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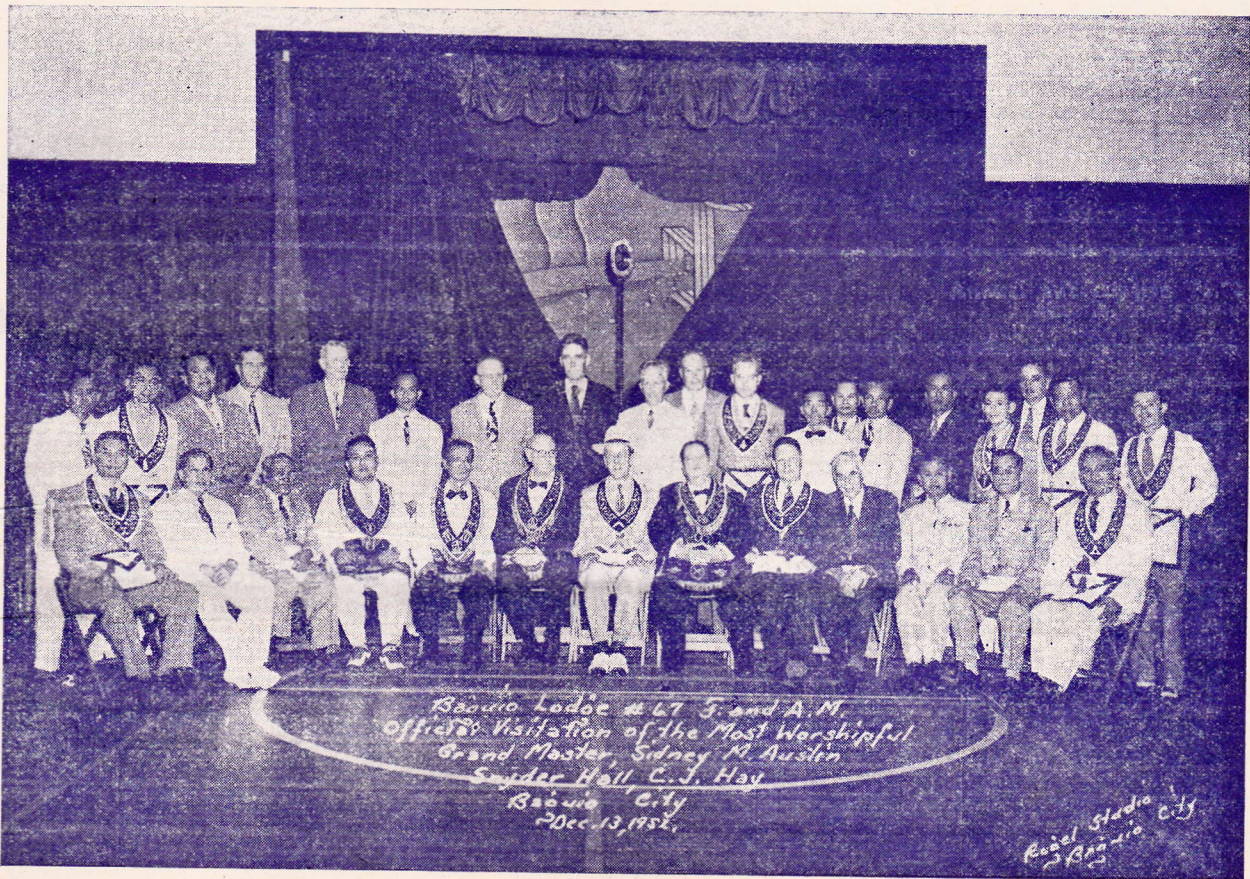
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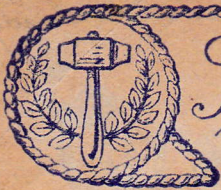


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Officers' visitation of the Most Worshipful
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The Grand Master's Message



Brotherhood

THIS MONTH we shall be celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the greatest teacher that this world will ever know and although there are still many thousands who do not subscribe to the Christian Doctrine and acknowledge he was the Son of God, nevertheless, the majority of them do admit that he was the only perfect man who has ever graced the surface of our planet.

The basis of His teachings was the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man and an immortal life for those who have endeavoured to live up to the implications of those principles and thus qualified themselves to stand in the Divine Presence of our Great Creator.

All of us have an implicit faith in the Fatherhood of God, but how many of us put into actual practice the principles of the Brotherhood of Man, the foundation of which is the practice of Brotherly Love?

I wonder how many of us realize the real significance of the word "Brother" or how often we fully appreciate that, outside of the word "Mother" no other word can convey more meaning or carry a greater depth of feeling than the word "Brother" when used in its proper and true sense.

In fact we can claim that in the practical application of the theory "Brotherhood" lies the highest aspirations for the future progress of the human species, the greatest of all good men and true is that a time will come when all men will not only call each other "Brother" but that they will also govern their actions accordingly when dealing with each other.

If a way will ever be found that will teach all men to overcome the baser impulses of the human animal and such characteristics as envy, greed, jealousy, distrust and similar undesirable qualities will be kept under control and eventually be banished, what a wonderful place this planet of ours would be upon which to pass that preparatory and transitory period as the prelude to that fuller and far more satisfying existence that awaits those who are found worthy in the realms beyond the skies.

How to bring about that most desirable condition has been the theme of most of our great philosophers and, although progress has been disappointedly slow or practically non-existent, yet we should not consider the problem as being one that is impossible of solution.

Masonry teaches us that next to the "Fatherhood of God" comes the "Brotherhood of Man" and that these two conditions must be satisfied before we may hope to secure that everlasting life that man hopes to achieve in accordance with the promise made to man by our Great Creator and which has come down to us through the Holy Scriptures and which was culminated in the teachings of that "Greatest Teacher of all Time".

Therefore, my brethren, always remember that great and deep implication that is conveyed by the word "Brother" and then let your actions be guided accordingly, then you will be furthering the great and beneficial aims of our Noble Brotherhood.

