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REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippines
My dear Brethren:

When you saw fit, at our Forty-sixth Annual Communication to elevate me to the exalted position of Grand Master, I accepted the position as a challenge and as an opportunity. As I stated in my inaugural address, I consider that Masonry today makes special demands on its members. (See Annex I). Every Mason, I said, ought to be a man with mission for good. As your Grand Master, I felt that I should set the pace and be an example of a Mason in action. Nevertheless, I fully realized that regardless of how much effort I could manage to exert, it would be entirely inadequate to meet the multi-faceted duties and responsibilities of the position. I therefore set about developing a team of willing workers and asked them to dedicate themselves to the task ahead. A remarkable number of Masons responded nobly. This team was not only national but international.

A part of our program has involved and concerned our brethren in the United States, and I am proud to say that their response to our call has been magnificent and inspiring.

Throughout the year we held regular monthly meetings of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers. Many responded wholeheartedly and gave of their time generously. I undertook nothing of a remarkable nature without prior consultation and advice from this group of outstanding Masons. I am pleased to say that in every instance, the action which I took was unanimously agreed upon beforehand by those in attendance.

I shall first enumerate the departments in which I feel we have made substantial advances, following which I shall specify those areas in which we have not made adequate progress and where further action is indicated. Finally, I shall enumerate recommendations which, in several instances, will call for amendments to our Constitution.

I – RELATIONS WITH THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

I promised that I would do my utmost to bridge the hiatus between Masonry in the Philippines and the Roman Catholic Church.

My philosophy ever since 1954, when I became Master of my Lodge, has been that those who believe in God must examine their thinking with a view toward enabling them to overcome antagonistic feelings. The situation continues to be that we do not have one world but two worlds: the world of those who believe in God and the world of those who do not.

We, who proclaim that we belong to the world of those who believe in God, are under a special duty to explore every avenue which leads to

harmony. We cannot spare the time nor can we afford to dissipate our energies by quarelling amongst ourselves. We must be examples of charity. This means love of God and His creatures without restriction or limitation.

In an effort to fulfill this ideal, I wrote an article which was published in *The Cabletow* in June, 1955. (See Annex II). After I was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1959, I visited the Vatican and opened the way for further discussion and action. (See Annex III).

This year, as your Grand Master, I went to Rome again and this time was able to submit our case to the Vatican. I was cordially and sympathetically received. A competent Vatican authority was designated to deal with the problem. The matter is now under advisement, and I have every confidence that within the reasonable and forseable future we shall have a modification of the present situation.

I had the great pleasure of having an audience with His Holiness, Pope John XXIII. My previously expressed opinions regarding this great Christian leader were confirmed. He is truly a man whom we can love and respect.

The other Vatican authorities whom I met and spoke with, I also found to be wonderful and understanding men. I have provided them with adequate material, which will, I am sure, convince them that we are not anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-Roman Catholic Church, but that on the contrary that 98% of our members are Christians and the other 2% also believe in God; that Masonry in the Philippines stands for God; that we will have no fraternal relations with any group the members of which do not believe in God and in a future existence and who do not have the Holy Bible in the Lodge in full view of all the members; that we are law-abiding people who stand for the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God.

Our prayers, our practice of charity, our regular attendance in church and our continued good work will go a long way toward creating the right conditions for understanding.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention the help given me by His Excellency Benigno Toda y Toledo, the Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See, whose assistance to me on this mission was invaluable. I also acknowledge the help previously given me by his predecessor, former Ambassador Jose Ma. Delgado, who arranged for my first introduction to the Vatican in 1959. To these dedicated men whose interest in the welfare of the Philippines coincides with ours, and who are gracious, cultivated and dedicated gentlemen of the highest order, I tender my gratitude and my heartfelt thanks. Their conduct is a credit to the Filipino people. It will interest the brethren to know that both of them are distinguished members of the Knights of Columbus.

II – GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMUNICATION

This is the first time in the history of our Grand Lodge that we were able to have a Special Communication. It certainly was a fitting occasion. A separate report of the proceedings will be published in due course. Consequently, extensive remarks on my part concerning the proceedings are unnecessary at this time. Also, in view of the fact that I am attaching a copy

of my messages which I have written for *The Cabletow* which includes two on the Special Communication, I merely have to say how grateful I am to those who participated in the Communication. (See Annexes IV-5 & IV-7)

I am particularly grateful to those who travelled great distances to be with us: M. W. Ira W. Coburn, Grand Master of California, our Mother Grand Lodge; R. W. David S. Hill, personal representative of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland; M. W. George W. Chen, Grand Master of China, one of our two Daughter Grand Lodges and the members of his party, M. W. George Fitch, P. G. M., and Wor. Bro. Ernest Eldridge; M. W. Nohea O. A. Peck, Grand Master of Japan, our other Daughter Grand Lodge; and Bro. Raymond Hamilton, representative of the Grand Master of Iowa.

We were highly honored indeed with the acceptance of our invitation by His Excellency, President Diosdado Macapagal, who unfortunately took ill on the eve of the Communication and had to send his Executive Secretary, Salvador Mariño, to read his address. We were also very honored by the presence of the American Ambassador to the Philippines, the Hon. William E. Stevenson.

I acknowledge with gratitude the assistance of M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes, Chairman of the Communication, and of all the members of the various committees that assisted him.

Because no budget was established for this Communication in our preceding Annual Communication we were compelled to charge a registration fee of ₱20.00. For this sum we were able to provide four banquet-type meals: lunch and dinner for both days. The ladies of out-of-town brethren were accommodated free of charge and the ladies of Manila brethren were registered at a cost of ₱10.00.

A complimentary copy of the new edition of the Constitution, autographed by me, was provided for every registrant. Every brother received a commemorative button and a badge. In addition, a souvenir brief case was supplied to each registrant through the courtesy of Bro. Florencio Tamesis.

Contributions were received from several brethren and friends of the Fraternity. We had a sufficient amount of money left over to cover the cost of printing the proceedings.

It is recommended that if at any time in the future we desire to have a Special Communication, we should provide at the preceding Communication an appropriate budgetary item.

Several other innovations were adopted for this proceeding, the most important of which is the fact that we held the Communication in the Auditorium of the Philamlife Building rather than in our own hall. I find that many Grand Lodges in the United States hire auditoriums or halls for the conduct of their Annual Communications rather than to have an auditorium of their own. As far as comfort was concerned, the accommodations at the Philamlife Building left nothing to be desired. The brethren will be interested

to learn that the auditorium and other facilities in the building were supplied free of charge. For record purposes, I am attaching a copy of the program. (See Annex V). I am sure all the brethren will agree with me the it was a most successful affair.

III – IMPROVEMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND FELLOWMEN

Every Mason proclaims his belief in God and a future existence. Yet we notice that not enough of our brethren attend church regularly. I have made it my business whenever I addressed a Lodge or a group of Lodges to impress upon the brethren the fact that they must not be content with merely saying their prayers in Lodge meetings. I have asked all the brethren to attend a church of their own choosing and to support that church. I have no idea how many brethren who were not previously church-goers are now doing so, but I have a feeling that my appeal has not fallen on deaf ears.

I have also asked our Lodges to engage in the program of intercessory prayer. I wrote an article for *The Cabletow* on this subject, a copy of which is attached. (See Annex VI). There is no doubt that this program will turn out to be one of the greatest inspirations of our Fraternity. I know that many of our Lodges are now engaged in intercessory prayer. Some of the brethren follow the procedure of the Order of St. Luke, while others have adapted their procedure to fit their particular circumstances.

I am convinced that these two programs will prove to be of great benefit to the Fraternity because all of the members who participate in them will be better Masons and better men. This will undoubtedly redound to the ultimate benefit of our Grand Lodge.

IV – EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

One of my first official acts upon becoming Grand Master was to create a Committee on Education and Public Service. Some of the outstanding Masons of the country became members of this Committee, which has met eleven times during this term.

In a sense, the Masons have been so quiet about their charity programs that most of the membership have had little awareness of what the Fraternity was doing. Furthermore, as a result of our efforts to keep our charitable activities quiet, the membership of the committees responsible for administering our charity program were so confined that the vast majority of members never had the opportunity to participate in the activity. Consequently, many Masons never realized that the Fraternity was making substantial contributions to the care and betterment of mankind.

What is needed in addition to our charity work is a program which will enable every Mason to become involved in community development work *through organized Lodge activity*. It is not enough for the Mason to work through his civic club. He must also participate in the Lodge program!

With these ideas in mind, a joint meeting of the Committee on Education and Public Service and the Committee on Education of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite met, and certain guide-lines for the program were decided upon and subsequently made the subject of a Circular. It was decided that the Committee should have a full-time Executive-Secretary, who would have the responsibility of developing and implementing the program which the Committee envisioned. The Committee was indeed fortunate in being able to obtain the services of Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa, whom I take this opportunity to commend for his performance beyond the call of duty. He is one among the brethren who made it possible for me to be able to handle the daily problems which have presented themselves.

Masonry is largely responsible for the provision in the Philippine Constitution that every Filipino child is guaranteed a free public school education. Unless this educational process is adequate, the country will develop a population which is not equipped to meet the increasingly exacting competition presented in today's world markets. And we must never lose sight of the threat of world domination posed by communism which cannot be successfully countered by a people deficient in education. In short, national survival demands proper education of children. Since we Masons have played a vital role in the development of the public school system, we recognized that this was a logical field to which we could dedicate ourselves.

After I took a close look at the public school situation, I became aware of the fact that there was a woeful lack of books. In some areas there are virtually no books at all. With the approval of the Committee, I wrote to the Grand Lodges in the United States asking for books. (A copy of my letter is attached. See Annex VII-1). The spontaneous response was overwhelming. Within a matter of a few months, four Grand Lodges: Kansas, New York, California and Alabama, indicated that they would supply us with 100,000 books each. The Grand Lodge of Kansas published a pamphlet explaining the project to its Lodges. Their effort was so outstanding that I have attached a copy of their pamphlet. (See Annex VII). Later, Arizona and Georgia likewise joined the program. Other Grand Lodges which have also indicated their willingness to assist in the program are: Michigan, Montana, Minnesota, Nevada, North Dakota, Massachussetts, Maine, Virginia, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Many of the American Grand Lodges have spent thousands of dollars and untold hours of labor in this great effort. The books had to be gathered, packed, stored and made ready for shipment, and because of the Cuban situation the United States Navy was unable to ship the books when they were ready. Consequently, many Grand Lodges had to store and are still storing large quantities of books at considerable expense to themselves. All of this they have done out of their desire to help us in this worthy effort. To all of them I must again express our deepest gratitude.

During my visit to the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., I was able to present very handsome plaques made of Kamagong wood on each of which was inserted a silver plate with a suitable inscription to the Grand Masters of the six Grand Lodges which had notified us that they had collected books for us. The other ten plaques have been sent to the other Grand Lodges, and I am recommending to my successor that he delegate me or someone else from our Grand Lodge who will be in the United States in the near future to make the presentation whenever it is opportune.

Another project which the Committee decided to inaugurate to demonstrate our interest and concern for the public school system is the "Teacher of the Year Award". All Lodges were urged to select at least one in their respective areas. Many Lodges have responded enthusiastically to this program.

I believe that approximately 75% of our Lodges have Committees on Education and Public Service which are now engaged in various projects. Surveys are being conducted by most of the Lodges on how many public schools are accessible to them, the number of school children in these schools and the number of books available to these school children. On the basis of these statistics, suitable distribution will be made as soon as the books arrive.

As matters now stand, we shall have two million books available to us. The Grand Masters in the United States agreed at the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. to make this a continuing program.

I must express my deepest gratitude to the Masonic Service Association of the United States and to its Executive Secretary, Bro. John D. Cunningham for their unstinted support of this book project. Bro. Cunningham undertook the coordination of the shipments with the United States Navy.

We have been notified that the first two shipments aggregating 190,152 lbs. or roughly 95 tons of books will arrive at Subic Bay on April 24th. This is historic in that these two shipments are arriving at the very time of our Annual Communication. I have arranged to have 25 tons of the books unloaded in Subic for distribution to our 33 Lodges in Central and Northern Luzon; the balance of 70 tons will be unloaded in Sangley Point to tranship to other areas, except for 8 tons which will be retained for distribution by ten Cavite Lodges. Twenty-five tons will be made available to the 30 Lodges in Manila and six Lodges in Quezon City. Nineteen tons will be made available to Mindanao Lodges and twelve tons will be allocated to the Lodges in Southern Luzon and six tons for the Visayas. Future distribution will be made on the basis of demonstrated ability of the Lodges to distribute the books. Incidentally, we have decided to print book-plates rather than require the Lodges to rubber-stamp the books. These book-plates will be made available to the Lodges at cost and the Lodges will be required to paste a book-plate in each book prior to distribution. Arrangements will be made with the Lodges for transhipment of the books from Sangley Point to the closest port available to the Lodge.

We have eight million school children in the Philippines. There are about two million books now in use so that even with the two million books we are getting we will not have enough to fill the vacuum. Consider-

ing the continued growth in population, the budgetary difficulties of the Philippine Government, and the fact that books wear out, the contribution of our brethren in the United States and our work in distributing these books properly will make an impressive contribution to the welfare of the country. With "Operation Handclasp", combined with the "Teacher of the Year Award" and our normal charitable activities, the way is now open for every willing Mason to become part and parcel of a drive to build a healthy national community.

An unexpected dividend of our program was a donation of forty-six cartons of magazines sent to the Grand Lodge by the Altadena Rotary Club, of Altadena, California, through the efforts of Wor. Bro. Ted Hall, a member of our Grand Lodge, and Past President of Rotary Club of Manila. These magazines are being distributed by the Committee on Education and Public Service on the basis of one carton to each Lodge which has a functioning committee.

So important is the work of this Committee that I shall recommend to this Annual Communication that the Committee on Education and Public Service be made a Standing Committee.

V – VISITATIONS

When I became Grand Master, I made up my mind that I would cover 100% of our Lodges. I was amazed to learn that at least one of our Lodges had *never* been visited by a Grand Master. Where possible or necessary, I visited the Lodges individually. Otherwise, I covered them in group meetings or in district meetings or both. During the first month I was in office, I visited our Lodges in Okinawa and Japan. This was followed by trips to Mindanao and to Guam.

During my earlier visitations, I concentrated on constituting our newly chartered Lodges. They are: Salinas Lodge No. 163, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya; Dipolog Lodge No. 162, Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte; Lam-Ang Lodge N. 164, San Esteban, Ilcos Sur; and Tagaytay Lodge No. 165, Tagaytay City.

Within seven months of my having been in office I covered all the Lodges. My itinerary is attached. (See Annex VIII).

In addition, I made a trip around the world which enabled me to visit the Vatican and to attend the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C. I visited with R. W. David S. Hill, District Grand Master of the Far East, S. C. and Hon. R. C Lee, R. W. District Grand Master for Hongkong and South China, E. C. In Italy, I visited with the Grand Master, M. W. Giordano Gamberini and also had the pleasure of meeting R. W. Roberto Ascarelli, Past Deputy Grand Master. In London, I visited Freemasons Hall, a truly magnificent structure and spoke with the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England. I urge every Mason who travels in England to be sure to visit their museum.

In New York, I received a truly overwhelming reception. I was an honored guest at several dinners. One was given by the Brittania Club, an organization of English Freemasons working or residing in New York where R. W. Sir Allen Adair, the Deputy Grand Master of England was the guest speaker. This affair was attended by M. W. Harry Ostrov, the Grand Master of New York. Another was given by the New York Chapters of National Sojourners, a Masonic organization. That same evening, I also attended a District dinner of Masters, where I was invited to speak on our book program. I express my gratitude to M. W. and Mrs. Harry Ostov and to R. W. and Mrs. Maurice Witherspoon for their wonderful hospitality. I was the guest speaker at a National Sojourners ceremony in New York celebrating Washington's Birthday, and took the occasion to lay a wreath at his statue on Wall Street in front of the Sub-Treasury Building.

I have covered my visit to Washington in one of my messages in *The Cabletow*. (See Annex IV-9). I have also enumerated in my itinerary the functions which I attended. I learned a tremendous amount from this great experience and I shall endeavor to pass on to my successors in the Grand East the wealth of information which I acquired and which I am sure will redound to the benefit of our Fraternity.

After leaving Washington I had the pleasure of addressing an assemblage of Masons in Columbia, South Carolina, and to visit the new Grand Lodge building there.

On my way through San Francisco I had the opportunity of visiting with M. W. Ira Coburn in San Francisco and with Ill. Bros. Victor Christopher and Earle B. Brehaut, Past Potentate and Recorder of Islam Temple.

On my way home I went through Melbourne, Australia, and had the distinct honor to address the Grand Lodge officers of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

In one of my messages in *The Cabletow* I alluded to my travels and pointed out that the date of our Annual Communication ought to be changed to the first week in December, so that when the Grand Master is elected, he would have several months to accomplish his visitations before the commencementof the rainy season. (See Annex IV-3). I will make further reference to this in that portion of my report which covers recommendations.

Visitations are the most difficult part of the Grand Master's job. At the same time they are the most rewarding. As I am preparing my report, there is an image in my mind of the thousands of smiling faces which greeted me throughout the thousands of miles which cover our very widely spread jurisdiction. The warm expression of friendship and brotherly love which I received everywhere was more than adequate compensation for the difficulties encountered in my journeys. Although on most occasions I returned to Manila in an exhausted condition, I gathered strength from the recollection of the happy moments which I had spent with the brethren during the trip. I pay tribute to our Grand Secretary, M. W. Esteban Munarriz, P. G. M., who accompanied me on almost all my visitations in the Philippines. His warm friendship, his good counsel and his ever present sense of humor lightened

my burdens considerably, and as many brethren know, I have nick-named him "San Esteban", a sobriquet which I venture to say will stick with him for some time, because we have no brother in our jurisdiction who is more exemplary of the qualities of a Mason than this great brother.

In all I travelled roughly 50,000 miles. My long trips, such as the one around the world, the one to Okinawa and Japan, and my first trip to Mindanao, I accomplished at no cost to the Grand Lodge.

VI – REVISED EDITION OF THE CONSTITUTION

For several years we have known that our Grand Lodge required an updated edition of our Constitution. One of my first acts was to appoint one of our Past Grand Masters to do the job. This good brother, due entirely to circumstances beyond his control, unfortunately could not spare the time to undertake this task. When I was advised of this in the beginning of August, I called a meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee and laid out a plan for the preparation of the new edition. This plan was approved, but practically none of the brethren had the time to devote to the tedious work involved. (See Annex IV-6, *Cabletow* Message). Consequently, it fell upon V. W. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, our Senior Grand Lecturer, and myself to do it. We worked for four solid months, night and day.

