



The Cabletow

Official Organ of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines

VOL LVI NO. 5



MAY, 1979

POSTAL DIRECTORY
FPO, NEW YORK, 09501
RECEIVED - FTDG 0 6 8
FORWARD - FTDG 0 6 8
CLERK INTG
PS



MW Jolly R. Bugarin
Grand Master

**GRAND LODGE OFFICERS
1979-80**

<i>Grand Master</i>	JOLLY R. BUGARIN
<i>Deputy Grand Master</i>	MANUEL D. MANDAC
<i>Senior Grand Warden</i>	SIMEON RENE LACSON
<i>Junior Grand Warden</i>	RUDYARDO V. BUNDA
<i>Grand Treasurer</i>	JOSE L. ARANETA, PGM
<i>Grand Secretary</i>	ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ, PGM
<i>Asst. Grand Treasurer</i>	RAYMOND E. WILMARTH, PGM
<i>Asst. Grand Secretary</i>	MARCELINO P. DYSANGCO
<i>Grand Orator</i>	RAYMUNDO N. BELTRAN
<i>Grand Chaplain</i>	FLORENCIO MORENTE
<i>Grand Marshal</i>	MANUEL M. SUPNET
<i>Grand Standard Bearer</i>	MANUEL PANALIGAN
<i>Grand Sword Bearer</i>	JUAN GARCIA
<i>Grand Bible Bearer</i>	FRANKLIN Z. LITTAUA
<i>Senior Grand Lecturer</i>	HERMOGENES P. OLIVEROS
<i>Asst. Senior Grand Lecturer</i>	ALEJANDRINO A. EUSEBIO
<i>Senior Grand Deacon</i>	EDUARDO P. GONZALES, JR.
<i>Junior Grand Deacon</i>	ROSENDO C. HERRERA
<i>Senior Grand Steward</i>	NORBERTO SAN MATEO
<i>Junior Grand Steward</i>	RODOLFO G. GONZALES, SR.
<i>Grant Pursuivant</i>	CESAR U. SOLIS
<i>Grand Organist</i>	ALBERTO C. REYES
<i>Grand Tyler</i>	BASILIO J. ENRIQUEZ

**BOARD FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
1979-1980**

<i>President</i>	RAYMOND E. WILMARTH, PGM
<i>Member</i>	MANUEL M. CRUDO, PGM
<i>Member</i>	DAMASO C. TRIA, PGM
<i>Member</i>	TEODORO KALAW, JR., PGM
<i>Member</i>	CALIXTO O. ZALDIVAR, PGM
<i>Secretary</i>	MANUEL D. MANDAC, DGM

Grand Master's Page



A HIGH STANDARD

While conveying my very best wishes to our brethren in the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, may I take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to those who have helped me reach the highest position, as Grand Master.

Since the inception of our organization, we tried to live up to the tenets of Freemasonry – brotherly love, charity and truth. I am aware that your commitment is unquestionable and it would be superfluous and outright condescending to invite you to further commit yourselves. Yet, the call of duty and the drive for greatness is inevitable. Hand in hand, we must strive further and bring into reality our hopes and visions of fraternity which call for the highest art of service to God and fellowmen.

The future of our fraternal organization shall depend upon our vision, our strength of character, our unselfish devotion and the right direction we are taking. To carry out these tasks depend solely on how a member performs his duties and obligations.

I hope that in my humble capacity, I may be able to assist you in bringing the capability of our Fraternity to a high standard of efficiency and unity.



JOLLY R. BUGARIN
Grand Master

THE CABLETOW INC.

JOLLY R. BUGARIN
Chairman

MANUEL D. MANDAC
Vice-Chairman

RAYMOND E. WILMARTH
President & Gen. Mgr.

JUAN C. NABONG, JR.
Secretary

RUDYARDO V. BUNDA
Treasurer

OSCAR L. FUNG
Business Manager

TRUSTEES:

SIMEON RENE LACSON

JOSE L. ARANETA

JOSE B. PEREZ

IRINEO P. GOCE

RUPERTO DEMONTEVERDE

JUAN C. NABONG

EDITORIAL STAFF:

RAYMOND E. WILMARTH
Editor

IRINEO P. GOCE
Associate Editor

OSCAR L. FUNG
Managing Editor

IRINEO P. GOCE
Editor
Pitak Pilipino

CONTRIBUTORS:

ARTHUR SCHRAMM

LORENZO N. TALATALA

WILLIAM C. COUNCELL

Grand Master's Message	1
Mast Head	2
Editorial	3
MW Jolly R. Bugarin	4
Freemasons Can Do No Less	8
Kaleidoscope	10
The 63rd Annual Communication	13
History of Pampanga Lodge No. 48	15
Pitak Pilipino	18

PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION



OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.

PCPM Cert. of Reg No. SP - 48

Published monthly by the Cabletow, Inc. in the interest of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Office of Publication: Suite 12, Plaridel Temple Annex, 1440 San Marcelino, Manila 2801, Tel. 59-71-85. Re-entered as second class mail matter at the Manila Post Office on June 16, 1962.

Distributed to all Master Masons in this jurisdiction.

Subscription rates for other subscribers: P12.00 (Philippines) \$3.50 (Overseas).



The Need for New Lodges

There are many areas in the Philippines where no Symbolic Lodge exists. It is in such areas we should focus our attention in the constitution of new Lodges.

Too often new Lodges are constituted only to provide the means by which frustrated office seekers in an established Lodge hope to create vacancies for them to be elected. When this happens, the established Lodge is weakened by its loss of members to the new Lodge and the new Lodge starts off with weak officers who were not strong enough to get elected in their Mother Lodge. Unless the area is densely populated, both Lodges will suffer from competition for members.

