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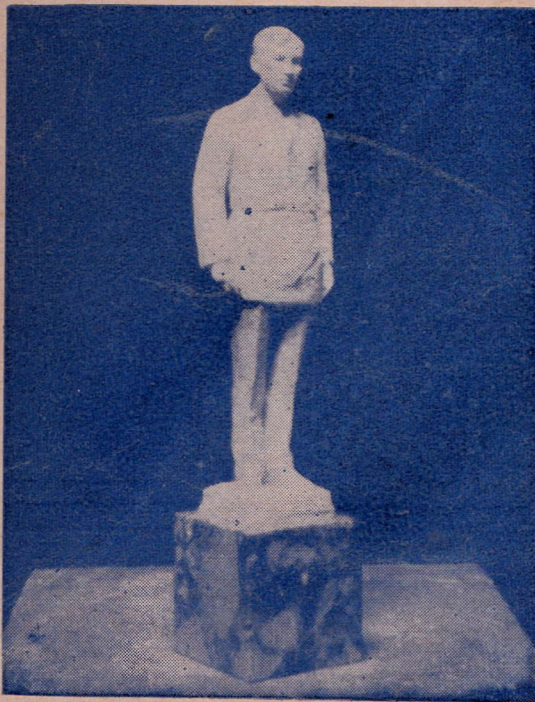
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The Grand Master's Message



Masonic Heroes Day

WHEREVER MASONS will assemble on August 30th to honor our Masonic Heroes, they will pay tribute to the Titans of Filipino History, who were Freemasons and whose names are inscribed in every Filipino's heart: Del Pilar, Dr. Jose Rizal, Mabini, Juan Luna, Bonifacio, Pardo de Tavera, and to the great leaders of a later era: Manuel L. Quezon, Manuel A. Roxas, Jose Abad Santos, Rafael Palma, Manuel Camus, Pedro Guevara, and to the many unnamed heroes of Bataan and Corregidor, who belong or belonged to the Fraternity.

In remembering their glorious and patriotic deeds and their wise moral and spiritual teachings, Masons render a solemn pledge to be worthy of their immortal achievements. To hallow their memory is a challenge to the present and all future generations: whilst we enjoy the blessings of their sacrifices and their exploits and live surrounded by a treasure of examples of lofty, unselfish service to Country and Humanity, we must take counsel with ourselves and answer for ourselves the question: Is there any deed on our part measuring up within the limitations of our station in life to their sacrifices?

It is not given to all men to perform heroic deeds inscribed in the books of history. There is an army of unsung heroes, who deserve no less credit than the real Great. There is the army of Filipino fathers and mothers who sacrifice their all for the education of their children for better enlightenment. There are those who, though poor as they may be yet share what they have with a distant relative in distress or a neighbor

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Editorials:

Rizal Statue At Our Grand Lodge

THIS MONTH, Grand Lodge Circular No. 7 (Series of 1954) has been issued to the effect that a contract has been signed between an outstanding sculptor of the Philippines — Prof. Tolentino — and the Grand Lodge whereby the former will undertake to deliver to the latter a finished life-size bronze statue of Dr. Jose Rizal clad as a Mason for a prize of ₱10,000.00 plus ₱200.00 for a Romblon marble pedestal. This is the first project of its kind ever undertaken by the Grand Lodge. There are 10,000 Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction and a donation of at least ₱1.00 from each brother will practically cover the cost of the whole undertaking.

Needless to say, there is no task however difficult nor project however vast that can not be done or realized by Masons if they but get together and pool their resources as they have done in the past; for Masonry is a joint enterprise wherein every votary should readily and cheerfully contribute his bit for the welfare of all.

The sooner we cover the entire quota for the Statue, the earlier we will behold the likeness of Rizal, the Mason at the Grand Lodge. Thus we will be reminded of his presence—at least in spirit—in our midst, not once or several times throughout the year, but every day of our life; thus we will remember him who thought, acted, and lived as a Mason, who preached liberty, fought tyranny, and extolled virtue. Hear again his still ringing voice as expressed through one of his immortal works, EL FILIBUSTERISMO:

“Liberty is to man, what education is to the intelligence.”

“Only people who are tyrannized and enslaved are the ones whose duty it is to ask nothing ever.”

“He who gives his gold and life to the State has the right to exact that it give light in order the better to gain gold and conserve life.”

“He who becomes a tyrant engenders slaves.”

“Hate creates none but monsters; crime, criminals; only love carries out marvelous works; only virtue can save.”

“The just and the worthy must suffer, in order that their ideas may be known and spread.”

As citizens of the Philippines, lovers of liberty, and real Masons, let us therefore do our part and rally to one more worthy cause, that of enshrining Brother Rizal in the Plaridel Masonic Temple, the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. This is a test of our devotion to the greatest hero of the nation, a challenge to everyone who is a Mason not only in name but by conviction. — M.B., P.G.M.

John Henry Cowles

JOHN HENRY COWLES was 25 years old when he became a Master Mason. For 66 years he thought, spoke, wrote, and lived as an exemplary of our Venerable Fraternity and could have served further and accomplished still more had not death intervened on June 18, 1954 in his ninetieth year. In his demise, the United States lost a great American, and the world, one of the greatest Masons of this century.

To read the Masonic works of Bro. Cowles is to realize his passion for closer understanding among nations and better fellowship among men. To meet and talk to him personally is to share the bigness of his heart and be contaminated with his magnetic personality. For here indeed was a man who richly exemplified the very essence of Masonry itself — Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. And what he could not now render physically might as well be undertaken by his own brethren whom he had guided, inspired, and influenced in one way or another, while yet among the living.

Let not the brevity of this tribute be understood to mean that Bro. Cowles' earthly life was one of inaction; no, far from it. On the contrary, those who were close to him affirm that he worked harder and longer than any person they ever knew. He has crowded his earthly journey with worthwhile achievements and planted seeds of goodness all along his way. What more can a Mason desire! Honor after honor was heaped upon him while he was yet able to appreciate the same; and even after his death, eloquent praises of his golden deeds, we continue to hear.

And Freemasonry, in spite of trials and tribulations will continue to grow and glow because it has votaries like John Henry Cowles who go about doing good. — M.B., P.G.M.

Communism Against The Masonic Way Of Life

IN ONE OF THE ISSUES of the FRIENDS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BULLETIN we read the following as the real foundation of the American Way of Life:

"We have firmly established rights which protect and give freedom to all individuals. Among these rights are:

"The right to worship God in one's own way;

"The right to free speech and press;

"The right to assemble;

"The right to petition for grievances;

"The right to privacy in our homes;

"The right to trial by jury—innocent until proved guilty;

"The right to move about freely at home or abroad;

"The right to own private property;

"The right to work in callings and localities of our choice;

"The right to bargain with our employers;

"The right to go into business, compete, make a profit;

"The right to bargain for goods and services in a free market;

"The right to contract about our affairs;

"The right to vote in a secret ballot;

"The right to the service of government as a protector and referee;

"The right to freedom from arbitrary government regulation and control.