We think we have produced a useful document. There remains little for me to say about it because the book speaks for itself. I hope the brethren will pass a resolution during this Communication approving all the modifications. We did not change the law, but we did alter the format and the arrangement of the material. We completely revised the index and the system of referencing and cross-referencing. Prior to the publication of this edition the Board on Policy and General Purposes, which consists of Past Grand Masters, duly examined and approved this edition.

We have reduced the cost of the new edition to less than half of the former price of the preceding issue. We ordered 4,500 copies of the ordinary edition and 500 copies of the deluxe edition. These should last us for a period of five years. By that time, we should be ready for the next edition.

I shall recommend to the Grand Lodge that henceforth, immediately following every Annual Communication, it shall print any new amendment and make this available to all owners of copies of the Constitution so they can paste the printed amendment in their respective copies. I shall also recommend that we create a Standing Committee on Revision of the Constitution. I believe that this Committee should conduct a continuous study on how our Constitution ca be simplified. I have examined the Constitutions of several Sister Grand Lodges, and I am convinced that many of the provisions in our Constitution could be consolidated and the language simplified, thus giving us a much more compact Constitution. This is not something that can be accomplished in a year's time, but it is undoubtedly most desirable.

VII – MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE CABLETOW

Communication between the Grand Lodge and the Lodges is of basic importance. *The Cabletow,* our official publication, partially fills this great need. Without it those Lodges which are of great distance from Manila cannot possibly know what is being done in the Grand Lodge and in other Constituent Lodges.

Inspirational material which bolsters flagging spirits from which all of us suffer from time to time, is an essential ingredient of this publication.

Likewise important historical material which is the result of special knowledge, investigation or research cannot normally find publication except through the medium of *The Cabletow.*

It was no easy matter to accomplish the transition of *The Cabletow* from a quarterly to a monthly. Special credit must be given to Wor. Bro. Macario C. Navia and Wor. Bro. Raymond E. Wilmarth for their outstanding work. One of our outstanding publications was the Bro. Jose Rizal Special Birthday Anniversary Issue (Vol. IV – new series, No. 6, June, 1962). (See Annex IV-1, Message).

One of our main problems is cost. The other is lack of contribution of material from the brethren.

The answer to our problems is not the reduction of the number of issues, but the strengthening of the interest of the brethren. I am sure that *The Cabletow* can be made into a financial and literary success. I am convinced that our Grand Lodge will not prosper to the extent that it ought to without a strong monthly publication. We should not allow growing pains to discourage us. Whatever it costs us in time and money will be worth it.

The main point is that *The Cabletow* truly binds us together and performs a function which no other medium could accomplish. We must continue it as a monthly.

VIII – GRAND MASTERS' CUP

Masons have always arisen to meet the challenges of their time. Our Fraternity has met and ultimately coped with every crisis. When one sees apathy amongst some of the brethren, one feels that what is really needed is competition amongst those who have forgotten their duty to the Fraternity, amongst those who, although initially fired with determination and resolution, are now asleep. We have issued a rallying cry, "Make your Lodge the best performer in our Grand Lodge."

We have put the brethren on their mettle. Try to win the Grand Masters Cup. Which Lodge in our jurisdiction is superior during the present Masonic Year?

Since this is to be a Grand Masters' Cup to be awarded annually, I asked the Past Grand Masters to contribute ₱100.000 each. The following responded: M. W. William H. Taylor, M. W. Edwin E. Elser, M. W. Frederic H. Stevens, M. W. Francisco A. Delgado, M. W. Seldon W. O'Brien, M. W. Antonio Gonzalez, M. W. Stanton Youngberg, M. W. Conrado Benitez, M. W. Michael Goldenberg, M. W. Esteban Munarriz, M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes, M. W. Mauro Baradi, M. W. Werner P. Schetelig, M. W. Camilo Osias, M. W. Vicente Orosa, M. W. Howard R. Hick, M. W. Macario M. Ofilada, M. W. Luther B. Bewley, M. W. Juan S. Alano and myself.

The Cup will be ready in time for the annual Communication and will be awarded to the Lodge selected by the Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers in one of their regular sessions.

We have been able to purchase several cups which will be replicas duly engraved with the name of the winning Lodge. The idea is that the winning Lodge will be allowed to take the Cup to the Lodge for a time. The Cup will then be returned to the Grand Lodge where it will be on on display. The winning Lodge will keep a replica as a memorial of its victory.

Many Lodges did extremely well but failed to report on the details of their achievements. There is no question that many Lodges were inspired to improve their performance by reason of this challenge. It is my opinion that the Lodges will continue to take an interest in winning this Cup, thus strengthening the Fraternity.

IX – ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY GROUP DEATH BENEFIT PLAN

When a brother dies, the brethren usually take up a collection to hand to his widow. This is particularly true when the brother is known to have left no property. Many times brethren die after a lingering illness which exhausts their savings, and their family finds themselves in poor financial shape. During the last several years there has been a growing awareness that some form of group insurance was wanted by many of the brethren. Many Lodges tried a system whereby each brother would deposit a sum of money in a fund and when a brother died, the fund would be paid over to the widow. None of these plans managed to survive for a substantial length of time.

In my capacity as the newly elected Chairman of the Board of Acacia Mutual Aid Society, I proposed that we adopt a group death benefit plan for those members in our jurisdiction whose Lodges were willing to belong to such a plan. The conditions of the plan which we adopted follow conservative actuarial practices.

The Acacia Mutual Aid Society is under the supervision of the Insurance Commissioner of the Philippines. The premiums are extremely low because we have virtually no expenses other than the payments of benefits.

A small administrative salary and an auditor's fee constitute our only overhead. The officers and members of the Board serve without salary or per diem.

Twenty-eight of our Lodges joined the plan and many others are planning to join as soon as they can meet the requirements. Attached is a list of Lodges which have joined the plan. (See Annex IX). During the Communication proxies were distributed so that all member Lodges could arrange to have representation at the annual meeting of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society on April 26, 1963.

There is no question but that the plan is successful. The brethren must remember that this is a mutual aid society and that whatever profits are realized will ultimately accrue to the benefit of the members either in terms of decreased premiums or increased benefits. It may take us five to ten years to establish experience tables, but in the meantime the Society, I am sure, will do its best to ease the requirements to enable an increasingly large number of brethren to participate in the plan.

Attached is the Annual Report of the President of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Bro. Luis R. Salvosa. (See Annex X). The Board of Directors at its last meeting decided to award to Charleston Lodge No. 44, Milton C. Marvin No. 123, Okinawa Lodge No. 118, Coral Lodge No. 142,Silanganan Lodge No. 19, Baguio Lodge No. 67, Rizal Lodge No. 20, and Service Lodge No. 95 plaques for their complete support of this plan. Despite the fact that over 90% of their membership are no longer in Guam or in Okinawa these four Lodges supported the plan to the extent of 100% of their enrolled membership.

X – THE RITUAL IN THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE

In order to enable improved communication with candidates who are fluent in the National Language, which is sometimes referred to as "the Filipino Language", "Pilipino" or "Tagalog", I appointed V. W. Mateo D. Cipriano, Grand Bible Bearer, as the Custodian of the Work in Filipino and asked him to dedicate himself to producing the ritual in the National Language. This he has done, and I am proud of the fact that the project was started and completed during my term of office. Distribution of the ritual to Masters of our Lodges has already commenced and will continue until all the Lodges that need a copy have obtained one.

XI – PLARIDEL MASONIC SUPPLY SERVICE

In order to improve our service to the brethren, to maintain a stricter control over our supplies, to accomplish better accounting procedures, and generally, to enable us to have a better picture of what we are doing in the handling of supplies, I set up the Plaridel Masonic Supply Service under V. W. Hermogenes P. Oliveros.

One of the first things we did was to order 1,000 copies of a pamphlet entitled "What is Freemasonry". The interest in this pamphlet was so great that we have ordered an additional 1,000 copies. We also ordered pamphlets

which are useful to candidates after they have gone through one or more of the degrees. We have commenced having aprons, collars and other Masonic paraphernalia produced according to our specifications. The distribution of the new edition of our Constitution is also being handled by the Supply Service. We have been able to reduce costs so that the brethren can acquire supplies at a much lower price than elsewhere. We are pleased with the way the Supply Service is developing and we look forward to its ultimately increasing its functions.

XII – MEETINGS OF PAST GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

In the early part of this report I mentioned the fact that we have held monthly meetings of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers. We generally had fifteen or twenty in attendance. Amongst Past Grand Masters who attended most often are: M. W. Esteban Munarriz, our Grand Secretary; our late departed brother, M. W. Michael Goldenberg, who attended the meeting in January before he passed to the Celestial Lodge above; M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes; M. W. Luther B. Bewley; M. W. Werner P. Schetelig; who attended the meeting in March before he died, and M. W. Camilo Osias. Although all the Past Grand Masters were not able to attend regularly, many were most helpful to me in special situations. I refer particularly and am grateful to M. W. Macario M. Ofilada, M. W. Francisco A. Delgado, M. W. Juan S. Alano, M. W. Antonio Gonzalez, and M. W. Vicente Orosa.

The idea of these meetings is not a new one, but I was so impressed with their value that I made it a practice to hold them regularly and I saw to it that every important problem was thoroughly examined and discussed before a decision was reached.

So enthusiastic am I with the potential of this body that I would like to see it become a regular part of our structure, – not merely something which functions at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

When M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes was Grand Master, he issued Edict No. 35 on the Board of Policy and General Purposes. According to this Edict, all Past Grand Masters are members of the Board. But if the Grand Master does not call the Board to a meeting, there is no Board. Furthermore, if a Past Grand Master does not wish to attend the meeting, the Grand Master must perforce do without his services. I am inclined to the view that the practice followed in Grand Lodges in the British jurisdictions where they have an *elected* Board for General Purposes with a duly elected President is preferable to our present system.

It is obvious to me that the job of a Grand Master is far from being a one man operation. Any Grand Master who wants to do a serious job ought to have a team of experienced brethren who are obligated by reason of their acceptance of the office to serve as required. There should also be a provision that if any elected member of the Board does not attend meetings regularly,

the Grand Master should have the power to replace the member with someone who is prepared to attend meetings. I envision this Board as being composed of the elected officers of the Grand Lodge (except the Grand Master) and ten others, who are members of the Grand Lodge, not necessarily Past Grand Masters, but men who will be able to be in Manila regularly and who will be prepared to dedicate their time and effort to this activity. Election to this Board should not be a popularity contest. Nor should we be sectional in our views. Membership on the Board should be confined to those who have *demonstrated* the willingness and the ability to work harmoniously in Grand Lodge activities. This Board could be very successful if it were composed of a group dedicated men; but if it is to be merely another committee that exists in name only, we might just as well forget it.

I am, therefore, recommending that we amend the Constitution to provide for the creation of this body. If this proposed amendment passes, we will elect members of the Board after the election of Grand Lodge officers. I also recommend that only one ballot be used for the election of the ten members of the Board and that those who are the top ten in number of votes should constitute the Board.

As I see it, this Board will be the administrative arm of the Grand Master. It should supervise and regulate the activities of the various committees, handle the administration of the Grand Lodge Building, and otherwise assume such duties as the Grand Master is prepared to delegate to it. It should be provided that this Board shall meet monthly; that the Board should elect amongst themselves a President, and that the Board should be required to submit a full report of its activities to the next Annual Communication.

XIII – EDICTS AND CIRCULARS

During my term of office, I issued the following Edicts and Circulars:

Edict No. 44 – The Flag Ceremony
" " 45 – Smoking
" " 46 – Monitors
" " 47 – Grand Honors
Circular No. 1 – AMAS (Group Death Benefit Plan)
" " 2 – Masonic Supply Service
" " 3 – Committee on Education & Public Service
" " 4 – Concurrent Jurisdiction
" " 5 – Last Will and Testament
" " 6 – Masonic Funeral & Memorial Services
" " 7 – Christmas Party to Widows and Orphans of Masons
" " 8 – "Valley" and Edicts and Circulars
" " 9 – Board on Policy and General Purposes
" " 10 – School Teacher of the Year
" " 11 – Books for Public School Children
" " 12 – Past Masters' and Past Grand Masters' Aprons
" " 13 – Knowledge of Masonic Law

The mere issuance of Edicts and Circulars accomplishes very little. It is necessary for District Deputy Grand Masters, Inspectors and the Grand Master himself to impress upon the brethren the importance of the fact that Edicts and Circulars must be read in open Lodge and thoroughly understood by all the members.

We have required every Lodge to certify that they have complied with the requirement that all Edicts and Circulars have been read in open Lodge. No Lodge was considered for the award of the Grand Masters' Cup unless it complied with this requirement. I recommend that this practice be continued.

XIV – REVISION AND PRINTING OF RITUALS

We carefully reviewed the rituals, and after making a few changes we have ordered a reprinting. These charges consisted of correction of errors which had crept into the rituals.

The proofreading has been carefully undertaken by V. W. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, who also corrected minor errors found in the old edition. The new edition will be off the press before the end of April, 1963.

The printing of the new edition of the Installation Service has likewise been undertaken; minor errors found in the old edition have been corrected.

XV – INCREASE IN LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Several Lodges have failed to file their annual reports on time. Consequently I am unable to present accurate statistics. Nevertheless I am able to make a few general observations. My overall impression is that we had a substantial increase in membership this year.

I attribute at least part of the increase to the use of the booklet "What is Freemasonry". Undoubtedly the increased activity and improved morale in most of our Lodges also contributed substantially to this increase in membership.

Nothing will give added impetus to membership more than our honest endeavor to concern ourselves in the welfare of others. Despite the cynicism of the world of the godless, we who are dedicated to God continue to cherish the idea that man is his brother's keeper. We Masons must look after our less fortunate neighbors without any stain of selfishness. Our Fraternity would be nothing without our high ideals. Therefore it is incumbent upon us at all times to practice what we preach. Not only will the image of Masnry in the world be improved, but the image which is reflected in our own mirrors will be a better one.

XVI – GRAND LODGE FUNDS

An old expression has it that "everybody's business is nobody's business." How often do we see people who are very careful with their own funds being careless when it comes to other people's money! I looked into the

matter of handling Grand Lodge funds and found the system sadly wanting. I was fortunate in that Wor. Bro. Domingo del Callar came to work for us as internal auditor. As a result of his investigation, I had to make several changes in the administration of our funds. Previously the job of Cashier and Accountant were left in one man's hands. This is an intolerable situation and I caused these duties to be separated; Wor. Bro. Domingo del Callar became our Accountant and V. W. Hermogenes P. Oliveros became our Cashier.

As a result of my insistence that Lodges bring their accounts up to date, our collections improved substantially.

You will recall that until a few years ago, the Grand Lodge was utilizing the Masonic Home, School and Dormitory Fund for current expenses. When I became Grand Master, the Grand Lodge owed this Fund ₱82,756.97. I was able to restore this entire balance. In addition, I have been able to pay ₱12,000.00 on account of that portion of the 1962 account, so that as of April 19th the entire balance wing to the fund is ₱23,647.26. Thus the aggregate amount paid into the fund this year was ₱94,756.97.

XVII – DISPENSATION TO FORM NEW LODGES

This year, we have issued Dispensation to the following new Lodges: General Manuel Tinio Memorial Lodge, U. D., in Guimba, Nueva Ecija; Kidapawan Lodge, U. D., in Kidapawan, Cotabato; Juan Sumulong Memorial Lodge, U. D., in Taytay, Rizal; and Micronesia Lodge, U. D., in Saipan, Marianas Islands.

Special mention must be given to the formation of Micronesia Lodge, U. D., and special commendation must be given to the brethren in our two Lodges in Guam, particularly to V. W. James T. Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District No. 20. V. W. Bro. Taylor has been working on this project for over six months, and the request for dispensation would have been filed several months ago had it not been for typhoon Karen which made a disaster area of Guam.

I had almost despaired of receiving the request for dispensation during my term of office, but on Holy Saturday, the Master of Charleston Lodge No. 44, Wor. Bro. Claude Brown, accompanied by Bro. Irving Max came to Manila with the papers, and after having found the request in order, I immediately granted dispensation.

Our Grand Lodge is certainly one of the most far-flung in the world, and the formation of this new Lodge at once enlarges our jurisdictional area and increases our responsibilities.

For my part, I am delighted to see this new Lodge formed, and I hope that it will prosper and ultimately be granted a Charter. When it is ready to be constituted, I shall be very happy to be included on the team that will perform the ceremony of constitution.

XVIII – DIPLOMAS OF MERIT

We have no established criteria for awarding Diplomas of Merit. Every Grand Master has his own thoughts on the subject. Recently one Grand Master awarded none because he felt that we should first determine the bases on which this award should be made. There is also the question as to when the award should be made.

It is my opinion that the present system is adequate. Some Grand Masters will be more generous than others. My theory is that in a jurisdiction the size of ours awarding between 30 and 50 Diplomas of Merit a year, depending upon the extent of the Grand Master's program, is justified.

One weakness in our present arrangement is that the Grand Master is largely dependent upon the recommendations coming from the District Deputy Grand Master, the Inspectors and the Masters of the Lodges. Nevertheless, I feel that if we make it a practice to make a number of awards, if they become too numerous, we will get more recommendations in the future. In this event the Grand Master may wish to refer the recommendations to the Board for General Purposes.

