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*Grand Master Schon Takes Oath of Office.
At right, MW Wilmarth, PGM, Master of
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Grand Master's Message:

GOVERNMENT BY THE GOVERNED

Elsewhere in this issue is printed your Grand Master's Inaugural address. It speaks out, loud and clear, on the role Masonry will play in a spirited move to aid our Government and its officialdom.

Any undertaking of this nature has inherent in it many pitfalls and our Fraternity could be exposed to certain dangers unless guidelines are established in advance of such endeavors. The establishment of such guidelines is the responsibility of your Grand Lodge.

This is a highly complicated undertaking and it is, therefore, necessary that we make our approach step by step with dignity and a clear concept of our aims.

The strength of a nation lies in its youth, and it is to the youth of this nation that we shall direct our first efforts. Our aim will be to instill a stronger sense of patriotism and civic responsibility into these young citizens, and impart a comprehensive and graphic picture of Government and its functions.

We shall accomplish this through a series of lectures in our public schools. The fringe benefits of such an endeavor if accomplished in the manner we have in mind, will be the extension to the families by the children themselves, their newly acquired knowledge and patriotic enthusiasm, the encouragement to the teachers of these children to take greater interest in emphasizing these subjects, and to improve the image of the Mason as a sincere proponent of the welfare of Government and its citizens.

It will be necessary to secure governmental clearances before any action is taken. The mechanics of implementation will be communicated to you through bulletins issued by the Grand Lodge, and in the meantime, our Lodges can prepare themselves by appointing their lecturers and preparing materials for lectures on "Patriotism" and related subjects which can be polished through Lodge readings.

We shall lose no time, but we must move with care. Whatever you can do in preparation will be time gained when the "go ahead" is given.

This is but one facet of our program and let's start off on the right foot.

JOSEPH E. SCHON
Grand Master

Editorial :

ASSISTANCE WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED

It is gratifying to observe that our new Grand Master would choose, as the object of his first official visitation, a small Masonic District composed as it is of small Lodges, the "largest" of which has fifty-one members, and the smallest, fifteen. This is not to say that the Grand Master is not as interested in the bigger districts with larger memberships.

We would like to believe that all Lodges and districts have his interest at heart. Further, we like to believe that MW Schon, at least during his term of office, takes a little more interest in the activities and problems of the smaller Lodges as the backbone of Freemasonry in his grand jurisdiction.

It is observed that in the provinces, more than in the cities, Masonry is taken up with more brotherhood. They are closer to each other, they cooperate with greater effort and they and their families take greater pride in their Masonry. This is probably because Masons and their families are the conspicuous minorities in their communities and they have to show a far better way of living together lest they be observed in a different light.

Because of fewer members and the concomittant problem of still fewer leader-potentials, the provincial Lodges suffer from lack of projects to do. They may not be as proficient in ritualistic work. They may not be as accurate and prompt in their reports. Nonetheless, they try their best and more often than not, most of the provincial Lodges do update themselves creditably. Truth to tell, the majority of the twelve Lodges who have not submitted their annual reports by April 30, 1968 meet in Plaridel Temple!

Any brother who goes out of his way to visit any of the provincial Lodges at work finds to his elation that brethren in the provinces are a comfort to the fraternity. They not only welcome with open hearts the brethren from the Grand Lodge; they are anxious to hear about the Grand Lodge and seek more light in Masonry. They not only read The Cable-tow for enlightenment and education; they wish to learn more and listen intently to lectures on Masonic education. Small wonder, they are more Masonically literate and can even give the city Mason a lecture or two on fraternal relations and the search for more Masonic light.

It is a move in the right direction for the Grand Master to offer the provincial Lodges the facilities of the Grand Lodge to help these Lodges in the best manner possible. More power to him and the Grand Lodge!

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A Call to Arms

Inaugural Address of WM Joseph E. Schon, Grand Master, on his installation on April 25, 1968.

This, my Brethren, is the climactic moment when a man comes face to face with himself; when he takes the final inventory; when he examines his soul and his heart; searches his conscience, and makes the last check of his instruments before taking off on that long and hazardous flight to the destination.

He has chosen his destination with care, and prepared his flight plan with exactitude; but there is always that awful, nagging question of whether he has made sufficient allowances for high winds, turbulence, and storms which may throw him off his course and imperil his flight. For his destination must be reached at all costs, or disaster is his lot.

He seeks for truth! He demands of himself the unvarnished, unequivocal answer to that momentous question — "Are you duly and truly prepared, worthy and well qualified?" All of us have been asked this question, yet now it seems to take on sinister proportions.

My Brethren, the preparations for this flight have been long in the making, ever since the year 1937, when this wondrous Fraternity first opened its arms to me. However, my preparations must have been faulty during most of that time, because no vehicle to make the flight was ever entrusted to me until 1965 when you put me into intensive training for it — first as Flight Steward, or Junior Grand Warden. The Chief Pilot at that time was a man of great stature and nobility, Most Worshipful Serafin L. Teves, Grand Master of Serenity and Harmony, and who, incidentally, is my guiding light in Masonry.

My training continued more inten-

sively when I was promoted to Flight Navigator, or Senior Grand Warden under another great Pilot, the inestimable and lovable Raymond E. Wilmarth, Grand Master of Tact and Philosophy.

The finishing touches to this training period were applied as Co-pilot, or Deputy Grand Master, by our stalwart, incomparable, strict but kindly task-master, Chief Pilot Mariano Q. Tinio, Grand Master of Labor and Achievement.

Our vehicle — the Fraternity — is about to take off on another trip. I am happy to observe that the crew — the Grand Lodge Officers — are the finest crew in the world. Our vehicle has had the most superb maintenance of any craft on earth by the ground crew — our eminent Past Grand Masters. Now it is all up to the Pilot. Course, distance, speed are his to determine. He prays to the Great Architect of the Universe that there shall be no Pilot error — that the Craft may reach its destination in safety.

Brethren, our destination this year is an airport, a haven, a great strip of concrete that stands out sharply as a beacon light, shining with great brilliance amidst surroundings of darkness, violence, hatred and warfare. It has ever been there. Its history is a glorious one. It has fostered a host of indomitable giants. And it is strong..... strong. But its strength is gradually being eroded. Cracks are showing up in this concrete structure, this runway, this haven. Weeds are beginning to grow in these cracks, and their roots are threatening to rend their massive con-

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crete runway assunder — to render it useless as a refuge, and ineffectual as a beacon.

Yes, that is our destination. We are going to land there, and with every ounce of energy within us to give, we are going to repair that runway, that haven. We shall reinforce that concrete with the iron of our determination — that this structure shall forever remain the home of democratic ideals; the Protector of Men; the cradle of Hope in the Far East.

This beautiful, this wonderful "Land of the Morning" is in grave danger. Those insidious weeds must be eradicated and their roots exposed to the sunlight, where thus exposed, they must wither and die, and be blown away by the winds.

The process of repairing the cracks and reinforcing the concrete will take longer, but it will be a labor of love, and where love is the motive, labor is divine.

Over a span of centuries, our Fraternity has always stood at the forefront whenever and wherever freedom was threatened. Our history is one of militant protectionism over the rights of individuals under legally constituted authority. And whenever and wherever that legally constituted authority has itself been endangered, Masons have always had the courage, and the ability, and above all, the responsibility to run to its assistance.

The time has come when we should take action. We *must* help our Government in its valiant efforts to stave off erosion from within. In our own unobtrusive way we *must* see to it that our people are re-awakened to the fundamental meaning of patriotism — not the lip-service kind which any moron can profess — but the deep, soul-stirring, nation-building kind that makes you tremble and shake with impatience to throw off

the cloak of apathy, and be rid forever of the debilitating complacency and lethargy that we have come to accept as our fare.

This is a *call to arms*. to the loving arms of our Country. For those arms to have the strength to embrace, shelter and protect us, we must nourish the body. The body of our Government requires the same fastidious care as our own, with particular emphasis on nutrition and hygiene.

The nutrition required by our Government is the obedience to its laws, the honest payment of just taxes when due, in short,—*all* those observances of our responsibilities as citizens.

The hygiene our Government needs is the aid we can give our Government officials that they may perform their duties as the Constitution intended. Help them regain their sense of dignity in office, be it Barrio Captain, Teacher, Postmaster, Mayor or Congressman. Support them with ideas to enhance their office and let them know they are not just a voice lost in the wilderness of politics. Kindness here, and encouragement in improvements, even if only keeping their offices, or schoolrooms clean and painted can make a world of difference. But the *greater* emphasis should be put on the help you can give them to maintain proper hygiene of the mind.

This last, my Brethren, if it can be accomplished, and with your determination it can, will go far toward relieving our Government of its preoccupation with subversion, graft, and criminality. Yes, dignity in office and hygiene of the mind.

Considering now our plans for the Grand Lodge itself, and the Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction, I have only to say that we shall continue to build upon the foundations laid so solidly, carefully and meticulously by our Past Grand Masters.

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Highly Resolved

(Speech delivered by MW Bro. Serafin Teves, PGM, at the Installation Ceremonies of Mt. Kaladias No. 91 on December 27, 1967.)

It is my pleasant privilege to congratulate the newly-installed officers of Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91 and the members of the Lodge also for choosing the fine batch of officers who will guide them in the ensuing Masonic year. Successful administration of a Lodge lies not only in the hands of officers, but also in those of the rest of the members. We may have good leaders in the Lodge, but with doubting and oftentimes recalcitrant followers, success cannot be attained.

