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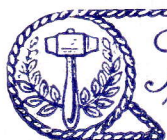


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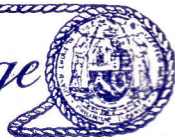
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WERNER P. SCHETELIG, Editor



The Grand Master's Message



A Memorable Masonic Event

Bro. Hatoyama and Bro. Kawai:

WE HAVE GATHERED HERE this afternoon to honor both of you on the occasion of the memorable event of your having been raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. On behalf of all Brother Masons here assembled, accept our sincerest fraternal congratulations and wishes and feel our brotherly love and affection extended to you by all Master Masons whithersoever dispersed in this world.

HISTORY OF MANKIND is often made on the battlefields by contending armies, but more frequently than not, by the great, wise and far-reaching decisions of outstanding individuals gifted by our Supreme Architect with a clear vision of the spiritual needs of their time.

THE CEREMONIES just performed, of raising you to the sublime degree of Master Mason, at your behest, so shortly after you have assumed the political leadership of the great Japanese nation, honors the whole Masonic Fraternity, over 6 million strong, the world over. At the same time, your espousal of Masonry today reveals to the Japanese nation and mankind in general, that as the chosen leader of 88 million people, you will be guided in your decisions for the well-being of your country, by the great tenets and teachings of Freemasonry. Through a plurality of your democratic constituents, the confidence and belief in your wise leadership have been upheld and you make it known to them — by advancing in Masonry — that you will be a man of the people with an open mind and a big heart, ever responsive to their needs. Thus, you will eventually win the confidence and support of the entire nation by your lofty aims. You will guide their energy, ingenuity, and industry into peaceful pursuits; you will seek for them a place in the sun which every human being, endowed with a soul by God, deserves. You will think and act not in terms of individuals or groups, but in terms of national welfare.

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* (Address of Most Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig at the Tea Party at Tokyo Masonic Building, Tokyo, Japan, March 26, 1955.)

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Editorial:

ENRIQUE ACOSTA LOLARGA

ENRIQUE ACOSTA LOLARGA stands for a good and respectable name and better yet, a rich and abundant life. When in that early morning of March 2, 1955, word was received, and announcement was made, that

“Enrique A. Lolarga, national deputy commissioner of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and president of the National Radio School and Institute of Technology, succumbed to a heart attack and cerebral hemorrhage at 8:00 last night (March 1) at the Mary Johnston Hospital”



few realized, because of the suddenness of the shocking news, that the deceased really passed away. Days before, he was seen here and there in his own humble way, extending acts of kindness to others, and performing his duties as a civic-spirited citizen. But such is the destiny of man! He comes into the world with limitless opportunities for advancement and numerous difficulties to face; sometimes, he enjoys the fruits of his labors and likewise, suffers the consequences of his follies. Hence, man should be prepared to mix the bitter with the sweet, for when his day is done, death steals its way into his being and in the

twinkling of an eye, he is gone. But not this man with several names having the same meaning; to Rotarians and the YMCA, he was “Lorry”; to golfers, “Languay”; to boy scouts, “Eking”; to those who considered him their elder, “Apo Rique”; and to his loved ones, “Daddy.”

And last but not least, to the Masons who like him solemnly pledged to exemplify the Golden Rule, he was simply a “Brother.” Raised as a Mason on April 15, 1946 in Dapitan Lodge No. 21, F. & A. M., he became a worshipful master thereof in 1949, which is a record in itself. His Masonic activities may not have been as extensive as those in the

other civic and charitable societies but they rounded up his career as such; he regarded the volume of the Sacred Law as the great light of his profession. He was charged, and reminded time and again, thus:

“...In it (Holy Writ) you will learn the important duties which you owe to God, your neighbor, and yourself. *To God*, by never mentioning his name but with the awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator: by imploring his aid in all your lawful undertakings; and by looking up to him in every emergency for comfort and support. *To your neighbor*, by acting with him upon the Square; by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; by relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions; and by doing to him as, in similar cases, you would that he should do unto you. And *to yourself*, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy; thereby enabling you to exert the talents wherewith God has blest you, as well to his glory as the welfare of your fellow-creatures.”

BRO. LOLARGA was as prepared as he was ready to die. And so when at the age of 55 — he would have been so on March 10 — his journey on earth came to an end, Masonry has been deprived of a Brother so dear, and the Philippines, a Filipino so serviceable. But from this valley of tears he has gone to “that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens:”

FOR SEVERAL DAYS, necrological services were held in his honor by different entities at the Central Student Church (Manila) in confirmation of the admiration of the community and as proof of the universality of his fellowship. The tributes, in the form of floral offerings and inspiring eulogies, could not but console the members of his beloved family in their hour of bereavement.

BRAVE as a woman and faithful as a Christian, the widow (nee Telesfera Cariño), never showed signs of desperation in a crisis and during such a period of gloom. On the contrary, after her husband's burial (March 5), which was most impressive, at the South Cemetery in Makati, Rizal, she wrote with a steady hand, a message which is as simple as it is challenging, addressed to “The Lolarga Family” in this wise:

“I have long wished that my children and those who shall come after them, might have some knowledge of those traits in the character of your honored and dear father, which we remember with so much pleasure and which in some respects distinguished him from others. This is a happy attempt to understand and appreciate his personality, to define the values

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Freemasonry Dwells In Humanity

MASONRY'S DESIGN is the building of HUMANITY. Certainly for us HUMANITY is not a mere conglomeration of human beings scattered over the world and divided into different units or ethnological groups. For Masonry, these human beings in their various groupings are living stones of an spiritual edifice we call HUMANITY. It is our aim to build that edifice strong, perfect and beautiful. Therefore, its component parts as living stones are also to be strong, perfect and beautiful. To attain this end, the living stones are to work together in harmony and to sincronize their work. They are to live in enlightened coordination for mutual help and assistance. That is the way Masonry is building HUMANITY. That is the reason for Masonry to dwell in HUMANITY. That explains why HUMANITY is the indwelling of Freemasonry.

NOW, TO MAKE THESE living stones live together in harmony and to work in sincromination as human beings should, Freemasonry must go deeper and penetrate deeply into the souls and consciences of men to learn of their aspirations and desires, their visions and anxieties, and their perplexities, deficiencies, failures and even frustrations. This knowledge of men will enable Masons to dispel hatreds and misunderstanding, envies and jealousies from among peoples, nations and individuals. This knowledge of men will be a factor in the realization of the spirit of ONENESS as the foundation of our present civilization. Freemasonry is implanting in the conscience of mankind the feeling that all men are brothers, and this basic moral philosophy of Freemasonry is the spirit of today's civilization. Civilizations of old have no doubt contributed greatly to the storehouse of wisdom, light and truth. They have led humanity in the path of right and morality. But they failed in uniting men and peoples as real brothers under the providence of the Great Architect. The idea of ONENESS preached by Freemasonry is to endure because it is in cosonance with the true spirit of HUMANITY in which Freemasonry dwells.

