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Grand Master's Page



WE NEED A DIRECTORY OF FAMOUS MASONS

One easily demonstrable fact in the Philippines is that the progress of our country is in a large measure attributable to the efforts of illustrious Masons. In all fields of endeavor, in science, in industry, in education, in government, etc., Masons have been outstanding. In the area of government alone, the names of several Masons may be found in the roster of those who held the reins of power. During the Spanish Regime, historians tell us, the following Masons became Governors-General — Rafael de Izquierdo y Gutierrez (1871-1873), Juan Alaminos y Vivar (1873-1874), Jose Malcampo y Monje (1874-1877), Domingo Moriones y Murillo (1877-1880), Joaquin Jovellar y Soler (1883-1885), Emilio Terrero y Perinat (1885-1888), and Ramon Blanco y Eranas, Masonic name "Barcelona" (1893-1896). Under the Americans, an incomplete list of Masons who became Governors-General includes Arthur MacArthur (1900-1901), William H. Taft (1901), Francis Burton Harrison (1913-1921) and Leonard Wood (1921-1927). Among the Filipino Presidents, we can count as members of the craft, Emilio Aguinaldo (Masonic name "Colon"), Manuel L. Quezon, Jose P. Laurel and Manuel A. Roxas.

If one were to travel throughout the country today he will find thousands of roads named after outstanding Masons by a grateful people. In Manila it is impossible to travel a considerable distance without traversing a road named after a Mason. In the vicinity of the Grand Lodge alone we find the following streets named after Masons: Taft, Mabini, M.H. del Pilar, Roxas, T.M. Kalaw, Pedro Gil, Adriatico, A. Flores, and G. Apacible.

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ADJUSTING THE STANDARDS

Last Sunday, I heard a most inspiring sermon at evening mass in my parish church. The theme was simple, but direct to the essential point of modern morals today.

The priest developed the basic concept that Christians today are re-adjusting the standards of Christianity to accommodate their behavior in the present world on the ground that standards set by Christians almost 2000 years ago no longer apply. His climax was that Christians did not set the standards 2000 years ago — these were set by Jesus Christ in his teachings 2000 years ago. His point was driven home with a final clinching fact — man is on earth but for a few years, after which he faces eternity and that the judgement of his few years on earth to determine his fate for eternity is not in the hands of his fellow Christians — but in the hands of God, who through Jesus Christ set down the standards for Christians to follow.

This message parallels our Masonic mission of making “rough ashlers” smooth, and our problem of the “rough ashlers” wanting to change the standards of Masonry to make the “rough ashlers” more comfortable in the Lodge. We must not forget as Masons, regardless of our individual faith, we have expressed our belief in God before entering the Lodge and have therefore accepted the standards established by Him. If we, who constitute the Craft, adjust our standards to accommodate the “rough ashlers,” then we shall have abandoned our Masonic obligation to God.

The strength of our Fraternity lies in holding strong those standards established by God through the founding fathers of Masonry, whose wisdom has led us through the centuries past and will lead us through the eternity yet to come.



VW MANUEL VALENCIA KO

By: SAMUEL P. FERNANDEZ

It isn't just any one who can be considered a legend in one's hometown for "a prophet is without honor in his home country", or so it is written in the Scriptures. To be a legend takes more than just having the illusive charismatic influence of an individual and the enigma of it all is that no one can say when a person does become a legend. You just know that he exists because his penetrating influence transcends human definition.

Bro. Manuel Valencia Ko, who has a demure stature walks head above shoulders in this rustic town of Victorias, Negros Occidental doing his bit for humanity sans the fanfare of the aristocracy. Wherever he is, he is the personification

of Masonry and whatever he does, it is always with the end in view of helping the needy and remembering his obligations as a member of the Craft.

An indefatigable worker, Bro. Maning is a member of almost all known existing civic organizations in his town. Aside from having been the past president of the Rotary Club of Victorias; of the YMCA of Negros Occidental; of the Filipino Chinese Amity Club of Negros Occidental, and Chairman of the Boys Scout of the Philippines, Victorias District, he is at present a member of the Negros Occidental Lions Club. As part of his project

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SEMILLA LODGE OF ADOPTION

VW Reynold Fajardo

From the 1890's, when Masonry was first introduced into our country down to the present, women have continuously played a prominent role in its colorful and, at times, painful history.

In the 1890's Masonry was a lawful association in Spain and was practiced in the open. The Statutes and General Regulations of the *Gran Oriente Español* carried the stamp of approval of the civil authorities. This, notwithstanding, the Lodges it founded in the Philippines which practiced Masonry "exactly as Spanish Freemasonry" had to operate behind closed doors. (See Letter of A. Mabini to M.H. del Pilar, dated Jan. 22, 1895). Local ecclesiastical opposition to Masonry was so strong the mere suspicion of membership in the Fraternity was sufficient justification for a person's incarceration. Secret orders were issued "to the police to raid any meeting of the Freemasons and arrest the people they came upon as if they were gamblers." (ibid) Our Brethren therefore had to keep their activities from the watchful eyes of the local authorities. In this perilous enterprise they counted on

the courageous support of their womenfolk. Masonic meetings in those days had to be moved from one place to another to avoid detection, usually in the various residences of the members. To throw off the authorities the womenfolk held parties in one section of the house, while the Brethren conducted their meetings in a secluded room relying on the ladies to give them timely warning of any approaching danger. Mainly because of such assistance from the ladies in keeping meetings subrosa, Masonry was able to register a phenomenal growth.