There are a number of Lodges existing today, that because of their proximity with other Lodges should join forces together to make one strong Lodge. Often we mistakenly believe more Lodges mean a growing Masonry. Sometimes this is not true. Masonry's growth is not measured by the number of Lodges, but by the number of Masons in good standing. If every Lodge should divide itself into two Lodges we would have instantly twice as many Lodges, but only the same number of Masons. Our concern must be on how we can increase the number of devoted Masons - and then we can consider whether or not new Lodges are required to serve these Masons.

A most important consideration in issuing a dispensation to open a new Lodge is that it be far enough away from existing Lodges, so that hungry office seekers will not affiliate solely to get elected to an office which they could not have gotten in their Mother Lodges. Its location should be decided only for the purpose of making available to Masons and potential Masons, a Lodge which would have otherwise not been available to them. Plainly stated, a Lodge should be located for the advancement of Masonry, and not merely for the convenience of Masons.

Grand Lodge has a Standing Committee on Charters which studies carefully all the essentials necessary for a charter to be granted at an Annual Communication. Perhaps it is equally essential or even more essential to create a Standing Committee on Dispensations to form a new Lodge.

Turn to page 20



MW JOLLY R. BUGARIN

In the land of the tamaraws, that native, short-horned, fierce and sturdy water buffalo which has become the big game hunters' delight in the province of Mindoro, was born a baby boy on Oct. 8, 1916 christened Jolly Del Rosario Bugarin, to Sesisnando Bugarin and Sotera del Rosario. As if by design, MW Jolly R. Bugarin's mother Lodge is Tamaraw Lodge No. 65 named after this rare specie. His father was Worshipful Master of the same Lodge in 1928.

MW Jolly Bugarin completed his elementary and secondary education in Calapan and came to Manila to continue his studies in the University of the Philippines, finishing his law course in 1939. He belongs to the famous batch of the UP 39'ers that included President Marcos and Associate Justice, Bro. Leopoldo Abellera.

"Out there in the University of the Philippines we were activists in the sense that we believed in the participation of the youth. Fortunately for us, President Quezon gave us a day in Malacañang to air our sentiments."

World War II dimmed MW Bro. Bugarin's dream of practicing law.

"After graduation we were called to serve in the Philippine Army. This was the time when the European war (WWII) was on. I graduated from the Advance Reserve Officers Training Course. So, after graduation I was commissioned an officer in the army. I am a member of the UP Vanguard and during the war I was assigned to the Second Regular Division under Gen. Francisco."

Surviving the Bataan death march was a feat that the MW Grand Master would rather relegate to his subconscious mind. When queried on how he survived the Bataan death march our Grand Master would merely say:—"Divine Providence."

After liberation, MW Grand Master Bugarin continued to serve in the Armed Forces of the Philippines occupying key positions in the military. In 1950, he took the Officers Investigation course in Camp Gordon, Georgia, USA. Two years later when the late Ramon Magsaysay was Secretary of National Defense,

MW Bugarin attended the Washington State University at Pullman, Washington and took up Bachelor of Arts in Police Science and Administration. In 1953, he earned his Masters Degree on this same subject.

"I was lucky to pass the examination for scholarship in the (Washington State University) United States. Before enjoying the scholarship, I informed the Secretary of National Defense Ramon Magsaysay about the privilege that I had earned. The Defense Secretary was kind enough to send me as a scholar of the Philippine Constabulary. I graduated at the top of my class when I took my Bachelor's Degree that earned me another scholarship in the graduate school. Again, I informed Defense Secretary Magsaysay about the offer of scholarship and he was kind enough to extend my stay in the United States."

MW Bugarin was elected to the Phi Kappa Phi, International Scholastic Honorary WSCI in 1953 and to Alpha Kappa Delta, National Honorary Sociological Fraternity, Washington State University. He completed a management course with the Philippine Constabulary in 1961 and attended the Command General Staff School of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in 1962. He retired with the rank of Colonel in 1962 to engage in the private practice of Law. For five years MW Bugarin was happy in the profession he had prepared himself for and was at the same time a Criminalistics and Bank Security Consultant. As what had happened before upon his graduation at the UP, his ambition to practice law was shortlived. He was recalled to public service

and appointed Director of the National Bureau of Investigation in 1967.

"At first I was hesitant to accept the offer for it meant financial sacrifice on my part. I finally decided to accept it as a challenge since I had training along that line."

The MW Grand Master is one of the country's few authorities in the technical fields of questioned documents, handwriting analysis, ballistics, finger print and physical identification. His disciplined training in the Army and his academic preparation on Police Science and Administration most likely influenced the decision of President Marcos to appoint MW Jolly Bugarin, NBI Director.

As the Director of NBI, MW Bugarin lives a scheduled life, what with the multifarious activities and the requirements he engages in by virtue of his position and the many responsibilities of his office. He is Commissioner of the National Police Commission and Permanent Consultant to the Dangerous Drugs Board and at the same time Security Consultant to the Central Bank of the Philippines, the Development Bank of the Philippines, and the Philippine National Bank. Aside from these MW Bugarin is also head of the National Central Bureau of Interpol-Manila and has been elected member of the Executive Committee of the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol).

"My work is a challenge. It is like Masonry. We are always after the truth. We can not deviate from the truth. I think my being a member of the Fraternity is a factor which has given me the opportunity to give my best. I know it is risky but



you have to contribute something within you for the betterment of our fellowmen.”

Since 1967 MW Bugarin has represented the Philippines in the yearly Interpol conferences and has attended numerous international conferences. He was a delegate to the World Criminologists Association Conference in Madrid, Spain in 1970; head delegate to the International Conference on Narcotics Control at Canberra, Australia in November 1971; delegate to the 1972 United Nations Conference to amend a Single Convention of Geneva; Conference Chairman of the Third ASEAN Interpol Conference; member of the Executive Committee on the Fourth Congress on Medical Law; and in 1978 headed the Philippine delegation to the third meeting of ASEAN Drugs Experts held in Jakarta, Indonesia. In 1977 he served as President of the Bureau Directors Association Inc. (BUDIRAS).

