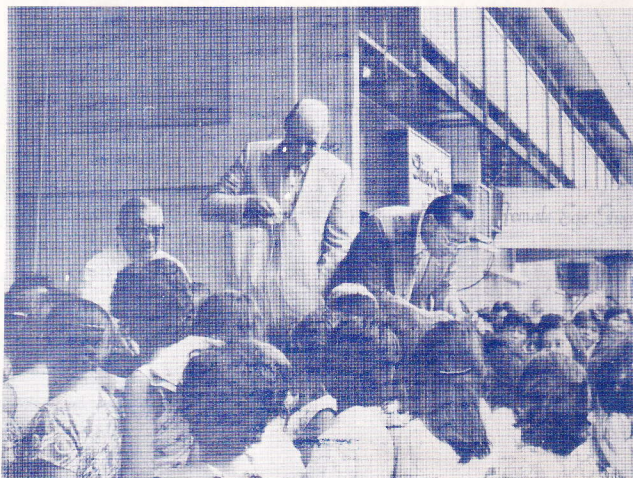


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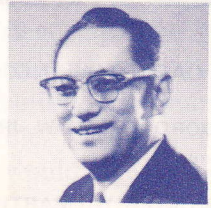
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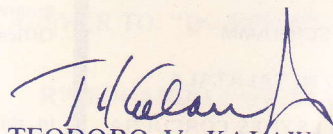
M E S S A G E

This month offers many opportunities for Masons throughout the country to help other Masons. Certainly each one of us is enjoined to help **all** his fellowmen. But should we not also take time out to find ways to aid our own members.

Remembrance, charity, compassion, understanding, love — all these are in abundance this month, and bloom in full flower. Charity without asking, assistance given without stint, help beyond recompense — are these virtues not really what Love is all about?

These, after all, are what love for fellowmen means: the giving of one's self, one's resources, or one's efforts, in full measure.

Given just this month alone, it will make a whole year brighter.


TEODORO V. KALAW, Jr.
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PEACE ON EARTH

Men of all faiths seek the same goal – Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward All Men. There are as many paths to that goal as there are religions or philosophies of life. To Masons, who also differ from one to another, there is no mysterious haze concealing the path to Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward All Men. There is no doubt among Masons, it is found in the strict observance of the tenets of our Craft, which govern the way men live together in a Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God.

The variance among men and Masons stems more from motivation than from execution. Acts of commission as well as acts of omission result from a force that pushes man into action, or holds man back so that he will not act. This initiatory force is the motivation of man – and since the beginning of time philosophers have discussed, written, and experimented continuously, searching to find out the governing factor. Until now we have found no other answer: – man is motivated toward the satisfaction of his ego, the appetites of his distinctive personal being.

It is here we find the problem: If man is motivated to satisfy his ego, how then can he truly be concerned with the needs of another? How can he labor for the happiness of another when he may lack the fundamentals of his own happiness?

Nearly two thousand years ago, a man believed by all Christians to be the divine Son of God, lived on this earth thirty three years, during the last three years of which he gave to the world the only equation for Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward All Men: – **Love thy Neighbor As thy Self.**

It is the birth of Jesus Christ, we celebrate each December 25th. For our Christian brethren, he is the only way to the Father in Heaven. To our Moslem brethren, there is also One God, Allah, and Mohammed is His Prophet. To our brethren of other religions and beliefs, there is also only **One God** – for to be believed otherwise is not Masonic.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By Bro. Prospero B. Pajarillaga (170 & 192)

To Christians, whithersoever dispersed throughout the world, December of each year is a month of rejoicing, merry-making and most of all a month of gift-giving.

People from all walks of life—rich and poor alike, high and low—equally or severally share with the joys and blessings Christmas happily brings. Parents think of what to give their loving children on Christmas and children on the other hand, wonder what to give their parents if only to make them feel happy, too. Many people remember their friends, relatives and other loved ones on such a special occasion like Christmas. They gave away joyfully valuable articles as gifts, such as costly watches, beautiful fountain pens, Christmas cards, attractive dresses, latest style shoes, interesting reading materials, “foods”, toys, and a score of other valuable and precious things to brighten their lives and enliven their spirits during the Christmas season.

