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MARCELO H. DEL PILAR

Father of Philippine Masonry

Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino Manila, Philippines

The Grand Master's Message

Plaridel Day*

TODAY we are honoring a man who practiced masonic principles and teachings to their fullest extent; a man who has sacrificed position, family and self to work for the emancipation of his country: MARCELO H. DEL PILAR, known also as PLARIDEL, his pen name.

PLARIDEL DAY ought to have a meaning not only for Masons, but as well for those who do not profess our ideologies. A known orator said that when men agree to celebrate an anniversary, it will be found that there is a thought or a feeling behind it. What is the thought or the feeling behind this anniversary of Marcelo H. del Pilar? It is simply the reaffirmation of our faith in the wisdom of his Masonic leadership in our country. Marcelo H. del Pilar lived and experienced our people's sufferings, and for that reason his was the life of an apostle, preaching Masonry and spreading its sound and enduring doctrine to tear down despotism and tyranny then prevailing in our country. Hear what he said:

> *"Es imposible el perfeccionamiento de la humanidad sin la libertad del hombre; y asi las instituciones sociales, las congregaciones politicas, los lazos politicos, solo tienen razon de ser, solo pueden subsistir, en cuanto llevan por objeto la defensa y la proteccion de la libertad.*
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> *"La tirania pretendio ahogar la libertad del pensamiento y sus manifestaciones, la de asociarse y otras aspiraciones de la vida social; pero en frente de la tirania surgio la Masoneria, que ha venido personificando la protesta universal contra las aspiraciones de la tirania.*
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> *"Si desde el trono la tirania ha soñado en la manera de facilitar la decapitacion de todo el genero humano, la Masoneria consagro sus afanes a la tarea de fraternizar a todos los hombres, borrar las diferencias de patria, de raza y de color, anular las guerras, sofocar el ruido de las armas y de las cadenas con el ruido del trabajo y de la industria.*
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> *"Al afiliarnos a la Masoneria hemos contraido el deber de continuar la obra comenzada para la realizacion de estos fines humanitarios. Nuestros predecesores han trabajado mucho en este sentido; sus obras brillan en el actual estado de derecho de las naciones democraticas; la libertad, la igualdad y la fraternidad constituyen el sello caracteristico de las leyes que rigen todos los pueblos de America y casi todos los de Europa.*
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> *"El Archipielago Filipino, queridos hermanos, es una victima secular de la injusticia social; es un pueblo de ocho millones de habitantes que hace tres siglos gime bajo una tiranica opresion."*

Those were the very words of Brother del Pilar. His love of country was never surpassed by any other man; and like Rizal, he would have given his last drop of blood for the Philippines. Though he was a dreamer and a man of vision, he was at the same time a man of action. Being a Mason, he realized that Masonry with all its lofty principles was definitely the only spiritual force that could accomplish the liberation of our country from the social evils and political oppression then prevailing. Hence, he organized our Philippine Masonry, which, as you all know, played a most important part in the hard task of emancipating our Country, and for this he is known as the father of Philippine Masonry.

It is our feeling that this is the meaning behind PLARIDEL DAY, behind this glorious anniversary. May we continue to celebrate it from year to year as an act of Masonic enthusiasm and rededication of our faith in the principles underlying the spiritual edifice of our beloved Institution!

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* *Speech delivered at the 99th birthday anniversary of Bro. Marcelo H. del Pilar, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, August 30, 1949.*

Grand Master

THE CABLETOW

Editorials

Del Pilar's Loyalty To His Country

MASONS among whom Marcelo H. del Pilar was one, are sometimes misunderstood as against organized religions. The reason behind this mistaken notion centers around the question of loyalty. Masonry teaches not blind obedience to any individual but a citizen's loyalty to his native land.

The Entered Apprentice is enjoined never to lose sight of the allegiance due his country. Between his country's welfare and that of his own, the former comes first; he subordinates personal satisfaction to that of the people's good. His efforts are aimed at making the nation progressive, for its honor is to his credit and its retrogression, his responsibility. How eloquently had this fealty been demonstrated by Brother del Pilar whose 99th birthday anniversary, the Masons in particular, celebrate on August 30th! Here was a Mason of great stature and a patriot of the highest order.

As a Mason—Past Master of Logia Revolucion of Madrid, Spain—he was instrumental in causing the establishment of Masonry in the Philippines. He expressed the fond hope then, and this should be our ardent desire even now, that "we must exert all efforts so that our Venerable Order may extend its influence to the remotest corner of our beloved Philippines, so that we may imbue the popular customs of our people with the love of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." He was indeed the father of Philippine Masonry and by preaching and practicing Masonic precepts, he became one of the Fraternity's outstanding members.

As a patriot, he stands shoulder to shoulder with other Masons like Rizal, Mabini, Bonifacio and others, respected and revered by the Filipino people. Brother del Pilar's fight against intolerance, oppression, and tyranny in all their forms was relentless and uncompromising. This he waged not by force of arms but through his mighty pen. As editor of La Solidaridad, a Filipino fortnightly published in Spain and founded by Graciano Lopez Jaena, another Mason, he (del Pilar) depicted the Filipinos' plight under Spanish domination; as a writer he contributed many works including La Soberania Monacal en Filipinas, Fuera los Frailes, Dasalan at Toksohan, and Kaiingat Kayo. He died in Barcelona, Spain away from home and family. His beloved Filipinas, however, was foremost in his mind and closest to his heart. He reaped not the fruits of his labors but true to the Masonic Charge, duty and honor alike, bound him to be faithful to every trust committed to his care.

We can still hear Brother del Pilar assert with characteristic emphasis all his own: "There is defeat that is victory. Defend the right and work for the welfare of your native country, happen what may, never fearing whether you will win or lose, and your integrity is upheld and maintained." Today, more than half a century after his death, this Masonic precept could fittingly serve as our leaders' guide and the people's resolve.—

MAURO BARADI, M.P.S.

Regularity In Our Conduct

UPON becoming a Master Mason, the candidate is advised to be orderly in his conduct in order not to discredit Masonry itself. This charge is as solemn as it is challenging and every Brother should remember and practice it every day.

Some of the criticisms against our Fraternity are due not to any defect thereof but to the deportment of Masons who entertain strange ideas as such. For instance, some Brethren say that Masonry is a way through which they could have more intimate social dealings with others. Even if this be so, the fact is that our Institution is not a social club where man meets man during programs and receptions; more than this it is the bases of morality and virtue. These two we can not dissociate from the behavior of the individual. A person is either upright, lawabiding, and honest, or corrupt, bigoted, and unscrupulous; he is either temperate, firm, prudent, and just, or immoderate, superficial, indiscreet, and undependable.

Others consider Masonry as a stepping stone to high offices—political and private. The impression of non-Masons then would be that our Institution sanctions the career of the ambitious and promotes the personal interests of the selfish. Here again we remind the Brethren the oft-repeated Charge that merit alone is the just title to Masonic privileges. The moment we set a goal for our exclusive good disregarding the welfare of those around us, we are likely to become self-centered and therefore, the teachings which we learned as members of a Universal Brotherhood are relegated to the background.