In time the shared dangers and frequent associations under the umbrella of Masonry, cultivated in our womenfolk a desire to participate in our activities and gave rise to a corresponding decision on the part of our Brethren to give them a share of the pleasures of our institution. Eventually one of the leading Lodges in the Philippines, Walana Lodge No. 158 under the leadership of Faustino Villaruel, decided to pioneer the organization of a Lodge of Adoption. But first a word about Lodges of Adoption.

The Statutes and General Regulations of the *Gran Oriente Español* authorized the formation of *Triangulos, Camaras and Logias de Adopcion* as a special branch of the Masonic Order patterned after those that sprang up in France in the 18th century, adopting for the purpose a *Rito de Adopcion* to govern their ceremonies. The *Rito de Adopcion* was also called "Masoneria de Señoras" and the lady members of the Lodge were referred to as "hermanas MASONAS". The object of the *Rito de Adopcion* was to engender the practice of charity and virtue, encourage learning, dignify the fair sex, make its affiliates true models of feminine tolerance, prudence and good manners, constituting, in fine, a school of social education, free of superstition. It had a beautiful system of four impressive ceremonies consisting of the degrees of *Aprendiza Masona, Compañera Masona, Maestra Masona* and *Perfecta Masona*. Parenthetically, the lady members of the Lodge could aspire to any of the following positions: *Respetable Gran Maestra, Inspectora, Depositaria, Oradora, Secretaria, Hospitalaria y Limosnera, Tesorera, Maestra de Ceremonia and Introduc-tora*.

Organizationally, the *Logia de Adopcion* was under the patronage of the Grand Council of the Order and subject to the direction of the adopting Lodge. The officers of the adopting Lodge also occupied positions as officers of the *Logia de Adopcion*, provided they were Master Masons, and its Venerable Master presided over the meetings and ceremonies, particularly the rites

of initiation and exaltation. But, while the *Logia de Adopcion* was very closely linked to the Masonic Order and was jurisdictionally under the Grand Council of the Order, its lady members were not allowed to become members, nor participate in the proceedings of the Symbolic Lodges.

Now back to the organization of a Lodge of Adoption.

The Master of Walana Lodge No. 158, Faustino Villaruel, was one of our most active Masons during the 1890s. Numerous Masonic meetings and gatherings were held in his residence in Asuncion St., Tondo, during which his young, beautiful daughter, Rosario, entertained the Brethren, and held parties to camouflage the Masonic meetings. It was but natural, therefore, that when the decision to organize a *Logia de Adopcion* was crystallized Rosario Villaruel would be accorded the honor of being the first lady initiate.

The members of Walana Lodge scheduled July 18, 1893 as the day for the initiation of the first Filipina "Masona". On this day practically everyone who was anybody in Masonry came. Most of the officers of the Grand Regional Council and Brethren from several Lodges were in attendance. Among those present were Ambrocio Flores (Symbolic or Masonic name, *Musa*), Grand Master; Numeriano Adriano (*Ipil*), Grand 1st Vice President; Faustino Villaruel (*Ilaw*), Grand 2nd Vice President; Jose Dizon (*Montgomery*), Grand 4th Vice President; Apolinario Mabini (*Katabay*), Grand Orator; Cipriano

Castilla (*Algiabarat*), Asst. Grand Orator; Arcadio Flores (*Sosten*), Grand Secretary; Sixto Celis (*Liwayway*), Grand Accountant; Isidro Soto Villaruel (*Galeno*), Grand Almoner; Luis Villareal (*Balisa*), Master of Taliba Lodge; Abelardo Cuesta (*Hernan Cortez*), Master of Luz de Oriente Lodge; Moises Celis (*Sinag*), founder of Dalisay Lodge; Bartolome Paez (*Duhat*), founder of Lusong Lodge; Venancio Reyes (*Kidlat*), co-founder of Dalisay Lodge; Lucas Ricafort of Dalisay Lodge; Timoteo Lanuza (*Adan*); Jose Nolasco, Treasurer of Walana Lodge; Santiago Suarez and Mariano Queri.

Pursuant to the Statutes of the *Gran Oriente Español*, a *Camara de Adopcion* for purposes of initiation was then constituted and was presided by Abelardo Cuesta, the only 33^o Mason present. Because of the tender age of Rosario Villaruel she had to be initiated under a special provision of the Statutes of the *Gran Oriente Español* permitting the initiation of *Le wisas*, that is, daughters of Masons who were at least 18 years of age. Incidentally, Rosario Villaruel, selected "Minerva" as her symbolic or Masonic name. In those days every *Logia de Adopcion* had three statues in the Lodge, those of Minerva, Hercules and Venus, symbolizing Wisdom, Strength and the Beautiful or Fair Sex (*Bello Sexo*). Evidently, Rosario being a very intelligent lady, preferred Wisdom over Beauty.

The following week the Brethren met anew to initiate Josefa Rizal, Trinidad Rizal, Angelica Lopez y

Rizal, Delfina Herbosa y Rizal, Salud Lanuza, Marina Dizon and others. Those whom the records also show as having joined the Lodge of Adoption are Romualda Lanuza, Purificacion Leyva, Valeriana Legaspi, Sixta Fajardo, Carlota Zamora, Maria Teresa Bordas, Fabiana Robledo, wife of Sixto Celis, and Lorenza Nepomuceno.

