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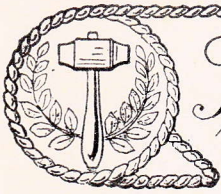
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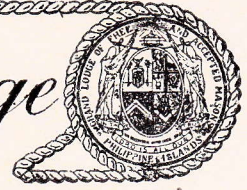
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Wor. Bro. Sixto B. Ortiz
Treasurer of the Philippines



The Grand Master's Message



Let Us Build, Not Destroy ∞

SINCE time immemorial, man has made many things to suit his fancy and satisfy his wish. His food, clothing, shelter, and various contraptions for his ease and comfort have been very much improved. The greater part of his efforts are being directed to the tangible and he is never satisfied; he employs methods fair or foul to acquire more, even to the extent of hating his neighbor and destroying the latter's possessions.

This same man may still lead a better life. By becoming a real Mason he also becomes a better individual. For the Mason is a constant builder for good. As an Entered Apprentice, one of his instruments is the common gavel which serves to strengthen character; the Fellow Craft has the plumb to ever remind him to be and do right; and the Master Mason uses the trowel to spread the cement of fellowship and understanding. While the Mason may also erect temples made with hands, he pays more attention in building other kinds of ships—friendship, fellowship, kinship—which are more precious and lasting because they are founded on sincerity, good will, mutual understanding. Toward these ends let us all construct mankind's edifices which, being firmly rooted, can not easily be destroyed by those who are ruled by selfishness instead of service and motivated by hatred instead of love.

E. M. M. M. M.

Grand Master

THE CABLETOW

Editorials

Seeking and Pursuing Peace

MAN'S innate desire is for peace. He dislikes being disturbed or annoyed. The idea of being hostile to or hated by his fellowmen is repugnant to his nature. Consequently, he yearns for peace of mind and soul. This is the same yearning today as in years gone by.

A primitive traveler expressed a wish to return to his father's house in peace. A philosopher said that only the individual himself can bring peace to his being. The poet has repeatedly written that peace is always beautiful. And even a general who was gallant in war preferred victory in peace.

But nations as nations have adopted a different course. In their acute thirst for power and insatiable greed for pelf, they have warred upon one another obstinately, causing the indiscriminate destruction of towns and cities and wholesale butchery of human lives. And at war's end, statues, monuments, and memorials are made as tributes to conquering heroes and in remembrance of fallen victims.

And legislative bodies follow this up by passing laws or resolutions glorifying the deeds of the dead. Memorial Day, Armistice Day, and National Heroes Day are more or less concrete expressions to his effect.

Is it not a paradox that while nations bitterly condemn war as a calamity, they seek to perpetuate it through the observance of the corresponding national holidays? Man should find another way if he wants to enjoy an atmosphere of tranquillity. If he were a Christian he would say Christianity is the way. By the same token the follower of another religion would consider his as the true way. There would then be an endless discussion culminating in bitterness and confusion among the protagonists. It might be stated that there are no less than twenty-eight principal religions today and that out of a total religious population of 2,160,507,551 as of 1945, the Christians—Catholics and Protestants—number 605,405,642. It would be more practical for peoples to emphasize the good in their faiths and together work with others to remove the barriers of suspicion and misunderstanding which for centuries have retarded the progress of mankind. Then we can all strive to achieve One World Brotherhood. Herein lies Masonry's contribution to the world. It believes the truth in every creed; it invites men of all races to combat the forces of strife and minimize human ills; it is committed to the maintenance of harmony of life and action—that harmony which is the strength and support of all institutions especially Masonry itself; it teaches man to respect his neighbor and be charitable to him; it is the Great Peace Society of the world because it allows no dissension but promotes concord particularly among its adherents; it places more

A Promotion Well Deserved

THE recent promotion of Wor. Bro. Sixto B. Ortiz is an honor to the man and a credit to the Mason. It has been many years since he started serving his government as a teacher in Tabaco, Albay, his home town. And yet he had always evinced an eagerness to advance. From the time he became Chief Clerk (now known as Assistant Provincial Treasurer) in Ilocos Norte, Negros Occidental, Ambos Camarines, and Iloilo he worked with such efficiency that his superiors had to promote him as Supervising Treasurer in the Department of Finance, then as Provincial Treasurer of Iloilo, and ultimately as Treasurer of the Philippines, the responsible position he now holds. Here is a case of true devotion to duty in the interest not only of the individual but the nation as a whole.

It is safe to state that the success of Bro. Ortiz is due largely to his Masonic concept of service. From him we often hear that the Sacred Law is the light of his chosen profession for it contains golden nuggets which are veritable truths constituting the Mason's guide. Furthermore, his ways of working and dealing with his fellowmen are worth emulating. Instances may be cited where he performed the hard tasks assigned to him while others got the credit for the same; where his subordinates instead of being scolded for their mistakes were politely urged to do better the next time; where he was courteous to his equals and respectful to his superiors. He has stuck to this norm of conduct and is determined to do so during the rest of his life.

The President of our Republic in elevating Bro. Ortiz to a high post has given due recognition to the man's own merits and directly or indirectly paid tribute to the Ancient and Venerable Institution of which the Brother is a member.—MAURO BARADI, M. P. S.

