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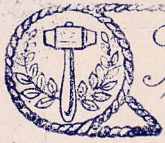


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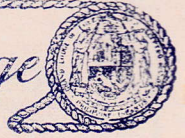
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The Grand Master's Message



Duty is with us Always . . .

WHEN WE TOOK our first steps in Masonry, we were asked: What came you here to do? And we answered: To improve myself in Masonry. That was the great day and hour, when we entered upon our Masonic duties.

THESE MASONIC DUTIES were self-assumed, of our own free will and accord. They are so different from our vocational duties, the hard task master, which regulates every hour of our profession and demands efficiency, alertness, skill, accuracy depending on our vocation and they are not by nature immediately educative and character forming. We have to fulfill them if we want to hold our job. Yet, some men get away with a bare minimum of fulfillment. Others put their heart into them with the hope of deserved advancement. Sound ambition is a great human quality and accounts for all progress in all fields of life and with ingenuity added, is responsible for all great inventions.

WHEN WE COMMENCED our Masonic way of life and learned our grand moral duties, we were carried by great zeal and deep devotion. The date far being passed could not be set early enough. And what an unforgettable moment it was, when we heard from our Master the congratulations for being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and in our response we assured him, that by our actions, we would prove to him and the brethren that we had become better men.

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Editorial:

General Emilio Aguinaldo, Mason

SATURDAY, January 1, 1955, was a great day for Freemasonry! For Masons whithersoever dispersed — a new page of their volume on "Freemasonry As A Way Of Life;" for Ibarra Lodge No. 31, F. & A. M. under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines — a special program on the occasion of the private installation ceremonies of its officers; and in celebration that Brother Emilio Aguinaldo sixty years ago on January 1, 1895, had knelt before the altar of Freemasonry for the first time. Today he knelt before the altar again and took the vows — re-dedicating himself at a time when he was 85 years old to his beloved Fraternity.

AND EQUALLY MEMORABLE was the setting of this act of re-dedication — at Ibarra Temple in the town of Kawit, province of Cavite; Kawit the very town where the General was born on March 20, 1869 and where Philippine independence was first declared with Brother Aguinaldo as President on June 12, 1898.

IN THE PRESENCE of Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines headed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Past Grand Masters and brethren from various parts of the country, far and near, Brother Aguinaldo once more dedicated himself before the altar of Freemasonry; there he knelt in a spirit of humility, reaffirming his faith in the validity of Masonic principles and demonstrating to his brethren and the world at large that our Venerable Institution requires of its votaries, regardless of their stations in and outside the Lodge, to live and lead a life of selflessness, service, and sacrifice.

AND WHEN NEXT he was requested to speak, Brother Aguinaldo was for a while speechless. As he stood in the East by the side of the Filipino Flag, the design of which he himself inspired, he was motionless; the recollection of the past — hectic and colorful — covering a period of four score and more years and wherein he was a leading participant, must have come to him thick and fast and like a rosary of events, he remembered what he forgot; still a hush and then in a slow but firm voice he proceeded to address his brethren in convention assembled. "My brethren," he began, "for the opportunity and privilege to be one among you this day, I thank you from the bottom of

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my heart." "You who are witnesses to my re-dedication, have given me cheer and courage to continue the great work which those who have gone ahead of us, have so nobly begun. Wherever I have been, my heart and soul were and still are with the Order; for frankly, through its teachings and under its influence, I as a Filipino, have in some measure, helped strengthen the frontiers of Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity in our land. And now I am resolved more than ever to join forces with you as it were in defending Masonic ideals and in fighting those who would undermine the very foundations of Freemasonry itself," the General emphasized.

BROTHER AGUINALDO then recounted — as he did in previous Masonic gatherings — his associations and experiences with Masons, thus:

"I HAVE FREQUENTLY wondered why so many of my associates were Freemasons during those days in which we fought for the independence of the Philippines during the last decades of Spanish sovereignty, and I always reached the same conclusion as our Bro. George Washington probably did during the Revolutionary War in America; all these men, at the time of being initiated in Masonry, had been submitted to a minute investigation, and their obligations, taken before the altar of Freemasonry, were a guarantee of the trust to be put in them. It was very seldom in those days that our judgment as to the mettle of those men was wrong. The list of honor of our leaders at that time of relentless struggle is equivalent to a list of the prominent Brethren in Freemasonry. They were Filipinos of whom even then we were already proud, and who became immortals. There is not a child in our schools who does not feel elated on hearing the names of those patriot Masons—Brothers Rizal, Del Pilar, Lopez Jaena, Mabini, Bonifacio, Candido Tirona, the Thirteen Martyrs of Cavite, and many others who offered their lives for the independence of their country.

"ONE OF THE HAPPIEST DAYS that comes to my memory is that on which the M. W. Bro. Manuel L. Quezon, Grand Master at that time, paid an official visit to Lodge Magdalo (now known as Ibarra) No. 31, at Kawit, Cavite, the meeting being held at my house.

"THE FIRST DEGREE of Masonry was conferred in the Spanish language upon Monsignor Gregorio Aglipay y Labayan, Titular Head of the Philippine Independent Catholic Church. After being initiated, Bro. Aglipay delivered a memorable speech, establishing a comparison between the principles of Masonry and those of the Divine Master to whose services he was consecrated. He said that these principles were

not at all antagonistic, as he had been falsely taught and that, even more, both had the same aim and tendency, that of enlightening and elevating humanity.

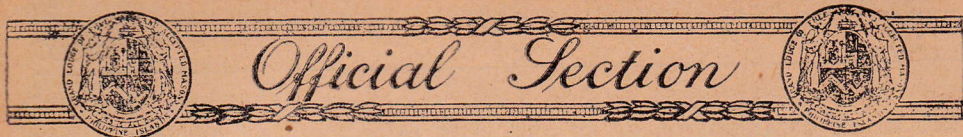
"IT WAS A MOST IMPRESSING MOMENT, never to be erased from the memory of those who were present, when the venerable patriarch, educated in the bosom of the Church of Rome, stood there for the first time in a lodge of Masons of different races and nationalities, praising the principles and teachings of the Order and showing to everybody that it was nothing strange to see him there among Masons, accepting their Rites, for he recognized that Masonry and religion had the same purpose in their endeavors.

"ON January 1, 1895, I can say that I had the honor of first holding the cane of authority as Capitan Municipal of my town, as a symbol of civil authority. At that same time I received the Masonic Light, which showed me from the very first moment the path of patriotism. On the morning of that memorable day I took charge of the Office of Capitan Municipal of my town, Cavite Viejo, in the presence of the civil authorities and the parish priest, the Rev. Fr. Fidel de Blas, who became the Provincial of the Recoletos in the Philippines. Toward midnight of the same day, in an isolated house in Imus, quietly and in the utmost secrecy, I was initiated into the First Degree of Masonry by Worshipful Master Juan Castañeda of the Logia Pilar of the Gran Oriente Español, having adopted the symbolic name of 'Colon.' I was later advanced to the Second Degree and exalted to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. After that I became engaged in bringing to Masonry many prominent friends of mine in my town, who later on collaborated with me in the great and patriotic task of liberating our country from tyranny and slavery.

