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## *Grand Master's Page*



### THE YOUTH AGAIN

We are now in the homestretch of our tenure of office and it is but fitting and proper to make an assessment of what we have so far done. Many Lodges have been organized under dispensation and therefore an increase in our membership. Demolay Chapters have been more active and so with its membership. Our works of charity have been visibly increased and our various communities have felt the nobility of our work. District and Regional conventions have been well attended with active participation in the discussion of varied themes by delegates in attendance. A more comprehensive report will be made upon the conclusion of my "tour of duty."

The theme of my message for this month is a plea for a more vigorous and active work on the establishment of the Masonic Foundation for youth. The time is not very far off when we have to yield our seats to the next generation, whether in the government, in industry, business, trade and other known professions. Let us establish well their roots that can stand the wracks of time, where they can be anchored well on the principles of truth, justice and charity.

I urge all members under our Grand Jurisdiction to close ranks to give their fair quota of participation in this noble project. Let it not be said that those who have much have given insignificantly and the wise have been selfish to share their knowledge. Let us provide our youth good and proper seeds and leave them to nurture the same.

  
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# THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF MASONRY



In the economic world of politics and business, our Fraternity with its esoteric mission as a Brotherhood of Men has yet a second, a practical side which requires equal consideration of all Masons, if Masonry is to continue as it has in past ages, to survive the political governments of man and the competitive practices of industries. It is the economic side of Masonry. The practical, business, operational side of Masonry.

Regardless of the altruistic aims of men and their organizations, in our present society of inter-dependence, to exist there must be the means to pay for survival. To continue to serve men and perform its contribution to the inter-dependent needs of men, Masonry must provide from within itself these means. It has no product to manufacture, no service to sell, no source for its income other than from the members themselves. It is a part of the opportunity Masonry offers to members to serve their fellowmen and their institution.

The economy of the Philippines today, as in all other economies of the world, is suffering from inflation. Controlling nations are escalating the prices of crude petroleum, which as a primary source of energy and fuel, in turn applies expanded pressures upon workers for more income and upon industry for higher prices to absorb the shock of these increases.

Our Grand Lodge and our Symbolic Lodges on their economic side, suffer from the same pressures and need greater sources of income to absorb the shock of the same increases. Unfortunately there are no other sources than from our Masonic brethren.

Therefore, we ask the delegates to the 63rd Annual Communications to come fully prepared to act upon such measures as may be presented to them with the complete understanding of the need to increase all fees and assessments of the Grand Lodge, not only to take care of the increases experienced to date, but more importantly those which are destined to come during the next Masonic year. The price we may have to pay may be high, but it is the price that must be paid to maintain and expand the Masonic work of our Grand Lodge throughout its widespread Jurisdiction.

*R. E. W.*



## LI SIN

By: Samuel P. Fernandez

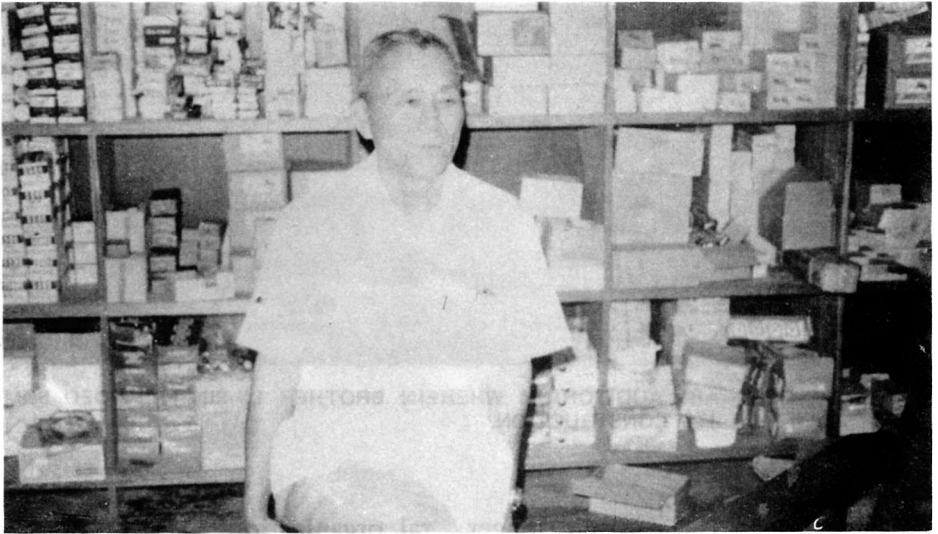
Born under the zodiac sign of Aquarius, Bro. Li Sin is easy-going, popular, gets too involved in love, has a persuasive way with words and gets committed in situations without meaning to be. At least that is what the stars say. However, contrary to astral predictions our brother from Dagupan is, of course, far from easy-going although quite popular. His word is as precious as gold to his friends as well as to his business associates and although his zodiac sign does not state so, he is very humble and unassuming.

Bro. Li Sin has a checkered cultural background. Born in Amoy, Fukien, China and partly educated in that place, he came back to the Philippines alone to settle here, after his father passed away, to find his place in this part of the world. The son of a merchant mother and a lumberman father who brought him to the Philippines, while he was still very young, he started as a mere employee in a lumber company. This was before the Second World War.