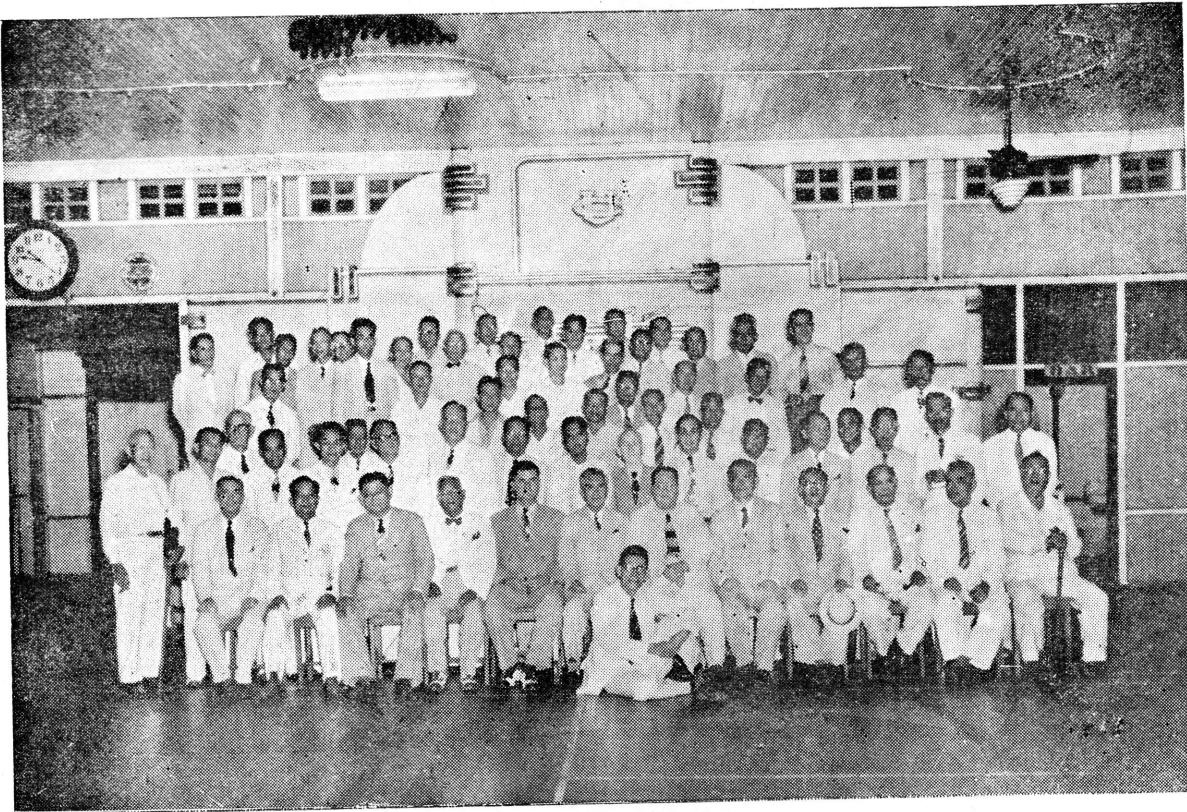
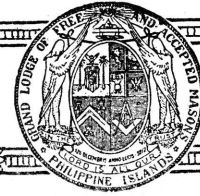
trust in the consistent practice of peace than in the continuous preaching of it.

We need not travel far and wide in search of the magic formula for peace. We have it with us—if only our hearts are pure and our minds clear. For what use are treaties, covenants, and pacts among signatories if these instruments of goodwill are later considered as mere scraps of paper?

Man has learned much in the field of arts and sciences but has accomplished little in the realm of human understanding and peace. And during these troublous times we should turn again to the Sacred Law, the great light in our profession for guidance and inspiration. Like David the psalmist, let us change our mean behaviour before it is too late and resolve as he did to "depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it."—MAURO BARADI, M. P. S.



Official Section



Grand Master Esteban Munarriz' Official Visitation, Bacolod City, September 24, 1949

Grand Master To Make Official Visitations In Cavite Province

MOST Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Grand Master, who will be accompanied by Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands will make an official visitation to all Regular Lodges in Cavite Province on November 30, 1949 at 9 A.M. The seat of the visitation will be at the temple of Mount Mainam Lodge No. 49, Naic, Cavite. Since the date has been designated as National Heroes' Day, it is expected that a great number of Brethren will be in attendance.

- The Lodges to be visited are the following:
- Cavite Lodge No. 2
 - Piar Lodge No. 15
 - Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17
 - Ibarra Lodge No. 31
 - Mount Mainam Lodge No. 49
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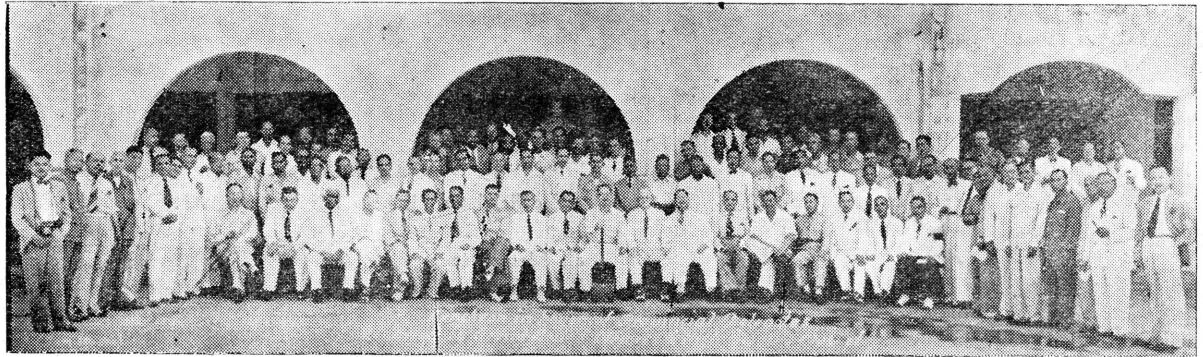
NOTICE

THE SECRETARIES OF PROVINCIAL LODGES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE UNDERSIGNED THE NAMES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DELEGATES WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ACCOMODATED AT THE GRAND LODGE DORMITORY DURING THE ANNUAL REUNION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 24 TO 26, 1950.