"This is the definition of our American Way of Life."

MUTATIS MUTANDIS, that also covers the definition of the MASONIC WAY OF LIFE. When COMMUNISM declared itself as the DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT and went against the foregoing INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, it went not only against the American Way of Life, but also against the MASONIC WAY OF LIFE. In fact, it went against all ways of life which are founded on the foregoing rights as indicated above.

In the same issue of the said bulletin we read that STALIN proclaimed the DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT as the Party of the Communists, and that the said party could not share its leadership with any other party, because its power was unlimited and without restraint. That explains the persecution of Masonry by the Communists. Masonry will never tolerate an unlimited power for any one to govern peoples or individuals. Masonry will always go against any power not based on law, morality and freedom. (Antonio González, P.G.M.)



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons Of The Philippines

CIRCULAR No. 6

Series of 1954 — Schetelig

To All Masters, Wardens and Members
of all Subordinate Lodges
in this Grand Jurisdiction

RE: *NATIONAL ANTHEM*

GREETING :

The solemnity of the Flag Ceremony as practised at the opening of a Lodge would be greatly enhanced by the singing of our beautiful and meaningful National Anthem in the English or Tagalog version.

Though it is not given to all men to be good singers, yet every Mason should make it a point of tuning in to the best of his ability; the poor singers in a low voice following the lead of their more gifted brethren.

All Lodges are urged to adopt this practice. The singing of our National Anthem will re-affirm in everyone's heart his determination to live-up to the lofty patriotism we Masons are pledged to practice as citizens and servants of our country.

Manila, Philippines, 24 August, 1954.

(Sgd.) WERNER P. SCHELIG
Grand Master

ATTEST:

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

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE
MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN
912 Taft Avenue
Manila, Philippines

Fellow Citizens:

One of the most glorious pages ever written in the history of our country was when the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children

was conceived by a small group of Freemasons on February 12, 1923.

This Hospital treats crippled children without distinction of race, religion or creed.

The regulations for admittance are not difficult—children must be twelve years old or younger; our medical director, after examination of the patient, must be of the opinion that the child is curable; and the child must come from a family who cannot afford to pay for the treatment.

We maintain two wards: one in the Mary Johnston Memorial Hospital, and the other in the De Los Santos Clinic, both under the supervision of medical directors who are specialists in the rehabilitation of children. Children adopted as patients pay no fee of any description. All expense is borne by the Freemasons of the Philippines.

If you know of a little child whom we can help will you notify our Secretary

Mr. Alfredo J. Pascual
Scottish Rite Temple
912 Taft Avenue
Manila, Philippines

Your doing so will confer a favor to us and a favor to the child.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) CONRADO BENITEZ

President

Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children

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ANOTHER LETTER FROM A CRIPPLED CHILD'S FATHER TO THE MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The following self-explanatory letter is one of the many written by parents of crippled children and an expression of gratitude for what the Hospital has done and is doing for and on behalf of crippled children:

Nasipit Lumber Co., Inc.,

Nasipit, Agusan

July 28, 1954.

Dear Doctor Rivera:

I am writing you again this short letter just to inform you of the progress Henry is doing after he left from the Hospital.

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Henry is happy now that he is just like other children in the neighborhood who can run, play during the time when he is not in his classes. He is at present attending classes in the Nasipit Central Elem. School and it gives him pleasure to be in company with kids of his age in anything that they do in school. At home Henry takes his time to walking (not limping) in order that he can practice his legs and he is with his brothers and sisters playing at home.

His legs are improving and we are contemplating on buying him another pair of shoes to fit his feet. He has no more worry about moving here and there.

He attends regularly his Sunday School classes every Sunday in our local church and recites bible verses accurately and clearly.

He is expressing his thanks and gratitude to the personnel of your hospital who were responsible for returning to him a happy and normal life.

Mrs. Betron and our children joined with me in expressing our best regards and good wishes to you, your Mrs. and the children, to your hospital staff and friends of Henry too.

Very sincerely,

(Sgd.) MIKE BETRON

Dr. Manuel Rivera
Mary Johnston Hospital
Londo, Manila

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JOINT OFFICIAL VISITATION OF THE GRAND MASTER

ONE OF THE BIGGEST attendance ever to witness an official visitation of Most Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master was that which turned out at the spacious Abad Santos Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, on August 14, 1954. It was the occasion when six subordinate Lodges — Sinukuan No. 16, Araw No. 18, Dapitan No. 21, High-Twelve No. 82, Hiram No. 88 and Keystone No. 100 — combined their efforts

and talents to make the visitation a success.

It was during the program that the Flag Ceremony was properly observed and emphasized. The Grand Master reminded the brethren to be ever-ready to recite or sing the Philippine National Anthem which should evoke reverence and patriotism in the heart of every Filipino.

Short but enlightening remarks

were delivered by the following brethren who are Masters of their respective Lodges: Alfonso T. Navales (82), Rosalio Y. Santos (16), Jose M. Trinidad (21), Felipe Pilapil, Jr. (18), Leonardo C. Galima (100), and Isaac I. Puno (88).

Among the features of the program were the presentation of awards: Twenty-Five Year Diplomas and Button by Hiram Lodge No. 88, Honorary Membership Diplomas by Sinukuan Lodge No. 16 and Araw Lodge No. 18, and Life Membership Diplomas by Sinukuan Lodge No. 16.

At the request of the Grand Master, an Open Forum was held centering around three themes: Charity in and outside the Lodge, Harmony among the brethren, and Vigilance on the part of Masons in order to protect the good name of Freemasonry and the character

of the members thereof.

The address of the Grand Master dwelt on faithful adherence to the tenets of our Venerable Institution, the dignity and freedom of man, and a relentless fight against bigotry and intolerance. "We must not allow ourselves to be mentally subjugated now that the Philippines is independent and our people, sovereign", he stated. For what can freedom mean if man as an individual meekly submits himself to the whim and caprice of others; if he lets the powerful think for himself?", he asked. "The colonial type of mind suits those who seek to divide and dominate the people. As Masons, we have sworn to regard our neighbor as our brother not our inferior; and as Masons we took an obligation to uphold the democratic way which is likewise the Masonic way of life," he concluded.

GRAND MASTER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

THE BIRTHDAY of Most Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master (August 6) was celebrated by his brethren and their families at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila on August 8, 1954.

