



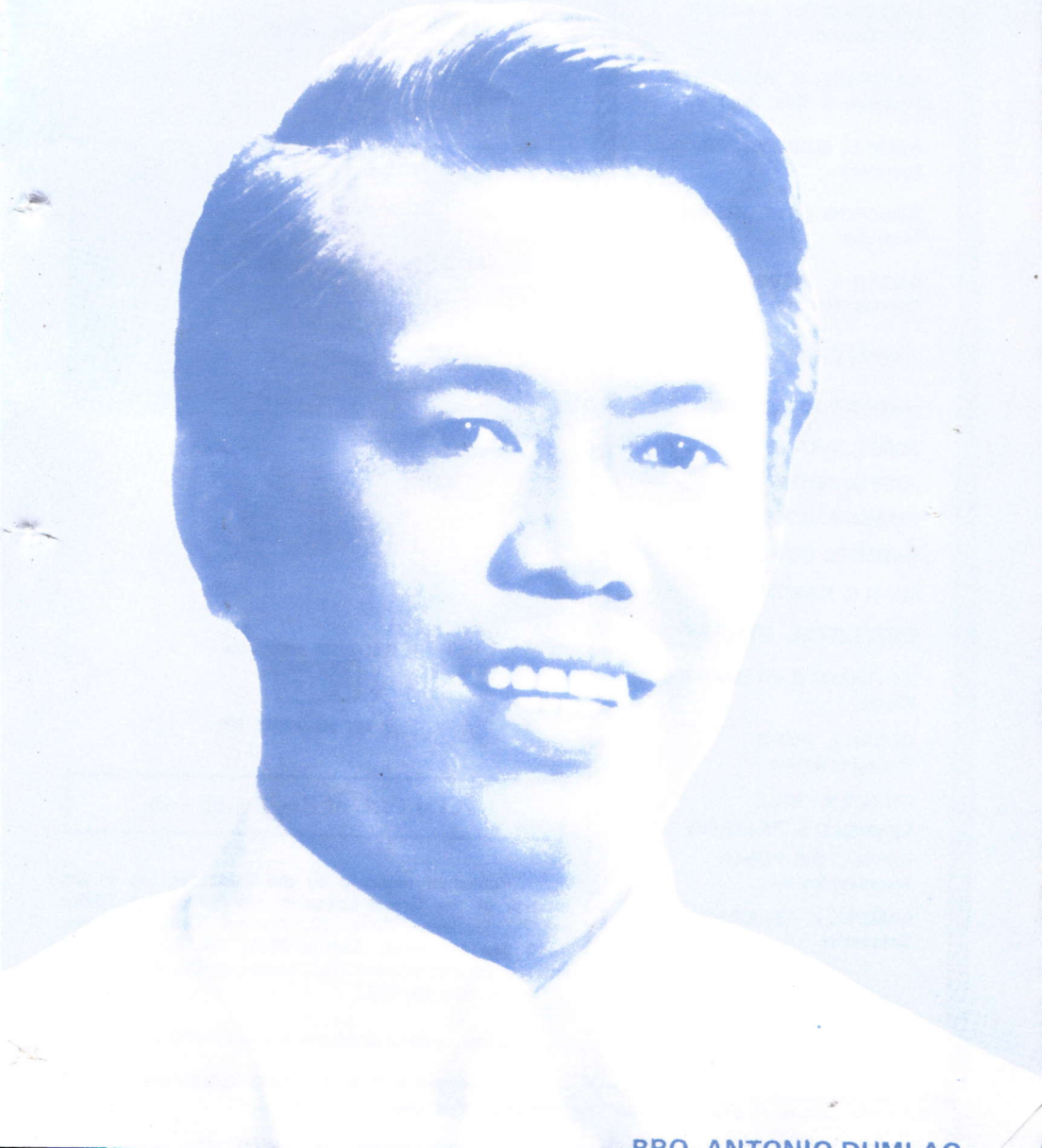
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THE CABLETOW

Inflation has again hit the Cabletow. Despite the increase in the subscription rates agreed upon last year, the soaring cost of publication has forced the management to reduce the number of pages of the Cabletow f by four, effective with this issue.

