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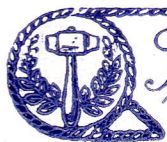
Conferring of Master Mason's Degree upon Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama (seated) in Tokyo, Japan on March 26, 1955 conducted by the District Grand Lodge for Japan and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

(Left to right): Grand Secretary Antonio Gonzalez, Sovereign Grand Commander Frederic H. Stevens, General K. P. McNaughton, Grand Master Werner P. Schetelig, Deputy Grand Master Camilo Osias, Grand Marshal Howard Hick, General Paul E. Rusto, Senior Warden Tamotsu Murayama, Wor. Master Eun Lee (Kanto Lodge, U.D.), General John E. Hull, Wor. Master George Horiuchi and District Grand Master William Eichorn.

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The Grand Master's Message



Grand Master's Easter Message

WITH THE CIRCLE of my Grand Master's term nearing its completion, I thank my brethren for the great opportunity of serving you. The future will prove whether anything of lasting value was achieved during my incumbency.

IF FREEMASONRY and its tenets are the central point and my 12 months service as Grand Master a circle around it, I frankly admit that this circle is not a perfect figure, but has a number of edges and dents, where my way led me nearer or farther away from the focal point of true and ideal Masonry.

My greatest experience in my striving to serve you is the knowledge that in attaining one aim new and greater horizons are manifesting themselves to the discerning eye. There is probably no end and there are always new and higher peaks to climb, because Masonry is deeply religious and its focal point is God, with his unending wisdom. Free from all dogmas as Masonry is, it is not attributing to this Supreme Architect any special features, limitations, or doctrines of how to understand His word or how to act and what to omit as a sin or error, but Masonry just acknowledges and venerates God.

WITH THE HOLY BIBLE as the rule and guide of our Faith, Masonry appeals to its votaries to develop the greatest gift of God to mankind: Our conscience, the moral sense in ourselves that determines whether one considers one's own con-

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Editorials:

Our Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication

THIRTY YEARS AGO, THE CABLETOW in an editorial entitled "The Grand Lodge Communication" stated:

"On January 27th, (1925) the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippine Islands will meet for its thirteenth annual communication, at which much important business will be discussed. Masonry in the Philippines has many intricate problems to solve, more, we are sure, than most of the Grand Jurisdictions of the world. . . ."

THIS MONTH, the Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge will be held (Tuesday, April 26 to Thursday, April 28). We will discuss very important business and endeavor to solve many intricate problems. The older our Grand Lodge becomes, the greater will be its sphere of activities. Formerly this Grand Jurisdiction was co-extensive with the Philippines; now it has spread over areas beyond the seas — in Guam, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, not to mention the fact that subordinate lodges in China were formerly under our Grand Lodge. In point of material wealth, the Philippines is poor compared with those of her neighbors; but in faith and idealism, in friendship and brotherly love, she is never found wanting.

LET US bear in mind the duration of the Communication which is brief; every hour should be utilized to find remedies for the defects of the Grand Lodge, strengthen its weak links, and so fortify itself to withstand possible destructive criticisms from within and persistent merciless attacks from without.

IT IS THEREFORE, appropriate and timely for the delegates to consider, among others, the following: (1) more substantial work of charity by the Masons; (2) an effective program of education and enlightenment by the Grand Lodge; (3) synchronization of Masonic activities to insure harmony from within and promote better understanding in the community; (4) making Freemasonry in this Grand Jurisdiction more enduring by means of a long-range program of Masonic Action that shall help build a constitutional Democracy in our land, at peace with peoples and countries far and near.

AS DELEGATES, let us so conduct ourselves so that when the

Communication is over, we can, in a spirit of humility say: We came, we worked, we won.

—MAURO BARADI, 33°, P.G.M.

Most Worshipful Brother Schetelig

IN HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS (April 29, 1954), Most Worshipful Brother Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines issued to the brethren an emphatic call for action. As a fitting conclusion to such a call he said:

"Great tasks and great problems lie ahead of this Grand Lodge, but we welcome great tasks and great problems and think it is a great privilege and honor to be called by Divine Providence to solve and attend great tasks and problems. To do so properly, we have to be efficient and active. But all efficiency and activity will not help us unless it is undertaken unselfishly and for the glory of our real Grand Master 'God'. May He give us His aid and support with the support you brethren pledged so kindly to my administration. Your confidence and blessings from above will help us to be successful in our undertakings."

BRAVE IS HE who is ever-ready to face the difficulties ahead of him; but braver still is the individual who wrestles with these difficulties and comes out victorious in the end. We are fortunate that in this Grand Jurisdiction, we have for a leader such a man in the person of the Grand Master. It is he who preached kindness and practiced charity; who felt at home among the elite and more so with the less fortunate; who found comfort in being considerate and satisfaction in being big-hearted; who used his high station not to find fault and oppress but to sympathize and serve; who became poorer in material possessions but wealthier in friends and brethren both in the Philippines and abroad. He glories not in his Masonic accomplishments — and they are many and varied — but feels satisfied in the fact that during his administration, our Grand Lodge has increased its usefulness and extended its influence.

IF IN THE FIELD of battle Schetelig, the soldier had time and again valiantly proved his mettle, it is in the realm of peace where Schetelig, the Mason has truly demonstrated the sterling qualities of the crusader — for Brotherly Love as against hatred, Relief as against

selfishness, and Truth as against falsehood. It is reassuring to know that whether as a soldier in the rank or as the highest official in the Fraternity, he has never evaded his responsibilities. It is in this spirit of daring and consecration that one can lead firmly and efficiently and as a consequence thereof, sooner than later, the goal set is reached.

THUS WHEN MOST WORSHIPFUL Brother Schetelig hands the Gavel, the emblem of power, to his successor, he could sincerely say to him: "This Gavel, I have made as the instrument of great good; may you wield it 'for the best interests of your Brethren.'"

THE GRAND LODGE of the Philippines is grateful to Grand Master Schetelig for his sacrificial service to his brethren in the Fraternity. The brevity of his speeches in the form of wise counsel is more than matched by the eloquence of his deeds, not for personal gain but for the benefit of others. He radiates cheerfulness as a friend and inspires confidence as a Mason. To him we pen these lines:

Years ago, he came to us
A stranger, practically friendless.
But he has a big heart
That understands and sympathizes.

Slowly but surely he felt at home
With the rich and the poor alike.
Now whether in the city or in the town
He's looked upon as a brother in deed.

Of such men, we have need today
To help build Universal Brotherhood.
Not color, nor creed, nor nationality
But Love can bring peace to our world!

— MAURO BARADI, 33°, P.G.M.

Building The Future

WHAT WOULD be of humanity without FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY? What would be of men without tolerance and understanding? What would be of a war-torn world without the Masonic tenets of loving and brotherly affection, without Masonic spiritual values, without philosophy of the Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God?

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AS WE HAVE SAID BEFORE, MASONRY is building humanity on this fundamental Masonic ideology — the ONENESS of all human beings. Let us be at work to build the future on this universal tenet of unity of mankind. Let us build the future emphasising the spiritual power of FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, of TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING, of MUTUAL RESPECT AND BROTHERLY LOVE among men and nations. Masonry is the spiritual power to perform all these spiritual things for the rebuilding of a new world which is to be Masonically international in scheme and scope.