This year I have decided to award 46 Diplomas of Merit. I have not given the bases other than the fact that according to my opinion each one of these Masons has done his job far beyond what we normally expect. The awardees are as follows:

1. Wor. Bro. Domingo C. Bascara, High Twelve Lodge No. 82
2. Wor. Bro. Hubert Reynolds, Angalo Lodge No. 63
3. Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa, High Twelve Lodge No. 82
4. Wor. Bro. Domingo del Callar, High Twelve Lodge No. 82
5. V. W. James T. Taylor, Charleston Lodge No. 44
6. V. W. Purisimo Ramos, Lincoln Lodge No. 34
7. Bro. Florencio Tamesis, Nilad Lodge No. 12
8. Bro. Luis R. Salvosa, Sr., Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4
9. V. Wor. Mateo D. Cipriano, Dalisay Lodge No. 12
10. Wor. Bro. Augusto P Santos, Maktan Lodge No. 30
11. V. W. Pantaleon Pelayo, Sarangani Lodge No. 50
12. Bro. Joseph T. Howard, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
13. Bro. Felix F. Garcia, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
14. Wor. Bro. Leon P. Gellada, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
15. Wor. Bro. Sy Bonteng, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
16. Wor. Bro. Francisco Son Heng, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
17. Wor. Bro. Hilari Zalameda, Pinagsibitan Lodge No. 26
18. Wor. Bro. Lauro D. Dizon, Malinaw Lodge No. 25
19. Wor. Bro. Felipe Urtola, Malinaw Lodge No. 25
20. Wor. Bro. Benito Samonte, Mindoro Lodge No. 157
21. Wor. Bro. Florentino C. Bernardo, Salinas Lodge No. 163
22. Wor. Bro. Ildefnso Castillo, Abra Lodge No. 86
23. Wor. Bro. Julian Capiral, Rizal Lodge No. 20
24. Wor. Bro. Estanislao Gabarda, Bulusan Lodge No. 38

25. Wor. Bro. Jose de Gorostiza, Malinao Lodge No. 25
26. Wor. Bro. Mariano Q. Tinio, Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53
27. Wor. Bro. Apolonio V. Zabat, Memorial Lodge No 90
28. Wor. Bro. Carlos M. Ferrer, Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53
29. Wor. Bro. Ruperto Demonteverde, Sarangani Lodge No. 50
30. Wor. Bro. Filomeno Adi, Davao Lodge No. 149
31. Wor. Bro. Mohamad Ali Dimaporo, Maranao Lodge No. 111
32. Wor. Br. Esmeraldo B. Roque, Maranao Lodge No. 111
33. Wor. Bro. Dionisio Q. Erfe, Maguindanao Lodge No. 40
34. Wor. Bro. Timoteo Uy, Mt. Malindang Lodge No. 130
35. Wor. Bro. Bernardo Bagamaspad, Kutang Bat Lodge No. 110
36. Bro. Eugene J. Kneebone, Baguio Lodge No. 67
37. Wor. Bro. Jack E. Gesner, Baguio Lodge No. 67
38. Bro. Nicholas N. Petlin, Okinawa Lodge No. 118
39. Wor. Bro. Gil F. Octaviano, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
40. Wor. Bro. Ponciano C. Leonidas, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
41. Wor. Bro. Raymond E. Wilmarth, Biak-Na-Bato Lodge No. 7
42. Wor. Bro. Macario C. Navia, Hiram Lodge No. 88
43. V. Wor. Bro. Edward Drozynski, Charleston Lodge No. 44
44. Wor. Bro. Joseph E. Schon, Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91
45. V. W. Richard Rose, Coral Lodge No. 142
46. Wor. Bro. Jose E. Racela, Nilad Lodge No. 12

XIX – GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

During the year, I appointed to fill vacancies the following Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for the Sister Grand Lodges set opposite their names:

Japan, Wor. Bro. Norman W. Karschner
Sao Paulo, V. W. Manuel K. Torres
Georgia, V. W. Elmer D. Rastorfer
Wyoming, V. W. Edward Drozynski
British Colombia, Wor. Bro. Raymond E. Wilmarth
Argentina, Wor. Bro. Amadeo Quintos
Colombia (Cartagena), Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa
Utah, Wor. Bro. Domingo del Callar

We also approved the appointment of the following Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines near the Sister Grand Lodges set opposite their names:

Texas, Wor. Bro. John W. Rice
Puerto Rico, Wor. Bro. Jose Fernando Alicea
United Grand Lodge of England, R. W. Brigadier Arnold de Lerison Cazenove
Finland, Wor. Bro. Srans Ilander
Sao Paulo, Wor. Bro. Adolfo Canha e Silva

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This year, three of our Past Grand Masters have gone to that land from whose bourne no traveller returns. I refer to M. W. Edwin E. Elser, M. W. Michael Goldenberg and M. W. Werner P. Schetelig.

In the case of Bro. Elser, who died in California, I headed a team of Past Grand Masters which conducted a Memorial Service. He was one of the pillars of our Grand Lodge. He is part of our history and shall always be remembered by us.

Bro. Goldenberg passed away while I was attending the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C.

M. W. Macario M. Ofilada and other high ranking members of the Grand Lodge conducted a truly memorable Funeral Service for Bro. Mike.

As I said in one of my messages, Bro. Mike's passing was a terrible personal loss to me. He was the founder of my Lodge. He gave me the lecture of the Third Degree. He guided me through my Masonic career. He was my Installing Officer when I became Master of my Lodge and again when I became Grand Master. He helped me up to the time of his death. He served as Acting Grand Treasurer due to M. W. Howard Hick's return to the United States. He proof-read the new edition of the Constitution. He served as Chairman of the Committee on Jurisprudence and as Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence. He was our Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York. He was loved by most and respected by all. Masonry suffered a severe blow when Bro. Mike died. We are consoled by the fact that the lives of all of us were enriched by this good man and true Mason.

On Easter Sunday M. W. Werner P. Schetelig died in Manila. This was a tremendous shock coming at it did virtually on top of the other two deaths. It was only eight years ago that Bro. Werner was Grand Master. I felt close to him, partly because he was my friend, and partly because I became Master of my Lodge during his term of office as Grand Master. He was present during my installation as Master and from that time on always continued to advise and counsel me. He served Masonry as a true brother He was a great philanthropist and was a friend of the poor. We shall always cherish his memory.

We pray to Almighty God to bless the souls of these great brethren and of all other brethren who have died.

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This year, I had to arrest the Charters of San Marcelino Lodge No. 141, in San Marcelino, Zambales, and Julian Ocampo Memorial Lodge No. 146, in Iriga, Camarines Sur. These two Lodges have not been actually functioning for some time. I personally verified the situation before taking this drastic action. I could not see the point of allowing a Lodge to exist in name only.

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During the year I have devoted as much time as I could endeavoring to advance the Grand Lodge Building Project.

The situation is this: We need to obtain an availability of ten million dollars at a reasonable rate of interest. I hoped to be able during my trip to the United States to obtain this money, but I found that the time I had to do the job was entirely inadequate. My presence was urgently needed in Manila and I could not extend my trip beyond the time I had allotted for it. I received a certain amount of encouragement from my friends in the United States.

What I want to accomplish is obtain a commitment from lending institutions at 6% interest with a U. S. insurance government policy of 3/4 of 1% (this guarantees the lending institutions that they will not lose their money in the venture.) As everyone knows, it is impossible to obtain in the Philippines substantial amounts of money as long-term loans for real estate. One insurance company that has the money available informed me it could not lend the money at less than 12%. My analysis indicates that the project would not be feasible if people who bought the space had to pay that rate of interest. Consequently I have to recommend that this Annual Communication authorize the Building Committee to continue in being and endeavor to accomplish completion of this project. I pledge myself as a humble member of this Grand Lodge on my forthcoming trip to the United States to continue to work and negotiate for the needed funds. I am convinced that the project is a sound one; that when it comes into being, our Grand Lodge can make a net profit of about half a million pesos a year, which will enable us to engage in many worthy projects, such as our own Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children and an appropriate Masonic Home, School and Dormitory.

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At our last Annual Communication the brethren indicated considerable eagerness to establish a health insurance plan. One of my first official acts was the appointment of a Health Insurance Committee of highly qualified brethren headed by Wor. Bro. Dr. Damaceno Ago. We had numerous conferences, and ultimately a plan was devised whereby the Acacia Mutual Aid Society agreed to assume the function of insuring the brethren against illness. An adequate system of benefits was established and the cost of the premium was set at ₱2.60 per month. This compared favorably with policies being offered by commercial insurance companies.

In order to assume the safety of the project, it was necessary for a certain minimum number of members to be enrolled in the plan. The spontaneity which was exhibited at the Grand Lodge Communication was noticeably lacking when the plan was put forward. The plan was to have been started in Manila and the suburban area, but not one Lodge showed any interest in joining the plan. Consequently we abandoned it for the time being.

I am still convinced that the plan is desirable, but it will take very energetic leadership on the part of someone in the Grand Lodge to convince the Lodges of the desirability of the scheme. Perhaps this is one job which the proposed Board for General Purposes would be able to undertake.

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During the year we found it necessary to withdraw recognition of the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica.

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The basis for a Masonic Research Council was adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication in 1947. Thus far no Grand Master has seen fit to bring this worthy project into being. I sincerely regret that time did not allow me to do any better than my predecessors. I sincerely hope that my successor will be able to do so.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines take the following action at its 47th Annual Communication:

1 — Change the date of the Annual Communication to first Friday and Saturday in December, commencing at 9:00 A. M. and continuing each day at the discretion of the Grand Master, with the Installation of Officers being held on Saturday evening.

2 — Change the date for the election of officers in the Lodges to August; Installation of Officers to be held in August and September.

3 — Change the date of the closing of the fiscal year to September 30th and the date for submitting annual reports of Lodges to October 15th.

4 — Create a Board for General Purposes. This Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Grand Lodge (except the Grand Master) and ten members to be elected by a single ballot at the Annual Communication. The President of the Board shall be elected by the members of the Board. The Grand Master shall have the right to replace any member of the Board who fails to attend meetings regularly. This Board shall meet at least once a month, at the call of the President, and shall assist the Grand Master in such tasks that he assigns to it. The Board may, of its own initiative, undertake to study the advisability of projects and submit its findings to the Grand Master, and if it deems advisable, to the next Annual Communication.

5 – Add to the list of Standing Committees: Committee on Education and Public Service, Committee on Revision of the Constitution, and Committee on Masonic Culture.

6 – Approve the new edition of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

7 – Resolve that the Grand Lodge shall after every Annual Communication print any new amendment to the Constitution and make the printed items available free of charge to owners or copies of the Constitution.

8 – Pursuant to Par. 338 of the Constitution, I recommend that the Grand Rank of Honorary Past Deputy Grand Master be conferred upon:

Wor. Bro. Henry Gilhouser
Wor. Bro. Macario C. Navia, and
Bro. Albino Z. SyCip

all of whom are distinguished Masons and have rendered conspicuous service to the Fraternity and that upon such honor having been conferred on them they shall henceforth be entitled to be addressed as, "Right Worshipful."

9 – Resolve that no Master Mason shall apply for degrees in any Masonic body until he shall have passed the proficiency examination in the Third Degree.

10 – Continue the Grand Lodge Building Committee in existence.

CONCLUSION

During the year I have been constantly praying to God to give me wisdom and strength to enable me adequately to fulfill my duties as Grand Master. I am grateful to Him for having allowed me to finish my term of office. On many occasions when I felt particularly exhausted or overwhelmed, I prayed to God for strength. I am convinced that if all of us followed this great lesson, which Masonry teaches us, we would the better be enabled to complete our tasks.

I am also grateful to all of those brethren who assisted me throughout the year. I have mentioned a few. In addition there are those who labored silently and selflessly. They are the brethren who, in far off places, kept the Fraternity alive through their loyalty, courage and love.

To all of you, I say God bless you and keep you and give you the ability and determination to know and to do what is right.

Annex I

GRAND MASTER'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

This year of 1962 marks the fiftieth anniversary of our Grand Lodge. During the period 1942-1945 we were unable to pursue our labors, which explains why we are now holding our Forty-sixth Annual Communication instead of our Fiftieth. Strangely, I shall also celebrate my fiftieth birthday this year, which leads me to express the hope that our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge will enjoy having as its Grand Master one who is as old as it is. For my part, I consider the situation more than coincidental. I must confess, and I hope you will agree, that this represents more than the will of the brethren; that it involves the will of the Great Architect of the Universe, and I am grateful to God and to my brethren for having placed me in this exalted position.

During the fifty colorful years of our Grand Lodge history we have had among our Grand Masters many illustrious men. As I place this symbolic gavel over my heart, I do so with special humility, for I see in my mind's eye those towering figures whose character and deeds are inextricably intertwined with the birth and life of this noble Republic of the Philippines.

My perspective is not dimmed by the fact that many of my predecessors in this distinguished chair have gone to "that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveller returns." From amongst these great men I particularly remember:

— the late President Manuel L. Quezon who was Grand Master in 1918 and who was our first Filipino Grand Master;

— the late Rafael Palma, Grand Master in 1920, who was one of the foremost Rizalistas and an outstanding educator;

— the late Teodoro M. Kalaw, Sr., Grand Master in 1928, was an eminent historian, educator and writer;

— the late Vicente Carmona, Grand Master in 1930, who was one of the pioneer Filipino bankers;

— the late Manuel Camus, Grand Master in 1934, who was a great civic leader, one of the organizers of the Boy Scout and YMCA movements in the Philippines;

— the late Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos, Grand Master in 1938, who died a martyr. Incidentally, May 2nd next marks the twentieth anniversary of his death and has now been declared a national holiday.

Amongst the living Past Grand Masters who have become a legend in their own time, I recall:

— William H. Taylor, 1916 and 1917, and Stanton Youngberg, 1933, who are our unofficial representatives to the M. W. Grand Lodge of California, our Mother Grand Lodge;

— Frederick H. Stevens, 1923, who became the first Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masons in the Philippines;

— Francisco A. Delgado, 1926, who until recently was the Philippine Ambassador to the United Nations;

— Antonio Gonzalez, 1932, who became the first High Priest of the York Rite in the Philippines;

— Conrado Benitez, 1936, who is the present Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite, and who is a vital figure in education, in municipal reform and in barrio improvement;

— Michael Goldenberg, 1945 and 1946, who, out of the ashes of the last war, reconstituted our Grand Lodge and rebuilt our present building. Forgive me if I pay special tribute to Bro. Mike. He is the founder of my Mother Lodge, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80. He raised me and gave me the lecture in the Third Degree, and has generally acted as my guide and counselor. I appreciate what all my brethren have done for me, but to Bro. Mike I owe a special debt of gratitude. Your last act of kindness was agreeing to be my installing officer despite your frail condition. Thank you Bro. Mike for everything.

— Cenon S. Cervantes, 1951, who at this point seems to have more friends in my old home town of Little Old New York than I have. During the eight years or so that he represented the Philippine sugar industry in New York he contributed substantially to the vitality of an organization of Masons who hail from the Far East. An introducion from him to this group is a shibboleth;

— Mauro Baradi, 1953, who recently was appointed Ambassador to Nigeria, has become the most sought-after speaker in Masonic functions in the United States and who could easily, I think, if he were an American, be elected to high office in New York;

— Werner P. Schetelig, 1954, who was Grand Master when I became Master of my own Lodge and who generally encouraged me to become active in Grand Lodge affairs.

This brings me to the third group of Past Grand Masters — those under whom I had the great honor to serve as a Grand Lodge Officer, to whom I owe my training for this highest of Masonic positions to which the suffrages of my brethren raised me.

First, there is Senator Camilo Osias, who in 1933 appointed me as Grand Sword Bearer. He gave us a slogan to be remembered: "More Masonry in Men and More Men in Masonry." To my mind this great Mason exemplifies what we mean by the word "fortitude."

Second, there is former Secretary of Public Works Vicente Y. Orosa, who in 1957 appointed me Grand Orator. He is a man who exemplifses the fact that Masons are great builders. He shall always represent to me the pillar of strength.

Third, there is Judge Macario M. Ofilada under whom I had the honor to serve as Junior Grand Warden. Although we call our Grand Masters, past and present, by the title "Most Worshipful," it is my habit to refer to him as "most beloved," because I have always found him to be a man who is all heart, and to my mind exemplifies what we mean by the term "brotherly love."

Fourth, there is former Director of Public Schools Luther B. Bewley, whom I served as Senior Grand Warden. He exemplifies what we mean when we say that we Masons stand for a strong public educational system, for he was among the first Americans to work in this field. This great Mason is the embodiment of the word "prudence."

Fifth, there is former Congressman Juan S. Alano, our Junior Past Grand Master, whose deputy I was during the past Masonic year. To my mind this great man exemplifies what we mean by the word relief, that is, the practice of charity. This great humanitarian has erected a free hospital and a school of midwifery in Basilan where he lives. Thousands of people are alive today because of him. In addition he maintains a public school and supplies free transportation to the pupils, and he has also provided waterworks in several communities. I have always felt that God has spared him and has given him the strength to recuperate from the paralytic stroke from which he suffered three weeks before he became Grand Master, as a reward for being a true Mason.

Finally, there are my colleagues; the Grand Treasurer, Howard R. Hick, 1958, unfortunately is out of the country at the moment, with whom I went to engineering school and who has demonstrated that good management is a very important facet of all societies in that it makes for greater harmony and the Grand Secretary, Esteban Munarriz, who was Grand Master in 1949, but who since 1956 has acted as the little Grand Master in his capacity as Grand Secretary; he has demonstrated that a warm and helping hand will accomplish more than fine words. We say that justice is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. If any man can be said to represent justice, I say that this distinguished brother truly does.

These are the men to whom it gives me great pleasure to pay tribute tonight and who will always stand forth as beacons as to what we ought to be as men and as Masons.

As we close this chapter of the first fifty years of our existence as a Grand Lodge, we see the names of our Past Grand Masters standing out in bas *relief* on the tableau bearing their names. Their nobility is our guide.

What are our plans now that we are about to open a new chapter in our history? Inspired as I am at this moment, I am impelled to reveal them to you.

First of all, I shall continue in my efforts to bridge the hiatus, which exists between Masonry and the Roman Catholic Church. Many of you know that I have been working on this since 1955, that in 1959 I went to the Vatican and had an exploratory talk on the subject and that in January of this year I had an audience with His Eminence Rufino J. Cardinal Santos. I expect to have another talk with him next month. My proposition is simple: Those who believe in God are faced with extinction by communism which has sworn to destroy us both. Communism is Godless and relentless; it is aggressive and destructive; it is ambitious and resourceful; it is powerful and capable; it is treacherous and cruel. In order to defeat this enemy, all freedom-loving people need to cooperate. We cannot afford to dissipate our energies by quarelling amongst ourselves. Shop-worn ideas and outmoded attitudes must be scrapped. We must convince the Roman Catholic Church that it ought to reexamine its ideas about Masonry. We must convince the Roman Catholic Church that the

greatest single step it can take towards accomplishing an Ecumenical Movement is to withdraw its Encyclical against Masonry. These are significant and indeed momentous events: First, His Holiness Pope John XXIII has given every indication that he wants unity. He stands for brotherly love, relief and truth, as we do. He is one of the greatest Popes and is a man who merits our affection. Second, since we first embarked on this idealistic venture, we have been blessed with having our own Cardinal in the Philippines. Further, we have in Cardinal Santos a kind, understanding and intelligent man. This man is one whom all of us, regardless of our creed, can respect. Those of us who are citizens of, or who reside in, the Philippines can rejoice because of his elevation as Cardinal. I have known Cardinal Santos for many years, and I was as happy as any man when he became Cardinal. These are important events, my brethren, and I regard them once again as being beyond the pale of coincidence. Let us hope and constantly pray that we shall be successful in our efforts.

Secondly, I pledge to exert my best efforts to get our building project under way. This is an ambitious undertaking, but which with hard work and courage I believe we can ultimately complete. I hope that I shall have the privilege of laying the cornerstone of this building during my incumbency. I had hoped that it could have been started earlier, but you all know that the time and circumstances have been against us. Nevertheless, we can take heart in the fact that we have a strong committee which has the ability and the courage to carry forth.

The third area to which I plan to devote special attention is in the management of Grand Lodge affairs: One; I promise that we shall strengthen our District Deputy Grand Masters, by giving them the honor and prestige that they deserve and by giving them the support they need to accomplish their mission. Two; we shall complete the ritual in Pilipino language within the immediate future. Three; we shall revise, publish and make available for distribution the Book of Constitution which has been out-of-print for over a year.

