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Grand Master's Message

OUR MASONIC HOME

On the cover of this issue of the *Cabletow*, you see a picture of the Plaridel Temple which, next to your blue Lodge, is your Masonic home. On the next page, you see a picture of your Grand Lodge officers for the current Masonic year.

These two pictures are to remind you that they belong to you. The picture of the Temple represents the Grand Lodge. Many Lodges meet in this temple. The administrative offices are located here and from this temple the affairs of our Grand Lodge are carried on. Your fees and assessments support the activities and management of your Grand Lodge. In that way it is yours.

The Grand Lodge officers are your servants, to carry out the wishes and the mandates of the brethren in our Grand Jurisdiction. It is their duty to see that the Plaridel Temple, the dormitory, and the bowling alleys are properly administered for the convenience of the brethren. They are to see that the Masonic endeavors of our brethren are properly supervised and that Freemasonry in the Philippines is kept at a high level and in keeping with the standards set by distinguished brethren who have preceded us.

Concerning the temple building, changes have been made and we are confident that it will please all the brethren. The offices have been changed and a new filing system installed. The dormitory has been renovated, with plenty of water pressure and water available.

Expenses have been reduced thru reduction in maintenance personnel and all in all, we believe that Plaridel Temple is an improved home. We are now anxious to have our provincial brethren come to visit us more often.

In this connection, it is now the custom that on Tuesday mornings, the Grand Master has a breakfast meeting with any of our brethren

who wish to discuss any subject. One of those mornings we had a fine bull session concerning Masonic projects and it was a fruitful meeting, as well as one of good fellowship.

By visiting the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge officers, we get to know of your problems and find a solution thereto. The Plaridel Temple is our Cathedral of Freemasonry in the Philippines and I hope that all Masons in this Republic will look at it with the same pride and sense of proprietorship as your Grand Lodge officers had in the past and will continue to do in the future.

(Sgd.) HOWARD R. HICK
Grand Master

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SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT HOLDS CONVENTION

The 6th Masonic District under V. W. Bro. Nicanor Santos held their first District Convention on July 10th and 11th which was extremely successful. There was certainly much evidence of Prior Planning which should have pleased the Grand Master. There were about 180 delegates who not only witnessed very fine degree work but participated in the open forum discussions which will prove very profitable in the coming year.

Perhaps the most interesting subjects were lodge attendance and program. And all believed that these difficult problems are best solved thru good leadership, electing planners and doers to office in the lodge, as well as giving the young masons more duties as well as responsibility.

The fellowship in the meetings as well as hours outside of the lodge were extremely high level and we feel proud of our brothers in the Visayas for getting the first convention un-

der way and in such a successful manner. We can look well to the South.

MOTHER COUNCIL GIVES TO LIBERTY WELLS

Word has just been received that Ill. Luther A. Smith, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander, AASR, Southern Jurisdiction, (Mother Council of the World) sent \$2,500.00 to the Liberty Wells Association as a gift of the Scottish Rite Foundation to put down a well in some needy barrio in the Philippines. The check was sent to Wor. Bro. Albino SyCip, President of the Liberty Wells Association, it was learned from Wor. Bro. Macario C. Navia, secretary thereof.

In the letter to Wor. Bro. SyCip, Most Wor. Bro. Smith, PGM, stated that he was much impressed by the great service done by Philippine Freemasons to their fellow countrymen in rural areas in rendering assistance for their economic and health improvement that the trustees of the Scottish Rite Foundation, S.J., were moved to make the donation.

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On June 18, 1946 I entered a Masonic Lodge for the first time and I thought then that as far as Freemasonry was concerned, I had enjoyed one of the most gratifying experiences of my life. In 1949 I was elected Master of Manila Lodge No. 1 and I believed that nothing could surpass that gratifying experience. Tonight I have been installed Grand Master, and frankly, I cannot believe that such an honor, the highest within the gift of masons to bestow upon one of their members could come to me. It proves the democratic way of our great Fraternity. With this high honor goes great responsibility and at least until I finish my term, God willing, I look upon my Stewardship not as a reward, but rather a trust—a trust to serve the members of my Grand Lodge with every fiber of my mind and body. I stand before you a very humble, a very grateful, but a very sincere, determined individual. The manner in which I shall perform my duties and bear these responsibilities will depend greatly upon the cooperation I may receive from the subordinate lodges and the individual members of our Grand Jurisdiction.

For hundreds of years Freemasonry has been a tremendous influence for good all over the world. Our Grand Lodge has played its part well and every Mason in our jurisdiction can look with pride to our accomplishments and to the outstanding masons who have individually and collectively contributed to our success. For this reason I am apprehensive of my abil-

ity to fill the shoes of Grand Masters before me. Fortunately my immediate predecessors have seen fit to put me to work and as an appointed officer, as well as Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, and last year as Deputy Grand Master, I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve, and the opportunity to learn and prepare myself for this tremendous task.

My business requires that I travel extensively and when I do, I always plan to visit with our foreign brothers. I have visited four Grand Lodges in Europe and Canada and eight Grand Lodges in the United States and this valuable experience has taught me much and I hope from these visits, I can better administer the affairs of our Grand Lodge.

This fountain of experience that I have had to draw on has taught me one thing,—the backbone of Freemasonry is in the Master Mason, in the individual. Also in the blue lodges; these subordinate lodges make up our Grand Lodge. In them are conferred the Entered Apprentice, the Fellowship and Master Mason Degrees. There is nothing higher in Freemasonry to which you can aspire.

True, there are appendant masonic bodies, in particular, the York Rite which goes thru the Chapter, the Commandery, and ends with the degree of Knight Templar; and the Scottish Rite which advances by numerical degrees beginning with the fourth and ending with the 32nd degree. Frequently they are referred to as the higher bodies.

I am a member of the York Rite and the Scottish Rite, yet tonight I stand before you, divested of any jewel, pin or ring, or anything signifying my being more than a master mason. On the other hand I have chosen to wear my past master's jewel, a gift from the brothers of my mother lodge, as a symbol of my belief that nothing in Freemasonry is more important than the blue lodge and the master mason degree.

Some masonic charts by their very design, indicate that masonic progress, the search for masonic light, is a rise in rank, an elevation to higher degrees. I would propose that instead of indicating ascension beyond the 3rd degree, we should apply that term only to the first 3 degrees,—the third or Master Mason degree, being the highest attainable and rather than a ladder, I would propose that these three steps be shown as a tremendous round base, having a common center and all further progress be not up, but on the level of the 3rd step, inward to the center.

Such a diagram would hold true to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry; that no degree is greater than the 3rd degree or Master Mason degree and once attained by various routes, approaching from any point on the circumference, we walk upon the level advancing as far as we wish, toward God and Understanding.

Advancement in Freemasonry, yes, —not up—but inward, toward light and truth, and by so doing we preserve the dignity of the 3rd degree, and strengthen an ancient landmark, the blue lodge, or mother lodge of Freemasonry. A man's standing in his blue lodge controls his entire standing as a mason. If a mason is

suspended or expelled from his blue lodge, *ipso facto*, he severs his connection from all other Masonic Bodies, regardless of any honors he may have attained.

So that our Grand Lodge and its members will be familiar with the plans for our new masonic year and for the benefit of our guests present, who are not masons, I want to talk of the future in the simplest terms possible. In masonic parlance we speak of a trestle board; to me, an engineer, it means the drawing board, and to many it means a plan or a proposal. It typifies a mason. It is the art of preparation in advance, so that all may be cognizant of what we propose to do. No man or mason can do his best without prior planning and as a motto for the year, I propose that we use what may first seem a bit ludicrous, but because of the redundant use of the letter P (5 times) it could be an unforgettable motto: *5Ps*

Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance: As amusing as it may seem, you will find, if you reflect seriously, that it has great significance; it does not promise perfection, but it does, if carried out, prevent failure, I do not propose perfection but I do want to prevent failure.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said "the greatest thing in this world is not so much where we stand as it is in what direction we are going"; and our great brother, Franklin D. Roosevelt, during the 1929 depression remarked, "The world progresses by active mediocrity, not by passive genius." I propose nothing that would pass for genius, I know my capabilities, I propose in keeping with my ability, active mediocrity, action—progress.

By implementing the motto, the

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5Ps, I'm sure that Freemasonry in the Philippines will be more active, more vital and do much to help our country and our people. In compliance with this motto and like the three Grand Masters at the building of King Solomon's Temple who made it their habit to retire to a Sanctum Sanctorum to plan their work for a new day, let me, your Grand Master, do some prior planning, submit to you a plan. Let us be determined to revitalize our craft, make brotherly love a burning desire, fellowship, our ardent goal, and show to the world by act and deed that Freemasonry is a noble, active force which builds its temples in the hearts of men.

I propose, inasmuch as blue lodges are the backbone of our Grand Lodge, that we make a determined effort to do our utmost in improving the ritualistic work and the business and programs of each lodge. Our immediate past Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Vicente Orosa, has divided our jurisdiction into Masonic Districts in order to make the management of Grand Lodge Business more efficient, fruitful, and effective. This was a very important decision. I have visited with inspectors and deputies of Grand Masters in several Grand Lodges in the United States and have learned how efficient this arterial type of management can be.

To be specific, a lodge is only successful when it meets regularly, carries on its work, its business and ritual in accordance with our rules, regulations and Ancient Landmarks. Many of our provincial lodges and even some in Manila have been lax in this regard. Some lodges have not had the pleasure of a visit from their inspectors. In others, we find that inspectors do not fulfill all their duties,

others are not prompt and their masonic information comes to us too late for constructive use. To be brutally frank, we have 107 subordinate lodges in our jurisdiction and up to this very hour only 11 inspectors have submitted their reports,—reports that were due on April 1st.