"IT CANNOT BE DENIED that the Filipino revolution against Spain was the work and glory of Freemasonry in the Philippines."

AS FREEMASONRY had a great share in contributing to the success of the Filipino Revolution against Spain, so has it been instrumental in working for the grant of Philippine independence by the United States; in the former case, the Masons fought in the field of battle and in the latter, the brethren labored in the domain of peace. In any event, the goal was one and the same: the freedom and sovereignty of the Filipino people.

BRETHREN VISITING Ibarra Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M. are re-



CIRCULAR No. 14

Series of 1955 — Schetelig

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

Re. Programs for Grand Lodge Visitations, etc.

Greeting:

A certain confusion prevails in this Jurisdiction as to the drafting of proper programs for Grand Lodge visitations or affairs attended by Grand Lodge officers on behalf of the Grand Master.

On several occasions I saw fit to change printed programs submitted to me on my arrival. On other occasions I found my name printed in programs as being present on the occasion of the installation of officers without having been consulted or invited, which is disrespect to the dignity of the position of every Grand Master. On one occasion during my incumbency as Grand Lodge officer, a Lodge had invited a guest of honor and scheduled at the same time a visitation of the Grand Master as per program. Needless to say that the then Grand Master did not attend because the Grand Master is at any of his visitations the highest authority and therefore automatically the guest of honor, not to be shared by anybody else; unless the Grand Master invites a person as such guest of honor.

On many occasions Grand Lodge officers being members of the party of the visiting Grand Master are referred to as guest speakers. They are no guests, they are as much at home in every Lodge as the Grand Master is by constitutional right as members of his party.

The most frequent error is made in assigning to the Grand Master "closing remarks," which in common parlance means a few words to bring an affair to an end. It is more appropriate to call it address or message.

Occasionally the Grand Master is not given an opportunity to deliver his message after he has previously performed some ritualistic work like that of an installing officer, which may be well meant with a view to the load of work resting upon every Grand Master, but definitely deprives him of his desire to address his brethren or the public.

In all programs covering tyled or public meetings the Grand Master is the last speaker and after his address or message there should be no more speeches but the closing of the Lodge or meeting.

Manila, Philippines, January 20, 1955.

ATTEST:

(Sgd.) WARNER P. SCHEDELIG
Grand Master

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

MASONIC HOSPITAL FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

NOTICE:

The Brethren who have subscribed Regular and Sustaining Membership into the Masonic Hospital are hereby reminded to pay their corresponding annual fees and dues.

1—Sustaining Member P100.00 Annually

2—Regular Member 2.00 Annually

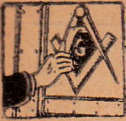
A Life Membership may be purchased for P500.00 and a certificate of Life Membership issued upon payment for same.

Payment may be made either to Senior Grand Warden, Rt. Wor. Bro. C. F. Carlson, Treasurer of Masonic Hospital or to Bro. Alfredo J. Pascual, Secretary. Thank you.

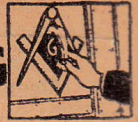
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By:

ALFREDO J. PASCUAL
Secretary



WHAT OUR LODGES ARE DOING



Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26

Sta. Cruz, Laguna

THE MASONIC TEMPLE at Sta. Cruz, Laguna was the scene of the public installation of this Lodge on January 7, 1955 with M. W. Bro. A. Gonzalez and Wor. Bro. Simon Magpantay as installing officer and master of ceremonies respectively. The flag ceremony was accompanied by mass singing of "Ang Pambansang Awit" led by Bro. J. A. Montenegro. Master-elect Isodoro Corpus pledged more activity of the Lodge. Wor. Bro. Democrito Santos, outgoing master was presented with a past master's jewel by Wor. Bro. Rustico de los Reyes. Rt. Wor. Bro. Clinton Carlson, Senior Grand Warden expressed the hope that Pinagsabitan Lodge would keep up its good work and cooperate with the Grand Lodge. Past Masters of this Lodge include Wor. Bro. Pedro Guevara (deceased) who helped in obtaining independence for the Philippines and M. W. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Cabanatúan Lodge No. 53

Cabanatuan City

ON JANUARY 8, 1955 at the Masonic Temple, Cabanatuan City, a public installation of the officers of the Lodge during the ensuing Masonic year was held with Rt. Wor. Bro. Vicente Orosa and Wor. Bro. Jose V. Buenaventura as installing officer and master of ceremonies respectively. The program consisting of 7 numbers was one of the shortest ever held by the Lodge. Master-elect Ambrosio A. Grospe expressed thanks for the efforts exerted by members and friends in connection with the affair and promised to do his best during his administration. Wor. Bro. Jose N. Carlos was presented with the past master's jewel by Rt. Wor. Bro. Orosa. Musical numbers were contributed by Mr. Oscar Ventanilla, Misses Amelita Maglaya and Belen Grospe.

Mayon Lodge No. 61

Legaspi, Albay

WITH RT. WOR. BRO. Vicente Orosa and Wor. Bro. Emilio Buenaventura as installing officer and master of ceremonies respectively,

the officers of this Lodge for 1955 were duly installed (publicly) at the roof garden of Eden Building, Legaspi on January 7, 1955. Speeches on harmony and charity were delivered by Wor. Bro. Damaceno J. Ago, out-going Master, Wor. Bros. E. Hipolito, Mariano M. Ilano and Pedro E. Dy-Liaco. Rt. Wor. Bro. Orosa congratulated the officers and explained the

teachings of Masonry to his hearers. Musical features included special numbers by the Orchestra, Miss Angelita Ago, and Mr. Alfredo Real Opus (Arthur Godfrey of the Philippines).

Transportation for visitors were furnished free by the Lodge as an Alatco Bus was used for conveying passengers.

Baguio Lodge No. 67

THIS LODGE took advantage of the official visitation of the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Clinton F. Carlson, P.M. on January 8, 1955 to have him install its elected and appointed officers for the year 1955. These officers are:

1955

- Worshipful Master*... Eugene J. Kneebone
- Senior Warden*.....Protacio Ritumalta
- Junior Warden*.....E. G. F. Nordstrom
- Secretary*...Stanley J. Willimont (P.M.)
- Treasurer*..... Anandram Dargani
- Chaplain*..... Amadeo Q. Zarza
- Marshall*.....Tomas Galgala (P.M.)
- Senior Deacon*..... Esteban Bangaan
- Junior Deacon*.....Jack E. Gesner
- Senior Steward* Jose D. Mandoriao
(P.M.)
- Junior Steward*.....James B. Wesson
- Tyler*.....Felino Ne. Babia
- Auditor*.....Bartolome G. Pañgilinan

THE CEREMONIES, which included addresses by Brother Carlson, outgoing Master Tomas Galgala, and the incoming Master Gene Kneebone, were held in the lodge rooms at Snider Hall, Camp John Hay. Afterwards a banquet was enjoyed at the Pines Hotel where wives of Masons were present.