BONIFACIO S. ARAULLO
CHAIRMAN

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

O F F I C I A L S E C T I O N



Luncheon in honor of Provincial Delegates tendered by Grand Lodge Officers and High Twelve Club of The Philippines, Jan. 26, 1949.

Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69
 Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97
 Indang Lodge No. 115

The visitation comprises two sessions, the Morning and Afternoon Sessions. The numbers of the all-day Program are as follows:

MORNING SESSION

1. Congregation of all brethren around Rizal Monument at 8:45 A.M.
2. Invocation by Bro. Jose V. Colina
3. Laying of Wreath by the Grand Master
4. Marching for assembly in Mt. Mainam Lodge Hall
5. Opening of the Lodge (M.M.) by the Masters of Cavite Sister Lodges.
6. Flag Ceremony.
7. Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and his party.
8. Opening Remarks—Rt. W. Bro. Teodorico A. Jimenez, PDGM.
9. One minute of silent prayer to the memory of the departed brethren.
10. Report—The Secretary will report the number of brethren present and Lodges represented.
11. Roll Call—The Secretary will call the names of each Lodge and the members in attendance representing each Lodge shall stand up and take their seats after being recognized by the Presiding Officer.
12. Prayer—by the Chaplain, W. Bro. Jose A. Alvarez, P. M.
13. Five-minute speech of each Master of Cavite Lodges in convention, or his duly authorized representative.
14. Address—GOOD-WILL AND UNDERSTANDING
 —by W. Bro. Mauro Baradi, *Grand Lodge Orator*
15. Recess
 - a. LUNCHEON
 - b. Picture-Taking
16. Display of Masonic Films entitled:—
 - a. Your son is my brother.
 - b. Aid and assist.
 - c. Don't be a sucker.

17. Eulogy—OUR HEROES—M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M. *Grand Secretary*
18. Open Forum
19. A Surprise Number
20. Message of the Grand Master—M. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz
21. Closing Remarks—W. Bro. Guillermo Manalo, *Presiding Officer*
22. Closing of the Lodge.

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Cavite Lodge No. 2	W. Bro. R. G. Rayburn
Pilar Lodge No. 15	W. Bro. Julian A. Medina
Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17	W. Bro. Vicente Mendoza
Ibarra Lodge No. 31	W. Bro. Simeon Villaluna
Mount Mainam Lodge No. 49	W. Bro. Guillermo Manalo
Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51	W. Bro. Francisco Catalan
Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69	W. Bro. Julio Balmes
Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97	W. Bro. Jose A. Alvarez, P. M.
Indang Lodge No. 115	W. Bro. Miguel R. Ocampo

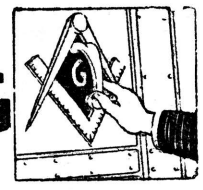
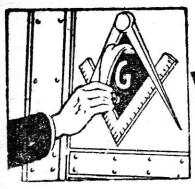
“THE CLIQUE”

What is the Clique? It is a body of men
 Who attend every meeting, not just now and then;
 Who don't miss a meeting unless they are sick—
 These are the men that the grouch calls "The Clique".
 Who don't make a farce of that sacred word "Brother"
 Who believe in the motto, "Help one another".
 Who never resort to a dishonest trick—
 These are the men who some call "The Clique".
 The men who are seldom behind their dues,
 And who from the meetings do not carry news,
 Who attend to their duties and visit the sick—
 These are the men that the crank calls "The Clique".

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WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING

ILOILO-ACACIA NO. 11 Iloilo City

THE Secretary of this Lodge Wor. Bro. Eugenio Dimaculangan, desires to inform the brethren who are away from Iloilo City that if they want information about Lodge matters, they can communicate with him c/o P. O. Box 295, Iloilo City.

Of real interest to all Brethren is the elevation of Wor. Bro. Sixto B. Ortiz, now Treasurer of the Philippines. Bro. Ortiz was initiated, passed and raised in this Lodge years ago.

MAGUINDANAO NO. 40 Cagayan, Misamis Oriental

A big delegation from this Lodge met Most Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and members of his party at the airfield in connection with the Grand Lodge visitation on September 27th last.

For the information of the members at present out of Cagayan, we beg to remind them of the date of the regular stated meeting of the Lodge, namely on the first Saturday of every month. Bro. Dionisio Q. Erfe, Cagayan, Misamis Oriental is the secretary.

KASILAWAN NO. 77

THROUGH the courtesy of Bro. Daniel V. Lomotan, an active member of this Lodge, a group of Masons, their families, and friends undertook a whole-day cruise around Manila Bay last Sunday, November 20, 1949. There were 75 persons in attendance among whom were Grand Lodge Officers. All had a good time devoted to sightseeing around the bay in a PTB.

ZAMBALES No. 103 Iba, Zambales

THE Most Wor. Grand Master Esteban Munarriz and party made their official visitation to this Lodge on October 29, 1949. On that occasion the Grand Master delivered a brief but meaningful speech urging all Masons to practice the teachings of the Fraternity not only in the Lodge but in the community in general. The officers of the Lodge headed by Wor. Bro. Manuel Farrales helped in making the visitation pleasant and enjoyable.

Wor. Bro. Jose J. Malinit, P.M., and Secretary also spoke stating that Masonry is a stabilizing factor which insures the blessings of justice and liberty to mankind.

