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PARENTS BY PROXY

In previous messages here, I have stated my views regarding the youth members of: The Order of the DeMolay, The Order of The Rainbow for Girls and the Order of Job's Daughters. I have strongly urged the brethren in this jurisdiction to give unstinting support to these organizations.

The brethren have taken the task to heart and new Chapters have been organized or are in the process of being established throughout the country.

However, it has been observed that whenever these young people hold an affair, the parents of these boys and girls are conspicuous in their absence.

The guidance of these youths in their activities is usually delegated or relegated to one or two members of the advisory or guardian council.

While these energetic and dedicated advisors and guardians are doing their job well, it must be conceded that there is no substitute for active parental participation in the undertakings of the youth fraternities.

I strongly urge that parents be present during any of these endeavors or projects of our youth and not be parents by proxy.


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Quality vs. Quantity

In recent years there has been a strong tendency toward shortening the time from initiating an Entered Apprentice to raising a Master Mason. This has resulted in many cases in the belief that, if there is a long waiting period between degrees, the candidate will lose interest and perhaps get lost along the way.

There is, however, a different school of thought in many other Jurisdictions, particularly in Western Europe. In these Jurisdictions great importance is placed upon the quality of their Masons rather than quantity. They emphasize the zealotry and devotion of their members. In fact, rather than look for short cuts to "get them while they are hot," these European Jurisdictions are quite content to let their candidates "cool off" completely, before they are finally raised to the sublime degree. In other words, eliminate the "dead wood" before they become Master Masons in name only.

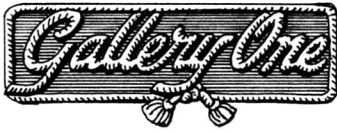
It would, indeed, be quite an interesting survey if our Grand Lodge would analyze the number of new Master Masons raised each year and trace the individual attendance record of each. We have been told by visitors from those European Lodges that although they have fewer members in their Lodges, they have much greater attendance. They explain that after each degree, their candidates are balloted upon before they are advanced to the next. Attendance, during their waiting period, is essential for a favorable ballot.

Now, here is the problem. In our Jurisdiction we conduct our business and stated meetings in the 3^o. In the European Jurisdictions referred to herein, they conduct their business in the 1^o. For many years this subject has been discussed among our brethren informally, but no formal comment or discussion is on record.

As a subject for consideration by our Lodges and in the discussions at our District Conventions, may we suggest **deliberation upon:**

- a. Feasibility of conducting Lodge business in the 1^o.
- b. Increasing the period between the 1^o and 2^o to six months.
- c. Increasing the period between the 2^o and 3^o to one year.

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"I COULD HAVE BEEN A RICH MAN HAD I BEEN WEAK. . ."



CONSTANTINO G. RABAYA

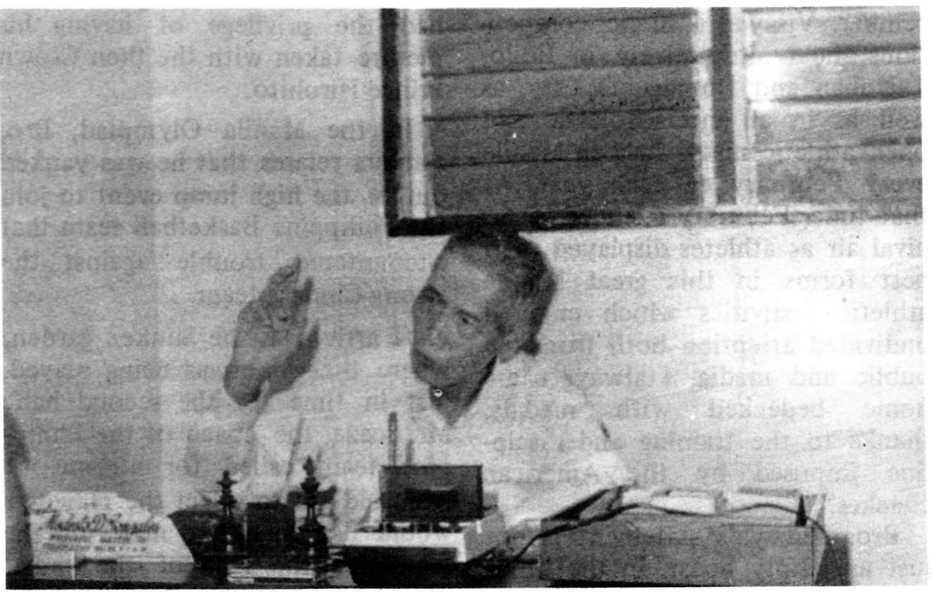
BRO. CONSTANTINO

BY: SAMUEL P. FERNANDEZ

As we had Carlos Loyzaga, claimed to be "the great difference" on the hardcourt in the '60s, so was Bro. Constantino Rabaya y de Gracia considered a basketball player to be reckoned with during the first year of the outbreak of World War I but with a marked difference. He also competed in high jumps, 150-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles and has won gold medals, not only for his province, but also for his country when he participated in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Far Eastern Olympiads successively held in Shanghai on April 1915, in Tokyo on April 1917, in Manila on April 1919 and in Osaka on April 1923.