ITS SPIRIT fanned by the persecution and purging of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, Baguio Lodge has had a successful year with as many new members as it could handle, work being held each Tuesday evening. And the work is continuing unabated.

THE LODGE looks forward to having its own temple in the near future.

"High-Twelve" Lodge No. 82

Manila

JOSE ABAD SANTOS HALL at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila wa the scene of one of the

best attended public installations of officers of a constituent Lodge when on January 8, 1955 this

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Lodge held its installation. Following the reception of Rt. Wor. Bro. Luther B. Bewley, Grand Lodge Inspector of the Lodge, a colorful flag ceremony was held and then the welcoming address of the outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Alfonso Navales. The installation ceremonies were very impressive with Past Masters of the Lodge taking part. Most Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, past master of the Lodge and Past Grand Master acted as installing officer while Wor. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, P.M., Senior Grand Lecturer, was master of ceremonies. M. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, P.G.M., gave the congratulations to the officers and members of the Lodge. W. Bro. Domingo del Callar, master-elect explained the mission of Masonry and appealed for tolerance and understanding. Wor. Bro. Domingo C. Bascara, P.M. and Senior Grand Deacon presented the past master's jewel to W. Bro. Navales. Most Wor. Bro. Sydney M. Austin, P.G.M. was recipient of a certificate of Honorary Membership which was presented by Rt. Wor. Bro. Bewley on behalf of the Lodge. The recipient who recently returned from an extended trip abroad expressed thanks for the honor conferred upon him and promised to continue serving our

Grand Lodge. Most Wor. Bro. Baradi spoke at length on the contributions of Masonry to the free world. "Why criticize and hate Masons when right here in the Philippines, our leading national heroes and patriots were all Masons? When Filipinos like del Pilar, Rizal, Bonifacio and Mabini now deceased and General Emilio Aguinaldo who is still very much alive—all of them have taken their solemn obligation as Masons before the altar of Masonry?—the speaker asked. "To malign the Masons in our country is to desecrate the memory of our national heroes who were votaries of Freemasonry," he continued. "The men who have guided and are still guiding the affairs of America were and are Masons including Presidents of the United States, members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court headed by Most Wor. Bro. Justice Warren, Chief Justice and others" he continued. "Kings of the British Empire and outstanding English leaders have pledged themselves to practice the tenets of Freemasonry and England is one of the greatest nations today," he further stated. "The free world today owes in some measure its progress and existence for the heroic sacrifices of Masons," he concluded.

Keystone Lodge No. 109

Manila

THIS LODGE held its public installation of officers for 1955 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple on January 6, 1955 with M. W. Bro.

Antonio Gonzalez and Rt. W. Bro. Clinton F. Carlson as Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies respectively. The Master-elect Wor. Bro. Buenaventura Raymundo pledged to keep good attendance at stated meetings. The outgoing Master, Wor. Bro. Leonardo C. Galima was presented with the past master's jewel and diploma by Wor. Bro. Donald A. Thurnau, Grand Lodge Inspector. The Master-elect of Bagumbayan Lodge

No. 4, Wor. Bro. E. C. Sobrepeña, guest speaker emphasized the need of vigilance but at the same time tolerance among the brethren. Rt. Wor. Bro. Carlson called attention of the brethren to the pressing problems confronting Masons today and expressed the hope the same could be solved satisfactorily. Misses Mila Caoibis, Timotea S. Ruiz and Nora Horilleno furnished music for the occasion.

Tokyo Masonic Lodge No. 125

Tokyo, Japan

MASTER'S MESSAGE

AS WE BEGIN TO WRITE another chapter in the history of the Masonic Fraternity in Japan, I am mindful of the unusual accomplishments and attainments of our past Worshipful Master George Morgulis and his consistent and faithful labors during his tenure of office. I must, therefore, express a sincere word of thanks and appreciation on behalf of all the members of Tokyo Masonic Lodge 125. It was during his term that the Japanese ritual was translated; it was during his term that we witnessed the formation of a District Grand Lodge; it was under him that the treasury has been fortified and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Association has been instrumental in accumulating a handsome sum for charity purposes.

TO THE MASTER MASONS who are scattered in all parts of the world I take this opportunity to send you greetings for a happy holiday season and wish to assure you that the new Worshipful Master has the support and cooperation of a fine staff of officers. He looks forward with a great deal of pleasure in serving the lodge to which he has been called.

AS I UNDERTAKE my duties, there is but one request and that is your faithful attendance at all regular lodge meetings to assist in particular either in the rituals, the newly initiated in their proficiency work and their further progress in Masonry. In the future, I shall expect all those who recommend any to our Fraternity to be fully responsible for that brother until he completes his work in the Master Mason's degree. When you recom-

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mend a brother you assume full responsibility.

AGAIN may I say that I covet your fullest cooperation and prayer to enable me to discharge my duties during the year 1955.

KIYOSHI TOGASAKI
Master

PLAQUE UNVEILED

ON THE NIGHT of December 18, 1954 following the ceremony for the installation of new officers, a bronze plaque commemorating the historic event in Masonry in Japan was unveiled at the hands of Bro. S. Maurice Livingston. The plaque reads:

IN THIS BUILDING Tokyo Masonic Temple on the 5th day of October Nineteen Hundred Fifty Four the First Degree of Masonry was conferred for the first time in the Japanese language. In the com-

memoration of which this plaque is dedicated.

Degree Team

- Worshipful Master..... Eun Lee
- Senior Warden..... Katsuo Yamaki
- Junior Warden.... Yoshinari Masuyama
- Treasurer..... Tatsuo Tsuneyoshi
- Secretary..... Jiuji Kasai
- Marshal..... George S. Horiuchi
- Chaplain..... Horiuchi Hama
- Senior Deacon..... Yoshio Yamada
- Junior Deacon..... Masajiro Osada
- Senior Steward..... Noboru Uehara
- Junior Steward.... Michiharu Mishima
- Tyler Goro Murata
- Candidate..... Hisao Yoshii

Translators

- Naotake Sato Goro Murata
- Shotaro Asaji Eun Lee
- Takashi Komatsu Hisao Yoshii
- Tamotsu Murayama Yoshinari Masuyama
- Jun Ninomiya Katsuo Yamaki
- Kiyoshi Togasaki George S. Horiuchi
- Mathado Ueda Yamada
- Masae Kitagawa Hiroaki Hama
- Osamu Takeda Motohiko Tanaka

Basilan Lodge No. 137

Isabela, City of Basilan

IN THE EVENING of December 27, 1954, the public installation of the officers of this Lodge to serve for the ensuing Masonic year was held in the spacious hall of the Isabela Chinese School. It was attended by a big crowd who witnessed the following program:

Part I

INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

Wor. Bro. Artemio Bayas
Master of Ceremonies

Wor. Bro. Emilio Sanson, P.M.
Installing Officer

Part II

1. Selection.....By the Orchestra
2. Address — By Wor. Bro. Emilio Sanson, P.M., Outgoing Master
3. Vocal Solo — By Miss Angelina de Vera
4. Presentation of Past Master's Jewel —By Wor. Bro. Juan S. Alano, KCCH, P.M.
5. Instrumental Trio—By Mrs. Leonora B. Macute — Violin
Mrs. Gloria B. Loon—Saxophone
Mr. Edilberto de la Luna—Trumpet
6. Address — By Wor. Bro. Nicasio Valderrosa, P.M., Incoming Master
7. Selection — By the Orchestra

Dinner and dance followed the above stated program.