The occasion was featured with a Literary-Musical Program as follows:

PART I

1. Overture, "Payapang Daigdig," —
F. de Leon — Welfareville All-Girl

String Band

2. Vocal Music, "The Desert Song," —
Sigaund Romberg
Male Voices, *Ellinwood Choir Club*
3. Declamation, "We Meet Upon the Level" — *Wor. Bro. Pedro R. Francisco*
4. Marimba Solo
 - (a) "Kundiman," — *F. Santiago*
 - (b) "In a Persian Market," —

Ketelby

Miss Petra Molas

Miss Amelia Avila at the piano

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5. Instrumental Duet, "Pasacaglia," — 6. REMARKS—By the Grand Master
Falvorsen
 Violin — *Luis Garcia*
 Viola — *Maximino Isla*
 Master of Ceremonies—
Wor. Bro. Regino G. Padua

6. Song, "After the Ball," —
Ellinwood Choir Club
Miss Lois N. Florendo, Conductress
Miss Nora Horillano, Accompanist

INTERMISSION

5 minutes

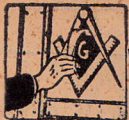
PART II

1. Music, (a) "Tagani," —
Rosendo Santos, Jr.
 (b) "Zig Zigeuner," —
Noel Coward
Console & String Ensemble
 Violin — *Luis Garcia*
 Viola — *Maximino Isla*
 Cello — *Martiniano Esguerra*
 Organ — *Edith A. Dizon*
2. Male Quartet
Ruben Candelaria (12)
Daniel Colipano (79)
Jesus Manlapas (79)
Leon A. Vidallon (18)
3. Violin Solo, "Habanera Filipina,"—
Vallejo — *Miss Elvira Romero*
Mrs. Edith A. Dizon at the organ
4. Vocal Number
Miss Fides Santos Cuyugan
Miss Vilma Santiago at the piano
5. Song, "The Lord's Prayer,"—
Albert Malotte
Ellinwood Choir Club

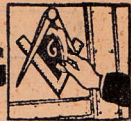
Surprise numbers included donations from Lodges, Royal Arch Masons, and members of the Eastern Star toward the Masonic Charity Fund, the Rizal Statue to be erected at the Grand Lodge, and for the relief of Masonic Widows and Orphans.

Right Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias, Deputy Grand Master, presented on behalf of the brethren of the Grand Lodge a narra-framed enlarged photograph of the Grand Master. The Grand Master in his closing remarks thanked the brethren and their families for their kindness in remembering him on his birthday but he added: "On this occasion, let us think more of the poor and the unfortunate and endeavor to find ways and means to alleviate their sufferings. Charity is a principal tenet of Freemasonry and let us not only preach it but express it over and over again among our own families and communities. Likewise, let us have more wholesome entertainment — beautiful song and inspiring music for the human soul and inspiring talks and enlightening addresses for the mind."

The celebration was enjoyed by all.



WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26

Sta. Cruz, Laguna

A GOOD NUMBER of brethren and their families joined the brethren in Manila on August 8, 1954 in celebrating the birthday of Most Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master, and active member of this Lodge.

Grand Master a bronze plaque symbolic of the members' affection of him and appreciation for his Masonic services.

The Grand Master on the other hand wrote the Lodge through the Worshipful Master, the following

This Lodge presented to the letter:

"August 10, 1954

"Wor. Bro. Democrito Santos
Worshipful Master of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26
Sta. Cruz, Laguna

"My dear Wor. Bro. Santos: —

"My first letter of sincerest thanks must go to you and the brethren of my mother Lodge. When coming home yesterday at a nearly morning hour, the last thing I held in my hands before going to rest was the beautiful plaque you brethren gave me and it is lying next to this letter, by which I wish to express once more my sincerest gratitude. From the wording of this bronze honor scroll I am happy to feel your fraternal esteem and affection with which it was given. And if you speak of loyalty and admiration, I accept these assurances on your part with humble pride and as an encouragement to go forth putting all my very best efforts in serving my brethren as your Grand Master.

"Your very thoughtful program preceding the ceremony of handing me the plaque was appreciated by all present and I am sorry I failed to thank personally the lady rendering the beautiful piano piece and your young, goodlooking ballet star.

"And a last word of sincerest thanks to every Brother who came all the way down from Sta. Cruz and graced our affair

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with this presence, but not less thanks to those, who stayed behind; they were with us in thought.

“Brethren, you have made me so happy and deeply grateful and your plaque will always have an honoured place wherever will be my home.

“Very sincerely and fraternally,

“(Sgd.) W. P. SCHETELIG
Grand Master”

We reiterate our congratulations will render greater service to our to our Grand Master and hope he Grand Lodge.

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High Twelve Lodge No. 82

Manila

ANNOUNCEMENT is hereby made of the reorganization of the High-Twelve Security Association, Inc. Thus, every member is to pay the Association an initial membership fee of ₱5.00 and ₱5.00 thereafter after every first working day of January and July of each year until the amount of ₱50.00 is paid. In case of a member's death, each member is to put in the corresponding pro-rated amount to replenish the funds of the amount paid out to the beneficiaries, each beneficiary to receive not more than ₱1,000.00. The following compose the Board of Directors: Jose B. Santos, chairman; Alfonso T. Navales, Alvaro L. Martinez, Pio Salomon, Jesus Alvarez, Jose L. Intal, and Pedro Arcilla, members.

The annual outing of this Lodge took place at Los Baños, College of

Forestry, on May 30, 1954. Cars and buses were used to transport the brethren and their families. A “lechon” party was enjoyed by all thanks to the efforts of the brethren of Los Baños.

It is pleasing to note that Wor. Bro. Genaro Pestana and Bro. Dr. Manuel C. Magboo have recovered from their illness. We missed them during their absence from our meetings.

We extend congratulations to Wor. Bro. Florencio Asiddao who left for the United States as a FOA Fellow to observe forest administration. Also, to Bro. Tiburcio Serevo, soon to leave for the same place as another FOA Fellow. Bro. and Mrs. Felisberto Cabotaje left last July for the United States; the former will observe conditions in rural communities.

Quezon City Lodge No. 122

THIS LODGE has launched the "KNOW THY NEIGHBOR IDEA." It is planned to publish names of brethren residing in Quezon City by District and the Lodge of which they are members. This will be implemented by inter-visits among the brethren and their families.

It is a source of encouragement to know that a great number of

our active members have already paid their dues up to date. Let us keep this up for the good of the Fraternity in general.

A fraternal welcome is extended to the following brethren who have filed their applications for affiliation to this Lodge: Jolly Bugarin (65), Malakas Medina (19), Dan Deceales (La Perla 1034 SC), and Amando Ylagan (104).

