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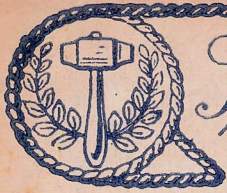
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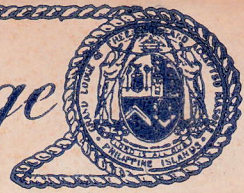
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The Grand Master's Message



My Trip Abroad

I AM LEAVING on the ninth day of the month (February) in connection with my official visitations to Subordinate Lodges in Okinawa, Japan, and Guam in the Marianas Islands, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. These visitations will enable me to observe the workings of the Lodges and obtain first hand information about their problems and activities. The Brethren of these Lodges have communicated to me expressing their desire to be apprised of the progress of the Grand Lodge; of course, there is no better occasion for the Grand Master to grant this desire than just such visitations as the ones to be made.

AT THIS TIME when there is so much bitterness in the hearts of people, it behooves us as Masons to redouble our efforts and not only implement but practice real brotherhood among our neighbors, friends, even enemies, for the nations constituting our One World can be no better than the daily conduct of the individual persons living therein. Where Brotherly Love prevails an atmosphere of better understanding is brought about; where kindness reigns there is human sympathy; where truth is a goal, once the same is attained, freedom rings.

IN RESPONSE to invitations from the United States, I will also attend conferences and meetings of Masonic Lodges in different Grand Jurisdictions and speak before other Masonic organizations and institutions under their sponsorship.

I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. during the Masonic Week (February 22 to 25, inclusive) when I will attend the Conference of the Masonic Service Association of the United States, the Grand Masters' Conference, and the Grand Secretaries' Conference. Thus my trip abroad, undertaken in a spirit of dedication, will afford me the opportunity of presenting to our Brethren, a picture of Freemasonry as it is in the Philippines today.

THE ATTACKS AND CRITICISMS against our Venerable Fraternity obtain not only in countries ruled by Communists but in those whose governments are democratic, if not in fact, at least in theory. Therefore, a common and united stand on the part of Masons whithersoever dispersed, in order to strengthen the Craft is timely and appropriate. Toward this end, I will cooperate and give the best that is in me. It is hoped that my Brethren will do likewise.

MAURO BARADI
Grand Master

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religious. But, in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church, this is not enough; in order to meet the approval of this church, an organization must go one step further and must endorse this church and condemn all others. Freemasonry is determined in its view that its members must believe in God, and it is equally determined that these same members shall be free to select their own religion."

"When the Roman Catholic Church says that Masons are left free to attack this church, it merely means that the mere lack of a specific prohibition against opposing this church must, of necessity, mean that the members will take

it for granted that they can attack the church. Every Mason knows that there is nothing in Freemasonry that imposes a duty on them to attack any church. To the contrary, every Mason is taught that while he is free to follow his own religion he must also respect the religion of other men. This church, on the other hand, does not recognize any such thing as religious tolerance or neutrality; it believes that one who is neutral must be opposed to the church as a matter of course."

IN SUBSCRIBING to the foregoing quotation, we affirm once more that Masonry does not encourage religious indifference.

(Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.)

THE CABLETOW

Editorials

OUR FIRST ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

THE CANDIDATE for the mysteries of Masonry is prompted to solicit the privilege "by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow creatures." Upon being raised to the third degree, he is authorized to correct the irregularities of his less informed brethren and is charged to carefully preserve our ancient landmarks and "never to countenance any deviation from our established customs." Thus, the Master Mason should have knowledge of the history of the Fraternity of which he is a member and particularly the Constitution, laws, and regulations of his Grand Lodge.

INQUIRY after inquiry has been directed to the Grand Master by Brethren of subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction regarding our First Annual Communication, where and when it was held and what transpired on that occasion. While every Mason is expected to know important events about his Grand Lodge, the following facts are again stated for purposes of information:

1. The Annual Communication is a revival of the ancient custom of a yearly Grand Assembly. According to Albert G. Mackey, Masonic author and historian,

"The term General Assembly, to indicate the annual meeting, is said to have been first used at the meeting, held on December 27, 1663, as quoted by Preston. In the Old Constitutions printed in 1722 by Roberts, and which claims to be taken from a manuscript of the eighteenth century, the term used is Yearly Assembly. Anderson speaks of an Old Constitution which used the word General; but his quotations are not always verbally accurate."

2. Our Grand Lodge holds its Annual Communication commencing on the fourth Tuesday of April, for the purpose of transacting its regular business. The Proceedings at the Annual Communication are printed. In the case of the United States, every Grand Lodge "publishes a full account of the proceedings at its Annual Communication to which there is usually added a list of the subordinate Lodges and their members. Some of these "Annual Proceedings" extend to a considerable size, and they are all valuable as giving an accurate and official account of the condition of Freemasonry in each State for the past year. They also frequently contain valuable reports of committees on questions of Masonic law. . . ."

3. The First Annual Communication of "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of the Philippine Islands," commenced at No. 250 Calle David in the City of

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Our M.W. GRAND MASTER Is Leaving For ABROAD

OUR BEST WISHES go to our Most Wor. Grand Master on his departure for Okinawa, Japan, United States and Guam. In Okinawa, Japan and Guam he will visit our Subordinate Lodges, and in the United States he will attend and speak at the Masonic Service Association and at the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D. C.

THE IMPORTANCE of his mission can not be over-emphasized. The Philippines has always been the outpost of Freemasonry in the Far East, and actually, ours is the only Grand Lodge operating in this corner of the world for all practical purposes. The interchange of Masonic views and purposes among the highest dignitaries of Freemasonry in the United States will always be of practical results the world over, as Freemasonry is engaged in the practical reaffirmation of those principles which are the basis of the democratic way of life.

THERE ARE FORCES trying to wrest from Masonry, its leadership even in the United States. These forces are now very active in our country. No doubt, this and other related matters will be discussed at the said conventions, and the Philippines, or rather, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands will be well represented by our present Most Wor. Grand Master.

AGAIN, we wish him the very best in his Masonic mission..

(Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.)

MASONRY AND RELIGIOUS INDIFFERENCE

ANOTHER FALSE ACCUSATION against Masonry by the Hierarchy of the Catholic Church is that it encourages religious indifference, which is an absurdity.

BRO. Alphonse Cerza (P.M.) refuting this point of the Catholic Church has the following to say:—

"One of the main requirements of membership in a Masonic lodge is that the members believe in God. Many parts of the ritual teach reverence to God; the Bible is displayed in every lodge in Christian countries; and the sacred book of the particular place is an integral part of a lodge in other countries. Religion has as its sole purpose the teaching of the worship of God, the explanation of its particular tenets, and to help its members to find the true God. When a particular religion goes beyond this sphere of activity, it takes on the character of a political organization. There is much evidence that Roman Catholicism goes far beyond the scope of a religious group. One of the things that Freemasonry teaches is that its members should be

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Grand Lodge Of Free And Accepted Masons Of The Philippine Islands

GRAND LODGE CIRCULAR NO. 15
(Series of 1954 — BARADI)

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

GREETING:

SUBJECT: MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

Edict No. 36 (February 1, 1952) decrees "that all Lodges shall assess their members a yearly due of P2.00 each as a contribution to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, the said dues to be remitted to the Grand Secretary at the time of the filing of the annual Report."

