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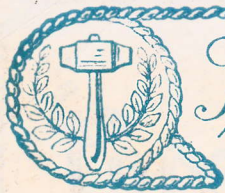
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**George Washington, The Freemason**

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# The Grand Master's Message



## Washington, The Freemason

*DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, we shall make a point of celebrating, in conjunction with our American brethren, the 200th anniversary of Bro. George Washington's initiation into our Fraternity.*

*The United States of America has had several really great Presidents, but I believe that it is generally conceded that the words and actions of President Washington have had more beneficial effect upon generations than any other President.*

*His mode of life was an inspiration to all and manifested in no uncertain manner that he had taken the lessons taught by our Fraternity to heart and that he governed his way of life to conform to those teachings.*

*In other words, his way of life seems to have reflected those great moral teachings of our Fraternity in his every action and they appeared to have formed such a large part of his daily life that it must have been plain to all that they were considered by him to be of such paramount importance as a beneficial guide to one's conduct that they came second only to his great and surpassing love for GOD and his great country.*

*It appears to be the general impression that Washington was a very robust man in a physical sense. However, history seems to indicate that he was somewhat frail in body, nevertheless, he overcame the handicap of bodily weakness by the development of an extraordinary strong and indomitable will power that served as incentive and guide in the great cause for justice and freedom in which he was engaged and which he so brilliantly brought to a successful conclusion.*

*The courage he displayed when things appeared to be going against him and his cause must have served as an inspiration to his men to exert greater efforts and is of the type that, even today, urges men to fight and, if need be, lay down their lives in the defense of those freedoms, liberties and justice that we, as members of the Craft, demand for ourselves and for all mankind irrespective of race, creed or color.*

*Washington may be rightly called the "Father of his country" but he was more than that; I believe that we may refer to him as being the "Father of Democracy", as the man who did more than talk about the freedoms to which the human race are entitled, he fought that those freedoms might become a reality and not remain an idealist's dream.*

*In Washington greatness was tempered with a strong and well developed sense of humility and modesty and is evidenced when he was the*

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# THE CABLETOW

## Editorials

### Brother George Washington

"NOV. 4TH, 1752. This evening Mr. George Washington was initiated as an Entered Apprentice." Thus runs the laconic entry in the old record book of Fredericksburg (in Virginia) Lodge, No. 4. The date would have been forgotten, long ere this, were it not for the very fact that it ushered into Freemasonry a Brother around whose life was closely linked the growth of the Fraternity in the Western Hemisphere, and the rise of America — from the original Thirteen Colonies — to the world's most powerful Republic.

November 4th, 1952. This day marks the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Washington's initiation as an Entered Apprentice. In commemorating the event, the Masonic Fraternity is honoring a man and Mason at his best. Regardless of time and circumstance, the very name Washington has indeed become a way of life, a symbol, and a moral force.

Washington even as a boy learned how to live the hard way. Before attaining the age of 12, his father died and the young boy's education was irregular. At 16, he took to surveying — an occupation requiring accuracy, patience, and stamina — in his native Virginia, a land of plateaus and ranges, peaks and forests, valleys and estuaries. He was not yet 21 when he knocked for the first time at the portals of Masonry but just the same, he was mature in thought and strong in body.

And it was neither the allurements of brethren nor the instigation of friends that led Washington to become a Mason; these are not the proper means by which one may become a member of the Craft. Washington was prompted to solicit Masonry's privileges because of his own favorable opinion of the Institution itself. That all may know, and especially for those who are in doubt, he himself wrote with emphasis as follows: "My first desire to become a Mason was due to the fact that many of Virginia's noblest sons were members of the Fraternity." It is well known that Virginia, more than any other state of the Union produced the most number — eight — of distinguished men who became Presidents of the United States; four of these eight — Washington, Monroe, Jefferson, and Madison were Masons although as to the last two mentioned, the evidence as to their membership in the Fraternity is indirect.

It is a distinctive feature of our ancient and honorable Fraternity that in every degree in the blue lodge, a charge is delivered to the candidate as a concluding ceremony. Thus the Entered Apprentice is solemnly enjoined to perform his duties and realize his responsibilities as (1) a Mason, (2) a citizen, and

### A Meaningful Emblem

SOON as you enter the portals of our Plaridel Masonic Temple, you will notice a "meaningful emblem" consisting of a point within the circle. We have been asked several times by members and non-members, why this EMBLEM was placed at the very entrance of our Masonic Temple. The answer has always been the same. The point represents the individual Mason and the circle the line of his Masonic duties. It means that the individual Mason, leaving outside passions and prejudices, must always comply with the Masonic duties which are within the circle.

Right Wor. Bro. AL. E. ORTON, the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, has written the following lines regarding this meaningful emblem (Masonic Home Journal June 1, 1952) :-

*"I know that so long as the circle stands there will be brethren ready and willing to help me with their services and their prayers, to strengthen me lest I fall to give me good counsels and to warn me of approaching danger. But if I become prejudiced, greedy or break the laws of God and man and thereby break the circle, I have but destroyed myself. No longer the center of the circle I become as a point which has neither length, breadth nor thickness, the nearest to nothing in the field of mathematics. I have lost my security and dignity and next, nothing."*

Paraphrasing Brother Orton's remarks, we would say that as soon as you enter our Masonic Building you will find there brethren willing to help you with their services and prayers, to strengthen you, to give good counsels and to warn you of any approaching danger. There you will surely find Brotherly love, Friendship and Understanding.

