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# **STABILITY AMIDST CONFUSION**

Not a few of us are quite disheartened by the conditions of scarcity, depravity and brutality prevailing in many parts of the world. The unfortunate situation is a far cry from the state of peace promised about 2,000 years ago to men of goodwill. It reflects the flagrant defiance by men of the "Love Thy Neighbor" admonition of the Almighty. It is a fulfillment-in-reverse of the Brotherhood of Men dictum of our Fraternity.

Rather than lose hope under the pressures of present-day circumstances, the individual should endeavour to discover the secrets for the attainment of the "peace that passeth all understanding." Unknown to him, perhaps, is the fact that these are very much within his reach if he would only re-adjust his sense of values and priorities in life, by craving less for the temporal and divining more the eternal.

In so doing he views the world objectively, understands his fellowmen more thoroughly, and keeps himself unscathed by their failings and shortcomings.

Then and only then will life be worth living

  
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# MASONIC SCHOLARSHIP



Over the years much has been said and written on the subject of Masonic Scholarship. In some instances, something has been done about it in a few of the symbolic Lodges. Unfortunately, there has been more said than done and it is with this view in mind we are bringing up this subject once again to the attention of all Master Masons in this Jurisdiction.

The Philippines is in need of well skilled mechanics, welders, communications and power trained personnel; in fact, every conceivable category of vocationally trained men and women. College and university trained professionals require such long periods of education, that the limited scholarship funds available in a Lodge cannot provide meaningful grants for such study. On the other hand, the short six months courses offered in vocational schools do not require extensive funding and more deserving young men and women can be given opportunities to make themselves more responsive to the nation's manpower needs as well as more able to contribute to the family income in these times of spiraling prices and seemingly unending inflation.

If each symbolic Lodge would undertake sponsoring one vocational student each year, a significant achievement could be accomplished throughout the Jurisdiction. Grand Lodge might consider such a project worthy of coordination and establish a Vocational Scholarship Task Force which could support the symbolic Lodges by establishing standard guidelines for the determination of qualified applicants to receive such scholarships and the designation of the skills wherein there is greater need for workers in the national economy.

A few hundred pesos could start one young man or woman on his or her way to a more meaningful life and provide the nation with more skilled workers in the areas which will be most helpful in developing the national economy. This would indeed become a most significant Masonic contribution to youth development throughout the land.

R. E. W.



# **DOROTEO MARGAREJO JOSON**

“To me Masonry is sacrifice. There are certain things that one has to give up in order to lead an exemplary life in a community. As a senior citizen of this city I am careful with my deportment so those who are following after me will not fall by the wayside.”

Rather lean of build at the ripe old age of 83, VW Bro. Doroteo M. Joson looked healthy enough to last another 83 years when Bro. Fung and I went to Cabanatuan City to interview him in what he refers to as his “modest home.” In fact, he looked 40 years younger than his actual age.

Bro. Joson was born on March 28, 1896 when our country was in social ferment and Brother Masons were working feverishly for the emancipation of our people from the bondage of centuries of servitude. Orphaned of his father at an early age, Bro. Joson had only his mother to support him thru his schooling. He started working while he was only first year high school, teaching elementary school pupils. When he was asked to join the office of the Division Superintendent of Schools in Nueva Ecija as a clerk, despite his meager educational background, he rose to the position of chief clerk which was then considered as a position of power and influence. As if fate would have it Bro. Joson was transferred to the office of the Provincial Treasurer at about the same time that the late MW Camilo Osias was Assistant Director of Education. He took the second grade Civil Service Examination to qualify him to the promotion and the salary of a chief clerk. After passing the second grade examination, he took the first grade CSE and passed this, too, without difficulty. From here on Bro. Joson rose to become Deputy Treasurer, Chief Deputy Assessor, Administrative Deputy and Assistant Provincial Treasurer of Nueva Ecija. He was later transferred to Ilocos Sur serving in the same capacity as Assistant Provincial Treasurer. His integrity and honesty finally catapulted him to the position of Provincial Treasurer of his own province, Nueva Ecija. He served in this capacity until he retired in 1961.

“I do not know the complexities of accounting but I learned very

fast from my colleagues. They probably thought that I know the principles of accounting but in reality I studied hard to prove my worth."

