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Grand Master's Page



THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

These are days when our character as a people is put to a test. And so in my message this month I ask my brother Masons, and my countrymen, to ponder on the thoughts contained in the writings of the foremost Filipino Mason, Dr. Jose Rizal, in one of the chapters of "El Filibusterismo" – the great novel that he wrote, which undoubtedly influenced the thinking and the attitudes of the Filipino people during his time. I believe that what Rizal said then is still a gospel that should be heeded by the Filipino people these days. Rizal said:

"... so long as the Filipino people do not have sufficient energy to proclaim, with head erect and bare bosom, their right to social life, and guarantee it with their sacrifice, with their blood itself; so long as we see our countrymen in their private life feel inwardly ashamed of themselves, hear the rumbling voice of conscience which rebels and protests, and in public life keep silent, join the voice of the abuser to make fun of the abused; so long as we see them shut themselves in their egotism and praise with a forced smile the most iniquitous acts, begging with their eyes for a part of the loot, why give them liberty?"

Lack of space would not allow me to elaborate on the foregoing quotation from our national hero. I trust, however, that my brother Masons, who are expected to be champions of human rights and freedom, lovers of their country, defenders of the truth, and uncompromising with anything that is wrong and oppressive, would reflect seriously on the relevance of the thoughts of Rizal to our times, for it is his message, his very timely message, that I wish to convey to all Masons.

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LET IT BEGIN WITH ME

Last Saturday at the Scottish Rite Luncheon, a brother and sister team from Faith Academy sung several songs among which was one most appropriate for Masonry. They called it: Peace, Let It Begin With Me.

This is a most beautiful way to express ourselves as Masons, in our efforts to improve the image of Masonry. *Let it begin with me!*

Yesterday, at a Committee meeting called to discuss some most important matters, it was interesting to note how every member of the committee had plenty of criticisms and observations as to what must be done to accomplish the mission. What was conspicuous by its absence was information as to *how* it was to be done, and what was most important, *who* was the one to do it.

Thinking about it, you will perhaps agree, the work in Masonry generally gets done by a few, dedicated Masons who are motivated by those inspiring words: Let it begin with me.

Perhaps after you have read this and thought about it, you too will join that groups of Masonic "doers" rather than the Masonic "talkers" and adopt this principle: *Let it begin with me.*

R.E.W.

“WHY DOES DADDY GO TO LODGE?”

The business of being a father is not only one of the most interesting experiences of my life to date, but it is also a task which sometimes taxes all my ingenuity and causes me to pause for most serious reflections. Fortunately, my casual answers are often sufficient to satisfy my five and eight year olds, but occasionally they will not put off with a half-way explanation.

I suppose Jean anticipated that worn old standby, “ask mother,” a few nights ago. At any rate that’s what she did. I heard her as I stepped out the door following the usual remonstrances about my going. Her question was “Why does Daddy go to Lodge?” I didn’t hear mother’s answer, but ever since I have pondered over what reply I would have made. And I wonder now how my reasons compare with yours.

I go to Lodge because I like the society of men. I go because at Lodge I meet a representative cross-section of my fellows, each my peer. Creed, occupation, rank, educational inequalities, differences in life’s station, all are forgotten. At Lodges, man and man clasp hands as Brothers, and there’s a kick in that for me.

I go to Lodge because there I learn of others. I aid them in solving those problems, as my fraternal associates willingly aid me to solve mine. There’s a satisfaction in that for me.

At my Lodge, there’s a time for work and a time for play; there’s a time for me and a time for mine. My attendance at Lodge shows my pride in the Order, not ostentatiously, but none the less effectively. I want my boy to have a greater reverence for Masonry

than I myself.

I go to Lodge because I am assured that merit alone will determine my standing among the Brethren. There's joy for me in working under such conditions.