In conclusion, may I express the sincere hope that all of you will be enabled to enjoy yourselves in the midst of your families during the Christmas Holiday and may the New Year prove to be a very happy one for all of you.

May God Bless every one of you and give you Peace and Happiness!

J. G. Austin

Grand Master

THE CABLETOW

Editorials

Men of Conviction

In the Philippines, the month of December is memorable. December 25 is Christmas Day and December 30 is Rizal Day; we commemorate the former as the birth of Christ and the latter, as the death of Rizal; both are official holidays.

Unlike previous years, Rizal Day of 1953 was celebrated in an atmosphere of sobriety, not mirth. More and more we are beginning to realize that the life of our national hero and patriot was dedicated not to personal aggrandizement and selfish ends but to the Filipinos' welfare and the country's good. And only men of conviction like Rizal, could have lived and died, happy in the thought that they have done their best. And these men are an inspiration to friends and merit the respect even of enemies.

We now recall a chapter entitled "The Friar and the Filipino" in Rizal's novel "The Reign of Greed." In a meeting between the two, the following took place:

"Señor Isagani," he (the friar) began at length with some emotion. "from the window I've heard you speaking, for though I am a consumptive I have good ears, and I want to talk with you. I have always liked the young men who express themselves clearly and have their own way of thinking and acting, no matter that their ideas may differ from mine. You young men, from what I have heard, had a supper last night. Don't excuse yourself—"

"I don't intend to excuse myself!" interrupted Isagani.

"So much the better — it shows that you accept the consequences of your actions. Besides, you would do ill in retracting, and I don't blame you, I take no notice of what may have been said there last night, I don't accuse you, because after all you're free to say of the Dominicans what seems best to you, you are not a pupil of ours — only this year have we had the pleasure of having you, and we shall probably not have you longer. Don't think that I'm going to invoke considerations of gratitude; no, I'm not going to waste my time in stupid vulgarisms. I've had you summoned here because I believe that you are one of the few students who act from conviction, and, as I like men of conviction, I'm going to explain myself to Señor Isagani."

These passages convey a message pregnant with meanings. The friar showed a spirit of tolerance when he expressed his liking for young men who think and act from conviction, not youth who are ordered to do this or the other lest they be punished here and in the hereafter; the same friar frowned at

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"Monthly Gatherings"

Many a brother has inquired whether there is any existing rule or regulation prohibiting the holding of frequent meetings or monthly gatherings among members of subordinate lodges especially those in Manila. Not only is there no such prohibition but there actually is a recommendation adopted by our Grand Lodge encouraging such gatherings.

In the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1933 the following appear:

"I have said on more than one occasion that Masonry is life and life is action. Like life, Masonry is a force in constant evolution.

"There has been much complaint in the past that many valuable men who used to militate in our ranks are now holding aloof, as if they had been attacked by that most serious of diseases, indifference. Realizing that indifference is something in the nature of a dry rot which gradually destroys the solidity of the edifice, I deemed it advisable to call monthly gatherings of the Brethren of Manila and surrounding provinces at least once a month, to hear suggestions and opinions, listen to any grievances there might be, and learn their difficulties and troubles, in order that all mistrust, antagonism, and indifference might disappear and all might assist in the common task without prejudice or discouragement.

"I have always taken this view of Masonry and have for this reason always affirmed that it is necessary that we know each other better and more intimately. This eliminates misunderstandings and discord.

"I therefore recommend that this practice be perpetuated and that our next Grand Master continue calling these monthly gatherings, for the purposes above mentioned."

We believe that the circumstances now obtaining not only in Manila but throughout the Philippines, more than justify the getting together of Masons in their respective communities. The criticisms hurled against our Fraternity as well as the systematic campaign going on, directed against Masons and their sympathizers can not remain unchallenged. While Masons may not adopt the tactics of their detractors, nothing is lost by letting our people know in word and deed, the Masonic Way of Life. And this campaign for enlightenment can be enhanced by monthly gatherings on the part of the brethren wherein they may iron out difficulties, offer solution to their problems, and agree on a concerted plan of action in the interest of Freemasonry as a whole. —

MAURO BARADI, D.G.M.



Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands

GRAND MASTER'S VISITATION TO BAGUIO LODGE NO. 67

BAGUIO LODGE NO. 67 was the scene of an official visitation by M. W. Bro. Sidney M. Austin, Grand Master on December 13, 1952. He was accompanied by Rt. Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary, and Wor. Bro. Mariano Gonzalez. On the same occasion, the elected and appointed officers of the lodge for 1953 were privately installed at the Snyder Hall, Camp John Hay. The program as prepared is as follows:

RECEPTION

Of The Most Worshipful Grand Master and party.

Marshal: Brother Raymond W. Dunne.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

By The Most Worshipful Master,

Sidney M. Austin,

Grand Lodge of the Philippines

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

The Grand Secretary,

Antonio Gonzales, P.G.M.

Grand Lodge of the Philippines

PRESENTATION OF PAST MASTER'S JEWEL

By Deputy Grand Master

Mauro Baradi

Grand Lodge of the Philippines

ADDRESSES

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sidney M. Austin

Grand Secretary, Antonio Gonzalez

Deputy Grand Master, Mauro Baradi

Wor. Bro. Cipriano A. Flores, Outgoing Master

Wor. Bro. Stanley J. Willimont, New Master

Other members of the Craft

DINNER PARTY

PINES HOTEL

The master-elect Wor. Bro. Stanley J. Willimont mentioned some of the problems of the lodge specially the anxiety of the members to build their own temple; he promised to exert every effort toward the realization of this objective.