Today, Bro. Rabaya standing six feet, two inches on his stockinged feet and looking like Gulliver in the land of the Lilliputians contents himself with an occasional game of the kings, chess. He is still strong as a Molave tree and can outshout any brother, especially while excitedly checking his opponent's king, as can be attested to by one extremely startled editor of the Cabletow.

Inspite of all these accomplishments in the world of sports, he has remained humble towards his brethren and to his admirers. When we interviewed him, one Saturday afternoon, I brought along Bro. Oscar L. Fung to thoroughly convince him that we were indeed featuring him in the Cabletow as



INO G. RABAYA

our cover story.

"I admit that I am a big man but I do not cast any shadow."

"My dear friend," Oca countered, with some levity, "It is not your shadow that we want but your experiences when you were young if only to inspire teeners of the present generation who may have the same ambition to be great in the world of sports."

"My active participation in amateur athletics covered a period of some twelve years from June 1911 to April 1923. I was then a first year high school student in Cebu High School when I was attracted by the excellent performances of the Cebu High School Athletic Teams in many of the meets held

at that time. The events presented challenges to me that I began frequenting the athletic grounds every afternoon from Monday to Saturday. Aping my idols, I practiced running, high jumping and playing basketball. I resolved in my heart that I was going to do my utmost to win whatever event I was going to participate in and to surpass the records set by the other athletes. From 1912 to 1913 I became a regular member of the track and field and basketball teams of Cebu High. My favorite events were the high jump, the 120-yard high hurdles and the 220-yard low hurdles. I also played the center for the basketball team. From 1912 to 1915 I participated in all the De-

ember Visayan athletic competitions, held alternatively in Iloilo, Tacloban and Dumaguete City, as well as in all interscholastic and open athletic meets held in Manila every February of each year. At that time, February assumed a carnival air as athletes displayed their best forms in this great Manila athletic festivities which enjoyed undivided attention both from the public and media. I always came home bedecked with medals, thanks to the training and discipline imposed by the American coaches."

Bro. Rabaya's statement is not just an empty boast. In the Inter-Visayan meet in Dumaguete City, December 1914, he established a new Philippine record for the high jump at 5 feet, 11 inches, a height he negotiated before at the behest and encouragement of a girl friend.

"Every practice time, one particular pretty girl would come and watch what I was doing. One day she propositioned me that if I could jump my height she would give me a kiss." Bro. Rabaya practiced very hard and eventually got the kiss.

In the Inter-Scholastic Meet held in Manila on February 1915, he again established another Philippine record, this time in the 220-yard low hurdles with a time of 25-1/5 seconds. In the Third Far Eastern Olympiad held in Tokyo on April 1917, he again established a new record for the 120-yard high hurdles with a time of 16 seconds. He broke his own record, for the same event, in the Fourth Far Eastern Olympiad held in Manila on April 1919 with a time of 15-4/5 seconds. Bro. Rabaya beams when he recalls the time when he

had the privilege of having his picture taken with the then Crown Prince Hirohito.

In the Manila Olympiad, Bro. Rabaya relates that he was yanked out of the high jump event to join the Philippine Basketball team that encountered trouble against the strong Chinese team.

"I arrived at the Sunken garden, where the game was being played, just in time for the second half. Mr. Icaza, the coach of the Philippine team called for a time-out and told me to select the players I would like to use to make up the team for the rest of the game. The Chinese were ahead by 14 points and our players could not seem to be able to stop the Chinese center who was about my height. Within five minutes of play in the next half, I garnered enough points erasing the Chinese lead. Encouraged by my presence, my teammates went on a scoring rampage and we won the game by more than 20 points. I have never received such a roaring applause in my life before but for this particular game."

The pressure of work made Bro. Rabaya quit active athletics having collected two dozen gold medals for winning in the Inter-Visayan athletic competitions and in the Far Eastern Olympiads. He has only two gold medals left in his possession now for he gave away some to relatives and friends while the other medals were either lost or were bartered for rice during World War II to save his family from starvation.

Born in Pangdan, Naga, Cebu on March 26, 1894 of farmer parents, he became an insular teacher in

Asturias Intermetida School in 1917-1918. He passed his second grade Civil Service Examination in 1917 obtaining the second highest rating for Cebu province. His teaching stint was brief. He resigned from his teaching job to join the Bureau of Posts as a mailing clerk in the Cebu Post Office in June 1918. In March 1919, Post Master Alcuraz received a telegram from Pres. Quezon directing him to transfer Bro. Rabaya to the Central Office in Manila. He became a confidential clerk in the office of the Director of Posts, Jose Topacio, However, he quit his job to enroll in the Ranger's Course at the Forestry School at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, graduating as valedictorian in a class of thirty students in 1922. On his request, he was sent by Director Fischer of the Bureau of Forestry to Forest District No. 10, comprising Negros and Panay islands, to study log scaling and lumber grading at the Insular Lumber Co., in Fabrica, Negros Occidental. He came back to Manila as assistant to the wood technologist and started his preparatory law course at the National University. Much as he wanted very badly to continue his studies, he was unable to do so because Mr. Jose Paez, general manager of the Manila Railroad requested Director Fischer for a lumber inspector and Bro. Rabaya was chosen for the position. He did not relish the appointment but not wanting to place his superior in an embarrassing position accepted on the condition that he would only stay for one year. So, every year Bro. Rabaya would resign only to be reinstated until one time he

forgot to resign and stayed on with the Manila Railroad for thirty years. He occupied several positions such as Administrative Officer for the Stores Department, at the main office in Caloocan, and as Acting Purchasing Agent in the same department a position which he held for thirteen years until his retirement on March 26, 1959.

