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Grand Master's Page



A BROADER BASE FOR CHARITY


Upon my installation as Grand Master, I informed all brethren that the toils for charity shall become one of our major tasks for accomplishment. In a succeeding message, my exhortation was to "go out and serve". At this point, I wish to emphasize that rendering service without the motivation of charity is meaningless.

Service, incidentally is not a monopoly of our Craft. It is the primary concern of constituted governments. It is also among the principal aims of almost all civic, social and other fraternal organizations.

However, all of us must remember that upon our initiation into the Masonic fraternity, we were enjoined to regard the Volume of the Sacred Law as the great light of our lives, to consider it as the unerring standards of truth and justice and guide to all our actions. Thus, the Holy Scriptures exhorts us to add to godliness, brotherly kindness and to brotherly kindness, *charity*.

Charity is the bond of perfection; charity edifieth, it never fails; and the love of God dwells in him who practices charity. The practice of charity is encompassed by the Masonic tenet – brotherly love! For all the law is fulfilled if we heed the divine command; "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself".

Let us therefore organize and operate our charity arms on a broader base. Let us involve the Lodges and the Masonic District. Let us aim for a more meaningful service.


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CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

Like many other fraternal, social or civic organization, the Masonic fraternity (particularly the Grand Lodge of the Philippines) recognizes the need for conferring awards to individual Masons and/or groups of Masons (Lodges), for outstanding performances or exemplary services. The Grand Lodge believes that such practices are meant not merely as forms of recognition or reward for the recipients of such honors, but also as forms of motivations for other members of the Craft to be exemplary in the discharge of their duties to themselves, their fellowmen and to God.

These awards are also viewed as assets which should be displayed for others to see and to help disabuse the mind of unknowing detractors of the Masonic fraternity that ours is not a secret organization. A certificate, diploma of merit or a plaque of appreciation, for example, which decorates a Mason's living room, may induce some younger minds to seek knowledge of the Craft or move them to emulate the good deeds of their elder.

Some Masons, however, regard any form of award as meaningless or hollow gestures or mere status symbols. To these brethren, the feeling of an inner satisfaction for a job well done or a sense of fulfillment after an accomplished deed are adequate rewards more valuable than material bounties.

An experienced brother in the Masonic fraternity, made the observation that past Masonic awards were based primarily on the awardees' popularity in the Lodge or the Masonic district and that the Grand Lodge authorities had been too gracious in heeding these recommendations at face value.

When awards are given indiscriminately thereby resulting in their proliferation, then such awards are worth nothing more than the paper they as printed on.

A system has to be devised whereby granting awards will conform to certain definite guidelines in determining those properly entitled to recognitions. A criteria for Grand Lodge awards, therefore, is in order.

THE MEANING AND USE OF LIFE

By MW Manuel M. Crudo, Sr., PGM

(Commencement address delivered at the graduation exercises of Cape Bolinao High School, Bolinao, Pangasinan on Saturday, April 1, 1978)

You are all dressed up in white — white caps and white robes, white of purity, “outward sign of the inward grace.”

You have just completed the happiest period of a man’s life. You have graduated from the Cape Bolinao High School without so much worry. Your parents took good care of your expenses. And your teachers laid the basic foundation of your educational life.

Pretty soon, like the leaves of the trees, you will be blown by the mighty blasts of April and scattered throughout Metro Manila and other parts of the Philippines to pursue your studies. Some of you will take up Law some Medicine, others will take up Business Administration, Foreign Service, Architecture, Engineering, Agriculture, etc. “God in Heaven appoints each man’s work.” Follow your inclination, because once you finish it, success will be yours. As your

salutatorian, Miss Charito Arribas, has said, you have to work. Do not be ashamed to work, for labor is honorable and knowledge is power. *Omnia vincunt labor — labor conquers everything!*

Commencement does not mean the end of your schooling. Commencement means the beginning. You are now going to begin your journey. You will be on your own. It will be quite different now. You will choose your college and select the boarding house where you will live. Those of you who do not have the means will have to look for certain jobs which will help you through college. Or you can study now and pay later.

We do not know what fortunes await you. But whatsoever you may do and whithersoever you may be dispersed, it becomes your duty to uphold the heritage, the beautiful tradition of Cape Bolinao High School. And that Duty is always with you, “exacting as necessity,

inflexible as Fate and imperative as Destiny!" Whatsoever you will do will reflect on the good name and reputation of your beloved Alma Mater.

Avoid drug addiction. Avoid smoking marijuana and the like.

Whatsoever you do, take notes. Learn to be in harmony with your neighbors, your classmates, your professors and those with whom you deal. But the greatest of all harmonies is man's harmony within himself.

There can be no peace within any man if he thinks only of himself, talks only about himself and worries only about what others think about him. "An egotist is one who talks to you only about himself that he gives you no time to talk about yourself. Remember, an egotist does not reach his goal, because he thinks he is already there."

