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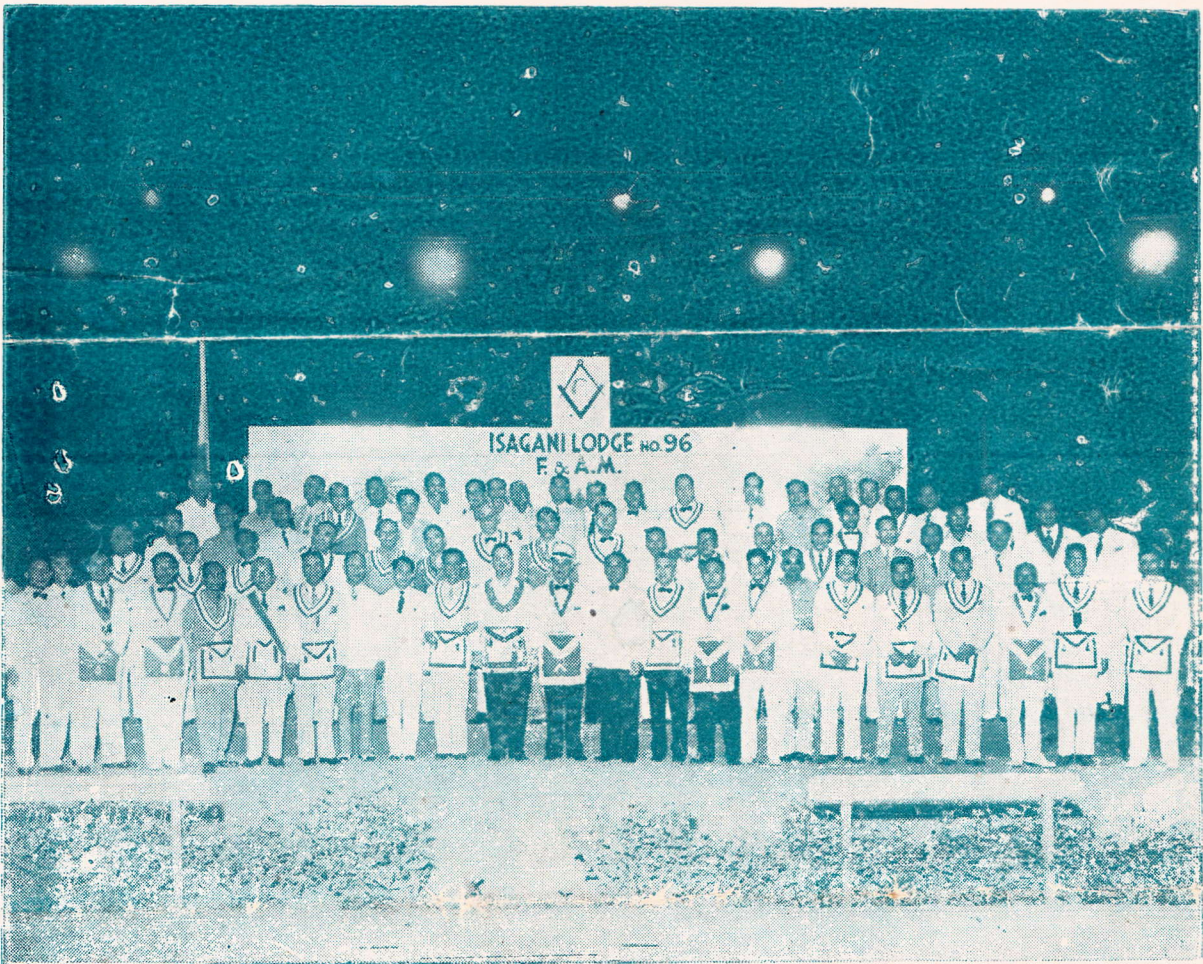
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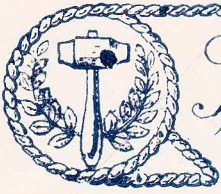


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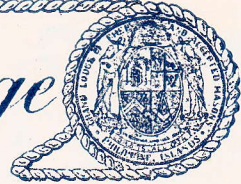
Official visitation of Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and other Officers of the Grand Lodge to Isagani Lodge No. 96 at Moncada, Tarlac, December 27, 1948.

Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino

Manila, Philippines



The Grand Master's Message



My dear Brethren:

In this my last message to you through this page, I enjoin all of you to reflect and go over the solemn ties that bind us together in this Fraternity.

Let us all renew our obligations, use the gavel with discretion but also with firmness and courage, try our utmost to overcome our human weaknesses, practice the tenets of our beloved institution and maintain harmony which creates unity, giving us the power and strength to build our beloved Fraternity, thus making this world a better place to live in and assisting in creating Peace.

I thank you all for having elected me to the highest office in Masonry that you can accord a brother mason. It has not only been an exceptional honor and a distinct privilege to have had the pleasure to serve you this past year and to have been given the opportunity of taking part in furthering the cause of brotherhood, and the building of character in our beloved Fraternity, but has also been a very pleasant and enjoyable year to me. Grand Lodge Officers, Blue Lodge Officers, the membership of our Fraternity and their families have given me their encouragement, support and complete backing, which is responsible for any constructive progress in the furtherance of our masonic labors, that has been accomplished during my term of office.

I thank you all for having given me your fullest cooperation and may your actions in the future continue to enshrine the name of our Venerable Institution.

With my best wishes to all of you for the future.

Albert J. Prager Jr.

Grand Master

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EDITORIALS

TRUE TO HIS OBLIGATION

THE essence of the Mason's Obligation is to love God and fellowmen. In the observance of this injunction lies the solution of mankind's headaches and heartaches; its constant application is the surest foundation of real happiness and enduring peace and its flagrant violation is the cause of so much misery and discontent.