In the Grand Lodge of New York they have 64 districts, each having a district deputy. They are the eyes, ears, mouth and hands of the Grand Master for the effectuation of the Grand Master's policies. I look forward with much pleasure in having my work lightened by the faithful performance of the duties of district deputies. This year we shall have masonic conventions of all lodges within each district, as well as the services of a travelling instructor. In this connection it is my intention to have three Grand Lodge degree teams, an American first degree, a Filipino second degree, and a mixed group of brothers representing all nationalities in our jurisdiction who will work on the 3rd degree team, a team which will work in full costumes.

We shall set up standard forms to be used by Grand Lodge inspectors as well as secretaries and treasurers to be used in reporting the activities of their blue lodges as well as the statistical and accounting data so that the Grand Lodge may have accurate information of all its lodges in the simplest and most expeditious manner.

I have found in the Philippines that our Provincial brethren need considerably more help than our brothers in the Manila area. Some lodges are far from Manila, in hard-to-get-to places, so I propose that we bring Grand Lodge to them, at least

the Grand Lodge Officers and members will visit them more frequently and in larger numbers. I shall schedule a monthly visitation by bus to our provincial lodges leaving Manila at 7 to 8 A.M. on Saturday mornings and returning Sunday afternoon. They will be Dutch treat, no lodge will have to bear the burden of shouldering the expenses of such an invasion.

We will not hurry,—we propose to stay overnight; our wives will go along. We shall enjoy fellowship on the way and on our return. It may be that such a visitation will be carried out during the hunting season or when the *fish* are running so that when our masonic work is done, we can turn to lighter duties and enjoy the fellowship of our provincial brethren in their lodge, their homes and even at the fishing grounds.

We shall not come to hurry away; rather we will come to visit and linger; to share with you, your hospitality, no matter how humble it may be. Please remember, my heart is with the Provinciano, for am I not one, a Quezonian? and oddly enough in America my surname is synonymous with country boy—taga lalawigan—provinciano—Hick.

I propose to place upon the trestle board a design concerning youth. The youth of our nation represents the greatest wealth we have. I believe that in our Grand Lodge we have neglected our responsibilities to youth. Many Grand Lodges have youth committees, not with the intent of moulding them into future masons, yet that frequently happens; but to utilize our efforts to help and guide young people grow into citizens of tomorrow, to study youth problems in general. We will have active masons participate in this program, they will represent the

church, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, DeMolay, Rainbow, Job's Daughters, field of interest to young men and women. We may have essay contests and in every way endeavor to make them better men and women, fathers and mothers of tomorrow.

I further propose to patronize the arts. Tonight at the altar I agreed to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues. I was taught as a Fellowcraft that the impressive ceremonies of Freemasonry were calculated to inculcate in the mind of the novitiate the importance of the study of arts and sciences. Then, in accordance with my obligation, and my teaching, we are obligated to do our utmost to accomplish these objectives.

Would it not be wonderful tonight if we could have had a choir, composed of masons, to provide the musical background befitting this occasions? We have the talent in this jurisdiction, Filipinos, particularly are patrons of the art of music. I want all masons who have an interest in either a choir or symphony orchestra to come forward and volunteer. I want to have several musical programs through the year, to provide suitable, dignified, entertainment, perhaps raise funds for charitable purposes, provide background for ritualistic work. How wonderful it will be if the Grand Lodge convenes next year to the soul stirring masonic music of our distinguished brother mason, the famous composer, Mozart.

Remember too that it does not have to be always seriousness and dignity. There is nothing in our rules and regulations that says that a mason can not laugh, cannot have fun or enjoy himself. How frequently I have been asked what is there in a

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lodge but repetition, ritual, and more ritual, nothing but business. If this is happening in your lodge it is time to change the master.

There is nothing in our rules and regulations that says that members of a lodge cannot do other work in the lodge hall or in their homes which will contribute to fellowship. What is wrong with singing masons; a quartet getting around a piano, guitar or an accordion, singing sea songs, songs of the west, barbershop songs, entertaining less fortunate brothers who can't sing because they are only ritualists. Here is an opportunity to serve the Fraternity, to provide something to do, to amuse and entertain yourselves, your brothers, and perhaps as the spark catches holds, develop an interest in the arts which may well lead to using our talented musicians to entertain non-masons and perhaps earn funds to support a masonic charity. I ask you to support this project. If you are a musician come forward, do not be reticent; I ask not for passive genius, I want only only active mediocrity.

As Senior Grand Warden, I assisted the Grand Master in starting the library. It is small, and humble, yet it is a beginning. It needs food upon which to grow. It needs your help and assistance of the Grand Lodge. I propose to appoint a committee to enlarge our library and make its facilities available to our brethren. This committee will ask lodges and brothers to donate books. They will prepare a list of books to be obtained when possible. They will solicit funds for such purposes and do all possible to create a library that will be entertaining and educational, something that will assist in drawing more brothers to our Temple. Such a project

will be not only educational but will do much to improve fellowship.

Speaking of fellowship, I want to see more fellowship among brothers and lodges. I want to develop more fellowship around the athletic side of life. Years ago we had masonic Golf Tournaments. They were a big thing, talked of long before and long after a competition was completed. Let us revive this interest in sports, to keep our health, our tummies down, but most important to get together to enjoy each other's company and cultivate sportsmanship. I will therefore, appoint a Sports Committee to lay out such a program and ask any and all who are interested or who have ideas to come forward and volunteer.

The Cable Tow: I now come to an important subject. Our Grand Lodge Organ. On January 11, 1922, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 at its stated meeting passed the following resolution which was presented at the 10th annual communication.

"The foundation of a masonic newspaper either weekly, semi-monthly or monthly which shall be the official organ of the M. W. Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the exponent of Ancient Craft Masonry in these Islands and shall be published under the auspices of this M.W. Grand Lodge."

This resolution resulted in a Grand Lodge organ called the "LEVEL" which in four issues died. A revamp of the "LEVEL", an injection of adrenalin—good management—and with a change of name, our "CABLE-TOW" was born. It too has had vicissitudes and even at this communication we have taken steps to upgrade its quality and improve its reception among the members of our Grand Lodge.

However, there remains the problem of securing, original, strong, vital, informative and interesting material to put into our Grand Lodge organ. Material which will be interesting to our brethren in the Philippines and to our masonic brothers overseas. Because you, and you, have failed to produce, have failed to contribute, it has been frequently necessary to use foreign material to complete an issue. We must stop this policy and we intend to publish less issues of the *Cable Tow*, yet concentrate on its substance. The Grand Lodge cannot do this alone.

The *Cable Tow* is the official gazette and a library of reference for the Craft in the Islands. It keeps the Brethren in the outposts of Masonry posted on masonic activities in the Philippines and in the Masonic world at large. It furnishes them instruction and entertainment. It shows them that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines is a going concern, with officers and members constantly on the alert in the interest of Masonry in general and of the Craft in these islands in particular.

As the official Grand Lodge organ it should speak for Freemasonry in the Philippines. It is not to be subordinated to any masonic organ in our Grand Lodge Jurisdiction. Therefore, I enjoin all masons who have a message for their brothers, to contribute to the *Cable Tow*. Further, the *Cable Tow* is not limited to the product of a masonic mind, there are those who think and act as we do, who do not wear the lambskin. When we find such material, it can be, with the permission of the author, used as informative material which will embrace the vitality of our Grand Lodge organ.

Let us raise the standard of our *Cabletow*; let us produce a Grand Lodge organ of which we can be proud, one which will tell the world that we are active, we are strong, alive, and that we are playing our small part in advancing the principles and tenets of our great Fraternity.

Concerning relief, I would like to touch upon a very important subject, one dear to the hearts of all masons,—our Hospital for Crippled Children. In America I had the privilege of visiting five Shriners' Hospitals. Two points I would like to bring to your attention,—First: the conception of the idea that brought this great charitable project into fruition. The Shriners, or the Order of the Mystic Shrine, was known as the playground of Freemasonry. It grew, but its cornerstone was not laid until 1920, 48 years later, when Past Imperial Potentate Freeland Kendrick said, "The Shrine has a membership of a great mass of distinguished and influential citizens. However, no institution can long survive without a major objective. A playground for masonry is not enough. I propose that we turn our resources to aiding crippled children by building hospitals where these unfortunate ones may have their ailments corrected without a cent of cost to their parents; there is no such charity in the world." He proposed a plan which caught the imagination and today his words ring out as a tribute, as well as an outstanding monument to Freemasonry.

Second: I would like to call your attention to what I believe is the most important aspect of this great charity. It is easy to see and measure the tangible evidence of such success. Seventeen hospitals with well-trained staffs of doctors and nurses, have performed

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miracles. In a little more than 36 years more than a quarter million boys and girls with prospects of lives of helplessness have had their limbs straightened, curved spines corrected and other ailments cured.

But the intangible is even more gratifying. The success of the Shriners Hospital has become a symbol of what can be done, and what has been done. To many people all over the world this charity has become the measuring stick of other fraternal, civic and religious organizations. Many of them have accomplished great deeds and are to be congratulated. But can we not feel proud that in Freemasonry, in the Shriners Hospital project, we have an institution which can inspire others, perhaps instead of a quarter million boys and girls, indirectly because of emulation we may have helped 10 times that number.