I go to Lodge because there I am surrounded by professing believers in Deity. I am, therefore, in the best company that this old earth affords to human beings. To me it means a renewal of my faith to pass the Lodge room threshold, and if my presence means to others what theirs means to me, it inspires new courage, confidence and con-

viction that is not misplaced.

I go to Lodge to come away a better man. My manhood needs constant bolstering. While this is a confession of my weakness, it also testifies to the strength of the Fraternity. As my acquaintance and contacts within the Order grow, my capacity for better things increases; not only do I become a better man, but a better husband and a better father. And that little Jean is why Daddy goes to Lodge.

Andrew J. White, Jr., P.G.M.
Grand Secretary, Ohio
"The Indiana Freemason"



NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines will hold its Annual Communication on April 27, 28 and 29, 1977 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino, Manila, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Registration of Delegates will be April 25 to April 27, 1977.

(Sgd.) ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ, PGM
Grand Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

Pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 1, Art. II, of the By-Laws as amended, you are hereby notified that on THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1977 1:00 P.M. the Annual General Meeting of the regular members of ACACIA will be held at the Social Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

Handwritten signature of L.R. Salvosa.

L.R. SALVOSA
President & Actuary

(Address of H.L. Warwina Ruita Llamera, Royal Matron of de Oro Court No. 15, Order of the Amaranth, Inc., Cagayan de Oro City, during the installation of officers.)

THE ORDER OF THE AMARANTH

As we face the challenges of another year, I would like to share with you some thoughts in the hope that these would improve our fraternal participation and involvement.

First and foremost is that we should increase our knowledge. As responsible members, it is incumbent upon us to know about our organization.

Our ritual cites that the Order of the Amaranth is a distinct organization and not a part of any other fraternal order. The obligations are based upon the honor of those who obtain the degree, and are anchored on the principles that whatever benefits are due by the Masonic Fraternity to the Wives, Daughters, Grand daughters, Mothers, Widows, Sisters, Half-Sisters, Nieces and Grand Mother of Master Masons, corresponding benefits are due from them to the brotherhood.

We must think not only of the benefits we are supposed to receive, but should be willing to give a fraction of ourselves in terms of service, time and money.

Membership in this organization is by personal qualification—we are judged by our character and not according to intelligence, material possessions or success in any field.

The other objective of the Order of the Amaranth is to encourage and promote among us the practice and principles of Truth, Faith, Wisdom, and Charity.

As members, we should not only be familiar with the rituals of our order, but strive hard for proficiency. These rituals were written with great care and took several years to accomplish. It is but fitting to execute it as envisioned by the writers.

As Honored Ladies and Sir Knights in this fraternity, it is a *must* that we know one another — not just by face or name but well enough to be concerned with each others welfare. This fraternity binds us together like one big family. Hence, we should endeavor to cultivate a more friendly and tolerant attitude in our relationship with

each other. We should guard against divisive forces that tend to destroy the cohesiveness of our organization. Minor personal misunderstandings should not be allowed to undermine its stability. Unity must be upheld at all times and personal interests subordinated.

Another important subject I would like to bring up is that of attendance. We are all busy people. It is necessary that we budget our time in order to accomplish something worthwhile. Despite personal inconveniences, I accepted this awesome post in the spirit of service and cooperation, confident that with your wholehearted support we shall enjoy the blessings of a more fruitful year and hopefully, be able to achieve worthwhile projects.

Our stated meetings are only once a month. With your cooperation, we shall endeavor to start them *on time* so we can leave *on time*.

All of us have certain responsibilities to fulfill. We are aware that we should discharge our sacred

duties with sincerity and dedication. And like any other organization, we cannot move forward without resources. To attain our goals, we should be willing to share with the fraternity whatever little we have. This willingness will certainly lighten the tasks of the Secretary and Treasurer.

To the Honored Ladies and Sir Knights in this fraternity we seek your cooperation, for without you, there would be no organization.