It is well that those who have embraced the tenets of Freemasonry remember their Obligation not only upon entering or leaving the portals of the Temple but every day of their lives—in prosperity or want, in health or death. The Brother who recently died in Manila is a case in point. Being the father of a big family, he had to find means with which to keep body and soul together. At first he thought that to become a Mason would only add more worries to his mind and make more unbearable the yoke he was already carrying. He paused again—and then the decisive hour when of his own free will and accord he applied for and was later admitted to membership in the Fraternity. "Since then", remarked a contemporary, "he became a changed man, very devoted to his family, better loved by friends, and truly appreciated by his neighbors. Through honest toil and persistent efforts he was able to send his children through college, a feat in itself." But another test to the Mason was yet come. His manifold activities in and out of the Lodge adversely affected his physical resistance until one day, he found himself in the hospital; here he spent his last days, comforted by his family and cheered by others who came to visit him. And he may have said to himself, "Man proposes but God disposes." Slowly but surely he was weakening and during his dying moments, three men approached him—one with paper in hand and the other two as would-be witnesses. The Brother was strongly urged to sign the paper, a prepared retraction as a Mason. In emphatic but respectful language, the Brother replied that he was mature enough and knew what he was doing when he embraced Masonry; that there was nothing disgraceful about it but on the contrary, it made him a better man and brought him closer to God. And among his last words: "I am a Mason and glad to die as one." There was no retraction; nor

FATEFUL DELIBERATIONS

FOR the 33rd time, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands will hold its Annual Communication this month in Manila. The Plaridel Masonic Temple once destroyed and burned, rises again — rebuilt and improved — to provide the setting for this important and historic occasion. Certainly the gathering will not be the only means of renewing friendships nor the time for reading messages and delivering speeches; it will be an opportunity for those charged with the responsibility of administering the affairs of the Grand Lodge during the year just passed to render an accounting of their stewardship. Then the members of the Grand Lodge would be enabled to ascertain for themselves whether the past administration was one of apathy and staleness or activity and success. Then too, they will be guided accordingly in the choice of the Grand Lodge officers for the current Masonic year.

The main purpose of the Communication is of course, the transaction of the regular business of the Grand Lodge. And those entitled to participate in this important undertaking are the officers or representatives of at least a majority of the chartered Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction. Let no member therefore, miss his chance of speaking up when he has something worthwhile to say, or blame himself afterward. Remember, however, that as between the Brethren's convenience and Masonry's benefit, the welfare of our Venerable Institution comes first. Hence, when the time for discussion and deliberation is called, we should not remain content with the good which has been done but also frankly enumerate our weakness and failures so that we may find a solution to prevent their recurrence. By exposing our sickness in the temple in order to discover its cause, the cure can be found that would give us greater determination and more strength to go out to the community ready to face its ills and willing to help lift its burdens.

Before us is a year fraught with dangers and disappointments. We can not deny that while some men and nations are striving hard to rehabilitate themselves and to live in peace, others are scheming to exploit their fellowmen and conquer them by force. And Masonry has a stake in this; it is a Universal Fraternity and its votaries are

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Official Section



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 3rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands will be held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, on January 25-27, 1949, at 4:00 clock, P.M.

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Members are urged not to wait until the last minute to obtain their admission cards or transact essential business, but attend to these matters as early as they can.

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Admission cards must be secured from the Committee on Credentials, which will be in session at the Grand Secretary's Office, Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, at 5:00 o'clock every afternoon.

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge.
2. Reception of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. and Past Grand Masters of the M. W. Grand Lodge.
3. Invocation.
4. Roll Call of Lodge Officers and Past Grand Officers.
5. Roll Call of Lodges—Quorum.
6. Recess of Corporation Meeting.
7. Admission of Master Masons.
8. Messages.
9. Welcome Address to the Members of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master.
10. Response.
11. Reception of Grand Representatives—Presentation of Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges to the Grand Master by the Grand Marshal.
12. Welcome address to Grand Representatives by the Grand Master.
13. Response.
14. Reading of Minutes of Last Annual Communication.
15. Report of the Grand Master.
16. Report of the Grand Treasurer.
17. Report of the Grand Secretary.
18. Report of the Grand Lecturers.
19. Report of District Grand Master for China.
20. Appointment of Special Committees.
21. Resolutions and Petitions.
22. Report of Committees.
23. Grand Oration.
24. Election of Grand Lodge Officers.
25. Address of Acceptance by the Grand Master Elect.
26. Installation of Grand Lodge Officers.
27. Grand Master's Inaugural Address.
28. Recess for Corporation Meeting.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AS A CORPORATION

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, a corporation duly registered under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, will be held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila on January 25-27, 1949, at 4:00 o'clock, P. M. when the Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may come up during the meeting will be transacted.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

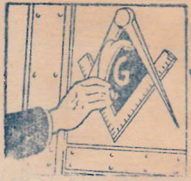
SPEECH OF RIGHT WOR DAVID W. K. AU AT THE BANQUET FOLLOWING THE CONSTITUTION OF OKINAWA LODGE NO. 118

It is both an honor and a privilege to respond to the toast which you have proposed to the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. I share in your pride that we belong to a Grand Lodge which, though young in history, is liberal and progressive in policy. As the only Sovereign Grand Body in the Far East the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands has given unselfishly and liberally of Masonic Light to the brethren in China and now it extends its fraternal hand to the brethren in the Ryukyus and in Japan. It has done so, not with a view to extend its influence or to compete with other Jurisdictions. The chartering of Yokosuka Naval Masonic Lodge No. 112 and Okinawa Lodge is solely for the purpose of supplying a Masonic need which at the time could not be fulfilled otherwise. This has been the policy of our Grand Lodge and will remain so.

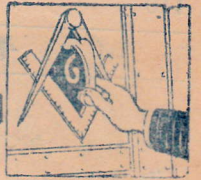
Most Wor. Bro. Brazee's incumbency as Grand Master follows a long line of distinguished brethren who have graced the Grand East of our Grand Lodge. Your Worshipful Master and those of your brethren who have met him will agree with me that we cannot find a more capable Masonic-minded and worthy brother to steer the helm of our Masonic ship. At the 32nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge held in February, he received a unanimous vote to be our Grand Master. The brethren's overwhelming confidence in him is sufficient indication of the high regard and esteem in which he is held by all who have come in contact with him.

On his behalf and on behalf of the Grand Lodge, I want to thank you for your toast, for your pledge of loyalty and allegiance and for your cordial reception of myself as his representative. I can assure you that when I report these proceedings to the Grand Master, he will feel very proud that Okinawa Lodge has had such an auspicious inauguration and that one of his fondest wishes will be for the Lodge to prosper and grow in usefulness.