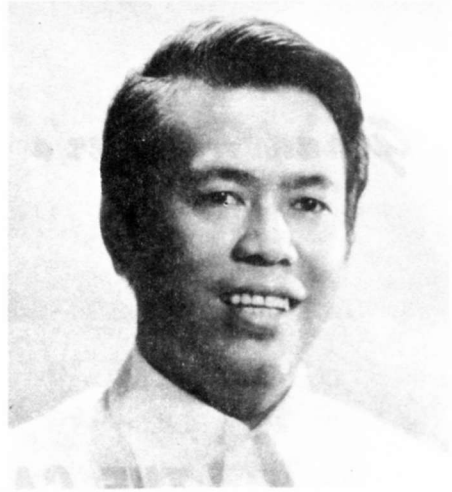
This forced decision comes at a very inopportune moment. We in the Grand Lodge are sadly aware of the dearth of Masonic literature in our country. So acute is the shortage that in many sectors, specially in the provinces, the Cabletow is the only source of Masonic literature for the brethren. We, therefore, embarked on a project to make the Cabletow a truly effective vehicle for Masonic education. Masonic scholars were tapped for articles and encouragement was given to the organization of a Lodge of Research, both steps being aimed at meeting the crying need for scholarly articles on Philippine Masonry. Needless to say the present retrenchment move will make it more difficult for us to make these articles available to the general membership.

In view of this development, the management is now studying a proposal to publish the Cabletow bimonthly, instead of monthly. Under this proposal we could come out with 40-page issues (including the cover), and devote more space to serious dissertations. We could also give a better direction to the thrust of each issue. The proposal, of course, is a poor substitute for the old set up, but a least it is better than coming out monthly with emaciated issues.


MANUEL D. MANDAC
Grand Master



BROTHER ANTONIO DUMLAO



DUMLAO

BY: SAMUEL P. FERNANDEZ

When Bro. Anselmo Almazan, Ph.D., broached the idea of a meeting with a Brother who is with the Ministry of Education and Culture I did not hesitate to oblige him. The Brother we were supposed to interview is very well known in the field of education and an active Mason, at that, for who does not know Dr. Antonio G. Dumlao, the Director of Higher Education .

Our first effort to see Bro. Tony was a failure. We had to reschedule our meeting to fit his crowded calendar. When Bro. Anselmo and I were ushered into the private room at the back of Dr. Dumlao's office, he was very relaxed and candid, an exact anti-thesis of the restless corporate man. Our interview was punctuated by the approaches of his secretary who periodically handed him papers for his immediate signature.

The room where we held our dialogue was literally filled with plaques of appreciation and testimonials to Bro. Dumlao's involvement in the field of education. Additional testimonies of his involvement were in boxes, lacking the necessary space wherein to hang them. A rather soft-spoken man, we had to lend our ears to be able to hear him recount his various experiences from when he started as a mere clerk in the Bureau of Private Schools in 1957 up to when he became Director of the Bureau of Higher Education on June 27, 1975.

"I finished my law course in 1956," Bro. Tony reminisced in between sips of coffee," and became Legal Officer I in the Bureau of Private Schools in 1957-1963. From 1963 to 1969 I became the Private Schools Special Consultant for Law of the Bureau of Private

Schools and moved on from there to Chief of the Legal Division of the same Bureau in 1959 to 1975. On June 27, 1975 I became Director of the bureau of Higher Education."

The rise to the higher echelon by Bro. Tony in the Ministry of Education and Culture was phenomenal and it was only so because he had prepared himself for the task. While he was busy with his various tasks he did not forget to broaden his intellectual horizon by finishing his Masters in Law at the University of Manila in 1961 and his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Sto. Tomas in 1975. Working in the MEC and going to school at the same time was quite difficult but to Bro. Tony his idea of progress is not just climbing the corporate ladder in education but also responding and preparing himself for the stern requirements exacted on a leader in the field of education. Aside from taking related courses in different universities he also took the Supervisory and Private Schools Regional Superintendent examinations to further strengthen his credentials.

To date, Bro. Tony is currently involved in other government assignments as Chairman of the Council of Medical Technology Education and Technical Panels on Engineering, Agricultural Education, and Technical Education. He is coordinator of the chartered state colleges and universities and member of the National Board of Education, Board of Medical Education, and Technical Committee, Katarungan Pambarangay Commission. Often times he is invited to

be chairman and/or delegate in various national and international conferences. In 1978 he was the lone Philippine delegate to NIER-UNESCO high level seminar on Moral Education in Asia, held in Tokyo. He was the chief negotiator of the Republic of the Philippines for the Asian Development Bank engineering loan. He was chairman of the Educators Congress of the Diamond Jubilee of Contemporary Philippine Educational System in 1976 and the lone Philippine delegate to the Conference of Legal Advisers to the Ministers of Education in Bangkok in 1970. These are only samples of his involvement in conferences since it will take several pages to enumerate them all. He has to attend to this type of educational functions if only to keep in touch with what is current in the field of education between his busy schedules of attending to various legal documents for the Ministry.

Bro. Tony is a member of the Philippine Society for Curriculum Development, Phi Delta Kappa, Budiras, CESO Guild, and Quezon City Integrated Bar Association.