To my fellow officers, we are charged with the duty of being models of what we profess. This duty carries with it the delicate responsibility of conducting ourselves and living according to the precepts of our order.

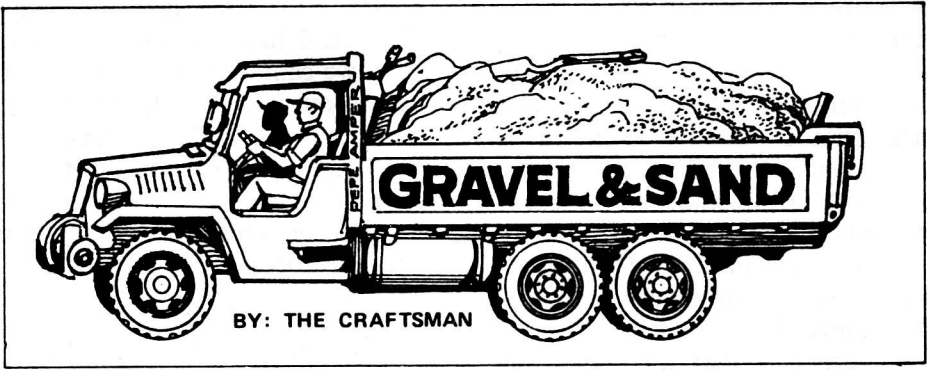
In closing, I trust that we shall continue in harmony, equally sharing our burdens as we give of ourselves fraternally, socially and charitably for the Order of the Amaranth.



A LESSON FROM HISTORY

Abraham Lincoln said it: "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than your income. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatreds. You cannot build character and courage by taking away a man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should for themselves."

—The Freemason—



LAONG-LAAN LODGE NO. 185 INSTALLS OFFICERS

RW Jolly R. Bugarin, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines delivered the keynote address during the installation of the officers of Laong Laan Lodge No. 185, held at the Capitol Masonic Corporation Building in Quezon City on January 7, 1978 at 1:30 in the afternoon.

On hand to receive the guests were members of the Laonglaan Ladies Auxillary.

WB Emilio A. Andrion, Jr. delivered the welcome address.

RW Jolly R. Bugarin installed the officers of the Lodge for the current Masonic year. He was assisted by VW Eliseo A. Arandia, Jr., Junior Grand Lecturer for District No. 1, as Master of Ceremonies.

After the installation, WB Emilio A. Andrion, Jr., presented the Master Mason's Diplomas to 17 newly raised members. There are: Francisco Y. Achondoa, Sinfroso L. Ancheta, Genaro I. Arribe, Nicholas A. Aquino, Manuel E. Caidic, Rolando J. Cuartero, Jose G. Fortuno, Ernesto T. Gelvosa, Vilino Sy Go, Manuel Sy Go Supnet, Perfecto S. Mendiola, Angelo H. Nepomuceno, Ricardo P. Robles, Virgilio J. Santos, Enrique T. Tansipek, Emmanuel S. Verzosa, Alberto A. Jocson.

VW Jose B. Perez, Deputy for Masonic District No. 9 presented Plaque of Appreciation to WB Manuel M. Supnet, Bro. Jose A. Tanseco and WB Daniel I. Lisanin received their Certificates of Appreciation from VW Bienvenido G. Ongkiko, Junior Grand Lecturer for District No. 9.

WB Francisco D. Ronquillo, Grand Lodge Inspector for Laong Laan Lodge No. 185 presented the Past Master's Jewel to WB Emilio A. Andrion, Jr., out-going Master.

RW Jolly R. Bugarin delivered the keynote address.

Installed were: Manuel M. Supnet, Master; Agustin T. Manansala, Senior Warden; Simplicio L. Andaya, Junior Warden; Teodorico V. Baldonado, Treasurer; WB Ireneo P. Goce, Secretary.