"But how can I trust a man who calls himself a Mason" says an observer, "when his conduct toward his home and family is rude?" This accusation is more serious than it sounds. It is alleged that a number of Brethren are prompt in paying Lodge dues and liberal in giving financial aid and other gifts to the cause of charity but miserly in providing for the needs of his home and even cruel in treating his own children. This state of affairs could not happen if we but remember once more the Charge given us, namely, to support the dignity of our character on all occasions, not on a few specified ones. To Masons, character is the trade-mark of useful service and abundant living; without it, life would be meaningless—an empty dream, a wasted existence.

It is further alleged that Masons enjoy more fellowship with their own kind, indifferent to those around. This may be due to the fact that the ties of Brotherly Love which bind Masons together all over the world are stronger and more secure than those of other organizations and societies. Be this as it may, we find no reason to justify indifference towards others. On the contrary, love of and respect to our neighbors are among the Fraternity's rules of human action.

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Official Section

Special Supplement to the Cabletow of August, 1949

WE DESIRE to call the particular attention of all our readers and friends to the Special Supplement accompanying THE CABLETOW of August, 1949. These are:

1. Brother Jose Rizal's Letter (in Tagalog) to the Young Women of Malolos, and
2. Brother Rafael Palma's "Critical Examination of Rizal's Alleged Retraction. (Translated from Spanish to English by Justice Roman Ozaeta of the Supreme Court of the Philippines.)

So that the Masons in particular and the world in general may know, we quote without comment excerpts from these documents.

Brother Rizal in his Letter to the Young Women of Malolos gave suggestions and advice to the latter as follows:

"First of all. That the tryranny of some is possible only through cowardice and negligence on the part of others.

"Second. What makes one contemptible is lack of dignity and abject fear of him who hold one in contempt.

"Third. Ignorance is servitude, because as a man thinks, so is he, a man who does not think for himself lacks personality; the blind man who allows himself to be guided by the thought of another is like the beast led by a halter.

"Fourth. He who loves his independence must first aid his fellowman, because he who refuses protection to others will find himself without it; the isolated rib of the buri palm is easily broken, but not so the broom made of the ribs of the palm bound together.

"Fifth. If the Filipino woman will not change her mode of being, let her rear no more children, let her merely give birth to them. She must cease to be the mistress of the home, otherwise she will unconsciously betray husband, child, native land, and all.

"Sixth. All men are born equal, naked, without bonds. God did not create man to be a slave; nor did he endow him with intelligence to have him hoodwinked, or adorn him with reason to have him deceived by others. It is not fatuous to refuse to worship one's equal, to cultivate one's intellect, and to make use of reason in all things. Fatuous is he who makes a god of him who makes brutes of others, and who strives to submit to his whims all that is reasonable and just.

"Seventh. Consider well what kind of religion they are teaching you. See whether it is the will of God or according to the teachings of Christ that the poor be succored and those who suffer alleviated. Consider what they are preaching to you, the object of the sermon, what is behind the masses, novenas, *rosaries, scapularies, images, miracles, candles, belts, etc. etc., which they daily keep before your minds, ears, and eyes, jostling, shouting, and coaxing, investigate whence they came and whither they go, and then compare that religion with the pure religion of Christ and see whether that pretended observance of the life of Christ does not remind you of the fat milk cow or the fattened pig, which is encouraged to grow fat not through love of the animal, but for grossly mercenary motives."*

Brother Palma in his book entitled "Pride of the Malay Race" set forth a CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF RIZAL'S ALLEGED RETRACTION. After a detailed and careful analysis of the facts and circumstances in connection with the alleged retraction, he concluded that

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In any event, we who have sworn to uphold by precept and example, the tenets of Freemasonry should not set for ourselves a double-standard in our conduct—one towards our Brethren and another towards the community. The good we do in the Lodge should find greater expression outside of it; the kindness we show to our members shou/d be showered on our fellowmen an hundred-fold; and the sympahy and understanding we have among Brethren should be eloquently practiced wherever we are. In fine, to be regular in our conduct is to exalt our Venerable Institution and instill its tenets in the hearts of men.—MAURO BARADI, M.P.S.

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"The signatures of Rizal on the document of abjuration is considered apocryphal, as are also those of the witnesses thereto, as maintained in a book published recently. If to that is added the fact that the certificate of the canonical marriage of Josephine Bracken with Rizal has never been produced notwithstanding the demands of the family of Rizal, there are serious reasons to believe that the Jesuitic narrative is not truthful in all its parts and that his conversion is very doubtfull, to say the least.

"In short, Rizal's conversion was a pious fraud to make the people believe that that extraordinary man broke down and succumbed before the Church which he had fought. The Archbishop was interested in his conversion for political motives, and the Jesuits lent themselves as his instrument. The example of Rizal would have great resonance in the whole country and it was necessary to bolster the drooping prestige of religion with his abjuration. What if Rizal was a man of valor and convictions and his conversion would be unbelievable? So much the better. The interest of religion was above him. His aureole of glory had to be done away with, if necessary. What did it matter? He was only an indio.

"The Jesuits themselves, who liked him very much, did not celebrate masses for his soul or hold a funeral over his body. Trinidad Rizal narrates that her family went to hear a mass which, according to announcements, the Jesuits were going to celebrate for the soul of Rizal; but that they waited in vain for the mass, which was not celebrated. That was very significant. It seemed that the Jesuits were not convinced of his conversion."

In both of these documents we find reference to the cunning and deceit on the part of those who pretended to be the very spokesmen of God on earth. And the practice of these abominable habits was tolerated by the meek and the lowly for opposition thereto would have meant their excommunication, banishment, or even execution. The Church and the State then were combined and the men in robes were the rulers, lawmakers, and judges at the same time. Shall the Filipinos of this day and age, allow such a situation to exist again in their country through their indifference to the subtle but destructive forces seeking to undermine our democratic way of living? Let us beware lest we ourselves become the instruments of the enemy in propagating his program of sowing seeds of dissension and spreading fear among our people.—*M. B.*

Plaridel Day Celebrated

THE Grand Lodge celebrated Plaridel Day in commemoration of the 99th birthday anniversary of Bro. Marcelo H. del Pilar on August 30, 1949 at 8 p.m. at the Social Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila. The Brethren from many Lodges in Manila and the provinces came in "Barong Tagalog" and their lady visitors in Filipina dress. Besides the Musical and Literary numbers on the special program prepared for the occasion, a playlet was shown, written and directed by M. W. Bro. M. Goldenberg, P. G. M. depicting how Philippine Masonry came into being in the Philippines. Bro. del Pilar as we know, founded Philippine Masonry. And to him is attributed the saying: "We must exert all efforts so that our Venerable Order may extend its influence to the remotest corner of our beloved Philippines, so that we may imbue the popular customs of our people with the love of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity."

The address of M. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Grand Master, was brief but significant. He referred to the sterling qualities of del Pilar as a man and his indomitable will and conviction as a Mason. "Wherever Masonry thrives," the Grand Master stated, "the people prosper and the country progresses."

