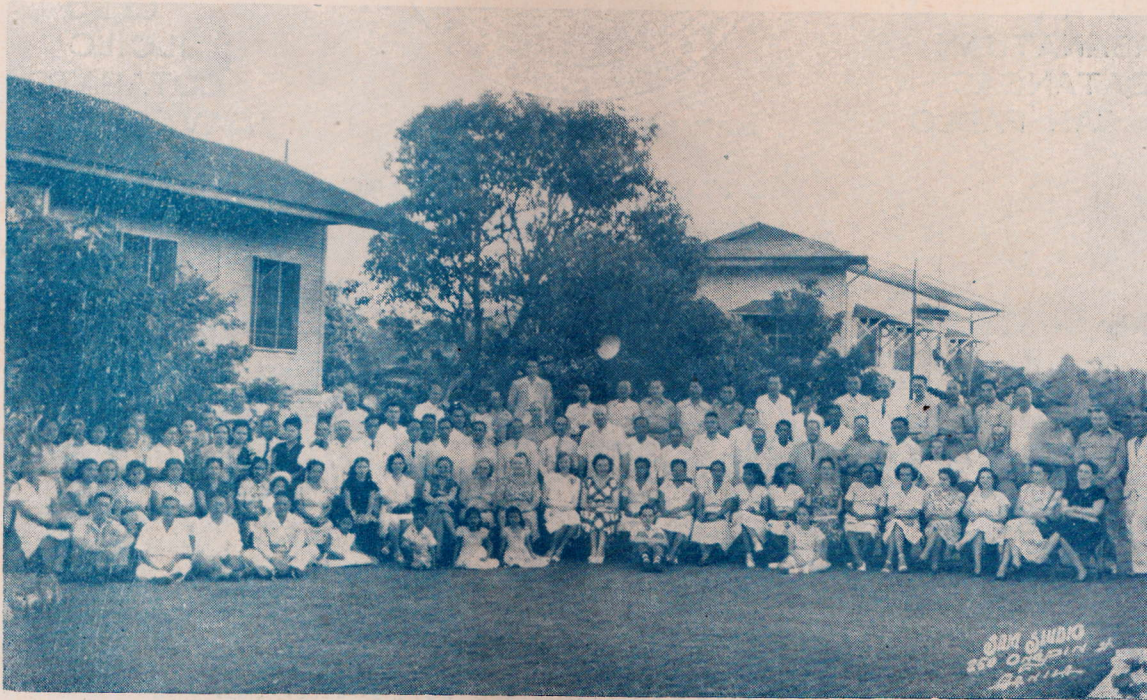
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EDITORIALS

THE MASON AND HUMAN SUFFERING

When a person commits an act or omits to do something punishable by law, he answers for the consequences thereof in the form of a penalty. This may be death, imprisonment, banishment or fine. The culprit is punished whether he likes it or not.

The individual born poor is apt to consider himself unfortunate. When he is homeless, haggard, and hungry, he says to himself: "This is my fate. I am destined to suffer." And as long as he broods on such a situation, doing nothing to improve it, poverty and suffering will always be with him.

Among Christians, the "Passion" is historic and memorable. This is the suffering of Christ between the Last Supper and His death. Through the agencies of dissemination in many and varied forms, men all over the world are reminded of this suffering specially while Christ was on the Cross. During this period, a person does some fasting so that his offenses might be forgotten; many a penitent inflicts pain on his earthly constitution so that his sins might be forgiven. The faithful strive to become more devout and the transgressors promise to be more religious. The steps thus taken are intended to substitute remorse for repentance, suspicion for trust, sorrow for joy, and hatred for love. At times, these objectives are difficult of realization because more emphasis is placed on our bodily pains and less concern is shown for the results desired. In other words, human suffering is considered as an end in itself and not a way towards something better. And like the poet, we re-

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THE GIFT WITH THE GIVER

Many people give as a matter of show. Other men make presents of something because they are forced to do so. There are those, however, who bestow their substance out of the fullness of the human heart. The latter is the one really appreciated: first, because the gift becomes more precious to the recipient, and second, for the simple reason that he feels he has found in the giver a kind friend indeed.

Here is a Brother who parted with his hard-earned salary for a whole month in order to defray the medical expenses of a neighbor who must be operated in order to be saved. He never realized how far his help could go. Some thought the act was unnecessary as the sick man's relatives were rich; likewise, it was stated that the contribution from a whole Lodge would be more substantial than the donation of one. The donor, nevertheless, had his own ideas about the distressed fellowman. He considered the aid both timely and a sound investment in itself. And he was not disappointed for upon recovery, the man was so thankful that he in turn donated a big lot on which was built a Masonic temple. The tiny seed of kindness sown bore the rich fruit of gratitude.

Why then should we demonstrate seeming luxury and express too much sympathy when our friends are dead but spend economically and even remain indifferent while they are alive? It is high time this custom should be changed for a more sensible, practical, and tangible one—that of voluntarily lending a hand

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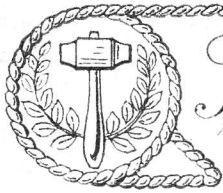
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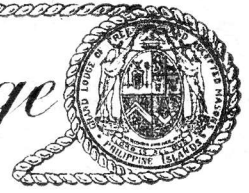
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The Grand Master's Message



Harmony

Harmony, my brethren, is only a simple word of seven letters; but it implies so much for if we do not have this noble quality or try our utmost to practice it, dissension, discord and turmoil invade our homes, our institutions, our governments and the nations of the world.

We have a very good example of this in the last global war and the very tense situation which exists in the world today, and where does it get us?

We are like a piano which when all the chords are in perfect tune and when played by one whose knowledge and proficiency in music is perfect, the sounds which it gives forth are so beautiful that it causes a reaction in our souls of pleasantness and happiness. We can liken ourselves to the various chords which are in the piano. If all of us are in tune, the same as the chords, we will impart that pleasantness and happiness to all with whom we come in contact. If there is even one of us who is not in tune, it will cause a discordant note which will reflect itself on those with whom we come in contact.

In olden times, people were ruled and governed by the dictates of those who were self-ambitious, tyrannical and domineering, who used force and cruelty to attain their own ends. As time went on, people rebelled against this type of men and gave vent to the principles of democracy, which we know today.

Let us all uphold and fight for these democratic principles for which our forefathers have fought and died, and by our doctrines spread harmony not only to the brethren in our institution but also to the rest of the world. Through pleasantness and happiness, let us join the peoples of this world in bringing about peace, brotherly love, liberty, equality and brotherhood. Certainly, we can accomplish these common objectives through the practice of harmony.

Albert J. Braye Jr.

Grand Master

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CIRCULAR NO. 1
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To all Subordinate Lodges
of this Grand Jurisdiction

Greeting:

Paragraph 332 of the Constitution specifically states:

"The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner herein prescribed."

