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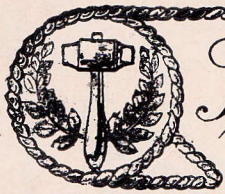


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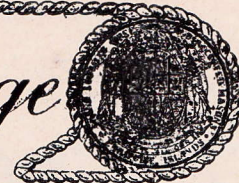
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The Grand Master's Message



The Four Cardinal Virtues *

IT would be impossible for me to say anything without first expressing my deep gratitude to the brethren of this Grand Lodge for the confidence and trust that they have so generously bestowed upon me in elevating me to this, the most exalted position in Masonry in the Philippines. May our Father who is in Heaven enlighten me and the other officers of this Grand Lodge, and direct us in our endeavors for the satisfactory and honorable discharge of our duties.

I fully realize my shortcomings and limitations and fervently pray that you will supply my deficiencies with your support and cooperation, that same support and cooperation, and possibly more, which you have so full-heartedly extended to your Grand Officers in the past.

I say possibly more, because during this year Masonic events, events of extraordinary importance to the Masonic history of the Philippines, are bound to take place.

For this reason I call upon you, brethren, for a closer adherence to the practice of those Masonic principles and virtues which we are constantly taught in our Lodges, particularly to those four cardinal virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Temperance will tend to restrain our affections and passions; will enable us to resist temptations and subsequently lead us to a better life and a better understanding of our fellow men. Fortitude will enable us to follow always the dictates of reason; to stand firm in our convictions of what we deem to be just, right and true. Prudence will direct us to a more proper expression of our conduct in every situation; will keep us from misjudging our neighbors and will restrain us from speaking evil of others. And Justice is that virtue which will direct us to be fair and just to every one, be he rich or poor, high or low.

In the face of those coming events which I have mentioned, it is imperative that we bring more Masonry to the people. Let them share with us in our endeavors to be better citizens, better fathers, better sons and better men.

You, my brethren who come from the various provinces of the Philippines, and those of you who have come from across the seas to attend this Annual Communication have a great responsibility. You are the representatives of this Grand Lodge in your localities, and by the manner in which you conduct yourselves as men and as Masons, so we shall be judged.

From our impressions during our last visitations to your Lodges we can rightly say that you have maintained the standards of Masonry in the highest levels and that we feel proud of your achievements. Continue your wonderful work. Spread the gospel of brotherly love, relief and truth. Impress upon the minds of your neighbors that, being children of the Great Creator, we are all brothers, and that we must love one another irrespective of nationality, color or creed.

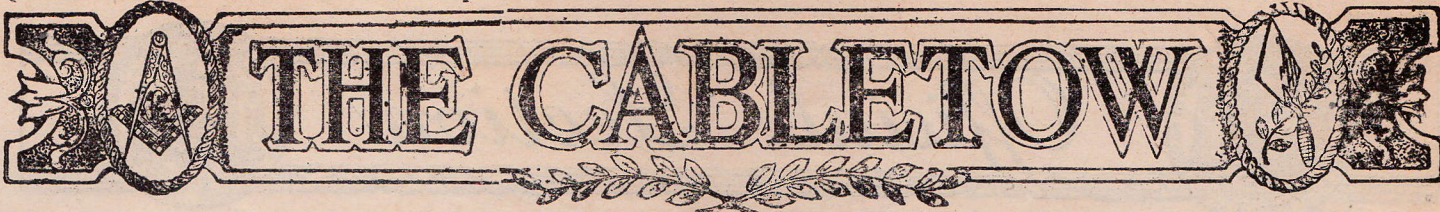
In our beloved Philippines, not everything looks rosy at present. There are some discordant elements which are trying to disrupt the peace and harmony in our homes, in our institutions and in our established government. Our Masons of old have given their lives to fight tyranny and oppression for the liberation of our country; and Masons are those who continued the peaceful struggle for the independence which we are now enjoying. As Filipinos we certainly owe a debt of gratitude to Masonry. As Masons of today, ours is the duty to find ways and means to eliminate the presence of those discordant elements who, like termites are trying to weaken the foundations of our structures. If strong measures have not been successful in eliminating them, let us try to use benevolent means. Let us all be instruments of peace. Where there is hatred let us sow love; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. In this way we may be able to succeed and enjoy once more the blessings of peace in our homes and in our institutions and, we shall find the way to our ultimate goal of universal peace and brotherhood.

This, my brethren, is my short message to you. Let me conclude by assuring you, that I, and your other officers of this Grand Lodge, will endeavor to be worthy of the trust that you have so generously bestowed upon us, not only for the benefit of our Institution, but for the community as well.

E. M. Murray

Grand Master

* Inaugural address delivered at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, on January 27, 1949.



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EDITORIALS

MOST WOR. BRO. MUNARRIZ

MOST Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz's election as Grand Master of our Grand Lodge was no surprise to anyone. The overwhelming number of votes cast in his favor at the thirty-third Annual Communication held last month in Manila was a reiteration of the Brethren's confidence in the man and a recognition of his outstanding service to the Masonic Fraternity.

Here is a case where we chose the right man for the right place. His Masonic record though not spectacular is impressive; his progress though not rapid is steady. Like the resolute individual who usually reaches his goal, our Grand Master believes in the adage: "Slow but sure goes far in a day."

Our Most Worshipful Brother hails from Lingayen, Pangasinan where he first saw the light 58 years ago. He came to Manila for further education. As a pupil in the former Sampaloc Intermediate School, he was diligent. In the Manila High School from whose portals came outstanding leaders of the nation, the youth displayed the same characteristics as in earlier years—quiet but alert, care-free but firm. It was not until he enrolled in the Philippine School of Commerce that his teachers readily noticed his inclination for figures, not fancies. To enrich his knowledge in mathematics, he took up Accounting in the University of the Philippines in 1914-15. The year before (1913) he began working for the Insular Life Assurance Co., Ltd. where he rose as a minor employee to one of the firm's trusted officials and he is still with the Company serving it with efficiency.