TODAY'S CIVILIZATION IS FREEMASONRY civilization and as such is to stay until time shall be no more. It is uniting HUMANITY, it is building HUMANITY upon the solid foundation of the brotherhood of men, moving around national surroundings and growing high with its own ethnological idiosincrancies and peculiarities.



Official Section



Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Mason of the Philippines

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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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.

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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 of the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may come up during the meeting will be transacted.

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

ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P.G.M.
Grand Secretary

PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA ADVOCATES BROTHERLY LOVE

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama of Japan, an Entered Apprentice Mason is advocating brotherly love among peoples. This is borne out by the following self-explanatory letter of Wor. Bro. Eun Lee to Most

Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig, Grand Master :

Tokyo, Japan
March 3, 1955

Grand Master Werner P. Schetelig,
Plaridel Masonic Temple
Manila.

Dear Most Worshipful Grand Master Schetelig :

Greetings and fraternal respect to you!

May I take this opportunity to express my heartfelt appreciation and thanks for your kind consideration to get the Kanto Masonic Lodge instituted as the first and only lodge to use the Japanese language in the long history of Freemasonry.

It took a few years to reach this stage and we are very thankful for what you have done for us all.

Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama, initiated Mason, is strongly advocating "brotherly love and fraternal spirit" since he made a come back in political circles. We are proud of having him as the first Japanese Mason who attained such distinguished post.

With the realization of the Japanese language ritual, I am confident in stating that our brother will be possibly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in order to enhance our fraternal spirit here in Japan.

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Thanking you again for what you have done for us in Freemasonry.

Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) EUN LEE

Eun Lee, 32°

W.M. Kanto Masonic Lodge

From BRO. GENERAL MACARTHUR TO
MOST WOR. BRO. SCHETELIG

90 Church Street
New York 7, N.Y.
February 10, 1955

Dear Mr. Schetelig:

Thank you so much for your birthday greeting. I appreciate it deeply. It made my day a brighter one, indeed.

Most cordially,

(Sgd.) DOUGLAS MacARTHUR
DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

Mr. W. P. Schetelig, Grandmaster
Grand Lodge Philippine Jurisdiction
Manila, Philippine Islands

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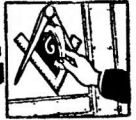
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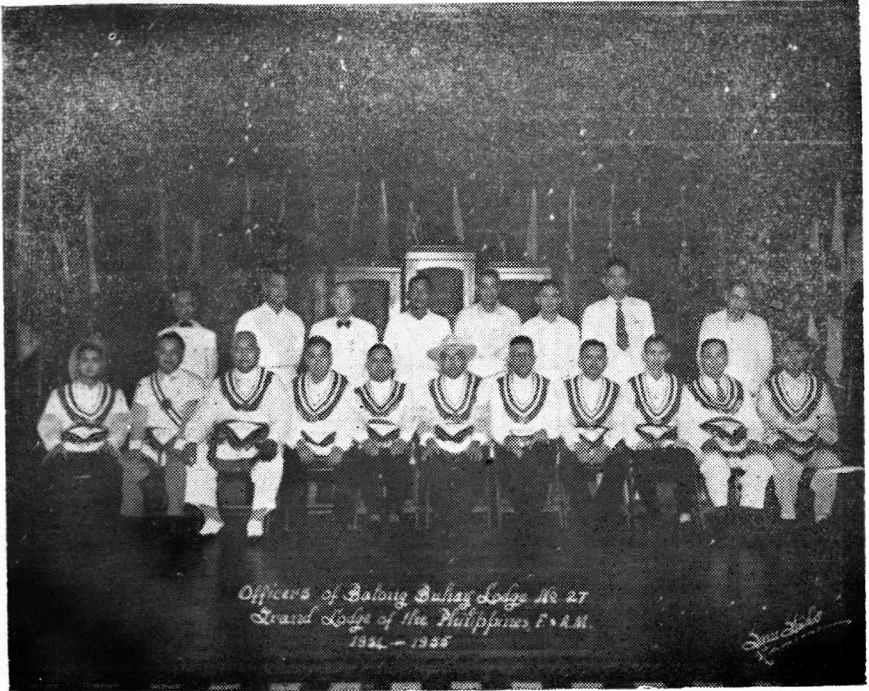
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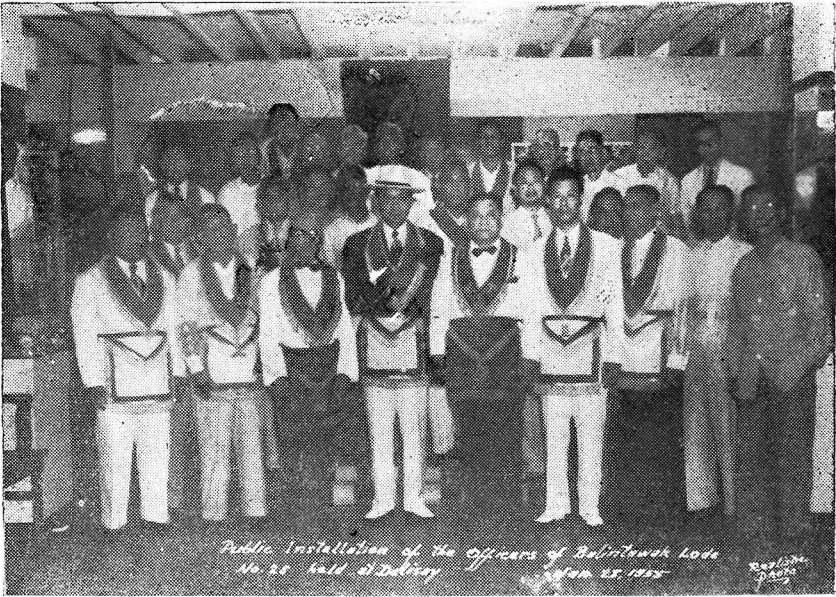
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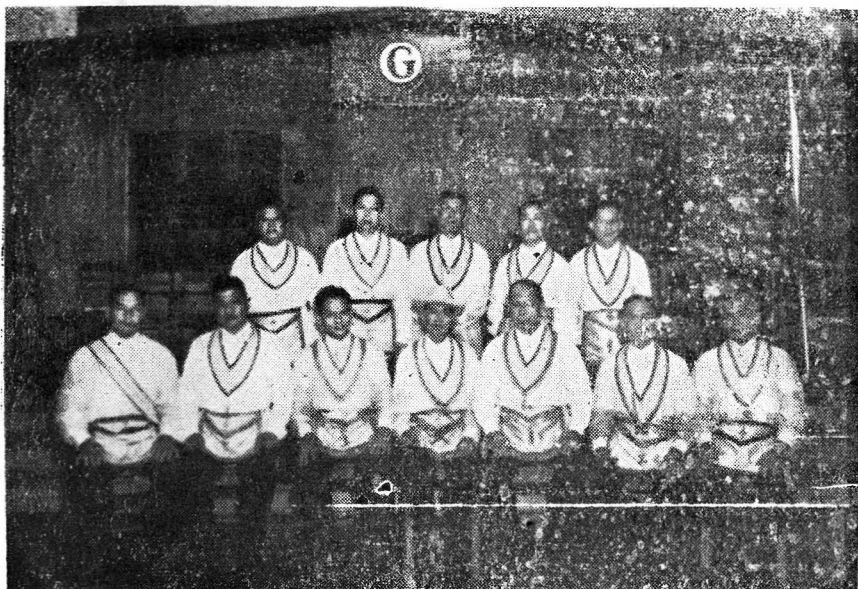


THE OFFICERS of this Lodge were publicly installed by Wor. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, the Sr. Grand Lecturer assisted by Wor. Bro. Vicente Mendoza, P.M. who acted as Master of Ceremonies at the Dalisay Hotel in Gumaca, Quezon on January 28, 1955 at eight o'clock in the evening.