LET US PROFIT by the lessons of the past. Before the last war, Masonry was prevailing in some countries in Europe; but the enemies of FREEDOM and DEMOCRACY, the enemies of international understanding and tolerance, the enemies of universal love and truth among men and nations were able by material force to impose in those countries a totalitarian regime contrary to the spirit of Masonry.

THERE WAS A GRAND LODGE in Poland before the last war. This Grand Lodge was dissolved, and with it Poland itself, by the forces of totalitarianism.

BEFORE THE LAST WAR, there are two Grand Lodges in Czechoslovakia,—the Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia and the LESSING ZUDEN DREI RINGEN. We were in fraternal relations with both of them. Until now, they were not able to resume Masonic labors as the country is still under a totalitarian regime.

WE WERE ALSO IN FRATERNAL RELATIONS with the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia before the last war. Until now there is no Masonic activities in that country. The said Grand Lodge has disappeared.

THE SAME THING happened in Rumania. The National Grand Lodge of Rumania was in fraternal relation with the Philippines. Our late M. W. Bro. JOSE ABAD SANTOS was the Grand Representative of the National Grand Lodge of Rumania near the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. We have no data now on the revival of this Grand Lodge of Rumania. A totalitarian regime is still prevailing there.

THOUGH WE HAVE never had any fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge of Bulgaria, still we received some correspondence from it, showing Masonic activities. This Grand Lodge has disappeared, perhaps under the political conditions there prevailing.

THE GRAND LODGE OF SWEDEN was never dissolved because the Nazis were not able to invade this country. Masonry there was not suppressed during the war.

DENMARK WAS INVADED by the Nazis, and soon after the invasion, Masonry was prohibited. Immediately after world war No. 2, the Grand Lodge of Denmark resumed Masonic labors, and it is now one of the most active Grand Lodges in the continent of Europe.

EVEN BEFORE the last war, we were in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Norway. This beautiful country was invaded by the Nazis, and the activities of the said Grand Lodge of Norway were ordered to cease by Hitler. Now, Masonry in Norway is completely rehabilitated and gloriously restored.

THE SAME THING happened in Finland. Before the last war, Finland and the Philippines were in Masonic fraternal relations. When Finland was occupied by the Germans, Masonry was suppressed by the invaders. But immediately after liberation in 1945, Freemasonry in Finland was gloriously restored, and fraternal relations resumed.

IN THE NETHERLANDS (Holland), we were in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of NETHERLANDS. In 1940, on the invasion of Holland by the Nazis, the Grand Lodge and all Masonic activities were ordered closed. Masonically, Holland suffered much. But on the liberation of the country, Masonry was immediately restored. It is now completely reestablished.

GERMANY AND FRANCE were the victims of totalitarian regimes. The same happened to Italy, Spain and Portugal. While the Nazis and the Fascists were in power, Masonry was erased from those countries. Now France, Germany and Italy are free. They enjoy the blessings of freedom. Freemasonry was restored and so Masonic labors. But Spain and Portugal are still under the dictatorships of Franco and Salazar respectively. Dictators cannot co-exist with Freemasonry. And so Freemasonry is prohibited in those countries.

BEFORE THE LAST WAR the Grand Orient of Belgium was very active. During the occupation of that country by the Nazis, Freemasonry disappeared. The Grand Master was assassinated, and the Deputy of died in prison in Germany. The Grand Commander and the Deputy of the Scottish Rite were murdered. With the liberation, the lodges have again beheld the light of Masonry.

IT IS SAID that within four weeks after the establishment of the Austrian Republic, the Grand Lodge of Austria in Vienna was organized. This was on or about December 8, 1919. We were in fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge even before the last war. By order of the Gestapo the Grand Lodge ceased to exist on or about March 12, 1938. With the coming of peace, the Grand Lodge of Vienna began a

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new Masonic life. Fraternal relations were resumed.

IN 1868, THE SYMBOLIC GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY was founded. It is said that after the first World War a democratic government was constituted in Hungary. But unfortunately, after a short period of time, a fascist government got control of the public affairs of the country and as a consequence Freemasonry was the first victim. Afterwards, during the Nazi occupation and by Nazi terrorism, Freemasonry was totally eliminated. Then came the communists who took hold of the country and Masonry was dissolved. It has been said that Masonry was the meeting places of the enemies of the people's Communist Republic. Until now, Masonry in Hungary is prohibited by the Communists.

WE WERE ALSO in fraternal relations with Freemasonry in Greece before the war. Its Grand Representative here was the late Wor. Bro. Jose Artiage. During the occupation, the Germans arrested all Masons, and the usual German policy was carried out. After the war, the Grand Lodge of Greece was restored, and with Masonic zeal the Greeks were able to fight the Communist invaders.

BEFORE THE LAST WAR we were in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Turkey. After the war, nothing has been heard of this Grand Orient. It is said that presently, efforts are being made to organize a Grand Lodge in Turkey.

USELESS TO RECALL here that under Communist Russia and China, Freemasonry cannot exist. The same is true in those countries within the Iron Curtain.

THE FOREGOING is written just to show how Masonry is to act so as to build humanity and its future. As said before, Freemasonry is international in scheme and scope. But Masonic internationalism does not mean disregard of the spirit of true nationalism. Masonic internationalism is a spiritual bond uniting all men in common purposes and common destinies. Men in their different ethnological grouping are the links forming that spiritual bond. It is evident that the bond cannot be strong if the links are weak. The stronger the link, the stronger the bond. So, Masonic internationalism is to grow in national surroundings to be strong. To erect high the spiritual wall we call humanity, Masonry has to move and breathe in a purely national atmosphere.

IN BUILDING HUMANITY and its future we are preaching Masonic internationalism founded on the solid rock of true nationalism.

(Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.)



GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

APRIL 26-28, 1955

MANILA

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- 1.—Opening of the Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master and other Officers of the Grand Lodge
- 2.—Reception of the Most Worshipful Grand Master
- 3.—Reception of Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Officers
- 4.—Prayer by Grand Chaplain
- 5.—Roll call of Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Past Grand Officers
- 6.—Announcement of the Committee on Credentials
- 7.—Roll call of Lodges
- 8.—Quorum
- 9.—Recess for Corporation Meeting
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- 34.—Election of Grand Lodge Officers — Appointment of election tellers and clerks
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- 36.—Resumption of Grand Lodge business — Announcemnt of Grand Lodge appointed Officers
- 37.—Recess for Corporation Meeting
- 38.—Installation of Elective and Appointive Grand Lodge Officers
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- 40.—Presentation of Past Grand Master's Jewel and Citations
- 41.—Presentation of Diplomas of Merit
- 42.—Tribute by Allied Bodies
- 43.—Appointment of Standing Committees
- 44.—Appointment of Grand Lodge Inspectors
- 45.—Closing of Grand Lodge—Benediction

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OF THE PHILIPPINES

ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 39th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines will be held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, on April 26-28, 1955 beginning April 26 at 4:00 P.M.

MEMBERS are urged not to wait until the last minute to obtain their CREDENTIALS or admission cards or transact essential business, but to attend to these matters as early as they can.

ADMISSION CARDS must be secured from the Committee on Credentials, which will be in session at the Grand Secretary's Office, Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, from 5:00 o'clock every afternoon.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines AS A CORPORATION will be held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila, on April 26-28, 1955 when the Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may come up during the meeting will be transacted.