As usual the Grand Master impressed upon the members the need of whole-hearted cooperation and closer understanding among brethren. "We cannot afford to be divided at a time when there is uncertainty all around us", he continued. "Every Mason should do his share in the gigantic task of building One World Brotherhood", he concluded. Other speakers were the Grand Secretary and Wor. Bro. Cipriano

TO ALL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS:

Kindly be advised that the Most Worshipful Grand Master will make the following official visitations in January, 1953, to wit:

January 3, 1953 — BAGONG BUHAY Lodge No. 17 at Cavite City.

January 5, 1953 — MAKTAN LODGE No. 30 and CEBU LODGE No. 128, Cebu City.

January 6, 1953 — SARANGANI Lodge No. 50 & KUTANG BATÒ Lodge No. 110, at Davao City.

January 7, 1953 — BATONG BUHAY Lodge No. 27 Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

January 8, 1953 — BIAK-NA-BATO Lodge No. 7 Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

January 9, 1953 — DAPITAN Lodge No. 21 Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

January 10, 1953 — MALOLOS Lodge No. 46 at Malolos, Bulacan.

January 10, 1953 — SUPREME COUNCIL, Scottish Rite Temple, Manila.

January 12, 1953 — MAKABUGWAS Lodge No. 47 and MOUNT HURAW Lodge No. 98, at Tacloban, Leyte.

January 14, 1953 — DALISAY Lodge No. 14 & BAGUMBAYAN Lodge No. 4, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

January 17, 1953 — Joint official visitation of ALL Lodges in Quezon Province, at Lopez, Quezon.

January 24, 1953 — HIGH TWELVE Lodge No. 82 Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

January 26, 1953 — LABONG Lodge No. 59 Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

Kindly govern yourself accordingly.

Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

A. Flores, outgoing master; both mentioned the principal tenets of the Fraternity as the bases of wholesome living and upright thinking. Deputy Grand Master Baradi who presented the past master's jewel to the outgoing Master praised the services of the recipient and expressed the hope that the latter would continue serving his lodge with greater enthusiasm and vigor.

Dinner was served at the beautiful and spacious Pines Hotel where brethren and members of their families were present.

Joint Grand Lodge Visitation at Memorial Lodge No. 90

Muñoz, Nueva Ecija

THE THREE SISTER LODGES IN NUEVA ECIJA, namely, Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73 and Memorial Lodge No. 90 joined together for the Grand Lodge Visitation on Saturday, November 8, 1952 at Muñoz, Nueva Ecija. Memorial Lodge No. 90 played host during the significant occasion.

In the morning, the Grand Visitation of the M. W. Grand Master, Sidney M. Austin took place. Wor. Bro. Francisco S. Gaspar, Master of Memorial Lodge delivered the Welcome address. There was a record crowd of Masons as members of the three sister lodges registered an extraordinary attendance.

The exemplification of the Third Degree Work performed by the Grand Lodge Team greatly impressed the brethren present since the floor work and the ritualistic performance were superbly done. It is very kind of the Grand Lodge Team to exemplify degree works during Visitation, to give opportunity to provincial brethren to learn proper execution of the ritualistic work.

The Grand Master's message "The Symbolism of the Ruffians" is an exhaustive study of the meaning and symbolism of the "Three Bad Men" taking them to mean probably as the three evil ones known to the ancient solar Worshippers; the three ruthless Ruffians, the Priest, the Politician, and the Mob who put Jesus Christ to death; the Kingcraft, Priestcraft and Ignorant Mob described by Pike, or the meanings as elucidated by Socrates, Plato and Aristotle.

At noon, Luncheon was tendered and this was attended by families of masons and prominent citi-

zens of the towns of Muñoz and San Jose.

In the afternoon, an open program was held in connection with the awarding of Buttons and Diplomas to masons of 25 years standing in The Fraternity and Diplomas to widows of Masons.

In view of the inability of Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. Mauro Baradi, Deputy Grand Master, to attend the Visitation and perform the awarding of Buttons and Diplomas, his short but touching message was read by Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary. His message says in part:

"The buttons then are not mere articles to be shown; they partake of the nature of genuine ornaments, evidence of honor to be seen. Not all members of our Ancient and Venerable Institution have the privilege of claiming the buttons which, we reiterate, must be honestly earned and deservedly granted; indeed these lasting mementos are the tangible manifestations of solemn obligations kept, the realization of the fond hopes expressed and the fitting answer to ardent prayers addressed to the Great Architect of the Universe."

After the program a dance was held.

Wor. Bro. M. Evangelista who awarded Diplomas to widows of masons gave a very impressive and touching message to the recipients.

The Grand Lodge Officers and Members arrived at Muñoz at about 9:00 A.M. and left at about 3:30 P.M. for Manila.

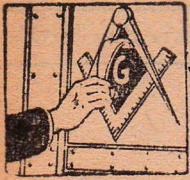
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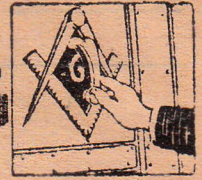
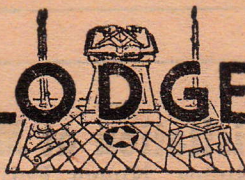
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BASILAN LODGE, U.D., F. & A. M.



Front row, l. to r.: — Doroteo de Guzman, Senior Steward; Uddin Ramirez Tioga, Tyler; Bernardo Bagaspad, P.M., Senior Deacon; Julio Alano, Junior Deacon; Leon R. Barinaga, P.M., Secretary; Juan Estrada, Junior Steward; Pablo Sebastian.

Second row, the same order: — Jules Dreyfus; Tabujur Taupan, Chaplain; Arsenio Sebastian, P.M., Treasurer; James Wilson, P.M.; Jose L. Araneta, G. L. Inspector; Juan S. Alano, P.M., Master; Emilio Sanson, P.M., Senior Warden; Nicasio Valderrosa, P.M., Junior Warden; Emiliano Valdez.

Third row (standing), the same order: — Fernando Luistro; Tomas M. Ferrer; Severino Santos; Azary V. Kozloff, P.M.; Felisberto Gonzalez, P.M.; Felixberto Jaldon; Jose Silva; Francis L. Johnston; James F. Mankin and Rodrigo Silva, P.M., Auditor.