THE OCCASION was colorful

and impressive. Among those present were Wor. Bro. Dionisio San Agustin, Editor of *Bagong Buhay*, Wor. Bro. Domingo Y. Villaseñor, Grand Lodge Inspector, Wor. Bro. Patricio del Rosario, Ex-Governor of Cavite, Wor. Bro. Alberto Donor, Mrs. Villaseñor and Mrs. del Rosario, also ladies and gentlemen, prominent persons in the locality.

KALILAYAN LODGE No. 37



1955 OFFICERS OF KALILAYAN LODGE No. 37, F. & A. M.
Lucena, Quezon Installed on Jan. 6, 1955.

Seated (l-r): Bro. Francisco Arguiñoso, Marshal; Bro. Dominador N. Victoria, Secretary; Bro. Florentino Racelis, Senior Warden; Wor. Bro. Gregorio B. Defeo, Wor. Master; Bro. Antonino V. Quijano, Junior Warden; Bro. Melecio R. Magsino, Treasurer; and Bro. Julian G. Zoleta, Chaplain.

Standing (l-r): Bro. Atanacio Consul, Junior Steward; Bro. Eusebio Cuevas, Junior Deacon; Bro. Roman Mendiore, Tyler, Bro. Amado V. Orbeta, Senior Deacon, Bro. Enrique Evidente, Senior Steward.

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A NEW ERA TO SHRINEDOM

THE SHRINE MOVEMENT which is identified with Masonic Hospitals for Crippled Children in America, is "going places," thanks to the dynamic leadership of Shrinedom's Imperial Potentate, Ill. Bro. Frank S. Land, 35°. Among the many letters sent to Bro. Land, paying tribute to his leadership is that from Ill. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council of the 33rd and last degree, A. & A. S. R. of Freemasonry of the Republic of the Philippines.

The letter is quoted in full:

"Manila, Philippines

"March 1, 1955

"Ill. Bro. Frank S. Land, 33°
 Sec. General of the Grand Council
 Order of De Molay
 Scottish Rite Temple
 Kansas City, Mo.

"Dear Sir and Ill. Brother:

"From that well-edited monthly of the Grand Lodge of Iowa for January, 1955, I read with great pleasure the excerpts from your brochure "New Horizons." I am truly sorry that I did not see this acceptance speech of yours before. I was in the United States last year. If I had known your views at that time I certainly would have voiced my pleasure. Your statement has restored my faith in the goodness and greatness of the Shrine movement.

"I joined the Shrine in 1914 but because I could not reconcile my belief in Freemasonry with the then practices of the Shrine I demitted, but later on joined Aloha Temple, the home Temple of my close friend, the late "Sunny Jim" McCandless. I have never attended a meeting in the United States and rarely have I attended any pilgrimage in Manila.

"While I was Grand Master (1923), I felt it necessary, in my Grand Lodge message, to make a request that our Grand Lodge go on record disapproving Shrine ceremonies in the Philippines. This part of my message was approved. So for six years Shrine pilgrimages were not in favor with the Grand Lodge in

the Philippines. However, that is all past and our Shrine pilgrimages, of late years, have been, more or less, satisfactory.

"Your acceptance speech when you were elected Imperial Potentate warmed the 'cockles of my heart' and my prayers and my wishes are that all your dreams for a successful term will come true. I feel that a new era has come to the Shrine and I subscribe to your statement 100%.

"I feel that once more I am a Shriner, a loyal one with no misgivings or regrets.

"With kindly regards,

"Yours sincerely and fraternally,

(Sgd.) FREDERIC H. STEVENS, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander"

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FONDEST REMINISCENCES OF A SOLDIER, NOW WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF HIS LODGE

(Following is a letter written by an ex-soldier who was in our country before March, 1922 and who is now the Master of a Lodge in the United States. For the wonderful sentiment touching our feelings as Masons, the letter is being reproduced in its entirety.—Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M.)

BEN HUR LODGE No. 818, F. & A. M.

Kelvyn Park Masonic Temple, 440 Montana Street, Chicago 39, Illinois

February 23, 1955

Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., Philippine Jurisdiction,
Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of
The Philippine Islands.

Dear Brother Gonzalez:

IT WAS INDEED, an honor and a pleasure to have my lodge chosen to confer the courtesy degrees (2nd & 3rd) on Brother Ernest W. Baker, who received his 1st degree in Torii Lodge No. 132, Nagoya, Japan. It is not only a duty and privilege of this lodge to do so but instead a distinct pleasure on my part as Master of Ben Hur Lodge, especially so for many reasons.

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SOME OF MY FONDEST remembrances and pleasant days of my life go back to the years I spent in the Philippine Islands, not in any great capacity but merely as a soldier in the United States Army, 31st U.S. Infantry, I had served in the A.E.F., Siberia, Expedition and from there sent to the Islands where I spent a couple of years working in Headquarters Post of Manila; I left the Islands in March, 1922, leaving many gracious friends and pleasant days behind me; I shall never forget them and my fondest hope now is that I somehow someday will be able to pay your wonderful city and splendid people a visit once again.

WE OF THE UNITED STATES have had many blessings and many God-given privileges that so may other countries never had. I shall never forget the feelings your loyal people displayed so many times while I was in your midst, how they yearned for that Independence they so rightfully deserved, how patiently they endured though not pleasant at times while serving under our government. I for one understood how they yearned for that freedom of self government that should be the right of any man. I had many fine times and associations with your people, I found them to be very pleasant and congenial, wonderful workers and considerate of others, many have migrated to the United States and have surely proved themselves worthy of everything that came their way.

I shall never forget the many happy times I spent in Manila, eating at Tom Dixie's Kitchen, going to the Old Lyric Theater, Philippine Carnivals, getting lost in China Town, evenings at Lerma and Santa Ana Dance Pavilions, finding an old friend of my father's, one Mr. T. J. Wright who at that time operated a Furniture Factory, The Wright Furniture Store, 64 Escolta and lived in the Luneta Hotel along the Bay, many pleasant evenings there due to his friendship and courtesy (something rare for a common soldier in uniform), also running into an old schoolmate of earlier days, he had been residing with the Engineer Corps at Estado Mayor a few blocks from Cuartel de España for almost a year before I located him. The many pleasant boat trips throughout the Islands to Cavite, Corregidor, Ft. Drum Etc., The United States General, Robert H. Soule, formerly a lieutenant in my company of the 31st Infantry was finally assigned the duty of cleaning the Japanese out of Fort Drum, later the General came back to the States and I had an appointment to meet him in Chicago but the General fell dead of a heart ailment in Washington, D. C. before coming to Chicago.

