

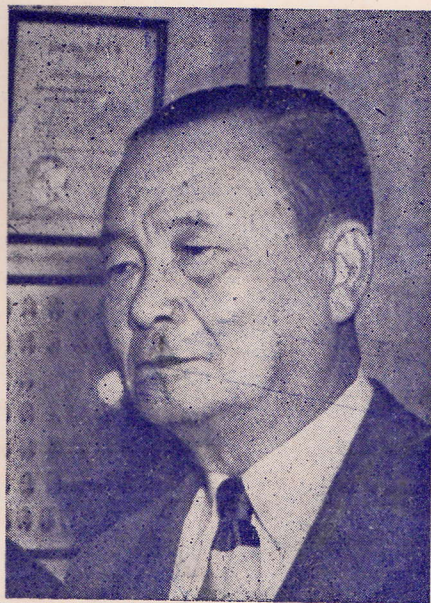
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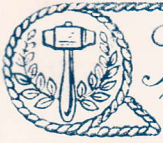


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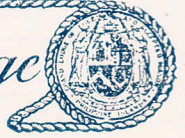
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# The Grand Master's Message



## CARPE DIEM!

"SEIZE THE DAY" or "seize the hour" is a well-known aphorism of the Roman poet Horace (65-8 B.C.) in one of his lyric odes, "Horrida Tempesta" or "Horrid Storm." As a true child of gay Rome during the time of Emperor Augustus, he advocated full enjoyment of every gay moment and to "relieve every anxious thought by verse and music's charm." This philosophy brought about the decadence and 400 years later the downfall of the Roman empire.

OUR TIMES, with their relative great prosperity, technical refinement and untold luxuries, are equally prone to undermine our inner strength and to prepare our downfall if "carpe diem" is not given a deeper meaning than just enjoy light entertainment, like parties, cine, dancing — to name a few — "to relieve every anxious thought."

ENTERTAINMENT has its rightful place in the life of every man and of society and a gay, light hour has its wonderful cheer. It is a sound counter-balance for every rational thinking and responsible man who realizes that the number of our days is counted and dwindling day by day and that we are on this earth to develop our own best self and to promote the welfare, progress and happiness of mankind. For him, "carpe diem" could mean three things: enjoy the day; form and regulate the day; seize up the day.

ENJOY THE BEAUTY of work well done, the beauty of

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# THE CABLETOW

## Editorials:

### "ETERNAL VIGILANCE"

*IT WAS John Philpot Curran who, in a speech in Dublin in 1808, said: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." This reminder is as true during his day as it is today; it applies to the individual, his family, the people in general, and the nation as well.*

*A THOUGHTLESS person is liable to become the slave of another; a neglectful family can be a victim of a ruthless master; an indifferent people easily succumbs to tyranny; and a weak nation is likely to be made a tool of an alert one for the latter's selfish ends.*

*THE MASON, more than any individual should be eternally vigilant: first, because his Fraternity — Freemasonry — was born amidst adversity, reared in sacrifice, and advanced through suffering; and second, for the reason that Freemasonry can not tolerate bigotry, much less slavery — be it mental, physical, or spiritual. Indeed Freemasonry's laws are "reason and equity, its principles benevolence and love; and its religion (if it can be called as such), purity and truth; its intention is peace on earth; and its disposition good-will toward man."*

*IS IT NOT VIGILANCE when the Entered Apprentice is charged as a citizen never to propose or countenance "any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society?" Is it not vigilance when the Fellow Craft is charged to "preserve the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity sacred and inviolate?" And is it not vigilance when the Master Mason is charged "strenuously to enforce, by precept and example, a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry?" These, among other equally important duties, are the Mason's serious concern.*

*WHAT IS HAPPENING in our life as a nation today? The Bill of Rights contained in the Constitution of the Philippines, the supreme law of the land, is being undermined by enemies of freedom; the "free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference" is being misinterpreted to suit peoples' convenience; this might as well apply to "the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and petition the Government for redress of grievances." And these enemies are within our borders and beyond Philippine shores.*

*THE REPUBLIC of the Philippines can be strong and progressive as long as its citizens are truly united in working for its welfare. Toward this end there should be no division in our ranks, no enmity in our hearts occasioned by religious, social, or political differences. First and foremost, we are all votaries of a sovereign country and any act we do which runs counter to the ideas and ideals of our people will hurt us as individuals and as a nation. If we are not careful, we may lose that freedom which is guaranteed by the Constitution and that liberty won at so much sacrifice by those who have gone before. Yes, vigilance is what we need! — M.B., P.G.M.*

### **A Tribute to Lapu-Lapu**

*OUR MOST WORSHIPFUL Grand Master thought it proper to visit and pay tribute to a National Heroe on National Heroes day, when he and some members and officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines made a trip to Mactan Island last August 30, 1954. Lapu-Lapu was the first Filipino known in Philippine History to repel the attempt to subjugate our people. It is well known that Lapu-Lapu with a group of his men fought Magellan when the latter invaded Mactan and tried to wrest from the natives their freedom. It is also of public knowledge that a monument was erected in that place by Spain to honor the memory of Magellan; but nothing has been done to honor the memory of Lapu-Lapu. Magellan was killed by the men who defended their freedom. They were led by Lapu-Lapu as their leader or chief. For us Lapu-Lapu is thus a symbol of our determination never to be enslaved. He is to all Masons — and more so — to all Filipino Masons — the symbol of our eternal fight against oppression.*

*OUR MOST WORSHIPFUL Grand Master expressed his desire that a monument be erected in the same place where now only a marker stands. In an editorial section of THE TIMES this was commented favorably. It has been said that HE WHO HAS LOST HIS FREEDOM HAS NOTHING ELSE TO LOSE. Lapu-Lapu and his men, in fighting Magellan, fought for the idea of FREEDOM which is our fight as Masons.*

*THE FOREIGN INVADER was killed. This was of course a black incident in the History of Men. But in his death the meaning of Freedom was sensed. The right to live the life of a free man was reaffirmed. The illuminating ideal and ideology of Freemasonry on Freedom and Free Choice was thus enhanced. If no for other reasons, this alone will join our forces to make this idea of our Most Wor. Grand Master a tangible realization. (ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.)*

## Our Most Wor. Bro. E. E. Elser (PGM)

OUR MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE has approved un-animously the presentation of a FIFTY-YEAR BUTTON to our Most Worshipful Bro. E. E. ELSER, Past Grand Master of our Grand Lodge. The presentation was made, and we received from Bro. Elser the following letter:

September 14, 1954

*Most Worshipful Brother Antonio Gonzalez  
Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of the Philippines  
Plaridel Masonic Temple  
520 San Marcelino,  
Manila, P. I.*

*Dear Brother Gonzalez:*

*My apologies for not replying to yours of June 12 before this. I have been waiting for the presentation of the 50 year button before doing so.*

*The presentation was made Tuesday evening, September 7, by Past High Priest of California, Angus L. Cavanaugh, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. The event took place at the Masonic Temple, Pasadena, at an open session after the regular meeting of Crown Chapter, R.A.M. It was attended by one hundred or more Masons and their ladies. Brother Cavanaugh has written you of the event.*

*My sincere thanks and appreciation to our Grand Lodge for this beautiful gold emblem. Please extend my greetings to all.*

*With every good wish to you personally and hoping you may have occasion to visit the United States soon so that I may have the pleasure of meeting you and having the joy of reminiscing over past pleasant association.*

*With kindest regards to you and yours,*

*Sincerely and fraternally,*

E. E. ELSER

IN HONORING our Most Wor. Bro. Elser we honor ourselves. As a Mason who has given the best in him for our Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction he will never be forgotten. As Grand Master, he made of our Grand Lodge a shining example of alertness and vigilance. Our Grand Lodge is a part and parcel of his vision and Masonic zeal. The distinction is well deserved. (ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.)