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FREEMASONRY BELIEVES IN GOD

By CAMILO OSIAS

FREEMASONRY believes in God. It teaches, preaches, and practices faith in God.

All Freemasons believe in God. No person can be a free and accepted Mason unless he believes in God.

We make these statements plainly, emphatically, without mental reservation, and with knowledge of the facts.

One of the assertions or insinuations made by enemies of Freemasonry is that it is Godless. Whoso makes such a statement or claim does violence to truth.

For the sake of clearness and for emphasis we repeat: Every Mason believes in God. This is a basic requirement for every applicant seeking admission, of his own free will and accord, to the great Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

In the rituals and in many books and publications of Freemasonry God is referred to and His holy name is invoked in all reverence. God is called the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Supreme Being, the Supreme Grand Master, the Almighty, the Deity, the Creator, Theus, Jehovah, the Divine Providence or some other equally ineffable name.

Masons pray to God, our heaven-

ly Father. The Master of a Lodge, like the last member, reverences God Almighty. When a Freemason makes his most solemn vow within the Lodge, he does so on bended knees, his hands resting upon the Sacred Book, and before God, and that vow is binding upon his conscience.

To Masons everywhere the statements here made are well-known. To them they are unnecessary, for they are axiomatic. But the enemies of Freemasonry continue to mislead those who are not conversant with the tenets of the Fraternity by making the preposterous claim that Masons do not believe in God.

Masons irrespective of degree believe in God, adore Him, worship Him, pray to Him, revere Him. Mine has been the honor and the privilege of having gone through the different degrees from that of an Apprentice which is the first degree to the Thirty-Third and Last Degree. I affirm categorically and from the depth of my soul that faith in God is ever prominent in every degree and there is no relaxation in that faith in any degree.

Whoever says, by direct statement, by implication, or by insinuation, that Freemasons do not

believe in God is either grossly ignorant or is deliberately being a traitor to truth. The real truth is that every Mason believes in God and no person can be a Free and Accepted Mason if he does not avow belief in God.

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Our Gratitude To The Brethren In America

By Most Worshipful MAURO BARADI
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands

(Address delivered at the Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Washington, D.C., February 25, 1954.)

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished
Guests, and Brethren:

I. INTRODUCTION

THIS IS THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Masonic Service Association of the United States. To Masons from many Grand Jurisdictions in North America and other lands, every road leads to Washington, D.C. Here the occasion and place have met; for indeed the Association which holds its meeting today, is a servant of Freemasonry through which Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are expressed, and this Capital City where we have congregated, is a citadel of Democracy through which Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity are exercised.

II. AN INSPIRING TESTIMONY

I CAME FROM THE PHILIPPINES, a distant country. I have travelled ten thousand miles—over land and sea — to be with you today. The eloquent speeches delivered, the sweet music we have

heard, and the Annual Report of the Executive Commission that was rendered make us all feel that our Fraternity indeed, is harmony, charity, and world brotherhood in action.

And what proof more convincing can we cite than the very one who spoke to us a few minutes ago! I refer to your friend and mine, the brother of all of us, George G. Meade, an Ohio Mason, a veteran. No man, however indifferent he may be could help but listen to and be touched by Brother Meade's significant words—an inspiring testimony of man's humanity to man, a glowing tribute to the courage of a brother amidst long suffering and seemingly insurmountable odds; for although physically blind and therefore, unable to behold the beauties of Nature, he has the gift of description which only the inner man could see; he has his own way of acknowledging his indebtedness to his brother Masons and expressing his gratitude to his benefactors like Veterans Administration

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Hospitals and the Association's Hospital Visitors, and that way is through the unspoken language and genuine appreciation of the human heart. I shall long remember the wonderful story as related to us by our blind brother!

III. GREETINGS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

I BRING TO YOU, my brethren, the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands. We fully appreciate the kind invitation you extended to us, knowing as we do your interest regarding the progress not only of brethren in America but of those in lands far away.

The purpose of my attendance at this Meeting is two-fold: first, to express, personally, and officially as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, our gratitude for the invaluable help and genuine cooperation we have received from the Association; and, second, to reaffirm our adherence to the well known objectives of the Association of which the Grand Lodge I represent is a humble member.

IV. ENEMY INVASION AND OCCUPATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

THE EVEN TENOR of our ways was interrupted when in December, 1941, the Philippines was invaded and subsequently oc-

cupied by the Japanese Military. Next came all sorts of prohibitions — banning Freemasonry, denying our people their Bill of Rights, nullifying the privilege granted citizens in a democracy. The precious freedom of the individual was replaced by real threat to his person, even forfeiture of his own life. The Masons and their families like the rest, faced starvation and were afflicted by disease; we were marked men — some driven to the forests and the hills, others risked death in the towns and cities; and those of us who were less fortunate, were executed without benefit of trial or died at the point of the bayonet. To the enemy drunk with power, human dignity was unknown and life itself, very cheap.

I remember well the loved ones snatched from our very homes, never to come back! And the numerous brethren who were killed because of their devotion to Masonic principles and loyalty to their native land! This is the price we paid for being Masons; this is the penalty we suffered for the Fraternity.

Yet, everything was not dark for us. As sure as the day follows the night, as sure as spring comes after winter, there was glory in suffering; there was joy in sorrow because in 1945, under the leadership of Brother General Douglas MacArthur — a member of Manila Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M. — the Armed Forces of Democracy land-

ed on our shores, and at long last, the Philippines was liberated.

V. WAR'S END AND MASONIC RELIEF

THE END of the war found us entirely destitute. During the emergency, we appealed for help from the brethren in these United States. Spontaneously and without asking questions, the Grand Lodges of America and this Association came to our rescue. Again we learned that the language of Freemasonry is not only expressed in eloquent phrases, but more than that, in acts of charity, of kindness, of human sympathy.

I have come here to reiterate what I have said the other day in the Conference of Grand Masters of North America, that we in the Philippines are greatly indebted to you brethren in America for your financial aid and comforting ministry at a time when we were in dire need; you have seized the golden opportunity to help us back to normalcy so we can continue the program of Freemasonry in our part of the world.

May I be allowed to express our gratitude — in the same way as Brother Meade has done—by saying that the Masonic Service Association has rendered the Masons in the Philippines and their families an invaluable service in the form of relief which we can only acknowledge but never repay. It is such noble acts of Masonic charity that inspired your brethren in

the Philippines to continue their work in the same direction. In fact charity is emphasized in our Grand Jurisdiction; among others, we have sent relief to fire victims, provided funds to widows and orphans, contributed to the maintenance of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, donated blood to, and joined the Fund Campaign of the Philippine National Red Cross, helped raise money to prevent juvenile delinquency, participated in carrying out the program of the Philippine Tuberculosis society, and raised — through voluntary contributions — a substantial amount to help our President Ramon Magsaysay in his plan to construct artesian wells in barrios all over the Philippines.