We all agree that Charity is a lesson emphasized in the Fraternity as well as a virtue which Masons are taught to genuinely practice among their fellow-men.

The Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children therefore, deserves our wholehearted support; and of general interest to Masons is a report from the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children. Said report which is hereby brought to the attention of all concerned for their information and guidance is as follows:

"The Brethren will be pleased to know that our Hospital is now serving an increased number of crippled children. During this year, we have taken care of twenty (20) patients for periods ranging from 6 months to one year at an average cost of P180.00 a month per patient for hospitalization only. These patients receive specialized medical attention and treatment which otherwise would be unavailable to them, considering that they come mostly from families of humble circumstances. The expected arrival soon of certain hospital equipment and supplies which we have ordered from the U.S.A. will enable the Hospital to cope with an even larger field of service.

OFFICIAL VISITATION OF MOST WOR. BRO. MAURO BARADI TO SUBORDINATE LODGES IN THE BICOL VALLEY

OUR GRAND MASTER, Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi paid an official visitation of Mayon Lodge No. 61, Isarog Lodge No. 33, and Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107—in the Bicol Valley—on January 23, 1954, in connection with the Fifth Annual Convention of all Master Masons in Bicolandia. The affair was held at Eden Building, Legaspi City.

The complete program for the official visitation and Masonic convention is as follows:

MORNING

1. Registration of Members

"In recent past, however, some difficulties have been experienced, both by the Hospital and the applicants who were sent to Manila from distant provinces without previous notice. In order to avoid a repetition of such instances with consequent inconvenience, possible disappointments and misunderstandings, we deem necessary to ask the Brethren to remember rules and regulations for admission of patients to our Hospital. These they can impart to inquirers when consulted or approached for assistance:

"1—A written application must first be filed with the Secretary, Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, Scottish Rite Temple, 912 Taft Ave., Manila. The application shall give the name, age and short description of his or her physical condition.

"2—The Secretary will attend to the application and in due course advise the parents or sponsors of the child of the action taken on the application. If approved for admission, the Secretary will inform them when the patient may be brought in and give them pertinent instructions.

"3—We take care of non-Masonic Children with equal solicitude and love.

"In no case should patients be sent to the Hospital for treatment and management under our care without previous understanding and arrangement with the Secretary of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, care of Scottish Rite Temple, 912 Taft Avenue, Manila, Philippines."

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, in the City of Manila Republic of the Philippines, this 4th day of January, A.D. 1954, A.L. 5954.

(Sgd.) MAURO BARADI
Grand Master

ATTEST:

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

2. Opening of the Lodge (Master Masons) by the Master of Bicol Sister Lodges
3. Flag Ceremony
4. Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi and the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge.
5. Invocation --- Wor. Severo G. Dia (61), Chaplain of the Convention
6. Introduction of the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge by Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzales, P.G.M., Grand Secretary.

7. Report of the Secretary on the number of brethren present and Lodges represented.
8. Roll Call -- The Secretary will call the names of each Lodge and as a Lodge is called, the members in attendance representing each Lodge shall stand up and take their seats after being recognized by the Presiding Officers.
9. Welcome Address ---- Wor. Bro. Damacenc J. Ago, P.M., Worshipful Master, Mayon Lodge No. 61, F. and A.M.
10. Five minute address by each Master of Bicol Lodges:
 Wor. Bro. Emiliano Vida, P. M. (38)
 Wor. Bro. Vicente S. Tuason, P. M. (38)
 Wor. Bro. Manuel Ong Hong, (107)
11. Brief Reports of Grand Lodge Inspectors:
 Wor. Bro. Pedro E. Dy-Liacco of Mayon Lodge No. 61, F. & A. M.
 Wor. Bro. Dalmacio Barce of Bulusan Lodge No. 33, F. & A. M.
 Wor. Bro. Teodoro Santos of Isarog Lodge No. 38, F. & A. M.
 Wor. Bro. Victoriano Yamzon of Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107, F. & A. M.
12. Address by Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Most Worshipful Grand Master
13. From Labor to Refreshment
14. Luncheon
15. Picture-Taking

AFTERNOON

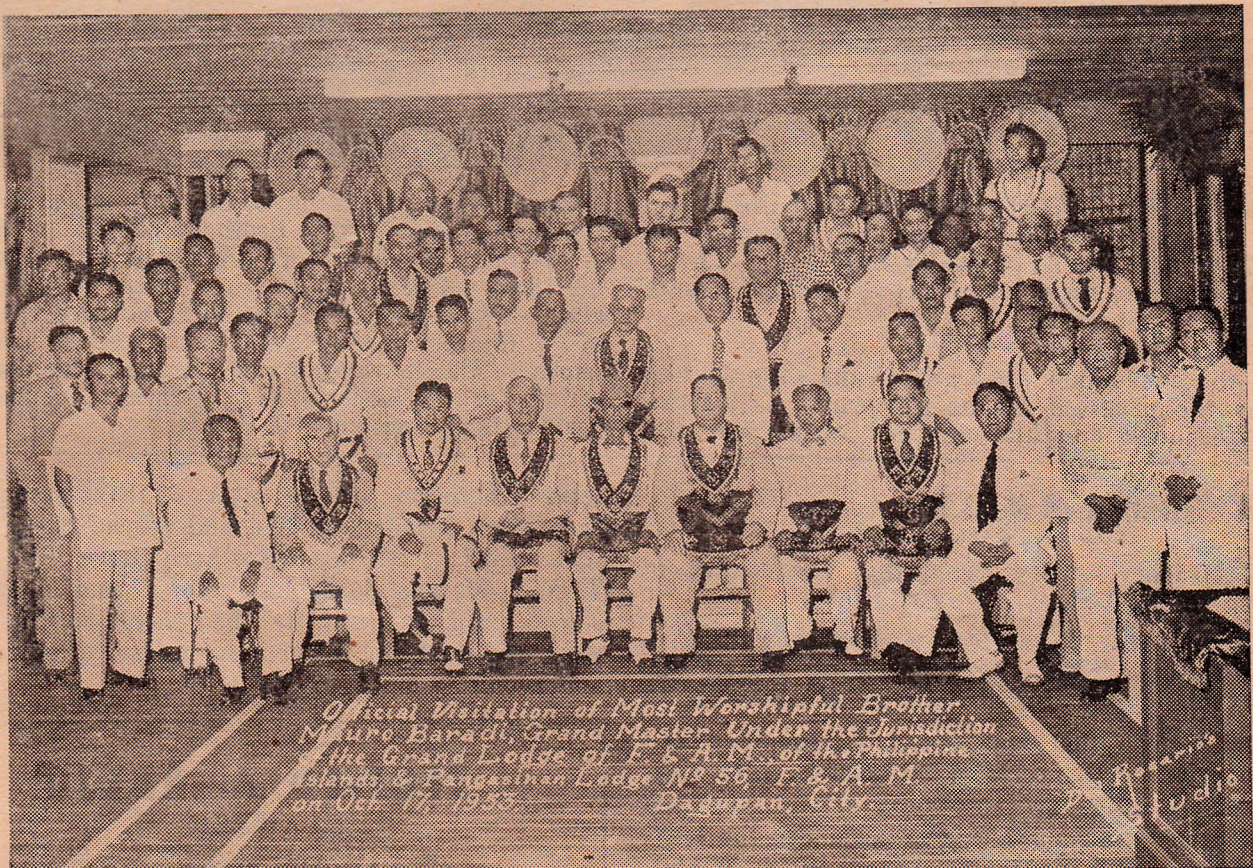
16. One minute Silent Prayer to the memory of departed brethren
17. Speech in behalf of Sojourners by Wor. Bro. Victoriano Yamzon (107)
18. A Symposium: Masonry in the Past, Present and Future History of the Philippines by members of Grand Master's party.
19. Open Forum
20. Closing Remarks ---- Wor. Bro. Emilio Buenaventura (61)
21. Announcements -- Wor. Bro. Victor D. Pineda (61), Secretary of the Convention
22. Closing of Master Masons Lodge
23. Refreshments