Four; our Grand Marshal, Very Worshipful Bro. Drozynski, has promised to make available to us a management team which will study the methods whereby we can improve our management of Grand Lodge affairs. We shall attempt to obtain statistics so that we can determine when, where and how we can improve our administration. Five; if you feel that this year has represented an improvement in the reception and entertainment of our out-of-town brethren, you will, I am sure, be even happier next year, because we shall use this year's experience as a platform from which we shall progress. At this point I express my heartfelt thanks to the various committees which aided in our efforts to look after our provincial and overseas brethren and their wives this year.

Six; I shall see to it that a Rizal memorial edition of The Cabletow shall be published in June in memory of the 100th anniversary of Rizal's birthday.

Seven; We are decided to restore The Cabletow as a monthly publication instead of as a quarterly. This will be a time-consuming project, but I am sure that with the help of the brethren we can improve this important medium of communication.

Eight; I shall immediately commence preparations so that our Golden Jubilee Communication of the Grand Lodge which will be held on December 19th will be a success.

Nine; We shall have monthly meetings of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers where all significant problems can be discussed. In this way we in the present administration will be able to receive counsel and guidance from our elders statesmen. We shall have the first of these meetings on April 30th.

The fourth department where I feel more work can be done is in the performance by our subordinate Lodges of important community projects. The image of a Mason today must be the man with a mission for good. We must help in the growth of the nation. Our youth needs educational, vocational and moral guidance. Our adults, particularly in less-chance areas, need our assistance. Masons, by and large, are educated people. We must give more of ourselves to the entire community. This important project will be under the charge of the newly created Education Committee which will be under the chairmanship of Worshipful Bro. Domingo Bascara. Masonry will no longer be subject to the criticism that we are of ivory tower types. We shall share the truth with all who want to receive it.

Finally, my brethren, I pledge myself to dedicated service. I shall spare no effort and shall never suffer personal considerations to be barrier to the accomplishment of the tasks ahead. You know what I want to accomplish. But my expressions of intent will remain as idle words and vain hopes without teamwork and without the unstinted support of every Mason in this Grand Jurisdiction. I, therefore, call upon you individually and collectively, and when I do, I hope that you will not deny me your talents, your time, your effort and your brotherly love. I shall need all of these. As we open a new chapter in our Grand Lodge history, let us set forth with a motto, one which will symbolize our time and place in history. I give it to you strictly in charge as such, ever to walk and act:

"A Mason has a Golden Heart. He practices the Golden Rule."

When a man has been initiated, passed and raised and has signed the by-laws, in a sense he is a Master Mason. He is numbered in the membership, and is entitled to wear the badge. But in reality, he has only been given the right to enter the Temple. Whether he does enter or not, whether he labors on that spiritual building or stands idly within the shadow and shelter of its walls, time alone will tell. But it depends wholly upon himself. He has found the true secret of Masonry if he has learned that God is his Father and men about him are his brethren; and if that knowledge mellows and purifies his soul, inspires his deeds and radiates a sunny glory from his life.

— JOHN C. PALMER
(Little Masonic Library)

Annex II

MASONRY AND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

By Wor. Bro. WILLIAM H. QUASHA
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What are the two most popular topics for discussion in Masonic publications? Number one is Communism. Number two is the Roman Catholic Church. Some Masons regard both as a threat to Masonry.

In the case of communism jeopardy to Masonry exists by virtue of the fact that, as in all other forms of dictatorship, those in control of the State would destroy all freedoms. The Masons would fall with the Church and with all other institutions which stand with God.

There is no question of a misunderstanding between the Masons and the Communists. It is a clear case of difference of ideology. Such is the cleavage that there could never be coexistence within the same country. It comes down to a simple question of survival. No true Mason could take communism lying down. So inherent in our philosophy are the concepts of belief in God, in Life Everlasting, in the Dignity of Man, in Brotherhood of all men that all Masons, in order to be true to the tenets of their society, would if need be, offer their lives in the fight against communism.

It is equally clear that none of the principles which make for difference between Masonry and the Roman Catholic Church. There may be other differences, but they are not these differences. Furthermore, they are not differences which would prevent a Mason from being a Catholic (as far as he was concerned). By way of further contrast, it is completely obvious that no Mason could ever be a communist.

A Mason does not have to be a Christian. He may be one. No Catholic is forbidden by the Masons. In fact, numerous Catholics are Masons. Many Catholics do not join Masonry because there is a rule in the Roman Catholic Church which inhibits them from joining. This is unfortunate, but there is nothing much that Masons can or will ever do about it except to view the situation with a feeling of regret.

It is my opinion, gained largely by my sentimental attachment to so many clerical and lay Catholics, that no opportunity for the elimination of misunderstanding between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry should be overlooked. There is no basic or doctrinal impediment in the case of these two great institutions to peaceful coexistence any more than there is any difficulty as regards freedom of worship in the Democracies. Jewish, Roman Catholic,

Protestant and other churches do more than stand side-by-side. They complement each other. Each contributes in its own way in helping more people to reach the Kingdom of God. And certainly Freemasonry has always made its force felt in this identical direction.

I have used the word "misunderstanding" in describing the relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry. I have used this word advisedly, for, from my viewpoint, they stand on the same side against communism, which threatens their existence along with all others who follow God. Man is now closer to self-annihilation than ever before. Shall we who believe in God be so foolish as to dissipate our energies by fighting with each other? Or should we level our sights on the real target? Should we spend ammunition on people who are on our side or should we ready it for use on the godless who would destroy both of us?

There now exists an organization which is dedicated to clearing up misunderstandings which prevail among the Roman Catholics, the Jews and the Protestants. The time may not yet be ripe for the formation of a similar organization for Knights of Columbus and Masons, but is there any reason why we should not be directing our thoughts in that direction?

What is immediately to be hoped for is this: that Masons direct all their thought, not to "defending" themselves from the Roman Catholic Church, but rather endeavoring to make their own position clear. Suspicion is destructive of good relationships. Factual information can go a long way toward alleviating the misgivings of people who have not viewed us as sympathetically as we have looked at ourselves. We are Freemasons because we know it follows God's path of goodness. Were it otherwise, Masonry would not have survived every form of adversity. When you know that something is right, there is no need to "defend" it. It is only necessary that you explain it in comprehensible terms. "Explanation" does not mean debate; it means the setting forth of our principles continuously but without militance.

In any event, it is not the purpose of this article to point out the methods to be utilized in clarifying our position, but rather is merely a suggestion that we take the first step in trying to establish a basis for harmonious coexistence with the Roman Catholic Church. And that if that step is not productive, that we take a second, a third and subsequent steps until eventually we have eliminated all bases for confusion. Only then will it be possible for an elimination of the present misunderstanding. I am confident that if we kept a sympathetic ear to the ground, we shall finally recognize encouraging sounds which will indicate that friendship and cooperation are on the way.

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Annex III

A LETTER TO THE VATICAN

June 29, 1959

Mons. Alfredo Poledrini
Extraordinary Affairs Section
Secretary of State of His Holiness
Vatican City, Italy

My dear Mons. Poledrini,

This is to record the conversation which I had with you on 8 June 1959. First, permit me to thank you for the kind and gracious way you received the ideas which I advanced and for your suggestion that I write this letter. Second, I have complied with your request that I pass on your greetings to our many mutual friends here in Manila. They all recall your warm friendship and your deep affection for the Philippines.

My purpose in seeking an audience with His Holiness, as I indicated in my letter to His Excellency, Jose Ma. Delgado, the Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See, was to discuss the relations between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry in the Philippines. There were several compelling reasons why I was prompted to seek this audience:

One, His Holiness has indicated his great desire for a union of Christians. There has been a spontaneous reciprocal reaction which bodes well for the future. My own high regard and love for His Holiness is shared by many other Christians who are not Roman Catholics.

Two, as far as I can see, there is no cause for discord between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry insofar as doctrine is concerned. Both believe in the brotherhood-of-man under the Fatherhood-of-God and in the principle that all men should love each other and practice charity.

Three, although there may have been in the past some basis for disagreement between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry, the **raison d'etre** behind that dispute no longer exists. On the contrary, the reasons for seeking an understanding at this time are numerous; primarily such a step would provide a tremendous impetus towards the desired union of all Christians.

Four, both the Roman Catholic Church and the Freemasons are committed to a struggle against Communism, an organization which denies the existence of man in society. It would seem that it would not be difficult for us to find a **modus vivendi** whereby we could more effectively channel our efforts towards fighting Communism instead of dissipating our energies in defending ourselves against each other.

I mentioned that certain parish priests in the Philippines had been responsible for the persecution of Masons and their families and had issued pamphlets which

were derogatory towards Masonry and which accused the Masons of being Communists and of being in league with the Devil. You regretted these incidents and said that since Catholics believe in charity, they should practice it, a sentiment I wholeheartedly share with you.

You indicated that one of our prominent Masons had stated that he regarded the Roman Catholic Church as a greater enemy than Communism. I thought that this remark was probably the result of the fact that the Mason had been offended by the statements made by certain parish priests. To demonstrate that this was not the official position of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Republic of the Philippines, I mentioned three facts:

One, aproximately three years ago, I wrote an article for a masonic publication on the subject of the relations between the Roman Catholic Church and Masonry in the Philippines in which article I had emphasized the need for our joining hands to battle Communism, a common and mutual enemy.

Two, immediately prior to my departure on the trip which brought me to Rome, I was elected to the position of Junior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge of the Republic of the Philippines, at which time my viewpoint on this subject was well known to Masons in the Philippines. My election was indicative of the fact that Philippine Masons want to see an end to the present cleavage.

Three, I had not come to the Vatican as a lone voice, as a romanticist or as adventurer. I had been duly authorized by the Grand Master of Masons in the Republic of the Philippines to extend the warm hand of friendship and to express the hope that all possible efforts would be exerted towards the elimination of friction between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry. Clothed with this authority, I had no hesitancy in stating that I spoke for Freemasonry in the Philippines.

I ventured the suggestion that although the time might not be ripe for His Holiness to withdraw the Encyclical against Masonry, I did hope that perhaps some Catholic organization would be authorized to meet with Masonic representatives to discuss ways and means to solve our mutual problems. This might be a committee patterned after the Interfaith Committee in the United States.

The very existence of such a committee would be indicative of our mutual desire to dispose of old problems and to seek new ways to prevent the continued deceptions by the Communists of the minds and the hearts of men. It would be my fervent hope that between many Roman Catholics and Masons as individuals the understanding might become more general and that His Holiness would eventually cause the issuance of the Papal Encyclicals to desist from attacking Masonry.

As I have indicated, I am very much encouraged by the actions of His Holiness and feel that nothing but good can come from the suggestions which I have made.

Once again, please let me thank you for the kind reception which you granted me and join you in your hope that some day you will be able to return to our beloved Philippines.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,
WILLIAM H. QUASHA

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
June 1962

This special issue of **The Cabletow** is to commemorate the centennial of the birthday of Jose P. Rizal.

We Masons venerate his memory for many reasons:

First, he lived and died a Mason. He fought for freedom and against tyranny. He never yielded when it came to principle, even at the cost of his life.

Second, he showed that patriotism meant more than hollow words — that to be a true patriot a man has to know and do what is best for his country as a whole, not for any specially privileged group.

Third, he made it clear that the salvation of the people was in education — that the greatest enemy of the masses was ignorance.

Fourth, he was the personification of an educated man. His interests were broad, his talents were varied, and his activities were diverse; but he marshalled his energies in one direction — the liberation of his people.

The Filipino people are justly proud of this eminent hero. Any nation would be. And although he was a true Filipino, he was a free man and therefore he belonged to the world. The world needs men like Rizal. Our only hope of developing men like Rizal is to spread his story. This is our purpose in publishing this special issue.

The Grand Lodge is grateful to all those who contributed towards making this publication possible. It is our hope that the knowledge that the lives of the people who read it will have been enriched will be an adequate reward.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
July 1962

With the first quarter of my term almost completed, it is well for us to review what has been accomplished. We can use this as a platform to determine what further steps must be taken to achieve our established goals.

As of this moment, I have visited approximately 60% of the Lodges in our Grand Jurisdiction, and I have duly constituted 3 of the 4 newly chartered Lodges. I have found a uniformly excellent spirit amongst the brethren; everyone appears to be enthusiastic about our various programs. No one has questioned the wisdom of our choices, but although no one has said so, I am certain that there must be some doubts about our ability to do what we said ought to be done. We recognize that there is often a wide gap between wanting and doing. Let us enumerate and comment on each of the plans.

Harmony with the Roman Catholic Church: We believe we are making headway.

Building Project: Going ahead.

Acacia Mutual Aid Society Group Death Benefit Plan: Starting October 1, 1962, all Lodges are urged to have their contributions in as soon as possible.

Health Benefit Plan: Target for commencement is November 1, 1962. Final details are being completed for operation in Manila and environs.

Education and Public Service: The Grand Lodge Committee is in full swing. Lodge Committees in many Lodges already formed. Other Lodges are urged to get busy.

Making "The Cabletow" a monthly publication: We hope you are pleased with our efforts. The Cabletow Committee is doing its best.

Golden Jubilee Celebration: Most Wor. Bro. Cenon S. Cervantes has accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee on Preparations. Other Committees such as Housing and Reception are formed and ready for action.

Masonic Supply Service: In full swing. We now have copies of "What is Freemasonry?", which we ordered from the United States. Every Lodge is urged to purchase 10 copies for use by the brethren. When anyone asks about the Fraternity, lend him a copy. If you need anything in the way of Masonic supplies and paraphernalia, Very Wor. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, who is in charge will be pleased to accommodate you.

Now, where do we go from here?

Grand Visitations will continue throughout my term. All District Deputy Grand Masters are urged to notify the Grand Lodge as early as possible as to their intended dates of conventions. They are enjoined to hold their conventions on weekends, and to avoid conflict with other conventions, as it is my desire to be present at every District Convention. Last year we had several occasions where two conventions were held simultaneously. By planning early, this can be avoided.

All Worshipful Masters should see to it —

That their respective Committees on Education and Public Service are actually performing their duties in accordance with the Circular issued on the subject;

That the Committee appointed to enroll 100% of its membership in the Health Benefit Plan is diligently at work;

That the Lodge Committee on Golden Jubilee Celebration has a plan of action;
That an order for 10 copies of "What is Freemasonry?" is placed at once; and
That all matters of administration are increasingly tightened.

Finally, my brethren, I announce the fact that at the next Annual Communication, a Trophy to be known as "The Grand Master's Cup" will be awarded to the Lodge which in the opinion of the Past Grand Masters has done the best

job on all the different phases of Lodge performance. This Cup is being donated by the Past Grand Masters and will be awarded annually to the Lodge of the Year. In addition, Certificates will be awarded for excellence in performance in any one of the several departments mentioned above. Precise rules and criteria will be issued in the near future by the Past Grand Masters.

In the meantime, I earnestly ask you all to do your best to make your Lodge the best in our Grand Jurisdiction this year.

Fraternally,

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
August 1962

Commencing August 25, 1962, and virtually every Saturday thereafter until the end of November, we will have District Conventions which I intend to visit. I have asked the various Districts to hold their conventions on specified dates to accomplish two things: First, to avoid, as has often occurred in the past, a conflict of meetings which made it impossible for the Grand Master to attend both, second, to avoid any convention being held at the tail-end of our Grand Lodge fiscal year.

During my four months in office, I have managed to visit seventy per cent of our Lodges, and those which I cannot visit individually, I will visit through attendance at conventions.

I must confess that despite the great pleasure I have experienced in meeting the brethren, at times some of the trips were very much of an ordeal because of inclement weather. In our Grand Jurisdiction, by the time a Grand Master is installed it is the end of April, and by the time he is able to take over the reins of office, the rainy season is on top of him. In my own case, I found myself, on some of my longest trips in the midst of some of the strongest typhoons. Although these trips provided thrilling adventures, still I did not accomplish as much as I could have, had I been favored with better weather. Frequently, I found that many brethren who wanted to attend the meetings were unable to do so because of washed-out roads or other difficulties resulting from the storms.

I have given this matter a great deal of thought, and I am convinced that we need to change our entire fiscal schedule. I am aware, of course, that this will involve changing our Constitution, but it is something that we can accomplish at our next Grand Lodge Communication if the brethren agree with me.

There is another argument in favor of changing our Grand Lodge fiscal year, and that is the fact that we hold our Annual Communication at the hottest time of the year in Manila. As a result we do not have the attendance and enthusiasm at our meetings that we should have. It seems to me that the best schedule

would be to have our Grand Lodge Communication in December, when we have the best weather in Manila. In order to enable elections in the Subordinate Lodges to be held at least three months before the Grand Lodge Communication, I suggest that we have our elections in the Subordinate Lodges in September, with installation of officers to be held in September and October. This would give the Lodges more than one month after installation of officers to get organized for the Annual Communication. The Grand Master could begin his official visitations in January. This would give him six months before the rains commence to make his visitations and to acquaint the brethren with his program.

There is no substitute for a Grand Master actually going out into the field and observing conditions with his own eyes. He must be prepared to see for himself what requires doing so, that he can shape his policy to conform to actual conditions.

I ask that all the brethren discuss this matter in their respective Lodges and at Conventions. We have made numerous changes in our schedule in the years past, but none has been found to be perfect. Undoubtedly my suggested program will not give us perfection, but I am convinced that it is far preferable to what we have now. I am certain that by free discussion and putting aside matters of personal convenience for the general good of the fraternity, we shall arrive at a decision which will suit our purposes and enable us to improve our administrative procedures.

In the meantime, I shall be very pleased to receive the reaction of the members either individually or through their respective Lodges. Until I see all of you again, I wish you health and happiness, and I do hope that you are all busily engaged in the various projects and goals concerning which I have written and spoken.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
September 1962

Arrangements for our Special Golden Jubilee Communication are sufficiently well advanced to enable me to advise the brethren of certain details so that they can make appropriate plans.

The communication will take place on December 19-20, 1962. We will have morning, afternoon and probably evening sessions. The communication will be opened at the Grand Lodge at 8:30 A.M. on December 19th. It will not be necessary for the brethren to be at the opening, as this will merely be a formality. The brethren will be asked instead to register commencing at 8:00 A.M. at the Philamlife Auditorium at the corner of Isaac Peral and Florida Streets, Manila. All business of the communication will be held at this modern, air-conditioned auditorium which has 800 seats. This building has other facilities which will be entirely adequate for our purpose.

In order to facilitate registration, it is requested that each Lodge advise the Grand Lodge of the names of the brethren who will attend the communication. It would also be most helpful to us if advice could be received as to the names of those brethren who will be accompanied by their wives. A registration fee will be charged to cover the cost of lunch and dinner which will be served by a caterer at the Philamlife Building on both days. It will also cover the cost of a souvenir. As soon as final arrangements for catering are completed, we will advise all Lodges of the amount of registration fee.