It is happy to note that our Brother has included in his *curriculum vitae* his membership in the Philippine Bodies and his being Past Master of Pinatubo Lodge No. 52. Proud of his Masonic membership Bro. Dumlao loves to tell the Brethren that his blood brother was once a District Deputy Grand Master and that his son is also a Mason, like himself. Bro. Tony spends time with his wife, the former Amelia Hernandez, when both

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MAKING A MASON-AT-SIGHT

by M.W. Perry A. Lester, Grand Master of Masons in the District of Columbia

Although the making of a Mason-at-Sight evolves out of the antiquities of the Symbolic Craft, the concept is one that is neither universally accepted nor generally understood. This paper is therefore offered for the purpose of discussing appreciations of who is and who is not a Mason-at-Sight, the process, origins, and authority by which the concept is implemented, the degree to which Grand Masters exercise their prerogatives, and the procedures by which a Grand Master's will in this regard is effected.

A Mason-at-Sight is simply a Mason who, by virtue of the prerogative of the Grand Master, has received the Degrees under special circumstances. He is one who has been selected by the Grand Master for the honor without having been subjected to the scrutiny of the ballot as to his moral fitness. He is also one who is initiated, passed and raised to the Master Mason's Degree at a single communication. After his making he becomes a Mason-at-Large, at which time he is eligible to seek membership in a Lodge of his choice.

It should be recognized that the terminology used to describe the process of making a Mason-at-Sight is somewhat imprecise, for a man is in reality "made a Mason" when he receives the Entered Apprentice Degree. Hence it would be more correct if we were to speak of making a Master Mason-at-Sight, inasmuch as the procedure is generally considered to include the conferral of all Three Degrees at a single communication of the conferring Lodge.

In the United States the authority of the Grand Master to confer the Degrees at sight stems from his right to constitute Lodges by dispensation, in which Masons may be entered, passed and raised. Such a Lodge is under the control of the Grand Master, who has the power, once the work for which the Lodge was constituted is completed, to revoke the dispensation and thereby dissolve the Lodge.

In this regard it is interesting to note that such authority is acknowledged in Mackey's Jurisprudence of Freemasonry in which such action is specifically recognized as a landmark of the Craft. Mackey claims that the only forum in which this action can take place is an Occa-

sional Lodge, convened and dispersed at the will of the Grand Master, who presides over the Lodge personally.

While Mackey thus lends credence to the reality of the practice of conferring Degrees at sight, in the United States and abroad, this power is now infrequently exercised. Many jurisdictions, in fact, prohibit the practice, and several others, while permitting it, regard its implementation with concern. The Grand Lodge of England no longer confers the Degrees in this manner, and 17 Grand Lodges in the United States are either unauthorized to engage in the practice or have absolute prohibitions . . . by virtue of constitutional restrictions, legal barriers, or by established customs and usages . . . against it.

These are: Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, and Nebraska.

On the other hand it should be appreciated that 32 Grand Lodges in the United States do permit their Grand Master to make Masons-at-Sight. The privilege is not abused, however, and in several Grand Lodges, permissive authority is conditioned by admonitions that suggest to the Grand Master that he use his power with discretion. Nevertheless several jurisdictions, believing that good selections may benefit both the honoree and the Fraternity, continue to look favorably on the practice.

The making of a Mason-at-Sight is usually justified by noting that the pressure of time prevents those chosen for the honor from entering the Fraternity under normal circumstances. Hence the Grand Master, in his wisdom, takes action to shorten the process and to compensate for any other unusual circumstances that may prevail.

The early records of the Craft suggest that the making of a Mason-at-Sight was usually employed for the purpose of conferring the Degrees upon members of the Royal family in England and upon their close friends. The first such occasion that can be truly described as making a Mason-at-Sight occurred on February 16, 1766, in Westminster, England, when Lord Blaney, then Grand Master of the Premier Grand Lodge of England, convened an Occasional Lodge at the Horn Tavern and initiated, passed and raised William Henry, Duke of Gloucester, the brother of the then King of England, George III.

In this country Grand Masters have used their powers to admit highly placed individuals of accomplishment to the Craft under special circumstances. Usually their choices have been men whose memberships in the Fraternity was considered to have the potential to add dignity and prestige to Freemasonry and its causes. Perhaps the one thread which unites those they have chosen is the fact that Freemasonry sought them out for honor, it being incidental that they may have sought light and later demonstrated a deep and abiding interest in the Craft.