The Masters of the Subordinate Lodges visited reported on the increased interest of the brethren in the activities of their respective Lodges; they all agreed however, that for this current year, Masons should work more for the welfare of the Fraternity as a whole.

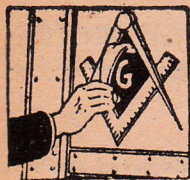
The reports of the Grand Lodge Inspectors emphasized the need of practical charity among the Brethren, their families, and in the community. "Charity" they said "is a distinguishing character-

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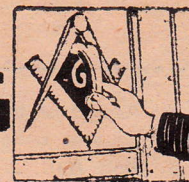
Pangasinan Lodge No. 57, F. & A. M.
 Dagupan City



THIS IS THE GROUP PICTURE taken in connection with the official Visitation of Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Grand Master, to this Lodge. The visitation was attended by officers and members of subordinate Lodges from Manila and other provinces in Central Luzon.



WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



ANNUAL CONVENTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES IN CAVITE CITY



THE ANNUAL CONVENTION of all the Subordinate Lodges in Cavite was held on November 30, 1953 in the new temple of Cavite Lodg No. 2, Cavite City. Officers and members of the Grand Lodge were on hand for the occasion.

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At the convention ways and means were devised whereby the program of the Fraternity be intensified. "We should enlighten and not confuse our peo-

ple with the true mission of Masonry which is the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man" said one of the main speakers. "We are a republic — sovereign and free politically — because of the heroes — specially Masons—who fought for and gave their lives in the interest of their country and people" concluded another. The convention was a success, thanks to the efforts of the officers and brethren of subordinate Lodges in the province of Cavite.

Official Visitation of Most Wor. . . .

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istic of Masonry." They found that the conditions obtaining in the Lodges are satisfactory.

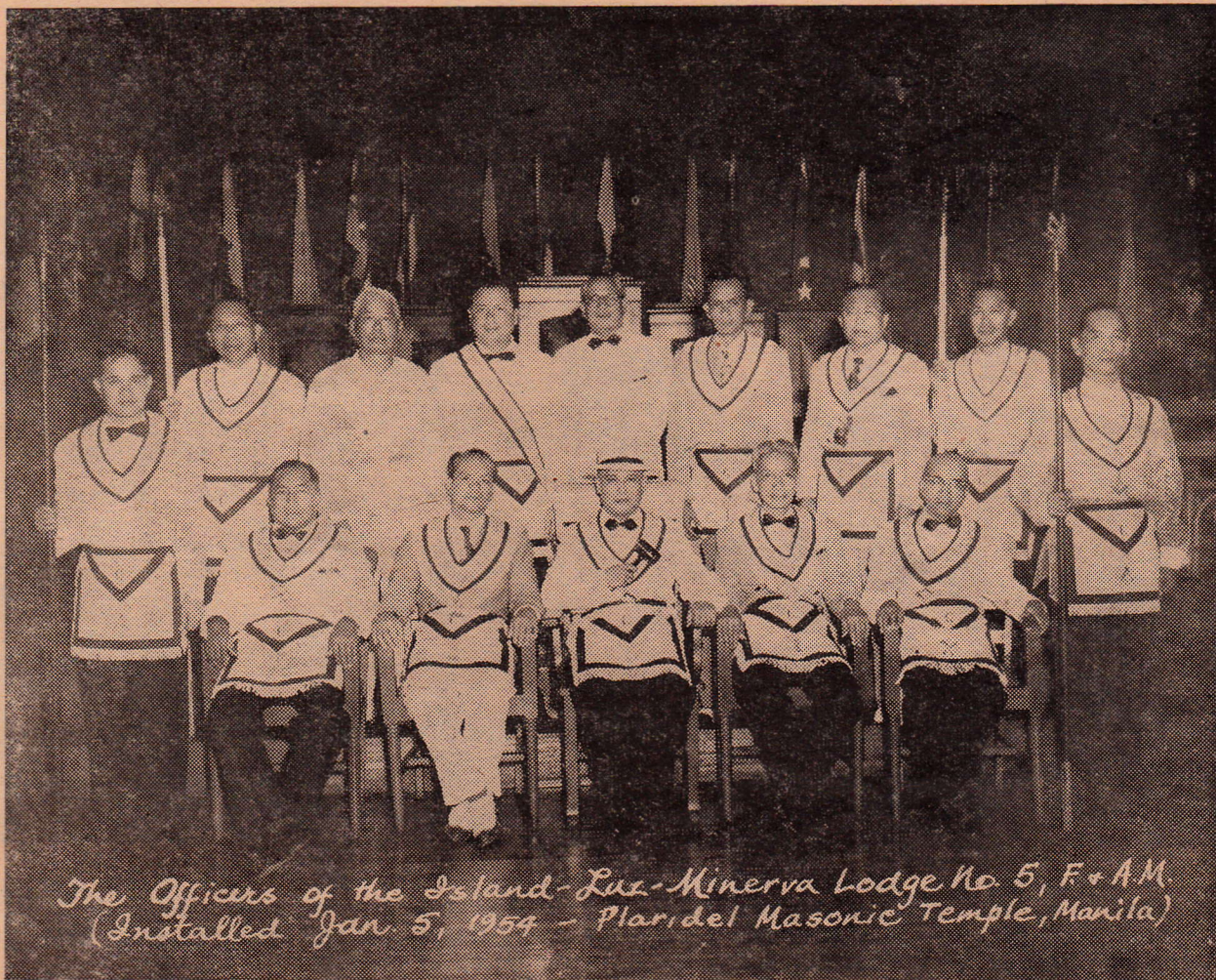
The Most Wor. Grand Master challenged the Brethren to action. "Now is the opportunity for all Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction to demonstrate to