Thirty years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Luisa Jocson of Manila. They have five children, three boys and two girls, all a credit to the Munarrizes.

The Grand Master was initiated an Entered Apprentice in July, 1917 in Dalisay Lodge No. 14; passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft the following month and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in September of the same year. He held different offices in his Lodge; he was Secretary thereof for six years (1919, 1927, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1945) and master for five years (1924, 1925, 1930, 1931, 1946).

In 1938 he joined as a member of the Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R. and eight years later (1946) he was elected Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

THE GRAND LODGE OF CHINA

AN event of far-reaching significance took place during the recent Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Upon the recommendation of our Grand Master, the members and delegates in convention assembled, unanimously voted to recognize the Grand Lodge of China which was organized on January 15, 1949. Next month our Grand Lodge Officers headed by Most Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz will enplane for Shanghai to consecrate the newly-organized Grand Lodge and install its officers.

We in the Philippines can not but feel that in recognizing a sister Grand Lodge, we are laying the foundation of goodwill and cementing mutual understanding among Brethren in the mainland of Asia and the peoples they represent. We shall not forget that at present the subordinate Lodges composing it have been very active under our Grand Jurisdiction. These are:

Amity Lodge No. 106 (Shanghai)
Nanking Lodge No. 108 (Nanking)
Pearl River Lodge No. 109 (Canton)
Szechwan Lodge No. 112 (Chengtu)
West Lake Lodge No. 113 (Shanghai)
Sun Lodge No. 114 (Shanghai)

These six (6) Lodges brought honor to the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and it is hoped will do the same and even more for the new Grand Lodge.

Wherever Masonry is rooted, friendship is to be found. And there is yearning for enlightenment and enjoyment of freedom. We feel confident that in addition to these, our Brethren in China will emphasize as it were the principal tenets of Masonry, namely Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The Grand Lodge of China is entitled to our best wishes. Time and circumstances are not very propitious for launching it on the sea of conflict and under an atmosphere of uncertainty. But the Brethren in China consider these both as an opportunity and a challenge and they are the best judge of the situation. In any event we encouraged them and now that the new Grand Lodge has come into being, there is no turning back. We should give it our full support and hearty cooperation. Its progress will be a credit to Masons throughout the world; its success will add glory to the Masonic Fraternity.

Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.


Official Section




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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1949-1950

First Row, from left to right: Abundio C. del Rosario, Junior Grand Lecturer; Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Chaplain; David W. K. Au, District Grand Master for China; S. M. Austin, Junior Grand Warden; Clifford C. Bennett, Deputy Grand Master; Esteban Munarriz, Grand Master; Cenon S. Cervantes, Senior Grand Warden; Mauro Baradi, Grand Orator; Evelio Zaldivar, Grand Standard Bearer; J. M. E. Leon, Jr., Grand Sword Bearer.

Second row, from left to right: Sesenio Rivera, Grand Organist; Ciriaco Z. Cuenco, Grand Tyler; Eriberto Gonzales, Grand Bible Bearer; Bonifacio S. Araullo, Junior Grand Deacon; Macario M. Ofilada, Senior Grand Deacon; Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Past Grand Master; Carlos Iñigo, Grand Senior Steward; Primo I. Guzman, Grand Junior Steward; Howard H. Hick, Grand Pursuivant.

With such a background, we doubt not that our chosen leader will guide us safely through an eventful Masonic year. The problems confronting our subordinate Lodges and the serious responsibilities which we have assumed upon becoming members of the Fraternity constitute a challenge to us all. No less than a Grand Master with rich experience and foresight can help turn handicaps into blessings and failures into victories for our Venerable Institution. The present incumbent is such official

and more. His humility and tactfulness draw friends to our Universal Brotherhood; his integrity and winsomeness are a tower of strength to the Masonic cause.

In appealing for support and cooperation, the Grand Master recognizes the important contribution of every Brother in this Grand Jurisdiction. Let us not be stingy in our response. Together we should make his Administration exemplary and fruitful.—Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.

For A Vigilant And Dynamic Masonry*

By

WOR. BRO. MAURO BARADI

GRAND ORATOR

(1948-49, 1949-50)

Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands

I. INTRODUCTION

THIS is a significant and memorable occasion for Masonry. Under a constitutional mandate of our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, we have gathered together in Annual Communication for the purpose of transacting its regular business. To Manila, the capital of a new and sovereign nation we have come, 575 strong, representing as we do no less than 101 lodges, 97 of which are chartered and 4 under dispensation having a total membership of over 7,000. These lodges are situated not only in the Philippines but in China, Japan, Guam, and other islands of the Pacific, all under this Grand Jurisdiction.

II. ALL MEN ARE BROTHERS

Here we are in the Temple of Brotherhood. This historic hall where we meet is named after Most Worshipful Brother Jose Abad Santos, Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge; a man who stood by his convictions and was sacrificed on the altar of freedom. He is truly an outstanding hero of the last World War. He is a Mason through and through.

Within these precincts are assembled men of various races, divergent creeds, and different nationalities not in a spirit of suspicion but in an atmosphere of mutual trust. For Masonry does not advocate the superiority of any race; neither does it emphasize the excellence of any faith nor the greatness of any country; rather it teaches the individual that all men are brothers who should meet on the level and that all nations are neighbors. Just glance at the roster of our Grand Lodge Officers for 1948 and you will find Americans, Filipinos, Chinese, an Englishman, and a Swiss all working together harmoniously.