“My father Lee Chan was a lumber businessman. He had to go back to China because of an illness and he wanted to die in his homeland. After a few days in China my father passed away. I returned to the Philippines in 1928 and I was employed by a lumberman in San Fernando, Pampanga and stayed there up to 1941 when the Japanese occupied the Philippines.”

The path to success was not paved with roses for Bro. Li Sin. The misfortunes of war made him and his family hide from the menacing presence of the enemy.

“During the Japanese time, I could not look for any employment because at that time everybody were scared for their lives. During the early part of the war we used to hide in a certain Barrio, Binakbak in Angat, Bulacan. And we stayed there for about four months because of the rumors that the Japanese were after the Chinese. When we found out that it was a false alarm we went to Manila and stayed there for 3 years.”



Bro. Li Sin made Pangasinan his home since the Liberation. He raised his family and finally ventured into his own business as a lumberman.

"I settled in Dagupan in 1946. At first my cousins and I formed a lumber corporation but later I separated from them."

Bro. Li Sin is a very modest man. When interviewed by Bro. Oscar Fung on his affiliations with civic organizations, he readily mentioned Masonry as his favorite organization.

"Bro. Ramon Labo was responsible for encouraging me to enter the craft. He was the NWSA superintendent at that time. Together with Vicente Tingson he was considered the founder of Western Luzon Bodies, now known as Pangasinan Bodies."

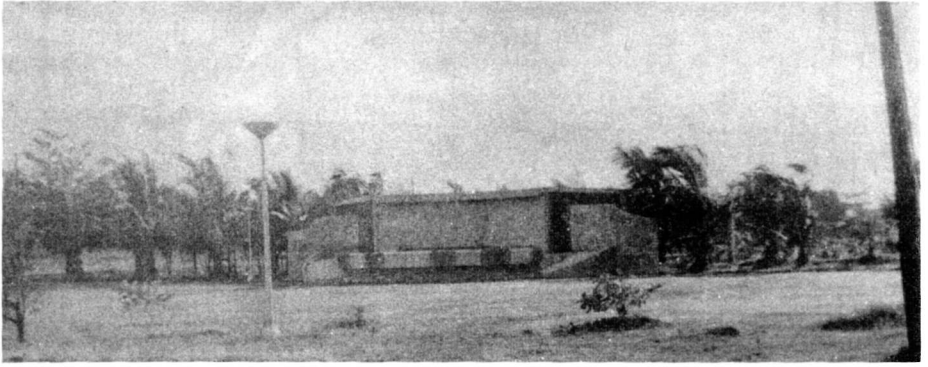
"Luckily after I became a Master Mason I was appointed as Acting Junior Warden of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56. The next year I was

elected as Junior Warden. I did not pass the West but became Worshipful Master right away. When the Lodge increased in number, we organized the Dagupan Lodge."

At present Dagupan Lodge No. 158 has its own building and lot. The pioneering spirit that moved the Brethren to realizing their dreams, was, of course, Bro. Li Sin.

"When we considered founding the Lodge we also thought of erecting a building so we solicited the help of a few businessmen. We were able to raise the funds but we didn't have any lot so I bought one and donated it. My Brethren love me so much that even if I have only done 50% of my share they consider it 100%. I guess that is how it is in the Brotherhood. My Masonic life is a very simple story."

Bro. Li Sin is an ailing man and has to confine himself to few



THE OPEN-AIR AUDITORIUM WHEREIN BROTHER LI SIN PROVIDED SOME MATERIALS FOR ITS CONSTRUCTION.

organizations. He can no longer actively participate in many civic endeavors but has morally and financially supported worthy projects.

"I am a member of the YMCA, the First Vice-President for almost eight years of the Pangasinan Chamber of Commerce, served as Director of the Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce for about eight years. I was once Chairman of the Universal School in Dagupan before I became a Filipino citizen. The Universal School is a Chinese institution. When I became a Filipino citizen in 1961 I had to sever my official connection with the school. I had to cut my connection with the Chinese community. I have to be loyal to the government where I now belong."

A well-known philanthropist in Dagupan City, our Brother has received numerous awards and certificates for his efforts in providing materials for the repairs of many schools, and giving financial assistance to the indigents.

"I have received more than 20 awards and certificates from seve-

ral organizations such as the YMCA, Red Cross, Community Chest, Boy Scouts and of course, Masonry. I was awarded Businessman of the Year in 1977 by the city government." He humbly admits.

Bro. Li Sin was initiated, passed and raised in Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 on March 8, 1958, April 12, 1958 and May 10, 1958 respectively. He served as its Master in 1960. He is a charter member of Dagupan City Lodge No. 158. In 1973 he demitted from Pangasinan Lodge No. 56.

He joined Pangasinan Bodies, A. & A.S.R. in Dagupan City. He was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander in the court of honor on February 13, 1955 and coroneted a 33<sup>o</sup> Inspector General Honorary on February 12, 1971 by the Supreme Council.

Bro. Li Sin's religious background is a checkered one, too. Born into a Buddhist family he went to a Protestant institution in China but now is a practicing Roman Catholic.