Is this not a lesson? A successful effort may, like a snowball when rolled down hill, become a geometric progression. With our limited means we cannot duplicate or come near the high standard of our American brothers, yet in our small way and perhaps often at greater sacrifice we are contributing our bit. But I wonder if we are doing it most efficiently? Our great charity needs not only continued support but concerted effort. Therefore, I propose to appoint a committee to study this charity and even go into the study of the possibility of someday having our own hospital, our own staff; a place that we may look to, a 100% masonic effort.

In accordance with a principle I have already touched on, that Masonic activities need not be confined to a lodge; I urge our members to go out and become active in civic and char-

itable affairs not necessarily in the name of Freemasonry. Give aid to others in their creditable works. I couldn't help but feel great pride in our Grand Lodge when I was attending the monthly meeting of the National Board of the YMCA of the Philippines, and while discussing a new project, I noticed that one paragraph of our agenda started out like this: "Among the most steadfast and effective founding fathers and lifelong leaders of the Philippine YMCA movement are Rafael Palma, Jose Abad Santos, Conrado Benitez, Albino Sycip and others"—What pride we must have in this statement, all four are masons, three, Past Grand Masters of our Grand Lodge; and Bro. Sycip an equally strong pillar of our fraternity. Many of our brothers are working out of the lodge, teaching those great moral duties, inculcated in it. Are we doing all we can? Are we giving our best? When a Freemason accepts additional civic and charitable duties and performs them well, he brings honor to our fraternity.

We are not supposed to advertise, to boast, or generally make known that our service is in the name of Freemasonry, but the public will soon learn that Juan de la Cruz is a good man because he serves his community, his fellowman, his country and one day they may discover that he is a mason and suddenly those who have been taught to frown upon us will find no basis for distrust and hate. They will understand that no matter what our race, color or creed, we can walk side by side and share in many of our mutual objectives.

Communism: Two years ago a book was published in the Philippines entitled Freemasonry and Com-

munism, the author was Father Weiss, a Jesuit Priest. The presentation was so inaccurate and unjust that the author was called to task by his Superiors. Fortunately it did not have a wide circulation, but it must have done some harm when read by the ill-informed. This book alleges that Freemasonry and Communism are bed-fellows. This challenge should not go unanswered. Let me ask one question,—Is it not peculiar that as great and powerful as Freemasonry is, that it does not exist in countries or places where there is Dictatorship, Communism, Tyranny and Bigotry? No lodge exists in Russia, no lodge existed in Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy. As those ideologies grew, they found an enemy in the masonic lodge. Masons were persecuted and Lodges closed and confiscated. This is my answer to those dastardly charges.

Let us prove by deed what we are and what we stand for. Let us plan programs to combat poverty, illiteracy, to promote peace and understanding; and let us leave our lodges and go out into the barrios, our municipalities, our cities and work side by side with our fellowmen and convince the world that we stand for love of country, patriotism and a democratic way of life. Those of us who represent management, who employ labor, who profit by the toil of others, should so far as their business means permit, provide every facility to dignify labor and to show communists that the capitalistic way is the democratic way and that it can be shared by all for the advancement of any nation or mankind.

In the Philippines we are an underdeveloped country and there is a disparaging difference between the top

and the bottom. Let masons and Freemasonry contribute to the elevation of our less fortunate fellowmen and thereby upgrade our social system,—God's way—stretch out thine hand.

Let us not forget that tho some do not wear the lambskin apron they may think as we do, have the same mission. We are not the only ones with high ideals and objectives. We hold no monopoly on virtue, only last February the Honorable Senator Claro M. Recto took up the cudgel in our behalf. His speech on the separation of church and state, was a masterpiece. Given on a Saturday night, damned on Sunday. There are others but for the sake of brevity I name only two,—Justice Bocobo and Judge Guevarra, vigorous, forceful, courageous speakers, ready to sacrifice for principles, but never willing to sell their honor. Do we stretch forth a helping hand? Do we pat them upon the shoulder? Do we let them know that we have a sympathetic ear, an understanding heart? Let us keep them in mind when we pay honor for meritorious service rendered to our country.

There are many things to talk about and time is running short, but perhaps you can see my sincere interest in our problems and my hope that we can do more to revitalize, add strength to our great fraternity. In order to be of service I will inaugurate a Grand Master's breakfast every Tuesday morning at the Plaridel Temple, from 7:30 to 9:00 A.M., come early, or come late, eat breakfast or drink only a cup of coffee. We will discuss Freemasonry, we will enjoy early morning fellowship and who knows we may accomplish many of

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our objectives at these breakfast meetings.

Our Grand Lodge and its meeting place: Do you remember a masonic admonition, "Wisdom to contrive, strength to support and beauty to adorn." I hope next year to adorn the Grand Lodge Hall, but in a peculiar manner. I shall appoint a committee who will study this problem. I will propose that they prepare a list of things we need to make our hall more beautiful,—altar, columns, gavels, altar cushions, lecterns, rods, many things. I expect to have these things given to the Grand Lodge.

In the Philippines we have some of the finest and most beautiful timber in the world, let us have in this hall, things representing the Philippines, our country, our Filipinos, our masons. Let the Grand Lodge be a symbol of unity. I will expect lodges or masonic districts to support this project within their limited means and

I will expect masons to contribute their skill, their hand work in making these gifts, inexpensive, representative, but expressive of solidarity.

In closing, I want you to know that I shall always be available to our members, the Grand Master's door will always be open. Come in and discuss any problem with me. Remember that altho in Lodges and in Grand Lodge I may be Grand Master, or Most Worshipful Sir, outside of the lodge and in my office I am and will only be Howard, one of you.

On June 18, 1946 when I first entered a masonic lodge, I was taught that no man should enter upon any great or important undertaking without first invoking the blessing of God. Tonight except perhaps for the obligation that I have to my family, I am about to undertake the biggest task of my life. Please bow your heads while I silently ask God's help.—Amen.



AUSTRALIANS VISIT HIGH TWELVE

A group of brother Masons from Australia, members of several lodges belonging to the Scottish Constitution down under, were guests on May 15, 1958 of High Twelve Lodge No. 82 F & AM at their stated meeting in Jose Abad Santos Hall, Plaridel Temple. The third degree was exemplified by the home lodge for the benefit of the visiting brethren.

The group was headed by Bro. Kenneth H. Bears, Senior Warden of Lodge Star of Australia No. 200 of Sydney, New South Wales. The brethren are in the Royal Australian Navy which made a stop-over in Manila on their way to Tokyo, Japan.

ORGANIZE MUTUAL AID SOCIETY

In implementation of an action taken in the Grand Lodge Communication early this year, a number of Masons of this jurisdiction organized and incorporated the "Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc." It has the approval of the Insurance Commissioner and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Board of Trustees is composed of Howard R. Hick, Chairman; Eduardo L. Claudio, Jose W. Curameng, Gumersindo Garcia, Sr., Esteban Munarriz, Luis R. Salvosa, and Jose C. Velo, members.

YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

The youth of our nation is our greatest asset and it is our solemn duty as Masons to prepare them to the best of our ability for their solemn duties as men and women, fathers and mothers, and citizens of our Republic.

Within Freemasonry, not part of it, there are youth organizations worth the support of Lodges and individual Masons. In our Grand Jurisdiction we have active youth groups as: the Order of Rainbow for Girls, Order of Job's Daughters, and Order of DeMolay for Boys.—HRH

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The twenty-first trimestral installation of officers of Perla Assembly, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, was held at the Scottish Rite Temple on May 1, 1958 at seven in the evening. After the installation ceremonies, the girls held a cotillion to introduce their eighteen-year old members to society after which dancing, preceded by a Rigodon de Honor, was indulged in by the young people present at the rites.

Those installed are: Worthy Advisor, Patricia Tria; Worthy Associate Advisor, Eva B. Cruz; Charity, Lucille E. Venturanza; Hope, Alejandra Patiño; Faith, Mercedita Antonio; Recorder, Felicitas Tria; Treasurer, Amparo de los Santos; Chaplain, Mercy Norma Mandac; Drill Leader, Jacqueline Araneta; Love, Adelisa Cifra; Religion, Perla Madarang; Nature, Luzviminda Closa; Immortality,

Proserfina Domingo; Fidelity, Carolyn Gardner; Patriotism, Melinda Tria; Service, Evelyn Torres; Confidential Observer, Gabriela Feliciano; Outer Observer, Ruth Toledo; Musician, Alice Nibut; Choir Director, Marietta Prudencio; Mother Advisor, Mrs. Maria Luisa Vicente.

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Philippine Bethel No. 1, Order of Job's Daughters, held their fourth semestral installation of officers on June 28, 1958 at seven in the evening at the Lincoln Memorial Masonic Temple in Olongapo, Zambales, in the presence of their parents, friends and relatives. After the installation ceremonies, light refreshments were served to the guests and members present.

Those installed are: Honored Queen, Susan Selby; Senior Princess, Kathleen Taylor; Junior Princess, Resurreccion Gregorio; Guide, Carmen de la Cruz; Marshal, Esperanza Bada; Senior Custodian, Lo Lai Go; Junior Custodian, Evelyn Davis; Inner Guard, Brenda Ammons; Recorder, Milrie MacKey; Treasurer, Evelyn Hyland; Chaplain, Diane Blackwell; Musician, Lollie Cash; Librarian, Doris Hyland; First Messenger, Nida Santos; Second Messenger, Salvacion Gregorio; Third Messenger, Linda Brown; Fourth Messenger, Yolanda Ramos; Fifth Messenger, Sylvia de Leon.