The Program consisted of 12 numbers namely:

1. (a) Flag Ceremonies ..... Philippine National Hymn
   Musical Accompaniment—Welfareville Ladies String Band
   (b) Invocation .. Wor. Bro. Rev. William H. Fonger, P. M.
   Past Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.
   (c) Salute to the Flag ..... Bro. P. R. Francisco
2. Greetings ..... M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M,
   Grand Secretary
3. Instrumental Trio:
   (a) Romance ..... Debussy
   (b) Spanish Dance ..... Moskowski
   Rizal Reyes ..... Violin
   Ernesto Epistola ..... Cello
   Andrea Ofilada ..... Piano
4. "Significance of Plaridel Day" . Wor. Bro. D. B. Ambrosio, P. M., *Master of Ceremonies*
5. Vocal Solo ..... Mrs. Regino Padua
6. Remarks ..... Wor. Bro. Leon C. Santiago
   Master, Malolos Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M.
7. "Alcamphor" ..... Folk Dances By Students of the "Ti Liday" Philippine Christian Colleges
   Under the Direction of Mrs. Celia Bocobo Olivar

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8. Talk ..... Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, P. M.
In Behalf of the Brethren Born In August
9. Vocal Solo ..... Miss Lourdes Castro
Piano Accompaniment—Miss Elvira Joson
10. "Marcelo H. del Pilar, Father of Philippine Freemasonry"
Playlet Written and Directed
by ..... M. W. Bro. M. Goldenberg, P. G. M.
11. Vocal Solo:
(a) "Long Long Ago" ..... Strauss
(b) "Sa Kabukiran" ..... Velez
Adoracion Musa ..... Soprano
Andrea Ofilada ..... Accompanist
12. Address ..... M. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz
Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands

HOMAGE TO PLARIDEL

Musical Selections—Welfareville Ladies String Band
Courtesy—Wor. Bro. Dr. Jose Vergara, Director
and Commissioner Asuncion A. Perez

The members of the Cast in the Play were applauded and congratulated for their vivid portrayal of the characters they represented—all Masons of great renown. The Cast consisted of:

"M. H. del Pilar, Father of Philippine Freemasonry"

PLARIDEL	Bro. Romeo A. Santos
Dr. Jose Protacio Rizal	W. Bro. Teofilo Ragodon
Graciano Lopez Jaena	W. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa
Mariano Ponce	W. Bro. Gregorio Cariaga
Pedro Serrano Laktaw	W. Bro. Edilberto Dayao
Dr. T. H. Pardo de Tavera .	W. Bro. Olimpio Navarro
Moises Salvador	W. Bro. Jose J. de Guzman
Eduardo de Lete	W. Bro. Mariano Gonzalez
Dr. Antonio Luna	W. Bro. Mateo D. Cipriano
Dr. Miguel Morayta	W. Bro. Abundio C. del Rosario

Due to their efforts and hard work, the following members which composed the Organizing Committee: Committee on Entertainment and Public Functions of the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands; High Twelve Club of the Philippines, and High Twelve Lodge No. 82, F. & A. M., made the celebration a complete success.

WOR. BRO. RIVERA IN SWEDEN

IN a letter recently received by the Editor, Wor. Bro. Sesenio Baradi Rivera wrote from The Swedish Institute, Kungsgatan, 34, Stockholm, Sweden as follows:

". . . My stay in Scandinavia has been a pleasant one. I came at a time when the flowers are in bloom and the climate is just good for me. Sweden has not been involved in any war for 150 years now and therefore her social as well as economic structure has more or less been intact. For that reason, my study on child welfare institutions in this country has been profitable. Their institutions are modern, well equipped and properly staffed.

". . . I visited the Grand Lodge Office in Stockholm. I was very graciously received by the gentleman in charge representing the King who is the Grand Master. When he saw the name of Sovereign Grand Commander Cowles in my certificate he showed me to the anteroom where a big picture of Bro. Cowles hangs—taken on his recent visit here. Of course, I was shown the building, the rooms, the pictures of royalty members, the beautiful architecture and many other interesting relics.

"I will visit London and if possible Paris. I will return to our beloved Philippines soon."

Bro Rivera has also visited Denmark and other countries and he promised to describe his impressions abroad upon arrival in Manila.



THE untimely death of Wor. Bro. Lazaro Carmona, Worshipful Master of Nilad Lodge No. 12 was keenly felt by the Brethren of his Lodge as well as all Masons who had had the privilege of knowing this active and efficient Mason. His absence from the office force of the Grand Secretary will be greatly missed.

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the funeral services on Bro. Carmona's remains were held August 6, 1949, 5:30 p.m. at the Plaridel Masonic Temple with the following special team of Grand Lodge Officers: Worshipful Master, Esteban Munarriz; Senior Warden, Clifford C. Bennett; Junior Warden, Antonio Gonzales; Chaplain, Mariano Gonzales; Bible Bearer, Sidney M. Austin; Marshal, Joaquin Garcia; Senior Deacon, Macario M. Ofilada; Junior Deacon, Pedro Lombos; Senior Steward, Jose Fetalvero; Junior Steward, Primo I. Guzman; and Tyler, Peblo C. Cortes.

Wor. Bro. Vicente Gella, present Master of Nilad Lodge No. 12 spoke on behalf of his Lodge while Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Grand Orator, delivered the Oration on behalf of the Grand Lodge.



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WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING

BAGUMBAYAN NO. 4

THE official visitation of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge officers as well as the 35th anniversary celebration of the founding of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 were made at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila on August 10, 1949, 8 p.m. Brethren from many Lodges and their families and friends were on hand to witness the double-event. The music was furnished by a 16-man orchestra of the Armed Forces of the Philippines Band through the kind cooperation of Major Laureano G. Cariño and the help of Wor. Bro. Bernardo Palma.

The following programme was rendered:

I. *RECEPTION AND WELCOME* of Most Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, accompanied by the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.

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II. *OPENING REMARKS* ..... Wor. Bro. Antonio D. Alvir
Master, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

III. *ONE MINUTE PAUSE* in silent prayer for the departed Brethren who were responsible for the granting of the Dispensation, and the Petitioners for the Dispensation ..... Bro. Manuel M. Crudo
Chaplain, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

MUSIC

IV. *A BRIEF ACCOUNT* of the founding of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4
Wor. Bro. Francisco Santiago, P.M.
Treasurer of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

V. *NOMINATION* of the deserving Brethren who are entitled to life membership ..... Wor. Bro. Aurelio B. Aquino, P.M.
Secretary, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

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VI. *ADDRESS* ..... M. W. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado, P.G.M.
Raised on the occasion of the celebration *of the 2nd Anniversary of the granting of the Dispensation.*

VII. *PRESENTATION OF PINS AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS* to Brethren who have been twenty-five continuous years as active members in Masonry ..... M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzales, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

VIII. *CLOSING REMARKS* ..... M. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz
Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines

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REFRESHMENTS

ST. JOHN'S NO. 9

Manila, Philippines

ON August 12, 1949 the stated meeting of this Lodge took place. There was work in the Second Degree for Bro. V. L. Stater presently working with the International Harvester Company. The line-up in the work was as follows: First Section, Miles, East; Green, West; Innis, South; Nestle, S. D.; Bowman, J. D.; Fonger, S. S., and Warfel, J. S.; Second Section, Rasch, East; Green, West; Miles, South; Innis, S. D.; Bowman, J. D.; Fonger, S. S., and Warfel, J. S.