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(3) an individual. And Washington not only heeded the injunction but enriched it by his lofty thoughts, kind words and worthy examples.

## EDITORIALS \* \* \*

The Entered Apprentice puts his trust in God; this he reiterated when he knelt within the lodge for the benefit of prayer. That Washington regarded the volume of the Sacred Law as the Great Light in his profession, there can be no doubt; from it, he diligently read and avidly learned, and on a Masonic Bible — he took his oath of office as the first President of the United States after which he detached his hand and in token of his sincerity kissed the Holy Book which laid open before him. He was wont to pray to God for guidance and strength in his manifold undertakings for the welfare of his fellow men.

Washington as a citizen was enjoined to be exemplary in discharging his duties — love of, and loyalty to country. His irreproachable conduct, beauty of character, and self-reliance stood him in good stead whether during his days of triumph or hours of trial. What greater tribute can Americans pay to their outstanding citizen than to express with unanimity the sentiment that Washington is the “father of his country!”

Furthermore, Washington as an individual truly practiced the domestic and public virtues — among them temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, —not for a time but all throughout his life. From his very words we have an expression which partakes of a fervent prayer: “I hope I shall possess firmness and virtue enough to maintain what I consider the most enviable of all titles, the character of an ‘honest man’”. What could all these mean? The lessons Washington learned as an Entered Apprentice constituted his way of life which is not only Masonic in essence but democratic to the core.

Washington, physically is no longer among the living. But as a symbol, he remains to remind us of the radiance of his personality and the permanence of his fame.. Imagine the numerous institutions, organizations and societies, and sites, towns, villages, cities, and other geographical places which bear his name; and the books, papers, documents relating to Washington! No library is complete without a Washingtoniana in it.

Of visible and historic monuments to honor Washington there are many. To the Masons in particular, it is sufficient to mention but a few.

Almost in the center of the continent of North America on Mt. Rushmore (6,202 ft.) in Black Hills, South Dakota is “one of the most impressive projects in the history of patriotic statuary: the Mount Rushmore National Memorial” showing the facts of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Theodore Roosevelt; that of Washington is 60 feet from chin to forehead. This outstanding Memorial was conceived and design-

ed by the famous sculptor, the late Brother Gutzon Borglum. To the widow of Brother Borglum — Mary Borglum — the likeness of Washington signifies the founding of the Republic — the United States of America; to us as Masons, it represents not alone a heritage in granite but an emblem of truth.

The Washington Monument — an obelisk, square, and upright — is the greatest memorial edifice in Washington (D.C.), capital of the United States and the highest structure (600 feet) of its kind in the world. The cornerstone was laid on July 4, 1848 by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and dedicated by it on February 21, 1885. Inside the monument are found sculptured memorial stones presented by individuals, societies, organizations and foreign governments.

The mightiest stone monument erected to a man and Mason is the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. To make it firm and enduring, it was built mainly of granite and without metal. It stands on Shooter’s Hill, in Alexandria, Virginia. In this small but historic city, Washington was elected as first Worshipful Master of Alexandria, No. 22 (Virginia), later named Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 after Washington’s death. The Cornerstone Ceremony was held on November 1, 1923 under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of Virginia with President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Brother Chief Justice William H. Taft and other Masonic dignitaries attending. It is to be noted that the same trowel which was used by Washington when he himself laid the cornerstone of the United States Capitol under Masonic auspices on September 18, 1793, was again used to spread the cement, first by President Coolidge, followed by Chief Justice Taft and then by Acting Grand Master Charles H. Callahan of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. This memorial temple which took more than forty years to construct is still incomplete. But by common consent, it has since become the Mecca for our universal Brotherhood.

One of the working tools of the Entered Apprentice is the twenty-four inch gauge which he is taught to use for dividing his time devoting “a part for the service of God and a distressed worthy brother”. Washington followed this almost to the letter. At home, within the lodge, in church, and even in the wide spaces under the canopy of heaven, he had time enough to commune with his God in prayer. To those who misunderstand the Mason as being irreligious, Washington’s life furnishes an irrefutable answer — that Masonry and religion far from being inconsistent with one another are the best of allies in teaching the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. In this our own day — of confusion and chaos — it is well to hear again his voice when in his Farewell Address of September 17, 1796, he pleaded:

*“Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all...”*

Washington’s amazing strength came from his Maker whom he constantly sought for light and guidance.

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GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

EDICT No. 37  
(AMENDING EDICT No. 32)  
FLAG CEREMONIES

Edict No. 31 is hereby amended so as to provide as follows:—

I.

RECEPTION OF THE FLAG

The flag shall be formally presented at the Altar by the Marshal and received in the following manner:

W. M.—Brother Marshal, you will retire and present the Flag of our Country.

Marshal rises, makes sign, then goes to Altar and makes sign. When Marshal leaves the Altar, Senior Deacon rises, takes rod and goes directly to north side of Tiler's door. Meanwhile Junior Deacon steps over to south side before Marshal arrives at the door. Senior and Junior Deacons face East. Marshal opens door and goes out. Tiler opens door for Marshal on reentering. As Flag is brought in a Lodge Master rises, calls up the Lodge

and removes his hat with his right hand, holding hat at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Brethren stand at attention and place right hand over heart as Master places hat at his shoulder. Master and brethren, (except Marshal and Deacons), with the right hand over heart until Flag is placed in its stand, except when Philippine hymn is sung, when they will stand at attention.