MARANAW NO. 111 Iligan, Lanao

THE brethren of this Lodge joined the delegation from Maguindanao Lodge No. 40 at the Cagayan airfield on the occasion of the visitation of Grand Master Esteban Munarriz and his party. Wor. Bro. Sy Ponso, master of the Lodge and his fellow officers took active part toward making the Grand Lodge visitation successful.

MARIKINA No. 119

THE initiation of our candidate Eulogio Rodriguez, Jr. which was scheduled for Nov. 28, 1949 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple has been postponed until further notice. Wor. Bro. Catalino S. Cruz and Florencio Ilagan, master and senior warden respectively are busy attending to the various activities of the Lodge and preparing candidates for initiation at the proper time.

Those desiring to communicate with the Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Tomas L. Santos may communicate to him at Pasig, Rizal where he resides.

TOKYO-AMERICAN LODGE, U.D.

THOSE desiring to know the addresses of members of this Lodge can communicate with the Secretary, Bro. Harold Weetman at Hq. Sv. Gp. Apo, 500, Tokyo. The Lodge meets at the Old Kajo Billet, Tokyo.

Wor. Bro. Michael A. Rivisto, Master, is on a visit to the Philippines where he has been scheduled to meet Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands headed by Most Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Grand Master. Bro. Rivisto counts with many friends in Manila where his Brethren have welcomed him royally on several occasions.

ATTENTION! BRETHREN

A Special Christmas Number of THE CABLETOW will come out before Christmas. This number will contain several features—articles written by Brethren here and abroad.

Those desiring to contribute articles for the Christmas issue of our Magazine may send the same to

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The Celebrated Artist

By JOSE S. GATMAITAN

Malolos Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M.

THE MASTER MASON after serving the severest test¹ of his life will hear, with emphasis, from a wise brother this charge—"be true and faithful and imitate the example of the celebrated artist...". After this silent moment when all hope of saving him seemed to be lost, the staggering candidate pale-faced and closed lips, will be met by the frenzied congratulations of his mobbing brothers; and the youngest MASTER MASON in the world, with an indelible impression in his mind will ask himself this question—Who is that "CELEBRATED ARTIST"?

Human society has been changed in its very warp and woof. The lives of men are different from that which they were before and, strange as it seems, man needs continually to be reminded of the truth that the highest ideals are those of truth, justice and humanity. When truth has been trifled with, the weakness of much utterance could easily be traced and men, having been prejudiced, will verily show the spirit of hate. Then we shall resort to humble supplication only to deceive ourselves and, in vain, try to indulge in the illusion of hope after we have suffered to be betrayed by a kiss. While in the days of our forefathers, the rigid rule of discipline was fixed and knighthood destined, men of this century, because of crumbling moralities and war spirits, are dragged into between the gap of two iron curtains. In bold relief, men distrust each other that international spy system is the style of the day. For, is it not that the forces of evil have multiplied today like myriads of germs living continuously upon the vitals of the world? The violent victory of the Reds in China, the slaughter in the Philippines and the mad race for the manufacture of atom bombs among the Big Powers, do not they present malignant world ills? In brief, human society now lays prostrate.

In the face of these debacles, however, patriots and defenders have risen. The international associations on human welfare of the United Nations, have met at Lake Success, Geneva and Paris to solve the recurrent upheavals and jurisdictional disputes that this world may only be one, because men still hope that inspite of the rise and fall of empires and back of all these elements, are the directing agents—the will and concentration of the mind, for life must flow and there will always be an upward surge of life inspite of its occasional ebbs.

Masonic writers have always expressed fears to this freezing sick world. It seems from their articles that, like the surgeon, the remedy is to operate on the patient. Well and wise. But what good will the surgeon's instruments and medicines give to a patient whose sickness to a specialist, does need an operation, but when performed, may cause, instead, a serious complication? Life, after all, is too precious to be sacrificed in such an attempt. It will then be necessary that at this time of storm and stress, when the whole world seems bewildered, to save society by the revelation of truths. It will be good for those of us who are engulfed in the turmoil of political strife to return to comparative quietness and seek once more the calmness, security and humility which characterized the great thinker.

Within our masonic walls are men who know how to obey and to command. We learn decency instead of indecency, respect for others, instead of insolence, friendliness, helpfulness, habits which are the constitution of every good human society. Men has idealism which is different from animals. Yet, in contrast, the responsible idealist should be a disciplined man. He must know to the highest degree possible that what his imagination creates should be in accordance with the nature

of things, theoretically and/or experimentally. Let it be said that when Mark Anthony delivered his masterpiece over the body of Julius Caesar, he did not ask the mob to kill the conspirators or to burn their houses, or to drive them from Rome. These things he wished them to do and these things they did because of his eloquence and action, for as the great Shakespeare said, "Action is eloquence, and the eyes of the ignorant are more learned than their ears."

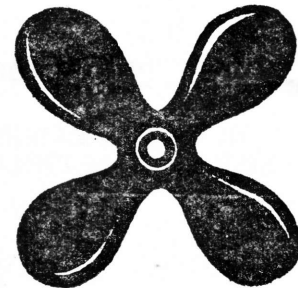
Such, in unmistakable terms, is the "CELEBRATED ARTIST", who, during life, is the worthy leader, the great thinker, the freeman, God-fearing, and he, who did not sell his blood nor barter his soul for the "wealth of the Indies."

¹ Quoting from M. W. Frank A. Thompson's address as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida 119th Annual Communication, April 20-22, 1948

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 it is not the desire or intention of the Lodge, or of any Brother acting in any capacity in conferring 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 unthoughtfulness 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!