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*CHORAL CONCERT FOR CHARITY FUNDS*

To All Masters, Wardens and  
Members of Subordinate Lodges

Greeting :

Sister Lois Florendo and Sister Francisca Asuncion, both of Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star, in the name of Charity and out of a genuine spirit of service to their Chapter and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, have offered voluntarily to arrange and prepare a Choral Concert to be held on the 27th of November 1954 at 8:30 in the Far Eastern University Auditorium, Manila, the proceeds from such undertaking to be solely dedicated to charitable purposes, and especially to their widows and orphans.

In this connection, I received from Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star the following resolution —

WHEREAS, Sister Lois Florendo and Sister Francisca Asuncion in the name of Charity and out of a genuine spirit of service to the Chapter and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, have offered to arrange and prepare a Choral Concert under the joint sponsorship of the Chapter and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to be held sometime in the latter part of November, the proceeds from which concert to be dedicated to any charitable cause which the Chapter and/or the Grand Lodge may undertake;

WHEREAS, the offer will provide the Chapter and the Grand Lodge an opportunity to increase their charity funds and consequently enable them to perform their charitable work with special emphasis to their widows and orphans;

BE IT RESOLVED, That Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, OES at a meeting duly assembled, accepts as it does accept

with deep appreciation to Sister Lois Florendo and Sister Francisca Asuncion their very kind offer aforementioned;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Chapter favorably endorses the above offer of service to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his kind consideration and favorable indorsement;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to all parties concerned.

Manila, September 6, 1954.

Certified correct,

(Sgd.) PILAR R. GONZALEZ  
*Secretary*

The foregoing offer is very laudable. It should receive the whole-hearted support of every member of the fraternity. I wish to remind all that our widows and orphans are eagerly waiting for the Christmas Season when the Fraternity plans to extend to them gifts if only to show that we remember them.

And in order to insure the success of the affair, I hereby appoint the following to sponsor this joint undertaking:

<i>Masons</i>	<i>Sister of the Order of Eastern Star</i>
R.W. Bro. Camilo Osias	Sister Rosa C. Navia
Deputy Grand Master	" Maria Luisa Vicente
R.W. Bro. Clinton F. Carlson	" Julia Suarez
R.W. " Vicente Y. Orosa	" Pilar R. Gonzalez
M.W. " Francisco A. Delgado	" Irene Goldenberg
M.W. " Michael Goldenberg	" Ada Guzman
M.W. " Emilio P. Virata	" Eva E. Kalaw
M.W. " Conrado Benitez	" Josefa Skievaski
M.W. " Esteban Munarriz	" Filipinas Santiago
M.W. " Mauro Baradi	" Esperanza G. Fernandez
W. " Henry Gilhouser	" Avelina Osias
R.W. " Teodorico A. Jimenez	" Castora Ricafort
W. " Macario C. Navia	" Leticia B. Javier
W. " Jose M. E. Leon, Jr.	" Willy T. Jones Bartman
W. " Alfonso T. Navales	" Natalie I. Barker
W. " Teofilo A. Abejo	" Agustina Hernandez
W. " Regino G. Padua	" Erlenda Alonso
W. " Eugenio Padua	" Isabel Donado
W. " Primo I. Guzman	" Victorina Abejo
W. " Domingo C. Bascara	

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<i>Masons</i>	<i>Sister of the Order of Eastern Star</i>
W. " Godfredo Ricafort	" Jean Hick
W. " Pedro R. Francisco	" Gladys Carlson
W. " Albino Sycip	" Ruby Freeman
W. " Alfonso Sycip	" Soledad Rivera
W. " Adeeb Hembra	" Lourdes de Guzman
W. " Jesus Carpi	" Antonia Kolipano
W. " Purisimo Ramos	" Raymunda Ofilada
W. " Jose A. Fernandez	" Betty Manning
W. " Hermogenes P. Oliveros	" Lucy Warfel
W. " Antonio Donado	" Magdalena Valenzuela
W. " Vicente Co Chien	" Corona Cornelio
W. " Lino Gutierrez	" Esperanza Martinez
W. " Perez Santos	" Leonisa Javalera
" Jose Ma. Cajucom	" Carmen Santos
W. " Victorino Floro	" Rosario G. Villamante
" Nominor Bote	" Constanca R. Villaseñor

In charge of this affair on the part of Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star are the following ladies: Sister Rosa C. Navia, Chairman, Sister Ada Guzman, Sister Pilar R. Gonzalez, Sister Leticia B. Javier and Sister Lilla Buck, Members. For the Grand Lodge, I hereby appoint the following brethren to compose the Executive Committee to work jointly with the corresponding committee of the Chapter — Rt. Wor. Bro. Clinton C. Carlson, Chairman, Rt. Wor. Bro. Vicente Orosa, Wor. Bro. Howard Hick, Wor. Bro. Primo I. Guzman, Wor. Bro. R. Padua and W. Bro. T. Hall, Members.

I fraternally urge that every member subscribe to this noble undertaking thus insuring the success of our endeavors. Your patronage will mean added joy to our widows and orphans.

The price of the ticket will be announced in due time.

Done in the City of Manila, Philippines this 10th day of September 1954.

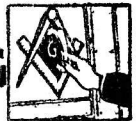
(Sgd.) WERNER P. SCHELIG  
*Grand Master*

Attest:

(Sgd.) ANTONIO GONZALEZ, PGM  
*Grand Secretary*



# WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



## Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11

Iloilo City

FOR A LONG TIME, no word has been received from a member of this lodge, Bro. Carl M. Miller. The last time we contacted him was almost two years ago.

Any brother who may know Bro. Miller's whereabouts kindly contact Wor. Bro. Olimpio Magat, Secretary, P. O. Box 511, Iloilo City, Philippines.