In democratic societies like Masonry, it is important that leaders, to be assured of success, should practice good public relations with the other officers and especially with the members, if they must advance the cause of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

The beginning of the year is usually the time to make resolutions after going over last year's efforts. The idea, of course, is to do better this year than last year. In our efforts, we may be tempted to change the old with the new. This is what Bro. Tennyson must have meant when he said: "The old order changeth, yielding place to the new."

I do not disagree with the idea; for indeed, many things need to be changed if they have proved unsuccessful. Any change should be for the better.

While we are on the subject of resolutions, I wish to call the attention of the members of this fraternity to one resolution we all should make. I suggest that we highly resolve to help every government official to do his duty honestly and seriously. To make his office one of opportunity to serve his government under whose

protection we live, will regain the people's confidence in it. If there are government officials present here tonight, your challenge is in making yourselves from here on better government officials than you have been in the past.

Another resolution we can and should make has to do with ourselves as plain citizens. We do not have to be government officials to make our nation great. Each and every one of us can do his or her share by doing our duty daily; by paying our taxes honestly; by helping the constituted authorities in any project that redounds to the uplift of the less-developed communities.

In the course of the installation ceremonies tonight, you heard the words, "avoid private piques and quarrels" especially directed to the Worshipful Master. I will now say these same words to the officers and members of this Lodge here tonight. Avoid private piques and quarrels. You know as well as I do, that if you dig deep into the causes of private piques and quarrels, you will come out with the discovery that such causes are at most traceable to inconsequential personality cults of certain individuals, and yet they will always tell you, "it is the principle of the thing." Perhaps some of us find it hard to distinguish between principle and personality.

Masonry is tolerant, patient, merciful, forgiving, meek, and slow to anger. As a Mason you are expected to believe in these principles of Masonry. If you believe in its principles then practice them. You cannot be a Mason within the Lodge and a non-Mason outside the Lodge. **Turn to page 16**

Ecumenism and Freemasonry

Talk delivered at the Convention of Lodges of Mindanao and Sulu at Davao City on February 24, 1968 by RWB Edgar L. Shepley, Senior Grand Warden.

The intention of a keynote speech is to establish the theme of a convention and to provide the delegates with a clear idea of the underlying principles which will be followed during the deliberations to be undertaken.

The theme of this convention, "ECUMENISM AND FREEMASONRY," is a subject with which we are all more or less familiar.

We all know that Masonic tenets and philosophies are ecumenical in nature. We support the "*Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God*" and we know that throughout its history Masonry has been identified with all the movements to alleviate suffering and improve the lot of all mankind, whether they are members of our craft or not.

Our tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth have been followed in spite of the great opposition we have encountered and the attempts which have been made at various times to destroy us. Faith, hope and charity have been practiced by our brethren since time immemorial and we have professed to live by the precepts of that volume of sacred law.

In the last few years we have had evidence that our true nature is beginning to be recognized and lately many bans against us have been lifted or modified. We expect that this trend will continue in the future providing we take advantage of this greater opportunity to demonstrate that we truly love our fellow men and are vitally interested in their well being.

Many of us tend to regard ecumenism as not to the advantage of either Masonry or the Catholic church without considering the importance of the possibility of eliminating the misun-

derstanding which has existed for so long. Many of us also feel that ecumenism is a good thing and hope it succeeds but since we do not really understand it, we will let the other fellow work at it and we will follow.

Assist a deserving person in distress, help him in his time of sorrow or need and you are practising ecumenism.

Refrain from criticizing actions or proposals when they do not suit you personally or are not to your immediate advantage and you will be practising ecumenism.

Disregard religious preference, station in life or racial origin in your dealings with other people and you will be practising ecumenism.

These are but three of many ways you can practice ecumenism and they may be stated in words which are more familiar to you — brotherly love, relief, and truth.

In our everyday lives we have many opportunities to practice ecumenism without trying to find unusual or strange methods. If we will but practice out of the lodge those great moral lessons that have been inculcated in it, we will, without any special effort, be ecumenistic.

Consider that most people will act toward you as you act toward them and, that if you treat them as you wish to be treated, much of the friction and dislike will be eliminated.

Understanding a person and his motives, is essential to treating him fairly and honestly. This must be the rule in all your dealings if you expect to promote true ecumenism.

I do not know that Masonry was the founder of ecumenism. I am cer-

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Nearer My God to Thee

Written for the Cabletow by WB Eugenio Padua, PM, (51), Associate Bethel Guardian, Bethel No. 2, Manila, IOJD.

A very beautiful part of the Closing Ceremony of every meeting of any Bethel of the International Order of Job's Daughters in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia and the Philippines, is that in which the Daughters, while marching, sing "Onward Christian Soldiers," and then form a Latin Cross; and, as the arms of the Cross leave the West line, the Honored Queen turns left and marches to the West side of the Altar and takes her place at the foot of the Cross, facing East.

And, as the Musician plays, the Honored Queen, the Senior and Junior Princesses and the other officers start to kneel by going down first on their right knees at the sound of the first chord and on their left knees at the second chord; and at the sound of the third chord, they assume the attitude of prayer.

With heads slightly bowed and eyes lowered, they then sing: "Nearer, My God, To Thee!"

The Cross, formed by, and of, teenage girls, who are all clad in white flowing Grecian robes, is truly beautiful to behold!

What is the meaning of all this? What do we know about the history of the five-stanza poem which is now a religious hymn sung at funeral services and other solemn occasions?

The author of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," Sarah Flower Adams, was a beautiful young Englishwoman who had dreamed of becoming a great actress. She finally realized her ambition when she scored a dramatic triumph on the stage as "Lady Macbeth." But, alas, she was later taken ill and became a hopeless invalid — thus closing her stage career

forever!

For three slow years, she was in bed, frail and wan, though still very attractive, suffering from pain and disappointment...

In that otherwise desperate state of her young life, she turned to God for comfort and began to write poems with religious background.

To God she surrendered all her ailments and disappointments, all the darkness of her life, all her pains and afflictions — and she philosophized that these, after all, were but steps bringing her closer to heaven; every pain bringing her nearer to God.

Her soul cried out with the ardency that only a sufferer could experience: "E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee."

Like Job of old, who had suffered a series of misfortunes, Sarah affirmed and reaffirmed steadfast faith in the goodness of God.

Though "darkness be over me," she would sing, and "my rest a stone, yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, nearer to Thee!"

"My waking thoughts," she would continue, will always be "bright with praise" of Thee, my God, despite "my stony griefs" — and "my woes" are but "steps unto Heaven!"

[In singing or reading this hymn — if you visualize a beautiful young woman, frail and wan, writhing in pain, and you visualize Jesus and you surrender to Him your own pains, and your own woes, you will experience a wholesome therapeutic effect on your physical being and in

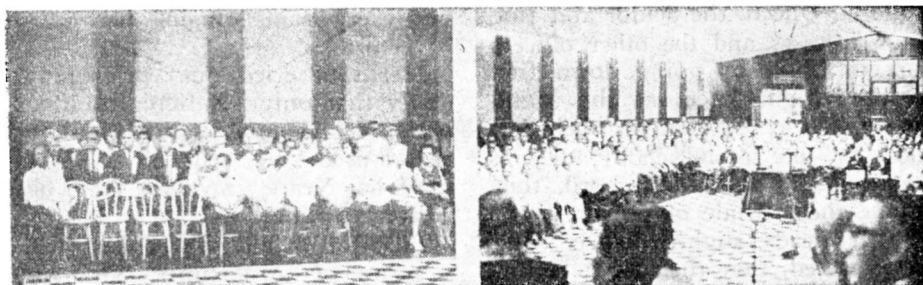
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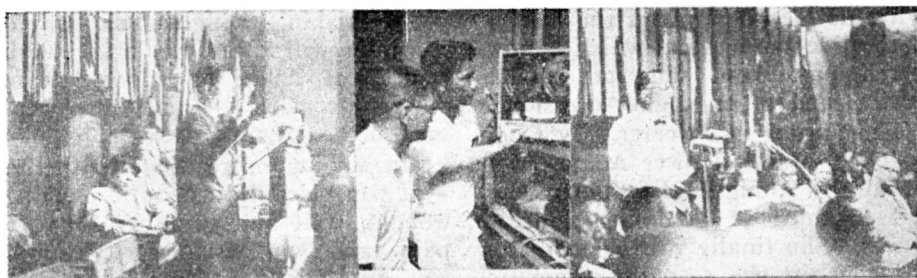


Delegates register...

Paying homage to Bro. Rizal...



Brethren and Ladies at Installation Ceremonies...



Senator Puyat speaks...

Taped...

Grand Master sounds call...

JOSEPH E. SCHON

Grand Master

1968-1969

By H. P. OLIVEROS, S.G.L.

Brother Joseph E. Schon was born on January 6, 1913, in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A. Attended High School at Mt. St. Joseph College and College of Engineering, John Hopkins University, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Served in the U.S. Navy as Lt. Commander from 1942 to 1946, in Atlantic and South Pacific Areas.

After discharge from the U.S. Navy, he worked as Manager, Bull Insular Lines, doing business in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. Then acted as Owner's Representative, Pacific Far East Lines, Inc., in Hongkong and Philippines until 1948.

Coming to the Philippines in 1947, he married Helen Bennett in October 1948. He is at present engaged in Agriculture in Canlaon City, Negros Oriental.