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THIS Chapter will hold a FESTIVAL at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila on Saturday, December 3, 1949 at 8:00 P.M. Every effort is being exerted to make this occasion one of the best ever held by the Chapter. An elaborate program is being prepared wherein special guests and top artists have been invited to participate. Refreshments will be served at the festival.

The following members have been appointed to compose the various Committees for the FESTIVAL:

Sis. Irene Goldenberg General Chairman
" Maria Luisa A. Vicente Co-Chairman

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Sis. Pilar Gonzalez Chairman
Bro. Jose Vergara Member
Sis. Rebecca P. Luna "

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" Aurora Garcia Co-Chairman
" Lourdes Limbo Member
" Pilar Gonzalez "
" Mary Bennett "
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" Ada S. Guzman "
Bro. Jose Fetalvero "

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EIGHT MASONS ON HIGHEST COURT

WITH the expected confirmation of former U. S. Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, eight of the nine Justices will be members of the Masonic Fraternity.

These will be, Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, Associate Justices Stanley Reed, Robert H. Jackson, William O. Douglas, Harold H. Burton, Hugo L. Black, Tom Clark, and Sherman Minton. Four of these are Scottish Rite Masons: Robert H. Jackson, 32°, and Harold H. Burton, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; Hugo L. Black, 32°, and Tom Clark, 32°, Southern Jurisdiction.

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Fraternal Reviews



By MAURO BARADI, P.M.

MANITOBA—1949

Lodges—692

Members—99,646

Gain—529

THE 74th Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, June 1st and 2nd, 1949. Besides the Grand Lodge Officers of 1949, there were fifteen Past Grand Masters in attendance.

Among the regulations adopted at the Communication during the first day, was that which provided that "all Motions be written out, forms for this purpose are available, and are to be found on the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens' pedestals." After the reading of the Minutes, Reports from various Committees were submitted. It will be noted that the investments of the Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1949 amounts to \$365,515.00 consisting of mortgage loan, province of Manitoba Debentures, Greater Winnipeg Water District Debentures, City of Winnipeg Debentures, Province of Saskatchewan Debentures, Dominion of Canada Bonds, Canadian National Railway Bonds, and War Savings Certificates. This shows the variety of investments the Grand Lodge has.

The Report of the Special Committee on Food Parcels to Brethren in England and Scotland shows how Brethren are living up to the tenets of Freemasonry. Says the Report: ". . . A total amount of \$27,642.55 has been raised for this purpose. To date, 2875 parcels have been forwarded to Brother Masons in England and Scotland at a cost of \$13,225.00."

The Evening Session was highlighted by the Grand Master's Address. After reviewing his administration he concluded with a challenge to the Brethren in this wise:

"What does Freemasonry stand for? It stands for tolerance, patriotism, equality, friendship and brotherhood. It cannot exist without self-respecting individualism, it exemplifies the dignity of labor, it requires a simple religious faith. Above all, it requires a consciousness of Civil

and Religious liberty for all men, able to perform their daily tasks without hindrance and without fear. These are some of the things Freemasonry stands for. They are but the building material which each must incorporate into the Temple that is now being built. Let us all as individuals here and now, solemnly vow that we shall by our individual actions use only the best material, symbolically tried by the working tools of Freemasonry."

In the morning of the second day, the different Reports were submitted. The Committee on the condition of Freemasonry made the observation thus:

"The formation of more Study Clubs or Study Groups is strongly recommended. Whilst these need to have leadership, it is important that the majority, not the minority take part. When a young Mason has to seek for his knowledge, he will have a better appreciation of it. In some Lodges, the Study Club has its own meetings, in others they are held in the regular Lodge meetings. The antiquity, history and symbolism of the Craft, provide ample scope for this phase of Freemasonry. Many Lodges attend Divine Service. This is so fully in keeping with the traditions and teachings of the Craft that it is hoped more Lodges will make this an annual event."

The afternoon and evening sessions likewise were spent in receiving Reports from Committees.

At the close of the Annual Communication the retiring Grand Master presented M. W. Bro. Harry Coddington, Grand Master-elect with a Grand Master's Collar, Jewel and Apron on behalf of the Grand Lodge; the latter in turn presented the former with a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES— 1948

Lodges—106

Members—13,054

A Special Communication of this Grand Lodge was held for the Proclamation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Investiture of the Grand Lodge Officers which followed was held at the Masonic Temple, Sydney, Australia on July 9, 1947.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Frank Whiddon, then delivered his address. Having been re-elected, he reiterated his thanks to the brethren for the confidence they have reposed on him. In advocating for a spiritual renaissance, he said:

"So I ask you as men and Masons and as citizens of the world from your Masonic injunctions and admonitions to realize the necessity for a spiritual renaissance, so that we can prove that Edmund Burke was right when he said,

'The soul of man is indestructible, the moral core of the Universe is unshatterable.'

"Carry that influence first to your homes. I see the Masonic influence in home life by attending Masonic social

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November 23, 24, 25 and 26, 1949
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, November 23, 1949

2:00 P.M.—Registration of Candidates
3:15 P.M.—Opening of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection
3:30 P.M.—4° SECRET MASTER—in full form, Hermogenes Dimagiba, 32°
—Presiding

COMMUNICATIONS

5° Perfect Master—Dominador R. Escosa, 32°
6° Confidential Secretary—Lorenzo Varias, 32°
7° Provost and Judge—Jose Fotalvero, 32°
8° Intendant of the Building—Gabriel N. Salgado, 32°
5:30 P.M.—9° ELU OF THE NINE—in full form, Abundio C. del Rosario
32°—Presiding
10° Elu of the Fifteen—Gabriel N. Salgado, 32°
11° Elu of the Twelve—Vicente J. Avena, 32°
12° Master Architect—Jose L. Domingo, 32°
13° Royal Arch of Solomon—Macario C. Navia