## Maranaw Lodge No. 111

*With respect to the inquiry by W.M. of Maranaw Lodge No. 111, Iligan City, regarding the itinerary of Most Worshipful P.G.M., S.M. Austin who is at present in England with Mrs. Fanny Austin, I beg to quote hereunder EXTRACT from his letter to the undersigned —*

12, Lambert Road  
London, N. 12.  
England.  
August 31, 1954

"REGARDING MY itinerary, I don't know that there is very much left of interest; at present time we expect to go over to Antwerp about the 18th on Sept. in order to get on board the "BEAVERFORD" which is due on the 17th but is delayed and we most sincerely hope that there will not be any more delay as we are late already.

"I promised to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines during the convocation that will be held at

Ashville, N. Carolina, during the first week of October but with the delay in ship's sailing I am afraid that I shall not be able to make it.

"After reaching Montreal, if time does not permit me to reach Carolina, we shall proceed immediately to New York to stay with a friend for about a week, then to Philadelphia for a couple of days, then on to Portland to attend the Pacific Loggers Convention, then possibly Seattle to check up on the machinery, and then Los Angeles in time to settle a few matters before embarking on the PETER MAERSK for Manila and it will be a grand sight to see Manila once again as we are just about fed up with the cold and wet and want to get back again to where the sun does shine most of the time.

"While in Los Angeles I attended a Lodge and was given a wonderful reception, apparently P.G.Ms. are a rare type of lodge visitors.

"Also I attended Niagara Lodge No. 2 situated in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the oldest lodge in Canada

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that had celebrated it's 150 years of existence sometime during 1950, here I was received with grand honors.

speaker at the Surrey Provincial Grand Lodge next Saturday, otherwise it has been a quiet sort of existence."

"I have been to the United Grand Lodge of England and was well received and I am invited as guest

Fraternally submitted,

R. P. ZANULA  
Junior Warden

**Tokyo Masonic Lodge No. 125**

Masonic Building, Tokyo

WE ARE GLAD to announce that this Lodge has again resumed its activities on September 2, 1954.

been feeling too well these days and is convalescing at Shiobara, Tochigi Prefecture, according to word received at the Lodge.

Letters have been received from members of the Lodge who are outside Japan, among them Bros. Edwin A. Bedell, Claude W. Barnett, Charles S. Woods, and Howard C. Walters.

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Bro. Peterson is now visiting in Spain and says he is sorry he was not able to attend the outdoor party on August 28.

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The following are news of interest to brethren:

Bro. Murry Sprung has gone to the good old U.S.A. and will not return to Japan until late this year.

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Bro. Douglas H. Smith dropped in at our Lodge office one day last month and informed us of his new assignment in Formosa. His address, Chief Pilot Office, Taipei, Formosa.

Another member of our Lodge on a trip to America is Bro. Jerry Rappaport.

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Despite the sultry summer weather, Japanese Masons were hard at work last month every Thursday night to put the rituals in Japanese language in final shape. Bro. Takashi Komatsu, P.M., has assumed leadership in this historic undertaking which is expected to be completed this month.

Bro. Tamotsu Murayama dropped us a note from Salt Lake City, saying he is due back in Japan shortly. Bro. Murayama went to New Jersey to take part in leadership course at the Boy Scouts camp.

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Bro. Michiaru Mishima has not

Bro. Thomas C. Fisher of Manila is expected to be around here Sept. 1 for one week's stay.

# Pledge Of Service ★ ★ ★

## *Rt. Worshipful Brother Tankiang - In Memoriam*

By CAMILO OSIAS

*(Oration of the Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of the Philippines at the Memorial Services in honor of Right Worshipful Brother Eduardo R. Tankiang, held at the Floridel Temple, Manila, September 19, 1954.)*

WE ARE CONGREGATED for a high and solemn purpose. The occasion that brought Masons and non-Masons together is no ordinary one. It is an event at once poignant and inspiring.

NOT LONG SINCE as if but yesterday Mr. Eduardo R. Tankiang, a true friend and loyal brother, was sharing in person the duties and responsibilities which high minded men have assumed for themselves in the service of their fellow men and for human advancement. Now he only lives in the memory of those who loved him and knew him.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER TANKIANG, elevated many times to responsible and exalted offices of the Masonic Fraternity by the free and spontaneous suffrages of his peers, has passed from this paradise terrestrial to that other and better the Paradise Celestial. This his brethren, friends, and loved ones firmly believe. It is the logic of the phil-

osophy which he elected to embrace and which Freemasonry inculcates everywhere and at all times.

FAITH IN GOD and, in after life was strong and deeply rooted in Brother Tankiang's character. It is a cardinal tenet of the Fraternity which he so dearly loved and so faithfully served.

IF EVEN MATERIALISTS subscribe to the belief that matter is indestructible, it is natural that idealists should cling to the conviction that the spirit is immortal. The doctrine of immortal post-existence goes back to the religions of the dim and distant past and became a part and parcel of philosophic teaching as early as or earlier than Plato's times. This idea of the soul's indestructibility and immortality was given added strength and greater reality by Christianity and Freemasonry, by modern science and philosophy.

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OUR BROTHER departed had a clear vision of the Heavenly Lodge. What he did here prepared him for the inevitable transition that was to come. Well he could chant with the poet these lines:

*Our birth is but a sleep and a  
forgetting,  
The soul that rises in us, our  
life's star,  
Hath had elsewhere its setting,  
And cometh from afar;  
Not in entire forgetfulness,  
And not in utter nakedness,  
But trailing clouds of glory do  
we come  
From God, who is our home.*

BROTHER TANKIANG was born in a land which is a next door neighbor to us. He was brought to the Philippines as a young boy and here he close to cast his lot for the balance of his fruitful life lacking but three to complete the three score and ten years envisaged for man's earthly pilgrimage by the Psalmist of Biblical days.

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Brother Tankiang sought in his sojour here and considerable success and relative happiness he achieved. In business he was successful by dint of hard labor and skillful management. He was happy with his family surrounded as he was by a devoted helpmeet and lovely and dutiful sons and daughters. In friendship he was rich. Friendly in disposition and finding delight in the company of friends he counted numberless friends in the social, business, and Masonic circles.

THE SPEAKERS who have preceded me presented various facets of the life and character of the man and brother whose passing we are met to commemorate. It remains for me but to proclaim with pride, in the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, that our dear brother departed served in and through the Fraternity for well nigh forty-five years; that he gave of himself and his possessions for worthy causes and charitable enterprises; that he was beloved by his brethren whom he loved; that by them he was trusted as evidenced by his being elected Worshipful Master for the unprecedented period of ten years; that in the last annual communication the delegates from the Lodges of our Grand Jurisdiction re-elected him Grand Treasurer in which office he demonstrated honesty, devotion, and fealthy worthy of emulation.