The Lodge was informed of the recent death of Louis Frohman Rothenhoefer, Master of the Lodge in 1933.

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MABINI NO. 39

Aparri, Cagayan



MABINI Lodge No. 39 has recently constructed its own temple on the same lot wherein the old building, which was burned during the War, was located. It is only 14 m. x 8 m., which is about one-half as big as the old one. It was constructed out of donations and loans without interest given by the members. Bros. Baldomero Perez, Angel Padilla,

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What Our Lodges Are Doing

Alcaraz, Pascual de Guzman and Antonio Que Hanko were among the Lim Ching Tee, M. Tan Boon Diok, Federico M. Chua Hiong, Domingo members who contributed the most for the construction of the building.

The month of December, 1948, has been a very busy month for Mabini Lodge No. 39. On December 4th, a special meeting was called for the purpose of conferring the first degree of Masonry upon Mr. Alipio C. Toribio and the second degree of Masonry upon Bro. Jorge K. Siriban. The special team for the first degree consisted of the following:—Wor. Master—Wor. Bro. Pedro V. Salvado; S. W.—Wor. Bro. Candido Valera; J. W.—Wor. Bro. Lim Ching Tee; Marshall—Bro. Andres L. Pacis; Senior Deacon—Bro. Teotimo S. Sevilla; Jr. Deacon—Bro. Meliton Tomaneng and Lecturer—Bro. Teotimo S. Sevilla. The team for the second degree consisted of the following:—Wor. Master—Wor. Bro. Candido Valera; S. W. —Bro. Pascual de Guzman; J. W.—Wor. Bro. Lim Ching Tee; Marshall—Bro. Andres S. Pacis; Senior Deacon—Bro. Teotimo S. Sevilla; Jr. Deacon—Bro. Meliton Tomaneng and Lecturer—Wor. Bro. Candido Valera. A fraternal dinner was given after the affair.

On December 18, 1948, a special meeting was held at the Temple for the purpose of conferring the first degree of Masonry upon Messrs. Julio Laceda and Francisco Mallari. The team for the ceremonies of the degree was the following:—Wor. Master—Wor. Bro. Candido Valera for the 1st section and Wor. Bro. Pedro V. Salvado for the second section; S. W.—Bro. Pascual de Guzman; J. W.—Bro. Antonio E. Foz; Marshall—Bro. Andres L. Pacis, Senior Deacon—Bro. Teotimo S. Sevilla; J. Deacon—Bro. Meliton Tomaneng and Lecturer—Bro. Andres Medina. The charge was given by Bro. Roman G. Tomaneng. After the close of the meeting, the newly initiated brethren offered a fraternal dinner which everybody enjoyed.

On December 24, 1948, a special meeting was again called for the purpose of conferring the 3rd degree of Masonry upon Bro. Jorge K. Siriban. The degree was confered by the following team:—Wor. Master Wor. Bro. Candido Valera for the first section and Wor. Bro. Pedro V. Salvado for the second section; S. W.—Wor. Bro. Pascual de Guzman for the first section and Wor. Bro. Candido Valera for the second section; J. W.—Bro. Antonio E. Foz; Marshall—Wor. Bro. Pedro V. Salvado for the 1st section and Wor. Bro. Domingo Alcaraz for the 2nd section; S. D.—Bro. Teotimo S. Sevilla; Jr. Deacon—Bro. Meliton Tomaneng; Ja—Bro. Marcelino Buenavides; Jo.—Bro. Andres Medina; Jm.—Wor. Bro. Nemesio Furagganan; 1st Craft—Bro. Bernardino Pagalilauan; 2nd Craft—Bo. Hiram T. Kalata and Lecturer—Bro. Andres Medina. After the lecture, Bro. Siriban delivered a short speech thanking the members for having given him the opportunity to see the light of Masonry. A dinner and a lively dance was held in the house of his uncle, Bro. Meliton Tomaneng, after the meeting.

The installation of officers of Mabini Lodge No. 39 was done during the stated meeting on January 8, 1949. The installing officer was Wor. Bro. Sisenando Silvestre, P. M., of Magat Lodge No. 68 while the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Hermogenes Florentino of Mabini Lodge No. 39. The newly installed officers of the Lodge are:—W. M.—Wor. Bro. Pascual de Guzman; S. W.—Bro. Antonio E. Foz; J. W.—Bro. Teotimo Sevilla; Treasurer—Wor. Bro. Lim Ching Tee; Secretary—Wor Bro. Candido Valera; Chaplain—Bro. Meliton Tomaneng; Marshall—Wor. Bro. Domingo Alcaraz; Senior Deacon—Bro. Andres Medina; Jr. Deacon—Bro. Marcelino Buenavides; Auditor—Wor. Bro. Pedro V. Salvado. Senior Steward—Bro. Martin Tan Boon Diok; Jr. Steward—Manuel Hernandez and Tyler—Wor. Bro. Hiram T. Kalata. The installation was public. It was the first public installation held since liberation. The hall was packed full of people. After the ceremonies of installation, Wor. Bro. Silvestre and the newly installed Master and S. W. delivered stirring speeches which greatly elightened the public about masonry. A dance and refreshments followed.

On January 15, 1949 a special meeting was again held for the purpose of conferring the first degree of Masonry upon Mr. Miguel B. Gaffud, Division Superintendent of Schools for Cagayan. The team was composed of the following:—W. M. —Wor. Bro. Candido Valera; S. W.—Bro. Antonio E. Foz, J. W.—Wor. Bro. Pascual de Guzman; Marshall—Bro. Andres L. Pacis; Senior Deacon—Bro. Teotimo S. Sevilla; Jf. Deacon—Bro. Marcelino Buenavides; Lecturer—Bro. Candido Valera. Bro. Antonio E. Foz delivered the charge. After the ceremonies, Bro. Gaffud delivered a stirring speech thanking the brethren for having accepted him in Masonry. After the meeting, Bro. Gaffud offered a fraternal dinner at the H. E. Bldg. of the Aparri Elementary School.

PRIMERA LUZ FILIPINA NO. 69

Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite

THIS Lodge celebrated the birthday anniversary of our great Filipino hero and brother, Dr. Jose Rizal on June 19, 1949 with a program and athletic games. A bouquet was laid on the monument of the great patriot. Speeches on the life, works, masonic affiliation and actuations of Dr. Rizal were delivered by Worshipful Brother Julio Balmes, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Brother Dominador Camerino, Provincial Governor of Cavite, and Brother F. A. Medina, the orator of the Lodge. Native music and dance numbers were furnished by the children of some members of the Lodge. Worshipful Brother Ferrer, Secretary of the Lodge, acted as toastmaster.

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What Our Lodges Are Doing

After the program, copies of "A Letter to the Young Women of Malolos" by Dr. Jose Rizal were distributed free to the public. This was followed by a merienda and a basketball game in which the "Tankers" lost to the Brown Bombers" of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, who brought home a beautiful trophy donated by Governor Camerino of Cavite.