THE Brethren are hereby requested to advise this Office for reservations of rooms in our Masonic Dormitory.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

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Senior Grand Warden	CLINTON F. CARLSON	(8)
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WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



Mabini Lodge No. 39

APARRI, CAGAYAN

MOST WORSHIPFUL Brother Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master accompanied by other officers of the Grand Lodge made an official visitation of this Lodge on January 24, 1955. The airplane which brought the party from Manila was met at the airport in the morning. The official reception and visitation were held at the Jua Siong Kong Ho Bldg. where addresses were delivered by Wor. Bro. Fernando A. Pascua, Master of the Lodge, Wor. Bro. Hiram T. Kalata, P. M., Inspector of the Lodge, Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias, Deputy Grand Master and Wor. Bro. Francisco Z. Reyes, P.M. The main address was delivered by the Grand Master who called the brethren to

action and warned them to be alert lest the freedoms now enjoyed by the Filipinos be curtailed by enemies of Democracy.

AT THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS of the Lodge which took place in the afternoon, the Past Master's Jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. Pascua and the 25-year diploma and buttons to the recipients Bros. N. Purugganan (44 years), H. Florentino (36 years), M. Tomaneng (36 years), B. Perez (34 years), A. Medina (29 years), C. Valera (29 years), and P. de Guzman (28 years).

THE FOLLOWING DAY, January 25th the Grand Master and party left Aparri for Tuguegarao, Cagayan.

Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53

WE ARE GRATEFUL to brethren and friends alike who visited Bro. Pedro Encarnacion at Quezon Institute and later at the Philippine General Hospital. Such visits brought cheer to the sick and strength to the family. As usual the Lodge extends fraternal birthday greetings to brethren whose birthday falls this month (April)

including Bros. T. G. Mendoza, D. Constantino and P. Encarnacion.

BRETHREN OF THIS LODGE and members of their families attended the Grand Master's visitation to the three lodges in the province of Nueva Ecija on March 5, 1955 at Guimba.

OF INTEREST to Masons and

WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING * * *

non-Masons alike are excerpts from a statement made by Herbert Hoover, the 31st President of the United States. Mr. Hoover and Most Worshipful Brother Harry S. Truman, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri are the only two living Past Presidents of the United States. The statement follows:

"MY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING was in science and engineering. Much of my life was spent in this work. In recent years of a considerable tribe of atheistic and agnostic philosophers who contend that there is an implacable conflict between science and religion in which religion will be vanquished. I do not believe in it. Somewhere a Supreme Power created inflexible laws. It is impossible to believe that there is not here a Divine

touch and a purpose from the Creator of the Universe. I believe we can express these things only in religious faith. From their religious faith, the Pilgrim Fathers enunciated the most fundamental law of human progress since the sermon on the Mount, when they stated that man received from the Creator of the Universe certain inalienable rights and that these rights should be protected from the encroachment of others by law and justice.

"CIVILIZATION HAS PERSISTED in man's development of which we have a long record of thousands of years. Always growing societies record their faith in God. Decaying societies lack faith and deny God. But America is not a decaying society. It remains strong. Its faith is compassion and in God's intelligent mercy."

Quezon City Lodge No. 122

TWO MEMBERS of this Lodge, Bro. Esteban A. de Ocampo and Wor. Bro. D. B. Ambrosio are scheduled to arrive from the United States and leave for the United States respectively.

WE TAKE PLEASURE in announcing the proposed building of a Masonic Temple in the suburbs of Manila. As stated in our Newsletter last month:

MASONIC TEMPLE: Last Feb. 19, a meeting (informal) was held

in T. M. Kalaw Memorial Temple by the Lights and Past Masters of Silanganan, Labong, Marikina, T. M. Kalaw and Quezon City Lodges. W. Bro. J. T. Gavino (WM-119) was selected as the Presiding Officer. It has been agreed by these Lodges that a Masonic Temple be built in a locality principally located from all directions of Pasig, Marikina, San Juan, Malabon and elsewhere of Rizal Province. There is a clear indication that Quezon City is the choice and Cubao is the

spot. It has also been agreed that the financing of this project is thru corporation. The shares can be bought by the Lodges and brethren of the Fraternity. W. Bro. Galang, (WM-136) was appointed as the architect and as such was asked to draw schematic sketch.

W. Bro. Kalaw (PM-136) was appointed as a committee of one to study commercial real estate while W. Bro. Perez, Sr. (PM-59) on committee on Govt. real estate. W. Bro. Perez, Jr. (PM-59) was appointed on the draft Articles and By-Laws of the corporation.

Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133

SANTIAGO, ISABELA

THE GRAND Master, accompanied by the Grand Lodge officers visited this Lodge on February 26, 1955 in connection with the installation of Lodge officers. The Grand Master acted as Installing Officer and the Grand Secretary as Master of Ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by Wor. Bro. Rufino S. Roque, Sr., reelected Master, Wor. Bro. Jose E. Racela, Wor. Bro. Teofilo Abejo and Rt. Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias, Deputy Grand Master. Wor. Bro. Guillermo E. Bongolan, P. M. presented honorary

membership diplomas to Most Wor. Bros. Schetelig, Gonzalez, Austin, Cervantes, Baradi and Rt. Wor. Bro. Osias and Wor. Bro. Gumersindo Garcia. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Juliet Palermo, Mrs. Fanny O. Lesaca and Miss Anastacia Ducayen. The Grand Master spoke on harmony and action on the part of Masons.

A specially-printed Program for the occasion was distributed as souvenirs to the members and visitors alike.

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Address of Bro. Prince Eun Lee, Worshipful Master of Kanto Lodge, U. D., at the Banquet in honor of M. W. B. W. P. Schetelig and party in Tokyo Masonic Building on March 27, 1955.

WE ARE HERE to express our sincere and fraternal respect and appreciation to the officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, who made their special trip to Japan to conduct the ceremony to confer the sublime degree of Master Mason upon Bro. Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Japan and Bro. Kawai, President of the House of Councilors.

Grand Master and other officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines:

YOU CAME to Japan to realize the most important and brilliant page in the history of Freemasonry not only in Japan but in the world. Bro. Hatoyama stood here yesterday and he thanked you in tears - you saw his cheeks were stained with beautiful tears of inspiration and fraternal gratitude.

I NEVER WITNESSED such a beautiful moment in my life.

YOU — ALL OF YOU made possible that immortal history of Freemasonry.

I ASK YOU to extend me your helping hand with fraternal spirit in order to carry on my task as the first Worshipful Master of the Kanto Masonic Lodge U. D. — The First Lodge to use Japanese Language.

THE SO-CALLED MASONOPHOBIA is slowly coming back here without knowing the real significance and fraternal spirit of this universal fraternity. Japan is the place, where Freemasonry must be cherished and perpetuated with your assistance.