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YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

ORDER OF DEMOLAY INSTALLATION

With Prof. Teodoro Agoncillo of the History Department, University of the Philippines, as guest speaker, the Jose Abad Santos Chapter, Order of DeMolay, held their public installation of officers for the second term of 1958 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple at seven in the evening of June 29, 1958.

Those installed were: Master Councilor, Ricardo M. Ylagan; Senior Councilor, Manuel Estillore, Jr.; Junior Councilor, Jose Malalang; Treasurer, Candido San Jose; Scribe, Isagani Domingo; Senior Deacon, Arsenio Barcara; Junior Deacon, Victor Rivera; Senior Steward, Federico Ramirez; Junior Steward, Benjamin del Carmen; Chaplain, Pio Caccam; Almoner, Cesar de Leon; Orator, Federico Agnir; Marshal, Pedro Francisco; Standard Bearer, Florante Escalante; Organist, Jerry Dadap; Sentinel, Manuel Sanchez; First Preceptor, Benjamin Malalang; Second Preceptor, Arturo Castro; Third Preceptor, Ernesto Caburian; Fourth Preceptor, Adriano Evangelista; Fifth Preceptor, Samuel Alapan; Sixth Preceptor, Ricardo San Jose; Seventh Preceptor, Carlos San Luis.

Other parts of the program were greetings from Victor Hugo, Past Master Councilor of Loyalty Chapter; Vocal Solo by Evelyn Mandac with piano accompaniment by Gracia Melocoton; inaugural address by the newly installed Master Councilor; introduction of the guest speaker by Bro. Leon M. Lazaga; address by Prof. Teodoro Agoncillo; closing remarks by Most Wor. Bro. Michael Goldenberg, PGM and Deputy and Active Member for the Philippines, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

ELECT RAMIREZ P.N.C. PRESIDENT

Wor. Bro. (Dr.) Emiliano C. Ramirez was recently elected and installed President of the Philippine Normal College, the country's oldest normal school. Wor. Bro. Ramirez, Past Master of Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51, F & A M, of Bacoor, Cavite, was felicitated and commended by the brethren of his lodge at their meeting of April 12, 1958.

The new President of the Philippine Normal College was unanimously elected by the Board of Trustees and on his election was sworn into office by President Garcia.

We congratulate Wor. Bro. Ramirez on his election and wish him God-speed in his endeavors. We are certain that with his excellent preparation, professionally and masonically, he will succeed.

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DE LAS ALAS MARKER UNVEILED

A historical marker in the town of Indang, Cavite, for the late Don Severino de las Alas, a Mason, revolutionary leader and first Secretary of the Interior of the first Philippine Republic under Bro. Emilio Aguinaldo, was unveiled on Jan. 4, 1958 at the town plaza in front of the Municipal building. The unveiling ceremonies were sponsored by Indang Lodge No. 115 of which Wor. Bro. Menandro Vida is the Master. Present at the ceremonies were Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, members of the Philippine Historical Commission, and prominent Masons of the province of Cavite.

Wor. Bro. Vida presided at the ceremonies and gave the introductory remarks.



Left to right, first row—Delia Navia, Virginia Sack, Godofredo Ricafort, Bertha Kolipano; Second row—Leticia Javier, Daniel Kolipano, Antonio Kolipano, Josefina Esguerra; Third row—Rosa Navia, Gregorio Basilio, Erlinda Alonzo, Ada Guzman, Hilario Esguerra, Primo Guzman, Mary Spuler

YORK RITE PRESENTS "LOVE OF LEONOR RIVERA"

Dr. Severino Montano's three-act play, "Love of Leonor Rivera" was presented on the eve of Rizal Day in Jose Abad Santos Hall of Plaridel Temple by members of the York Rite Bodies and Order of the Eastern Star to a "standing room only" house. Those present at the Arena Theater presentation were unanimous in their comment that the play was well-acted and that it was a revelation to all that among Masons and Eastern Stars and Rainbow girls, there is such fine dramatic talent.

Where do we go from here—this should be the beginning of a Masonic Dramatic Group to develop programs for the masonic year. This group is to be congratulated for starting such a fine project. It is the implementation of the Grand Master's program concerning the arts.

The assemblage was presided over by Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzales, PGM, PGS, and presently Grand Secretary of Royal Arch Masons in the Philippines. Received officially were Most Wor. Bro. Howard R. Hick, Grand Master and Most Wor. Bro. Francisco A. Delgado, PGM and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Bodies.

Among those who played in the June 18, 1958 presentation are: Sisters Erlinda Alonzo, Antonia A. Kolipano, Leticia B. Javier, Josefina S. Esguerra, Rosa Navia, Ada S. Guzman, Mary C. Spuler, Delia Navia, Virginia Sack, Bertha Kolipano, and Bros. Hilario Esguerra, Gregorio Basilio, Godofredo Ricafort, Daniel L. Kolipano, and Primo I. Guzman under the direction of Wor. Bro. Ramon Alonzo.

WITH SUBORDINATE LODGES

Wor. Bro. M. P. Gatmaitan, as the Grand Master's representative, paid calls on several of our Lodges in the Southern islands and was received with all courtesies—proving again that our provincial brethren never fail to roll out the carpet for the city folks, Masons or non-Masons. That wonderful Filipino hospitality can only be outdone by Filipino-probin-siano hospitality.

Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98 is almost completely rehabilitated since the devastating fire a year ago, which almost completely burned down the city of Catbalogan. Our brothers there lost almost everything, but they are back in business. New furniture, and paraphernalia have been acquired by the brethren of the Lodge with some assistance from brethren of sister Lodges nearby. Good work, Mt. Huraw!

Maguindanaw Lodge No. 40 in Cagayan de Oro City put Freemasonry on the map in that city. Drought and famine in the mountain barrios of Mindanao became a serious problem and the Maguindanaw Lodge, principally thru the efforts of its Master, Wor. Bro. Saab, contributed fifty cans of rice and several cases of canned foods to relieve the hungry and distressed. That is Freemasonry in action and when in the future calamities occur, our sister Lodges could well emulate the deed of our fine Masons in Cagayan de Oro.

Makabugwas Lodge No. 47. Don't look now, but soon you will see a new

Masonic Temple in Tacloban City. Our brothers have taken the bull by the horns and have acquired a building site and are now raising funds to start a building on it. Here is a worthy cause, Brethren. More power to Makabugwas!

Wor. Bro. Gatmaitan reports that all is well in the South, but since our Lodges are quite apart and there are rough and rugged roads as well as sea distances between them, many of our Southern brethren are contemplating to organize two new Lodges in Mindanao to make it easier for our brethren there to be active in that area.

Mt. Apo Lodge No. 45 in Zamboanga city celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. Congratulations, officers and members of Mt. Apo. More power to you!

Recently the following Lodges in Quezon and Laguna provinces gave a fraternal banquet in honor of the Grand Master:

Malinaw Lodge No. 25

Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26

Rizal Lodge No. 20

Balintawak Lodge No. 28

Kalilayan Lodge No. 37

Jose Abad Santos Lodge No. 43

Could it be that the coconut Lodges are honoring the "coconut king?" Our Grand Master is president of Peter Paul (Phil.) Corp., one of the largest dessicated coconut companies in the Philippines and what is more, his home is in Quezon province. This makes the second coconut Grand

Master, our first being Most Wor. Bro. Werner P. Schetelig, of San Pablo city, who is a coconut oil manufacturer. The probinsianos sure stick together.

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In line with the Grand Master's good housekeeping policy, the officers and members of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, F & A M, are spending close to ten thousand pesos to improve the beauty of the facade, sides, hall, first floor, and parking lot of Lincoln Lodge Hall, which heretofore has been considered the best lodge hall outside of Manila.

The lodge hall has been improved with tiered seats on the sides, new piano, and a dozen big ceiling fans and a well-appointed East. The ground floor has been improved by equipping five offices on the west side

for the blue lodge, Scottish Rite and York Rite bodies, the Eastern Star, and Job's Daughters while the bigger portion of the floor is being beautified as a social hall, possibly with a small kitchen for the preparation of refreshments. The present parking lot will be cemented to serve as a terrace for open-air gatherings.

With the possibility of that portion of Olongapo town site being turned over to the Philippine government, the brethren there are preparing to buy the lot on which the lodge hall is located. Wor. Bro. Nestor Niguidula, the present master, who is himself a civil engineer, is directing the face lifting work and is getting wonderful cooperation from the other officers and members of the lodge. V. Wor. Bro. Purisimo Ramos, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No 3, is treasurer of the lodge.

WITH SISTER GRAND LODGES

The month of May saw the visits to our Grand Jurisdiction of two Past Grand Masters from sister Grand Jurisdictions. We are always happy to receive visitors to our Grand Lodge temple and when they are PGM's, we get the opportunity to discuss Freemasonry in a universal way.

The first visit to us was by MW Bro. Harry LeRoy Robinson of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This distinguished brother is interesting and entertaining and we have since learned, a very distinguished Mason. Our Grand Master wrote to the Grand Lodge of Maryland thanking them for the visit of MW Bro. Robinson

and the Grand Master of Maryland wrote back that they are extremely proud of their MW Bro. Robinson because they have only a few PGM'S. One distinguished brother served for 34 consecutive years.

This is an interesting fact and shows Masonic devotion to duty as well as fraternal devotion to a capable brother. Come again, MW Bro. Robinson.