Brethren, may I ask you to change your glasses and drink with me a toast to Okinawa Lodge No. 118; to its Wor. Master, Bro. John A. Cox; and its officers and brethren.



WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



JOINT INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Cavite Lodge No. 2 and Bagong Buhay No. 17

AS a fitting climax to the harmonious relationship of Cavite Lodge No. 2 and Bagong Buhay No.17, their Officers for the ensuing Masonic year were jointly installed by Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands on December 23, 1948 in the Lodge Hall of Bagong Buhay at the City of Cavite. Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., Grand Secretary, acted as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by Wor. Bro. P. I. Guzman, Master of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77.

1949 OFFICERS INSTALLED

CAVITE LODGE NO. 2

- Wor Bro. Ralph G. Rayburn -----
- Bro. Everett B. Russell -----
- Bro. Luis M. Buenaventura -----
- Bro. Jose V. Colina (Re.) -----
- Wor. Bro. A. L. Galang (Re.) -----
- Bro. Neal D. Cox -----
- Bro. James F. Fritcher -----
- Bro. Bartolome H. Bartolome -----
- Bro. Cecil R. Browne -----
- Bro. Antonio M. Donado -----
- Bro. Francisco B. Cruz -----
- Bro. James Shanda -----
- Bro. Jose L. Jose (Reap.) -----

BAGONG BUHAY NO 17

- Wor. Master -----
- Sr. Warden -----
- Jr. Warden -----
- Treasurer -----
- Secretary -----
- Chaplain -----
- Marshal -----
- Auditor -----
- Sr. Deacon -----
- Jr. Deacon -----
- Jr. Steward -----
- Tyler -----
- Orator -----
- Sr. Steward -----
- Organist -----
- Almoner -----
- Custodian of the Work -----
- Custodian of the Building -----
- Wor. Bro. Vicente R. Mendoza
- Bro. Charles H. Caro
- Bro. Macario Tolentino
- Bro. Hernando R. Bautista (Re.)
- Wor. Bro. H. Perez Santos (Re.)
- Bro. Emiterio P. Reyes
- Bro. Numeriano L. Almanzor
- Bro. Andres de Leon, P. M.
- Bro. Victor Simon
- Bro. Jesus C. Tranquilino
- Bro. Jose Gonzalez
- Bro. Jose C. Martinez
- Bro. Honorato Cabug (Reap.)
- Bro. Lope A. Anson (")
- Wor. Bro. Benito Villareal
- " " Apolinar B. Damian
- " " M. del Carmen (Reap.)
- " " Evaristo R. Bautista

OUR MASONIC DUTY

H. to H. when'er we meet
 Warmly do each other greet,
 With words of welcome and of cheer,
 To help us on our journey here.

F. to F. that we should go
 When sickness brings a Brother woe;
 To cheer him on his bed of pain
 And nurse him back to health again.

K. to K. when'er we pray,
 At early morn or close of day;
 A Brother's name should claim a share
 In every thought and every prayer.

B. to B. there still to keep
 A Brother's secret hidden deep;
 To all the world but us unknown
 And hold them sacred as our own.

H. to B. with firmest grasp,
 Encircling and friendly clasp,
 We should be found at duty's call
 To stay a Brother's tottering fall.

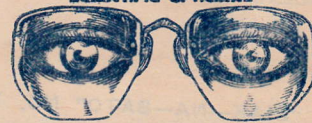
M. to E. when'er we find
 To err a Brother is inclined,
 We'll counsel give in gentlest tone,
 And breathe it to his ear alone.

Then F. to F. and K. to K.
 True Brothers we should ever be;
 With H. to B. and B. to B.
 Each striving still to do his best
 We'll whisper words of hope and cheer
 With H. to H. and M. to E.

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BAGUMBAYAN, NO. 4

THE public installation of the officers of this Lodge took place January 10, 1949 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple. Among those who were present on this occasion were Past Grand Masters Rosenstock, Delgado, Conrado Benitez and Antonio Gonzalez. The Installing Officer was M. W. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado and the Master of Ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Camilo Osiás.

The addresses delivered dealt with the present problems of the Philippines and how Masons could help in the solution of these problems. M. W. Bro. Brazee, Jr, after reviewing the record of Bagumbayan Lodge expressed confidence that the members thereof led by the officers for the current Masonic year would continue the good work of their predecessors.

The brief program followed by light refreshments consisted of the following:

1. OPENING OF THE LODGE ----- 7:30 O'clock, P. M.
2. RECEPTION OF THE GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.
3. BRIEF REMARKS—M. W. BRO. CHRISTIAN W. ROSENSTOCK, P. G. M., PAST MASTER AND FOUNDER OF BAGUMBAYAN LODGE No. 4
4. INSTALLATION OF THE OFFICERS—M. W. BRO. FRANCISCO A. DELGADO, P. G. M., PAST MASTER OF BAGUMBAYAN LODGE No. 4
5. ADDRESS—WOR. BRO. ANTONIO D. ALVIR, NEWLY INSTALLED MASTER.
6. PRESENTATION OF PAST MASTER'S JEWEL TO WOR. BRO. CAMILO OSIAS, OUTGOING MASTER BY M.W. BRO. ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M. GRAND SECRETARY
7. TALK TO THE NEW OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF BAGUMBAYAN LODGE No. 4 by M. W. ALBERT J. BRAZEE, JR., GRAND MASTER, GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS
8. CLOSING

"BIAK—NA—BATO" NO. 7

THE officers of this lodge were installed in connection with the official visitation of Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master, on January 14, 1949 at 5:30 p.m. at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila. The installing officer and master of ceremonies were Wor. Bros. Lino Gutierrez and Buenaventura N. Adriano respectively. The program included musical selections and featured the speeches of the master-elect, Wor. Bro. Jose P. Parraga, and Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M.

The committee on installation is composed of Wor. Bros. Toribio Teodoro, Lino Gutierrez, Salvador Barrios, Paulino Perez and Servando de los Angeles. There are four honorary members of the Lodge, namely: Most Wor. Bros. Michael Goldenberg, P.G.M., Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., and Wor. Bros. Jose C. Velo, P.M., and Inigo Ed. Regalado, P.M.