Space does not permit the inven-

tory of all of those who have become Masons-at-Sight. It does seem useful, however, to list a few of them, if only to indicate the diversity of their interests in government, commerce, industry, and sport. Among those who gained entrance into this select group in this country are: John Wanamaker, merchant (Pennsylvania: 1898); William Howard Taft, President-elect (Ohio: 1909), Andrew W. Mellon, Banker and Secretary of the Treasury (Pennsylvania: 1928); Charles P. Summerall, General (South Carolina: 1934); Douglas MacArthur, General (Philippines; 1936); George Catlett Marshall, General (District of Columbia: 1941); Jesse H. Jones, Secretary of Commerce (District of Columbia: 1941); Robert R.M. Carpenter, Sr., Chairman of the Board of Dupont and owner of the Philadelphia Phillies (Delaware: 1945); Milton S. Eisenhower, Educator (Pennsylvania: 1951); James M. Symes, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad (Pennsylvania: 1953); Jacob E. Smart, General (South Carolina: 1955); George M. Leader, Governor (Pennsylvania: 1955); Walter M. Schirra, Astronaut (Florida: 1967); Harry F. Byrd, Jr., US Senator (Virginia: 1970); John S. McCain, Admiral (District of Columbia, 1975); and F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., Philanthropist and owner of the Philadelphia 76'ers (Pennsylvania: 1976).

In most instances the Grand Master, after personal consideration of the worthiness of the candidate and of the circumstances which prevent normal admission into the Craft, calls an Occasional Lodge to make his Mason-at-Sight. He then

sees to the investiture of the Degrees and immediately thereafter dissolves the Lodge. He may preside himself, or he may ask someone else to preside for him, but either way, he is present for the ceremonies.

Typical of the procedures adopted in many jurisdictions is that which was followed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia in 1975, when Admiral John S. McCain, Jr. was made a Mason-at-Sight. The Grand Master issued a dispensation permitting the formation of an Occasional Lodge, in which he assumed the East. Thereafter he, his Grand Lodge Officers and Committeemen, and selected Past Grand Masters conferred the Degrees and delivered the lectures and charges in full.

In contrast is the procedure followed in Virginia in 1970, when the Grand Master made Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr. a Mason-at-Sight. On that occasion the Grand Master called upon Winchester Hiram Lodge No. 21 to open what was termed a "Special Communication." While the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge Officers, and a host of Past Grand Masters were present throughout the ceremony, they did not participate in the work; the Degrees in that instance, were presented by teams comprised of Masons holding membership in subordinate Lodges in the Winchester area.

It would probably be well to state that a number of raisings have been misreported as conferals-at-sight, primarily because the candidates had already been elected

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MASTER MASON, MASTER COMIC

Oliver Hardy was a very funny man. He was also a very successful man and was known all over the world as one half of the most famous comedy team in the history of motion pictures — Laurel and Hardy.

Together with Stan Laurel he entertained movie audiences for 20 years before his retirement. Then, when television began showing the old Laurel and Hardy films, he was more popular than ever.

But while most people recognize the same few realize that "Babe," as his family and friends called him, was a Master Mason long before he was a movie star. In fact, the Masons played an important role in the young life of Oliver Hardy whose heart was as big as his 300-pound body.

Oliver Norvell Hardy was born January 18, 1892, in Harlem, Georgia. He attended Georgia Military College, and when his family moved to Milledgeville, Georgia, he managed that town's first movie theatre. It was here in his late teens that Hardy gained his first interest in films.

Oliver Hardy's sister, Elizabeth Sage, maintains that her brother was a heavy child because of his

father's death when the boy was only ten. Oliver, very close to his father, simply went on an eating binge and never lost the weight.

In fact, Oliver Hardy's real name was Norvell Hardy. It was after his father's death that he took the name Oliver. His dad had been named Oliver and the youngster always wanted it to be a part of him. He also used the full name throughout his career with Laurel, one of the few instances in movie history that a team actually used their own names on screen.

In 1913, Oliver Hardy moved to Jacksonville, Florida, and went to work for the Lubin Motion Picture Company. During his years in Jacksonville, Oliver was made a Mason in Solomon Lodge No. 20. His wife Lucille has stated Babe was very proud of being a Mason and tried to live up to the Masonic ideals all his life. In October 1948, after most of his films were completed and the heyday of Laurel and Hardy over, he was made a life member of Solomon Lodge.

Despite the fact that Laurel and Hardy made nearly 100 motion pictures as a team and Oliver 213 as a single—mostly on the West

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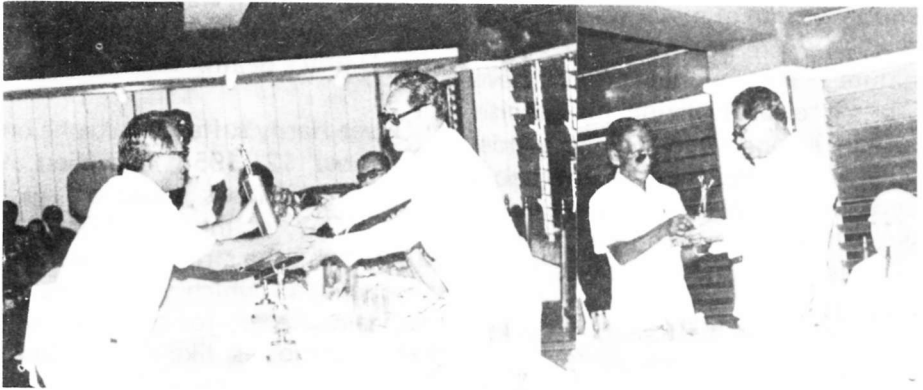
22ND VISAYAS REGIONAL MASONIC CONVENTION HELD IN BACOLOD CITY



MW MANUEL D. MANDACHANDS VW SANTIAGO L. CHUA, DDGM, DISTRICT NO. 15 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE TEMPLE BUILDING PROJECT, DURING THE 22ND VISAYAS REGIONAL CONVENTION IN BACOLOD CITY.



