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M E S S A G E

In this, my first message to the brethren, published in the Cable-tow, I wish to express my heart-felt gratitude for the confidence that my brethren in the Masonic fraternity have reposed on me – successively, every year from the time they elected me Junior Grand Warden to my present position as Grand Master. I do not know if I deserve the honor which my brethren have bestowed on me. What I do know is that I have been given an opportunity, and a responsibility, to serve Freemasonry. What matters to me is not the honor and the distinction – much less the power and the authority – that go with the position of Grand Master, but the challenge to service.

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe give me, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, the light and the strength in our endeavors to serve Freemasonry.

Much as we, your officers of the Grand Lodge, have the resolve to do our utmost in serving Freemasonry, we cannot accomplish our objectives without the support and cooperation of all the members of our fraternity. The challenge is, therefore, not only to us, your officers, but to all the brethren. We all have duties to perform. And so, I am sounding the call to duty to every Mason. If Freemasonry is to be strong and effective in the attainment of its objectives, every Mason, irrespective of his rank, whether he is an old, or a new, member of the Craft, must do his part in the great endeavor to make this world a better place to live in.

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UNANIMOUS BALLOT

In our Jurisdiction an unanimous ballot is required to elect a candidate for the degrees. In some Masonic jurisdictions election of a candidate allows for the appearance of one or in some rare cases two black cubes. These variations in balloting procedures among the jurisdictions have resulted from unfortunate experiences suffered by some Symbolic Lodges in the past.

There is told a story of how one disillusioned brother stopped all candidates from entering his Lodge for several years. He was a devout Mason and a perfect attendant, never missing any meeting of his Lodge. Anxious to enter into the line up of officers, he found that many new members were either appointed or elected to office ahead of him. Determined to do something about it, he decided to cast a black cube against every prospective candidate until his brethren acknowledged his existence in the Lodge. Although he controlled the ballot box for more than three years and allowed no new candidates to pass, his brethren were equally determined not to give in to his effort. While his conduct was an open secret in the Lodge, no Masonic charges could be imposed, since the sanctity of the secret ballot must be maintained and therefore there was never any absolute evidence of his act.

How did it end? Perhaps by Divine intervention. The brother suffered a rather severe accident in his work and was hospitalized for a number of months. The Lodge took advantage of his absence and many of the past candidates were elected. His behavior now an established fact, upon recovery the erring brother demitted to another Lodge.

To avoid any one brother from controlling the ballot box, some jurisdictions require the presence of two black cubes to reject. In a few jurisdictions, it takes three black cubes to reject.

Not very long ago some brethren were discussing the fact that there had been only one candidate elected for degrees for a long time in their Lodge. They suspected there might be such a disillusioned brother at work. They began to question the unanimous ballot concept and expressed the opinion it might be better to allow one black cube.

That our Grand Lodge might be better informed of the thinking of our brethren in the Jurisdiction. The Cabletow will appreciate your comments and suggestions on this matter.

R.E.W.

THE 61st ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 61st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines was held April 28, 1977 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino Street, Manila.

Floral offerings at the statues of Bros. Jose P. Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Graciano Lopez Jaena at foyer of the temple preceeded the opening of the Grand Lodge on the first day of the Communication.

VW Calixto O. Zaldivar, assisted by the Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge opened the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at 9:00 o'clock in the morning.

MW Jose L. Araneta was then received into the Grand Lodge and presided over the Communication.

The Past Grand Masters were received into the Grand Lodge.

The Flag Ceremony was held and the invocation was said by VW Mario C. Navia, Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Credentials certified that there was a quorum, after which the roll call of Lodges was held.

The Grand Master delivered his welcome address to the delegates.

After the other ammenities were held, the Grand Master read his message and the same was referred to the committee on Grand Officers report. The reports of the other Grand Officers were also referred to the same committee.

At eleven o'clock, Senator Salvador H. Laurel, the guest speaker was received into the Lodge Hall in public form.

After the speech of the guest speaker, lunch was served to the delegates at the Social Hall of the temple.

After lunch, the Annual General Meeting of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc. was held at the Social Hall.