their fellow men that Masonry is the genuine ally and supporter of Democracy", he stated. "The freedoms we now enjoy are the fruits of the sacrifices of those who have gone ahead of us under the leadership of such heroes as Rizal, Del Pilar, Mabini, Bonifacio, Lopez Jaena, Jacinto, and in recent past of Kalaw, Palma, Abad Santos, Quezon, and Roxas." "All these patriots and statesmen", he continued took

their obligation on the altar of Freemasonry and they were enjoined to live and spread the Fraternity's principal tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth." We can do no less", the Grand Master concluded, "than to emulate their noble examples and work and work for the genuine welfare of our country and people."

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(Installed Jan. 5, 1954 - Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila)*

Dapitan Lodge No. 21, Manila

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS of this Lodge in connection with the official visitation of Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Grand Master was held at the Jose Abad Santos Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila on January 23, 1954. Wor. Bros. Marciano P. Gatmaitan and Vicente R. Mendoza, acted as Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies respectively. The elected officers are: W. M., Jose M. Trinidad, Sr. W., Mariano C. Lucero, Jr. W., Pedro C. de Jesus, Treas., Temistocles Elvina, P. M., and Sec., Benjamin T. Araniego, P.M. After the installation a short program was rendered including musical selections by the Dapitan Lodge Orchestra and vocal solo by Mr. Rene Antonio. An address was de-

livered by the Master-elect while the Past Master's Jewel was presented by Wor. Bro. Amadeo R. Quintos, P.M., Grand Inspector of the Lodge to Wor. Bro. Martiniano C. Esguerra, P.M.

Most Wor. Bro. Baradi in his remarks congratulated the newly-installed officers and appealed to them to work incessantly for the good of their Lodge and the Grand Lodge as a whole. "All of us" he said, "have a part to do in this gigantic undertaking where men of good will should push for world brotherhood and enduring peace. We have manifold problems to solve but if we act in unison determined to be good and do good we cannot fail".

"Magat" Lodge No. 68

Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya

THIS LODGE HELD ITS INSTALLATION of officers at the Masonic Temple, Bayombong on January 9, 1954. The program consisted of two parts: (1) Opening of the Lodge, examination of a Candidate for the Third Degree and short talks by sojourning Brethren followed by social get-together at the residence of Master-elect Bro. Florentino Fontanilla; and (2) Installation Ceremonies with Wor. Bro. Lino

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Barrera, P.G. and Wor. Bro. Cornelio Gallardo as installing officer and master of ceremonies, respectively. Speeches on Masonic Harmony and United Action were delivered by Wor. Bro. Fontanilla, Lino

Barrera, and Norberto Fa'guera. Music was furnished by Venus Orchestra while Mrs. Epifania A. Feir sung a solo. Dance and refreshments were held after the installation of officers.

La Union Lodge No. 70 San Fernando, La Union

THE UNION MASONIC TEMPLE was the setting for the semi-private installation of the new officers of this Lodge on January 16, 1954. The installing officer was Wor. Bro. Sesenio Baradi-Rvera and the master of ceremonies was Wor. Bro. Andres P. Torio both Past Masters of Taga Ilog Lodge No. 79 and Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, respectively.

The following program was enjoyed by all because of the uplifting music and inspiring addresses.

- I Invocation ----- Bro. Rizalino O. Subido, Chaplain
- II Opening Remarks ----- Wor. Bro. Agaton Umanos, Toast Master
- III Quartette ----- La Union Christian College
- IV Installation of Officers
- V. Vocal Solo ----- Miss Florita Baldemor
- VI. Address ----- Wor. Bro. Anselmo Flores, Incoming Master
- VII. Duet ----- Mrs. Sofia E. Magallanes
Mrs. Teresa A. Macagba
- VIII. Address By Guest of Honor--Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, Grand Master of Masons, Philippines
- XI. Presentation of Past Master's Jewel and Diploma to
Wor. Bro. Pio A. Tadina by Wor. Bro. Bonifacio Caedac Assisted by Mrs. Nicolasa C. Tadina
Grand Lodge Inspector

- X. Address ----- Wor. Bro. Pio A. Tadina, Outgoing Master
- XI. Closing Remarks ----- Wor. Bro. Andres P. Torio,
- XII. Duet ----- Students of the La Union Trade School of Arts and Trades

The Most Wor. Grand Master Mauro Baradi in his message pleaded for cooperation toward the success of the Lodge in particular and the Grand Lodge in general. "Whatever we do as Masons" he said, "will be evaluated in terms of goodness or evil by others. Let us take care lest by our acts we give cause for misunderstanding among our fellow men. Masonry seeks to build and build well, not to destroy and destroy wantonly. Let us help build men of character and conviction; men who think for themselves, unafraid to be criticized or even maligned if they are on the right path. Because Masonry is committed to the democratic way of life, let no one deceive us into believing that we Masons are enemies of the State. We are loyal to our country and our flag is sacred to us; those who doubt that loyalty should be certain they too are loyal to the Philippines, first and always."

PLEDGE OF SERVICE • • •

We shall Strive To Abide By Masonry's Eternal Duties

By Wor. Bro. JOSE T. ENRIQUEZ

(Brief Remarks Delivered Upon His Assumption of the
Position of Worshipful Master of Bagumbayan Lodge,
No. 4, F. & A.M., Plaridel Temple, Manila,
January 13, 1954.)

TONIGHT, WITH YOUR INDULGENCE, I shall address myself mainly and briefly to the men and women who, although not of our fraternal persuasion, have nevertheless given generously and kindly of their time to be able to come to this installation ceremony of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. To them—and, to all of you—we extend our grateful welcome.

Freemasonry — that is, the genuine sort of Freemasonry—is an universal society whose grass-roots reach back into the middle ages, if not possibly earlier. It has lodges in practically every civilized country, including Japan, and counts with a total membership of approximately five million. To its ranks belong nobles, statesmen, scientists, scholars, financiers, economists, writers, and artists as well as numerous men from the ordinary walks of life. Practically every king of England in recent times, many a President of the American Nation, and a gallant line of Filipino patriots and heroes from Jose Rizal down to Jose Abad Santos have at one time or another been its votaries. Truly democratic, it makes no distinction of nationality, religion, creed, or political belief. All that it requires is that the applicant knocks at the doors of its temples of his own free will and accord and that he possesses good moral character, a fair degree of intelligence, a tolerably sound body, and, above all, a deep, abiding trust in God.