Jose N. Quedding

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ARAW NO. 18

THE Installation of the newly elected Officers of this Lodge was held on Dec. 25th, 1948 and being on Xmas Day the Chirstmas spirit pervaded the celebration. The affair was well attended for many of the wives, children, widows and orphans of the brethren were present. The Most Wor. Grand Master accompanied by some members of the Grand Lodge visited the Lodge before the Program started and he was received Officially.

The main features of the Program were the Installation, with Wor. Bro. Marciano Gatmaitan, Inspector of this Lodge as the Installing Officer and Wor. Bro. James Stevenson as Master of Ceremonies, the address of the newly installed Master, Wor. Bro. Jose Carlos; the presentation of a Resolution of Thanks to Wor. Bro. Dy Hao Kim; the presentation of Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Jose N. Quedding by Wor. Bro. J. Stevenson; the response by Wor. Bro. J. N. Quedding, P.M.; the introduction of the Guest Speaker by Wor. Bro. Gregorio Domingo; the address by the guest speaker, Bishop Matias Cuadra; the remarks by the Most Wor. Grand Master, and last but not least, the distribution of Xmas Gifts to all those present including the visitors. A semi-lauriat party was afterwards held at the Far Eastern Panciteria where all those who attended the program enjoyed the sumptuous Chinese dishes served.

The Program was highlighted by the sincere appreciation given by the Most Wor. Grand Master to the Guest Speaker to the evening when he personally congratulated him after the address and the apparent satisfaction and happiness of the recipients of the gifts distributed which are generous not only in quantity but also in quality. To the credit of many members of this Lodge I am proud to say that they sent in gifts even tho they were not able to attend. Special mention is also due to Bro. Antonio Go Mua who gave two dozen Goat-skin Wallets.

ZAPOTE NO. 29

AT the Plaridel Masonic Temple on January 15, 1949 the officers of this lodge were privately installed with Wor. Bros. Jose Fetalvero of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 and Lazaro Carmona of Nilad Lodge No. 12 as installing officer and master of ceremonies respectively. After the installation Wor. Bro. Francisco Panganiban, master elect gave a brief speech followed by a violin solo by Bro. Isidro Trias. Bro. N. B. Melocoton, auditor of the lodge also spoke before the closing of the lodge.

MALOLOS NO. 46 AND BATAAN NO. 104

THE private installation of the officers of these two lodges took place during the joint Grand Lodge Visitation by the Most Wor. Grand Master, Albert J. Brazee, Jr. on January 8, 1949 at 2 p.m. at the Plaridel Temple, Malolos, Bulacan. The installing officer was most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., and the master of ceremonies, Wor. Bro. Jose M. E. Leon, Jr., Grand Marshal.

The program held was:

- I. Opening of the Lodge.
- II. Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and members of the Grand Lodge.
- III. Installation of Officers.
- IV. Address by Worshipful Master-elect, Leon C. Santiago.
- V. Presentation of Past-Masters Jewels to Wor. Bro. Eliseo Tayao and Wor. Bro. Apolinario Cruz by The Most



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- VI. Responses by the recipients of Past-Master Jewels.
- VII. Address by Worshipful Master, Stanley S. Tongko, P.M.
- VIII. Address by Most Wor. Grand Secretary, Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M.
- IX. Remarks by Most Wor Grand Master, Albert J. Brazee, Jr.
- X. Closing of the Lodge.

**—REFRESHMENT—
PAMPANGA No. 48
Resolution**

WHEREAS, in his deep concern and loyalty to Free Masonry Bro. Pacifico C. Marin of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, F. & A. M. has donated artistic SQUARE and COMPASS of unestimable value to the Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M.

WHEREAS, this good masonic act of our said Bro. Pacifico C. Marin is deserving of our grateful and heart-felt appreciation, and should be perpetually recorded in the annals of our mother Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M.

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of a brother duly seconded by another, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED by the Brethren in meeting assembled to express, as they hereby EXPRESS their deep and heart-felt gratitude and appreciation to Bro. Pacifico C. Marin of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, F. & A. M. Be it RESOLVED, further, that copies of this resolution be sent: one copy to the M. W. Grand Lodge; one copy to the Cable Tow, for publication; one copy to the Kasilawan Lodge No. 77; and one copy to Bro. Pacifico C. Marin, APPROVED.

I certify to the correctness of the above quoted resolution.

JULIAN B. MENDOZA
Secretary

Approved:

Basilio Castro
W. Master

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KANLA-ON NO. 64

THE officers of this lodge were installed at Freemasons' Hall, 33 Calle Luzuriaga, Bacolod, Negros Occidental last January 1, 1949. The outgoing master, Wor. Bro. Artemio Villanueva gave a few remarks and after the installation, the master-elect, Wor. Bro. Angel A. Salas, Sr. delivered an address followed by the presentation of the past master's jewel to Wor. Bro. Salas, the widow of Wor. Bro. Catalino G. Aurelio (1942) and Wor. Bro. Alfonso Altimerano (1941). It will be noted that there are only two honorary members of the lodge: Most Wor. Bro. Frederic Harper Stevens, P. G. M., and Bro. Douglas MacArthur.

GONZAGA NO. 66
Tuguegarao, Cagayan

ON December 4, 1948, at 6:30 p.m. the members of this Lodge gave a fraternal supper at the Paredes Square Garden in honor of Bro. Jose L. Valencia, Junior Warden, for his departure to Manila to assume his new position as Bishop of the Methodist Church of the Philippines, Manila area. After the supper Bro. Perfecto P. Lingan, Senior Warden of this Lodge acted as toastmaster and introduced Bros. Domingo Alcaraz, P. M. (39), James Limpe, W. M. (33), Sis-enando Silvestre, P. M. (68) and Bonifacio Mequi, P. M. (66) who introduced the guest of honor Bro. Jose L. Valencia. All speeches centered on personal achievements of the distinguished brother guest of honor and on masonry. A true spirit of brotherhood prevailed during the occasion. Resident brethren of



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other Lodges were also in attendance. They were Bros. Cecilio N. Ascano, P. M. (39), Vicente L. Francisco (68), Tranquilino Basat (68), Dr. Marcelo Leon (68), Eugene Chiu (93) and Luis Chan (18). The other members of this Lodge present were Marcelo Paguyu, Treasurer, Lorenzo de Leon, Secretary, Agustin Balisi, S. D., Hilario d Yro. J. D., E. B. Pagulayan, J. S., Juan N. Diego. Org., Buenaventura Marcelo, Marshal, Juan B. Pagulayan, P. M., Teofilo Calimag, Agustin Palattao, Pedro M. Gammad. and Vicente Limqueco, EAM.