WE LIKE to ask the favor of our respected brethren to accept an honorary membership of the Kanto Masonic Lodge U. D.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Werner P. Schetelig
 Right Worshipful District Grand Master Bro. William J. Eichorn
 Illustrious Sovereign Grand Commander Bro. Frederic H. Stevens
 Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Bro. Camilo Osias
 Most Worshipful Grand Secretary Bro. Antonio Gonzalez
 Worshipful Grand Marshal Bro. Howard R. Hick
 Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. Michael Goldenberg
 Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Bro. Mauro Baradi
 Worshipful Brother Raymond L. Bedillion, Past Master of
 Tokyo Lodge No. 125

Worshipful Brother George B. Morgulis, Past Master of
Tokyo Lodge No. 125

With my deep appreciation and thanks, I wish Godspeed to you
all — Grand Lodge officers

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FREEMASONRY, BUILDER OF MEN AND NATIONS

By CAMILO OSIAS

*(One of the Addresses of the Deputy Grand Master after Premier
Ichiro Hatoyama's being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master
Mason, Tokyo, Japan, March 26, 1955)*

PROXIMITY often distorts vision. One who stands too close to an imposing monument cannot appreciate it in all its beauty and splendor. In like manner I dare say we are unable fully to realize now the great significance of the events and solemnities of this memorable day. The flight of the years shall serve to bring to our consciousness their meaning and value to this great country and to the members of our venerable Fraternity. The conduct of our rituals in a new language is another milestone in the irresistible march of Freemasonry. A bright chapter is added to the history of Japan by the momentous decision of Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama to join hands with his brethren whithersoever dispersed to bring to this suffering world new strength and nobility through the assistance of our venerable Fraternity as an agency of freedom and democracy.

RECENT HISTORY records that humanity does not achieve the best and most lasting triumphs through the force of arms. Our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines, in common with other grand jurisdictions of Free and Accepted Masons, comes forward with its message of unity and affection and its mission of friendship and neighborhood which stem from its deep-seated faith in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

THE SUPREME ARCHITECT of the Universe in His infinite wisdom saw fit to place Japan and the Philippines side by side. Our peoples are neighbors and it behooves them zealously to cultivate the spirit of understanding and peace as befit good neighbors. The inventive genius of man has wellnigh conquered distance. To travel between Manila

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and Tokyo now is but a matter of hours. The thought of geographical propinquity has become more real. It is both an obligation and a responsibility of the leaders and citizens of our two countries to minimize and, if possible, eradicate differences and conflicts. Herein is a great challenge to Freemasons of our Grand Jurisdiction. There is no difference among men that Freemasonry may not overcome. There is no conflict that Freemasonry may not dissipate. There is no chasm among nations of goodwill which Freemasonry may not bridge.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE of the Philippines and the various lodges that give it light and sweetness are verily on the march. On the first day of this year the Grand Lodge Officers saw the return of Brother General Aguinaldo to active participation in the Fraternity which he, of his own free will and accord, embraced sixty years ago. Today we are all privileged to welcome Premier Hatoyama into our midst.

IT IS NOT UNKNOWN that George Washington and fourteen other Presidents of the Republic of the United States of America were Masons; that Jose Rizal, Mabini, Bonifacio, Ponce, del Pilar, the Luna Brothers, Tavera, and a host of other leaders, patriots, and heroes of the Philippines were Masons; that countless other great men in other countries have been Masons. Let these serve as an inspiration and an incentive to us in this epoch. There is truly something noble, something vital, something vibrant that makes Freemasonry a power that writes men in the pursuit of noble ends and great causes. The rituals, the tenets, the principles of Freemasonry are indeed a solace to the heart, a challenge to the intellect, and a chalice to the conscience.

ONCE AGAIN we are brought face to face with positive evidence of the efficacy and grandeur of Freemasonry in the life of men and nations. The ceremonies and the events of this solemn and historic occasion deepen our conviction that Freemasonry is necessary and serviceable to advance the frontiers of freedom and secure for humanity the blessings of peace and progress, prosperity and happiness.

MASONS are builders. They build for utility and beauty, for permanence and security. They build on foundations strong and enduring and they bring forth superstructures more lasting than metal or stone. And they build as men of vision in the realization of the universality of Freemasonry, the catholicity of its appeal, the transcendence of its scope, its power, and its influence for good, for justice, and for righteousness.

BROTHER HIGGINS AWARDED THE GOLDEN HEART PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL

BRO. RAY HIGGINS, a most active Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction and the moving spirit of the Red Cross Blood Bank was awarded last month (March) the GOLDEN HEART PRESIDENTIAL AWARD. The coveted award was presented to Bro. Higgins in the Philippine General Hospital where he is presently confined. The citation, which is self-explanatory, is as follows:

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CONFERNMENT OF THE GOLDEN HEART PRESIDENTIAL AWARD ON MR. RAY HIGGINS

Pursuant to Executive Order 40-A dated June 21, 1954, I hereby confer upon Mr. Ray Higgins the GOLDEN HEART PRESIDENTIAL AWARD.

This Award is conferred upon him in recognition of his consistent, devoted and unselfish services to the Philippine National Red Cross and the Filipino people by resolutely spearheading a day-to-day campaign throughout the country with the primary objective of swelling the Red Cross Blood Bank, pursuing his self-imposed task without thought of material reward, giving freely of his time and on several occasions utterly neglecting his health. Because of his sincere dedication, fixedness of purpose, extreme zeal and indefatigability, he has encouraged individuals, civic organizations, government offices, private entities and military establishments, both local and foreign, to give freely of their blood that others who need it may live. Through the Blood Bank that he has been able to replenish constantly by his ceaseless efforts, countless lives have been saved from certain death and numerous seemingly hopeless medical cases have been nourished to health again. People regardless of creed and nationality who have been given a new lease on life by the Red Cross Blood Bank he has served well, owe him a lasting debt of gratitude.

Done on this 17th day of March, in the year of our Lord

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1955, and of the Independence of the Philippines, the ninth.

(Sgd.) RAMON MAGSAYSAY
President of the Philippines

The Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction heartily congratulate Bro-Higgins for the high honor that has come to him. Time and again our Brother has emphasized that Charity, a principal tenet of Masonry is part and parcel of his life.

We hope and pray that "Ray" as his numerous friends call him, will soon fully recover and resume his great work of charity once more.

Truth About Masonry

BRETHREN from the South furnished us with copies of a printed leaflet issued by a parish priest presenting what are alleged to be "Facts about Free Masonry" but which in reality are Errors or Falsehoods about Freemasonry.

THE FIRST ERROR OR FALSEHOOD is the claim that "Freemasonry like Communism denies God." This is, of course, ridiculous to all Masons who know it is absolutely untrue.

THE TRUTH is that Freemasonry believes in God. The first requirement of a man who, of his own free will and accord, seeks admission to the Fraternity is that he in truth and in spirit recognizes the Fatherhood of God. Every Mason believes in God, prays to God, and reverences God. Every Mason looks up to God as the Supreme Architect of the Universe. But above all, a Masonic Lodge always starts its meeting with a prayer invoking the aid of Divine Guidance and closes its meeting thanking God for His care and protection.

ANOTHER FALSEHOOD is the assertion that "Freemasonry is Worse than Atheistic Communism." The truth is that Freemasonry which is theistic is the very antithesis of Communism which is atheistic.

FREEMASONRY has a philosophy that is consistent. It is consistent in exacting what is genuinely moral and profoundly spiritual. It is opposed to totalitarianism and communism.

STILL ANOTHER FALSEHOOD is the claim that "Freemasonry, like Communism, is dangerous to both Christendom and Government."