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## HISTORY OF:

# TAYABAS LODGE NO. 43, F. & A.M.

By: WB Luis Pineda, G. Zaballa, & Victor La Fuente

### THE BEGINNING OF FREEMASONRY IN THE COMMUNITY

The establishment of Tayabas Lodge No. 43, F. & A.M. in Tayabas was the outgrowth of a Social-Civic group named "Club de los 33" headed by Don Domingo Lopez, a law student and a first degree Mason. He was initiated in Nilad Lodge No. 12, F. & A.M. The club was an exclusive organization of men of good character and of liberal ideas. Almost all, prominent men, professionals and some Master Masons, member of some Masonic Lodges in Manila and of neighboring towns in the province, were members of the club. One accomplishment of the club was the erection of a monument in honor of Dr. Jose Rizal, our Most Illustrious Brother Mason, in 1912 in the plaza in front of the Municipal Hall.

### FORMATION OF TAYABAS LODGE NO. 43, F. & A.M.

In the early months of 1917, a group of Masons in Tayabas and from neighboring towns headed by WB. Eufemio Jara, a Master Mason and a doctor from Nilad Lodge No. 12, F. & A.M.,

petitioned the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines to grant them a dispensation to form and hold a Lodge at Tayabas town, Tayabas Province. On October 13, 1917, a special dispensation was given by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines and Tayabas Lodge No. 43, F. & A.M. was founded. Among the founders, besides WB. Eufemio Jara, were Bros. Jose Velez Martinez, Vicente Ragudo, Luis Mallari, Ramon San Agustin, Teodorico Dolendo, Primitivo San Agustin, Luis Araya, Epifanio Palad, Sergio Caparros, Monico Songco and Simeon San Agustin. Today all these people have passed away, called to His Throne by the Grand Architect of the Universe.

The officers of the Lodge under dispensation were WB. Eufemio Jara, *Wor. Master*; Bro. Ramon San Agustin, *Senior Warden*; Bro. Jose Velez Martinez, *Junior Warden*; Bro. Vicente Ragudo, *Treasurer*; and Bro. Sergio Caparros, *Secretary*. The Lodge was housed in one of the rooms of Bro. Luis Mallari's residence in the Poblacion.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE LODGE

On January 22, 1918, Tayabas Lodge No. 43, F. & A.M. was officially instituted by the late Most Wor. Manuel L. Quezon, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines. During this time the Lodge was housed in the private residence of the late Wor. Bro. Vicente Ragudo. The Officers of the newly installed Lodge were WB. Primitivo San Agustin, *Wor. Master*; WB Vicente Ragudo, *Senior Warden*; Bro. Luis Mallari, *Junior Warden*; WB. Monico Songco, *Treasurer*; and Bro. Sergio Caparros, *Secretary*.

## ACQUISITION OF THE PRESENT SITE & TEMPLE

During the Spanish regime, Tayabas town was the capital of the province. Upon the arrival of the Americans, the capital was transferred to Lucena because of its nearness to the seacoast which facilitated communication and transportation to and from Manila, then the capital of the Philippines. The Provincial Government buildings were all abandoned including the Provincial Jail which now houses the present Temple of Tayabas Lodge No.43, F. & A.M. The negotiations with the Provincial Government for the purchase of the site including the improvements thereof were undertaken by WB. Teodorico Dolendo, Vicente Ragudo, Jose Velez Martinez and others. The purchase price of the site, including the improvements, was P2,000.00. The Municipal Council, under pressure from the Roman Catholic church,

filed its petition for reconsideration of the sale of said lot to Tayabas Lodge No. 43, F. & A.M. on the grounds that it should be sold to the Municipal Government rather than to a private entity. The case was brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Interior, who was then Most Wor. Brother Quintin Paredes. The Secretary of the Interior after due study and investigation declared that the acquisition was above board, valid and could not, therefore, be revoked.

## THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SITE AND BUILDING AFTER ACQUISITION

There were three separate buildings on the site. One of them was for the male prisoners and the other for the female prisoners. The third was attached to the main gate having four spacious rooms which served as dwelling and dormitory of the jail warden and jail guards, kitchen and dining room. The building for male prisoners was remodelled to meet the requirements of a Lodge Temple; for Lodge Hall and receiving and preparation rooms. The roof was repaired changing the red tiles with galvanized iron roofing. The floor was cemented and the windows were provided with shutters while the doors were improved and provided with necessary locks while the third building was used as office of the Secretary, recreation hall and store room. The improvements cost the Lodge more than P4,000.00.

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE LODGE WAS HIGHEST PRIOR TO THE SECOND WORLD WAR

The membership of the Lodge

from 1920 to 1923 was at its highest. There were 58 members in 1923 and attendance in every stated meeting was frequently no less than 85 per cent of the total membership. Due to some reasons beyond control the membership declined considerably, until in 1941 when only 10 active members attended every stated meeting. Were it not for the sacrifices of these few active members the Lodge could have been dissolved and its Charter arrested. They sacrificed money, time, effort and patience to overcome the odds and the crisis. In spite of its depleted coffers, the Lodge managed to cope with its financial obligations to the Grand Lodge.

The Lodge stopped operation during the Japanese occupation simply for the safety of the members. Two of its members died of illness, Bros. Luis Araya and Pablo Perez. Masonic funeral services were performed in their respective families. The ceremonies were performed privately.

In March, 1945, the town was bombed to dislodge the Japanese forces which were entrenched in the buildings in the locality. Unfortunately the Lodge building was directly hit by incendiary bombs, thus, was completely demolished.

#### REHABILITATION OF THE LODGE

Immediately, after liberation, WB. Jose Velez Martinez and WB. Luis Pineda labored hard for the rehabilitation of the Lodge. Old-members who were dropped for non-payment of dues were restored to increase its depleted membership. Their accounts were con-

doned. The Lodge had to start from nothing. WB. Jose Velez Martinez was then the elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Masonic activities were performed at his residence.

