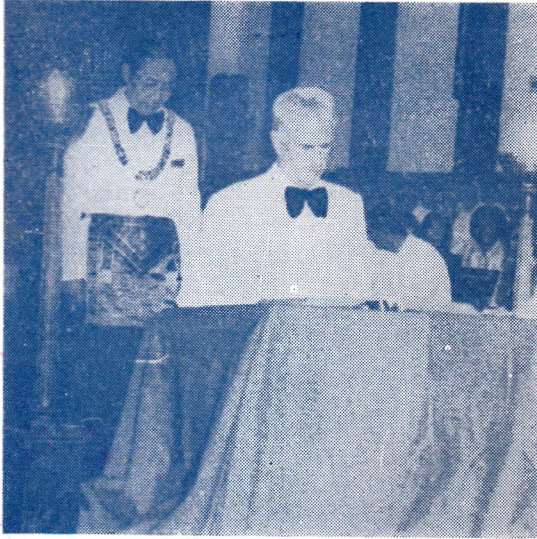


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A TIME FOR ACTION

As we begin a new year in the life of Masonry in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines let us review our desires for it. We want it not to lose any of the lustre of its image; in fact we want it to improve its image both to ourselves and to the community around us. We want Masons not to lose any of their interest in the work; in fact we want them to gain interest. We want Masons not to become any less proficient in their work; we want them to become more proficient. And above all, we want Masonry to become much stronger in this whole jurisdiction. We want to rise above our small, in fact, our tiny representation in the adult male community. Before we can present the image we wish to have, we must be strong. I would like to see us set a goal for the next ten years and constantly work toward it — a goal of increasing our strength by at least ten percent each year. This would approach an ideal. How do we do this? First let us emphasize what we do not do. We do not solicit new members to our fraternity! We must not! That would be unmasonic! But we can, and we must, dispel the idea pervading the minds of so many people that we are some kind of secret society. We have some secrets as a fraternity, mainly manners of recognition of one brother by another. We do hold our business meetings behind close doors. but there are many organizations whose boards of directors or management team also meet behind close doors. Some of us are too prone to giving the impression to our own families and friends that we cannot say anything at all about the fraternity, or what it does. And then some of us believe we are a closed organization, or fraternity, which wants no more members — we want to keep it

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Editorial:

UNITY OF WORKING

Bro. Gordon R. Merrick, Editor of the Royal Arch Advance, chose this title for his editorial in the April, 1974, issue of that publication. So timely is his treatment of the subject, the following extract therefrom, is reproduced for your consideration:

Pacesetters of American Freemasonry — the Southeastern jurisdictions — do not waste time and effort on the semantics of "unity" and "cooperation."

They practice unity instead of worrying about who gets credit for what.

Consequently their bodies are prospering and showing gains.

New members are attracted because of the positive attitudes and accomplishments. Demits and suspensions N.P.D. are lower than elsewhere.

Southeastern Masons realize that the Lodge is the necessary and fundamental body of Freemasonry. Yet all, including the grand masters of that body, contribute their time and talent to other groups.

The close observer probably noticed a difference in the type of honors accorded the presiding heads of the groups introduced.

But the prevailing attitude was to try to give credit to all components of the family-down to the second and third cousins — all of whom toil in our quarries.

Seemingly they have assimilated enough Masonic principles that they are able to put the good of the fraternity ahead of personal whims and foibles.

May the remainder of us soon begin to emulate their example. May the clouds of personal prejudices begin to dissolve and the light of full brotherhood be permitted to shine in its full glory!

Let us repeat for emphasis, one paragraph from the above quotation:

Seemingly they have assimilated enough Masonic principles that they are able to put the good of the fraternity ahead of personal whims and foibles.

Now, that we are entering into a new Masonic year, let us consider seriously the need for Unity of Working and start working in unity for the advancement of Freemasonry. Our Grand Master on many occasions has declared "harmony" to be the greatest word in the English Dictionary. After all, isn't working in unity, Masonic harmony?

R.E.W.