In accordance with said provisions of our Constitution, a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues or for any other cause, should never be allowed to visit a Lodge nor have any Masonic intercourse with any regular mason or Lodge. Thus, to enable the officers of a Lodge immediately to decide whether a Mason has not been suspended in his rights and privileges as such, he is provided with a receipt for dues which is a uniform receipt prepared by the Grand Secretary and sold to Lodges in accordance with Paragraph 183, Section 19, Art. III, Part III of our Constitution.

Examining committees, therefore, should exercise cautious measures in requiring visitors to exhibit their corresponding dues card showing that they are in GOOD STANDING in their respective Lodges; in cases of visitors from Grand jurisdictions other than our own, the committee should ascertain first if our Grand Jurisdiction has established fraternal relation with theirs, and then proper vouchers should be produced and examination performed. Otherwise, no visitors should be allowed admission into the lodge during its session.

Officers of our subordinate lodges are required to comply strictly with this Masonic law.

DONE in the city of Manila, Philippine Islands, this 1st day of March, A. L. 5948, as witness the signature of our Grand Master, ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR., and with the attestation of our Grand Secretary.

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

ATTEST:

(SGD.) ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

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Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of the Philippine Islands

March 3, 1948

OFFICIAL VISITATIONS OF THE
GRAND MASTER

March 8, 1948, To—

Dapitan Lodge No. 21	} Joint 6:00 P.M. at Plaridel Masonic Temple.
Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27	
Labong Lodge No. 59	
Keystone Lodge 100	

March 11, 1948, To—

Walana Lodge No. 13	} Joint 6:00 P.M. at Plaridel Masonic Temple.
Dalisay Lodge No. 14	
Araw Lodge No. 18	
Solidaridad Lodge No. 23	
Service Lodge No. 95	

March 12, 1948, To Biak na Bato Lodge No. 7, at 6:00 P.M. at Plaridel Masonic Temple.

March 13, 1948, Constitution and Installation of Officers of MARIKINA LODGE No. 119, at Marikina, Rizal at 7:00 P.M.

March 15, 1948, To—

Zapote Lodge No. 29	} Joint 6:00 P.M. at Plaridel Masonic Temple.
F. D. Roosevelt Memorial Lodge No. 81	
Hiram Lodge No. 88	

March 20, 1948, To—

Mabini Lodge No. 39	} Joint at Tuguegarao, at 9:00 A.M.
Isabela Lodge No. 60	
Gonzaga Lodge No. 66	

March 22, 1948, To—

Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4	} Joint 6:00 P.M. at Plaridel Masonic Temple.
Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80	
High Twelve Lodge No. 82	
Mencius Lodge No. 93	

(SGD.) ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

DEATHS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Chua Bun Tiong, Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27
Ramon P. Magecauas, Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17
Cristino Bautista, Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17
Melchor Dumo, Union Lodge No. 70
Simeon N. Reyes, Pintong Bato Lodge 51

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

MANILA NO. 1

We have heard from Bro. Benson Heaie Harvey whose present address has been changed from 281 Fourth Avenue, New York, N. Y. to St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 126 Main Street, Easthampton, Massachusetts.

In a letter to THE CABLETOW, Bro. Harvey writes: "I am glad to be having the journal especially in view of our unexpectedly long absence from the Philippines. We had hoped to be back long ago and still hope." Bro. Harvey is a member of James Rogerson Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Easthampton and was chaplain in 1947.

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ILOILO-ACACIA NO. 11

On January 10, 1948 there was held at the Masonic Temple of Iloilo, the open installation of the officers of the Lodge for the year 1948. Wor. Bro. Jose Ma. Paredes, P.M. (84) acted as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Olimpio Magat P.M. (78), as master of ceremonies. An elaborate program was held as follows:

PROGRAMME

1. Opening of the Lodge at 4:00 P.M.
(For Master Masons only)
2. Conferring of the Degree of PAST MASTER upon Bro. Emilio G. Gatanela, Master-elect
3. Reception of all members and guests at 7:00 P.M.
4. Reception of Grand Lodge Inspector
Bro. Jose Ma. Paredes, P. M. (84) and Party
5. Organ Prelude by Miss Rebecca D. Rio
6. Installation of Officers for the year 1948.
7. Speech by Bro. Emilio G. Gatanela, Master-elect.

8. Vocal Solo by Miss Patria Fernandez, accompanied on the Organ by Miss Rebecca D. Rio.
9. Presentation of Past Masters' Jewels by Bro. Manuel Blanco, P.M., to Bro. Genaro C. Bermejo, retiring Master (1947) of Iloilo—Acacia Lodge No. 11, and to Bro. Lazaro P. Fernandez, Master (1947) of the former Acacia Lodge No. 78.
10. Special Music by Jaro Evangelical Church members
11. Remarks by Bro. Genaro C. Bermejo, retiring Master.
12. Special Music by Central Philippine College Choir.
13. Remarks by Bro. Pablo Nava, P.M.—Masonry is man's only reason against tyranny.
14. Joint Choir Jaro and Central Vested Choirs.
15. Vocal Solo by Miss Epifania Lyse accompanied on the Organ by Dr. Edith Villanueva.
16. Closing remarks by Bro. Lazaro P. Fernandez, P.M. of former Acacia Lodge No. 78.

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PINAGSABITAN NO. 26

Santa Cruz, Laguna

An impressive program was held by this Lodge in connection with the installation of its officers on January 10, 1948. The place where the ceremonies were held is centrally located, namely the Santa Cruz Town Hall. The big attendance was a demonstration of the interest of our Brethren in the progress of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Claro Samonte, P. M., Magat Lodge No. 68 and Wor. Bro. Zosimo Fernandez, P. M., Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 acted as Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies respectively.

The program which was followed by refreshments, consisted of the following:

- 1—Opening of the Lodge.
- 2—Installation of Officers.
- 3—Address—Wor. Bro. Hilario Zalameda, Master-elect.
- 4—Presentation of Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Roman Kamatoy by Wor. Bro. Balbino Kabigting.
- 5—Response by Wor. Bro. Roman Kamatoy.
- 6—Closing of the Lodge.

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BATONG BUHAY NO. 27

LABONG NO. 59

KEYSTONE NO. 100

Last March 8, the most worshipful Grand Master Albert J. Brazee, Jr. together with officers of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippines, made an official visitation to Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27, Labong Lodge No. 59 and Keystone Lodge No. 100.

In due and ancient form labours were performed by officers of the three lodges with worshipful Brother J. A. Fernandez of Batong Buhay No. 27 at the east, worshipful Brother Elpidio Laiz of Labong No. 59 at the west and Brother E. Bahia, Senior Warden of Keystone No. 100 at the south.

The following program was held in honor of the Grand Master, who in his speech gave the brethren advices as to how masonry should best be observed and practiced.

"March 6, 1948.