In order to have a building of her own, although temporary in nature, the Lodge in one of its stated meetings agreed to contribute P25.00 each. With the contribution of the members, the Lodge was able to construct a temporary building with nipa roofing, bamboo shutters and earthen flooring in the former female prisoners' building. But during the year a series of intense typhoons visited the town and unfortunately the newly constructed Lodge building was completely destroyed. WB. Luis Pineda succeeded WB. Martinez as Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the members exerted their every effort and utilized their personal resources to construct a stronger building. The Lodge was lucky to have WB. Ilano, Manager of the PNB branch at Lucena, as Grand Lodge Inspector appointed by Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The members of the Lodge agreed to apply for a loan in the amount of P1,500 on condition that each and every member contributes P25.00 and at the same time increase the monthly dues from P2.00 to P5.00. The Lodge also filed a claim for war damages. With money the Lodge received from the bank plus the amount raised from the members, our present Lodge building was constructed. Soon after the payment for war damages was received, the Lodge settled all its financial obli-

gations.

### **THE LODGE NAME WAS CHANGED AND RESTORED**

Greatly inspired by the heroic and untimely death of Most Worshipful Jose Abad Santos, a great Mason and jurist who died in the hands of Japanese soldiers for refusing to collaborate with the puppet government; an act which is a genuine exemplification of the true principles of Freemasonry, a resolution was approved by the members of Tayabas Lodge No. 43, and ultimately sanctioned by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines, changing the name of Tayabas Lodge No. 43, F. & A.M. to Jose Abad Santos No. 43. This chartered name was proudly carried by our Lodge for more than two decades until by necessity the name Tayabas Lodge No. 43 was restored in 1968.

The members of this Lodge planned to build a strong and permanent building with presentable Lodge hall and adequate receiving and preparation rooms. To carry out this plan, the members agreed to dispose part of its lot. However, WB. Victor Lafuente, then the Worshipful Master, found out that we can not sell a portion or portions of the lot without forming a corporation duly approved by the Security and Exchange Commission, Manila. The corporation papers and its by-laws were prepared and submitted to the Security and Exchange Commission, Manila for approval. Finally, it was approved by the Commission on December 3, 1968. The Corporation was named **TAYABAS LODGE TEMPLE**

### **ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED. ROSTER OF PRESENT ACTIVE MEMBERS**

Of the 58 active members of the Lodge in the years 1920 to 1923, only 4 are still living today – 2 septuagenarians and 2 octogenarians. These men are still active and serving the Lodge as elected officer or appointed ones: VWB. Victor Lafuente, as Grand Lodge Inspector for Kalilayan Lodge No. 37, WB. Gaudencio C. Zaballa, as present Secretary of this Lodge; Bros. Tan Chiat and Victor Aragon, Junior Deacon and Tyler, respectively. The rest of the members are in their prime age, with the exception of 2 who are over 60 years old.

### **APPEAL TO ALL BRETHREN ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG OF THIS LODGE**

Now that the Lodge needs strength and vigor to pursue and follow the noble principles of Freemasonry so that the Lodge can accomplish tangible benefits to the community, both old and young members are enjoined to continue and pursue the Masonic labors the Lodge has begun. It is a sad fact to state that our membership is declining and did not make any appreciable gain during the last decade. Of the 14 active members now patiently laboring in the valley of Tayabas, 4 are life members who ought to be replaced by young blood.

Further appeal was brought to the attention of the Brethren of this Lodge that they concentrate their genuine efforts to the promotion and propagation of the Masonic way of life so that this com-

munity may become a more wholesome and better place to live in and that ultimately peace and freedom of mind will reign supreme.

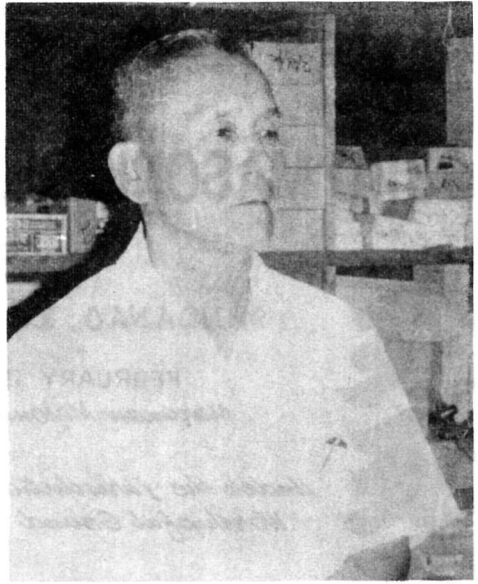


LI SIN ..... from page 6

“I was baptized a Roman Catholic when I got married.”

Bro. Li Sin is blessed with 12 children. He should have had 15 if all had survived. A good provider he has given the best education for them.

“I guess I have provided support for myself and my family that now I can say I can indulge in sharing with those who are deprived of the luxuries of life. I want to share and make people happy after all as I came naked into this world I shall return to my Maker naked



as I was born. The only thing that will be remembered of me will be the little things I have done for those who are under privileged. If I was not able to help some people it is probably because I didn't know about them. But I am ready to help anyone who will come to me and ask for my assistance.”