THE 58th ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

THE CRAFTSMAN

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines held its 50th Annual Grand Communication on April 25-27, 1974 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino, Manila.

Memorial Services for deceased brethren was held at the Pambansang Cathedral, Iglesia Filipina Independiente, 1500 Taft Avenue, on April 24, at 3:00 P.M. under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies and the York Rite Bodies.

The Grand Master's Dinner, in honor of Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Lodge Inspector and Brethren from overseas was held at 7:00 P.M. at the Stafford Hall, Scottish Rite Temple, 1828 Taft Avenue, Manila.

Floral Offerings by the Grand Master and Brethren at the monuments of Bros. Jose P. Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Graciano Lopez Jaena preceded the opening of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Officers.

MW Ruperto S. Demonteverde, Grand Master, was received in due form. So were the Past Grand Masters.

The American Flag was also presented during the flag ceremony and the Brethren sang the "Star Spangled Banner".

After the usual amenities the

Brethren buckled down to tackle the business before the communication. Highlighting the first day of the communication was the keynote speech of Gualberto Duavit, Chairman of the Board of Alta Tierra Resources Inc.

The Acacia Mutual Aid Society's Annual Stockholders meeting was also held in the afternoon of the first day. The Society hosted the luncheon of the delegates for the first day.

Highlighting the second day of the communication is the election of the Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year. Elected were: MW John O. Wallace, Grand Master; RW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; RW Jose L. Araneta, Senior Grand Warden; RW Calixto O. Zaldivar, Junior Grand Warden, MW Damaso C. Tria, PGM, Grand Treasurer and MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM, Grand Secretary.

Appointed were: M.W. Raymond E. Wilmarth Assistant Grand Treasurer VW Pedro P. Aguda. Assistant Grand Secretary; Honofre Restor, Grand Chaplain; Isaac Puno, Jr., Grand Orator; Henry P. Merrifield, Grand Marshall; Virgilio S. Atienza, Grand Standard Bearer; William Chua, Grand Sword Bearer; Jolly P. Bugarin, Grand Bible Bearer; Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer; Richard P. Hart, Senior Grand Deacon; Victo-

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The Ex-Officio members of the Board are: Ruperto S. Demonteverde, Sr., PGM; Jose L. Araneta, Senior Grand Warden and Calixto O. Zaldivar, Junior Grand Warden.

The Annual Meeting of the Cable-tow, Inc. was held in the afternoon. Elected as Board of Trustee were: John O. Wallace, Chairman; Raymond E. Wilmarth, Vice-Chairman, President, Editor-in-Chief; Calixto O. Zaldivar; Treasurer; Apolonio V. Pisig, Secretary, Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr., Auditor, Oscar L. Fung, Managing Editor; Jose L. Araneta, Trustee; Ruperto S. Demonteverde, Trustee; Mauro O. Baradi, Trustee; Juan C. Nabong, Jr., Trustee and

Irineo P. Goce, Trustee.

The refreshments served during the second day was sponsored by the Masonic District No. 1.

In the morning of the third day, a workshop-seminar was held. The seminar was sponsored by Masonic District No. 1.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, a Lodge of Instruction was held under the supervision of the Grand Lecture

The public installation of the Grand Officers was held in the evening. The installing officer was MW Macario M. Ofilada, PGM and MW Damaso C. Tria, PGM, Grand Treasurer was the Master of Ceremonies.

The Grand Master's Cup was awarded to Nueva Vizcaya Lodge No. 144. MW William H. Quasha handed the cup to the officers of the Lodge.

In view of the lateness of the hour, the certificates of Appreciation, Diplomas of Merit and other awards were not personally handed to the recipients. This year, there were awardees who are non-masons. Among them is Mrs. Simeon Datumanong who was cited for her efforts to bring peace in Jolo.



GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE

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all to ourselves and not share it with any others...That is not correct.

We want strength so we shall be able to do much, much more for Masonry and for our communities.

I call upon the leadership of each Lodge and each member thereof to visualize the great potentials we have for healthy growth.

