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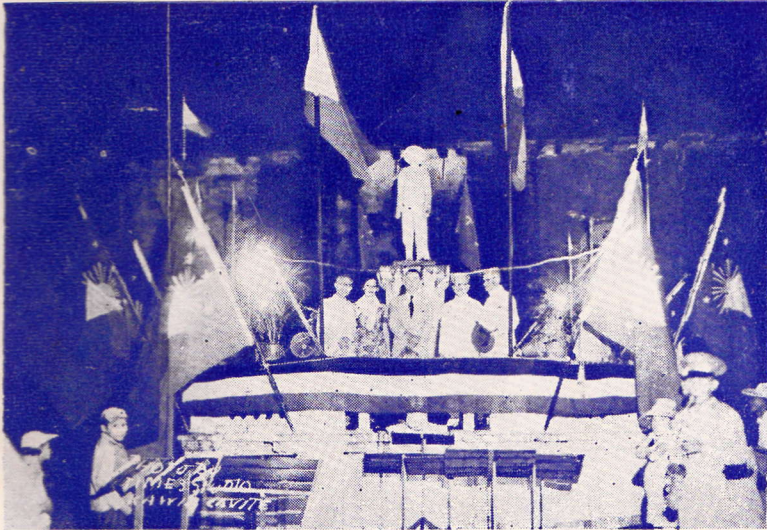
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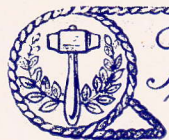


COMMEMORATING THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF OUR BRO. GENERAL CANDIDO T. TIRONA IN THE GREAT BATTLE OF BINAKAYAN, KAWIT, CAVITE, AT THE TOWN PLAZA, WHERE HIS MONUMENT IS ERECTED. AT THE FOOT OF THE MONUMENT: From left to right: Wor. Bro. Angel Saqueton; Mrs. Ursula T. Castro; Judge Francisco T. Arca; Bro. Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo and Wor. Bro. Patricio E. del Rosario.

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WERNER P. SCHELIG, *Editor*



The Grand Master's Message



Yuletide Thoughts:

You'll ne'er attain it, save you know the feeling,
Save from the soul it rises clear
Serene in primal strength, compelling
The hearts and minds of all who hear!

(GOETHE, FAUST)

THE WAY ON EARTH of every true and earnest Mason is a path of constant learning of, and intense devotion to the beautiful tenets of our Fraternity. Real devoutness will reveal to the searching mind the high moral values of those tenets and pave the road to higher truths precluding selfishness and egotism. It opens our heart to that ardent affection, where we will feel and discover the august eminence of our teachings and their divine origin. Once we divest ourselves of all aspirations of personal benefits and accept our tenets in their grandeur as the rule and guide of all our thoughts and actions, we may hope to attain that perfection when from our words and acts it may be felt that —

“from the soul it rises clear,
serene in primal strength, compelling
the hearts and minds of all who hear.”

“ALL WHO HEAR” the message Masonry has to bring
to mankind following the teachings of that Saviour or Greatest

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THE CABLETOW

Editorials:

Thanks Unto The Lord

THE MASON has many things to be thankful for. He is grateful because of his own will and experience, he believes in God not only in name, thought, and words but in deeds.

NOMINAL BELIEF is superficial, empty; here the supposed believer is concerned more of the form and less of the substance and when he is tried and tempted — he succumbs easily without putting up a struggle.

THE MASON is thankful because the volume of the Sacred Law is open to him; he is charged that in it he will learn the important duties he owes to God, his neighbor, and himself; and one of these duties, the psalmist wrote, thus:

“O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

“Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

“Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.”

YES, THE LORD'S WONDROUS WORKS among men and nations are numberless; but we have looked upon them as ordinary; we have taken them for granted. We are so busy with the trivial that we often forget the essential requisites of living — to love God and neighbor through well doing; and to the Brother, life is a constant challenge because time and again, he is expected and enjoined to be a good man and true.

THE MASON is thankful for the opportunity that is his in praying — frequently and earnestly — to God. The Brother considers prayer not only as a direct contact with and a wireless communication to the Great Architect of the Universe but the connecting link between the Creator and His creature. What nobler teaching is there for man — and the Mason for that matter — than to implore God's aid in all a person's lawful undertakings, “and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support!” Here at last is to be found the solution to the individual's problems and difficulties; herein is the golden key that opens for him the door toward limitless opportunities and worthwhile achievements. Verily, if we are for, and in partner-

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ship with God, who can be against us? We fear not what the morrow may bring.

FOR HIS FAITH in the Almighty Father of the Universe, hope in a future existence, love of fellow men, and the manifold blessings of which he is recipient — all these and more, the Mason offers his prayer of thanks unto the Lord. —MAURO BARADI, P.G.M.

MY COMMENT

WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED to comment on the following information published by the International News Service:

MADRID, Nov. 25 — A special Spanish tribunal in Madrid today sentenced five of 15 persons accused of attempting to establish a Masonic order.

THIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR MOVE in Spain in years against Masonry which was outlawed in Catholic Spain in 1940.

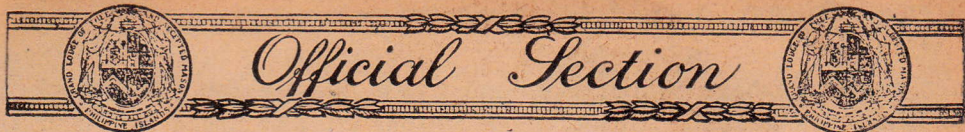
THE LENGTH of the jail terms given out were not disclosed by the informants. The trial began Monday and is expected to end Friday.

MASONRY, which traditionally is regarded in Spain as a subversive threat to the church and state, virtually was wiped out after being outlawed.

IT IS CHARGED that the defendants, all of whom were arrested in Barcelona two years ago, were not permitted defense counsel and are being tried secretly.

IT IS LAMENTABLE that this should happen in Spain, though it is not surprising. We must remember that Spain is under a Dictatorship, and Freemasonry is dangerous to all Dictators,—call them Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Franco or Salazar. During the Japanese occupation of our country, Freemasonry was banned by the Japanese invaders. During the Spanish regime, Masons in the Philippines were persecuted and sent to Bagumbayan. Russia and all lands within the Iron Curtain are under the shackle of the most inhuman tyranny. Masonry and Masons are "subversive" to all these totalitarian societies and rulers. As Masons practice democracy, understanding and brotherhood among men and nations they are a great threat to all DESPOTS, TYRANTS and DICTATORS. If Masons are tortured and killed and our Lodges and Temples closed and destroyed it is because the Masonic Light shines throughout the world to dignify men thru freedom and brotherly love, tolerance and charity. Those who are enemies of the Masonic Light just cannot stand an association that preaches universal freedom, truth and the dignity of man.

—(ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.)