Vilino Sy Go, Chaplain; Antonio T. Soriano, Marshall; Wenceslao I. Agnir, Senior Deacon; Antonio A. Mecano, Junior Deacon; Francisco Y. Achondoa, Lecturer; Ngo Di Hiong, Auditor; Enrique T. Tansipek, Almoner, George A. Viduya, Custodian of the work; Perfecto S. Mendiola, Historian; Teodoro M. Magtija, Orator; Eduardo E. Baguio, Senior Steward; Ricardo P. Robles, Junior Steward; Rosauro M. Supnet, Organist and Emilio A. Andrion, Jr. Tyler.

MAKTAN LODGE NO. 30, F&AM PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Maktan Lodge No. 30, held its public installation of officers at the Masonic temple, Borromeo Street, Cebu City on February 6, 1978.

The invocation was said by Rev. Patrick Ezra, while WB Samuel Kho Morgia delivered the welcome address.

VW Florentino B. Almacen, Deputy for Masonic District No. 16 installed the officers. He was assisted by VW Eliseo A. Arandia, Jr., Junior Grand Lecturer for Masonic District No. 1, as Master of Ceremonies.

Musical numbers were rendered by Sis. Rosalinda C. Bacamante, of the Order of the Eastern Star.

WB Juan Causing, PM presented the Past Master's Jewel to WB Samuel Kho Morgia, out-going Master.

RW Jolly R. Bugarin, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines delivered the keynote address. He was introduced by Bro. Gerardo P. Jimenea.

WB Jesus E. Zabate delivered the closing remarks.

Installed were: Francisco Benedicto, Master; Romulo Cui, Senior Warden; Wilfredo C. Valencia; Manuel Gaviola, PM, Treasurer; Jesus E. Zabate, PM, Secretary; Samuel Kho Morgia, PM, Chaplain; Simon Chuahe, PM, Marshall; Rudolfo O. Lafradez, Senior Deacon; Orlando G. Sin, Junior Deacon; Augusto P. Santos, PM, Orator; Gerardo P. Jimenea, PM, Almoner; Teodoro Caneda, PM, Auditor; Juan Causing, PM and Eliezer La Casul, PM, Lecturers; Saturnino Liston, PM, Bible Bearer; Juan del Castillo, PM, Standard Bearer; Esperidion A. Espejo, Senior Steward; Benito T. Lim Hong, Jr., Junior Steward; Crisologo O. Caparoso, Organist, and Benjamin C. MacMurray, Jr., Tyler.

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ABUSE!**

NEWS

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1978 OFFICERS OF MAKTAN LODGE NO. 30 IN CEBU CITY.



WB ELIEZER LA CASUL, WB FRANK BENEDICTO, WB SAMUEL KHO NORGIA AND BRO. WILFREDO C. VALENCIA OF MAKTAN LODGE ROSE WITH THE RECEIPIENTS OF THE "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEERS 77" OF THE LODGE HELD AT THE GROUNDS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH IN QUEZON CITY.



LAIZ

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I was about to be discharged, I asked to be taken to the office of my doctor to thank him and inquire for my bills. I was very much surprised to hear that he was not charging a fellow Mason. I found out that the good doctor was informed by my Brethren who frequently visited me that I was a Mason.

So there you are, there you see the beauty of Masonry, the Masonry in action by my doctor and my Brethren, an example of Masonry in Men, and the fact that my doctor is a Jew shows the Universality of our Fraternity.

Let us not be in despair and downhearted because we are few in number. As long as all of us are dedicated to the tenets of Masonry and practice them to the letter, we shall have attained to our satisfaction and our goal—more Masonry in Men rather than more Men in Masonry.

Last but not least, I wish to congratulate the incoming W.M. and the elected and appointed officers, also the Brethren for the wisdom of their choice and requests them to give their continued support and cooperation. I also wish to congratulate the outgoing officers for the work well done. Thank you.