Most Worshipful Schon was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 17, 1937, in Harmonic Lodge No. 356, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, a territory of the U.S.A. This Lodge is under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. He affiliated with Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Dumaguete City, on Oct. 11, 1961, and became Master of this Lodge in 1963 and 1964. He was elected Junior Grand Warden in 1965, Senior Grand Warden in 1966 and Deputy Grand Master in 1967.

He is an active member of the Royal Arch, dubbed Knight Templar, York Rite, on May 22, 1965, and Red Cross of Constantine on April 22, 1968. He was Worthy Patron, Josefa Llanes Escoda Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1965, Dumaguete City.

He received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Lapu-Lapu Consistory, A. & A. S. R., on August 19, 1961, in Cebu City. Venerable Master, Dumaguete Lodge of Perfection, in 1962. Invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council 33rd of the Republic of the Philippines, on February 15, 1963 and coroneted Inspector General Honorary, 33rd, on February 9, 1968.

He is a Shriner, member of Nile Temple, Seattle, U.S.A. and Honorary member of Afifi Temple, Tacoma, Washington.

Grand Master Makes First Visitation

On the tenth day of his grand mastership, MW Joseph E. Schon motored to Bangued, Abra to make his first official visitation to the fifth annual district convention of Masonic District No. 4, on May 3, 1968. He was accompanied by RW Damaso C. Tria, Grand Junior Warden, MW Esteban Munarriz, Grand Secretary; VW Hermogenes Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer; VW Benjamin Gotamco, Junior Grand Lecturer; WB Benito Maneze, Asst. Grand Secretary General of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. Invited to join the group was WB N. Melocoton, Managing Editor of the The Cabletow, who followed later.

The party, in two cars, arrived in Bangued at seven thirty in the morning of Saturday, May 4, and at nine,

shortly after breakfast, the convention went off to a good start. The first part of the day's activities was the Lodge of Sorrow, conducted in honor of twelve brethren from Abra Lodge #86; one from Angalo Lodge No. 63 and thirty-three from Laoag Lodge No. 71, who have gone to their reward. It was an impressive ceremony led by MW Macario Ofilada, PGM and CFI Judge in Bangued, Abra.

After lunch, came the official business of the convention which consisted of reports by the Masters of the member Lodges, open forum, and the address of the Grand Master. The session, presided over by VW Alfredo V. Sotelo, DDGM, was so efficiently run that by 2:30 PM, the

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Balintawak Lodge No. 28 Officers Installed



Seated front row from left: Bro. Hipolito Alpuerto, Junior Warden; Bro. Rafael D. Acumin, Senior Warden; VWB Severo Oliveros, DDGM; WB Roque T. Olivera, New Master; VWB Aurelio L. Corcuera, Installing Officer; WB Cesario Villareal, MC; WB Lauro Dizon; WB Manuel T. Paz.

Standing rear row from left: Bro. Co King Hong, Treasurer; WB Gregorio Valencerna, WB Lim Hap. Bro. Ricardo O. Veluz, WB Victor A. Mendoza, WB Romualdo Libranda, WB Teofilo F. Olivera, WB Vicente Q. Tan, Secretary; WB Luis E. Makayan, WB Dionisio A. Barrios.

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tain that if it were not the originator, it was one of its earliest supporters.

I am equally certain that no other human institution can point to an uninterrupted practice of it as we can. In the past our craft has been in the forefront of every benevolent movement; at present it has sustained its position and in the future it will undoubtedly be one of the greatest factors in dispelling bigotry and greed and promoting true brotherhood among all men.

We have always taught that all men are the children of one Loving Father and that there should be no

discrimination against any of them because all are brothers. We have not been misled by the forces of evil no matter what disguise they assume, and we have been able to distinguish right from wrong.

Today, more than ever, Masonic ecumenism is desperately needed together with dynamic demonstrations of it. Let us all in our daily lives demonstrate that our teachings are not mere empty forms. Let us, by thought and deed, demonstrate to the world that a Mason is ecumenistic and that the Masonic way will lead eventually to a true Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God. Δ

GRAVEL AND SAND

WB OSCAR L. FUNG (7) PM

A Report on Masonic Activities

WB Rouben C. Belulia, assistant personnel manager of Franklin Baker Company of the Philippines, San Pablo City, was installed last January 20, 1968 as Master of Malinaw Lodge No. 25 of F. & A. M. at their lodge temple at Zulueta Street, San Pablo City.

VWB Cirilo D. Constantino, Past District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 11, inducted the lodge officers for 1968 in solemn ceremonies with Judge Anderson M. Maghirang of the San Pablo City Court as the guest speaker.

VWB Ricardo C. Buenafe, Laguna provincial treasurer and District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 11, WB Amado Mabul, inspector for Malinaw Lodge No. 25 and WB Valentin Ramos, inspector for Sierra Madre Lodge No. 181, represented the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in the ceremonies.

Musical intermission numbers were rendered by the Miss Linda Lacsina and Mr. Tommy Angeles of Channel 11.

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Our apologies to WB Bayani Estanislao, PM (149), for reporting his family name as Raymundo. He was recently appointed Asst. Manager of the Davao Branch of the PNB. Last February he was called to Manila for executive training at the PNB head office after which, he and the other members of his class were sent on an observation tour of banks in Hong Kong and Taipeh. Before returning to Manila, WB Estanislao went on leave and on his own made a trip to Japan to further his knowledge in

branch banking. After a week in Japan visiting important cities there, he returned to Manila to spend a few days here before leaving for Davao. WB Estanislao was one of the Scottish Rite Masons given the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor last February.

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Our thanks go to WB William Leavitt of Florida and WB Donald C. Hughes of Lexington, Mass. for donating money to the Cabletow. WB Leavitt sent ten dollars and WB Hughes, six dollars and fifty cents. The money was used by us to purchase a ceiling fan which is now giving us great relief these hot months. WB Leavitt was here in 1957 with his half, Mary Ruth, who instituted the first Bethel of Job's Daughters in the Philippines at Olongapo, Zambales. Mrs. Leavitt was at that time Supreme Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughters. WB Hughes is a Past Master of Cosmos Lodge No. 8. He was, for sometime Vice-President and Treasurer of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. here in Manila.

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At the installation of officers of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, Luzon Bodies, AASR, Knights of Columbus of a Quezon City Council were in attendance. The installation ceremonies were held in the Green Hall of Scottish Rite Temple on March 30, 1968 at 6:00 PM. Among the Knights invited and present were: Dr. Faustino Turla, Past Grand Knight; Mr. Rolando Lejano, Grand Knight; Justice

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Antonio and others. Mrs. Turla, who is Deputy for the Daughters of Isabela in the Philippines, and Mrs. Lejano, an officer of a Quezon City Circle of Daughters of Isabela accompanied their husbands.

Installed officers of the Lodge of Perfection are: Bro. Pat Gonzales, Venerable Master; Bro. Jose B. Abejo, Senior Warden.

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With VWB Aurelio L. Corcuera (4) PM of the "MORE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS" fame in THE CABLETOW Magazine as Installing Officer and WB Cesario Villareal (20) PM, Grand Lodge Inspector, as Master of Ceremonies, the 1968 Officers of the Balintawak Lodge No. 28, F. & A. M., was duly installed in a public installation ceremony held at the Social Hall of the Dalisay Hotel, Gumaca, Quezon at 8:00 p.m. on January 6, 1968.

Heading those installed were: WB Roque T. Olivera as Master, Bro. Rafael D. Acunin as Senior Warden, Bro. Hipolito Alpuerto as Junior Warden, Bro. Co King Hong as Treasurer, and WB Vicente Q. Tan as Secretary.

The outgoing Master, WB Dionisio A. Barrios, gave the welcome address to the visiting brethren and the public, while the new Master, WB Roque T. Olivera, in his inaugural address, asked for the full support and cooperation of the brethren for a successful 1968 administration.

VWB Aurelio L. Corcuera delivered an illuminating and impressive address, touching on the roles and meaning of Masonry, which was warmly received by the brethren and the public alike. Indeed, Mayor Teodosio V. Principe who is a Past Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus, in his short remarks, commented lengthily on his new insight and grasp of what Masonry is after hearing VWB Aurelio L. Corcuera's

enlightening speech.

Light refreshments were served after the ceremonies.

VICENTE Q. TAN, PM
Secretary

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OF INTEREST TO MASONIC PHILATELISTS

The American Topical Association has reactivated its Masonic Stamp Unit. Its new editor for the Unit's newsletter is Nicholas G. Koutroulis of New Orleans, Louisiana, who is glad to enroll new members who seek more light through a knowledge of stamps.

The publication, the *Masonic Stamp Collector*, contains information about Masons on stamps, Masonic symbols, events, and postal history of interest to Masons. Published bi-monthly, it runs to ten pages of information about Masonic stamp collecting, including reproductions of stamps and covers. Members are encouraged to submit items of interest for publication.

Annual membership, including the newsletter, costs \$3.00. Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star are welcome. Applications should be made to Nicholas J. Koutroulis, 4659 Sandalwood Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70127.

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CALIFORNIA MASON'S LONG RECORD OF SERVICE

Brother Frederick C. Clark of Alameda, California, was installed on December 9, 1967, for the 60th time as secretary of Fruitvale Lodge No. 336 in Oakland, California. From May 20, 1907, to December 19, 1908, he had already serve as Treasurer of the lodge!

Although born in Gilmore, Pennsylvania, Brother Clark went to California early in life and became a suc-

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Joderas Conference in Pictures . . .



A-riding we went...