6:30 P.M.—REFRESHMENTS

7:30 P.M.—14° PERFECT ELU—in full form, Mateo D. Cipriano, 32°
—Presiding

THURSDAY, November 24, 1949

5:30 P.M.—Organization of the Class
6:15 P.M.—Opening of Burgos Chapter of Rose Croix
6:30 P.M.—COMMUNICATIONS

15° Knight of the East—Macario M. Ofilada, 32°
16° Prince of Jerusalem—Eduardo L. Claudio, 32°
17° Knight of the East and West—Gregorio L. Cariaga, 32°
7:00 P.M.—REFRESHMENTS
7:45 P.M.—18° KNIGHT OF ROSE CROIX—in full form, Victoriano Alabado, 32°—Presiding

FRIDAY, November 25, 1949

5:00 P.M.—Opening of Malcampo Council of Kadosh
5:15 P.M.—COMMUNICATIONS

19° Grand Pontiff—Eligio Cordero, 32°
20° Grand Master of all Symbolic Lodges—Marcelo Decena, 32°
21° Noachite or Prussian Knight—Tiburcio A. Africano, 32°
22° Prince of Libanus—Marciano Gatmaitan, 32°
23° Chief of the Tabernacle—Olimpio R. Navarro, 32°
24° Prince of the Tabernacle—Leopoldo Boquiren, 32°
25° Knight of the Brazen Serpent—Abundio C. del Rosario, 32°
26° Prince of Mercy—Romeo A. Santos, 32°
27° Knight Commander of the Temple—Genaro E. Pestana, 32°
28° Knight of the Sun—Ediberto Dayao, 32°
29° Knight of St. Andrew—Pacífico C. Marin, 32°

7:30 P.M.—REFRESHMENTS

8:00 P.M.—30° KNIGHT KADOSH—in full form, Mauro Baradi, 32°—
Presiding

SATURDAY, November 26, 1949

6:00 P.M.—Opening of Rizal Consistory, M.R.S.
31° INSPECTOR INQUISITOR—in full form,
By a Special Team of the Manila Bodies, A & ASR
COMMUNICATION
32° Master of the Royal Secret—Teofilo A. Abejo, 32°
Director of the Work—Michael Goldenberg, 33°
Director of Music—Martiniano C. Esguerra, 32°

REFRESHMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Grateful acknowledgment is extended in the Officers and Members of the Manila Bodies, A&ASR, for their cooperation in putting up the 31st degree in full form.

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functions. I see that happy camaraderie between wives and relatives of Masons at their social functions, which is an inspiration telling us that the heart is right; the domestic circle is safe in spite of all the things that creep into our press as items of news value."

In the Report of the Board of General Purposes we find something in connection with Clandestine Body, namely: "A letter was received from the Grand Lodge of England regarding a clandestine body operating in the Far East, entitling itself, 'Lodge Humanitas of the Far East,' and its probable entrance to Australia. The Grand Lodge of England has directed all Lodges in the Far East to have no relations with it. The Board resolved to take similar action and all Lodges of this Constitution have been advised accordingly."

The Grand Inspector of Workings commented on time wastage during lodge proceedings and stated: "I would again bring under the notice of W.M.'s, the necessity of preventing time wastage during lodge proceedings and thereby adjourning to the South at a reasonable hour. The fellowship of the festive board is an integral part of our institution."

It will be well to note that under this Grand Lodge a Masonic School and hostel are being operated. The Council of the William Thomson Masonic School and Hostel states that in 1947 the number of children in residence was 150—44 senior boys, 57 junior boys, and 49 girls. The Council further reported that the educational progress of the children during the year was very satisfactory. "The Council," the report added, "has for some considerable time considered the advisability of making provision for the reception and education of children of brethren who have lost their wives and to this end the Council is submitting a notice of motion at this communication for the necessary alteration to the Regulations governing the admission of children to permit of this action . . . The Tea Room has been re-opened and the girls are catering for visitors each Saturday and Public Holiday."

The proceedings end with a supplement on British Freemasonry and Addresses delivered by Grand Masters from other Grand Jurisdictions.

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FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Far East Commandery No. 1-Knights Templar, Manila Held Banquet In San Francisco

A DINNER WAS GIVEN BY THE EMINENT COMMANDER, PAST COMMANDERS, AND OTHER FRATERS OF FAR EAST COMMANDERY No. 1, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF MANILA, PHILIPPINES, ON SEPTEMBER 20, 1949, AT THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB, 555 POST STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, WHEN THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS HOLDING THE 44th TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

This "get-together dinner" was arranged by the Sir knights of the Far East Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, of Manila, Philippines, now living or sojourning in California.

The following Fraters of Far East Commandery were present:

Sir Knight Christian W. Rosenstock, Eminent Commander; Past Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, and also a 32° K.C.C.H. member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Intendant General for the Philippine District of the Red Cross of Constantine of the United States of America, Mexico and the Philippines.

Sir Knight George R. Harvey, Past Commander of Far East Commandery No. 1; Past High Priest of Luzon Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Manila; Past Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands; Past Sovereign of Asoka Conclave No. 130 of the Red Cross of Constantine, of Manila, and also a 33° Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Edwin E. Elser, Past Commander of Far East Commandery No. 1; Past Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, and also a 33° member of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Sir Knight William F. Gallin, Past Commander of Far East Commandery No. 1; and Past Illustrious Master of Oriental Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters of Manila, Philippine Islands.