Retiring from the government service did not mean that the VW Brother retired from dedicating his life to alleviate the poor living conditions of the disadvantaged. As he was dedicated to his job, so also is he dedicated to the philosophies and commitments of the various civic, patriotic, fraternal and charitable organizations with which he had affiliated. To him membership to various socio-civic organizations should be a commitment and a way of life. Thus it is not surprising that he twice received Plaques of Appreciation from the Philippine National Red Cross, of which he was Chairman of the Board for Nueva Ecija Chapter from November 1960 to February 1979, as well as the Doña Aurora Aragon Quezon Medal and the Kiwanis Silver Humanitarian Service Cross in 1979. From the Boy Scouts of the Philippines he received the Golden Usa award and the "Scoutingest" Family of the Council from the Girl Scouts of the Philippines. Bro. Joson was also a recipient of a Gold Service Medal from the YMCA of the Philippines, a Certificate for Outstanding Support from the Community Chest of the Philippines and the 1973 Heritage Award from the Central Luzon Polytechnic College.

A Mason of long standing, he has received several honors and awards from the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. In the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry he is a 33<sup>o</sup>, Inspector General Honorary. Bro. Joson has received a number of awards

and certificates of appreciation from other organizations testifying to his active participation in the various humanitarian activities he has engaged himself in.

It was in the field of Masonry that our Brother's face lighted up when asked about his organizational involvements. Regarded as the only remaining pillar of Masonry in Cabanatuan. Bro. Joson saw the beginning and the development of Masonry in that locality. In fact, while Oca, the incumbent Worshipful Master of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53 and I broke bread with him at his long table he said: "I could not remember how many Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines sat at this table and supped with me. I feel honored whenever a Grand Master comes to my house and shares what little I have on my table."

WB Eugenio A. Jongo Jr., vouched for the veracity of this statement and added that our Brother has not forgotten Masonry inspite of the fact that a man of his age should content himself with staying at home and musing over his accomplishments of the past.

WB Joson has served as Grand Lodge Deputy for District No. 6 for quite a number of years (1959 to 1969 and 1970 to 1974) so much so that it is quite difficult to dissociate his name from his District. He is fondly called by the old members and the new crop of Masons as "Tata Teong." Such an address is often given with great deference for Brother Joson who is not only a "Tata" to the Masons in Cabanatuan but a patriarch worthy of that title.

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## **HISTORY OF:**

# **TAGA-ILOG LODGE NO. 79, F. & A. M.**

By the History Committee composed of WB Vicente del Carmen, WB Sesenio B. Rivera and WB Gregorio G. Niduaza

### **HISTORY OF THE WORD "TAGA-ILOG"**

The word "Taga-Ilog" is remembered from ancient Philippine History as the site of the homes of our old, wandering, adventurous Malay ancestors, who, due to convenience, activity, and ever readiness to move preferred to live near bodies of water such as rivers, lakes and seashores. The word, itself, means one who lives near a river. One of the biggest Malay tribes, the Tagalog, derives its name from Taga-Ilog because they inhabit river banks where there is life, progress and ease of movement. The word also signifies "to be always on the move" like the current of the river, so as not to stagnate and so move where there is progress, where there are better chances to improve life's status. Significantly, Taga-Ilog was also the pseudonym used by General Antonio Luna of revolutionary

fame. Such words as Tanauan, Bantay, Agusan, Dapitan, Baybay, Cabanatuan, Taytay and others are in one way or another synonymous to Taga-Ilog.

### **ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORY OF TAGA-ILOG LODGE NO. 79**

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands granted the Taga-Ilog Lodge its charter on the 14th of February 1922. The three highest officers appearing on the charter were: Domingo C. Torres – *Worshipful Master*; Carlos F. Maglaya – *Senior Warden*; and Felixberto Soriano – *Junior Warden*. The records, paraphernalia, equipment and other important documents belonging to the Lodge were destroyed during World War II. There is thus very little on which to base its history for the period before the year 1945. The By-Laws, however, contains the signatures of all members and this was

carefully preserved by Bro. Clemente Bernabe.

in the membership.

## EARLY HISTORY OF THE LODGE

During its early history, the Lodge's treasury was not only empty, but it was also heavily indebted with the Grand Lodge by over P1,000.00. The Taga-Ilog Lodge experienced a period of decline from the year 1930 up to 1940 due to poor leadership and the lukewarm attitudes of its members. There was only a single applicant for degrees in 1934, Bro. Santiago Puertollano who was raised to Master Mason on May 5, 1934. He later became a Master in 1938. The Lodge could hardly muster a quorum during its stated meetings, declining not only physically but also financially.