With the adhesion of a sufficient number of female members, Walana Lodge was able to formally organize the *Logia de Adopcion*. We have no record showing when it was granted its constitutive charter by the *Gran Oriente Español*, but there is ample proof establishing that it was called Semilla No. 8. We also know that Rosario Villaruel became its *Respectable Gran Maestra* and that in one of its elections the following were chosen as officers:

Pruficacion Leyva (Ley)	—Respectable Grand Mistress
Rosario Villaruel (Minerva)	—Inspector
Valeriana Legaspi (Diana)	—Eloquence
Trinidad Rizal (Sumibol)	—Secretary
Sixta Fajardo (Ester)	—Depository

We, likewise, do not know how long the *Logia de Adopcion* existed, although for sure it did not last long, definitely not beyond 1896. At any rate while it existed it must have had lively gatherings as indicated by the following minutes of its meetings on December 12, 1893:

"A L.G.D.G.S.D.L.L., in the name and under the auspices of the Most Illustrious Grande Oriente Espanol, Worsh. Lodge Walana, No. 158, in its regular meeting of

'Trabajos de Adopción' (Work of Adoption) by means of convocatory ladder and in the regular manner at the Garden of Eden, the work was opened in Asia by the Worshipful Master *Ilaw* as Gr. M., assisted by the Worsh. Gr. Matron, Sister *Ley*, with the help of the most kind Inspector Sister *Minerva*, who governs the climate of Africa, and of the very dear Depository Sister *Ester*, who governs the climate of America, and in the presence of several brothers and sisters, active members of the Lodge, on December 3, 1893, v.e.

"The ladder of the previous meeting was read and unanimously approved.

"Balloting for the election of Grand Master, Grand President of the Grand Council of the Order of the Grande Oriente Espanol and a Secretary Investigator, according to Ritual, and in compliance with the decision taken by the Grand General Assembly of June 15 this year, followed, the results being:

For Grand Master, Grand President, the Illustrious Miguel Morayta (Pizarro' 33^o), by unanimous vote.

For Secretary Investigator, the Illustrious and Powerful Brother Marcelo H. del Pilar (*Kupang*, 31^o).

"Please take good note of the foregoing for its corresponding effects, in accordance with the Decree inserted in the Official Bulletin No. 75. "Valleys of Binondo, in the Garden of Eden, December 12, 1893, (v.e.).

The Worshipful Grand Master *Ilaw*, 3^o;

The Worshipful Grand Matron (absent) *Minerva* 1^o;

The Secretary G.S. *Justicia*, 3^o."

The language employed in the aforementioned minutes may appear strange to some Masons. This is because Lodges of Adoption had a terminology of their own. Instead of dividing their Lodges into East, South, West and North, they were divided into the *Clima* or *Region de Asia*, *Clima* or *Region de America*, *Clima* or *Region de Europa* and *Clima* or *Region de Africa*. The Lodge itself was called the "Garden of Eden," their documents were termed "ladders", and were always commenced with a dedication "A La Gloria del Gran Sol de la Luz" or "A L.G.D.G.S.D.L.L."

As stated earlier the *Logia de Adopción* did not last long, definitely not beyond 1896. The ladies of Masons, however, did not have long to wait for the appearance of another auxiliary organization for them. In October 1904 the Mayon Chapter No. 1 of the Order of the Eastern Star was organized in Manila—but that is another story.

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for the community, he has donated a memorial building to the Victorias Elementary School.

He also became a civil servant, serving as a Municipal Councilor in his home town and as Acting Municipal Mayor of the Free Civil Government of Negros during World War II. After the Japanese Imperial Army occupation, he served once more as Municipal Councilor then became the Muni-

cipal Vice-Mayor of Victorias, Negros Occidental in 1960. In 1973 he was appointed member of the Victorias Police Advisory Committee and was vice-chairman of the same committee in 1979. Since 1934, Bro. Ko has continuously served that municipality.

Born in the historic and ancient city of Iloilo he started his elementary education in the Victorias Elementary School and finished high school in the crown colony

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HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

OFFICERS OF LODGE SOLIDARIDAD NO. 53

Editorial Note: During the Spanish Civil War of 1936-1939, Franco ordered the closure and confiscation of the documents of the Masonic Lodges in the Republican zone. Among the papers siezed were some records of Lodge Solidaridad No. 53, three of which gave the names of the members elected as officers during different periods of the existence of the Lodge.

The first of these documents is the Minutes of the organizational meeting of Lodge Solidaridad held on December 10, 1889 wherein they elected the following as the first officers of the Lodge: Julio Llorente as Venerable or Worshipful Master; Marcelo H. del Pilar as First Vigilant or Senior Warden; Damaso Ponce as Second Vigilant or Junior Warden; Dominador Gomez, Orator; and Teodoro Sandico, Secretary.

The second document is a report to the *Gran Oriente Español* of the results of the elections held in Lodge Solidaridad No. 53 on December 12, 1890. a translation of which is published below.

The third is a printed copy of a circular, dated April 5, 1892 which Lodge Solidaridad sent to the Lodges all over Spain. The circular contains a list of the officers of the Lodge. The second and third documents are published below.

I. REPORT ON ELECTION HELD ON DEC. 12, 1890 IN SOLIDARIDAD LODGE NO. 53

"A L. G. D. G. A. D. U.

(To the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe)

"The Venerable Master, Dignitaries, Officers and Members of Resp. Lodge *Solidaridad* No. 53, under the auspices of the Gran Oriente Español.

SEND

S. F. U.

"To the Grand Secretary General of the Grand Council of the Gran Oriente Español.

"Be it Known:

"That this Resp. Lodge in its meeting on the 12th of this month has verified its election of officers for the Masonic year 1890-91, the various results of which are detailed at the back hereof (For easy reading we inserted the results of the election as listed at the back of the document.

