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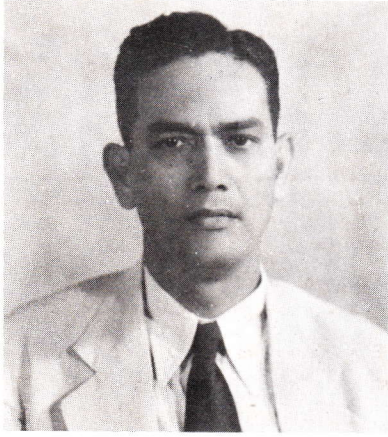
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WB BEN MANESE, SR.

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Our Cover

After 86 years of toil, WB Manese, Sr. has dropped his working tools. We shall miss him for he belongs to a rare breed — he directed our Masonic destiny without need of center-stage, amidst loguacious and loud voices, he made himself heard by whispering good counsel in our ears . . .

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SHOWING MORE CONCERN FOR THE YOUTH

"Please save our world" is the plea of today's youth as well as the focus of the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the United Nations, which declared 1985 as the International Youth Year (IYY), the theme of which is "Participation, Development, Peace."

The youth's plea has been articulated by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar thus: "Young people everywhere are aspiring for a world of justice and opportunity. They are seeking remedies to the poverty that besets much of mankind and an end to the arms race. I believe that no institution or Government should ignore the significance of what they (the young people) are trying to say."

As an institution, Freemasonry has not ignored the significance of what the young people are trying to say. But most probably we should spur ourselves to more meaningful action in connection with the IYY theme.

Perhaps we should sponsor more Youth Days. Such a day is full of fun activities, including games and musical entertainment, - - one in which we give awards and recognition to the outstanding ones among the members of Masonic Youth Groups (MYGs) like the Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughter and Rainbow for Girls, - - one in which the brethren, members of the appendant bodies and members of the MYGs will attend, - - one to which the sons and daughters of Masons who are not members of those youth groups, as well as other young persons interested in joining any of the MYGs, will be invited to attend. Such an activity is an opportunity for the brethren to meet the future leaders of Masonry and of the appendant bodies in their respective jurisdictions and another opportunity for the brethren to enjoy one another's fellowship. It is also a chance for our Masonic Youth Group members to be recognized and for the other young persons present to get acquainted with the benefits our MYGs have to offer. Probably these young persons will find membership in one of our MYGs to be fun and rewarding in addition to making life-long friends.

We can, in addition, spur, more than ever, our young people to take active part in civic and related activities; to share with others whatever blessings they have; to make responsible decisions and put these into meaningful action; and, at any time, to be their best selves.

We can also give incentives to young people to participate in community development, so that they will put into effect what their respective organizations have been teaching them. We can, for instance,

move our young people towards progressively contributing to the reduction of malnutrition, disease, illiteracy, unemployment, inequality and other symptoms of poverty.

But we can spur young people to do so only when we put up ourselves as catalysts for social progress, when we ourselves work for greater social justice and equitable distribution of income and services.

Those of us in the provinces in particular can do much toward integrated rural development. All of us, in our own spheres of influence and in our own measure, especially those who own companies and business enterprises or who occupy high positions in both the government and private sectors, can give our countrymen opportunities for employment, thereby helping them achieve fulfillment and dignity.

Bro. Apolinario Mabini must have specifically addressed the following precept to his fellow Masons because Masonry teaches, among others, that we practice charity and benevolence, assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, inculcate morality, promote learning and love man: "Strive for the happiness of your country by making of her a kingdom of reason, justice and work; for if she is happy, you and your family should also be happy."

Let us, therefore, be more concerned with the quality of life of the people in our respective communities by involving ourselves and our children and their friends in programs and projects which are designed to attack effectively the problems of poverty and which directly benefit the masses of low-income people. Those programs and projects, of course, must not only provide these people with basic material needs but also with opportunities to advance and to share in the determination of their own future.

Moreover, since peace is a condition sine qua non for a dignified, happy life as well as for the secure future of the youth, let us help in minimizing the threat of nuclear war, the Damoclean sword of modern society, the peril of which is aptly phrased in Ethel Jacobson's small poem "Atomic Courtesy":

To smash the simple atom
All mankind was intent
Now any day
The atom may
Return the compliment

That day, let us not allow to come. Thus, in our own small ways, we should campaign against armed conflicts, against the arms race, against other obstacles to international, regional and national peace and security inasmuch as these have overt negative effects on the development process.

Young people have a major stake in the future, and they are capable of being instrumental in achieving international peace goals. Realizing that, we Masons should help and lead in programs and actions aimed at educating the youth in line with our objective of promoting the brotherhood of men under the fatherhood of God.

Let us direct our efforts toward the causes of juvenile delinquency, adolescent sexuality, drug abuse, and other social problems, which are rooted in limited opportunities for the development of positive and moral values, socio-economic status, substandard housing, poorly educated and unskilled parents, unwholesome parent-child relationship, etc.

These are some of the things we can do to help the Grand Lodge demonstrate its concern for the youth, for them who are pleading to us, "PLEASE SAVE OUR WORLD." -- eF-R-eN

E. A. M.

Having passed the ballot, the petitioner in due course is notified, presents himself and is initiated. He then becomes an Entered Apprentice Mason to the extent that he is called a Brother and has certain rights. He is not yet a Mason in the legal Masonic sense.

Seeing a framework erected on a plot of ground, people ask, "What are they building?" And we reply, "A house." We mean they are building something which eventually will be a house.

The Entered Apprentice in like manner is a Mason in the sense that he is a rough ashlar being made into a perfect ashlar.

The Entered Apprentice is a property of the Lodge. He can receive his Fellow Craft and Master Mason nowhere else without the permission of his Lodge. He does not pay his dues; he is not yet permitted to sign its by-laws. He can enter the Lodge only when the Lodge is open on the first degree. He cannot hold office. He cannot vote, nor cast ballot, nor receive Masonic burial, nor attend Masonic funeral as member of the Lodge.

The Lodge asks little of an Entered Apprentice besides the secrecy to which his obligation has bound him. But that little is highly important. The lodge requires that the initiate learns certain parts of the ritual, that he receives and assimilates certain instructions regarding

Masonry, and that he be diligent in learning and so far as he is able he will suit his convenience as to time and place to that of his instructor.

An Entered Apprentice must declare in his petition and many times during his progress through the degrees that the act is "of his own free will and accord." Not only must he so declare, but he must so swear as well.

He who is not first prepared to be a Freemason in his heart, that is, of his own free will and accord, can never be one. (VW Antonio R. Manio, DGL, Dist. 7)

Food for Thought

Young people everywhere are aspiring for a world of justice and opportunity. They are seeking remedies to the poverty that be-sets much of mankind and an end to the arms rade. I believe that no institution or Government should ignore the significance of what they (the young people) are trying to say. -- U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar

COUNTER POINT

Samuel P. Fernandez

To gather momentum where inertia has set in can prove to be an exhilarating but more often a traumatic experience. In the game of human engineering we oftentimes try to experiment on the sometimes-shaky faith that our brethren, when requested, will contribute current news relevant to their respective Masonic districts.

The **Cabletow** was, originally, not conceived to be an intellectual journal. In fact, in its infant stage it enumerated events that transpired in the blue lodges and informed our brethren scattered in the different islands of the archipelago as to who had given birth, who had fallen sick, who were in the hospital, and who crossed the Great Divide. There was nothing very heavy and heady about what the brethren wrote in the **Cabletow**, except short articles attempting to clarify the eternal verities.

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Our spirits are buoyed by the response of our District Correspondents and District Photographers. This response makes us look forward to a time when the **Cabletow** editor will not be reduced to acting as a Man Friday trying to consolidate and synthesize various reports into readable articles in his lonely task of beating the deadline. To those who were faithful in the performance of their assigned task of recording the events in their respective districts for posterity to appreciate we in the editorial staff give expressed honor and accolade. Thank God for such unsung heroes!

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"We pay tribute to Mang Ben, a great mason," eulogizes PGM Reynato S. Puno.

When I became a mason Mang Ben served as an inspiration to me and, without his knowing it, I was overwhelmed by his masonic humility. He never realized that I emulated his masonic life.

I recall, at this juncture, the line from "Scratches on the Sand" published in the **Spectator** which reads, "Life is not merely a vibrating or pulsating activity. It has a direction and a goal. It is a romantic adventure from the dust to the stars." I am very sure Mang Ben's life was a romantic adventure. I often saw him silently doing his task, happily visiting masonic temples, especially the Scottish Rite Temple. That way of life reminds me of this line from Herbert: "Only the action of the just smells sweet and blossoms in their dust."

To a great pillar of masonry, we who belong to the new generation of Masons are impelled to continue living up to his expectations and to live the legacy he has left. Mang Ben is still active in our hearts when we give in to that impulse.

Mang Ben's refusal to retire from his masonic activities may be summed up by the following lines from "Scratches on the Sand" once more:
(If the grave ends all, and there is no life beyond the grave),
"Then, man, what means this burning inborn quest
For Life and Love that haunts your breast?
A senseless search for shadow is existence;
All vain is life; dissence is your essence!
All mockery and heartless is your heart
A part without whole and yet a part."

Such is Mang Ben's quest for eternal life that he did find happiness in expressing his Masonic belief in his daily life.

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"Luce resplandecient en este dia, Juventud Filipina, bella esperanza de la Patria mia." "Shine resplendently on this day, Filipino Youth, beautiful hope of my Fatherland." Thus Bro. Jose Rizal tried to spur the youth of his day.

Being the future of our Fraternity and the appendant bodies, the Masonic youth groups are one of our focuses in this issue. Unfortunately, however, the Job's Daughters did not hand in the information we asked. So we went to press without such an information.

We hope that whatever information is given in this issue about the other Masonic Youth Groups will put those of us who are in the dark as to the origins and activities of these juvenile organizations.

"Where are the masons now?" queried an elderly columnist some time ago. And we have answered: we are around concretizing the tenets of masonry in the pliable minds of our populace, trying to reach out to future leaders of our country, motivating them to live and lead fruitful, gainful lives. It is very masonic not to trumpet at the rooftops our gains and accomplishments. Let it not be said, however, that we in the fraternity are remiss in our social commitments and duties.

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I would like to think that Masonry as an institution is like a university. Professors teach their wards as part of their stewardship not only subject matter but proper attitudes and sound values as well, hoping that what they have inculcated will be imbibed by those who have come under the spheres of their influence. Masons, particularly the elderly ones, do similarly.

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The exercise of partisan politics is taboo in Masonry, which seeks to harmonize people of various persuasions rather than to divide them. All

through our history we have learned to agree to disagree without being disagreeable and to disagree to agree, remembering that we can only work best when we best agree. Petty differences are often submerged for a greater cause: building men's hearts into beautiful temples of virtue.

This is not to say, nonetheless, that as citizens we should not exercise our political rights. What is forbidden inside and outside our blue lodges is partisan politics which creates internecine strife.

With due respect to the elderly columnist alluded to above, the Grand Lodge addresses itself to members of diverse persuasions sans the overt political under-pinnings. Members quietly respond to the need of the hour, aware of their civil and civic duties.

We now invite you to enter into the worlds of Mang Ben, Masons in conventions and in relief projects, Masonic Youth Groups, and the Grand Master.

Happy, pleasant and profitable though long reading!

TRIBUTE TO "MANG BEN": THE WORKER WHO NEVER WEARIED

MW REYNATO S. PUNO, PGM

"Death knocks with the same foot at the fortresses of kings as well as the huts of the poor." There is no strength that can stop the summons of death. There is no force that can cancel his call. The genius of man has only prolonged life but it has not prevented death. Indeed, the last of the specie of man may not see the dawn of the day, when man can restrain his rendezvous with death. Early in history, the ancients of men knew there is no sword, no shield, no shibboleth that could drive away death from our door step at our appointed time. The writer of Ecclesiastes expressed man's despondency against death when he stated "no one can hold back his spirit from departing; no one has the power to prevent his day of death; for there is no discharge from that obligation, no exemption from that dark battle."

Last Thursday, May 2, WB Maneze, Sr., responded to the subpoena of death. Sooner or later, and the wisest know not

when, we shall also be yielding to the inevitability of death. And so tonight we come stricken with grief, with a consciousness densed in sorrow, with heavy hearts and leaden feet. But we come not to seek any treaty with death, we come not to strike any truce with the graveyard. If we come, we come to speak of the spirit of our departed brother, WB Ben Maneze, Sr. We come to pay tribute to that spirit which reigns imperishable, the amnesia of time and the thoughtlessness of men notwithstanding. We come to proclaim that spirit whose everlasting quality is symbolized by the evergreen of the Acacia.

I am not sure whether there can be crafted any eulogy that can do justice to the legacy of WB Maneze, Sr. I cannot but therefore speak with hesitancy well remembering the wise counsel nature has given us two ears and two eyes but only one tongue and it is surrounded by an ivory fortress; therefore see and hear more than you speak." Yes, it is correct that sometimes the only

correct that sometimes the only satisfactory substitute for wisdom is silence but on this occasion, the stainless spirit that belongs to WB Maneze, Sr. does not deserve the sound of silence.

The October 1979 issue of the Cabletow carries WB Maneze, Sr. in its cover. He was featured in Gallery One, a space devoted to the lives of brethren in the fraternity who have made outstanding contributions to the Craft and to their communities. The feature story carried the following observations of WB Maneze, Sr.: There are three kinds of Masons: those who become members because masonry has a name; those who passed the Oriental chair and just fade away; those who stick it out through thick and thin. The last group take masonry seriously and make it their business to live up to the tenets they have learned from the Craft." The writer of the story, WB Samuel P. Fernandez, concluded the write-up with the statement "Mang Ben would rather belong to the third group of Masons making it his business to live up to the tenets of the Craft."

WB Fernandez's terse thesis, I am sure, bears the strength of our unanimous opinion. Certainly, Mang Ben was not a mason for convenience. He joined masonry in the 1930s. Those were the years when wearing the sign of the Square and the Compass was far from fashionable. Those were

the years when we do not find the Square and Compass in car stickers, in shirts, T-shirts and buckles. Those were the years when religious fanaticism continued to hound and harass the members of the Craft. Even MW Vicente Carmona, our Grandmaster in 1930, an excellent Catholic, was not spared the cruel catcalls when he assumed the Grand Oriental Chair. Indeed, some of our brethren, including distinguished ones, crumbled to the pressure that emanated from the religious obscurantism of that time and they had to demit. Mang Ben knocked at the door of masonry when some of the brethren were being knocked out of its ranks due to the day's intolerance. In his reminiscences, Mang Ben recalled that during the 30's masonry was difficult and masons were exacting because they were few. Instead of falling by the way side, Mang Ben flowered in masonry.