## GROWING MENACE TO SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE IN THE PHILIPPINES

By JORGE BOCOBO

(Address before the Masons, Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija,  
August 29, 1954)

My Friends:

I WISH TO REPEAT what I have said on various occasions when I was asked to address Masons in the Philippines: that though I am not a Mason, however I have always felt the greatest affection and admiration for Freemasonry, especially when I consider the decisive role played by it before and during the Revolution against Spain. And throughout this more than a half century since then, Freemasonry in the Philippines has been a mighty force and influence against every attempt to destroy freedom of the mind and of the spirit. Upon you largely depends whether the ominous shadow that is beginning to project itself over our country, the spectre of obscurantism and of spiritual slavery will become more and more dangerous until the dark days of the Spanish friars shall return.

I SHALL SPEAK to you of the "Growing Menace to Separation of Church and State in the Philippines." That threat you all know because you see or read in the papers about it almost every day. But I wish to present it to you to-day so that we might focus our

attention to it not only now but in all the days and years to come. Thus shall we guard the flame of freedom so that it may not be extinguished by the gust of intolerance and church aggressiveness that is blowing hard every passing day.

THIS MENACE comes from the Roman Catholic Church. Before I specify some of its manifestations in our country, let me ask you to contemplate the worldwide program and power of the Vatican. In his book, "American Freedom and Catholic Power," Paul Blanshard says in the chapter entitled, "The Catholic Plan for America":

*"There is no Catholic plan for America distinct from the Catholic plan for the world. The hierarchy's techniques of promotion vary from country to country, but the master plan is only one plan and the world-wide strategy is directed from Rome. In a Catholic world every national government would establish the Roman Catholic Church in a unique position of pri-*

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*vilege, and support its teachers and priests out of public revenues. That is what the Holy See has always demanded in every country where it has had the power to support the demand with reasonable strength.*

*"In any Catholic state, schools receiving public funds would be either entirely Catholic or operated under Catholic moral supervision. Vituperative attacks on the clergy would be suppressed, and all books directly attacking the hierarchy or its doctrines would be forbidden. Non-Catholic sects would probably be permitted if they were relatively quiet and confined their ceremonies to their own property. The church would have sole authority over the marriage and separation of Catholics, and complete veto power in censoring all books, magazines, newspapers and films. The Vatican would be the chief organ of international peacemaking and the Pope would play the leading role in mediating between the propertied classes and organized labor."*

**THE ABOVE CATHOLIC PROGRAM** is effective in varying degrees, in Ireland, Quebec, Spain, Portugal, Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, The Dominican Republic, Panama, Paraguay, Peru and Venezuela.

**LET US SEE** how this universal program to place the world under Vatican power is carried out. The Pope is the absolute ruler of an

empire of 350 million Catholics who owe him allegiance, as I shall later explain. This absolute monarch gives orders to his subjects through the Cardinals and Bishops all over the world who in turn control the priests and nuns and direct the policies of lay organization such as the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Action. The educational program of the bishops and religious orders in each country is very strong and aggressive so as to bring up the children in the Roman Catholic faith.

**NOW, THEN,** how does this blueprint of power operate in the Philippines? What are some of its manifestations?

**FIRST OF ALL,** the Philippines and the Vatican maintain regular diplomatic relations with each other. The Papal Nuncio in the Philippines, who is an Ambassador represents the Vatican as a Political State and Ambassador Manuel V. Moran represents the Philippines in the Vatican. The Papal Nuncio is the dean of the diplomatic corps although he may have come later than any other foreign ambassador. As such dean he is the spokesman of the diplomatic corps in Manila. This maintenance of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and the Vatican is a positive and solemn recognition of the fact that the Vatican is an independent political state.

**SECONDLY,** the Vatican grants

knighthood and decorations to prominent Filipinos, just like any other political state. This is why there are quite a few Papal Knights among leading Filipino Catholics. Recently, a significant event occurred. At the last special session of the Philippine Congress, Ambassador Moran's decoration from the Pope was approved by the Congress in accordance with our Constitution which requires such approval when a public official receives a decoration from a foreign state or power. I was present when this matter came up before the House of Representatives. Before the voting, Congressman Villareal of Capiz asked the Speaker Pro-tempore, who was presiding, a question to this effect: "Is this not a recognition of the fact that the Vatican is an independent political State?" To which the presiding officer answered substantially: "Yes, and our country maintains diplomatic relations with the Vatican."

THESE TWO POINTS that I have brought out: that the Philippines and the Vatican maintain diplomatic relations with each other, and that the Vatican grants knighthood and decorations, are among the proofs that the Vatican is a political state. Other evidences are: that the Vatican has a territory of its own, which is the Vatican City, has its own flag, its own courts, coin and stamps, and has its Secretary of State or of Foreign Affairs, issues Vatican passports

to about 500 officials, has a police force, and has 350 million subjects who owe it allegiance. In fact Cardinal Spellman has stated that the Pope "is the head of a sovereign state." (Blanshard "American Freedom and Democratic Power," p. 41)

PLEASE BEAR all this in mind as I bring up the third manifestation of the Catholic menace in the Philippines and all over the world wherever there are Catholics.

THIS THIRD ASPECT of the Catholic danger is the law of the Pope that the Catholic Church is superior to the State as far as Catholics are concerned. Here is an order of Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical entitled, "Chief Duties of Christian Citizens" quoted by Blanshard in his book on American Freedom and Catholic Power (p. 50):

"IF THE LAWS OF THE STATE are manifestly at variance with the divine law, containing enactments hurtful to the church or conveying injunctions adverse to the duty imposed by religion, or if they violate in the person of the Supreme Pontiff the authority of Jesus Christ, then truly, to resist is a positive duty, to obey, a crime."

NOW, THEN in the Philippines we see in marriage a conflict between Roman Catholic law and the law of the Philippine Republic:

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The law of the Philippines recognizes civil marriage, performed by a justice of the peace. But the Roman Catholic Church holds that civil marriage is void. All true Catholics in the Philippines are therefore commanded by the Vatican to defy the law of their own Republic concerning the validity of civil marriage. Is there no danger to the independence of the Philippine Republic when a foreign state such as the Vatican, command Filipino citizens who are Catholics to resist the law of their own country? Is there no menace to the sovereignty of the Philippines when the Vatican, which is an independent political State as I have already shown, claims the loyalty of Filipino citizens who are Catholics, and that such loyalty to the Vatican is supreme to their loyalty to the Philippine Republic when there is a conflict between the laws of the Roman Catholic Church and those of the Philippine Republic?

NOW I COME to the fourth evidence of the Catholic menace to the separation of Church and State in our country. It is a well known fact that a Mason or Protestant, who is a candidate in an election for a public office, has no chance to win for his being a Mason or Protestant is made an issue during the campaign. Shortly before the last general elections, a Catholic Archbishop in the Philippines wrote the following circular to Catholics in his jurisdiction:

**"DO NOT VOTE** for candidates who are enemies of our Holy Mother Church. Do not swear to give your vote to candidates who violate our sacred doctrines, because doing that you sin. And if you have signed such sworn statement, you have no obligation to follow it!"