"I could have been a very rich man had I been weak and accepted the numerous gifts offered me by persons with connections in high places, but Masonry has given me the inner strength to refuse any bribe. Besides, I considered it enough that I could support my family and make a decent living."

Bro. Rabaya was initiated, passed and raised in Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, F. & A. M. He later demitted from his mother Lodge in 1953 and affiliated with Service Lodge No. 59 in November 1953, He was elected Master of Service Lodge in 1957 and in 1965, and is a life member. In 1975, Bro. Rabaya was appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. He has been secretary of Service Lodge since 1967. He is a member of the Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R. and was conferred the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on February 12, 1977. He is a Royal Arch Mason in the Christian W. Rosenstock Chapter 6, R. A. M. and was elected High Priest of the chapter in 1972. He became a member of the Oriental Council No. 1, R. & S. M. on July 25, 1970 and was elected Illustrious Master of the Oriental Council in 1975. He was appointed representative

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HISTORY OF:

PINAGSABITAN LODGE NO. 26, F. & A. M.

The 15th of March 1912 is a historic date. It marked the birth of Masonry in Santa Cruz, Laguna. Three brother Masons - Santos Carmelo, Amdao Saul and Hermenegildo Aquino - met at the home of the latter in the evening of that day, conceived the idea of establishing a Masonic Lodge in that town. To push through the plan, they invited other brother Masons residing in Sta. Cruz to their next meeting in order to enlist their support.

The invited brothers - Jose de Leon, Ramon Mendoza, C. Layoc, Felipe Ongkiko and Roman Kamatoy, all of Silanganan Lodge in Pasig; and Vicente Reyes of Lodge Modestia in Manila signified their conformity by their enthusiastic attendance in that second meeting. The meeting can be thought of as worthwhile and very meaningful considering that those who attended were all proficient in the Masonic ritual (which was "Scottish Rite" and in the Spanish language at the time). Other Masons from nearby municipalities were also in-

vited. Not long afterwards, a petition was presented to the *Grand Oriente Español* in Manila for dispensation to open a Masonic Lodge in Santa Cruz.

Upon the requests of Brothers Aquino, Carmelo, De Leon, Layoc, Saul, Gaudencio Tesoro, Pedro Resurreccion and Jose Balantakbo, the first formal meeting of the Lodge organizers was held at 9:00 p.m. of April 5, 1912, at the residence of a superintendent Bro. R.G. McLeod, to confirm all matters which had already been accomplished. Upon receipt, from the *Gran Oriente Español*, of a provisional authority to open a Lodge which was named "Makiling", this was announced at a special meeting called for that purpose, and which was attended by many brethren from various Lodges under the *Grand Oriente Español*.

During the first election of officers on September 12, 1912 in a room, which was reserved for this particular purpose, of the Hotel Universal (Hotel Zoboli) on Real Street, now Pedro Guevarra, the

following were elected: *Worshipful Master* Bro. Roberto Moreno of (Silanganan Lodge), *Senior Warden* Bro. Hermenigildo Aquino (Araw Lodge); *Junior Warden* Bro. Santos Carmelo (Araw Lodge); *Treasurer* Bro. Vicente Reyes (Modestia Lodge); *Secretary* Bro. Nicasio Jose (Silanganan Lodge); *Orator* Bro. Pedro Guevara (Nilad Lodge); *Steward* Bro. Amado Saul (Araw Lodge); *Master of Ceremonies* Bro. Gaudencio Tesoro (Araw Lodge) *Almoner* Bro. Roman Kamatoy (Silanganan Lodge) *Tyler* Bro. Pedro Resurreccion (Araw Lodge).

Those elected took their oath of office at the next meeting on October 17, 1912, at the home of Judge Celestino Dimayuga, where Bro. Santos Carmelo was residing at the time. After induction, the new officers were installed in their respective offices by Bro. Jose Feliciano of Araw Lodge. It was at that same meeting that the new Lodge was named "Makiling," but which name was later changed to "Pinagsabitan" based on a legend of Barrio Pinagsabitan in Santa Cruz, wherein it was said that a corpse was seen hanging upon a tree along the road to Pangasinan.