With eagerness and enthusiasm we have heard messages read, speeches delivered, and reports submitted. The seriousness of our deliberations, the extent of the

* Grand oration delivered at the Thirty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, January 25, 1949.

resolutions passed and nature of petitions presented are eloquent proofs not only of the efforts we have exerted in the interest of the lodges but of our determination to make of Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction, prosperous and triumphant.

III. MASONRY IS PROGRESS

The record of our Ancient and Venerable Institution speaks well of its origin and development. Its past points to the practicability of its ideas and the continuity of and punishment of its adherents on questionable and flimsy grounds and under adverse circumstances, it has its actuations. In spite of the persecution, prosecution, taken root in the world and its membership considerably increased. Such is our Craft. It is progress.

We need not go far to illustrate our point. Postwar Masonry in the Philippines furnishes an illustration. We who have suffered and are still suffering from the disastrous effects of the last global conflict are familiar with the facts. To mention a few will suffice.

When after a period of over three terrible and seemingly endless years of enemy occupation, our country was liberated early in 1945 by the armed forces of Democracy, the Brethren who survived the holocaust found themselves in a destitute condition. Some lost their loved ones and all their property and some knew not what to do; and the others deprived of home and shelter knew not where to go. The immediate problem had to be solved which was relief to the distressed worthy Brethren, their widows and orphans. Officers of the Grand Lodge at the time, with characteristic foresight made the corresponding appeal to friends across the seas. We had a feeling of anxiety for those close to us and genuine solicitude for those in want. But true to Masonic tradition, the encouraging reply was not long in coming. The honor roll of those who responded is impressive as it is inspiring. It consists of more than 38 Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, besides other organizations and individuals. The substantial sums contributed were received through the Grand

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Lodge of California and the Masonic Service Association of the United States. To each and everyone of these benefactors, we reiterate our gratitude and express our thanks. Their liberality and benevolence we will not soon forget but shall long remember. Theirs is a treasured memory, a golden tie that binds us together in the name of Masonry.

Another problem was the re-establishment of subordinate lodges. It was but natural that the members wanted to resume their labors as soon as possible. The ban on Masonry issued during the war only made them more eager to start anew. The task was not easy. Travelling was still dangerous and distance, a hindrance. Members far away could not be contacted and even those in Manila and its environs gave no definite addresses. Doubt and hesitation would have caused further delay in the work if not another setback to the undertaking. To advance was more preferable than to retreat. The obstacles were overcome and within a comparatively short period, most of our lodges including those in China were reorganized and others constituted.

Still another item in the agenda had yet to be disposed of, namely, the repair or the reconstruction of lodge buildings or the erection of new ones. Practically all Masonic documents, jewels, and paraphernalia were looted, libraries burned, and temples ruined. This involved a question of financing. In all the lodges the situation was the same. Everybody was broke. Many were down but not out. And the remedy: borrow and build, or despair and quit. Masons are not quitters. Their honor was at stake and they gave until it hurt. What appeared impossible to do would be done again. And so it was done with the result that bigger buildings have risen where small ones stood before; and new and imposing structures have been erected which ordinarily could not have been built at all.

Our program of rehabilitation, reconstruction, and reorganization is far from being finished. And more men, money, and material are still required to complete the enterprise. But we have had the will and we worked hard and we have accomplished something.

IV. WHAT PRICE VIGILANCE

At this good hour, therefore, we can say that Masonry is on its feet again. However, there is more work ahead than that which has already been finished. To proceed with dispatch and efficiency, we should be informed about our source of strength and the cause of our weak-

ness. The conditions obtaining in the lodges and the data about our membership should be known whether pleasant or discouraging, cheerful or damaging. No attempt should be made to hide those that need to be uncovered lest some day the camouflage might prove detrimental to all of us. Our watchword should be: Vigilance.

My extensive travels throughout the Philippines as far as Aparri, Cagayan in the North and Jolo, Sulu in the South have given me the opportunity of personally meeting the Brethren and seeing their lodges as they are. I have spent days in towns and even barrios in many provinces. I have gone to the chartered cities. Since April, 1945 when I joined the first postwar official visitation of the then Acting Grand Master of our Grand Lodge to a subordinate lodge in Manila up to January 23 of this year when I was a member of the party of our present Grand Master which attended the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the organization of another lodge in Parañaque, Rizal. I have been enabled to visit all our lodges in the Philippines. I have delivered speeches and given lectures on Masonry to the Brethren no less than 298 times.

In the course of these visitations, we found that some lodges are merely existing, not thriving. The attendance is discouraging, and the business to be attended, routine. A circular letter sent to absentee member states: "You have not been to the lodge for quite sometime and we do not know the reason why. Your continued absence is hampering our progress." And here is another: "Our newly obligated Brethren are curious to find out why our membership is big but the attendance negligible. You can improve the situation by coming ever so often and be an example to young members." Reminders such as these are unnecessary if we but comply with our solemn obligation as Master Masons to maintain and support the Masonic Law and to acknowledge and obey all summonses from our lodges. Those who have Masonry at heart need neither coaxing nor begging in order to attend meetings or accept assignments.

Masons consider "harmony" as the support of their organization. This is affirmed at the opening of the lodge and reaffirmed when closing it. Nevertheless, there are Brethren who speak the word but neglect its observance, who know the meaning but forget its significance; if it suits their purpose, everything is smooth; if not, misunderstanding ensues. "Harmony" is not for the sake of one person but for the benefit of all; misconstrued it brings "harm-on-you" and non-Masons quick

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in detecting the error will capitalize it as a trait of the Mason.