SCHEDULE of events at the Official Visitation of the Grand Master to the following Lodges:

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- I. Opening of the Lodge.
- II. Reception of the M. W. Grand Master, **ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR.**
- III. Welcome address by the Presiding Officer, **Wor. Bro. Jose A. Fernandez, Master of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.**
- IV. Remarks by **Wor. Bro. Vicente Bahia** on behalf of **Keystone Lodge No. 100.**
- V. Speech by **Bro. Arsenio R. Reyes** for and in the name of **Labong Lodge No. 59.**
- VI. Address by **Bro. Nicanor Roxas** in representation of **Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.**
- VII. **RESPONSE** and Message by M. W. Grand Master, **Bro. ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR.**
- VIII. Closing of the Lodge.
- IX. Light Refreshments.

"MASTER MASONS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND."

Highlight of the program was the address of **Bro. Nicanor Roxas, Assistant Executive Secretary**, who expounded the altruistic labors of masonry to peoples and countries, calling upon all masons to work "without pause nor comma", for the welfare of the underprivileged mass, and especially for the speedy rehabilitation of our country.

Besides the program the following visiting worshipful masters gave highly elucidating remarks:

- Wor. Bro. Pablo Marino of Lodge No.
- Wor. Bro. Roldan of Luzon Lodge No. 57
- Bro. Mc. Glothlin of St. John's Lodge No. 9
- Wor. Bro. B. Manese of Hiram Lodge No. 88
- Wor. Bro. Cruz of Zapote Lodge No. 29
- Wor. Bro. Curameng of Taga Ilog Lodge No. 79
- Wor. Bro. Iñigo of Sinukuan Lodge No. 16

and **Wor. Brother Mauro Baradi, Grand Orator** of the Grand Lodge in a forceful and meaningful speech admonished all masons once more to be militant against religious instruction in our public and private schools, in order to prevent bigotry and intolerance in the lives of school-children who soon will become citizens of our young Republic.

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LINCOLN NO. 34

Olongapo, Zambales

On December 27, 1947, at 7:00 p.m., the newly elected and appointed officers to serve the Lodge for the new masonic year were duly installed. The installation ceremonies were public and held jointly with the "LADIES NIGHT" of the Subic Bay Square and Compass Club. Prominent citizens of the community as well as high ranking officers of the Naval Operating Base were in attendance. Following is the program:

1. Installation Ceremonies.
Installing Officer—**Wor. Bro. Silvestre Fontilea, P.M. Pnatubo Lodge No. 52, F. & A. M.**
Master of Ceremonies—**Wor. Bro. Valeriano E. Abad, P.M., Lincoln Lodge No. 34, F. & A. M.**
2. Remarks by the Toastmaster—**Bro. D. P. Santiago, Senior Warden.**
3. Inaugural Address by the Master-Elect—**Wor. Bro. B. del Rosario.**
4. Presentation of Past Master's Jewel to the Retiring Master, **Wor. Bro. S. M. Domingo** by **Wor. Bro. Jesse B. Ralston, P.M., Cavite Lodge No. 2.**
5. Address by the President of the Subic Bay Square and Compass Club—**Bro. George A. Troutman.**

6. Introduction of the Guest Speaker by **Bro. Desiderio Hebron, Junior Warden.**
7. Address by the Guest Speaker—**Wor. Bro. H. Perez Santos, P.M., Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.**
8. Presentation of Past Master's Apron to **Wor. Bro. Purissimo Ramos, P.M.,** By the Grand Lodge Inspector.
9. Invocation—By **Bro. Potenciano Navarro, Lodge Chaplain.**
10. Refreshments and Dance.

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BATANGAS NO. 35

The officers of this Lodge for the year 1948 headed by **Wor. Bro. Saturnino David** were installed in the Lodge building on **P. Burgos St., Batangas**, last January 17, 1948. The installing officer, **Brother Vicente Garcia**, Superintendent of Schools in the province of Rizal, was accompanied by **Wor. Brothers Jose C. Velo and Daniel Limbo.** **Brother Salvador Villavieja** of **Silanganan Lodge No. 19, Rizal**, acted as **Master of Ceremonies.** After the installation **Wor. Bro. Daniel Limbo** delivered the congratulatory speech.

A short program followed the installation. **Bro. Liberato Evangelista** of **Batangas Lodge No. 35** presented the Past Master's jewels to **Wor. Bros. Antonio Luansing and Roman L. Perez**, who served as Masters of **Batangas Lodge No. 35**, in 1941, and 1945-1947, respectively. **Wor. Bros. Roman L. Perez and Saturnino David** of this Lodge spoke of the necessity of the immediate construction of a new Lodge building, for which **Wor. Bro. Limbo** has so graciously drawn up the plan. The installing officer then delivered a prepared speech, full of masonic lessons and glittering with masonic gems.

The craft was then called from labor to refreshment.

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

MAKABUGWAS NO. 47
Tacloban, Leyte

The Officers of this Lodge for 1948 were publicly installed at the Kalinaw Temple on December 27, 1947. It was encouraging to witness so many brethren especially the past masters of the Lodge including their families, attending the occasion. It will be remembered that the first worshipful master of the Lodge was Wor. Bro. Fernando Salas (1918-1919) or about 30 years ago.

The following was the program in connection with the installation:

Part I
INSTALLATION

- 1. Adoration Offering Bro. Juan I. Pia
- 2. Installation of Officers:
 Installing Officer Wor. Bro. Alberto Santa Cruz
 Master of Ceremonies Wor. Bro. G. T. Mendoza
 Organist Miss Placer Granali
- 3. Address Wor. Bro. Fidel Fernandez
- 4. Talk Wor. Bro. Ruperto R. Visaya

Part II
DANCE WITH INTERMEDIOS OF SONGS

- 1. Solo Mrs. V. S. Enage
- 2. Duet Misses Josefina Vicera & Lelis Caalim
- 3. Solo Miss Dolores Arteché
- 4. Solo Mrs. E. Abesamis
- 5. Solo Mrs. Paciencia Tan Mañalac

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SARANGANI NO. 50

The public installation of the newly-elected and appointed officers of this Lodge was held Jan. 10, 1948 at the Davao City High School auditorium with Wor. Bro. Pedro R. Santos, P.M., as installing officer and Wor. Bro. Roman O. Tesoro, P.M., as master of ceremonies. The program was featured by a speech of Wor. Bro. T. I. Alfelor, Master-elect who succeeded Wor. Bro. C. F. Arkoncel. Among the numbers in the program were a selection by the orchestra, vocal solo by Miss R. Montana, and oration by Bro. T. S. Cervantes, Junior Warden-elect. A reception and ball followed the rendition of the program. There are at present 58 active members of the Lodge.

ANGALO NO. 63
Vigan, Ilocos Sur

The Officers for the current year of this Lodge were installed on January 10, 1948, in a simple but impressive ceremony, with Wor. Bro. Miguel I. Aguinaldo, PM, as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Fructuoso Ibe, PM, as Master of Ceremonies. The installation ceremonies were well attended; several brethren coming from as far north as Bacarra, Ilocos Norte, and as far south as Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, and among whom were five Past Masters of this Lodge.