Certainly something must be done and it was done through the gigantic efforts of three stalwarts of the Lodge in the persons of Bros. Clemente Bernabe, Sesenio B. Rivera and Jose W. Curameng with the cooperation of active new blood

## ROLL OF PAST MATERS

Domingo C. Torres, 1922, 1923 & 1924; Carlos Maglaya, 1925 & 1926; Felixberto Soriano, 1927; Clemente Bernabe, 1928, 1939, 1940, 1941 & 1945; Guillermo Valido, 1929; Julina Gimenes, 1930; Jose Timbol, 1931; Pablo Feliciano, 1936 & 1937; Santiago Puertollano, 1938; Sesenio B. Rivera, 1946, 1947, 1949 & 1953; Jose W. Curameng, 1948; Eusebio N. Salazar, 1950 & 1951; Vicente del Carmen, 1952; Daniel L. Kolipano, 1954; Leoncio R. Salanga, 1955; Gregorio G. Niduaza, 1956; Jose R. Bernabe, 1957 & 1958; Zosimo R. Suarez, 1959; Pedro Valderama, 1960; Luis C. Santos, 1961; Jacobo Feliciano, 1962; Amable M. Aguiluz, 1963 & 1965; Felix V. Javier, 1964; Alfonso A. Soriano, 1966; Alfonso M. Austria, 1967; Potenciano G. Cayetano, 1968; Leopoldo F. Alvarado, 1969; Calixto R. Piguerra, 1970; Avelino J. Pangilinan, 1971.



## — NOTICE —

THE COMMITTEE ON THE FIRST ANNUAL MASONIC ESSAY CONTEST HAS EXTENDED THE DEADLINE OF THE COMPETITION TO DECEMBER, 1979.

SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO YOUR DISTRICT DEPUTY NOW!

# **INVOLVEMENT IS ESSENTIAL**

— F. LAMAR PEARSON, JR.

What to do with the newly-made Mason is a challenge that has faced Worshipful Masters, subordinate Lodges and Grand Lodges perhaps more than any other question. The fledgling Mason abounds with enthusiasm and energy; he is ready to work and eager for an assignment. It is precisely at this time that many Lodges fail miserably. Indecisiveness on the part of Lodge leadership and inertia on the part of Lodge members allow a priceless resource to go neglected and which will probably never be utilized properly.

There are a number of reasons for this neglect and lack of utilization. Too frequently, Worshipful Masters are pushed through the Lodge stations so quickly that they reach the East unprepared and immature. In short, they don't know how to identify potential skills, much less how to utilize the people who possess them. Accordingly, there is a remarkable lack of management by objective. Secondly, the immaturity of the Master literally propels him to surround himself

with his close friends to the point that a clique of personality sometimes emerges and those who do not belong to it do not get the opportunity to serve or to be recognized in a constructive way. This type of management often permits a Past Master to control the Lodge in ways that he perhaps never intended. Ritual tends to be performed by a select few; potential dramatists seldom get an opportunity, and when they do, it is often too late.

This lack of involvement is very readily demonstrated by the small number of Brothers who attend Lodge Communications. Lodges can count themselves blessed if they have as many as ten percent in attendance. The Brethren regret the statistical facts and often ask why. The obvious answer, non-involvement of Brothers, rarely impresses itself upon their minds, and when it does, the Brethren ask how this involvement can be accomplished: how can these newly-made Masons, who fall by the wayside each year, be retained.

There are some basic answers to

these questions. The problem is readily capable of solution. Determination to meet the problem and stick with the treatment for it on a sustained basis is very difficult at best. Lodges did not create their problems overnight; accordingly, it will take more than a day to solve them.

One of the most discernible ways to involve newly-raised Masons immediately is in the area of Lodge Visitation and Relief. Not much expertise is required, and there is a fabulous opportunity for the Brother to gain valuable experience. Each Masonic Lodge reflects a vast range of ages, and conditions among its members. Ages range from twenty-one in most jurisdictions, to more than one hundred.