The Aquarian who had lived in Dagupan City for more than half of his life is a committed person. He is doing his job quietly. Whenever he is singled out as one responsible for a project, he half grudgingly admits it but at the same time mentions the Brethren who have helped to realize it.

For once the Zodiac sign is right, for Bro. Li Sin is popular. But at the same time the astral sign is wrong because he is not an easy-going person for commitment, to charity and to the Masonic tenets, to him, is life itself.



# 23RD MASONIC REGIONAL CONVENTION

OF

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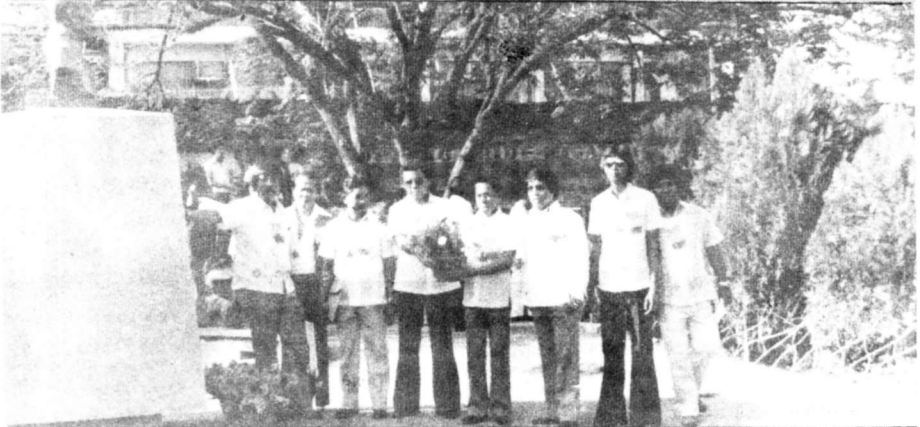
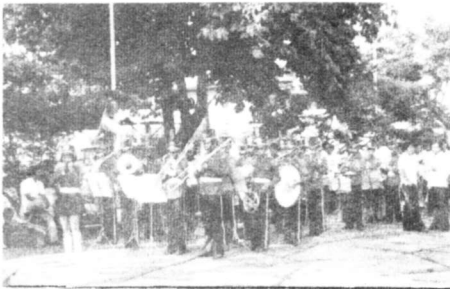
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*theme: Better Living Thru Masonry*



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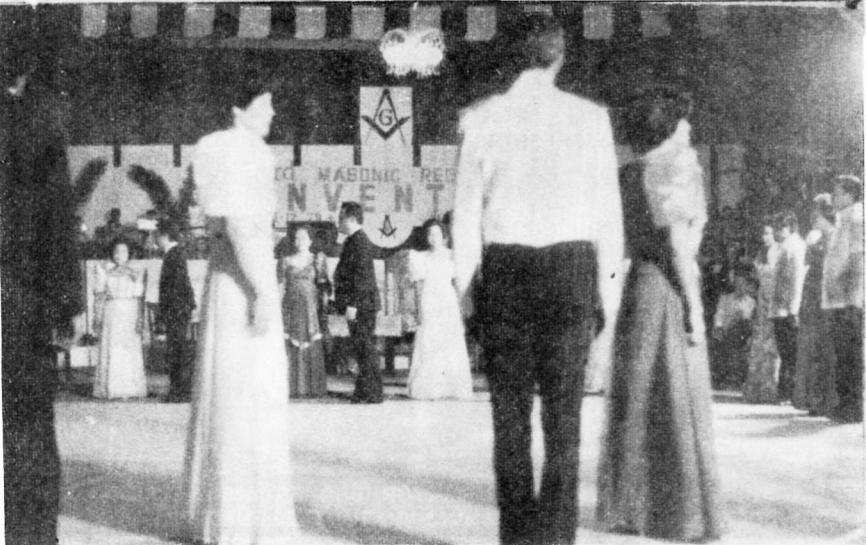
(L-R) BRO. CAMILO P. CABILI, MAYOR: BRO. ERLANDO G. BRION: VW GERVASIO RICONALLA AND MSGR. BIENVENIDO TUTDUD, GUEST SPEAKER.



# GALA NIGHT



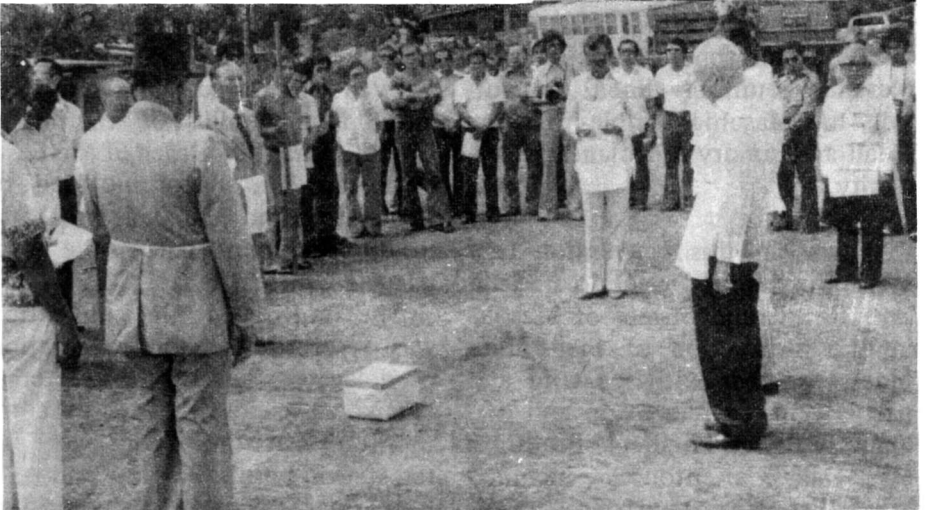
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DR. ALI MACAWARIS MSU VP FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS WELCOMES THE BRETHREN AND THEIR LADIES DURING THE MSU VISIT. AT RIGHT IS THE CORNERSTONE OF LAKE LANAO LODGE UD. BOTTOM - GRAND MASTER (IN TOP HAT) PRESIDES OVER THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING RITES OF THE LAKE LANAO LODGE UD.