— Ed.):

Venerable Master	— Julio Llorente, <i>Danton</i> , 18 ^o
Senior Warden (First Vigilant)	— Marcelo H. del Pilar, <i>Kupang</i> , 30 ^o
Junior Warden (Second Vigilant)	— Damaso Ponce, <i>Florante</i> , 3 ^o
Orator	— Dominador Gomez, <i>Marte</i> , 3 ^o
Secretary Keeper of the Seals	— Mariano Ponce, <i>Kalipulako</i> , 30 ^o
Co-Secretary (Secretario Adjunto)	— Pedro Serrano, <i>Panday Pira</i> , 3 ^o
Co-Orator	— Baldomero Roxas, <i>Amihan</i> , 2 ^o
Treasurer	— Eleuterio Ruiz, <i>Holoferaes</i> , 9 ^o
Co-Treasurer	— Galicano Apacible, <i>Lanatan</i> , 30 ^o
1st Expert	— Mariano Kunanan, <i>Laksamana</i> , 2 ^o
2nd Expert	— Jose Abreu, <i>Lakang Dula II</i> , 2 ^o
Almoner	— Gregorio Aguilera, <i>Kikil</i> , 3 ^o
Master of Ceremonies	— Pablo Rianzares, <i>Lakang Dula 1</i> , 3 ^o
Reviewing Architect	— Jose Rizal, <i>Dimasalang</i> , 3 ^o
Temple Guard	— Telesforo Sukgang, <i>Apeles</i> , 3 ^o

"We desire to communicate this to you for its corresponding effects.

"Receive, Illustrious Brother, the fraternal embrace and kiss of peace of the members of this Lodge.

"Valley of Madrid, 15th of December, 1890 (E.V.)

THE VENERABLE MASTER "ACC.": THE SECRETARY GUARDIAN
OF THE SEALS:

(SGD.) MARCELO DEL PILAR

(SGD.) M. PONCE, KALIPULAKO"

II OFFICERS OF LODGE SOLIDARIDAD IN 1892. —

"CARGOS EN LOGIA

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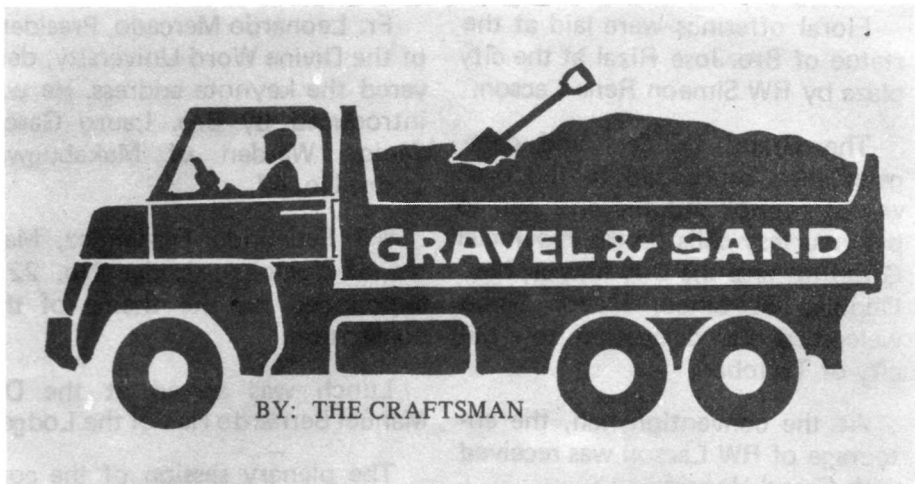
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Sec. G. Sell	Mariano Ponce''



GRAND MASTERS... From page 1

Indeed Masons can be truly proud of the achievements of the Craft in our country, and of the contributions of its members to the glorious pages of our national history. Ironically no one has, as yet, seen the wisdom of compiling within the covers of a single book the names and the achievements of these illustrious Masons. True, bits of information may be found here and there scattered in hundreds of books in several libraries. However, most Masons today, busy eking out a living, have neither the time nor the opportunity to plod through these dusty tomes. What is sorely needed, therefore, is a directory which will reflect not only the names of famous Masons, but also their deeds and the sublime influence Masonry played in their lives.


MANUEL D. MANDAC
 Grand Master



TACLOBAN MASONIC CONVENTION

The First Convention of Masonic District No. 15 was held on September 19-20, 1980 at the Masonic Temple in Tacloban City with Makabugwas Lodge No. 47 and Tacloban Lodge No. 211 co-hosting the affair.

The Lodges comprising the District are: Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, in Tacloban City; Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98 in Catbalogan, Western Samar; Northern Samar Lodge No. 211, in Catarman, Northern Samar; Tacloban Lodge No. 221, in Tacloban City; East Gate Lodge No. 232, in Borongan, Eastern Samar and Ormoc Lodge No. 234, in Ormoc City.

"GET INVOLVED" was the theme of the convention.

RW Simeon Rene Lacson, Deputy Grand Master; RW Rosendo C. Herrera, Junior Grand Warden, VW Alejandrino A. Eusebio, District Grand Lecturer for Masonic District No. 1, WB Percival Adiong, Mrs. Anching Herrera, Mrs. Gloria Adiong and this reporter planed in to Tacloban to attend the convention.

A delegation headed by VW Santiago Chua, District Deputy, District No. 15; VW Florencio Mendoza, District Grand Lecturer; WBs Fidel Fernandez, Fedelito Fernandez, Augusto Mendoza, Bros. Domingo T. Chua and J. C. Ludwig Aseoche, PAL Manager for Tacloban and ladies of the Morning Star Chapter No. 12, Order of the Eastern Star were on hand to welcome us at the airport.