Sometimes, in our desire to be noticed, we take pride in the thought that we are the best. We even proclaim to the four winds that we are perfect, that we are purists. But are we pure? Are we perfect? He who claims to be a purist at once reveals his inadequacy to the claim. He who claims to be perfect at once depicts his own imperfection.

Humility is an attribute of a noble man. By nature, man longs for the appreciation of his friends, and the approbation by his fellowmen. In this age of specialization, you must endeavor to achieve excellence in your chosen field of

learning. Hitch your wagon to the sky so that when you graduate you may get summa cum laude, magna cum laude or just plain cum laude. There is always room at the top. However, if despite your best efforts you fail to hit it right or that you even get a condition in one or two subjects, do not weep too hard nor brood too much. If we cannot get what we like, let us like what we get. Then try your level best under the circumstances and turn failure to success. That is the way of the strong.

Nowadays there is an alarming increase in the number of cases of mental disorder. One cause of this illness is the practice of our over-indulgent parents in the rearing of their children. Actuated by their great affection, some of our parents would not let their offspring experience the jolt of a little fall or the pain of any disappointment. This is wrong. We should train our children in the act of meeting and solving the hard knocks of life by letting them suffer in early life the agony of blasted hopes and the pain of shattered dreams.

A child who has been wrapped up in the cocoon of loving care and protection becomes tender-hearted, like a piece of glass that easily breaks up at the sight of an approaching danger. He gets confused and terrified. He suffers from frustration which may ripen into mental disorder. Life is an endless pilgrimage from the cradle to our waiting, wailing grave, with an

incessant cycle of tears and smiles, of agonies and ecstasies. If you stumble on the way, do not just sit down and cry as if the whole world has collapsed! Stand up, brace up and resume your journey. And as the beautiful song has it, "Walk on through the wind, walk on through the rain; though your dreams be tossed and blown, walk on, walk on, with hopes in your heart and you'll never walk alone."

And as your valedictorian, Miss Rosario Pamintuan has just stated, remember that there ever walks beside us "an eternal Friend whose all powerful hand is walys ready to guide and support you through all the difficulties and trials that may come to you."

The greatest lesson in this world, therefore, is to know not only that there is pain, for pain thrives in abundance, but how to turn pain into joy!

But what is the meaning and use of life? This reminds me of the story of Eliab.

"There once lived in the Holy Land a man name Eliab. He had been blessed with many earthly goods and he was also learned in all the wisdom of the East. Still he was full of sorrow and wanted to die. Than an angel appeared to him and showed him an herb possessed of wonderful powers of healing, but Eliab said "What is that for me? I am healthy but my soul is distressed. It were better for me to die." "Take the herb," said the angel, "it will do thy heart good.

Heal seven sick men with it, and then thou mayest die if thou wilt." Eliab took the herb and began to seek out misery in its hiding places. He healed seven sick people and he succored the poor with his riches. Then the angel appeared again to him, "here is the herb of death. Now thou mayest die." But Eliab cried out: "GOD FORBID! I long no more to die, for now I understand the *MEANING* and *USE* of Life."

The meaning and use of life is Service with Love. You must work with Love "For all work is empty save when there is love. And when you work with love, you bind- yourself to yourself, and to one another, and to God."

To achieve peace of mind, we must cleanse our hearts of anger, ambition, avarice, envy and pride. To attain harmony within ourselves, we must forget ourselves. Do not consider your life as a mirror in which you see only yourself. That may inflate your ego. Think of others, for we are members of a world family. "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." And true, true lasting happiness could be attained only if we illustrate in our daily lives the creed of service with love, for service with love, like the Masons, is service for the good of our fellowmen without counting the cost nor expecting any material reward save the self-satisfaction of a job well done for the good of our fellowmen and to

the glory of God.

Success does not mean the saving of a large pile of money nor the accumulation of vast tracts of land, even at the expense of others.

What is important is this, what is in here, what the heart throbs is for the good of your fellowmen.

It is good to have money and the things that money can buy – but, it's good too, to think once in a while of things that money cannot buy." With money you cannot buy friendship, happiness, brotherhood like the Brotherhood of Masons and that of the DeMolay.

Now what is a DeMolay? DeMolay is a universal fraternity of young men between the ages of 14 and 21, which prepares a young man to become a better son, a law abiding citizen and a courageous leader. It teaches FILIAL LOVE, the only Fraternity that teaches LOVE OF MOTHER and the virtues of womanhood. It teaches Love of God, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, courtesy, and patriotism. Its supreme effort is to develop character and create responsible leaders. Its constant slogan is "No Demolay shall fail as a citizen, as a leader, and as a MAN!"

There are now around four million Demolays scattered throughout the world. Remember

that only Masons can sponsor a Demolay. Twenty-five members will constitute a DeMolay Chapter.