Fraternally,

JOHN O. WALLACE
Grand Master

John Ozro Wallace

HERMOGENES P. OLIVEROS
Senior Grand Lecturer



JOHN O. WALLACE

Most Worshipful John Ozro Wallace is a farmer's son and a Mason in the fullest sense of the word, for he was a building contractor as a matter of fact. He was born on August 31, 1911, at Honaker, Virginia, U.S.A., in whose public schools he obtained his elementary and high school education. He studied at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where he graduated in 1936 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering.

He studied also at Armed Forces schools and took up:

Basic Electronics at Harvard University;
Advance Electronics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology;
Advance Radar School at Camp Murphy, Florida and
Advance Management Program by

Faculty of Harvard University as presented in Baguio City

He later worked with Kingsport Power Company, Kingsport, Tennessee, as Power Engineer from 1936 to 1940 and as Commercial Manager in 1946-1947.

In 1948, he arrived in Manila and joined the Manila Electric Company, where he held various positions including:

Assistant Electrical Manager, Commercial Manager, Sales and Service Manager and currently Senior Manager of the General Services.

Our Grand Master rendered active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces in 1941-1946 as:

1st Lt. Infantry — Training Recruits and

1st Lt. Signal Corps. — School and Training Troops.

Served from 1943 to 1945 in Southwest Pacific Theatre of World War II as:

Capt. — Signal Corps — Commanded Company to overseas duty—Australia and New Guinea;

Major — Signal Corps — Commanded Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion, New Guinea and Philippines (Leyte)

Assistant Signal Officer — Fifth Fighter Command (Leyte) and

Executive Officer, Aircraft Control and Warning Group (Pangasinan)

He was honorably discharged as a Major in 1946. Retired from Active

Reserve, U.S. Army, as Lt. Col. in 1962.

The Grand Master married Kathryn Brandt in 1943 and their union is blest with a son, John Gregory, and a daughter, Sherill Anne Zaragoza.

MW John O. Wallace saw the first light of Freemasonry in Manila Lodge No. 1, F. & A.M. on November 20, 1956, passed on January 8, 1957, and raised on February 19, 1957. In 1962 he became Worshipful Master of his Lodge. In May, 1967, he took Scottish Rite Degrees with Manila Bodies, A. & A.S.R. He is currently Senior Warden of Mt. Arayat Lodge of Perfection and concurrently Chairman, Board of Trustees of said Bodies.

On October 20, 1973, Our Grand Master was regularly received admitted and constituted a Noble of the Mystic Shrine in Islam Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., of San Francisco, California.

Last February 16th he was invested with the rank of and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council, 33°, A. & A.S.R. of the Republic of the Philippines.

Our new Grand Master has served the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in various capacities: Grand Marshall

in 1970, Junior Grand Warden in 1971, Senior Grand Warden in 1972, Deputy Grand Master in 1973 and, in 1974, Grand Master.

Industrious and resourceful is MW Wallace. He is a member of various clubs — Manila Polo Club; Manila Yatch Club; Elks Club of Manila; Charter Member and Past Vice-President, Manila Lions Club; Charter Member and Past President, Kiwanis Club of Manila; Past President, American Association of the Philippines; Past Members, Board of Directors of Philippine Eye Bank; King-sport (Tenneesses) Lions Club, and Member, Board of Directors, Childrens Garden.

Our Grand Master is a member of the Union Church of Manila. He is Church Council Member and Past Chairman of the Board of Elders and of the Membership Committee.

As Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge, he has shown such willingness to cooperate as to inspire all around him to plan, to perform, and to prosper. His passion for activity in anonimity will go a long way in advancing the cause of Freemasonry in the Philippines Grand Jurisdiction.

The Mason to emulate: the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons — MW John Ozro Wallace.



SUPREME COUNCIL LAUDS

FELICIANO IÑIGO CHAPTER, IODM

John D. Travelbee, Director of Membership of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay lauded Feliciano Iñigo Chapter, IODM in Davao City for exceeding their 1973 membership goal. The Chapter topped the list of 16 jurisdictions and seventh among 15 chap-

ters that had 100% or more of their goal in membership for the year.