Floral offerings were laid at the statue of Bro. Jose Rizal at the city plaza by RW Simeon Rene Lacson.

The Grand Officers and delegates then proceeded to the provincial capitol and the city hall to pay courtesy calls on the Provincial Governor and the City Mayor, Mrs. Obdulia R. Sinco. Mayor Sinco welcomed the delegation to the city of Tacloban.

At the convention hall, the entourage of RW Lacson was received with Grand Honors.

Fr. Badana delivered the invocation after the flag ceremonies.

WB Augusto Mendoza, Master of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47 delivered the welcome address.

Fr. Leonardo Mercado, President of the Divine Word University, delivered the keynote address. He was introduced by Bro. Lauro Garcia Senior Warden of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47.

WB Fedelindo Fernandez, Master of Tacloban Lodge No. 221, expounded on the theme of the convention.

Lunch was served at the Dr. Manuel Bernardo Hall of the Lodge.

The plenary session of the convention was held in the afternoon.

A Lodge of Instruction was conducted by VW Alejandrino A. Eusebio. It was the consensus that it was a most edifying afternoon for the Brethren.



RW SIMEON RENE LACSON EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH MAYOR OBDULIA R. SINCO OF TACLOBAN CITY DURING THE COURTESY CALL ON THE LATTER BY THE CONVENTION DELEGATES AND THEIR LADIES.



Dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant capped the activities of the first day.

VW Santiago Chua, Deputy for Masonic District No. 15 presided over the plenary session on the morning of the second day.

WB Percival Adiong delivered a short talk on Lodge Management.

An exemplification of the Entered Apprentice Degree was conducted by a select team. Mr. Severino Uy, a Petitioner of Makabugwas Lodge No. 47 was the candidate.

Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98 will be the host of the next convention in 1981, in Catbalogan, Samar. MW Simeon Rene Lacson gave the closing remarks.

A fraternal banquet was tendered at the Kawayan Room of the Leyte Park Hotel in the evening with the city Mayor, Mrs. Obdulia R. Sinco as guest speaker. She lauded the community projects of the District and urged the Brethren to expand these projects to include the fight against drug abuse. She was introduced by WB Juanito dela Cruz.

A raffle was held wherein all the delegates took home prizes.

Eden Chua, Terry Uy, Betty Tan, Cherry Chan and Ethel Laplap presented a dance number—*Pandango sa Ilaw*; Eden Chua and Danny Marshall did a ballet number, Brother Gil "Litong" Diaz rendered a song. He was accompanied on the guitar by his son. Not to be out

done, Sis. Ching Herrera gave a stirring rendition of the song "Argentina" while RW Simeon Rene Lacson sang a Visayan love song.

Sunday morning found the Brethren with their families at the beach house of WB Salvador Santiago. Sport competition in chess, volleyball and badminton were held and trophies and pennants were awarded the winners.

Lunch consisted of two roast pigs (lechon), a whole roast calf in the pit and other goodies prepared by the ladies of the Morning Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

A delegation of Brethren headed by VW Santiago L. Chua and PAL Manager Budd Aseoche saw us off at the airport.



MAYOR OBDULIA R. SINCO



VW SANTIAGO CHUA, DDGM, (WITH HAT ON) SUPERVISES THE ROASTING OF THE CALF AT THE BEACH HOUSE OF WB SALVADOR SANTIAGO, MASTER OF ORMOC LODGE NO. 234.

**TEMPLE FUND CONTRIBUTION
AS OF AUGUST, 1980**

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17—Leland K. Covner, 200.00; Ar-
mando L. Quion, 200.00; Rick L.
Banaban, Sr., 200.00; Pedro U. Ban-

zaga, 200.00.

SILANGANAN LODGE NO.
19—Rodolfo Luna, 200.00.

PINAGSABITAN LODGE NO.
26—Members of this Lodge, 1,000.-
00.

BATONG BUHAY LODGE NO.
27—Peng Hui Ching, 200.00; Ang
Gyan Piao, 200.00; Ricardo R.
Reyes, 200.00; Tan Hian Yeng,
200.00; Ang Chay Yan, 200.00.

MAKTAN LODGE NO. 30—Teo-
doro Caneda, 50.00; Andres A.
Cerna, 200.00; Henry Go, 200.00;
Kong Hian (Ma Man Woo), 200.00;
Teofilo S. Layon, Sr., 200.00; Jesus
E. Zabate, 150.00; Joseph J. Mil-
ler, 200.00.

AGUINALDO MEMORIAL
LODGE NO. 31—Manuel A. Alva-
rez, 200.00; Leandro V. Aquipel,
50.00; Arturo Mateo, 200.00; Er-
nesto D. Samaniego, 200.00; To-
mas B. Abrigo, 200.00; Felicito
Vileto, 200.00; Ricardo Ariola,
200.00.

MABINI LODGE NO. 39—Luis
Uy Reyes, 100.00; Romarico T.
Agbisit, 150.00; Genaro Fermin,
200.00; Edward Co, 100.00.

TAYABAS LODGE NO. 43—
Alfonso A. Carillo, 150.00; Cesar
A. Carillo, 100.00; Victor Lafuente,
200.00; Ruperto J. Palentinos,
200.00; Lim Tua Koy, 200.00; Ni-
lo Oabel, 200.00; Facundo Zarsue-
la, 200.00.

CHARLESTON LODGE NO.
44—Members of this Lodge, 405.05.

MALOLOS LODGE NO. 46—
David L. Cruz, 200.00; Rogelio N.
Fernando, 200.00.