The Marshal with Flag and the Deacons with cap insignia of their rods interlocked behind the Flag and over the Marshal, march directly abreast to the Altar.

As a vestryman for years, in Christ Church at Alexandria, Virginia he demonstrated his genuine interest in those things which ennoble the soul and uplifts the spirit. To him it was just as important to be a church-goer as it was to be a lodge-attender. In both instances, the individual is enabled to learn and practice what Washington referred to as the "virtues or morality." During the closing years of his life he wrote:

*"My activities have been so interspersed with Masonry that now as I approach the Autumn of Life it is my hope to be in contact with loyal Masonic friends even to the time when the Grand Architect of the Universe shall summons me so that my spirit shall go Heavenward on the wave of a fervent Masonic prayer and my mortal remains will be tenderly placed in an earthly tomb by loving Masonic Brethren."*

It is no mere compliment but a signal honor reserved to Washington only that he is called the father of his country. Yet he knew too well that God, is the Father of humanity.

President Jackson, Grand Master of the Grand

Lodge of Tennessee (1822-1823) said of his fellow-Mason Washington:

*"The memory of that illustrious Grand Master Washington cannot receive a more appropriate honor than that which religion and Masonry pay it, when they send their votaries to his tomb fresh from the performance of acts which they consecrate."*

It is now more than one hundred and fifty years since Washington died; he was buried Masonically at Mt. Vernon by his own lodge, Alexandria Lodge No. 22. But even death could not obscure the radiance of his eventful life nor take away the glory of his golden deeds. His influence for the common good has been felt far and wide and continues to spread as the years go by. For our part, we should always remember that Washington is to us a way of life, a symbol, and a moral force — for Freemasonry in particular and for humanity as a whole. Let this three-fold legacy of his, acquire greater significance as Masons in many lands celebrate the Two Hundredth Anniversary of his Masonic birthday. —

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## OFFICIAL SECTION \* \* \*

The Flag should be borne by the Marshal at a perpendicular carry while coming into the Lodge.

Marshal then says: Worshipful Master, I have the honor to present the Flag of our country.

(Philippine hymn should be sung. Master and brethren stand at attention.)

W.M.—Brother Marshal, you will escort “The Flag of Our Country” to its proper place in the East. (This place should be on the right of the Master.) Deacons take down rod at the word “East” and step back two steps, ground rod, then—drop rod diagonally across body to left hand without removing butt of rod from the floor and place right hand over heart. Marshal takes Flag up to East on north side of Altar and places it in stand provided. Master puts on hat and brethren lower right hand quietly to side. Deacons return to the Altar and stand between Deacons, then all three break at once. When Marshal and Deacons arrive at their places, Master seats Lodge.

#### RETIREMENT OF THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

At the closing ceremony, after the Master has called up the Lodge, he says:

“Brother Marshal, you will retire the Flag of our Country.”

Marshal, when spoken to, make sign to Master, then goes to the Altar. The Deacons go to the Altar, arriving at the same time as the Marshal. Marshal then goes to the East and gets Flag, Master takes off his hat with his right hand, being over the heart, brethren, (except Marshal and Deacons), stand at attention and place hand over heart as Master places hat at his shoulder. Deacon at the same time drop rod diagonally across body to left hand removing butt of rod from the floor and place right hand over heart. All except Marshal and Deacons retain this position until Flag is passed through the door to the Tiler. Marshal goes to the Altar and stands between the Deacons.

The Master then says: “The brethren will kindly repeat with me: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the Philippines and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Master then says: “Brother Marshal, you will return the Flag of our Country to its proper custodian.”

Deacons return rod to right hand, normal position. Marshal and Deacons then about face. Deacons interlock rod insignia over Marshal and behind the Flag. They then walk directly abreast to the Tiler's door. Tiler receives the Flag at the door and returns Flag to its storage place. Marshal closes door. Mar-

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October 15, 1952

#### TO THE MEMBERS:

The Masonic Fraternity and  
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One of the basic purposes upon which the MHFCC was founded is the “care and relief of human beings — particularly crippled children x x x,”

In line with this, the members of the Board of Directors of the MHFCC have adopted a policy of admitting into the said hospital crippled children, whose ailment or ailments are CURABLE, as per recommendation to that effect by our Medical Director, and whose parents or guardians are financially unable to defray the necessary expenses for hospitalization and management thereof.

Pursuant thereto, it is the utmost desire of the said members of the Board of Directors to extend as much relief as they can, within the limited funds of the MHFCC, to crippled children.

In view thereof, should you know of any case which falls under our Rules and Regulations for Admission, please send it to the office of the Secretary, 912 Taft Avenue, Manila for further information and/or instruction.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,  
ALFREDO J. PASCUAL  
Secretary

shal and Deacons then return directly to their places.  
II.

Flag ceremony shall be performed in all Lodge meetings and public ceremonies.

Lodges, the majority of whose members consist of subjects of other countries, are requested to display the Philippine Flag in their Lodge Halls as a mark of courtesy, but for them the Flag ceremony is optional.

DONE and executed in the City of Manila, Republic of the Philippines, this 18th day of October, 1952.