The charter of the new Lodge in Santa Cruz was issued by the *Gran Oriente Español* in 1913, and the official installation of officers of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 344 (later designated as No. 26) was held in the night of Saturday, June 14, 1913. The installation ceremonies were performed by WB Felipe Buencamino, Sr. as Installing Officer and WB Santiago Lindaya as Master of Ceremonies, both representing the *Gran Oriente Español*. Attended by many Masons from

Manila and surrounding provinces, the installation was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Monserrat and Vicente Salamanca Monserrat, on A. Regidor Street. The following day (Sunday), a picnic was held at Santa Cruz River in Barrio Pinagsabitan in commemoration of the new Lodge, and it was attended by over 500 persons.

The first candidate to knock at the doors of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 was Justo Ongkiko, who later became Mayor of Santa Cruz. From the time of its founding, Pinagsabitan Lodge had moved its place of meeting several times until it settled permanently at its present building, the "Pedro Guevarra Masonic Temple" on Taleon Street, beside *Cine Laguna*.

WB Gabriel D. Corvissano was responsible for Pinagsabitan Lodge in acquiring her own Temple. In his great desire to promote the interests of Masonry in Santa Cruz, he spearheaded the move to acquire a lot and erect a Temple building for the Lodge. The first Temple was burned during the last war. Thanks to the leadership of Bro. Pedro Flores and the generosity of Bro. Juan Ng Cha and Bro. Geminiano Ong Acero, who advanced the materials, the Temple was reconstructed during the time of Very Worshipful Cecilio M. Bituin, when he was the Master.

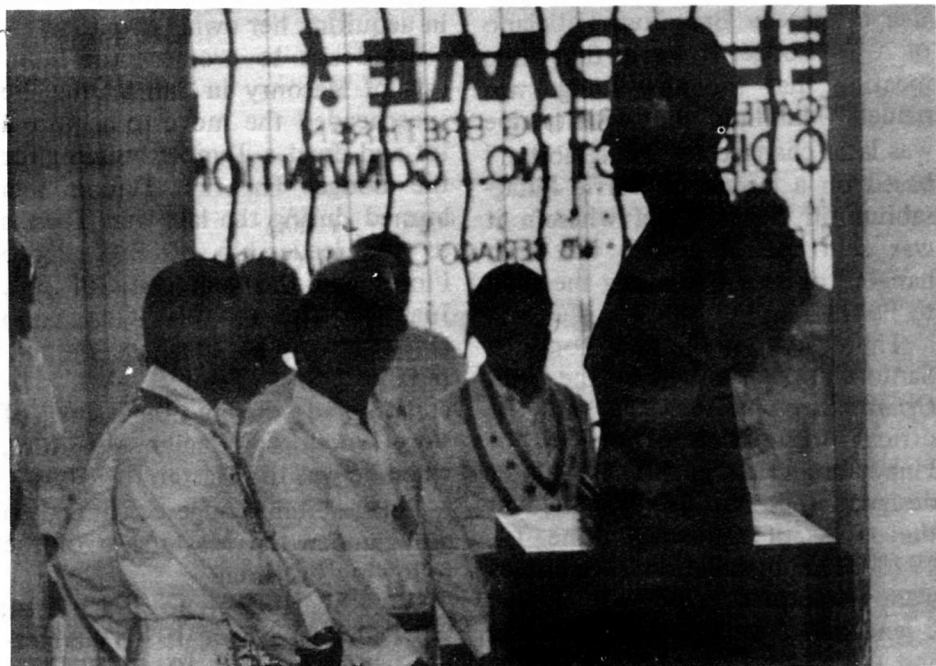
Pinagsabitan Lodge continued to grow under the Mastership of the following brethren:

WB Roberto Moreno, 1913-1914; WB Pedro Guevarra, 1915; WB Hermenigildo Aquino; 1916; WB Jose Feliciano, 1917; WB Jose Quintero,

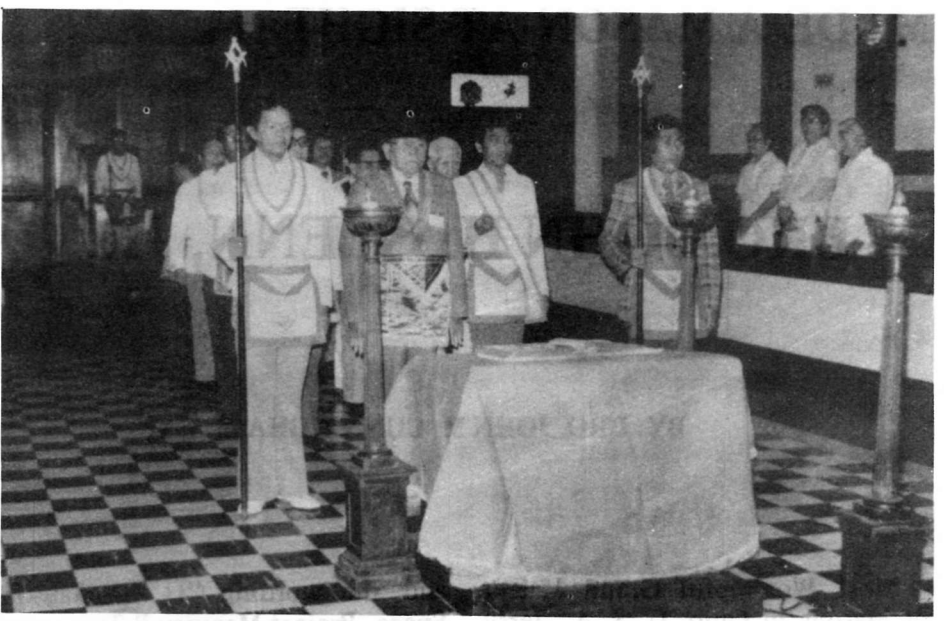
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KALEIDOSCOPE