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

CIRCULAR No. 10

Series of 1954 — Schetelig

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

Re. *THANKSGIVING*

GREETING :

The close of 1954 is fast approaching and ere long we will greet 1955. Before we write finis to 1954, we recollect all the blessings showered upon us individually, as a Nation, and world *wide* and assemble in the House of God in humility with hearts full of gratitude for the manifold divine blessings bestowed and enjoyed in 1954.

If we remained healthy and in full command of our mental and corporeal faculties, what a blessing! If we fell sick, how grateful we must be for having been cured! If we experienced hardships, let us look upon them as opportunities for learning. God has many ways to guide us to final bliss.

As a Nation, let us be grateful for the efforts put forth by our government to help the poor and administer equal justice to all. Let us be grateful for the preservation of the freedoms guaranteed us by our Constitution and let us pray for further divine wisdom and guidance of those called to govern.

If peace was preserved and now reigns in most parts of the world including our Nation, what greater blessing could mankind enjoy! Though science has discovered the most powerful means for self-destruction, if wantonly applied, yet a higher wisdom has checked human greed and hunger. God still has restrained the minds of those sinister men denying His existence to unleash the apocalyptic horsemen.

These and numerous other untold reasons are proofs of the manifold blessings which have rested and are resting upon us. To unite in thankful prayer and in an hour of meditation on Thanksgiving Day is the earnest desire of all Masons.

All subordinate Lodges in the provinces are, therefore, urged to convene on the day and date set aside by proclamation of the President

and render homage to our Supreme Grand Master for His untold blessings to mankind. All individual Masons are also urged to attend Thanksgiving Services in their respective Churches.

Brethren residing in Manila are requested to attend Thanksgiving Service in the Central Church, Calle San Luis, on Sunday, November 28th, at 10:00 A.M.

Manila, Philippines, November 16, 1954.

(Sgd.) WERNER P. SCHEDELIG
Grand Master

ATTEST:

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

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF THE GRAND MASTER
TO PANGASINAN LODGE No. 56

MOST WOR. BRO. WERNER P. SCHEDELIG, Grand Master accompanied by officers and members of the Grand Lodge made an official visitation to Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 (Dagupan City) on November 13, 1954. The delegation was met at the Railroad Station, Dagupan City, thence to the Temple of the Lodge where at 4 P.M., the Grand Master was officially received. An interesting part of the program was the introduction of Officers and members of the Lodge by Wor. Bro. A. P. Torio, Secretary; it was revealed that the membership represents various nationalities and professions, and that a few of the charter members made efforts to attend the visitation. Rt. Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias, Deputy Grand Master was requested to speak on behalf of the Grand Lodge. Bro. Osias earnestly appealed for more men in Masonry and more Masonry among men. "Masons who love freedom and democracy and are willing to sacrifice for their preservation should unite their forces and be always alert in arresting the tide of bigotry in our land," he concluded.

IN THE EVENING, a reception was held for the visiting Masonic dignitaries, at the Pangasinan Teachers' Memorial Auditorium. Bro. Teofilo P. Guadiz, Mayor of Dagupan City welcomed the visitors and expressed the hope that all should cooperate to help make the City administration beneficial to the inhabitants as a whole. Musical numbers were contributed by a choir under the direction of Bro. M. M. Loresco and Miss Lolita Saingan. M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary distributed 25-year service buttons and Diplomas and Life Member Certificates to deserving members of the Lodge while Wor.

Bro. Proceso Domagas, P.M. made the response. Wor. Bro. Vicente B. Tecson, Grand Lodge Inspector of the Lodge reported on the activities of the Lodge and said he was satisfied the officers and members thereof were doing their job well. Other speakers were Rt. Wor. Bro. Osias and Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, P.G.M.; both explained the main tenets of Freemasonry, namely: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth and vehemently denied the charge that Masons are godless, adding that the Holy Bible is on the altar of Masons and a Masonic Lodge is opened and closed with a prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe — God Himself.

MOST WOR. BRO. SCHETELIG, Grand Master, delivered the principal address of the evening. "The freedoms guaranteed us by the Constitution of the Philippines would be meaningless if we allow them to be dead letters and not living realities," he said. "As Masons and citizens, we must live as such and work and sacrifice for the good of our land," he added. "In times such as these," he emphasized, "Masons must be vigilant lest the principles of Masonry which are also those of Democracy be put to naught by critics and enemies of our Republic."

REFRESHMENTS AND DANCE followed the program attended by families and friends of Masons in and outside Dagupan City.

GRAND MASTER LAYS CORNERSTONE OF BAGONG ILAW LODGE No. 97

MOST WOR. BRO. WERNER P. SCHETELIG, Grand Master and officers of the Grand Lodge motored to Noveleta, Cavite on October 30, 1954 where the Grand Master laid the cornerstone of Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97. A procession from the present Lodge Hall to the proposed site of the Temple preceded the occasion. A short program was held with numbers including: opening remarks by Wor. Bro. Jose Alvarez, short talk by a representative of XIII Martyrs, Cavite Chapter, O.E.S., and remarks by Wor. Bro. Nicolas Fernandez, Master of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Antonio Donado, Junior Grand Lecturer introduced the guest speaker, Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, P.G.M. Bro. Baradi explained the mission of Freemasonry and cited facts to prove that in the struggle and fight of the Filipinos for freedom and independence, Masons living and dead had contributed a great deal. "Most of our national heroes were Masons and the leader and symbol of the Philippine Revolution, General Emilio Aguinaldo, is a Mason," the speaker said. "Wherever freedom is found, Masonry thrives but whenever dictatorship and totalitarianism reign, Masonry is forbidden," he continued. "Masonry is synonymous with Democracy and to be a Mason

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is to be a good citizen in a Democracy." "Those who misunderstand Masonry are not true votaries of Universal Brotherhood because our Institution preaches and teaches the Brotherhood of Man under the Fotherhood of God," he concluded.

AFTER THE CEREMONIES, the Master and officers and members of Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97 offered refreshments to the visiting brethren and their families.

From: The Luzon Bodies
Scottish Rite Temple
912 Taft Ave., Manila

21 September 1954

M.W. Werner P. Schetelig
Editor, THE CABLETOW
Plaridel Masonic Temple
520 San Marcelino, Manila

Dear Sir and Most Worshipful Brother:

In your July 1954 issue of THE CABLETOW, we read an interesting article "Believe It Or Not," which should not remain unchallenged, to keep the records straight.

As early as March 1954, we published in the monthly NEWS LETTER of the Luzon Bodies, A. & A.S.R., the following:

"Can you beat this record? Bro. Vicente Marquez, 32^o, another Charter Member, has the distinction of raising to the sublime degree of Master Mason, four sons: Danny, an electrical engineer; Demosthenes, a mechanical engineer; Pablo, presently with the U.S. Embassy; David, a C.P.A., and two sons-in-law, Attys. Artemio O. Domingo and Candido San Luis. When the last one named was raised in Zamboanga, Bro. Marquez had to take a plane to be at the Mt. Apo Lodge Hall on time. A father and sons team composed of the Marquez family is doing splendid degree work in Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69, F. & A.M., where the elder Marquez is Past Master. Son Dave is a Scottish Rite Mason, 32^o."