There are Brethren who come to the lodge not to participate in its work but simply to sit, see, and remain silent. When requested to do something, they say they have no time; they pass the buck so that Brother George may do the work for them; they take away "r" from brother and become a bother to others.

Likewise, Brethren there are who always attend parties outside the lodge but excuse themselves from being present at its stated meetings except during election time. They are only too glad to pay contributions for picnics, family gatherings, and other forms of amusements. To social functions they give freely; to charity, they part with their substance miserably.

Of late, the number of Brethren suspended for non-payment of dues has increased. This may not appear alarming now but will become more serious as the years go by; their plight will not be theirs solely but will involve the Masons as a whole. Let us show some attention to them and see whether their membership is worth restoring. Who knows but that they will be of greater assistance to our Institution! While non-payment of dues carries with it the penalty of suspension from all rights and privileges of Masonry, let us not be too harsh to delinquent members nor should we cast them off entirely. If they do not take the initiative toward restoration due to embarrassment, other Brethren should or the lodge may remit the dues as it sees fit. Have we not helped friends and even enemies before?

What of our dormant Brethren? In some cases their lukewarmness is due to a misapprehension on their part; they surmise that they are no longer welcome to the lodge or that friends have been speaking ill of them. This is incorrect. The lodge is open to all men who truly serve and to Brethren who try to understand.

Those who opine that there is an incompatibility between holding a high office in and out of the government and that of going to lodge meetings are also mistaken. Masonry is humility, and merit, not rank is the yardstick with which a Brother's real worth is accurately measured. It is a forward step to bring back to the fold those who in the past have been assets to the Craft.

V. WRONG IMPRESSIONS CORRECTED

Slowly but steadily, the wrong impressions about Freemasonry are being corrected and the doubts as to its

purpose, clarified. No less than a master of a lodge has publicly stated that the families of Masons are the latter's enemies. "Our wives," he said, "are told over and over again not to enter lodges or witness Masonic celebrations because they will get contaminated with heresy and irreligiousness." And our children, easily convinced, side with their mothers and follow suit. As Masons, it is high time we put our homes in order. Our close attachment both to lodge and home, to Brethren, families, and neighbors is evidence of the earnestness of our Masonry. Instead of apologizing for being Masons and concealing our colors, let us explain and live the message of the Fraternity to believers and unbelievers alike.

From various quarters come the accusation that Masons are anti-Christians if not freethinkers or atheists. This again is a deliberate falsehood calculated to hoodwink the people so that they may not see the light.

In the first place, the overwhelming majority of Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction profess Christianity. Some Brethren take it that according to Christ, Christianity is a religion of love for God and men—not for those belonging only to a blessed sect, a chosen class, or a favored set of men; that this same Christianity is a faith not manifested merely in name, form, ceremony, and lip-service but interpreted in terms of good works via the Golden Rule which is the key to the more abundant life

In the second place, freethinkers are skeptics and Masons are just the opposite; the latter know what they believe in; they comprehend the extent of their relationship to God and appreciate the value of their kinship to those around them.

In the third place, Masons are not atheists. No man can become a Mason unless he believes in God and a future life. No Masonic lodge is complete unless it has an altar; and this altar is not adorned with the likeness of anyone nor draped with any flag because before it, Brethren of many creeds and from all countries kneel down to take their solemn obligation in the presence of Almighty God; on this same altar dedicated to God is the Holy Bible—opened for all to read and learn—serving as the rule and guide of man's faith. Within the lodge, the Masons pray to Him whom they reverently address as Great Architect of the Universe, Supreme Ruler, Almighty Father, Supreme Grand Master, Lord, or God. This certainly is not atheism by any stretch of the ima-

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gination. It is not a tacit but an express recognition of the existence of a Supreme Being, an eternal God.

Because Masons are tolerant, others take advantage of the situation and lose no time in attacking the Fraternity. Masons are partly to blame; our tolerance has become at times a manifestation of indifference. We say: "So long as I am good, I do not care what others do," or we proclaim: "I will mind my own business. Let the rest of the world take care of itself."

"What do you get out of Masonry?" asked a curious observer. "Neither wealth nor power, but the joy that comes to me in helping others specially those in distress," a Brother replied. This in part, explains why Masons have been called by some as "a queer lot of people, giving away something for nothing."

Here is a Brother who liberally parted with his wealth to rebuild a church and beautify its surroundings. While the giving continued, church authorities thanked him sincerely but when the donor died, they denied him a "Christian burial."

"I retract my Masonry. From now on, I have nothing more to do with it." This written declaration from a Brother if voluntary, is his own affair; he is entitled to it. However, the whole Fraternity should not be branded as bad because of such retraction.

And it is something else when a Brother is approached on his dying hour to sign an improvised or skillfully prepared retraction "for the benefit of his soul." If he refuses to sign, he is told he will not be saved; if he affixes his signature to the paper, he is glorified. A retraction made under such circumstances do not do honor to the sponsors of the scheme. It is not the sudden change of a man's belief or faith that saves; it is the kind of a life lived and quality of service rendered that really matter.

Devices are being used so that a Brother may be prevailed upon to keep quiet when he should speak aloud. He is warned not to be zealous in exposing anomalies otherwise he loses important connections or his job altogether; that he should say "yes" to propositions requiring "no" for a reply to avoid reprisals. These make for mental dishonesty and continued vassalage, a form of cancer which Masonry is trying to eradicate.