(Sgd.) SIDNEY M. AUSTIN  
Grand Master

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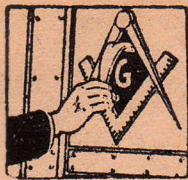
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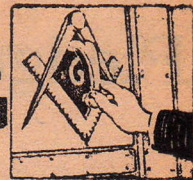
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# WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



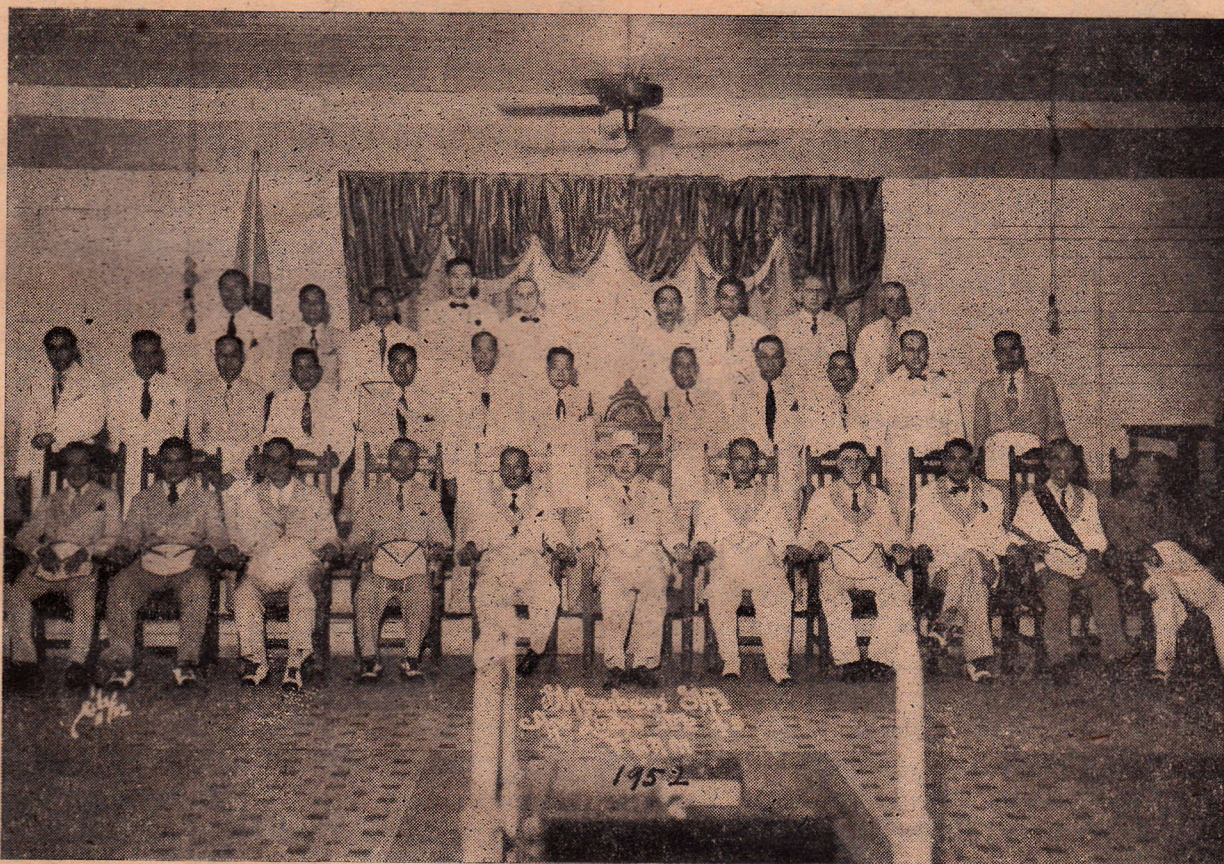
## BATONG BUHAY LOGE No. 27 Manila

THE 38TH ANNIVERSARY of the Lodge was celebrated by the members of the Lodge on August 13, 1952, with the conferral of the Master Mason's degree upon two fellowcrafts, Bros. Catalino T. Aslarona and Samuel Sharruf, followed by a Dinner Party at the Moonlit Terrace owned and managed by Bro. Yap Tak Wing, corner Rizal Avenue and Azcarraga, Manila. At this party there was a large attendance of the members of the Lodge with their families and representatives of sister lodges with their loved ones. Every one greeted each other with their usual fraternal greetings and best wishes for the continued suc-

cess and long life of the Lodge.

Our Most Wor. Grand Master Bro. Sydney M. Austin, Honorary Member, could not come to this celebration for he had to leave Manila to visit Lodges in the Visayas. However, Rt. Wor. Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Mauro Baradi and Most Wor. Grand Secretary Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, both honorary members of this Lodge, graciously attended this party. Our brother John W. Spakowski failed to attend as his wife was at the time in the Sto. Tomas Hospital. Congratulations to our brother Spakowski for being the father of a robust baby boy.

## MOUNT APO LODGE No. 45 Zamboanga City, Philippines

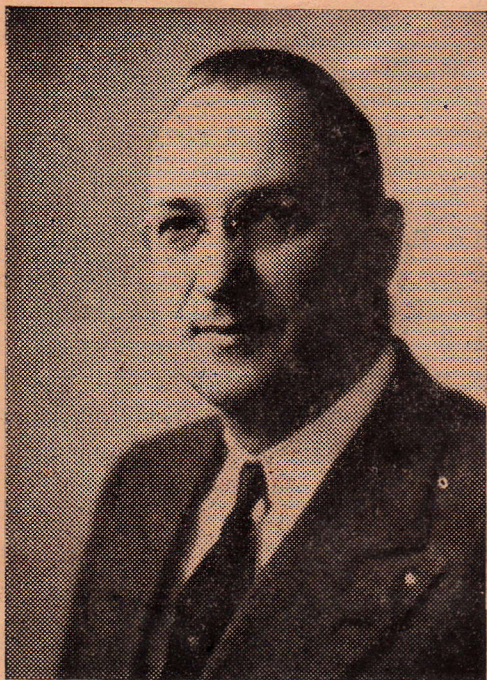


DUE TO THE EFFORTS of the officers and the renewed cooperation of the members of this Lodge, the activities of the latter have been intensified. The members who heretofore have been irregular in their attendance are now among the most faithful members, participating in every discussion within the lodge. The visit made by M. W. Bro. Sydney M. Austin, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Sec-

retary, recently was an inspiration for the brethren to work harder for the sake in the Lodge in particular and the Fraternity in general. Wor. Bro. Jose Locsin Araneta and Severino C. Santos, Master and Secretary respectively are exerting every effort to contact every member with a view to cementing the fraternal relations among all concerned.