After the installation of the Officers, the Installing Officer gave a short talk, in the course of which he stressed the need for more frequent "get-togethers" between the brethren and their families whereby each is afforded the opportunity to know more of his brethren; for it is thru intimate knowledge of one another that we can achieve unity and strength. He observed that Vigan, being the seat of the Bishopric of Northern Luzon, militant and aggressive Masonry is the order of the day.

Wor. Bro. Gavino Pilién, newly installed Master of the Lodge, also gave a short address wherein he thanked the brethren of the confidence reposed in him and in the other elective officers of the Lodge, and assured everyone of his determination to live, walk and act as a mason and work unceasingly for the benefit of Masonry.

The Principal Officers of the Lodge for the current year are: Wor. Bro. Gavino Pilién, WM; Bro. Federico Lazo, SW; and Bro. Paulino Ganda, JW.

After the ceremonies, the brethren were served refreshments by the newly installed officers of the Lodge.

KANLAON NO. 64
Bacolod City

The installation of officers of this lodge was held last December at the Masonic Temple, Luzurriaga Street, Bacolod City with Wor. Bro. Artemio Villanueva as Master.

The affair was well attended by the brethren, their families, sojourners and friends. Wor. Bro. José V. Buenaventura of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, acted as Installing Officer, while Wor. Bro. I. D. Jimenez, of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84, was Master of Ceremonies during the Installation. The ceremony was impressive and the newly installed Master gave a brief but comprehensive talk on Masonry. After the ceremonies, a sumptuous, well prepared refreshment was served. The affair was definitely a success.

On December 30th, to commemorate the death of Bro. José Rizal, the brethren assembled very early at 5 A. M. at the Lodge from where they proceeded to the Rizal monument

WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

to offer their floral offering, a beautifully prepared Square and Compass wreath. They went back to the Lodge for a short conference and meditation. Bro. Serafin V. Aguilar, delivered an eloquent speech extolling the dead hero and martyr. Bro. Orator, Marcelo C. Santiago, was requested to give an extemporaneous talk on the day, which was well received. After the conference all joined in breakfast at the TAZA de

ORO, popular rendezvous of the brethren, owned by Bro. and Mrs. Vicente T. Remitio.

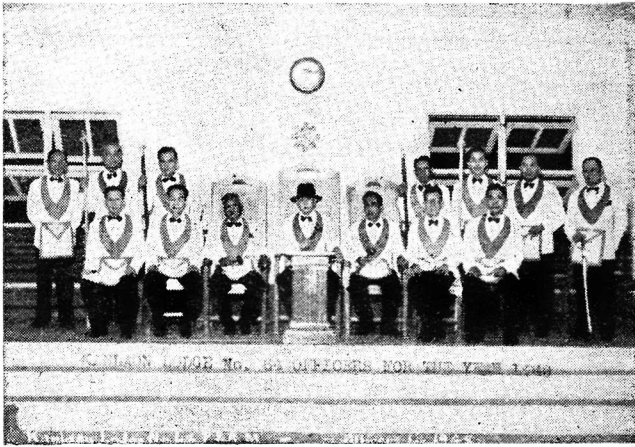
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GONZAGA NO. 66

The following Officers of Gonzaga Lodge No. 66, F. & A. M. were on January 10, 1948, installed by Wor. Bro. David Romero, P.M. ably assisted by W. Bro. Domingo Alcaraz, Outgoing Master of Mabini Lodge No. 39, as Master of Ceremonies and W. Bro. Mauro Rosario, P.M. of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, as Lecturer:

- Worshipful Master*—Simeon Sorita
- Senior Warden*—Perfecto P. Lingan
- Junior Warden*—Jose L. Valencia
- Treasurer*—Marcelo Pagayu
- Secretary*—Lorenzo de Leon, P.M.
- Chaplain*—Roque Taguba
- Marshal*—Buenaventura Marcelo
- Organist*—Juan N. Diego
- Senior Deacon*—Agustin Balisi
- Junior Deacon*—Hilario de Yro
- Senior Steward*—G. Bayuga
- Junior Steward*—E. B. Pagulayan
- Tyler*—Pedro Turingan

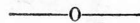
After the private installation ceremonies, dinner was served at the spacious hall of the LAVADIA HOTEL in Tuguegarao with members of the families and friends of the newly installed Officers and brethren domiciled in the capital of Cagayan.



The duly installed Officers of KANLAON LODGE No. 64, F. & A. M., for the year 1948. Installation took place at the MASONIC TEMPLE at Luzurriaga St., Bacolod City on Dec. 27, 1947.

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

UNION LODGE NO. 70

First degree of Masonry was conferred upon Dr. Alfonso de Leon, Provincial Hospital, San Fernando, La Union on February 13, 1948. The special team was composed of Past Masters, with Wor. Bro. Justo de Leon, the father conferring the degree upon his own son, the candidate.

Bro. Angel M. Pedralvez of High Twelve Lodge No. 82 presented the Apron, Wor. Bro. Enrique Rimando of Hiram Lodge No. 88 presented the Working Tools, Bro. Bonifacio Caddac delivered the lecture and Bro. Doroteo Aguila, the Provincial Governor gave the charge.

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KASILAWAN NO. 77

A very lively and successful get-together party in the form of a picnic was sponsored by the Lodge on February 29, 1948 in Las Piñas, Rizal. The whole day affair was attended by officers of the Grand Lodge, masters and members of other sister Lodges and, of course, the officers and members of Kasilawan Lodge, their families and friends. There was music and swimming at the Las Piñas beach and an atmosphere of fellowship all around. The interest of the brethren who made the occasion enjoyable was manifested by the many friends accompanying them. Heading the list of invited guests were Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master of our Grand Lodge; Rt. Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Deputy Grand Master; Rt. Wor. Bro. Clifford C. Bennett, Senior Grand Warden and Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary as well as their respective families.



An atmosphere of fellowship was manifested by the excursionists at a party held in Las Piñas, Rizal offered by Kasilawan Lodge No. 77.

"HIGH TWELVE" NO. 82

The Silver Anniversary (1923-1948) of this Lodge was celebrated at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila on Bro. George Washington's birthday, February 22. No less than 250 Masons, their families and friends attended the celebration in the form of a fraternal banquet and literary-musical program. The souvenir program printed for the occasion contained a list of officers of the Lodge for 1948, the programme, the roll of honorary members, the roll of Past Masters and a roster of active members which has increased from 15 (charter members) in 1922 to 105 in January, 1948.

For the first time in the history of the Lodge practically all of the past masters of the Lodge now living were in attendance including Wor. Bro. Filomeno Galang, first Worshipful Master (1922-1923) and this year's retiring Master, Wor. Bro. Pedro J. Arcilla.

Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master and honorary member of "High Twelve" Lodge No. 82 who spoke early in the program due to his Masonic engagement on the same day in Bacoor, Cavite, stressed the need of continued harmony among the Brethren and congratulated the officers and members of the Lodge for the success of the celebration.