Remember that a little knowledge that is being used to improve the lot of your impoverished fellowmen is infinitely better than a tremendous knowledge which is being used in any endeavor to enrich oneself at the expense of others.

You are now at the morn of your life. Twenty-five years hence, you will all come here to celebrate the silver jubilee of Class 1978. Secretary Clave is an alumnus of this institution. One amongst you may become the President of the Philippine, Who knows? Or some of you may become President of the University of the Philippines, famous surgeons, ambassadors, bankers and doctors. Whatsoever you may do and withersoever you may be dispersed, it becomes your duty to uphold the beautiful tradition of your alma mater.

Life is a succession of milestones punctuated with important events. So endeavor to – –

'LIVE AS IF YOU WOULD DIE
TOMORROW
LEARN AS IF YOU WOULD
LIVE FOREVER!'



FIGHT DRUG ABUSE!

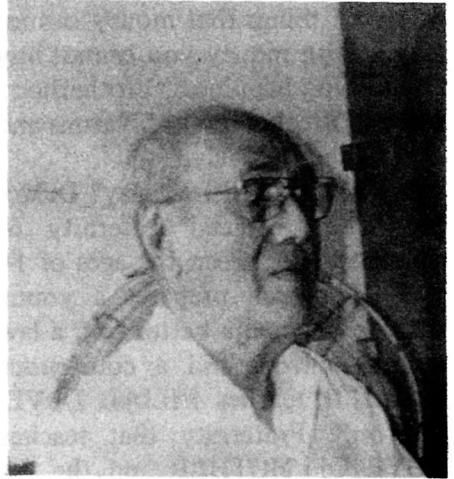
AURELIO LEYNES CORCUERA Y RIVERA: MASONIC SCHOLAR PAR EXCELLENCE

By: WB SAMUEL P. FERNANDEZ

“What we need in Masonry is more Masonry. We should be concerned with quality rather than with quantity and practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral duties inculcated in the tenets of Masonry and study with reverence and obey the laws given to us by the Holy Writ.” So declared Bro. Corcuera who, for the last 60 years, has delighted hundreds of Masons with his erudite lectures. He handles Masonic subjects with perspicacity, seasoned with the wisdom of the ages.

Early Education

Born 89 summers ago in the still rustic Sampaloc district, Bro. Corcuera showed his love for books and a knack for details at an early age. He graduated valedictorian at the Samplaoc Intermediate School in 1906, and as salutatorian at the Manila High School in 1910. Fascinated with numbers, he matriculated at the University of the Philippines where he obtained his BA from the College of Liberal Arts and a CE and BS from the College of Engineering. Not content with his baccalaureate degrees, he took post graduate studies in Mathematics and Physics at the University of Chicago from 1918 up to 1919.

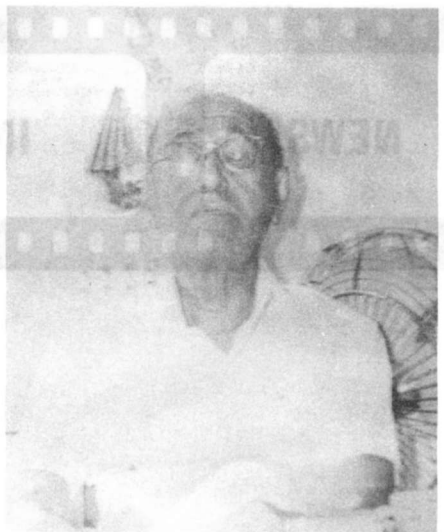
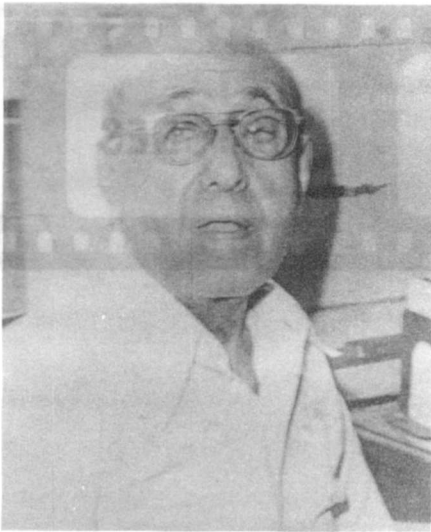


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Life in the Academe

Bro. Corcuera started as an instructor in Physics at the University of the Philippines in 1914 and became a full time instructor in Physics in 1916. He moved up to Assistant Professor of Physics in 1922 and later to full time professor and head of the Physics department until he retired in 1940. His teaching stint was not only confined in the premier state university. He had an opportunity to teach and to share his expertise at the National Teachers College, Mapua Institute of

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"Not all Mason are good but they would not have been better if they were not Masons".