At the age of 44 years I again entered the U. S. services in 1942 to do my little bit for World War No. 2, this time in the Navy. I had

in the meantime put in 4 years in the Marine Reserves here in the U. S. This made me a complete round of the Army, Marines and Navy and also a bite out of two sizeable wars, during World War 2 I was in the Fiji Is., Hebrides, Bougainville, Treasury, Emeru and finished at Ulithi Anchorage and returning by way of Guam and Hawaii, I was very disappointed at not being able again to set foot on Manila Docks.

My heart surely went out for your people when our U. S. meager forces folded up so helplessly at the beginning of the war, such is politics and surely demonstrated how slowly our U. S. is to begin a big job, however, I was overjoyed at the fact that we were able once more to come back and to give our help in liberating your wonderful country and again I was overjoyed when the Philippine Islands became a Republic, I have never been ruled over by another government and perhaps don't realize all the disappointments of such but I hope I duly appreciate being a citizen of a free country. I know your peoples are justly proud and deserving of their freedom, one cannot be his brother's keeper.

I wonder does your government still have that wonderful Philippine Constabulary Band, many happy evenings I spent at Luneta Park listening to their concerts, they were the finest, I appreciated them equally as well as I did our own great Sousa's Band.

I have never been able to contact Mr. T. J. Wright of the Wright Furniture Company, 64 Escolta, I have often wondered if he is still living or dead, I have wondered what became of many dear friends, I would surely enjoy hearing from Mr. Wright if the organization is still going and he still living.

I am now 56 years old and as of February 1, 1955, retired from the Chicago Police Department, having worked 26 years in the same Police District of the City, retiring from the same district in which I started, we have a police force of 7,000 in Chicago, I worked 22 of the 26 years as a detective and usually on a radio controlled squad (I was on military leave during the war.) I have two wonderful daughters, both college graduates, one is serving in Washington, D. C., in the F. B. I., the other is a case worker for a big Public Welfare outfit in Cincinnati, Ohio, both are now working for a Master's Degree. I, myself am taking up another job as of March 1, 1955 as a supervisor of the plant protection of a large industrial plant here in Chicago, my wife is employed in the schedule department of the Bell Telephone Company here in Chicago.

My brother, it is a great pleasure to address you and yours as

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brothers of Ancient Free & Accepted Masons and as liberated brothers or their own free Republic, God bless all of you. Is there any favor or errand I could do in this country to help either you or any of your friends, is there anyone that I might remember you to. Should any of your dear ones be in this country in reach of me I would be more than glad to say hello and do anything in my power to help or make them feel at home, I would surely like to have some of them visit my lodge during this year while I am Master of the Lodge. I would almost give my right arm to visit your wonderful country and your lodge as well as personally visiting you Brother Gonzalez.

We certainly don't want to steal one of your members or deprive your jurisdiction of anyone you are entitled to but should Brother Baker remain in Chicago and wish to apply for affiliation with a U. S. Lodge, Ben Hur would be pleased with his company for sure, certainly we wish your lodges to have him if he should reside near you.

My fondest and dearest hopes during my remaining years will be to somehow if possible pay your wonderful country another visit, and certainly to visit your brother masons. Do come to my house if you should be in this country of mine, if you have friends in Chicago do extend the same invitation to them.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) JOHN D. LANCASTER
 2700 N. Spaulding Avenue,
 Chicago 47, Illinois.

ORIGIN AND PROGRESS OF
 "FEMALE MASONRY"

C. F. Arkoncel, P.M.

THE THIRD CHAPTER of the First Book reminds us that when the serpent tempted Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit in Paradise, out of curiosity she ate it and gave a part to Adam, who, in his aspiration to become finally free, happy, virtuous, self-reliant, and independent of the Deity for his immediate necessities, ate it with her, reserv-

ing, nevertheless, his accepted dependence upon God for his remote needs and ultimate destiny. Thus woman became the faithful life companion of man — his moderator, favorite co-worker, playmate, helpmate, his inspiration for noble deeds — the object of his affectionate care, love, protection, and superiority during his life on Earth

and on his voyage towards Eternity.

BUT THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS and Ancient Charges of Freemasonry had always excluded and still exclude women from Masonic Lodges, not because women are deemed unworthy or unfaithful or incapable, as has been foolishly supposed, of keeping a secret, but because the Masonic institution requires "that only hale and hearty MEN in possession of all their limbs and members who could endure the fatigues of labor or of fulfilling the duties of Operative Masons" could be accepted into the Order.

THE ONLY "Lady Freemason" known in Masonic history was the Hon. Elizabeth St. Leger-Aldworth, daughter of Lord Doneraile of Doneraile Court of Cork, Ireland, who according to reliable sources was given the option of receiving the 1st and 2nd degrees of Freemasonry, after she was discovered observing surreptitiously the ceremonies of the Apprentice and Fellowcraft degrees, for which intrusion she miraculously escaped penalty from the Tyler's sword. That fateful event occurred in the year 1713 before the first Grand Lodge in England was organized to supervise Masonic Lodges, and ever since then until now the exclusion of women from membership in Masonic Lodges have continued to be the rule rather than the exception.

THE JUDICIOUS EXCLUSION but affectionate discrimination against women in Freemasonry was however, for the first time attempted to be corrected in the year 1730 in France when Adoptive or Female Masonry was established for the initiation of females "in order to extend to women some of the blessings of the Masonic institution." The appellation is derived from the fact that every female or adoptive Lodge is obliged by the regulations of the association to be adopted by and placed under the guardianship of one regular Lodge of Freemasons.

IN THE MIDDLE of the 18th century adoptive Masonry was spread into the countries of Europe by the Freemasons as a practical means of giving to their wives and daughters some share of the pleasures they themselves enjoyed in their mystical assemblies. It was observed that "the Masonic wives and daughters practised with commendable fidelity and diligence the greatest of the Masonic virtues and that the banquets and balls which always formed an important part of their ceremonies were distinguished by numerous acts of charity."

IN JUNE 10, 1774 the Grand Orient of France finding greater interest in female Masonry issued an edict by which it assumed the protection and control of the Lodges of Adoption, and adopted the following rules and regulations

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for their government, to wit: (1) That no males except regular Freemasons should be permitted to attend them; (2) That each Lodge should be placed under the charge and held under the sanction of some regularly constituted Lodge of Masons whose Master or in his absence his deputy, should be the presiding officer assisted by a female President or Mistress. Under the regulations of 1774 a Lodge of Adoption or Female Lodge consists of the following officers a Grand Master, a Grand Mistress, an Orator (dressed as a Capuchin), an Inspector, an Inspectress, a Male and Female Guardian, a Mistress of Ceremonies. The Rite of Adoption consists of four degrees whose names in French and English are as follows:

1. Apprentice or Female Apprentice
2. Compagnoe or Craftswoman
3. Maitresse or Mistress
4. Parfaite Maconne or Perfect Mason.