“I program my time, set priorities and with the help of my staff I am able to attend to other social as well as personal requirements. I am happy that I am properly tyled here in my office. We have several Brethren working here.”

MW Grand Master married Linda Hortillas of Iloilo City in 1952 and has three daughters, Aileen, Pinky and Annette.

“I met her in one of the social functions I attended.”

MW Bugarin was initiated in Tamaraw Lodge No. 65 on September 20, 1946; passed on October 14, 1946 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 28, of the same year. He became the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in December 1972.

“Nobody encouraged me to become a Mason. Early in life I wanted to become a member of the Craft so after the war I knocked on the door of Freemasonry. This was true when I took my Scottish

Rite degrees.”

MW Bugarin is a Master of the Royal Secret of the Philippine Bodies and a Shriner of El Katiff Temple, AAOMNS in Spokane, Washington. He was installed as Venerable Master at Lakandula Lodge of Perfection on March 15, 1979 and was coronated 33^o IGH on February 9, 1979. He is also a member of the Christian W. Rosenstock Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons and is a knight Templar of the Far East Commandery aside from being a member of the Sampaguita Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

During the Grand Master's installation ceremony when MW Bugarin made his inaugural speech, he enjoined his Masonic brethren "to participate in the mainstream of the current history by way of getting involved in the national development programs of the government." He further challenged the brethren to endorse the immediate completion of the envisioned project of building the Temple which will become the shining example and symbol of the efforts

and life-long dreams of the members of the Grand Lodge.

"We are getting bigger and bigger every year. We need a temple to house the Grand Lodge communications. I have prepared a draft for the Task Force Committee to study. We have to build this temple this year. If we are going to postpone this project, there will be a time when we cannot afford even to think of building one."

I wanted to shout "Amens" and "Halleluias" to these statements of the Most Worshipful Grand Master but I kept my peace, breathing a prayer for the dream to become a reality.

The man, who was a tiny baby born in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, was not mincing words when he made those statements in his executive suite at the National Bureau of Investigation. Not unlike the sturdy tamaraw he fiercely believes that he will be able to move mountains in the pursuit of the culmination of this dream, and within his term of office as Grand Master of Masons.



NO DEGREE HIGHER THAN MASTER MASON

No degrees are higher than Master Mason. The Thirty-second or Thirty-third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, while larger numerically than the Third Degree of Ancient Craft masonry, cannot and does not make its fortunate possessor any more a Mason than he was when he was raised to the Sublime degree.

It may make him a better Mason, since its contents is scholarly, thought provoking and educational but a man becomes as much a Mason as he may when he takes to his heart and adopts as a rule of life the magnificent teachings of the Third Degree. What is true of the Scottish Rite Degrees is also true of those of the Royal Arch Chapter, Council

Turn to page 9

INNAUGURAL ADDRESS OF:

FREEMASONS CAN DO NO LESS

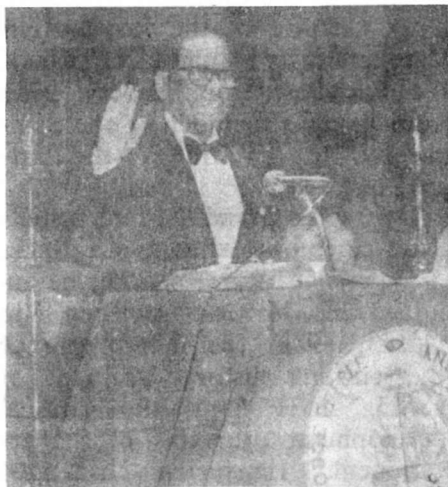
Every man remembers certain milestones in his life. I do not think it unseemly to announce that my installation as Grandmaster of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines is a significant and memorable event for me.

It is also a trust, laden with honor and responsibility. For that singular honor I am deeply grateful and for the great responsibility it entails I am constrained to say that without your help, I cannot discharge it with any distinction.

After all the quality of leadership is only as good as the spirit of the members. Without your active participation this office would remain a status symbol. With your commitment and involvement, we can all live up to the high traditions of Freemasonry.

Those traditions require a dedication to programs and projects which promote national dignity, brotherly love, peace and truth. We cannot allow these principles to decline into pious platitudes, to be polished and displayed on public occasions. They are to be lived, as Freemasons in the past lived them, fully, sometimes at the cost of sacrifice.

It is this spirit that has characterized our association, and has given Freemasonry its reputation for ac-



MW JOLLY R. BUGARIN

tion and probity. Rizal, Mabini and Palma were Freemasons in this spirit. It was as such that they lived, spoke as citizens and carried out civic projects without publicity, fanfare or theatrical gestures. To maintain this reputation, we are mandated by history to pursue our activities on a sustained, systematic and selective basis.

What is meant by this qualification? We intend to commit ourselves to programs of action that hold the promise of helping our fellowmen, particularly our fellow countrymen, to become self-reliant, authentic Filipinos who take pride in their society and culture.

Such a society deserves all the hopes, dreams and efforts that we invest in the future. It is a future in which all of us are involved. It is also the future of our younger generation as well as of those who succeed them.

Some six years ago the national leadership took a significant step through a dramatic change in our policy. This was intended not only to avert a disaster of national proportion but also to renew a sense of commitment to our people. Since then the challenge of national development has brought positive, valuable changes in our society, engaging the talents and energies of virtually all sectors.

Freemasons can do no less than the barangays who have been inspired to take active part in the common struggle to build a nation. They must work hard to help the government realize that vision of a just and peaceful society.

Therefore it is not a question of whether or not we shall participate in the mainstream of current history. It is a question of how we should take part, and for which projects we shall utilize and commit our common resources.