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Isarog Lodge No. 33, Bulusan Lodge No. 38, Mayon Lodge No. 61, Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107.

A JOINT SPECIAL MEETING of members of subordinate lodges (Isarog, Bulusan, Mayon, and Camarines Norte) was held at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building, Daet, Camarines Norte on December 20, 1952. On this occasion M. W. Bro. Sidney M. Austin, Grand Master paid an official visitation to these lodges in connection with their Fourth Annual Convention.

Elaborate programs were prepared wherein the officers and members of the subordinate lodges were given opportunities to participate. The programs in detail follows:

PROGRAMME OF THE CONVENTION

(To Be Attended by Masons Only)

Time: Saturday, December 20, 1952

Place: Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building

Purpose: To establish closer relationship among the Masons of the Bicol Lodges

9:30-11:30 A.M.

1. Registration of Members
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Opening of the Lodge — Reception Team at Post
4. Invocation by Very Wor. Bro. Marciano Evangelista, Grand Chaplain
5. Welcome address by Wor. Bro. Maximo Abaño, Wor. Master (107)
6. Keynote Address by Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
7. Committee Work and Panel Discussions
8. General Discussions

RECESS

2:00-5:00 P.M.

9. Approval of Resolutions
10. Closing Remarks by Rt. Wor. Bro. P. Schetelig, Sr. Grand Warden
11. Benediction by Very Wor. Bro. Evangelista, Grand Chaplain
12. Refreshments

RESOURCE PERSONS

Very Rev. Marciano Evangelista, Grand Chaplain
 Rt. Wor. Bro. P. Schetelig, Senior Grand Warden
 Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
 Rt. Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Deputy Grand Master
 Most Wor. Bro. Sidney M. Austin, Grand Master

Presiding: Wor. Bro. Maximo Abaño, Worshipful Master (107)

PROGRAMME OF THE OFFICIAL VISITATION

(Open to the Public)

Time: Saturday, December 20, 1952 at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

Place: Chinese Chamber of Commerce Building

1. Invocation by Very Wor. Bro. Marciano Evangelista, Grand Chaplain
2. Reception of the Most Wor. Grand Master Bro. Sidney M. Austin and the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Accompanying Him
3. Introduction of Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge

4. Welcome Address: Wor. Bro. Maximo Abaño, Wor. Master (107)
5. Address by Hon. Manuel Calleja, Provincial Governor of Albay and Member of Mayon Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M.
6. Short Address by the Worshipful Masters of the Bicol Lodges —

Wor. Bro. Dalmacio Barce	(61)
Wor. Bro. Felicisimo Capucan	(33)
Wor. Bro. Sotero Escandor	(38)
7. Musical Number
8. Brief Reports of the Grand Lodge Inspectors:

Wor. Bro. Clemente Bernabe of Camarines Norte Lodge No 107, F. & A. M.
Wor. Bro. Paul C. Palencia of Isarog Lodge No. 33, F. & A. M.
Wor. Bro. Pedro Dyliaacco of Mayon Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M.
Wor. Bro. Jose Santos Seeping of Bulusan Lodge No. 38, F. & A. M.
9. Musical Number
10. Address by Rt. Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Deputy Grand Master
11. Honorary Awards-

Recipients:
Most Wor. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado, P. G. M.
Most Wor. Bro. Cenon Cervantes, P. G. M.
Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., Grand Secretary
Wor. Bro. Clemente Bernabe, P.M., Grand Lodge Inspector
Wor. Bro. Jose Muniain, P. M.
Bro. Felipe Fernando
12. Address by Most Wor. Bro. Sidney M. Austin, Grand Master of Masons
13. Benediction by Very Wor. Bro. Marciano Evangelista, Grand Chaplain
14. Closing of the Lodge
15. Dance and Refreshments

Master of Ceremonies: Wor. Bro. Victoriano Yamzon (27)
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On behalf of the lodges in convention, Wor. Bro. Maximo Abaño extended the welcome to the Grand Master and his party. Bro. Abaño said that in spite of the recent typhoon which wrought havoc on lives and properties in the Bicol region, his brethren exerted great efforts to make the convention successful. M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez who delivered the keynote address gave a detailed description of how Ma-

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WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING * * *

sonry was brought to the Philippines, tracing the various sources whence it came. "It is a rare privilege to be Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction", the speaker said. "We are the inheritors of Masonry at its best — the Latin and Anglo-Saxon Freemasonry", he continued. He rallied his brethren to work toward the realization of Universal Brotherhood. A very interesting part was the Committee Work and Panel Discussions wherein the brethren actively participated. Resolutions were discussed and passed on the subject matter of Grand Lodge relief to typhoon-stricken and needy brethren, campaign of enlightenment anent Freemasonry, frequent holding of joint meetings and conventions and publication of articles, pamphlets and books for the information of Masons in the Philippines.

The meeting in the evening which was open to the public was likewise enjoyed by all. Bro. Governor Manuel Calleja of Albay spoke in Spanish and eloquently pleaded for tolerance and understanding between Masons and non-Masons. "Let not the the work and sacrifice of those who have gone before us be forgotten. As Filipinos our main objective should be the building of a prosperous and enduring Republic, sovereign and free", he stated. The Worshipful Masters of the various lodges (Nos. 61, 33, and 38 and 107) rendered reports of the progress of their respective lodges and renewed their determination to work harder in the interest of our Venerable Institution as a whole. The Grand Inspectors likewise made a resume of their observations regarding the lodges under their inspection. The Deputy Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Mau-

ro Baradi spoke on the meaning of Freemasonry. "A good man can become a better Mason by learning and living the very significance of Freemasonry" he emphasized. The Deputy Grand Master, reiterated thus:

"Here is the opportunity to let our lights penetrate the domain of darkness to find those who have chosen to misunderstand and hate other men; not to curse them but to convince them to walk the better path of life where man is brother to man; not to look down upon them with disdain but to treat them with forbearance. Some day they may change their ways for a nobler one where 'all men shall form one great family of brethren, and one law alone, the law of love, shall govern God's whole Universe.' This is the hope of the Mason. It is the goal of Freemasonry wherein the four F's: FAITH, FIDELITY, FREEDOM, and FELLOWSHIP abound."