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PICTURES



SHOWN ABOVE ARE SIS. ANNIE MERCADO AND VW ROSAURO L. MAGTIBAY, JGL & SECRETARY OF BATANGAS LODGE NO. 35, DOING A MUSICAL NUMBER TO THE DELIGHT OF THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS DURING A DESPEDIDA PARTY IN HONOR OF BRO. KETIH AND OMA LEE KNOTT LAST JUNE 4, 1978 AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE IN BATANGAS CITY.



SHOWN ABOVE ARE BRO. KEITH R. KNOTT AND SIS. OMA LEE KNOTT, WORTHY PATRON AND WORTHY MATRON, RESPECTIVELY, OF SINAG-TALA CHAPTER UD, O.E.S. EXPRESSING THEIR APPRECIATION AND PROFOUND THANKS.



OTHERS IN PHOTO ARE (L TO R): WB BEN G. ASCUE, BRO. ELEUTERIO ACOSTA, ASSOCIATE PATRON, WB TEDDY ALCANTARA, PJGL, MS. ESTELITA C. VERGARA, A GUEST, SIS. MARTHA G. ACOSTA, ASSOCIATE MATRON, SIS. GLORIA L. ALVAREZ & MAYOR EDDIE VERGARA OF ALITAGTAG, BATANGAS, ANOTHER GUEST.

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Technology, National University, Manuel L. Quezon University, and as an exchange visitor program at the University of Michigan in 1953-54. He was Assistant to Prof. R. S. Sherlock in research on the obnoxious gases in the air. He also taught Engineering Mechanics at the Wayne State University, Detroit.

Bro. Corcuera is a member of learned societies. He was the first Filipino member elected to the American Physical Society and first Filipino member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He represented the Philippines at the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and affiliated societies in Toronto, Canada in 1921.

A Charter member and later on the president of Phi Chapter at the University of the Philippines, he became president of the Philippine Association of Physics Teachers and American Association for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

Masonic Life

Bro. Corcuera first saw the light of Masonry on March 31, 1917 at Nilad Lodge No. 12 where he became worshipful Master in 1925. He demitted later from his mother Lodge only to become an honorary member of the same Lodge in 1971. Affiliated with Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 (he, being the Worshipful Master of the same Lodge in 1968), he has served the Grand Lodge in various capacities as: a Grand Lecturer in 1926, Grand Marshal in

1956, Grand Chaplain in 1961, and later as an elected member of the Board for General Purposes. As member of the Committee on Masonic Education, he spearheaded the compilation of pamphlets for future masonic candidates, the apprentice, the fellowcraft, and the master mason, and has contributed a number of articles to the Cabletow. Bro. Corcuera is famous for his column, "Questions and Answers" which he started in 1963.

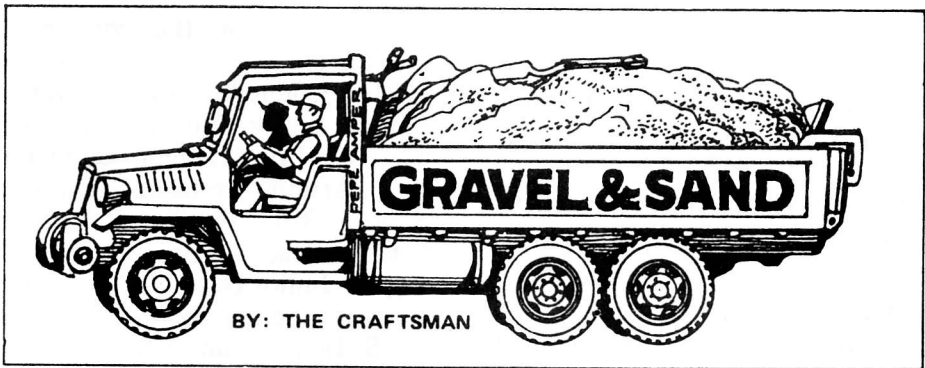
In the Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Bro. Corcuera is a 33^o Inspector General Honorary. He has been Supervisor of Quezon City Bodies since 1965. He was knighted in Kalaw Commandery No. 3, KT, York Rite on Feb. 21, 1959 and became Eminent Commander in 1961-62. Aside from being an honorary member of several Filipino Lodges, he is also a member of Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034, S.C.

Thinking Out Loud

"We should hold Masonic Grand Lodge Communications in the provinces. This is one means of bringing the Grand Lodge to the grass-roots. We don't need a lot of paraphernalia to have the Grand Lodge Communications in the provinces." This author informed him that the next Grand Lodge Communications will most likely be held outside Manila as was agreed.

"I wonder if the Grand Lodge has a 60-year membership pin. I guess the authorities have not anticipated that any one Mason can live that long." And, indeed, Bro. Corcuera has really lived that long to

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FIFTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION

Forty District Deputies and Junior Grand Lecturers from the 33 Masonic Districts in this jurisdiction attended the fifth Lodge of Instruction conducted by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines on July 3-6, 1978 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino Street, Manila.