The overall Chairman of the communication is M. W. Bro. Cenon S. Cervantes, P.G.M. The various sub-committee Chairman are: M. W. Bro. Antonio Ganzalez, Program; V. W. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Accommodations (including hotel reservations); V. W. Bro. Manuel K. Torres, Reception; and Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa, Registration. In order to enable each of these to perform his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, it is requested that the Grand Lodge be notified well in advance as to the time and place of arrival of the brethren in Manila, what kind of reservations are required, if any, and whether any special requirements, such as sight-seeing and the like, are required.

Invitations have been issued to Grand Masters of all Grand Lodges with whom we have fraternal relations. Thus far, the Grand Masters of California and Japan have indicated that they will attend. The Grand Masters of Massachusetts and Indiana will send representatives. Sizeable delegations are expected from our overseas Lodges. It is anticipated that our Guest Speakers will include President Diosdado Macapagal and Mr. William E. Stevenson, the American Ambassador to the Philippines.

The first order of business will be the reception of those dignitaries who are entitled to Grand Honors. This will commence at 9:30 A. M. on December 19th, and it is imperative that all Masons be seated prior to that time.

The Grand Lodge will have a team of brethren who will handle the registration of delegates, which we believe can be accomplished in approximately one hour's time if we have advance notice as to the names of the brethren who will attend.

The ladies of the Order of Eastern Star will look after the wives of visiting brethren.

No effort is being spared to make this communication a success, but in the final analysis success or failure will depend upon the attendance of the brethren, for if they do not come, they will miss the elaborate program which is being prepared for their benefit.

I urge every brother who can possibly make this trip to do so. We want this communication to be a platform from which our Grand Lodge can go forward to greater and greater achievement.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
October 1962

The Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippines will celebrate its Fiftieth Anniversary with The Golden Jubilee Communication on December 19-20, 1962. This is in accordance with the will of the brethren as expressed at our last Annual Communication.

When I was installed as Grand Master, I immediately appointed M. W. Bro. Cenon S. Cervantes, P. G. M., as General Chairman. In that capacity, he wrote letters of invitation to the Grand Masters of all 95 Grand Jurisdictions with whom we have fraternal relations. Thus far, we are certain that the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, M. W. Bro. Ira W. Coburn, and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan, M. W. Bro. Nohea O. A. Peck, will attend. As they are our Mother and Daughter Grand Lodges, respectively, we are very delighted that they will be with us. I had the pleasure of meeting M. W. Bro. Coburn last year when I attended the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California and, of course, M. W. Bro. Peck is an old friend and a former member of our Grand Lodge.

We have decided to hold our meetings at the Philamlife Building Auditorium, located at the corner of Isaac Peral and Florida, not more than a minute and a half by car from the Grand Lodge. It is air-conditioned and has excellent acoustics. We are arranging to use the banquet hall of the building for lunch and dinner on both days. An outside caterer will serve the meals. In this way it will not be necessary for the brethren to leave the building during the time we are in session. V. W. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, our Senior Grand Lecturer, is in charge of accommodations. This includes housing.

Our Program Chairman is M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, Sr. Invitations have been extended to President Diosdado Macapagal and to the Hon. William E. Stevenson, American Ambassador to the Philippines to be our Guest Speakers on the 19th and 20th of December, respectively. All visiting dignitaries will be called upon to deliver short addresses.

The ladies of the Eastern Star will be called upon again to look after the wives of the delegates, and all brethren are encouraged to bring their ladies.

The brethren are asked to commence registration (the fee has not yet been decided upon) at 8:00 A.M. at the Philamlife Building. Wor. Bro. Dominador R. Escosa, the Chairman of the Credentials Committee and the members of his Committee expect to be able to register all delegates by the time the Communication opens at 9:30 A M. As this is rather a large order, I ask that all Masters see to it that the names of all delegates who will attend are filed not later than December 1, 1962. In this way, Credential Cards can be prepared in advance.

As you can see, we are leaving no stone unturned in order to have an interesting and productive Communication. Nevertheless, in the final analysis, it will be up to the brethren to make this affair a success. Those who live in

Manila are asked to extend the same hospitality that the provincial and overseas brethren extend to us when we visit them. To our overseas and provincial brethren and their wives, we extend a most hearty invitation to be with us so that we may enjoy each other's fellowship and celebrate what we hope will be a grand and glorious occasion.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
November 1962

As previously announced, we will publish an up-to-date edition of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippines. This will not be a mere reprint of the previous edition. Our previous issue was very difficult to use, principally because much of the material was hard to find. Even those who were well acquainted with the Constitution found it difficult to find the precise rule of law applicable to a specific situation. This is because many of the provisions are intertwined with other provisions. The situation became additionally complicated when one had to consider one part of the Constitution in relation to another part.

We have taken several steps to cure this situation:

First, all cross-references are indicated by Paragraph Numbers rather than by the previous complicated method. All Paragraph Numbers are now printed in bold type and are easily identifiable.

Second, we have eliminated all obsolete material which not only cluttered up the book but was often confusing to one who was not intimately familiar with Grand Lodge procedures.

Third, we have abstracted all resolutions, decisions and opinions, and have stated the substance of each item; consequently, it will not be necessary for one to read a great deal of irrelevant material in order to find out what the law is.

Fourth, insofar as possible, we placed decisions, resolutions and opinions as a footnote to the Paragraph to which they relate. Thus when one is searching for a point of law, he will no longer be required to scan the entire book to find what he wants.

Fifth, we have endeavored to simplify the index system and at the same time to make it more comprehensive.

We will publish the new Constitution in two editions: ordinary and deluxe. The ordinary edition will be sold at a prepublication price of ₱3.00 in quantities of not less than 20. No orders will be taken before publication for smaller quantities. After publication, the price will be ₱3.50 per single copy and

₱3.25 per copy for quantities of 20 or more. All prices are plus postage. The deluxe edition will cost approximately ₱11.00 per copy. We will take individual orders for the deluxe edition but will not accept payment until after publication. The deluxe edition will have a hard cover and will be printed on more expensive paper. It will also be possible to have one's name printed on the cover of the deluxe edition.

We have ordered 4,500 copies of the ordinary edition and 500 copies of the deluxe edition. We hope that these will be off the press in time for distribution at our Golden Jubilee Communication on December 19th and 20th, 1962, so that the brethren who sent in their orders will be able to collect them when they come to Manila at that time.

This has turned out to be a monumental task and one to which we in the Grand Lodge have been devoting a tremendous amount of time. V. W. Bro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros and I spend a portion of each day on this project. It is my fervent hope that all Masons in this jurisdiction will want to buy a copy. We are publishing an inexpensive edition so that its cost would be within the reach of every brother. You will recall our previous edition sold for ₱7.50 per copy. Now, in spite of increased costs, we have found a way to produce a Constitution at a price that we hope every brother will be able to afford.

All our efforts, however, will be for naught if the brethren do not read the Constitution after they have purchased it. We want every Mason to become fully familiar with the Constitution and would appeciate it if every Worshipful Master would devote a part of each Stated Meeting to a discussion of a few of the provisions of the Constitution. In this way, we shall improve the administration of our Lodges, and every Mason will become increasingly interested in the way with which our fraternity is being managed. It is my belief that unless the people know the law, it is difficult to expect them to follow it.

Although this has turned out to be much more difficult task than I previously envisioned, I am pleased to say that the brethren can now rest assured that the new edition of our Constitution will be published in the immediate future.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
December 1962

This issue of The Cabletow is devoted to commemorating our Golden Jubilee Communication. The consensus is that it was an outstanding success. I attribute this reaction to the support which we have received from Grand Lodges abroad, from the Past Grand Masters of our own Grand Lodge, from our Grand Lodge

Officers and from our own Lodges. Very few of our Lodges were not represented in the Communication, and there is no doubt that had the Communication been held two weeks earlier and on a Friday and Saturday that our attendance would have been doubled. As it was, almost 500 brethren from our own jurisdiction were present. This is remarkable, considering the fact that business and professional men alike found the time of the Communication most inconvenient. Still we had made our decision to hold the Communication on the exact anniversary of the founding of our Grand Lodge, and while we regret that many brethren could not be present, our evaluation of the results achieved are that had we selected any other date, the sentimental appreciation of the Communication would not have been the same.

We are particularly grateful to M. W. Ira W. Coburn, Grand Master of California, our Mother Grand Lodge, who came to the Philippines especially to be in attendance. While he was here, he made a sentimental journey to Batangas where he has served during the liberation; to R. W. David S. Hill, the personal representative of the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, who is also the District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of the Far East, Scottish Constitution to M. W. George W. Chen, the Grand Master of China, one of our two Daughter Grand Lodges and the members of his party; M. W. George Fitch, P.G.M., and Wor. Bro. Ernest Eldridge; to M. W. Nohea O. A. Peck, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan, our other Daughter Grand Lodge; and to Bro. Raymond Hamilton, representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Other highlights of the Communication were the speech of His Excellency, the President of the Philippines, Diosdado Macapagal, who was unfortunately confined to bed with influenza, and who sent Executive Secretary Salvador Mariño, who was introduced by M. W. Camilo Osias, P.G.M., as the "the Little President"; the speech of the American Ambassador to the Philippines, Hon. William E. Stevenson; and the speeches of our Past Grand Masters: M. W. Francisco A. Delgado, M. W. Conrado Benitez, M. W. Michael Goldenberg, M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes, M. W. Werner P. Schetelig, M. W. Camilo Osias and M. W. Vicente Y. Orosa.

We were pleasantly surprised by the gifts which were presented to us by M. W. George W. Chen, a silver incense burner and a scroll in Chinese characters; by M. W. Nohea O. A. Peck, two ivory columns for use at our Grand Lodge Communications, and a leather-bound copy of their Constitution; by R. W. David S. Hill, a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland; and by Lincoln Lodge a handsome plaque. In addition, we had previously received after our last Annual Communication, from our Lodges in Japan, a beautiful framed apron on purple velvet embroidered in gold, in commemoration of our Fiftieth Anniversary. M. W. Ira W. Coburn had sent a personal gift of a rosewood fruitbowl to your Grand Master, but unfortunately, it did not arrive in time to be released from Customs.

The celebration of the occasion was definitely enhanced by the lovely surroundings where it was held, the auditorium and banquet hall of the Philamlife Building at the corner of United Nations Avenue and Florida Street. The beauty

of this building and its appointments served as a further inspiration to us to pursue our plan to erect a new Grand Lodge building which will be provided with a lovely and ample auditorium.

Resolutions of thanks and gratitude were duly and unanimously passed and have been dispatched to the following organizations and persons: Mr. Earl Carroll, President, Philippine American Insurance Companies; Bro. Florencio Tamesis, Philippine Wallboard Corporation (Lawanit); Don Toribio Teodoro, Ang Tibay; Don Albino Z. SyCip, China Banking Corporation; Mr. Roberto Villanueva Binalbagan-Isabela Sugar Co., Inc.; Mr. Eugene Manefee, President, Caltex (Philippines) Inc.; M. W. Michael Goldenberg; R W. Serafin Teves; Mr. Joaquin Preyler, San Miguel Brewery; Commonwealth Foods, Inc.; Standard Brands of the Philippines, Inc.; and McCullough Printing Co.

We are now engaged in the preparation of the record of the proceedings and expect to have it ready for publication by the end of February. In the meantime we will publish in this and subsequent issues of The Cabletow the various speeches that were delivered at the Golden Jubilee Communication.

I hope that all the brethren who were unable, because of circumstances beyond, what I know was, their control, to attend the communication, will read each of these speeches carefully, for although they missed the great experience of hearing them, and of fraternizing with the brethren, they will certainly find that their Masonic education will be improved by reading and taking to heart the numerous lessons which they contain. I hope that the brethren feel the same way as I do: that it is clear that the Communication held in December is certainly more comfortable than one held in the middle of summer.

As this message is being prepared at the end of our calendar year, I take this opportunity to wish all of you, my brethren, howsoever situated and whithersoever dispersed, a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and may God bless you and keep you.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
January 1963

As the new year starts, let us give thought to the meaning behind the Masonic proposition, "Harmony is the strength and support of all societies, especially of ours."

First, let us consider the word **Harmony**. This word connotes concord, agreement, a systematic arrangement of parts; it is antonym of discord, discordance and dissonance.

Asking human beings, who are by nature contentious, argumentative and competitive, to sublimate their antagonistic instincts is a noble idea. For men

to dwell together in harmony requires them to control their normal habits. To succeed in business, a man usually has to outdistance or to outmaneuver his rivals. Yet when we take successful men into our Order, we say to them in effect, "Do not behave the way you do outside, but work together with your brethren in harmony."

What a change it makes in a man when he is able fully to comprehend the meaning of this concept! He finds himself subduing his temper, his aspirations, his preconceived ideas and endeavoring quietly and effectively to prevail upon his more contentious brethren, by precept and example, to accept and practice harmony.

None of us is perfect. Yet Masonry would have us continue to struggle to improve ourselves. This process must be continuous, progressive and self-inspired Every time we improve, we advance to a higher platform from which we can proceed to our next stage of development. But because of laziness, inattention or failure to adhere to one's resolutions, man tends at times to retrogress. Hence it is an essential condition of the improvement of one's relationship with one's fellowman, whish is harmony, to exercise severe self-discipline. Consequently, it will be noted that harmony is not achieved by relaxation. On the contrary, one can only bring himself into a state of psychological accordance with his brethren (presuming he retains his independence of mind, which certainly is desirable) by imposing self-control on his ingrained motives which lead him to to a state of conflict.

When a man says, "I am normally a peace-loving fellow, but you have aroused my passion and hence I will have to deal with you by force", he is deceiving himself, for these reasons:

(a) The love of peace is not a natural trait but an acquired one;
(b) The speaker's passion was at least partially self-induced; and
(c) Recourse to force should not be resorted to unless all other courses of action have been explored.

Had the speaker said to himself, "What are my alternative courses of action?", he would have realized that he probably could have persuaded his protagonist by adopting a more conciliatory attitude.

These thoughts lead us to the conclusion that harmony is an ideal, a way of life, a state of mind, a goal, an achievement, and a necessity.

Now let us examine the word **Strength.** Strength implies power. It is antithesis of weakness. What kind of strength are we talking about? Is it strength to overcome other people, organizations, beliefs, or institutions? We do not believe that Fraternal societies have the duty of showing their strength externally. Their duty is to strengthen their own members, thereby gaining strength from their membership. But strength must be consistent with the doctrine of harmony! If harmony is good for one organization, it is good for another. And if a Mason learns the beauties of harmony, he will endeavor to employ harmonious methods in his home, in his business and in other organizations to which he belongs. Not only that, but if one of his organizations does not enjoy harmonious relations with another, he is duty-bound to use his influence to see what can be done to find ways and means whereby a harmonious state of affairs can be achieved.

We have only to think in terms of God's will. God has given us strength not to destroy but to build. We Masons say we are builders and that we build structures in the hearts of men. But our structures will not endure if they are not harmonious with the laws of God and of man.

So it can be seen that God is involved in our efforts to be strong and to gain strength through harmony. It would seem that there is a basic truth involved in this concept and that it is related to the proposition that we are a brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God. For if we recognize that it is God's intention that all men are brethren, we can understand that we must all care for each other and that if we fail to do so, we are going against God. It then becomes clear that our basic duty is to improve our relationship with God. From this improvement, we will have an increased ability to live harmoniously with our fellowmen, which will strengthen us and in turn will strengthen our Fraternity.

As we commence this new year, let us firmly resolve to attend Church and Lodge regularly and to use our best efforts to work with our fellowmen for the benefit of all mankind, so that at the end of 1963, we can say to ourselves in all candor, "This year I have improved myself as a man and as a Mason."

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

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GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE
February 1963

One of the great experiences in my Masonic career was my participation in the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C., February 19-22, 1963. When M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes, P. G. M., first urged me to attend this conference, my reaction was not favorable. With the myriad of problems facing me during the first half of my term of office, I felt that I could not spare the time to make the trip. The next consideration was financial. I realized that it would be taxing the Grand Lodge too greatly if I made such a trip, particularly since M. W. Cervantes indicated that it would be most advisable for Mrs. Quasha to accompany me. After discussions with the Past Grand Masters and other Grand Lodge Officers, I decided that it would be in the best interests of the Fraternity for me to make the trip. In order to avoid imposing on the Grand Lodge, I decided to pay the expenses of the trip myself.

A controlling consideration was the fact that I could travel via Rome and thus visit the Vatican in pursuance of my program to bridge the hiatus between the Roman Catholic Church and Freemasonry in the Philippines. The brethren will be pleased to know that I regard the facts that I was accorded a most cordial reception at the Vatican and that I received great assistance from numerous Roman Catholic friends as being most significant. I shall report separately on this matter at the forthcoming Grand Lodge Communication.

The focal point of this message is my report on the Grand Masters' Conference. The first day of the conference was devoted to the meeting of the

Masonic Service Association, of which the Grand Lodge of the Philippines is a member. We acquired our membership during the time that the Philippines was a part of the United States of America. In this connection, it is interesting point out that we are the only Grand Lodge outside of the United States which is a member of the Association. If at any time we were to withdraw from the Association, we could not be readmitted.

Bro. John D. Cunningham, the Executive Secretary of the Association, kindly arranged for me to be the only speaker at the meeting. All other matters pertained to committee reports and to matters of business. My subject was "Textbooks for the School Children of the Philippines." Prior to my attendance at the conference, six Grand Lodges had signified that they had collected books, and some had gone so far as to ship the books to the United States Navy in San Diego for transshipment to the Philippines. I presented beautiful plaques to these six Grand Lodges. Each plaque was made of Kamagong wood and in which was inserted a silver plate with a suitable inscription engraved.

Following my speech, there was a discussion as to methods that could be employed to overcome the difficulties which arose from the Cuban blockade when the U. S. Navy found itself without space to make the shipments. Bro. Cunningham undertook to see the Secretary of the Navy in an effort to find a solution to the problem. Following the discussion, nineteen Grand Lodges indicated that they would proceed with the program. An informal tally of the number of books expected indicates that there will be over two million books made available to us. Of course, other Grand Lodges will be happy to cooperate as soon as we can assure them that transportation is available. All the Grand Lodges recognize that this is a continuing need and that the program should not stop with the initial shipment of books.

I informed them that my informal survey indicated that we could use at least six million books immediately, and that to take care of attrition and the growing needs due to population increase, we could absorb an additional two million books a year. I also informed them that every book would be distributed by our Lodges throughout the Philippines and that each book would be suitable rubber-stamped indicating that it had been supplied through the services of Masons in America and in the Philippines.

In this connection, I want all Worshipful Masters to see to it that detailed surveys are made of the requirements of the various public schools in their areas so that allocations can be made in accordance with actual requirements. Such surveys have already been started by numerous Lodges. Reports on these surveys should be sent to the Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Public Service.