Many Lodges have a considerable number of their Brethren who are emeritus. Herein lies a golden opportunity, for these Brethren constitute a veritable wealth of experience, knowledge and talent. They are usually eager to share in each of these areas. They are literally waiting to be asked. All too frequently they are not asked. Many of these Brethren are quite willing to go to Lodge, but cannot unless assisted. Cataracts are the reason for many. Even though operations are very successful, night driving is out of the question for many. Then there are those Brethren who need physical assistance to get to Lodge. Many Lodges have faced reality and installed elevators and riding chairs for the infirm. Coronary disease inflicts the young as well as the old. It is a wise Lodge which addresses itself to the needs of the Brethren. There are also those Brethren who feel because of age or health that

they cannot leave their wives alone. Here is an excellent opportunity for the wives of the Brethren to get involved by sitting with these ladies while the men go to Lodge.

A wise Master can utilize the newly-made Masons in this area most effectively. Think of the wonderful instruction these senior Craftsmen can impart. Think also of the precious example their lives set for these impressionable Craftsmen. What an opportunity exists here for teaching, learning, sharing, caring and for growing. The most fantastic examples are being set, and young Masons are being moulded in the finest tradition possible.

Many elderly Masons live in retirement homes. Often they are unable to go to Lodge. A special opportunity exists here for the newly initiated. Visits to these Brethren mean so much. A visit, albeit brief, is two-edged. The old Mason is cheered by it, and the young Mason is richly rewarded internally. He builds up that store of rich, vibrant, experience that adds so much to the construction of his spiritual temple.

There are the Masonic widows. Women on the average, have a considerably longer lifespan than do their husbands. Most Lodges have a responsibility to a large number of widows. A resourceful Master can and should have at least one Widow's Night each year, and the Lodge widows should be included in all social and festive events. It is important that visits be made on a regular basis to insure the widow's welfare. Newly-made Masons and their wives should visit the widows in the company of older Brothers.

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# KALPIDSCOPE

THE CORNERSTONE OF THE NEW TEMPLE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES WAS LAID ON JULY 25, 1979 AT THE GENERAL LUNA SIDE OF THE PRESENT SITE.



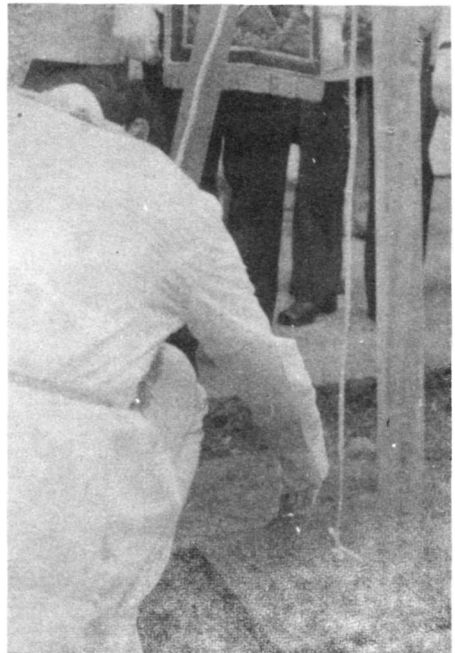
MW JOLLY R. BUGARIN LEADS THE GRAND OFFICERS AND BRETHREN TO THE CORNERSTONE-LAYING SITE.