Other features of the program were the speeches of Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias and Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens who was the Grand Master of our Grand Lodge when "High Twelve" Lodge No. 82 was constituted in 1923.

The program as rendered was as follows:

1. PIANO SELECTION Prof. Eliseo Arevalo
2. WELCOME ADDRESS Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Wor. Master, "High Twelve" Lodge No. 82 F. & A. M.
3. "VALENTINE DANCE" By two girls from VILLAMOR COLLEGES
4. ROLL CALL OF PAST MASTERS
5. BRIEF HISTORY .. By Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa
6. VOCAL SOLO Mrs. Isabel P. Padua, Miss Remedios Padua at the piano
7. REMARKS Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.
8. REMARKS Wor. Bro. Filomeno Galang First Worshipful Master, (1923), "High Twelve" Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M.



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- 9. SPEECH Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias, Worshipful Master, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, F. & A.M.
- 10. VOCAL SOLO Mrs. Nelia Manalo—Concordia Miss Leonila Celino at the piano
- 11. SPEECH Most Wor. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, P. G. M.
- 12. FOLK DANCE "WOMAN IN THE SHOW"—By twelve girls from Balic-Balic Primary School Branch, VILLAMOR COLLEGES

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DAGOHOY NO. 84
Tagbilaran, Bohol

This Lodge is publishing "THE COMPASS", a monthly bulletin (mimeographed) of the members in particular and the Fraternity as a whole.

The public installation of the 1948 officers of the Lodge was held on the Tennis Court of the Bohol Land Trans. Co. on January 10. The program consisted of three parts namely:

- Part I—1. Opening of the Lodge at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Conferring of the P. M. Degree
- Part II—1. Reception of Members and Guests
- 2. Overture by the Orchestra
- 3. Installation of Officers for 1948

Installing Officers:

Wor. Bro. W. C. Ogan P.M. of Tupas-Mactan
Lodge No. 30

Master of Ceremonies:

Wor. Bro. Catalino Castillo, P.M. of
Dagohoy Lodge No. 84

- 4. Vocal Solo—Miss Angelita Fortich
- 5. Presentation of Past Master's Jewels by
Wor. Bro. Arturo Fortich to Wor. Bro.
Pio C. Castro
- 6. Duet—Lumain Sisters, Dina and Ruth
- 7. Inaugural Address by the Incoming Master
Wor. Bro. Arturo Fortich
- 8. Prayer—by the Chaplain
- 9. Closing Speech by the Installing Officer,
Wor. Bro. W. C. Ogan, P.M.

Part III—Music—Dance—Refreshments

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MUOG NO. 89

One of the biggest events in the 25 years of existence of this Lodge, was the Memorial Service conducted by it on the 24th day of last January at seven in the evening in the Baclaran Elementary School building in Parañaque, Rizal to honor the memory of departed brethren and who have been casualties of the last world war, either directly or indirectly. These brethren have toiled long and much in the building of the Temple of Freedom and in defense of Democracy.

As a practical tribute to their deceased brethren, the officers and members of the Lodge held a Lodge of Sorrow in memory of W. Bro. Eulalio Monsod, W. Bro. James Kabakaw, Bro. George F. Burwell, Bro. Vicente Castillo, Bro. Robert B. Lester, W. Bro. Fausto Fronda and Rt. W. Bro Julian C. Balmaseda with an elaborate program:

The Memorial Service was well attended both by Masons and non-Masons and there was much solemnity in the cere-

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monies. The lodge of sorrow team, composed of W. Bro. Roman Lorenzo, as Master, Bro. Pascual Salgado and Bro. Mateo Ferrer, as senior and junior wardens respectively, W. Bro. Agripino Pascual, as secretary, W. Bro. Pedro Lombos as the orator, Bro. Jose Estrella as Chaplain and W. Bro. Eusebio Lakindanum as Marshal, accomplished a very creditable job. Highly inspirational and very satisfying were the musical numbers, especially those rendered by the Methodist Evangelical Church Choir in connection with the lodge of sorrow. The speeches and addresses were very enlightening, especially the address of Most Wor. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, who with other officers and members of the Grand Lodge, attended the ceremonies. Refreshments were served after the program.

ISAGANI NO. 96

One of the biggest gatherings ever to witness a Masonic program was that which witnessed the public installation of officers of this Lodge for 1948. The ceremonies were held at the *Glorieta*, Tarlac Public Square on January 14, 1948 at eight o'clock in the evening. The Lodge officers headed by Wor. Bro. Liberato E. Littawa as Master were installed by Rt. Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. then Deputy Grand Master, and Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary; these brethren acted as installing officer and master of ceremonies respectively.

The program which was short but impressive was as follows:

- I. Overture Orchestra
- II. Address Liberato E. Littawa, Master-Elect
- III. Selection Orchestra

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- IV. Presentation of the Guest Speaker by Amadeo R. Quintos, Past Master
- V. Speech Dr. Enrique C. Sobrepeña, Guest Speaker
- VI. Vocal Solo Miss Milagros Yumul
- VII. Remarks Albert L. Brazee, Jr. Deputy Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands.
- VIII. Finale Orchestra

BATAAN NO. 104

January 19, 1948, is an important date in the history of this Lodge. On this day Right Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Deputy Grand Master of our Grand Lodge accompanied by the other officers and members of his party made an official visitation to the Lodge in connection with the installation of the newly-elected officers, thereof.

The Deputy Grand Master and his party left Manila on a big boat made possible through his generosity and upon arrival in Bataan were met by prominent officials and members of the Fraternity from Pampanga and Zambales. Luncheon was served. The Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies were Wor. Bro. Aurelio del Rosario, P.M., and Rt. Wor. Bro. Clifford C. Bennett, respectively.

After the Installation of Officers the following program was rendered: Inaugural Address by the re-elected Wor. Master, Stanley S. Tongko; Presentation of Past Master's Diploma by Rt. Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., to Wor. Bro. Tongko; Speech by the Grand Matron of the Eastern Star of the Philippines, Mrs. Nancy Brazee; Remarks by representatives of Pampanga and Zambales lodges; Address by the Grand Secretary of Masons in the Philippines, Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez and Address by the Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr.

MARANAW NO. 111

The new Lodge Hall was the scene of the installation of the officers of this Lodge for 1948, on January 13, 1948. Wor. Bro. Alfredo Shapit was installing officer and Wor. Bro. Primo Santiago, the master of ceremonies. These two brethren in company with Wor. Bro. Suñiel made the hazardous trip from Maguindanao Lodge No. 40 at Cagayan, Misamis Oriental in order to participate in the ceremonies of installation.

The Lodge likewise was represented at the 32nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in Manila on January 27 to the 29th, 1948 by Wor. Bro. Florencio P. Cruz, Master-elect. He served as a member of the Committee of three on Masonic Services and Honor at the Grand Lodge Communication. Bro. Cruz is grateful to Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Rt. Wor. Bro. Clifford C. Bennett, Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez and Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi for the help they extended to him while in Manila.