On the score of these facts alone, not a few have been drawn into the inner sanctuary of this eminent great organization. But the greater, the more fundamental reason, why many have become Freemasons yet remains to be given. And this is the fact that Freemasonry stands for the exemplification of all the ideals that man, through the centuries, has aspired for: freedom of conscience, benevolence, and charity; brotherly love, relief, and truth; temperance, fortitude, and prudence; justice, liberty, and patriotism. Around these immutable tenets, our teachings and customs and laws revolve; upon them we take an indefatigable, unflinching stand.

Of course, we are not so naive as to suggest or even to imagine that Masons are moulded of perfect clay. Human beings that we are, we have our frailties and our foibles and our fun. As in anybody else's case, many are our basic limitations. But at least we can gather the courage to assure you that we constantly endeavor to rise above such limitations and reach parenthetically, as it were, toward the full, transcendent light. Thus the good Mason is humble and modest before his God; he rejects all vain philosophies or false ideologies; he stands for the nobility of labor; he sows that others may reap; he hopes and longs and works for the elevation of the common man.

All these, then, constitute—shall I say—our de-

claration of faith. And sincere and strong in that faith, we find it strange that there should still be in these modern times people who would misunderstand us or misinterpret the motives and imperatives of our Ancient and Venerable Craft. Certainly, there is no real reason for such an attitude. For Masonry is not a cold metaphysical proposition; its morality is as clear as it is simple; what symbolism it has only aims and serves to project the essential validity of its lessons. Then again, Masonry is not—and never has been—a refuge for partisans; except to identify itself with the ideals of constitutional government, human liberty, and international peace, it has no political ideas or preferences whatsoever. And I say lastly, Masonry is not by any means a religion; if its doctrine appears spiritual, the reason is simply that it continually reminds its disciples that they have a soul capable of progressive and infinite development.

But for all the misconceptions that some people have wittingly or unwittingly formed of Freemasonry—misconceptions that by my brief remarks this evening I wish I could help dispel—we of this great Fraternity have not lost our equanimity. What is more, we have not wavered in our faith in the intrinsic goodness and tolerance and fairness of all our fellowmen. And so, unperturbed, we shall continue to hold ourselves by our promises to a purer life—indeed, whatever the circumstances, we shall ever strive to abide by Masonry's eternal duties, for family, for neighbors, for country, for mankind, for God.

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Inaugural Address

By Wor. Bro. DEMOCRITO SANTOS

Master-elect of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26
F. & A. M.

IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE and a distinct honor for Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 in general and for the newly inducted Officers in particular to have with us tonight the top Pillars of Masonry in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Philippine Islands. We are aware of the fact that Yuletide Season is not yet over and their loved ones have every right to claim their company in their respective places of abode. However, imbued with the sublime principles of Masonry, they purposely abandoned the longings of their families and braved the hazards of the roads and the probable inclemencies of the weather, only to be with us this evening and share with us in this Masonic celebration of fraternal love, unity, and enlightenment. In behalf of our Lodge, therefore, I am extending to them our sincerest gratitude for the interest and affection they unselfishly accorded us.

To my brethren of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, I wish also to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the trust and confidence you reposed to my fidelity, by elevating me to this exalted position of Worshipful Master. On this memorable occasion, I do pledge my honor that I will do my level best for the promotion of this universal Fraternity in general and of our Lodge in particular. I will therefore commend the extent of my ability and resources to the Divine Assistance of the Supreme Architect of the Universe and to your undivided support and cooperation, without which, I certainly cannot do anything and live up to your expectation.

To our non-mason visitors, who, in one way or another, have made possible the success of this occasion, permit me to extend to you our fraternal greetings of the season and endless thanks for your kind attendance. Humble as this gathering may be, I do hope that you shall enjoy it and share with us with whatever happiness it may emit.

Dear Brethren, Ladies and Gentlemen: On this memorable evening, allow me to avail of this opportunity to give you a glimpse of what Masonry is, from the stand point of a common lay man, who, having been nurtured in poverty and devoid of the chances to further his academic inclinations, I should have been lost in the abyss of hopelessness and desperation had it not been for the timely succor of the principles of Free Masonry, when all the darkness that were hovering over his life were drifted as under

and instead the glittering rays of faith, hope, and charity came into his being.

Free Masonry is not a religious sect or denomination. It is a social and moral fraternity in which no man can be made a member unless he believes in God. The foundation upon which it rests is the Holy Bible. Brotherly love is the underlying cornerstone of its philosophy. It is practically a school for the adults in which the basic lesson taught is brotherly love among mankind. It is deeply concerned with the world's everlasting search for peace on earth and good will towards men.

This brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God necessarily implies all the cardinal virtues of Society, counting among others, Religious Toleration, Equality, Liberty, and Charity.

To Masons, God is Infinite Truth, Infinite Beauty, Infinite Goodness. He is the Holy of Holies, Author of the moral laws, and the Principles of Liberty, Justice and Charity. He is omnipotent in space and omnipresent in time. He is Absolute Being without limitations. This world, with all things contained therein, is the work of God, which explains for its completeness and harmony. His idea is perfectly powerful, wise, just, loving, and holy. He is responsible for the creation of man's body, his spirit, his mind, his conscience, affection, soul and will. This is the best evidence of His existence as well as of ours. If ever non-Masons view Him differently, it is merely due to the angle of their perspectives. Whatever be their regards or opinions, we respect them. Those are their God-given right. However, it does not mean that their God is different from ours; nor can they claim a monopoly of belief to the Supreme Being. As a matter of fact the foundation of their convictions and beliefs as well as of ours is one and the same, the Holy Scripture. This is the very reason why we profess religious toleration, on account of which, Masonry with the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God, survives in all countries of whatever climes.

Equality in Masonry, is meant that all men are equal, having been born naked without subjection. The rich and the poor, the wise and the ignorant, regardless of race, nationality or creed, are equal and true brethren. They are created by one Almighty Father and inhabitants of the same planet. God did not create man to be a slave; nor adorned with reasons to be blinded and deceived by another. To defy

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oneself, to reduce others to involuntary servitude, and to covet the submission of the reasonable and the just to vanity and caprice, is plain stupidity which should not be given room to thrive in. What makes a man despicable in his lack of dignity and his servile fear of the despiser. The whole human species should be regarded as one family and should aid, support, and protect each other. On this principles, Masonry unites men of every country and causes true friendship to exist even among those who might have otherwise remained at a perpetual distance.