(L-R) VW SANTIAGO L. CHUA, DDGM, DISTRICT 15; VW MANUEL V. KO, DDGM, DISTRICT 27; MW MANUEL MANDAC, GRAND MASTER; VW PANCILO B. ENOJAS, DDGM, DISTRICT 14 AND WB MANUEL ABELLO, JR., MASTER, KANLAON LODGE NO. 64.



WB JOSE CELLIS, MASTER OF ILOILO-ACACIA LODGE NO. 11, RECEIVES TROPHY FOR THE GREATEST NUMBER OF DELEGATES REGISTERED (LEFT). AT RIGHT, WB MANUEL V. KO, DDGM DISTRICT 15, PRESENTS MW MANDAC WITH A TROPHY.



THE CLOSING RITES OF THE CONVENTION WAS CAPPED BY THE SINGING OF "AULD LANG SYNE".

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coast—Babe still managed to keep up his interest in the Masonic Fraternity. He was a frequent visitor to Hollywood and Mt. Olive Lodges in California.

A little known item about Oliver Hardy is indicative of his Masonic nature. When he and Stan Laurel were making films, it was Stan who did most of the writing, directing, and inventing of materials and gags. But if it were not for Oliver's good nature, this would never have worked out. Realizing his English partner's long years on the vaudeville stage and almost insatiable appetite to create funny material, he told Stan anything he came up with was all right. And it was.

Oliver spent his time off playing golf getting as much as 36 holes of play in every day. Laurel knew of Hardy's passion for the sport and would often keep the mild-mannered Hardy on the set going over and over routines and getting the rotund actor more and more exasperated. It was through this that Hardy developed his famous glare at the cameras. It looked so good in the uncut film that Laurel decided it should be left in.

The essence of Laurel and Hardy's comedy was childlike. It was their contention that two men doing childlike things was funny. All actors must play a part and it takes a good actor to do comedy. The very good comedians—like Laurel and Hardy—play children. Because they do the things that children do, they are funny.

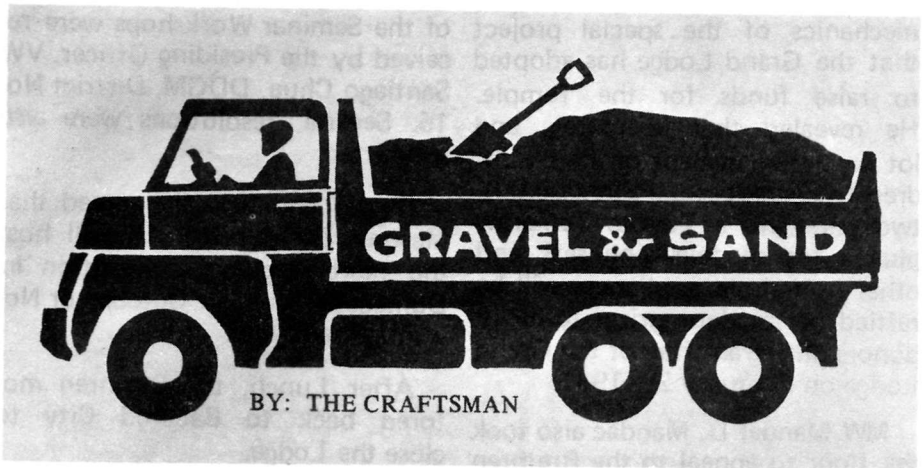
For years critics refused to place Babe and Stan alongside their contemporaries like Chaplin, Keaton, and Harold Lloyd. (Lloyd, by the way, was an active Mason and one who devoted many years to Masonic work).

But eventually these critics changed their minds. In 1961, Stan Laurel was awarded an Oscar for the work he and Hardy had left the movie world. Although he was touched, Laurel was disappointed that the award came several years after Hardy's death.

Oliver Hardy suffered a stroke on September 12, 1956, and died at his mother-in-law's house on August 7, 1957, at the age of 65. But he left behind a string of comedies, the quality of which we shall never see again. Never, for example, will there be movies like "The Music Box," where Laurel and Hardy carry a piano up a gigantic flight of outdoor stairs only to have it slip back to the bottom numerous times.