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sidney M. Austin who gave the closing address once more called the attention of the brethren to be vigilant in protecting the welfare of Freemasonry and diligent in exercising their duties as citizens in a democracy. "We have critics and enemies all around us, but if we continue to live the Masonic Waf of Life, we have nothing to fear," he concluded.

By common consent the visitation and convention were the best ever witnessed by brethren in the Bicol region, thanks to the hard work and unselfish sacrifice of every brother who helped to insure the Masonic get-together a real success.

KASILAWAN Lodge No. 77

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

WHEREAS, *the sad and melancholy bugle notes of death sounded once more in the dim of the night to announce to the living the passing to the Great Beyond of MRS. URSULA P. ASUNCION, beloved and loving wife of Wor. Bro. Filemon Asuncion, Past Master and Honorary member of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, F. & A. M.;*

WHEREAS, *the sudden and untimely death of Mrs. Asuncion is a serious injury and an irreparable loss to the Asuncion family;*

WHEREAS, *it is the unbounden moral and fraternal duty of the members of Kasilawan Lodge to share with, as we do hereby share, the burden of distress, sorrows and afflictions which Wor. Bro. Asuncion and the members of his family are suffering and will continue to suffer for sometime due to the sudden and untimely death of Mrs. Asuncion;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *as it is hereby resolved, to express, as we do hereby express, our deepest feeling of compassion and profound sympathy to Wor. Bro. Filemon Asuncion and the members of his family, with the fervent hope that may this expression of condolence, coming as it does from the innermost hearts of his brethren, serve as a soothing balm during the hour of their bereavement.*

BE IT RESOLVED, FURTHER, *That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Wor. Bro. Asuncion and another copy to the Cabletow for publication.*

Done at Plaridel Temple, Manila, this 8th day of December, 1952.

Attested:

JOSE F. FETALVERO
Secretary

WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING * * *

Tokyo Masonic Lodge No. 125

Masonic Building
Tokyo, Japan

THIS LODGE regrets to announce the death of a true and faithful Mason, Bro. Orion L. Scofield who died on August 29, 1952 in Inverness, Florida. His was a life of humility and one dedicated to the welfare of his fellow men.

Announcement is made of the departure from Japan to the United States of the following brethren: Richard Raeburn Winsor and William Clayton Andrews.

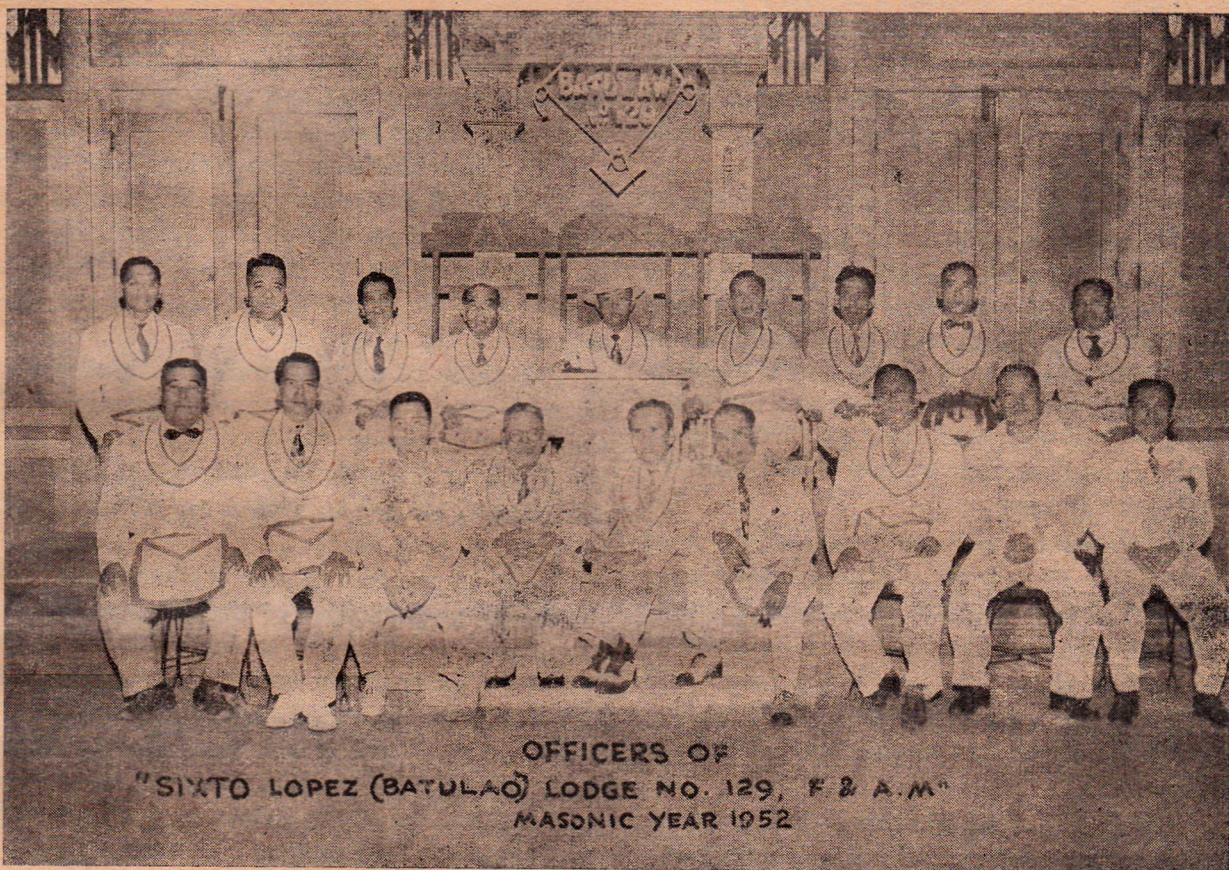
To give the brethren some idea of the work being done by this lodge regarding conferrals, a por-

tion of the work on the Trestle Board may be quoted:

- "11 Sept. 1952 — Conferral of the First Degree
- "18 Sept. 1952 — Conferral of the Second Degree
- "25 Sept. 1952 — Conferral of the Third Degree
- "9 Oct. 1952 — Conferral of the First Degree
- "23 Oct. 1952 — Conferral of the Second Degree
- "30 Oct. 1952 — Conferral of the Third Degree."