Pledge of Service

Acceptance Speech by Wor. Bro. Norris N. Everett,
Master of St. John's Lodge No. 9, F. & A. M.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers of the Grand Lodge, Members of the Grand Lodge, and visiting Brethren:

BROTHERS of St. John's, you have this evening conferred upon me an honor which I consider second only to the White Lamb Skin Apron which you bestowed upon me in 1951, and I accept in all humbleness and with deepest thanks. In assuming the leadership of St. John's for this year, I pledge to you that I will exert my every effort to make it a successful one, and trust that every Brother will do his share and a little more to assist me in making this one that will increase our interests and activities, our knowledge of Freemasonry, and further our association with other lodges.

I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to present to you some of my ideas of concrete steps that we should take. From my own experience, I have found that an aggressive start is all important. The momentum will lead us to further ideas and activities.

FELLOWSHIP is a very important part of Masonry and should be furthered outside of the Lodge as well as within. Last year we held a family picnic early in the year which was most enjoyed. I will ask our Social Committee to make plans for another before the hot season is upon us. Later in the year, we should have another get-

together, and at that time consider working it out with other lodges to further our activities with them. At present, our only scheduled function is a joint meeting with four other lodges for the Grand Master's official visitation.

NONE OF US can consider ourselves sages of Masonry. The sources of information available to us is virtually untouched. Unfortunately most of us lack the time to avail ourselves of them. However, if we divide up the meetings between us, it will be to the benefit of us all. I propose that at each meeting a Brother will deliver a short address on some subject of his own choosing. To start this program off, I will assume the responsibility for the February meeting. However, these addresses will not be in lieu of the Chaplain's message, which we all appreciate and will continue.

LAST YEAR, St. John's presented a Masonic play that was very well received and taught a worthwhile lesson. There are many more of these available. I believe that we should give consideration to giving another, possibly in conjunction with the four other lodges in connection with the Grand Master's official visitation, as was done last year.

A POINT on which the mem-

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bers of St. John's are lax, and I by no means exclude myself, is the visitation of other lodges. We are always very appreciative of having Brothers visit us and welcome them, but it is only right that we reciprocate. It is very easy to be full of good intentions, but somehow time slips by. I have brought up this subject often and must confess that I have failed in fulfilling my part. True, we have an Inter-Lodge Relation committee whose duty in part is to visit other lodges, but this should also be the responsibility of all of us. Therefore, I will ask the Committee to divide up the months so as to assure that each Brother will visit at least two lodges during the year. I will ask them also to work it out with our Secretary to obtain information of activities in other lodges and invitations so as to disseminate it to the Brethren. In the past, it has been the practice to read these at the Stated Meeting by which time most of the functions have passed.

IN CLOSING, I have one more point to bring out and that is the perfection of our ritual work. In

recent months we have been concentrating on it, and thanks to Wor. Bro. Oliveros, who has spent considerable time in assisting us, we have made much improvement. In fact, we are several hundred percent better, but there are still rough edges to remove. Only by conscientious practice will we accomplish this, which is not only very important to leave the right impression upon the candidate, but it reflects also upon our visitors and will induce nonaffiliate members to seek membership with us. In keeping with giving the right impression, I will request the officers to dress in white Barong Tagalog and dark pants for all the meetings and this will also include all Brothers taking an active part in degree teams.

So let us get off to a good start with special activities both within and without the Lodge. I have given you a few of my ideas and hope that you will come up with yours, and I have more in store. It will increase our interest, promote further fellowship, and benefit the Fraternity.

Masonry is a Way of Life *

By FRANCISCO C. TIZON

Outgoing Master

Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110

AS I VACATE the exalted chair of the East, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the wholehearted cooperation extended to

me by the brethren of Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110 and by the so-journers in this valley during my administration.

MASONRY is a way of life, a way that leads us to scale the heights of righteous living, loftier thinking, nobler striving, honest dealing with our fellow-men and holy worshipping of God, the Father. No wonder men of all climes and ages in all walks of life join this vast multitude. Fifty-two of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons; the historic "Boston Tea Party" was an adjourned Masonic Lodge. Eighty-three of the brave men who went down with the "Maine" in Havana harbor were members of the Masonic fraternity. The builders, the heroic martyrs, the dead and living patriots of the Philippines, — our Philip-pines — were and are Freemasons.

WE FIND many outstanding examples of Masonry in action. "A vessel was wrecked on Nantucket Shoals. The ship was fast sinking and appeals for aid were unheeded by the sympathizing spectators. A single individual recognizing from the deck the well-known signal with which Masons signify their distress, launched his boat upon the storm beaten ocean, and at the imminent risk of his own life, dashed thru the breakers and surf to the rescue of his brother. He succeeded. Providence blessed his efforts. One by one

the crew and passengers of the fated vessel were rescued from the engulfing billows.

AN AMERICAN BRIG is cast away upon the inhospitable coast of Arabia. Her captain and crew escaped the perils of the ocean to encounter the more fearful perils of the land. Suddenly in their search for food, they fall upon a caravan of wandering Arabs. With uplifted scimitars, the chief and his followers rush upon them. At this perilous moment the captain gives the Master's signal, the blade falls harmless at his feet, and in the rough embrace of the Bedouin, he recognizes the cordial greeting of a brother.

A STILL MORE VIVID CASE is furnished in the portion of the life of Col. McKinstry, which gives an account of his rescue from the horrible death of burning at the stake by Brant, the great captain of the Six Nations. He was already bound. The faggots had been placed in order around him. The kindling of the flames was only delayed until the tormentors could prepare some pitch pine pegs to pierce the flesh of their victim. At this moment Brant arrived. He heard the utterance of that low wail of agony, which Masons employ when other means are unavailing, recognized it, hastened to the rescue of his brother, cut the thongs that bound him, provided him with food and clothing, and in due time restored him, unharm-

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ed, to his country and friends. Tell me, my friends, can an institution that exhibits such records of its power ever become useless?"

I WANT TO CLOSE in the words of Joseph Fort Newton, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Iowa: "When is a man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows; yea, even in their sins — knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laughter of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudge-

ries of life. When star-crowned trees, and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a way-side puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song— glad to live, but not afraid to die'. In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure, Masonry has wrought her sweet ministry."

I THANK YOU

* *Speech delivered by Atty. Francisco C. Tizon, Outgoing Master of Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, on January 6, 1955, at Cotabato, Cotabato.*

Quoted words were taken from Jewels of Masonic Oratory, compiled by L. S. Myler.