A little boy watching them on television wanted to meet Stan and Babe. His mother told him that they were in heaven. Yet he still insisted that he wanted to be with Laurel and Hardy. Fortunately, we can be with them always through their films. And it is an extra joy to know that the 300-pound man with the derby and twiddling tie—who made the world a much happier place by his work—was also a Master Mason.

—Northern Light
June 1980



22ND VISAYAS REGIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN BACOLOD CITY

Brethren from the Visayan region converged on Bacolod City on October 23-24, 1980 to hold the 22nd Regional Convention. District No. 27 composed of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, San Carlos Lodge No. 186, Negrense Lodge No. 200 and Lantawan Lodge No. 210 hosted the convention. "Strengthening the Fraternal Bonds in Free Masonry" was the theme of the convention.

MW Manuel D. Mandac, Grand Master; RW Simeon Rene Lacson, Deputy Grand Master; RW Rosendo C. Herrera, Junior Grand Warden; MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM, Grand Secretary; VW Marcelino P. Dyangco, Assistant Grand Secretary; VW Jimmy Kua Tamano, Senior Grand Deacon; WB Hilario G. Esguerra and this reporter went to

Bacolod to grace the affair. A big delegation headed by VW Manuel Valencia Ko, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 27 was on hand at the airport to greet the Grand Master's entourage.

At the convention hall, MW Manuel D. Mandac and his officers were received with Grand Honors.

After the roll call of Lodges, VW Manuel V. Ko declared the convention to be formally opened and delivered the welcome address.

RW Simeon Rene Lacson delivered the keynote address.

After the keynote address, RW Rosendo G. Herrera, Junior Grand Warden, Project Director of the Grand Lodge Special Temple Fund took the floor to explain the

mechanics of the special project that the Grand Lodge has adopted to raise funds for the Temple. He revealed that a house and lot or the equivalent of Two Hundred Thousand pesos (P200,000.00), two cars and a Toyota Tamaraw plus a lot of television sets and other household appliances will be raffled off as door prizes to lucky donors during an affair of the Grand Lodge on February 28, 1981.

MW Manuel D. Mandac also took the floor to appeal to the Brethren to support the fund campaign. The Brethren responded to the appeal by contributioning ₱25,000.00 before the convention recessed for lunch at the Golden Sun Restaurant.

In the afternoon session, the delegates re-assembled at the convention hall and divided themselves into two groups to conduct the workshop seminars on the theme of the convention. Group I-Internal Aspects — was chaired by VW Florentino B. Almacen, DDGM, District No. 16 with WBs Enrique Maravilla and Angel S. Tiangson, Jr. as resource persons. Group II — External Aspects—was chaired by VW Panfilo B. Enojas, DDGM, District No. 14 with WBs Antonio K. Ko and Pablo Estacion as resource persons.

After the workshop seminars, a Lodge of Instruction was conducted by VW Eugenio A. Antonio, Jr., DGL, District No. 27.

Dinner was held at the Golden Sun Restaurant.

The morning session of the second day was held at the Mambucal Resort. Reports of Group Chairmen

of the Seminar Workshops were received by the Presiding Officer, VW Santiago Chua, DDGM, District No. 15. Several resolutions were also submitted.

It was unanimously agreed that Masonic District No. 16 will host the next Regional Convention in Dumaguete City, in October or November next year.

After Lunch, the Brethren motored back to Bacolod City to close the Lodge.

A number of delegates accompanied the Grand Master who motored to Cadiz City to visit Lantawan Lodge. MW Mandac was impressed with what he saw and by the projects being undertaken by the Lodge. On the way back to Bacolod City, we were taken on a quick tour of the Saint Joseph Hospital and the Church at the compound of the Victorias Milling Corporation.

In the evening, a fellowship dinner was tendered by VW Manuel V. Ko at the Holiday Restaurant in honor of MW Manuel D. Mandac.

Bro. Casiano Ibrado, Jr. of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, WB Jose A. Celis, Iloilo—Acacia Lodge No. 11, WB Robert T. Alabado, Jr. of Lantawan together with Bacolod Rotarians and their Anns, WB Jose C. Tabaniar of Aklan Lodge No. 205 contributed musical numbers to the program. VW Eugenio Antonio told some humorous anedcotes.

Trophies were awarded to Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11 for having the most number of registered delegates; Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, and Quintin Salas Memorial Lodge No.

231, for having the second and third highest number of registered delegates, respectively.

The Master of ceremonies of the program was WB David Lozada.

The Lodges that belong to the region and were represented at the convention are: District No. 14—Makawiwili Lodge No. 55, Roxas City, Capiz; Hamtik Lodge No. 76, San Jose, Antique, Kalantiao Lodge No. 187, Iloilo City; Graciano Lopez Jaena Lodge No. 194, Sara, Iloilo City; Calinog Lodge No. 226, Calinog, Iloilo; Tigbauan Lodge No. 229, Tigbauan, Iloilo; Quintin Salas Memorial Lodge No. 231, Dumangas, Iloilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11, Iloilo City and Aklan Lodge No. 205, Kalibo, Aklan.