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 1 ANNUAL CONVENTION



VW AMANCIO DONATO, DDGM FOR MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 1 LED THE DELEGATES AT THE FLORAL OFFERING RITES AT THE STATUE OF BROS. JOSE P. RIZAL, MARCELO H. DEL PILAR AND GRACIANO LOPEZ-JAENA AT THE FOYER OF THE PLARIDEL TEMPLE.



MW DESIDERIO DALISAY, SR., GRAND MASTER AND OTHER GRAND OFFICERS WERE RECEIVED WITH GRAND HONORS.



WB MABINI HERNANDEZ (LEFT), A PAST MASTER OF ARAW LODGE NO. 18 DELIVERED THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG.

BRO. JOHN H. GLENN, JR.

BY: BRO. JOHN M. CUNNINGHAM

Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, U. S. A., Jerry C. Razor, made the United States Senator John H. Glenn, Jr., a *Master-Mason-At-Sight* on August 19, 1978 in Chilicothe, Ohio. The impressive ceremony took place in conjunction with the 170th Anniversary of the State of Ohio joining the Union in 1803.

As a much decorated United States Marine Colonel, John Glenn, having served in both World War II and the Korean conflict, was the first American to orbit the earth as one of this (USA) country's original seven astronauts. On the occasion of his Space Orbit in February 20, 1962 from Kennedy Space Center, Florida in Mercury-Atlas 6, three orbits of four hours and 55 minutes and 23 second was logged. Manual retrofire error caused the Mercury capsule, named Friendship 7, to overshoot its landing target by 250 miles. The U. S. Post Office issued a special commemorative stamp of 4c, first class postage at that time depicting a space capsule in space

and the wording "U. S. Man in Space, Project Mercury." This event was the most guarded secret of the U. S. Post Office Department since its founding and its issuance was not known to the general public until after the capsule was in space . . . via radio and TV newscasts. Secondly it was the first and only time the U. S. Postal Service processed all covers of First Day Issuance of one of its stamps. Bro. Glenn now serves as United States Senator from Ohio (Democrat) and holds membership in Concord Lodge No. 688, New Concord, Ohio.

In this connection, the following appeared in the "Short Talk Bulletin," March 1937. "As all jurisdictions recognize the dispensing powers of the Grand Master in the formation of a Lodge, to omit or shorten the statutory time between petition and initiation, and between degrees, it may seem odd that not all Grand Jurisdictions recognize the right of the Grand Master to use all three powers at

once and make a Mason-at-sight. Sixteen Grand Jurisdictions, by written law, expressly permit the act, although three restrict the process to a regularly constituted Lodge. Other Grand Lodges permit the act by having adopted Mackey's list of twenty-five Landmarks as official. Mackey's eighth Landmark is, "The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons-at-sight." Four Grand Lodges expressly forbid the Grand Master to 'Make Masons-at-sight.'

Masonic affiliations of other astronauts are as follows: Virgil Ivan Grissom, at age 23 in Mitchell Lodge No. 228, Mitchell, Indiana; Walter M. Schirra, made a "Mason-

at-sight by MW John T. Rouse, Grand Master, at Jackson, Florida; Donn F. Eisele, Col., in Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732, Columbus, Ohio; Thomas P. Stafford, Brig. Gen., in Western Star Lodge No. 138, Weatherford, Oklahoma; Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., (second man to step on the moon) in Montclair Lodge No. 144, Montclair, New Jersey; Edgar D. Mitchell, in Artesia Lodge No. 28, Artesia, New Mexico, Leroy Gordon Cooper, 33rd degree, A. & A. S. R., in Carbondale Lodge No. 82, Carbondale, Colorado; Paul J. Weitz, in Laurence Lodge No. 708, Erie, Pennsylvania; John H. Glenn, Jr., in Concord Lodge No. 668, New Concord, Ohio.



DOES NOT A MASON MAKE

BY: WB ED G. SANTOS CUYUGAN
DAVAO LODGE NO. 149, F. & A.M.
LAS PALMAS LODGE NO. 512, F. & A.M.

The accompanying picture is that of a Mason, WB John A. McCuish, of Baguio Lodge No. 67 F. & A. M. effecting a mutual understanding between a newly procured seeing-eye dog and OES Sister Elma Knisley, 69, widow, who lost her eyesight three years ago following Bro. G. Knisley's passing one year earlier.