"HIGH-TWELVE" NO. 82

AT about 7:30 in the morning of Sunday, July 10th, 1949, a Halili Bus, 1 midget bus, 1 jeepney and four sedans left Plaridel Masonic Temple for Los Baños via Pansol with eighty five persons, Officers, members of "High Twelve" Lodge and their families and some brethren of sister lodges, their families and friends. Arrived Pansol at 9:45 A.M. and while there some brethren together with their better-halves and children enjoyed swimming and bathing. Others while waiting enjoyed eating maruya, bibinka, buko and all kinds of soft drinks. At about 11:30 A.M. all were aboard and proceeded to Los Baños, where our College brethren met us at the entrance of the College campus, headed by Wor. Brothers Eugenio de la Cruz and Gregorio Zamuco. The excursionists were taken atop the hill near the swimming-pool with a beautiful scenery for good sight seeing. Plenty of eats were already prepared including a variety of the best fruits obtainable in the Province of Laguna were at hand upon our arrival there. After luncheon, the program begun—dancing, singing and all sorts of talking and many other kinds of funs performed by Bro. Navales were the entertaintment and satisfaction of all present. Merienda served by the kind wives of our College brethren consisting of puto, suman, fruits and many others. Before departing for Manila, each and every one was requested to climb up a hill to a grove nearby and plant a tree of his choice and place his or her name on a tag tied on the selected tree. Wor. Bro. Oliveros expressed his appreciation and thanked the brethren of Los Baños and their beloved wives for the fine foods, wonderful reception and entertaintment accorded him and his party.

MUOG NO. 89
JOSE ABAD SANTOS HONORED

MUOG Lodge No. 89 recently held a program in honor of MWB Jose Abad Santos at the Parañaque Masonic Hall. One week before the occasion, the Secretary of the Lodge sent special invitation to the brethen and their families and to the members of the Jose Rizal Chapter of the Order of DeMolay and their parents.

The affair was presided by WB. Isaias Garcia as Master of Ceremonies, who gave the opening and closing remarks and introduced also the guest speaker WB. John W. Ferrier, Sr. 32°.

The other numbers of the program were flag ceremonies, one minute of silent prayer in memory of MWB. Jose Abad Santos, a short speech by Bro. Pascual Salgado, Senior Warden and Acting Master, and an address by the guest of honor, W.B. John W. Ferrier, Sr 32°. He read a very interesting paper on the life of Bro. Jose Abad Santos. Among the salient points of his address were the following:

"As to his death, he could have saved his life had he so desired, had he been willing to violate his oath of allegiance to the United States, and the then ruling government of the Philippines, he could have been the head of the puppet government later set up within this country by the Japanese invaders. But he chose to keep his word, knowing that his choice meant death, but an honorable death, the kind to which only such a great spirit was and is entitled.

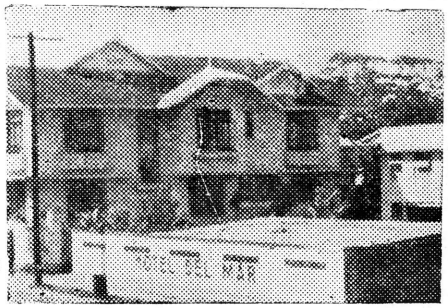
"For his valor and patriotism, his wisdom and devotion to the right, his name deserves to be inscribed on the scroll of Fame, and for his martyr's death for his country, he deserves to be eternally enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen."

After the program, refreshment was served the brethren and guests. At eight o'clock, the brethren opened the lodge for their stated meeting for the month of June.

QUEZON CITY NO. 122

THE stated meeting of this Lodge was held on August 27, 1949. The first degree was conferred upon a ranking official of Quezon City as well as an oath of affiliation. The meeting took place in No. 3 Matulid Road, Cubao Heights. Wor. Bro. Pet. I. Vallejo, Master of the Lodge announced that hereafter the Lodge would take part in more activities, Masonic and civic in nature.

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Masonry In The Philippines

By Wor. Bro. Gregorio Velasco

(Speech delivered on the occasion of the Grand Master's official visitation to Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, F. & A. M. on July 9, 1949)

ON this auspicious occasion, I feel doubly happy for the distinct honor and privilege, first: of being the vanguard among the batteries of speakers slated for this evening; an opportunity for me to welcome you in the name of the Officers and Members of SINUKUAN LODGE NO. 16, of which I am its humble Master. Frankly speaking, Grand Master, it is deep in the hearts of every member of my Lodge, that joy of friendship to be in association with you and your distinguished company of Grand Lodge Officers in this particular select meeting. Secondly, an opportunity for me to bring to your attention my humble observation affecting the Lodge membership, if not in general, at least in my own Lodge, and Masonry in the Philippines. That I believe it is only in your progressive leadership, power, device and councils wherein lie the solution of these ailments.

As in the past, the purpose of the Grand Master's official visitation to the Lodge under the jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge is to learn the progress, problem, confusion or whatever ailment affecting a lodge of its membership. And lately, I observed, no Master of a Lodge has touched this point as if every lodge under this Grand Jurisdiction is successful and progressive without any hindrances whatsoever. While there is a chronic ailment in the present as in the past; even this auspicious and select meeting is suffering from this ailment—that of Lodge attendance. Do you sincerely believe, Grand Master, that if we carry that so-called "spirit d'corp", we would have this number of brethren alone? You will agree with me that if we instill in ourselves that sense of fraternity, responsibility and cooperation, out of this FIVE lodges assembled this evening and other visiting brethren, we would have at least more than 300 members present.

I believe that the reason masonry in our country does not progress, as it should, is because of our failure or refusal to acknowledge the loftiness of its aims. We undervalue our work; we belittle our responsibilities. On the whole, our conception of masonic duty lacks the idealism and high moral tone that characterize it. We seem to be satisfied just to be called masons for social reasons or business advantages. Hence, the prevailing belief that our masonic career ends with the attainment of a master mason's degree, and that the work of the Lodge should be left in the hands of only a few brethren. It is high time that we correct these impressions. Everyone of us owes a tremendous duty; first, to ourselves to make our life a worthy part of that "spiritual house not made with hands"; and secondly, to go out of the four walls of our Lodge and endeavor to build temples of goodness and love in the hearts of others.

There is a common saying which admonishes us to hitch our wagon to a star. In plain words, we must aim high so that even if we do not succeed in reaching a high objective, failure will not bring us too low. It is, I believe, a sensible policy to follow in life. Applying it to the Lodge, if all of us brethren will so work with enthusiasm as if the honor and prestige to the entire masonic fraternity depended on us, it is logical to presume that even if we may not win the acclaim of mankind by remarkable deeds, at least we will succeed in accomplishing many worthwhile things.

Let us not be caught off-guard. The enemies of masonry are fast gaining grounds. Miracles here and miracles there. The petals of Lipa; the Virgin in Albay; the Crucifix in Bohol, and the image of Christ in an Acacia tree in Pampanga—all these more or less are a signal for masons to be alerted. They are signs of a device of the *long skirted males* of an attempt to conglomerate the minds of the Filipinos, the young and the old, the intellegencia and the masses. We have already heard of prominent Filipino masons that have retracted masonry according to our enemies: Rizal, Quezon, and others. They are even using the Intellegencia as their instrument to win the masses, and we may wake up, too late, to find they have successfully violated the separation of Church and State, the downfall of our Constitution and the people.