WB Maneze was not the type who flew to the Oriental Chair and then faded away. To the uninitiated, let me inform that the Oriental Chair is the highest honor the Craft can bestow a brother mason by entrusting to him the gravel, the emblem of authority that goes with it, virtually, the power of life and death over the lodge. Not every Master Mason is given the opportunity to be the WM of his lodge. WB Maneze be-

came WM not only of one but two blue lodges, Perla del Oriente Lodge No. 1034 under the jurisdiction of the MW Grand Lodge of Scotland and of Hiram Lodge No. 88 of the MW Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Perla del Oriente and Hiram are two of our better blue lodges. As WB Maneze himself stated, Hiram was known as the lodge of Past Masters since no one may affiliate with the lodge unless he was a PM of another lodge. On the other hand, Perla del Oriente holds the distinction of being the lodge with the most number of GM's in its roll of members. Yet, WB Maneze, Sr. whom WB Fernandez called as an alumnus of the university of hard knocks wielded the gavel in both lodges. Without wealth, he was respected by the rich. Without a college diploma, he was esteemed by the educated. How true is the reminder "it does not take great men to do great things - it only takes consecrated men." As WM in both lodges, he is remembered by the elder brethren for his noiseless eloquence; his reign is remembered as the years when the Cabletow that bound them was strongest, when the harmony that prevailed among them was never threatened by any stir of strife.

But over and above all these, we adore WB Maneze, Sr. for his long and loyal service to the Craft. If I may characterize the man, I will say he was the worker who

never wearied. From 1930 to 1985 is fifty five years. He was already using the trowel that cements our ties of brotherhood, ten (10) years before I was born. During those years, the number of brethren he consoled and comforted with his wisdom born of experience is innumerable. It must have been easy for him to treat us like his real children, for in real life he had no less than 17 children. He lightened the burden off many of our shoulders for he was not unfamiliar with all kinds of problems, he was no stranger to the adversities of life. Some lodges like to think of him as the miracle man. Through patience and perseverance, he revived to life some of our blue lodges teetering on the verge of extinction. Araw, Hiram, Mencius, Rafael Palma are some of the lodges which WB Maneze brought back from the graveyard. A writer once commented that the work of an unknown man is like a vein of water flowing hidden under the ground, secretly making the ground green. WB Maneze has made the ground green for the Grand Lodge because years of his unremitting efforts to rehabilitate our blue lodges have paid off. Now Araw, Hiram, Mencius and Palma are some of the pillar lodges of the Grand Lodge. Blue lodge masonry in the Philippines owes WB Maneze a debt for his faithfulness that never failed.

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neze, Sr. has dropped his working tools. We shall miss him for he belongs to a rare breed — he directed our masonic destiny without need of the centerstage; amidst loquacious and loud voices, he made himself heard by whispering soft counsel in our ears; amidst lamentations that some of our lodges are dying, he

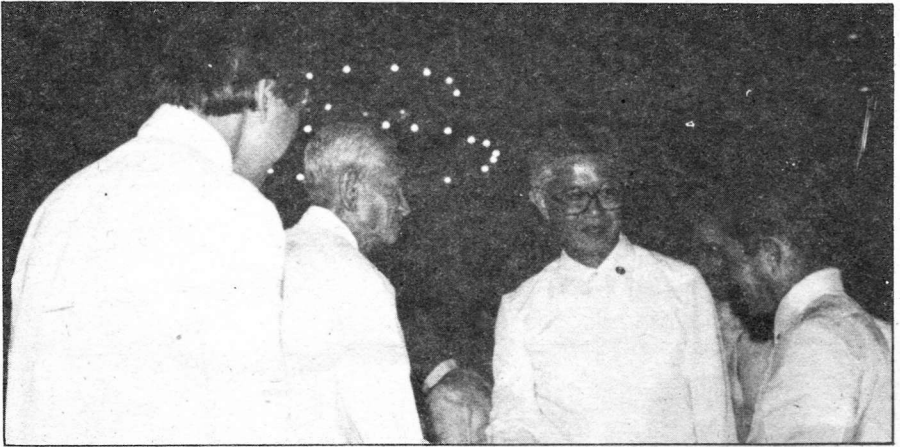
worked for their revival well knowing that example is more forcible than precept.

We thank the Great Architect of the Universe for allowing us to work and to walk with men belonging to the breed of WB Manenze, Sr. We commend his spirit to that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.



WB BEN with dignitaries of Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034 B.C. and Scottish Rite SGIG's.





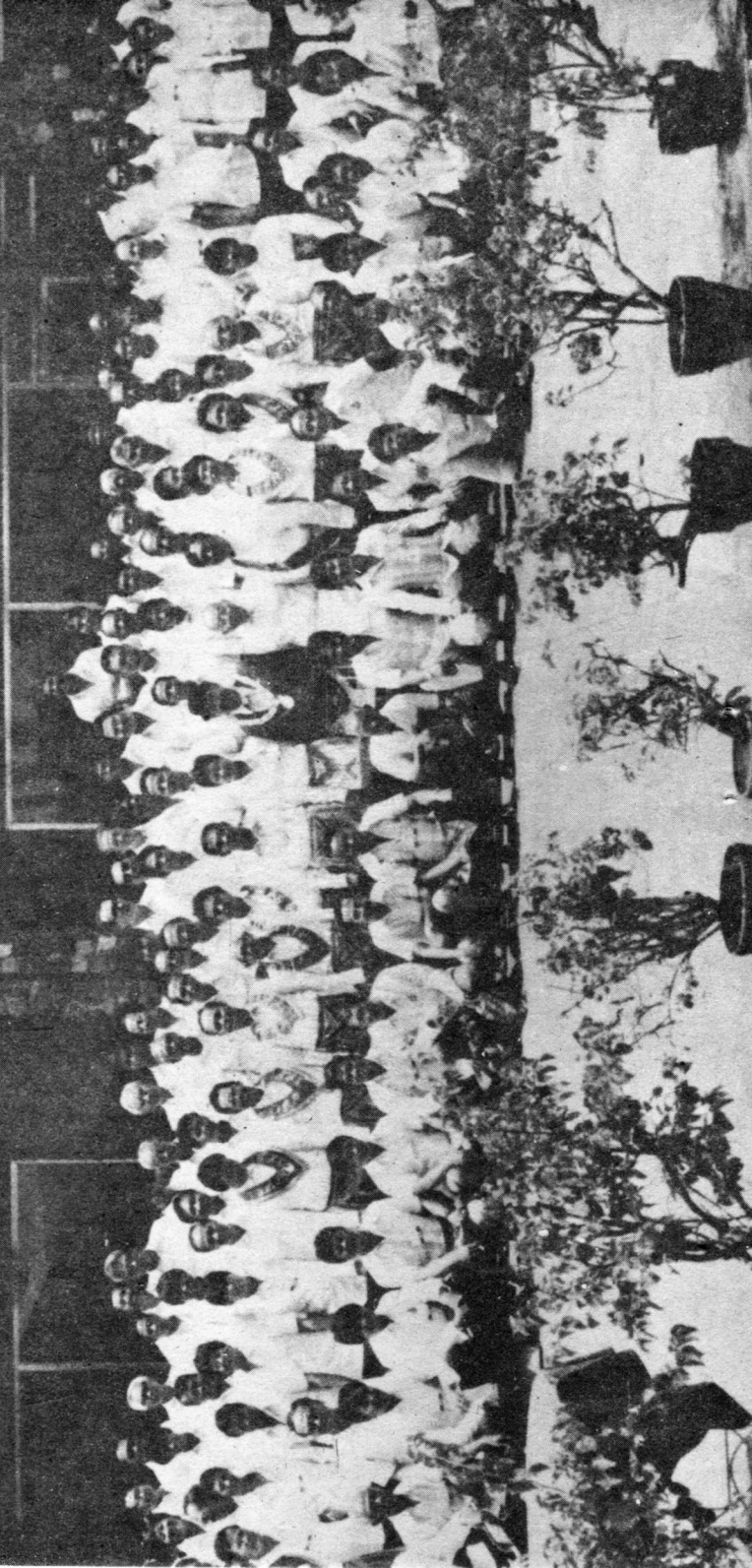
Exchanging Plesantries with PM VIRATA.



Them days with the young ones.



CONVENTION NOTES . . .



GRANDMASTERLY WORDS TO CONVENTION DELEGATES

PEDRO W. GUERZON
Grand Master

An anecdote used by speech experts to illustrate that speakers should not make their speeches too long goes this way: A distinguished member of the community was invited by the local PTA board to speak in a convocation. But the speaker was so enthused reading his long prepared speech that, after reading it, he found out that only one was left of his formerly big audience. "Where did the rest of the audience go?" asked the speaker. "Frankly, sir, I don't know. I fell asleep during your speech."

For fear that would happen to me tonight, I will try to keep my closing message short.

But, first, let me extend my fraternal greetings and those of my family. Once again I want to stress the raging need for firming up on our masonic discipline for making Masonry endure and prevail in this jurisdiction. Once again I want to accentuate the urgency of strengthening our fraternal relations with one another.

Once again, I ask this of you for the remaining of my term as Grand Master, please extend cooperation and support to the various prongs of my administrative program.

The theme we have adopted, "Today's Discipline, Tomorrow's Masons," seems to have become enigmatic to some of the brethren. But far from shrouding my vision with mysticism, I have simply intended to emphasize the essentials in Masonry, or the raging need for us to know and live by the basics of our fraternity.

Through renewed commitment to the fundamental tenets of Masonry we will be able to prove to all and sundry the truth of the slogan, "Masonry through the best of men, the best of men through Masonry."

Cogently, Sovereign Grand Commander and Past Grand Master Raymond Everett Wilmarth has articulated the theme and the slogan in these words: "The brethren who get so much out of

their Masonry have really invested themselves. They have found that the real secret is not to be found in words nor in material goods, but in the warm feeling of brotherhood and fraternal love that glows within the heart. It cannot be purchased! It cannot be demanded! It cannot be captured by force, for it can only be earned by our personal investment. No one can substitute their service for another and get the same dividends. It is yourself and yourself alone, to have or to have not as you choose. And what you will get out of Masonry will depend on what you gave to it." Another light we must keep glowing within our hearts as we punctuate this convention is this: let us resolve that, despite the materialism that dominates the ambitions of people in this permissive world, we will not permit our fraternity from being used for selfish ends by the knockers at the doors of Masonry; for these are the very people who will soon fall by the wayside and therefore fail to do service for the fraternity. Through the personal investment of each of us, we will succeed in applying in our daily living the threefold objective of truth, brotherly love and relief. Through disciplined determination to make the most of what Masonry has to offer and through giving the best of ourselves to Masonry, our fraternity will reap unexpected dividends.

The theme and slogan have also been suggested in the following statements of PGM Manuel Camus: "The teachings of our order are salutary and ennobling. No man can be identified with it without having higher inspiration and better conception of his duties to his fellowmen. It awakens noble impulses and encourages ambition to be helpful and to do good . . . Masonry, (Dear Brethren), develops the best traits in man's character: it tends to make him benevolent, kind-hearted, sympathetic and charitable. We should remember that charity is not confined to financial aid to those in need; rather, it includes looking with compassion upon the faults of our brother, overlooking his shortcomings, and using our best endeavor to reclaim him if he has gone astray."

Yet it is disconcerting to observe that, after they have become master masons, many brethren perform the vanishing act; that even masons who used to be active officers gradually shy away from masonic activities; that we tend to spoil our candidates; and that we fail to follow up our new members toward masonic maturity as well as to serve as exemplars to the younger masons.

As Grand Master, I do not intend to advance any new or startling recommendations. For me, a return to the basic guidelines of life and those laid down by the

ancient masters of our craft is more important than any new procedures or programs.

Allow me, then, to quote MW John B. Obenchain of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Virginia; for, as Grand Master, he and I have the same thrust:

"Let us review ourselves, our goals, our desires for the present and the future, our opportunities. What have we done and what are we doing for ourselves and for freemasonry? Have we strayed from the basics given to us by our creator and our masonic teachings? Have those basics been obscured by the rapid pace of 20th century living and by personal goals that may be too high, too unrealistic, and of questionable value? Are we so wrapped up in our every day affairs that we are missing the opportunities, love, fellowship and devotion so readily available to us if only we don't lose sight of the basics?

"We must think back to the obligations we took, the basic commitments we made when we knelt at the sacred altar. Have we forgotten that every human being has a claim upon our kind offices? Have we forgotten that we should do good unto all, more especially to the house-hold of the faithful? Have we forgotten that we left ourselves on the brow of the hill? Have we forgotten that it is not what we do for ourselves, but what we do for others that are

the important things in life?

So my goal in freemasonry, and hopefully your, for 1985-86 is to go back to the basic commitments to life and to freemasonry and to renew and improve our relationships with one another, with our neighbors, our friends, our God, our country, and specially with ourselves.

"When we have done this we will re-establish the solid foundation on which our fraternity is built; we will re-establish ourselves as freemasons; we will re-establish ourselves in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. We will come to recognize problems as opportunities; we will understand and acknowledge before others that it is not the big things that are really important but the small things, the privilege of gathering together as friends and brothers, the privilege of enjoying our association with people for what they are and not what they can do for us.

"Remember, you cannot out-give friendship; you cannot out-give support to a brother; you cannot teach without learning more than you teach.

"The future of freemasonry starts with you and with me. The future of freemasonry is now!"

That is why, my dear friends and peers, today's discipline will redound to tomorrow's masons.

Let me end with the dreams and aspirations of our second

Grand Secretary, PGM Newton C. Comfort, when he gave his annual report as Grand Master. He said:

"It has been my desire to make our Grand Lodge the first in friendship, in fellowship, in charity, in fraternal zeal, and loyalty to brotherman. We are all inspired with hope. We have a reason for the hope that is in us. We know the tenets of the fraternity. We love the broad philosophy, we admire the teachings that bring us together in the bonds of love and attune our lives to the same high cord of righteousness and make us ready to do and sacrifice to promote the cause, and exemplify in our lives the noblest mo-

tives, until each heart glows with fervency that is real inspiration and a joy."