ON THIS SPOT  
WILL SOON RISE  
THE MASONIC TEMPLE  
OF  
LAKE LANAO  
LODGE, U.D.  
MARAWI CITY  
PHILIPPINES  
FEB. 17, 1979





### THE 23RD REGIONAL CONVENTION OF MINDANAO, BASILAN & SULU

Feb. 15-17, 1979 was C-Day for our Masonic Brethren in Mindanao. This was their 23rd Masonic Regional Convention hosted by Maranaw Lodge No. 111, Iligan Lodge 207, Kapatagan Valley Lodge 222 and Lake Lanao Lodge U.D. It took five months for the preparation and planning of this three-day convention and the Brethren opted for "Better Living Through Masonry" as the convention theme. The Brethren did not leave any stone unturned to create a festive atmosphere complete with Maranaw buntings lined up outside the Masonic temple to show to all and sundry Morolandia's cordiality.

It was in this convention that Most Worshipful Desiderio F. Dalisay, Sr., Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines, together with his wife and party went to fellowship and dialogue with the Mindanao Brethren. MW Dalisay's entourage included MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM,

Grand Secretary; VW Hermogenes Oliveros, Grand Lecturer; Ill. Bro. Domingo C. Bascara, Secretary General, Supreme Council; A. & A. S. R.; WB Oscar L. Fung, Managing Editor, *The Cabletow*; and WB Samuel P. Fernandez, Editor, *Far Eastern Freemason*.

They were met at the Cagayan de Oro City airport early morning by Masons from Iligan led by VW Gerardo B. Padilla, Deputy for Masonic District No. 25 who acted as Convention Chairman, WB Voltaire I. Rovira, PM, and Chairman, Convention Executive Committee; WM Mena Padilla of the Maria Cristina Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. The party motored to Iligan City and had their breakfast in the Diamond Hall of the Sampaguita Lanes in Tibanga.

The first day of the convention was reserved for the registration of delegates. The Brethren interested in sports met in friendly competition. For those who were interested in tennis, bowling and golf, tournaments were held at the Sam-

paguita Lanes, the Golf and Country Club of Iligan and the Inocians Tennis Court.

The next day, the Brethren assembled at the Maranaw Masonic Temple for the wreath laying ceremony complete with a band from the local Armed Forces Unit and the Mindanao State University lending color to the short parade from the Temple to the public plaza. After the wreath-laying rites, the Brethren received the Grand Master and party with grand honors at the La Salle Gymnasium in Palao. Bro. Erlando G. Briones, Archbishop of the Philippine Independent Church of Iligan City led in the invocation before the roll call of all the Lodges. VW Gervacio J. Riconalla, Junior Grand Lecturer for District No. 25 introduced the guest speaker, Msgr. Bienvenido Tudtud, D.D., first Bishop of Marawi City and incumbent chairman of the Mindanao Sulu Pastoral Conference.

Msgr. Tudtud presented a down-to-earth analysis of the Moslem problem in the Philippines and made a sociological observation that our law and order program in the Moslem area are interpreted by the Moslems as an imposition of the lowland philosophy and the clash of values has resulted into a major problem. "The only way to solve the situation is learning to trust each other," he said. The erudite desertation of Christian-Moslem relations was capped by a lunch at the Diamond Hall of the Sampaguita Lanes tendered by VW Valerio V. Rovira. In the afternoon, the delegates were divided into groups to discuss several topics outlined by the convention

program committee.

Delegates from Agusan Valley Lodge 160, Apo Kahoy Lodge 66, Bernardo R. Neri Lodge 214, Beacon Lodge 213, Datu Bago Lodge 149, Mati Aurora Lodge 190, Kidapawan Lodge 170, and Rio Grande Lodge 192 composed group 1 with WB Ruben Neri as group chairman and Bro. E.C. Roque, Jr. as rapporteur.

Group 2 was composed of delegates from Digos Lodge 198, Dipolog Lodge 162, Juan S. Alano Lodge 137, Koronadal Lodge 209, Kutang Bato Lodge 110, Macajalar Lodge 184, Mindanao Lodge 40, Bugo de Oro Lodge 220, Dadiangas Lodge, U.D., Panabo Lodge, U.D. and Davao Lodge 149 with Bro. Vicente Zapata as Chairman and Bro. Rene S. Ramos as rapporteur.

Mt. Malindag Lodge 130, Mt. Matutum Lodge 157, Pagadian Lodge 153, Salug Valley Lodge 216, Sarangani Lodge 50, Shangrila Lodge 196, Timberland Lodge 219, Bantugan Lodge 223, Toril Lodge 208 and Tagum Lodge 204 composed group 3.