From palatial homes with glittering lights and symbolic lanterns of all sizes and shape hanging all around, down to the humblest nipa hut with a kerosene lamp barely burning, their respective occupants

observe the significance and importance of the day—the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace and Savior of mankind. The Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus, to us as our precious and inestimable gift that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. The three wise men in the Holy Writings (Mat. 2:11) presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the (newborn babe and Savior) in humble token of their sincere worship, love and reverence to the newborn King. Indeed, the Bible says, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.”

But we, as Free and Accepted Masons, should similarly offer to our dear ancient and honorable fraternity, Masonry, a memorable gift for Christmas. Let us, then, examine ourselves and find out what gift, resources or blessings have we received that we should share others with. Let us, then, count our blessings one by one.

For those who are naturally gifted with some intelligence in writing should contribute once in a while, if not regularly, articles of general interest for publication in our Ca-

bletow, it being our official organ. For those who are endowed with wonderful memories and oratorical abilities should perhaps be good materials as Lodge lecturers. Those having genuine interest and inclination for dramatics should make good and excellent members of a degree team especially the Third degree. Those endowed with sweet and melodious voices and musically minded, too, could be useful in social activities and public gatherings requiring such rare abilities. To those who are blessed with more material wealth and riches should help spread more "sunshine" to the lonely; aid to the needy; sympathy and understanding to the less fortunate and perhaps donate more contributions to finance sufficiently the needs of our (official organ or perhaps the) Crippled Children's Hospital to meet its financial needs. For those who are just plain, ordinary law-abiding citizen without any special talent to offer can still be equally heroic by performing the role of a good soldier/follower, for indeed, not everybody could be generals. Some are destined to lead while others to follow.

In the local Lodges, let us ponder for a moment in deep contemplation, and once more think seriously on the present and immediate problems of our own Lodge. Is the problem on attendance? Finances? Is there lack of brotherly love and real fellowship among the brethren? Are there enough paraphernalia and other equipment, materials, furnitures, etc., for use when an occasion

so demands? Then, the next question should be. In what way, though how humble it may be, can I help ease the situation or solve the problem? If one has almost been absent the whole year during stated or special meetings, then, the best Christmas gift to offer to the Lodge is a renewed dedication and a sincere pledge to attend not only this coming stated meeting but all subsequent meetings thereon. If the problem is on finances or unpaid accounts, then we should endeavor to clear our accounts as our Christmas present (to our Lodge) to help it solve its financial obligations. If the problem is on paraphernalia, furnitures, jewels, and other materials and equipments, then as a memorable gift to our Lodge, we should donate them depending on our own capacity or the resources at our command.

Can there be any better or more precious gift to one's Lodge than to attend to its needs and problems without delay or without reservation? Is there any appropriate gift than to fulfill our solemn obligation and vows to share the Lodge's burden and obligations, likewise to rejoice at its success, happiness and welfare?

Finally, if we could stand uprightly and proudly before the world with our honor and integrity unstained just like our lambskin apron, untarnished and unsoiled, then, we have prepared the best Christmas gift for Freemasonry.

Brethren, let us have at heart and

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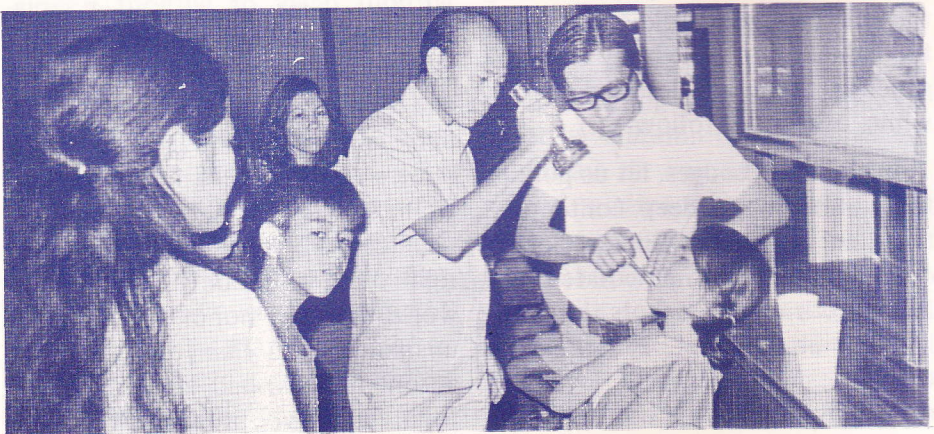
“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels . . . And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledges; and though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.”