The Law of Cause and Effect

By C. F. ARKONCEL, P.M.

BIBLICAL HISTORY tells us that God created the universe in six days and rested on the seventh day. He is thus the all-pervading

cause and the transcendental maker of the cosmos consisting of the stars and the planets headed by the Sun, the infinite space sur-

rounding the stars and the planets, and the material and non-material worlds existing or moving under constant and unerring laws, all of which constitute the effect.

THE OPERATION of the law of cause and effect may be demonstrated in the arts and sciences including moral geometry which is Freemasonry, so that we have in effect the following laws: 1. If there is cause, there is effect. 2. In the world of nature the strong dominates the weak. 3. Matter is indestructible although it may change in form or substance thru any means of disintegration. 4. Food, reproduction, and death, necessity, pleasure and pain, are the greatest stimuli to human or animal action. 5. The attraction among the planets causes their respective motions, rotations, and revolutions which are incessant, unerring, and harmonious. 6. Love which conquers all, is its own reward. 7. The fatherhood of immortal God causes the brotherhood of mortal man whose soul is immortal.

IN THE ASTRONOMICAL WORLD the motion, rotation, and revolution of the planets cause the periodical appearance of comets and "falling stars," the change of the seasons, the high and low tide, the day and night, the eclipse of the Sun and the Moon, and the fecundity of the plant and animal world which lead to the perpetuation of the species.

IN THE TERRESTRIAL world various operations of the same law are visible to the analytical eye. High peaks and mountains are compensated by deeper oceanic depressions not far away. Evaporation from the oceans are formed by the heat of the Sun into extensive clouds that are converted by lower temperature into heavy rains that fill the lakes and the rivers which finally empty into the oceans from which the same circuitous operation is repeated again and again, and from time to time. The rich and fertile valleys of the Nile, Euphrates, Yangtze, and Ganges which in remote past were gigantic producers of agricultural products had been the seats of ancient civilization and culture. The rich valleys of the Rhine, due to the traditional and geopolitical rivalry between France and Germany, had, in two world wars, been the field of competition between French resourcefulness and Germanic ingenuity, resulting in the immediate triumph of the Germans but ultimate victory of the French; whereas, the wealthy valleys of the Thames, Hudson, and the Mississippi which are the seats of tremendous material production, are now the centers of the aviation age and atomic culture.

IN THE ANIMAL KINGDOM, as if by the Divine will, the worm devours the animalcule, the lark devours the worm, the hawk pounces on and devours the harmless lark, the whale feeds on the

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smaller fishes, and the lion devours the weaker animals. In the life of the bees, one rules while others obey; some work, while others idle. In the ant-hill the soldier ant feeds on the proceeds of the worker-ant's labor. Among men, some govern, others serve; capital commands, and labor obeys; and one race superior in intellect makes use of the strong physical condition of one that is inferior. But the strong and the weak, the wise and the ignorant, the virtuous and the vicious, escape not the Divine mandate of Death; and

the perpetuation of the various species continue *ad infinitum* thru the mutual attraction called Love between the male and the female, defying the destructive forces of nature, until those forces are finally evaded, neutralized, or defeated.

THUS ANYTHING, body, objects, phenomenon, action, condition, attitude, conduct, behavior, instinct, thought, or idea, is governed by the law of cause and effect based upon the will and justice of God, the first cause which no one can impede or stop.

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**Speech of Wor. Bro. Nicasio Valderrosa on his
Installation as Master of Basilan Lodge No. 137,
F. & A. M., December 27, 1954**

WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION I wish to welcome you all to this gathering. In all humility I desire to express to the members of this Lodge my heartfelt gratitude for the honor that they have conferred upon me by elevating me to the exalted position of Master.

WHEN IN 1953 a handful of masons residing in this City started a movement to form a Masonic Lodge, little did we think that today we would welcome this big crowd of distinguished visitors and well-wishers to witness and honor the ceremonies and program of the installation of the Lodge Officers.

FRIENDS AND BRETHREN:

It is said and is even propagated

that masons are devils, godless and irreligious. Masonry is "an institution having for its foundation the practice of social and moral virtues." As a power for good, it has been and is still severely and cruelly criticized and misunderstood. Our detractors have ruthlessly distorted into evil and godless the very things that we have pledged and sworn to uphold. It has been condemned as an irreligious body of men. But, in spite of this, and from time immemorial Masonry "has lived to proclaim the masonic way of life and survived the persecutions of its enemies." Why? Because Masonry believes in God, in the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and in the future existence. Be-

cause Masonry is not godless, as some people would want us to believe. In fact and in truth any man who desires to become a mason must first express a belief and trust in God, otherwise he cannot be permitted to enter the "portals of Masonry." The meeting of a Masonic Lodge is always preceded by a prayer with the Holy Bible, which is the text-book of Christianity and the rule and guide of man's faith, opened on the altar which is properly lighted. At the closing of the meeting a prayer is also offered that "we may each one of us practice out of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it and with reverence study and obey the laws which God has given us in His Holy Word." A mason always invokes the blessings of God upon entering any great or important undertaking. The tenets of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. By the exercise of Brotherly Love masons are taught to regard the whole human species as one family. It is the duty of masons to relieve the distressed and sympathize with their misfortunes and to restore peace to their troubled minds. The first lesson taught to a mason is Truth, it being a Divine Attribute and the foundation of every virtue. A mason has Faith in God, Hope of Immortality, and Charity for Mankind. Can this be a sign that a mason is godless? Masonry patronizes no particular religion. It does not ask its members to belong

to one religious sect. As a matter of fact you will find masons, as you find tonight, belonging to the Roman Catholic Church sitting side by side with masons who belong to the Protestant, Islamic, Jewish, etc., sects. Masonry is a crusade against ignorance, intolerance, fanaticism, superstition, and communism. It is a crusade for freedom and liberty, and for the democratic way of life. Masons fight intolerance by tolerance; fanaticism, superstition, and communism by education and the ideology of international understanding, goodwill and peace. Masonry is universal, for in every country and every clime are masons to be found. This universality of Freemasonry has been confirmed by my recent tour around the world. A mason practices Temperance in order to avoid excesses or the contracting of any licentious or vicious habits; Masonry develops Fortitude whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril or danger; it teaches Prudence in order to regulate our lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason; and it stands for Justice in order to enable us to render unto every man his just due without distinction, and keep our passions within due bounds towards mankind.

IN CONCLUSION and after summarizing the principles and teachings of Masonry as an institution having for its rule and guide a belief in God, a search after

truth, reign of love, peace, charity, morality, equality and rectitude of life, we stand before you that we may be judged not as a grim and godless tyrant but as a kind messenger sent "to translate us from

this imperfect to that perfect and celestial" Home above where Almighty God forever presides from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

A Mason Who Wants To Learn

By Bro. JOSE MURILLO

ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE YEARS ago, my father, may he rest in peace, who was a mason once told me: "Son, should you ever decide to become a mason, you will find out that as a mason, the less you talk the more you are understood." If my father is still living today I would probably learn more from him by explaining to me what he meant by that. He might as well tell me that the less I come to the Lodge the more I would become a better mason. Of course, those who do not agree with me will probably tell me that: "Freemasonry builds its temples in the hearts of men and among nations."