This rigorous, self-imposed daily duty of WB John is being carried out single-handedly for well over eight months now and by the slow

progress the team makes, another eight-month period may yet be necessary before the lady and her dog could go it alone including familiarization with every curb, turn and crossing along the five mile route to cover every morning.

WB John is a life member of the Manila Bodies Mt. Arayat Lodge of Perfection, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Philippines and an affiliate member of Palms Lodge No. 512, F. & A. M., of Los Angeles, California, U. S. A. Both

he and his wife, Virginia, are active members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Palms Lodge No. 491. Recently, Bro. John was elected member of the Board of Trustees of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls sponsored by the chapter.

The McCuish family resided in the premises of the Baguio Mining Company in the Mountain Province where Bro. John was a company official six years prior to the out-

break of World War II, joined the guerillas and later was interned in Camp Holmes, then in the Bilibid as a prisoner of war. The family returned to the United States after the liberation of the Philippines.

In recognition of WB McCuish's long and selfless dedication to the Order, and of his excelling proficiency in the Blue Lodge degree work, the MW Grand Master of Masons in California appointed him the Officers' Coach for Palms Lodge No. 512, F. & A. M., a very trying and challenging position in a jurisdiction where possession of a Blue Lodge Monitor (esoteric) is strictly prohibited by an edict, leaving the means of instruction through a mouth-to-ear transmittal.

This ruling, consequently, necessitates the frequent holding of a Lodge of Instruction which, in the case of Palms Lodge, takes place twice a week. The Officers' Coach's presence in such study sessions is as essential as that of a schoolroom teacher's and the punctuality, diligence and patience of WB McCuish has never been found wanting.

By precept and example, Bro. John's exemplary awareness and exercise of both his studies to his Lodge and to a fallen brother's blind widow, reminds us once again of the fact that proficiency in degree work alone *does not a Mason make.*



BRO. JOHN A. MCCUISH, A MEMBER OF BAGUIO LODGE NO. 67, F. & A.M. WITH SIS. ELMA KUISLEY, A MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND HER SEEING-EYE DOG.

**HAVE YOU
PAID YOUR
LODGE DUES?**

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1918-1920; WB Santos Carmelo, 1921; WB Vicente Rivera Sayo, 1922; WB Isidro Paredes, 1923; WB Vicente C. Reventar, Sr. 1924; WB Felipe Ongkiko, 1925; WB Balbino Kabigting, 1926; WB Leopoldo N. Reyes, 1927; WB Roman Kamatoy, 1928; WB Julio Sulit, 1929; WB Juan Calcetas, 1930; WB Fermín D. Buan, 1931; WB Zosimo Fernandez, Sr., 1932; WB Gabriel D. Corvissano, 1933-1936; MWB Werner P. Schetelig, PGM, 1937-1940; WB Marciano A. Diaz, 1941; WB Roman Kamatoy, 1945-1947; WB Hilario Zalameda, 1948; WB Rustico de los Reyes, Sr., 1949; VWB Cecilio M. Bituin, PDDGM,

1950; WB Augusto P. Arenas, 1951; WB Rustico de los Reyes, Sr., 1952; WB Eliseo D. Alampay, 1953; WB Democrito Santos, 1954; WB Isidoro Corpuz, 1955; WB Fedel Magana, 1956; WB Valentin G. Ramos, 1957; WB Tirso C. Caballero, 1958; WB Jose T. Kamatoy, 1959; WB Felicísimo San Luis, 1960; VWB Ricardo C. Buenafe, DDGM, 1961; WB Deogracias P. Reyes, 1962; WB Dioscoro S. Buan, 1963; VWB Amado Mabul, JGL, 1964; WB Leonardo Z. Macalalag, 1965; WB Martin V. Aguilar, 1966; WB Primo Emperado, 1967; WB Dominador Labit, 1968; WB Fernando O. Manas, Sr., 1969; WB Arturo Calapas, 1970; WB Leandro Menrije, 1971.



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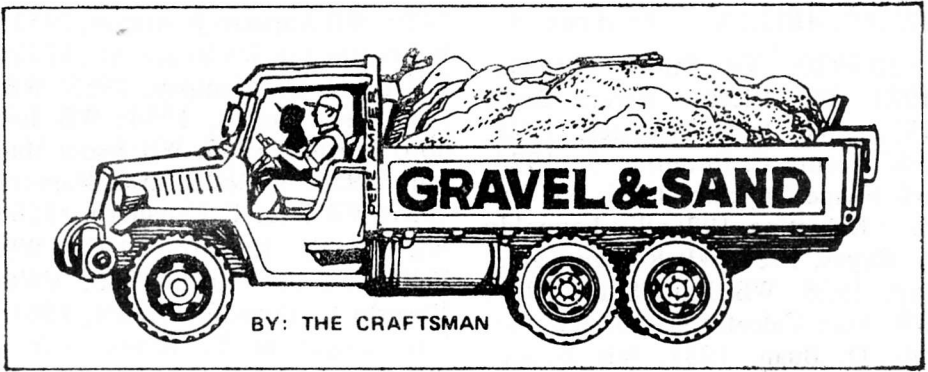
of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, U. S. A., on June 27, 1978. A member of the Far East Commandery No. 1, he also became Commander in 1975 and was appointed representative of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania, U. S. A., on October 1, 1977. On July 1978, he received the degree of Knight of the York Cross of Honour and was elected as member of the Asoka Conclave-Filipinas Priory No. 61, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in February 1978.