Permit us to say in passing that the new format of THE CABLETOW is very handy specially for binding, and the articles are not only interesting but enlightening.

With best wishes and kindest regards,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) *B. Maneze*

BENITO MANEZE, 33^o

Secretary

MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

PERLA ASSEMBLY No. I
Order of the Rainbow for Girls
912 Taft Ave. Manila

September 18, 1954

The Secretary
Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children
Scottish Rite Temple
Manila, Philippines.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the sum of TWENTY-FIVE (P25.00), representing the humble donation of our organization to the funds of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children for the year, 1954.

It is the hope and prayer of the individual members of the Perla Assembly No. 1, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, that, although this is only a small amount, the same would be of some help towards the payment of medicines for the care and treatment of the unfortunate cripples now under your care and management. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

PERLA ASSEMBLY No. 1
Order of the Rainbow for Girls

by:

FELY E. KARGANILLA — P.W.A.
Treasurer



Mr. Alfredo J. Pascual, Secretary
Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children
912 Taft Avenue, Manila

June 27, 1953

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith CBC check No. VF 445144 for the sum of P260.00 as our humble gift in honor of the memory of my late father, Mr. Juan C. Velasco, to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children.

We hope our humble contribution will help in a way relieve the sufferings of the crippled children in the Philippines.

Very sincerely yours,

For the family of the late
JUAN CHUA VELASCO

s/t Felisa Chua Co.



WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



Ibarra Lodge No. 31

CANDIDO T. TIRONA

ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING MASONS and chartered members of the first Masonic Lodge in Cavite, was Bro. Candido T. Tirona. He hails from Kawit, Cavite. Father of National Protectionism and one of those who voluntarily applied to be a member of our THREE GREAT KS—KABANAL - BANALAN, KAPITAPITAGANG KAPATIRAN NG MGA ANAK NG BAYAN or our SUBLIME KATIPUNAN, which stopped the cruelties and atrocities of the friars in our country, then.

MASONRY WAS THE ORIGIN of all his PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES so his brethren in IBARRA LODGE No. 31, F. & A. M., in commemorating the 58th. ANNIVERSARY of his death in the Great Battle of Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite, on November 10th., 1896, has offered to the "VETERANOS

DE LA REVOLUCION" a PLAQUE commemorating such memorable death on last November 10th., 1954.

IT WAS CELEBRATED at the Town Plaza, where the monument of said brother is erected. Bro. Emilio Aguinaldo was the Guest of Honor and Bro. Patricio E. del Rosario, the Guest Speaker.

VET. CANDIDO C. MONZON, the toastmaster; Vet. C. Quemuel, led the praying; Misses Lety and Mamerta Sarmiento, offered the PLAQUE; Bro. Angel Saqueton, delivered the offering address in the name of Ibarra Lodge No. 31, F. & A. M.; Mrs. Ursula T. Castro, sang all the songs; Vet. Gabriel S. Topacio delivered an address; the Kawit Band played the opening March and the overture and closed it with the National Hymn.

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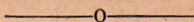
Pampanga Lodge No. 48

NOVEMBER 20, 1954, is a memorable date for Pampanga Lodge No. 48. Memorable, because in the afternoon of that day Wor. Bro. Santiago L. Bautista, a Past Master of the Lodge, initiated his own son, John Hermes D. Bautista.

Memorable, because this is the first time in the history of said Lodge that the father initiated his own son. Memorable, because the Past Masters of the Lodge assisted Wor. Bro. Santiago L. Bautista in the initiation ceremonies.

THE INITIATION was very solemn and impressive and the candidate was so affected and inspired especially when he found later that his own father was presenting to him his (father's) right hand in token of friendship and brotherly love. The Apron which was presented to him by Wor. Bro. Basilio J. Castro and the Working Tools by Wor. Bro. Marcelo Tuñigol, and later, the Lecture which was so excellently delivered by the present Master of the Lodge, Wor.

Bro. Victoriano Alabado, and lastly, the Charge which was read by Wor. Bro. Ignacio Baluyut, all left deep and lasting impressions upon the candidate's mind that the candidate who is at present the Electrical Engineer of the El Varadero de Manila (Foundry Division) at Cavite City of the Fernandez Hermanos, Inc. could not help but express to his father afterwards, his utmost and profound admiration for the beauty, secrets and mysteries of Freemasonry.



Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53

RESOLUTION THANKING WOR. BRO. FELIPE M. SINAGUINAN

WHEREAS, WOR. BRO. FELIPE M. SINAGUINAN, Past Master of this Lodge, in view of his burning desire to illumine the Lodge Hall to make it appear nearest to that Masonic dignity and decorum that characterize King Solomon's Temple in order to transform it into a magnificent representation that it should deserve, donated a Master's Chair of carved narra-hewn from the national tree of the Philippines and masterly symbolic of the ancient landmark of authority in the East;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, as the same is hereby resolved, that in grateful recognition of this donation, CABANATUAN LODGE No. 53, of Free and Accepted Masons, express its boundless thanks to Wor. Bro. Felipe M. Sinaguinan;

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the desire of the members of this Lodge that Wor. Bro. Sinaguinan enjoy lasting health and long life in order that he can continue his Masonic work in its lustre that is a truly Masonic ornament; and

BE IT, FINALLY RESOLVED, that the original hereof be handed to Wor. Bro. Sinaguinan, another kept in the Archives of the Lodge, and a copy forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for publication in the CABLETOW.

WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING * * *

UNANIMOUSLY adopted in the Stated Meeting on the fourth day of September, A. L. 5954, in the Valley of Cabanatuan City.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(Sgd.) JOSE N. CARLOS
Worshipful Master

ATTEST:

(Sgd.) NARCISO J. MARTINEZ
Secretary

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Muog Lodge No. 89
Parañaque, Rizal

RT. WOR. BRO. CAMILO OSIAS, Deputy Grand Masetr was guest speaker of this Lodge at its September stated meeting in conjunction with Father Masons Night. Bro. Osias in his eloquent speech appealed to the Masons to sow seeds of friendship not enmity, understanding not suspicion, tolerance not bigotry. "By putting more Masonry among Masons, we will lift the stature of our community and contribute progress to our people," he said.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER SOL GWEKOH paid fraternal visits to sick brethren and gave them cheer. This visiting of the sick will be implemented from time to time.

THE CIRCULAR OF THE GRAND MASTER regarding aid to Vietnam Refugees was presented to the attention of the Lodge. In the said Circular, the Grand Master stated: "This is a worthy cause which should be supported by all Masons under this Grand Jurisdiction. It is not only a humanitarian work, but it is also a phase in our fight against Communism in this corner of the world. . ."