The Top Ten Disc for the Award of Excellence Plaque is now on display at the Chapter office.

The executive officer of the Mindanao jurisdiction is WB Manuel C. Iñigo.

The Wisdom, Strength and Beauty of Freemasonry

MW JOHN O. WALLACE
Grand Master

Grand Masters, all — my source of wisdom I greet each and every one of you, Right Worshipful Sirs, Very Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Sirs, my brothers in Masonry and friends:

I cordially greet each and every one of you, and thank you for your attendance at this annual ritual to witness the installation of the incoming officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines. We appreciate the efforts of those brethren from abroad to remain with us for this evening.

This being the closing session of this 58th Annual Communication I am fully aware that many of you are "weary and worn out" so I shall be as brief as possible in this so-called "inaugural address".

First a few words about what may be called a theme for this incoming year: "The wisdom, strength and beauty of Masonry".

WISDOM

Different ones of us Masons will have different meanings for "wisdom". Webster says: "Ability to judge soundly and deal sagaciously with facts, especially as they relate to life and conduct". For the duration of this Masonic year we shall endeavor to operate within that definition. For wisdom we shall look to the great Architect of the universe and to our peers, most especially the Board for General Pur-

poses. We trust that no important decisions shall be made without prior consultation. But please do not misunderstand me to say that this administration will run to them for minor items. The Masonic wisdom stored up in the minds of each of our Grand Lodge Officers shall be used to the fullest extent. We understand our charge and our obligations and shall work within them.

Let us look at wisdom in another light: I believe that every Master Mason can truthfully say that one of the wisest moves he ever made was to petition a Lodge for membership. And after being made a Master Mason and reflecting upon the wisdom of those who have gone before, every one has become a better man. He has become more knowledgeable in the meaning of life, in the meaning of honor, in the meaning of integrity, in the meaning of fellow man, in the meaning of Brother and in the meaning of sister. He has become more respectful of his Maker, of his fellow man and of the world around him. He has a better knowledge of how to meet the problems that confront him, the problems of life itself.

As he progresses in the work of his Lodge and eventually becomes its Worshipful Master, he is wiser; he has gained more wisdom.

STRENGTH

Now let us take a brief look at

Strength. We generally think of strength as capacity for exertion or endurance; power; force. Once wisdom has evolved a plan, strength is required to execute the plan. This is true whether we are talking about a corporation, a plan for construction, a plan of an army or a plan of action for a subordinate Lodge. In the subordinate Lodge, which is the basic and working unit of all Masonry, a plan of action is drawn up, goals are set and under the able direction of the Master the strength of the Lodge, of the brothers, is applied, and the tasks are performed: The goals are met. Teamwork is essential; the efforts of all are needed to push through a program. For the greatest success, the support of every member must be enlisted. Think of an army with a plan of action. Think what happens when the captain of a company in a front line fails to carry out his portion of the plan. His area of the front can collapse and the whole effort can be endangered. Or a captain of a supply unit may fail to deliver the ammunition to the men at the front — the same result. Turn them to our Blue Lodges. Any officer who fails in his assigned task or duty can endanger the success of the Lodge. If the Master fails to show up; if the Treasurer fails in good stewardship of the funds; if the Secretary fails to keep a true and accurate record of proceedings or fails to turn over all funds to the Treasurer, that Lodge will not, and I repeat, it will not enjoy a year of success. To endure and produce the Lodge must have the strength and support of all its members. To endure it must be strong. To be strong it *must* have good leaders.

Let us stop to think for a moment. What are we? Why do we hold together as a Lodge, as a body or as a council? In using our strength we

must all pull together; in the same direction or we will not move forward. All must agree. I implore all units of Masonry in this jurisdiction to put away any and all small, petty, time-consuming and non-producing items of discord. In some places we have too many critics and not enough workers. Critics have not been known to build lasting and beautiful edifices or works.