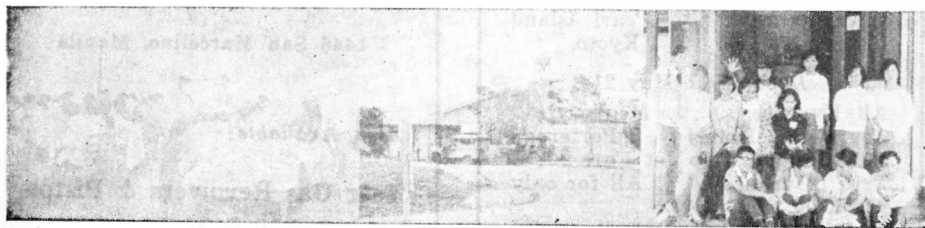
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Registering...

Baguio City...

Discussion groups...



Waiting for chow call... YMCA, where it was held... Dumaguete delegation...

business portion was over. The Grand Master's party, after merienda, was again on the road this time for Manila at 3:00 PM.

The convention was held at the United Church of Christ and the meals were served, hospitality of Dr. Florence Casia, widow of WB Vivencio Casia, Jr., at the ancestral home of the Casia family. Dr. Casia was assisted by Mrs. Casia, widow of WB Vivencio Casia, Sr., members and relatives of the Casia family, brethren and their wives of Bangued.

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"I'd rather see a sermon
Than to hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me
Than merely show the way.
I can soon learn how to do it,
If you will let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action,
But your tongue too fast may run.
All the lectures you deliver
May be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson
By observing what you do.
Though I may not understand you
And the fine advice you give,
But there is no misunderstanding
How you act and how you live."

—Anon.

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During the Public Installation of Officers of High Twelve Lodge No. 82, F&AM, held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple last January 13, 1968, the extraordinary happened. His Excellency Msgr. John A. Fortaleza, Diocesan Bishop of Santisima Trinidad and curate of Immaculate Conception Parish Church, Curie St., Palanan, Makati, Rizal, gave the opening invocation, while Bishop Cipriano Navarro, a Bishop of the United Church in the Philippines, also a member of High Twelve Lodge No. 82, F&AM, gave the benediction.

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For the first time on Rizal Park (Luneta), Catholics and Protestants held a joint Easter Sunrise Service at 5:30 AM, Sunday, April 14, 1968, at the open air concert grand stand. The service was presided over by Rev. Eligio B. A. Hernandez and the Easter sermon was preached by Rev. Catalino T. Garcia, pastor of Knox Memorial church.

Other participants from the various denominations were Rev. James Bawayan, Mrs. Joaquina R. Zapanta, Rt. Rev. Francisco J. Pagtakhan, Rev. Gregorio T. Samoy, and Dr. Jose A. Yap. The San Carlos Seminary Choir of Makati, Rizal and the Ecumenical Choir under the direction of Rev. Fr. John Van D. Steen and Mrs. Lalli Aguhop-Hilario sang four anthems during the service.

Some sixty churches in the Greater Manila area joined the celebration. The service was sponsored by the

United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

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In Bamban, Tarlac, on the Bamban Hill on MacArthur Highway, an Easter Sunrise Service was also held. The Rev. Fr. Gregorio Vinuya, parish priest of Bacolor, Pampanga and the Rev. Querubin Canlas of the Knox Memorial Church of Manila were the guest preachers.

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At Silliman University in Dumaguete City, a Protestant institution of higher learning, the members of the faculty go out of their way to help other colleges and churches. Dr. Angel Alcala gave a lecture on "Ecology of Philippine Vertebrate Animals" on March 23, 1968 at the Binalbagan Catholic College in Binalbagan, Negros Oriental. Prof. Samuel Gregorio gave a lecture on "Students' Role in Nationalism" at the Philippine Independent Church in Dumaguete City on March 10, 1968.

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In Buenavista, Bohol, the Easter Service on the town plaza was made memorable by a Catholic priest and a Protestant Pastor taking part in the program as speakers. On the Protestant side, the Rev. Maximo Leopando spoke and the Rev. Fr. Vicente Salvador spoke on the Catholic side. WB Leopando, Worshipful Master of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84 in Tagbilaran City, is a full-time minister of the Protestant church in Buenavista.

WB ALFREDO L. ORTIZ, CABLETOW TREASURER, PASSES AWAY

WB Alfredo L. Ortiz, Treasurer of The Cabletow, Inc., passed away on April 14, 1968 after a stroke. WB Ortiz was a Past Master of High Twelve Lodge No. 82 and a Past Venerable Master of Harmony Lodge of Perfection, Luzon Bodies, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

The late Bro. Ortiz was one of the original incorporators of the Cabletow, Inc. and served the corporation as Treasurer from 1966 to the time of his demise. Although Bro. Ortiz had not completely recovered from the effects of the first stroke sometime in April 1966, he managed to attend the Board meetings without fail. He wrote a number of articles for the Cabletow magazine.

He was a well-known medical practitioner and taught in the College of Medicine, Manila Central University. At the time of his death, he was Head of the Dept. of Physiology.

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Perla Assembly No. 1, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, will hold its Installation of Officers for the second term of the year 1968 on May 18, 1968 at 5:00 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, Green Hall, 1828 Taft Avenue, Manila.

The newly elected officers are Edith Grimares, Worthy Advisor; Elizabeth Gardner, Worthy Associate Advisor; Jocelyn Simbra, Sister of Charity; Susan Malahay, Sister of Hope; Benilde Ramos, Sister of Faith; Mercedes Tire, Recorder and Eleanor Gardner, Treasurer. The Mother Advisor is Mrs. Fe Abarquez Suaco and Mrs. Alice Bellis is the Supreme Deputy of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in the Philippines, Guam and Okinawa.

AID PROMISED



Miss Subula Schuck, a beauty queen of Jolo, Sulu, was shot at the left temple at Maubu beach, Jolo, Sulu, by Hadji Abdula Hayudinni who, with three others, tried to abduct her but she resisted and fought back.

Picture above shows Miss Schuck at the Philippine General Hospital where she is now confined. From left to right are RWB Manuel M. Crudo, Deputy Grand Master; Mrs. Roseller T. Lim (nee Amy Schuck), aunt of the victim; Mrs. Jamila Selasa, another aunt; and VWB Major Teotimo G. Juan, Senior Grand Deacon. RWB Crudo and VWB Juan promised Miss Schuck and family to help in the prompt apprehension and prosecution of the abductors.

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HIGHLY RESOLVED . . .

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Finally my brethren, stick to this our ancient and honorable fraternity. You may be a member and a very active one in any of the social civic and sports clubs in your community, but you will not find one that can be dearer to your hearts than Masonry.

I have asked you to help our government by being good officials and citizens; I have asked you to rise above petty conflicts; and practice the principles of Masonry in every thing you do or say. The rest is all up to you.

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History of Oroquieta Lodge No. 154

Bro. Teofilo L. Nuñez, *Junior Warden*

With the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and desirous of accommodating those who might knock at the door of Freemasonry as soon as a Lodge was established at Oroquieta, several brethren of Mount Malindang Lodge No. 130, Ozamis' City, who are residents of or near Oroquieta, Misamis Occidental, petitioned, early in January, 1960, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the Philippines for a Dispensation to form a new Lodge in the municipality of Oroquieta. In the petition, they had Brother Leoncio Abella as the first Master, Bro. Diodado Bongato as the first Senior Warden, and Bro. Leon K. Markines as the first Junior Warden. Whereupon, the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Macario Ofilada, readily granted the Dispensation sought for on January 14, 1960.

Equipped with the necessary Dispensation authorizing them to meet, the brethren of Oroquieta Lodge, U.D. immediately buckled down to work and in their stated meeting on January 23, 1960, approved and adopted their Code of By-Laws. Itching to perform their first degree work, they secured the permission from the Mother Lodge to pass and raise Bro. Salvador Robles, an Entered Apprentice of Mt. Malindang Lodge. So on January 29, 1960, they passed Bro. Robles to the degree of Fellow Craft, subsequently raised him to the sublime degree on March 19, 1960. The writer, together with Messrs. Antonio Manluza and Jose Arquiza, presented their petitions for the degrees of Masonry on March 15, 1960. The three were the first Master Masons raised to the sublime degree in its own right.

As the Lodge Hall is always the

problem of any infant Lodge, so was Oroquieta Lodge, U.D. confronted with the same difficulty. During the first three months they assembled in one of the classrooms of the Southern Mindanao Colleges by courtesy of its President, WB Aurelio Mendoza of Mt. Malindang Lodge and first Master of Pagadian Lodge 153, the first daughter Lodge of the former. Being an Institution of collegiate level, the SMC hold classes even during Saturday evenings. The brethren, therefore, were always uneasy during their meetings because students, wittingly or unwittingly, passed by the temporary Lodge room. Fortunately for Oroquieta Lodge, they have among them a brother who is always willing to sacrifice for the sake of Masonry in general and for the welfare of Oroquieta Lodge in particular. Brother Gregorio O. Calit, one of the petitioners for the Dispensation and then Junior Warden of Mt. Malindang Lodge, offered free of charge as long as the Lodge needed it, his newly vacated house-for rent located along the Capitol Drive. Although it is small, the same served well the purpose of the infant Lodge. It was secure from the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers.