The second Past Grand Master was no other than Ill. Bro. Luther A. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander, A & ASR, Southern Jurisdiction, and Past Grand Master of Mississippi.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

ILL. LUTHER A. SMITH 33°

*PGM of Mississippi and Sovereign Grand Commander
Southern Jurisdiction*

Freemasonry is a voluntary association of good men who not only believe in God, the Great Architect of the Universe, but hold it to be a fact of their everyday life that this is a Moral Universe and that man's first duty is to do the Will of God as he finds it written in the great book of Nature, and in his own conscience and in the Revelation which He has given to all his Creatures. The second great concept of Freemasonry is that Men should live by the ideals of friendship, morality, and brotherly love, and that all political truth can be found in its Shibboleth: "Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity." Therefore, all through history Freemasons have been strong supporters of the basic rights of Man—the right to think for himself, to inquire into the nature of things, and to arrive at his own conclusions; to speak and to write and thereby communicate his ideas to his fellows; to worship God according to the dictate of his own conscience, and to associate with his fellowmen in the establishment of such institutions as they believe will advance their best interests. To these ends, Freemasons have been the pioneers in the dissemination of knowledge, the buiding of schools and colleges wherein at the public expense all the children of all the people may have the opportunity of securing an education which will equip them to perform the duties of citizenship and to enrich their own minds by getting acquainted with the liberal arts and sciences.

The above gives one in very brief outline the whole program and mission of Freemasonry in the world and it would seem to warrant the approv-

al and support of all men of goodwill, but it is the tragedy of history that there are large groups of great power and influence who in every nation set up roadblocks against the progress of Masonic ideals and teachings despite the fact that they are advocated not for selfish reasons, but for the general good, uplift, and enlightenment of Mankind, and also despite the fact that wherever they have been given the right of way the people have rejoiced in their freedom and for the opportunity of achieving their own destiny. Two modern examples of the truth of these statements are the Republics of the United States and the Philippines.

But we are living in critical times when our principles are being openly challenged and denounced by the highest authority of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and their members threatened with the lightning of excommunication if they align themselves with the Freemasons and the Protestant Churches. The Roman Catholic Church thereby joins hands with the Communists in their efforts to subvert the very foundations of our existence as free nations. As they have always done when Liberty is at stake, the Freemasons will accept the challenge and stand steadfast for Constitutional government and the bill of Rights. If there be those who are afraid, timid, and intimidated by the terrifying might of these enemies of freedom, let them retire and give way to those who are dedicated, courageous, and determined. The issue is joined—Let those who are on the Lord's side *Stand up and be counted!*

PROGRAM OF THE SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

By H. P. OLIVEROS, P.M.
Senior Grand Lecturer

Designed and aimed to bring closer relationship among the brethren of the subordinate lodges on the one hand, and all the brethren and the officers of the Grand Lodge on the other, the Philippines (jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge), is now divided into ten Masonic Districts. This program will greatly foster a better and a strong tie of fraternal regard and sincere brotherhood among the members of the lodges in each district.

It is gratifying to note that there is an awakened interest among the brethren so far as the program of activities outlined by the Grand Master is concerned, which urges and enjoins all members and officers of the Grand Lodge to do their respective and collective parts in implementing this program. The Grand Lecturers immediately prepared a program of their visits to the different districts for the purpose of conducting Schools of Instruction.

The earnest effort to visit Mount Huraw Lodge No. 98 in Catbalogan, Samar, last June 6 and Makabugwas Lodge No. 47 in Tacloban City, last June 7, suffered a set back, on account of some unavoidable circumstances, the trip had to be postponed.

The Grand Lodge Inspectors for the Lodges of Manila Area and Suburbs convened last June 9 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple. The Grand Master himself presided over the meeting. Twenty-three inspectors out of thirty-five were present. The object of the meeting was to brief the

inspectors on their duties. The Grand Master expressed his confidence in the abilities and proficiencies of the Grand Lodge Inspectors; he told them that they should look upon their appointments, not so much as an honor, but, rather, as a splendid opportunity to serve the Grand Lodge. He further affirmed that the Grand Lodge Inspectors are the eyes, ears, and hands of the Grand Master, and that they do their job well, to the end that the administration of the Grand Lodge would become more efficient and productive of good results. The Grand Master admonished the Grand Lodge Inspectors that if they would fail in the performance of their official duties, the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge in particular, and Masonry in general, might be adversely affected. The meeting which started at 7:00 o'clock in the evening and lasted for about three hours, proved very interesting and educational. For the clarification of certain points, questions were asked by the Inspectors, and were answered accordingly by the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturers. Majority of the Inspectors felt happy for having been able to attend the meeting. Some, however, expressed their regret for not having been able to have instruction on ritualistic work; but the Grand Lecturers assured them that a School of Instruction will soon be held for them.

Another School of Instruction had to be postponed; this school was to

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coincide with the meeting of Lodge Inspectors for the lodges of Southern Luzon District at San Pablo City, Laguna. The meeting was originally set for June 15, but it was later moved to June 19 to coincide with the party to be given by Malinaw Lodge No. 25 and Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, in honor of the Grand Master, who belongs to these lodges, as an honorary member. Because of a previous engagement the Grand Lodge Lecturers were not able to attend the meeting. But they earnestly hope that the District Deputy Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother C. Constantino, could soon find time to convene his inspectors for a school of instruction.

The Grand Lodge Lecturer was pleased to be at San Fernando, La Union, last June 22, where another School of Instruction for inspectors in the North-Western Luzon District was held. There are eight lodges in this District and all the inspectors were present, except the inspector for Agno Lodge No. 75, and also Worshipful Brother Bonifacio Cacdac, who, at an earlier date, had courteously declined his appointment as Inspector for Abra Lodge No. 86, on account of pressure of work and consideration of his state of health. Thanks to the District Deputy Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother Marcelino T. Viduya, for the attention and hospitality accorded the Grand Lodge Inspectors while they were in San Fernando.

In the morning of June 29, 1958, the Grand Lecturers, with the Grand Secretary, motored to Cavite Lodge No. 2, Cavite City, where a School of Instruction for Inspectors in the South Western Luzon District was held. This district comprises the

lodges of Cavite City, Provinces of Cavite, Batangas, and Oriental Mindoro. All the Inspectors were present except the Inspector for Batangas No. 35. It is gratifying to note the interest and enthusiasm of those present who were wanting to learn ritualistic work. For the reception given them the Inspectors would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the District Deputy Grand Master, Very Worshipful Brother Antonio Donado.

The following series of visitations to conduct Schools of Instruction for Grand Lodge Inspectors shall be as scheduled:

July 4—6:00 PM—

Visayas District, Cebu City

July 5—2:00 PM—

Mindanao-Sulu District, Cagayan de Oro City

July 13—10:00 AM—

Western-Central Luzon District, Olongapo, Zambales

July 19—2:00 PM—

Northeastern Luzon District, Santiago, Isabela

Fundamentally, the task of the Grand Lecturers is to emphasize and to require strict adherence to the work adopted by the Grand Lodge. Also, it is the purpose of the Grand Lodge Lecturers to visit as many lodges as they can possibly visit during the year that they may help the brethren gain more proficiency in ritualistic work. Any lodge who needs the services of the Grand Lecturers should not hesitate to solicit the help and advice of the lecturers; these officers are prepared to help the brethren willingly and promptly, whenever the date or dates can be mutually agreed upon in order to accomplish the very objectives of such visitations.

ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

Our 42nd Annal Grand Lodge Communication has come and gone and soon you will be able to read all the details in our Grand Lodge Proceedings. However, there are certain high lights which should be communicated to you at this time.

Last year, Grand Master Orosa divided our Grand Jurisdiction into 8 Masonic districts. This action facilitated the management of our Grand Lodge. This year, two other districts have been added for greater efficiency. The two districts are Okinawa

and Guam, each with two lodges.

Our guest speaker for the annual communication was Dr. James Yen, an out standing world citizen who spoke on the subject of Rural Reconstruction and the challenge that it affords Freemasonry. This issue of the *Cable Tow* does not have space for his address, but it will be published in our next issue.

The Grand Lodge Orator also delivered a fine address which will be a feature of the next issue of our *Cable Tow*.



ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

HOWARD R. HICK	<i>Grand Master</i>
MACARIO M. OFILADA	<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>
LUTHER B. BEWLEY	<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>
JUAN S. ALANO	<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>
MICHAEL GOLDENBERG, P.G.M.	<i>Grand Treasurer</i>
ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ, P.G.M.	<i>Grand Secretary</i>

APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

MARCIANO C. EVANGELISTA	<i>Grand Chaplain</i>
SINFOROSO G. PADILLA	<i>Grand Orator</i>
THOMAS B. LOFT	<i>Grand Marshal</i>
PEDRO M. JIMENEZ	<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>
ROBERT A. McLAUGHLIN	<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>
ANICETO R. REYES	<i>Grand Bible Bearer</i>
HERMOGENES P. OLIVEROS	<i>Senior Grand Lecturer</i>
ALBERTO C. DONOR	<i>Junior Grand Lecturer</i>
ADDEB J. HAMRA	<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>
ROMEO Y ATIENZA	<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>
ZOSIMO FERNANDEZ	<i>Senior Grand Steward</i>
GREGORIO B. DEFE0	<i>Junior Grand Steward</i>
PABLO C. MARIANO	<i>Grand Pursuivant</i>
TEOFILO A. ABEJO	<i>Grand Organist</i>
MENANDRO VIDA	<i>Grand Tyler</i>

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

MARIANO G. ALMEDA	<i>North Eastern (District No. 1)</i>
MARCELINO T. VIDUYA	<i>North Western Luzon (District No. 2)</i>
PURISIMO RAMOS	<i>Western Central Luzon (District No. 3)</i>
ANTONIO M. DONADO	<i>South Western Luzon (District No. 4)</i>
CIRILO D. CONSTANTINO	<i>Southern Luzon (District No. 5)</i>
NICANOR E. SANTOS	<i>Visayas (District No. 6)</i>
JOSE L. ARANETA	<i>Mindanao (District. No. 7)</i>
ELMER D. RASTORFER	<i>Okinawa (District No. 9)</i>
WILLIAM P. SCHWAGER	<i>Guam (District No. 10)</i>

(District No. 8 which includes Rizal, Quezon City and Manila Lodges, is under the Deputy Grand Master.)

ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION

Perhaps the business highlight of our Grand Annual Communication was the discussion concerning the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Japan. The Grand Master M. W. Bro. Orosa recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Japan because they had complied with the four requirements as set down by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. However, questions came up which gave rise to apprehension concerning

the Tokyo Masonic Temple Building and on the recommendation of P.G.M. Frederic H. Stevens it was decided to withhold recognition until Ill. Bro. Smith, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Mother Supreme Council could discuss this with the new Grand Lodge officers.

The result of this delay and study was the following decree promulgated July 8th, 1958:

WHEREAS, a resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines at its last Grand Annual Communication held on April 22-24, 1958, to recognize the Grand Lodge of Japan effective upon the fulfillment of certain conditions:

WHEREAS, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has been authorized to appoint a committee to determine whether those conditions have been met to the satisfaction of all concerned;

WHEREAS, the said committee has been appointed and the Grand Master of the Philippines has been personally in Japan to ascertain and evaluate for himself and for the committee the facts and circumstances relating to the said conditions so as to be able to find and state whether or not the same were properly complied with to the satisfaction of all concerned;

WHEREAS, the said committee, upon the facts reported by the Grand Master on the said conditions has concluded that the same have been complied with;

NOW, therefore, I, HOWARD R. HICK, as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested as such, and for the purpose of carrying out the actual recognition of the Grand Lodge of Japan,

DO BY THESE PRESENTS DECREE that the said Grand Lodge of Japan is now in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, thus approving its request for fraternal recognition with exchange of Grand Representatives.

DONE and executed in the City of Manila, Philippines this 8th of July 1958, A.D.

ATTEST:

(Sgd.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ
Grand Secretary

(Sgd.) HOWARD R. HICK
Grand Master

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GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF THE PHILIPPINES
Plaridel Masonic Temple
1440 San Marcelino
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May 29, 1958

CIRCULAR NO. 1

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To All Masters, Wardens

Officers and Members of

Subordinate Lodges

G r e e t i n g s :

In our effort to bring Subordinate Lodges into closer relations with each other and with the Grand Lodge, this Jurisdiction has been divided into ten (10) Masonic Districts. Each District is under the immediate charge and supervision of a District Deputy Grand Master who is appointed by the Grand Master.

The District Deputy Grand Master is the representative of the Grand Master to all lodges in his District. He will call the lodges in his district to a convention during the year and preside therein. When he visits a lodge in his District, whether it be official or unofficial, he is always present as the official representative of the Grand Master. On official visits he should be received with Grand Honors. On other visits the Master should call up the Lodge as he is presented to him. During his official visits nobody should sit in the East with him except the Master, but after his reception at his own express invitation, as a matter of courtesy, the Grand Lodge officers and Past Grand Masters may be invited to sit with him in the East. The elective Grand Lodge officers outrank him, except on the occasion of his official visit, when he is outranked only by the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge Inspector is the official representative of the Grand Master in a particular lodge and should work together with the District Deputy Grand Master in the interest of the lodge to which he is appointed. When he visits the lodge he must be accorded the same

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honor and respect as the District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputy Grand Master outranks the Grand Lodge Inspector when the former is present in the Lodge.

As the District Deputy Grand Master is the personal and official representative of the Grand Master to the lodges in his District and the Grand Lodge Inspector to a certain Lodge to which he is appointed, it is hoped that every honor and every token of respect due to the Grand Master should be paid to them.

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CIRCULAR No. 2

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TO ALL INSPECTORS AND
SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Under registered mail receipt required, these instructions are going out to all Grand Lodge Inspectors and to Subordinate Lodges.

You may not be fully aware of the very responsible duties of the Grand Lodge Inspectors. It is my opinion that the efficient operation of the Grand Lodge, its health as a corporate body as well as the degree of perfection of its ritualistic work and the vitality of Freemasonry in our Grand Jurisdiction depends greatly on the Grand Lodge Inspectors.

Because I believe so much in the work of the Grand Lodge Inspectors, I am asking that you look upon your appointment not so much as an honor, but rather an opportunity to serve your Grand Lodge. You are the eyes, ears and hands of the Grand Master, and if you do your job well the administration of the Grand Lodge becomes easy. If on the contrary you fail in your duties then the affairs of the Grand Lodge suffer accordingly and Grand Lodge Administration becomes difficult and Freemasonry in our jurisdiction suffers greatly.

As a Grand Lodge Inspector you represent the Grand Master and you are to be received with honors. This is not necessarily an honor to you but is a disciplinary measure showing respect to the Grand Lodge and its officers thru you. You should make it a point at least twice a year to be received after the lodge is open. This becomes a practice for the reception of Grand Lodge Officers at the time of their visitations.

It is your duty to see that each lodge has the following material available in the lodge and if this material is not available, please see to it that the lodge has them at your next visitation.

1. Masonic Law Book
2. First degree coded ritual
3. Second degree coded ritual
4. Third degree coded ritual
5. Funeral & Memorial Service ritual
6. Installation services of subordinate lodges
7. A complete file of the *Cabletow*
8. Grand Lodge Inspectors apron

These things should be kept neatly by the secretary in a cabinet or drawer. You should see that files of receipts and expenditures as well as correspondence are maintained and that the housekeeping in each lodge room is clean and efficient.

You should inspect the finances of your lodge and see that the rules and regulations are being followed concerning correspondence as well as the handling of lodge funds.

Lodge funds should be kept in a bank or Post Office Savings account. Funds should not be kept at a brother's home, in his trousers, or bamboo bank. Funds should be paid out on proper authorization and signature. Do not permit funds to be handled loosely and become a temptation to an individual brother.

Check on disbursements and see that not more than 10% of receipts are used for refreshment. Encourage brothers to use a budget and conduct their financial affairs in a business like manner.

By all means see that the lodge officers are proficient. It is not necessary that the work and the lectures be known 100%. A passing grade of 75% is satisfactory, but please see that when a certificate of proficiency is signed by you, that you know the officer to be at least satisfactory. We shall insist this year that the incoming officers be proficient, particularly the Master-elect and Senior Warden-elect. We can be considerably lenient in regard to the Junior Warden-elect.

Be sure that the tyler performs his duties properly and that current dues cards be shown by visiting brethren and that they be properly examined. The examination of visitors is a very important trust and duty.

Please inform the Grand Lodge immediately of any shortcoming of your lodge, ritual, financial, or in any manner. Then we shall take the proper steps to correct such matters. This is your solemn duty as an inspector and no lodge should take exception to the performance

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of that duty, but should be proud that they have an inspector who is alert and ready to promote the welfare of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Check the attendance of the lodge, not only of the meeting you are attending but look back in the Tyler's register and make notes of previous meetings. In short, make yourself informed on the affairs of the lodge you are to inspect.

This seems like a big responsibility. It is and we are confident that the inspectors appointed can carry out their assignments. It is not necessary to attend every meeting. Four meetings a year should be the minimum, but you should witness the degree work when possible. Make yourself familiar with the Trestle board of the lodge and arrange your meetings to see the maximum work.

Do not permit lodges to request or accept blow-outs by candidates. *This is unmasonic.* On the other hand do all you can to have lodges get together after meetings, coffee, etc. for better fellowship and this to come out of the 10% refreshment or preferably by personal contribution (dutch treat) of all brothers.

To do all this will require your utmost tact and diplomacy. You are to inspect, and frequently you will find things which have to be corrected or reported. It is your solemn duty. It must be done in such a manner as to command respect instead of censure.

A copy of this letter is being sent to each lodge to be read at the first stated meeting which will apprise the lodges of your duties as well as alert them to what they may expect from their Grand Lodge Inspector.

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June 21, 1958

TO ALL SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Until further notice it will be necessary for each Lodge to send a copy of their minutes of all meetings to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to place in the subordinate Lodge files.

There have been several Lodges having difficulty in holding meetings, and we are anxious to observe the minutes. Please note the number of members present and whether or not your Inspector attended the meetings. Also please name the visiting brethren.

It will be in order to use carbon copies in long hand or typewritten. It does not matter which as long as a copy of the minutes is furnished to the Grand Lodge.

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May 28, 1958

TO ALL SECRETARIES OF
SUBORDINATE LODGES:

Dear Brother Secretary,

In order to have our Grand Lodge up to date concerning the brothers in our Grand Jurisdiction we are preparing a list of all Masons with supplemental data which we intend to put on a card file at the Plaridel Temple Office.

In order to do this it will be necessary for each lodge to supply us with the necessary information to be filled in on a form which we are sending with this letter.

If you can not fill in all the information, do what you can and we will follow up. For example, if you can not supply us the information concerning York Rite, Scottish Rite or honors, don't hold the report

Also do not hold all reports until all have been filled in. Send them as you prepare them so that at Grand Lodge we can proceed with preparing our cards and set up the system.