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KASILAWAN NO. 77

ON January 5, 1949 the officers of this lodge were publicly installed in connection with the Grand Lodge Visitation, Wor. Bros. Fidel Manalo, P.M., "High Twelve" Lodge No. 82, Grand Lodge Inspector and Wor. Bro. Jose M. E. Leon, Jr., P.M., Luzon Lodge No. 57 acted as installing officer and master of ceremonies respectively.

The Most Wor. Grand Master's instructive address reminded the Brethren of the solemnity of installation and the sacred obligation they took at the altar when becoming Master Masons. "If we remain true to the tenets of Freemasonry and live up to our obligations" the Grand Master emphasized, "this world will be a better place in which to live."

Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M. who presented the honorary membership diplomas to Right Wor. Bros. Esteban Munarriz, David W. K. Au and Wor. Bro. Francisco Bonifacio not only mentioned the sterling qualities of these brethren but added that only by our deeds shall we become worthy Masons entitled to the respect of those around us.

The following was the program rendered:

(Opening of the Lodge—Master Masons only)

- I. RECEPTION OF VISITORS
- II. RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.
- III. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- IV. ADDRESS ----- Wor. Bro. Leopoldo Boquiren (Master-Elect)
- V. MUSIC

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- VI. PRESENTATION TO Wor. Bro. Primo I. Guzman, Past Master's Jewel—By the Grand Master
Past Master's Diploma—By the Grand Secretary
- VII. RESPONSE ----- Wor. Bro. Primo I. Guzman (Outgoing Master)
- VIII. MUSIC
- IX. PRESENTATION OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP DIPLOMA
By Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M.
To: Right Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz
" " " David W. K. Au
" " " Francisco Bonifacio
- X. ADDRESS... Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master of Masons Of the Philippine Islands

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"HIGH TWELVE" NO. 82

MORE than 450 Masons together with members of their families and friends attended the public installation of this Lodge held in connection with the official visitation of the Most Wor. Grand Master, Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila on January 8, 1949 at 7 p.m. Long before the appointed time of installation, guests flocked to the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Temple and remained until the last part of the ceremonies were over. Music was furnished by the All-Girls Welfareville Orchestra and a well-known local band. Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. Grand Master, was the installing officer while Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M. acted as master of ceremonies. Featuring the attendance was the presence of all the living past masters of "High Twelve" Lodge headed by Wor. Bro. Filomeno Galang, master-elect in 1922-1923.

The program prepared for the occasion was as follows:

- I. OPENING OF THE LODGE
Master Masons only
- II. RECEPTION OF VISITORS
- III. RECEPTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.
- VI. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- V. ADDRESS—
Wor. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros,
Master-Elect
- VI. PRESENTATION OF—
Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi
by Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master
Past Master's Diploma to Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi
by Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gozalez, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
- VII. PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMA TO HONORARY MEMBER
Wor. Bro. Sesenio B. Rivera
by Rt. Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Deputy Grand Master.
- VIII. VOCAL SOLO—
Miss Nena Celis, Soprano
Miss Leonila Celino, at the piano.
- IX. ADDRESS—
Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master
- X. RIGODON DE HONOR
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WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING

ISAGANI NO. 96

Tarlac, Tarlac

ONE of the most successful installations of officers took place at Moncada, Tarlac at the spacious Luis Morales Park on December 27, 1948 at 8 p.m. It was held in connection with the Grand Lodge Visitation headed by Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. who with 25 Brethren and ladies motored from Manila to Tarlac, Tarlac where Isagani Lodge received the Grand Master, and officers and members of his party. After the Lodge was opened, the party proceeded to Moncada, Tarlac where the public installation followed.

Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P. G. M. was the installing officer and Rt. Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, Deputy Grand Master, the master of ceremonies.

To the Luis Morales Park came hundreds of people from neighboring towns besides the brethren of other lodges from several provinces. The multi-colored electric lights and flowering plants which were among the decorations displayed added beauty to the occasion. Two of the most popular bands in Tarlac furnished the music. The Morales Brothers and other Brethren left no stone unturned to make the stay of the Grand Master's party in Tarlac enjoyable. Wor. Bro. Littawa, P.M. and his fellow-officers helped in the success of the Installation Ceremonies.

The Grand Master as usual, was emphatic in stating Masonry's mission in the community. "Masons should always remember" he stated, "that their motto is not selfishness but selflessness and that their goal is not self-satisfaction but service and sacrifice."

The surprise numbers of the program were the presentation of Wor. Bro. Oliveros' gift to the outgoing master, Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi. The speech of presentation was delivered by Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias, P.M. of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 who mentioned some interesting facts about the recipient of the gift. Bro. Osias stated that the outgoing master of "High Twelve" Lodge has been his yoke-fellow for many years and found him a dependable, an industrious and efficient co-worker. "I failed in only one thing" the speaker remarked, "and that is in helping him to add more weight."

Wor. Bro. Gregorio Cariaga, P. M., re-elected Secretary of the Lodge was presented with another gift by Wor. Bro. Baradi.

Most Wor. Bro. Brazee, who presented the Past Master's Jewel said of the recipient "In my intimate contact with Bro. Baradi, I can say without hesitation that I consider him one of those who have greatly assisted not only his mother lodge but the Grand Lodge in this Jurisdiction ever since liberation in 1945."

Most Wor. Bro. Gonzalez before presenting the Past Master's Diploma remarked that as a co-worker in the Grand Lodge, the outgoing master never failed his brethren and went out of his way to do things in the interest of Masonry in general.

The main address of the Grand Master emphasized the need of the Brethren in maintaining harmony in the Lodge and vigilance outside of it. "For Masonry's sphere of action is not only within the four walls of the temple but the community, the nation and the world are its fertile ground for

Wor. Bro. Baradi on the other hand, explained in masterly detail the significance of the 3 F's in Freemasonry. "The three F's mean FAITH, FREEDOM, and FELLOWSHIP, very significant words in our Fraternity," he said. "Let us have faith in the Great Architect of the Universe who rules and guides the destinies of men and nations; let us work, fight and die for freedom—every kind of freedom that dignifies man and leads him to work out his own salvation; and let us live, preach, and practice fellowship with our fellowmen for this will bring about better understanding, closer harmony, and enduring peace in our community, our nation, and our world." "Freemasonry", the speaker concluded, "is not simply a fraternity of freedom pledged to war against the evil; it is a universal brotherhood which helps build nobler citizens that the world as they find it might become better after they are gone."