As a further measure of strength we urge that *all* officers of each subordinate Lodge be present at all meetings. Plan an interesting program — either call the Lodge to refreshment and have an outside speaker, or call upon your own members. Each of them has an interesting story to tell — either about themselves about their work, or other interesting subjects. Give them a chance. When you exhaust this, start on the constitution. Read it. Study it. Discuss it. You will find it interesting. Get involved in community projects. They will help you to gain strength in your community.

If the present leaders are not strong, they must begin exercising their faculties to become strong. If they want history to reflect success, they must work. And if they have not started a program for the year, one third of it is gone so more strength will be needed to do a good job in less time.

BEAUTY

And we now come to beauty. What kind of beauty? All kinds of beauty! We think of beauty as the quality in a thing which gives pleasure to the senses or pleurably exalts the mind or spirit. What kind of beauty do we relate to our Masonic work? All kinds! The first beauty is of being privileged to become a member of the fraternity; the beauty of being privileged to work in a Lodge; the beauty of becoming an

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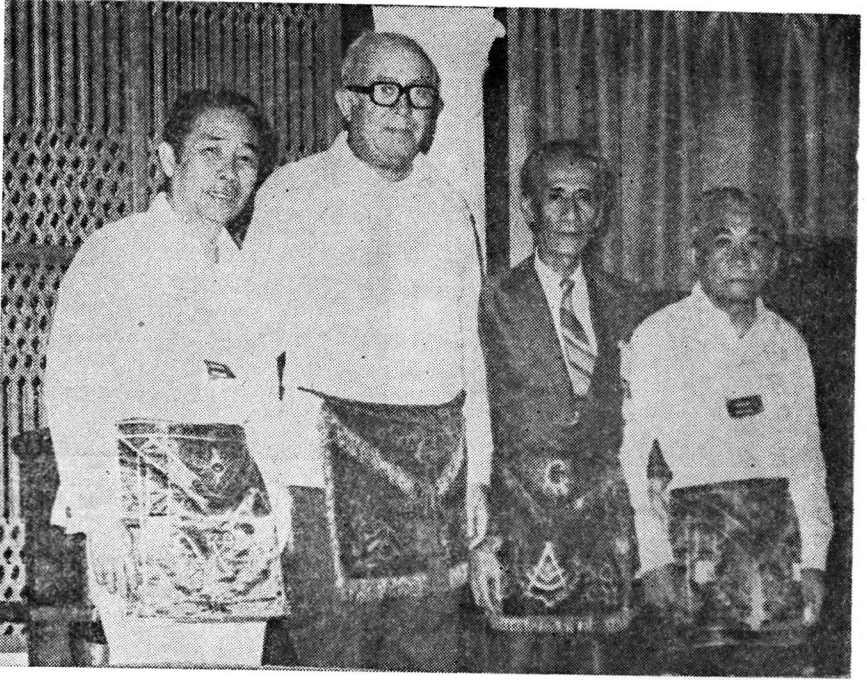


Reception of MW Ruperto S. Demonteverde.

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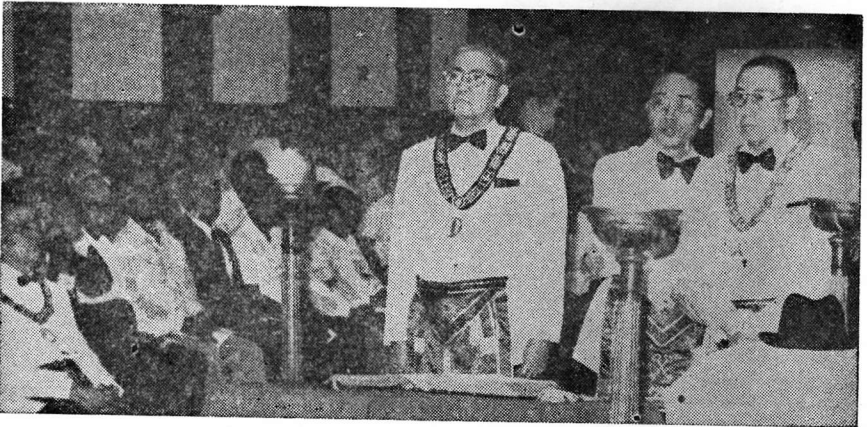


The Grand East



MW Damaso C. Tria, William C. Councill, Mauro O. Baradi and Cenon S. Cervantes pose for a picture.

munication in Pictures



RW Calixto O. Zaldivar and RW Jose L. Araneta being installed into office.