These ominous signs are for Masons to analyze carefully and thereafter act accordingly. Theirs is a continuous and relentless crusade against forces curtailing

man's freedom and undermining his dignity. Masonry harbors no grudge against anybody after the truth but it does not hesitate to war against falsehood and deceit, intolerance and injustice. A Fraternity based on the law of love can not be cowed into submission by entrenched organizations, fault-finding groups, or haughty individuals. An Institution of free men can not allow its detractors to sow seeds of dissension in its ranks. It is essential that in order to protect the good name of Masonry and make its position secure, the Brethren wheresoever found should be ever-alert and resourceful.

VI. THE COMMON ENEMY, COMMUNISM

Man's enemies are legion. They include avarice, bigotry, casuistry, dishonesty, extravagance, fear, gullibility, hypocrisy, and ignorance and a long list of crimes and offenses. Fortunately these can be fought and overcome by the individual himself through the agencies of education and enlightenment, the cultivation of will-power, and the exercise of patience.

A more dangerous adversary however, is becoming very aggressive every day. This foe is Communism. Its poisonous tentacles have reached far and wide. It can not be checked by an individual nor by many persons. Men and nations must band themselves securely as a bulwark against this menace if they expect to continue living under a regime of justice, liberty, and democracy.

The original Communist Manifesto, among other things, provides for "the overthrow of the bourgeoisie, the domination of the proletariat, . . . and the introduction of an economic and social order without private property . . ." Note the words used: "overthrow," "dominion," and "social order without private property."

Communism wherever found is working according to plan. It preaches discontent, resorts to revolution, and fosters domination. Its influence has been felt here to such an extent that the Congress of the Philippines as in other countries' congresses and legislatures, has created the corresponding investigating body called the Special Committee on Un-Filipino Activities. And because Communism runs counter to our republican form of government, it is undemocratic; because its doctrines are the antithesis of ours, it is un-Filipino.

Communism is dictatorship. The Communist state is controlled by a single and self-perpetuating political party under the iron rule of one man. In the Philip-

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pires sovereignty resides in the people. Communism espouses violence in furtherance of its aims. The Philippines not only renounces war but employs peaceful means to enforce its policies. Communism is committed to the elimination of the "bourgeoisie" and the proletariat while the Philippine State is after the well-being of all the people.

Communism does not recognize ownership of private property. It stupefies religion and denies freedom of speech. It enslaves the mind and abuses the body. The Constitution of the Philippines which is the supreme law of the land emphasizes the contrary view; in its Bill of Rights we find the following:

"No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, nor shall any person be denied the equal protection of the laws.

"Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation."

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"No law shall be made respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and the free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be allowed. No religious test shall be required for the exercise of civil or political rights.

"No law shall be passed abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the Government for redress of grievances."

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"No involuntary servitude in any form shall exist except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted."

The Philippine Constitution is a Masonic document embodying Masonic experiences and ideals. Among those who took a leading part in its preparation and adoption are Masons themselves. It is not surprising therefore, that Masonry and Democracy are on the same side on the question of Communism.

Masonry is the great Peace Society on earth. It stands for orderly government not anarchy; for the dissemination of truth not propaganda. Its members are expected to abide by the laws of and be loyal to their country. To accept another ideology is disloyalty to their Republic and disservice to the Fraternity.

In view of these pronouncements and our unequivocal stand, it behooves us as Masons to arrest the rising tide of Communism as effectively as we can. We will fight it. We will face it not only by familiarizing ourselves with its theories and dissecting its revolutionary methods but also—and this is the important thing—by leaving no doubt in the minds of our people through our thoughts and deeds, that Democracy is more preferable and dependable.

VII. SERVICE AND SACRIFICE

The Mason is a builder. He builds not only with human hands using the carpenter's tools but also invests in sympathy and sows seeds of kindness for the common good. He knows that an edifice made of stone and marble may be destroyed or is bound to wear out in the end. And this is the reason why he is more interested in building the temple in the hearts of men.

Other organizations are dissolved after a number of years. Masonry is indissoluble. There are those established for pleasure and profit. Masonry is service and sacrifice.

Among the first questions propounded to the candidate for the mysteries of Masonry is whether or not he is sincere in his wish to be of service to his fellowmen. His answer if in the affirmative is meaningless if not reaffirmed by actual performance. In the various charges given to him, to say nothing of his obligation, service and sacrifice are again emphasized.

The Entered Apprentice is reminded of his duty to his neighbor which is four-fold namely: (1) by acting with him squarely; (2) by assisting him kindly and justly; (3) by cheering him up when he is down and sympathizing with him in time of discouragement and sorrow; and (4) by observing the Golden Rule. The Fellow Craft is told to be tolerant and dignified as befits a worthy Brother. And the Master Mason is urged to infuse universal benevolence which is synonymous with generosity.

Thus, when a man becomes a Mason, he should be charitable in his thoughts, in his heart, and in his dealings with the needy and the disconsolate. If a man comes to the aid of another, he should do so not to enrich himself but to share what he has with him. And the Mason who gives, neither expects material gain nor personal favor in return. The reward if it can be called as such is the pleasant thought and real satisfaction of having

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parted with something freely and voluntarily for the sake of someone.

In a world where there are still greed for riches and lust for power, the Masonic tenet of selflessness must take a firmer hold among men in order to check the disastrous effect of selfishness and minimize human pain.

Charity is the supreme virtue of man and the distinguishing mark of the Mason. Masonry has expressed it in many ways—schools for the promising, Masonic farms for the industrious, pension funds for the deserving, health resorts for the convalescing, hospitals for the crippled, brace-making factories for the maimed and the disabled, help to the unfortunate, and homes for the aged—and still continue doing so since charity is part and parcel of its being.