Sixto Lopez (BATULAO) Lodge No. 129

Balayan, Batangas



OFFICERS OF
"SIXTO LOPEZ (BATULAO) LODGE NO. 129, F & A. M."
MASONIC YEAR 1952

TO PROMOTE CLOSER RELATIONS, intimacy, and better understanding among the families of brother masons of this lodge, an acquaintance party where the wives and children of brother masons met each other on November 8, 1952 at Hacienda Caylaway. Wor. Bro. Venancio Duarte is the manager in charge of Hacienda Caylaway in Nasugbu, Batangas. Although it was agreed that each family will bring his "binalot", the hosts offered two big "lechons" and plenty of "linagang manok". Lunch time was one happy time because there was so much exchanging of food among the different families.

Before and after lunch time, the visitors feasted on "sincom, ladu and valencia oranges" which were made ready for all in big baskets. The trip to the orange plantation was very much enjoyed by the children and by the women who were amazed to see so many orange trees laden with fruits that almost touched the ground.

The visitors from Batangas Lodge were brothers Pedro Encarnacion, Mariano Cantos and Ernesto Puzera. The party dispersed at 4:00 o'clock after a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

PLEDGE OF SERVICE * * *

The Symbolism of the Ruffians

By M. W. BRO. SIDNEY M. AUSTIN

EVERY MASTER MASON KNOWS, or should know, that our Craft has been built upon the legends that we inherited from Operative Masonry and that one of the best known is the Hiram Legend which tends to indicate to us that three unworthy craftsmen constituted a conspiracy to extort from a certain Grand Master a Special secret that they believed he possessed which they were neither entitled, nor qualified, to receive.

It forms part of a ceremony that no Master Mason will ever forget and it retains its impressiveness in spite of its familiarity and despite the unfortunate tendency to rodywism that sometimes tends to destroy the solemnity of the occasion and every time we are present at the ceremony we are reminded of the fact that in spite of our advanced knowledge and acquired wisdom we have not been able to acquire one of life's greatest secrets, that of the mystery of the evil in the life of man.

To those of us who are sensitive to the pathos of life and consequently contemplate on the "whys" and "wherefores" of its mystery, cannot help but deplore the fact that it frequently happens that a great man whose entire life and energy has been dedicated to the betterment of mankind is struck down when he seems to be within reach of his objective; the pages of history are replete with such instances whereas we all know instances where men with criminal proclivities seem to go on forever.

Therefore, we cannot help but wonder why it is that men with evil intentions and actuated by base motives and selfish ends seem to possess such power that they are able to reduce a people to a state of utter confusion and chaos that may bring ruin to all and thus defeat their own ends; this is a condition that even our wisest men are unable to explain in a satisfactory manner.

In fact it seems that all the things that we hold dear, the things that tend to make life worth living are exposed to the danger of evil forces and we cannot understand why this condition should exist.

As that condition seems to be beyond our ability to explain, we are able, at least, to ask ourselves an-

other question and then strive to seek an answer to same.

We are cognizant of the fact that practically everything in our Rituals is symbolic in nature, therefore, we may ask: who are the Ruffians and what is the legend endeavouring to tell us?

We are fully aware of the names they carry out but what is the lesson that we are supposed to learn therefrom? All Masonic symbols have more than one meaning and it is up to us to endeavour to find the correct one.

To find the proper meaning underlying the symbol of the Hiram Legend is a different task and the interpretation we obtain all depend upon the key we use to unlock the secret of the legend, and, to add to our confusion, there appear to be several keys that we could make use of and it is, again up to each one of us to choose the one that he may deem proper.

To those brethren who believe that we inherited our system of symbolism from the ancient solar worshippers, the three evil ones represent the three winter months which, so it is said, plot to destroy the beauty and the glory of summer and the life giving warmth of the sun.

To those of us who prefer to think that the origin of Masonry was in the ancient mysteries of Egypt, the legend is representative of the drama of Typhon, the Spirit of Evil, slaying Osiris, the Spirit of Good, who was, according to legend, resurrected, thus rising triumphant over death.

Quite a number of our scholars like to think of the legend as indicative of the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who was put to death outside of the gates of the city by the command of three of the most ruthless Ruffians, the Priest, the Politician and the Mob; which of the three is the worst foe to humanity it would be difficult to say, however, when they operate there is hardly a crime against man of which they have not been guilty.

Some of us believe that Masonry grew and developed from the down-fall of the Knights Templar and thus recognize the three evil ones in the three faith-

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less Knights who brought false charges against the order and thus helped King Phillip and Pope Clement to abolish Templarism and slay its' Grand Master.

There are few of us who even trace the Ruffians back to Cromwell and draw a parallel between the Hiramic legend and those plotters who were not satisfied until after King Charles the first had been killed.

However, there are very many such conjectures, all of them tend to make interesting reading but they appear to fall short on facts, therefore, it is very clear that we must go much further back and dig more deeply if we hope to discover the true identity and hidden meaning underlying the symbolism of the Ruffians.

It seems that our Bro. Albert Pike was of the opinion that the three Ruffians were the greatest enemies of happiness and progress and he reasoned that they were Kingcraft, Priestcraft and the ignorant Mob and that they conspired together to destroy one's freedom and liberty, without which no man can make progress.