VW Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer presided over the sessions. He gave instructions on the ritualistic work and lectured on the esoteric work of the Craft. VW Amancio Donato, Deputy for Masonic District No. 1 spoke on Masonic symbolism and RW Jolly R. Bugarin, Deputy Grand Master led the discussions on Lodge Administration.

RW Bugarin hosted the lunch of the participants during the second day, while RW Simeon "Rene" Lacson hosted the lunch of the third day.

The closing ceremonies was held July 6 at four o'clock in the afternoon. VW Eliseo A. Arandia, Jr., Junior Grand Lecturer for District No. 1, presided over the ceremonies.

MW Desiderio Dalisay, Sr., Grand Master was received into the Lodge. VW Socrates Cesar, DDGM for District No. 32 gave the invocation. The participants presented a skit entitled "Lodge of Confusion" under the direction of the Senior Grand Lecturer. MW Desiderio Dalisay handed the Certificates of Attendance to the members of the "MATIBAY CLASS '78." The Grand Master gave the closing remarks and hosted a fraternal dinner at the social hall of the temple after the closing of the Lodge of Instruction.

Those who attended the Lodge of Instruction were: DISTRICT DEPUTIES: Emilio de la Rosa (6); Felimon Zafra, Jr. (7); Nestor N. Niguidula (8); Jose B. Perez (9); Cecilio S. Villanueva (10); Ricardo

C. Buenafe (11); Ernesto del Mundo (13); Florentino Almacen (16); Pablo Baguioen (23); Jesus Evangelista (29); Gregorio Calit (33).

JUNIOR GRAND LECTURERS:

E. A. Arandia, Jr. (1); Horacio S. Mendoza (7); Federico S. Magat (8); Bienvendio G. Ongkiko (9); Rodolfo R. Soriano (11); Samuel C. Pangan (18); Enrique P. Maravilla (27); Rosauero L. Magtibay (28); Sergio F. Dalisay (32); Timoteo S. Uy (33).

JOSE ABAD SANTOS CHAPTER IODM INSTALLATION

The Jose Abad Santos Chapter, International Order of DeMolay installed its 56th set of officers for the year 1978-B on Sunday, July 2, 1978 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple.

Francis M. Lovero, presided over the installation ceremonies. He was assisted by Arthur S. Medrano, PMC, as Installing Senior Councilor, Emmanuel A. Miciano, PMC, Installing Junior Councilor, Bien Buenviaje, PSC, Loyalty Chapter, Installing Marshal, Alex Valera, PMC, Baguio Chapter, Installing Musician, Barney Hosana, RD, Gen. Douglas MacArthur Chapter, Installing Senior Deacon, and Chito Maneze, PMC, Gen Douglas MacArthur Chapter, Adjutant to the Executive Officer for the Jurisdiction of Luzon.

III. Domingo F. M. Domingo, 33^o IGH., chairman of the Advisory Council for the Chapter, delivered the opening remarks.

To serve for the coming six months are Bro. Edwin C. Donato, Master Councilor, Bro. Oliver C. Latoza, Senior Councilor, Bro. Gilbert Z. Cruz, Junior Councilor, Bro. Arthur Bretana, Treasurer/Scribe, Bro. Virgilio R. Ilagan, Senior Deacon, Bro. Manuel P. Lopez, Junior Deacon, Bro. Dwight Gallarita, Senior Steward, Bro. Edgar S. Delmo, Junior Steward, Bro. Leonito A. Santiago, Standard Bearer, Bro. Antonio E. Areola, Chaplain, Bro. Plutarco Bawagan, Marshal, Bro. Reynaldo Toledo, Almoner, Bro. Edmundo A. Leviste, Orator.

Bro. Victor Roa, Jr., Organist, Bro. Joseph C. Magkasi, First Preceptor, Bro. Edwin S. Delmo, Second Preceptor, Bro. Lemuel Armas, Third Preceptor, Bro. Jay Armas, Fourth Preceptor, Bro. Lucman Balindong, Fifth Preceptor, Bro. Dante Donato, Sixth Preceptor and Bro. Terence D. Timbol, Seventh Preceptor.

After the Inaugural Address of Installed Master Councilor Erwin C. Donato, the presentation of sponsors and Chapter sweethearts followed. Bro. Arthur Bretana rendered a musical number.

Oscar Lazo, Jr., Head Executive Assistant of the Department of Youth and Sports Development, was guest speaker for the occasion.

Following a musical number by Bro. Victor Roa, Jr., Bro. Julius Ilagan led in the presentation of the "Ceremony of the Roses."

Dad Macario R. Ramos, Deputy of the Executive Officer for Metro Manila district, delivered the closing remarks.