THE MUOG LODGE REMODELING COMMITTEE under the chairmanship of Wor. Bro. Pedro Lombos is leaving no stone unturned to make the Lodge project a complete success.

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Freemasonry Religious But Not A Religion

By CAMILO OSIAS

FREEMASONRY is religious but it is not a religion.

THAT SOUNDS PARADOXICAL but it is true. The Fraternity lays down the fundamental principle that man is a son of God; he is created in the image of God; he may be or should be God-like; he must believe in God. Faith in God is an absolute requirement for any man to become a free and accepted Mason. Recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the logical corollary, the brotherhood of men, is a positive prerequisite to being a Mason. This means that he must be religious.

A MASON is not an atheist. He is a theist. He communes with God. He prays to God. He seeks to be good and Godly. In this sense he is spiritual. He is religious.

But FREEMASONRY is not a religion competing with other religions. It is an ancient and venerable institution but has founded no church, no creed, no sect, no denomination. It welcomes to its fold men who believe in God and the immortality of the spirit regardless of color, race, nationality, or religious affiliation. Thus Freemasonry is not a religion warring on men because of their religious professions. It wars on no church.

It is engaged in no proselytism. It stands squarely for freedom of thought and freedom of worship. That is why it has a universal appeal, and is embarked upon the noble mission of uniting men of noble impulses in quest of truth, and who lead lives acceptable to God and contributory to the happiness of mankind.

FREEMASONRY IS RELIGIOUS by enjoining men to be clean, righteous, pious, devout, God-fearing, God-loving, yes, Godly. It is religious by seeking to universalize the ideal values, the constants, of life. It is religious in exalting the reality of the spiritual, in bringing to the fore the faith in the dominance and victory of the divine in the affairs of men.

FREEMASONRY IS NOT A RELIGION wedded to any particular "ism." It is not battling for any particular creed or denomination; nor is it battling against any particular church or system of religion.

IT VALUES RELIGION that is real and true and not a sham. It urges men to be religious and truly so and countenances no hypocrisy. Freemasonry is zealous in making men good and Godly and it does welcome such men to be in and of the Fraternity. Note

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that I say welcomes men for it coerces no one into becoming a Mason. The act of joining must be purely voluntary for a man becomes a Mason of his own free will and accord.

FREEMASONRY ENJOINS

more Masonry among Masons and more consecration to all that is divine among all men that there may be lasting peace on earth and goodwill among the nations of the world.

A Tribute To Our Departed Brethren

By C. F. ARKONCEL, P.M.

(Delivered Oct. 30, 1954, Memorial Services, Sarangani Lodge No. 50)

SHELTERED from the West by the towering Mt. Apo, majestic with the perfumed aroma of its virgin forests, the enchanting beauty of its meadows, the charm of its sparkling rivulets; glorified in the East, by the splendor of big wide coconut plantations and primeval forests whose products worth by the billions roll around the world as far as the cities of London, New York and Paris; and caressed from the South by the sweetness and purity of the seabreezes and loving waters of the deep Pacific, there stands the wonderful City of Davao, the former Masonic Trestleboard of our deceased brethren in whose affectionate remembrance we hold these mournful services.

AS THE TRAVELLER observes with a discerning eye the superb vista of this big modern city that was once a wilderness untouched by the hand of man, he is inspired to love more and more the wondrous works of creation,

to perceive with admiration the increasing power of man to subdue the things and forces of nature, and to contemplate with reverence over the omnipotent power and loving kindness of the Divine Creator.

THE FORMER town of Davao which is now the City of Davao, is not the same as it used to be forty years ago. Still convalescing from the malady of Castilian colonialism, the people were still religious fanatics that accepted the word of the church as the Supreme Law. In spite of American military occupation, ignorance and illiteracy were still rampant. Health conditions were very poor, and the people suffered from economic stagnancy. The vast jungles to the North and West of Davao were still idle that awaited the productive touch of man. With the exception of few Moro vintas and small native seacrafts that visited once in a while, the town was unknown to the ocean liners of the

world. Public and private schools were either few or none, and the convent was considered the only center of culture. While the narrow and muddy streets of San Pedro, Magallanes, and Claveria were lined with dilapidated nipa houses that bespeak of the 16th century, all evidences of modern life were conspicuous by their absence.

BUT FREEMASONRY is an institution with unchanging ancient landmarks which stands for progress and against all sorts of dormancy. Its votaries are decided pioneers and adventurers that sail the uncharted or angry seas in quest of good and honest work. Their country is the world, and they do not hesitate to leave their native homes in order to practise the Masonic truths, tenets and virtues.

WHEN BRO. FRANCIS BURTON HARRISON of Manila Lodge No. 1, by Divine Providence, became the Governor-General of the Philippines, he did not forget his brother Masons from Luzon and the Visayas in the selection of his confidential men to govern and develop the town and province of Davao. He appointed as Provincial Governor, Wor. Bro. Celestino Chaves; Provincial Treasurer, Juan Posadas Jr.; Judge of First Instance, Bro. Ponciano Reyes; Provincial Fiscal, Bro. Teopisto Guingona; District Health Officer, Wor. Bro. Eugenio de Jesus; Dis-

trict Engineer, Wor. Bro. Gregorio Alcantara; Superintendent of Schools, Bro. Henry Stanton; Municipal Treasurer, Wor. Bro. Alfredo Zamora; Justice of the Peace, Wor. Bro. Feliciano Iñigo. Not long thereafter, these brethren, in collaboration with other Masons in Davao, proceeded to organize and constitute the present Wor. Sarangani Lodge No. 50, to become the only center of light in the whole province of Davao. This worshipful lodge had grown fast and active with the passing of the years until it is now the biggest Masonic lodge in the entire island of Mindanao, very much bigger than many big lodges in Luzon and the Visayas. Of these brethren, it is lamentable to say that all of them have already gone to the Celestial Lodge above, with the exception of Bro. Zamora who is now a sick man in Davao City, Bro. de Jesus who is still the old District Health Officer of Davao, and Bro. Guingona who is now dedicated to cattle ranching in the beautiful plateaus of Bukidnon.

TRUE TO THE PRINCIPLES, tenets, and dogma of Freemasonry, our brethren governed and developed Davao with honor and distinction. Upon assumption of office, they began to lay the foundations of free, popular and honest government. They opened public schools to diffuse the light of truth and knowledge. They built concrete and asphalt roads, wharves,

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and bridges, hospitals and puericulture centers. They promoted and encouraged agriculture, commerce, and industry and gave protection to new settlers and newcomers. Every centavo worth in taxes was honestly spent for the common good and welfare. No one ever complained of abuse of power, injustice, and corruption in the government. The government officials were respected, and the people were happy, free, prosperous and contented. Thru the effective leadership of these brethren, with the cooperation of all brother Masons then in Davao, the former antiquated town of Davao was finally converted into a big modern city, the Queen City of Mindanao, the biggest city in the world in point of area, and the biggest producer-exporter of farm and forest products, often visited by the merchant marines of the world.