Sir Knight William H. Taylor, Frater of Far East Commandery No. 1; Past Grand Master of Masons of the Philippine Islands, and a 33° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.



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Sir Knight Fred Damman, Colonel of U. S. Army, retired.

Sir Knight George C. Dankworth.

Sir Knight Richard H. Dietrich.

Sir Knight Wells Pleas.

Sir Knight Edwin W. Sharpe.

Sir Knight Edwin L. Whitney.

Sir Knight Henry H. Ward, formerly of Far East Commandery No. 1, Manila, and now Past Commander of Palo Alto Commandery No. 47, of Palo Alto, California.

The following named ladies accompanied Sir Knights of Far East Commandery No. 1:

Mrs. Walter A. Dumas, wife of Sir Knight Walter A. Lumas.

Mrs. E. M. Barton, widow of Sir Knight E. M. Barton, one of the founders of Far East Commandery No. 1, Manila.

Mrs. N. A. Allison, widow of one of the founders of Luzon Chapter No. 1, Manila.

Mrs. Fred Dumman, wife of Sir Knight Colonel Fred Dumman.

Mrs. George C. Dankworth, wife of Sir Knight George C. Dankworth.

Mrs. Richard H. Dietrich, wife of Sir Knight Richard H. Dietrich.

Mrs. Virginia Rosenstock Grosskopf, daughter of Eminent Commander C. W. Rosenstock.

Mrs. Susan Rosenstock Miller, niece of Commander Rosenstock.

Mrs. Wells Pleas, wife of Sir Knight Wells Pleas.

Mrs. E. W. Sharpe, wife of Sir Knight E. W. Sharpe.

Mrs. Dorotea Thomas, sister of Rear Admiral R. L. Grosskopf.

Mrs. Edwin L. Whitney, wife of Sir Knight Edwin L. Whitney.

Mrs. Henry H. Ward, wife of Past Commander Henry H. Ward.

The following named Sir Knights and others were distinguished visitors who were invited guests at this banquet:

Sir Knight Andrew D. Agnew, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and also a 33° member and Deputy of the Supreme Council of the 33° of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Sir Knight Earl Elliot Dusenberry, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, and Mrs. Dusenberry.

Sir Knight Edward A. Glad, Grand Recorder of the Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine of the United

States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines, and Mrs. Glad. Sir Knight Glad is also Past Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois; Past Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois.

Sir Knight John M. Littlefield, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America.

Sir Knight William Moseley Brown, Grand Sovereign of the Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine of the United States of America, Mexico, and the Philippines; Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Virginia; Past Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Virginia; Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the State of Virginia, and a 33° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

Rear Admiral H. L. Grosskopf, U.S. Navy (retired), Master Mason, son-in-law of Eminent Commander C. W. Rosenstock.

The visiting Sir Knights and other Masonic guests were introduced by Sir Knight Rosenstock, and each one arose when his name was called and "took a bow" and made a few remarks regarding his particular work in Freemasonry, and these brief statements made an interesting symposium on the activities of the Masonic Bodies in which they are engaged.

In closing, Eminent Commander Rosenstock made a few remarks about the condition of York Site Masonry in the Philippines, and, among other things, stated that he could see no good reason why the York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry should not be active among the Filipinos as the Scottish Rite Bodies.

This banquet and get-together party of Sir Knights and their ladies resulted from the work of Sir Knights C. W. Rosenstock, George R. Harvey, William H. Taylor, William F. Gallin and George C. Dankworth as the committee of arrangements. This was a very pleasant occasion which brought together a number of Sir Knights of Far East Commandery and their ladies and gave the local residents who are members of that Commandery an opportunity for a reunion and to unite in entertaining distinguished visitors as their guests.—

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EL 30 del presente mes de noviembre celebramos el día de los Heroes Nacionales. ¿Cuál es su especial significado para nosotros lo masones de esta Gran Jurisdicción? Sencillamente, ese día es día de regocijo espiritual porque en nuestros pechos bullen sentimientos patrios, altos y sublimes, porque en nuestra mente surgen pensamientos también elevados y sublimes, y nuestra voluntad toma segura orientación siguiendo la ruta marcada por nuestros mártires y héroes nacionales.

Ese día es día de rededicación a todo aquello que es puro y noble e imperecedero, en la vida de un hombre, ese es día de glorificación de nuestros sublimes ideales que han dado vida espiritual a aquellos que dieron sus vidas para que la partia permanezca y es reafirme.

Nuestra masonería tanto en el pasado como en el presente ha cumplido con esa noble misión. Ha sido la forja de espíritus, infiltrando en la mente, en el corazón, en el alma de nuestros idos la idea salvadora de nuestros imperecederos principios. Y así sus vidas, llenas de desinterés, dejación, y renunciaciones, son la mejor fuente de inspiración para nosotros que les hemos sobrevivido.

El día de Héroes Nacionales es también un día de fe y de esperanza para el masón de esta Gran Jurisdicción. De fe porque sabemos y con ello nos reafirmamos en la eficacia de nuestra labor y de los nobles ideales en que descansa, y de esperanza porque esperamos que la meta a que todos aspiramos—una verdadera hermandad entre todos los hombres y todos los pueblos—sea una hermosa realidad.

Eso es, pues, lo que significa para nosotros el **DIA DE HEROES NACIONALES**—un día de regocijo espiritual, un día de rededicación, un día de fe y de esperanza, un día de glorificación, un día de luz sempiterna y de perpetua creación.

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ADORNAMOS nuestra portada con la venerable efigie de nuestro distinguido hermano Sixto Ortiz. Y lo hacemos esto, en muestra de nuestro sincero aprecio por su labor metritoria desplegada dentro y fuera de nuestras filas.