THE TRUTH is that Freemasonry is religious though not a religion and its tenets are in harmony with those of Christianity. Masonic Lodges in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Philippines open and close with a solemn flag ceremony. The Masonic Fraternity teaches respect for constituted authority and Government. It upholds the Constitution as the Supreme Law of the Land in its beauty and majesty.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY who wrote the instructions to the Schurman Commission, Governors-General Taft, Wood, and Harrison, Presidents F. D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman who served the Philippines were Masons. Filipino Resident Commissioners Yanco, Guevara, Quezon, Osias, Paredes, and Delgado who worked for independence are Masons.

ONE MORE MISLEADING and erratic claim is that Freemasonry for its secrecy is more prowling than Communism. The Jesuits and the Knights of Columbus have secrets. Are they included in this statement? Freemasonry has secrets and mysteries that can be understood through reflection and study. Every religion or philosophy has its secrets or mysteries and there is need of study to understand their import.

BUT FREEMASONRY, as an organization, is a registered corporation. The government has issued its official certification of its Articles of Incorporation. The Lodges are in plain sight of people, as are the church edifices. The installation of officers may be private or public. The Masonic publications are available to all.

THE LEAFLET says further: "Many Masons are unacquainted with Masonry." It is true that there is need of more Masonic study among Masons for Masonry is inexhaustible. But is it not true that many Christians are only in part acquainted with Christianity, Mohammedans with Mohammedanism, Catholics with Catholicism? All would do well to obtain further education and enlightenment. That is why Masons always seek instruction.

"FIFTY YEARS may prove too brief . . . to learn the secrets of the Brotherhood" says the priest — author of the pamphlet. If there are Masons, even among masters of the chair, who have not learned the tenets of Freemasonry, how can an ordinary priest who has not been a master of the chair presume to know them?

FURTHER he says "Catholics can't be Free Masons and Remain Catholics." Does he not know that there were years in the history of

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Masonry when Catholic priests earnestly sought admission into the Fraternity? Even now there are many Catholic men who of their own free will become Masons. That is their absolute right. Freemasonry wars not on Catholics nor on the Catholic Church, as it does not war on any church or any men of good will in quest of truth and light.

"FREEMASONRY, like Communism, is opposed to the Catholic Church" says the unenlightened priest. This is incorrect. It may be true, as the priest in question states, that "the Catholic Church has always declared Herself to be against Free Masonry," but Freemasonry has made no declaration of war against the Catholic Church or any other church. Masons are unceasing in their efforts to carry out the principle of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

THIS MISGUIDED PRIEST wishes his parishioners to be blind to the light of Masonry by appealing to prejudice, saying that "Masonry is established to destroy the Catholic Church." He can not be very strong in his own faith, for by this statement he is admitting, albeit unwittingly, that his Church can be destroyed. But human being that the priest is, we Masons do not wish his perdition and even hope that he will become better informed. When and if that time comes, even he will know that Masonry is positive, not negative, and that its mission is not to destroy, but to build.

THE PRIEST with the accustomed arrogance and dogmatism, so common among men of his kind, proclaims that "Freemasonry like Communism will never prevail." With him, we work and pray that Communism will never prevail. But as to Masonry we humbly say that it is in the world to stay. Freemasonry is an ancient and venerable institution, and history shows that bigotry and intolerance, tyranny and oppression, persecution and war have not succeeded in destroying or weakening it.

FREEMASONRY which has had in its midst men of light and leading, men of various races and nationalities and of all stations and professions, will live! Freemasonry which has been embraced by Washington and fourteen other presidents of the United States; by Rizal, Mabini, Lopez Jaena, Tavera, the Lunas, Palma, and Jose Abad Santos; by wise men and ordinary men — such an institution will prevail for it has a validity all its own. Freemasonry is on the march, in the Philippines and in other lands.

FREEMASONRY builds men and nations. It is founded upon the

granitic rock of truth. It builds in the hearts, minds, and consciences of people and peoples. It will live and thrive as long as free men love freedom more than life itself.

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WHAT MASONRY HAS DONE FOR ME

By SANTIAGO L. BAUTISTA, P.M.

Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & M.

I AM NOW 65 years old. Up to October 14, 1919, when I first saw the Great Lights of Masonry at the age of 30, I was a free thinker unceasingly searching for the Truth. Masonry has since aided me in my continuous and untiring search. I began to wonder and meditate on the beauty of the universe. I began to study and understand the universe as another greater world, a world with numberless stars grouping themselves together into different forms and shapes as its living elements. I began to learn and be conscious that I am a part of that universe. I began to realize that there must be certain secrets by which the stars communicate with one another just as I now can communicate with any of my Brethren. I began to believe that the universe and all things therein contained must have been somehow or other created by a Supreme Being, a Creator who is all wise and powerful. I then began to be less and less a freethinker. I began to be a better man and believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Men.

DURING MY STUDENT days, Geometry to me was nothing but problems and the different solutions thereof but from November 21, 1919, after I was passed to the D. of FC., Masonry has taught me to apply Geometry in solving the various problems presented and found in the universe. Masonry has taught me to apply Geometry as well as the other six liberal arts and sciences enumerated and explained in the 2nd S. of the FC. D., in solving any problem in my actual life. Masonry has taught me to be exact just as Geometry is, as well as to be faithful and courageous.

UP TO NOVEMBER 26, 1919, I did not realize that there could be a future life or life beyond, but Masonry has since demonstrated and emphasized that fact to me when I was raised from the "dead horizontal to the living perpendicular" in representing our GMHA when he was raised from the grave and to whose memory "was erected a marble monument, consisting of a beautiful column broken," etc. The "column broken," my Brethren, to me symbolizes my missions as a Mason.

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AS A MASON, my missions are immense and noble and infinite. They embrace and embody all the tenets of Freemasonry and every virtue conceivable in the world. I am uncompromisingly called upon to remove and extricate from the minds of the people, ignorance and superstition. I am called upon to cherish and promote harmony, peace and sympathy. I am called upon to foster and practice Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I am called upon to maintain and support Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. My conclusive execution of any of these undertakings, however, should not yield untold suffering, unparalleled misery or wanton destruction, but my final achievement, if any, must explicitly lead and redound to unlimited progress, to highest civilization, to ultimate perfection of mankind thereby lengthening as high as possible my "broken column" which shall serve as the symbol of my service and sacrifice, as the living memory of my unselfish devotion, as the worthy monument erected to my honor and dedicated to my name.

THESE, MY BRETHREN, are only a few of what Masonry has done for me just as I am sure they have undoubtedly done for each and every one of you, and as a guide for my Masonic life and character. I have, as an ever-present reminder, the application of any of the following maxims:

1. What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.
2. The essence of life is the performance of benevolence.
3. The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.
4. When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.
5. A men's worth is counted in the things he creates for the betterment of his fellowmen.
6. To have a good friend is one of the highest delights of life; to be a good friend is one of the noblest and most difficult undertakings.
7. What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to Him.

RESUME OF THE 1955 MASONIC WEEK IN WASHINGTON, D.C.,
(Feb. 21st to 24th, inclusive) GIVEN BY M. W. BRO. CENON
S. CERVANTES, P.G.M., Philippines.