District No. 15—Makabugwas Lodge No. 47, Tacloban City; Dagohoy Lodge No. 84, Tagbilaran City; Mount Huraw Lodge No. 98, Catbalogan, Samar; Northern Samar Lodge No. 211, Catarman, Northern Samar; Tacloban Lodge No. 221, Tacloban City; East Gate Lodge No. 232, Borongan, Eastern Samar; Ormoc Lodge No. 234, Ormoc City.

District No. 16—Maktan Lodge No. 30, Cebu City; Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, Dumaguete City; Cebu Lodge No. 128, Cebu City, Tupas Lodge U.D., Cebu City and Bayawan Lodge U.D. in Bayawan, Negros Oriental.

District No. 27—Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, Bacolod City; Negrense Lodge No. 200, Bacolod City; San Carlos Lodge No. 186, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental; Lantawan Lodge No. 210, Cadiz City.

MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 11 CONVENTION

Masonic District No. 11 held its 22nd Annual Convention on October 11, 1980 at the Magsaysay Hall Education Training Center of the University of the Philippines in Los Baños, Laguna with Makiling Lodge No. 72 hosting the affair.

Lodges comprising the District are Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, in Santa Cruz; Malinaw Lodge No. 25, in San Pablo City; Makiling Lodge No. 72, in Los Baños and Sierra Madre Lodge No. 181 in Paete.

Theme of the convention was: *Ang Mga Mason Sa Panahon Ng Krisis.*

RW Rudyardo V. Bunda, Senior Grand Warden accompanied by a group of Brethren from Magdiwang Lodge No. 238 motored to Los Baños to attend the affair. RW Rosendo C. Herrera, accompanied by MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM, Grand Secretary; MW Manuel M. Crudo, PGM; VW Eliseo A. Arandia, Jr., Grand Standard Bearer; VR Jose B. Perez, Grand Chaplain; VW Santiago Chua, DDGM, District No. 15; WB Salvador Santiago, Master, Ormoc Lodge No. 234, WBs Hilario G. Herrera, Remedio Racela, Bro. Abelardo M. Lumague, Mrs. Anching Herrera and this reporter also motored to Los Baños to grace the occasion.

Floral offerings were placed at the statue of the late President Ramon Magsaysay.

The entourage of Grand Officers were received with Grand Honors.

Rev. Emilio T. Puerto, Resident Minister of the Church Among the Palms said the invocation.

WB Andrew O. Nocon, Master of Makiling Lodge No. 72 and Mayor of Los Baños, gave the welcome address after the roll call of Lodges.

A minute of silent prayer was offered in memory of the departed Brethren of the District.

VR Jose B. Perez, Grand Chaplain, delivered the keynote address. He was introduced by VW Aquilino L. Carino, DDGM for District No. 11.

VW Santiago L. Chua, DDGM for District No.15 congratulated the officers for the District for the spade work in preparing the interesting and lively convention.

The reading of the minutes of the previous convention was dispensed with and approved.

A short period was devoted to an exchange of views between the

Brethren and the Grand Lodge Officers present.

WBs Rosauro Magcalas, Rudolfo Soriano and Alcantara were elected as the three nominees of the District for the position of District Deputy for the next term.

Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 in Sta. Cruz, Laguna will host the 23rd Annual Convention next year.

RW Rudyardo V. Bunda, delivered the closing remarks.

While the Brethren were at the convention hall, the ladies were treated to a guided tour of Los Baños and the Orchid Show.

Prizes consisting of wood carvings, basi wine and plants were raffled off to lucky winners.

A festive mood pervaded over the proceedings of the convention up to the closing moments when the Brethren bade each other a 'so-long', looking forward to a happier convention next year.



AT THE FLORAL OFFERING RITES DURING THE DISTRICT CONVENTION OF MASONIC DISTRICT NO. 11 IN LOS BAÑOS, LAGUNA

Pitak Pilipino

IRINEO P. GOCE
Patnugot

PAGMUMUNI, AT MULING PANANAWAGAN

Hindi mapagwari ng Pitak na ito kung ano kaya ang naging mga kurukuro ng mga kapatid sa isyu nang nakaraang Agosto, na halos lahat sa mga nilalaman ay sinulat sa Wikang Pilipino. Sa Pitak na ito ay malugod kaming nananawagan sa lahat ng mga kasapi na magbigay naman sila ng reaksiyon sa ganoong pangyayari.