MAKABUGWAS LODGE NO.

47—Augusto A. Mendoza, 200.00.

PAMPANGA LODGE NO. 48—
Tomas H. Grivas, 225.00.

MOUNT MAINAM LODGE NO.
49—Guillermo A. Manalo, Sr.,
200.00.

SARANGANI LODGE NO. 50—
Members of this Lodge, 3,500.00.

PINTONG BATO LODGE NO.
51—Eduardo F. Celestino, 200.00;
Evaristo del Mundo, 200.00; Vir-
gilio del Mundo, 200.00; Magtang-
gol C. Noriel, 200.00.

LABONG LODGE NO. 59—Ig-
nacio L. Soria, 200.00.

GONZAGA LODGE NO. 66—
Espiritu S. de Leon, 200.00; Per-
fecto U. Langan, Jr., 200.00; Jose
dela Cruz, Lingat, 200.00; Narciso
T. Manio, 200.00; Bonifacio Mequi,
100.00.

LAOAG LODGE NO. 71—Ro-
gelio Agbayani, 200.00; David C.
Agpalza, 50.00 Genaro O. Balmo-
res, 200.00; Jose V. Banigno,
200.00; Ernesto Claravall, 200.00;
Simeon N. Caldetera, 51.00; Am-
brocio M. Divina, 200.00; Claudio
Duarte, 200.00; Pablo L. Edrozo,
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Pacito C. Sacanli, 200.00; Ireneo
F. Santos, 200.00; Juan F. Santos,
134.60; Alberto Saguitan, 200.00;
Alex A. Nagtalon, 200.00; Berna-
be S. Zumel, 200.00.

KASILAWAN LODGE NO. 77—
Lu Kuncheng, 200.00.

HIGH TWELVE LODGE NO.
82—Ceferino S. Abella, 200.00; El-
pidio R. Fabian, 200.00; Delfin
Ganapin, 200.00; Francisco Ibay,

200.00; Rufino A. Sabado, 200.00.

MT. KALADIAS LODGE NO.
91—Angel C. Alcala, 100.00; Jose
S. Garcia, 200.00; Ceferino Maypa,
200.00; Manuel B. Uzzurum, Sr.,
200.00; Oscar H. P. Villanueva,
200.00.

MENCIUS LODGE NO. 93—Chai
Seng Alex Ang, 200.00; Borbe Joc
Suan, 200.00; Charles O. Chan,
200.00; William Chua, 200.00; Ben-
jamin C. Gotamco, 200.00; Eng
Thian Ong, 200.00; Eugene Son,
200.00; Andres Tan, 200.00; Vi-
cente Sukit Tan, 200.00; Ting Su
Tiok, 200.00; Victor Hao Lao,
200.00; Albino Yu Ty, 2,200.00;
Benito Chua Ang, 200.00; Chang
Hung Yeng, 200.00; William C.
Ong, 200.00; Mariano Cleto,
200.00; Cheong Kwok Fan, 200.00;
William Tiu, 200.00; Se Hiong Sy,
200.00.

SERVICE LODGE NO. 95—Ab-
raham Amores, 200.00; Edgardo
Avon, 200.00; Frank Dandren, 200.-
00; Mateo V. Garrovillas, 200.00;
Florentino N. Gonzales, 200.00; Vir-

KUTANG BATO LODGE NO.
110—Roberto Atienza, 200.00; Ma-
nuel S. Bella, 200.00; Rodolfo Berna-
les, 200.00; Bernardino Cue, 200.00;
Ramon G. Go, 100.00; Robin U.
Go, 200.00; Ching Yong Lee, 200.-
00; Alfredo C. Lim, 200.00; Claro
L. Montecer, 200.00; Antonio L.
Sumayod, 200.00; James Yap,
1,000.00; Yeo Kee Lim, 200.00.

QUEZON CITY LODGE NO.
122—Sancho P. Niedo, 100.00; Pe-
dro L. Razon, 200.00.

GENERAL LLANERA LODGE
NO. 125—Jose A. Serrano, 200.00.

CEBU LODGE NO. 128—God-

fredo Alcantara, 200.00; Albert C. Cang, 200.00; Edward Chona, 200.00; Jose T. Fortas, 200.00; Nemesio Garcia, 200.00; Tomas P. Go, 200.00; Pedro S. Hernando, Jr., 200.00; Pablo C. Lim, 200.00; Pablo C. Lim, 200.00; Jaime T. Lucas, 200.00; Juanito R. Sarita, Rainato L. Sy, 200.00; Elmer Sunbanun, 200.00; Benjamin S. Tan, 200.00; Benjamin Tio Peng Seng, 200.00; Ricardo G. Uy, 200.00; Valentin Uy, 200.00.

SIXTO LOPEX (BATULAO) LODGE NO. 129—Danilo Estipona, 100.00.

JUAN S. ALANO LODGE NO. 137—Uriel Abear, 200.00; Antonio Anoy, 200.00.

LOO CHOO-CORAL LODGE NO. 142—Members of this Lodge, 5,565.74.

NUEVA VIZCAYA LODGE NO. 144—Narciso P. Tomas, 200.00.

NOLI-ME-TANGERE LODGE NO. 148—ma

NOLI-ME-TANGERE LODGE NO. 148—Manuel Tuazon, 200.00.

OROQUIETA NO. 154—Filipino Buacquina, 200.00; Members of this Lodge, 200.00.

MOUNT MUSUAN LODGE NO. 155—Romeo Cimafranca, 200.00.

MINDORO LODGE NO. 157—Members of this Lodge, 2,000.00.