Uno de los antiguos tesoreros provinciales de nuestro Gobierno, su labor callada, sin alharacas, pero intensa, efectiva, honrada, ha merecido bien de nuestras altas autoridades civiles. Así es que al vacar el puesto de tesorero de la República Filipina acertadamente recayó sobre él la nominación para ocuparlo. Y su pronto nombramiento mereció el aplauso unánime no solamente nuestro, sino también de los del mundo profano.

El venerable hermano Sixto Ortiz es una de las figuras conspicuas en nuestro mundo financiero y económico. Fuerte en números, fuerte en el difícil arte de la alta finanza, fuerte y vigoroso mental y moralmente, su selección ha sido de las mas acertadas.

Ha estado aportando al gobierno filipino lo mejor de su juventud y energías, y, ahora, ya entrado en plena madurez, el tesoro de experiencia acumulada en tantos años de servicio gubernamental será el mejor activo para el éxito de su árdua labor como tesorero de la Nación. Y su limpia hoja de servicios será la mejor garantía de su futura actuación como guardián del tesoro público.

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¿SE ha retractado Rizal de la masonería? Sostenemos que no, y, para probar esta aserción nuestra, nos basta leer las últimas estrofas en su Último Adiós. La cuestión importante a dilucidar es, si el Último Adiós es su último pensamiento o si ha habido otro posterior que eche al traste todo lo que él nos legó en aquel precioso documento.

Se ha tratado de demostrar en repetidas ocasiones por los detractores de la fé del Mártir que éste se ha retractado efectivamente de la masonería y produjeron a ese efecto un documento de retractación supuestamente firmado por él horas o momentos antes de su muerte. Pero, ese intento ha fracasado miserablemente como así fracasan todos los hechos basados en una falsedad.

En efecto, Rizal redactó su Último Adiós estando él en su celda en el Fuerte Santiago, mejor dicho, en su Cámara de Reflexión, cuando ya tenía plena conciencia de la proximidad de su muerte. La manera y forma cómo Rizal nuso en posesión del mundo exterior este "Último Adiós" son singular y altamente maravillosas é ingeniosas, producto de una mente madura y de un génio decidido circunstancias éstas que hacen del mencionado documento la genuina ultima voluntad de nuestro héroe que quiso que se publicara y que llegara a conocimiento de todo su pueblo.

Ahora, bien, sabiendo como sabía Rizal que momentos antes, o algún tiempo después de su fusilamiento, ya se habría leído por los miembros de su familia y allegados, y por ende, por toda la raza, el manuscrito que consintió entregar con gran sigilo y cuidado a su hermana, ¿cabría lugar, acaso, en nuestra mente siquiera una suposición lógica y verosímil de que el mártir iba a suscribir libre o voluntariamente un escrito de retractación cuya esencia es diametralmente opuesta a la que contiene su Último Adios?

La contestación a sea pregunta es sencilla: Rizal, con su carácter indómito, imperturbable, firme, decidido y hasta desafiador aún en presencia de la mismísima muerte no podría haber pensado, ni remotamente, y ni siquiera consentido, en que se redactara y firmara un documento que revelara su pusilanimidad o volubilidad de carácter y contradijera a sí mismo y todos los principios que, desde joven, acariciara su alma, y que no eran otra cosa mas que el exponer en el altar de la opinión pública la falsedad para su vituperio y condenación.

Si, por fuerza de esta lógica sencilla, llegamos a la conclusión que el último pensamiento que Rizal quiso y

logró, a duras penas, comunicar a su pueblo es su "Último Adiós," y nó el alegado escrito de retractación que lleva una firma de dudosa autenticidad y que vió la luz solo después de haber transcurrido mucho tiempo desde la fecha de su muerte, entonces, no nos queda otra cosa mas que analizar con cuidado las últimas estrofas de ese Legado para leer enterito el pensamiento postrero de José Rizal que prevaleció en su alma horas ántes y en el momento mismo cuando las balas atravezara y despedazaran su corazón:

"Entonces, nada importa tu atmósfera, tus campos, tus valles, cruzaré, vibrante y limpia nota sere para tu oído, aroma, luz, colores, rumor, canto, gemido, constante repitiendo la esencia de mi fe.

¡Maravillosa y sublime expresión de un pensamiento libre, solo compatible con el modo de ser y pensar de un verdadero francmasón! Pero, en su "Último Adiós" no hay súplicas para el reparto de dádivas, para misas de requiém, exhortaciones piadosas de perdón y otras cosas parecidas que bien hubieran concordado con la expresión de un espíritu arrepentido de los pecados cometidos contra los próceres de la iglesia.

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voy a dó no hay esclavos, verdugos ni opresores, DONDE LA FE NO MATA, donde el que reina es Díos.

Acusación mas clara no puede haber! Aquí no anduvo Rizal con ambages ni rodéos para denunciar ante su pueblo que la fe era la causa de su muerte, y no algún deseo de levantamiento o revuelta contra el Estado. ¿Y, cuál era esa fé? Pues, claro es que era su fé el cantar las verdades, exponiendo así al enfermo en las gradas del altar—quienquiera que fuese ese enfermo—para el vituperio de su pueblo, etc., etc. como ya dejamos dicho mas arriba.

Rizal fué el apóstol de la verdad y murió como tál por denunciar a los falsarios quienes, como consecuencia lógica, desencadenaron su fúria contra él. Rizal no murió por tratar de incitar una revolución contra España. Al contrario, Rizal quiso servir todavía como médico-cirujano en el ejército español durante la campaña bélica de España contra la Cuba revolucionaria.

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