Confident that they had successfully continued to work since the organization of the Lodge, the Brethren pursued their desire to secure the permanent charter. So during the Grand Annual Communications of April, 1960, they petitioned the Grand Lodge for the permanent charter. The Grand Lodge, finding that the Brethren of Oroquieta Lodge were well qualified and in all respects worthy, readily

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agreed. Thus Oroquieta Lodge No. 154, F. & A.M. was born. On October 15, 1960, it was duly constituted and the first officers were immediately installed.

True to their previous expectation, several residents of Oroquieta filed their petitions for the degrees of Masonry, and the year 1960 ended with nine petitioners raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, aside from those who were conferred the degrees by courtesy from other Lodges. To Brother Gregorio O. Calit, Junior Warden of Mt. Malindang Lodge, a resident of the nearby town of Aloran, fell the burden of diffusing light and imparting knowledge to the new as well as the old members of the Lodge. The first Junior Warden, Bro. Leon K. Markines, was transferred to Maasin, Leyte del Sur, the first Senior Warden, Bro. Diosdado Bongato, a sojourner from Dagohoy Lodge No. 84, was unavailable for the meetings of the Lodge. Thus Bro. Calit assiduously assisted the Master, WB Leoncio Abella, in the discharge of his trust.

In their first election of officers on December 17, 1960, the Brethren of Oroquieta Lodge No. 154 chose Brother Gregorio O. Calit to be the new Master. In the next six years he was repeatedly voted upon to occupy the Master's chair. It was only his irrevocable manifestation to decline a seventh term. WB Calit retired as Worshipful Master to labor as Secretary, a position he readily accepted to show that his love for the Fraternity is not at all diminished when not in the highest position of the Lodge.

During the years 1961 to 1966, Oroquieta Lodge No. 154 elected fourteen and rejected four petitioners to the degrees of Masonry. It demonstrated that merit is the just title to our privileges. During the same period Oroquieta Lodge lost three members by

death. For the first time in the history of Masonry in Misamis Occidental, a Masonic Funeral Service was performed on December 19, 1963. The brethren of Oroquieta and Mt. Malindang Lodges jointly accompanied the remains of WB Casiano Yuzon, Master of Mt. Malindang Lodge and a dual member of Oroquieta Lodge, to the place of internment at the Protestant Cemetery of Jimenez, Misamis Occidental.

The funeral ceremony was so solemnly and proficiently performed that the general public, hundreds of them, who witnessed a Masonic funeral ceremony for the first time were held spellbound and in awe by the flawless and emotionally charged recital of the Ritual by the presiding Master, WB Calit. Many were heard after the ceremony to have remarked that Masons, contrary to what other persons allege, are admittedly godly, if not more godly than their detractors. More so, the attending Chaplain is a Bishop of the United Church of Christ of the Philippines, Reverend Brother Juan Pia, Sr.

Although unknown to most Brethren in far away Lodges, Oroquieta Lodge has, in its humble way, helped in the projection of the good image of Masonry in the community. Beginning with the 1961 Christmas season, Oroquieta Lodge has annually distributed gifts to the indigent patients in the Provincial Hospital and to inmates of the provincial jail. Observing that the school children of the Misamis Occidental Provincial High School and the Central Elementary School needed drinking fountains, they resolved to construct and donate one drinking fountain each to said schools. Needless to say, the pupils and teachers were very thankful for the donations we made. To the Provincial Public Library, the Oroquieta Lodge donated

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THE JO-DE-RAS SECTION



JOB'S DAUGHTERS



DEMOLAY



RAINBOW

NEW SET OF T. R. YANGCO CHAPTER OFFICERS INSTALLED

A new set of officers of the Teodoro R. Yangco Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was installed last December 26 at the Purisimo Ramos Hall of the Lincoln Lodge Masonic Temple, Olongapo City.

Despite the many family activities that usually accompany the Christmas Season, the Masonic Temple was full-packed with parents, relatives and friends who came to witness the simple but impressive and solemn ceremony.

Proclaimed the 20th Master Councilor of the Chapter was *Jose de Leon, Jr.* Also proclaimed were *Emmanuel Ramos*, Senior Councilor; *Jimmy Corpuz*, Junior Councilor; *Salvador del Rosario*, Senior Deacon; *Emmanuel Camposano*, Junior Deacon; *Recto Adamos*, Senior Steward; *Antonio Gregorio*, Junior Steward; *Fidel Reyes*, Orator; *Rizal Jose*, Almoner; *Alfredo de Leon*, Chaplain; *Samuel Ramos*, Marshall; *Levy Salibio* and *Jimmy Ramos*, Standard Bearers; *Rodolfo Raya*, Sentinel; *Jose Tan Torres*, *Alexandro Basa*, *Ramon Santos*, *Ernesto Barlahan*, *Efren Ramos*, *Rodolfo Estella* and *Rustico Gonzales*, Preceptors and *Rodelio Dantes*, Organist.

The installing dignitaries were: *Romeo Ramos*, outgoing Master Councilor as Installing Officer; *Francisco Gregorio*, PMC, as Senior Councilor; *Ramoncito de Leon* as Junior Councilor; *Antonio Moreno* as Senior Deacon; *William de Leon*, PMC, as Marshall; and *Aquilino Arquero, Jr.*, PMC, and *Homer Bravo*, PMC, as Standard Bearers.

Crowned Chapter Sweetheart for the term was *Miss Jackie Berry*. Also chosen to charm and add feminine touch to the affair were *Misses Chleo Rhoda Mackay*, *Corazon Andrade*, and *Gloria Erazo*; sponsors of the East, West and South respectively.

Occasioned to coincide with the boys' installation ceremony was the installation of the Teodoro R. Yangco Mothers' Club officers. Elected for the term were *Mom Clarita E. de Leon*, president; *Mom Procesa E. Ramos* and *Mom Adelaida Corpuz*, vice-presidents; *Mom Loreto Arquero*, secretary; *Mom Conchita Choa*, treasurer; and *Mom Patrocinia Camposano*, chaplain.

Following installation tradition, visiting dignitary, Ill. Dad Manuel M. Crudo, 33°, an Active Member of the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay and the Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of the

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The Young Can Help Too

Address of MW Joseph E. Schon at the JODERAS Conference in Baguio City, April 18-20, 1968.

Young Men of the DeMolay
Lovely Young Ladies of the
Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls,
Brothers, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I certainly consider it a high honor and a distinct privilege to have the opportunity of addressing you this evening. I know you are getting off to a good start in the activities of this great adventure of the young. I do not have to tell you that I envy you these opportunities of your imaginative youth, to group together in a common effort to improve yourselves as fledgling citizens, and devise ways of making yourselves more effective in your homes, your communities and your Government.

There is no doubt that your endeavors at improvement through the absorption of the beautiful lessons taught by your respective orders have their greatest impact in the home. To have as an aim the obedience to, and the pleasing of your parents, and in giving them all your love in the many hundreds of ways you can devise is in itself a full reason for living. By paying constant attention to this care you practice the noblest of virtues — humility. You will learn how important humility is as a virtue as you grow to full maturity. It becomes the measure of the man, or the woman.

Your community can not help but benefit from the example you make of yourselves, of the beautiful picture you paint for all to admire by your exemplary conduct in the society to to which you owe such a lot. You must always remember that the society in which you live is the result

of the sometimes excruciating labor of your forebears, built up through successive stages, through many generations, which generations succeeded in accomplishing their building even though beset by strife and turmoil, wars and tempests, always seeking to develop and establish a more secure society and environment for this — your generation. And so it will continue. You, by putting your ideals to the practical test of actual conversion into outstanding deeds, and fearlessly living up to the principles developed through teachings and high level associations in your respective orders or chapters, are again building on the foundations laid down by your predecessors, and for the benefit of succeeding generations.

The most important thing that you can develop at this Convention, the one that can have the greatest impact for the establishment of security for yourselves and all the community, and one that is worthy of your youthful energies, is a practical plan to render maximum assistance to our Government officials that they may perform their duties as our Constitution intended, and so encourage them to maintain a high standard of dignity in office. This is all important at this time. Our country is waging a mighty battle, to save itself from erosion from within and it needs the youth of this Nation to infuse and inject a massive dose of Patriotism into its citizens. *Who* are better qualified to take a mighty crack at such a noble effort than the youth of the land, and more particularly you yourselves?

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a bookcase and several books on Rizal. They ably helped the Grand Lodge in distributing American books donated by American Masons to the public school of Oroquieta and Aloran, Misamis Occidental.

In 1961, several members of Oroquieta Lodge together with members of nearby Lodges signed a petition to form a new Lodge at Dipolog, Zamboanga del Norte, and they actively participated in degree conferrals during the infancy of said Lodge later to be known as Dipolog Lodge No. 162. Oroquieta Lodge No. 154 takes pride in the fact that their Master WB Calit is the first Grand Lodge Inspector for Dipolog Lodge #162, serving as such Grand Lodge Inspector for the Masonic years 1962-1963; 1963-1964; 1964-1965; and 1967-1968.

Whenever it is within the length of their cabletow, brethren of Oroquieta Lodge No. 154 are always eager to participate in Grand Lodge and Regional or District conventions. Except for one instance, Oroquieta Lodge has always been represented in the annual Communications. In the Masonic conventions for Mindanao and Sulu, they have been active in their participation.

In 1967, Oroquieta Lodge No. 154 realized their dream of putting up a new temple spacious enough for their own membership. Under the leadership of WB Gregorio O. Calit, Past Master and incumbent Secretary, several brethren formed a corporation, the Oroquieta Masonic Temple Association, Inc., with WB Calit, WB Rufino G. Seril, Bros. Salvador Robles, Vicente Olegario Jose Velono, and David Ang Militante as incorporators. WB Calit gave the go signal for the construction of the temple early in January 1967. He backed up most of the disbursements which were little by little refunded as soon as subscriptions were paid.