The first aims a blow at the throat, thus tending to destroy freedom of speech, the second strikes at the heart, thus tending to destroy freedom of conscience and cutting off the rays of Divine Light by which man finds his way along the path of life and the third kills his victim by striking him on the head thus destroying the brain, which is the origin of freedom of thought.

The pages of history are replete with such acts and it seems to bear out Bro. Pikes' contention; in any case the lesson should be very plain to us all, we are admonished to beware that we do not permit complacency, neglect or carelessness ever to suffer free speech, free conscience and free thought to be taken away from us by Kingcraft, Priestcraft or Mob Mind or by all three working together; if we do permit that then surely the Temple of God will be darkened and there will be no more designs drawn upon the Trestle

Board and the result would be idleness, confusion and chaos all around us.

For remember, my brethren, that when the rays of Divine Light are cut off from us that the Altar Lights will be no more that there will be no more designs drawn upon the Trestle Board and that there will be no leadership and chaos will be all around us and the people will degenerate into a mob.

It has been suggested and with good reason, that the worst of the Ruffians is the ignorant Mob Mind, no tyrannical king, no member of the priestcraft has ever been able to reduce a nation to such a condition that it has completely lost itself in the dark clouds of ignorance and the abysmal depths of slavery yet history confirms that this has been accomplished by the mob minded herd.

It was in this way that Bro. Pike elucidated the underlying meaning of the symbolism of the three Ruffians, who rob themselves as they rob their fellow craftsmen of the most valuable secret of personal and social life, a secret, let us note, that cannot possibly be extracted by force or otherwise but can only be gained if and when we have made ourselves really worthy to receive it and possess the courage to re'ain it.

However, some of our learned scholars go even deeper than Bro. Pike and claim that the three Ruffians are located much nearer to us than we would have deemed possible, that is that they are hiding right in our own hearts.

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MEN OF CONVICTION

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vacillation and certainly disapproved of retraction.

Our day which is one of trial and stress has more need of men of conviction; men who like Rizal, would take the lead not only in condemning bigotry and oppression but in exposing the many evils arising therefrom; men who would not subordinate their loyalty to the native land to that of any earthly power no matter how tempting the reward might be; men who would rather live the lessons of brotherly love and mutual understanding than preach the tenets of bitter hatred and constant fear; verily, men who, steeped in their country's history, would fight again with an inflexible will and sacrifice cheerfully to prevent a repetition of the tragic past. Only then may the people continue to be free and the Philippines really sovereign. — MAURO BARADI, D.G.M.

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ON FEBRUARY 12, 13 AND 14, 1952 the M. W. Grand Lodge, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Oklahoma held its Forty-Fourth Annual Communication at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Guthrie, Oklahoma with the Deputy Grand Master, presiding. Among the Grand Officers present were 20 Past Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands do not appear in the list as being represented by a Grand Representative. Brother Worshipful William S. Key, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of England who was called upon to speak said:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master, brethren:

... I had the opportunity to visit several lodges in England during the war and to observe the very close relationship between Free Masonry in England and Free Masonry of our own great nation. I think perhaps, Most Worshipful Grand Master, that this Grand Lodge might take notice of the great loss recently sustained by the Grand Lodge of England in the death of Past Grand Master His Majesty the King. The last Grand Lodge in England was the first time in fifty years that the ruling monarch hadn't been present to install the new Grand Officers. King George was ill. You know his untimely death..."

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Lyle H. Ball (1951) in delivering his address began by admitting that mistakes have been made and "that we have been unable to attain our ideals, and failures and disappointments have beset us." However, he added: "We are very thankful for the many blessings and for the measure of achievement which we have had." He mentioned of the death of 1,104 members of the Constituent Lod-

ges including one Past Grand Master; he attended the Annual Conference of the Grand Master of Masons in North America held in the Statler Hotel, Washington, D. C. at which time matters of interest to Freemasonry were discussed. He also attended the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodges of New Mexico and Texas; he made special mention of the Grand Lodge's part in the "special services" extended to returned veterans in the hospital in Muskogee and the Will Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City and expressed appreciation of the splendid cooperation that the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Oklahoma in the maintenance of Masonic Homes and the support that the Order extends to the Masonic Hospital Service. Among the recommendations he made is the following:

"That the surplus funds of this Grand Lodge be set aside and not be subject to expenditure except by vote of this Grand Lodge in Annual Communication assembled, except that in event of an emergency they may be expended by the Grand Master only with the consent and approval of the Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Law and Usage Committee of this Grand Lodge."

The report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma showed a net principal of \$1,373,755.16. The net income on investments for the year is in the sum of \$35,292.39. The report concludes:

"The Masonic Charity Foundation has set a goal of at least five million dollars as an Endowment Fund with which to insure perpetual help to the needy Masons and their dependents in our

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ENTRAMOS de lleno en el mes de las Navidades y sumándonos al regocijo general, enviamos nuestros saludos Pascuales a todos los miembros de nuestra institución. Es nuestro ferviente deseo que el espíritu de Aquél que vino para dar carne de realidad a los sentimientos de amor universal, de paz y de buena voluntad, se infiltre en los corazones de todos. Nuestras predicaciones de fraternidad humana se hacen gloriosas cuando todos los hombres olvidándose de pasados agravios se dan todo en esta temporada de Navidades a la realización del evangelio de amor que la caracteriza.

!Que sean todos mas felices, es nuestro sincero deseo!

(Antonio González, P.G.M. — F.P.S.)