THOMAS MICHAEL SHERRY PRIORY INSTITUTIONED

The Thomas Michael Sherry Priory, International Order of Knighthood will hold its institution and installation of officers on August 13, 1978, at the Plaridel Masonic Temple.

The Priory, sponsored by the Saigon Lodge No. 188 F & A. M., will be composed of thirty DeMolays, all past Councilors, Scribes or Treasurers of the associated DeMolay Chapters in Metro Manila.

Bro. Chito J. Abarquez III, PMC, RD, BHK, CHEV., of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur Chapter, IOD will be installed as the first Illustrious Knight Commander. Other officers to be installed are: Bro. Francis M. Lovero, PMC, MSA, RD, BHK of the Jose Abad Santos Chapter, IOD, as Squire Commander, Bro. Jose A. Barcelon, PMC, RD, CHEV., of the Gen. Douglas MacArthur, IOD, as Page Commander and Bro. Arthur Bretana of the Jose Abad Santos Chapter, IOD, as Registrar.

The following are appointive officers of the Priory: Bro. Bien Buenviaje, PJSC, Senior Deacon, Bro. Rhoi Abarquez, PMC, CHEV., Junior Deacon, Bro. Alex Valera, PMC, Sacristan, Bro. Chito Maneze III, PMC, Preceptor, Bro. Arthur Medrano, PMC, Prior, Bro. Joey Sarmiento, PMC, Assistant Registrar, Bro. Hnery Pablo, Jr., PMC, Standard Bearer, Bro. Albert Tan, PMC, Sentinel.

WB GREGORIO ROBLES LAYS DOWN WORKING TOOLS

Gregorio Robles, Past Master of Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, F. & A. M. died June 16, 1978 at the Lourdes Hospital.

WB Robles was initiated February 4, Passed February 17 and Raised March 8, 1922 in Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73. He served as its Master in 1941 and again in 1968. He became a Life Member of the Lodge in March 1952.

He applied for membership in the Philippine Bodies, A. & A. S. R. and was conferred the degree of Master of the Royal Secret (32^o) on October 30, 1946. He spearheaded the organization of Cabanatuan Bodies, A. & A.S.R. in Cabanatuan City. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor in October 1949; coroneted Inspector General Honorary on February 12, 1955 and crowned Sovereign Grand Inspector General on February 16, 1957 by the Supreme Council, 33^o and Last Degree, A. & A.S.R. He served as First Grand Equiry until He was made emmert member of said Supreme Council.

The 18^o funeral rites under the auspices of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A. & A.S.R. of the Philippines was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Ill. Damaso C. Tria, Grand Prior presided over the rites. He was assisted by Ill. Guillermo V. Madridejos, 33^o IGH, Ill. Marcelino P. Dysanco, 33^o IGH, Ill. Emil

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iano O. Ozaeta, 33^o IGH, Ill. Oscar L. Fung, 33^o IGH, Ill. Domingo F. M. Domingo, 33^o IGH, Ill. Ramon Gonzales, 33^o IGH, and Ill. Honesto Nuñez, 33^o IGH, Ill. Domingo C. Bascara, 33^o SGIG, Grand Chancellor and Ill. Raymond E. Wilmarth, Sovereign Grand Commander delivered the eulogies in behalf of the Supreme Council. The eldest son of Ill. Roque made the response in behalf of the family.

SINAG-TALA CHAPTER, U.D. INSTITUTED

Sinag-Tala Chapter U.D. Order of the Eastern Star was recently instituted in Batangas City. Bro. Edward A. Bellis, Deputy to the

Most Worthy Grand Patron and Sis. Alice P. Bellis, Deputy to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, together with the officers of the Sampaguita Chapter No. 3, motored to Batangas to institute the Chapter.

The new Chapter launched a fund raising campaign by holding a "bingo social" at the Batangas Lodge No. 35 Lodge hall. Over two hundred people, including Masons, their families and friends came for the affair.

The "jackpot" prize of one thousand pesos was won by the daughter of a Charter member of Sinag-Tala Chapter.

The proceeds from the bingo social will be used for the future charity projects of the Chapter.



MANILA HONORS BRO. LINO ED LIM

On June 24, 1978, Dr. Lino Edralin Lim, Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M., was adjudged Outstanding Citizen of Manila, for 1977-1978 in the field of medicine during the Araw ng Maynila rites at City Hall.

A physician by profession, Bro. Lim was successively physician-in-charge of Malamig Health Center; medical officer of the 21st Infantry Regiment; resident in pediatrics at the Cook County Hospital and Mt. Sinai Hospital in Chicago, Director of the Manila Children's Hospital; head of the Department of Pediatrics of the Marian General Hospital.



LIM

Presently, he is a Clinically Associated Professor of Pediatrics at the College of Medicine at the University of the Philippines; head of the Department of Pediatrics, Chinese General Hospital and Administrator of the Las Palmas Hotel in Manila.