Gualberto Duavit, guest speaker, delivering his speech.



MW John O. Wallace delivering his inaugural address.



MW Ruperto S. Demonteverde, IPGM thanking the Grand Lodge for jewel and apron presented to him.

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THAT'S WHAT MASONRY IS ALL ABOUT

On the Kansas prairie a farmer took a claim and put up a small, rough cabin for his family. But sickness soon came upon him and all winter long he suffered. In the spring he died. What would become of his wife and her three little children? After the doctor's bill was paid she had no money left with which to pay for help, and she had no relatives to whom she could appeal for aid. Unless a crop was raised she could not hold her claim. One morning she looked out of her window and saw her fields alive with men and boys and teams. From near and far they had come, and soon they were busily at work with their plows and harrows and corn-planters. When night came eighty acres were planted with corn, and with a promise that they would come again and harvest her crop the tired workers drove merrily away.

Turgenev, the Russian writer, tells in his *Poems in Prose* how one day he met a beggar who besought him for alms. "I felt in all my pockets," he writes. "No purse, watch, or handkerchief did I find. I had left them all at home. The beggar waited, and his outstretched hand twitched and trembled slightly. Embarrassed and confused, I seized his dirty hand and pressed it: 'Don't be vexed with me, brother. I have nothing with me, brother.' The beggar raised his bloodshot eyes to mine, his blue lips smiled, and he returned the pressure of the chilled fingers. 'Never mind, brother,' he stammered. 'Thank you for this. This, too, was a gift, brother.' I felt that I too had received a gift from my brother."

SURE, I REMEMBER WHEN

- When the poor were too proud to take charity.
- When you weren't afraid to go out at night.
- When Protestants and Catholics thought enough of their benefits to argue about them.
- When ghettos were neighborhoods.
- When you knew that the law meant justice, and you felt a little shiver of awe at the sight of a policeman.
- When young fellows tried to join the Army or the Navy.
- When songs had a tune.
- When you wrote love notes.
- When criminals went to jail.
- When you could get away from it all for a while
- When you bragged about your home state and your home town.
- When politicians proclaimed their patriotism.
- When clerks and repairmen tried to please you, or else.
- When a Sunday drive was an adventure, not an ordeal.
- When you had to be brave to fly.
- When you could always find someone willing and able, whenever you wanted something done.
- When riots were unthinkable.
- When the clergy talked about religion.

MASONIC LIGHT

* * *

A FRIEND

The maid had just been discharged. Extracting a \$5 bill from her purse, she threw it to the family dog. When asked why by her former employer, she answered: "I never forget a friend. That is for helping me clean the dishes all the time."

— *Sunshine Magazine*

ON MASONIC EDUCATION

344. *What are the "sacred numbers" and how are they obtained?*

The "sacred numbers" are 3, 5, 7, and 9. They are obtained from the first five ordinal numbers as follows:

The ordinal numbers	1	2	3	4	5
Their squares	1	4	9	16	25
The successive differences		3	5	7	9

345. *What do the "sacred numbers" illustrate?*

The "sacred numbers" illustrate the least number necessary to constitute a Lodge: 7 constitute a Lodge of Apprentice Masons; 5, a Lodge of Fellow Craft Masons; and 3 a Lodge of Master Masons.

346. *Why cannot 3, although the ritual says that a Lodge of Master Masons consist of 3, transact the business of the Lodge.*

Three Master Masons cannot transact the business of the Lodge because the Constitution provides that to transact business 7 members of the Lodge including the Master or either Warden must be present.