The nobility of the essence of this masonic tenet must have moved Bro. Abelardo F. Reynoso of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, Olongapo City, and Vice President of the Olongapo City Dental Society into action when he unhesitatingly answered the call of WB Felipe Aquino, Master of the Lodge, for his Dental Indigency Program, aimed at giving free dental treatment to the indi-

gents of Olongapo City.

The program started in January 1975 with medical supplies bought by the Lodge and some solicited from drug stores and companies. Up to this time Bro. Reynoso, with the assistance of two Job's Daughters — one of them his daughter — and WB Aquino himself, has provided dental treatment to about 500 patients during his once-a-week schedule in the Masonic Temple.

With the program still proceeding in earnest, many more will surely benefit from the benevolence of Lincoln Lodge No. 34 through the tireless efforts of WB Aquino and Bro. Reynoso.



THE PICTURE SHOWS BRO. ABELARDO F. REYNOSO TREATING A PATIENT, ASSISTED BY WB FELIPE AQUINO, MASTER OF LINCOLN LODGE NO. 34, OLONGAPO CITY.

FOR THE LOVE OF RIZAL

By: BRO. AUGUSTO M. PANAHON

"Tony," Ben suddenly called out suddenly and just as suddenly stopped dead in his tracks, causing me to run into him. "That's the third marker I've seen this week and I think it's really a super idea. 'Dr. Jose P. Rizal walked through here from Bagumbayan on his way to his execution at the Luneta'", reading the inscriptions. "But, what is that on the bottom. Must be some government department's logo, ano? "

Ben (an office mate) and I had been strolling along the boulevard when he spotted a marker, which was placed by the sidewalk on this particular street, designating the route taken by Dr. Rizal on his last day on earth.

"No, Ben," I replied, "that's the official seal of the Masons. It's a square with the compasses on top. It symbolizes some of the tenets of Masonry."

"Hey, how come you know so much about these Masons? "

"I am a Mason."

"You never told me before, or is it supposed to be a secret? "

"Ha, ha, ha!" I laughed. "No, Ben, it's not a secret. Many of my other friends know I'm a Mason." I was amused at the incredulous look on his face. "The only reason I have never told you, is because you have never asked me."

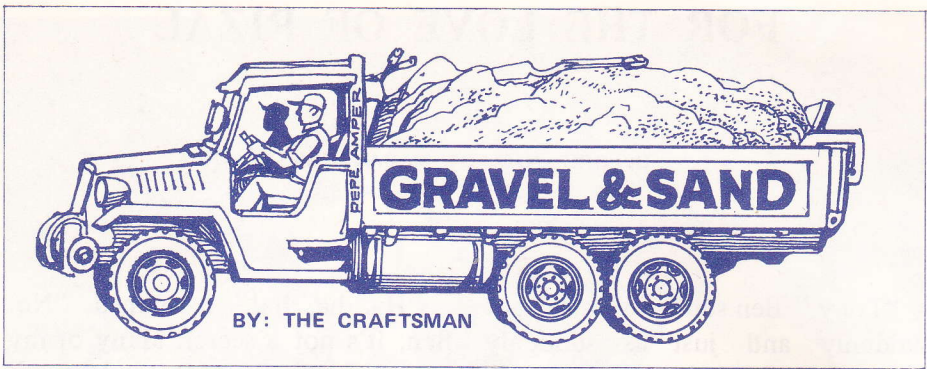
"You see, we do not believe in crass advertising or breast-beating. But, should anyone ask any question, we will gladly furnish the answer."

"We believed, that setting up these markers to be a very worthwhile endeavor. So we placed them, with the permission of proper authorities of course, but without fanfare or press releases since we felt that the important aspect of the project is to honor our national hero and not ourselves. I and my brethren, know who should get credit for this wonderful undertaking and that's good enough for us."

"Hey," Ben cried, "that's a refreshing outlook and it interests me. Tell me more. For example, what? "



HELP FIGHT DRUG ABUSE



MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 8 HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 18th annual convention of Masonic District No. 8 was held on November 18, 1975 in San Narciso, Zambales with Pinatubo Lodge No. 52 hosting the affair. District No. 8 is composed of Lincoln Lodge No. 34, Pinatubo Lodge No. 52, Zambales Lodge No. 103 and Bataan Lodge No. 104.

RW Jose L. Araneta, Deputy Grand Master, MW Esteban Munariz, Grand Secretary, Bro. Eduardo Gonzales of Araw Lodge No. 18 and this writer motored to Olongapo City where the delegates of Lincoln Lodge No. 34 were waiting for us. RW Nestor Niguidula, Deputy for District No. 8 led the motorcade to San Narciso.