THERE IS HOWEVER one thing extraordinary about these brethren, and that is that they did not become rich while they were in the government service, or by reason of their office. What a paradox that these brethren were poor and remained so in the government, whereas in contemporary officialdom, how many are the officials and employees that wallow in the cesspools of dishonest wealth and luxury, many of whom have already gone, or about to go to jail for corruption and dishonesty! But

while Freemasonry is not against capitalism or wealth, it prefers honorable poverty to dishonorable prosperity, and our brethren had chosen the laborious alternative to be poor but doggedly honest.

ALTHOUGH THE TRUE MASON is not irreligious, he is neither a religious fanatic to the extent of swallowing everything that comes from the church. Our brethren were deeply religious, and charitable, customary churchgoers, with proven loyalty to God as distinguished from loyalty to the church. They loved, not only civil and political liberties, but also religious freedom, so that whereas, forty years ago there was only one church in Davao that claimed monopoly of the religious faith, nowadays we can see the City of Davao crowded with Protestant chapels of various denominations, Aglipayan and Moslem churches, Chinese temples, Hindu shrines, and even kingdom halls of the witnesses of Jehova.

TO SPEAK GOOD THINGS of the living, is at times, a flattery, hypocritical and condemnable; to talk evil things of the dead, is a sacrilege, dispeccable and brutal; but to say the naked truth about the virtues, the noble deeds, the inspiring achievements of the dead, is a man can pay to his fellowman.

MY BRETHREN AND FRIENDS: If historians of the future will ever want to know

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delegation, who in 1951, made a trip to the United States to attend a Triennial Convention of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons at Little Rock, Arkansas, he contributed largely to the efforts of the delegation which resulted in the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in this jurisdiction. When his untimely death came, all plans were set, for him to head a group of brethren for the formation of a new chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SUCH IS THE GLORY OF GOD, that His is the Will and the Power is His to rule the destiny of mankind. He has willed that Don Eduardo has to live with a mission to accomplish, by His power he has cut Don Eduardo in the vigor of life, and by his untimely death his work may still be incomplete, but we all know, that he has labored long and faithfully to execute it. Let us all pray and hope, that he would, in the Celestial Lodge above continue his relentless masonic work.

PLEDGE OF SERVICE * * * (Continued from page 792)

A Tribute To Our Departed Brethren

what contribution to posterity had been made by these brethren before they left for the Silent Halls of Death; if uncharitable critics will ever dare to deny the good things our brethren had done to the cause of humanity and civilization, let their sacred memory answer with the voice of thunder

that will echo and re-echo in unison with the great truths towards the four winds of heaven until the world is no more. As long as gratitude remains a human virtue; as long as affection abides in the innermost recesses of the human heart; as long as man loves the blessings of good government, individual freedom, happiness and prosperity, the remembrance of these brethren will always dwell in the hearts of the people of Davao, their children, their children's children — there to remain thru the centuries, generations and ages, forever loved, venerated, honored and respected.

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THE EASTERN STAR PAGE

The Order Of The Eastern Star In The Philippines

By AGNES M. SCHOENING, P.M.

Assistant to Sister Ruth Jones, Most Worthy Grand Matron, O.E.S.

IN THE SUMMER of 1904, Manila Lodge No. 342 (now Manila Lodge No. 1) planned a reading room for the Masons on the Lodge premises. The Brothers, probably very busy men, asked several of the wives of Masons to assist them in choosing the furniture. All of the ladies, with the exception of one, were members of the Order. From this association with the assistance of the brethren, the idea of forming an Eastern Star Chapter in Manila was born. To their credit it was no sooner said than it was done, for in October of that same year, Mayon Chapter No. 1 was instituted. On the evening of the institution it is interesting to note that the records show that after expenses were paid, all that remained in the treasury was ₱10.00.

IN THE YEAR 1918 a Resolution was passed by Mayon Chapter No. 1 authorizing a movement to form a new Chapter of the Order to be known as "Rizal Chapter." This was to be opened for petitions from Filipino masons, their wives, daughters, mothers, widows and sisters.

IN THIS RESOLUTION it was proposed to receive and initiate the prospective members into Mayon Chapter and to issue dimitts to them as soon as the dispensation was received, at the same time turning over 75% of the initiation fee to the new Chapter to finance the work, and to permit five members of Mayon Chapter to affiliate with the new Chapter in order to assist in the work. Unfortunately, at that time there was not sufficient interest and support and this attempt to further the work of the Order failed.

AGAIN IN 1940 under the leadership of Brother Christian Rosenstock, a Past Patron of Mayon Chapter, Sister Agnes Schoening then Associate Matron and Sister Doris McVay, Conductress of Mayon Chapter, met with Mrs. Teodoro M. Kalaw and other representatives from Filipino lodges. Despite unsettled world conditions it was felt that the time was appropriate to spread the work of the Order. This second attempt also failed.

HOWEVER IN 1948, after World War II, a third and successful

effort was made. This time the initiative came from Filipino Masons and their wives, and on May 10th 1948, Rosario Villaruel No. 2 was instituted by Brother Walter Schoening as Deputy for the Most Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Maria Luisa Vicente as Worthy Matron and Brother Michael Goldenberg as Worthy Patron.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR Sampaguita Chapter No. 3 was instituted by Brother David Innis as Deputy for the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Since then the Order has grown space. Teodoro Alonzo Chapter No. 4 in Davao, Rebecca Parish Chapter No. 5 in Olongapo, XIII Martyrs of Cavite Chapter No. 6 in Cavite, Maria Clara Chapter No. 7 in Cebu, Waling Waling Chapter No. 8 in Zamboanga, Teodoro Kalaw Chapter No. 9 in San Juan and several Chapters under dispensation—in Cabanatuan, Tacloban, Dumaguete, Bacolod, Cagayan de Oro and no doubt more to come.

*We are building day by day,
Building by the words we say
Building by the deeds we do
Let our thoughts be kind and true
Kind and generous we should be
Building for eternity.*

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From Other **SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

What A Non-Mason Thinks Of Masonry

A writer for "Collier's" who prefaces his editorial with the comment that he is not a Mason and is not trying to become a member of the fraternity has this to say about Masonry:

"EVERY TIME some new dictator blossoms into power, one of his first moves customarily is to declare war on the Masonic Fraternity. Why? Is there some mystic magic about the Masons that make them dangerous to a totalitarian society?

"WE'RE AFRAID there is. To a tyrant, the Masons are a subversive bunch. Their trouble is that they practice human brotherhood and democracy. To so high an eminence has Masonry's credit been advanced that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art, have not thought it derogatory to their dignity to exchange the scepter for the trowel, have patronized its mysteries and joined in its assemblies.