The Past or Installed Masters Degree was conferred by the Senior Grand Lecturer on Past or Incumbent Masters of Lodges who have not yet been conferred the Degree.

The hospitality dinner of the Grand Master was held at the Scottish Rite Temple in honor of the Grand Officers, Deputies, Inspec-

tors and Delegates from abroad.

On the morning of the second day, reports of the Grand Officers were received. The Committee on Resolutions reported on the resolutions received by them for their consideration and recommendations.

After lunch, the Annual General Meeting of The Cabletow, Incorporated was held at the Social Hall.

At two o'clock in the afternoon, the session was resumed. The budget was finally approved entoto.

Highlighting the second day of the communication was the election of the Grand Officers.

The New Grand Officers are: MW Calixto O. Zaldivar, Grand Master; RW DEsiderio Dalisay, Sr. Deputy Grand Master; RW Jolly R. Bugarin, Senior Grand Warden; Manuel D. Mandac, Junior Grand Warden; MW Damaso C. Tria, PGM, Grand Treasurer and MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM, Grand Secretary.

Appointed were: MW Raymond Wilmarth, Assistant Grand Treasurer; Marcelino P. Dysangco, Assistant Grand Secretary; Mamerto M. Buenafe, Grand Chaplain; Reynato S. Puno, Grand Orator; Lucas De Leon, Grand Marshal; Julio Abarquez, Grand Standard Bearer; Juan C. Nabong, Jr. Grand Sword Bearer; Teodorico A. Flaviano, Grand Bible Bearer; Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer; Teotimo G. Juan, Asst. Senior Grand Lecturer; Urbano S. Caast, Jr., Senior Grand Deacon; Sotero Tesorero, Junior Grand Deacon; Isidro Villa, Senior Grand Steward; Jorge Tamayo, Junior Grand Steward; Purifico Palomo, Grand Pur-suisant; Jose B. Abejo, Grand

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CALIXTO OIROLA ZALDIVAR

By: WB Domingo F.M. Domingo (136)

Most Worshipful Calixto Oirola Zaldivar was born in Pandan, Antique on September 13, 1904. His father Pedro T. Zaldivar, a Justice of the Peace of Pandan, Antique, was a Mason.

Our Grand Master graduated from the Manila South High School in 1922 and from the University of the Philippines, College of Law in 1928. He passed the 1928 Bar Examinations and got third place among the successful candidates. The Central Philippines University in Iloilo City conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa in March 1967. Trinity College of Quezon City honored him by conferring upon him the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Honoris Causa on April 1, 1977.

MW Zaldivar pursued his law

practice from 1928 to 1934 as an Associate in the Law office of the late Senator Jose P. Laurel. He continued to practice Law in his own town in Iloilo City until 1962. This was interrupted only when he served as Governor of Antique in 1951-1955. His Law practice covered Iloilo City, Negros Occidental, Capiz, Aklan and Antique. He was also a Faculty member of the College of Law of the Central Philippines University.

MW Zaldivar holds the distinction of having served the three Departments of the Government, a distinction held only by a few citizens in this country.

In the Legislative Department, he served as Municipal Councilor of his town, Pandan, Antique from 1928-1931. He was the represent-

ative of Antique to the 10th Philippine Legislature from 1934 to 1935 and was Assemblyman of the same in the first and second National Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Philippines from 1935 to 1941.

In the Executive Department of the Government, he served as Deputy to the Chairman of the Civilian Emergency Administration for the province of Antique at the start of the Second World War. He was appointed Judge Advocate of the Sixth Military District and Military Governor of the territory of the province of Antique not occupied by the Japanese forces. He was elected Governor of Antique in 1951-1955; Member of the Reparations Commission in 1963 and concurrently Acting Director of the Bureau of Forestry. He was appointed Assistant Executive Secretary in

1963 and Executive Secretary in 1964 and concurrently as Governor of the Development Bank of the Philippines. He also served as Director of the Philippin Veterans Bank in 1967-1968.

In the Judicial Department, MW Zaldivar served as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in 1964 to 1974. He represented the Supreme Court in the meeting of the Executive Council of the World Association of Judges in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968. He was the Chairman of the second division of the Supreme Court, a member of the Presidential Electoral Tribunal in 1972-1973.