VI. SERVICE THROUGH EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

THE SECOND PURPOSE for which I have come is to reaffirm the adherence of our Grand Lodge to the noble objectives of the Masonic Service Association. It should have been enough for the Association to consistently implement its program of charity through "financial relief and Masonic visitation, and ministering to, comforting and relieving the members of the Fraternity and their dependents, particularly in times of distress and disaster, whether caused by war, pestilence, famine, fire, flood, earthquake or other calamity;" but this Association true to

its name is a real Service Association which serves mankind not only by meeting physical needs but by keeping the mind alert through education and enlightenment.

The Digests prepared by the Association keep our Grand Lodge posted with important phases of activities in other Grand Jurisdictions; the Short Talk Bulletin and supplement are authoritative sources from which our subordinate Lodges cull pertinent information which have proved helpful to the brethren; the plays which our Grand Lodge has received from time to time have been satisfactory vehicles of entertainment in the Philippines and some have been translated in the Filipino language in compliance with repeated requests of the public. So far the most popular motion picture among the brethren is the one entitled, "Your Son Is My Brother"; the message presented by the picture has made many a good man to become a better Mason. So essential is this task of enlightenment, that I have made it a feature of my three-fold program of administration, namely: Harmony, Charity, and Enlightenment. Living in a country where out of twenty million people—predominantly of the Roman Catholic faith — we have only ten thousand Masons, or one Mason for every two thousand persons, — we have to utilize proper means to define what Freemasonry is and spread its teachings. Thus we pub-

lish "The Cabletow," a monthly magazine which is the official organ of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands; we broadcast over the radio; we distribute articles and speeches of Masonic worth to Masons and non-Masons alike; and the brethren in their respective professions speak their Masonry through the Four P's, namely, Platform, Pulpit, Publication, Press.

We believe that the Association should continue its mission and be supported by members and non-members alike. It propagates the gospel of brotherliness and appeals to all men to know the truth about which the Master spoke long long ago saying:

"And ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you
free."

VII. CONCLUSION

MY BRETHREN, what the world needs today is less selfishness and more selflessness, less hatred and more brotherly love, less idleness and more work, less suspicion and greater trust. In all these, the Masonic Service Association has the rare privilege of serving men and nations and advance the cause of the Fraternity; and this cause is the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Mr. Chairman, just a moment more and I am through. I brought with me a gift from the Grand

Lodge of the Philippine Islands to the Masonic Service Association; it is at the same time a token and remembrance of the attendance of their Grand Master as delegate to this Annual Meeting; it is of fine Philippine wood and made by the

hands of a Mason. In your care, Most Worshipful Brother, I now entrust this gavel that it be wisely used to promote the welfare of the Association and firmly wielded to serve the interest of our Venerable Fraternity.

BAGUMBAYAN LODGE No. 4

By LUIS F. REYES, P.M.

*(Remarks delivered at Plaridel Masonic Temple,
Manila, August 22, 1954)*

EVERY YEAR, on this memorable occasion, we traditionally assemble in a formal or familiar gathering, to celebrate the founding of our dear Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. It is indeed a pleasant thing for us occasionally to bring back to our memories and recall the by-gone years, particularly the early days of the existence of our Lodge, because we are reminded of the important role she played during the formative years of Masonic developments in the Philippines, her brilliant record of colorful achievements and unprecedented success, for which she is very proud of her history, traditions, and membership. So, as we are gathered this evening in fraternal celebration of this historical event, it is but likewise proper and fitting that we pay tribute to the loving memory of those departed brethren of ours in whose minds the establishment of Bagumbayan Lodge was conceived and by whose unstinted efforts it was brought to

being. As the years glided on helping hands that directed toward the growth and development of Bagumbayan Lodge lent wonderful cooperation. Cooperation of unselfishness, of devotion, ingenuity, of determination; and now Bagumbayan Lodge is proud to claim before the Masonic world that she has already erected a monument to herself. Let us, therefore, make the years to come our best yet, giving our officers, present and future, every assistance that opportunity presents, so that they will be made to feel that they preside over a group of brethren who indeed wish them well. And to you, our Mother Lodge, we salute you on your fortieth anniversary, and true to your reputation as trail blazer and initiator of movements, may you always believe and live in observing with utmost zeal and sincere devotion the Ancient Landmarks of our venerable Institution. — I THANK YOU.

"OVER AND OVER"

By BERNARD E. WOODFORD

in New South Wales Freemason.

SOME BRETHREN have suggested that Masonic speeches were too much the same. They ask for something fresh, some new facts, something with some spark of life in it. They accuse me of too much sentiment. But, on the contrary, I hold there is not enough sentiment, and am quite sure that they are wrong in their view.

This world is not ruled by logic, by scientific formulas or by man-made rules and regulations. It is ruled by hate, fear, anger, trust, love; primitive feelings inborn in every one of us. Our hospitals, asylums, prisons are full of those poor devils who have failed to recognize the need to school and control the emotions.

What does Mother Love know of logic? What regard has a starving man for scientific formulas? What respect for law and order has a man who gets punched in the nose? Does he fill in a form and report the matter? Of course not; he punches the other fellow back. In any case, a world where logic, science, and law reign supreme is not wanted, and I should hate to live in it and so would you.

What has this to do with Masonry?

I am old-fashioned enough to

believe that our Masonic fathers, in their wisdom, recognized the power of emotions and, still more important, recognized the need to develop our control over those primitive feelings.

The pageantry of the ceremony, the beauty of the ritual, will, if we attune our hearts aright, raise our sentiments to wonderful heights and train our emotions so that they enrich our lives.

The same old ritual in the same old way! Of course it is the same. Life is the same—spring, summer, autumn, winter. The awakening, the working, the eating, the going to sleep. The building up, the pulling down. Birth, life, death, always the same; and the same old ritual offering you wisdom, truth and beauty — yours for the having — all things worth while. But, in order to enjoy them, you are required to make yourselves receptive. To live your lives in such a way that the wisdom of the ages enriches your mind, the love of truth lights up your soul, and the beauty of the universe can penetrate your vision.

Masonry, if you will open your hearts to its finer concepts, will do all of this for you; but you must look deeper and yet deeper to attain it.

Be Grateful

BE GRATEFUL for your blessings—the privilege of work, the joy of life, the opportunity to give and to serve.

Robert Louis Stevenson, a lifelong invalid, was the personification of gratitude.