First of all, the administration of every Masonic Lodge all over the country must be carried out effectively by way of due observance of our traditional obligations, a sys-

tematic programming of our activities, and proper utilization of Masonic properties through good management.

Likewise, it shall do well for us to continue welcoming more worthy Brothers in our fold, as well as to encourage the Demolays to increase their number. But only through appropriate and rigid screening of applicants in both cases — that we may spread in our country the eternal precepts of Freemasonry.

And then, as Masonry is a march and a struggle towards the light, so should we eternally seek to improve our own moral nature and social virtues, and in the process hope to affect the lives of other men. For all that is good and pure is the very foundation of our obligation.

Tonight, I ask you to commit yourselves to the cause of building an authentic Philippine society. It is a cause worthy of our best efforts and talents. It is a cause worthy of all Freemasons in the Philippines. Let us unite under this cause and give ourselves to it. If we unite and work together, the future will take care of itself.

As I close, it is my fervent wish that we shall join hands in the pursuit of developmental projects geared towards better understanding, harmony, love, and Brotherhood among men under the Fatherhood of God.

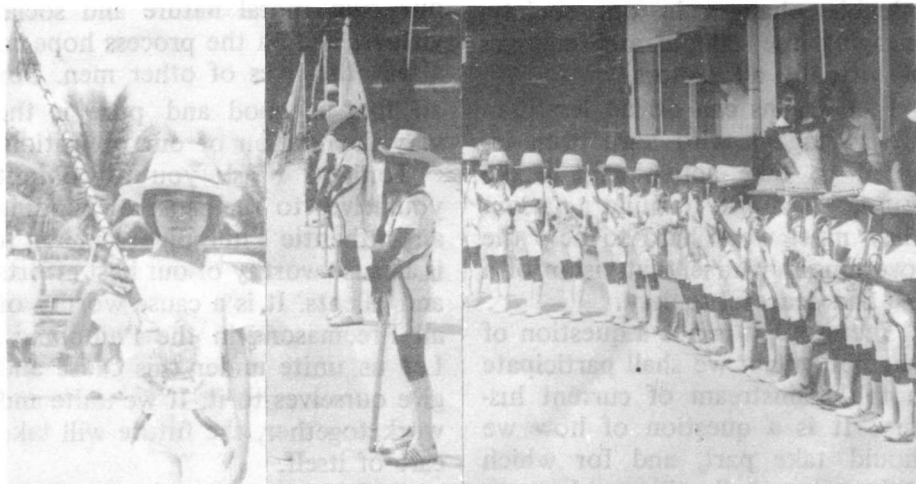


NO DEGREE HIGHER... From page 7

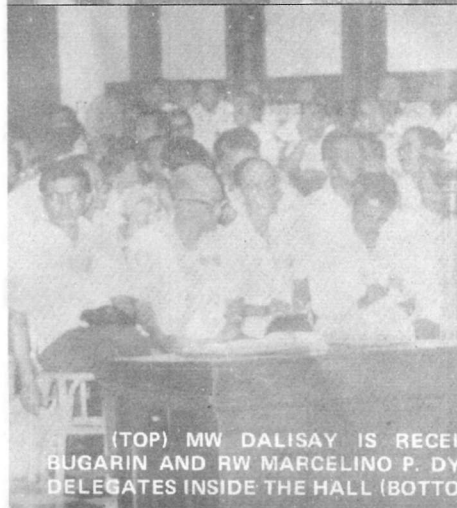
and Commandery ceremonies; they amplify the Masonic Story, add to knowledge, and increase interest, but as they cannot make more complete that which is already perfect, they cannot be considered "higher" than the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

KALIBDOSCOPE

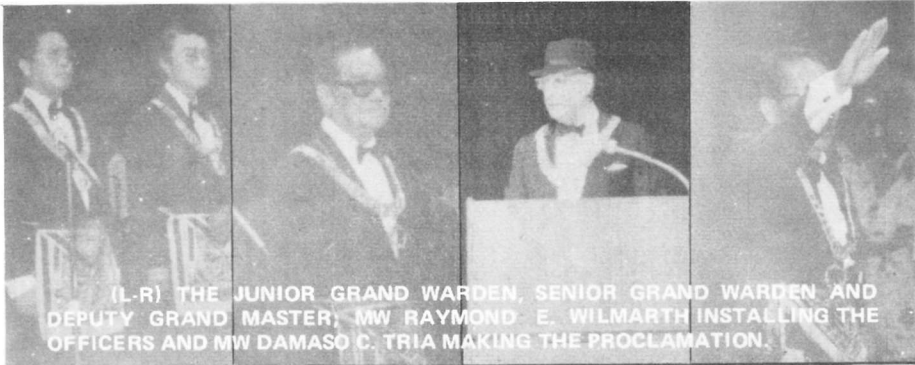
THE 63RD ANNUAL GRAND LODGE COMMUNICATION



MEMBERS OF THE ALITAGTAG-DEMOLAY DRUM & BUGLE CORPS OF BATANGAS HEADED BY BRO. PETE VERGARA REGALED THE DELEGATES AT THE GRAND LODGE WITH THEIR MUSICAL PROWESS.



(TOP) MW DALISAY IS RECEIVED INTO THE HALL. (LOWER) RW BUGARIN AND RW MARCELINO P. DYSANGCO READING REPORTS AND THE DELEGATES INSIDE THE HALL (BOTTOM).



(L-R) THE JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN, SENIOR GRAND WARDEN AND DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; MW RAYMOND E. WILMARTH INSTALLING THE OFFICERS AND MW DAMASO C. TRIA MAKING THE PROCLAMATION.