The Lodge voted to subscribe over 50% of the authorized capitalization of P25,000.00. The Lodge has been greatly aided in its subscription payment by the benevolence of WB Timoteo Uy, Past Master of Mt. Malindang Lodge No. 130, who donated the sum of one thousand pesos (P1,000.00) aside from two electric fans worth P240.00. The temple was dedicated in due and ancient form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in the morning of December 2, 1967.

To Brother Greg R. Calit, eldest son of WB Gregorio O. Calit goes the distinction of being the first to be initiated, passed and raised in the new temple. During the raising, Oroquieta Lodge witnessed for the first time a father raising his own son.

The year 1967 under the Mastership of WB Rufino G. Seril ended with a score of four to four, to wit: four petitioners raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and four others rejected.

In the annual elections on December 16, 1967, all the incumbent lights were reelected, viz: WB Rufino G. Seril as Master, Bro. Joaquin Kwan as Senior Warden, and Bro. Teofilo L. Nuñez as Junior Warden. Brother Salvador Robles seems to be a perennial Treasurer of the Lodge, he having been continuously reelected since his election in 1961. WB Gregorio O. Calit, having been elected Master of Mt. Malindang 130 and duly installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Mariano Q. Tinio on December 2, 1967, disqualified himself for any elective post in the Lodge. He was, however, replaced as Secretary by his son and Brother, Greg R. Calit.

Such is the brief history of Oroquieta Lodge No. 154, not colorful perhaps, but to think that it has consistently grown in number, although

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WB Roy D. Bennett, Sr. Passes Away

WB Roy D. Bennett, Sr., an American old-timer in the Philippines, died at his home, 1720 Raymond Hill Road, Pasadena, California on March 30, 1968 at the age of 85 years. He is survived by his wife, Marian, and his children: Rawson, Roy, Jr., Helen B. Schon, Evelyn Luzurriaga, Edwin, Josephine Shanke, Ralph, Gladys Owen and Bonnie. Three other children preceded him in death — Frances Icard, Carl and Dorothy Mae Stearns. All his children except Helen, who lives with her husband, Joseph, in Canlaon City, Negros Oriental, are living in the States.

The late WB Bennett was born on May 6, 1883 in Findley, Ohio. He came to the Philippines in 1905 as a classroom teacher and later rose to School Superintendent in Nueva Viz-

caya. In 1923 he retired from the public schools and joined the Philippine Education Co. of which he became Vice-President until the outbreak of World War II. He was married to Josefa Gattaran of Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, who died in 1948. In 1949 WB Bennet returned to the States where he lived in Pasadena. There he married the former Marian Lewis by whom he had a son, Bonnie. His daughter, Helen, is a former Miss Luzon of 1939 and a granddaughter, Lalaine, is a Miss Philippines of 1963.

Bro. Bennett was a thirty-second degree Mason and past master of Magat Lodge No. 68 in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya. His son-in-law, Joseph Schon, is now Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines.

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GRAVEL & SAND . . .

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cessful banker in the employ of San Francisco's First National Bank branch in Oakdale. He's been interested in community affairs all his life and achieved local fame as a championship tennis player.

Initiated in Fruitvale Lodge on February 3, 1906, and passed on March 25, his raising that year was delayed a couple of months until May 12, 1906, because of the famous San Francisco Earthquake and Fire. In the following year he began his long and faithful service to his lodge. In 1956 his close friend, California's Past Grand Master Edward H. Siems, now Grand Secretary, presented him his 50 year membership button. Last December Most Worshipful Siems was delighted to install Brother Clark for his 60th successive term as Secretary of Fruitvale Lodge No. 336!

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NEARER . . .

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your mental state. The hymn is to be sung with a very deep feeling, to be effective.]

Lilian Eichler Watson (whose book "Light of Many Lamps" is one of the sources of the material used in this article) says that in the last tragic moments of the "Titanic" disaster (April 14, 1912), when the ship was going down carrying hundreds of people to their deaths, the band played "Nearer, My God, To Thee" to the very last, until the surging waters closed above them. Doomed passengers had knelt on the deck to pray, and many just stood quietly, without panic, joining in the hymn.

The poem, as written by Sarah Adams, and later set to music by Lowell Mason, has become a hymn of great comfort in the crises of life of many people over the years.

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Acacia Mutual Reports a Good Year

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES & THE OWNERS OF THE ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

This annual report depicts principally the financial condition of the Acacia on December 31, 1967. For the term 1967-1968, the owners of the Acacia elected the following brethren as members of the Board of Trustees:

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The Board of Trustees elected in turn the following as officers:

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To encourage the participation of lodges in the Group Membership Plan (GMP), the Trustees reduced the percentage of membership requirement in said plan from 90% to 80% beginning January 1, 1968. Since a lodge's participation expires on December 31, 1967, the Trustees also allowed a lodge that might fail to renew its membership on or before January 5 of each year to request that its membership be renewed retroactively to January 1 on condition that the Acacia shall not be liable to pay for any death in said lodge that occurred prior to the Acacia's receipt of the lodge's request. The lodge at its option may also pay the contributions required of the members in two installments, the first on or before the

date of coverage to take effect and the second within seven months from the effective date of coverage.

Moreover, because under the GMP the death benefits paid were larger than the contributions (plus income) received by the Acacia in 1966 and 1967, the Trustees were obliged to increase the annual contribution rate of ₱12 per ₱1000 of death benefit by fifty percent beginning January 1, 1968, in order to make the fund of the GMP solvent and reliable.

The total investments in 1967 amounted to ₱368,136.96; in 1966, ₱297,614.04; hence, an increase of ₱170,522.92; the total investment income was ₱56,170.39 in 1967 and ₱31,733.07 in 1966.

Allow me to reiterate that in our fraternity we, brethren, are under moral obligation to make provisions for our loved ones and promote their welfare. "Passing the hat around" is an antiquated method of giving financial relief resorted to only in cases when an association consists only a few persons so that the law of averages will not work out. But since our fraternity consists of a large number of members (about 12,000), a scientific method can be adopted which is dignified in furnishing relief and certainly more dependable. Therefore let us exert more efforts to support the Acacia by increasing the memberships therein.

I am very grateful to the Board of Trustees for its interest and cooperation in the management of the Acacia and to the office staff and all brethren, especially the secretaries and the masters of the Lodges, without whose cooperation and confidence our Acacia cannot continue to grow, succeed, and prosper.

(SGD) L. R. SALVOSA
President

I, therefore, ask you to put those wonderful, imaginative minds of yours to work now, so that your ideas may develop to a point that they may dovetail into the great effort that I know our Grand Lodge itself will make on this identical program during the coming Masonic year. I think, for you, this is a challenge of great magnitude but I do not doubt that you are equal to the task. You will, of course, have your Advisory Councils to lean on for guidance. I earnestly recommend that your efforts, if you decide you would like this as a program for yourselves, be screened, before action is taken, by the members of the Masonic Lodge in your jurisdiction, to be sure the guidelines are well and properly established, and that duplication of effort can be avoided.

I wish you every success in your deliberations here that this JODE

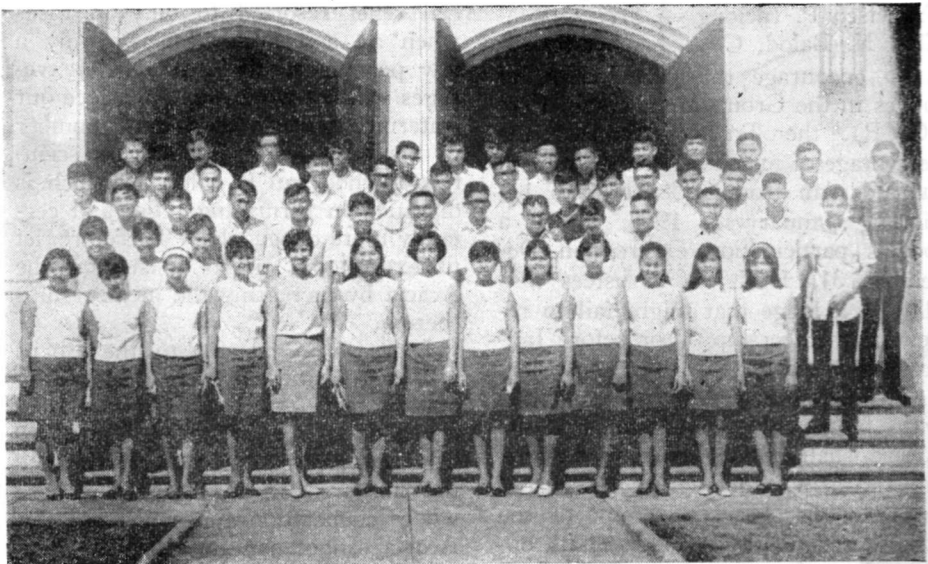
MORE GRAVEL & SAND

May 6, 1968, WB G. Margalit, PM, Aviv Lodge # 10, Grand Lodge of the State of Israel, called on MW Schon, Grand Master, and MW Esteban Munarriz, Grand Secretary, bringing greetings from the Grand Master of Israel. WB Margalit, who is on a world tour, continued on his way the following day for Taipeh. He presented a book on Israel and a history of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel to our Grand Master. The history will be reprinted in a forthcoming issue of *The Cabletow*.