“As a Mason I have been trying my best to follow the teachings in

the noblest traditions of our fraternity. My Lodge and myself are always ready to extend monetary and material assistance to any deserving indigent or victim of a calamity. Although such assistance may be small, due to our limited financial resources, the idea of saving some people from the pangs of hunger or maybe preventing him from committing a crime makes us work harder towards the realization of our goal.”

With the interview ended, Oscar and I had to say “So mote it to be.” to his statement.

I breathe a prayer: May his tribe increase!



MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 9 SPORTS FESTIVAL

MW Ruperto S. Demonteverde, PGM, playing for Jacobo Zobel Memorial Lodge No. 202 and VW Bienvenido Onkiko, Junior Grand Lecturer for Masonic District No. 9, playing for Capitol City Lodge No. 15 rolled the ceremonial first ball during the opening of the Bowling Tournament among Lodges of District No. 9 held on September 24, 1978 at the Jollye Recreation Hall.

The Tournament is part of the year-round sports program initiated by the Advisory Board of Masonic District No. 9, for the . . . "Development of a stronger fellowship and camaraderie among the members in the District through friendly competition."

The Chess Competition was started on October 22 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple and the Open Golf Tournament is scheduled to start before the convention of the District. Other sports competitions to

be held are Pelota, Table-Tennis, Lawn Tennis, Badminton, Softball, Team Chess and Basketball.

A feature in the competitions, is the teaming up of two or more Lodges to participate in the games. No general championship award will be given. Only team and individual winners will be awarded trophies.

WB Benjamin J. Torres of Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147 was designated over-all chairman of the sports committee. Sub-Committee chairmen are: Bro. Vergel De Jesus (19) - Bowling; WB Reynold Fajardo (122) - Chess; Bro. Jorge Veduya (185) - Pelota; WB Teodorico Baldonado (185) - Golf; WB Benedicto Venturina (19) - Badminton; WB Dave Perez, Jr. (147) - Basketball; VW Timoteo Juan (202) - Table Tennis; WB Federico Sugue (174) - Lawn Tennis; Bro. Remy Pante (19) - Softball; and Bro. Floriam M. Flores (147) - Volleyball.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 28 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Sixth Annual Convention of Masonic District No. 28 was held in Batangas City on October 21, 1978. The Lodges comprising the District are: Batangas Lodge No. 35, Batangas City; Tamaraw Lodge No. 65, Calapan, Oriental Mindoro; Sixto Lopez (Batulao) Lodge No. 129, Balayan, Batangas; Mindoro Lodge No. 157, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro and Mabini-Kalaw Lodge No. 195 in Lipa City.

The theme of the Convention is: The Role of Masonry in Youth Development.

The officers of the district, delegates and members of their families and friends assembled in front of the Rizal Monument at the plaza gave MW Desiderio Dalisay, Sr. Grand Master and his entourage a rousing Welcome.

MW Dalisay led the brethren in laying floral offering at the statue of Bro. Jose P. Rizal. He extolled the virtues of our national hero. The group then proceeded to the monument of Bro. Apolinario Mabini, where RW Simone Rene Lacson, Junior Grand Warden laid floral offerings and delivered a few remarks on the life of Bro. Mabini.

The Alitagtag-DeMolay Drum and Bugle Corp led the delegation as they marched from the plaza to the convention hall. The drum and bugle corp delighted the Grand Master's party, the delegates and the public with their rendition of "Sampaguita" and other old time favorites. This 93-man Alitagtag-DeMolay Drum and Bugle Corp is a

pet project of Bro. Pedro B. Vergara, a newly raised member of Batangas Lodge No. 35 and Mayor of Alitagtag, Batangas. He donated the musical instruments of the corp, estimated to have cost of quarter of a million pesos.

At the convention hall, MW Dalisay and his party were received with Grand Honors.

WB Angelito Bruno delivered the welcome address.

Bro. Pedro B. Vergara delivered an inspirational talk.

The Masters of the Lodges in the convention made brief reports.

Musical numbers were rendered by the drum and bugle corp and vocal renditions of Bro. Aristeo Velasco of Luzon Lodge No. 57.

VW Pedro E. Palacio, VW Rosauro L. Magtibay, WB Ernesto V. Perez and WB Buhay Medina were nominated for the position of District Deputy for Masonic District No. 28.