MARIKINA NO. 119

At the special meeting of the Lodge held on November 29 last at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, the following brethren were raised to the sublime degree of Masonry: Brothers Isaac Eustaquio, Makaanaw Cruz, Jacinto T. Gavino, Candido Soriente and Tomas L. Santos. The degree team consisted of Masters and Past Masters of different sister Lodges and a big attendance was on hand to witness the degree work.

After closing the Lodge the brethren were invited by Wor. Bro. Catalino S. Cruz, present Master and his fellow officers to an impromptu program and refreshments.

PLEDGE OF SERVICE

"HIGH-TWELVE" LODGE NO. 82, F. & A. M.

BY WOR. BRO. DOMINADOR R. ESCOSA, P. M.

After three years and more of Japanese occupation during which time the Plaridel Masonic Temple was occupied by the invaders and later destroyed by fire, and hardly two months after liberation, the writer met M. W. Bro. Michael Goldenberg and M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, then Acting Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively, of the Grand Lodge, in the then Temporary Quarters of the Grand Lodge at 138 Gunao, Quiapo, Manila. My interview with these two beloved brethren was rather lengthy and resulted in my assuring them that I will do my level best to reorganize "High-Twelve" Lodge No. 82 in the shortest time possible.

Without any records to go by, excepting my memory, knowing not the addresses of my fellow-members of the Lodge, and with very limited funds at my disposal, in order to comply with my earnest desire to reorganize "High-Twelve" Lodge No. 82, I immediately proceeded to the nearest newspaper publisher, The Manila Post, and had the following advertisement inserted in their issue of April 4, 1945:

"MEMBERS OF HIGH-TWELVE LODGE: Please contact Wor. Bro. Escosa at the Temporary Quarters of the Grand Lodge, Gunao corner Arlegui." which enabled the following brethren to hold a caucus meeting on April 7, 1945, in the Temporary Quarters of the Grand Lodge at 138 Gunao, Quiapo, Manila:

- Pio Salomon
- Genaro Pestana
- Pedro de Jesus
- Mauro D. Castañeda
- Dominador R. Escosa
- Adriano R. Rivera
- Paciano Armeña
- Fidel T. Manalo
- Sixto Granfil
- Albert J. Brazee, Jr. (Honorary Member)

At this meeting, Wor. Bro. Pio Salomon, Worshipful Master of the Lodge in 1941 brought with him a complete list and latest addresses of the members. It was at this meeting that it was unanimously agreed to immediately petition for the necessary authority to reorganize the Lodge. Forthwith, the petition was presented to and approved by M. W. Bro. Mi-

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chael Goldenberg and M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Acting Grand Master and Grand Secretary, respectively, on the same day, April 7, 1945.

The first Stated Meeting held under the authority above mentioned was held on April 14, 1945, at 2:30 o'clock P. M., and the following officers were elected:

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	Pio Salomon
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Regino G. Padua
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Pedro J. Arcilla
<i>Treasurer</i>	Paciano Armeña
<i>Secretary</i>	Dominador R. Escosa

The first three petitions for degrees entertained at this Stated Meeting were those of Samuel Douglas New, Robert Sidney Connelly and William Lee Fiddler, Sr.

The installation of officers was, for the first time in the history of this Lodge, held privately on May 12, 1945, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. with Wor. Bro. Aurelio D. Rosario as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Fidel T. Manalo as Master of Ceremonies.

During the year 1945, there were held 9 Stated Meetings and 17 Special Meetings, all well attended by members of the Lodge as well as by visiting brethren from sister Lodges here and abroad; 23 were initiated, 20 were passed and 19 were raised. It was also during this year, when Wor. Bro. Adriano R. Rivera (may he rest in peace!), one of the pillars of this Lodge, and a Charter Member, passed to the Great Beyond. Funeral services in his honor were held on August 26, 1945, at 9:30 A. M., in the Lodge Hall at 138 Gunao, Quia-po, Manila, the Grand Lodge Officers officiating. Mention is made of the fact that it was in that same Lodge Hall while kneeling at the altar, where Wor. Bro. Rivera was attacked by his illness while obligating a brother in the Master's Degree, also that Wor. Bro. Pio Salomon, then Worshipful Master of the Lodge, while delivering his eulogy, was intermittently interrupted by sobs, indicative of his intense grief at the time for what I may say the untimely death of that be-

loved, devoted and tireless brother. Another important event that took place in 1945 was the conferring of the Third Degree of Masonry upon Bro. Higinio L. Escosa by his own father, assisted by the Past Masters of the Lodge, on September 19, 1945. Here again is an occasion worth remembering for it is indeed seldom that a Lodge can say one of its members initiated, passed and raised his son in his own Lodge.

The following officers were elected in the December 1945 Stated Meeting:

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	Regino G. Padua
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Pedro J. Arcilla
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Mauro Baradi
<i>Treasurer</i>	Pio Salomon
<i>Secretary</i>	Dominador R. Escosa

and were installed in public form on January 12, 1946, at the Lodge Hall in Calle Gunao, the Installing Officer being Wor. Bro. Gregorio Cariaga and the Master of Ceremonies, Wor. Bro. Fidel T. Manalo.

During the year 1946, 12 Stated Meetings and 8 Special Meetings were held; 12 were initiated, 8 were passed and 8 were raised.

Special occasions worth mentioning during 1946 were the routing of the members of this Lodge and their loved ones to Pansol Springs and then a visit to the residence of Wor. Bro. Eugenio de la Cruz in Mount Makiling, in August 11, 1946, and the Monthly Masonic Luncheon sponsored by the Lodge in conjunction with Walana Lodge No. 13 and Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, in November 4, 1946.

This Lodge suffered no loss by death during the year under review. In his annual report, Wor. Bro. Regino G. Padua, stressed this fact and failed not to express gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe. Perhaps it was our good fortune because our Worshipful Master then was no other than the Undersecretary of the Department of Health and Public Welfare of the Republic of the Philippines, hence, God in his infinite wisdom saw fit that we all be in the best of health.

The last meeting held by this Lodge in the Calle Gunao Lodge Hall was held on December 14, 1946, when the election of officers to serve the Lodge during 1947, resulted as follows:

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	Pedro J. Arcilla
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Mauro Baradi
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Hermogenes P. Oliveros
<i>Treasurer</i>	Donato Valenzuela
<i>Secretary</i>	Dominador R. Escosa

The Installation of officers was held on January 11, 1947, in a public ceremony held at the reconstructed Plaridel Masonic Temple with Wor. Bro. Aurelio D. Rosario as Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. Gregorio Cariaga as Master of Ceremonies. Hardly had the ceremony started when the electric lights went off because of the then poor service of Meralco, but that did not in the least interrupt the solemnity of the occasion nor the joy and gratitude reigning in the hearts of "High-Twelve" brethren. With numerous candle lights immediately illuminating the spacious Jose Abad Santos Hall, the ceremony continued and even those who were a bit over-critical agreed that the affair was a success.