The first group was assigned to study the proposed Constitution and By-laws of the Regional Association of Mindanao Basilan and Sulu Masonic Lodges. Group 3 had to tackle the touchy subject of "Rotation of Annual Communications" and group 2 had a timely subject on "Better Living through Masonry."

After a lot of mind blowing discussions that afternoon, the Brethren were treated to a "Gala Night" at the La Salle Gymnasium. The venue was jampacked with the attendance of the Brethren, their

wives, and non-Masons to witness the *Rigodon De Honor* in honor of the Grand Master's party and delegates. The *Sining Kambayoka* and *Darangan Cultural Group* of the Mindanao State University lent color and pageantry to the evening's affair. The Grand Master and his beautiful wife opened the formal ball.

In the morning of the third day, the delegates were treated to an educational field trip. The Maria Cristina Falls was a sight to behold. While it is true that the famous falls has been harnessed to provide electrical power to millions of people in that area, the pristine splendour of the falls is still intact despite the trimings of technology. From the Maria Cristina Falls, the delegates motored to the Mindanao State University where WB



MW ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ VISITED BRO. ADRIANO GAERLAN OF MARANAW LODGE NO. III AT THE LATTER'S HOUSE.

Mohamad Ali Dimaporo hosted a lunch. It was on the same day that the Grand officers laid the cornerstone of Lake Lanao Lodge, U.D. After lunch the conventionists proceeded to the Aga Khan Museum of the university to see for themselves Moslem designs and archeological findings. In the afternoon of the same day, the group returned to Iligan City to continue with their study, this time with VWB Hermogenes P. Oliveros conducting a class on Masonic education. After the lecture of VW Oliveros, MW Munarriz gave a short talk followed by presentation and adoption of resolutions of commission groups. A scheduled fraternal banquet and discoteque was prepared by the program committee in the La Salle Gymnasium as a fitting culmination of the 23rd Masonic Regional Convention. Un-



WB VALERIO ROVIRA AT THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING RITES OF LAKE LANAO LODGE UD.



fortunately, the Grand Master's entourage had to leave for Cagayan de Oro City to have a much needed rest from busy schedule provided by the Lodges.

The success of the convention was due to the untiring efforts of the various committees that did the spade work.

The doings at the La Salle Gymnasium and Marawi visit were covered by the local television station.

As the Grand Master's entourage was lavishly received during the first day, the Brethren in Cagayan de Oro saw to it that we were taken cared of in that city. It was quite difficult to leave Iligan and Cagayan de Oro with all the memories of the beautiful things that goes with all the five months preparation of the convention.

We left for Manila happy in the thought that somehow Masonry is very much alive in the *Land of Promise*.

SAMUEL P. FERNANDEZ  
& OSCAR L. FUNG

### KATY WALLACE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR BOYS

MW John O. Wallace, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, presently resi-

ding in Eureka Springs, Arkansas has offered a scholarship program in memory of his wife Katy.

The scholarship is to assist a worthy and outstanding student in the pursuit of his studies in his chosen field of science.

The value of the scholarship is fifteen hundred pesos each year "so long as I shall live . . . or until terminated for cause."

The youth to receive said scholarship shall be selected by the incumbent Grand Master. Selection each year must be made not later than the first day of the Annual Communication. The recipient may be the same student for a maximum of four years.

The following are the rules for the selection of the student each year:

1. Must be the son of a Mason.
2. Must have graduated from an accredited high school with good grades.
3. Must have demonstrated leadership abilities.
4. Must be of high moral character.
5. Must be in need of this assistance to pursue his studies.
6. Must be interested in a chosen field of *Science*.
7. Must be a native of the Philippines.
8. Other qualifications deemed appropriate by the Grand Master.

Funds for the scholarship are available on the first day of each Annual Communication. Payment will be made when requested by the Grand Master.

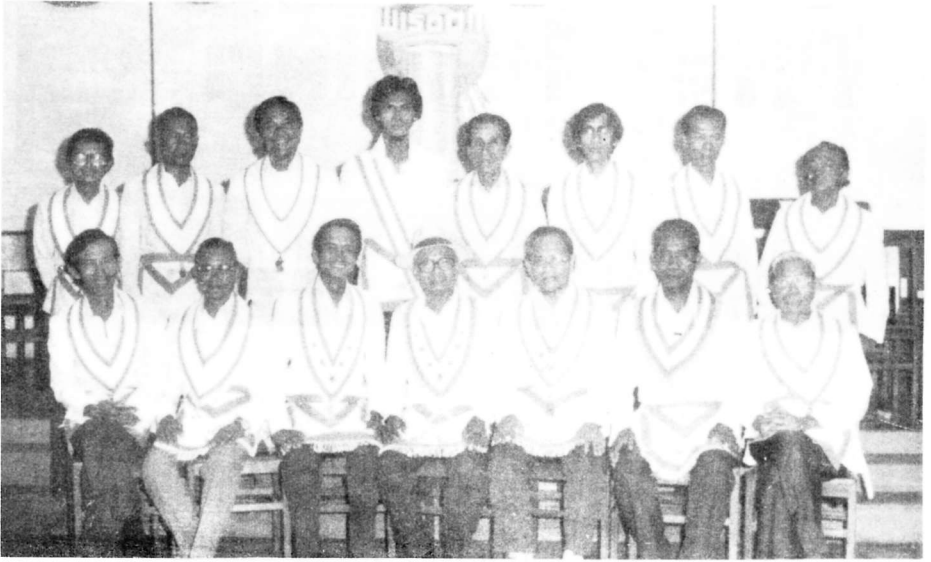
Failure to select a student in any one year shall terminate the program.