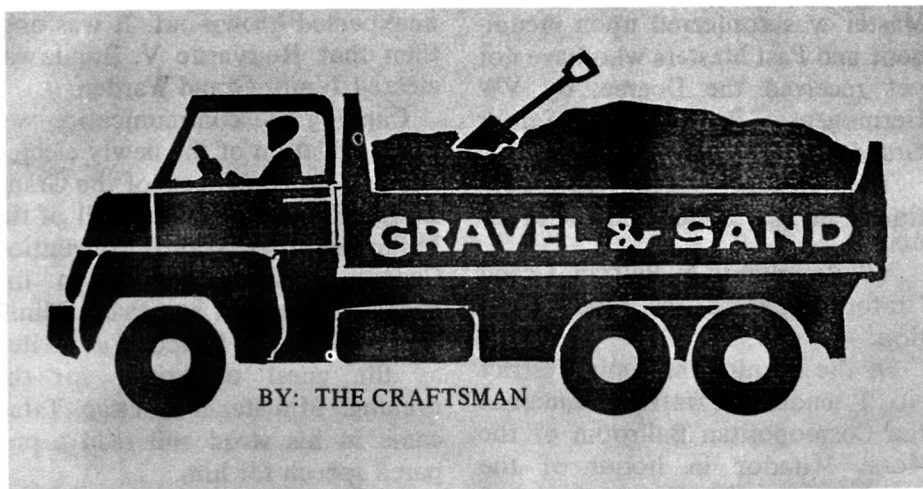
RW MANUEL D. MANDAC, MINISTER FRANCISCO TATAD, MW JOLLY R. BUGARIN AND MW DESIDERIO DALISAY.



MW JOLLY BUGARIN (AT ROSTRUM) DELIVERING HIS INAUGURAL ADDRESS.



MW DALISAY RECEIVES HIS PAST GRAND MASTERS JEWEL PRESENTED BY MW MAURO BARADI, PGM AND MINISTER TATAD READING THE MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT FERDINAND E. MARCOS.



THE 63RD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The 63rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held April 26-28 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila.

MW Desiderio Dalisay led the Grand Officers and delegates during the floral offering rites at the statues of Bros. Jose P. Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Graciano Lopez-Jaena at the foyer of the Temple.

RW Jolly R. Bugarin, Deputy Grand Master assisted by the Grand officers and Brethren opened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of holding the communication.

MW Desiderio Dalisay was received into the Grand Lodge and was handed the gavel to preside over the communication.

Past Grand Masters Raymond E. Wilmarth, Esteban Munarriz, Manuel Crudo, William H. Quasha, Teodor V. Kalaw, Jr., Calixto O. Zaldivar, Jose L. Araneta and Ruperto S. Demonteverde were likewise received.

VW Jose E. Racela, Grand Chaplain gave the invocation after the flag ceremonies.

After the usual amenities of welcoming the delegates and Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, the brethren buckled down to tackle the business before the body.

Lunch was served at the social hall.

After lunch, the annual general meeting of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc. was held.

The Degree of Installed or Past

Master was conferred upon incumbent and Past Masters who have not yet received the Degree, by VW Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer.

The plenary session was continued at two o'clock in the afternoon.

VW Raymundo N. Beltran, Grand Orator, delivered the Grand Oration.

In the evening, Masonic District No. 1 tendered a fraternal dinner at the Cosmopolitan Ballroom of the Hotel Mirador in honor of the delegates to the convention and their ladies.

The second day of the communication started with a photo slide show conducted by Bro. Manuel Rivera of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children.

The committee reports, resolutions and other business in the agenda were taken up after the resumption of the plenary session.

After lunch, the annual general meeting of the Cabletow Incorporated was held. At the Jose Abad Santos Hall, the Demolays conducted an exemplification of the Demolay Degree for the edification of the delegates.

Highlighting the second day was the election of the Grand Officers for the ensuing term. Elected were: Jolly R. Bugarin, *Grand Master*; Manuel D. Mandac, *Deputy Grand Master*; Simeon Rene Lacson, *Senior Grand Warden*; Rudyardo V. Bunda, *Junior Grand Warden*; MW Jose L. Araneta, PGM, *Grand Treasurer*; MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM, *Grand Secretary*. The third balloting for the position of Junior Grand Warden was postponed to the morning of the third day due to an

unexpected brown-out. It was only then that Rudyardo V. Bunda was elected Junior Grand Warden.

Capping the communication was the installation of the newly elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge at the Reception Hall of the Philippine International Convention Center at seven o'clock in the evening. President and Prime Minister Ferdinand E. Marcos was invited as the guest of honor for the evening. Minister Francisco Tatad came in his stead and read a prepared speech for him.

The appointed officers are: MW Raymond E. Wilmarth, PGM, *Assistant Grand Treasurer*; Marcelino P. Dysangco, *Assistant Grand Secretary*; VW Florencio Morente, *Grand Chaplain*; Raymundo N. Beltran, *Grand Orator*; Manuel Supnet, *Grand Marshall*, Manuel Panaligan, *Grand Standard Bearer*; Juan Garcia, *Grand Sword Bearer*; Franklin Z. Littaua, *Grand Bible Bearer*; Hermogenes P. Oliveros, *Grand Lecturer*; Alejandrino A. Eusebio, *Assistant Grand Lecturer*; Eduardo P. Gonzalez, Jr., *Senior Grand Deacon*; Rosendo Herrera, *Junior Grand Deacon*; Norberto San Mateo, *Senior Grand Steward*, Rudolfo G. Gonzales, *Junior Grand Steward*; Cesar Solis, *Grand Pursuivant*; Alberto Reyes, *Grand Organist* and Basilio Enriquez, *Grand Tyler*.