# Pledge Of Service

## Brother Masons In America



Wor. Bro. MILFORD E. SHIELDS

MANY, MANY YEARS AGO, we have begun to know some prominent members of the craft in America. These acquaintances have become more intimate by means of correspondence. Less than a year ago, however, this intimacy has been reinforced by personal meeting with some of them. Our 1952 Proceedings of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands is replete with messages of those who had kindly spared their time for us. They are many. They are all eloquent.

In this short article, we wish to introduce to our brethren here another intimate friend and brother who is practically unknown to Filipino Masons. He is one who is contributing profusely his ideas to the Craft here. We are referring to Worshipful Brother Milford E. Shields of Durango, Colorado who was with us at Little Rock, Arkansas attending the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons last October, 1952. It is this brother who is contributing to us his poems which are often recited in the many literary programs of the Grand Lodge. In fact, it is known that Brother Shields' hobby is writing, particularly poetry with Masonic slant. Colorado is picturesque and its climate is invigorating. We believe these factors are helping Brother Shields' natural talents in poetry.

Brother Shields was born in the Tall Corn State of Iowa on October 29, 1898; moved to Colorado in

the Rockies in 1906. He received his education in the public schools and high schools of Colorado. He was married to Nellie Naomi Myers on November 25, 1920 and out of this union a son, Chester, was born. It may be mentioned here that this son a gallant soldier who fought for the liberation of the Philippines was raised by our Hiram Lodge No. 88, by courtesy, not long ago. Brother Shields is employed as manager of Fox-Kiva Theater, a member of the Fox-Intermountain chain of theaters.

Aside from his membership in the Blue Lodge, Brother Shields is a Royal Arch Mason and became Excellent High Priest of his Chapter in 1950. He is a member of the Council of Royal and Select Masters. He became a Thrice Illustrious Master in 1950. He is a Knight Templar and became Eminent Commander of his Commandery in 1951. He is a Scottish Rite Mason, too. He is a Past Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. He received the Grand Cross of Colors, Order of the Rainbow Girls in 1951. With such activities and experience, Brother Shields can easily be placed side by side with those brethren who have gained prominence in Freemasonry.

We are closing this short biography by quoting a favorite poem of Worshipful Brother Shields — "Crusader's Creed for Freedom"—

"I vow on the altar of God that I will, to the utmost of my ability, maintain, support and defend the Constitution, laws and landmarks of my country;

"That I will, in truth and justice, give more to my country than I shall receive from her;

"That I will not cheat, wrong or defraud my country, nor do any other thing that might endanger the freedom of her people;

"That I will make my country ever stronger and more virtuous, that her light may so shine among nations that men may see her good freedoms and fashion them;

"That I will, to the ultimate of my power, oppose every form of tyranny over the lives of men, that the freedom 'of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.'

On July 30th, 1952, he sent us the following:

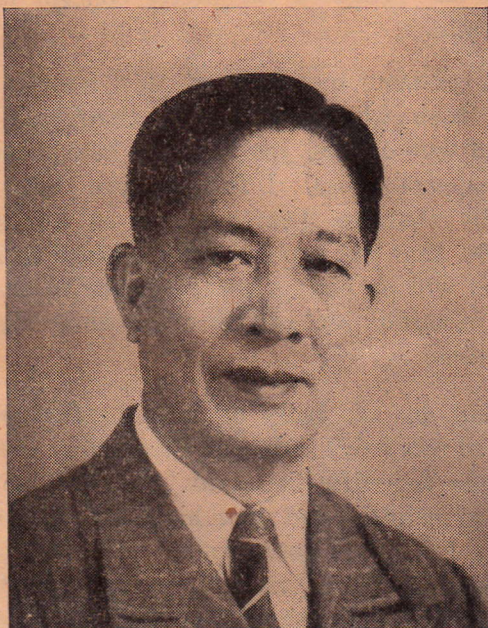
—FLAG'S SOLILOQUY—

—I am the flag. I float over the land of my people, the symbol of their sovereignty, the emblem of their freedom and the glory of their

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## The Golden Jubilee Of Cavite Lodge No. 2

BY RT. WOR BRO. TEODORICO A. JIMENEZ



Rt. Wor. Bro. T. A. JIMENEZ

WHEN WE RECONCILE the acts of people both ancient and modern, that group of human beings toiling in a higher pitch of endeavor with thoughts glowed the pure fire of immortal youth, you and I, will consciously or unconsciously say—that group has more cause to be thankful than anybody for it is blessed with the conditions which have enabled it to achieve, so large a measure of well-being and of happiness for all mankind.