In the charge addressed by the Orator to the members, "there runs a vein of gallantry which gives the true secret motive for the organization of the society. The ceremonies are allegorical and very pretty so as to create deep impression upon the sensitive imagination of females," but they are so different and distinct from those of Freemasonry that they cannot be confused with one another.

THE EUROPEAN RITE of Adoptive Masonry has never been introduced into the Americas, but Robert Morris in the year 1885 introduced the so-called American Adoptive Rite divided into five degrees as follows: (1) Jephthah's Daughter or Daughter's Degree; (2) Ruth or the widow's Degree; (3) Esther or the wife's Degree; (4) Martha or the Sister's Degree; (5) Electa or the Christian Martyr's Degree. The entire assemblage of the four degrees is called the Eastern Star.

THE PURPOSES of the Rite are: to associate in one common bond the worthy wives, widows, daughters, and sisters of Freemasons so as to make their adoptive privileges available for all the purposes contemplated in Masonry to secure to them the advantages of their claim in a moral, social, and charitable point of view, and from them the performance of corresponding duties. No females but those holding relations to Freemason's wife, widow, daughter, and sister are eligible for admission. The male members are called Protectors, the females, Stollae, and the reunions are styled Constellations, and the Rite is presided over and governed by a Supreme Constellation. There is some ingenuity and beauty in many of the ceremonies although it does not equal the French adoptive system.

THE LAST DEVELOPMENT
of the American Adoptive Masonry

is the system of androgynous degrees which are practised in the United States. The essential regulation prevailing in these degrees is that they can be conferred only on the Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason and their female relatives. Thus the degree or "Mason's Wife" can be conferred only on Master Masons, their wives, unmarried daughters, sisters, and widowed mother, the Heroine of Jericho, only on the wives and daughters of Royal Arch Masons, the Good Samaritan, only on Royal Arch Masons and their wives. In some parts of the United States these degrees are very popular, but

in other places they are never practised and are strongly condemned as modern innovations because they have been misrepresented by their friends as well as their enemies.

WHEN A WOMAN has passed the ceremonies of any kind of adoptive Masonry she deceives herself in believing that she has become a full-fledged Freemason, because the ceremonies did not make her so. But it is true that "every woman who is a relative by consanguinity to a Master Mason is at all times and under all circumstances entitled to Masonic protection and assistance."

MASON IN PRACTICE

By Bro. MOISES P. LIEGO

DURING BOYHOOD I used to play near a Lodge in our town. Curiosity kept me wondering why the men there are called Masons. To my young mind, I understood only that they were old serious-looking men, whose gatherings were punctuated by knocks and lence. Such has been my appraisal. But when I grew old enough I went through school keeping in mind for a day that I may gain admittance

thereof. Like an interested student, I picked up samples for study whose lives. I would say, passed under my searchings.

BEFORE DAWN in my masonic life, I have seen one. I remember him. He has gone to the Great Beyond. In simplicity I revere his memory. I can vividly recall pieces of the invisible fabrics of his character. His kindness. His consid-

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ration of others' views. His respect for everyone—rich and poor are alike. Towards superior or subordinate he was an equal. Moderate in words. His actions meaningful. Unassuming. Serene. Just. Lavish in honor preferring to others. Contagious in conduct.

YEARS FOLLOWING THE LIBERATION. I met another man under whom I saw the first light. That was more than five years ago. Thenceforth, I got further in my search at close range. With common similarities as the first one of my study. I found him mellowed in charity. In him I found a father's love. In him there is nothing impossible within the bounds of his capacity to give. Be it day or night. He is firm like the Samaritan in the Holy Writ. He takes joy helping the needy. Sharp in wit, in pen, and progressive in thinking. Apt to teach. Instills courage. I know of no gratitude to him than this tender of appre-

ciation.

IN LONELY DANGEROUS TRAVELS, I missed fellowship in my own Lodge. Distance and anguish denied me the privilege. However, it gave me richer and broader outlook. I admit my shortcomings for missing many activities to the extent that some may presume I gave up the course. Deep in my heart I was bleeding. Never did I fully realize where I was found. But I rejoice to say that whenever I meet brothers, particularly the old, I know of certain life in me revived. I felt the warmth—of their greetings I did not expect. Of their reminder. Of their humility. Of solicitations they have not been selfish out of pure sincerity. In weakness I found them a source of strength. I was taught a lesson with great meaning that a Mason is a perfect gentleman, always a Mason—example of virtue and love which no darkness can hide.

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THE EASTERN STAR PAGE

ADDRESS OF WORTHY MATRON EUGENIA L. HEBRON

Rebecca Parish Chapter No. 5, O.E.S.

Olongapo, Zambales

WORDS could hardly express the feeling of joy and pride that overwhelms on this memorable occasion. In all humility, however, I must declare that behind all this rejoicing there lurks the sentiment of my profound gratitude for each and everyone of you. Sisters & Brethren, — I am grateful for the honor you have bestowed upon me by elevating me to this important office as Worthy Matron for 1955 of our Rebecca Parish Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

DISTINGUISHED as this position is, it carries with it the concomitant responsibilities which challenge anyone who occupies this important post. Being aware of my limitation and shortcomings, however, I feel I am not equal to the task. I am only encouraged by the fact that during the past year all the sisters and brethren fully supported and cooperated with the retiring Worthy Matron, Sister Filipina Santiago, and which I earnestly hope they will extend likewise to the ensuing administration.

THE OLD SAYING, "United we stand and divided we fall," is ever new and ever true to any organization, which endeavors to survive amidst difficulties and trying circumstances. Although there is not much of this situation we can speak of right now, nevertheless, I shall always look forward to your full support and untainted cooperation, without which, success could never be attained in everything we undertake.

OUR CHAPTER is barely two years old and, figuratively speaking, is still in its infancy. There is much to be done and to be expected in the years ahead. It becomes our bounden duty, therefore, to strive constantly to nourish our Order with fruitful endeavors so that it shall grow stronger as it grows older.

TO RENDER SERVICE to our community and country is one of our paramount aims. It behooves us, therefore, to do our utmost to attain our objectives, and in so doing, we should adopt ourselves to the changing times. If we are endowed with those sterling qualities which characterize the heroines of our noble Order; if we follow with religious zeal the teachings and precepts it enjoins, I believe we shall undoubtedly

find satisfaction in doing sacrifice for the poor and the needy, for the sick and the distressed, and for the helpless and the downtrodden. There can be no obstacle which may be encountered that is unsurmountable, if we follow that STAR of righteousness and the footsteps of the Good SHEPHERD of all times.