Appointed District Deputy Grand Masters are: Reynato S. Puno (1) Leon A. Banez, Jr.(2) Eugenio Labittoria(3) Jacinto B. Morales(4) Jack Gesner(5) Eulogio Sta. Maria(6) Filemon B. Zafra(7) Nestor N. Niguidula(8) Jose B. Perez(9) Cecilio S. Villanueva(10) Ricardo C. Buenafe(11) Cesario Villareal(12)

Turn to page 20

HISTORY OF:

PAMPANGA LODGE NO. 48 F. & A.M.

By: WB Venancio Reyes

Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M. was fifty-two years old on January 28, 1971. There is no way of knowing the extent of the contribution of the Lodge to the growth and vitality of Masonry, particularly in the Philippines. However, in assessing the history of the Lodge since 1918, the present members fall back on the memory of their Brethren who had worked so hard that the Lodge may, in time, be ours to inherit and use for the further propagation of Masonry. To them, therefore, we are greatly indebted; of them we are very proud. Whatever we have done and are doing for the Lodge today is, in a large measure, drawn from the pioneering spirit and dedication to the Craft by those Brothers before us.

Why and how the Lodge came to exist at all was a matter wholly motivated by time and circumstance. The period between March 13, 1917 and July 17, 1918 was a trying one for Masons in Pampanga. The Filipino Lodges had just affiliated from the Grand Regional Lodge of Spain to the American Lodges under the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. The turn of events prompted the Pampanga Masons to take stock of themselves in the light of the new Masonic era in the country.

Impelled, perhaps, by tribal pride rather than by necessity or convenience, the group in time began to hold meetings in private homes. It was at a meeting in the residence of WB Pedro Abad Santos that the idea of forming a Lodge of their own was broached. It was also in this place that the petition for a provisional charter was drafted and ratified. Those who signed the petition and are thus Charter Members are the following:

Pedro Abad Santos, *Lawyer*, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4; Mariano Tiglaw, *Lawyer*, Nilad Lodge No. 12; Saturnino Ocampo, *Lawyer*, Araw Lodge No. 13; Lucas G. Baviera, *P. C. Officer*, Batangas Lodge No. 35; Isidoro Makabali, *Employee*, Batangas Lodge No. 35; Pablo Angeles David, *Lawyer*, Regeneracion Lodge No. 36; Felix B. Bautista, *Lawyer*, Regeneracion Lodge No. 36; Regino R. Gamboa, *Proprietor*, Regeneracion Lodge No. 36; Ceferino Hilario, *Lawyer*, Regeneracion Lodge No. 36; Pedro Malig, *Proprietor*, Regeneracion Lodge No. 36; Marcelino Bustos Zabala, *Proprietor*, Regeneracion Lodge No. 36; Isabelo de Silva, *Employee*, Maguindanaw Lodge No. 40; Benito Golding, *Proprietor*, Minerva Lodge No. 41; Pacifico R. Panlilio, *Physician*, Perla de Oriente Lodge No. 1034, SC; Bernardo Samson, *Physician*, Perla de Oriente

Lodge No. 1034, SC.

The petition was forthwith submitted to Most Worshipful Manuel L. Quezon Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. On July 16, 1918, dispensation was granted Pampanga Lodge and the Grand Master appointed the following as officers: Bro. Pedro Abad Santos, *Worshipful Master*, Bro. Isabelo de Silva, *Senior Warden*, Bro. Ceferino Hilario, *Junior Ward-en*.

In the interim and on the strength of the dispensation, the members of the Lodge started accepting petitions, screening, electing and conferring degrees on petitioners.

On December 28, 1918, during the period of dispensation, the following Brethren have the distinct honor of being the first members to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the newly instituted Lodge: Bros. Saturnino David, Pascual Gosun, Candido Hizon, Marciano Ordenez and Amado Pekson.

The Lodge was duly constituted on January 28, 1919 after receiving the Charter at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Most Worshipful Milton E. Springer, Grand Master and Most Worshipful Newton C. Comfort, Grand Secretary, signed the charter of the Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M.

Since the Lodge had no building of its own where meetings could be held, the members formed a corporation to purchase a site and construct their own Masonic Temple.

The Pampanga Masonic Temple Association Inc., was organized in

1921 and duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Shares were sold at ₱50.00 each and the Lodge became the controlling stockholder for having bought the greatest number of shares. The Master of the Lodge, by agreement, assumed the presidency of the organization.

The enterprise paid off as expected and in time a lot, conveniently located for easy access, was procured and a semi-permanent building (the Temple) was built. WB Jose Gutierrez David, the corporate secretary, administered the property. Later, WB Quirino Abad Santos became custodian of the property, a position he still holds to the present time.

The Japanese occupation was the darkest period in the history of the Lodge when the Temple, along with the proprietary documents were totally destroyed. Activities could not be planned nor held because of restrictive Japanese military edicts and limited communication among members. The deaths of several of the members of the Lodge during the war and in the early days of the liberation from the Japanese occupation was a most tragic event in the Lodge's history.

The Lodge was reactivated early in 1945, after Wor. Bro. Basilio Castro and the late Bros. Arcadio de Ocera and Isidoro Makabali had earlier secured a copy of the Charter from the Grand Lodge.