RW Jose L. Araneta led the delegates as they marched to the town plaza for the floral offering ceremonies at the statue of Bro. Jose P. Rizal.

Rev. and Bro. Revelino C. Pablo led the brethren in the invocation.

RW Araneta offered flowers to the National hero in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. Nestor Niguidula represented District No. 8 and the Municipal Secretary represented Hon. Francisco A. Galvez, Jr., Municipal Mayor of the town in the floral offering.

Bro. Alexander F. Villanueva District Supervisor, Bureau of Public Schools, San Narciso, Zambales extolled the virtues of the National hero. Musical numbers were rendered by the Ventures in Faith Singers.

At the Lodge hall, RW Jose L. Araneta and his party was received with Grand Honors. The invocation was given by Bro. Antonio Salvador. After the other ceremonial numbers in the program, the bre-

thren buckled down to serious business of the convention.

Among the resolutions approved by the convention was the assessment of Ten Pesos for each member of the District to help Zambales Lodge in the building of their own Temple. Voluntary contributions were also pledged by the brethren towards the cause. Another resolution approved was the publication of a quarterly newsletter for the members of the District. WB Froilan B. Silva, Master of Bataan Lodge No. 104 was appointed editor of the Newsletter.

VW Nestor Niguidula was the sole nominee of the District as their recommendee to the incoming Grand Master for the position of Deputy for District No. 8.

Zambales Lodge No. 103 was selected as the host of the 19th annual convention of the District. The brethren of Zambales Lodges No. 103 readily accepted the selec-

tion.

The delegates motored to the Wayne D. May Club of the US Naval Communications Station Philippines in San Antonio for the fraternal luncheon.

VW Nestor N. Niguidula gave the opening remarks and Bro. Nonato U. Venco delivered the invocation.

Miss Louise Chapin rendered several musical numbers.

WB Stanley Hays, Master of Pinatubo Lodge No. 52 introduced the guest speaker. Bro. George A. Cannon III, USN, Commanding Officer of the USNAVCOMSTAPHIL delivered a very inspiring speech.

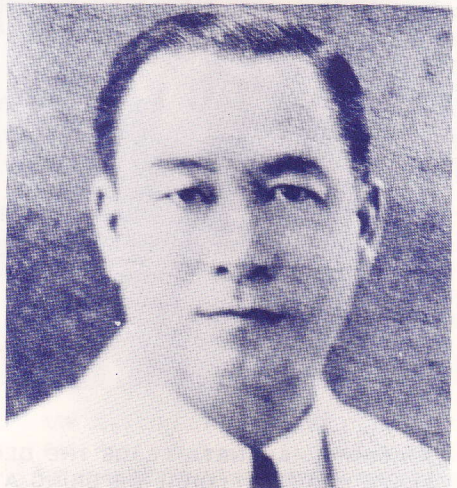
Plaques of Appreciation were presented to the Masters of the Lodges in the District. Life membership certificates were presented to a number of brethren of the District.

A number of brethren contribute musical numbers that enlivened the program.



DO YOU KNOW THIS MASON?

He was the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines from 1930 to 1932. He was a past master of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.



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DISTRICT NO. 8 HOLDS CONVENTION IN SAN NARCISO, ZAMBALES



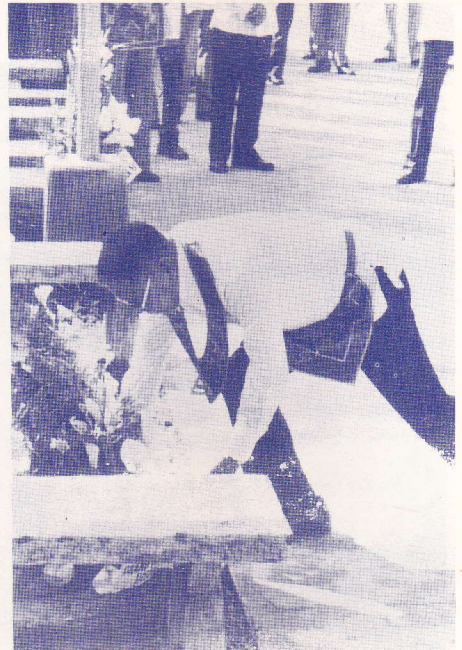
RW JOSE L. ARANETA LEADS THE DELEGATES AS THEY MARCH TO THE TOWN PLAZA FOR THE FLORAL OFFERING AT THE RIZAL MONUMENT.