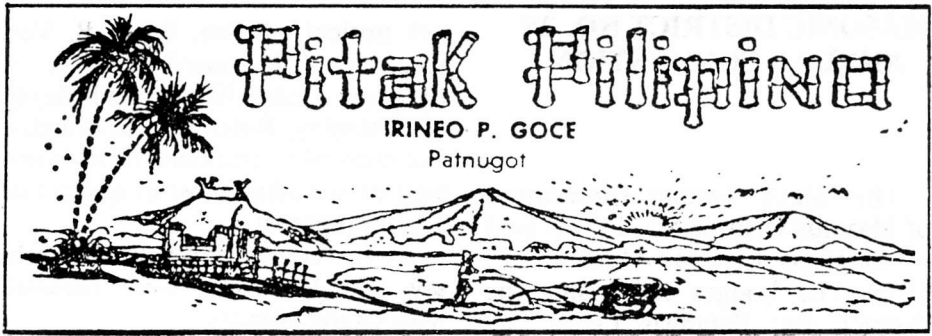
The keynote address was delivered by MW Desiderio Dalisay, Sr. - Grand Master, earlier than scheduled to enable him to attend another Masonic engagement in Manila.

After the brethren saw the Grand Master party off, the convention resumed its business until the late afternoon hours.

KASILAWAN'S FIRST

Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 posted another "first", when they initiated Bro. Malli A. Hataie on October 3, 1978 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall, of the Plaridel Masonic Temple.

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SI ANDRES BONIFACIO, SA HARAP NG BAYAN

Ni Bro. Angelito G. Flores
Maranaw Lodge No. 111
Iligan City

Mga kababayan! Inyo nang imulat!
Matang napipikit sa labis na hirap;
Ngayo'y panahon nang bigyan nating wakas
Ang pagka-alipin nitong Pilipinas.

Daan-daang taong tayo ay nangarap,
Kalagayan natin nawa'y magkapalad;
Magkaroon nitong pagbabagong hangad
At di matulad lang sa bulang nawarat.

Sa maghaponng hirap ay di pa rin sapat
Aning masagana sa santaong singkad;
Ang labis na buwis kulang pang pambayad
Sa mga dayuhan, na namamalakad.

Indyo kung turinga! hayop sa palagay!
Pagmalabisan ma'y di raw masasaktan!
Inaalipusta't 'di binigyang dangal,
Sa putik daw mula, sa putik daw bagay.

Hanggaha'y kailan? nang ipagtitiis,
Sa mga dayuhang lubhang malulupit!
Mga anak nati'y ano'ng masasapit
Kung hindi kikilos? Ihandang magtiis!

Ihandang magtiis! Turuang lumuhod!
Turuang sumunod sa anumang utos!
Sa bawa't hagdipit ikaw ay manood!
Sa 'yong ama't anak, huwag manggipuspos.

Ah, kababayan ko'y nasaan ang wakas,
Kung ang hirap ngayo'y gayundin sa bukas?
Di na magbabago at walang pag-unald
Habang tanikala'y di pa nakakalag!

Tayo ay magsama: mag-isa ng lakas,
Kung nabibigkis na'y daig silang lahat!
Kahi't punyal, tabak, at sibat ay sapat
Upang maigupo't Espanya'y ibagsak!

Atin nang batahin ang hirap ng digma,
At di pabayaang dusa au lumala;
Tayo ay magbuklod; aasaha'y wala
Kungdi tayo na ring anak ng dalita.

Humayo na kayo't magsipagpaalam!
Sa asawa't anak at mahal sa buhay!
Adhikang dakila ay nakasalalay
Sa mga palad n'yong anak nitong bayan!

Ilayo sa isip ang mga hilahil,
Ang dusa ay higit, ng isang alipin;
Byaang ang laya ay paliwanagin
Ng sulo at itak ng ating panimdim.

Sintang Pilipinas, bayang minamahal,
Dusa ng lahi mo'y aming wawakasan!
Tanilalang gapos, kiaw'y kakalagan!
Lalaya ka, bayan; Ikaw ay maghintay!



- d. Requiring a candidate to maintain a minimum attendance of 80% for favorable ballot for advancement.

The important points stressed by our brethren from the European Jurisdictions are that longer periods between degrees during which minimum attendance is required:

- a. Develop attendance habits
- b. Stress the importance of becoming a Master Mason.
- c. Acquaint the candidate with the stated meetings and what Masonry is about.
- d. Get candidates involved as participants before they are finally raised to the Sublime Degree.
- e. Evaluate the candidate *before* he is raised and not *after*.
- f. Reduce the number of inactive, non-attendants in the Lodges.

If you believe there are merits in these points, your comments will be welcomed. Conversely, if you believe a better quality of Mason is obtained from our presnet system, your comments will be equally welcomed. In other words, we would appreciate your views on the matter, regardless of the position you take,

R.E.W.



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It was the first time in the Lodge that a candidate took his obligation on the Holy Koran.

WB Pablo C. Mariano, who is celebrating his 40th year as a member of the Craft headed the team that conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on Bro. Hataie.

THANKS!

This column would like to express its sincere thanks to WB Alfredo Quinto, Master of Pangasinan Lodge No. 158 for his donation of a flash unit to the Cabletow and for his wonderful accomodations when we were in Dagupan City.

WB Quinto owns a modern color film processing laboratory and a chain of photographic equipment and supplies in Dagupan City.

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YOUR
LODGE
DUES?**

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