"A P R E S E N T - D A Y A L L

HIGHEST could never do that. He must pretend to a wisdom and an infallibility such as even few mediaeval popes ever claimed. The Masonic ideal of mutual help among the members, too, flies in the face of the totalitarian state's assumption that it can take care of every phase of every citizen's life.

"PLENTRY OF MASONS have their faults. But, by and large, the big totalitarian complaint against them is simply that they are decent, democratic, cooperative people. But we have a notion that the Masonic Fraternity, having outlasted all the storms since, by some accounts, ancient Egyptian times, will outride this one. Meanwhile, here's wishing the Order well."

[California Freemason]

Hiram Lodge Member Sixty Years a Mason

ON NOVEMBER 9, 1953, Brother Victor G. Proctor celebrated his 60th anniversary as a Master Mason. Brother Proctor was raised in Hiram Lodge on that date in 1893 at San Marcial.

HE HAS MAINTAINED continuous membership in this Lodge

up to the present time, and is a Life Member of our Lodge.

ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1953, the members of Winslow Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M., Winslow, Arizona, presented Brother Proctor with a 50-year pin (a 60-year pin not available) on behalf of Hiram

FROM OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS * * *

Lodge No. 13. The Winslow Lodge put on quite an affair that evening. There was a big dinner after Lodge. Three chartered pullmans from the west coast brought many of Brother Proctor's railroad friends to Winslow for the cere-

mony. As far as we have been able to ascertain, Brother Proctor is the only 60-year Master Mason still living who was raised in New Mexico. Somebody correct us if we are wrong.

—*The Hiram Sprig.*

(*Editor's Note:* This is quite a record. If there are other members who can equal this record, the Editor will appreciate having their names and Masonic record.)

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FREEMASONRY IN JAPAN

Following is reprinted from Gould's History of Freemasonry Volume 4 published in 1936 and it gives an illuminating background of the Masonic movement in this part of the world.

THE FIRST ENGLISH LODGE in Japan, the Yokohama, No. 1092, was founded in 1866, being warranted on January 30 and consecrated on June 26 of that year. A second Lodge at Yokohama, the O Tentosama, No. 1263, was chartered on April 22, 1869 and consecrated on July 28 of the same year. The Nippon Lodge No. 1344, at Yedo (now Tokio), was warranted on December 7, 1870 and constituted on May 26, 1871. The Warrant was afterwards surrendered and the Lodge was erased from the list on July 27, 1883. In 1872, a Charter was issued for the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1401, at Kobe and, eleven years later, the Tokio Lodge No. 2015, was constituted at Tokio. In 1873, a District Grand Lodge of Japan, under the Grand Lodge of England, was formed, which has

to-day under its jurisdiction Lodge Yokohama, O Tentosama, Rising Sun and Tokio, mentioned above and the Lodge of Albion in the Far East, at Kobe, No. 3729, warranted in 1914. Charles Henry Dallas was the first District Grand Master appointed; succeeded, in 1886, by William Henry Stone; in 1900, by Edward Flint Kilby; in 1904, by William Henry Stone for a second term of office, which lasted until 1911, when George Harvey Why-mark was appointed; and, in 1923, by Stanley Edward Unite. The Lodges are far removed one from another, the distances apart being as far as 400 miles. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has two Lodges Hiogo and Osaka, No. 498, established in 1870, in Kobe and Lodge Star in the East No. 640 established in 1879 at Yokohama. A Scottish Lodge No. 710, established in 1884, at Nagasaki, has ceased to exist.

There are numerous stories by the Japanese, dating back to the

latter part of the seventeenth and the earlier part of the eighteenth centuries, of mysterious documents, carefully preserved in secret by the natives, which they regard as precious heirlooms. Several of these are matters of history, but the theory has been advanced (Masonic Magazine vol. vii, p. 319) that these documents may have been vouchers of Lodges, Warrants, Lists of members, etc. and, in some cases, the certificates of ancestors.

When, in 1923, the Japanese earthquake occurred, the Grand Lodge of England at once voted the sum of two thousand guineas to the Relief Fund. The Lodge at Tokio and the two Lodges at Yokohama were specially affected by the disaster. The Charters of the Yokohama Lodge and Chapter (this latter established in 1871), No. 1092; of the O Tentosama Lodge and Chapter (the latter established in 1912), No. 1263; the Orient Mark Lodge, No. 304, constituted at Yokohama, in 1882; Lodge Star in the East No. 640, Scottish Constitution; and the various bodies hold-

ing under the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the United States, were all lost, together with the furniture and regalia, both Lodge and private, the regalia of the District Grand Lodge and a valuable Masonic library. The records of the Yokohama Lodge, from its formation in 1866, deposited in the vault, were destroyed, while all the Minute books, registers and current records of the different bodies, kept by the various secretaries, were lost. This, apart from the loss of life. A second Mark Lodge in Japan, the Torii, No. 837, was established on October 22, 1926, under the Grand Mark Lodge of England.

The Imperial Japanese Government does not allow its citizens to become members of any secret society at whose meetings the police may not be present, but Masonic Lodges composed of citizens of other countries are not molested. In view of this prohibition it is not likely that there will be native Lodges.

Masonry Magnetic ?

WHAT IS MASONRY?

This question has been asked many times in the past and will be asked as many more in the future. What kind of "bait" leads men to it? What causes us to love Masonry

with a deep rooted devotion that lasts as long as breath is in our frail bodies? What kind of bond is it that binds us with its mighty tie, unique, mystical yet unlike any other? It could be likened to a

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great magnet that draws us unre-sistingly within its field and holds us there.

It has been said many times that Masonry is not a secret society in the sense that its very existence is secret. It is, however, a private society with certain reservations that are made known only to its members. Its purposes in the world is no secret. Anybody who wishes to do so can quickly find out where the Masonic Lodges meet and its membership is not secret. Any one with an enquiring mind is privileged to delve into countless volumes of its history and philosophy.

The purpose of Freemasonry is primarily to build character, teaching loyalty to one's country and imparting to all who come within its portals a deep respect for true religion. It seeks to indoctrinate no man with any particular religion, but attempts to help each man to attain a greater understanding of his own religion by being true to it. Masonry advocates freedom of speech, thought and conscience and requires a belief in the Fatherhood of God.

In one way or another, all the way down through the age, Masonry has been successful in drawing into its membership the best and finest men in every community. Look around you, in whatever town or city or village you will, and you will find numbered among its membership a great number of

the most outstanding citizens there. Leading men everywhere have found in Masonry something that has attracted and held them fast within its folds.

A good Mason walks with God and surveys far out on the endless line of life. He places great value on his soul and thinks constantly of eternity. Both this world and the one to come is given great consideration by him and he provides amply for both. He keeps a restraining hold on his passions and abstains from evil. He has faith in his God and lives on hope. He is well aware that by living a life of clean wholesomeness he is attracting to his Fraternity other men of like ambitions and desires and is a portion of the "magnet" of his Lodge in attracting and holding the finest men in its membership.