AS YOU ALL KNOW, being one of the younger Master Masons, I must be expected to keep my eyes and ears open. My eyes, to observe very closely the actions, and my ears, to listen very carefully to the wisdom of my elder brethren. As one of the younger Master Masons I look upon them as the unfading light that guides me upon the road of righteousness. Considering myself to be still mentally immature in the ways of masons, it is not

surprising that I should make a few if not several mistakes. But I assure you, brethren, that those mistakes are nothing more than errors of the mind and therefore can easily be corrected or erased by better understanding on the part of the well learned masons. For it was our Most Worshipful Grand Secretary Gonzalez who in his message delivered in one of the public installations of officers of Lincoln Lodge No. 34 said in part, more or less: "In watching the parade, the fathers always place their little sons upon their shoulders to have a better view of the parade passing by." Brethren, it is the same in this fraternity of free and accepted masons, without the patience and tolerance of the elder brothers in teaching us the pure principles of true masonry, our progress in masonic lessons will be greatly retarded.

FOR THE PRESENT it is sufficient to say that it is not difficult to commit into memory the rituals provided we have sufficient time to memorize them. It is not difficult to perform the duties assigned to

us by the Master of the Lodge provided we can do so. But it is going to be very hard for us to learn our masonic lessons with but very few elder masons coming to the Lodge to teach us what real masons are.

BRETHREN, to my own observation, and I think I am wrong, to be called a mason is one thing;

to practice masonry as intended by our ancient brethren and taught in the right way by the plesbyterous masons is another. It is the latter that we will strive hard to learn so that in the future we will be able to stand on our feet, body erect, and proud to be called a mason in the presence of God — and men.

General Emilio . . .

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*mind*ed of its rich history and the glory that is Kawit itself. The First Masonic Meeting in the Philippines was held in Kawit at the premises where the Monument of Brother Jose Rizal now stands; the Lodge is the custodian of the Rizal Monument erected by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines at Kawit to perpetuate the memory of the First Masonic Lodge in the Philippines; Brother Emilio Aguinaldo, President of the first Philippine Republic is a Past Master of Ibarra Lodge; Monsignor Gregorio Aglipay, Filipino patriarch and founder of the Philippine Independent Catholic Church died as a member in good standing in Ibarra Lodge.

THE MODERN ENCYCLOPEDIA describes General Aguinaldo as the "Filipino leader of the Insurrection of 1896 and the Spanish-American War of 1898" and that "he proved himself a man of marked ability and of extraordinary personal magnetism." He is now eighty-five years old and as he approaches the end of his earthly journey, the tributes paid to him remain unchanged. Indeed, in life and in death, we can say of Brother Aguinaldo: "A true hero and patriot, a great man and Mason." — MAURO BARADI, 33^o, P.G.M



THE EASTERN STAR PAGE

Welcome Address

By Sister LUZ R. MELENDEZ

*At the institution of Filipinas Chapter, O.E.S., Cagayan de Oro City,
January 8, 1955*

Worthy Matron and Patron, Worshipful Masters and Sisters:

IT IS WITH HUMILITY that I accept this honor and privilege of welcoming our distinguished brothers and sisters on this occasion.

WE ARE GATHERED today in the presence of men and women whose untiring efforts to lead their countrymen to a noble, useful and abundant life, cannot be underestimated. They have come that we, too, may enjoy the blessings of that existence.

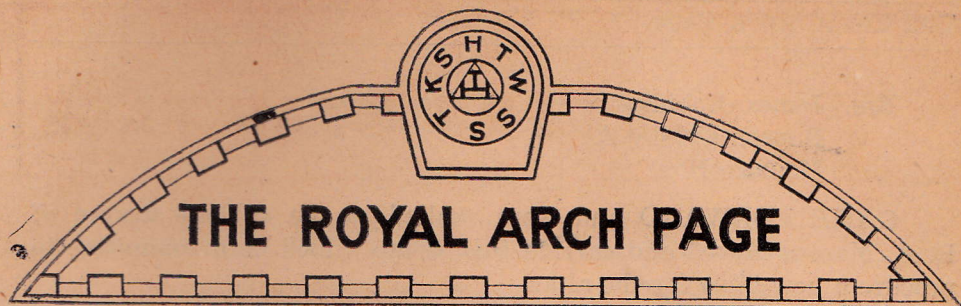
I DO NOT CLAIM to know much about the Eastern Star, but I do know that its objectives are good for I can see through it the realization of a goal which tends to make life happy, and useful. The fact that in this organization husbands and wives who believe in the existence of God and in the ideals of love, justice, liberty and democracy, are together, points to a better understanding and appreciation of the role that Masonry plays in the life of an individual, of a nation, and of the world in general.

AS WE EMBARK on this new career for our spirits and adventure for our souls, we shall always cherish the memory of this solemn occasion. We shall look towards the Eastern Star which is symbolical of the Star in the East which led the Shepherds and the wise men of old to the birthplace of the Saviour, the Greatest Teacher whose teachings embodied the Christian virtues and ideals which every man and woman should strive to possess, practice and emulate.

I REALIZE that at no other time in the history of free nations is there a greater need for vigilance in safeguarding man's rights to liberty and the pursuit of happiness as there is today. That there is a great need for more love, understanding, and fellowship cannot be denied.

YOUR COMING to mark the birth of the Filipinas Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in this locality gives us not only immeasurable joy, but also better opportunities to know our rights as well as

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LAFAYETTE, AMERICAN ROYAL ARCH MASON

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ALTHOUGH there is some question as to where General Lafayette received his Symbolic degrees, there is absolutely no question as to where he was made a Royal Arch Mason. He was an American-made Royal Arch Mason as shown by the records of Jerusalem (N. Y.) Chapter No. 8, R. A. M.

LAFAYETTE had arrived in New York August 15, 1824, in what proved to be a triumphant journey through the east, south and middle-west. All parts of the country desired to do homage to him. Masonic groups in the various states which he visited extended him invitations, and in most instances he accepted as is shown by the annual proceedings of many of these bodies.

BUT IT WAS JERUSALEM CHAPTER which had the honor of extending him the first Masonic honor after his arrival in New York. Following his landing, he was entertained for several days by civic authorities, traveled to some nearby cities and returned to participate in a celebration tendered him by the Grand Lodge of New York, September 20, 1824.

BUT EIGHT DAYS PREVIOUS to that date, we read in the records of Jerusalem Chapter:

AT AN EXTRA MEETING of Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, held at St. John's Hall September 12, 1824.

PRESENT RICHARD PENNELL M.E.H. Priest and a constitutional number of Companions assembled the Chapter was opened in all the degree—the Standing Committee reported favorably of Br. La Fayette, the report was accepted and the candidate balloted for, and un-animously accepted.