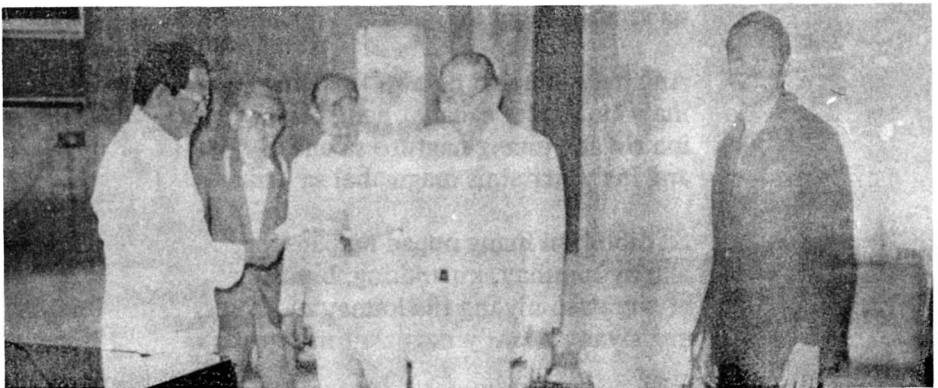
The years immediately following the liberation were uneventful, except for the routinary stated and special meetings and a few social gatherings. Then in 1949, when the United States government turned over its depot at Lara, Sn. Fernan-

do, Pampanga, to the Philippine Government, the Lodge was able to acquire one quonset hut through the intercession of Bro. Eloy M. Baluyot. This building was dismantled and reassembled on the lot of the Pampanga Masonic Temple Association, Inc. The quonset hut has since become the Temple of the Lodge but in December, 1970, we vacated the building due to its dilapidated condition and now hold our meetings temporarily at the premises of the Central United Methodist Church.

A movement is now afoot, led by a Brother who has offered his invaluable help, to finalize the realization of a permanent Temple with the aid and assistance of all concerned and with God's merciful guidance.

The following are the Past Masters of Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M. Pedro Abad Santos - 1918-19; Isabelo de Silva - 1920; Ceferino Hilario - 1921; Jose Gutierrez David - 1922; Rafael de Leon - 1923; Felix B. Bautista - 1924-25; Santiago L. Bautista -

1926; Isidoro Makabali - 1927-28; Sotero Baluyot - 1929; Jose L. Guinto - 1930; Quirino Abad Santos - 1931; Atilano G. Mercado - 1932-33; Apolinario de Leon - 1934; Basilio Castro - 1935; Saturnino David - 1936; Antonio M. Quito - 1937; Pelagio Navarro David - 1938-39; Tirso Manabat - 1940; Jose C. Morales - 1941; Arcadio de Ocera - 1945-46; Basilio Castro - 1947-48; Ignacio Baluyot - 1949; Juan G. Sunga - 1950; Marcelo Tungul - 1951; Maximo M. Lapus - 1952; Pedro C. Barin - 1953; Victoriano Alabado - 1954; Salvador G. Dabu - 1955; Albino Figeroa - 1956; Alejandro M. Barin, Sr. - 1957; Marcelino P. Dysangco - 1958; Conrado P. Ongbueco - 1959; Julian B. Mendoza - 1960; Charles B. Shelledy, Sr. - 1961; Domingo P. Santos - 1962; Jesus N. Mendoza - 1963; Santiago T. Razon - 1964; Venancio G. Reyes - 1965; Epitacio Pagtalunan - 1966; Alejandro M. Diwa - 1967; Horacio S. Mendoza - 1968; Amado L. Sadsad - 1969; Generoso Q. Sison - 1970-71.



MW DESIDERIO DALISAY, SR., PGM HANDS MW JOLLY BUGARIN, GRAND MASTER, A CHECK FOR P5,000. AS HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE TEMPLE FUND.



INA

Ni Esteban S. Rodriguez, Sr.
Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69

May isang nilikha sa mundong ibabaw,
dakilang dakila at banal na banal;
iyan ay ang ina ng taong may buhay,
na sa ating lahat ay mahal na mahal.

Ang ina'y hingian ng awa't paglingap,
ina'y tinatawag sa lahat nang hirap;
ina rin ang unang nagturo sa anak,
ang ina'y matamis magmahal sa lahat.

Sa dibdib ni inang pugad ng pag-irog,
ako ay binuhay, kinandong, binusog;
at ang puso niyang tila kamay ng Diyos,
ang siyang sa aki'y nagpala't nagkupkop.

Sa katawang hubad nang ako ay paslit,
siya ang nagbalot ng lampin at damit;
sa gatas ng kaniyang mainit na dibdib,
binusog ang aking katawan at isip.

Nang ako'y munti pa't sanggol na iyakin,
ang kanyang kandungan ay duyan ng aliw;
sa tamis ng kan'yang kundimang malambing,
at mga bisig n'ya ako ay nahimbing.

Ang mga paa ko nang unang humakbang,
ina ang sa aki'y laging nag-aakay;
sa kalungkutan ko siya ay karamay,
sa galak at aking mga katuwaan.

Sa pananalangin siya ang nagmulat,
sa kahinaan ko'y siyang nagpalakas;
nagdulot ng sigla sa isip kong duwag,
nagbigay pag-asa sa pusong may sugat.

Nang ang lahat wari'y nagsawa't nagtakwil,
ina ang nalabing matapat sa akin;
gabi't araw halos ang kanyang dalanging
sa lahat kong gawa ako'y pagpalain.

Anupa't ang lahat ng buhay at sigla,
ang puso, ang diwa at ang kaluluwa
ay utang na di ko mababayaran pa,
kahi't ang buhay ko'y ihandog kay Ina!

Kaya nga sa mundo'y tuntuning dakila,
mahalin ang ina, sunod kay Bathala;
pagka't kaya tayo may puso't may diwa,
ay dahil sa inang sa ati'y nagpala.



GRAVEL & SAND... From page 14

Ernesto del Mundo(13) Panfilo B. Enojas(14) Santiago L. Chua(15) Florentino B. Almacen(16) Pedro W. Guerzon(17) Ricardo V. Azarcon(18) Antonio A. Espinoza(19) John Estes(20) Kenneth M. Crabtree(21) Robert A. Gibson (22) Pablo D. Baguioen(23) Peregrino L. Coronel, Sr.(24) Gervacio Riconalla(25) Robert C. Uy(26) Manuel V. Ko(27) Buhay Medina(28) Jesus V. Evangelista(29) George F. Krause (30) Wilfredo T. Mendoza(31) Socrates G. Cesar(32) Rubin Neri(33) and Ernest L. Albert(34).