IN OTHER WORDS, Catholics are told to violate their oath for the sake of Catholic power!

MY FRIENDS: don't you realize the gravity of the situation? If this keeps up time will come when only Catholics will be elected to make and execute our laws! This means that religious freedom will be a mockery, though our martyrs and heroes during the revolution have died for it.

THE FIFTH SIGN of Catholic supremacy and danger is that in official public programs and ceremonies, only a Catholic Bishop or priest offers the prayers. No Aglipayan priest or Protestant Minister is asked to do so. If there is equality of religions before the State, there should always be two prayers in these official programs or ceremonies: one by a Catholic priest and another by an Aglipayan priest or a Protestant minister.

The sixth manifestation of the Catholic menace is the attack made by Catholic priests against the public school on the ground that it is godless. These priests

want the Catholic children to attend only the Catholic school. This is in accordance with the law of the Catholic church. Let us, however, protect and defend the public school because it is the strongest pillar of democracy. In this connection, let us be warned against the pressure now being exercised by the Catholic elements to change the present law concerning religious instruction in the public schools.

THE SEVENTH PROOF of the growing menace of the Catholic power is that if the Catholic bishops, priests and societies organize a vigorous campaign in favor of any bill, it will pass Congress. I cite to you two instances:

IN 1938, a bill for religious instruction in the public schools was backed up by the Catholic bishops and priests. The Catholic elements waged a strong campaign in its favor. It passed the Legislature by an overwhelming vote. I know at least one Mason who voted for it, perhaps because he could not resist the pressure exerted on him by the Catholic authorities. Fortunately, President Quezon had the courage and the vision to veto the bill. In thus disapproving the bill he solemnly declared:

"I EMPHATICALLY DENY the right of the constituted authorities of any religious organization, church or faith, to speak as such and to influence the Government or any of its branches in

the determination of its policies."

THE OTHER INSTANCE is the abolition of absolute divorce when the new Civil Code was passed by Congress in 1949. As I am the principal drafter of the new Civil Code, I can tell you from my personal knowledge what happened. The draft of the new Civil Code preserved absolute divorce, that is, that divorce which cuts the marriage bonds and allows the parties to be married again to other persons. But the Catholic bishops and priests started an agitation for the abolition of absolute divorce. Catholics from all over the Philippines sent numberless letters and telegrams to their Congressmen against absolute divorce. Most of the members of Congress had to yield to this Catholic pressure, especially because it was an election year, 1949. Some members of the Lower House told me: "I am sorry I have to vote for abolition of absolute divorce because I want to be re-elected."

NOW I ASK you my countrymen: Is not the principle of separation of Church and State in real danger? If the Catholic bishops and priests can have a law passed if they strongly agitate for it before the people, where is religious freedom ordained by our Constitution?

LASTLY, and this is one of the most serious manifestations of the Catholic menace to freedom of thought and religion in the Phil-

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ippines; in Catholic schools, colleges and other institutions, the reading of Rizal's novels and other writings is forbidden. Though there is no written or formal ban, yet in practice the prohibition is quietly carried out. Imagine: the Catholic educators, who profess to venerate the memory of the greatest martyr and hero of our country, consider his teachings unfit to guide and inspire the Filipino youth! The Roman Catholic Church has thus banned the most essential portion of the national and patriotic gospel of the Philippines. The *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo* have inspired the Revolution against Spain by inculcating in our people ideas that reject fanaticism and exalt freedom of thought and religion, principles

of patriotism, civic courage, democracy and human dignity.

IN CONCLUSION, my fellow-countrymen, I have tried to invite your attention to eight trends in the Philippines that show the growing menace from the Roman Catholic Church to freedom of religion and the Independence of the Philippine Republic. Let us be warned against this grave danger and protect the spirit of the Philippine Revolution which set up the first democratic Republic in the Philippines. Let us be vigilant against the encroachment on our liberties won at the sacrifice of blood. Let us be always vigilant, for eternal vigilance is the price of liberty! I thank you.

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## ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF FREEMASONRY

By C. F. ARKONCEL, P.M.

MASONIC HISTORIANS inform us that the origin of Freemasonry may be traced to the mists and shadows of remote antiquity. In order to avoid confusion, distinction should, however, be made between its origin as a class of philosophy, and its birth as a world organization.

AS A DISTINCT CLASS of philosophy its origin may be considered coeval with the creation of our ancient father, Adam. When Adam and Eve sought to eat of the Tree of Knowledge, even though they were lavishly and

freely supplied with food by the Deity, they merely put into execution the Masonic love for honest labor, love for the arts and sciences, love for individual freedom, without the least intent of denying the existence and power of the Supreme Being. This philosophy was transmitted unto Noah and his descendants who were favored with the knowledge of the nature and attributes of God and with the belief in the immortality of the soul. The ancient priests of the Ancient Mysteries of Egypt inherited this philosophy from the descendants

of Noah, and transmitted it to the Dionisiac Artificers of Ancient Greece under the veil of symbols. In turn, the Greeks transmitted it to the Israelites under King Solomon, and to the Tyrians under Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, at the building of the Temple of King Solomon at Jerusalem. There was however a mutual infusion to the respective doctrines and ceremonies of the Israelites and the Tyrians which eventually ended in their abolition and in the establishment of a new one which may be considered a prototype of the present philosophy of the Masonic institution.

AS A WORLD ORGANIZATION, Freemasonry may be considered to have originated at the building of King Solomon's Temple, the most magnificent in the ancient world, which was built by three Grand Masters, King Solomon, Hiram, King of Tyre, and Hiram Abiff, at the head of 70,000 entered apprentices, 80,000 fellowcrafts, and 3,300 Master Masons, who received secret instructions according to their degrees.

#### THE MASONIC ORGANIZA-

TION which was first both operative and speculative was continued by the College of Artificers at Rome; then by the Jewish sect of the Essenes who worked as well as prayed; and then by the Travelling Freemasons of the Middle Ages, who were composed of learned men who worked and wrote, and of workmen who labored and built.

IN THE REIGN of Queen Anne of England in the beginning of the 18th century, the operative feature of the Masonic institution was abolished, and Freemasonry became wholly speculative. According to Preston, "it was decreed that the principles of Masonry should no longer be restricted to operative Masons, but extend to men of the various professions, provided they were regularly approved and initiated into the Order." This eventually led to the organization of the Grand Lodge of England which was subsequently divided into the Ancients and the Moderns, until the two rival Grand Lodges were united into the present United Grand Lodge of England, the Mother Grand Lodge of the entire Masonic World.

## "I BELIEVE"

By F. C. FERRE

IN THE *CABLETOW* of July 1954 issue, page 667, there appeared an article entitled "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" in which mention was made that Wor. Bro. Rufino S.