His actuations as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court have been characterized by independent-mindedness and fearlessness in de-



fense of human rights and democratic principles.

MW Zaldivar is actively involved in civic and religious activities. He was the President of the Young Men's Christian Association of the Philippines for the past seven years. He represented the YMCA of the Philippines in two World Council meetings – in Nottingham, England in 1969 and in Kampala, Uganda in 1973. He was presiding officer of the Asia-Pacific YMCA Consultation on International Cooperation, Baguio City in 1974. He headed the Philippine delegation in the ninth Asia YMCA Leadership Conference in Singapore in June, 1975. This year he will again represent the Philippines in the World Council meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He is the National Chairman of the Lay Organization of the Philippine Independent Church.

He was Chairman of the Gomez-Burgos-Zamora Centennial Commission and was a member of the Pinaglabanan Memorial Commission.

He is the Executive Vice-President of the Philippine Eye and Ear Infirmary Foundation, a charitable institution for indigent persons suffering from eye, ear, nose and throat ailments.

MW Zaldivar is a member of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Rizal, and holds the highest rank of the Order – that of Knight Grand Cross of Rizal.

Our Grand Master is a member of the Civil Liberties Union. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the Central Philippines University of Iloilo City. He holds membership in the Jose P. Laurel Memorial Foundation and the Philippine Columbian Association.

MW Zaldivar was initiated in Iloilo Acacia Lodge No. 11, F. & A.M. in Iloilo City on February 11, 1950, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on March 11, 1950 and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason on April 22, 1950. He affiliated with Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 and served as its Master in 1970-1971.

He was conferred the degree of Master of the Royal Secret (32^o) in Quezon City Bodies, A. & A.S.R., on January 7, 1967. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on February 15, 1969, coroneted Inspector General Honorary on February 9, 1973 and crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General on December 17, 1974 by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Philippines.

In the York Rite of Freemasonry, he was exalted a Royal Arch Mason, greeted a companion of the Council and created a Knight Templar by the Luzon York Rite Bodies.

He is also a member of the Manila Court Not. 4, Order of the Amaranth and Sampaguita Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star.

He served as Junior Grand Warden, Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master prior to his election as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

MW Calixto O. Zaldivar is married to the former Elena Ang of Pandan, Antique. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 18, 1976. They have five children – Lorna, Nona, Enrique, Salvacion, and Calixto, Jr.

THE RAINBOW GIRL AS A WIFE

(THIRD OF A SERIES)

Finally, your Rainbow girl has become the wife of a home. The word "home" is a very sacred one. It was with us in the beginning and we grew up in its fellowship. It will still be with us when we are old and then our dreams will be of a home of the soul.

The Rainbow girl is a little different in her own home for she is its lovely queen. It is her domain and as she thinks over her new assignment she thinks of it in terms of vows and lessons she received in her initiation. She was such a young girl then, dreams by the thousands clustered about her, she couldn't tell which was the most beautiful and alluring for they all called her a little farther into the place where they would become realities. Now, as a wife, in her own new home, she thinks these dreams over. She remembers these words, "To be a wife, mother, sister or daughter, and to honor these stations, has ever been the mission of true woman. Speak lightly or irreverently of none of them for they are the crown on the head of womanhood." They have a new mean-

ing now, it seems that a flood of White Light has glorified the name of wife. No one must speak of her now except with respect and honor. This was the dream she liked best when she was a girl, but she would scarcely admit it even to herself. Finally she talked to her Mother Advisor about it knowing that she would understand. She did understand and as the story unfolded in her own mind she was not surprised to find herself thinking that she was born into the world to be a wife. If some fine man, reared in a lovely home of fine manners and a deep sense of honor, leaves his home, the place where he grew up and where he had the loving care of a mother and the wise counsel of a father, there must be a reason. It dawns on her that she is the reason. It is a silver cord that runs through every page of human history, from the very beginning to now, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife and they shall be as one flesh."