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MW DESIDERIO DALISAY, SR., GRAND MASTER, RECEIVES PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FROM VW GERARDO PADILLA DURING THE LUNCHEON AT THE MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY TENDERED BY WB MUHAMAD ALI DIMAPORO.



## ANG BUHAY NG MASON

*Ni Kap. Abelardo L. Galang  
Agusan Valley Lodge No. 160*

Ang buhay ko at buhay mo, sa gitna ng sanlibutan,  
Tila isang kispang-matang naglalahong di mo alam;  
Hiram lamang kay Bathalang lumikha ng kalawakan,  
Kaya't kung bawiin Niya, ay sa Kanyang kagustuhan.

Kapalaran kong masapi sa Masoneriyang kapatiran,  
Kapisanang nagtuturo: ang lahat ay pantay-pantay!  
Tayong lahat ay nilikha ng iisang Diyos na mahal,  
Kaya't tayo'y magkapatid, anuman ang ating kulay.

Kung tayo ay magkapatid, tayo'y dapat magmahalan;  
Yaong mga kapus-palad, sila'y atin ngang tulongan —  
Ang kanilang mga supling di na nila mapag-aral,  
Tulong nating kusang-loob, ang siya nilang kailangan!

Ano nga bang laging turo nitong ating kapatiran,  
Hindi nga ba at pagtulong sa nawal'ang kakayahan?  
Katotohana'y sabihin, makisama ng tapatan;  
At bigyan ng katarungan mahirap man o mayaman.

Kung tayo ay pumanaw na, at bawian ng hininga,  
Pagdulog ta sa Lumikha'y magsabi kaya si Bathala;  
"Tumpak nga butihing anak, ang lahat mong ginampanan,  
Halina at magtuloy ka sa ligayang walang hanggan!"

## ARE THE BRETHREN SATISFIED?

Most Masons have heard the words, "Are the Brethren satisfied?" We normally accept those words to mean, are the Brethren satisfied with each other, or, perhaps, are the Brethren satisfied with the others?

If that question were actually worded, "Are the Brethren satisfied with themselves?" it would be interesting to see what some honest answers might be in the average Lodge.

It is really a stimulating thought. When you get down to it, we are in a position to know ourselves better than any man can know us — provided, of course, that we can find it possible to be honest with ourselves some questions, just to see if we would be satisfied.

Am I satisfied with my participation in the activities of my Lodge? Am I critical of "the way things are run," yet don't offer to help in the job of running them? Is my Lodge a better Lodge for my having been a member? Is my attitude the very best toward my Brothers? Am I living my life as a Mason should?

Not too long ago, I had the unpleasant experience of hearing a Mason "run down" the actions of his Brethren, his Lodge and his Grand Lodge. I hasten to add, gratefully, that it was not in Texas!

As I listened, I asked myself, "If this had happened to me, who would be to blame?" Honesty caused me to admit that I would have been solely to blame.

Masons are human and, occasionally, Masons make human mistakes. But if every Mason would live every bit of his Masonry, there would seldom be cause for complaints of any sort about Brethren, Lodges or Grand Lodges.

In the case I have cited above, the major complaint was in the performance and actions of Officers of the Lodges and the Grand Lodge. Again, I thought to myself that if each Mason would only help a bit in the challenging job of leadership, the burden carried by our leaders would be so much lighter! And who can argue that the absence of criticism would not encourage our Officers to work even harder to do an even better job.

It has been said that no man's life can ever be the same again, once it has been touched by Masonry. Usually, he becomes a better man by trying to live up to the principles which he learns in our Order. Some go the other way, unfortunately. Some are dragged down in spirit by the knowledge that they have failed to live up to the obligations which were solemnly taken. However, both

kinds of men are influenced by Masonry.

So it is with a Lodge. Any Lodge is influenced for good or for bad by every member. Thus, the Lodge should choose its members with utmost care. And each accepted member should be made to realize the importance of the Lodge's decision to accept him. We often fail, I believe, to emphasize sufficiently to the new members what they have accepted as their responsibilities.

We should re-learn and rededicate ourselves to the Master Mason's Obligation and to the Five Points of Fellowship.

My Obligation covers every facet of my Masonic life. The Five Points of Fellowship cover my relations with my Brothers.

We all remember the words from our high school declamation, "Let me live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to Man". That is just too passive. The Five Points of Fellowship

shows us that we are not to wait for our Brother to come to us for help in his time of need. I am to go to help my Brother.

We are told to support a fallen Brother. Now, this doesn't mean that we are to prop him up so that he will no longer be prostrate. We are to help that Brother regain his feet and keep his balance ! Further, we are to help him in other ways, such as our good counsel.

In Shakespeare's "Hamlet," Polonius advises his son, Laertes:

"This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

And Jesus rebuked those who criticized a woman anointing his feet with precious ointment by saying, "Leave her alone, she has done what she could."

As a Mason, ask yourself, "Am I satisfied with myself?"

As a Mason, ask yourself, "Have I done what I could?"

— *Lenville Roger*  
*Harmony Lodge 6, Galveston*  
*THE TEXAS FREEMASON*

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