Liberty to us Masons, is the attribute of man from the moment he is born. It is God-given and as much is only for good and never for evil. It requires us to adjust our conduct according to reasons and justice. Masonry is the vanguard of this Liberty. It is a loyal guardian of Democracy and as such it often comes in conflict with despotic elements which seek to deprive man of his fundamental freedom guaranteed by the Divine Bill of Rights. The reform movement led by our illustrious statesmen of yesteryears and the armed protest undertaken by our martyrs in the fields of battles were series of struggle for the preservation of that fundamental human rights and liberty which the Spanish Regime run by Friars wished to strip us of by means of physical tortures, banishment and deportation, imprisonment and execution, but greatest of all was by means of religious persecution. Was it wrong for Brothers Rizal, Mabini, del Pilar and other Filipino Masons to wage a campaign for emancipation from thought control? Was it wrong either for Bonifacio, Luna, Aguinaldo and other Filipino Masons to lead a revolution against Spanish tyranny and oppression? Certainly not, for by their sacrifices, we are now reaping the fruits of their labor. If this is so, will it then be wrong today for Masonic successors of our heroes and martyrs to continue fighting for the perpetuation of that inherent human liberty and freedom in the face of the apparent attempt on the part of some foreign autocrats to crush under their sinister claws the democracy which our forebears had so painstakingly established? This is a challenge to our self-respect as a free people and as a recognized Nation. Let us be active and militant in the preservation of that Liberty ever remembering that it is ours by birth and heritage and should never be left asunder.

Charity is a Masonic Objective, not only among the members of the Fraternity but also in the Community. Charity is Beauty. It is Love in the strictest sense. It presupposes justice. It is the great channel through which God passes all His Mercy upon mankind. To be charitable is obligatory on us Masons. We are the almoners of God's bounties. To be affectionated one to another with brotherly love; to relieve the necessities of the needy; to be generous, liberal and hospitable; to live peaceably with all men and repay injuries with benefits and kindness; to rejoice at the good fortunes of others and sympathize with them in their reverses and afflictions; these are the beauties of Charity taught and followed by Masons. Our motto is the more we give the more we possess. These are manifested by acts and deeds. Thus in any community where we see Masons, they are always active in civic undertakings and services.

We believe in that immortal passage of the Holy Scripture, "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is Love", which redound to that moral and spiritual creed of ours, the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of men.

In conclusion, I cannot but invoke on this solemn occasion, a panoramic view of the world today. Gripping under the influence of two conflicting ideologies, we know not and only the events will let us know, which ideology will triumph over the other. Suffice it to say that the two contending parties, involving all the countries of the world, are now engulfed in a bitter cold war, which, at any moment, may develop into bitter consequences. In any eventuality, our Infant Republic, as a member of the United Nations, cannot escape the scuffle. In the face of such imminent danger, where our political freedom is at stake, shall we allow our internal morale and condition to deteriorate and be an easy prey to the enemy influence? Shall we permit the fundamental human Liberty, we are enjoying, be trampled upon under the whims and caprices of some autocratic foreign agitators, who, as in the lamentable past, regard us Filipinos as an inferior race, consider themselves as demi-gods, and cheapen religion by using it as a shield to enslave our minds and create a state of social confusion among us? And shall we consent our hard-earned freedom to be made a joke of by opportunists who would even go to the extent of criticizing publicly in the very nose of our duly constituted authorities, the separation of the church and the state under our present Democratic form of government? I pray God the Almighty Father, will make our consciences clearer, our hearts purer, and our courage more daring, to visualize by ourselves this internal and external predicaments of our Nation. We should be conscious of ourselves as an Independent Republic and as a freedom-loving people. We suffered four and a half centuries fighting for this Liberty and sacrificed many precious lives for its attainment, and as such, I trust that no Filipino, however weak he may be, will ever barter his spirit for self-aggrandizement, bringing about by so doing, the perdition of his Country and His Race. I will, therefore, appeal once more to you to be ever alert and vigilant. With religious toleration, equality, liberty, and charity denominated by the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God as our weapon, I am more than confident that we can ably preserve the Unity, Integrity, and Dignity of our Republic and reaffirm our sacred stand as the bulwark of Democracy in this part of the world.

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Masonic Historical Curiosities

LOGGES MEET IN FORMER CONVENT

WHAT IS BELIEVED to be one of the most unusual Lodge rooms in all the world is the home of two Mexican Lodges, both of which work under the jurisdiction of Mexico's largest Grand Lodge—the Valle de Mexico. It is the Lodge room at Puebla, in the state of Puebla, some 100 or more miles from the capital city of Mexico.

What makes it so unusual is that it was once the home of a nunnery; today it is the home for a hundred Pueblan Freemasons. The convent was once the Convent La Concordia, and even with the changes which have been made since its Masonic occupancy, it can be seen that it was built for some other than Masonic purposes.

The entrance to this remarkable Lodge room is plain and uninspiring. One drives down a typical Mexican street where the buildings are built in a continuous wall, broken only occasionally by narrow doors. He stops on the Avenue Once Ponciati at No. 110; the door is open, and he enters, finding a long hallway which extends probably 100 feet to a larger entrance-way. At the left he notices a large number of small rooms, or cells; these were once the individual homes of the nuns who were members of the La Concordia community.

These cells are probably 15 feet square with 12 foot ceilings. The only light and air comes from one small window at the extreme top of the ceiling. In these rooms the nuns spent their hours in meditation and prayer. Another tier of cells is on the upper floor. Today, these rooms have been converted into offices for the officers of the Lodges and paraphernalia rooms. One is made into a candidate's room.

Passing to the end of the hall, one is confronted with a rather large and imposing stairway which leads to the second floor. Ascending the first flight of stairs, there is the first landing; here the stairs di-

vide, going both to the right and to the left. On the wall of the landing is a large tablet which explains the principles of the Fraternity. The candidate must read this before ascending further.

At the top of the stairs is the main entrance to the Lodge hall. This room was once the chapel of the convent. Its interior has been little changed through the years, although the statuary, stations of the cross and religious paintings have been removed. It is admirably adapted to Masonic purposes.

The floor is checkered pavement, its black and white squares adding to the beauty of the whole.

The Junior Warden's station is in the south; the Senior Warden, probably through necessity, is in the northwest. In the north is a pulpit, raised several feet above the floor, from which speakers deliver their orations; this is a leftover from the former convent arrangement. The walls are beautifully decorated in gold, silver and colored paints.

The two houses are required by the government, which owns all church property in Mexico, to pay the sum of one peso per month as rent.

This situation came about by reason of conditions which have existed in Mexico during recent years. The Roman church in Mexico had become very wealthy and most of the lands had come under its control. Following several revolutions, the government took over all church property. The church is given such buildings as may be actually needed for religious purposes—but no more. Hence, there were many vacant buildings in some of the larger cities.

Article 111 of the Mexican Constitution provides for schools and prohibits religious instruction in them. In 1951 the church registered a protest, but it was not granted. It is hardly possible that any changes will be made under the new President, Alfredo Ruiz Cortines, who is a Liberal.—The Royal Arch Mason.