For example, if a lodge has a 100 members and you presently is unable to supply the information for 20 brothers, *do not hold up* the eighty reports while waiting for the other information.

Also, if you do not have addresses of business occupation, send in what you have and we can proceed; later you can send the additional information. Let us get started as soon as possible.

We are first interested in the name, birth date, date of initiation, passing and raising, this will set up the card. If this is available send it in immediately and follow it up with additional information later. Additional forms will be sent upon request.

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CIRCULAR TO ALL LODGES:

Dear Brethren:

It has come to the attention of the Grand Lodge that frequently some brothers move from place to place and after moving they fail

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to stay active in masonry.

It should be the duty of all lodges to send a letter to the Grand Lodge that a member of their lodge is moving or have moved to another place permanently. Also they should inform their brother that the Grand Lodge wants the sojourning brother to visit the lodge nearest his new home.

The Grand Lodge will follow up by writing to the brother and to the lodge near where he plans to reside and that lodge can visit the brother and invite him to come to their lodge as well as help or offer their services to the new brother.

(Sgd.) HOWARD R. HICK
Grand Master

ATTEST:

ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ, PGM
Grand Secretary

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MASONIC DISTRICTS

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 1

V. W. Mariano G. Almeda
District Deputy Grand Master—
Mabini Lodge No. 39, Aparri, Cagayan;
Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Benjamin A. Cortes; Secretary, Julio Laceda.
Gonzaga Lodge No. 66, Tuguegarao, Cagayan; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Oscar Y. Romero; Secretary, Agustin Balisi.
Isabela Lodge No. 60, Ilagan, Isabela;
First Saturday. Wor. Master, Rodolfo R. Silvestre; Secretary, Crescencio V. Maramag.
Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133, Santiago, Isabela; First Monday. Wor. Master, Antero Dirige; Secretary, Rufino S. Roque, Sr., P.M.
Nueva Vizcaya Lodge No. 144, Solano, Nueva Vizcaya; Third Monday. Wor. Master, Emiliano D. Menzon; Secretary, Francisco T. Cabanag.

Magat Lodge No. 68, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Meneleo Mendoza; Secretary, Teofilo G. Guillermo.
Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, Guimba, Nueva Ecija; Second Saturday. Wor. ter, Amado Cruz; Secretary, Jose S. de Ocampo.
Memorial Lodge No. 90, Muñoz, Nueva Ecija; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Pedro de Guzman; Secretary, Francisco S. Gaspar.
Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, Cabanatuan City; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Meliton G. Rigor; Secretary, Doroteo M. Joson.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 2

V. W. Bro. Marcelino T. Viduya
District Deputy Grand Master
Laoag Lodge No. 71, Laoag, Ilocos Norte; Third Thursday. Wor. Master, Alberto Suguitan; Secretary, Dominador G. Erieta.

- Angalo Lodge No. 63, Vigan, Ilocos Sur; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Francisco Ba. Soller; Secretary, Graciano P. Pada.
- Abra Lodge No. 86, Bangued, Abra; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Mariano Agosto; Secretary, Macvey Ablan.
- Union Lodge No. 70, San Fernando, La Union; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Santiago F. Balagot; Secretary, Andres B. Rivera.
- Baguio Lodge No. 67, Baguio City; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Anastacio B. Querimit, PM(96); Secretary, Esteban Bangaan.
- Bontoc Lodge No. 140, Bontoc, Mt. Province; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Honesto C. Belen; Secretary, Bernabe Castro.
- Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, Dagupan City; First Thursday. Wor. Master, Evaristo S. Quila; Secretary, Ramon L. Labo.
- Agno Lodge No. 75, Tayug, Pangasinan; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Jose C. Soria; Secretary, Pedro Romasoc, P.M.
- MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 3**
V. W. Bro. Purisimo Ramos
District Deputy Grand Master
- Zambales Lodge No. 103, Iba, Zambales; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Jesus T. Amon; Secretary, Placido Farin.
- Pinatubo Lodge N. 52, San Narciso, Zambales; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Gregorio Tiburcio, Sr.; Secretary, Silvestre F. Fontilea, P.M.
- San Marcelino Lodge No. 141, San Marcelino, Zambales; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Alfonso R. Colorado; Secretary, Pelagio Battad, P.M.
- Lincoln Lodge No. 34, Olongapo, Zambales; First Friday. Wor. Master, Nestor N. Niguidula; Secretary, Valeriano E. Abad.
- Bataan Lodge No. 104, Balanga, Bataan; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Jesus Heras; Secretary, Aniceto R. Reyes, P.M.
- Malolos Lodge No. 46, Malolos, Bulacan; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Cirilo Concepcion; Secretary, Francisco C. Rendon.
- Pampanga Lodge No. 48, San Fernando, Pampanga; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Marcelino P. Dysanco; Secretary, Eusebio Ronquillo.
- Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, Clark Air Base, Pampanga; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, A. J. Casey; Secretary, Kenneth W. Moyer.
- Isagani Lodge No. 96, Tarlac, Tarlac; Fourth Tuesday. Wor. Master, Pacifico Quines; Secretary, Julian Esteban.
- Victory Lodge No. 116, Camiling, Tarlac; First Saturday.
- MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 4**
V. W. Wor. Bro. Antonio Donado
District Deputy Grand Master
- Cavite Lodge No. 2, Cavite City; First Friday. Wor. Master, Apolonio Pisig; Secretary, Salvador C. Gonzales.
- Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, Cavite City; Second Friday. Wor. Master, Cecilio S. Villanueva; Secretary, Gregorio P. Cataulin, P.M.
- Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97, Noveleta, Cavite; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Quirino P. Ricafrente; Secretary, Jose A. Alvarez, P.M.
- Ibarra Lodge No. 31, Kawit, Cavite; First Friday. Wor. Master, Eliseo David; Secretary, Gerardo Legaspi, P.M.
- Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69, Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Artemio O. Domingo; Secretary, Francisco C. Ferre, P.M.

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Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51, Bacoor, Cavite; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Ildelfonso Vergara; Secretary, Mario C. Balmaseda, P.M.

Pilar Lodge No. 15, Imus, Cavite; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Anastacio M. Ladao; Secretary, Marciano Sayoc.

Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49, Naic, Cavite; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Conrado Yuvienco; Secretary, Alberto Camarines.

Indang Lodge No. 115, Indang, Cavite; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Menandro Vida; Secretary, Teofilo A. Costa.

Sixto Lopez (Batulao) Lodge No. 129, Balayan, Batangas; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Casiano T. Calalang; Secretary, Ruperto V. Bautista.

Batangas Lodge No. 35, Batangas, Batangas; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Francisco Mateo; Secretary, Ernesto C. Pureza.

Tamaraw Lodge No. 65, Calapan, Or. Mindoro; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Numeriano Almanzor; Secretary, Buhay Medina.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 5

V. W. Bro. Cirilo D. Constantino
District Deputy Grand Master

Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, Santa Cruz, Laguna; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Tirso C. Caballero; Secretary, Democrito Santos.

Malinaw Lodge No. 25, San Pablo City; Fourth Friday. Wor. Master, Luis de los Reyes; Secretary, Felipe Urtola.

✓ Kalilayan Lodge No. 37, Lucena, Quezon; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Antonio V. Quijano; Secretary, Dominador N. Victoria.

Jose Abad Santos Lodge No. 43, Tayabas, Quezon; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Juan Baldovino; Secretary, Ildelfonso A. Echevarria.

Falintawak Lodge No. 28, Gumaca, Quezon; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Vicente Tan; Secretary, Victoriano A. Peñafranca, P.M.

Rizal Lodge No. 20, Lopez, Quezon; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Cesario V. Villareal; Secretary, Julian Capiral.

Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107, Daet, Camarines Norte; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Santiago M. Ferrer; Secretary, Arsenio C. Camino.

Isarog Lodge No. 33, Naga City; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Melecio M. Palma, P.M.; Secretary, Pedro E. Dy-Liacco, P.M.

Julian Ocampo Memorial Lodge No. 146, Iriga, Camarines Sur; Last Saturday. Wor. Master, Leon B. Tiansay; Secretary, Felipe R. Abaño.

Mayon Lodge No. 61, Legaspi, Albay; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Pedro D. Vidal; Secretary, Victor D. Pineda, P.M.

Bulusan Lodge No. 38, Sorsogon, Sorsogon; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Rafael Ramos; Secretary, Maximo Beriña.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 6

V. W. Bro. Nicanor E. Santos
District Deputy Grand Master

Mactan Lodge No. 30, Cebu City; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Yee Bo Mann; Secretary, Anacleto S. Funetes.

Cebu Lodge No. 128, Cebu City; Second Monday. Wor. Master, Catalino T. Aslarona; Secretary, Lim Kaychun.

Dagohoy Lodge No. 84, Tagbilaran, Bohol; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Victoriano D. Tirol; Secretary, Gaudioso T. Cainglet.

Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, Tacloban City; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Felix D. Relevo; Secretary, Celestino Elefaño, P.M.

Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98, Catbalogan, Samar; First Friday. Wor. Master, Procopio Ch. Perez, P.M.; Secretary, Teodorico Noble, P.M.

Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11, Iloilo City; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Sy Bon Tong; Secretary, Ponciano Leonidas, P.M.

Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, Bacolod City; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Vicente Geroso; Secretary, Jose B. Lopez, P.M.

Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Dumaguete City; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Rodrigo R. Tugade; Secretary, Demetrio R. Navarro, P.M.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 7

V. W. Bro. Jose L. Araneta

District Deputy Grand Master

Sarangani Lodge No. 50, Davao City; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Fortunato H. Rivera, Sr.; Secretary, A. W. Roberts.