THE GREATNESS OF LITTLE THINGS

BY IRINEO P. GOCE



LISANIN

There are little, insignificant things in our daily life which can become truly great if they are born of love. Such things are made manifest by man's love for his kindred, and nurtured into reality by small amounts of sacrifices on the part of benefactors. In the long run those little sacrifices amount to a big investment of love, and redound to the everlasting welfare of those being assisted.

A case in point is the philanthropic project of a brother Mason, WB Daniel D. Lisanin, Past Master of Laong Laan Lodge No. 185 and whose mother organization is Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97 in Noveleta, Cavite. WB Lisanin found a lifetime inspiration in Sister Demetria at Barrio Sta. Ana, Bulacan, Bulacan, and with whom he has settled for good.

Now, back to the project. In July last year, WB Lisanin offered free instructions in steno-typing to deserving students. Having obtained

permission from the Non-Formal Education Department of the Department of Education and Culture, Bulacan Division, he organized a secretarial class and, utilizing the facilities of the Gregorio del Pilar Elementary School, gathered eleven interested students to whom he imparted his knowledge of the vocation.

Classes were conducted from 4:00-6:00 p.m. every Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Instructions were given *gratis et amore*, as WB Lisanin says, which he himself handled. And the course culminated on, of all dates, February 14, 1978. It was a day of love, as the whole world knows. Yes, a day of Masonic love for the welfare of the youth!

Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97 and Laong Laan Lodge No. 185 are fortunate and very proud, indeed, in having WB Daniel D. Lisanin as their very dedicated member. May his tribe increase!

PAST GRAND MASTERS RECOMMEND. . . .

At a meeting on February 14, 1978 of Past Grand Masters presided over by the **Grand Master**, the three brethren whose pictures appear below, were recommended for the position of Junior Grand Warden. The selections are intended to assist the brethren in electing the Junior Grand Warden in April, 1978, and do not in any way deprive them of their inherent right to vote for any qualify brother for the position.



ROVIRA



BASCARA



LACSON

VALERIO V. ROVIRA

Born in Cajudiocan, Romblon on April 18, 1909.

He is the presiding District Judge of Branch IV, Court of First Instance of Iloilo and Executive Judge of the same until November 30, 1977.

Before the war, he was a Justice of the Peace of Lanao and Sulu.

He organized the guerilla force in Lanao against the Japanese in 1942, and in 1946, he was inducted into the Armed Forces with the rank of Major, JAGS. Bro. Rovira was elected Vice-Governor of Lanao del Norte in 1959, while he was a Dean of the College of Law, St. Peters College in Iligan City.

He is presently a professor of Civil and Remedial Law in the University, Iloilo since 1964.

Past executive Vice-President, Lanao Council, Boy Scout of the Philippines; Corporate member and past Board member, YMCA Iloilo; Life member Philippine Veterans Legion. Organized the Lion's Club in Catarman, Samar; and a member of the Lanao del Norte Chapter Integrated Bar of the Philippines.

Married to Maria Reyes Imperial. They have five children, Valerio, Jr., Voltaire, Marrieta, Victoire and Miriam.

Initiated, passed and raised in Maranaw Lodge No. 111 in 1938. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1954. Deputy for District No. 14, 1966-1976.

Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the Supreme Council A.V.A.S.R., Philippines; Deputy, Valley of Western Visayas. Recipient of the Jose Abad Santos Medal of Merit.

Past Royal Patron, Iloilo Court, No. 5, Order of the Amaranth Inc.

His father, the late Juan R. Rovira was a member of Marble Lodge in Romblon. His wife is a Past Royal Matron of the Order of the Amaranth. His son, Valerio, Jr., Victoire, and Voltaire are Masons. Daughters Marrieta and Miriam are members of the Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

DOMINGO C. BASCARA

Born on – December 20, 1904, in Mabatang, Abucay, Bataan.

Graduated as – Bachelor of Laws, 1932, Philippine Law School, Passed the Bar in 1933.