During the year 1947, 12 Stated Meetings and 9 Special Meetings were held; 13 were initiated, 12 were passed and 9 were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was in March 30, 1947, when Wor. Bro. Manuel C. Dario, another Past Master and Charter Member died. Funeral Services were held at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of Plaridel

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Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R.

On Friday, 27th February 1948 at 7:00 P.M., the officers of LAKANDOLA LODGE OF PERFECTION (PHILIPPINE BODIES) Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the year 1948 were installed in the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Jose Abad Santos Hall. The officers thus installed were the following:

<i>Venerable Master</i>	Teofilo A. Abejo, 32°
<i>Senior Warden</i>	Mateo D. Cipriano, 32°
<i>Junior Warden</i>	Carlos Inigo, 32°
<i>Orator</i>	Macario M. Ofilada, 32°
<i>Almoner</i>	Sesenio Rivera, 32°
<i>Secretary</i>	Bonifacio S. Araullo, 32°
<i>Treasurer</i>	Esteban Munarriz, 32° KCCH
<i>Prelate</i>	Marciano Evangelista, 32°
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	Jose E. Racela, 32°
<i>Expert</i>	Stanley S. Tongko, 32°
<i>Assistant Expert</i>	Dominador R. Escosa, 32°
<i>Master of Host</i>	Delfin A. Viola, 32°
<i>Sentinel</i>	Vicente P. Flechero, 32°

The installing officer was Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, 32°, and the Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Jose M. E. Leon, Jr., 32° KCCH. The newly installed venerable master gave a short remark of appreciation for his election and also pleaded for the cooperation of all the brethren during his administration.

On the same occasion, jewels were presented to brethren who have attained the degrees of KCCH, Past Masters of Kadosh, Past Commanders, Past Wise Masters, and Past Venerable Masters. A surprise gift of the Lodge was presented to Bro. Jose C. Velo, 32° KCCH as a token of appreciation for his efficient work as secretary of the lodge.

The occasion was closed with an inspiring message by Most Worshipful Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., 32° Grand Master of Masons of the Philippines. He talked at length on the duty of a brother towards an erring brother.

By special dispensation, on February 28, 1948, Scottish Rite degrees from the 4th to the 30th were conferred in short form upon Bro. Major Milton C. Lowe of Clark Field. The 31st and 32nd degrees were conferred upon him, by courtesy, by the Manila Bodies. Bro. Lowe is due to leave shortly for the United States for a new assignment. Good luck and von voyage, Bro. Lowe.

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Of interest to the brethren was the "lauriat" party held in the house of Bro. Teofilo A. Abejo, 32°, newly installed Venerable Master of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection, Philippine Bodies on February 28, 1948. It was the occasion of the birthday of the venerable master. It was well attended by many brethren who went to felicitate him on his natal day.

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The brethren of the Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R. wish to join the many friends and admirers of Bro. Jose C. Velo, 32° KCCH, in extending to him warm congratulations on the occasion of his birthday which was February 29,

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La Masoneria en Marcha

A juzgar por los entusiasmos de los miembros en la última Gran Convención, por las resoluciones presentadas y aprobadas, y por la misma naturaleza de sus deliberaciones, nuestra masonería en Filipinas va en marcha gloriosa.

Fuertes delegaciones de provincias lejanas de Manila, y representantes de Logias fuera de Filipinas, como por ejemplo de China, de las Marianas y de Okinawa, dieron testimonio de que nuestra masonería va en auge, a pesar de las difíciles circunstancias aún prevalecientes.

Nuestro número de miembros, que es ahora mucho mayor que el del año anterior a la pasada guerra, es también otro dato consolador de que nuestros ideales van haciéndose eco en la mente y en el corazón de nuestros conciudadanos.

Verdad es que no miramos el número, sino mas bien la cualidad del miembro. Pero así como hemos aumentado el número, también hemos mejorado su cualidad.

No nos olvidemos que el masón se hace masón en su propio corazón, y no en otro sitio. El que viene a nuestros templos, viene aquí a ofrecer el oro de su corazón, y no otra cosa. La masonería es un apostolado, el apostolado de la verdad, del bien, de la caridad, de la fraternidad de todos los hombres y de todos los pueblos. Para esto se necesita una mente bien preparada en diferentes disciplinas; pero mas que esto, es de estimar un corazón preparado a toda clase de sacrificios para la práctica feliz de ese apostolado.

No nos impresiona el número, nos impresiona siempre la calidad; pero una calidad bien adiestrada a todas las disciplinas que dicen relación con los mejores sentimientos que anidan en el corazón del hombre.

Y una vez mas, y ahora con colores mas pronunciados, eso nos ha revelado la congregación de grandes representantes y delegados en nuestra última Gran Convención.

Vivamos así nuestra masonería, y no nos importe el trabajo de nuestro sempiternos enemigos.

Antonio Gonzalez, F.P.S.

Mas Coraje Moral

Mas coraje moral es lo que se necesita para vigorizar aquí nuestra institución. En Filipinas sabemos positivamente que el elemento mas antagónico contra nuestra institución es el elemento fanático de la Iglesia Católica. Y esto no es mas que el producto de su completa ignorancia de nuestra filosofía, de nuestra moral, y, en general, de nuestros principios. No hay nada mas difícil como el contender contra uno cuyos prejuicios son una valla para la mutua inteligencia. Una controversia así es completamente inútil. Para eso habría que llevar al terreno de las prácticas realizaciones el espíritu de sus enseñanzas, aún para aquellos que nos antagonizan. Y para poder cumplir con esto, se hace necesario mas coraje moral. No nos importe que nuestro contendiente tenga una idea mal concebida de nuestra institución, y que nos quiera mal. Practiquemos con él el bien, por el bien mismo, y con eso le habremos ganado. Nos interesa ese enemigo por lo mismo que con ello habríamos abierto los ojos a uno sumido en las tinieblas de la ignorancia en que le han sumido sus propios prejuicios.

Y esto mismo pasa con el mundo exterior que nos rodea. Estamos asediados por todas partes de prejuicios, de discordias, de malos deseos e intenciones, que para poder afrontar esta situación debemos armarnos de mas coraje moral. No nos olvidemos que la masonería es una institución que dice relación estrecha con todo aquello que signifique algún problema en las relaciones humanas. Y la piedra angular para la solución de estos problemas en las relaciones humanas es la mútua confianza, la mútua simpatía, la mútua estima, y el mútuo respeto. Para esto se necesita una gran dosis de mútua inteligencia, y la piedra angular en que descansa el hermoso edificio de la mútua inteligencia entre los hombres es el AMOR FRATERNAL.

Llevemos, pues, nuestro coraje moral al extremo de sacrificarlo todo en aras de la exaltación del verdadero espíritu fraternal entre los hombres. Y con ello habemos resuelto una gran parte de los problemas que ennegrecen el horizonte de la vida.