The Masonic Fraternity inculcates sacrifice as a virtue because its very foundation is built on it. And in the Philippines this cornerstone is no less firm when we consider the daringness and heroism of those who bravely fought for the principles of Masonry and gladly died asserting the inalienable right of their country to be free. Too often have we talked about the patriotism of these Brethren. We have made capital out of their splendid achievements but lost more by forgetting to emulate their noble examples. The freedom we have waited for so long has come. It has been won with blood, sweat, and tears. Ours is to prize, preserve, and protect it from within and without for our children and our children's children. We should never forget this sacred responsibility.

Fault-finders may attribute numerous defects in our Ancient Institution. Let them present a substitute that is workable. The impatient may dislike most things Masonic. Let the Mason agree to disagree with him. While critics attribute countless defects of the Mason, let him answer not with counter-criticisms but in upright living. While slanderers by all means, fair or foul, seek to destroy that which Masonry has built, let the Mason never tire in well-doing for the good that is done will bear fruit and be remembered long after the enemies are gone. This quality of service, the Mason should keep on rendering. This spirit of sacrifice, the Mason should always bear in mind. For as the Holy Writ fittingly says: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three: but the greatest of these is charity."

VIII. WHITHER ARE WE GOING?

In more ways than one, the Master Mason is like the seasoned Mariner. Each is a traveler in life. Both are

duly prepared in their own calling. They strive to be proficient and are mature in thought, ever-ready for action. The task they set out to do may be pleasant or tedious. The voyage they undertake may be calm or stormy, over a chartered course or on boisterous sea. But they know their duties and are aware of their responsibilities. These they have assumed voluntarily and without mental reservation before the pilgrimage is made. Both have a particular mission to accomplish, a definite goal to reach. In any event, they know whither they are going and are bound to arrive at their destination in God's appointed time.

But there are countless others who lack sense of direction and still others who have gone astray; they follow other paths paved with good intentions but crowded with vanity. Thus when the day is done and the journey is over, there comes the inevitable: the gnashing of teeth, swift retribution, and bitter regret.

What we need today is not more worlds to conquer but more men as brothers; not huge fortunes to accumulate and cherish but moral virtues to possess and practice.

A long long time ago, Christ whose teachings are included in Masonry and whose lessons are enforced by the Fraternity, uttered these words of wisdom and solemn injunction:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

To each one of us we ask: Shall we woo wealth or find finer friendship? What does the inner man say?

IX. THE CALL OF THE HOUR

The call of the hour is for the moral regeneration of mankind. Yes, before it is too late, let us forget our pettiness and join hands with all those willing to cooperate in bringing about a spiritual renaissance that shall draw us closer to God who molds the destinies of men

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ORIGIN AND HISTORY of CLANDESTINE MASONRY IN THE PHILIPPINES

By MICHAEL GOLDENBERG, 33° P.G.M.

THAT there be no confusion regarding the status of the various unauthorized, spurious and clandestine lodges purporting to be masonic organizations of the Philippines and in order to enlighten all regular masons on the subject, this article will, I trust, help to put things in their true light that all regular masonic organizations and the brethren everywhere may be forewarned and guide themselves accordingly.

UNIFICATION OF REGULAR MASONRY

Prior to the unification of Masonry in the Philippines in 1917 under one and only sovereign regular masonic authority, the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands, there were regularly established lodges working under the Grande Oriente Español, Grand Lodge of Scotland, Grande Oriente de España, Grande Oriente Lusitano Unido, and those under the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. All of those lodges, but with one exception—the Perla del Oriente Lodge No. 1034 under Scotland—unanimously and collectively gave up their charters and secured new charters under the present Grand Lodge which had been authorized and regularly established here in 1912 by the Grand Lodge of California. This Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands strictly adheres to the Ancient Landmarks, Laws and usages of Masonry and is recognized by all Regular Grand Lodges of the World. Full credit for their very active part in

and passes final judgment on the conduct of the nations.

Now, as never before, many are looking for wise leadership, one which is sane, sound, and safe. The Masons loyal to the Craft can do much to assist in the search or furnish that leadership themselves.

Peoples far and near have prayed for peace. They have been and are still longing to live in concord with their neighbors sans fratricidal combat and free from constant fear. The Masons steeped in the teachings of Masonry can offer the alternative to fulfill that desire; they can give to the world the Masonic Way of Life based on the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. These are a trinity of principles simple in application and wholesome in effect; their scope is not limited but all-encompassing; their utility has been tested and proven in the lives of men for centuries; they have not been found wanting in the balance and if universally followed will prove immensely beneficial to all nations and fully satisfying to all peoples.

X. CONCLUSION

This then is the kind of Masonry we ought to have in a chaotic and contracting world; a Fraternity that is wide-awake in and outside the lodges and truly dynamic in its sphere of multifarious activities.

Convinced in the verity of the Masonic Creed of Faith, Hope, and Charity and conscious of the factors which have changed good men to better Masons, let us resolve firmly and fearlessly, to go on and march forward with Freemasonry. Under its indestructible banner we shall not hesitate, we must not falter.

Let us redouble our efforts and pool the resources at our command toward making our community a richer field for honest toil and the world, a more peaceful place in which to live.

effecting this unification of Freemasonry in the Philippines should be given to M. W. Brother William H. Taylor, Manager, National City Bank of New York, M. W. Brother Milton E. Springer, merchant, M. W. Brother George R. Harvey, Judge, Court of First Instance, who actually effected the unification and assisted by M. W. Brother H. Eugene Stafford, Doctor, M. W. Brother Frederick Harper Stevens, Merchant, Brothers Charles S. Lobingier, Judge of First Instance, Austin Craig, author, M. W. Brothers Newton C. Comfort, Rafael Palma, Teodoro M. Kalaw, and Felipe Buen-camino, Sr. The last two brethren were District Grand Masters of the Spanish Jurisdiction previously established here by the Grande Oriente Español. M. W. Brother Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Philippines and Brother Francis Burton Harrison, the Governor General of the Philippines, also assisted and used their influence on the brethren from the Spanish lodges.