Married to Nieves R. Crespo in 1933. They have three children.

Masonic Record:

1. Worshipful Master, High Twelve Lodge No. 82, 1951.
2. Past Grand Marshall and Grand Orator, Grand Lodge of the Philippines.
3. Present Grand Chancellor, Supreme Council 33°, Scottish Rites of the Philippines.

Employment:

1. YMCA Secretary since 1924. First Filipino YMCA General Secretary, 1941 to first retirement in 1968.
Recalled in 1973 to second retirement in 1977.
2. First volunteer Executive Secretary and Board Member, PRRM, and Vice-President, IIRR.

Civic Work:

1. Past President – PMHA, Philippine band of Mercy, Y Men's Club of Makati, and Past Secretary and Board Member, Rotary Club of Manila.
2. Incumbent President, Rizal Youth Leadership Training Foundation, Inc., and 3rd Vice-President, Community Chest of Greater Manila.

Honors and Recognition:

1. Outstanding Professional Social Worker Award for the year 1957.
2. Subject of a 6-page article, Reader's Digest, May 1957.
3. Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, George Williams College, Chicago, 1958.
4. World Gold Triangle, highest award, YMCA of the Philippines, 1977.
5. E. S. Turner World Outstanding Service Award, highest award of the Y's Men's International, Philippine Region.
6. Life Honorary Member and Consultant, National Board, YMCA of the Philippines.

LACSON, SIMEON RENE was born April 21, 1918 in Manila. He graduated a Bachelor of Laws in 1941. He is married to the former Casilda Gumban. They have two children.

WB Lacson is the President of the Philippine Law School and Lacson College, Vice-President of Carmen Mindanao Mining Co.; Past Governor District 301-A, Lions International, 1964-65 and 1968-69; Past Commander, Post 37, American Legion; Pasay Chest Clinic of the Philippine Tuberculosis Society Director, Pasay City Chapter, Philippine National Red Cross.

WB Rene as he is fondly known was initiated, Passed and Raised in F. D. Roosevelt Memorial Lodge No. 81 in 1970. He served as Master of his Lodge in 1971 and 1972. He is a charter member of Jacobo Zobel Memorial Lodge No. 202 and served as Treasurer in 1976.

He was conferred Master of the Royal Secret in 1973 in Luzon Bodies, A. & A/S. R.

He is a member of the Manila Council No. 2, R.A.M., Oriental Council No. 1, R. & S. M. and Far East Commandery, K. T. of the York Rite.

He is a member of the Islam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Sampaguita Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star; Far East Court No. 1, Order of the Amaranth, Inc.

He has served the Grand Lodge as Grand Standard Bearer in 1973 and Grand Bible Bearer in 1976. He is the incumbent Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

FEBRUARY 14, LOVER'S DAY AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE

By Bro. Alejandro T. dela Cruz
(Saigon Lodge No. 188)

Valentine's Day falls on February 14 — a day when lovers give their token of love. It may be a bouquet, 3 roses amidst its leaves, or any other gift symbolic of love. Yet, are tokens of love enow?

To answer the question, one needs to know the meaning of "Love". It is said that love should come from the heart — for "God is Love". Since Love is a divine feeling, it is spontaneous, nothing hidden between the two lovers. In short, out of love, one practises charity.

Charity begins at home. A very common adage significant to each and every brother Mason. Parent show love and affection to their child or children by rendering him/her due attention and care as the child grows. Until the moment that the child will be on his own when he reaches the age of majority, the parent should show that love, filial love, at least.

But love is reciprocal. The child in return should show signs of gratitude if not express their joy for having received due care and attention and affection from a parent. A smile between a parent and a child would perhaps be enough to make each one comfortable and content.

We as Brother Masons are under obligation to aid a distressed brother, his widow, orphans, mother, sister. . . But is this limited to these few only? An entered apprentice asked me once.