Roque, Sr., of Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133, F. & A.M., made all his two sons and one son-in-law masons, and a question was propounded "WHERE IN THE PHIL-

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IPPINES, FOR INSTANCE, CAN YOU FIND A MASTER OF A MASONIC LODGE WHO HAS MADE ALL HIS ADULT SONS AND SON-IN-LAW ALL MASONS?"

Speaking of masonic families, Wor. Bro. Vicente Marquez of Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69, F. & A.M., Binakayan, Cavite, Philippines, made his four sons and two sons-in-law all masons; he initiated, passed an raised them to the sublime degree of Master Masons, — Viz—Bro. Danny C. Marquez, Lt-Comdr. (EC), USNR; Wor. Bro. Demosthenes C. Marquez, engineer, U.S. Navy, Sangley Point, Cavite City; Bro. Pablo C.

Marquez of the U.S. Embassy, Manila; Bro. David C. Marquez, C.P.A. (at present one of the auditors of the Luzon Bodies)—all sons—; Bro. Artemio O. Domingo, Atty. of Davao City, and Bro. Candido San Luis, Atty. of Zamboanga City, — sons-in-law. Wor. Bro. Vicente Marquez had to enplane recently to Zamboanga City to be at Mt. Apo Lodge Hall on time to raise his last-named son-in-law to the sublime degree.

The Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69 is proud to have a team composed of a father and sons of the Marquez family which is doing splendid degree work.

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 RIZAL'S UNKNOWN WRITINGS
 

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"RIZAL'S UNKNOWN Writings" is the arresting title of a recent booklet authored by a veteran writer and newspaperman, Juan Collás, pre-war member of the FREE PRESS editorial staff, and lately secretary to former President Elpidio Quirino. To the public they are really unknown, and by many of those who call themselves Rizalists they have been unread. These minor writings of the Filipino hero and patriot had been allowed for years to gather dust and cobweb in the country's archives as if they were forbidden treasures to which only a counted few had access.

How the author and translator came to stumble on them he ex-

plains in part in his impressive but in a way nationally embarrassing introduction. Once he made his discovery, however, he lost no time in rescuing them from utter neglect and offering them to the reading public not only through his English translation, but also in their original form in Spanish. Throughout the English version, one hears as distinctly the voice of Rizal, mocking, ironic, and humorous. Here, perhaps for the first item, one sees Rizal wielding the shaft of humor and the rapier of sarcasm as adroitly and effectively as Voltaire wielded them.

Among the four original pieces which Mr. Collás has translated in his bold and adventurous publica-

tion are two playlets, if one may so call them; namely, *The vision of Fr. Rodriguez* and *By Telephone*. Both present Rizal in a new light; in his Tagalog letter to the young women of Malolos, Bulacan, the translator now offers to the public in understandable English. All these manuscripts, long inaccessible to the people, should be read

not only by the admirers of the hero — and which Mason is not? —but also by every Filipino, if only to deepen their knowledge of the great patriot and of the cause for which he fought.

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NOTE: Copies of the booklet "*Rizal's Unknown Writings*" are available at ₱1.50 each at the *Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, c/o Bro. Gregorio Cariaga.*

## Grand Master Schetelig, Mason Of Action

By S. F. FONTILEA, P.M. — *Secretary, Pinatubo Lodge No. 52, F. & A.M.*

THE ANNUAL VISITATION of Grand MASTER WERNER SCHETELIG of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, September 11, 1954 at Olongapo, Zambales, proved to the Zambales Masons that like our highest Executive of the land, he (Schetelig) is a mason of action.

Annual visitations used to be formal and full of red tape,—routinary. It used to be featured with dancing and banquet. This year, respecting his wish and desire, these were changed. Three innovations were observed in the way the Visitation was conducted:

1. It was very businesslike. Like the successful business man that he is, the Grand Master transacted the business of the lodges without much formalities and rites by at-

tacking problems in a straightforward manner. He decided matters on the spot and in cases where he was not ready with an answer, he referred the matter to the Grand Secretary who was very handy and authoritative. The Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge, and the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council were referred to for inquiries pertaining to masonic decorum and rites and Scottish Rites jurisdictional authority in the Blue Lodges and Scottish Rite Bodies respectively.

2. Blue Lodge problems were presented and these were attacked and solved with the guidance of the Grand Master. Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers of each of the Lodges assembled were asked to render their reports individually

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so that he, the Grand Master, became acquainted with the individual Lodge's problems and difficulties.

3. The Visitation affair was conducted in simple and dignified manner and the Masons in convention were impressed with the simplicity, sincerity and earnestness of the present Grand Master.

The important masonic problems emphasized and stressed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master which I gathered were the following:

a. Lodge meetings should be made interesting and profitable so as to increase or insure good attendance. If necessary Entrance Fees for Membership should be lowered to attract less affluent but desirable applicants.

b. Lodge affairs and programs wherever possible should be made public to make such assemblies a medium for educating the Community as to its benevolent purposes and activities. The activities of the Knights of Columbus as a challenge to our Institution can be met with only by showing our good works like Charities for human welfare. Masonry is too "big" an institution, too universal to be deterred by narrow-minded and intolerant attacks. Great masons arose in most of the great nations of the world, benefiting mankind with their services and lives of sacrifices and martyrdom despite their present enemies' activities and per-

secutions.

c. Masonic charities should be enlarged. No other means or chance of widening the scope and influence of Masonry either in the community or in the nation could be found as in our participation in the alleviation of human suffering and ills. Our charities should not be confined to individual masons and to our Lodge. Worthy institutions and causes like the Red Cross, Anti-T.B., Y.M.C.A., Crippled Children's Hospital, etc., should be supported because such organizations are dedicated to reduce and minimize humanity's long hardships.

The visit this year of the Grand Dignitaries was precedent — setting. There was no dance given in their honor; instead a well-prepared public program, witnessed by a capacity crowd which filled Lincoln's big and beautiful Masonic Temple by Filipinos and Americans, masons and non-masons was rendered. A movie-slide showing the rehabilitation of crippled children was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Carlson, S. G. W., which was very enlightening. There was no elaborate banquet but there was a simple repast and a congenial gathering. There was not much emphasis and display of Ceremonies and rituals but, there were presented a multifarious Lodge business which were transacted with dispatch and authority. The Grand Officers, specially Grand Master Schetelig, displayed or extended real masonic

friendliness and affability, which to the rank and file of Master Masons present, was enough justification for the gathering. Said High Dignitary furthermore promised to visit the small lodges omitted in the visits of former Grand Masters during the last five years.

Summarizing, Provincial Lodges and Master Masons welcome such simple, but dignified, friendly and business-like visitations even from big Dignitaries. We specially welcome men of action with big hearts, like the present Most Worshipful Grand Master.