Masons In High Office

SINCE THE DAYS of George Washington members of the Craft have ranked high in the counsels of their country. Their unswerving loyalty, their integrity as individuals, and their keen minds have brought official recognition to many of our Brothers during the past year, who now join the ranks of Masons who have created and sustained the American way of life. These are some of the men on whom rests the destiny of every man, woman and child in the United States. We salute them with pride and we ask the Great Architect of the Universe to guide their work in the years to come.

EARL WARREN Chief Justice

Former California Governor Earl Warren is a Past Grand Master, having served in 1936, and has had a distinguished Masonic career along with his years of public service. Bro. Warren was raised in Sequoia Lodge No. 349, 1919, and served as its Master in 1928. He joined the Scottish Rite bodies at Oakland in December, 1919, and was Wise Master of Rose Croix in 1938-39, and Venerable Master of the Lodge

of Perfection in 1945.

He belongs to Oakland Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar, and is a Past Potentate of Aahmes Shrine Temple, Oakland, having served in 1933. He also belongs to Saint Phillip Conclave No. 23, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, honorary York Rite body, and to Unity Chapter No. 65, Oakland, Order of the Eastern Star.

He received the honorary degree of 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason on December 23, 1941.

SINCLAIR WEEKS
Secretary of Commerce

Our Brother from Massachusetts brings wide experience in manufacturing, business, banking and public service to his important post. He started with the First National Bank of Boston, following his graduation from Harvard, and has been continuously in business ever since, with the exception of two years in the Army in World War I. He was attached to the 26th (Yankee) division in command of a National Guard Battery and participated in all actions until the Armistice. His son commanded the same battery in World War II.

Although Brother Weeks spent most of his business life in Massachusetts, he is no stranger to Washington. His father served both as Representative and Senator from Massachusetts and as Secretary of War in the Harding and Coolidge cabinets. He himself was appointed Senator from February to December, 1944 when Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., resigned to enter the Army in World War II, but he did not run for reelection. The Secretary of Commerce has tried all his life to find time to relax at the family farm in Lancaster, New Hampshire, where as a youngster he learned to milk the cows and mow hay. But nowadays his busy schedule leaves no room for more than a fleeting visit. He is a member of a Massachusetts Lodge.

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ARTHUR U. SUMMERFIELD
Postmaster General

Our Brother from Michigan was in the real estate business and in oil distribution prior to his establishment of the Summerfield Chevrolet Company in Flint, Michigan in 1929. During World War II, he served as Michigan chairman of the automobile committee of the National Automobile Dealers Association in charge of recruitment for Army Ordnance, and later served as Michigan director of the Association, as regional vice-president and as chairman of its post-war planning committee.

He is a tireless worker for the Republican Party and has served with its finance committee and in fund raising drives. For eight years he served as Republican National Committeeman from Michigan and in 1952 was elected chairman of the Republican National Committee from which he resigned following his appointment as Postmaster General. Brother Summerfield is also a member of the Scottish Rite and received his 32nd Degree at Bay City, Michigan in May of this year.

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HON. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL

Our Brother from Massachusetts has been closely identified with legislation on international affairs and aid; selective service; unification of the armed services; veterans' benefits; anti-discrimination; child health and anti-filibuster. He was elected to fill the unexpired term of Senator Cabot Lodge, Jr., in 1949 and reelected in 1948 for a six-year term. Brother Saltonstall also served for three consecutive terms as Governor of the State of Massachusetts. He is a member of the Royal Arch Masons, the Knights Templar is a Shriner.

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Our First Annual Communication

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Manila, on Tuesday, the 4th day of February, A. L. 5913, (A.D. 1913) at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Grand Officers were:

- M. W. H. Eugene Stafford, Grand Master, Manila
- R. W. George R. Harvey, Deputy Grand Master, Manila
- R. W. Burton Whitcomb, Senior Grand Warden, Cavite
- R. W. Charles J. Kindler, Junior Grand Warden, Manila
- V. W. Joseph F. Bromfield, Grand Treasurer, Manila
- V. W. Amos G. Bellis, Grand Secretary, Manila
- V. W. Newton C. Comfort, Grand Lecturer, Manila
- V. R. Guy Clinton, Grand Chaplain, Manila

- W. Charles C. Cohn, Grand Orator, Manila
- W. William E. Wichman, Grand Marshal, Cavite
- W. William H. Taylor, Grand Standard Bearer, Manila
- W. Edwin E. Elser, Grand Sword Bearer, Manila
- W. George N. Hurd, Grand Bible Bearer, Manila
- W. Luther A. Rehner, Senior Grand Deacon, Manila
- W. Louis C. O'Donnell, Junior Grand Deacon, Manila
- W. Robert E. Clarke, Senior Grand Steward, Manila
- W. Frederick W. Abele, Junior Grand Steward, Manila
- W. Charles S. Banks, Grand Pursuivant, Manila
- W. James F. Richardson, Grand Organist, Cavite
- W. Emanuel Valmas, Grand Tyler, Cavite

4. The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain. The minutes of the two Sessions of the First Communication of the Grand Lodge held on December 19th, and December 23rd, A. L. 5912 were read by the Grand Secretary and approved. The Grand Master being in the United States at the time, the Grand Secretary read the report of the Deputy Grand Master from which we quote:

"The Deputy Grand Master is in receipt of a cablegram from our Most Worshipful Grand Master dated San Francisco, February 1, 1913, as follows:

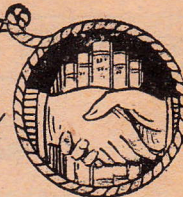
'Harvey,
Manila,
Grand Master approves,
Stafford.

This message is interpreted to mean that our beloved Grand Master has conferred with the Grand Master of California and that the latter approves the action of the Lodges in the Philippine Islands formerly under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California in form-

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Fraternal Reviews



By **JOSE E RACELA, P.M. (12)**
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Georgia - 1952

M. W. Dr. J. G. Standifer, retiring Grand Master.
M. W. Henry L. Brown, incoming Grand Master
R. W. Daniel W. Locklin, Grand Secretary
470 Lodges; 86,390 Members; 3260 Net Gain

THE 166TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of Georgia was held on October 28-29, 1952 in the City of Macon with Dr. Jack G. Standifer, Grand Master, presiding.

The report of the Grand Master shows that the membership of the Grand Lodge now reaches 86,390 with 470 Lodges. A total of 228 visitations have been made by the Grand Master during his term of office. Aside from these visitations, Bro. Standifer also attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, D.C. last February. Dispensations have been granted for the formation of two more lodges—Luther G. Watkins Lodge at Greenville and Friendship Lodge at Columbus.

Well-deserved praise has been made to Bro. Dewey Wollestein, editor of the official organ of the

Grand Lodge, the "Masonic Messenger." We are pleased to hear the "Masonic Messenger" is rated among the top fifteen Masonic publications all over Georgia.