THE VENTURES IN FAITH, RENDERS A MUSICAL NUMBER DURING THE FLORAL OFFERING RITES.



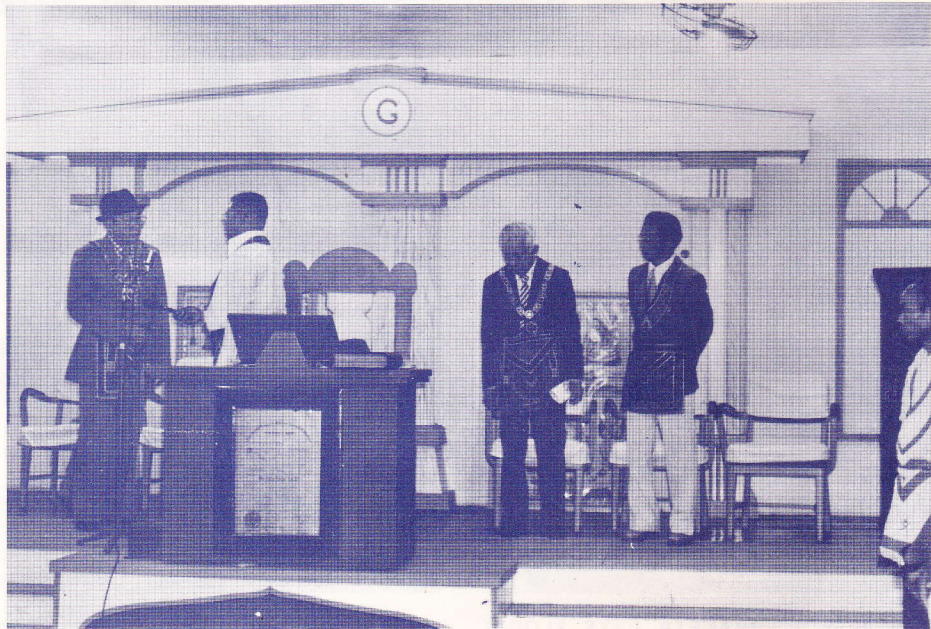
RW JOSE L. ARÁNETA LAYS FLORAL OFFERING.



VW NESTOR NIGUIDULA, DEPUTY FOR DISTRICT NO. 9 LAYS FLORAL OFFERING AT THE FOOT OF THE RIZAL MONUMENT.



RW JOSE L. ARANETA, AND HIS PARTY ACCORDED GRAND HONORS.



VW NESTOR NIGUIDULA, DEPUTY FOR DISTRICT NO. 8 HANDS GAVEL TO RW JOSE L. ARANETA.



RW JOSE L. ARANETA DELIVERS CLOSING REMARKS AT THE CONVENTION HALL.



BRO. GEORGE A. CANON, III DELIVERS KEYNOTE ADDRESS DURING THE LUNCHEON PROGRAM AT THE WAYNE D. MAY CLUB (RIGHT) WB STANLEY HAYS HANDS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO A RECIPIENT.



MISS LOUISE CHAPIN REGALED THE DELEGATES, THEIR LADIES AND GUESTS WITH MUSICAL NUMBERS DURING THE LUNCHEON PROGRAM AT THE WAYNE D. MAY CLUB, USNACOMSTAPHIL, IN SAN ANTONIO, ZAMBALES.



RW JOSE L. ARANETA DELIVERS CLOSING REMARKS AT THE WAYNE D. MAY CLUB.

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A MASON BELIEVES

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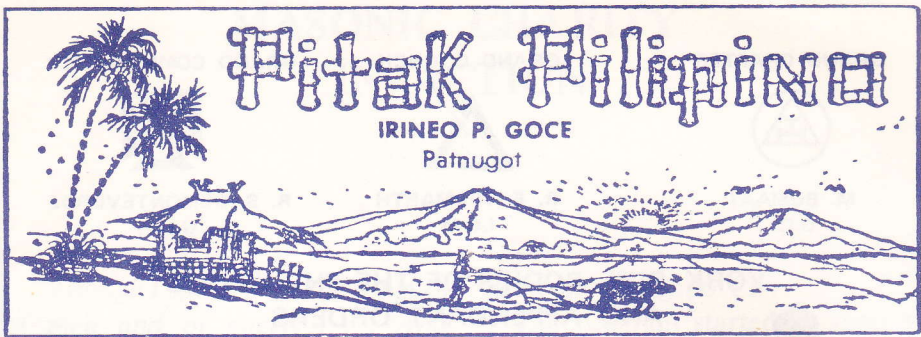
Donald F. Young, 32^o, K.T.