We have already learned their attempt thru the Congress of the Philippines using our own Congressmen to introduce bills conducive to the Church, they have succeeded already in having an optional religious instruction in our public school, and many more similar concessions ahead of us.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, these are the very problems that lay directly on the shoulders of every mason in the Philippines and all patriotic minded Filipinos. In my opinion, we as masons, especially the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, would be derelict in duty if we fail to assist a handful of Mason-Congressmen fighting in Congress against our agressors in their new and scientific devices of worldly miracles. Therefore, if democracy has to stay in the Philippines, Masons must not cross their hands on their breasts, but assist, if not lead, those who are already in the battlefield championing the cause of spiritual and intellectual freedom. Then, in this way alone can the influence and benefits of masonry gradually develope to spread and gain the interest of the public, and thus serve humanity.

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By MAURO BARADI, P. M.

ALABAMA—1948

Lodges 417 MEMBERS 54,537 Gain 3, 527

THIS Grand Lodge held its 128th Annual Communication, at Montgomery, Alabama, November 16 and 17, 1948. In the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Irving E. Farmer, he dwelt among others of his Order of the Eastern Star visitations praising the Chapters of the Order for the help they have extended in making Masonic Conferences and meetings enjoyable through serving delicious meals; he said that the Order of DeMolay "should have the support of all Masons as this organization is definitely the solution for boys delinquency." "Every Mason" he continued, "should consider it his duty to support the Order of DeMolay;" he also welcomed the Order of Rainbow Girls; he ruled that where an applicant had petitioned a Lodge and received the E. A. Degree and later had been objected to advancement, received certificate of dismissal and objection removed and that the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee in turn ruled that the Brother concerned should make application in the same Lodge for membership and advancement provided he states on application that he was objected to. The Grand Master also ruled that "no Lodge under Dispensation would hold election to ballot an amendment. No Lodge under dispensation holds any election until it receives its Charter;" he mentioned the fact that the last Grand Lodge report was delayed too long due to the errors in the reports of more than 100 Lodges. It is in order in the Grand Lodge of Alabama to contribute voluntarily for the Grand Master's expenses such as the purchase of a new car, for telephone and stamp bill, and gifts in the form of cash.

On the second day of the Communication, the reports of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary were presented. It is worthy to note that the surplus Balance of the Grand Lodge as of October 31, 1948 amounted to $1,163,606.41.

The Grand Oration which followed concluded, thus:

"In the controversy that now rages, every Mason should make known his stand. We should not be content to confine Masonry to tiled temples. Let the voice of Masonry speak so loudly that it can be distinctly heard above the din of the false notions of the hour; let the light of Masonry shine so brightly that it may be seen through the mists as a beacon light by those timid souls who halt between two opinions; let the influence of Masonry be so felt that the enemies of right will be subdued and driven from the temple of civilization. Our mission, today is not so much to bring men into Masonry as it is to put Masonry into the hearts of men."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted its report which was adopted. Said Committee recommended non-recognition of the Grand Lodge of Germany due to present unsettled conditions in that country; recognized the symbolic Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; withheld recognition of the Grand Lodge of France because the latter does not fully comply with the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry—it removed the volume of Sacred Laws from its Altars.

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FLORIDA—1948

Lodges 211 MEMBERS 39,691 Gain 4,136

ON April 20, 21 and 22, 1948, this Grand Lodge held its 119th Annual Communication. Among the receptions extended was that in honor of the representatives of the Order of the Eastern Star who were applauded for their brief remarks. Shortly thereafter they retired.

Besides the Grand Lodge Officers, 20 District Deputy Grand Masters, 3 Past Grand Masters, 35 Grand Representatives and Representatives of particular Lodges were present.

Among the highlights of M. W. Frank H. Thompson's address as Grand Master were as follows: (1) sent an official communication "To all Lodges and Singular in the Jurisdiction of Florida" stating:

"It has been brought to my attention that some of our Lodges are permitting the practice of rough and unseemly work in the Second Section of the Master's degree. In some instances it has been observed that the shirt has been torn off the candidate, and loud and harsh language has been employed. This portion of our ritual was never intended to be used as a means of creating mirth or levity. It is without question the most solemn part of our entire degree work.

"I know that is is not the desire or intention of the Lodge, or of any Brother acting in any capacity in the conferring of the Second Section of the Third degree, to handle the candidate in a rough and unseemly manner, but rather this practice is the result of overzealousness and unthoughtedness on the part of the worker.

"The scene at the East Gate of the Temple represents tragedy and death, and upon no occasion does death leave us in a spirit of levity. Death is the most solemn moment in the life of any individual.

"Please cooperate with me in seeing that no further rough work is permitted in the conferring of the Second Section of the Master's degree, and I know that this request will receive 100 per cent approval by the membership..."

(2) ruled that a revolver should never upon any occasion be worn into the Lodge room but deposited in the anteroom or given into the custody of the Tiler. (3) that a Lodge is not prohibited from renting its hall to a church for Sunday ser-

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vice; (4) that an owner and operator of a liquor store is ineligible for the degrees of Masonry.

The Grand Master also mentioned about the Grand Lodge Museum containing interesting articles as well as the Masonic Home where the less fortunate are being helped.

In Concluding his address the Grand Master quoted a poem from a Master Mason, Lawrence Nicholas Greenleaf:

"Live on! O Masonry, live on!
Thy work hath scarce begun;
Live on! Nor end, if end there be,
Till earth's last setting sun.
Live on! Thy work in ages past
Hath but prepared the way;
For every truth thy symbols teach
There's pressing need today."

The Grand Secretary reported that 17 veteran Masons have received 50-year certificates.

In his Grand Oration, Brother Doak S. Campbell referred to subversive forces in the United States. He said:

"Anyone who knows the ABCs of history can see in our own nation evidences of subersive forces. These forces not only press upon us from the outside, but they also insidiously bore from within. It is not enough to identify such forces with appropriate uncomplimentary names. Many of them operate so smoothly that they gain the inner sanctum of our confidences before we are aware of it. Cowans and eavesdroppers who would gain access to the minds and souls of our citizens, especially our youth. are aggressively at work."

"The defense against such forces must be both positive and negative. We must utilize every legitimate means to defeat those who would destroy the basis of our society and its government. Moreover, if we would save our generation from capture, we must provide the positive means for satisfying the material and social needs of our people. A hungry man seizes the first offer of food under whatever conditions may be required. A confused nation accepts the offer of that kind of government that shows promise of immediate relief. And thus, mankind continues to be duped into situations that are disastrous to its own best interests."

There is in this Grand Lodge an important committee which is the Committee on Masonic Education which recommended that:

"The basis of Masonic Education is the ritual, the lectures explaining the ritual and the catechism required to be memorized by the candidate, and that in order to have a firm foundation for Masonic educational program, the catechism should be supervision over the catechism of the three degrees, in order that they may bring about uniformity in these matters."