The answer is no, repeat, no. For it was said. "There are faith, hope, and charity. But the greatest of them is Charity."

This is illustrated in the parable of the Good Samaritan. He who aided the wounded man or the "distressed worthy" brother is he who is an example of a good neighbor. In fact, God rewarded the good samaritan by letting him live due perhaps to the heat that he experienced in carrying the big burden on his shoulders thereby saving him from the extreme cold. But those ahead of him who passed by and left alone the "distressed" neighbor, perished on the way.

This is further complemented by the words from the Holy Scriptures that "Charity covereth a multitude of sins."

What then is expected of a just and upright Brother Mason?

The great President of the United States Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War is an example

of a Brother Mason practising charity through the emancipation of the Negro slaves, based on the doctrine that all men are created equal – “in the image and likeness of God.” On the other hand, the Philippines foremost national hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal demonstrated this kind of charity in giving free medical services to poor deserving patients among his countrymen.

The refugees from the beleaguered South Vietnam from among whom were our brother masons deserve a lifting arm of charity from his brothers and fellows. During the exodus, cars, furniture, radio-television, refrigerators, and other per-

sonal belongings were left behind without any future reimbursement for the concerned citizens except among US workers and contractors. It is a solace that some few thoughtful souls have given understanding and spontaneous show of fraternal love to them.

On this lover’s day then, let us not only think of what tokens of love we can give to the object of our love, but also to practise a love greater than this – Charity – for as a perfect example, Almighty God so love the world that He gave His only begotten Son for the redemption of mankind. For indeed, love knows no burden.



TO MY BRETHREN OF LABONG LODGE NO. 59

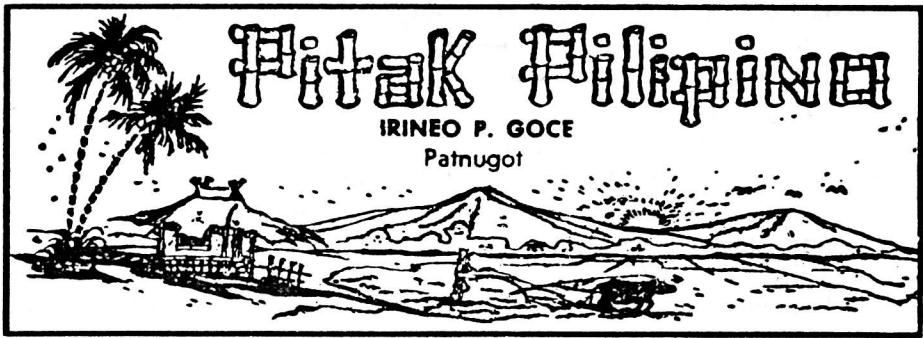
By: Elpidio Laiz, PM

It is to my regret that for about two years now I have missed your company and failed to attend all the important gatherings of our venerable fraternity. It is because I had a stroke, and the right side of my body is paralyzed. However, I wish to assure you that my Masonry is second to none and deep rooted in my mind and heart.

Let me tell you an incident, by way of recalling what happened in the year 1922, when I was just a greenhorn Master in Labong Lodge then located in Malabon, Rizal. I

was stricken with paralysis caused by a disorder of my spinal cord. Local doctors could not do anything and I was advised to seek the help of a specialist. My wife then was on the family way for our first child which then was considered a bad omen. In no time, I was taken to the old St. Luke Hospital, then located in Magdalena, Trozo, Manila. Dr. A. M. Salleby, the director, was the leading specialist at that time who treated me. I was cured after over a month and when

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NGUMITI NAMAN TAYO

Ni: KAP. IRINEO P. GOCE

Ngayon ay buwan ng mga puso, at naging karaniwan na sa panahong ito ay mga ulat ukol sa pag-iibigan ang ating ginugunita. Nguni't ang buhay nating mga Mason ay pawang lipos ng pag-ibig, at ang ganiyang mga ulat ay hindi na magiging bago sa ating pandinig.