BRO. ABELARDO MUÑOZ AND HIS MEDALS



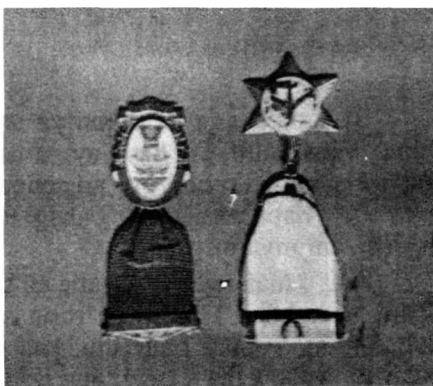
MUÑOZ

Like many Filipinos, Bro. Abelardo D. Muñoz, a member of Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97 in Noveleta, Cavite left the country for Vietnam to seek greener pastures.

He was employed by Air America as Fire Chief. In 1967, he became one of the founders of Lane Xang Lodge No. 1632 S.C. and later was elected as a Life Member of the Lodge.

In 1971, the 5th Division of the South Vietnamese Air Force awarded Bro. Muñoz medal, Class: Honor. A translation of the letter citing Bro. Muñoz reads:

The Chief of Staff
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Republic of Vietnam
Ministry of Defense
Vietnam Armed Forces
Air Force Headquarters
Personnel Mgmt. Office
Ref. 004/BTLKQ/KVBT
Per decision No. 154SL? CT of
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Per decision No. 614/a/TT/SL of
01-07-1970 setting forth defense
channels of organization for the
Armed Forces of the Republic of
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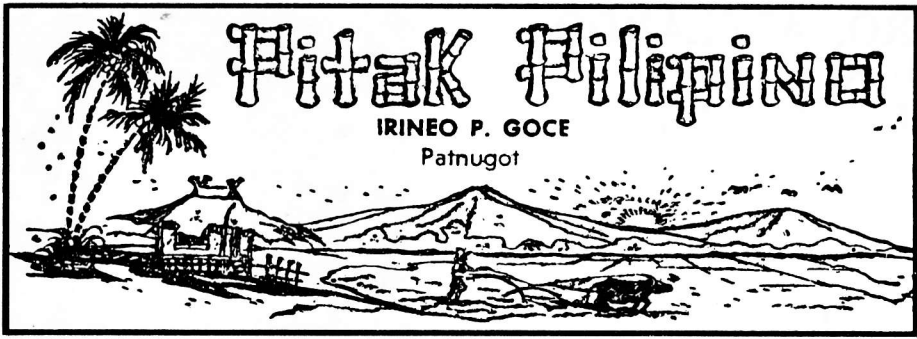
... HIS MEDALS

This is to decide:

Article 1 – Now it is exceptionally granted Air operations Medal – Honor Class – to the Air America Technician listed below:
Mr. Abelardo D. Muñoz – AIR AMERICA FIRE CHIEF

Article II – This decision must be registered and recorded in Personnel Files.

For General Cao Van Vich
Chief of Staff
Armed Forces of the Republic of Vietnam
General Tran Van Minh
VNAF Commandant



ANG PANALANGIN

Bagama't ang Masoneriya ay hindi humahalili, dili kaya ay gumagaya lamang sa relihiyon, ang panalangin ay napakahalagang bahagi ng mga seremonya nito.

Ang panalangin ay siyang adhi-kain ng kaluluwa patungo roon sa tahasan at walang hanggang kaalaman, na walang iba kungdi ang Isang Kataas-taasang Kapangyarihan na karaniwang pinagkakamaliang tagurian bilang isang "arkitekto".

Mayroong mga pagawain ang tao na itinutultol patungo roon sa hindi Batid. Sa mga pagawaing ito ay kabilang ang pag-iisip, pagmumuni-muni, at panalangin.

Ang hindi batid ay isang malawak na karagatan, kung saan ang budhi ay siyang kumpas. Ang pag-iisip, pagmumuni-muni, at panalangin ay mga mahiwagang panuro ng karayom. Lyon din ang bato-balancing espirtual na nag-uugnay ng sa taong kaluluwa ay naglalagos doon sa mga kadiliman patungo sa liwanag.

Isang mababaw na kahambungan ang magsabing ang panalangin ay walang katuturan, sapagka't sa pamamagitan nito ay hindi natin maaaring hilingin na baguhin ng Diyos ang Kaniyang mga balangkas. Gumagawa siya ng kilala at batid na ang kahihinatnang mga bagay, sa pamamagitan ng paggamit ng sa kalikasang mga lakas, na ang lahat nang mga ito ay *Kaniyang* mga lakas. Ang sa ating sarili ay bahagi lamang ng mga iyon.