In answer to an inquiry whether or not games of chance may be held by a Lodge, the Grand Master ruled that the playing of games of chance in a Masonic building is prohibited absolutely, regardless of whether or not the proceeds of such games would be devoted to Masonic purposes.

In his desire to make Freemasonry a serious endeavor and its offices a position of trust and responsibility, Bro. Standifer has lost no time in arresting the charter of a lodge due to its lack of interest to the cause of the Fraternity.

Utah - 1952

M. W. William Arthur Carter, Presiding
M. W. John Elliott Clark, Incoming
27 Lodges; 6,044 Members; 82 Net Gain

GRAND MASTER WILLIAM A. CARTER presided at the 80th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

In addition to the usual routine of making visitations to the subordinate lodges and issuing dispensations, the Grand Master also attended the 1951 conference of Grand Masters of North America. Several topics of interest to the Craft were discussed at this conference.

The Intermountain Unit of the Shriner's Hospital for crippled children was dedicated at Salt Lake City on May 26, 1951. This is the newest and most modern of the Shriner's hospitals and is the product of the whole-hearted cooperation of the brethren of the Intermountain territory under the able leadership of Bro. Lincoln Kelly. Aside from this benevolent endeavor, continuous support is being given to the other charitable institutions. Funds amounting to \$1,000 have been contributed to the hospital visitation fund and about \$2,000 have been donated to the Masonic Service Association. The report also states that the Grand Lodge of Utah is among those which contributed most to the Washington National Memorial Association.

With respect to Masonic education, the Grand Master has made an appeal to the officers of the constituent lodges to circulate among the brethren the educational materials published by the Masonic Serv-

ice Association. These materials are primarily designed to instruct those who have not yet gone far into the ranks of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master has been very much pleased with the response of the brethren to Grand Master Ortis Shaife's address to the effect that much of the inquiry with regard to the application of certain Masonic laws and usages would be eliminated if the officers of the subordinate lodges would study seriously the Masonic law. To his satisfaction he has not been called upon to make a single ruling or decision.

Bro. Calvin A. Behle, Grand Orator, made a very inspiring oration entitled, "Men of Faith." He placed emphasis on the need of faith to God, to country, to our fellow-men, and to the Fraternity.

Our Grand Representative was absent.

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SECCION CASTELLANA NOTAS EDITORIALES

EL ILUSTRE GRAN MAESTRO SE VA

ENVIAMOS desde estas páginas nuestros mejores deseos a nuestro querido Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro en su viaje de inspección a las Logias de Okinawa, Japón y Guam, y a su visita a la MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION y LA CONFERENCIA DE GRANDES MAESTROS en Washington, D. C. en donde ha sido invitado para hablar.

NO SE PUEDE negar la importancia de su misión. Filipinas ha sido y es el baluarte de la Masonería en esta parte del globo, y actualmente la nuestra es la única Gran Logia en función activa en este lejano Oriente. Este intercambio de puntos de vista y propósitos entre los grandes dignitarios de la Masonería en los Estados Unidos ha sido siempre de beneficiosos resultados para todo el mundo, pues, la Masonería está empeñada en una labor de práctica reafirmación de principios que constituyen la base de una verdadera democracia.

EXISTEN hoy día tanto en los Estados Unidos como aquí en Filipinas fuerzas que tratan de contrarrestar el caudillaje masónico en las esferas de la democracia. Sin duda alguna, éste y otros puntos relacionados con él, serán objeto de una valiosa discusión en dichas convenciones, en donde la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas estará bien representada por nuestro Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro.

DESEAMOSLE lo mejor en su misión masónica.

(Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.)

LA MASONERIA Y EL INDIFERENTISIMO RELIGIOSO

OTRA ACUSACION falsa de la Jerarquía Católica contra la Masonería es que, según ella, la Masonería fomenta el indiferentismo religioso, lo cual es completamente absurdo.

OTRA VEZ el Her. Alfonso Cerza sale al encuentro de esta acusación, diciendo:

“Una de las cualificaciones para que uno pueda ser miembro de una Logia Masónica es que deba creer en Dios. Muchas partes de nuestros rituales enseñan la debida reverencia a Dios; la Biblia está siempre abierta en todas las Logias; y el libro sagrado de cada uno es una parte integrante de algunas logias en algunos países. La Religión tiene por único objetivo la enseñanza del culto a Dios, la explicación de sus particulares principios, y el ayudar a los miembros a conocer a su Dios. Cuando una religión va mas allá de esta esfera de actividad, se convierte y toma el carácter de una organización política. No hay duda alguna de que la Iglesia Católica va mas allá de lo que concierne a toda agrupación religiosa. Uno de los principios que la Masonería enseña es que el masón debe ser religioso. Pero, a los ojos de la Iglesia Católica, esto no es bastante; es menester que la masonería endose favorablemente a dicha Iglesia y que condene a cualquier otra de diferente denominación. La Masonería requiere definitivamente que sus miembros crean en un Dios, y también definitivamente deja a discreción de sus miembros la elección de la religión que prefieran.”

AL SUSCRIBIR a lo arriba copiado, afirmamos una vez mas que la Masonería no fomenta la indiferencia religiosa.

(Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.)

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ing the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands.”

5. The first three Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands are Manila Lodge No. 1, Cavite Lodge No. 2, and Corregidor Lodge No. 3.

6. Among the Grand Officers and Committees who submitted reports were:

a. The Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Lecturer, the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Securing a Seal for the Grand Lodge; the Committee on Ritualistic Work recommended “that the ritualistic work of the Grand Lodge of California be adhered to for the present and that a Committee on Custodians of the Work be appointed with authority to make such changes as it may deem proper during the coming year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and the approval of the Grand

Lodge at its next Annual Communication.” The Committee on Regalia which reported progress of its work requested further time which was granted.

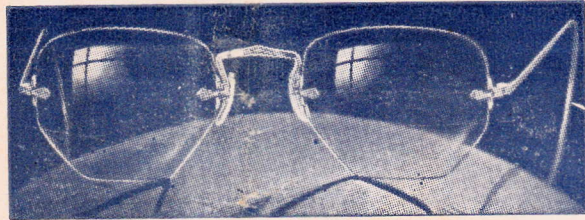
b. Among the Resolutions taken up were those concerning The Uniform Code of By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Lodge; and the instruction to the Grand Secretary to cast the unanimous ballot of the “members present for the re-election of the present officers.”

7. The First Annual Communication terminated on the same day—February 4, 1913—it begun, thus

“All business having been completed, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands was closed in Due form, after prayer by the Grand Chaplain.”

LET US AS MASONS in this Grand Jurisdiction bear in mind the facts about our First Annual Communication and pass them on to others who are interested in the history of our Grand Lodge.—M.B.

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