People frequently ask "Why are you a Mason?"; "What makes it last through the centuries?"; or "What does a Mason believe?"

These individuals, in asking these questions, are curious not about Freemasonry's ritual or so-call secrets. They merely want to know what it is about it that has attracted millions of men to it over hundreds of years. They want to know why Freemasonry has earned its distinguished standing in history. They

want to know why so many fine men of integrity and character are a part of it. These individuals ask reasonable questions, and they can be answered in a simple, clear, easily understood response. Freemasonry consists of a body of men banded together for the purpose of mutual, intellectual, social and moral improvement. It endeavors to cultivate and exhibit Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth, not only

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ANG SIMBOLO NG PASKO

NI: KAP. AGUSTIN L. GALANG, NG (2)

Minsan pa, sa walang katapusang paglipas ng mga taon ay nasa kapanahunan na naman tayo ng Pasko. Sa loob ng taon ay ginugunita natin ang maraming mga kapistahan, gaya ng Baguntaon, Araw ng Kalayaan, pagkamatay ni Rizal, Araw ng Pag-gawa, atbp. Sa pagmamadali ng ating panahon ay malimit nating nalilimot ang banal na kahalagahan ng Pasko.

Sa buong daigdig, ang Pasko ay isang araw na inilaan para sa mga tahanan at sa mga sanggol. Ito ay panahon hindi lamang sa pagpapantili sa isip ng isang makasaysayang

pangyayari, kungdi sariwain sa gunita ang pagtanggap sa hamon na harapin nating lagi na ang masalimuot na suliranin ng sangkatauhan, na taglay rin ang katapangang ipinakita ng ating mga ninuno sa paglutas ng mga problema nuong kapanahunan nila.

Subali't sa kapanahunang ito ng materyalismo, nakalulumbay ang takbo ng mga pangyayari na ang Pasko ay kinukumersiyo. Datapuwat sa kabila ng lahat na mga karanayaan na madalas ay nakasisira sa tunay na diwa ng Pasko ay nag-

kakaisa rin naman ang madla sa katotohanan na ang Pasko ay "Araw ng mga Bata."

Maging ano pa man ang ipalagay ng bawa't tao sa salitang "Bata" o Sanggol na siyang tanging pinagla-lanaan ng Pasko, ang itinuro sa atin ng Dakilang Kasaysayan ay isang pambihirang pangyayari ang Kaniy-ang kapanganakan. Dito nahati sa dalawang malalaking bahagi ang panahon sa kasaysayan ng ating daigdig. Ang mga nangyari o sinulat ukol sa pinakamatandang panahon ay binabansag nating B.C. (Before Christ), o bago isinilang si Kristo. Ang panahon natin ngayon ay tinataguriang A.D. (Anno Domini), na ang ibig sabihin ay panahon ng ating Panginoon.

Hindi matatawaran na ang Pasko ay isang katotohanan — isang dakilang pangyayari sa kasaysayan ng sangkatauhan. Ipinagdiriwang ang kapanganakan ng isang Tanging Sanggol, na isinilang sa maralitang mga magulang, sa liblib ng isang bansa sa Dakong Silangan. Halos ay dalawang libong taon na ang nakalipas.

Sa maikling panahon na ipinama-lagi ng Sanggol sa ating daigdig ay lumaganap ang kapakipakinabang na mga impluwensiya ng kabihasan, gaya ng pagkalinga sa mga bata, pagampon sa mga ulila, pagkukup sa matatanda, at paggalang sa katutubong mga karapatan ng tao sa lahat ng dako. Sa Pasko ay binibigyang diin ang nadaramang galak sa pagbibigayan, paglalaan ng mga handog sa mga mahal sa buhay, sa pagpapatawad, at sa lahat ng mabubuting

pakitungo sa kapuwa.

Ang katibayan ng Doktrina nitong Kapatirang Masoneriya — pagkakapatiran ng lahat ng tao — ay matutunton sa abang sabsaban na sinilangan ng Dakilang Sanggol. Siya ay anak ng Diyos, nguni't nagpaka-aba. Nakilahok sa hamak na mga tao, nakihalubilo sa madla at dukhang mga kinapal.