Very Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Brothers, Brethren and Peers, it has been a real inspiration and a joy to be with you during your days of fellowship. It is my fond hope that this convention has not been just a gathering of brethren and an opportunity to renew amenities with one another, but a time to reflect on the ideals and tenets of our fraternity which can make us the best of men and on the ways by which we can make masonry the best of fraternal organizations. May the Architect of the Universe bless us all!

FOCUS ON DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND OFFICIAL VISITATIONS

Following are some highlights of Masonic District conventions on the theme "Today's Discipline, Tomorrow's Masons" and on the slogan "Masonry through the best of men, the best of men through Masonry."

Masonic District No. 2

MW Pedro W. Guerzon officially visited Masonic District No. 2 on the occasion of its 19th Masonic District Convention held at Gonzaga Lodge No. 66, F & AM, Tuguegarao, Cagayan on Sept. 21.

On hand to welcome the visiting Grand Master and party were DDGM Leonardo B. Resurreccion, Sr., DGL Bienvenido de Guzman and GLIs Gabriel O. Arce (Mabini Lodge No. 39), Paterno Bumarlong (Gonzaga Lodge No. 66, host Lodge), Manuel Dulawon (Rio Chico Lodge No. 182), Edumundo R. Udarbe (Itawes Lodge No. 215), and Wilfredo Bagasao (Sanchez Mira Lodge No. 233) as well as brethren of Dist. 2 and their ladies.

The registration of delegates over, Gonzaga 66's Masonic Hall was dedicated and the Lodge opened, thereby giving way to the reception of Maonic dignitaries, the flag ceremony, invocation by WB Bonifacio Mequi, silent prayer for departed brethren, roll call of Lodges, action on the past convention's minutes, reports of the Masters, and report of the Grand Lodge.

The following items under Part II of the Revised Masonic Law Book (1984) were then discoursed on by the brethren specified: Organization of a Lodge, WB Rene Cruz; Powers of a Lodge, WB Rodrigo Flores; Duties of a Lodge, WB Cabuyadao; Prohibitions of a Lodge, WB B. A. Cacatian; Funds and Property of Lodges, WB Pulido; Degrees and Affiliation, WB Felicisimo Munda; Dues and Fees of Lodges and Individual Masons, Bro. Tirso Gador; Dissolution and Reactivation of Lodges, WB Victorian Uy; and Officers of Subordinate Lodges and The Master, DDGM Leonardo B. Resurreccion.

After the luncheon, unfinished business was resumed, briefings on Masonic rituals and etiquette were given by SGL Eduardo P. Gonzales, resolutions were discussed, and the DDGM's remarks were listened to.

Deserving brethren having received their plaques of appreciation and/or recognition, the Grand Master gave his message. Finally the officers of the District Past Masters Guild were elected.

The Worshipful Brethren comprising the Council of Elders, by the way, are the following: Fernando Pascua, Julio Laceda, Dulcisim Tiu, Bienvenido Jimenez, Felicisimo Munda, Wilfredo Bagasao, Bienvenido Cacatian, Leon Banez, Jr., Perfecto Lingan, Jose Torres, Geraldo Daway, George Baywong, Herman Asanias, and Mariano Agustin.

Masonic District No. 3

The annual convention of Masonic District No. 3 was held at the NUGCHS Gymnasium in Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya on Sept. 19. It was jointly sponsored by Nueva Vizcaya Lodge No. 144 and Magat Lodge No. 68.

The District, led by DDGM Victor M. dela Cruz, DGL Edilberto P. Carabbacan, and DLIs Heraldo D. Dacayo (Magat 68), Alvaro S. Rumbaua (Nueva Vizcaya 144), Romualdo E. Bediones, Jr. (Salinas 163), Ciriaco G. Reyes (Cordillera 178), Manuel D. Reyes (Villaverde 206), Constante A. Martinez (Ifugao 218, and Jose B. Aquino (Saranay 193), warmly welcomed the visiting Grand Master, MW Pedro W. Gueron, and his party.

As usual, the convention started with registration of delegates, floral offering at the Rizal monument in Bayombong's public plaza, reception of District Officers and of the MW Grand Master and party,

flag ceremony (with Bro. Santos U. Jerusalem conducting), invocation by Bro. & Msgr. Enrique Paz Lagasca, welcome address by VW Victor M. dela Cruz, roll call of participating Lodges by Bro. Sabino B. Delizo, reading of last convention's minutes by WB Gregorio Buenavista, and reports of masters/secretaries.

The fellowship was followed by a meeting of members of the Past Masters Guild.

In the afternoon, VW Eduardo P. Gonzales, Jr., SGL, gave a lecture, which was followed by the plenary session, the floor leader of which was WB Godofredo M. Batarao, Jr. VW Edilberto P. Carabbacan, DGL, introduced the MW Grand Master, who once again delivered on this Masonic year's theme and motto. MW Guerzon stressed the importance of leadership by example or the practice of the Masonic tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth in the daily lives of Masons.

The officers of the convention were: East, VW Victor M. dela Cruz, DDGM; West, VW Edilberto P. Carabbacan, DGL; South, WB Napoleon L. Borja, WM, Magat 68; Treasurer, WB Romualdo A. Bediones, Sr., WM, Villaverde 206; Secretary, WB Bernabe B. Briosos, Secretary, Magat 68; Orator, WB Alvaro S. Rumbaua, GLI, Nueva Vizcaya 144; Chaplain, WB Pepito J. Agaser, WM, Cordillera 178; Marshall, WB Godofredo M. Matarao, Jr., WM, Nueva Vizcaya 144; Standard Bearer, WB Jose B. Aquino, GLI, Saranay 193; Sword Bearer, WB Manuel D. Reyes, GLI, Villaverde 206; Bible Bearer, WB Constante A. Martinez, GLI, Ifugao 218; Senior Deacon, WB Florencio Ranjo, WM, Salinas 163; Junior Deacon, WB Lorenzo Itchon, WM, Saranay 193; Senior Steward, WB Juan A. Likiyan, WM, Ifugao 218; Junior Steward, WB Eladio Dumanay, PM, Cordillera 178; Pursuivant, WB Ciriaco G. Reyes, GLI, Cordillera 178; Organist, WB Heraldo D. Dacayo, GLI, Magat 68; Tyler, WB Romualdo E. Bediones, Jr., GLI, Salinas 163; and Floor Leader, WB Godofredo M. Batarao, Jr., WM, Nueva Vizcaya 144.

Masonic District No. 6

Dist. 6 held its 26th annual convention at Cabanatuan City last Oct. 5. Host Lodge was Cabanatuan 53. The rest of the participants: Nueva Ecija 73, Memorial 90, Gen. Manuel Tinio 167, Gen. Llanera 168, Narra 171, Pantabangan-Bonari 203, and Mount Amurong 264.

On hand to give the GM and party a warm reception were the district officers - - DDGM Ruben O. Azarcon, DGL Manuel T. Seeping, DS Samuel R. Vigilia - - and GLIs Jorge C. Roque, Benedicto Menguito, Mario Barera, Jesus G. Villamar, Pedro C. Ladignon, Jose T. Morfe, Teo-

filo C. Mallari, Sendon, Delizo, Anastacio Ortiz, Jr. Benjamin P. Francisco, Rodolfo C. Beltran, Felicisimo Ma. Soto, Jr. and Eden Paraso as well as past district officers like Danilo D. Angeles, Carlos B. Ferrer, Eugenio A. Jongo, Doroteo J. Joson, Pantas V. Macapagal, Eulogio Sta. Maria, Onofre Padolina, Antonio Pascual, Deogracias E. Rivera, and Emilio dela Rosa.

Highlights of the convention were the meeting of the District Guild of Past Masters; inspirational talk by Hon. Gov. Eduardo L. Joson (73); report of the District Charity Fund; report of lodges given by WB Moises I. Espino (53), WB Perfecto S. Parinas (73), WB Romeo D. Padolina (90), WB Eliseo P. Mateo (167), WB Wilfredo C. de Leon (171), WB Venancio T. Trinidad (168), WB Manuel H. Zambrano, PM (203), WB Jaime D. Austria (228), WB Andres Kaponan, Jr. (235), and WB Florencio R. Dayao (264); presentation and disposition of resolution by WB Rodolfo C. Beltran; election of nominees for DDGM presided over by WB Jesus G. Villamar; presentation of awards by WB Pedro C. Ladignon; and the DDGM's report.

Introduced by WB Cesar Francisco, MW Pedro W. Guerzon addressed the convention, stressing the need for a return to the basics as a foundation for the formation of tomorrow's quality Masons.

Noticeably present during the reception and registration, assisting WB Felicisimo Ma. Soto, Jr., WB Teofilo C. Mallari, WB Mario Barera, WB Benedicto Menguito, and WB Eden Paraso, were the sons and daughters of members of Lodge 53.

Fellowship reigned at the Executive Restaurant, thanks to the efforts of VW Ruben O. Azarcon, WB Jorge C. Roque, VW Manuel T. Seeping, all the GLIs, all the incumbent Masters, and all incumbent wardens.

Masonic District No. 23

Santiago, Isabela was the venue of Dist. 23's annual convention held last Sept. 20. Host was Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133 led by its Worshipful Master, Bro. Antonino R. Santos.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was warmly received by the district grand officers: DDGM Jose R. Anes, DGL Alberto E. Simon, Jr., GLIs Leonardo P. Chua, Oscar Abad, Maximo Cadatal, Federico Ambatali, and Agripino Bugayan, as well as the officers and members of the other participating Lodges, viz., Isabela 60, Maharlika 180, Malig Plains 191, and Tumauini 251.

Mayor Antonio M. Abaya gave the welcome address after the floral offering at the Rizal monument in the town plaza; MW Pedro W.

Guerzon gave his response.

Other features of the convention were: invocation by Rev. Bro. Hermogenes Ranche; welcome address by CVL 133's WM, WB Antonino R. Santos, who later gave a report of his Lodge, followed by WB Pablo M. Adduru, WB Roberto Simangan, WB Victorio Cayaba, and WB Jovencio Miguel; the reading of resolutions from Lodges by WB Mar C. Cabucana, Sr., PM; lecture by SGL Eduardo P. Gonzales, Jr.; and the address by VW Anes.

Introduced by VW Alberto E. Simon, Jr., DGL, MW Pedro W. Guerzon once more stressed the prongs of his administrative program, particularly the need for Masonic discipline in a brother's day-to-day living.

The followship banquet which took place at the Grand Ballroom of Green View Lodge was hosted by the CVL 133 September birthday celebrants headed by WB Nelson Co and Bro. Max Dirige.

District No. 37

The Grand Master could not make it to the 6th annual convention of Dist. 37 due to stormy weather.

At any rate, the convention went on, hosted by Mount Matutum Lodge No. 156, which celebrated its 25th year anniversary.

On Oct. 17 sports activities prevailed. Tennis was played at the Checkered Farms, Inc. tennis court and bowling and chess were played at Mt. Matutum Bowling Lanes. Dadiangas Lodge No. 225 coordinated these sports activities, with Bro. Domingo Teng as chairman and Bros. Edgar Dypiango, Joven Chua and Magno F. Mateo, Jr. as co-chairmen.

On Oct. 18 the DeMolay officers, advisory council and Mothers' Club were installed. Daguma Mountain Range Lodge No. 244 presented the exemplification of the first degree. And fellowship dinner took place at Sta. Ana Residence, Gonzales Subdivision, Bula, General Santos City.

On Oct. 19 VW Gauvain J. Benzonan, DDGM, gave his state of the district address. Group dynamics on Lodge Management, Masonic Thrusts, Masonic Education and Community Development took place; respective chairmen were WB Jorge F. Calderon, WB Antonino C. dela Cruz, WB Pax Mangudadatu, and WB Terry Y. Ang. After the presentation and critiquing of the group dynamic outputs, the resolutions were discussed and presented and the reports were assessed by the Convention.

The exemplification of the third degree was presented by Dadiangas 225, too.

In the evening Mount Matutum Lodge No. 156 celebrated its silver anniversary at the Civic Center. Highlights were: invocation by Bro.

Ernesto P. Cruz, Senior Warden: welcome address by WB Jorge F. Calderon; fellowship dinner; cultural presentation; musical number; and dance, dance, dance. Emcee was Bro. Jesus C. Veneracion.

This year's district officers are: DDGM--Gauvain J. Benzonan; DGL--Maximino S. Panlaque; GLIs--Nelson Q. Yu, Menandro V. Lapuz, Celso S. Sta. Ana, Winifredo C. Quevada; and Sec.--Alfredo C. Navarro.

The officers of District 37 Guild of Past Masters, on the other hand, are as follows: Celso S. Sta. Ana--District Guild Master; Jose P. Lim, Jr.--Deputy District Guild Master; Felicisimo T. Gatchalian, Jr.--District Guild Treasurer; Regino A. Miguel--District Guild Secretary; Juan T. Talion--District Guild Chaplain; Benjamin B. Hidalgo--District Guild Marshal; Rafael G. Garay--District Guild Auditor; Jethanand A. Balani--District Guild Inner Guard; and Wilfredo P. Chavez--District Guild Outer Guard.

Freemasonry is far removed from all that is trivial, selfish and ungodly. We hope that this convention, with a little touch of kindly considerations so much needed here, will blossom forth in a harvest of earnestness and devotion in the heart of every Brother. That coming out from this convention will be loyal Masons, worthy Brethren, entered upon a new faith of labor, with a new sense of duty, and bound by a solemn vow ever so walk and act uprightly. - - G. J. Venzonan

District No. 1-A

"It is with great pleasure to report to you that Masonic District No. 1-A today is recognized as one of the better organized and managed districts in our jurisdiction. Our continuous exemplary performance through our high standard of programs and activities has thus earned the approval and admiration of five Grand Masters: MW Rene Lacson, MW Rudyardo Bunda, MW Rosendo C. Herrera, MW Reynato S. Puno and MW Pedro W. Guerzon, who have entrusted me the task of steering our district into a position of prestige we enjoy today, and thus a cause for others to take notice and emulate."

Thus reads the first paragraph of VW John L. Choa's report of the highlights of Dist. 1-A's activities.