Fifty years of life this Lodge, Cavite No. 2, founded in our country of birth, has granted the members to lay out the works of masonic idealism and prerogative in the hearts of men. In the course of such a span of years, short as it may seem, members come and go, traveled and still traveling, planted and still planting earnestly the seed of service in the four corners of the world, so that the ailing humanity will be provided with peace, freedom and happiness.

During such a lapse of time, the wishes of the members of this Lodge, have been sincere and true, luminous and lofty, which stand in every splendid tribute that tend toward the building of good, broad-minded and honest individuals. The members have been from the start undertaking to unite all men of good faith, into one fraternity of friends and brothers. The people of the years past as the people of today, needed peace and freedom and wanted

to improve their living conditions. To them, these members tried hard to do and to show the way how men should handle the practical necessity for the acquisition and survival of their comfort and progress. These members maintain that each man or woman is a free being responsible to God, the Creator of all things on earth, to his or her country, and to his or her fellow-being. The members contend that every one should derive a personal spiritual benefit through the advancement of a common good. They teach mutual effort of helpfulness which can spring only from a feeling of love. They preach to antagonistic individuals, amity and respect, and to the nations in hostile camps, friendly relations providing a meeting ground for readjustment of misunderstanding, and respecting one another as a matter of principle of equality. They declare that the whole existence of masonry, is the struggle of

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### PAST MASTER JEWELS



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## PLEDGE OF SERVICE \* \* \*

Who among the liberty-loving people, way down in his or her heart, will not feel the warm beats of love to that voice which speaks louder and practice the rights of free principles, struggled into existence here in our native and, and constantly find encouragement from the friends of freedom everywhere? Yours is the answer my brothers and sisters. And we masons sanctify this precept of life forever.

Ladies and gentlemen:—The celebration of this Golden Jubilee may be termed by some as useless, others may say untimely, but we masons want to transmit to all peoples, through this solemn occasion, that we refuse to stand idly by, and see the ruthless crushing of the principles of freedom and equality of the people by communistic hands. We know that everyone's concern in this troubled world, now and before, is peace and security. With the confidence of the free-loving peoples of the world placed in us, we can not shrink from this great challenge. The teachings of the Divine Guidance give us courage to push forward on time the frontiers of Masonic Fraternity. So, with this thought in mind and with the help of God, we desire to defend and preserve this human right and make it stronger and impregnable as time rolls on.

In the annals of this Lodge, there is inscribed in letters of gold the fruits of fifty years of labor seen throughout the world today. This half a century history of Cavite Lodge No. 2, is marked by singular manifestation of patriotism and loyalty for duty and service, fostered by the founders of this Lodge. The years have not gone by in vain. The significance and effects of their task, make this occasion bring per-

fection with the ages, and their inspiration rising to greater heights with the passing of each year. While their work grow undiminished, we see that their guiding light has produced far better concept of happiness for all.

You, present members of this Lodge, are the heirs of those who have gone in their final resting place, and who obliged you to a full acknowledgement of the responsibilities. I fully believe that you will continually show to them not only in words but in your deeds, that you are earnestly pledged in securing their good will by acting towards them in a spirit of just and generous recognition of all their rights and their dreams.

During my six years of collaboration with you brethren of this lodge after our Liberation, I am happy to note the magnificent stride you are making in masonic principles, and you have attained enviable progress. I heartily congratulate you all. But, you are expected more to re-enforce the vital work of strengthening the foundation of our democratic fraternity, and the faith of all peoples in our democratic way of life. Yours will be the renewal of privileges to impart by admonition and by pattern the real worth of the job required of you to continue performing. The rewards may not be commensurate to the measure of your exertion, but the satisfaction of having done your best, will be a thousand—fold more precious to you. For in doing this for your country and for mankind, with fullest measure of devotion, you will reap the undying gratitude of all peoples now living and yet unborn, who will undoubtedly profit by your examples.

To-night, is the night of all nights, which lends color to the true meaning of all your accomplishments for fifty years of labor, borne as a torch ever shining high and bright, exalted and radiant. This celebration will be the search-light and your co-worker for your actions, your cheerful companion even in the darkest hours to solve the multiple problems of life, and for which you should strive with all candor to inculcate more that belief in the fountain of love, security, wisdom and understanding, the mystic leaders for the everlasting glory of mankind.



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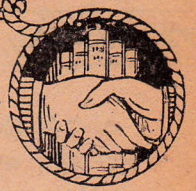
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By MAURO BARADI, D.G.M.

## Virginia, 1952

Lodges 334

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ON FEBRUARY 12, 1952, the Most Wor. Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Virginia begun its 174th Annual Grand Communication in the Masonic Temple, Richmond, Va. Of the 334 lodges, the top-seven in membership are: Corinthian, No. 266 (1,182 members); Lakeland No. 190 (1,048 members); Ruth, No. 89 (973 members); Columbia, No. 285 (889 members); Metropolitan, No. 11 (835 members); Atlantic, No. 2 (831 members); and Alexandria-Washington, No. 22 (689 members) — this is the lodge which was named Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 in 1805 after Washington's death; Washington became Worshipful Master of the last named lodge when its Charter was issued to it by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, April 28, 1788.