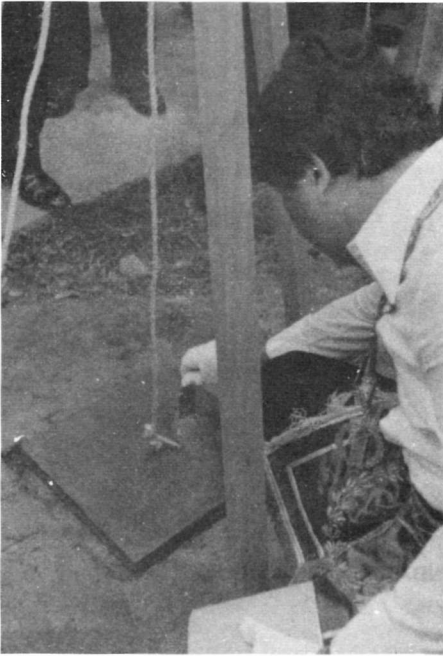
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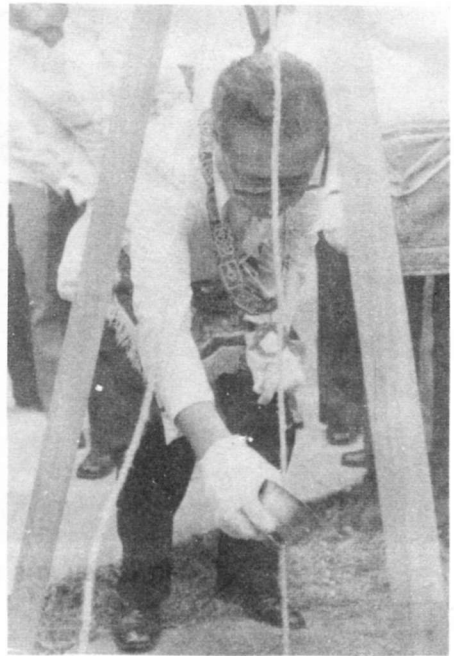
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THE OIL OF JOY UPON THE HEARTS OF THE WIDOWED, THE FATHERLESS AND THE DISTRESSED.



"MAY THIS UNDERTAKING BE SPEEDILY ACCOMPLISHED.

## **INVOLVEMENT... From page 8**

The Brothers and their wives can help the widow to shop; they can assist her in meeting appointments with the physician and the dentist. They can see to it that she gets to and from church, and vitally they insure by their presence and concern that she is important as a person — as a special creation of God.

Every Mason should visit his Grand Lodge Home for Children or the elderly if the Grand Lodge has one. Surprisingly few do this. Those who do, need no convincing as to the reason to contribute toward the Institutional Endowment Fund. The new Brother should be involved immediately in an educational plan designed to acquaint him with the Home and the need to support it. More importantly, his education should be enhanced by visiting the institution. Lodges should make visits at special times. This group would yield benefits far out of proportion of the effort expended.

Virtually every Masonic Temple or Lodge Hall has something for the new Brother to do. Periodic physical maintenance of interiors and exteriors comes immediately to mind. Most Lodges are feeling the bite of inflation. Work formerly contracted, such as painting, could and should be undertaken by the Brethren. All of the Brothers will feel better as a result of such a group experience. Funds saved can be well spent on charitable and educational activity.

Some Lodges make a point of involving newly-made Masons in the preparation of newsletters and Testle Boards. Often the new

Brother has journalistic skill, typing ability, or other talents that make him particularly suited for this type of activity.

Secretaries often ask for and receive help in making more coherent order out of files. This can be and often is tedious work, but it is work that must be done. And the Brethren will not know who will or will not do it until they ask.

The Lodge each year should have an every member canvass. Physical contact should be established with each Brother if possible. Questions should be asked as to why a Brother has not attended Lodge. Ideas and suggestions should be solicited from all to ascertain what can be done to improve the Lodge. The physical visit will point out to the Brother that his Brethren are interested and that he is needed. Often these visits yield immediate, widespread and long-range results.

Sometimes Lodges learn for the first time that a Brother is ill, that he has serious financial problems. Pride frequently has prevented the wife or other family member from asking for and receiving help. The problem, however, is that so few Lodges have anything resembling a real visitation program and few if any newly-made Brethren are involved in it.

One of the really great areas of the Lodge in which to involve the newly-made Mason is in DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters activities. The youth of Masonry are involved here. There is simply no better area for Masons to invest time and talent, both of which are sorely needed — especially talent. Too frequently the Brethren are prone to write a check when time is

the greater of the needs. Time spent in worthwhile activity yields benefits of an intangible nature, often years away before full realization. But these benefits are the most special. To see a young boy and girl grow up to become a fine man and woman is to savor life at its finest. And this is the essence of Freemasonry, to take the good man and to make him better.

A word is in order concerning Family Nights. There is no doubt that the family needs must be considered if healthy Masonic growth is an objective of the Lodge. A plan of Masonic education which includes the wife is essential. The Investigating Committee should insist that she be present when it calls on her husband. She should be told that it will be necessary for her husband to be away from home for purposes of instruction at certain times. It should be stressed to her and to him that Masonry strongly supports the concept of the family, and that it is never to interfere with a family's harmony.