Maguindanaw Lodge No. 40, Cagayan de Oro City; First Monday. Wor. Master, Wadih Saab; Secretary, Conrado T. Pañares.

Maranaw Lodge No. 111, Iligan City; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Alfonso Sy Gaité, P.M.; Secretary, Ubaldo D. Laya, P.M.

Mount Malindang Lodge No. 130, Ozamis City; Fourth Saturday. Wor. Master, Eduardo C. Ralloma; Secretary, Severo E. Banci, Sr.

Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, Cotabato, Cotabato; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Marcelo Domingo; Secretary, Francisco C. Tizon.

Mount Apo Lodge No. 45, Zamboanga City; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Jose C. Silva; Secretary, Pablo Sebastian.

Basilan Lodge No. 137, Basilan City; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Leon R. Barinaga; Secretary, Emiliano Q. Miras.

Bud Daho Lodge No. 102, Jolo, Sulu; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Ahmad R. Abubakar; Secretary, Felix Casimiro.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 8

Rt. Wor. Bro. Macario M. Ofilada

District Deputy Grand Master

Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, Manila; Second Wednesday. Wor. Master, Sinfroso G. Padilla; Secretary, Luis Meneses, P.M.

Island Luz Minerva Lodge No. 5, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Graciano N. Villamante; Secretary, Porfirio A. Romulo.

Biak Na Bato Lodge No. 7, Plaridel Temple, Manila; Second Thursday. Wor. Master, Sabas Fernandez; Secretary, Emilio M. Asistores, P.M.

Nilad Lodge No. 12, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Patricio E. Gonzales; Secretary, Gregorio A. Vicente, P.M.

Walana Lodge No. 13, Manila; Third Wednesday. Wor. Master, Pedro A. Taguba; Secretary, Cirilo S. Honorio.

Dalisay Lodge No. 14, Manila; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Bayani B. Ibarrola; Secretary, Jose L. Domingo.

Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Perpetuo G. Cruz; Secretary, Gabino de Castro.

Araw Lodge No. 18, Manila; Third Friday. Wor. Master, Angel G. Royeca; Secretary, Pedro P. Aguda.

Dapitan Lodge No. 21, Manila; Last Saturday. Wor. Master, German E. Punzalan; Secretary, Benjamin T. Araniago.

- Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22, Manila; Third Monday. Wor. Master, Gerard Kaiser; Secretary, Jose E. Racela, P.M.
- Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Graciano F. Zerda; Secretary, Arturo G. Cayetano, P.M.
- Zapote Lodge No. 29, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Filomeno S. Mariano; Secretary, Serafin Justo.
- Luzon Lodge No. 57, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Seto Moson; Secretary, Vicente P. Flechero, P.M.
- Labong Lodge No. 59, Manila, First Thursday. Wor. Master, Jose Aesquivel; Secretary, Vicente Quijano.
- Kasilawan Lodge No. 77, Manila; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Agustin P. Cardines; Secretary, Delfin C. Medel, P.M.
- Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Jose R. Bernabe, P.M.; Secretary, Clemente Bernabe, P.M.
- F. D. Roosevelt Memorial Lodge No. 81, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; Third Saturday. Wor. Master, Cornelio A. Closa; Secretary, Gregorio del Rosario.
- High Twelve Lodge No. 82, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Thomas B. Loft; Secretary, Gregorio R. Cariaga, P.M.
- Hiram Lodge No. 88, Manila; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Carlos Inductivo; Acting Secretary, Mauro L. Abad.
- Service Lodge No. 95, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Wednesday. Wor. Master, Jose Ma. Cajucom, Jr.; Secretary, A. C. del Rosario, P.M.
- Keystone Lodge No. 100, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Cecilio Munar; Secretary, Federico E. Palma, P.M.
- Noli Me Tangere Lodge No. 148, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila; First Wednesday. Wor. Master, Brigido B. Sarrong; Secretary, Delfin C. Simbra, Jr.
- Manila Lodge No. 1, Scottish Rite Temple, Manila; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Joe E. Boehmert; Secretary, Henry Gilhouser, P.M.
- Corregidor Southern Cross Lodge No. 3, Manila; First Thursday. Wor. Master, Perry C. Curtis; Secretary, George J. Reid.
- Cosmos Lodge No. 8, Manila; First Monday. Wor. Master, Pedro Manayon; Secretary, Richard L. Page.
- St. John's Lodge No. 9, Manila; Second Friday. Wor. Master, Delno R. Hockett; Secretary, Harold D. Carl.
- Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80, Scottish Rite Temple, Manila; Fourth Saturday. Wor. Master, Walter A. Krane; Secretary, Adeeb J. Hamra, P.M.
- Mencius Lodge No. 93, Scottish Rite Temple, Manila; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, William Pay; Secretary, Richard Khoo.
- Quezon City Lodge No. 122, Quezon City; First Monday. Wor. Master, Manuel T. Paz; Secretary, Pablo Ilagan.
- Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147, Diliman, Quezon City; First Saturday. Wor. Master, Alfonso Lecaros; Secretary, Vicente S. Garcia.
- Silañaganan Lodge No. 19, Pasig, Rizal; Second Saturday. Wor. Master, Andres Pasco; Secretary, Jose M. Santos, P.M.
- Muog Lodge No. 89, Parañaque, Rizal; First Friday. Wor. Master, Francisco C. Hernandez; Secretary, Mauricio B. Jaberina.
- Marikina Lodge No. 119, Marikina, Rizal; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Avelino S. Cruz; Secretary, Florencio A. R. Ilagan.

Teodoro M. Kalaw Memorial Lodge No. 136, San Juan, Rizal; Last Saturday. Wor. Master, Numeriano Millonado; Secretary, Jose B. Perez.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 9

V. W. Bro. Elmer Rastorfer

District Deputy Grand Master

Okinawa Lodge No. 118, Akase, Okinawa; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Clayton W. Roberts; Secretary-Treasurer, Benjamin R. Flores, P.M.

Coral Lodge No. 142, Ginowan, Okinawa; First Friday. Wor. Master, Matthew L. Brockmeyer; Secretary, William P. Schwager, P.M.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 10

V. W. Bro. William P. Schwager

District Deputy Grand Master

Charleston Lodge No. 44, Agana, Guam; First Monday. Wor. Master, Maxwell

Taylor Collette; Secretary, Joaquin F. Sablan.

Milton C. Martin Lodge No. 123, Agana Heights, Guam; First Wednesday. Wor. Master, Robert Albert McLaughlin; Secretary, Thomas Rolland Morrison.

LODGES IN JAPAN

Aomori Lodge No. 139, APO 919, San Francisco, Calif.; Second Tuesday. Wor. Master, Maurice D. Fulkerson; Secretary, Bishop Moorhead.

Kanto Lodge No. 143, Tokyo, Japan; First Tuesday. Wor. Master, Mathado Oyeda; Secretary, Harmon R. Jackson.

Rising Sun Lodge U.D., Camp Drew, Japan; Third Monday.

Yukosuka Lodge No. 120, Yokosuka, Japan; First Monday.



Truth is the first thing to be sought for, and beauty and goodness will be added unto you.

—Webb B. Garrison



Liberty is not a private blessing; it is a vital spring of energy.

—George Mathew Adams



Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be stronger men! Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

—Phillips Brooks

Faith is positive, enriching life in the here and now. Doubt is negative, robbing life of glow and meaning. So, though I do not understand immortality, I choose to believe.

—George Washington



It is a disgrace for one to fall down twice on the same banana skin.

—Billy Sunday



Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.

—Chinese Proverb

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OROSA'S MOTHER PASSES AWAY

Doña Juliana Ylagan vda. de Orosa, mother of Immediate Past Grand Master Vicente Orosa, died on June 29, at the age of 95 years and was interred on July 1. It will be recalled that Doña Juliana was adjudged Mother of the Year for 1948 for her achievement in raising eight children, all of whom became professionals, though widowed early.

Surviving her are five sons and two daughters, all of whom are successes in their chosen professional careers. Most Wor. Bro. Vicente is the oldest of them and although retired from the government service as Secretary of Public Works several years ago, was called on again to serve for several more years as Chairman and General Manager of the People's Homesite and Housing Corporation. Last April Bro. Orosa resigned both positions to engage in private business.

WRITES BOOK ON PLANTING RICE

Wor. Bro. Colin M. Hoskins, a realtor of long residence in the Philippines, has recently given 30,000 copies on a booklet on how to plant rice to the Bureau of Agricultural Extension for free distribution to farmers all over the country.

It is hoped that copies of the book will reach brother Masons who are farmers and interested in better yields from their rice fields.

The book was written by Wor. Bro. Hoskins and published under the auspices of SAMAKA, an association of civic-spirited citizens interested in community development and welfare. It is to the pride of Masonry that some members of the association are Masons, though not publicizing themselves as such. More power to SAMAKA and other organizations of similar objectives.

THOUGHTS OF MASONS

Our problem is within ourselves. We have found the means to blow the world apart. Spiritually we have yet to find the means to put together the world's broken pieces.

Bro. Thomas E. Dewey

Freemasonry has made men of the most hostile feelings, the most distant regions, and diversified conditions rush to the aid of each other.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin

Our Father, when we long for life without trials and work, without difficulties, remind us that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure. With stout hearts, may we see in every calamity an opportunity and not give way to pessimism that sees in every opportunity a calamity.

Bro. Rev. Peter Marshal