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Brs. James Robinson
Ranson Crosby A
Maurice Hoyt

CAME FORWARD and were exalted to the sublime degree of R. A. Masons-Moved and carried that Comp. Sibell be a committee to procure a new bible for the altar. —

BR. LA FAYETTE being announced as in waiting came forward and the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason were severally *conferred, by* communication.

THE ROYAL ARCH MASON introduced this story with the following: "The Lodge in which General Lafayette was made a Freemason is not known; fortunately, it has been Royal Arch Masonry which has preserved a Masonic record of the distinguished Frenchman who did so much for the American cause in the Revolutionary war. How unfortunate that the Secretary of the Chapter in which he received the Royal Arch degree did not set forth his Lodge membership for the record."

THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED to present a medal to Comp. Geo. W. La Fayette (son of General Lafayette-Ed.), was instructed to present a similar jewel to the Father.

NO FURTHER BUSINESS appearing the Chapter closed.

N. GRAY, D.S.

MENTION IS MADE in the minutes of George Washington La Fayette, son of the general. The son had received the degrees at a special meeting September 8, 1824, at which time his name had been proposed, he was elected and received all of the degrees.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that more information was not contained in the official records. The names of those present would have been valuable. What the general had more entertaining. Deputy Secretary Gray "muffed" a fine opportunity.

FROM FAR AWAY Tennessee there came a newspaper clipping which did tell of the Chapter meeting:

DURING HIS VISIT to the city of New York, General Lafayette was received with appropriate marks of respect. In Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, of Royal Arch Masons, and in reply to the address of the M. E. High Priest, made the following remarks, which we esteem it our duty to record, on account of the high and well merited compliment they contain to the improved condition of Masonry in Tennessee.

"MOST EXCELLENT HIGH PRIEST AND WORTHY COMPANIONS: It was in this city where I first met with that kind reception and those cordial welcomes which I have repeatedly experienced in the progress of my late journey through the twenty-four states of the Union. It was here, also, within these walls, that I first received admission to the high orders of Masonry, and I may, therefore, justly regard this Chapter as the cradle of my Masonic life; having been, by your kindness, enabled to visit the various Masonic institutions throughout the United States. Indeed, I may justly be regarded as one of the greatest Masonic travelers in this country; having, in my late tour with my son, George Washington Lafayette, and my worthy companion, M. La Vasseur, visited all the Grand Lodges, and higher Masonic bodies of the United States, with great pleasure, and satisfaction. I am also happy to state that I have found, in my travels, the Masonic fraternity flourishing and harmonious, and held in high public respect and honor. Even in some of the more recently settled portions of the country, in Cincinnati, and particularly Nashville, it was with no less surprise than pleasure, that I observed the Masonic societies had made improvements so creditable to themselves, and honorable to the order.

"THE HARMONY and respectability of Masonry throughout this extensive country may well be regarded as affording an important pillar of support and union to its free institutions and happy form of government.

"ACCEPT, therefore, in return for your kindness, my sincere thanks, for having afforded me the facilities of being so honorably received and accepted by all the higher Masonic institutions in the twenty-four of the republic."

LAFAYETTE died May 20, 1834, ten years after his visit to the United States, and two nations mourned his death, but none more than the Masonic Fraternity to which he had given so much of his time.

IT MIGHT ALSO BE MENTIONED that the period, 1826-1834, was a hectic one for the Fraternity in this country, which was then undergoing the attacks of anti-Masons.

SEQUEL TO THE LAFAYETTE STORY

ON THE SAME DATE that Lafayette received the degrees, the record notes the exaltation of Maurice Hoyt. His name disappeared from the records of Jerusalem Chapter after 1830.

BUT ONE EVENING, in the year 1870, an old gentleman was noticed sitting on one of the benches which were placed on both sides of the hall, The Chapter had not been opened when Companion Mapes, a member, walked across to where the old gentleman sat and said:

“WHAT CHAPTER do you hail from?”

“I AM COMPANION MAURICE HOYT,” said the stranger, “a Past High Priest of Jerusalem Chapter, and was exalted with Lafayette in 1824.”

HE SOON PROVED his identity and was most cordially received. His name was then proposed and he was reinstated. Just where he had been for almost half a century was not stated; later, he was made a life member. He died February 10, 1877, at the age of 85.

IT IS RECORDED that after Lafayette had been exalted a Royal Arch Mason, he turned to Companion Hoyt, who had been serving as High Priest, and who was wearing a crown, and said: “Sir, you are the first crowned head that ever treated me kindly.”

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our obligations to God, to each other, and to our fellowmen. We cannot but feel happy in the thought that as women, we can work with men in the attainment of lasting peace, national security, and international understanding which the world needs today.

ALLOW ME THEREFORE to express to you in behalf of our sisters and brothers, our heartfelt felicitations. We welcome you most sincerely. To you our friends who have joined us in this occasion we offer the invitation to feast in our offering of friendship and good will. May your short stay with us be enjoyable and fruitful.

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MAGIBIGAN

PATRICIO E. DEL ROSARIO

BANAL na payo; mahalagang-mahalagaṅg atas, na kinakailaṅg masunod, mabigyang katu-paran ng lahat at bawat isang namumuhay sa balat ng lupang ito upang matapos na at mabigyang hangga ang lahat na KASAMAAN ng mga tao, tulad ng PAGMAMALAKI, KASAKIMAN, PAGDARAYA, PANGLILINLANG, PAGESASAMANTALA, PAGHAMAK, PAG-API, PAGMAMATAAS, PAGALIPUSTA, at PAGHAHARI-HARIAN. Nararapat na ang lahat ay MAGIBIGAN!

Sa PAG-IBIG ay walang GALIT; walang POOT; walang HINALA; walang DAHAS; walang SIKIL; walang NGITNGIT; at walang LUPIT. Sa PAG-IBIG ay HINAHON, PAGMUMUNI-MUNI, PAGPAPAUMANHIN, PAGLINGAP, PAG-ALANG-ALANG at PAGPAPALIGAYA. Ang PAGIBIG ay BUKAL ng KAYUSAN; BATIS ng KAPAYAPAAN; TULAY ng KAGINHAWAHAN; TAHANAN ng KALIGAYAHAN at ang pinakalulung-gati ng lahat na KALUWALHATI-AN. Ang PAG-IBIG ay DIYOS!

MAGIBIGAN! Iyan ang dapat

ugaliin ng mga tao upang mabigyan nang hangga ang mga PAGHIHINALA, PAG-AALIT, PAGBABAKA, PANANAKOP, PANGANGAMKAM, PAGKAKANYA-KANYAHAN at PAGPAPATAYAN. Ang magibigan ay magbigayan; magtulungan at magdamayan. Anong gandang malasin ang isang sangbahayan, isang puok, isang nayon, isang purok, isang bayan, isang lunsod at isang lalawigan, lalo pa ang isang bansa, na ang lahat ay nagibigan, hindi sa salita o sa pagpapaimbabaw, kundi sa katotohanan at sa gawa! Pagkaligaligaya sa lahat ng iyon kung ang tanging naghahari, ang tanging namamayani, ay PAG-IIBIGAN!