I was delighted to learn that my theme, "Masonry must take steps to extend its work into the community and concern itself with public welfare" has been adopted by many Grand Lodges in North America. Incidentally, the second and third days of the conference were devoted to meetings of Grand Masters in North America. Other Grand Masters all over the world and the Philippines are considered "Distinguished Visitors." In spite of the fact that I was a visitor, I was invited to participate in all discussions, and at one time was

called upon to address the conference. At this time, I had the opportunity to speak on the subject of that part of our program which involves the Mason's relationship to God, wherein we have asked all Masons in our jurisdiction to attend Church regularly and all Lodges to engage in a program of intercessory prayer. Following my speech, I received numerous congratulations from many dignitaries, who sought me out to shake my hands and to offer encouragement.

I received many requests to attend conferences, communications and conventions in the United States. I was able to speak to the Masons in Columbia, South Carolina, and on my way back to Manila, I stopped at Melbourne to address the Grand Lodge of Victoria. After our Grand Lodge Communication next April, I plan to make another trip to the United States and will honor as many invitations as I can.

As a result of a number of conversations which I had with influential members of several Grand Lodges in the United States, I felt that it is only a matter of time before our Grand Lodge and other Grand Lodges, which are in fraternal relations with North American Grand Lodges, will be invited to participate in the Conference as members rather than as "Distinguished Visitors" from "Foreign grand Lodges." One point I made was, that there is no such thing as a **foreign brother**. Needless to say, there is growing awareness of the importance of the universality of Masonry and that all Masons whithersoever situated have the duty of impressing on their own minds and on the minds of their brethren that Masonry is not circumscribed by territory, creed, color, or economic status.

I was most impressed with the high caliber of leadership in the Grand Masters' Conference. Many new ideas were presented. Virtually all of them will be useful to us in the management of our own affairs and in promoting our work in the Philippines. I plan to sort out these new thoughts and to present them in my report at the Annual Communication. Some will call for action on the part of our Grand Lodge.

There is one sad note, however. While I was at the Conference, I received a cable from Lodge informing me of the death of our beloved brother, the late M. W. Michael Goldenberg, P. G. M., who was the founder of my own Blue Lodge, Mount Lebanon Lodge No. 80. After I informed the Executive Secretary of the Conference of this intelligence, an appropriate service and tribute was held for our dear Bro. Mike. We have had many great Grand Masters, but Bro. Mike will always stand out in my mind as one of the greatest. His unselfishness, his devotion to our Fraternity and his love for all his brethren marked him as a good man and a true Mason. We are comforted by the thought that he has gone to eternal peace and happiness to the life beyond to join our Father, who is in heaven. If Bro. Mike wanted anything, he wanted the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to be the exemplar of the principle of strength through harmony. I, for one, will take this as his bequest and will always do my utmost to accomplish what he always wanted us to do.

I trust all the brethren will be thinking in terms of preparation for our next Annual Communication which will commence on April 23, 1963.

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

Annex V

GOLDEN JUBILEE PROGRAM

GRAND LODGE
of
Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines

GOLDEN JUBILEE
(Nineteen hundred twelve to nineteen hundred sixty-two)

SOUVENIR PROGRAM
for
Special Grand Communication
to be held on the
19th and 20th of December, 1962

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

MORNING

DECEMBER 19, 1962 (WEDNESDAY)

PART I

OPENING CEREMONIES at 8:00 A.M., Plaridel Masonic Temple, by Grand Lodge Officers

REGISTRATION COMMENCES at 8:00 A.M. at the Phil-Am Life Building at United Nations Avenue corner Florida

RECEPTION of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers at 9:30 A.M. at the Phil-Am Life Auditorium

RECEPTION of Visiting Dignitaries

ROLL CALL of Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers and Delegates Representing Subordinate Lodges

FLAG CEREMONIES

INVOCATION by Very Reverend Marciano C. Evangelista, Grand Chaplain

WELCOME ADDRESS by the Most Worshipful Grand Master

RESPONSE by M.W. Ira W. Coburn, Grand Master of California

ROLL CALL of Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near the Grand Lodge of the Philippines by M.W. Esteban Munarriz, P.G.M., Grand Secretary

WELCOME ADDRESS to Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges by the Most Worshipful Grand Master

RESPONSE by M.W. Michael Goldenberg, P.G.M.

GREETINGS to all Master Masons in the Philippines, Japan, Okinawa and Guam by the Most Worshipful Grand Master

RESPONSE by V.W. James Taylor, District Deputy Grand Master from Guam

SPEECHES by Visiting Dignitaries

PART II

RECEPTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER, His EXCELLENCY DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL, President of the Philippines, at 11:00 A.M.
ADDRESS by the President of the Philippines
RECESSIONAL

PART III

LUNCHEON at Phil-Am Life Building
GRACE by Rt. Wor. Charles Mosebrook

PART IV

RESUMPTION OF SESSION at 2:00 P.M.
Contributions by Masonry to the Philippines; M.W. Conrado Benitez, P.G.M.
Great Leaders in Masonry; M.W. Camilo Osias, P.G.M.

PART V

DINNER at Phil-Am Life Building at 7:00 P.M.
GRACE by Wor. Bro. Macario C. Navia, P.M.
SPEECH by M.W. Cenon S. Cervantes, P.G.M.

DECEMBER 20, 1962 (THURSDAY)

PART VI

RESUMPTION of the session at 9:00 A.M.
THANKSGIVING SERVICES to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge

PART VII

RECEPTION of the Guest Speaker, Hon. WILLIAM E. STEVENSON, Ambassador of the United States to the Philippines at 10:30 A.M.
ADDRESS by the American Ambassador

PART VIII

LUNCHEON at Phil-Am Life Building
GRACE by Wor. Bro. Apolonio Pisig, P.M.

PART IX

RESUMPTION of Session at 2:00 P.M.
Our Fraternal Relations with the Masonic World; M.W. Werner P. Schetelig, P.G.M.
Masonry vs. Communism in the Philippines; M.W. Francisco A. Delgado, P.G.M.
Masonic Charity Work; M.W. Vicente Y. Orosa, P.G.M.

PART X

DINNER at Phil-Am Life Building at 7:00 P.M.
GRACE by Very Wor. Escolastico Cuevas, P.M.
CLOSING REMARKS by the Most Worshipful Grand Master
BENEDICTION by Very Reverend Marciano C. Evangelista, Grand Chaplain
CLOSING OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE at the Plaridel Masonic Temple

Annex VI

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

By M.W. William H. Quasha

Every Mason believes in God, and we are enjoined by the Bible to pray in conjunction with others. Masons pray in their Lodges, but I am convinced that this is not enough. I believe we should pray in Church, and I ask every Mason in our Grand Jurisdiction go regularly to a Church of his choice. Furthermore, I ask that every Lodge form an Intercessory Prayer Group. This group is to pray daily to God to use His Power to heal those persons who are ill.

The Order of St. Luke is a model for this program. The idea is for each member of each group to pray for a period of five minutes every day for such people who want to be prayed for and who believe in prayer. If possible, this chain of prayers should be continued around-the-clock.

It is essential that every member believe in the power of God to heal. It is likewise necessary that this point be emphasized: God does the healing and not the person who does the praying. It is obvious that it will not be possible for every Lodge to engage in a twenty-four-hours activity, for this requires the participation of 288 people (one for each five-minute period). Therefore, it will be necessary to enlist non-members such as wives, members of the family and friends who share our belief in God's power to heal.

It is also clear that if the praying will be continued throughout the night, we will have to call upon people who are on night duty: nurses, doctors and others. These friends will be of invaluable assistance to us and should be encouraged to join us in this great work.

Members of the group should visit hospitals and get a list of people who wish to be included in the roster of those who will be the object of the prayers.

God has promised us that He would hear our prayers, and when in His infinite wisdom He wishes to grant our prayers, He will do so.

We must have faith that God in His goodness will by His Grace answer our petitions, but we must always remember that it is His will and not ours which governs. On our part, we should let Him know through our prayers of our desire that He use his healing powers for the persons mentioned in our prayers.

I hope that every Lodge in our Grand Jurisdiction will do its best to accomplish this program.

Annex VII

PROJECT TEXTBOOK APPEAL

HERE'S THE APPEAL:

GRAND LODGE
of
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
of the
PHILIPPINES

July 31, 1962

The Grand Master
Grand Lodge of Kansas, A. F. & A.M.
320 West 8th Street
Topeka, Kansas

Most Worshipful Sir and Brother:

You may have heard of the tremendous need in the Philippine public schools for text-books of all kinds. The Japanese systematically destroyed all text-books in the English language during the last war. Despite the efforts of many Americans, this situation has never been substantially alleviated. Part of the reason, of course, is the population explosion in the Philippines.

The Philippine Government reserves over twenty per cent of its budget for public school education. Despite this fact, we have found that on the average three school-children are using one text-book. The English language is generally used throughout the Philippines, and the public school system in the Philippines was founded and nurtured by Americans and is patterned after the American School System. Consequently, any American text-book on any subject will be useful. Furthermore, there is such a vacuum that even if a book is outdated, it will be useful.

We hope that you will ask all of your Subordinate Lodges to do all possible to collect used text-books and to arrange for shipment to us. We understand that in many areas in the United States, text-books which are outdated or are in less than good condition are destroyed. These books would be highly acceptable and very much appreciated by the teachers and by the school-children in the Philippines.

We are doing our best to fight the forces of communism, and it seems to us that if this program is successfully carried out, we will be making a two-pronged attack on communistic activities. First, by improving the educational level of the children, we will be combatting ignorance. Second, the fact that the gift has been made from America, will enhance immeasurably the goodwill which exists between Americans and Filipinos.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. QUASHA
Grand Master

PROJECT TEXTBOOKS

The MASONIC FRATERNITY OF KANSAS, operating through its
438 Constituent Lodges
each with a Committee on Public Schools
solicits your help and support
in a program of good will designed to display
our fraternal love and affection for

THE BOYS AND GIRLS
of
THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

WILL YOU ASSIST IN THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SCHOOL SYSTEM ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED AND CARRIED FORWARD BY AMERICANS?

This system was destroyed during the Japanese occupation. The public schools system of the Philippines has not fully recovered from the burning of English Text Books and the destruction of schools.

ONE TEXT BOOK FOR THREE CHILDREN!

That is the situation today.
We ask your help in donating text books.

THE U.S. NAVY,
through their PROJECT HANDCLASP offer free transportation after the books are delivered to them. The Grand Lodge of the Philippines will see that all books deivered to them are quickly distributed to the schools where they are needed.

THIS IS A GIGANTIC COOPERATIVE PROJECT. Let's make it work!
Read the letters on the inside pages, and
see details on back of this posters.

This project can be made a part of the
PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

World wide effort to build goodwill among the peoples of the world. When we give evidence of our interest in, and regard for the welfare of others we are promoting world wide brotherhood and world peace.

Each Masonic Lodge in Kansas has a Committee on Public Schools composed of three or more members. This committee will gather, assemble and ship to office of the Grand Secretary, 320 W. 8th St., P.O. Box 1217, TOPEKA, KANSAS, all the used or outdated text books that you place in their custody.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO NUMBER OF BOOKS NEEDED.

The letter from WILLIAM H. QUASHA, Grand Master, states:

"Any American textbook on any subject will be useful. Furthermore, there is such a vacuum that even if a book is outdated, it will be useful."

Directions to the Committees:

You are asked to give complete cooperation to this project and accept textbooks that are outdated or in "less than good condition." We have the assurance that: "These books would be highly acceptable and very much appreciated by the teachers and by the school children in the Philippines."

Books should be shipped to the Grand Secretary's Office in Topeka via the cheapest route, first seeing that they are boxed or properly wrapped if shipped via parcel post. Parcel post can be used on smaller shipments at book rate.

MAKE ALL SHIPMENT PREPAID

AND SHIP TO:

PROJECT TEXTBOOKS
c/o Charles S. McGinness, Grand Sec'y.,
P.O. Box 1217, Topeka, Kansas

If shipments are made via truck or delivered personally, they should be made to:

PROJECT TEXTBOOKS
c/o GRAND LODGE AF & AM
320 W. 8th St.,
TOPEKA, QANSAS

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Annex VIII

GRAND MASTER'S ITINERARY & ACTIVITIES

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May — 6 — Informal meeting with Bontoc Lodge No. 140, Bontok, Mt. Province.
9 — Visitation to Kanto Lodge No. 143, Tokyo.
10 — Visitation to Rising Sun Lodge No. 151, Camp Zama, Japan.
11 — Party by members of Grand Lodge of the Philippines in Tokyo, Japan.
15 — Visitation to Yokosuka Lodge No. 120, Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.
16 — Party by Grand Master of Japan, Tokyo.
18 — Visitation — Joint meeting of Okinawa Lodge No. 118 & Coral Lodge No. 142, Okinawa.
20 — M. W. Cenon S. Cervantes' party (Pasumil).
24 — Dinner-Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80 (Grand Master's Mother Lodge).
27 — Informal meeting with Baguio Lodge No. 67, Baguio City.
28 — Meeting of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.

June — 2 — Luncheon — Pampanga Lodge No. 48, San Fernando, Pampanga. Constitution — Salinas Lodge No. 163, Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya.
5 — Visitation — Joint meeting of Charleston Lodge No. 44 & Miltono C. Marvin Lodge No. 123, Agana, Guam.
7 — Visitation to Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80.
9 — Joint meeting — Committees on Education, Grand Lodge and Supreme Council.
11 — Joint visitation — Mt. Apo Lodge No. 45 and Basilan Lodge No. 137, Zamboanga City.
12 — Visitation to Bud Daho Lodge No. 102, Jolo.
15 — Visitation to Dipolog Lodge No. 162, Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte.
16 — Constituted Dipolog Lodge No. 162, Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte.
17 — Lunch by Maguindanao Lodge No. 40, Cagayan de Oro.
18 — Visitation to Maguindanao Lodge No. 40.
21 — Meeting — Grand Lodge Committee on Education & Public Service.
24 — Joint meeting of thirty Manila Lodges, Plaridel Masonic Temple.
26 — Meeting of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.
30 — Constituted Lam-Ang Lodge No. 164, San Esteban, Ilocos Sur.

July — 7 — Joint meeting of ten Lodges in Cavite Province, held in Cavite Lodge No. 2, Cavite City.

9 — Visitation — Joint meeting of Dapitan Lodge No. 21, Luzon Lodge No. 57, King Solomon Lodge No. 150 and Manuel Roxas Lodge No. 152, Manila.

July — 13 — Visitation — Joint meeting of: Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, Walana Lodge No. 13, Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22, Hiram Lodge No. 88 and Noli Me Tangere Lodge No. 148, Manila.

14 — Visitation — Joint meeting of: Island Luz Minerva Lodge No. 5, Nilad Lodge No. 12, Araw Lodge No. 18, Zapote No. 29, Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, F.D. Roosevelt Lodge No. 81, High Twelve Lodge No. 82 and Keystone Lodge No. 100, Manila.

18 — Meeting — Far East Chapter No. 15 — National Sojourners.

19 — Visitation to Laoag Lodge No. 71, Laoag, Ilocos Norte.

20 — Visitation to Angalo Lodge No. 63, Ilocos Sur.

21 — Visitation to Union Lodge No. 70, San Fernando, La Union.

24 — Visitation — Joint-meeting of: Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7, Dalisay Lodge No. 14, Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27, Labong Lodge No. 59, Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 and Service Lodge No. 95, Manila.

26 — Visitation to Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, Bacolod City.

27 — Central Philippine University, Iloilo City.

28 — Visitation to Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11, Iloilo City.

29 — Visitation — Job's Daughters — Manila.

Aug. — 4 — Constituted Tagaytay Lodge No. 165, Tagaytay City.
Meeting of Past Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.
Grand Master's Party for District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies.

11 — Visitation to Bontoc Lodge No. 140, Bontoc.

18 — Visitation to Baguio Lodge No. 67, Baguio City.

25 — Convention of Lodges in Masonic District No. 7, held at Clark Air Base, Pampanga.

Malolos Lodge No. 46	Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105
Pampanga Lodge No. 48	Victory Lodge No. 116
Isagani Lodge No. 96	Anchor Lodge No. 159

29 — Meeting — Grand Lodge Committee on Education and Public Service.

Sept. — 1 — Scottish Rite Luncheon, Manila.
Convention of Lodges in Masonic District No. 9, held in Parañaque, Rizal.

Silanganan Lodge No. 19	Quezon City Lodge No. 122

Muog Lodge No. 89
Marikina Lodge No. 119
Teodoro M. Kalaw Lodge No. 147

Bamboo Oasis Benefit Dinner, Manila.

8 — Convention of Lodges in Masonic District No. 11, held in Sta. Cruz, Laguna.

Malinaw Lodge No. 25
Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26
Batangas Lodge No. 35
Mindoro Lodge No. 157
Tamaraw Lodge No. 65
Makiling Lodge No. 72
Sixto Lopez (Batulao) Lodge No. 129

Sept. — 13 — Visitation — Joint meeting of: Manila Lodge No. 1, Corregidor Southern Cross No. 3, Cosmos Lodge No. 8, St. Johns Lodge No. 9, Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80 and Mencius Lodge No. 93.

18 — Memorial Service — M. W. Edwin E. Elser, PGM.

22 — Convention of Lodges in Masonic District No. 6, held in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija of: Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, Memorial Lodge No. 90, Gen. Llanera Lodge, U.D. and General Manuel Tinio Lodge, U.D.

24 — Meeting of Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.

26 — Meeting — Grand Lodge Committee on Education & Public Service.

29 — Convention of Lodges in Masonic District No. 12, held in Lopez, Quezon of: Rizal Lodge No. 20, Balintawak Lodge No. 28, Kalilayan Lodge No. 37, and Jose Abad Santos Lodge No. 43.

Oct. — 2 — Visitation to Manila Lodge No. 1.

4 — Visitation to Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107, Daet, Camarines Norte.

5 — Visitation to Isarog Lodge No. 33, Naga, Camarines Sur.
Visitation to Mayon Lodge No. 61 & Bulusan Lodge No. 38, Legaspi City, Albay.

11 — Necrological Services at the Grand Lodge.

13 — Convention — District No. 8 — San Narciso, Zambales.

Lincoln Lodge No. 34
Pinatubo Lodge No. 52
Zambales Lodge No. 103
San Marcelino Lodge No. 141
Bataan Lodge No. 104

20 — Regional Convention of Lodges under Masonic District Nos. 14-15-16, Iloilo City.

Lodges in District No. 14:
Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11
Kanlaon Lodge No. 64

Lodges in District No. 15:
Makabugwas Lodge No. 47
Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98

Lodges in District No. 16:
Maktan Lodge No. 30
Dagoohoy Lodge No. 84

Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91
Cebu Lodge No. 128

22 — Visitation — Mayon Chapter No. 1, O. E. S.