He stayed in a boardinghouse in San Francisco. The landlady's daughter contracted an infectious illness. The other boarders left, but Stevenson remained and helped to nurse the girl back to health.

He uprooted the thorn of anxiety from a mother's heart and planted the flower of sympathy — prompted by his gratitude for many kindnesses shown him.

Gratitude is a constructive, health-giving power. It beautifies and enriches life not only for ourselves, but for others with whom we come in contact.

An inspiring case of thankfulness is that of George Hayden of Quincy, Massachusetts. Some years ago while unloading a heavy truck, he lost his balance and seriously injured his spine.

He hasn't walked since that day. But he sits in his modest home, whittling away at the gnarled stumps and roots of timber salvaged from a nearby hurricane dump, fashioning souvenir Indian war clubs, knickknacks, and sundry other articles.

Grateful that he has the use of his hands, he works to support his small family and to earn enough for medical treatment.

"I am thankful it was not worse," he says, and smiles as he works away, having faith that some day he will walk again.

Happiness is a by-product. We find it when we are looking for something else. It comes from within, not from without. It lies not in receiving, but in giving.

Gratitude brings the best things we know into our mental storehouse and sets them before us in our daily fare. It brings into action experiences that are good and ennobling.

If we are to plant roses for others, we must first grow them in our own hearts.

The gratitude we feel and express today will bring forth in time to come a harvest of soul-satisfying results.

PLEDGE OF SERVICE * * *

THE WORLD'S OLDEST LIVING FREEMASONS

20th Annual List

July 1, 1954

By Harold V. B. Voorhis, 330—90 Pierrepont St., Brooklyn 2, N.Y.
 Grand Historian, Grand Chapter, R.A.M.
 & Grand Commandery, K.T., N.J.

No.	Name	Master Mason Original and *Present Lodge
1.	Nute, Alfred D.	Oct. 27, 1874 Humane No. 21, Rochester, N.H.
2.	Decker, William B.	Jan. 21, 1876 Columbia No. 98, Chatham, N.Y. *Tarbolton No. 351, Fairbury, Ill.
3.	Hopkins, John G.	Mar. 27, 1877 Garfield No. 686, Chicago, Ill.
4.	Thiery, Charles W.	Jan. 3, 1878 Amicable, Cambridge, Mass.
5.	Hopkins, William O.	Apr. 11, 1878 Hartford No. 83, Hartford, Iowa *Faithful No. 448, Runnells, Iowa
6.	Smith, Martin V. B.	June 7, 1878 Jackson Center No. 458, Jackson C., Ohio
7.	Leopold, George O.	Oct. 28, 1879 Gibson City, No. 733, Gibson City, Ill. *Muskogee No. 28, Muskogee, Okla.
8.	Bingay, Thomas V. B.	Nov. 3, 1879 Hiram No. 12, Yarmouth, N.S., Canada
9.	Byland, Thomas C.	Dec. 31, 1879 Weldon No. 746, Weldon, Ill.
10.	Deaner, Hiram F.	Mar. 20, 1880 Enterprise No. 70, Yuba City, Cal. *Alcatraz No. 244, Oakland, Cal.
11.	Warner, John T.	Oct. 16, 1880 Eastern Star No. 151, Winnfield, La.
12.	MacDonald, William C.	Oct. 26, 1880 Western Star No. 50, Westville, N.S., Can. *Keith No. 23, Stellarton, N.S., Can.
13.	Johnson, James	Dec. 24, 1881 St. Luke No. 132, Lauder, Scotland *Monett No. 129, Monett, Mo.
14.	Arnstein, Max B.	Feb. 23, 1881 Hiram No. 68, Anderson, S.C. *C. H. McKinney No. 433, Knoxville, Tenn.
15.	Hall, Henry	Apr. 6, 1881 Eureka No. 42, Sheet Harbor, N.S., Can.
16.	Westcott, Sanford H.	Nov. 25, 1881 Goodrich No. 236, Davidson, Mich. *Orion No. 46, Lake Orion, Mich.

Wikang Pilipino • • •

Mauro Baradi!

Sa Kaarawan Mo! Agosto 22, 1954

... MABUHAY ka ng maluwalhati at lumawig ang buhay mo sa panahong hinaharap, pagka't hindi lamang ang bayan mo ang nangangailangang humaba ang buhay mo, kungdi sampu pa ng mga kadaupang-palad mong libo-libong kaibigan, katoto, kapanalig at lalunglaluna sa mga kapatid mong "protestante" at mga "mason" sa Pilipinas, Guam, Korea, Okinawa, Hapon at Nasyonalistang Intsik. . .

... Kailangan nga namin at ng bayan mo ang iyong di pangkaraniwang talino, tulong at sipag, pagka't ikaw'y isang manananggol, guro, mananalumpati, propesor, educator, statesman, etc., etc., at ang lalong ikinatatangi mo'y isa ka sa mga matitibay na HALIGI ng MASONERYA sa Pilipinas at nang ikaw'y maging Kataas-taasang Dakila at Marangal na Guro ng mga MASON, ay kinamalasan ka ng mga kapatid mo ng isang marahas at makabagong pamamahala sa KAPATIRAN, — nguni't naging maselang ka naman sa mga gawaing nalilihis sa kalinisang asal at nalilisyang sa mabuting landasin ng moralidad. . .

... Anupa't isa ka ngang tunay at wagas na MASON maging sa isip at gawa, at ang uri ng pagkamason mo'y boong dangal naming maihahanay sa mga kadakilaan ng adhika, nasulat at nagawa nina

Rizal, Mabini, Del Pilar, Dr. Barcelona, Tavera, Palma, Abad Santos, Aglipay, Quezon, Aguinaldo, Roxas, atbp.

... Kung manalumpati ka'y ibinubod mo ang binhi ng di pangkaraniwang KISLAP NG IYONG DIWA upang ang tao'y maging mabuting mamamayan, matapatang kaibigan, mapagmahal na anak, maawaing krystiano, masunuring kapatid, at butihing asawa, — iniaaral mo din na iwaksi ang pakikipag-irangan at pakikipag-away sa kapwa-tao na isa ring tunay na kapatid sa silong ng langit, — at ipina-aalala mo rin na sa lupang sinilangan nati'y tunay na mayroong tangi at iisang Bathala para sa lahat at lahat, at iyan ding Bathalang iyan ang sumusubaybay sa lahat ng gawain at kilos natin sa lakdaw ng ating kabuhayan, — isang Bathalang hindi nangangailangan ng pilak at ginto, salapi at asyenda . . . at isang Bathala na nadadama natin sa lahat ng pagiging ating kinaroroonan; maawain at mapagpatawad, di lamang sa mayamang masalapi kungdi maging mahirap ka man na walang maibibigay na *parating* at *pabagsak* sa nagpapamagat na "kahalili" DAW SIYA ng DIYOS sa lupa. . . upang maakyat ka daw sa langit. . .