SALINAS LODGE NO. 163—Edwin Balao, 26.00; Ernesto Daniel, 26.50; Charles Fabian, 153.00; Octavio Gatchalian, 200.00; Theofore Rey Knipperberg, 200.00; Canuto Marquez, 50.00; Mariano Orden, 38.00; Luis Litonua, 50.00; Daniel de Guzman, 200.00; Efren Villoria,

23.00.

LAM-ANG LODGE NO. 164—Solomon A. Abellera, Sr., 50.00; Solomon Abellera, Jr., 200.00; Perfecto Gironella, 50.00.

GENERAL MANUEL TINIO LODGE NO. 167—Samuel M. Ayap, 100.00; Sofronio Barawid, 50.00; Candido Eman, 50.00; Bonifacio Galapon, 50.00; Esteban Guillermo, 50.00; Rodolfo Lucas, 200.00.

GENERAL LLANERA MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 168—Teofilo Mallari, 100.00; Oscar Giron, 200.00; Nicasio Gutierrez, 180.20.

CORDILLERA LODGE NO. 178—Jose Afalla, Jr., 150.00; Inocencio Calip, 100.00; Hilario Laya, 100.00; Samuel Ramos, 100.00; Arcadio Taboy, 143.00; Felizardo Barbaran, 200.00; Samuel Dulay, 200.00.

EMON LODGE NO. 179—Members of this Lodge, 4,909.79.

RIO CHICO LODGE NO. 182—Edwin Tuban, 200.00.

LAONG LAAN LODGE NO. 185—Virgilio Molina, 200.00; Juan Yao Tin, 200.00.

SAN CARLOS LODGE NO. 186—Eugenio Antonio, Jr., 100.00; Restituto P. Dayon, 100.00; Luciano M. Lucin, 200.00; Edgardo Quisumbing, 200.00; Jose Tan, 200.00.

SIAGON LODGE NO. 188—Alejandro de la Cruz, 250.00.

MATI-AURORA LODGE NO. 190—Teofilo E. Gomez, 200.00.

JACOBO ZOBEL MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 202—Ernesto Gonzales, 200.00; Charles Reeder Hines, 200.00.

IFUGAO LODGE NO. 218—Pedro Lorenzana, 25.00; Felix Arcaina, 200.00; William Binwag, 50.00.

KAPATAGAN LODGE NO. 222—Diosdado Yap, 200.00; William Ong, 200.00; Efrain Sanes, 100.00; Aurelio Dacalos, 200.00; Demetrio Campilan, 200.00; Lino Peñaflor, 200.00; Domingo Quirong, 200.00; Marconi Lim, 200.00; Martin Lambaco, 200.00; Eyan Yu, 100.00; Martin Abadiano, 100.00.

TIGBAUAN LODGE NO. 229—Members of this Lodge, 1,200.00.

DAGUMA MOUNTAIN RANGE LODGE NO. 244—Ramon del Castillo, 200.00; Ibrahim Beruan, 200.00.

BUKIDNON LODGE NO. 245—Wilfredo Pesquera, 200.00; Miguel Onting, 200.00; Antonio Bayagna, 200.00.

MASONIC DISTRICT—Luzon, 1,072.55.

DISTRICT NO. 11—749.30. Florentino Almacen, 6,000.00; Marcial dela Cruz, 300.00; Robert H. Gonzales, 187.32.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 6 HOLDS CONVENTION

The 21st Annual Convention of Masonic District No. 6 was held in Quezon, Nueva Ecija on August 30, 1980. Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, F. & A.M. was the host Lodge.

Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, Cabanatuan City; Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, Quezon; Memorial Lodge No. 90, Muñoz, General Manuel Tinio Lodge No. 167, Guimba; Gen. Llanera Memorial Lodge No.

168, Gapan; Narra Lodge No. 171, San Jose; Pantabangan-Bonari Lodge No. 203, Rizal; Kapatiran Lodge No. 228, Cabanatuan City and Apolinario Mabini No. 235, Cuyapo comprise Masonic District No. 6.

“The Mission of Masonry” was the theme of the convention.

RW Rosendo C. Herrera, Junior Grand Warden, accompanied by VW Jose B. Perez, Grand Chaplain; VW Eduardo P. Gonzales, Jr. and VW Isaac S. Arribas, Junior Grand Lecturers, VW Modesto Gonzalez, Grand Pursuivant; VW Marcelino P. Dysangco, Assistant Grand Secretary; VW Elisio A. Arandia, Grand Standard Bearer WBs. Hilario G. Esguerra, Remedios E. Racela and WB Oscar Fung motored to Nueva Ecija to attend the affair.

At the convention hall, the party was received in due form.

WB Pedro M. Hongo delivered the invocation. WB Generoso Custodio then turned over the gavel to VW Eulogio O. Sta. Maria, District Deputy, who took over the chores of presiding over the convention.

The Convention Secretary certified to the quorum after the roll call of Lodges.

VW Marcelino P. Dysangco introduced the members of the party from the Grand Lodge.

The convention was called up for a minute of silent prayer in memory of Marcelo H. Del Pilar, and departed members of the District.

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE

BY: WB JUAN C. NABONG JR.

Referral is made of the petitions of Messrs. A, B, C, D, E, for Degrees of Masonry in Lodge No. X which were received by the Grand Lodge for publication in its Circular. The problem posed is that Lodge No. X had already conferred the degrees of Masonry on the petitioners before their petitions could be published by the Grand Lodge. The committee is thus burdened with the giving of an opinion as to the status of the petitioners.