The program prepared for the occasion follows:

1. Overture ----- Orchestra
2. Address ----- Wor. Bro. Horacio Morales
Master-Elect
3. Selection ----- Orchestra
4. Presentation of the Guest Speaker
by Wor. Bro. Liberato E. Littawa, P. M.
5. Speech ----- Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi (82) M. P. S.
6. Folk Dance ----- Plebian Academy
7. Remarks ----- Most Wor. Bro Albert L. Brazee, Jr. (8)
Grand Master of Masons of the
Philippine Islands
8. Finale ----- Orchestra

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF INSTALLATION

By Wor. Bro. H. P. Oliveros

(Inaugural Address as Master-elect of "High Twelve")

Lodge No. 82, Delivered At Plaridel Masonic
Temple, January 8, 1949)

THIS is to me an evening of dedication. And I cannot proceed without first expressing my debt of gratitude to the brethren of my mother lodge "High Twelve" No. 82 from whose collective will and free suffrage I am enabled to occupy the Oriental Chair, nor will I forget the labors of our Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., our Grand Secretary, Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez and officers and members of the Grand Lodge without whom, this installation would not have been possible. To them and members of their families we owe the success of this occasion.

An act of solemnity such as the investiture we have just witnessed has a two-fold significance: first, it is a demonstration of the trust and confidence by the brethren in their officers, and second, it is an expression of a faith, that we who have been chosen to lead will carry out a well-balanced program of administration: I make the request therefore, not to expect too much from us at the beginning of our administration but to judge us when our year is over. For the true test is not the promises we make, but the results to be achieved.

To my fellow-officers I only remind you of the serious obligation we took at the altar upon becoming Master Mason; of our spontaneous acceptance of our respective posts of duty after we have been chosen as such; and the various

charges given to us in the course of our installation tonight. These three successive steps ought to be historic to us because in substance they center around the Trinity of Freemasonry's tenets, namely: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Let us not disillusion ourselves by feeling that now that we are in office, everything will be easy and smooth. As your Master and perhaps an older brother, let me say now, that we will have to travel over a rough and rugged road. We may even have to face crisis here after and perhaps to us the worse is yet to come. But as Masons we will not, we must not despair knowing that those who have gone before us faced as much if not more complicated problems. We shall console and reassure ourselves in the thought and fact that our Ancient and Venerable Institution was conceived in work, came out of hard work and will go on and on with still harder work until the world is no more. If the brethren and my fellow-officers will constantly bear this in mind we cannot fail, and under the guidance and with the aid of the Great Architect of the Universe, we will succeed.

But success to be well earned must be the outcome of constant efforts well exerted and a systematic plan rightly directed. This is absolutely essential if we are to meet the challenge of the hour to masons and Masonry.

This means we must be active in the Lodge. A program both of attraction and instruction insure biggest attendance by the brethren instead of utter indifference which is so noticeable in some lodges. For if brethren of long standing find excuses not to attend lodge meetings as often as they should, how can they expect the new members to be inspired? It should be our goal to preach and teach by precept and example.

Furthermore, we should not remain content with what we do within the four walls of our temple. We, Masons, win the respect and admiration of our neighbors only as we practice the teachings of our Fraternity. Instead of remaining aloof, let us work for the welfare of those about us, for their progress is ours and their misfortunes adversely affect us and our loved ones. How often have Masons been branded as exclusive and unmindful of the needs of their fellowmen! To refute this impression we must wake up from our sleep as it were, and join other men and organizations in their crusade against vice, crime and intolerance. Certainly, we dare not fold our hands and close our eyes to the evils that now beset the public and society. To do this is cowardice on our part and disservice to our Craft.

In reiterating the gratitude and thankfulness to all those present here and other friends, and speaking in behalf of the officers and members of "High Twelve" Lodge No. 82, I close with the thought that: (1) We promise but little; (2) We will endeavor to do more, and (3) we will earnestly work with a fixed purpose for the good of Masonry and in the interest of our people and our country.

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"High Twelve" (Continued from page 113) spreading its tenets," the speaker said. "We must not be content, with things as they are. It is our bounden duty to fight evil in any form and never tire in sowing the seeds of kindness, helpfulness and brotherly love," he concluded.

The "rigodon de honor" in honor of the 1949 officers of the Lodge was followed by a dance which lasted until midnight. Refreshments were served the visitors and friends of the Brethren. D.R.E.

★ PLEDGE OF SERVICE ★

INSTALLATION, AN ACT OF DEDICATION

(Speech delivered by Wor. Bro. James W. Darling
at the Installation Meeting held on December 23, 1948)

RIGHT Worshipful Brother Munarriz, distinguished guests, my brothers, ladies, and friends: It is indeed a privilege and a pleasure to stand before all of you this evening as the youngest master in a long line of masters who have been selected to guide the destinies of this truly masonic lodge of master masons. I am deeply grateful for the singular honor which has been bestowed upon me. I sincerely hope I can live up to the record of service which all the past masters before me have left as their living legacy.

I wish to thank each and every one who has had a part in the program this evening. Particularly do I wish to thank our Right Wodshipful Brother Munarriz, Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands for being the installing officer; Right Worshipful Brother Gruber, past Senior Grand Warden of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands and a Past Master of Mount Lebanon Lodge Number 80 for being the Master of Ceremonies. There are many others who have had a part in the program and to thank them individually would take considerable time; but to each and every one of them goes my sincerest appreciation of their efforts. Mount Lebanon is most fortunate in having so many loyal and willing helpers.

As all masons know, Solomon, King of Israel, was said to be their first Most Excellent Grand Master. In the installation ceremony which you have just witnessed I promised to hold in veneration the original rulers of the order of masonry. I believe that by using many of the words of that First Most Excellent Grand Master, which are found in the great light of Masonry—the Holy Bible, I can prove my sincerity to keep that promise.