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RAS Convention may be recorded in history as a grand major endeavor by a highly competent group of responsible youthful citizens not only to undertake, but bring to fruition that most laudable of all aims, improvement of self, your community, and your wonderful country. △

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DeMolays of Leon Kilat Chapter and Jobies of Bethel No. 3 in Dumaguete City. Next year's JODERAS Conference will be managed by these young people in that city.

More Questions and Answers . . .

WB AURELIO L. CORCUERA (4) PM

242. *If the election should be held at the stated meeting in November, what happens to Sec. 2, Art. II, of the Uniform Code of By-Laws (regarding electioneering) which provides that, that section shall be read at the stated meetings of October, November, and December in each year.*

The point here is that the prohibition be read at three successive stated meetings. It follows, therefore, that if the election is to be held at the November stated meeting, it should be read at the stated meetings in September, October and November.

243. *When should the officers of a Lodge be installed?*

They should be installed as soon as practicable after their election and appointment, but, at the latest, within sixty (60) days after the election (second paragraph, Sec. 2, Art. I, Part IV of the Constitution). This means that when the election is held at the stated meeting in December, the officers should be installed on or before the stated meeting in February; and if the election is held at the stated meeting in November, then the installation should be on or before the stated meeting in January.

244. *Can a member of the Lodge absent at the time of the election be elected?*

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in 1914, it was held a member of a Lodge absent at the time of the election, if otherwise qualified to vote if present, can be elected. In some jurisdictions, as in Scotland, an absent member cannot be elected.

245. *Is it true that there are jurisdictions where the installation cannot be made public?*

Yes, where the ritual is such that the ceremony can be witnessed only by members. It is fortunate that our laws permit the installation to be either public or private because, beside the Funeral Service, it is the ceremony through which the public, which may be entertaining an unfavorable opinion of Masonry, will be able to see that Masonry is not as bad as what they have been made to believe.

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MORE GRAVEL . . .

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To WB William Anderson McDonald, Jr., WM of Emon Lodge #179, goes the honor of having travelled the longest to come to the

fifty-second annual Communication of our Grand Lodge. His Lodge is on Kwajalein Island of the Gilbert group and since there is no

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Pitak Filipino

Ni Kap. Agustin L. Galang, NIG (17)

ANG TAGAPAGTANGGOL NG REPUTASION NG MALA- YANG MASONERIA

Sa simula pa ay ipinahihiwatig na, na ang pagsapi, sa Malayang Masoneria ay isang walang likat na pagpapakasakit, pagtulong at paglilingkod, hindi lamang sa kapatid kundi lalo't higit sa katauhan, ng walang pagtatangi. Sa Kapatirang ito, ang tinatanggap lamang ay ang may kusang loob, handang handa at may kakayahan sa dunong, sa buhay. Yaong may relihiyong ang pagtitiwala'y nasasa Tunay na Diyos. Mahigpit. Ngunit maraming mga dakila, bantog at dalubhasang mga tao ang nahahalina sa Masoneria. Bakit kaya? Ang Kapitapitagang Kapatirang ito, ay may pansaraling likas na katangian. Ang Banal na Kasulatan ang kanyang kadluan ng katotohanan, kabanalan at mahihiwagang karunungan. Ang dambana niya'y hindi para sa isa kundi, para sa lahat ng religicon, lahat ng pulitika at lahat ng lahi ng tao. Ang pambalani niya'y walang pinagibhan sa "magnet" ng Araw na humahawak sa di mabilang na planetang pumapailanlang ngunit hindi umaalis sa sarili nilang ikutan. Kaya, may salawikaing: "Kailan ma't ang tao ay naging Mason, habang panahon, siya ay Mason."

Sa una pang sandaling masilayan ang tunay na liwanag, ang isang nag-Mason, ay dapat ng mahinuha na siya ay ipinanganak na muli sa larangang ispiritual, upang magtika, magpakabuti, ilaan ang sarili sa pagsilbi sa kapuwa't sa bayan. Ang isang taong karapatdapat sa Mata ng Masoneria, ay madali niyang madadama na sa

Kapatirang ito'y ligaya na ang uma-buloy kaysa abuluyuyan, magbukas ng mga mata sa mga nasasakarimlan, ituwid sa landas, yaong mga naliligaw, hanguin sa hirap ang mga sawing kapalaran, lalo't higit iyong mga ulila't balo ng ating kasamahan.

Ang Mason kung magkawanggawa ay tahimik na isinasagawa. Ukol dito'y may kasabihang ang ginagawa ng kanan ay hindi ipinaaalam sa kaliwang kamay. Ganyang ang karidad ng Masoneria. Sa kanwang mga kalaban ay maunawain. Mahinahon sa pakikipagtalo at pinakailagang sumagot sa mga upasala sa pamamagitan ng periodiko. Ang mataimtim na Mason ay maaasahan sa katapatan.

Kailan ma't ang Fraternidad ay taas pusong pinaglilingkuran ng kanyang mga deboto, ito ay lalago, uunlad at lalaganap, puno ng buhay at mga gawaing tungo sa kabutihan ng bayan. Sa kabilang dako, kapag ang mga kasapi'y nagsipagkait ng kaniyang mahahalagang tulong, at walang inaadhika kundi ang sariling kapakanan, ang Kapatiran ay magdadahop, mandadalang kundi man patuluyang mamatay. Ito ang bunga ng pagkuha ng mga kandidatong walang wa-

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MORE GRAVEL . . . page 25 From direct route from there to the Philippines, WB McDonald had to fly to Hawaii, then Guam and finally, Manila.

MW Joseph E. Schon, Grand Master, accompanied by Mrs. Helen Schon and MW Esteban Munarritz,

Grand Secretary, will make a Far East tour in late May and early June for his official visitations to Lodges overseas. The party will leave on Tuesday, May 21, for Hong Kong, Taipeh, Okinawa, Tokyo, Seoul and will be back in Manila on June 4. In Okinawa, he will

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Officers and members of Oroquieta Lodge # 154 in front of their Temple.

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HISTORY OF . . . From page 21

not by leaps and bounds, and to imagine that it has made such growth in a locality mostly populated by blind followers of self-styled infallibles, and to it all, having constructed a new and presentable temple of its own, the brethren are proud enough to be identified among the worthy members of the noblest organization ever perfected by man. Moreover they are determined to pursue the honest and upright course of life so that when they lay down forever their working tools, it will be their portion to hear from Him the welcome words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

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A CALL TO ARMS . . . From page 4

We subscribe to the proposition of continuity of effort so that our Grand Lodge will be constantly a-building in conformity with designs laid down by the exigencies of the times.

And now I close, with a heart-felt expression of deep appreciation and gratitude to all of you for extending to me this opportunity to serve you. I hope and pray that this administration may succeed in bringing pleasure and satisfaction to you and all the Fraternity. There's much to be done, and time waits for no man; but what we have to do, we can, in the manner best known to us: — "TOGETHER BRETHREN".

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DO YOU KNOW THAT . . .

By WB CALIXTO B. ANTONIO, P.M., (29)

1. The year 926 A.D. was assigned by Dr. James Anderson for the first Masonic assembly at York.
2. Kilwinning Lodge No. 0 of Scotland was the only Lodge that had that number.
3. The first Grand Lodge of Freemasonry was established in 1717 in England.
4. Anthony Sayer was the first Grand Master of the premier Grand Lodge of England.
5. The Constitutions of 1723 often called *Anderson's Constitutions* form one of the most important Masonic books ever published, comprising the first Speculative and Regulations; many of the principles are the general rules of Freemasonry today.
6. The four original lodges which constituted the premier Grand Lodge of England were:
 - 1) Apple Tree Lodge,
 - 2) Rummer and Grapes Lodge,
 - 3) Crown Ale House Lodge,
 - 4) Goose and Gridiron Lodge.
7. The assembly of Masons at York in 926 A.D. was called by King Athlestan.
8. The three letters of the word GOD come from three Hebrew words that have Masonic significance:

Gomer meaning beauty
Oz meaning strength
Dabar meaning wisdom
9. In a case entitled "Robinson vs. Yates City Lodge" in Illinois, Robinson, an expelled Mason, sued the Lodge for the return of the fees he had paid. The court ruled that the fees were voluntarily paid and that expulsion under the rules of the organization does not constitute the rescission of the contract under which the fees were paid.
10. In "Hammer vs State" Indiana, the Supreme Court of Indiana upheld a statute which made it a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblem by non-members is a deceit and false pretense.
11. Bernard Pierre Mangam, Marshal of France and a Senator, was appointed Grand Master of the Grand Orient of France by Emperor Napoleon III. Though Mangam was not a Freemason, he served that office from 1862 to 1865.
12. The famous Statue of Liberty in New York harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with Masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.
13. On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic in 1927, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, a Freemason, wore the Square and Compasses emblem on his jacket.
14. When Bernt Balchen, explorer, flew over the North and South Poles with Bro. Richard E. Byrd, they dropped Masonic flags on both Poles.

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gas na hangad at taos na kapananagutan. Madalas ay yaon ang mga ipinapasok na sapilitan. Sila ang malao't madali'y naghabantiliwan.