In Appendix II of the Proceedings—"Fraternal Review"—we find that under the heading "Philippine Islands—1947", no mention is made of the total membership nor of the gain or loss in membership.

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WORLD PEACE THROUGH MASONRY

By Wor. Bro. ALFREDO P. BORJA

(Speech delivered during the most Wor. Grand Master's visitation to Malinad Lodge No. 25 and Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 San Pablo City, August 1949)

THIS is indeed an occasion when the brethren of both the Pinagsabitan and Malinaw Lodges should not only be thankful but gratified for having been honored by the official presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Wor. Bro. ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ, and his party today. This occasion marks once more that the steady flow of the principles of Freemansonry is not, and should not be, hindered especially at the present time when its tenets—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth—should be fully implanted in every human heart, not only in the hearts of the Filipino people but in the hearts of all the people all over the world. This is an era of world's uneasiness. The world's peace is still at stake. No one among us can now rightfully say that we can expect enjoyment of peace continuously as we enjoy at present—say two, five or ten years from today. Most especially here in the Philippines, because of the menacing spread of Communism in our neighbor, China, our situation is alarming. Communism is an enemy of Democracy, and democracy is the form of our government in which men are treated equally before the law. And as Communism is an enemy of Democracy, it must be enemy of Freemasonry, because Masons treat all men not only equally but as brothers created by one Almighty Creator and inhabitants of the same planet and as such should aid, support and protect each other. Thus, in my humble opinion, the world's peace can be maintained only if the people on the face of the earth shall follow the principles of Freemasonry and practice its great aim: to unite men of every country, sect and opinion.

The presence, therefore, of our Most Worshipful Grand Master and his party among us today is but an indication of our faithful adherence to make use of one of our principal working tools, the TROWEL, to spread the cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, and that we, individually, should try to spread this cement of brotherly love and affection among our friends, neighbors and country-men with the end in view to aid and help in the maintenance of the peace in the world.

One of the resolutions approved by the Grand Lodge is one on the Order of DeMolay which reads in part. thus:

"Be it resolved: *That the Grand Lodge of Florida, F. & A. M., does approve of the Order of DeMolay as an important aid to youths in the development of character and training for citizenship, and that the Blue Lodges to lend their moral and personal support, as well as throughout the state of Florida are hereby authorized, if they deem it proper and advisable. to sponsor Chapters of the Order of DeMolay, and to foster and aid Chapters of such Order now in existence in their respective communities, and*

"Be it further Resolved: *That the members of the Fraternity, throughout the state of Florida, be requested to lend their moral and personal support, as well as active assistance to the respective Chapters of the Order of DeMolay now organized in their community, or that may be hereafter organized, as a method of carrying out the ideals embodied in the teachings of the Order."*

SECCION CASTELLANA

NOTAS EDITORIALES

Reiterando Nuestra Protesta

VOLVEMOS a hacer hincapié en los términos de nuestra protesta contra la supresión del capítulo referente a la supuesta retractación de Rizal como han pedido ciertos elementos católicos, y volvemos a requerir de las autoridades correspondientes el pronto levantamiento de la suspensión de la distribución de la obra de nuestro Gran Rafael Palma a las escuelas públicas del país, tal como se había provisto previamente.

En esta cuestión no se debe perder de vista el hecho de que se llamó a concurso a las mejores intelectualidades del país para una obra completa sobre la vida de Rizal. Se sometió a un jurado competente la obra preparada por Palma, y la misma se consideró como la mejor. Luego se ordenó su traducción al inglés para lectura de nuestro jóvenes en las escuelas públicas. La supresión del aludido capítulo llevaría consigo implícitamente una crítica contra Palma. ¿Es o no es cierto lo alegado por Palma en dicho capítulo? Si no lo es, como ahora pretenden estos elementos católicos, entonces tildaríamos de MENTIROSO a una de las figuras mas conspícuas en nuestra historia patria, como lo es el di-funto Rafael Palma. Si se suprimiera dicho capítulo, la supresión implicaría el hecho de que Palma ha faltado a la verdad histórica en cuanto a la retractación de Rizal. Y si esto fuera cierto, entonces toda la obra de Palma perdería todo su valor, pues, así como se la tilda de inexacto en cuanto a la retractación de Rizal, se le podria también de tildar de inexacto en cuatos a los otros capítulos de la obra. FALSUS IN UNO FALSUS IN OMNIBUS, es el aferismo jurídico. ¿Han parado mientes en esto los que ahora protestan contra la obra de Palma? ¿O es que quieren estos elementos católicos quitar todo valor histórico a la obra de Palma para sus propios y egoístas fines. Y si es cierto lo alegado por Palma, ¿sería justo, o sería decente, suprimir dicho capítulo nada mas que para no embarazar a ciertas autoridades eclasiástícas del clero católico?

Palma no fue contra le Religión Católica, ni tampoco ha sido enemigo de esta institución religioso. Si algo se ha dicho en el capítulo mencionado sobre la falsedad de la supuesta retractación, ello ha sido no para atacar a la Religión Católica, sino para poner en evidencia los juegos acrobáticos de algunos sedicentes ministros de Dios.

Cuando Palma escribió su obra, todos los elementos católicos entonces tenían la misma oportunidad para preparar la suya. Podían entonces preparar también algo sobre la supuesta retractación de Rizal; pero no lo hicieron. El estado premió la obra de Palma en su integridad, y este galardón es la mejor sanción de que la obra contenía toda la verdad sobre la vida de Rizal en todas sus fases. ¡Que fácil es tildar de falsa ahora la teoría de Palma, cuando la muerte ha sellado sus labios y cuando ya no está aqui paradar un mentís a los falseadores de la historia!

Urgimos respetuosamente a las autoridades de la Republica la pronta distribución de la obra de Rizal en toda su integridad, tal como lo ha preparado Rafael Palma y tal como ha sido traducida por el Magistrado Sr. Ozaeta.

Para conocimiento de nuestros lectores, hemos preparado un suplemento al presente número del CABLETOW, insertando íntegro todo el capítulo que ahora se quiere suprimir. También hemos insertado en el mismo suplemento la carta escrita en tagalog por Rizal a las MUJERES DE MALOLOS, cuyo contenido ratifica los puntos de vista de Rafael Palma al sostener que el carácter y creencias de Rizal nunca podrían dar lugar a que se pudiera creer que, momentos antes de su muerte, se haya retractado como pretenden ahora sus propios enemigos y los que trataron de suprimirle por su dicho carácter y fuertes creencias.

(ANTONIO GONZALEZ, F.P.S.)

El Dia de Plaridel

CELEBRAMOS en este mes el día de Marcelo H. del Pilar. El día 30 del presente mes es el día conocido como EL DIA DE PLARIDEL. Alguien ha dicho que en todo aniversario existe un sentimiento que le da vida. ¿Cuál es este sentimiento en el Día de Plaridel?