The newly-made Mason should be encouraged to coach candidates as soon as he is qualified. This will do much to imprint upon his mind the ritual and the catechism. More often than not this responsibility will send the new coach to the

books to search for answers and to delve more deeply into the symbolism with which he is involved. Every Lodge should have a well-stocked library that is added to on a regular basis. All Masons, young and old, should be encouraged to consult Mackey, Pike, Pound, Newton and a host of others. The new Brother ought to make it a habit to read *The Philalethes*, *the New age*, *The Short Talk Bulletin*, *Quatuor Coronati Transactions*, *Knight Templar Magazine*, and others that members of the Lodge receive. There ought to be time to discuss Masonry at all Communications. All of this will help to ground our new Brother in the fundamentals. It will help him to be a better coach and thereby a better Mason.

The above mentioned areas are simplistic in nature. All are well-known and all are in operation, to a degree, in some Lodges. The problem, however, is that there is no systematic attempt in too many Lodges to employ all or, in some, any of them. We need to return to these basic fundamentals that have stood the test of time. There is no better time to start than with the present class of Entered Apprentices.

Involvement is essential.

— SHORT TALK BULLETIN



**GIVE TO THE TEMPLE FUND**

# ***THE DROP-OUT***

In recent years a new term the "drop-out" has entered the language. It designates those who reject prevailing norms. Typically, the drop-out withdraws from interests, and obligations which formerly commanded attention. This alienation of affection, partial or total, is one of the most pressing problems of the day.

Most of our current talks of drop-outs concern teenagers. This is basically unfair for no generation has a monopoly on the problem. The drop-out is to be found in all age groups. As a matter of fact adult drop-outs probably outnumber, many fold, their teenage counterparts.

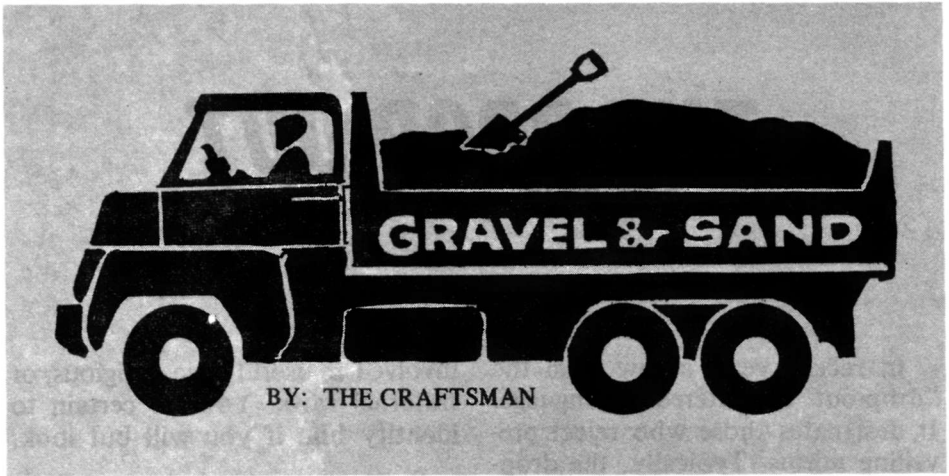
Nevertheless, the teenage drop-out merits special attention; everyone strives to solve his problems. Confident that the future belongs to those who prepare for it, we make the shaping of the mind and character of youth a priority business. Great effort is extended in order to lead the wayward back into the mainstream.

It is unfortunate that similar interest is not expressed for the grownup of the species, which may be found everywhere. The adult drop-out is to be identified for his apathy and indifference. He tends to reject the significant; he is un-

involved in useful civic, religious, or fraternal work. You are certain to identify him if you will but look.

Begin your search in your own Lodge. Canvas the membership. You will be surprised by the number of those who have not attended a communication in years; you will discover Brethren who have never tested the length or strength of their cabletows; you will identify some who have rarely responded to a charitable appeal. All too many will be revealed as card carriers; they are in good standing but are ineffectual as Masons. Just as a school cannot operate efficiently with absentee rates of 60 to 70 per cent, neither can a Masonic Lodge. But that is the problem which the Fraternity faces.

As the new Masonic year gets underway let it be your collective resolve to solve the drop-out problem which is ours. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every member of every Lodge would attend at least one communication during the course of a year? Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Lodge was to be represented at Grand Lodge? If goals such as these could be achieved we would truly be on the way to "more Light" in Masonry. - Exchange.