Most Outstanding DDGM

VW John L. Choa, who has served as DDGM for 5 consecutive years, has intensely dedicated himself to the tasks and labors assigned to him. He considers his being awarded by the Grand Lodge as the most outstanding District Deputy Grand Master in the entire jurisdiction as

the culmination of his Masonic labors and love. For him, that award is "an honor I shall always cherish throughout my life."

District Organized

After receiving his reappointment as DDGM, VW Choa convened the district at the Metropolitan Club in order to organize it formally. He was, of course, elected chairman of the district. The other elected officers are: VW Ramon Gonzales, vice chairman; WB Pedro P. Hernal, secretary; WB Mariano Shih, treasurer; WB Sergio Manipon, auditor; Bro. Modesto Rico, chaplain; and Bro. Eliezer Rodriguez, p.r.o.

The following were appointed to comprise the district's adviser council: MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM--member; VWs Doming Chua, Oscar Fung, Jose Guerrero, and Neville Penalosa--members.

The following were appointed Grand Lodge Inspectors of Dist. No. 1-A: WBs Mariano Shih, Gerard Kaiser, Ronald Fullerton, Lucas Ty, Sergio Manipon, Quirino Marquinez, Jesus Cordero, Pedro Tolentino, Rafael Rubrico, and Godofredo T. Ceriaco, respectively for Mani-la-Mt. Lebanon No. 1, St. John's Corregidor No. 3, Bagumbayan No. 4, Island Luz Minerva Nol 5, Biak Na Bato No.7, Cosmos No.8, Nilad No. 12, Walana No. 13, Mencius No. 93, and Palawan No. 99.

The following Lodges were assigned to the committees specified: Lodge No. 1, food & refreshments; Lodge No. 3, workshops & resolutions; Lodge no. 4, sports; Lodge No. 5, special events; Lodge No. 7, registration & credentials; Lodge No. 8, finance; Lodge No. 12, projects; Lodge No. 13, programs & publicity; and Lodge No. 93, physical arrangements.

Programs and activities

Certain programs and activities in line with the Grand Master's program and the theme "Today's discipline, tomorrow's Masons" as well as the motto "Masonry through the best of men, the best of men through Masonry" were adopted by the district, which required all its Lodges to undertake. These are: continuing Masonic education program, proper Lodge management program, lodge of instruction, fellowship and sports activities for the lodge members and their families, honor and recognition for past masters through the holding of a Past Masters. Night, program of inter-Lodge visitation, continuance of campaign for additional contribution to the Grand Lodge Temple Fund, undertaking of Masonic and community projects, immediate remittance of each Lodge's per-capita assessments to the Grand Lodge, and sponsoring of patients to our Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children.

Lodge visitations

"After we were installed at a formal ceremony last April 30," stated VW Choa, "I immediately visited all the Lodges under my jurisdiction and conveyed to the brethren the programs and activities of the district they were required to undertake, and thereafter attended all their stated meetings regularly."

VW Choa's attendance in each lodge's stated meetings was designed to insure that the Lodges in the district were complying with the programs provided for them to undertake.

Meetings and reports

The district has been holding regular bi-monthly meetings at the Metropolitan Club. In the meetings, the progress and problems of the Lodges are monitored and discussed and the areas that need improvement and assistance from the district officers are determined.

Besides, all masters have to submit semi-annual reports of their respective Lodges. The Grand Lodge Inspectors, too, should submit written reports on the performance of the Lodges they are assigned to.

"Save the Children of Negros"

Dist. 1-A launched "Save the Children of Negros". In two weeks some P22,200 was raised; with this amount, 85 cavans of rice were purchased.

In the distribution of the rice to the indigent families of Negros, the Lodges in Dist. No. 27, under VW Antonio Ko's leadership, were a great help, to wit: Kanlaon 64, San Carlos 86, Negrense 200, Manuel V. Ko 210, and Mangkas 260.

Book published

In cooperation with WBs Stephen Forster, an acknowledged Masonic scholar, and Salvador Marquinez of Lodge No. 1, the district published a collection of lectures on Freemasonry authored by WB Forster himself. To assist the Lodges in our jurisdiction to improve their continuing Masonic education program, Dist. 1-A will send each Lodge a copy of this valuable Masonic book free of charge. The rest of the book copies will be sold at P40 each. For every copy sold, P10 will be donated to our Grand Lodge Temple Fund.

The contents of the book are a brief history of Freemasonry, rituals and initiation, the Lost Word, King Solomon's Temple, Knights in the Square, the Torgan Regulations of 1462, Evolution of the Master Mason's Degree, the Royal Arch, Rose Croix, Mark Masonry, Stephen

Morin: His Patent & Freemasonry, After the Third Degree, and Symbolism of Freemasonry.

Testimonial luncheon for WB Chino Marquinez

Elated at His Excellency Pres. Ferdinand E. Marcos' appointment of WB Quirino Marquinez, a Past Master of Walana Lodge No. 13 and the Grand Lodge Inspector for Cosmos Lodge No. 8, as a Commissioner of the COMELEC, the district gave him a testimonial luncheon in his honor.

"In his response," VW Choa reports, "WB Chino Marquinez informed the brethren that before he was appointed by Pres. Marcos, he was called to Malacanang and talked with the President for three hours, two third of which was spent in discussing Masonry. WB Marquinez found the President to be very interested in the Craft. WB Marquinez was proud to project himself as a Mason. Being an illustrious Mason's son, he promised that he would live up to the tenets of Freemasonry in the performance of his duties as a Commissioner of the COMELEC. He added that he would be one Commissioner who knows how to count."

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Grand Guild of Past Masters

VW John L. Choa was elected Deputy Grand Guild Master of the Grand Guild of Past Master of the Philippines, a position which, in his own words, "will definitely bring honor and prestige to Masonic District No. 1-A."

District sportsfest

Masonic District No. 1-A, a staunch believer in the Latin dictum "Mens sana in corpore sano," has a healthy tradition: the annual district sportsfest for the brethren and their families.

With WB Timoteo G. Juan, Sr. in charge, table tennis became the focus of attention of the brethren and their families, who gathered for the competition at the Plaridel Masonic Temple on Sept. 28 and Oct. 5 and 12.

Lawn tennis, with WB Pedro Hernal at the helm, was played at MPWH Tennis Court, 2nd St., Port Area, Manila on Sept. 22 and 29 and on Oct. 6.

Bro. Eliezer I. Rodriguez was in charge of chess, which was played on Sept. 28 and on Oct. 5 & 12 again at Plaridel Masonic Temple.

On Oct. 13, 20 and 27 and on Nov. 3, Olympic Bowling Lanes, Sta. Mesa, Manila was the venue of the bowling tournament headed by Bro. Alejandro Quitalig.

On Oct. 12, 19 and 26, with VW Jose R. Guerrero in charge, the dart contest took place at Plaridel Masonic Temple.

Finally, golf honors were contested at Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club on Nov. 2 and 9, with Bro. Jose P. Dumlaog in charge.

Lodge of Instruction

The district conducted a Lodge of Instruction at the Plaridel Masonic Temple on Oct. 19 in order to help the brethren improve their proficiency in the lectures and rituals. Our DGL, VW Ramon Gonzales was in charge. Emphasis was made on the floor works in the opening and closing of the lodge, reception of Grand Lodge dignitaries, presentation of the flag as well as the floor works on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree works.

Again, the brethren of Menciug Lodge generously donated the merienda during the lecture schedule.

Grand Lodge Temple Fund Contribution

To date, Masonic District No. 1-A has contributed more than P100,000 to our Grand Lodge Temple Fund. Last year alone, the district donated more than P30,000. This year, VW Choa reports, we have been assigned by MW Pedro W. Guerzon, our Grand Master, P50,000. This fund drive will culminate in our Dec. 7 district convention. I am very optimistic our district will be able to meet the expectation of our Grand Master."

According to VW Choa, the convention of Dist. 1-A will be at the Scottish Rite Temple, Taft Ave.

Adds the DDGM, "The theme this year is the theme provided by our Grand Master: 'Today's Discipline, Tomorrow's Maons'. Most probably the workshop prepared by the assigned committee will enable the participating brethren to appreciate better and discuss fully our theme so as to prepare us to become better Masons tomorrow."

The convention would start with a floral offering at Bro. Jose P. Rizal's monument at the Luneta.

The convention would be highlighted by the distribution of the trophies and awards of the sportsfest and, more importantly, by the giving of awards to the Most Outstanding Lodge, the most outstanding secretary, the most outstanding Grand Lodge Inspector, the outstand-

ing Mason of each Lodge, etc. The District Guild of Past Masters would meet right after the convention proper.

Palawan 99 re-born

Again reports VW Choa: "On Oct. 25, 1985, together with RW Domingo F.M. Domingo (Grand Secretary), VW Eduardo Gonzales (Senior Grand Lecturer), VW Toddy Eusebio (Junior Grand Lecturer), and myself, the Grand Master, MW Pedro W. Guerzon flew to Puerto Princesa, Palawan to reconstitute Palawan Lodge No. 99.

"This Lodge was chartered in 1925 and went unto darkness in 1945. It has been in darkness until its reconstitution on Oct. 26, 1985. Through the petition of the brethren of Palawan 99, MW Guerzon designated the Lodge as belonging to Masonic District No. 1-A. So, the District is now composed of 10 Lodges.

"In behalf therefore of all the brethren of Masonic District 1-A, I would like to welcome our brethren of Palawan 99 with open arms...."

In conclusion

The man who has served Dist. 1-A for the past five years is indeed proudly happy that the district has maintained a high standard of programs and activities, that practically all the Lodges in his jurisdiction have responded to the challenge of living up to "our reputation as an outstanding district." He now looks forward for more fruitful dynamism of the district and wishes the Grand Lodge to launch a more meaningful and active Masonic movement than ever before.

District No. 26

Kidapawan No. 170, Rio Grande No. 192, Midsayap No. 267, Shariff Kabunsuan No. 266, Bantugan No. 223, and Kutang Bato No. 110 are the Lodges under the leadership of VW Hector P. Narajos, DDGM.

The Elected Officers

The officers of No. 170 are: WM--Manuel Guinig, SW--Michael Quinones, JW--Paulino Bandala, Treas. --Alfredo Quemada, and Sec.--Elpidio Masbad III.

The officers of Lodge No. 192 are: WM--Juanito Tan, SW--Cesario Balungay, JW--Ramon Damag, Treas.--Gaudencio Molon, and Sec.--Samson Mate.

The officers of 267 are: WM--Samuel Ferenal, SW--Eliezer Mapanao JW--Beethoven Alimario, JW--Gerardo Tan, Treas.--Rogelio Ma, and Sec.--

Roland Sublay.

Lodge No. 223 elected the following as its officers: WM--Amil Sing, SW--Antonio Chi, JW--Jorge Manaois, Treas.--Abraham Gagni, Jr., and Sec.--Romeo Castillo.

Lodge No. 110 elected Eduardo Rabago as its WM, Yu Sing Chua as SW, Abunawas Otto as JW, Marcelo Soyao as Treas., and Lucas Tan as Sec.

Membership and Meetings

At the start of 1985, No. 170 had 50 members, No. 192 had 46, No. 267 had 26, No. 266 had 33, No. 223 had 59, and No. 110 had 79.

No. 267 had the highest percentage of attendance at meetings. 48% followed by No. 266 and No. 110 with 42% each. No. 170 had a 32.65% attendance, No. 223 had 32%, but No. 192 had a not-so-encouraging attendance.

Common Activities

1. Sports competition and fellowship -- This was participated in by No. 170 and No. 267 and hosted by No. 192. Held at Kabacan, North Cotabato, Aug. 4, 1985. Planned to be a yearly activity on a rotation basis.

2. District Masonic Education Seminar, Cotabato City, June 29. Sponsored by Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110.

Kidapawan

Its monthly publication, The Square and Compasses, features lodge activities and Masonic education materials.

The Lodge sponsored and organized a DeMolay Chapter called B.A. Sabulao Chapter which was constituted by Supreme Council grand Master Macario S. Ramos Jr. and some Grand Council officers. In this connection, some MMs and a Senior DeMolay took the required Advisory Information and Development (AID) Program of the Supreme Council. The prospective DeMolays and their mothers also attended the orientation program.

The Lodge also gave due recognition to widows and orphans last April 7 at a spring located within a brother Mason's property.

Rio Grande

This Lodge has conducted a continuing Masonic Education for its members during stated meetings, despite the not-so-encouraging attendance. It has recommended and sent three children for treatment to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children in Manila. And through its Worshipful Master's supervision, the Lodge building was materially

improved. The improvements amounted to some P28,000, which came from the existing building fund and contributions of well-off brethren.

Midsayap

Though only two years old, this Lodge is desirous of putting up a Lodge building on the lot donated by the widow of the late Bro. Apolinario Corpuz. For this purpose, it sponsored a concert; it got pledges of contributions even from brethren who are not members of the Lodge.

It invited Bro. Rodrigo Gutang as guest of honor and speaker during its first foundation day anniversary (June 16). Last Aug. 17 it tendered a testimonial and fellowship dinner in honor of Bro. Gutang who was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

Last Aug. 10, the members of the Board of Directors of the Apolinario Corpuz Masonic Temple, Inc. were selected.

Bantugan

It conducts a continuing Masonic Education during stated meetings. It has also participated in many fraternal fellowships and community functions.

Kutang Bato

WB Eduardo C. Rabago has called several informal caucuses to acquaint the members of proposed projects and to thresh out problems before these are presented formally in stated meetings.

Eager to improve relations with other Lodges, Kutang Bato put up a program called "Operation Goodwill," which consists not so much in hosting visiting brethren to fellowship as in visiting the lodges in Dist. No. 26.

Under WB Rabago's leadership, the Lodge initiated a bowling tournament among the brethren and their ladies. The awarding of prizes and fellowship ensued at the Worshipful Master's residence.

The Lodge also sponsored a bowling tournament of DeMolays on the occasion of their Chapter anniversary.

It has, moreover, established Project "Pamana", a lodge of instructions program aimed at instructing and demonstrating the basic and fundamental floor-works to the brethren of the District.

Under the auspices of the Masonic Education Committee headed by WB Abelardo Q. Balanog, PM, the program had the following as resource speakers: Eugenio U. Soyao, PM--Masonic Demeanor; VW Hector P. Narajos, PM, DDGM--Lodge Management; WB Ali G. Bagundang, PM--Masonic Jurisprudence; and VW William C. Ko, PM, DGL--Floor-Work Demonstration, WB Eduardo C. Rabago was moderator.