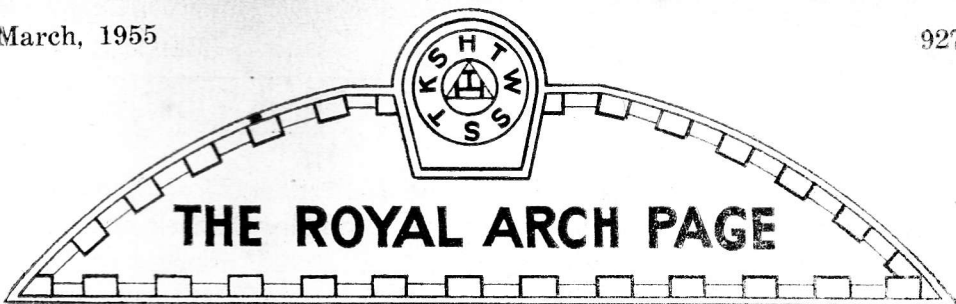
FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS while distributing Christmas gifts to deserving indigents, I have observed that we do not have to go far to look for poverty and disease,—even in this community of ours, which is supposed to be most fortunate, as compared with other localities in our province.

This being practically the beginning of the year, it is indeed most opportune time to rededicate ourselves to the teachings of our Order, and to observe and follow them in our daily tasks and duties.

IT IS PERHAPS UNFORTUNATE that in this day and age, when there is need of unity among the people in any community to work for the common welfare, there exists a division of two antagonistic groups, namely the group of Catholic action and the group of non-Catholic. There is no denying the fact that in our midst there is that rivalry prevailing between the Catholic action and the Knight of Columbus, on the one hand, and the Order of the Eastern Star and its counterpart the Freemasons, on the other. Although this rivalry is not acute but evident, it creates an unnecessary separation which otherwise could be channeled into one, to yield more forceful and beneficial results. However, we should not be distracted from our own objectives, but resolve to work with all our might to show to the observing public that, after all, our goal is the same and identical, however different or varied our methods of approach.

It is my cherished hope during our administration to follow the footsteps of my predecessor, not to say to surpass it, but rather to match it to the best we can. With your undivided support and full-hearted cooperation, I am sure success will be well enhanced.

FINALLY, in behalf of the Officers and Members of the Rebecca Parish Chapter No. 5, Order of the Eastern Star, may I take this opportunity to thank our Installing Officers, Past Worthy Patron Primo J. Guzman, Past Worthy Matron Julia D. Suarez and Worthy Matron Ada S. Guzman for their kind acceptance of our invitation and their willingness to come to Olongapo to perform this impressive ceremony of our Installation. I assure you Worthy Patron and Worthy Matrons that we are deeply appreciative and truly grateful for your presence, and hope that these mere fleeting hours of your stay with us be to you one of real pleasure and delight. I thank you.



GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASON OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Manila, March 10, 1955

To All High Priests, Kings and Scribes
of Subordinate Chapters, R.A.M.
Grand Chapter Inspectors
Representatives of Grand Chapters

Greeting :

This is to remind you of our Annual Convocation which will take place on April 29, 1955 at 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Plaridel Masonic Temple

Your attendance is fraternally reminded.

Sec. 90 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter provides: "Each chartered and duly constituted Chapter shall be represented in the Grand Chapter, at every Annual Convocation, by one or more of the proper officers (High Priest, King, Scribe) or by his or their proxies, who must be a member of such chapter; or by a representative duly elected, as provided herein, who shall have credentials in the form provided herein. It may instruct its officers, their proxies or representative relative to voting upon any proposition coming before the Grand Chapter. Each chapter shall provide, in such manner as it may deem proper, for the payment of its officers, their proxies or its representative in attending the Convocations of the Grand Chapter."

Jointly with the annual convocation will be the anointment of

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High Priest in the Order of High Priesthood. Section 125 of the Constitution also provides: "In conformity with long established customs and traditions, a High Priest-elect should be anointed, consecrated and set apart to the Order of High Priesthood as soon as practicable after his election as such High Priest; but he may be legally installed as High Priest before he becomes a member of the Order of High Priesthood." It is fraternally requested that those who are eligible but are not yet members of the Order should forward their applications together with the necessary fee of P100.00, at an early date.

I wish to remind also the Grand Chapter Inspector and the Representatives of the Grand Chapters to attend the annual convocation that they may hear the message of the Grand High Priest and make the corresponding report to the Grand Chapter which they represent.

Also, I wish to remind the Secretaries of our Subordinate Chapters to submit the Annual Returns not later than April 15, 1955, in order to give us time to consolidate them.

Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) ANTONIO GONZALEZ, PGHF

Grand Secretary

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 GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE * * *

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IF THE STORY is true that in your pre-natal days your Mother when reading the biographies of great men said, "I do not wish to give birth to a child with a small mind," then how proud would she be now that her hopes have been fulfilled! How proud would your parents be in having borne and reared a child with a great and resourceful mind!

IN THESE TIMES of warring ideologies and uncertainty as to whether an armed clash between the forces of democracy and the communistic powers can be avoided, your espousal of Freemasonry gives humanity renewed hope. It aligns your leadership, with due deference to your national problems, with the pattern and spirit of the Government of England under the leadership of Brother Sir Winston Churchill. The United States of America under the leadership of President Eisenhower will rejoice on this day. From George Washington to Harry S. Truman, 15 Presidents of this great bulwark and defender of democracy have been Masons; and the present Cabinet of President Eisenhower, and the present Congress of the United States, are studded with active Masons. Harold Stassen, head of the Foreign Operation Administration, and newly-appointed to assist President Eisenhower in seeking effective world disarmament, and Earl Warren, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States are members of the Fraternity—to name just 2 of our brethren who are in high United States governmental positions.

WHAT WILL THE FUTURE of mankind be? With our modern means of communication and warfare, we can only speak in global terms. It is our hope and determination to save it for the freedom of mankind — for freedom of thought, freedom from want, freedom of worship, and freedom from fear. Your step of advancing in Masonry, Bro. Hatoyama, contributes to the strength of that determination. You are a cornerstone in the Orient upon which that hope of the world is founded.

MARCH 26th, 1955, what a day of days! It will long be remembered in the history of Masonry, which forms an underlying fundamental of the history of this world. Important though this day is as a day of rejoicing, more important still is what we will achieve in the

future. Brethren the world over will look to you, Brother Hatoyama, for your signal contribution toward an era of mutual understanding in the East, for an enduring peace in this part of the world.