Ang ating malayang pagpupunyagi at ang ating mga kapasyahan ay mga lakas. Hindi tayo tumitigil ng walang katuturan sa paggawa ng anumang pagsisikap upang magtamo ng kayamanan o kaya'y kaligayahan, pahabain ang buhay, pamalagiin ang mabuting kalusugan, sapagka't hindi natin maaaring baguhin sa pamamagitan ng anumang pagsusumikap ang itinalaga na. Subalit kung ang pagsusumikap ay itinalaga rin, iyon ay hindi magiging kulang sa *ating* pagsusumikap, at likha ng ating

malayang pagpapasya.

Sa ganiyang kadahilanan tayo ay nananalangin pa rin. Ang kapas-yahan ay lakas. Ang pag-iisip ay lakas. Bakit nga hindi rin magiging bahagi ng sa Diyos na kautusan, tulad ng Pananampalataya at Pag-ibig, na ang panalangin ay magka-roon ng kaniyang kahihinatnan?

Hindi dapat unawain ang tao bilang isa lamang puntong pinagsimulan, o ang kaunlaran bilang isang patutunguhan, kung wala noong dalawang mga dakilang lakas, ang Pananampalataya at Pag-ibig. Ang panalangin ay kabanalan. Ang mga panawagang nagmamakaawa at

humihiling ay nakahahabag. Ang tumanggi sa bisa ng panalangin ay pagtanggi rin sa bisa ng Pananam-palataya, ng Pag-ibig, at Pagsusumi-kap.

Datapuwat kung ang ating kamay, na pinakikilos ng ating kapasyahan ay maghagis ng isang munting bato sa karagatan, ang mga epektong nalilikha nito ay hindi tumitigil kailanman. At ang bawa't kataga o salitang mabigkas ay nata-tala magpakailanman sa papawirin at kalawakan.

(Mga halaw mula sa MORALS AND DOGMA)



BEATITUDES FOR FRIENDS OF THE AGED

*Filomeno C. Adi, P.M.
Davao Lodge No. 149*

Blessed are they that understand
My faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that my ears today
Must strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
Blessed are they that looked away
When the coffee spilled on the cloth today.
Blessed are they who stopped to chat
With a cheery smile for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say
You've told that story twice today.
Blessed are they who make it known
That I'm loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who know the way
To bring back memories of yesterday
Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss
To find the strength to carry my cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days
On my journey home in loving ways.

FERNANDEZ *from page 12* see the growth of Masonry from its unification to the present. There is no mistaking that he loves the Craft. In his study room, one would notice neatly tacked around his table Masonic certificates, and on the walls, plaques of appreciation given by the brethren for his tireless effort in Masonic Education.

At 89, Corcuera still has a razor-sharp mind dedicated to Maso-

nic education "to make men better men." "Not all Masons are good but they would not have been better if they were not Masons," he quotes, with a glint in his eyes. Does he still read Masonic encyclopedias? Yes, of course. In fact, his old torn MacKay's Encyclopedia was recently book bound, sturdy enough to last another fifty years. To Bro. Corcuera there is no end to Masonic Education.



CRISPIN ACLE (Second from right) as presented with a new pair of crutches donated by Sinag-Tala Chapter, U.D., Order of the Eastern Star.

Looking on are (L-R) Bro. Keith R. Knott, Worth Patron; Sis. Oma Lee Knott, Worthy Matron, Bro. Gaudencio J. Vega (Holding Crutches), Sis. Oping Magtibay, Mr. Leon Faytarem, Barangay Captain of Barangay No. 15 and VW Rosauro Magtibay, Junior Grand Lecturer of District No. 28. In the back are WB Julio C. Gutierrez and WB Angelito M. Bruno, Master of Batangas Lodge No. 35.

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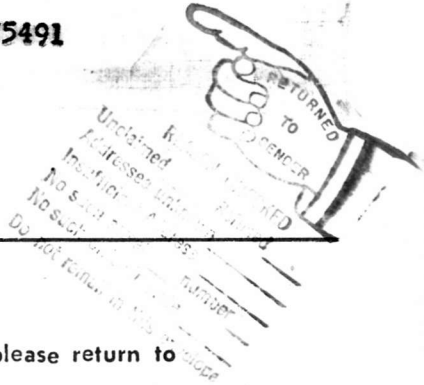
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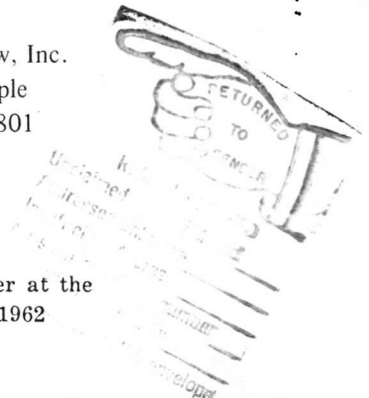


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