In the Book of Proverbs a book devoted to the wisdom of King Solomon we find the admonition: "be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks and set thy heart to thy herds". The new officers of Mount Lebanon, who were this evening installed with me, know of no better course, or a more positive injunction, for their actions for the coming year than to set our hearts to Mount Lebanon in diligent faithfulness to it. To that end we have planned our goal. We are united as one in our love for our Lodge and in our concern for its continued prosperity.

In the Book of Proverbs, we find yet another great thought: "Every purpose is established by counsel, and with good advice make war". The new officers of Mount Lebanon have sought the counsel of the available past masters and with their help we will make war on the champions of darkness in order that truth and light may be available to all. We will also make war on the lethargy which seems to be the lot of so many masons toward their lodges.

The past masters will have a definite place in the lodge during the ensuing year and we sincerely hope their services will be available to us for every purpose which their wise counsel can provide.

For you, members of Mount Lebanon who are not regular in attendance, yes, and for those masons among our visitors who have no permanent masonic home in the Philippines, King Solomon had a word. He said: "slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger"

Your officers cannot make war against lethargy within the lodge, even though we have set our hearts to our lodge and our counsel be of the best, without the full and regular support of those of you who make up the body of the lodge. We will need your help in large and generous portions, and we hope you will not consider yourselves as indispensable unless the thought expressed on the back of the evenings program fits you like a mantle. By a regular attendance at the lodge and an active part in its functions you will be wide awake to all things and your Masonic soul shall, as King Solomon also said, "be fed with food which is convenient for it". We cannot force you into regular attendance, but we can, and we will, provide masonic food which will cause your masonic soul to hunger for the nourishment it provides.

My Brothers of Mount Lebanon, your officers are as one in their determination to make their term of office a success and, with the Great Light of Masonry as their beacon, with the wise and seasoned advice which will be available to us through our past masters, and with the whole hearted cooperation of the entire lodge acting as a unit toward the common goal of brotherly love, relief, and truth, our term of office cannot help but be one of service.

I close with yet another of the many bits of wisdom expressed by our first Most Excellent Grand Master: "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick, but when desire cometh it is a tree of life".

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Nuestra Proxima Gran Comunicacion

PARA los dias 25 al 27 los miembros de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas se reuniran en convencion anual. Será la trigésima tercera desde su organizacion. Desde esta columnas enviamos nuestros saludos a todos los delegados que vendran de Norte a Sur de Oriente a Occidente de la Republica de Filipinas, como tambien de China, del Japon, de Okinawa y de las Marianas.

El presente año masonico que va a finar ha sido un año de grandes y avanzados logros tanto materiales como morales y espirituales. El número de Logias subordinadas ha aumentado, ascendiendo ahora a 101 en activo funcionamiento. Tambien ha aumentado el numero de miembros a mucho mas del año pasado, y a muchisimo mas que el numero de miembros antes de la pasada guerra. Hay mas comprensión espiritual de nuestros objetivos y propositos, y en algunos sectores, donde antes se nos miraba con ciertos prejuicios, ahora se nos recibe con marcado recocijo. En un pueblo eminentemente catolico, la inculcacion de cierta animosidad contra nuestra Fra-

ternidad ha sido desde antaño sistemática y fuerte. Pero ahora, sin dejar de ser catolico la mayoria de nuestro pueblo, se han convenido que la propaganda anti-masonico de ciertos elementos catolicos ha sido injusta y completamente infundada, por decir lo menos. La calumnia y la mentira han dado paso al raciocinio, a la reflexion y a la madurez de juicio.

Bajo el sabio y lucido caudillaje de nuestros grandes oficiales, desde el M. I. Gran Maestro hasta el mas humilde Maestro Mason, todos han dado prestigio y honra a la institucion con su comportamiento sano y decoroso. Nos enorgullecemos de la cualidad de nuestros miembros y de su espiritu de sacrificio.

Estos son en terminos precisos nuestro sumario, como un a modo de balance anual, de las pasadas actividades que van a finar al cierre de la Gran Convencion el 27 de enero de 1949.

Van nuestros placemos y saludos a todos.
(Antoni Gonzalez, F. P. S.)

GLORIA A DIOS EN LAS ALTURAS Y PAZ A LOS HOMBRES DE BUENA VOLUNTAD EN LA TIERRA

INDUBLAMENTE desde la primera guerra mundial ya no hubo verdadera paz y tranquilidad en el mundo, ni siquiera una relativa normalidad en las diferentes actividades humanas, aunque la firma del armisticio, en medio de las ruinas aun humeantes, produjo una marcada sensacion de alivio, al caer las armas, para que la humanidad pudiera darse un abrazo fraternal. Sin embargo, como hemos visto con dolor, aquella esperanza lisonjera fue fugaz y pasajero, para que los hombres en medio de su cruel ceguera se ensarzararan otra vez en una contienda sin cuartel, sepultando en las sombras de la nada todo el valor de aquella civilizacion cristianizada.

En estos tiempos estamos presenciando una gran crisis moral dentro del panorama universal, que podria compararse con la que padecieron diversas civilizaciones que pasaron a la historia. En medio de aquella potencialidad de nuestra muy avanzada cultura, en medio de aquel gigantesco remolino

de los acontecimientos, el mundo se halla aun sumido en sombras o en una vileza, que es imposible calmarlos solo con paliativos, porque el mal esta en lo profundo como un verdadero cancer arraigado en nuestra vida social y civica.

Por eso, tenemos que admitir que el mundo necesita de ideales morales para fomentar sentimientos de interes comun y de buenas relaciones. De lo contrario, el cristianismo seria un fracaso apesar de tantas predicaciones de fervorosa religiosidad. Solo habriamos conseguido la desvalorizacion de nuestra riqueza espiritual como consecuencia del descuido imperdonable del hombre, al olvidarse de las sabias enseñanzas que nos ha legado aquella soberbia y antigua grandeza de la Sagrada Escritura.