IN ACCORDANCE with this hope of your Masonic brethren, yes, in accordance with the hope of mankind, and speaking Masonically in terms of the 2nd degree, we have alarmed the guards of the inner door of King Solomon's Temple giving notice to the Masonic world of this Masonic event taking place in the Temple of Masonry of Tokyo. The response of the Masonic world is as spontaneous as it is eloquent. Though the messages as received are congratulatory words and thoughts addressed to Bro. Prime Minister Hatoyama, there does not exist any doubt in mind that the same fraternal wishes are extended to you, Bro. Kawai, by the Masonic world had we been able to notify our brethren abroad that you, the President of the House of Councillors of Japan, were desirous to advance on the very same day from the degree of an Entered Apprentice like Bro. Hatoyama to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

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

MACARTHUR (New York)

WILL YOU EXPRESS OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO JAPANESE PREMIER

HARRY S. TRUMAN and RAY V. DENSLOW
(Trenton Missouri)

REGARDING CABLE PLEASE CONVEY GREETINGS GOOD WISHES TO GRAND MASTER SCHETELIG AND BRETHREN AT TOKYO STOP SORRY CANNOT ATTEND RAISING OF OUR DISTINGUISHED BROTHER ICHIRO HATOYAMA STOP PLEASE EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO PREMIER HATOYAMA AND FRATERNITY

GRAND COMMANDER HARKINS
(Washington, D.C.)

PLEASE THANK GRAND MASTER FOR HIS CORDIAL INVITATION CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL UPON THIS AUSPICIOUS EVENT PLEASE CONVEY ON BEHALF OF THE SCOTTISH RITE MASONS OF THE NORTHERN JURISDICTION OUR SINCERE WELCOME TO OUR DISTINGUISHED BROTHER THE PREMIER OF JAPAN DEEPLY REGRET MY INABILITY TO PARTICIPATE

GEORGE E. BUSHNELL (Boston Mass.)

Me he enterado con sumo placer que el 26 de los corrientes Su Excelencia será elevado al grado de Maestro Masón. Le envío por ello mis sinceras felicitaciones. Cuando mis Hermanos en Filipinas me hicieron Masón el 1.º de enero de 1895 enseguida nació en mi la convicción de que la institución masónica era el mejor instrumento para promover los mejores intereses patrios y llevarlos por los derroteros de la democracia y libertad. Conseguimos los MASONES FILIPINOS atraer el pueblo y destruir el regimen de opresión y tiranía mediante las luces que recibimos en los talleres de nuestra Institución. Tengo la íntima convicción que los principios masónicos serán para su Excelencia un guía mas en la solución de problemas que afectan los derechos nacionales e individuales de los millones de japoneses que han puesto su confianza en Su Excelencia para un gobierno permanente de Democracia y Libertad en vuestro pueblo.

La Masonería continua recalcando el mundo para que pueblos y hombres se reconozcan sinceros HERMANOS. Al haceros Mason estais contribuyendo con vuestro caudillaje político y social a que este mundo de confraternidad universal comprenda a los millones de japoneses por quienes estais volando con solicitud de estadista, de jefe de gobierno y de fiel ciudadano.

Fraternalmente,

EMILIO AGUINALDO (Philippines)

 GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE * * *

CONVEY MY CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO PREMIER OF JAPAN

TOM Q ELLIS (Jackson, Mis.)

GERMAN MASONS CONGRATULATE GRAND LODGE PHILIPPINES FOR RAISING PRIME MINISTER JAPAN AND GREET OUR BROTHER ICHIRO.

THEODOR VOGEL (Germany)

PLEASE ACCEPT PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR RAISING

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GRANDORIENT ITALY (Rome)

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THIS EVENT

HORACE S ALLEN GRAND MASTER DELA (Wilmington Del.)

WE SEND WARM FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO GRAND MASTER AND PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA FROM GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA

ELMER C FORKS GRAND MASTER (Fort Wayne, Ind.)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FROM GRAND MASTER KELSEY AND MYSELF YOUR RAISING PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA

ARTHUR H STRICKLAND (Topeka, Kans.)

. . . We are very happy to extend our congratulations to the Prime Minister on the event of his becoming associated with such a freedom loving group. It is a long way from the days of old and an event of this sort can only happen in a Masonic Lodge.

I know the lessons of Freemasonry which will be imparted to Brother Hatoyama will have a lasting effect upon his people in Japan, and I know that he will be of much service to your Brethren in the Philippines with his new connection.

Fraternally yours,

D. PETER LAGUENS, JR.
Grand Secretary (New Orleans, La.)

THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE EXTENDS HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR RAISING

PAUL L POWERS GRAND MASTER GRAND LODGE OF MAINE
(Portland, Me.)

KINDLY CONVEY ON BEHALF OF ONEHUNDRED SEVENTY-THOUSAND MICHIGAN MEMBERS OUR CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO BROTHER HATOYAMA

HOWARD L TAYLOR GRAND MASTER (Grand Rapids, Mich.)

MISSISSIPPI JOINS OTHER GRAND LODGES IN EXTENDING FRATERNAL GREETINGS TO YOU ON THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION

CHARLES E SAMPSON GRAND MASTER SID F CURTIS GRAND SECTY
(Meridians Miss.)

PLEASE ACCEPT CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MASONIC MEMBERSHIP GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE F AND AM

(Concord New Hamp.)

FRATERNAL GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS IMPORTANT EVENT

GRAND LODGE OF NEW MEXICO (Albuquerque Mex.)

CONGRATULATIONS ON RAISING SO DISTINGUISHED A PERSON AS PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA MARCH TWENTY SIXTH TOKYO

EDWARD R CARMAN GRAND SECRETARY NEW YORK (New York NY)

 GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE * * *

CONGRATULATIONS ON RAISING OF PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA OF JAPAN CONVEY TO HIM PERSONAL MESSAGE MAY LOVE OF GOD THROUGH TEACHINGS OF FREEMASONRY HELP PROMOTE PEACE AND BUILD BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES HISTORY WILL RECORD YOUR NAME AMONG SUCH DISTINGUISHED MASONS AS WASHINGTON

ED W KUNS GRAND MASTER OHIO (Cincinnati Ohio)

On this occasion may I extend hearty congratulations to Prime Minister Hatoyama through your good offices and wish for him and all good people of Japan, and more especially the Masons of that country, the best wishes and prayers of Oklahoma Masons for continued good will and increasing friendliness between these peoples.

It is very gratifying to see the spread of a more complete understanding between peoples and countries and the granting of the right of each individual to the exercise of his own right of worshipping God as he wishes and thinking and talking as he deems right and proper. Good Masons always desire to exercise these rights and privileges and grant the same right to others. Let us all continue to strive for the rights of men.

Sincerely and fraternally,

J. FRED LATHAM, *Grand Secretary* (Guthrie, Oklahoma)

The Grand Jurisdiction of the Philippine Islands is to be congratulated upon receiving into its membership Prime Minister Hatoyama.

We sincerely trust that the event will strongly cement the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the Government until time shall be no more.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

N. ARTHUR HYLAND, *Grand Secretary* (Providence R. I.)

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Sidney C. Voorhees, his Corps of Grand Officers and the brethren of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota extend Greetings and Congrautlations to Prime Minister Hato-yama on Saturday morning March 26th, 1955.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ELVIN F. STRAIN, *Grand Secretary* (Sioux Falls, S. Dak.)

VIRGINIAS GRAND MASTER CONGRATULATES YOUR PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA ON RECEIVING MASTER MASONS DEGREE

JAMES N HILLMAN, *Grand Secretary* (Richmond, Vir.)