In presenting Illustrious John H. Cowles, M. W. Bro. Barrett said:

*" . . . If you would ask any Masonic authority in the world who was the most distinguished Mason in the world, he would tell you that it was the Brother who stands on my right. Honored by a membership in more than 400 Masonic organizations, the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, for a quarter of a century; and for more than 54 years a Master Mason; Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky; loved and venerated by Masons all over the world, but especially here in Virginia, for whom he has given so many, many favors. Were it not for the assis-*

*tance that he rendered twenty-five years ago in my own city of Alexandria, that beautiful memorial to George Washington on Shooters' Hill would never have been completed, because he is the last of the regal men who founded that Association, and had that great dream . . . "*

Illustrious Cowles spoke, thus:

*" . . . Now it is a great pleasure to come back here where I have visited for something like sixty years. Correcting my good Brother, Dr. Barrett, I have been a Mason 64 years instead of 54 . . . I have been deeply interested in the Freemasonry of Virginia. It is the Mother Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. Back in the last part of the eighteenth century the Grand Lodge of Virginia established five lodges in the Fincastle country — Fincastle county of Virginia. That is now the State of Kentucky . . . . But these five lodges in the eighteen hundreds organized the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and separated themselves from the Grand Lodge of Virginia . . . "*

The Grand Master's (M. W. Bro. Rudolph R. Cooke) Report dealt with various subjects: Of the Washington Conferences held during the week of February 22nd he listed the following papers which were read (1) The Spiritual Force of Freemasonry; (2) A Uniform Basis of Recognition; (3) Freemasonry and its Doctrine of Universality; (4) Freemasonry and its Members; (5) Freemasonry and Youth; and (6) Candidate Investigation. Anent Bro. Land's invitation, the Grand Master said:

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*"At the invitation of Brother Frank S. Land, Founder and Secretary General of the Order of DeMolay, we attended a breakfast given in honor of His Excellency the President of the United States, Most Worshipful Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of Missouri, and members of his Cabinet. Especially attractive to us was the fact that the leaders of the moral forces in our several neighborhoods to give a more consecrated attention to our destiny; holding that the future of our Country could be measured in terms of the moral and spiritual force of its people."*

Of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, the Grand Master reported thus:

*"On February 22nd, following the usual custom, your representatives were joined by a number of other members of Virginia Lodges, particularly of northern Virginia, at the meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held in the Memorial Temple at Alexandria.*

*"The lately beloved Dr. Elmer R. Arn, Past Grand Master of Ohio, presided at what was to be his last Session of this great organization to which he had made such outstanding contribution.*

*"The Grand Master of Virginia, following protocol, made the address of welcome.*

*"It has always been a source of inspiration to us to realize that the building of this Temple has been on a pay-as-you-go basis, and therefore, although it is in the final stages of completion, not one cent of indebtedness exists thereon. The next great problem accompanying this bold venture of the Masons in North America is to provide ample endowment to maintain it in its stately*

*beauty.*

*"Your Grand Master was pleased to present the Association, in your behalf, a check for \$2,700.00, representing a dollar for each member raised during the preceding year. A total of \$56,851.80 for the endowment and \$138,042.83 for the building fund was received on last February 22nd, or a total of \$194,894.63."*

The Grand Master recommended that the Masonic Schools of Instruction should be continued; he wrote letters to each of the newly-made Master Masons of whose Raising he had been advised; he authorized the presentation of fifty-year emblems to 53 Brethren, and recommended that the Masonic Herald be continued. He referred to a "recommendation for an appropriation of \$12,000 for the publication of a volume on "George Washington — Freemason" and authorized the Grand Master and his successors to expend such sums in connection with the celebration as might be necessary to carry out the program (George Washington Bi-Centennial Celebration) as presented. The Grand Master's report concluded:

*"In fine, I become more convinced each day that I live, and each day that I associate with the great movement of Freemasonry that there is a tremendous need for such a force in the world today. Freemasonry has lived because it has succeeded in becoming elastic enough to meet the needs of each new generation. It will survive because it will never fail any succeeding generation."*

An important portion of the proceedings discussed at length the Emergent Communication held in the hall of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4 in the City of Fredericksburg, Va., March 3, 1951 for laying the cornerstone of an addition to the lodge hall of the Lodge. The cornerstone laying with Masonic Honors was presided over by M. W. Bro. Rudolph R. Cooke, Grand Master of Masons in Virginia. An address was delivered by M. W. Bro. William Moseley Brown, Past Grand Master who spoke on the significance of laying the corner-stone and cited a detailed list of Washington's identification with and lively interest in our Masonic institution.

At the end of the Proceeding appears a Roster of working lodges listing the officers and members individually.

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human kind against dictatorship, oppression and tyranny. They affirm that masonry is not a religion but a true society whose purpose is to improve the relationship of the individual, and advance the lot of all. They swear that masonry has no quarrel with any religion, but are entirely against any man without a true religion, and do not approve of any religion seeking to enslave or claim sovereign power over the souls and lives of the people. They proclaim that in masonry are men of different creeds, of different stations in life, dedicated to the Divine Command of God. Hence, they believe in the human equality and fraternity, which must bind the human family together, to turn hatred and jealousy into sphere of brotherly love, harmony and peace under the Fatherhood of God. These have been the sacred objectives of the members of Cavite Lodge No. 2, and duly promulgated by the whole Masonic Fraternity.

BRO. MASONS . . .

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spirit.

—I am strong in their strength, humane in their humanity, long suffering in their patience, proud of their accomplishment and triumphant in their victory.

—I blow from the mountain tops, wave from the plains and sail upon the seas—wherever my people are, there am I also.

—So long as the sovereignty of my people shall exist, shall I exist; and it is my most ardent prayer that the will and the purpose and the power of my people shall not cease to exist, but shall continue on, and with them, for the greater benefit and blessing of mankind and to the ultimate glory of God.