Bukod sa dalawang naghabilin (recommended), alam ba natin na may isang lupon (committee) na binubuo ng tatlo na itinalaga upang pakasiyasatin ang bawat candidato. Una, sa mga katotohanan ng kanyang mga sagot sa mga tanong sa aplikasyon. Ikalawa, ang kanyang pagkatao, kabuhayan, at karunungan. Ikatlo, ang katatayuan sa lipunan. Madalas ay lihim ang ginagawang pagsisiyasat, pagkat karaniwan, ang katotohanan, ay sadyang inililingid ng may katawan, sa pagnanais na ang batik niya'y magtakpan. Kung nagpaumanhin na ang naghabilin (sponsors) at gayon din nagpabaya sa masusing pagsisiyasat ang mga imbestigador, ang kapananagutan at karangalan ng Kapatiran ay sasakapanganiban. Dahil sa kapabayaan, mana pa'y, sa pagkakanulung ito ay nagigimbal ang buong Samahan, nadudungisan kundi man nawawaldas ang karangalan o REPUTATION NG Masoneria.

Dahil sa mabubuting impresyon na ating nakita sa Masoneria, tayo ay nagsabi at napahabilin sa dalawang kaibigan na kilalang Mason, upang makibahagi't tumanggap ng biyaya ng Masoneria. Sa bisa ng kanilang lagda at habilin tayo ay natanggap. Ang dalawang tinukoy na nagrekomenda sa atin, ay dapat nating matanto na simula pa noon, ay ipinatay na nila sa kanilang mga balikat, ang isang npakasalan at mabigat na tungkuling Mason. Sa mga Masong Belhikano, ito ang itinalaga nilang NINONG (God Father). Ang Ninong, sangayon sa banal na kautusan, ay pangalawang AMA. Katungkulan niya, kailan ma't nagkukulang ang tunay na magulang, ang mangalaga at

magturo ng kabutihan. Kagaya ng, pag-ibig sa Diyos, sa magulang, sa katuwiran, hanap-buhay at pakikipagkapuwa. Ganito rin sa Masoneria, ang isang Ninong (sponsor), ay dapat na humanda sa pagsasakripisio na sumubaybay sa ina-anak, at magturo ng mga katangiang taglay ng Masoneria. Sanayin sa ritual, batas, pilosopya, kaugalian, simbolismo at iba pang mga karunungan ng pagpapalawak sa isipan at interes ng baguhan.

Ang isang may kapananagutang miembro, ay hindi karaka-raka'y pipirma, magtatagubilin, matapos, ang inirekomenda'y babayaran ng manalakab sa sarili, sa pagtarok ng mga hiwaga, simbolismo, tandang lupa, kaugalian at simulain ng Masoneria. Kailangan ang lubos na katapatan at wagas na damdamin sa pagtupad sa kanilang tinanggap na dalahin. Narapat na, sangagin kumbaga sa ginto, ang uri ng kanilang ipinatatanggap. Sila at ang tatlong itinalagang tagapagsiyasat, ang may maselang kapananagutan, nasa kanilang mga kamay ang tagumpay o kasawian ng ating Pandaigdig na Kapisanan. Sila ang tagapagingat ng binusilak na pangalan, at tagapagtanggol ng karangalan o REPUTATION ng ating Kagalang-galang na Kapatiran. △

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Philippines, Guam and Okinawa. expressing the cardinal virtue of filial love, delivered the *ceremony of the flowers*.

Also a highlight of the ceremony was the awarding of the White Honor Key to *Dad Nestor Niguidula*, 33°, and *Dad Benjamin de Gusman*, 32°. Awarded the Blue Honor Key were *William de Leon*, PMC and *Oscar Moreno*, PMC.

The closing remarks were given by *Dad Desiderio Hebron*, 33°.

Meanwhile, a week since the take-over of the new set of officers of the chapter, the group embarked upon civic activities aimed at projecting a good image and reputation of the DeMolay Order. The chapter did this because they believe that projecting good leadership image and character reputation is the best way to sell DeMolay to the city youth.

The first action toward accomplishing this goal was the escorting of *Miss Carol Meredith*, outgoing City Queen, during the Coronation Night, on December 29, eve of the city fiesta, in the city plaza. Carol Meredith is an active member of Bethel No. 1, International Order of Job's Daughters.

The second action which appealed to the city youth was the participation of Teodoro R. Yangco Chapter in the City Fiesta Civic Parade on December 30. Although the group had participated more than once in this kind of city affairs, the chapter felt that their latest participation, complete with the DeMolay robe and regalia and DeMolay flag, had drawn more interest among the city's youth.

SALVADOR DEL ROSARIO,
Senior Deacon

THE JODERAS CONFERENCE
FINANCIAL REPORT
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Sampaguita Chapter No. 3, OES	50.00
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Biak-na-Bato Lodge #7	20.00
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Makiling Lodge #72	10.00
Kasilawan Lodge #77	50.00
Supreme Council, AASR	50.00
Kalaw Chapter No. 9, OES	50.00
Manila Bodies, AASR	50.00
Total donations	P535.00

Miscellaneous Income:	
Penny Drill	8.00
Movie Benefit	63.00
Registration & Transportation fees	1,655.00
Total Income	<u>P2,264.20</u>

EXPENSES:

Transportation	479.30
Movie Benefit	28.60
Food and groceries	983.79
Newsletters	40.00
YMCA — Lodging	336.00
Mailing expenses	5.00
Checkbook	6.00
Insurance, Group Accident	35.00
Miscellaneous expenses	22.00
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Total Expenses	<u>P1,935.68</u>

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install RW Wallace H. Morris, the new Regional Grand Master for the Regional Grand Lodge of Okinawa, together with the other Regional Grand Lodge officers. In Tokyo he will visit the two Lodges there who work under the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. In Seoul, South Korea, he will visit MacArthur Lodge No. 183 and constitute Morning Calm Lodge, U. D. in Taegu City.

A week or so after his return to Manila, he will go to Saigon, South Vietnam, to visit Saigon Lodge, U. D.

Among the Masons and Eastern Stars who helped in and supervised the young people in their first annual JO-DE-RAS conference held in Baguio from April 18-21, 1968 are: Sisters Visitacion Crudo, Virginia Domingo, Gracia M. Elefano, Fe A.

Suaco, Edna Florendo and Brothers Manuel M. Crudo, Aquilino Javier, Jr., Nestorio B. Melocoton, and others. MW Mariano Q. Tinio and MW Joseph Schon addressed the conferees. RW Manuel Crudo, WB N. B. Melocoton and Sis. Virginia Domingo served as resource persons in the discussions. DeMolay boys of Leon Kilat Chapter, OdeM and Jobies of Bethel No. 3, all of Dumaguete City, stayed over in Manila to attend the public installation of Grand Lodge officers, the new Grand Master being a Past Master of Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91 of Dumaguete City.

Next year's conference will be held in Dumaguete City. On page 30 of this issue, Sisters Fe Suaco and Gracia Elefano reported the income and expenses of the conference. Bro. "Pong" Javier was chairman for 1968. △

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WB HILARION SABAOT, WM, (86)

Death to a Mason is the fulfillment of one of the realities of life. It is the common lot of all men for as the Scripture says, "There is a time to be born and a time to die." Rich and poor, young and old, educated and illiterate, face a common destiny. Long before men were using stones for the building of homes, stones were used as sepulchers for the dead.

At the heart of Masonic teaching, men are taught to face this fact of death with faith and confidence. This is so because man's firm trust is in God, who is the source of life and man's eternal hope in death.

This does not mean that men take death easily but Masons are willing to face the fact of death with reality and hope. Their hope is in God, and just as He prepared the mother's breast and loving arms to receive him on earth, so He can be trusted with the soul of man after death. This we as Masons do believe.

Sometimes we do not take death lightly because as Masons, we are

also regarded high personal relationship with our fellowmen. There is a tie which binds our hearts with mutual love and affection. Therefore, in this Lodge of Sorrow, we recall to mind these our brothers who have walked with us, shared with us, and have added meaning and purpose to our lives. We are grateful to God for minds that recall experiences of the past. We thank God this day for all these our brothers who have been called to the great beyond. Our lives have been richer and better because of these brothers.

We pray this day as we mourn their passing, that someday when our turn comes, we may join their company as creditably. We pray for God's comforting grace upon the widows and orphans and we pledge ourselves anew to look after their plight and bring help and cheer to the families of our brothers. We pray that God's comforting grace might be ours as we again commit these, our brothers into the care and keeping of God our Father. Δ

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WB & Sis. Ciriaco del Mundo pose with inmates of the Home for Indigents to whom they gave clothes, soap and reading glasses.

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STOP HASTY JUDGMENT

We can halt hasty judgment in its tracks by asking ourselves: Might I not be as bad, or worse, if I'd been faced with that person's troubles and temptations? The habit of judging others tend to reveal about us that unattractive character flaw, self-righteousness. Our very attitude seems to say: I must be good, look at all the bad I'm finding in others. Christ's classic rebuke to self-appointed judges was, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw stone." I heard of a business man who keeps on his desk a stone with the word, "First" lettered on it — a strong reminder.

A recent national poll of American clergymen brought out four simple rules for overcoming the habit of judging others.

First: Be sure you know all the facts, so that your evidence is not merely circumstantial.

Second: Remember that, however certain another's guilt may seem, there may be extenuating circumstances.

Third: Give your habit of judging others a "reverse twist" by focusing on the graces of people, not their faults.

Fourth: Leave all judgments of other's sins to God. Arrogating to ourselves the functions of the Deity is presumptuous as it is irreverent.

"The separation of people into sheep and goats will take place only on the Last Day," Bishop Fulton J. Sheen warns. "Until then, we are forbidden to make the classification."

*Clarence W. Hall in THE ART OF
UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE.*