July 4 was fellowship day with the Knight of Columbus, who, as special guests during the stated meeting, were received in public form. The Grand Knight of each KC Chapter gave a short talk and WB Rabago gave the response. Dinner and fellowship get-together followed.

The Lodge tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of one of its members: Brigadier General Rodrigo Gutang.

As before, Kutang Bato is supportive of the activities of the De-Molays under the advisorship and guidance of Bro. Roland V. Sublay.

It recently celebrated its 51st charter anniversary with a stated meetings and a fellowship dinner tendered by WB Rabago at his residence.

The continuing program of activities of the Lodge includes: (1) Operation Flyers--sending the brethren special notices to keep them posted on lodge activities. (2) Operation Flashback--the systematic recording of all lodge activities, including write-ups and photographs. (3) The Craft--the Lodge's monthly publication with a regular circulation of 100 copies. (4) Masonic Education, which consists of the Speak-up, Brod program and "let there be light." The former is designed to develop members; that is, the brethren are appointed to speak or report on a given topic during stated meetings. The latter is a regular column on Masonic news items, which appears in The Craft. And (5) The Lapsation & Sunshine Committee, which reports on the members' status as regards their dues, attendance and physical well being.

Shariff Kabunsan

Its officers and members had a fund-raising, the net proceeds of which were spent for the construction of a "Square & Compasses" design to be placed in front of the temple building.

Besides participating in the celebration of municipal activities, the Lodge plans to sponsor "Operation Harelip".

District No. 27

Masonic District No. 27 held its 9th annual convention at the San Carlos City Civic Center last Aug. 23-24, with San Carlos Lodge No. 186, F & AM as host Lodge.

On Aug. 23, the morning activities included opening of San Carlos 186, registration of delegates, medical mission (sponsored by Negrense 200), and election of Grand Guild Officers. Lunch was at the Civic Center.

In the afternoon, after the reception of the DDGM and party and of the Grand Master and party, WB Samuel SM Laxamana, WM of San Carlos 186, gave his opening remarks; Hon. Jose V. Valmayor, city

mayor, welcomed the delegates and guests; DDGM Antonio K. Ko opened the convention and, after the roll call of Lodges, introduced the dignitaries. After the report of Bro. Adelo Daroy, district secretary, dinner ensued.

On Aug. 24 the convention resumed. Committee reports were followed by discussions of motions and resolutions. VW Jose L. Justiniano,, PM, DGL introduced the guest speaker, the MW Pedro W. Guerzon. Lunch was at Galicia Beach Resort.

The socio-economic condition now existing in our country demands, more than anything else, discipline from each and every citizen. And Masons, as recipients of the moral teachings of the Craft, can best lead the people by example, by practicing in their daily lives those great Masonic tenets, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. I therefore exhort each and every Mason to lead by exemplary conduct that others may be induced to perform the same to alleviate whatever hardships that may come. -- MW Pedro W. Guerzon

District No. 32

"Brethren, District No. 32 has not been idle this Masonic year. With more and renewed vigour, we have given flesh and meaning to the theme "Today's Discipline, Tomorrow's Masons."

That was the declaration of VW Cirilo R. Valles, DDGM of Dist. No. 32, on the occasion of the 3rd Southeastern Mindanao Multi-District Masonic Convention held at the Davao Insular Intercontinental Hotel, Davao City on Sept 5-7, 1985. Some 58 brethren represented Dist. No. 32 in the said convention: 23 from Mati Aurora No. 190, 12 from Shangrila No. 196, 13 from Tagum No. 204, and 10 from Panabo-Dalisay No. 237.

According to DDGM Valles, his District has pursued this year's theme by intensifying, starting this year, the enforcement of the per-capita tax collection. The prevailing and pervasive economic crisis notwithstanding, the brethren have endeavored to meet their obligation heartily and willingly. All the lodges under District No. 32 have already paid in full the increased per-capita assessment for 1985 -- in support to the MW Grand Master's administration.

"Without heaping praise on ourselves," he also stated, "we have extended our very humble contribution of P5,000 to the Grand Lodge for its temple completion."

The contribution, which was the District's response to MW Pedro W: Guerzon's personal appeal, was handed to the Grand Master during the convention.

VW Valles was optimistic, too, that with their District's Guild of Past Masters having been organized last July 6, the collective minds and hearts of the Past Masters would pave the way for more good things to come to the Fraternity, especially the Senior Masons, the widows and orphans, and the distressed brethren.

Referring to his monthly visitations of the Lodges in his District done with his Grand Lodge Inspectors and other brethren, the DDGM announced, "I am pleased and proud to notice the increase of attendance among the brethren in every stated and special meeting because we do believe in 'Fulfillment by Involvement'. A number of 'long-lost brethren' had been inspired to attend meetings again."

VW Valles pointed out the following as the factors contributory to the increase in attendance at meetings and renewed interest in the Craft: 1. Fellowship in the home of a brother Mason after every stated meeting. This lively fraternal event brings together not only the brethren but also their families. 2. Lectures given by individual brother Masons during stated meetings in furtherance of Masonic education. This responsibility devolves upon all--the Past Masters, the Officers and the members of the Lodges. 3. The able assistance of the District Grand Lecturer, the Grand Lodge Inspectors and other knowledgeable Past Masters and brethren. These brethren share their know-how to enrich Lodge Instructions during stated meetings -- e.g., on proper decorum, proper footworks and handling of rods. Labors in flag ceremony and retirement have been almost perfected. 4. Strict adherence to open Lodge examination, including the whole lectures of the degree as prerequisite to advancement. This has been implemented at Mati Aurora No. 190, and it will be implemented district-wide in order to have quality Masons.

Mati Aurora No. 190 is about 165 kms. from Davao City, 109 kms. from Tagum, and 135 kms. from Panabo, Davao del Norte. It has 74 members of good standing, 45 of whom reside within the municipality. On the average, some 27 members attend stated and special meetings. The Lodge's temple has been the product of the collective endeavors of the brethren, with MW Desiderio F. Dalisay, Sr., PGM, contributing most of the lumber.

"Without identifying ourselves," the DDGM reported, "we assisted the parish in rendering free medical services and in distributing aid to the Kalapagan Marayag evacuees."

As of the first week of September, Lodge 190 has raised one brother, passed one, and initiated five.

Shangrila No. 196 has 55 members of good standing, 11 of whom are dual members and most of whom are residents outside of Tagum

proper.

"With the able stewardship of its Worshipful Master and the support of the other officers, especially the secretary, and the brethren," VW Valles emphasized, "Shangrila Lodge has had marked increase in attendance in stated meetings. Right now, they have two petitioners."

Tagum No. 204, which appears to be the most stable Lodge, has 42 members of good standing.

"Almost everybody is active--from the Worshipful Master down to the newly-raised brethren," pointed out Bro. Cirilo Valles, who added that the Lodge has raised three and initiated one as of Aug. 24, and that it has one petitioner.

Panabo-Dalisay No. 237 is the youngest but the most active in terms of community involvement. Most of its 22 members are dual members, but they have donated to the people, especially the youth, of Panabo, Davao del Norte a monument of Bro. Jose P. Rizal. Located in front of the municipal building, the monument was unveiled last June 19. Recalled DDGM Valles:

"Its ground-breaking ceremony was graced by the presence of our Grand Master, MW Pedro W. Guerzon, and MW Desiderio F. Dalisay, Sr., PGM, who joined the brethren of Davao City and Panabo-Dalisay No. 237 on May 18."

More and more brethren from Davao City are affiliating to the Lodge with only one objective: to support Panabo-Dalisay Lodge No. 237 in creating quality Masons. According to the DDGM, under the energetic and dynamic guidance of VW Paul T. Arcangel and with the added presence of brethren from Tagum and Mati, the stated meetings of Lodge No. 237 have become overcrowded, so that WM Ric Lacsam is doubling his efforts toward constructing the Lodge temple. Plans are also afoot for the organization of a Chapter of DeMolay. A candidate was initiated last August 9.

In Tagum, with the continued fatherly assistance of the brethren, especially VW Claudio C. Guerrero, the Order of Rainbow for Girls is very active.

Penultimately, the DDGM said, "We are very proud and happy to report that yesterday the MW Grand Master personally handed to me the Dispensation to open a new Lodge at Mati, Davao Oriental, to be named Don Salvador P. Lopez, Sr. Memorial Lodge."

Finally VW Valles averred, "District No. 32 is not embarked on any grand accomplishment today or in the near future. We simply and quietly commit ourselves totally to Masonry through the best of men; the best of men through Masonry." (FRN)

Lodge 210 dedicates its new lodge hall

The resolution of the brethren of Lantawan Lodge No. 210, F & AM, to transfer its venue from Cadiz City to Victorias and to change its name to Manuel Valencia Ko Memorial Lodge, as well as its petition to construct a new Lodge Hall in Victorias, was approved by the Grand Master, MW Pedro W. Guerzon, subject however to the following rulings:

1. That since MANUEL VALENCIA KO MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 210, F & AM is the same Lodge as LANTAWAN LODGE NO. 210, F & AM, the charter that grants them authority to meet is the original charter of Lantawan Lodge, and that for the life of the Manuel Valencia Ko Memorial Lodge the original Lantawan Lodge Charter will be displayed.

2. That all communications will carry the heading "MANUEL VALENCIA KO MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 210, F & AM" and below it the words "Formerly: Lantawan Lodge No. 210, F & AM".

The change of name was agreed upon by the brethren in honor of the late WB Manuel Valencia Ko, who in his lifetime as a Mason unquestionably had contributed a lot and had done much for the interest of the Lodge and in the promotion of the tenets of Freemasonry.

The transfer of the Lodge was already considered urgent in 1982 when the resolution was passed due to the negative growth of its membership which threatened the very existence of the Lodge. Since its founding in 1976, not a single "Cadiznon" has ever petitioned for membership in the Lodge. Most of the petitioners and subsequent members are from Victorias and some from Bacolod City.

The need to transfer the Lodge has become even more urgent since many of the Lodge members are leaving for abroad. Besides, the Lodge Hall is already in very bad state of repair due to termite destruction. Any repair work to be undertaken will be tantamount to constructing a new Lodge building.

Due to these compelling reasons, a new Lodge Hall was decided upon. Through the initiative, encouragement and involvement of the Lodge's Ladies, the plan materialized.

Situated at the M.A. Liner Compound, Victorias, Negros Occidental, the new Lodge Hall was dedicated by no less than the Grand Master, MW Pedro W. Guerzon, last Aug. 22.

Four petitions had already been received before the lodge hall's dedication. To the brethren, this was a healthy indication of the Lodge's growth in Victorias. (A.P. Daroy)

The essence of Freemasonry is friendship. Describe our Fraternity as you will, a philosophy, a way of life, a system of morality, its chiefest charm for most of us is the fellowship it engenders and the friendships we make through our association. -- Chicago Scottish Rite Magazine

The dedication of the new lodge hall was a two-part affair. Sis. Juliet M. Lacson, assisted by the Grand Master and the Lodge's Masonic Ladies, cut the ribbon. After the blessing of the Lodge by Fr. Roberto Bayona, the Grand Lodge was opened, followed by the dedication ceremony.

The brethren and guests then proceeded to Bro. Marzo Agarao's residence for the fellowship. During dinner WB Amado V. Lacson, Worshipful Master, gave the welcome address and introduced the dignitaries and guests. The sons and daughters of Masons dished out a special number; VW Antonio K. Ko, DDGM, gave a brief history of the lodge and a few words; the Masonic Ladies and brethren gave a surprise number; VW Jose L. Justiniani, DGL, introduced the guest of honor and speaker, who was none other than the Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, MW. Pedro W. Guerzon. The host, Bro. Agarao, emceed the program.

MASONIC RELIEF IN FOCUS

... The earth is the common mother, and to it our frail bodies return. It is well to kneel upon its bosom when we would implore the mercy and forgiveness of God. Let the beneficence of the Earth, which produceth generously and liberally, even for unworthy, teach thee generosity, and that the open hand is a fit companion of the pure heart. -- Eliasaphan, son of Uzziel of the House of Korath

Whenever you can, share what you have with the poor and unfortunate. -- A. Bonifacio

Be thruthful and be honest in thought and in action. Be just and charitable, courteous but dignified in your dealings with your fellowmen.

(Furthermore) contribute to the welfare of your community and promote social justice. You do not live for yourselves and your families alone. You are a part of society to which you owe definite responsibilities. - - Manuel L. Quezon

Walana 13 thanks brethren and sacrificing others

Commenting on his Lodge's relief program, Worshipful Master Doroteo B. Daguna said the following on the occasion of Walana 13's 93rd anniversary:

"The brethren of Walana Lodge No. 13 are all Master Masons, who are truly prepared, worthy and well qualified. In their continuing search for better Masonic enlightenment, they adhere to the virtues to them known, which are brotherhood, truth and relief.

"It is their consensus that these Masonic virtues should not only be told as such virtues within the confines of each and every ble lodge. It is their belief that they should be practiced outside the lodge, so that Masonry will not only refer to the secret arts or parts or points of its hidden mysteries, but will also be understood as the exponent of brotherhood, the symbol of truth, and the inexhaustible source of relief.

"Brotherhood is, to them, the acceptance of another person as a true brother under God's fatherhood. Truth is interpreted by them as the honest-to-goodness presentation and acceptance of the facts, however ugly or hurting these might be. Relief is, to them, the acceptance of that responsibility that God has given upon every man to be his brothers' keeper.

"To practice these virtues, one must not merely accept another as a brother. That acceptance must be truthful, it must be manifested through tangible and meaningful action, it must be transformed into relief. In brief, then, the virtues of a Mason, namely, brotherhood, truth and relief, are indivisibly expressed; they are indivisibly one.

"The brethren of Walana Lodge do practice and express these virtues. Lately for example, many of the brethren organized a medical and dental team and went to their less fortunate brothers and sisters in the depressed areas of Camarin, Bagumbong, Llano and Daparo in Novaliches, Metro Manila to perform their responsibility given them by God, viz., that of being their brothers and sisters' keepers. They gave free medical and dental services as well as free medicines to their less fortunate countrymen.