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## NOTAS EDITORIALES

### El Bicentenario De La Iniciacion Masonica Del Ven. Her. Jorge Washington

JORGE WASHINGTON se hizo Masón el 4 de Noviembre de 1752. En esa fecha fue iniciado en la Logia FREDERICKSBURG, ahora No. 4 de Virginia. Desde entonces se consagró de lleno a una vida activa de excelsitudes masónicas.

Su vida masónica es una parte integrante de la epopeya libertaria de su patria. Para nosotros ello significa la epopeya de todas las luchas para establecer los principios en que descansan ahora los ideales de democracia, de libertad, de la emancipación del espíritu humano,—los ideales en que se mueve La Declaración de Independencia y todas las instituciones democráticas. Por eso celebramos también nosotros esa fecha.

Washington no pertenece tan sólo a América. Washington pertenece al mundo. Para nosotros los Masones, Washington es un símbolo del predominio de la Masonería a través de las vicisitudes y tempestades por los que ha atravesado por siglos.

Se inició Masón muy joven aún. La Masonería moldó su carácter. De todos es bien sabido que odiaba toda falsedad, toda mentira, todo fraude. Buscaba la verdad como todo Masón. Sabía que la verdad está en el corazón de todo hombre de bien, y que Dios marcó el corazón de todo hombre con la Luz imperecedera de la verdad.

Como soldado, como ciudadano en la vida privada, los principios masónicos fueron siempre su guía. Y hasta de General y de Presidente nunca se olvidó que era en su elevada estación un Masón.

La constitución de Norte América respira principios masónicos. Nuestra propia constitución está insuflada de esos mismos principios. Washington con los suyos los dio alientos de vida, y al través de las edades, esos principios, también dibujados por Washington y los suyos, se enraizaron en nuestra vida política y social. Y eso mismo fue el fenómeno observado en los pueblos liberados de Europa, América, y en general, en todos los pueblos que sintiéndose dig-

nos sacudieron el manto de la escluidad y el polvo del coloniaje.

La actuación histórica de Washington vibra hasta ahora, dando alientos de vida a pueblos aún oprimidos. Bien es verdad que Washington se movió en un ambiente de aislamiento internacional; pero ello nunca significó que fue insensible a los padecimientos de pueblos y de hombres. Franklin, Lafayette y otros llevaron al Viejo Mundo la nueva prédica con toda la gloriosa excelsitud que la diera la Masonería Americana. Y fue por eso que en Europa se enraizó también el espíritu de Washington.

Por eso decíamos arriba que Washington se debe al mundo, a la humanidad, pues, su figura es internacional, es de todos los pueblos que se han inspirado en su obra redentora.

Sabemos que la Masonería le sirvió de guía; fue su faro en la noche tempestuosa de sus luchas. Sabemos que moral y espiritualmente en la Masonería encontró Washington su fuerte y su inspiración. Eso explica porque nunca dejó de ser Masón. Tenía la profética visión de que la Masonería era la institución salvadora, la que iba a enseñar el camino de la verdad, el camino del desinteresado servicio, de la abnegación, del renunciamento, a los hombres por venir. La propagó con sus obras, con su ejemplo, con su vida heroica como soldado, como Presidente y como ciudadano privado de aquella República incipiente.

Porque la Masonería hizo a Washington, nosotros los Masones celebramos su nacimiento masónico, que fue, como indicamos el 4 de Noviembre de 1752. En esa fecha el 4 de Noviembre, la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas la observará como una de sus fiestas más conspicuas. Se ha preparado un programa que ya se ha distribuido a todos los Masones. El Gran Maestro M. I. Her. S. M. Austin invita a todos los Masones y familia y sus amigos, y a todos los que deseen estar con nosotros, a observar esa fecha, asociándose y uniéndose con nosotros en la PLARIDEL MASONIC TEMPLE.

Y estas páginas, que las dedicamos a la memoria de Washington, el Masón, sirven al propio tiempo de fraternal invitación a todos para que atiendan a nuestro programa en la noche del 4 de Noviembre, 1952, a los 8:00 P.M.

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*unanimous selection for Grand Master when the Grand Lodge of Virginia was brought into existence.*

*He said that he was obliged to decline the distinction because his duties did not leave him sufficient time to do justice to such a high and important office, however, it is well known that the underlying cause of his refusal was because he did not consider himself for such a high Masonic office as he had not, up to that time, served his Lodge as Master.*

*Later on when the formation of a General Grand Lodge that would have jurisdiction over all the States on matters Masonic was being considered, he was the only one who was thought to be worthy of being selected as General Grand Master; again, he claimed that he was not fully qualified or worthy for such a distinction.*

*He was serving his second term as Master of Alexandria Lodge when he was inaugurated as President and this is the only instance that we have had of a President of the United States of America serving as Master of a Lodge while serving his country as President.*

*He acted as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland at the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the National Capitol on the 18th of September, 1793. Another example of his humility and democracy when he stepped down from the presidential pedestal in order to participate in the ceremony with his brethren on the level.*

*Our great need in these troublous times is for more men of the Washington type. We need the steadying influence and wisdom of the leadership he displayed during the most critical time of the history of the United States of America.*

*He did not seek the plaudits of the crowd, nevertheless, he never failed to respond to every call for service and duty.*

*May his memory remain ever fresh in the heart of every Mason and act as an incentive to cause us to make greater efforts in our endeavours to create a better world on which mankind may live in peace and harmony.*

*J. O. Austin*

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