## **WIDOW'S DAY**

Five Masonic Lodges in Davao honored the widows of their deceased members with an outing to the Alson Beach on July 27, 1979. The Lodges that participated in the affair were: Sarangani Lodge No. 60, Davao Lodge No. 149, Toril Lodge No. 208, Datu Bago Lodge No. 197 and Beacon Lodge No. 213. Members of the Teodora Alonso Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star were also present.

The honorees were: Mrs. Mary Mahtani, Mrs. Asuncion Mitra, Mrs. Josie Feliciano, Mrs. Lualhati Hilario, Mrs. E. Rodriguez, Mrs. Josefa Aportadera and Mrs. Adelaida Austria.

The honorees were presented leis of fresh flowers by ladies of the Order of The Eastern Star. An impromptu program was held with members of the five Lodges contributing numbers.

Everybody brought their own lunches which was augmented by donations of lechon, dinuguan and other native delicacies by kind hearted Brethren.

Gifts were presented to the honorees and prizes were given away to those who attended the affair. Spearheading the organization of the joint affair were Bro. Rizal Aportadera, president of the recently organized Past Master's Club; WB Paul Arcangel, Master of Toril Lodge No. 208 and chairman of the Greater Davao Temple Association, Incorporated.

WB Ben Geli, Master of Sarangani Lodge No. 50 who gave the largest sum of the Lodges' contributions. Every Lodge donated one lechon each and WB Ricardo Cruz donated one, too. Rady Pangan, Worthy Matron prepared the food for the honorees' table. Sister R. Azarcon brought the mangoes and bananas while Sister Paraluman Feliciano provided the fresh flower leis and the vegetable salad. Bro. Billy Apotadera supplied the soft drinks, Bros. Ambo Yuviencio and Sid Lahora provided the public address system and music while Bros. Ramon and Pee Wee Sarenas took charge of the parlor games. Bro. Greg Hao handled the setting and ground arrangements. WB Socrates Cezar was the program emcee. The Red Ball bus of WB Ireneo Ansaldo furnished the transportation to and from the beach.

## **DAET CHAPTER R.A.M. CONSTITUTED**

Daet Chapter, R.A.M. was constituted in full ceremonial form and its officers duly installed on May 25, 1979 in Daet, Camarines Norte by officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines.

Most Excellent Companion Dominador A. Herra, Deputy Grand High Priest, accompanied by Right Excellent Companion Hilario G. Esguerra, *Grand Secretary-Recorder*, Companion Simeon Rene Lacson and Members of the Cavite Chapter No. 13, RAM motored to Daet to constitute the new chapter.

Installed were: Ricardo R. Herrera, *High Priest*; Arsenio K. del Rosario, *King*; Fausto Mateo, *Scribe*; Godofredo Peteza, *Treasurer*; Santiago Turingan, *Secretary*; Eduardo Frayna, *Chaplain*; Jose Seeping, Jr., *Captain of the Host*; Wiro Tejada, *Principal Sojourner*; Godofredo Salagoste, *Royal Arch Captain*; Camilo de Guzman, *Master of the Third Veil*; Jose P. Tabios, Sr., *Master of the Second Veil*; Constanicio Mabalot, *Master of the First Veil* and Luis Castillo, *Sentinel*.

## **YORK RITE BODIES CONFERRAL**

The C.W. Rosenstock, Chapter No. 6, RAM, Oriental Council No. 1, RSM and Far East Commandery No. 1, KT of the York Rite Bodies in Manila held its conferrals on June 23, 1979 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple.

There were 36 candidates who received the Degrees. Among them was RW Manuel B. Mandac, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

"xxx in my many years as a Mason, this is the first time that I have fully understood the discovery and the true meaning of the Lost Word. I have read the bible several times and I am greatly impressed that the Degrees of the York Rite are all based on the facts and events written in the Holy Scriptures. They are really impressive" said Bro. Mandac when asked to speak after the conferrals.

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## ***DALAWANG TULA***

NI: ELPIDIO A. ADALIA

### **TAYO'Y MAGKAKAPATID**

Isa ang lupa na ating tahanan,  
Isa rin ang langit na ating bubungan;  
Ang tubig sa batis ay isa rin lamang,  
At isa ang hangin sa sandaigdigan.