Antonio Gonzalez, F.P.S.

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"HIGH-TWELVE" — (Continued from page 174)

Masonic Temple, the Grand Lodge Officers officiating and the officers of this Lodge in full attendance together with a goodly number of the members thereof. Another funeral service was held under the auspices of this Lodge on September 18, 1947, in Rafael Palma Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, over the ashes of Bro. Irineo Lustana, who died many years ago, and whose ashes were preserved by the widow and only then delivered to the Lodge at the request of the deceased brother, according to the widow.

On July 19, 1947, a Despedida Banquet in honor of Bro. Domingo Bascara, tendered by the members of this Lodge was held at Selecta Restaurant, which occasion was attended by the Grand Master and a good number of Grand Lodge officers, and on October 18, 1947, this Lodge, through the Chairmanship of Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, sponsored what I consider the most successful Monthly Masonic Gathering of the year.

The Grand Master's visitation by air in 1947 to Lodges in the Southern Islands was accompanied by Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, and those in 1946, by Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa.

At the Stated Meeting and Election of Officers to serve this Lodge during this year, held December 13, 1947, the following officers were elected:

- Worshipful Master Mauro Baradi
- Senior Warden Hermogenes P. Oliveros
- Junior Warden Domingo del Callar
- Treasurer James R. O'Banon
- Secretary Gregorio Cariaga

and they were installed together with the appointed officers in a public installation held at Plaridel Masonic Temple on January 3, 1948, with an attendance of no less than 600 members, visiting brethren and guests included.

This brings this history to date, our Silver Anniversary. The writer hopes and prays for the opportunity to write the subsequent chapters of this Lodge's history, for indeed he has vowed twenty-five years ago and has time and again repeated that vow in open Lodge, to be of service to Freemasonry in general and "High-Twelve" Lodge No. 82 in particular.

I shall conclude with a sincere and glowing tribute to the brethren of this Lodge who risked their lives by joining and taking active part in the underground movement during the Japanese occupation. That in a nutshell is our record of untold suffering and heroic sacrifice, so that Democracy in this part of the world shall not perish.

If I were to single out the most important contribution of this Lodge to the activities of our Most Worshipful Grand

Lodge, my selection is Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, our present Worshipful Master, Grand Orator of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and Managing Editor of The Cabletow, official organ of our Grand Lodge. Wor. Bro. Baradi is, likewise, Past Venerable Master of Lakandoka Lodge of Perfection, Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R. and at the same time lecturer of the said Bodies.

And if I were asked to name one particular member of this Lodge whom I love and admire the most, of course, I love and admire them all, without exception, Bro. Gardie Willigamage Lewis de Silva is my choice, for he has never failed me and the Lodge since 1922; he has paid his dues and contributions no matter how impoverished he has been and still is; it matters not whether he has something to do, he invariably goes to the Lodge; in fact, he has attended—from the opening to the closing ceremonies—at least 85% of all meetings held so far, ready to help in degree work both in English and Spanish. I have always heard him say how good Bro. So and So was—never uttered a complaint against a brother nor criticized a brother's behaviour. He was once a Treasurer, once a Marshal, once a Steward, once a Deacon, once an Almoner and several times a Tyler of this Lodge; and above all, a Charter Member.

* The first part of this article was published in *The Cabletow* of November, 1947.

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VISITING BRETHREN FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1948

- Gregorio D. Robles Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73
- R. de Castro Zambales Lodge No. 103
- Eugenio Padua Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51
- Evaristo Narvaez Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51
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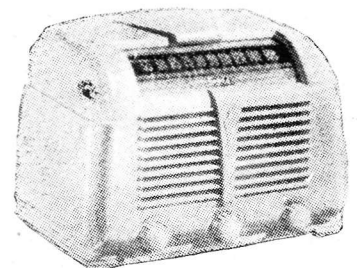
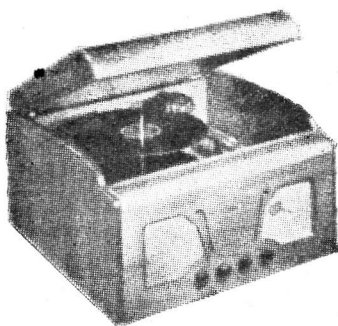
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sign ourselves to the belief that the lot of man is to suffer and die.

When the Christian brother tells his side of human suffering, he cites Christ as the supreme example. He states that the great betrayal of Christ by one man brought about the undying loyalty of countless men throughout the centuries to the Perfect Master; that the false accusations hurled against the Lord did not harm Him because of the eloquence of His golden silence; that the crown of thorns heavily thrust on His head demonstrated the extent of His limitless patience; that the sweat of blood which flowed from His face as He prayed in Gethsemane gave Him renewed strength for the arduous journey to Calvary; that the untold agony He experienced at the Cross contributed to His unparalleled victory on the Mount, and that the bitter tragedy of His death inevitably led to the indescribable glory of His resurrection.

The Mason like the Christian brother, has his views on human suffering. In the first place, suffering is a way to salvation. When God said to Adam: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread", man instead of being condemned to suffer and starve forever, was given the means by which he could live in abundance and avoid hunger. Before one can reap the fruits of his endeavor, he is tried and tempted. The soiled hands of the laborer have transformed primeval forests into productive farms, and shallow waters into navigable rivers. The corny feet of the pioneer have blazed the trail for enterprising settlers and charted the course for modern travellers. Neither the trials of the inventor nor the tribulations of the scientist could prevent man from achieving wonder after wonder contributory to world-progress and happiness.

In the second place, suffering is temporary. Believing in a loving God, the Mason knows that the same source who decrees man to suffer is also a kind and merciful Father. It is a truism that he "whom

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to someone when he most needs it. This is philanthropy in practice; this is love in spirit. Surely, the gift with the giver is dear.

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the Lord loveth, he chasteneth." The world's benefactors suffered one way or the other and Masonry's hero is the workingman. It is a fact that the sick gets well, the wound is healed and even the lost is found again; and it is not all rain and thunder that we see and hear, for after these comes tranquility and the sky is clear. It is so ordained that the things seen are temporal while those unseen are eternal.

In the third place, suffering is a lesson to be learned. Man's mistakes remind him to be more careful. The consequences of his folly urge him to search for the truth and the heaviness of his grief leads him to see the light. The Mason profits from his suffering, unpleasant though it may be. Only when the applicant is carefully investigated and strictly examined may he become a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Be it remembered that the rough rod is used to save the child; that failure should constantly occur to teach the youth; and that the relentless storm must come to give courage to the adult. Are these then not proofs convincing that for man's disappointment there is a cause and in his affliction a purpose?

Thus, human suffering is an opportunity through which man should strive to become better. Instead of a malignant curse, it should be taken as a blessing in disguise. Towards the attainment of worthy ideals, there is glory in suffering and nobility in sacrifice.

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