Clearly violated by Lodge No. X is Edict No. 49, whose dispositive portion provides:

NOW THEREFORE, I, RAYMOND E. WILMARTH, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby announce and decree that henceforth, no Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction shall initiate

VW Jose B. Perez, Grand Chaplain delivered the keynote address. He was introduced by VW Eduardo P. Gonzalez, Jr., Junior Grand Lecturer.

The committee on the District's Charity Fund rendered its report which was read by the convention secretary.

Various resolutions ranging from
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a candidate until such time when the name of the candidate shall have been *regularly published* in the Grand Lodge circular. (G.L. Form No. 12)

There is no doubt that the requirement of publication is mandatory in character. The Edict categorically states that "it is *imperative* that the Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge be religiously and uniformly observed and complied with." The title of the Edict itself — Publication of a candidate's name in the Grand Lodge Circular (G.L. Form No. 12) Made a *Condition Precedent* to Initiation — indicates this intention.

This intent is further buttressed by the use of the word "shall" in the dispositive portion of the Edict.

Considering that what has been violated is a mandatory requirement of an edict, the Committee believes and so holds that the conferral of Degrees of Masonry on Messrs. ABCDE is null and void. Pursuant to Article 126 of the Constitution, the MW Grandmaster can annul the making of the aforementioned individuals as Master Masons. Appropriate sanctions can also be imposed on the officers of Lodge No. X who are responsible for the violation of Edict No. 49.

*Opinion issued by the Committee on Jurisprudence on March 26, 1980.

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of Hong Kong. He returned to the Philippines to find his place under the sun. It did not take long before he was rubbing elbows with giants of the highly competitive business world. And wonders of all wonders, it seemed that everything Bro. Ko touched turned to gold. His business acumen is evidenced in his being President of the Manang Agricultural Corp., Manang Trading Co., President and General Manager of Manang Telephone Co., and Chairman of the Board of M.A. Liner, Inc., Director of Victorias Planters Committee and St. Anne Medical Center.

At forty, when life was just beginning to unfold, Manuel V. Ko knocked on the door of Masonry on December 10, 1949. Although the difficult task of operating his growing business kept Bro. Ko from total involvement in Lodge functions, he finally became Worshipful Master of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64 after twenty years. From hereon, Bro. Ko's involvement started making waves. He was appointed Grand Lodge Inspector for Negrense Lodge No. 200 on April 25, 1979 and District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 27 in the same year. The Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Mississippi honored him by appointing him the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Mississippi near the Grand Council of the Philippines. "I am happy for the confidence reposed upon me", Bro. Ko remarked in his very unassuming way.

Bro. Ko became a Master of the Royal Secret in the Visayas Bodies, Bacolod City in 1950. He served as the Venerable Master in 1972. In 1976 the Supreme Council recognized his Masonic efforts by investing him with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor and appointed him Supervisor of the San Carlos Lodge of Perfection.

In spite of his busy schedule Bro. Ko finds time for humanitarian endeavors. Much of his time is spent associating with his Masonic Brethren, planning civic projects for the community. He does not hesitate to give his time to and financial assistance for the improvement of the lot of his fellowmen.

The physical feature of Bro. Ko is quite deceiving. Rather small in stature he exudes an air of dignity that makes him tall in the sight of his Brethren. When he wants a thing to happen, he makes it happen. One thing is sure; all his philanthropic gestures is done within the bounds of Masonic tenets. He always remembers first to give honor to the Divine, renders service to his country, and fulfills his responsibility to his two children left by his late wife, Angelina. A man of few words, engaging in semantics is vexation to his spirit. It is his impatience to accomplish much in so limited a period of time that makes him the legend that he is.

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the restructuring of the District's Charity Committee and additional contributions to the fund, to conducting of Lodges of Instruction and other subjects affecting the District were submitted and approved.

The delegates elected the three recommendees for the position of District Deputy. Elected were: VW Eulogio O. Sta. Maria and WB

Danilo Angeles, VW Eulogio O. Sta. Maria and WB Antonio Pascual.

Gen. Manuel Tinio Lodge No. 167, in Guimba will be the host of the next convention in 1981.

Diplomas of Merit were awarded to WB Diosdado Ma. Barawid, WB Pedro S. de Guzman, Bro. Joselito C. Villarosa, Bro. Perfecto S. Parinas and Bro. Amorsolo F. Fernando.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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| September 19-20 — District No. 15 Convention, Tacloban City | October 24-25 — Visayas Regional Convention, Bacolod City |
| September 20 — District No. 3 Convention, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya | October 25 — District No. 5 Convention, San Fernando, La Union |
| September 27 — Regional Convention, District Nos. 2, 3 & 23, Santiago, Isabela | November 7-8 — District No. 35 Convention, Musuan, Bukidnon |
| October 11 — District No. 11 Convention, Los Baños, Laguna | November 8 — District No. 8 Convention, Olongapo City |
| October 11 — Constitution, Sindangan, Lodge No. 240, Sindangan, Zamboanga del Norte | November 8 — District No. 31 Convention, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur |
| October 14 — Manila Lodge No. 1 — Ramada | November 21 — Constitution, Daguma Mountain Range Lodge No. 244, Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat. |
| October 18 — District No. 29 Convention, Camiling, Tarlac | November 29 — District No. 4 Convention, Vigan, Ilocos Sur |
| October 18 — District No. 24 Convention, Dagupan City | December 1 — District No. 9 Convention, PICC |
| October 18 — District No. 36 Convention, Sorsogon, Sorsogon | December 6 — District No. 12 Convention, Tayabas, Quezon |
| | December 13 — District No. 7 Convention, Malolos, Bulacan |





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