"In my life, I have yet to see a more touching scenario than the many poor and indigent men, women and children, young and old, all

of whom looked pale and ailing, lining up to be treated. The line they formed through the brethren's guidance seemed endless even as darkness enveloped the place.

"And, to me, our doctors, dentists, nurse, assistants and brethren appeared tireless as they catered to the needs of the sick. Happily, they listened to their poor and sick brothers and sisters, treated them, and gave them medicines.

"To all of them goes our heartfelt thanks and gratitude. May God who is never outdone in generosity reward the brethren who participated and the doctors, dentists, nurse and assistants who extended their sacrificing help."

Medical mission accomplished

From Bro. Bernabe Briosos, secretary of Magat Lodge No. 68, came this piece of news:

"Spurred by its incumbent Master, WB Napoleon L. Borja, Magat Lodge 68 sponsored a medical mission recently.

"Free consultations and medicines were distributed to some 300 indigent patients of Barangay Paitan, a depressed area of Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya. Eighteen young boys were circumcised, too.

"According to the barangay captain, this noble project was the first of its kind in that place.

"The mission materialized with the cooperation of the personnel of Major Ferdinand E. Marcos Veterans Regional Hospital. The team was composed of Dr. Jaime Venturina and Dr. Delvert Magbaleta (surgery), Dr. Julita Cariaga (medicine), Dr. Odette Pia Abarra (pediatrics), and Mrs. Florence Evangelista (nurse), the wife of Bro. Edgardo Evangelista, the Lodge auditor, who was kind enough to provide transportation for the medical team.

"The medicines used for the mission were donated by Dr. Loreto E. Nagtalon, Chief of the said hospital, and by Minister Leonardo B. Perez, Nueva Vizcaya assemblyman.

"Encouraged by the success of the medical mission, Worshipful Master Borja intends to have another such mission before the end of his term."

Free medical clinic held

From Bro. Adelo P. Daroy, correspondent for Dist. No. 27, came this report:

"Mangkas Lodge No. 260, F & AM, the youngest Lodge in Masonic

District No. 27, reached out a helping hand to La Carlota City's indigents by holding a free medical clinic at Don Salvador Benedictor Memorial Hospital.

"Some 144 indigent patients ranging from children to adults were served and were given free medicines.

"The success of the affair was mainly due to the support extended by the following doctor-brethren: WB Gil N. Octaviano, Jr., PM, GLI, Kanlaon Lodge No. 64; WB Carlitos Magno, Negrense Lodge No. 200; and WB Gary Villaruz, PM, Lantawan Lodge No. 210.

"WB Emilio Villarosa, Master of Mangkas 260, and the members of the Lodge received moral support and encouragement from their energetic District Deputy Grand Master, VW Antonio K. Ko, who was present during their labor."

The refreshing dew of Masonic relief

VW John L. Choa sent the following account to the Cabletow. Read ye.

The interesting episode dates back to 1982. During one stated meeting of my mother Lodge, Manila-Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 1 we had as visitor a British Brother, WB G. Philip Dews of Empress Lodge under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

As was my wont, as DDGM of Masonic District No. 1-A, I entertained our Brother from Britain and invited him to a dinner show at the Zamboanga Restaurant the next day and subsequently to a tour around Manila.

WB G. Philip Dews went to San Pablo, Laguna the following day. While he was taking some cold drinks along the highway, he saw a crippled young girl. His heart pressed with pity, he called out to the little girl, asking her to get nearer. But the small cripple immediately ran away, for most probably that was her first time to see a tall, white stranger. Her alarm must have forced her to run! Nevertheless, WB Philip was not one who easily gave up. He asked his Filipino driver to go around the vicinity and inquire who the young cripple was and where she lived. But the search gave no positive results.

The next day WB Philip returned to Manila. Then he flew back to London.

A year wheeled around. WB Philip came back to Manila. Upon his arrival he tried to contact me. But I had moved to my new residence; consequently, my telephone number had also changed. But our good brother from England was very persistent. He requested the British Embassy to locate me. Somehow the embassy got my address and telephone

number. At once he called me up and invited me and my wife to a lobster dinner at the Manila Hotel. He obviously wanted to reciprocate my hospitality the year before.

When we were having our dessert, he said, "I would like to request a favor from you." "Of course, by all means" was my immediate answer. He then told me about the little cripple he saw at San Pablo, Laguna the past year. "Please go there," he entreated me, "and locate the girl, and bring her to Makati Medical Center for medical operation." But as a Shriner myself who have personally handled three cases of that nature, I knew that the medical expenses normally would reach around P20,000. "Perhaps in this case," I explained to WB Philip, "the expenses would even be more because you want the operation to be done at the Makati Medical Center."

"That's no problem," he responded. That retort gave me the shock of my life. He immediately took out his check, placed my name on it and signed it. In short, he gave me, a total stranger whom he had met only twice, a blank check. "Fill up any amount necessary to take care of the operation of that young girl," he insisted.

"But," I interposed, "what you are doing is very dangerous and not so prudent."

His rejoinder gave me a further shock, but at the same time it showed me the true meaning and universal beauty of Masonry. "I am convinced," he said reassuringly, "that the influence of Masonry on you will dictate to you what you have to do." When I heard that statement, I was speechless. Imagine, he was willing to entrust me a blank check because he was of the conviction that the tenets of our fraternity would influence my actuations in life! I did not have any alternative but to accept his request.

I contacted VW Jose Bernie Perez and WB P.Y. Palomo. With them, my wife and I motored to San Pablo City and sought the assistance of VW Rubin Alcantara, the then DDGM of Laguna.

We were told, however, that the girl's place was in the deep interior of Laguna, which was infested with NPA's. VW Alcantara nonetheless promised us that he would ask the help of the barangay to locate the girl for us.

After being treated to a delicious merienda, we bade VW Alcantara farewell. But it was only four in the afternoon. It was, for us, still early. So, we decided to venture deeper into the interior of Laguna to look for the girl on our own.

Eight times we stopped to inquire from people! Finally our efforts were rewarded. We located the little girl's house. She was Lucia Linato of Barangay Sto. Angel, San Pablo City, Laguna. In their one-room

house we met little Lucia's parents and sisters. But as was typical of barrio folks, they were suspicious of us at the start, mainly because they could not believe that today there still exist people who go out of the way to locate them and help their little girl! at no expense on their part and without any strings attached.

Schedules were agreed upon. To Manila they would come on a certain day, and at the BLT Bus Station at Pasay City they would be picked up.

But I did not take little Lucia and her family to Makati Medical Center as kindly offered by WB Philip Dews. I brought her, instead, to our Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children (MHCC).

Dr. Manuel Rivera, our medical director, after examining little Lucia, said that her bones were still growing and therefore it was not advisable to have her operated on immediately. He advised her to come back after two years. Willy-nilly, the poor girl went back to Laguna -- disappointed. To my busy routine of activities, I went back.

Two years passed. I had almost forgotten about little Lucia. Suddenly in December 1984 I received a letter from her, reminding me of my promised help. I hied to see Dr. Rivera. But he told me that it would be better to ask little Lucia to come to Manila during the summer vacation or some time in April (1985) in order that her schooling would not be disrupted. I followed the doctor's advice.

April came. Together with VW Bernie Perez, we motored to San Pablo, again to look for little Lucia.

Finally she was confined at our MHCC in Mary Johnston Hospital, Tondo, Manila. The operation was a success. Little Lucia was fitted with a steel brace and a custom-made pair of shoes was given her. After her successful operation, I visited her at the hospital. She hugged and embraced me with so strong an emotion that I almost became breathless. That was, I knew, her way of showing her appreciation of the help extended to her.

At that moment, WB G. Philip Dews' words came back to me: "I am convinced that the influence of Masonry on you will dictate to you what you have to do." Masons like WB Philip, through the refreshing dew of their magnanimity, will continue to bring the sunshine of hope to many a little Lucia and family.

Little Lucia and her grateful note

Dear Atty. John Choa,

kumusta na po kayo, nauu po ay nasa mabuti
kayong kabagayan sa pag sapit ng subat kong ito:

Alam nyo po ba namabuti na po ang kabagayan
ko sa ngayon at hindi na po sumasakit ang aking paa.
at sa tulong po ng Dios ay alam ko po na patuloy naya akong
pagagalangin.

Mr. Choa. pasensiya na po kayo kung ngayon
lang po ako nakasulat dahil po sa natagapan na po
aking makapag pakuhang litrato, Narito na po ang
aking litrato. at ako po ay lubos na nag papasalamat sa
lahat ng tulong na ginawa ninyo sa akin. Ganon din
po ang aking Ama At Ina ay lubos na nag papasala
mat sa inyo. gayon din po si Ate Nida

Hanggang dito na po lamang at asahan
po ninyo na hindi ramir kayo makata limutang. At kumus
sa ramir po kay Mr. Bernue. Nakalimutang ko po ang
lapeludo naya.

Salamat po:

Lucie Lirato

P.S

Sana po sa pagpapadala ninyo ng litrato ko kay
Mr. Edip Jo ay ipaabot ninyo ang aking taas pusi-
ng pangu-ngumusta sa kanya; at pasasa lamat.

Here are photos of Lucia Linato:



MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF MASONIC YOUTH GROUPS

MW PEDRO W. GUERZON

This year is International Youth Year. It is the year of the young; it is, in a limited sense, the year of the DeMolays, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls — the future leaders of Masonry and of the appendant bodies. It is fitting, therefore, that you contribute your share in making the celebration of the IYY, or what is left of it, a meaningful and fruitful one.

The IYY's theme is "Participation, Development, Peace". You can, first of all, give meaning to this theme by taking into account and putting into practice the following precept of Apolinario Mabini, a Mason: "Cultivate the special aptitudes God has given you, by working and studying to the best of your ability, without separating yourself from the path of righteousness and justice, in order to attain your own perfection, by means whereof you will contribute to the progress of humanity. This is the mission that God himself has assigned to you in this life, and fulfilling it, you will have honor and having this, you will glorify your God." Consider likewise these words of Pope John Paul II to the students of the Philippines: "First and foremost, be genuine young people. What is it to be young? To be young means possessing within oneself an incessant newness of spirit, nourishing a continual quest for good and persevering in reaching a goal. Being genuinely

Where are the youths who will dedicate their innocence, their idealism, their enthusiasm to the good of the country? . . . Where are you, young men and women, who are to embody in yourselves the life-force that has been drained from our veins, the pure ideals that have grown stained in our minds, the fiery enthusiasm that has been quenched in our hearts? We await; come, for we await you. - - Fr. Florentino, in Jose Rizal's *El Filibusterismo*

young in this sense is the way to prepare for your future, which is to fulfill your vocation as fully mature adults. Never try to ignore then the irresistible force that is driving you toward the future."

The irresistible force referred to is the intensity of your feelings. You are urged to channel your energies for good causes like the destiny of your country, the future of your generation and the security of children yet unborn. For, as Emilio Jacinto has written, "A life that is not consecrated to a just and noble cause is like a tree without any shade, like a poisonous weed." We, your Dads in Masonry, are positive that you can and will meet this challenge, that you are willing to assume this responsibility, and that, above all, you are ready to prepare yourselves now.

In line with the motto of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines this year, viz., "Today's Discipline, Tomorrow's Masons," you are urged to accept self-discipline which, according to Pope John Paul II, not only indicates strength of character on your part but also offers valuable service to others. Take Mabini, for instance. He came from a poor family of workers, but, through persistent and disciplined study and work, he developed himself to the best of his ability for his own future and for the

welfare of others. Able to understand others and the milieu he was living in, he developed a vision longer than his time and endeavored to bring his countrymen out of their morass.

Like Mabini, you, the young, are forward-looking. Decide firmly what direction you want to go in, and then keep an eye on the compass.

As future leaders of Masonry and of the appendant bodies, you are challenged to aim high, to have high ideals, to have sublime aspirations. Each of you should strive to build yourself into a man or woman possessed of strong, rich and consistent character; one that is free and responsible, sensitive to genuine values; one that prefers "being" over "having"; one that is not prone to escapism, easy compromise and self-centered calculation, but one that accepts and perseveres in challenges.

There are certainly many examples of men and women with sterling character. But it is deemed enough to mention only three examples here.

Jose Rizal, a Mason, has manifested himself to be a man with strong character. We would not acknowledge his greatness today if his record was not clean. He had the courage to stand by his own convictions in the midst of temptations to yield and live in ease among trials and difficulties.

Jesus Christ, of course, furnishes the most beautiful example of strong character. Read His life in the Scriptures and you will find nowhere a better example of self-denial, resistance to temptation, and love for even His enemies. There is no wonder, then, that His followers are immense and still growing.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, too, was a woman of generosity and submission to God's will. Remember the wedding in Cana of Galilee? The Scriptures reads: "And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him. They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Notice Mary's generous heart and total faith in her Son.

It is decidedly important that you have models to fashion your life after. For, as has been pointed out again and again, the direction that society will take tomorrow depends mainly on the minds and hearts of today's youth. It is, therefore, deemed paramount that you and other young people transcend particularistic interests and heed the call to help build up human society. But nobody can give what he does not have. Hence, Mabini's precept given earlier applies. Develop yourselves to the highest power, so that you will be in a very good position to contribute the expert, committed and creative service that society expects of each one of you.

Those of you who are still in college are looking forward to your graduation and farther to a new life, a new world. Before you join the labor force, ask yourself wisely, "Where will I work? Where will I use my talents?"

Young college graduates generally allow the foregoing questions to be determined by a third one: Who pays the more money?

No, you should not allow your future to be determined by this question. Instead, use your creativity, energy and courage to make a real impact on the world. With other idealistic youngsters, aim at transforming the face of the earth.

Let's consider for a moment a great many young people's idea of success.

Many young men and women think that it is success to have a high-paying job, with a big company, perhaps selling the products of a foreign country. (But didn't Pres. Manuel L. Quezon, a Past Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, enjoin all Filipinos to patronize the products of their country?) Many of the young brains of the Philippines, obviously, are marshalled to sell the products of foreign countries because the companies which hire them to do so pay very high salaries. This phenomenon was once described by Fr. James Reuter, S.J., this way: "The country's talents are on sale to the highest bidder and the highest bidder is the multi-national company."

If you have a talent in writing, instead of harnessing it for persuading young boys and girls to patronize products not made in the Philippines, make effective use of it to help change the thinking of the Philippines.