After this unification of all lodges and masonic entities then existing, whether recognized by one or other former jurisdictions, there was no further trouble regarding regularity, recognition or jurisdictional differences as no other masonic lodges of any origin existed in the Philippines. I wish to emphasize the fact that the only lodge which did not join the unification at that time and was tolerated to continue until further arrangement could be made, was the one lodge in Manila under the Scottish

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Constitution—the Perla del Oriente Lodge. Thereafter, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, for at least three years (1917 to 1920), enjoyed exclusive and sovereign masonic jurisdiction over the entire territory of the Philippines without any spurious or unauthorized lodges of any kind claiming to be masonic to contend with. Other fraternal organizations are established here, such as the "Dimas-Alang Brotherhood," the "Legionarios del Trabajo," and Chinese Brotherhoods, but they do not claim to be masonic although some have slightly similar emblems to ours.

When unification was effected, the Manila and Philippines Bodies A. & A. S. R. existed here, their jurisdiction having been established since 1910 by the Supreme Council of the 33° at Washington, D.C., Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A., with Ill. Brother Chas. S. Lobingier, 33° G.C. as its first Deputy. The Supreme Council of the 33°, Southern Jurisdiction, U.S.A. still continues to have exclusive rights here having absorbed or taken in and reobligated all affiliates of the higher bodies at the time of the unification of all Masonic Lodges of the first three degrees. None of the affiliates nor any from the Spanish Lodges were 33° masons as no Filipino attained this degree before 1917 except one, named Valentin Polintan, 33° who died in 1916. This completed the unification of Philippine Masonry in every respect without any further outside interference to the authority and exclusive jurisdiction of the present Grand Lodge and of the exclusive rights of the above-mentioned Supreme Council.

Our present Deputy of the Supreme Council is the Illustrious Brother Frederic Harper Stevens, 33° P.G.M. under whose able leadership during the past 28 years, the Scottish Rite has greatly progressed.

Our Supreme Council at Washington previously suspended all recognition and intercourse with the Grande Oriente Español on the ground that this Spanish Grand Orient had illegally and in utter disregard of all masonic laws, usages and courtesies, established lodges in the United States of America with a District Grand Lodge in Philadelphia. They finally discovered that their entire organization was positively declared irregular, clandestine and spurious by the entire masonic world. Their Grand Commander and delegates to the International Convention of Supreme Councils held in 1922 at Lausanne (Switzerland), were refused admission and recognition. They then decided to dismantle their columns and withdrew all of their illegal establishments everywhere in territory of regular masonic authorities already established and which they had unlawfully invaded. This included the withdrawal of the illegal lodges which they had commissioned their representative Bruggmann to re-established here.

The continued existence in the Philippines of the unauthorized so-called masonry, self-appointed and self-styled thirty-thirds, with hopes of some day being recognized by uninformed masons, will never succeed. We are greatly indebted to our Supreme Council for their firm stand and action in this matter.

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SOUTH CAROLINA—1947

By J. W. FERRIER, SR.

LODGES—273 MEMBERS—32,964 GAIN—3,848

(Continued from last issue)

Freemasonry is a Democratic institution. Freemasonry exists only where Democracy of sorts obtains; Freemasonry flourishes only in those lands in which Democracy has reached its finest flower. Where there is no Democracy there is no Freemasonry today, and where there is no Democracy there is no Freemasonry today, Brethren, there is no Democracy.

We wish space permitted us to quote all of it.

The M. W. Grand Master in his address made reference to the fact that the "essential lessons of Freemasonry are anything but temporary in character. x x x x Although all the symbols and figures we employ are suggestive of those kind of structures that must crumble and decay, it is evident to the most superficial student of our arts that there is a more permanent architecture that is being sought. Building for time, yes, it is our aim to be found as having built for eternity. x x x x it is our expectation to be accounted worthy of continuing in services that shall endure throughout endless generations."

He reported that membership had reached an all-time high; that applications were still flowing in and that perfect harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. (A loss of 1147 members for N.P.D. as reported by the Grand Secretary, casts at least a slight shadow on this record, even though there were 1335 reinstatements during the year.)

He stressed the necessity of continued and practical Masonic education of all the Craft, and thus properly assimilate all the newly made brethren, quoting the statement than—

Masonry is valuable only as we take it out of the Lodge Hall and carry it into the world. We are not Masons if the Lodge Hall is the end of our Masonry.

He reported the holding of a lodge meeting in an abandoned rock-quarry on September 13, 1946, with all Grand Lodge officers present, and with more than 2,000 brethren in attendance. Rustic timbers and stones were used for the stations, altars and pillars.

He also announced the constitution of three new lodges, the dedication of four lodge halls, the celebration by La Candeur Lodge No. 36 of its 150th anniversary, of the celebration by Mine Lodge No. 117 of its 80th anniversary, and the issuance during the year of dispensations for the formation of seven new lodges.

He further reported that he had discouraged dual memberships and had refused dispensations therefor in all cases where it seemed such action would be only for the benefit of the petitioner, and not directly in the interest of Masonry.

He likewise announced that he had conferred the Albert Gallatin Mackey Medal upon R. W. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada in the Province of Ontario, and upon R. W. Richard A. Kern, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that 50-year buttons had been presented to ten brethren.