Como ciudadanos y como masones amantes de la paz y de la libertad, no debe pasar desapercibidos estos dias venidos a travez de los siglos, que es una, tradicion que han

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We are pleased to announce the results of our elections in the Rizal Consistory:

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The following were appointed:

Prelate -----	Silas L. Weems, 32°
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Assistant Expert -----	Policarpio Cuadrato, 32°
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The above officers were installed in their respective offices on January 20, 1949. The installing Officer was most Worshipful Brother Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of the Philippines. The Master of Ceremonies was Bro. Mariano Gonzalez, 32° KCCH. After the installation ceremonies, the new Master of Kadosh, Bro. Teofilo Abejo, 32° gave a short remark thanking the brethren for the honor given to him and fraternally requested each and everyone to lend a helping hand in order to attain the objectives of the fraternity.

respetado las ruinas y que resuenan puras e inmaculadas en todos los rincones, desde las ciudades mas ruidosas hasta las aldeas y barrios mas remotos, desde los hogares mas poderosos hasta en los mas humildes; tanto los pobres como los ricos lo celebran con regocijo y religiosidad, saludando la llegada al mundo del Salvador con estas santas palabras.— "Gloria a Dios en las alturas, y paz a los hombres de buena voluntad en la tierra."

Este mensaje glorioso, santamente proclamado hasta en los lugares mas reconditos del mundo, sintetiza todos los terminos, todos los ideales y todas las religiones sin distincion, como una invitacion a unir, a confraternizar dirigida a los hombres y a obedecer el pregon de la verdad, y para que nos detengamos por un momento a musitar una ofrenda y una oracion; pues, sin dula alguna, el hombre mas rudo, el corazon mas relajado y depravado, se ablandaria en sentimientos de afecto y de generosidad, para recordar siempre los Mandamientos del Decalogo Divino, no solo como cuestion de conciencia, sino tambien como una cuestion social, por el advenimiento de una humanidad libre y feliz.

Ciertamente, borrada la confianza y desterrada la sinceridad entre los hombres no serian posibles la paz y la tranquilidad en el mundo.

Tambien en cada encrucijada de la vida se presentan multiples posibilidades que llevan el sello de un testimonio tradicional para mayor gloria de Dios y de los hombres. Como una admonicion, pasa que en vez de guerras fratricidas que humillen a nuestros semejantes, como un esfuerzo supremo, como una dedicacion a estos dias de fiesta universal, no olvidemos jamas aquel precepto Divino "Amaos los unos a los otros", principio sustentado por la francmasoneria universal, en su trayectoria inconfundible.

JOSE ARTIAGA
Logia Sinukuan No. 16

On January 8 last, at 12:30 past noon the Scottish Rite Club luncheon was held under the auspices of the Philippine Bodies. The guest speaker was Illustrious Brother Fred-eric Harper Stevens 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Philippines. After the luncheon, Illustrious Brother Stevens, in his address, informed his audience that unless an unexpected unfavorable event would happen, the Philippines will have its own Supreme Council this year. In so advising, he cautioned the brethren that everyone should endeavor to promote peace and harmony among themselves.

On January 20, 1948, in his Official Visitation to the Lakandola Lodge of Perfection he reiterated what he has said in the luncheon referred to above. After the visitation light refreshment was served to the brethren.

In taking cognizance of the remarks of the Illustrious Deputy, we wish to add the following—food for thought.

As the new year is born, let us in retrospect discard away all those that brought us ills and re-examine our future course. We should rededicate ourselves to the lofty ideals and philosophy brought about with the birth of the Redeemer. His is love of men to men. This is the very root upon which the principles of Scottish Rite Freemasonry is based. We should not falter in spreading the truth. We must help in diffusing the Light. We should not be content in repeating the beautiful passages of our rituals — they should be done in actual life. We must help promote respect to the constituted authorities; maintain and support a democratic government and defend the rights of the people.

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THE two hundred and tenth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina was held at Columbia on March 12, 20 and 21, 1947.

The regular day for the communication was held on March 12, but no quorum being present, after opening, the M. W. Grand Master called the lodge from labor to refreshment till March 20, and the amount of business to be done carried the meeting over to the succeeding day.

Four Special Communications were held during the Masonic year—the first being held at Sportansburg, on April 6, 1946, for the purpose of constituting Drayton Lodge No. 360; the second was held at the same place on the same date for the purpose of constituting Montgomery Lodge No. 362; the third was held at Ridgeville on April 19, 1946, for the purpose of constituting Ridgeville Lodge 361, and the fourth and last one was held at Summerton, on October 11, 1946, for the purpose of dedicating the hall of Summerton Lodge No. 105.

At 10:00 a.m. on March 20, 1946, the lodge was called from refreshment to labor again, with all Grand Lodge officers, six of the 11 living Past Grand Masters present, and 235 of the 273 lodges, as well as 7 lodges working under dispensation, represented.

After an opening prayer by the Grand Chaplain, a fine religious service was held with singing of hymns, responsive reading and an excellent sermon preached by the Grand Chaplain, clearly showing that while God originally communicated His will to the Hebrews, upon consummation of His promise to them that He would send a Redeemer, He insisted that the Gospel no longer was intended for the Hebrews alone, but for all mankind, and must be preached to all, illustrating his discourse with references to Jonah, to Peter and Paul, when they attempted to delay the work or to preach the Gospel to only the select few among the Gentiles.

The M. W. Grand Master, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and the R. W. Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Georgia were received with the Grand Honors and seated in the East. Later, the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania entered and was accorded the same courtesies. All the distinguished visitors later addressed the Grand Lodge in very appropriate discourses.

We quote from the address of M. W. Brother Richard A. Kern, Grand Master of Pennsylvania:—

The fact that a nation achieved Democracy does not necessarily mean that the nation retained it. Many lost it, some by attack from without, some by usurpation of powers within, but most of them lost it because of decadence in their own citizenry, because there arose generations that knew not the sacrifices that Democracy had made, the battles that Democracy had fought to obtain liberty, freedom. Therefore, these generations fell easy to the promises of the demagogues and were induced to trade in their priceless heritage for something that at the moment they thought was worth more.

(To be continued)

EDITORIALS . . . (Continued from page 107)

True To His . . .

rejoicing for those who see victory in a sudden and mere change of faith under doubtful circumstances rather than gratitude for a wholesome and serviceable life. Others consider the Brother as lost and unsaved; we who know him more believe otherwise. He was a man of conviction and a Mason, true to his Obligation.

—Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.

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spread all over the world. Thus as we proceed to lay out our program for the Brotherhood this year, let us not overlook but seriously consider this rising tide of greed in our midst.

—Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.

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