23 — Luncheon meeting — Grand Lodge Committee on Education & Public Service.
Evening meeting — All Manila Lodges Committees on Education & Public Service.

27 — Convention — District No. 18 — Dadiangas, Gral. Santos, Cotabato.

Sarangani Lodge No. 50	Davao Lodge No. 149
Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110	Mt. Matutum Lodge No. 156

30 — Visitation to Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7.

Nov. — 1 — Luncheon for Nile Temple Divan.
Meeting — Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80.

2 — Delivered Lecture in 3º to Candidates of Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7, who came from Saigon.

3 — Convention — District No. 17 — Ozamis City:

Maguindanao Lodge No. 40	Mt. Musuan Lodge No. 155
Maranaw Lodge No. 111	Agusan Valley Lodge No. 160
Mt. Malindang Lodge No. 130	Dipolog Lodge No. 162
Pagadian Lodge No. 153	Apo Kahoy Lodge, U.D.
Oroquieta Lodge No. 154	

10 — Regional Convention — District No. 2 & 3 — Ilagan, Isabela.
Lodges in District No. 2:
Mabini Lodge No. 39
Isabela Lodge No. 60
Gonzaga Lodge No. 66
Lodges in District No. 3:
Magat Lodge No. 68
Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133
Nueva Vizcaya Lodge No. 144
Salinas Lodge No. 163

16 — Order of Amaranth Tea at the Scottish Rite Temple.

17 — Convention — District No. 5 — Dagupan City:

Baguio Lodge No. 67	Bontoc Lodge No. 140
Union Lodge No. 70	Dagupan Lodge No. 158
Agno Lodge No. 75	Lingayen Lodge No. 161

19 — Visitation — Rosario Villaruel Chapter No. 2, O. E. S.

26 — Meeting — Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.

28 — Meeting — Grand Lodge Committee on Education & Public Service.

30 — Convention — District No. 10 — Indang Cavite:

Cavite Lodge No. 2	Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51
Pilar Lodge No. 15	Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69
Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17	Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97

Ibarra Lodge No. 31 — Indang Lodge No. 115
Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49 — Tagaytay Lodge No. 165

Dec. — 6 — Meeting — Masters, all Manila Lodges.
15 — Visitation to Perla Lodge No. 1034, S.C.
17-18 — Arrival of Distinguished Visitors.
19-20 — Golden Jubilee Special Communication.
22 — Visitation — Nilad Lodge No. 12.
27 — Visitation — Manila Lodge No. 1.
29 — Visitation — Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53.

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Jan. — 3 — Meeting — Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 80
4 — Visitation & Installation — Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110, Cotabato, Cotabato.
5 — Visitation & Installation — Sarangani Lodge No. 50 and Davao Lodge No. 149, Davao, Davao.
11 — Visitation & Installation — St. Johns Lodge No. 9, Manila.
12 — Visitation & Installation — Lincoln Lodge No. 34, Olongapo.
14 — Meeting — Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.
20 — Depart for overseas.
20-24 — Hongkong: R. W. David Hill, District Grand Master for the Far East, Grand Lodge of Scotland.
Hon. R. C. Lee R.W. District Grand Master for Hongkong and South China, E.C.
25-31 — Rome: Visits to the Vatican
M. W. Gamberini, Grand Master of Italy.
His Excellency Benigno Tody y Toledo, Philippine Ambassador to the Holy See.

Feb. — 1-5 — London:
Visit to the Grand Lodge of England.
6-16 — New York & Pennsylvania:
Visit to the Grand Lodge of New York
Brittania Masonic Club Dinner
National Sojourners Dinner
District Meeting of New York Masters
George Washington Service — Wreath laying and Guest Speaker.
17-22 — Washington, D. C.:
Masonic Service Association Meeting
Grand Master's Conference
George Washington Memorial Association Meeting
Dinner by M.W. Ira W. Coburn, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of State of California.

Party by M.W. Harry Ostrov, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of State of New York.
Breakfast by Grand Lodge of Wisconsin
Breakfast by Imperial Potentates, A.A.O.N.M.S. Shrine
Luncheon — Supreme Council — Southern Jurisdiction, Scottish Rite.

23-25 — Columbia, S. C.:
Guest Speaker — Grand Lodge of South Carolina

26-28 — San Francisco:
M.W. Ira W. Coburn, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of State of California.
Past Potentate Victor Christopher & Recorder Earle B. Brehaut — Islam Temple

Mar. — 1-2 — Flight San Francisco to Melbourne

2-6 — Melbourne, Australia:
Luncheon by Grand Lodge Officers of Grand Lodge of Victoria.

6 — Return to Manila

18 — Meeting — Past Grand Masters and Grand Lodge Officers.

25 — Meeting — Grand Lodge Committee on Education & Public Service.

27 — Dinner for M.W. Charles Froessel — Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of New York.

Mar. — 29-30 — Regional Convention — District Nos. 17-18-19, Iligan City.

Lodges in District No. 17:
Maguindanao Lodge No. 40
Maranaw Lodge No. 111
Mt. Malindang Lodge No. 130
Pagadian Lodge No. 153
Oroquieta Lodge No. 154
Mt. Musuan Lodge No. 155
Agusan Valley Lodge No. 160
Dipolog Lodge No. 162
Apo Kahoy Lodge, U.D.

Lodges in District No. 18:
Sarangani Lodge No. 50
Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110
Davao Lodge No. 149
Mt. Matutum Lodge No. 156

Lodges in District No. 19:
Mt. Apo Lodge No. 45
Bud Daho Lodge No. 102
Basilan Lodge No. 137

Annex IX

LIST OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

1912		*1962*
H. Eugene Stafford	*Grand Master*	William H. Quasha
George R. Harvey	*Deputy Grand Master*	Pedro M. Gimenez
Burton Whitcomb	*Senior Grand Warden*	C. S. Mosebrook
Charles J. Kindler	*Junior Grand Warden*	Serafin L. Teves
Joseph B. Bromfield	*Grand Treasurer*	Howard R. Hick, P.G.M.
Amos G. Bellis	*Grand Secretary*	Esteban Munarriz, P.G.M.
Newton C. Comfort	*Grand Lecturer*	H. P. Oliveros
	Grand Junior Lecturer	Manuel K. Torres
Guy Clinton	*Grand Chaplain*	M. C. Evangelista
	Grand Orator	Manuel M. Crudo
Wil E. Wichman	*Grand Marshal*	Edward Drozynski
	Grand Standard Bearer	J. M. E. Leon, Jr.
	Grand Sword Bearer	Emilio Asistores
George N. Hurd	*Grand Bible Bearer*	Mateo D. Cipriano
Luther R. Renner	*Senior Grand Deacon*	Ricardo Rubin
Louis C. O'Donnell	*Junior Grand Deacon*	E. Cuevas
Robert E. Clarke	*Senior Grand Steward*	E. D. Rastorfer
Fed. W. Abele	*Junior Grand Steward*	Augusto P. Santos
Charles S. Banks	*Grand Pursuivant*	Virgil F. Murray
	Grand Organist	Angel Montes
Emmanuel Valmas	*Grand Tyler*	Macario M. Ofilada, P.G.M.

Special Committees: M.W. Cenon S. Cervantes, P.G.M., Communication Chairman; M.W. Esteban Munarriz, P.G.M., Secretary; M.W. Antonio Gonzalez, Sr., P.G.M., Program; V.W. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, S.G.L., Accommodations; V.W. Manuel K. Torres, J.G.L., Reception; W.B. Dominador R. Escosa, Registration; W.B. Domingo Del Callar, Finance; W.B. Amor Fonacier, Printing; Mrs. Honorata Asistores, O.E.S. Ladies.

"The Mason has a golden heart; he follows the Golden Rule."

(from the Inaugural Address of
M.W. William H. Quasha, Grand Master)

Annex X

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

For the Year 1962

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
1440 San Marcelino St., Manila

4 April 1963

To the Members:

It is with great pleasure that I am submitting a report on the accomplishments of the ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC. for the year 1962. The Society has completed more than four years of dedicater service as a benevolent organization born with a commendable objective of providing financial assistance and guaranteed protection and security to its members and their dependents. It is, however, a discouraging fact that still a great majority of the members of our masonic fraternity have not fully realized the value of being members of the society. Despite their reluctance to joining the society, the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc., has strongly stood the test of time. Looking back to the years of its infancy when the future was uncertain, today, the Society stands with justifiable pride and confidence of having successfully hurdled the trying years of its life and is more than ever determined in the attainment of its laudable objectives with your qualified support.

OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the regular members of the Society on April 27, 1962, the following were elected to compose the Board of Trustees for the year 1962 to 1963:

William H. Quasha	—	Chairman
Luis R. Salvosa	—	Vice-Chairman
Esteban Munarriz	—	Member
Julio F. Abarquez	—	Member
Salvador B. Salvosa	—	Member
Jose B. Perez	—	Member
Benjamin T. Araniego	—	Member

The management of the affairs of the Society was vested in the Board of Trustees through its officers: Dr. Luis R. Salvosa, President & Actuary; Mr. Esteban Munarriz, Vice-President, Treasurer; Mr. Salvador B. Salvosa, Vice-President; and, M. Benjamin T. Araniego, Secretary.

Mr. Benjamin T. Araniego resigned from his post later and Mr. Florencio Ar. Ilagan was appointed Ad-interim Secretary. Mr. Ilagan did not stay long in his job so that Mr. Esteban Munarriz took over temporarily the Secretary's duties up to the present time. Atty. Inocencio Dumlao was appointed to fill in the vacancy in the Board.

In the monthly meetings of the Board during the year, the more important items passed were:

1. Introduction of the Group Death Benefit Plan;
2. Declaration of dividends among the members;
3. Elimination of the ₱10.00 admission fee, while increasing the percentage of Contributions allotted to the General Fund for management expenses;
4. Setting up of a benevolent fund of ₱1,000.00 for charitable contributions to the beneficiaries of deceased members whose membership certificates were terminated because of inability to pay their periodic contributions;
5. Allowing members to pay their contributions in one single sum in lieu of the periodic contributions on individual life membership certificates;
6. Providing incentives for increased membership;
7. Granting real estate mortgage loans;
8. Investments and bank accounts; and
9. Other matters affecting the normal operation of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

New certificates for individual membership in the Society registered a considerable decrease from 251 in 1961 to 145 in 1962. 23 certificates were revived and 91 were terminated, 6 by death and 85 by non-payment of periodic contributions. The total outstanding certificates at the end of the year rose from 481 to 558, indicating a meager increase of 77 certificates or 16%. Similarly, the total amount of benefit coverage went up from ₱563,884 to ₱691,883.84.

Under the Group Death Benefit plan which took effect on October 1, 1962, a total of 20 local lodges with 782 members joined the plan. Of these lodges, only 4 have registered full membership coverage as of December 31, 1962. The others, however, are expected to increase their memberships from the minimum requirement of 90%. Late report from Guam shows a complete membership of 2 lodges with a total of 642 members. Lodges in Okinawa have, likewise, joined the plan.

FINANCES

The Society derives its funds for operational expenses from a fixed percentage of the contributions received during th year, income from investments and other sources. During the year, ₱15,391.63 was allotted for management expenses but the total disbursements, excluding claims and dividends, amounted to ₱8,436.35 only, showing a remarkable savings at the end of the year of ₱6,955.28, or an increase of ₱5,575.54 over that of 1961 savings. The total amount of expenditures is ₱490.15 less than in 1961. The expenses, therefore, during the year of the Society have not increased as expected in spite of the constant growth of business transactions.

The total contributions received during the year totalled ₱53,604.86 and is ₱26,329.06 more than in 1961. Normally, the increase in contributions received is always expected from year to year as more members are admitted.

Claims paid during the year on individual life certificates is ₱3,714.59. An unpaid claim of ₱500.00 for a deceased member under the Group Death Benefit plan remained outstanding at the end of the year.

₱5,299.13 was declared for payment of dividends among members whose certificates were in force for at least one year on the 31st of December, 1962 and this amount is ₱2,165.76 more than the dividends declared in 1961 for the year 1960.

The income earned from investments rose from ₱1,341.72 in 1961 to ₱3,003.02 in 1962.

INVESTMENTS

The investment portfolio of the Society during the year consisted of: certificate loan, ₱170.00; real estate mortgage loans, ₱20,081.46; stocks of private enterprises, ₱43,925.23; and government bonds, ₱3,000.00. The amount for real estate loans is the outstanding balance on December 31, 1962. The value of stocks represents the actual cost of acquisition. The total investments rose from ₱45,925.23 in 1961 to ₱67,176.89 in 1962, registering a significant increase of ₱21,810.79, or 48%.

It s expected that our income from investments will go up when more investments shall be made by the Society from time to time as our finances will allow.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

For a brief span of more than four years of operation, the total admitted assets of the Society rremendously increased from ₱8,421.53 on December 31, 1958, to ₱93,374.68 on December 31, 1962. The admitted assets exceeded those of last year by ₱39,793.54, or 74.27%

Against these admitted assets, the total amount of liabilities as of December 31, 1962, is ₱65,204.00 and is ₱31,470.90 or 93% more than last year. Sufficient legal reserve is maintained at all times to guarantee prompt and satisfactory settlement of obligations.

The Surplus account at the end of the year is ₱38,854.13, of which ₱10,000.00 is recommended for the payment of dividends among the members whose certificates were in force for at least one year on December 31, 1962.

PROGRAMS IN COMPARISON

	1961	1962	Increase/ Decrease No. or ₱	Per Cent
Certificates issued	251	145	106	42
Certificates revised	11	23	12	109
Certificates terminated	71	91	20	28
Certificates in force, end of your	481	558	77	16
Contributions	27,275.30	53,604.86	26,329.06	97
General Expenses	8,926.50	8,436.35	490.15	5
Savings in General Fund	1,379.74	6,955.28	5,575.54	404
Investments	45,365.90	67,176.69	21,810.79	48
Income from investments	1,661.30	3,003.02	1,341.72	81
Cash in Banks	8,015.24	25,997.99	17,982.75	224
Claims	990.00	3,714.59	2,724.59	275
Legal Reserve	25,231.38	42,545.43	17,314.05	68
Admitted Assets	53,581.14	93,374.68	39,793.54	74
Non-Admitted Assets	647.50	685.50	38.00	5
Non-Ledger Assets	8,073.93	9,997.95	1,924.02	23
Liabilities	33,733.10	65,204.00	31,470.90	93
Surplus	28,569.47	38,854.13	10,284.66	36

The number for certifcates do not include group membershps.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for the unselfish and untiring efforts of the members of the Board of Trustees, especially Mr. William H. Quasha (Chairman), in the promotion of the welfare of the Society. In behalf of the Society, I should like, also, to acknowledge with gratitude the enviable cooperation extended by Messrs. Saturnino Liston of Maktan Lodge No. 30, Purisimo Ramos of Lincoln Lodge No. 30, Lorenzo Pakingan of Bataan Lodge No. 104, Esteban Buhat of Batangas Lodge No. 35, and to all others who have in one way or another contributed to the progress of the Society. I wish to thank the offcers and members of Silanganan Lodge No. 19, Baguio Lodge No. 67, Rizal Lodge No. 20, Service Lodge No. 95 and Charleston Lodge No. 44 and Milton C. Marvin Lodge No. 123 of Guam for their whole-hearted acceptance of the coverage under the Group Death Benefit plan and other lodges who joined the plan.

To all the members of the Society and our Fraternity, I am earnestly appealing for their continued support of the Society in order that it may promote the welfare of the members and of their beloved ones.

L. R. SALVOSA
President & Actuary

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
1440 San Marcelino St., Manila

BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 1962

ASSETS		
Ledger Assets:		
PNB Current Account	₱13,122.38	
PBC Savings Account	1,215.11	
PBC Savings Account	1,322.45	
Chartered Bank, Fixed Deposit	10,000.00	
Cash on Hand	338.05	
Petty Cash Fund	100.00	
Accounts Receivable	100.00	
Mortgage Loans	20,081.46	
Certifcate Loan	170.00	
Investment in Stocks and Bonds	46,925.23	93,374.68
Non-Ledger Assets:		
Net Deferred Contributions	₱ 9,787.05	
Net Due & Uncollected Contributions	210.90	9,997.95
Non-Admitted Assets:		
Office Equipment	₱ 450.50	
Furniture and Fixtures	392.50	
	₱ 842.50	
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	157.00	685.50
Total Assets		₱104,058.13
LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		
Funds in Deposit	16,997.84	
Accrued Interest	74.96	
Dividends Payable	535.27	
Mean Insurance Reserve	42,545.43	
Emergency Fund	4,538.50	
Claims; Losses Unpaid	500.00	
Suspense Account	12.00	65,204.00
Special Surplus Fund:		
Life Membership Fund (Contingency Reserve)	28,854.13	
Divisible Surplus	10,000.00	38,854.13
Total Liabilities and Surplus		₱104,058.13

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ
Treasurer

NOTED:

(SGD.) L. R. SALVOSA
President & Actuary

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
1440 San Marcelino St., Manila

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
For the Year 1962

INCOME:

Individual Benefit Contributions	(30% X	₱30,717.19)	₱ 9,215.16	
Group Benefit Contributions	(30% X	9,396.00)	2,818.80	
Admission Fees	(50% X	505.00)	252.50	
Dividends			932.50	
Interest Incomoe			2,170.52	
Miscellaneous Income			2.15	₱15,391.63

EXPENSE:

Salaries	6,474.65	
Collection Expenses	495.00	
Allowances	1117.00	
Transportation & Travelling	78.90	
Printing & Stationery	597.50	
Postage	303.52	
Taxes & Fees	35.00	
Bank Charges	25.28	
Miscellaneous Expenses	142.75	
Charitable Contributions	100.00	
Depreciation	66.75	8,436.28

Savings in General Fund (To Life Membership Fund) ..... ₱ 6,955.28

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ
Treasurer

NOTED:

(SGD.) L. R. SALVOSA
President & Actuary

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
1440 San Marcelino St., Manila

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
For the Year 1962

RECEIPTS

Individual Benefit Contributions	₱44,208.86	
Group Benefit Contributions	9,396.00	
Admission Fees	505.00	
Mortgage Loan Payments	7,034.44	
Interests	2,170.52	
Proceeds of PW & ED Bonds	17,000.00	
Dividends Received	932.50	
Miscellaneous	2.15	
Suspense	12.00	₱81,261.47

DISBURSEMENTS

Stock Investments	28,275.23	
Mortgage Loans	17,400.00	
Certificate Loan	170.00	
Certificate Claims & Losses	3,714.59	
Office Equipment	195.00	
Salaries	6,474.65	
Collection Expenses	495.00	
Allowances	117.00	
Transportation & Travelling	78.00	
Printing & Stationery	597.50	
Postage	303.52	
Taxes & Fees	35.00	
Bank Charges	25.28	
Miscellaneous	142.75	
Charitable Contributions	100.00	
Dividends Paid	5,154.30	63,278.72
Excess of Receipts over Disbursements		₱17,982.75
Cash in Banks, December 31, 1961		8,015.24
Cash on Hand & in Banks, December 31, 962		₱25,997.99