NEWS

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WINNERS OF THE 2ND ANNUAL MASONIC CHESS TOURNAMENT - (L TO R) ATTY. RAY BELTRAN, 3RD PLACE, SENIOR; BEN ALEGRE; FRANCIS LOVERO; ED CAPILI, CHAMPION, JUNIOR; EUGENE BAQUIR, CHAMPION, SENIOR; LUIS SANTOS, 2ND PLACE, SENIOR; KING SALCEDO, 5TH PLACE, SENIOR; BARNEY HOSANA, 2ND PLACE, JUNIOR; PAUL DELA ROSA, CHAIRMAN AND JOLLY BAUTISTA, 4TH PLACE, SENIOR.



2ND ANNUAL MASONIC CHESS TOURNAMENT – CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND AT PLARIDEL MASONIC TEMPLE, SAN MARCELINO, MANILA.



WINNERS OF THE EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING CONTEST ON THE LIFE AND WORKS OF MW JOSE ABAD SANTOS, SPONSORED JOINTLY BY PANAY BODIES, A.&A.S.R.; ACACIA LODGE NO. II, KALANTIAO LODGE NO. 187, GRACIANO LOPEZ JAENA LODGE NO. 194 AND ILOILO COURT NO. 5, ORDER OF THE AMARANTH. L-R - WB SIXTO DIMAISIP, SECOND PLACE, BRO. RICARDO GALVEZ, FIRST PLACE AND WB RAYMUNDO MAGAT, THIRD PLACE.



FROM L TO R: C. GUTIERREZ, PM; BRO. M. GARCIA, SEC. BRO-DENTIST LARRY SANTOS, O.S. RAMIREZ, WORSHIPFUL MASTER AND LT. C. CRUZ.

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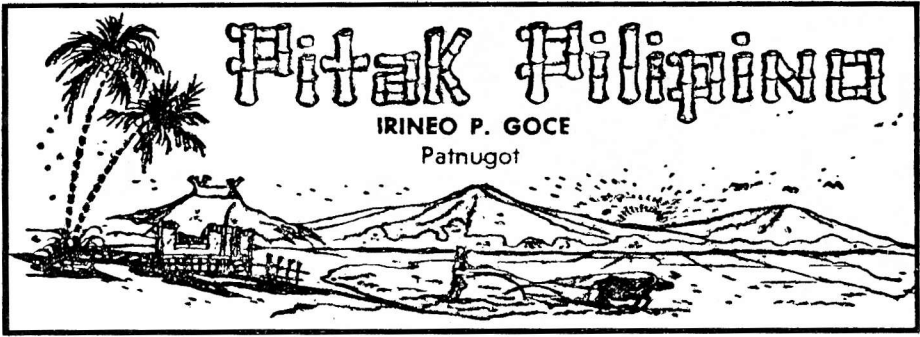
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MAYO – BUWAN NG PANIBAGONG - BUHAY

ni Irineo P. Goce

Ang buwan ng Mayo ay sagisag ng pagbabagong-buhay sa bawa't paglipas ng taon. Ang buwan ito ay mahalaga sa buhay ng mga Mason, sapagka't ang Masoneriya ay nakasalalay sa mga simbulo at sagisag.

Alinsunod sa mga kaugalian at kabihasnang Pilipino, kung buwan ng Mayo ay karaniwan nating napansin ang kasaganaan ng mga bulaklak. Napagkukuro kaya natin na ang mga bulaklak ay napakarikit na mga sagisag ng pagbabagong-buhay? Sa bawa't bulaklak ay sinisimpan ng Makapangyarihang Lumikha ang panibago at laksalaksang mga binhi upang dumami, kumalat at sumagana ang mga halaman sa ibabaw ng lupa.

Subali't ang mga bulaklak sa Mayo ay kaugnay rin ng kinaugaliang mga Santacruzang mga Pilipino. Napakaraming mga bulaklak ang pinipitas at pinupupol sa tang-

kay araw-araw, upang ihandog at ialay sa mga dambana. Sa kaugaliang ito, ay napag-iisipan kaya natin kung gaano karaming dapat sanang mabuhay na mga halaman ang nakikitlan ng buhay — na kung hindi man kinukusang patayin ay naagawan naman ng pagkakataon upang ang bulaklak ay maging bunga o buto kaya, at sa dakong huli'y maging binhing itatanim upang mag-usbong na similyang mga halaman?