Dahil dito ay minarapat ng pitak na ito na tayo ay magpaiba naman. Sa dahilang ang puso ay nagiging malusog kung ito ay masigla, kung kaya sinikap nating itampok ngayon ang ilang mga nakakatawang pintig ng buhay. Batay sa ganiyang paniwala ay taos-pusong nag-aanyaya ang pitak na ito na "ngumiti naman tayo!"

Masarap kainin

Anak: Itay, masarap bang kainin ang uod?

Ama: (Pagalit) Hindi ba't mahigpit ang bilin ko na huwag kang babanggit ng ganiyang bagay kapag kumakain?

Ina: Bakit nga naman nagsabi ka ng ganoon, Anak? Bakit ka nagtanong ng ganoon sa iyong **Ama**?

Anak: Kasi po ay may nakita akong uod sa gulay ni Tatay, at ngayon po ay wala na.

Bago lumagda

Napakatagal nang binabasa ng isang matandang lalaki ang talaan

ng mga pangalan sa may tanggapan ng isang hotel, at ang kawaning nangangasiwa sa pagtanggap ng mga dumarating ay lubha na ang pagka-inip.

“Lumagda na lang kayo diyan sa sunod na linya,” ang nag-aapurang sabi ng kawani.

Dinilatan ng matanda ang talubata at pagalit na nagsabi: “Oy, iho, sa gulang ko nang ito ay natutuhan ko nang hindi dapat lumagda sa anumang kasulatan nang hindi ko muna nababasa.”

Diyablo

Isang kliyente ang nagkonsulta sa kaniyang manananggol hinggil sa pautang niyang hindi nababayaran.

“Sinulatan mo na ba siya ng pagsingil?” tanong ng abugado.

“Siyempre naman,” ang sagot.

“Ano ang isinagot sa iyo?” sunod na tanong.

“Magtungo raw ako sa Diyablo,” ang muling tugon ng kliyente.

“Ano naman ang iyong ginawa?” tanong pang muli.

“Nagpunta ako rito sa iyo,” dagdag na tugon.

“Aba, bakit? Diyablo ba ako?”

Puro sugarol

Isang batambatang tinyente ang inilipat ng destino, at ang koronel niyang pinuno ay nagpadala ng sulat sa pinunong pinaglilipatan, na ang sabi ay napakahusay na opisyal ang tinyente, nguni’t may masamang bisyo itong sugarol na pusakal.

“Bata,” salubong na bati sa tinyente ng bagong kumander matapos basahin ang sulat. Napakahilig mo pala sa sugal. Mahalayo iyon.

Anu-ano ba ang pinupustahan mo?”

“Eh, kahit na po ano,” sagot ng tinyente. “Halimbawa, pupusta ako ng limampung piso na may nunal kayo sa kaliwang balikat.”

“Para lang pabulaanan kita ay tatanggapin ko ang pusta mo,” sabi ng koronel. At inalis ang kaniyang blusa upang ipakita na walang nunal sa kaliwang balikat. Nagbayad ng limampung piso ang tinyente.

Ibinalita kaagad ng bagong kumander sa dating pinuno na ang tinyente ay kaniyang binigyan ng leksiyon, at isinalaysay ang nangyari. Pagkaraan ng ilang araw ay tumanggap ang bagong pinuno ng ganitong tugon:

“Nanalo na naman ang walanghiyang tinyenteng iyan! Bago siya umalis ay nakipagpusta sa akin ng sanlibo na papaghubarin ka niya ng blusa bago lumipas ang limang minuto sa inyong unang pagkikita.”

Berdugo pa rin

Berdugo: (Sa isang bibitaying nakaupo sa silya elektrika) Mayroon ka bang nais na sabihin?

Bilanggo: Siyempre, ah! Kung maaari, aking iniaalok ang upuan ko sa sinumang babaing nakatayo.



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