Or if you are taking a medical course, think of becoming a good, hard-working doctor, one whose motto is "Service to the nation." In many parts of your country, as you may already know, many young Filipinos are dying of various diseases. In this connection, you should internalize the words of the last stanza of the Philippine National Anthem: "Land of Joys, of the sun, and of loves, in your bosom it is sweet better ask, "Where am I needed? Where can I do the most good?"

There where you are needed, there where you are doing good to someone, there where you are giving or serving, - - there you will find happiness.

A pun reads, "Modern man is suffering from t.b. - - too busy running after success and money." No, dear young friends, don't be money-pursuers suffer from restlessness, discontent, bitterness, misery.

Remember the Sermon on the Mountain? If you go where you can give, there you will find peace and contentment. There you will not earn dollars, but you will have friends and you will be loved.

These are the intangibles of service to one's fellow men. No wonder, Apolinario Mabini said that the mission God has assigned to each of us is to contribute to the progress of mankind and that the ability to contribute will give us honor and the possession of honor is the best way to glorify God. In short, as another pun puts it, "The best way to have happiness is to have it."

Contributing to the progress of mankind may be expressed in terms of the theme of the International Youth Year: "Participation, Development, Peace".

Participation! This means that you, the youth, must be given the opportunity, remember these words of our national anthem: "Land of joys, of the sun, and of loves, in your bosom sweet is - - - to live. It is a glory for your children to die for you when they (other people) offend you." Such internalization may help you to fight the temptation of going to another country or staying in the metropolis, where the money is, and to realize that there are plenty of patients in the rural areas of your country.

Perhaps several of you are taking up nursing. Good! Nursing is much needed by our country. Hopefully, after taking the oath of Florence Nightingale, you will resolve to consecrate your life to alleviate suffering, for indeed there is a lot of suffering in your country. Remember this fact: many Filipino nurses are working in foreign hospitals, alleviating suffering in an alien land; in your country, however, a great number of your countrymen die because there is a dearth of doctors and nurses in the rural areas.

The brain and brawn drain is plaguing our country. Many Filipinos argue that since the money is not here, they go where the money is. Many Filipino doctors and nurses, for instance, are practicing in foreign countries, making hundreds of dollars a month - - an amount they could not make in a small hospital in the Philippines.

Remember, dear DeMolays, Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls, that one of the tenets of Masonry is Relief. It is in keeping, then, that, instead of asking "Where can I get the most for my talent?" you would chance, be ready to assume responsibility for those decisions and for putting them into effect. Participation in society takes such various forms as participation in public life, in production, in social change and in development, all of which are central to democracy. Demand, then, for the opportunity to participate in these activities, so that you will become active and productive citizens.

Development! This means that you, the youth, must get involved in the achievement of such goals as the progressive reduction and eventual elimination of malnutrition, disease, illiteracy, unemployment, in-

equality and other symptoms of poverty. You can work together with your adult counterparts in planning and implementing programs of action which effectively attack the problems of poverty and directly benefit the great masses of low-income people - - programs of action that must not only provide them with basic material needs, but also with opportunities to advance and to share in the determination of their own future.

Peace! This means involvement in the achievement of international peace goals, such as the campaign against armed conflicts and against the arms race. You, the youth, have a major stake in the future. It is necessary, then, to educate yourselves in the spirit of peace and of humanism, friendship, mutual understanding and cooperation. Remember, Masonry is dedicated to the actualization of the Brotherhood of Men under the Fatherhood of God.

If you cherish your country, you will feel incumbent to participate in worthy projects, help develop your nation by helping eliminate the social problems confronting the youth today, and work for peace - - peace in your community, peace in your nation, peace in your region, and peace in the world.

But, of course, as Bro. Apolinario Mabini once said, efforts in social upliftment will succeed only if and when the participants in that endeavor have undergone an internal change. It is best, then, to internalize and live these words: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be yet transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12: 1-2) Ecclesiastes 12: 13-14 similarly reads, "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." In a word, dear young ones, the best way to serve God and society is to surrender our whole life to Him and allow the Spirit to have full control. Having surrendered thus, you will be capable of the three things Emilio Jacinto believes true holiness consists in, namely: (1) loving your neighbor, (2) being charitable, and (3) adjusting every word and action to right reason and justice.

It is my fond hope that you imbibe this message and put it into action.

MW PEDRO W. GUERZON

Grand Master

Grand Lodge of the Philippines, F & AM

HISTORY OF RAINBOW IN THE PHILIPPINES

Perla Assembly No. 1 was conceived on April 5, 1950 through the joint efforts of the Master Masons and Eastern Star Members meeting at the Scottish Rite Temple. The members of Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034, its sponsoring body, raised the necessary funds required in its organization.

There were an initial membership of thirty-one (31) girls. It was the second Rainbow Assembly organized in the Philippines, the first one being Manila Assembly sponsored by Mayon Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star. Most of the members of Manila Assembly were daughters of military personnel who came and left the country very often. Manila Assembly, unable to continue, surrendered its charter. Thus Perla Assembly was given the No. 1 by Supreme Assembly.

Mom Beth Barnes was the first Mother Advisor who served the assembly for four years. She was succeeded by Mom Carmen Karganilla who served for four years, Mom Maria Luisa Vicente for seven years, Mom Fe Abarquez Suaco for eighteen years, Mom Zenaida Abarquez for one year and Mom Carmen V. Maneze from 1984 to the present.

The assembly, throughout its 35 years in existence has been very active with its charity projects, to mention a few – Masonic Ward for Crippled Children, Home for the Aged, Elks Cerebral Palsy, Children's Garden, National Orthopedic Hospital Charity Ward, Senden Home, San Jose Orphanage and many others. They have supported several scholars finish their college degree.

The following assemblies were organized later in

1956 – Clark Assembly No. 2, Angeles, Pampanga

1959 – Cavite Assembly No. 3, Cavite City

1979 – Tierra Alta Assembly No. 4, Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite

1980 – Anthurium Assembly No. 5, Cagayan de Oro City

1981 – Amherstia Assembly No. 6, Tagum, Davao

1981 – Aphrodite Assembly No. 7, Mindanao State Univ., Marawi

City

1982 – Sapphire Assembly No. 8, Cebu City

1984 – Batangas Assembly No. 9, Batangas City

1984 – Imus Assembly No. 10, Imus, Cavite

FORMATION OF A RAINBOW ASSEMBLY

An Assembly may be sponsored by a lawfully constituted body of Masons, An Eastern Star Chapter or by a group of Eastern Star members and Master Masons. Either the Chapter or the Lodge votes to sponsor the organization. Then an application for Letters Temporary is sent to the Supreme Deputy, who in turn sends it to the Supreme Assembly. The Letters Temporary empowers the sponsoring body with the authority to proceed with the organization.

After voting to sponsor an Assembly, the Chapter or Lodge will proceed to name an Advisory Board. This board will be made up as follows: "There shall be an Advisory Board in each Assembly consisting of not less than seven members, all of whom must be Master Masons, or members of the Order of the Eastern Star, at least two of whom must be Master Masons, and at least two members of the Order of the Eastern Star, and must receive the endorsement of the body or bodies sponsoring the said As-

sembly." It is the duty of the Advisory Board to perform all the duties required in looking after, counselling, advising and directing the Assembly.

The Advisory Board shall elect one of its members as Chairman, whose duty it shall be to attend all meetings of the Board and shall also elect one of its female members as Mother Advisor, by secret ballot, whose duty it shall be to attend all meetings of the Assembly and all meetings of the Board, or have some other Eastern Star or Majority Rainbow Girl to attend in her place. The Advisory Board shall meet once a month, and whenever requested by the Mother Advisor or a majority of the members of the Board. There must be a Master Mason present at all meetings of the Assembly.

An Assembly shall be composed of not less than twenty-five (25) members who have passed their twelfth (12th) birthday and not reached her twentieth (20th) birthday; is a daughter of a Master Mason, a daughter of an Eastern Star, or who may be recommend-

ed by a member of one of these Orders; has resided at least three months within the jurisdiction of the Assembly which she petitions.

We have endeavored to make the expense of Rainbow so small that the organization of an Assembly will be within the reach of our smallest Chapters. Rainbow does not require any great expenditure of money and is self-supporting when organized.

The minimum fee for the degrees shall be three dollars (\$3.00) or its equivalent in pesos and shall accompany each petition and the minimum annual dues shall be two dollars (\$2.00 or its equivalent in pesos) provided that each Assembly may fix the amount of fees which shall not be less than herein provided.

An Assembly must remit to the Supreme Assembly \$1.00 for each member initiated and \$1.00 annual dues for each member. Assemblies instituted after the first day of July shall only be required to pay a per capita tax of \$0.10 per month for the remainder of the year, beginning with the month in which they were instituted.

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF RAINBOW FOR GIRLS

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was established in 1922 and it has therefore, experienced many years of growth and development. A girl may begin her Rainbow career

when she is twelve, identifying herself with a select group of girls in the town or community in which she lives. In using the word "select" we refer to the homes of Masons and Eastern Stars. The membership of Rainbow comes from this group and when you become a member of the Order the girls from these homes become your associates. You will not only be thrown with them during Rainbow meetings but Rainbow girls have a number of social affairs and events during the year and you will have a part in these affairs. In the Rainbow Assembly, you will be in a meeting presided over by girls, and while the meeting will be under the direction of an adult will be in the background. One will have a feeling of freedom, a feeling, that heretofore has not been experienced. If fortunate enough, you may become the Worthy Advisor of her Assembly As Worthy Advisor she will receive a training that will be worth more to her than any other she can possibly receive so early in life. As an officer, she will not only preside over the particular work assigned to her, but she will work and plan to make a program that will be beneficial to the entire membership. Thus, early in life, she will become a planner and in carrying out these plans which she has helped to make, she will learn to

become a director. Everything in Rainbow is constructive, it is a colorful life that appeals to girls. Thousands of letters praising Rainbow, have been received in the office of the Supreme Assembly from former Rainbow girls. Many of them are now wives and mothers who occupy places both in the business and professional world, or they wear the uniform of their country in the service of their country. No one can estimate the real worth of the Order or what it means to be a Rainbow girl.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A RAINBOW GIRL

Being a Rainbow Girl is nice because its special. It gives us the true meaning of life simply by sharing to others what we have and to help people those who are in need. To meet a lot of friends and to know each of their different personality and to share each others company.

Rainbow as we all know consist of seven different colors with its seven wonderful meanings, each of its meaning tells what a Rainbow Girl should do. So we, as rainbows are practicing and really doing what the seven colors says in every day life. Rainbow you're an inspiration to me.

Rainbow Girl-
Genevieve Elardo

Being a Rainbow Girl, I felt lucky to be one. Because being in this unique fraternal youth organization I have learned the real knowledge of what the word "SERVICE" means through the power and beauty of colors. Its really nice to be a Rainbow Girl!

Rainbow Girl-
Ruthchie Alinsugay

RAINBOW GIRLS IN TWIN PROJECTS

The Sapphire Assembly No. 8 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, sponsored by Mak-tan Lodge No. 30, held a twin project to celebrate its third year anniversary.

The first project was a Food Distribution conducted on September 15, 1985 at the Mabolo district, Cebu City. Food packs consisting of corn grits, mango, dried dilis, Nutripak Champorado and Milkpack were given out to the malnourished residents in the area. A total of three hundred residents were the recipients of the food packs.

The second project was a free medical clinic held September 22. Bro. Aguido Magdadaro led the medical team as the Rainbow Girls assisted the team in its ministrations. Free medicine were provided in cooperation with the

United Laboratories, Cebu Branch. Some 200 indigents in the Mabolo district were also benefited by the project.

These charitable projects were chosen by the Rainbow Girls headed by the Worthy Advisor, Zenith Ylanan, to mark the passage of two years since their assembly was instituted September 18, 1983. The projects were also aimed to help in alleviating the condition of the less fortunate especially during this time of economic crisis.

Supporting the Rainbow Girls in these undertakings were the Advisory Board led by Bro. Manolo Cantos, Chairman, and Sis. Mercia Ylanan, Mother Advisor and also the members of Maktan Lodge No. 30 which is the sponsoring body. Assisting the medical clinic were also Sis. Ruth Cantos and Bro. Rudy Ledesma of Cebu Lodge No. 128.

Rendering invaluable assistance to the projects were the barangay officials, nutrition scholars and tanods of Mabolo district under the leadership of the barangay captain, Mr. Wilfredo Cabalse.

This Is What Rainbow Means To Your Daughter

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was established in 1922 and it has, therefore, experienced many years of growth and development. It is not an Insurance Order, and yet there are many things about Rainbow that have a real value. Sometimes, when we identify ourselves with an Organization, in our more selfish mood we ask, "What will we

get out of it?" This seems a fair question for if we spend our time, our talent, and our money, it is perfectly natural for us to want to know what are the returns. In Rainbow the answer is, "Your returns will be both material and spiritual." Your daughter may begin her Rainbow career when she is twelve, identifying herself with a select group of girls in the

town or community in which she lives. In using the word "select" we refer to the homes of Masons and Eastern Stars, as well as homes immediately in touch with them, as forming a social and religious basis that we may easily call our best homes. The membership of Rainbow comes from this group and when your daughter becomes a member of the Order the girls from these homes become her associates. She will not only be thrown with them during Rainbow meetings but Rainbow girls have a number of social affairs and events during the year and your daughter will have a part in these affairs. To know that she is in a group of girls that are well chaperoned, and that the form of entertainment in which they engage is clean and wholesome, should be very consoling to parents. In the Rainbow Assembly she will have an opportunity to learn to talk extemporaneously. She will be in a meeting presided over by girls, and while the meeting will be under the direction of an adult, the adult will be in the background. The girl will have a feeling of freedom, a feeling that herefore has not been experienced. She will not only overcome her timidity and be able to talk to this group of girls but she can become one of their leaders. If fortunate enough to pass through the various stations, she may become the Worthy Advisor of her Assembly. As Worthy Advisor,

she will receive a training that will be worth more to her than any other she can possibly receive so early in life.

As an officer, she will not only preside over the particular work assigned to her, but she will work and plan to make a program that will be beneficial to the entire membership. Thus, early in life, she will become a planner and in carrying out these plans which she has helped to make, she will learn to become a director.