Let me urge you, Brethren, to **LIVE YOUR MASONRY EVERY DAY**, in every way and in every circumstance! Let your life be an exemplary one so that you too will be a participating portion of the great magnet of our Fraternity in order that we may draw unto ourselves other righteous thinking men who come our way. Our Fraternity will become the stronger, finer and greater for each new powerful personality that attaches himself to this great magnet.

Let your Masonry so shine in your everyday life that all who see and deal with you, all who pass in the course of the day, will be be e-

fitted by the magnetic ray of personality that will be absorbed from you in the passing. In your efforts to make this world a better place for all to live in who come your way, you will unconsciously but surely be making it a happier world for your own self.

Yes, you might well say that Masonry is a great magnet, drawing unto itself the finest men everywhere to carry on its work in the world.

(FLORIDA MASON, June, 1954)

The Cable - Tow

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*WHAT IS THE LENGTH of my cable-tow?
A Fellow-Craft Mason wanted to know.
An aged Mason, with snowy white hair,
Pointed and said, "From there, to there,
From the first bright rays of the rising sun,
'Til the last rays signal that day is done.
Your cable-tow reaches from morn 'til night,
And from night until morn, if I've learned it right.
A time for refreshment, and a time for sleep,
A time for God and man's service to keep,
And the one you can help along the way
Sets the cable-tow's length and the hour of day.
If you can reach him without damage to you,
Your length is, "Just how much good can I do?"
Those that depend on you always come first,
And neglect of them your cable will burst.
If you remember this, and adjust it so,
You'll soon learn the length of your cable-tow."*

The Cable Tow—The official organ of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands.

THE PARK AVENUE CABLETOW, Memphis, Tenn., July, 1954.

Wikang Pilipino ★ ★ ★

Kaharian Ng Diyos

PATRICIO E. DEL ROSARIO

Ngayong ang kalangitan ng ating kabuhayan ay pinagbabantaan na naman ng mga ulap ng mga pag-aagam-agam, takot at pangamba ay katungkulan nating alamin at pagmalasakitang masapit ang KAHARIAN NG DIYOS. Saan naruruon ito?

Ang ilan sa atin, marahil, ay magsasabing nasa kalangitan; ang iba naman ay sasabihing na sa Banal na Kasulatan o mga Santong Dasalan; at ang karamihan ay mag-gugumiit na nasa sa mga simbahan o kapilyang dalanginan. Ngunit ang tutoo ay wala kahit saan sa mga ito.

Saan nga naruruon?

Ang kasaysayang pangdaigdig ay naglalahad sa atin na nang ang mga Prusiyano at mga Pranses ay nangagbabaka, sa bawa't Pinunong Prusyanong patay na makita, ang una-unang nakukuha sa bulsa niyon ay isang mapa ng Pransiya. Samakatuwid upang matukoy ng mga pinunong Prusiyano ang ka-

nilang lulusubin, papasukin at sasakupin ay kinakailangan iyong mapa. Kaya kailangan naman natin ngayon ay isa ring mapa.

Alin nga ang ating mapa upang makilala, matunton at masapit ang pinakamimithi nating kaharian ng Diyos?

Ang mapang iyan ay PAG-IBIG; sapagka't ito ay siyang tanging iniwang bilin sa atin ng Pong Mananakop: "Mangagibigan kayo; huwag sa salita ni sa pagpaimbabaw, kundi sa gawa at katotohanan."

Sa sandaling ito na ang nana-naig sa atin ay tiyak na pagiibigan, ang bawa't isa sa atin ay KAHARIAN NG DIYOS.

Sinuman sa ating may tunay at tapat na pag-ibig ay tiyak na may pagmamalasaakit sa *kaayusan*, *kapayapaan*, *kaligayahan* at *kaginhawahan*.

Nasa sa atin nga, sa bawa't isa sa atin, at hindi sa alinmang pook ang KAHARIAN NG DIYOS.

ANG MASON

MANG-GAGAWA at Taga-paglingkod.

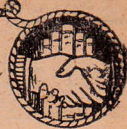
MAGILIWIN sa pagpapakasakit at paglilingkod sa manga nanga-ngailangan. Hindi nag-aantabay ng anomang ganting-pala, matapatin, walang gulat na magsalaysay ng katotohanan at katuwiran, at matibay sa kapangakuan.

ANG UNANG TUNGKULIN niya at sa sariling bayan, ang pangalawa ay sa kapwa at ang huli ay sa sarili. Nanalig siyang ang kabooan

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Fraternal Reviews



South Carolina, 1953

216th Annual Communication

292 Lodges

57,547 Master Masons

Grand Master: M. W. John T. Smith

Grand Secty: H. F. Collins, P.G.M.

Net Gain: 2,036

THE M.W. GRAND LODGE of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina, which enjoys fraternal relations with 107 Grand Lodges throughout the world, held 9 Special Communications in different cities to dedicate 7 Masonic Temples, consecrate and constitute 3 Lodges, and lay the cornerstone of 1. The 216th Annual Communication was convened in Textile Hall, Greenville, 23 to 24 April 1953, by the M. W. Grand Master John I. Smith, a native Greenville, who, according to a Committee report, was "so able, so willing, and so firmly believing in the Institution and its teachings." The Preliminary Ceremonies which preceded the formal opening of the Grand Lodge consisted of the usual prayer, the presentation of the National and State Flags, a welcome address by His Honor, The Mayor Pro-Tem, pinchhitting for the Mayor who was sick, and the response by the M. W. Grand Master, followed by a one-hour religious service. Distinguished guests from several States and Canada were thereafter welcomed as

were 6 Past Grand Masters and the Grand Representatives. Our Grand Representative was absent.

WITH THE IDEA OF "MORE LIGHT" uppermost in the Grand Master's mind, he made mention of the fact that "the man who possesses the greatest knowledge of his business or profession is most likely to succeed, so by the same token the Mason who earnestly and continually seeks 'more light' most likely make a success in the practice of the Mystic Art we call Masonry and will, thereby, come closest to the realization of what (he) considers to be our chief objective, — the rendering of the greatest possible service to God and to our fellow men."

AS A MATTER OF EXPEDIENCY, there being no authority to fill a vacancy in the office of the Grand Treasurer whose position was made vacant due to death, the Grand Master, relying on precedents, made an *ad interim* appointment which was upheld by the Grand Lodge. The Jurisprudence Committee later resolved that Ar-

FRATERNAL REVIEWS * * *

article 31 of the Constitution be amended to empower the Grand Master to fill any vacancy in the Grand Lodge offices, elective or appointive, provided "the said vacancy is occasioned by death, removal from Jurisdiction or incapacity of the officer to perform the duties incident to the Office." The resolution was held over for action at the next Annual Communication.

THE GRAND MASTER had the painful duty to arrest the Master's Jewel because 2 candidates of the Lodge were passed and raised of the same day without duly notifying the majority of the members who voted to suspend work for 3 months, during which time, the degrees on the said 2 candidates were conferred.