Sa bagay na ito ay dapat ding malaman ng mga kapatid na ang desisyon na magpalabas ng isyu sa Pilipino ay alinsunod sa pasya ng mga editor, at iyon ay bahagi pa rin ng pagsisikap na madaliin ang paglimbag sa ating magasin. Isa ring paraan iyon upang mabatid ng patnugutan kung hanggang saan ang pagpansin ng mga kapatid sa nilalaman ng ating lathalain. May narinig kaming mga kapatid na nagsabing hindi raw nila alintana ang CABLETOW, at sa tuwing darating ang kanilang sipi ay pinababayaan na lamang; ni ayaw buklatin.

Napakasayang!

Ang CABLETOW ay isang paraan sa pag-uugnayan ng mga kasapi sa kapatirang Masoneriya. Napakasyang ang ginugugol natin sa paghanda, pag-aayos, at paglilimbag ng CABLETOW kung hindi natin ito pakikinabangan.

At dahil sa sangkap na ugnayan ng kapatiran ay nais kong manawagang muli sa ating mga kasapi. Ang tinutukoy ko ay paghikayat sa kanila na magsisulat din; isatitik ang kanilang mga kurukuro at ipadala sa ating magasin. Ang mga gintong kaisipan na hindi maimbak sa titik ay naglalahong parang bula, at hindi mapakinabangan ng nakararami. Dahil sa pagsulat ng ating mga ninuno, at sa pagsalin-sulat ng iba pang mga dalubhasa ay napaakinabangan natin hanggang sa panahong ito ang mga aral, ang mga gintong kaisipan at mahalagang mga kurukuro ng marurunong nang unang panahon.

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by a Lodge to receive the Degrees. Two such examples will suffice. Vice President elect Charles Warren Fairbanks received all three Degrees on December 27, 1904, in Oriental Lodge No. 500, following his prior election to the Degrees and membership on December 13 1904. This instance continues to be reported by various Masonic authorities as an example of making a Mason-at-Sight, but it is refuted by the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The most recent event misreported as the making of a Mason-at-Sight occurred on August 19, 1978,

in Chillicothe, Ohio, when US Senator John H. Glenn, Jr. received the three Symbolic Degrees, with the Grand Master in attendance. Actually, however, Senator Glenn, former astronaut, petitioned for the Degrees and membership in Concord Lodge No. 688, New Concord, Ohio, on January 20, 1964, but due to military conflicts and governmental obligations, he was unable to present himself earlier for initiation.

(An address by M.W. Lester at the conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, 1980.)

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of them are not busy fulfilling the requirements of their professions, in their "little farm". Here, both man and wife commune with nature, a luxury that they welcome in exchange for the humdrum routine of the asphalt jungle.

"It is unfortunate that my job has kept me very, very busy. But in my own way I have tried to be faithful to the trust that I am supposed to keep as a Brother, within Masonic bounds," Bro. Tony reflected with utmost seriousness.

It was almost sacreligious to end the interview session with Bro.

Tony. We were so engrossed in our conversation we forgot how long we had stayed in his backroom. Suddenly, feeling famished, we decided to break bread together and continue our conversation. Passing through his office and seeing some people still waiting for him, one gets the feeling that our Brother's job does not only call for the wisdom of Solomon but also the patience of Job. The daily grind of meeting people and lending assistance to their needs has become our Brother's cup of tea. To Bro. Tony this act of dedication is part of the totality of the system. Every act of kindness and understanding is an act dedicated to the Divine Architect of the Universe.

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Dakilang Liwanag (Great Lights) ng ating kapatiran ay tunay na halimbawa. Hindi lamang ang Bibliya, kungdi na rin pati ang mga makasaysayang tuklas ng mga paham, ng mga dalubhasa sa agham at batas, sa literatura at panitikan, ay naipamana sa atin. Maiiwan pa rin natin ang mga iyan sa magiging anak ng ating mga anak, dahilang sa pag-sulat.

Sa pamamagitan ng panulat ay ating makakaniig ang mga kapatid na hindi pa natin nakakadaupang-palad. Gayundin sa pagbasa ng ating magasin, sila'y ating makakapanayam. Hindi lamang sila, kungdi pati na rin ang mga dalubhasa nang nakaraang mga panahon — libu-libong taon man ang nakalipas! Makakaulayaw natin sila sa diwa at pag-iisip, sa mga hakahaka, paniwala at pananampalataya, sa mga layunin, mithiin, pag-asa, adhikain at mga pangarap!



WB and Mrs. Nepomoceno S. Callo donated an 800 square meter lot for the site of Sanchez Mira Lodge No. 233, F. & A.M.. WB Callo, at left signs the Deed of Donation and MW Manuel D. Mandac accepting the donation on behalf of Sanchez Mira Lodge No. 233 while Mrs. Callo and MW Esteban Munarriz look on.

Standing behind them are: WB Pedro Aguda, MW Ruperto S. Demonteverde, WB Hilario G. Esguerra and VW Hermogenes P. Oliveros.

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