Marcelo H. del Pilar era un hombre dinámico, de acción, y no un mero soñador. Su nacionalismo intenso lo llevó a prácticas realizaciones. Como inteligente masón, pronto conoció que en la Masonería podía contar con los medios que necesitada para la emancipación de su patria. En un discurso suyo sobre Masonería decía lo siguiente:

> "Es imposible el perfeccionamiento de la humanidad sin la libertad del hombre; y así las instituciones sociales, las congregaciones políticas, los lazos políticos, sólo tienen razón de ser, sólo pueden subsistir, en cuanto llevan por objeto la defensa y la protección de la libertad.
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> "La tiranía pretendió ahogar la libertad del pensamiento y sus manifestaciones, la de asociarse y otras aspiraciones de la vida social; pero en frente de la tiranía surgió la Masonería, que ha venido personificando la protesta universal contra las aspiraciones de la tiranía.
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> "Si desde el trono la tirania ha señado en la manera de facilitar la decapitación de todo el género humano, la Masonería consagró sus afanes a la tarea de fraternizar a todos los hombres, borrar las diferencias de patria, de raza y de color, anular las guerras, sofocar el ruido de las armas y de las cadenas con el ruido del trabajo y de la industria.
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> "Al afiliarnos a la Masonería hemos contraído el deber de continuar la obra comenzada para la realización de estos fines humanitarios. Nuestros predecesores han trabajado mucho en

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Club Activities

HIGH TWELVE CLUB OF NAGA WELCOMES VISITING BRETHREN

A SUMPTUOUS dinner buffet was offered by the members of the High Twelve Club of Naga, Camarines Sur on July 31st to welcome the visiting brethren, who came from all parts of the Archipelago as delegates to the Rotary International District Assembly which was held in Naga on July 30th and 31st, 1949. The dinner buffet, which had for its setting the home of Worshipful Brother Pedro E. Dy-Liacco, Master of Isarog Lodge No. 33, was quite a lively one judging from the hearty response of the members and visiting brethren to the usual "singing-after-dinner" which was led by Bro. Manolo Moreno of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64. Once again those present gave him an enthusiastic clap after his rendition of "The Man with a Goo Goo Eye", a song he cooked up in his own dictum. The affair ended up with "Show Me The Way To Go Home" just as it was opened with "The Philippine National Anthem."

The visiting brethren who attended the affair were Emilio Javier (4), incumbent Rotary Governor of the 48th District; Enrique Lolarga (21); Buenaventura Eugenio (90); Jose Curameng (79); Laureano Callao (110); Manolo Briones (53); Marianito Tinio (53); Eutiquiano Nava (56); Luis Dikitanan (56); Bob Trent (3); Mateo Caparas (46); Ramon Ponce de Leon (91); Manolo Moreno (64); Francisco Aniag (27) Joaquin Maniego (90); Teofilo O. Reyes (46); Romualdo Vijandre (53); Felipe Sanaguinan (53). Among the High Twelve Club members present were Pedro E. Dy-Liacco (33), President of the Club; Doroteo Federis (33) Vice-President; Luis Apolinario (33), Secretary; Felicisimo Capucao (33); Jesus F. Alvarez (33); Arturo Gumabon (33); Apolonio Malineza (33); Roberto Soler (33); Gregorio Miras (33); Pacifico Marcelo (33); Vicente Tuason (33); Daniel Gimenez (98) and Ambrosio Vallejo (110). The ladies present were Mrs. Jesus F. Alvarez; Mrs. Arturo Gumabon; Mrs. Vicente Tuason; and Mrs. Pedro E. Dy-Liacco, member of the Rosario Villaruel Chapter No 2, O. E. S.

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este sentido; sus obras brillan en el actual estado de derecho de las naciones democráticas; la libertad, la igualdad y la fraternidad constituyen el sello característico de las leyes que tigen todos los pueblos de América y casi todos los de Europa.

"El Archipiélago Filipino, queridos hermanos, es una víctima secular de la injusticia social; es un pueblo de ocho millones de habitantes que hace tres siglos gime bajo una tiránica opresión."

Y como creyente en el dinamismo masónico, pronto organizó la Masonería Filipina, y como el GENIO atrae al GENIO, a su labor se sumaron enseguido otros patriotas filipinos en España, y de ahí nació y surgió nuestra propia Masonería que tomó su propio lugar en el mundo masónico. Es ya parte de nuestra propia historia la participación que tomó la Masonería Filipina después en la lucha libertaria y en la emancipación nacional.

Fue por eso porque MARCELO H. DEL PILAR es conocido como el padre de la Masonería Filipina, y es ese sentimiento el que predomina en el DIA DA PLARIDEL. ¡Que su memoria sea la luz que guíe nuestros pasos para la preservación de un gobrieno libre, de un pueblo libre y de un nacionalismo intenso en este hermoso rincón de Oriente!

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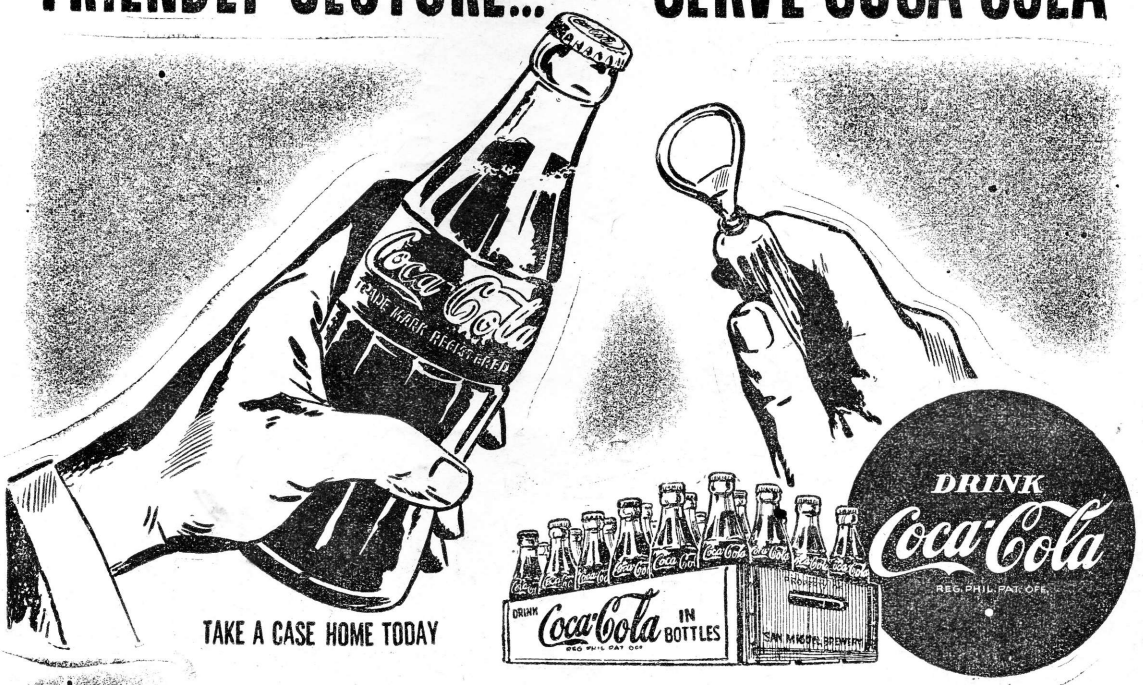
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