Appointed Junior Grand Lecturers are: Eliseo A. Arandia, Jr.(1) Leandro B. Resurreccion(2) Paulino A. Corrales(3) Juan F. Santos(4) Pedro L. Fajardo(5) Antonio P. Pascual(6) Horacio S. Mendoza(7) Federico S. Magat(8) Reynold S. Fajardo(9) Romeo B. Argota(10)

Carmelo M. Arrieta(11) Apolonio A. Villaverde(12) Jose Baccay, Sr.(13) Dominador H. Aujero(14) Juanito C. de la Cruz(15) Samuel K. Morgia(16) Manuel T. Lee(17) Samuel G. Pangan(18) Jose R. Luna(19) Donald T. Calvo(20) John B. Davis, Jr.(21) Clarence E. Grant, Jr.(22) Arsenio V. Maramag(23) Peregrino G. Coronel, Jr.(24) Rasmusan Macalandong(25) Friolan G. Tecson(26) Enrique Maravilla(27) Rosauro L. Magtibay(28) Cosmo Antonio(29) Anthony Vasconcellos(30) Vicente M. Maginsay(31) Sergio F. Dalisay(32) Timoteo Uy(33) and William Bossen, Jr.(34).

The members of the Board for General Purposes are: MW Raymond E. Wilmarth, President; MW Mauro O. Baradi, MW Calixto C. Tria, MW Manuel M. Crudo, MW Desiderio Dalisay, Sr., MW Teodoro V. Kalaw, Jr. and MW Calixto O. Zaldivar, members.



EDITORIAL ... From page 3

There is an old saying, "make haste slowly" and this applies to the policy for granting dispensations for new Lodges. Therefore, it is suggested the policy for establishing new Lodges be reviewed carefully and a committee be formed to develop policies and guidelines for the future issuance of dispensations to form a new Lodge. Once established, the committee should then be charged with studying each petition for dispensation to form a new Lodge and after determining the petition meets every essential qualification, make an appropriate recommendation to the Grand Master.

Strong Masonry in our Jurisdiction requires strong Lodges and these can only be found where there are strong Masonic Leaders. Don't divide and weaken - unify and strengthen!

R.E.W.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS 1979-1980

DISTRICT NO.

- 1 - Reynato S. Puno
- 2 - Leon A. Banez, Jr.
- 3 - Eugenio S. Labitoria
- 4 - Jacinto B. Morales
- 5 - Jack E. Gesner
- 6 - Eulogio Sta. Maria
- 7 - Felimon B. Zafra
- 8 - Nestor N. Niguidula
- 9 - Jose B. Perez
- 10 - Cecilio S. Villanueva
- 11 - Ricardo C. Buenafe
- 12 - Cesario Villareal
- 13 - Ernesto Del Mundo
- 14 - Panfilo B. Enojas
- 15 - Santiago L. Chua
- 16 - Florentino B. Almacen
- 17 - Pedro W. Guerzon

DISTRICT NO.

- 18 - Ricardo V. Azarcon
- 19 - Antonio A. Espinosa
- 20 - John D. Estes
- 21 - Kenneth M. Crabtree
- 22 - Robert A. Gibson
- 23 - Pablo D. Baguioen
- 24 - Peregrino L. Cornel, Sr.
- 25 - Gervacio J. Riconalla
- 26 - Robert C. Yu
- 27 - Manuel V. Ko
- 28 - Buhay A. Medina
- 29 - Jesus V. Evangelista
- 30 - George F. Krause
- 31 - Wilfredo T. Mendoza
- 32 - Socrates G. Cesar
- 33 - Ruben J. B. Neri
- 34 - Ernest L. Albert

JUNIOR GRAND LECTURERS 1979-1980

DISTRICT NO.

- 1 - Eliseo A. Arandia, Jr.
- 2 - Leandro B. Resurreccion
- 3 - Paulino Corrales
- 4 - Juan F. Santos
- 5 - Pedro L. Fajardo
- 6 - Antonio Pascual
- 7 - Horacio S. Mendoza
- 8 - Antonio D. Salvador
- 9 - Reynold S. Fajardo
- 10 - Romeo B. Argota
- 11 - Carmelo M. Arrieta
- 12 - Apolinario A. Villaverde
- 13 - Jose Baccay
- 14 - Dominador H. Aujero
- 15 - Juanito C. dela Cruz
- 16 - Samuel K. Morgia
- 17 - Manuel T. Lee

DISTRICT NO.

- 18 - Samuel D. Pangan
- 19 - Jose R. Luna
- 20 - Donald Calvo
- 21 - John B. Davis, Jr.
- 22 - Clarence E. Grant, Jr.
- 23 - Arsenio V. Maramag
- 24 - Peregrino G. Cornel, Jr.
- 25 - Rasuman Macalandong
- 26 - Froilan G. Tecson
- 27 - Enrique Maravilla
- 28 - Rosauo L. Magtibay
- 29 - Cosmo Antonio
- 30 - Anthony Vasconcellos
- 31 - Vicente M. Manginsay
- 32 - Sergio F. Dalisay
- 33 - Timoteo Uy
- 34 - William Bozel, Jr.



REASON CHECKED

- Unclaimed Refused
- Addressee unknown
- Insufficient Address _____
- No such street _____ number _____
- No such office in state _____
- Do not return in this envelope _____



Mr. Urban Mariano, Jr. 97
USS Boulder /LST-1190/
FPO NY 09501

TO POSTMASTER: If undelivered, please return to

The Cabletow

Suite 12, Plaridel Masonic Temple
 1440 San Marcelino, Manila D-2801

Re-entered as second class mail matter at the
 Manila Post Office on June 16, 1962

IMPORTANT! Readers are requested to send address changes and corrections to us to insure prompt delivery of the THE CABLETOW.