Ang Pasko ay isa ring simbulo. Sa lahat ng dako ang tao ay napaliligiran ng mga simbulo. Ang uniberso o santinakpan ay isa sa mahahalagang mga simbulo ng Diyos. Ukol sa kinakatawan ng mga simbulo, isinaad ni Thomas Carlyle na ang Pasko ay pinapatnubayan at pinamamahalaan din ng tao. Maaaring gawing mali-gaya o kahabag-habag.

Sikapin nating suriin ang dalawa lamang mga simbulo na pumapalamuti sa Pasko: *una*, ang sagisag ng katuwaan, kasiyahan, at katahimikan. Ito ang isang araw sa loob ng santaon na ang karamihang tao ay sinasadyang iwaksi sa kanilang mga puso ang kasakiman at kayamuan. Ang naghahari sa damdamin ay, "Ang pagpapahalaga sa pagbibigay, sa halip na pagtanggap." Kung kaya ang Kapaskuhan ay kaugnay ng mga paghahandog na nagbubunga ng kasiyahan-loob na dulot ng pag-ibig sa kapuwa.

Natutuhan natin na ang handog ng Diyos sa tao ay buhay na walang hanggan, may pagtitiwala at pag-ibig. Samakatuwid, tumpak lamang na paniwalaan nating ang Pasko ay panahon ng pagsasaya, bunga ng pagbibigay at pagtanggap.

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to one another, but to the world at large. A MASON BELIEVES in the Fatherhood of God requiring that His will be done and that He guide his life. A MASON BELIEVES in the great worth of the individual. Great worth not relating to wealth, position or power, but recognizing that each individual is a human being, a creation of God, a person of value. A MASON BELIEVES that each individual is under the Fatherhood of God. History has shown clearly that whenever a totalitarian government has gained power it has sought to destroy two groups within its society: (1) religious houses of worship, and (2) Masonic Lodges. Both have stood preeminently for the glory of God and the worth of the individual.

In the Masonic Lodge, all members meet on the same level. They are all simply "Brothers" be they bankers, doctors, farmers, lawyers, industrialists, mechanics, educators, merchants, laborers or high-ranking politicians. A MASON BELIEVES in the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

With all members on the same level, then there are no barriers when they meet; they are all Brothers, and treat each other as such. When Harry S. Truman, a Past Grand Master of Missouri, was President of the United States, he visited a Masonic Lodge in the District of Columbia. When someone immediately stopped him and said kindly but firmly, "My Brother, when I entered the door of this

Lodge, I became "Brother Truman." When I leave through that door I will again be "Mr. President." A MASON BELIEVES in Brotherhood not based upon wealth, position or power, but based upon Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth.

A MASON BELIEVES in Charity. Freemasonry is not in any sense a benefit society, nor is it based upon calculations which could render this possible. A Mason's charities are solely for those who have been overtaken by misfortune and adversity. A MASON BELIEVES that Charity has a much wider context than that of the giving of alms. To him, it includes the charity of thought which overlooks the faults, and defects of his fellow man.

A MASON BELIEVES in Love of Country. He loves his country and believes in its greatness among the world's nations. He knows that Masonic ideals and principles are carefully and strongly woven into his Country's Constitution, and that many of its Founding Fathers were Masons. He honors his Country's Flag, and knows that a Mason wrote its Pledge of Allegiance. He obeys his Country's laws and supports its leaders. A MASON BELIEVES in pride in his Country and he never belittles it.

A MASON BELIEVES in a just and righteous Deity, be he known as Brahma, Allah, Jehovah or Jesus. He knows that when he visits a Masonic Lodge, he will always find the Scriptures – known to Masons as the Volume of Sacred Law – prominently displayed. Depending

upon what land he may be in, it may be the Bible of the Christian, the Talmud of the Jew, the Koran of the Mohammedan or the Veda of the Hindu. Thus, in Masonry, there are Christians, Jews, Moslems and Hindus who meet together and pay homage to the Divine Creator whom they address as the Great Architect of the Universe. A MASON BELIEVES that a man becomes A Freemason through his own volition. He believes that no one should be asked to join its ranks, and that when a man seeks admission to a Masonic Lodge, it should be of his own free will and accord. The choice should be his. One of the customs of Freemasonry is not to solicit members to its Lodges.