347. *Is it true that the Grand Lodge of India has several bearers of the Volume of the Sacred Law?*

Yes, in fact it has seven: (1) the Bearer of the *Vedas* of Hinduism; (2) the Bearer of the *Tripitaka* of Buddhism; (3) the Bearer of the *Granth* of Sikhism; (4) the Bearer of the *Zend Avesta* of the Parsees; (5) the Bearer of the *Torah* of Judaism; (6) the Bearer of the *Bible* of the Christians; and (7) the Bearer of the *Koran* of Islam.

348. *In what ways is the fact that Freemasonry is a progressive moral science illustrated?*

That Freemasonry is a progressive moral science is illustrated by the different positions of the compass relative to the square and by the different ways of wearing the apron in the three degrees.

349. *What is the severest penalty that Freemasonry can inflict on an erring brother?*

The severest penalty that Freemasonry can inflict on an erring brother is that of expulsion from the Fraternity. The ritual penalty is purely symbolic and merely serves to illustrate the mode of recognition.

350. *What does the intelligent person hope to find when he enters Freemasonry?*

When an intelligent person enters Freemasonry he hopes to learn what Freemasonry is, whence it came, what it teaches, and what it is trying to do in the world. It is the duty of the Lodge to furnish him this information or, at least, to aid him in obtaining it by himself.

351. *Is it sufficient to be proficient in the ritual?*

No. Every Mason should be proficient in the ritual not only to enable him to take part in the conferring of the degrees but also to learn the moral principles Freemasonry seeks to inculcate. It is, however, much more important for every Mason to have an esoteric knowledge of Freemasonry.

officer or Master of a Lodge. There is the selfish, if we might say so, beauty of being allowed to serve the Lodge and then, literally, there are the beauties of youth — the Rainbow Girls, the Job's Daughters, and the Order of the Eastern Star! It is also beautiful to see the boys and young men engaged in the DeMolay work. One of the most beautiful acts related to the Masonic endeavour is that of the *flower talk* as done by the DeMolay. God Bless those mothers for bringing such wonderful sons into the world.

And beauty is also tolerance. Tolerance to understand, tolerance to whisper words of encouragement where needed.

WISDOM, STRENGTH & BEAUTY OF MASONRY

We hope that this year's administration of your Grand Lodge may be directed in accordance with that theme. We trust each and every subordinate Lodge will be so directed. I do not intend to stand here tonight and take up your valuable time to recite a whole list of promises which may or may not be carried out. But as the last American Grand Master under the old agreement made many years ago I can tell you I will do my best, with the help of God and my officers to administer the Grand Lodge for the greatest good.

We definitely need to improve still further the image of our Grand Lodge.

I shall not surrender any of the prerogatives of the Grand Master's office, but shall seek the advice and guidance of my officers and the Past Grand Masters. The Laurel-Langley Treaty expires this year. I do sincerely hope that prejudices will not in any way cause problems that will hinder good and faithful administration. And from the brothers

that I know this will not happen. To please everyone will be next to impossible. But we shall follow the Constitution, the Edicts and the general rules and regulations to the best of our ability.

It is going to be a tough year. As I have contemplated the possibility of it, prior to yesterday's election, I surveyed the handicaps this administration will work under. One of the most severe is the rising prices of nearly everything! Everything but brotherly love! We shall have to reduce expenditures in all areas possible. We may have to omit the overseas trip, or at least a part of it. We will also have to curtail transportation expenses within the islands, restrict our travellers to those that can be accommodated by the budget. If inflation continues to beat at our door, it may be necessary for next year's budget committee to consider a recommendation for further increased fees. I don't like that possibility and I know you do not, but realities must be faced.

During the past three years I have travelled and met many of our brethren. So many deserving brothers that it pains me not to be able to appoint more of you to an office. We have only so many Grand Lodge Officers.

If I were the one to deliver our closing prayer tonight, it would include:

*Thank you God for my brothers in
Masonry*

Thank you for my family

Thank you for my parents

Thank you for thy son

Thank you for this life

Thank you for this earth

Thank you for thy love.

My brothers, I thank you for the great honor you have bestowed upon me by electing me to the highest office in our Grand Lodge.

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