He spoke favorably in the meetings of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, of the Grand Masters' Conference, of the

Grand Secretaries, Conference, and particularly of the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, at some portion of the proceedings of all of which meetings he was in attendance.

In view of the increasing number of automobile accidents throughout the grand jurisdiction, he requested all members to support the Highway Department of the State of South Carolina in its effort to make all citizens "automobile accident conscious."

His address shows him to have made 45 visits to lodges, 2 to Masonic Clubs, 1 to a church club, and 2 to Men's Service Clubs, at all of which he delivered addresses; that he had likewise attended the annual communications of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

His address further shows that he rendered during the year 14 General Decisions, most of them being on questions of jurisdiction of lodges over candidates. Eleven were approved, 9 completely and 2 with amendments in part.

The Grand Master also made 6 recommendations, one of which would require each newly raised Master Mason to donate \$1.00 to the fund of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, another giving all Past District Deputy Grand Masters a vote in the Grand Lodge. The proposal to collect \$1.00 from each newly-raised Master Mason was laid over until the next annual communication.

After reports of various officers and committees had been received, the Grand Master appointed a brother to assume the chair for the election of Grand Lodge officers, whereupon, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, another brother was authorized to cast, and did cast, the unanimous ballot of all present for the then elective officers of the Grand Lodge so that their term of service was renewed for a year. (We hope this is a tribute to their good work in the preceding year, though it may be in accordance with the grand statutes of South Carolina, a copy of which is not in the hands of your reviewer.)

A proposal to grant a pension to a brother who had for 31 years acted as custodian of the Masonic Temple at Charleston was not adopted, there being no provision for pensions in the Grand Lodge Statutes.

A proposal to amend the Grand Statutes to provide that no candidate elected to receive a degree shall receive such degree at the same communication, was adopted.

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La Trigesima Tercera Gran Comunicacion

COMO se había anunciado, en los días 25 al 27 del pasado mes de enero, la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas celebró su trigésima tercera gran convención. Mas de quinientos delegados, representando noventa y ocho Logias, estuvieron presentes en los tres días que duró la reunión. De todas partes del archipiélago, de Laoag y Aparri al extremo Norte de Luzón, a Joló y Davao al extremo Sur de Mindanao, de China, Japón, Okinawa, y de las Marianas, vinieron representaciones trayendo auras de buena voluntad y reflejando el espíritu de sacrificio que significaba el abandonar por algunos días las comodidades del hogar y de sus cotidianas ocupaciones.

El Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro Albert J. Brazee, Jr. fue recibido por la convención, presidida entonces por el Ilustre Gran Delegado Her. Esteban Munarriz, con los honores propios de su cargo. Iba acompañado por un buen puñado de ex-Grandes Maestros. El Ven. Hermano Fonger pronunció su invocación, y una vez abierta la Gran Logia en debida forma, todos los maestros masones fueron recibidos y permitidos a presenciar las deliberaciones de la augusta asamblea.

Dando la bienvenida a los delegados, el M. I. Gran Maestre pronunció una bonita oración que fue contestada por el Ven. Hermano Melecio Fabros, ex-venerable Maestro de la Logia Mactan No. 30. Llamados los Grandes representantes de Grandes Jurisdicciones hermanas, el Gran Maestro de Ceremonias los presentó al M. I. Gran Maestre con breves pero sentidas palabras. El M. I. Gran Maestro les dio también la bienvenida de rigor, que fue contestada por el Ven. Her. José Racela, Gran Representante de la Gran Logia de Connecticut. Se leyó también un mensaje del Il. Her. Hua Chuen Mei, ex-grande Maestro de la Gran Logia de distrito de China.

El mensaje del M. I. Gran Maestre, que fue muy instructiva y bien acogida, fue una pieza monumental, como muy pocas. Fue muy bien comentada, y especialmente al recomendar la aprobación del reconocimiento de la Gran Logia de China, que es la primera derivada de nuestra Gran Logia. El Il. Hermano David W. K. Au fue muy felicitado, pues, es el primer Gran Maestro de la Gran Logia de China. El Her. Au pronunció un buen discurso de agradecimiento, después de leer su mensaje, que gustó mucho, y rogó que se envíe una delegación de la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas a la consagración de la Gran Logia China y la instalación de sus Grandes Oficiales y Dignatarios.

También fueron bien acogidos los informes del Gran Secretario, Gran Tesorero y otros Grandes Oficiales, como de los comités permanentes y especiales. El Ven. Her. Mauro Baradí pronunció una hermosa oración que aparece íntegra en la página inglesa de esta revista. También este Hermano levó su recomendación como Presidente del Comité sobre la enseñanza de la religión en las

escuelas públicas, y sus recomendaciones fueron aprobadas.

Certificados de mérito se presentaron, por acuerdo unánime, a nueve Hermanos, por especiales y meritorios servicios a la Fraternidad tanto en Filipinas, como en China y Guam.

De algunos acuerdos tomados en dicha convención, hablaremos en subsiguientes números de esta revista.

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Estos Hermanos, con los Grandes Oficiales de nombramiento, fueron instalados en unas ceremonias públicas, actuando de Gran Instalador el M. I. Her. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., y de Gran Maestro de Ceremonias el Il. Her. Teodorico Jiménez. En el acto de instalación, se presentó por el M. I. Her. Antonio González una medalla de ex-Gran Maestro al Her. Brazee, y éste presentó, como una ofrenda personal suya al Her. Antonio González, un valioso reloj de oro con inscripciones. Se ofrecieron también ramilletes de flores a algunas damas.

Enviamos desde estas columnas nuestras felicitaciones por el éxito de esta Gran Reunión.

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