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**The Story Of A  
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ON THE MORNING of June 14, 1954, at 7:05 o'clock, President Eisenhower signed the legislation authorizing insertion of the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States. Thirteen minutes later the authors of the law, Representative Louis Rabaut and Senator Homer Ferguson, both of Michigan, officially recited the newly revised version during Flag Day ceremonies held on the steps of the U.S. Ca-

pitol.

Henceforth the Pledge of Allegiance should be given as follows:

*I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

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# THE EASTERN STAR PAGE

## THE MARTHAS AND MARYS OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

By BISHOP CIPRIANO NAVARRO

*(Delivered on the night of his initiation in Rosario Villaruel  
Chapter No. 2, OES, April 3, 1953)*

### WORTHY MATRON, WORTHY PATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS: —

WITH APPRECIATION, I rise to speak at your insistent request, though I find it difficult being totally unprepared. The previous speaker conveyed in language adequate and true our sense of loyalty and all I need to say is "Amen."

IN THIS CEREMONY of the Order of the Eastern Star, I discover a wealth of meaning for our day. Among the women symbolizing the five points of the "Star of the East," we most naturally turn to Martha of Bethany because of the Lenten Season.

THE HOLY BIBLE records that as the fast approaching day of Christ's crucifixion came near, "a woman, named Martha, received Him into her house." (Luke 10:38b). A little over a year ago, my wife and I, visited Bethany and the excavated house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. The village is on the eastern slope of Mt. Olivet about two and three fourth kilometers from Jerusalem. While visiting the kitchen of Martha and the sala where Jesus and Mary conversed, we knew we were on the spot of the world's exquisite drama of love in action.

AMONG THE NATIVES of Bethany, Martha is a name equivalent to the word "lady" in English. It implies all the jewels that crown Christian womanhood — hospitality, devotion, refinement, gentleness, friendliness, love and purity. Martha's entertainment of Christ was one of oriental profuse hospitality. It is heart and hand going out in the beautiful ministries of love. It is love in action.

ON THAT FIRST HOLY WEDNESDAY NIGHT, about two thousand years ago, while Martha served at supper, Mary broke her alabaster box of ointment on Christ's head and wiped His feet with her hair. The ointment flowed and filled the room with its fragrance. Our Lord commended her in a manner unequalled in history or in the pages of literature saying:

"Let her alone, against the day of my burial hath she kept

this . . . Wherever this Gospel shall be preached through out the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken for a memorial of her."

THIS, too, is love in action. We see heaven smile upon it and hear God's appreciation and high commendation.

OUR PRESENT WORLD is foul in odor and filthy in nature due to man's inhumanity against his fellow man. It should not be "for God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." The world is crying for love in action. The everseeing eye of God, is riveted upon Christian womanhood to release in full blast her God-given powers and talents in the tender qualities of love, nobility, purity, friendliness, unselfish service and devotion to the needy. Let the women and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star, re-enact the drama in Bethany of love in action, offering their heart and hand to suffering humanity and pour out the ointment of their unselfish service in the spirit of the Christ in order that the fragrance of their devotion might fill the Philippine air and the real motive power of the Order of the Eastern Star be truly felt in God's expectant world.

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#### A RESOLUTION THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

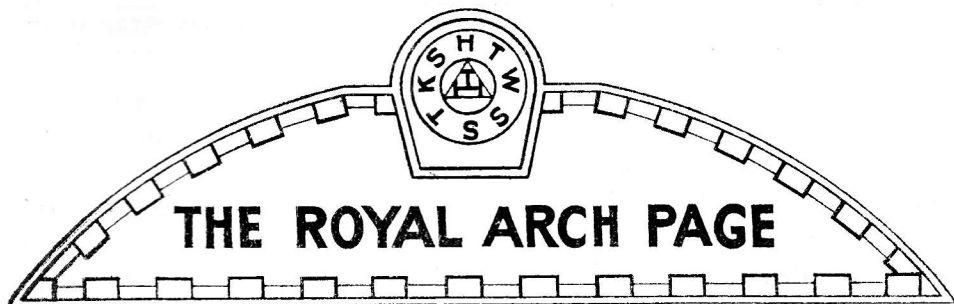
WHEREAS, Sister Lois Florendo and Sister Francisca Asuncion in the name of Charity and out of a genuine spirit of service to the Chapter and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, have offered to arrange and prepare a Choral Concert under the joint sponsorship of the Chapter and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to be held sometime in the latter part of November, the proceeds from which concert to be dedicated to any charitable cause which the Chapter and/or the Grand Lodge may undertake;

WHEREAS, the offer will provide the Chapter and the Grand Lodge an opportunity to increase their charity funds and consequently enable them to perform their charitable work with special emphasis to their widows and orphans;

BE IT RESOLVED, That Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, OES at the meeting duly assembled, accepts as it does accept with deep appreciation to Sister Lois Florendo and Sister Francisca Asuncion their very kind offer aforementioned;

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Chapter favorably endorses the above offer of service to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his kind consideration and favorable endorsement;

AND BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be furnished to all parties concerned.



## *A Message And A Token Of Appreciation*

By Companion ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.H.P.

IT IS BUT FITTING at this moment that we express, we of the York Rite Bodies, our grateful appreciation to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother and Companion Werner P. Schetelig, on this our first appearance in THE CABLETOW, official organ of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Due to his kind and generous understanding coupled with his desire to promote cooperative work among the Coordinate Bodies, he consented to spare a page of the official organ to be devoted solely for the activities of such Bodies.

Appropriately, then, we reproduce hereunder the inspiring message of the Grand Master to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines on the occasion of the last Annual Convocation of the latter.

### *Royal Arch*

*"Your second Annual Meeting is rightfully a day of great rejoicing. My sincerest wishes and congratulations to your Most Excellent Grand High Priest and his suite of officers, the High Priests of the different Royal Arch Chapters and all officers and all Royal Arch Masons of the Jurisdiction of the Philippines on this august occasion. During this second year you have never been idle, but worked hard and fervently for the expansion of the order and the institution of new Chapters all over the Islands. The true word has been entrusted to many of our Master Masons and Royal Arch Masonry stands today on a broad base. The years to come will widen it and with it will go a consolidation of the rapid gains of the first resplendent year of this Grand Chapter. The deep Christian philosophy of your beautiful degrees with its grand historical background will sink deep into the hearts of every Royal Arch Mason and form an integral part of all his acts and thoughts. To find the*

*keystone in ourselves is the Alpha and Omega of our masonic efforts and our masonic striving, and undertaking so beautifully advocated by Royal Arch Masonry. May outer and inner progress in this respect be the keynote of Royal Arch work in all years to come.* — WERNER P. SCHETELIG, Grand Master.

## *M e s s a g e s*

Among the messages received at the Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines were the following:

- (a) From Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi  
Grand Master, Grand Lodge  
of F. & A. M. of the Philippines

It is not easy to describe in brief, the advance of YORK RITE FREEMASONRY, and more particularly ROYAL ARCH in this Grand Jurisdiction. But the fact is that steady progress has been attained for a worthy cause.