Feb. 20th —

Left N.Y. by train in company with R. W. Bro. Alfred S. Lee, Past Grand Secretary of the G. L. of China. It was a very happy coincidence that M. W. Bro. Ward B. Aubury, P.G.M. and R. W. Bro. Carman, Grand Secretary both of the Grand Lodge of New York, were in the same car with us.

Stayed at the Statler Hotel where practically all of the delegates were quartered.

Feb. 21st —

Breakfast given by the Grand Master of Wisconsin and his delegation on which occasion brethren from abroad were invited. I translated the speech of the Grand Master of Chile into English since it was delivered in Spanish.

This year the 36th Annual meeting of the Masonic Service Assn. took place ahead of the others. M. W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy and I represented the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. I was chosen as a member of the Relief Committee, headed by M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M. of the G. L. of Missouri.

During luncheon, among other things, we recommended and was voted upon favorably, a donation of \$500.00 to a Hospital at Pusan, Korea, for children. Bro. Eichorn had made a favorable statement on the project as found in a leaflet describing the undertaking.

Feb. 22nd —

The George Washington Masonic National Association's meeting was held at the Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. Brethren coming from distant lands were duly introduced to the Assembly, one by one. Upon my suggestion, R. W. Bro. Alfred S. Lee, P. G. Secretary of the G. L. of China, presented the Nationalist Flag of China to the Association. His speech of presentation was well received. At noon luncheon was served at the Memorial.

The mural painting at the Memorial done by Bro. Allyn Cox, showing Geo. Washington laying the cornerstone of

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the White House is a must for Masons and non-Masons alike visiting the Memorial.

In the afternoon tea and reception were held at the Statler.

Feb. 23rd —

Breakfast was given by M. W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow, P.G.M. of Missouri, which is a yearly affair and to which I was invited.

At 9:30 a.m. the GRAND MASTERS CONFERENCE opened. I was privileged to address the Assembly during the opening session that morning. This was before any item in the "AGENDA" was taken up.

I touched on Gen. Aguinaldo, the constitution of the District G. L. of Japan and the approval of translating our rituals into the Japanese language.

I emphasized that in our Grand Jurisdiction, we do not restrain the growth of the Fraternity by limitation but sustain its growth through stimulation. I ended my speech by conveying the greetings of the brethren of our Jurisdiction.

At noon a group picture was taken arranged in alphabetical order according to the first letter of the country being represented by the delegate.

That evening the traditional formal banquet was held in the Presidential ballroom of the Statler Hotel. I was greatly honored to have been given a seat at the Head or Presidential Table. The guest speaker was Bro. George E. Bushnell, Justice of the State Supreme Court of Michigan and presently Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite. His address was meaningful indeed and I made it a point to congratulate him at the conclusion of his speech. I have known Bro. Bushnell for sometime now and he is a real Mason thru and thru.

Feb. 24th —

This was the climax. Breakfast was tendered by Bro. Frank S. Land, Founder of the Order of Demolay and presently Imperial Potentate of the Shriners, in honor of Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower. I was honored by Bro. Land with an invitation to this occasion.

Present at the affair were Cabinet members, Supreme Court Justices, headed by Chief Justice Warren, who was referred to by Bro. Land, as "one of our own," leaders of Congress and practically the entire White House Staff.

The Marine Band, known as the President's own, was on hand to play for us. Also present was the choir of Shriners. It was a very colorful event indeed!

Bro. Land presided. There were only two speakers, namely, Defense Secretary Wilson and The President. It was from the lips of Secretary Wilson that we then learned that he, too, was a Mason, for in his preliminary statement, he said, more or less, in this wise:

"Ever since I came to this City (meaning Washington, D. C.) I have learned to be very careful in what I have to say... (laughter)... but among my fellow-brother Masons I can speak freely."

The speech of Pres. Eisenhower is to be found in the attached clipping taken from the issue of the "U. S. News & World Report" magazine of March 18, 1955. Both Secretary Wilson and Pres. Eisenhower spoke extemporaneously but their speeches were thought-provoking.

Another important reason for my trip to Washington, D. C., was to help the Grand Lodge of China secure recognition from other Grand Jurisdictions which have not yet done so. Great headway was made in this respect as a result of contacts with attending Grand Masters at the Conference. We should never forget the fact that we are responsible for the formation of the Grand Lodge of China and a good word from us is to be expected.

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HATOYAMA GETS MASTER MASON DEGREE

*By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
Nippon Times Staff Writer*

PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA yesterday became the first Japanese ever to attain the honor of Master Mason, marking a significant turn in the history of Freemasonry in this country.

THE PRIME Minister received the high degree in a ceremony auspicious in itself, for it was jointly conducted by the District Grand

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Lodge of Japan and the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Five officers of the Philippine lodge made the special trip here, led by Grand Master Werner P. Schetelig.

MESSAGES from among the six million Masons throughout the world came in to congratulate Hatoyama for the distinguished honor. Among them was one from Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who initiated reopening of the international fraternity to Japanese after the war. MacArthur's wire read:

"AS BASIC morality is the foundation of Freemasonry it is a source of deep satisfaction to me to see its progress in Japan. No more reassuring indication of its growing strength could be evidenced than the conferring of its third degree upon the Prime Minister. Please extend my felicitations to him on this significant occasion not only personally but as the political representative of the great Japanese race."

Ex-President of the United States Harry S. Truman also sent congratulations. There were messages from Thomas J. Harkins Freemasonry's Grand Commander, George E. Bushnell, Associate Justice

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THE PRIME Minister's attainment of the high degree brings Freemasonry in Japan to its highest point, following a rapid growth since its reintroduction after the war. It also recalls, in the way of contrast, the unhappy history of the fraternity here in prewar and wartime years.

LOCAL ATTACKS upon Freemasonry go back as far as 1921, when Jiro Imai, on the faculty of Tokyo Imperial University, warned against this "dangerous and subversive secret society." Imai wrote under the aegis of Senryukai, a nationalistic organization.

However, it wasn't until Japan allied herself with Hitler's Germany that pressure against the Masons became really strong. Japan was then flooded with translated propaganda from the Third Reich. During the war a Tokyo department store exhibited Masonic equipment and documents allegedly proving the "fearful secrets" of the order.

IN THE anti-Masonic campaign, apparently it was forgotten that American and European Masonic groups had contributed generously to

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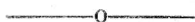
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relief here after the great Tokyo-Yokohama earthquake of 1923. Also the fact that many Japanese blind had regained their sight and polio victims made to walk again through Masonic welfare programs.

TO PROVE that there yet existed some true knowledge of Freemasonry's purposes, however, a well-known scholar, Dr. Sakuzo Yoshino, courageously published his "Study of Freemasonry."

YOSHINO wrote: "Freemasonry is the foundation for world peace and brotherhood... The contention of this great fraternity is not only the basic idea of world peace but to awaken the international conscience of mankind." He added sadly, "However, mankind has a long way to go to achieve this real purpose."

PRIME MINISTER Hatoyama is known to be an ardent subscriber to the principles of Freemasonry. When he made his come-back into political life, he never failed to mention in every speech his proposal for a "Yuai" movement. That is, a movement for brotherly love, the cardinal principle of Freemasonry. — (*Nippon Times*, March 27, 1955)



MASONRY, AN INSTITUTION OF SACRIFICIAL SERVICE

By Wor. Bro. FELIX Z. LEDDA, P.M.