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN is elected, while the Fraternal Correspondent, the Grand Historian and the Grand Tyler are appointed and receive honorarium.

A UNIQUE LOCATION, the Wings or Rock Quarry, near Traveler's Rest, a fishing spot where the Grand Master, in the words of the Senior Grand Warden, "spends his leisure hours from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.," was the scene of the 13th Annual Meeting of the 14th District (there are 30 districts under 30 Deputy District Grand Masters). It was attended by 1,124 Masons from 25 States and the District of Columbia, who saw the

Master Mason's degree exemplified in a "near perfect manner."

THE ENERGETIC GRAND MASTER visited 98 Lodges and made 76 speeches, a record which may be surpassed only by our own M. W. Mauro Baradi, P.G.M.

50-YEAR BUTTONS were awarded to 30 patriarch Masons. Approximately 4,500 wear the 25-year button.

THE GRAND LODGE has not been found wanting in Charity. To Holland, when this country was stricken by floods, the amount of \$1,000 was sent. Relief Disbursements of \$12,248 were made for 67 Master Masons, \$22,160 for widows, and \$369.00 for orphans. In this connection, the per capita tax was increased from \$2 to \$3, the extra dollar to be used by the Board of Relief.

FOR HAVING MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS to Ancient Freemasonry in South Carolina and having distinguished themselves in their common profession of law, Most Wor. Samuel Tucket Lanham, P.G.M., Masonic historian and brilliant ritualist, and M. W. Charlton DuRant, P.G.M., were conferred the highest honor, the Albert Gallatin Mackay Medal, originated in 1937. There are only 16 recipients of this award to date.

THE GRAND LODGE PUBLISHES the "Masonic Light," which recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary. The paper is ably

edited by Past Grand Master Henry F. Collins, who was commended for the coverage he made of Masonic happenings in the Jurisdiction. We wonder, though, why only 6,000 copies were circulated.

THE REVIEWS by the Fraternal Correspondent, Bro. H. Dwight McAlister, on 56 Grand Lodges are published as an appendix to the Proceedings. The Philippines, 1952, occupied 2-1/2 pages. P.G. Master Cenon Cervantes was quoted at length on his observations concerning Freemasonry in Japan.

FROM OUR DISTINGUISHED REVIEWER'S DIGEST on Alabama, 1951, we quote this dramatic passage: "Only a few years ago there was organized in Shanghai the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of China. Since that time, this country has been

overrun by the Communist. One of the first acts was to behead the Chinese Grand Master and his entire family. The first act of dictators in any country where they are permitted to exist, is to destroy Masonic institutions and Masonic leaders." We understand, though, that Most Wor. Bro. W. K. Au, the Grand Master, and his family are much alive and presently residing in Hongong.

BRO. DOMINGO BASCARA, now Senior Grand Deacon, is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina near the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

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WIKANG PILIPINO * * *

ANG MASON

ng tatlong uri na tungkuling ito ay siyang paglilingkod, pagibig at paggalang sa Panginoon.

ANG PAGKAMAALALAHANIN ay palamuti ng ginintuan niyang dadalisay niyang ang parangya ay humahantong lamang sa pagpapakilala. Ang parangya at mapanggap ay manga bula na sumisipot, bula nanatili at bula ring sumasa-karimlan.

NAIWASAN NIYA ang asal ng manga Diumano sanhi sa ang manga may gawing gayon ay mapagpagaspang sa Turing (moral) at mapagsapot ng karimlan sa magagandang simulain sapagka't likas sa manga gayon ang pagka-walang-bahala at mapagbigkas ng maalabuab na Kapantasan.

IISA ang kanyang daigdig; ang Pagibig, Katuwiran at Katotohanan.

—C. C. DEGUITO

Sixto Lopez (Batulao) Lodge No. 120



SECCION CASTELLANA
NOTAS EDITORIALES

MI COMENTARIO

FUIMOS ROGADOS a que comentemos la siguiente información traída por la INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE:—

MADRID, Noviembre 25 — UN TRIBUNAL ESPECIAL en Madrid, España, ha sentenciado hoy a cinco de entre quince personas acusadas de atentar el establecimiento de una orden Masónica.

ESTE ES EL PRIMER MOVIMIENTO en España contra la Masonería, que fue condenada allí desde el año de 1940.

NO SE HA DICHO el tiempo de encarcelamiento a que dichos acusados fueron condenados. El juicio comenzó el lunes y se espera que terminará el viernes.

LA MASONERIA, que es considerada en España como subversiva a la Iglesia y el Estado, quedó virtualmente dispersa después de haber sido así condenada.

SE ALEGA que los acusados, quienes fueron arrestados en Barcelona, hace dos años, no fueron permitidos a emplear ningún abogado, y fueron enjuiciados secretamente.

ES LAMENTABLE que esto suceda en España, aunque ello es nada sorprendente. Debemos recordar que en España existe una Dictadura, y la Masonería es peligrosa para todo dictador, llámese Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, Franco o Salazar. Durante la ocupación Japonesa en Filipinas la Masonería quedó proscrita por los invasores japoneses. Durante el régimen español, los Masones en Filipinas eran perseguidos y enviados al campo de Bagumbayan. Rusia y todos los pueblos dentro del IRON CURTAIN están bajo el yugo de la tiranía mas inhumana. Para estos gobernantes totalitarios, la Masonería es subversiva. Como quiera que la Masonería practica la democracia, la mútua inteligencia y la hermandad entre los hombres y las naciones, ella constituye una amenaza para todo déspota, tirano o dictador. Si los Masones han sufrido torturas y luego asesinados, si nuestros Templos y Logias fueron destruídos y cerrados, ello se ha debido a que la Luz Masónica brilla a través del universo para dignificar al hombre con sus principios de LIBERTAD y AMOR FRATERNAL, TOLERANCIA y CARIDAD. Los que se declaran enemigos de la Luz Masónica son aquellos que no pueden tolerar la existencia de una sociedad que predica la libertad universal; la verdad y la dignidad del hombre.

—(ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.)

Yuletide Thoughts:

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Man, whose birth we celebrate with joy year by year at Christmas time; who tried to bring peace on earth, goodwill to all men; who taught universal brotherhood, love and respect of your neighbor as your equal, forgiveness, understanding, tolerance: all the virtues of Freemasonry — all who hear this message of Masonry may be followers and members of our Fraternity, if we are strong in our convictions and they rise clear and serene in primal strength from our soul.

ABOUT 2000 YEARS AGO when first brought to mankind, they understood Him not! With Yuletide approaching again let us open our hearts and minds that the light and enlightenment of the teachings of the Book of our Faith and of that Greatest Man may shine upon us and find a lasting abode in us; that we may become disciples and bringers of light and enlightenment from whose —

soul it rises clear,
serene in primal strength, compelling
the hearts and minds of all who hear.



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