I fully appreciate the loyalty and cooperation extended the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the Grand Master calculated to implement the program of the present Administration which ultimately will redound to the benefit of the people we have pledged to serve.

From the Grand Chapter I received the following message:

April 26, 1954

*TO THE MOST WORSHIPFUL  
GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND  
ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE  
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:*

*We read in ECCLESIASTICS that to EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE. We are gathered in convocation, the 38th, for the purpose of exchanging views and ideas, and to promote the best interests of the Masonic family in this corner of the world. The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines is sending greetings and felicitations to our Grand Lodge for the GOOD WORK, TRUE WORK and SQUARE WORK carried on thru the year. The Grand Chapter pledges once more loyalty and support for the years to come, and in expressing sincere*

*gratitude to the Grand Lodge for the encouragement received, prays that the grace of our Heavenly Father be always with every one of us, and that His Blessings be upon all members of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of the Philippines now and forever. (ANTONIO GONZALEZ, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines).*

Brethren of the Grand Chapter: We acknowledge with thanks your fraternal message which is food for thought for all of us. The wholesome atmosphere which surrounds our two Grand Organizations can be better expressed when we realize that each one ministers to the needs of the other and that the problem of one is the concern of both.

Let us all work and work harder to strengthen the foundation of our Grand Lodge in the Philippines and by serving our fellow men — we will advance the frontiers of Freemasonry not only in our country but throughout the Far East.

MAURO BARADI  
Grand Master

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(b) From M. E. Ray V. Denslow  
Past General Grand High Priest

Mr. Antonio Gonzalez  
520 San Marcelino  
Manila, P.I.

My dear Sir and M. E. Companion:

The time is approaching for your annual convocation and I feel that I should be one of the first to extend congratulations to your Grand Chapter, your Grand Officers and the members of your various Chapters upon their accomplishments of the first year.

We here in the United States, where Royal Arch Masonry has now passed the 150th year mark, fully realize the value that Capitular Freemasonry has rendered to our brethren of the lodges. Our work has been largely in the nature of educational work, which is very essential to anyone who expects to improve himself in Freemasonry; and, as you probably know, the General Grand Chapter has issued more educational material than any other Masonic organization.

We are very happy to have our brethren in the Philippines a part of this great international organization, and the visit of such brethren as yourself, Baradi, Cervantes, and others have given us a very high appreciation of the character of the men who comprise Royal Arch Masonry in the Philippines.

Again, my congratulations.

Sincerely and fraternally,

RAY V. DENSLOW

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(c) From M. E. Earl E. Dusenbery  
Past General Grand High Priest

To the Grand High Priest, Officers  
and Companions of the Grand Chapter  
Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of  
the Philippines

My dear Companions:

According to my records, you are about to celebrate the annual convocation of your Grand Chapter, and I sincerely trust the records will show that you have had a happy and successful year.

The eyes of the entire Royal Arch world are upon your Grand Chapter, and I know every Royal Arch Mason is pulling for your success in the future. Having had a small part in the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in your country, and knowing the enthusiasm and zeal my Companions in the Philippines have for the Capitular Rite, I assure you that my thoughts and prayers and best wishes are with you on this annual convocation. If at any time I can be of service to Royal Arch Masonry in the Republic of the Philippines, do not hesitate to call upon me.

I am happy to extend to all of you my sincere fraternal greetings and best wishes for this, your second annual convocation to be a happy and successful occasion.

With kindest personal regards to all of you, I am

Fraternally yours,

EARL E. DUSENBERY



SECCION CASTELLANA  
**NOTAS EDITORIALES**

## **Honrando A Lapu-Lapu**

*FUE LA IDEA de nuestro Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro, en ocasión de la celebración del día Nacional de nuestros Héroes, el tributar propios honores a Lapu-Lapu como el primer héroe filipino que supiera repeler el primer intento de subyugación que súfrieramos en la Historia Patria. Es de todos conocido que Lapu-Lapu resistió la invasión de Magallanes, dándole muerte en el mismo sitio en donde él como régulo controlaba y dominaba. Allí mismo se levantó por España un monumento a Magallanes; pero hasta ahora, no se ha levantado ningún monumento a Lapu-Lapu, siquiera como un símbolo de la resistencia del filipino a ser subyugado por una potencia extranjera. Solamente aparece en ese sitio un indicador (marker) como una señal del lugar en donde Lapu-Lapu resistió con los suyos a ser subyugado por una fuerza extranjera.*

*EN UN NUMERO del TIMES y en su sección editorial se habla con favor de esta idea de nuestro Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro. Sabemos todos que allí donde se lucha contra la libertad de los pueblos o de los individuos, allí donde se conspira para borrar las manifestaciones de la libertad, allí donde se pone trabas a cualquier movimiento que signifique el afincamiento de las libertades humanas, allí se presenta la Masonería para defender lo mas grande y sublime en el hombre, en la humanidad — LA LIBERTAD. Por eso para el Masón, y es mas, para el Masón filipino, Lapu-Lapu es un símbolo. Es el símbolo de la lucha desde los albores de nuestra historia contra el agresor, contra aquél que ha querido privar al pueblo de su innato derecho a ser libre, a vivir en libertad, y no en subyugación, contra todo aquél que intentará ahogar las ansias del pueblo a ser libre para siempre y a morir así defendiendo su sagrado derecho a ser libre. Por eso nos sumamos a la inspiradora idea de levantar un monumento a Lapu-Lapu allí donde existe ahora un pobre MARKER. — (ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.)*

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*faith and trust: the strengthening powers of sound optimism against the negative, often selfish, forces of pessimism. Enjoy the beauties of nature — a flower, a sunset, a forest, or a meadow. Enjoy the beauties of art in music, sculpture, or painting, and more than anything else the beauty of friendship and real deep love, the human counterpart of that divine love of God to humanity. And enjoy the beauty of worship and service to a just and great cause.*

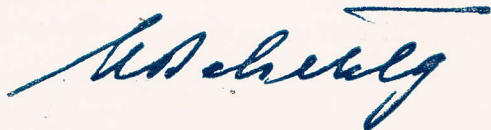
*“CARPE DIEM”: it will make you a better father and husband.*

*FORM AND REGULATE your day and don't permit it to form and regulate you so that you may remain the master of circumstances. Remember the lesson of the 24-inch gauge and live up to it day by day. The moment is eternity: once we have idled it away, it will never come back and a good deed may remain undone, because we were mentally sleeping.*

*“CARPE DIEM”: it will make you a better Mason.*

*SEIZE UP THE DAY: understand your times and the circumstances, under which you live, and comprehend their demands. Make yourself rather an enthusiast co-worker than a critical fence-sitter. Time marches on and you cannot restore “the good old days.” Yesterday can only be your teacher of how to do things better tomorrow so that you may fulfill the demands of today.*

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