Dapitan Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M.

(Speech delivered at the Stated Meeting of the Lodge, April 18, 1955)

Worshipful Master, Officers of
Dapitan Lodge No. 21, Members
and Distinguished Visitors:

BEFORE PROCEEDING on this heavy task assigned to me tonight, I first beg from our beloved Worshipful Master and all my brothers here present, to forgive me for my absences in our monthly meetings and deliberations, and

such other duties which I would have been bound to perform. Frankly, my brethren, I am immensely grieved due to this neglect, tho I know, it has been caused beyond my control. Knowing however, how benevolent and generous our Worshipful Master, Brother Lucero, and my good-natured brethren here this memorable evening, I feel deeply moved, grateful and happy for their shown rejoicings and approval. Indeed, I am thankful to my beloved, understanding and broadminded brethren, worthy members of the Craft.

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BRETHREN: — It is a distinct honor and great privilege to be called upon to speak before an audience such as this. This meeting is a source of incalculable joy and a wealthy experience for me, because we are here again with renewed embraces of fraternal love and affection. It is incumbent upon all of us members of the Fraternity to be active and alert in our obligations to our Lodges, tho transient and unable to attend regular meetings, to carry with us always the spirit of Freemasonry, practice and work in the interest of our own Lodges in particular and the Grand Lodge in general. It is likewise our sworn duty to uphold and enlighten the people, of the tenets and teachings of Masonry in order to achieve the real greatness of our country.

LET US NOT THEREFORE overlook the fact that Masons all over the world diversify their activities, socially, morally, political-

ly and economically, serving and cooperating with everyone regardless of religious inclinations. They determine, to a very great extent, the basic knowledge and factors to suit the general pattern of a democratic life. In the Philippines, they too are very much concerned in the development of the economic structure of the land. No doubt, the Filipino Masons play very important roles in the solution of these vital needs and that the destiny of the country will largely depend upon their sons and daughters who indispensably possess certain specialization and training. More than ever, we should be aware of these prerogatives of all the masons of the land, we should exert every effort towards the realization of the cultural, industrial, peace and amelioration program of their respective communities, or any other progressive program of the state all over.

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Grand Lodge will hold its Thirty-Ninth Annual Communication. To this convention will come brethren from all over the Philippines, Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Korea. In point of area, our Grand Lodge is the largest in the world. As Masters of Dapitan Lodge and of the Blue Lodges in the Philippines, it is our rare privilege and serious duty to pool our resources and do our bit — no matter how humble — to help insure the success of the next Communication. Let us always bear in mind that Masonry is work, hard work and more work.

This is the challenge before us; if we fail to heed it, Masonry's progress will be stalled; if we accept such challenge we will succeed.

ANIMATED BY THE SPIRIT of service for the common good, let us determine now more than ever, to practice within the Lodge and outside of it, yes throughout the Nation, the teachings of our Venerable Institution which, in essence is the Democratic Way of Life.

Thank you.

“WALANA” LODGE No. 13, F. & A. M.

By GREGORIO A. VICENTE, P. M.

(Speech delivered at the Installation of Officers, Jan. 19, 1955.)

IT IS with distinct privilege and unusual pleasure that I accept this task of presenting the Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Cirilo S. Honorio, Outgoing Master of WALANA Lodge No. 13. To those who thought of me to discharge this duty I am humbly grateful.

BUT BEFORE performing this task, for the benefit of the new members of this lodge, I would like to avail of this opportunity to say briefly why this lodge is named W A L A N A.

ON JULY 7, 1892, at the request of several brethren, the Grande Oriente Español granted a Charter to establish and install amidst all the difficulties, assisted by illustrious masons, a Lodge which would be called Logia Walana No. 158, with the end in view of the spreading throughout the Archipelago the sacred principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

(To be continued)

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Greeting:

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge will open on April 26, 1955 at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

It is pleasing to announce that ROSARIO VILLARUEL CHAPTER No. 2, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, will celebrate a Fellowship Night on the eve of the Annual Communication (April 25, 1955 at 8:00 o'clock) in honor of all delegates who are members of the Order. Therefore, to this gathering all members of the Order of the Eastern Star are cordially and fraternally invited to attend as guests. Also, there will be a special conferral upon all candidates favorably voted upon in the said Chapter.

By order,

(Sgd.) PILAR B. GONZALEZ

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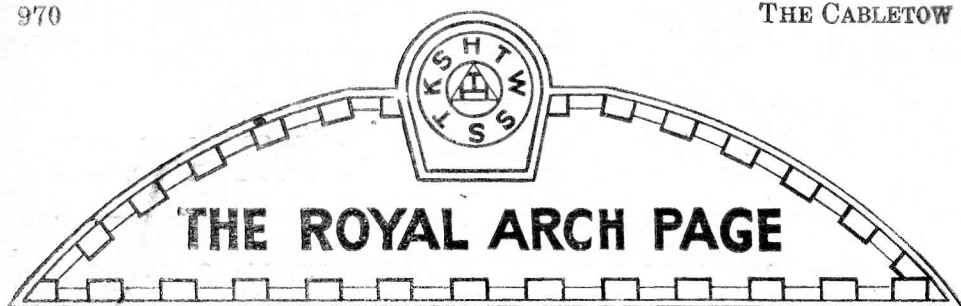
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NOTICE TO ALL SECRETARIES OF RA CHAPTERS

4 April 1955

Dear Companion Secretary;

Our Grand Annual Convocation will take place on April 29, 1955 at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

On checking available reports on hand, your Annual Returns are not yet in. Kindly rush them that we may be able to receive them not later than the 15th of this month. On your reports will be based the progress of the Capitular Rite here.

Thanking you for your prompt attention, I am

Fraternally yours,

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, PGHP
Grand Secretary

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ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

6 April 1955

TO ALL HIGH PRIESTS,
INCUMBENT AND PAST,
OF ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Greeting:

It is fraternally announced that the Order of High Priesthood will conduct solemn ceremonies of anointment and consecration during the Annual Convocation on April 29, 1955. It is therefore urged that all High Priests, incumbent and past who are not as yet invested should send in their applications together with the necessary fee of ₱100.00 to either the President or the Recorder.

It is needless to discuss the importance of these ceremonies, suffice it to say, that they complete the solemn investiture of a High Priest.

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, PGHP
President

Attest:

JOSE E. RACELA
Recorder

From Other Grand Jurisdictions

OUR NEED FOR UNITY

By J. EDGAR HOOVER

Few Americans, if any, are more fully informed than Brother Hoover concerning those forces which threaten the security of our nation and the peace-loving peoples of our world. When he speaks, free men—everywhere—should listen!

The following message was written for "The National Observer" and it tells of our great need in a style which goes directly to the point. Brother Hoover (appropriately) is a member of Justice Lodge No. 46, F.A.A.M., of Washington, D. C.

HISTORY REVEALS that attacks have been made from time to time on the liberty and freedom of man. Their purpose has been to enslave his actions and to capture the driving forces of his energies and intellect. These onslaughts have been rebuffed by him, but often with costly losses in art, literature, science, and in many instances his own lifeblood.