Francisco L. Reyes.

ANG BUDHI

(The Conscience)

PATRICIO E. DEL ROSARIO

ISA SA LALONG MAHAHALAGANG angkin ng isang tao sa buhay ay and BUDHI. (Conscience). Ito ang nag-aatas sa DIWA sa pagpapagalaw sa ibat-ibang bahagi ng katawan. Kapag mga KASAMAAN, lalupa't SAKIM ang iniutos ay tiyak na may mga DAING, mga HINAGPIS, mga TUTOL, mga HIMUTOK at PAGHIHIMAKSIK; tulad sa mga naganap sa ating bansa sa ilang pangyayari nuong panahon ng pamahalaang kastila, na ang nanga-sunod at nangagpalakad sa pangasiwaang nuon ay ang mga tinagurian nang panahong iyon, na mga kahalili o mga kumakatawan dito sa lupa sa LALONG MAKAPANGYARIHANG DIYOS (na ayon nga sa ating Dakilang Rizal, "tila baga ang Diyos ay ma-aaring halangan ninoman"), na ang lalong naging laganap, hanggang sa nakapamayani, ay ang isinagawa nuong 1896, na siya ngang yumari ng ngayo'y KASARINLAN nang ating pinagyayaman at pinagsusumakitan mapangalagaang maging MATATAG, MAUNLAD at mamalaging kahanay ng mga malalayang bansa sa daigdig. Ang ating pagkapaghimaksik na iyon ay pinangunahan ng mga masong naging tagasubaybay sa mga nuoy hangarin at layuning nangapalahad at itinugtog sa mga damdamin

ng ating mga pangunahing bayani sa ating ikalalaya sa mga nagsipagsamantala sa ating kahinaan at pikit-matang pagkasunod sa pananampalatayang lubos nating pinanaligang magliligtas sa ating mga kaluluwa sa pagkahulog sa impyerno! Mga masong sina Andres Bonifacio, Candido T. Tirona, Emilio Aguinaldo, Pantaleon Garcia at Baldomero Aguinaldo at marami, maraming-marami pang iba; kawangis ng ngayo'y matatag na makapangyarihang KASARINLAN ng ESTADOS UNIDOS NG AMERIKA, na sa kanyang pagkapagsimula ay pinangunahan din ng mga mason, sa pagkapamuno naman ng una niyang naging Pangulo, George Washington. Samakatuwid, alinmang kilusan ukol sa KALAYAAN, KASARINLAN at pagbaka sa mga KALUPITAN, PANGANGAMKAM, PANINIKIL at MGA KASAMAAN ng mga tao ay hindi ang hindi mga mason ang mangunguna, palibhasa'y simulain ng kapatiran nila, ng "MASONERYA," ang KALAYAAN, PAKAKAPANTAY-PANTAY at PAGKAKAPATIRAN. Simula din niya ang PAG-IBIG KAPATID, PAGDAMAY at KATOTOHANAN.

Kapag sa KABUTIHAN at KABANALAN ang atas ng ating

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From Other SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS · · ·

Masonry Can Build Better Men

THE INDIVIDUAL is the center of his universe, and responsible for his personal influence. It will be a more harmonious world as each individual lives a better moral and religious life. Masonry, therefore, has a great responsibility for leadership, in that important crusade for individual improvement.

By virtue of his nature, man has an awareness of right and wrong. It is not something communicated to him by his fellow man, but rather it is something inherent in him as a rational being. It is a part of his nature and comes as a gift from God. It is not the result of a process of reasoning; rather it is an initiative awareness of moral obligation. It is something written upon the tablet of his conscience by his Creator.

Freemasonry is not a religion, and yet it inculcates religious thought and sentiment and duty. It is not a reform school for adults, though it is ever striving to make men nobler, better and more manly.

There are many reasons why we should love Masonry, but the principal one is because it stands for every splendid attribute that tends toward the building of good, broad-minded, square-acting men.

The crowning glory of God's

creation is a virtuous, right-living right-thinking, and right-acting man. No matter how exalted or how humble his station in life, if he does right because of his love for that which is right, he is a good man. A proper study and conception of Masonry will demonstrate that it contributes to that kind of manhood. A careful and candid investigation of the principles and scope of Masonry will show that it assists in the moulding of the kind and character and type of manhood that recognizes the relationship of the universal brotherhood of man, and emphasizes the Fatherhood of God.

Masonry's history and ritual will unquestionably demonstrate that it stands for everything good and for all the better attributes of life. Upon every member of the Fraternity, therefore, rests the responsibility so to conduct himself that others can but recognize these truths.

The findings of psychology in respect to personality and happiness are largely a rediscovery of old religious truths which we find inculcated in our Ritual. Masonry is old because it is true; had it been false, it would have perished long ago.

To be indifferent to God is to be indifferent to the greatest of all

realities. In these times of difficulty and of danger we must not be indifferent, for the consciousness of God is mankind's most life-enriching experience.

By faith, the power of the ideas of the unknown and of the overwhelming may be overcome and destroyed. We may then follow logical reasoning in respect to the huge friendly universe. True courage is born of a sense of harmony

with the world in which we live.

The school educates no one; it is merely a field in which self-education may be carried on. The Masonic Lodge is likewise a field for self-education. Masonry hints at a man's unceasing search for the truth about God, and encourages us to seek our personal answers to that great and important question.

—*The Freemasons' Chronicle.*

How Do You Know Yourself To Be A Mason?

WHEN THAT QUESTION was asked of you during the work of the first degree did it register as being of great importance? To most candidates it doesn't. Usually it appears to be just a question that occurs in the process of instruction and the answer seems to be very simple. In statement it is simple, of course, but as the student of Masonry progresses he discovers that even the simplest of thoughts in Masonry have deep meanings attached to them. Very little occurs in the work of the Craft that is of small significance.

All of us have noted certain brethren in our own and in other lodges who seem particularly apt to learn and express themselves Masonically. These men are sure to be found at the head of lodge activities. They are moving spirits. They know the work and they know how to get things done.

Moreover they appear to be eager to advance the interests of their lodges. They think up things to do, or rather observe things that need doing. Sometimes their energy even grates a little on other brothers. Once in a while criticisms may be heard, the burden of which is likely to be that these brothers are a trifle too ambitious.

One knows himself to be a Mason when he begins to view truth, honor, justice, and charity not as abstract principles but as practical, everyday virtues which he must practice and exemplify in all of his relationships with his fellow men. When within him burns an intense desire to protect and advance the welfare of his brethren and with it constant care that no harm or injury comes to them through acts of his, a man may know he is developing the Masonic spirit.