Ano't itong tao'y hindi magkaisa,  
Nagkakampi-kampi sa kulay at sekta;  
Ang hindi mapusyaw inaaglahi na,  
At ang mga dukha'y inaalipin pa.

Tayo'y nagtatayo ng mga hangganan:  
Ang mga lupain ay binabakuran;  
Ang mga lagusan ay pinapaskilan,  
Malalaking titik – BAWAL ANG MAGDAAN.

Binabakod tayo ng ating panahon,  
Iba ang matanda, at iba ang sanggol;  
Kung maghirap ka na, at ulila ngayon,  
Wala nang lumingap, wala nang tumulong.

Ang lahat ng ito ay nagkaka-aba,  
Pagka't tayong lahat, magkakapatid nga;  
Isa ang Diyos sa ati'y lumikha,  
Mag-ibigan tayo, utos na dakila.

## AWIT NG KAWAYAN

Sa duyan ng batis, halakhak ng talon,  
Aking tinubuan nang unang panahon;  
Ligaya ng buhay akala ko noon,  
Hindi matatapos, at walang linggatong.

Ako ay tumaas at halos tuhugin,  
Langit na matayog sa tindig kong angkin;  
Sa bikas kong taglay hindi akalain,  
Yuyukod rin ako pagsapit ng dilim!

Itong aking awit, may tumpak na aral:  
Ang sinumang tao'y may wakas ang buhay;  
Kung ikaw'y sa ngayon, malakas, mayaman,  
Araw mo'y sasapit sa takdang hangganan.



### **GRAVEL & SAND... From page 17**

The following companions and Sir Knights participated in the conferrals:

Royal Arch Degrees-Ex. Comp. Restituto F. Cruz, PHP *High Priest*; Ex. Comp. Virgilio F. Atienza, PHP, *King*; Ex. Comp. Remedios E. Racela, PHP, *Scribe*; Ex. Comp. Pio Solomon, PHP, *Captain of The Host*; and Ex. Comp. Hilario G. Esguerra, PHP, Grand Secretary as *Principal Sojourner*.

Cryptic Degrees- (Short Form) - Ill. Comp. Restituto F. Cruz, PIGM as *Illustrious Master* and Ill.

Comp. Hilario G. Esguerra, PIM, Grand Recorder as *Principal Conductor of the Work*.

Templar Degrees- SK Hilario G. Esguerra, PEC, Grand Recorder, as *Eminent Commander*; SK Oscar Eusebio, as *Generalissimo*; SK Jimmy Kua Tamano as *Captain General*; SK Restituto Cruz, PEC as *Senior Warden*; SK Honesto R. Nuñez, PEC; as *Junior Warden*; SK Carlos R. de Castro, PEC as *Prelate*.

A fraternal dinner was tendered in honor of the newly made companions and Sir Knights after the conferrals.

## **JOSON... From page 5**

"I wanted very much to retire to a quiet life but my Brothers in the Lodge have requested that I help them straighten their financial situation. Once in a while I get consulted on how to solve some touchy situations involving Masonic relationships between Brothers."

The interview having ended, Bro. Oscar and I suggested that we take supporting pictorials inside his house and later in the yard. While arranging the setting VW Bro. Joson humbly said: "I guess I am not much of a subject for interview. My life is not a colourful one worth writing about. I just live a

simple ordinary life, doing what I feel I ought to do."

Oca and I left Cabanatuan City wondering whether to become a Provincial Treasurer with only a first year high school credential can really be considered *ordinary*. Few people can duplicate Bro. Joson's accomplishments. What he is today to his community in general and to Masonry in particular is because of Bro. Joson's inherent capacity of transforming every situation into a meaningful experience, making himself greater than others who have faced the same set of circumstances.

—SAMUEL P. FERNANDEZ



**BAGONG BUHAY LODGE NO. 17, F. & A.M. IN CAVITE CITY RECENTLY GRANTED SCHOLARSHIPS TO FIVE STUDENTS OF THE CAVITE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. WB OSCAR S. RAMIREZ, MASTER OF THE LODGE IS SHOWN PRESENTING THE CHECK FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP TO MRS. VIRGINIA A. OLAES, PRINCIPAL OF THE CNHS WHILE BRO. LORETO C. SOLIS, SENIOR DEACON OF THE LODGE AND THE FIVE SCHOLARS LOOK ON.**

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