The ruins of the Hitlerian National Socialist movement expose the insidious fallacy of a doctrine which would sacrifice the individual to a totalitarian-state concept. But in its growing era, the movement sought strength through denial of the expression by man of his intellect and his freedom of thought. Its core was the "Party." It denied membership in the "Par-

ty" to religious and fraternal groups.

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Both religion and the right to free gatherings are foreign to the totalitarian practice of directing thought, of controlling action, of owning men as one would own the component units of a machine.

Another such movement is now abroad among us. The same elements of the totalitarian state are present. The same arguments are made that we should give up the hardships of free pursuit; that we should recognize that freedom is a burden; that religion is an opiate; and that our salvation lies in denying the immortality of man.

Communism is working among us. Like Nazi socialism, it calls principally to our youth in order to control tomorrow. Its method is to destroy the spiritual and ethical values we strive to nurture in our children. Its plan is to erase religion. Communists teach that Marxism-Leninism and religion are irreconcilable. They teach that the struggle must be stubborn and persistent; that religion is the most tenacious survival of the past. They teach that our ethics and morals, based upon God's Command-2—Our Need For Unity—Mangali
ments, are a deception. They preach a morality subordinated to the "class struggle," and adapt their morality to what they consider the changing dictates of their "party line." They deify a leader

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and they would substitute his worship. They would destroy the virtues of tolerance, of respect, of Brotherhood, of liberty, and all the values which are the foundation of our nation and the source of morality and free will wherever they still exist in the world.

We are face to face with the gravity of this problem. A concerted will to resist the inroads of Communism is necessary. There is a task for each of us. If one of us shirks, there will be a corresponding gap in our lines. The values of our free world are still in our hands. Their preservation may occur in our lifetime. So that we may be strong in their defense, we must be strong in the practice of the values themselves. Then, with God's help, we will prevail.

—*The Indiana Freemason*
January, 1955

A VATICAN ENVOY

THE *SENTINEL* of Toronto, for October 21, 1954, in referring to the reasons why the Dominion of Canada should refuse to appoint an ambassador or minister to the Vatican, very ably discusses the issues involved from the viewpoint of history. The statement of its

editor would apply with equal force to a similar appointment by the President of the United States.

HE SAYS: "It can be stated without fear of intelligent contradiction that, though the pope's realm may be divided into the Vatican State and the Vatican See, the former is, for practical purposes, a nonentity, and that any state which appoints an envoy to the Vatican is not sending a representative to a political entity, the Vatican State, but to the Vatican See, the absolute and totalitarian hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church. At the present time, every one of the forty or fifty envoys is sent to the Vatican See and not one to the Vatican State. When President Truman attempted to make an appointment to the Vatican State rather than the Vatican See, the gesture was received with coldness by the Vatican and criticized severely by Roman Catholic journals."

THE EDITOR then calls attention to the fact that the Vatican would, in exchange, send a nuncio who, according to the Catholic Encyclopedia, would be vested with both political and ecclesiastical powers and given "the duty of safeguarding the interests of the Holy See." He thus represents not the Vatican State, but the Vatican See—the Roman Catholic Church. He would also take precedence over all the diplomatic representatives of other states.

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The Sentinel then says: "It is in reality a 'work of supererogation' to try to prove that the papacy represents the Roman Catholic Church or Papal See rather than a state. It is a truism to say that 'the pope derives his influence not from his status as a sovereign of the Vatican State, but from his status as head of the Roman Catholic Church. It is impossible to distinguish between Pacelli the prelate, and Pacelli, the politician. To deal with one is, in fact, to deal with the other. The Roman Catholic Church insists on being both a church and a state'."

AT THE PRESENT TIME the issue of the appointment of either an ambassador or a "personal representative" to the Vatican is not an active one. It would be well to remember, however, that it never dies and will, unquestionably, be raised periodically when opportunity or expedient. Usually, the appropriate time is just before a national election.

IT SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT in mind that the status of the Vatican as a good listening post is extremely debatable. If Myron Taylor was able to obtain audience with the pope only thirteen times during his tenure, he could have obtained little information that was of value to the United States. Furthermore, it has been claimed, and not officially denied, that after Pearl Harbor both Hitler and Mussolini, with

whom the Vatican had concordats were given through Vatican sources much highly confidential information regarding allied war strategy that they could not have received through any other channel.

NEVER IN HISTORY has the Vatican served the cause of human liberty unless it was to the advantage of the hierarchy. If we value our freedoms, we would do well to object vigorously every time this question of an envoy to the Vatican is raised.—N. S. M.

—*The New Age*, January, 1955.

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CAN A DEVOUT CATHOLIC BE A LOYAL AMERICAN?

EMMET McLOUGHLIN

[EDITORIAL NOTE:—For fourteen years Emmet McLoughlin was a Roman Catholic priest in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1948, he left the church and is now superintendent of the Memorial Hospital in that city. He is the author of *People's Padre*, recently published. This article is reprinted by permission from *The Converted Catholic*, December, 1954.]

ONE of the questions I am most frequently asked in almost every group before which I appear is: "In the event of conflict between Catholicism and Americanism, what percentage of Catholics would desert the Vatican to stick by their country?"

My answer always is that only

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about one-fourth of so-called Catholics are "good" Catholics. By "good" Catholics I mean those who attend mass regularly, observe Lent, abstain from birth control and, in general, pay attention to their bishops and priests. So three-fourths of all "claimed" Catholics think more of their flag than of the Vatican.

The general run of the devout Catholics believe that there is not and cannot be any conflict between Americanism and Catholicism.

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They don't know that Pope Pius IX condemned Americanism.

They don't know that Pope Pius IX condemned the American principle that the right to govern arises from the "consent of the governed."

They don't know that the Catholic Church has repeatedly condemned the American doctrine of freedom of thought and freedom of religion.

They don't know that the Catholic Church has repeatedly condemned the American public school system and teaches that she alone has the right to control education.

I tell my audiences that the Catholic clergy and hierarchy deliberately conceal Catholic teachings from their people. I tell them also that those people would leave that church if they realized that Catholicism would destroy Americanism if it could. I tell them that an intelligent, loyal American cannot be a sincere, devout Catholic. The two concepts are contradictory. Can anyone prove me wrong?

—The New Age, Feb., 1955

Grand Master's Easter Message

(Continued from front inside cover page)

duct right or wrong. Masonry advocates this greatest freedom of man, which is man's greatest responsibility. We may temporarily try to muffle our conscience and find excuses for acting against our better knowledge and against our better ego, but the day and the hour of a rough awakening will come. To that day or to that hour, God in His great wisdom and unending patience may leave man free to do right or wrong by himself.

OUR MASONIC KNOWLEDGE of this greatest freedom leads us to respect our neighbor as an equal before God and to practice that brotherhood, which does not recognize social position or wealth as a reason for any distinction, but values the goodness of heart, the love of virtue and the purity of intentions of a man. This knowledge enables us to practise that true brotherhood, which the greatest of all men, Jesus Christ has preached to this world in the name of God, our Father. The world of His time understood Him not and put Him to death. But from death He resurrected to greater spiritual glory.

WE HEAR HIS MESSAGE year by year, when we attend Easter services. As Masons we try to practise his teachings of brotherhood, but an inner resurrection on our part year by year when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, should be our response.

This is my belated Easter Message to the brethren and my parting thought to the Fraternity!



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