—MAGIBIGAN KAYO...! —
Payo ng Sumakop at Tumubos sa ating lahat sa pagkasanla natin sa bahay-sanglaan ng mga KASAMAAN at mga walang patawad na mga KASALANAN-MAGIBIGAN KAYO...!!!-diin pa-Ibigin ninyo pati ng inyong mga KAAWAY...!

*Tayo nga ay magibigan,
limutin na ang alitan;
ang inggit at kataasan
ay ibaon nang lubusan!*



SECCION CASTELLANA
NOTAS EDITORIALES

UN TRIBUTO AL HER. EMILIO AGUINALDO
POR EL MUY ILUSTRE GRAN MAESTRE
HER. WERNER P. SCHELIG

Hermano Emilio Aguinaldo:

SU AFILIACIÓN a esta Logia "Ibarra" ahora tiene doble significado: es un aniversario y una inspiración. Es una fecha histórica en su vida, pues que hace sesenta años — el primero de enero de 1895 — en la mañana Vd. tomó su juramento como alcalde de Kawit en la presencia de oficiales españoles y en la misma noche del mismo día fue iniciado masón. Y la masonería estaba prohibida y los masones perseguidos por el gobierno español en estas Islas Filipinas. El Hno. Juan Castañeda, el padre del Gral. Mariano Castañeda, fue el Maestro de su Logia y los miembros eran Caviteños valientes, imbuidos por un gran patriotismo y unidos en el deseo de sacrificar todo por la libertad de su patria cuando la oportunidad se ofreciera. Así que cada primero de enero es un día en su vida que le recordará este paso importante uniéndose a la Gran Fraternidad de masones. Vd. se unió con las fuerzas espirituales que no pueden tolerar la opresión, la injusticia y la intolerancia, y que son los defensores de la libertad, la verdad y la moralidad. Nosotros reconocemos con respeto y veneración el gran mérito de su decisión de 1895, y le admiramos por la dirección que Vd. ha asumido en 1895 como hombre y como Masón.

POR AFILIARSE hoy a esta Logia Vd. demuestra a nuestra Fraternidad, a nuestra nación y al mundo entero que Vd. dedicará los años venideros — y ojalá que sean muchos— como el ínclito defensor de la Libertad, la Justicia y la Democracia como lo fue en el pasado. Su afiliación es un RETO a todos los miembros de la Fraternidad para apoyar y mantener los ideales de la masonería a toda costa y bajo todas circunstancias. Es como una demanda a masones inactivos a seguir su ejemplo y a contribuir su parte a la preservación de las libertades políticas en las batallas de 1896 y en años siguientes, batallas de gran heroísmo y sacrificio. El nombre de Vd. está registrado en la Enciclopedia Moderna como un patriota real, un gran soldado y General de la insurrección y de la guerra hispano americana y un caudillo de gran habilidad. Todo esto, y su afiliación de hoy es una gran inspiración para la generación presente y generaciones futuras.

SU AFILIACIÓN prueba al mundo entero su constancia y perse-



Fraternal Reviews



Maryland, 1953

THE SEMI-ANNUAL COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Maryland was opened in due form in Baltimore on 19 May 1953, by the Rt. W. Deputy Grand Master. After the flag was presented, a verse of the "Star Spangled Banner," was sung. The Rt. Wor. Grand Chaplain offered the prayer. M. W. Bro. John D. Hospelhorn was then escorted into the Grand Lodge, welcomed, given the Grand Honors, and made to approach the East. The Past Grand Masters were next presented and also given Grand Honors. Heads of the co-ordinate Masonic Bodies were likewise welcomed and escorted to the East. A brother who had contributed a gallon of his own blood to the Blood Bank was escorted to the Altar where an appropriate card issued by the Grand Lodge for members contributing a gallon of blood, was handed to him. An interesting report was submitted by the Blood Donor Service Committee which we would like our Bro. Ray Higgins to read. As of 30 April 1953, 2,856 Master Masons had donated their blood to the said Bank.

THE GRAND LODGE had a net gain of 632 members, making a total of 43,971 Master Masons in their rolls, on May 1953.

A TRIBUTE WORTHY of EMULATION was the visitation to

the graves of the deceased M. W. Past Grand Masters on the anniversary dates of their death.

A BRONZE BUST of M.W. Past Grand Master Thomas J. Shryock, who served the Grand Lodge of Maryland for 33 successive terms as Grand Master, was presented to the Washington Masonic National Memorial Association of which he was the first President. The Library Committee set up a Speakers Bureau from which the Worshipful Master of any subordinate Lodge might request a speaker to talk in his Lodge on many topics of Masonry with no charge accruing to the requesting Lodge. The request for recognition from the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo was denied, while that of the United Grand Lodge of the A. F. & A. M. of Germany (Vereinigete Grossloge Der Alter Freien und Angonommenea Mauer von Deutschland) and the Grand Loga Do Piaui, Brazil, were granted.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION for the purpose of commemorating the 125th anniversary of the laying of the first stone of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was held on 2 July 1953, at Pratt and Poppleton Sts., Baltimore. The re-enactment took place in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Transportation Museum with an appropriate program, and an impressive pageant.

FRATERNAL REVIEWS * * *

THE 167th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION was held on 17 and 18 November. 102 Fifty-Year Buttons were awarded and 60-Year emblems were authorized. Corn Husking and Harvest Home Day, begun or established in 1928, was celebrated at Bonnie Blink on 7 November 1953 in spite of the inclement weather. About 6,000 lbs. of food was contributed for consumption at this Masonic Home and many other donations in cash were received from Brethren who could not be present. The population of Bonnie Blink is 143, of whom 115 are women. The average age of the inhabitants is 79 years. The Masonic Board of Relief paid out \$829.28 during the 6 months' period. Donations for \$500 each were made for the Salvation Army, the Strawbridge Home, and the Kelso Home for

Girls.

THE CONSTITUTION permits nominations for officers of the Grand Lodge and the Board of Managers, M.W. Bro. Hospelhorn, who had been Grand Master since 1952, was re-elected. The different Grand Lodge officers were installed by various Past Grand Lodge officers. On the evening of 17 November, State Governor Theodore R. Makelding and William A. Kirkwood, Jr., Bank Commissioner, were guests of the Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge representative, J. B. Marshall was present.

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verancia y así honra a Vd. y a la Fraternidad. Los Masones de 1895 como los Masones de hoy son hombres independientes en sus ideas, palabras y acciones. Son hombres de convicción y no son hombres de conveniencia. Nuestras armas de hoy son la representación de la verdad, el vivir por la verdad y el defender la verdad. Y no cabe duda que la verdad siempre saldrá triunfante. Los principios y el credo de nuestra Fraternidad no perecerán aunque seamos atacados. La bandera masónica será enarbolada en triunfo sobre el Universo.

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