RELETTER ADVISING THE RAISING OF PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA SATURDAY MORNING MARCH 26 TOKYO BY YOUR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OUR GRAND MASTER SENDS CONGRATULATIONS AND FELICITATIONS

JULIAN B HOLLINGSWORTH *Grand Secretary*
GRAND LODGE OF WEST VIRGINIA A OF AND A M
(Charleston W Vir.)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND TO HIS HONOR PRIME MINISTER HATOYAMA

O H G JACOBSEN GRAND MASTER WYOMING USA
(Casper Wyo.)

INCONVENIENCE OF DISTANCE AND NATIONALITY ARE WITHOUT POWER TO PREVENT ME AND ALL MASONS AND DEMOCRATIC LOVING PEOPLE IN SHARING WITH JAPANESE BRETHREN'S PRIDE OF HIS EXCELLENCY'S JOINING FREE MASONRY CONGRATULATIONS

GOVERNOR RODRIGUEZ (Manila Philippines)

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Fraternal Reviews



MISSISSIPPI, 1954

THE 136th ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A. M., was opened in ample form in the Hurricane Room of the Buenavista Hotel at Biloxi on 9 February 1954 at 9:30 a.m., and closed the following day, the Grand Chaplain invoking Divine Blessing.

GRAND MASTER Lawrence C. Corbin set forth these objectives during his incumbency: "to stimulate the practice of the great moral teachings of the Order by the individual members of the Craft in their daily walk and appreciation of the history of the Order, and thus stimulated, to keep their respective Lodges as a symbol, in their communities, for high type of character and citizenship." To accomplish these aims, the Grand Master travelled 30,000 miles, made one trip to Washington, D.C., and another to Chicago, delivered approximately 40 addresses, and attended numerous fellowship and get-together meetings. In every instance, he endeavored to re-emphasize the importance of the fact that whenever a man is said to be a Mason, the community may know, from the observation of that man—in his business, his family, and his church life—that he is a man of honor and integrity and is endeavoring to be of service to his fellow man.

71 FIFTY-YEAR BUTTONS were issued during the year. Mem-

bership as of August 31, 1953, was 46,604 with a net gain of 1,464, although 1,000 were S.N.P.D. 2 Lodges were granted Charters and 3 emergent Communications were held to lay cornerstones for Masonic buildings. The Grand Lodge of the Argentine Republic was granted recognition.

A TOUCHING SCENE was the reception of the widow of the Grand Lecturer, Dr. J. Rice William, who was escorted to the East to deliver the final message of her husband. Several times during the doctor's illness, he reminded his wife that he would resign due to his failing health after serving the Grand Lodge for over 38 years. "To the end," in the words of the widow, "Providence granted him his great desire to still be 'in harness.' I know death vacates an office and that it is a mere matter of sentiment, but I have thus been able to think of Dr. Williams as your Grand Lecturer until now when I have delivered his message that he would resign this morning." Thereafter, the Grand Worthy Matron of the Order of Eastern Star and Members were escorted in and welcomed by the Grand Master. An inspiring address by the Grand Worthy Matron, and an appropriate gift to her followed. Our Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Mississippi was absent. Of the 109 Past Grand Masters since its inception, 24 are still living. Wor-

FRATERNAL REVIEWS * * *

Bro. Juan A. Sarenas is its Grand Representative near our Grand Lodge.

A BOARD OF MANAGERS, with the Grand Master as Chairman, runs the Homes for Children at Meridian and Columbus. In 1922 the amount of \$20,000 was raised to erect a building now known as the Masonic Pavillion of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium in Magee. An act of the Legislature enabled the state to accept the building as a gift of the Grand Lodge. While the Grand Lodge has no obligation to maintain the pavillion, yet it stands as a continuing physical service to their fellowmen. \$10,000 was expended for relief which is worked out in this manner. When a Lodge feels that any member needs financial assistance, it votes an amount which it sends to the Grand Lodge which, in turn, doubles the amount and forwards it to the recipient. This is a direct relief and affords

the most for the money that can be obtained without the overhead expense of buildings and administration. An Endowment Fund known as the Murphy-Martin Higher Educational Fund created 25 years ago and now counts with \$109,970 in securities, maintains from its interests, 8 students yearly in College from worthy children from the Masonic Homes.

THE COMMITTEE on Foreign Correspondence acknowledged receipt of the 30th Anniversary brochure of our High Twelve Lodge No. 82. The Review written by the Fraternal Correspondent Allen Cabanis is a bird's eye view of Freemasonry all over the world and is instructive and interesting reading.

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Jose C. Velo, P.M.

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Fidel P. Encarnacion, P.M.

ENRIQUE . . . (Continued from page 908)

he lived by and to pass them on . . ."

It is well that the surviving children: two daughters, Febe Lolarga Valdelion, Pacita Lolarga Romero, and three sons, Dr. Enrique C. Lolarga, Jr., Ernesto and Celso Lolarga forget not their mother's message.

Of him whom we now miss in our midst, we can say:

HE WAS A MAN, true and good

To the rich and poor, the young and old.

Trials beset his path; storms his days

Yet on he went, sans any murmur from his lips.

HE WAS A BROTHER 'till the end

Radiating cheer where'er he went.

He lived in deeds, not in years

For such was his mission here.

MAURO BARADI, 33°, P.G.M.

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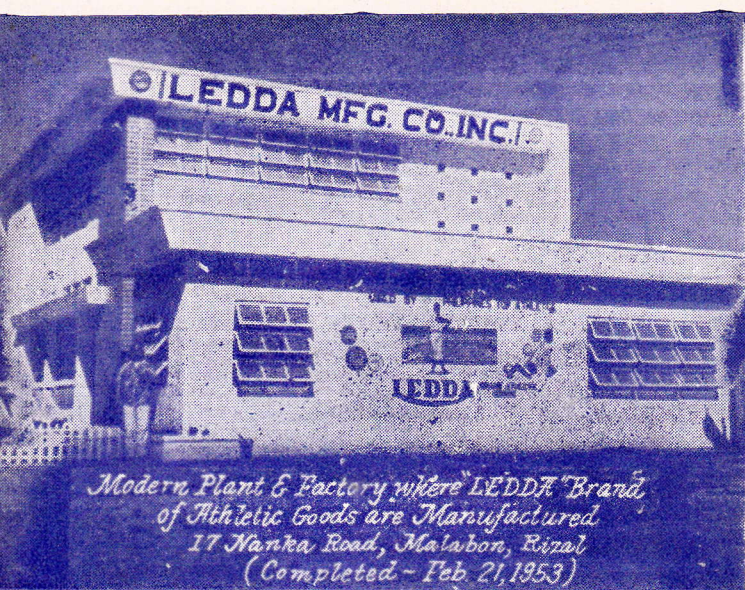
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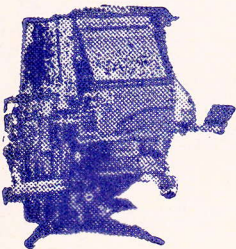
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