ELECCIONES EN NUESTRAS LOGIAS

Este es el mes en que por mandato constitucional nuestras Logias subordinadas tienen que elegir nuevos oficiales para el siguiente año masónico. Siempre hemos sido creyentes en la sabia discreción y buen juicio de nuestros constituyentes, y esperamos una vez mas que nuestros miembros hagan ahora como siempre buen uso de su privilegio de votar. La Logia no es mas que el simple reflejo de la voluntad de sus miembros, y si ella es próspera y floreciente es porque se ha hecho buen uso de este privilegio. A todos aquellos que hayan sido consagrados por el voto de sus Hermanos de Logia van nuestros para bienes y los mejores deseos para el éxito de una administración feliz y próspera. Los que no hayan sido ungidos con el óleo de la balota electoral, esperamos que sigan como siempre cooperando en la labor común, pues, la voluntad de la mayoría es la ley suprema de nuestra organización. Con el correr de los años, ellos serán los que han de regir los destinos de sus talleres, y este compás de espera es para fortificarles en su fe y prepararlos para futuras tareas. Van nuestros mejores deseos a todos!

(Antonio González, P.G.M. — F.P.S.)

EL DIA DE RIZAL, ES DIA MASONICO

EL DIA DE RIZAL es día Masónico. Rizal murió Masón, como ya se ha probado hasta la saciedad. Que sus detractores quieran ahora confundir al pueblo tratando de aminorar su gloria inmarcesible trayendo a última hora una cacareada retractación, es obra de los que no le quieren bien. Recordemos que

esós mismos que ahoran sostienen por propia conveniencia la supuesta retractación de Rizal son los que trataron de impedir la lectura de Rizal y sus enseñanzas en nuestros centros docentes.

Esa es la misma historia de siglos. Reclamar como suyo a un hijo que se hizo grande porque tuvo el valor de exponer los males de una institución que prostituyó lo mas grande que puede haber en la mente y en el corazón de los hombres, LA CONCIENCIA. Que fácil es atribuir a un difunto flaquezas del espíritu, por que el mismo ya no está en condiciones de desmentir! Pero allí está su obra grandiosa y elocuente dismintiendo a todo aquél que con descaro trata ahora de borrar su nombre de la lista de aquéllos héroes que murieron y dieron sus vidas por sostener sus convicciones!

Desde temprana edad Rizal conoció las aflicciones de su Patria, y por eso fue y se hizo Masón, y murió como Masón, y de ese modo corrigió en gran parte los males por él expuestos en sus brillantes escritos. Dedicemos este mes a una labor intensa de verdadero Masonismo y de gloriosa Masonería conmemorando su muerte como la culminación de su fecunda labor masónica.

(Antonio González, P.G.M. — F.P.S.)

LA INFLUENCIA MASONICA EN LA DECLARACION UNIVERSAL DE LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS

(continuación)

(Continuaremos con el artículo que hemos principiado en el número anterior sobre este tema.)

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El artículo XVIII dispone que todo hombre tiene derecho a la libertad de pensamiento, de religión y de

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great state. All of us are not blessed with material wealth comparable to that of our late President, Lew Wentz, but most of us, after providing for our own household, can make available varying amounts for aid to the needy and distressed in our Fraternity."

The Board of Control of the Masonic Homes said:

"At the close of the year 1951 we had ninety-eight members, thirty-nine men and fifty-nine women. This is an increase of six over 1950..."
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Las disposiciones, arriba transcritas hablan de las diferentes formas de libertad por las que ha estado nuestra asociación masónica luchando por centurias.

Seguiremos hablando sobre lo mismo en nuestro siguiente editorial.

(Antonio González, P.G.M. — F.P.S.)

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¡ 30 DE DICIEMBRE DE 1896 !

Efeméride luctuosa. Los cánticos mañaneros de nuestras aves anunciaron la tristeza y el dolor del día. La sonriente luz de la aurora matinal tornóse en melancólico crepúsculo de una tarde brumosa en la hora del Angelus. Los murmurios de nuestros mares y rios eran gemidos que exalaban las angustias del pueblo oprimido. Cesaron las caricias de la brisa juguetona, y las zozobras de la ansiedad saturaron la atmósfera. Trocáronse en tirstes lamentos las gayas canciones de las sirenas que guardan la líquida llanura en la entrada del Mariveles. Las sílfides protectoras de nuestras verdes campiñas, acudieron presurosas en raudo vuelo al Campo de Bagungbayan, entonces el Gólgota de Filipinas, para estar a su lado y recoger los postrero alientos de nuestro Redentor, Afligida y conturbada, la Patria respiraba entre hondos suspiros, pendiente del momento trágico del holocausto. Sonó le descarga . . . !, y ella, la Patria adorada, imprimió en la tersa frente del hijo idolotrado el triste beso maternal de la eterna despedida.

Los alegres vítores de Viva España! hendieron los espacios a los acordes triunfales de la Marcha de Cadiz, Frailes y españoles, y los que se las echaban de españoles se dieron la inmensa satisfaccion de ver caer a la víctima que tanto asediaban.

Y cuando la callada noche tendió su enlutado manto, y la aflicción no halló en el firmamento una

sola estrella de consuelo, el pueblo se postró ante los altares del hogar y lloró en silencio la dolorosa ejecucion de su Hijo Mayor.

La Cruz negó al cadaver cristiana sepultura, prohibiósele la bendición rituálica y todo sufragio en sus templos, no permitió su inhumación en tierra sagrada. La Espada, a su vez, prohibió que el hijo, ya difunto, recibiera los últimos homenajes del cariño de sus padres; y la Cruz y la Espada impidieron que alguna señal marcara el lugar re su tumba. ! Crueldad! inhumana Crueldad!

Sí, cayó Rizal dando el gallardo ejemplo de morir por sus convicciones sin claudicación o abjuración alguna; pero su caída arrastró consigo el derrumbamiento del Vetusto Castillo de la Soberanía de España en Filipinas, y a los mismos acordes de la Marcha Triunfal de Cádiz ascendió el Gran Malayo, el Filipino de tez morena, al Olimpo de la Inmortalidad; y allá estará hasta la consumación de los siglos para desmentir la cacareada superioridad de los de piel caucásica y abatir su arrogante prosopopeya.

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