Masonry has never waged war upon mankind to convert others to its doctrines and principles, nor has it ever engaged in a campaign to zealously recruit members from every position in life. Rather, Masonry has been content to built its testimony upon deeds well done, character well formed. It has NOT knowingly received into its Fraternal Bonds any save those of good character, mental and physical competence, who have sought to petition it, of one's own free will and accord, through a favorable opinion held of it, who desire knowledge, and possess a deep and abiding faith in the existence of a Supreme Being.

A MASON BELIEVES in being profoundly fraternal. He knows that Freemasonry is the oldest, largest and most widely-known fraternal organization on earth. He knows

that Masonry survives and grows among men around the world because it seeks friendship, true manhood, mutual assistance, Brotherly Love and Affection. It espouses the Golden Rule, "Always treat others as you would like them to treat you." Masonry binds men together in fraternal brotherhood, under the Fatherhood of God, and in the belief in the immortality of the soul.

A MASON BELIEVES in Truth and in the constant search for it. Masonry teaches its Brethren to lay the cornerstone and place the foundation of their Masonic Temples upon the rock of Truth. One, thus building, realizes that he builds for eternity. He will carry the materials of such a moral and virtuous Temple through infinity. It is in such a mansion that God abides.

Masonry, consequently, presents a formulation of moral principles, acceptable to all religions, vital for man's just fulfillment. This is why men are Masons. This is what A MASON BELIEVES.

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(KNIGHT TEMPLAR)

ANSWER TO: "DO YOU KNOW ..."

RW EDUARDO TANGKIANG

SIMBOLO NG PASKO ... from page 17

Ikalawa, ang Pasko ay sagisag na nagbabadya ng kabanalan sa buhay ng tao, ng pagkakatatap ng langit at lupa. Ang pinakadakilang kahulugan ng Pasko ay “Ang Diyos sa Tao.” Sa kahulugang iyan nasasalalay ang *Pag-asa ng Daigdig* sa magandang kinabukasan – na ang sandata ng pagpatay ay hahalinhan ng araro; ang bala at punlo, ng mga pampunlang butil. Ang isang nasyon ay hindi na magtatangkang sumalakay sa kapuwa nasyon, at mapapawi ang digmaan sa balat ng lupa.

Tinitiyak ng Pasko ang Pagka-Maka-Diyos ng tao. Sa pagka Maka-Diyos ay matatagpuan ang pag-asa ng tao. Ang pag-asang iyan ay hindi saklaw ng mga kasulatang pangdip-lomasiya. Iyan ay matutupad na inut-inot, mahapdi at makirot, sa kagustuhan ng katahimikan, na mahabang panahon nang sinasagisag ng Pasko sa sanglibutan.

Ang simbolismo ng Masoneriya, kahi't saan, ay kasang-ayon ng simbolismo ng Pasko. Sa Unang Antas ay naranasan natin ang simbolikong

pagluluwal mula sa kadiliman, pagtungo sa loob ng moral na katotohanan at tungkulin. Dito natutuklasan ng mga Baguhang Mason ang sariling Pagka-Diyos; nababatid kung sino siya, bakit siya'y narito sa daigdig, at kung ano ang kaniyang magagawa.

Hindi lamang dapat nating matuklasan ang katotohanan; kailangang isangkap ito sa pamumuhay. Katapatan ang pundasyon at sandigan ng tunay na pagkakapatiran.

Ang Pasko ay sagisag ng pagbabagong-buhay ng sangkatauhan; ang buhay na may pagkakataon sa pagtitika at pagpapabuti ng kalooban kung saan nag-aalab ang sariling Pagka-Maka-Diyos.



ON CHRISTMAS. from page 5

in our minds, first and foremost, the welfare of our respective Lodges in particular and Freemasonry in general. Then and only then, can we truly and proudly claim and say, “We, too, have made a special Christmas gift for our ancient and honorable Fraternity.”



PEACE ON EARTH. . from page 3

And whether your Lord is Jesus Christ, your Prophet Mohammed, or your emissary to God yet another, as a Mason you are bound by the brotherly love that motivates all Masons to love their neighbors as themselves, for happiness comes to us from giving happiness to others. And from the harmony within our Lodges overflows the spirit of brotherhood to all mankind. Peace On Earth and Good Will Toward All Men will come to all men, when they too can find their happiness in making others happy.

R.E.W.

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