(To be continued)



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THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada was convened in the Masonic Hall at Winnemucca, Nevada, 11 and 12 June 1953, by the M.W. Grand Master Richard H. Cowles. After the usual prayer at the Opening, the Grand Standard Bearer presented the American Flag and as the Brethren stood at attention, a fitting tribute was paid to it by Bro. Francis Fisher, after which every one repeated in unison the Pledge of Allegiance.

13 Past Grand Masters were assembled at the Altar and given a hearty welcome, which was likewise done to the other distinguished visitors. The Grand Master himself, after extending his glad hands, escorted them to the Grand East, where they were accorded the Grand Honors of Masonry. Two Past Grand Masters answered

the Final Summons during the year.

It was the pleasure of the Grand Master, who is in the cattle business, to visit every Lodge in his Grand Jurisdiction, where peace and harmony prevailed. He made a survey of the members' ages. In one Lodge there were 11 out of an attendance of 150 who were under 30 years of age, which fact, he said, was an indication that Nevada Masons should put in more time with the DeMolay boys and endeavor to interest the young men in our great Fraternity. For if they did not, so he predicted, Masonry will be but a memory and another chapter in their history books before too many years go by.

The Grand Lodge had its share in raising the relief fund for the Brethren in Holland who were victims of a very disastrous flood of Dispensations issued, we note with singular interest that dispensation was denied to a brother who wanted to waive the statutory time limit of 12 months before one could petition for Scottish Rite degrees, the petitioner being short by one month. In this Jurisdiction, as we have already stated, it is the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council who grants or denies such dispensations. A dispensation, however, was issued to

a Lodge to hold a special meeting in the Reno High School Gymnasium to provide adequate seating space for the expected attendance when the Chinese degree team of Military Service Lodge No. 570 went to Reno to confer the Master Mason's degree upon their own candidate.

Several invitations from appendant Orders were accepted. Eleven 50-Year buttons were presented to veteran Masons. Two cornerstones for two Protestant churches were laid by the Grand Master in Special Communications. A proclamation was issued to every Constituent Lodge to observe Public School Week. In this connection, the Grand Master stated that "our free public school system is being undermined by those who would have us share our school funds with others for the support of their religious schools. It is the inherent right of every American child of school age, regardless of their religious faith, to attend our free public schools, and in these schools to receive an education which is not full of religious teachings." Later, R.W. Bro. Edward V. Stewart, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of California, recounted the struggle in California the previous year to keep the public schools free and the private schools off the taxpayers. It seems that this interference from a certain religious sect is becoming an eternal and universal problem. The Grand

Master recommended as a General Regulation of the Grand Lodge that Masonic clubs in their Jurisdiction must be permitted only after attaining a dispensation similar to that required to form a new Lodge. The request from the Order of Amaranth to be allowed to enter Nevada was denied.

The Worshipful Master of Instruction, equivalent to our Grand Lecturer, who is elected together with the Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, reported that, with a few exceptions, the Standard work was being carried on in a creditable manner. The United Grand Lodge of Germany was extended recognition. Subject of the Grand Oration was "Duty," The Grand Orator, Wor. Brother Stanley D. Sundeen, concluded by saying:

"That we must again enlist in the advance guard to assist in preserving, as our Brethren in the past assisted, and in many cases gave their all to preserve and perpetuate. I speak of those principles which accord to every man complete civil, religious and intellectual liberty. To be sure, we do not lose these principles let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it. Every Mason knows what his duty is and God grant that he will dare carry out that *Duty*."

During the Fellowship Dinner, to which ladies were invited, a picture was presented showing what

was being done by the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children in San Francisco.

It was not recorded whether our Grand Representative was present. Wor. Bro. Carlos Iñigo, who is Nevada's Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, always makes it a point to

fly from far-off Davao, to attend the Annual Communications of our Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

Jose C. Velo, P.M.

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* * * WIKANG PILIPINO

ANG BUDHI

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budhi ay tiyak na KAPAYA-PAAN, KAAYUSAN, KAGINHA-WAHAN at KALIGAYAHAN ang tatamuhin ng lahat.

Sakitin nga nating tutulan, saan man at kailan man, ang alinmang hindi mabuting atas ng damdamin, ang alinmang masamang udyok ng ating BUDHI.

Ang budhi ng tao'y makapang-yarihan;

sundin sa mabuti at pakaasahang walang mahahapis, walang malulumbay

at mananatili ang KALIGAYAHAN.

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EL MASÓN dá y no retiene. El Masón brinda y nunca se hace egoísta. Ese es el sentido de superación humana que el Masón va predicando con su ejemplo y hasta con su vida generosa. Eso es en esencia CARIDAD. No se puede concebir la Masonería sin CARIDAD, como no se podría concebir la vida física del hombre sin el flujo constante de la sangre que vigoriza.

La masonería es servicio por lo mismo que es caridad. Sirve el Masón no sólo material, sino también moral y espiritualmente. Sirve el Masón cuando de alientos de vida al desgraciado; sirve el Masón cuando orienta al descarriado; sirve el Masón cuando seca las lágrimas del huérfano y de la viuda. Sirve el Masón cuando el viajero pierde su brújula en los mares tempestuosos de la vida, y le enseña con cariño el puerto seguro donde debe anclar. Sirve el Masón cuando el hombre criminalmente empedernido se hunde en el naufragio de sus pasiones y se levanta luego porque el Masón creyente en Dios le extiende la mano caritativa y va alumbrando su nuevo derrotero abriendo ante su conciencia nuevos y misericordiosos horizontes. Sirve el Masón cuando con tesonero esfuerzo va enseñando al ignorante que los afanes de una conciencia justa son el eco de la voz de Dios y de su Justicia y Bondad infinitas. Sirve el Masón cuando dice al dictador que la base de la fraternidad humana es la Ley y la Libertad, la Luz y el Derecho. Sirve el Masón cuando sin desmayos lucha contra la intransigencia, el prejuicio, la intolerancia. Sirve el Masón cuando va sembrando de amor el camino de la humanidad sin prestar oídos a las fieras del egoísmo, del interés, de la envidia, de la violencia, del fraude, y de la mala inteligencia.

Como acto de superación, el Masón dá y no retiene, brinda y nada esconde.
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Masonic Heroes Day

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in need. There are those who valiantly stand up for their conviction against the prosecution by a powerful, intolerant group having God in their mouth but spiritual tyranny in their heart, talking of God's mercy yet being merciless themselves. These are but a few examples of the unsung heroes, who unselfishly promote human progress by acts of self-sacrifice and self-denial: they are remembered with as much respect and reverence as the great in our history.

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