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ
Treasurer

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
1440 San Marcelino St., Manila

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
As of December 31, 1962

A — BONDS AND STOCKS

1294	Philippine Banking Corporation, Comman	50	₱ 100	₱ 5,000.00
1908	Philippine Banking Corporation, Common (Stock Div.)	5	100	500.00
MPU430	Phil. Long Distance Tel. Co., 8% Cum. Conv. Pref.	200	20	3,636.00
C65980	San Miguel Brewery, Common	300	10	10,762.50
C66691	San Miguel Brewery, Common	350	10	12,376.88
P3679	San Miguel Brewery, 7% Cum. Non-Voting, Pref.	15	100	1,499.85
P3256	San Miguel Brewery, 7% Cum. Non-Voting, Pref.	50	100)	10,150.00
P3301	San Miguel Brewery, 7% Cum. Non-Voting, Pref.	50	100)	10,150.00
R0687	Central Bank of the Phil., 4% PW & ED Bonds		1,000	1,000.00
R0688	Central Bank of the Phil., 4% PW & ED Bonds		1,000	1,000.00
R0689	Central Bank of the Phil., 4% PW & ED Bonds		1,000	1,000.00
	Total Investments in Bonds and Stocks			₱46,925.23

B — MORTGAGE LOANS

B. T. Araniego	₱ 2,673.30
F. Capucao, Jr.	51.68
P. B. Dionido	1,600.84
M. Evangelista	4,632.75
E. A. Fabie	250.00
F. Ilagan, Jr.	2,323.86
F. Lagon	3,000.00
R. S. Mercado	572.10
P. M. Pobre	2,839.08
F. Perez Masonic Temple Assn.	1,863.69
T. Olivera	274.16
	₱20,081.46

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

(SGD.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ
Treasurer

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
1440 San Marcelino St., Manila

EXHIBIT OF BENEFIT CERTIFICATES — PAID FOR BUSINESS ONLY
For the Year 1962

Outstanding, December 31, 1961	481	₱563,884.00	—	—
Issued during the year:			782	₱391,000
Ordinary Plans	137	186,575.00		
Pure Endowment	8	10,811.84		
Revived during the year	23	20,600.00		
	649	₱781,330.84	782	₱391,000
Terminations —				
Death Claim	6	3,714.00	1	500
Lapsed	85	85,783.00		
	91	₱ 89,497.00	1	500
Outstanding, December 31, 1962	558	₱691,833.84	781	₱390,500

VALUATION SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 1962

1958	110	₱ 190,371.00	₱19,592.31
1959	41	54,884.00	5,348.57
1960	78	94,560.00	6,166.83
1961	163	165,939.00	5,734.93
1962	906	559,582.00	5,365.37
1958-1962	41*	16,997.84	
			337.42
	1,339	₱1,082,333.84	₱42,545.43

* — Pure Endowment certificates

Note: The legal reserve of Pure Endowment certificates is equal to the total contributions received and is kept under separate fund.

COMPUTED BY:

(SGD.) VALENTIN E. COLETO, JR.

NOTED:

(SGD.) L. R. SALVOSA
President & Actuary

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.
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BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 1962

ASSETS

Ledger Assets:		
PNB Current Account	₱13,122.38	
PNB Savings Account	1,215.11	
PBS Savings Account	1,322.45	
Chartered Bank, Fixed Deposit	10,000.00	
Cash on Hand	338.05	
Petty Cash Fund	100.00	
Accounts Receivable	100.00	
Mortgage Loans	20,081.46	
Certificate Loans	170.00	
Investment n Stocks and Bonds	46,925.23	₱ 93,374.68
Non-Ledger Assets:		
Not Deferred Contributions	9,787.05	
Net Due & Uncollected Contributions	210.90	9,997.95
Non-Admitted Assets:		
Office Equipment	450.00	
Furniture & Fixture	392.50	
	842.50	
	157.00	
Total Assets		₱104,058.13

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Funds n Depost	₱16,997.84	
Accrued Interest	74.96	
Dividends Payable	535.27	
Mean Insurance Reserve	42,545.43	
Emergency Fund	4,538.50	
Suspense Account	500.00	
Special Surplus Fund:	12.00	₱ 65,204.00
Life Membership Fund (Contngency Reserve)	₱28,854.13	
Divisible Surplus	10,000.00	38,854.13
Total Liabilities and Surplus		₱104,058.13

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

For the Year 1962

INCOME:		
Contributions (30% X ₱30,717.-3)	₱ 9,215.10	
Contributions (3% X ₱ 9,396.00)	2,818.80	
Admission Fees (50% X ₱505.00)	252.50	
Dividends	932.50	
Interest Income	2,170.52	
Miscellaneous Income	2.15	₱ 15,391.63
EXPENSE:		
Salaries	₱ 6,474.65	
Collection Expenses	495.00	
Allowances	117.00	
Transportation and Travelling	78.90	
Printing and Stationery	597.50	
Postage	303.52	
Taxes and Fees	35.00	
Bank Charges	25.28	
Miscellaneous Expenses	142.75	
Chartable Contributions	100.00	
Depreciation	66.75	8,436.35
Savngs in General Fund (To Life Membershp Fund)		₱ 6,955.23

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Progress Report

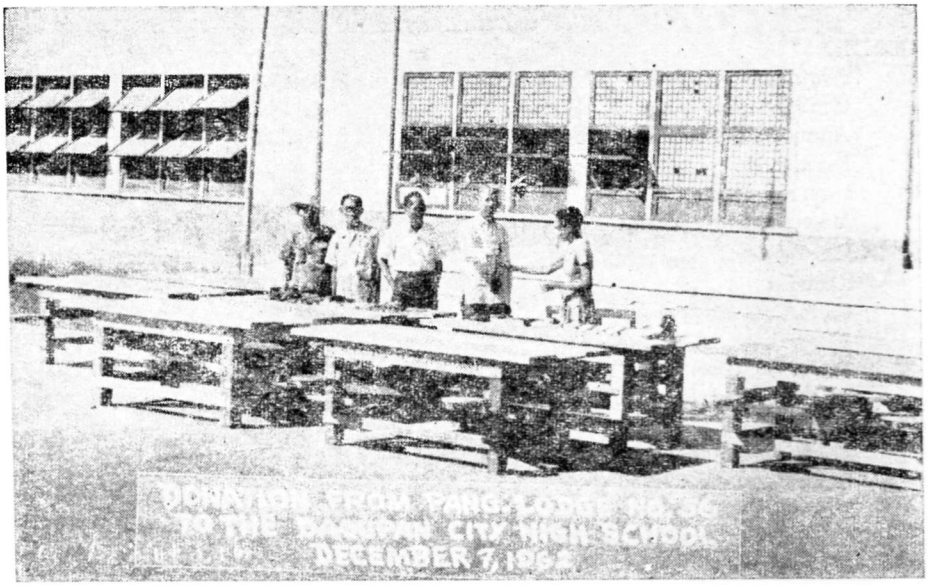
A report from the Committee on Education and Public Service of Manila Lodge No. 1 reveals that this Committee provided Tipas Elementary School, in Tipas, Tagiig, Rizal, with a specially designed cabinet for storage of science class exhibits and equipment. The cabinet is six feet high and is made of narra and plate glass, at a total cost of ₱147.40.

Said Lodge disbursed during the past year ₱1,412.45 and ₱1,626.70 during 1961 through its Charity Committee covering Cases Nos. 1 to 22, inclusive. These are mostly harelip and cleft palate cases with three special instances of plastic surgery.

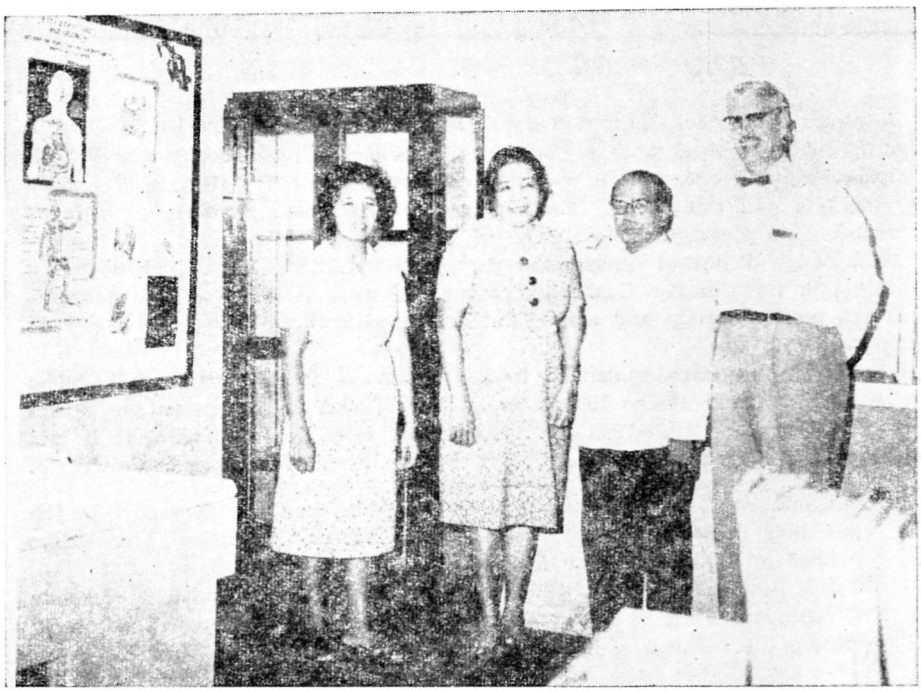
The Lodge has also submitted to the Committee on Education and Public Service of the Grand Lodge the name of Mrs. Felisa L. Sanga as the School Teacher of the Year 1962-1963 in Tipas Elementary School; and that it had distributed the magazines from Altadena Rotary Club of Altadena, California.

From Malinaw Lodge No. 25, San Pablo City, we have a report to the effect that they have a strong active Committee on Education and Public Service headed by Wor. Bro. Jose de Gorostiza.

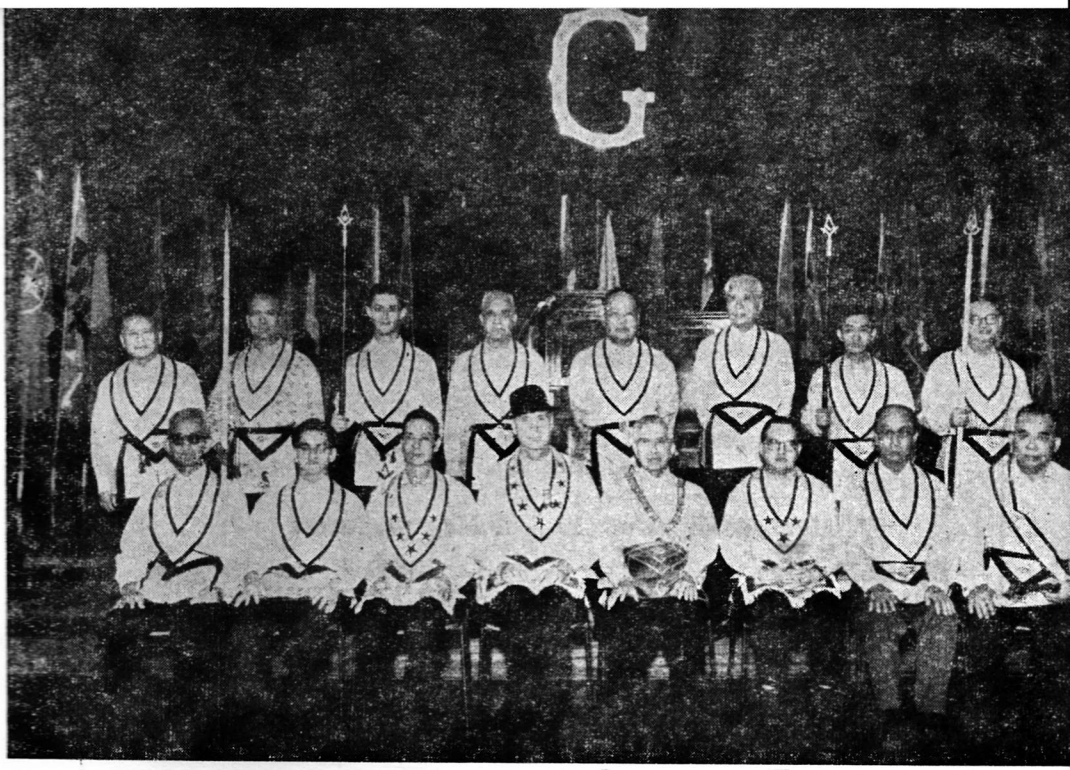
Likewise, Davao Lodge No. 149, in Davao City, has reported a complete survey of the various schools in and around Davao. This survey will be useful in determining the number of books to be allotted to them.



The Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 donated school equipment to the Dagupan City High School, December 7, 1962.



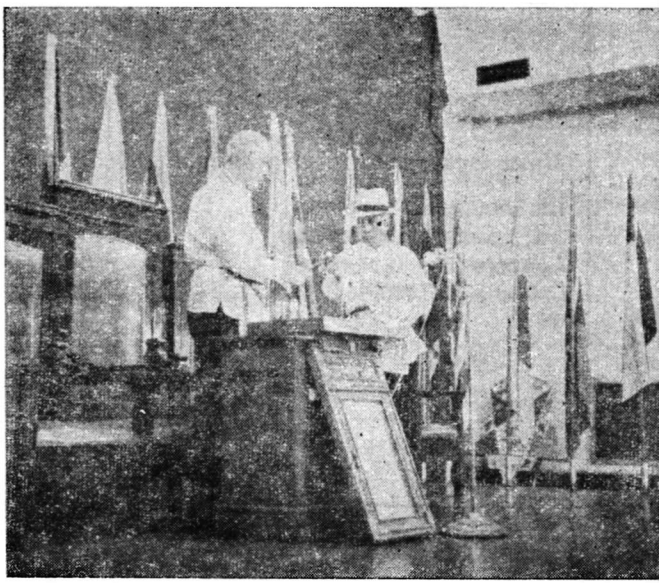
Manila Lodge No. 1 donated a cabinet to the Tipas Elementary School, Tipas, Taguig, Rizal.



OFFICERS OF BIAK-NA-BATO, LODGE No. 7, INSTALLED FEBRUARY 14, 1963

Seated left to right: Bros. M. Sanchez, O. Fung, A. Eusebio, W.M. Raymund E. Wilmarth, Installing Officer M.W.B. Esteban Munarriz P.G.M., J. Gonzales, A. Fonacier, A. Militar.

Standing left to right: Bros. J. Pañadero, F. Rivera, F. Sanchez, Master of Ceremonies, W.B. Dominador Escosa P.M., E. Asistores, S. de los Angeles, V. Reyes, O. Bernaldo.



Wor. Bro. Raymond E. Wilmarth, P.M., receives the gavel from M. Wor. Bro. Esteban Munarriz, P. G. M., Installing Officer.

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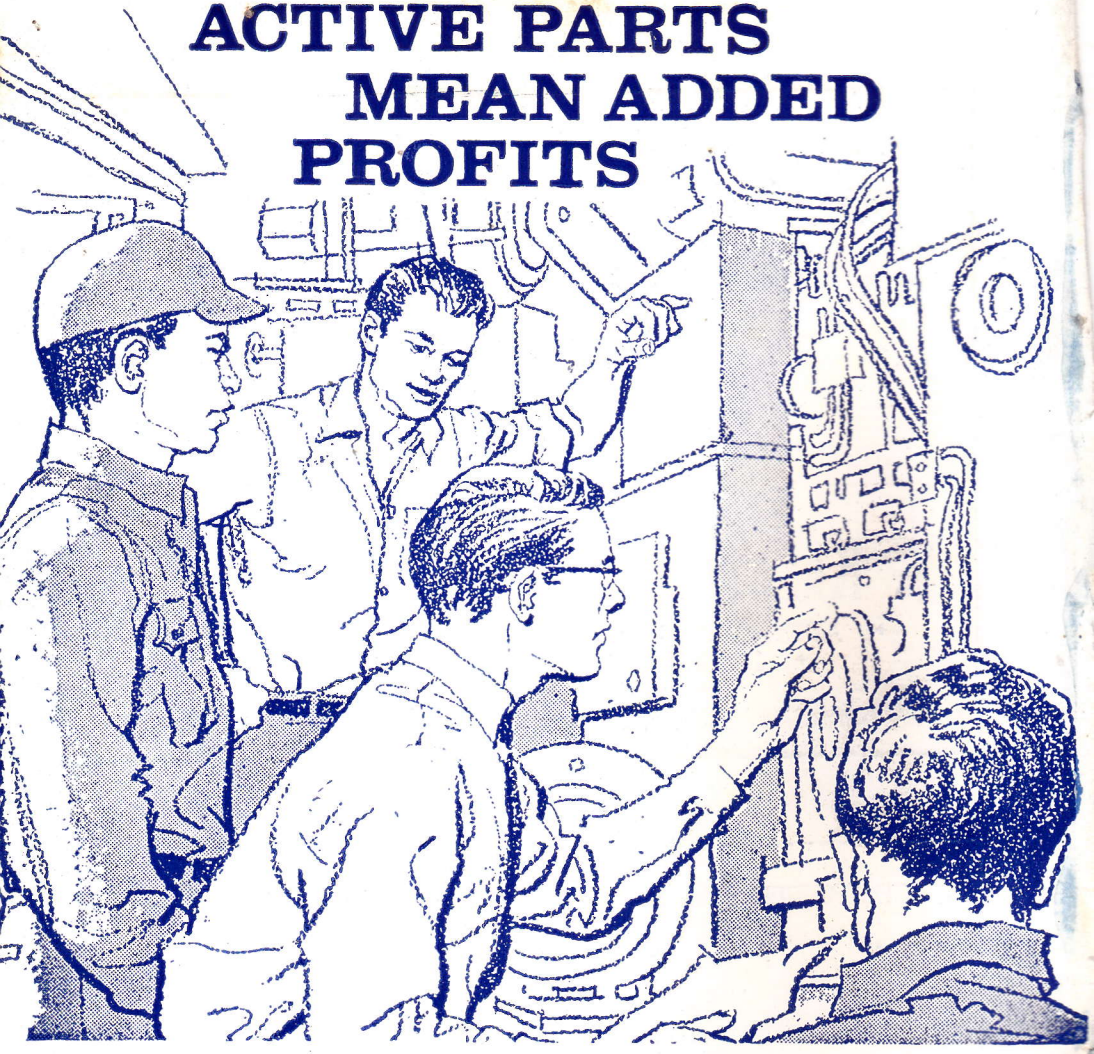

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