Napag-uukulang pansin din kaya ng marami na kung buwan ng Mayo, ang mga puno at sanga ng mga halaman ay sumasagana sa katas? Ang karamihan sa mga halaman, sa tagal ng tag-araw na nagdaanbago sumapit ang Mayo, ay waring mga tuyong tuod at siit at wala nang buhay. Nguni't sa kapanahunan ng Mayo ang mga puno at sanga ay nag-usbong, nananalaya, muling yumayabong at sumasariwa. Iyan ay tunay na sagisag ng panibagong-

buhay.

Datapuwa't mga halaman nga lamang kaya ang nagbabagong-buhay kung Mayo? Sa ating palagay ay maging ang mga taong kinapal, sa kabataan man ay mabilis din ang pamumukadkad ng karilagan ng mga kadalagahan kung buwan ng Mayo. Hindi ito nakapagtataka, sapagka't ang mga kabataan ay bulaklak ng sangkatauhan.

Sa ating Grand Lodge naman, ang buwan ng Mayo ay maituturing na panahon din sa pagbabago. Bago ang ating Grand Master; bago rin ang hanay ng mga Grand Lodge Officers. Tulad rin ng halaman, ang Grand Lodge ay naglagas ng ibang mga basa at dahon, at nagpanibagong-tatag. Gayundin naman sa ating *The Cabletow*.

Samantala, ang lalo't higit na dapat nating gunitain ay ang ibayong kahalagahan nitong buwan ng Mayo; ito ay buwan ng pagtatanim. Maging ang anumang uri sa mga halaman, mga pangaral, magagandang mga kuru-kuro, mga katalinuhan at kaalaman; mga binhi ng bagong pagkikilala, pakikisama, pagkakaibigan, at higit sa lahat, ang pag-ibig kapatid — ang buwan ng Mayo ay kaayaya at kawiliwiling panahon upang ang lahat ng mga ito ay maipatupad at mapalaganap.

Sa ganitong paraan, sa pagsisikap ng ating Kapatiran, ay maipagpapatuloy sa daigdig na ito ang pagbabagong-tatag sa bawa't panahon; at iyan ang tanging paraan upang ating matamo at masapit ang buhay na walang hanggan.



RAINBOW . . .

FROM PAGE 9

There was much more to her girlhood dreams but her wedding was over and she had the man of her choice. It was a friend she had known always, or it was a soldier boy, or a sailor of the seas, but she loved him and he loved her and love can do everything there is to do. It was her first lesson in Rainbow, followed up by all the others that would build a bulwark about her home that the years would only make strong. Her husband was a DeMolay and he too had made his vows and must not break them. She would some day join the Eastern Star and he would be a Mason and they would grow together in that fine fraternal atmosphere. Together, they would build a home on a solid foundation that the winds and storms could not destroy. As a

girl in Rainbow, she had been taught to identify herself with some church. She was already a member of the church, so was he, or he would become a member so they could grow into Christian activities together. She had her Rainbow Bible, they had used it in their wedding ceremony. It was the only time she ever thought it proper to place anything upon the Bible, and he wanted her to cover it with orchids. She was sure God would understand. Her last lesson as a Rainbow girl was service, "be of some service each day." Why not make that the motto of their home, live for somebody else, live for your country. Their program became so full of activities that the difficult things they encountered were smoothed over and they

found out that happiness was something that you made and that homes were made out of love and service.

Never a day passed but she found something in her home that had not just come there by chance. It came out of her teen age life. George Washington, first president of the United States of America-father of his country. It had belonged in her mother's home. An old fashioned picture in an oval frame of black. She remembered that the night of her initiation when she came home that picture was on the wall in her bed room. It had a new meaning. Yes, she knew it before in a way. She had heard it in school, but she never

knew what a treasure it was but from now on no one would ever come into her home that would not be impressed with the greatness of the first President. Nor would they ever forget with what simplicity and beauty his picture had been displayed in connection with our flag. One Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all. A Rainbow home may well be the beginning of a new Chapter of double interest to all Masons and Eastern Stars in this fair and favored land of ours. The beginning of a real aristocracy, a real dedication of our lives to the principles for which these great fathers of our country stood.



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