The Supreme Body, which is the governing Body of the Order, has developed through the years, with the assistance of Rainbow girls, a number of worthwhile things. For instance, the Grand Assembly. It is the state organization, holding annual meetings and selecting from the local Assemblies its Grand Officers. These Grand Assemblies plan a state-wide program. They raise money for various charitable and state purposes. Under their direction are held Schools of instruction in various parts of the state. If your daughter becomes a Rainbow she is entitled to attend the Grand Assembly in her own state, or, in any other state where she might visit. Her current official dues card entitles her to admission to all Grand Assemblies.

Rainbow girls learn how to direct their work so it will be interesting and therefore stimulates attendance. In many local Assem-

bly, there is a study class in which various questions are discussed. There is a study course on the "Power of Color," entitled, "The Seven Valleys and the Seven Colors." It is offered to them as one of the several means of keeping interest. Some Assemblies have proficiency tests and most Assemblies offer merit badges and bars for services rendered. Everything in Rainbow is constructive, it is a colorful life that appeals to girls.

If your daughter enters Rainbow and is a faithful worker, she has an opportunity of having her services recognized by being made a Master of the Grand Cross of Color. This is an honorary degree that is conferred upon Rainbow girls in recognition of services rendered. Only those rendering outstanding services receive this distinct honor.

In addition to the Inspectors and Deputies, each one representing a sovereign state, there are hundred of Mother Advisors who are ready and willing to advise with Rainbow girls. These are women who have made a study of girl life and understand the right approach to her problems. Girls, in fact men and women themselves, many times have problems they want to talk over with someone outside their immediate circle. The Mother Advisor will listen to these problems, which to the girls is most important. It means just as much to her to have

the proper advice in her early life as it does later, and perhaps more so. In many instances, the girl has already talked it over with Mother and Father, but she wants to get some outsider to give her their opinion. Our Mother Advisors have grown very close to their girls, both have developed a lovely devotion for each other during the time they have worked together. This is a service that money cannot buy. The finest kind of teachers that can be found are volunteers, whose teachings naturally flow out of their own lives and who serve because they love. Your daughter, as a Rainbow girl, will have this kind of a teacher and chaperon.

Most Assemblies have two regular meetings each month. The regular attendant therefore has two evenings already provided for. In the Assembly room, she will find a jolly bunch to mingle with awhile before the meeting begins. Then the gavel sounds and there is quiet. An Assembly room is a beautiful place for, as a rule, girls like to surround themselves with things that are attractive. The floor setting of an Assembly is always interesting and invites immediate attention. The more you see it and study it the more interesting it becomes. It is in this environment that the Rainbow girl spends at least two evenings a month and many times more. Here, she hears over and over about the power of color in

her life and what the Rainbow means to her. Events like this leave their everlasting impression of peace and tranquility, on each and every member. And yet, this is only a few hours that are truly worthwhile in the experience of the Rainbow girl.

These are only a few of the outstanding advantages that will come in your daughter in the Rainbow program. Possibly, finer than all these, there will come to her, as there has come to many others, a spiritual awakening and the realization of the fact that as a Rainbow, with Love and Service

as her watchword, life has been organized and developed under the inspiration of beauty and color.

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Visiting the sick and the lonely (?)

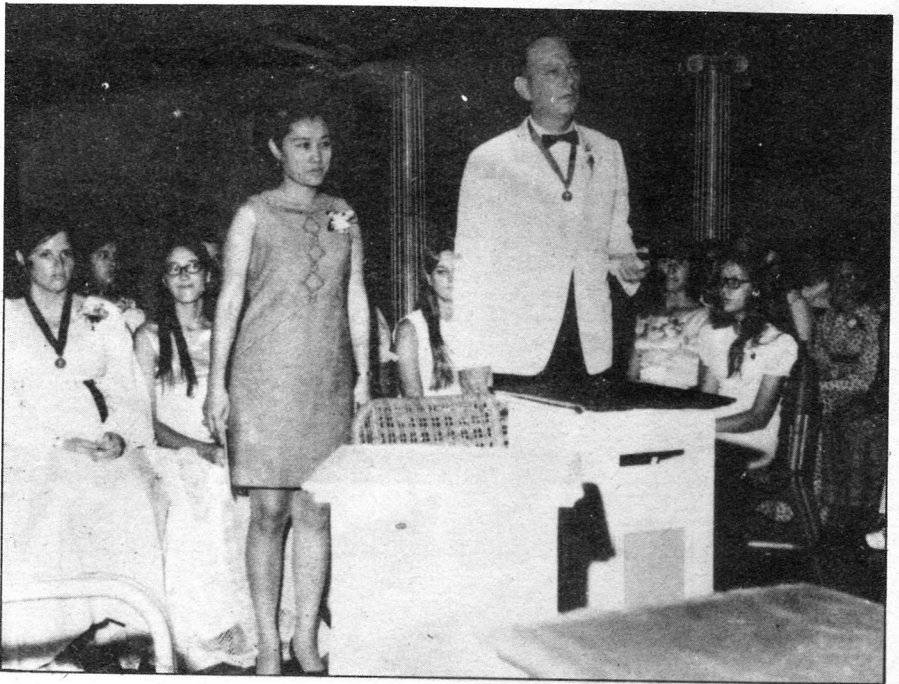


The look of yesteryears . . .





... Life has been organized and developed under the inspiration of beauty and color.





By: Macario R. Ramos, Sr.

A DeMOLAY PRAYER

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN
PRAISE BE THY NAME**

*We give thanks to Thee, for all the blessings, we
receive from day to day*

*Forgive us, we pray, for the things we ought to
do but didn't do.*

*May Thou grant us the strength of faith and
fortitude to live up to our DeMolay Pledge
and Obligation.*

*And as we go about doing our daily chore, Be
with us.*

Keep us safe and far from danger.

Help us find time to forgive and love our enemies

*We pray for the abiding love and fellowship to
ever prevail within our fraternity.*

*Grant our officers, guiding wisdom in the ma-
nagement of our Chapter's affair.*

*We beseech Thee to help our brethren and their
families in time of need and distress.*

*We pray for our parents and especially for our
Mother's Club.*

*May their efforts be amply rewarded with a
more stronger Filial Love from us, their sons*

*We pray for the guidance of our adult leaders,
supporters, workers and friends of the
Order of DeMolay.*

*We pray for all the other Chapters throughout
the world.*

We pray for our country and its leaders.

*May Thou provide our leaders the wisdom
to unite the people and guide the
nation towards peace, tranquility and
harmony.*

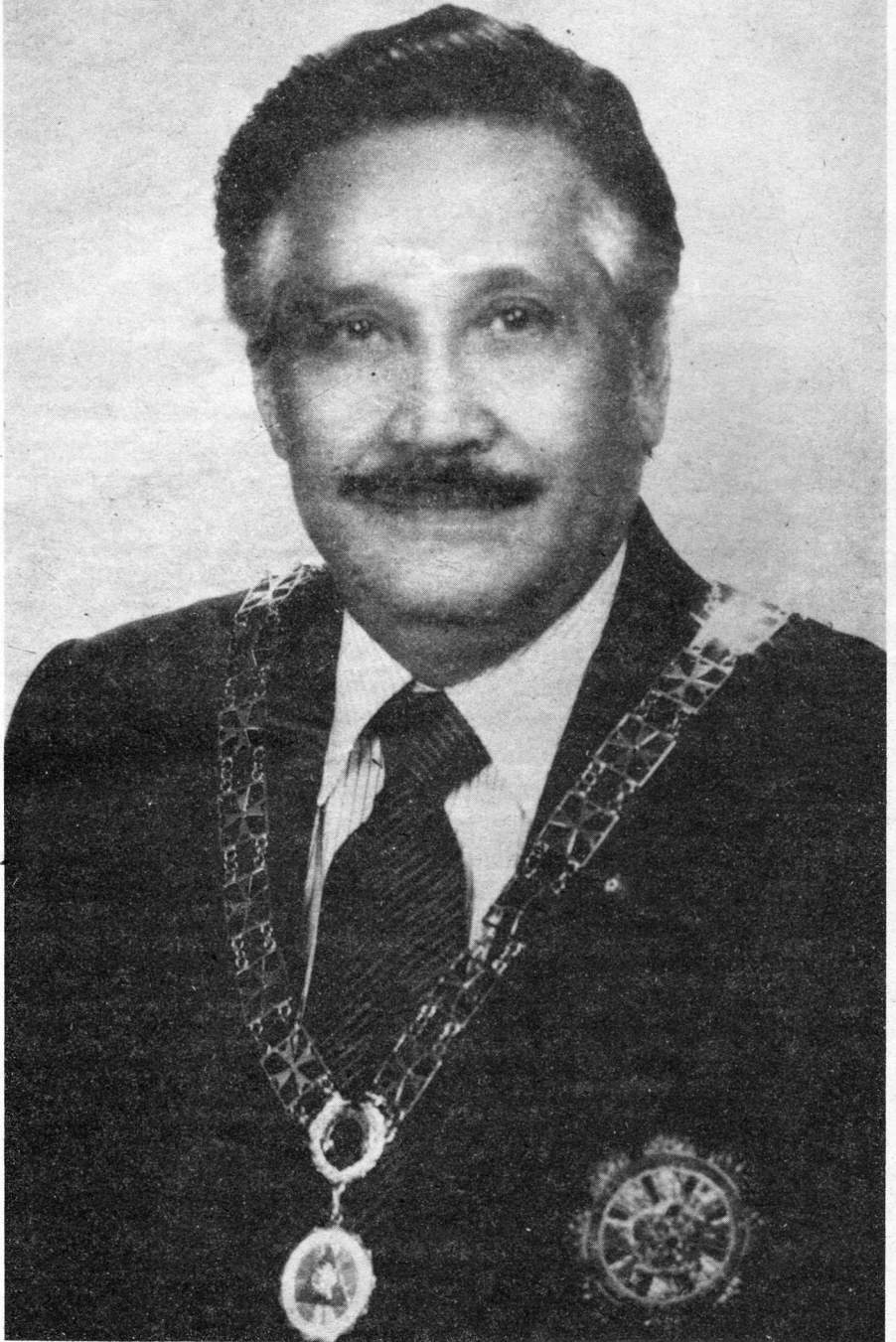
We pray for all leaders in the world.

*Grant them, Oh Lord, the Torch of Light to
brighten the darkness in the World,
especially among the troubled countrues
of today.*

*May all of us contribute in building temples
in hearts of men and nations; forever
work together for a true brotherhood of
man, under the Fatherhood of God.*

*For all these things and much more than these,
we pray in the Glory of Thy Name, Amen.*

FIRST GRAND MASTER





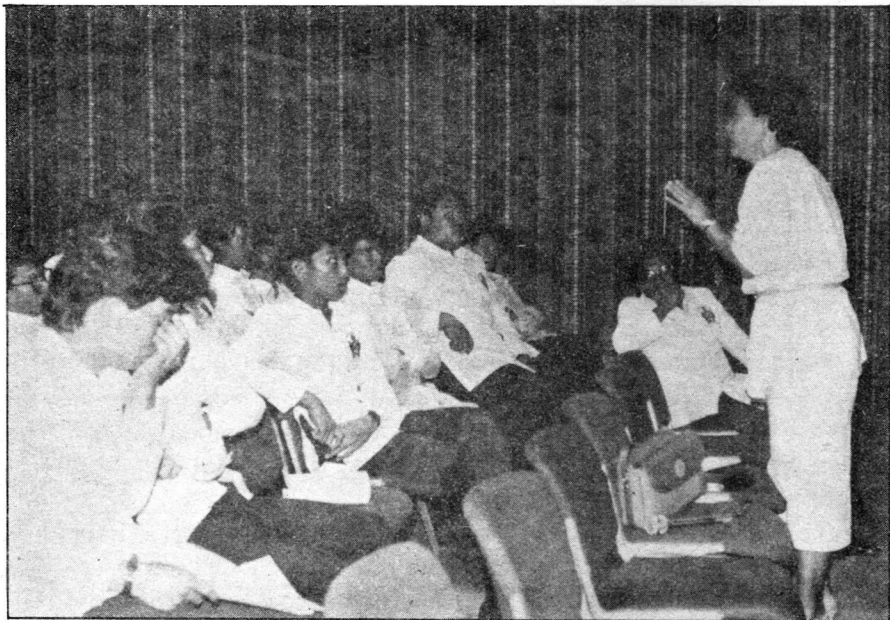
Hon. Macario R. Ramos Sr., presents the Charter of Mt. Musuan Chapter, Order of DeMolay, to WB Amado M. Montemayor, Sr., Executive Officer for Region X, while Grand Secretary Rice applauds.



A simple token to the widow of the late WB Buenaventura A. Sabulao, Sis. Esperanza Sabulao, being presented by Gen. Ramos.



Mrs. Celedonia Aquino giving a motherly advice to the delegates of the Council for the Welfare of Children last Dec. 9, 1985.



The ceremony of Roses delivered by an Active Member of Kalikasan Chapter to the Mothers' Club of Narra Chapter in San Jose City, Nueva Ecija.

DeMolay Awards

Humbly and sincerely, a DeMolay vows to be a better son; to love and serve God, his country and his fellow man; to honor and protect every woman; to slander no one; to aid and uphold the public schools; and to walk uprightly before God and Mankind.

Every member of the Order of DeMolay has worthy ambitions of serving his chapter the best he can. There are also DeMolays who are able to serve church and community while establishing outstanding records in school plus being a great assistance at home. This latter group is indeed made up of outstanding young men who may well be deserving of the Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

Established in 1959 by the Supreme Council with the cooperation of the L.G. Balfour Jewelry Company, the DSA is a recognition for DeMolays who have made valuable contributions in the fields of religion, education, home, civic activities, and DeMolay.

The program works thus: Each Chapter's Advisory Council may nominate a DeMolay who the Advisors feel is worthy of this recognition. The Council's nomination accompanied by the necessary recommendation letters and summary are to be forwarded to the Executive Officer of the Jurisdiction. After receiving the nominations from all the chapters in the Jurisdiction, the Executive Officer selects a term winner each six months. This Jurisdictional term winner will receive a handsome medallion and certificate. The Jurisdictional term winners are forwarded to DeMolay Headquarters where the International term winner is selected. The most outstanding International DeMolay Year, the two international term winners compete for the top recognition in this program "DeMolay of the Year". The young man selected as "DeMolay of the Year" is the guest of the Supreme Council at its annual session. The winner attends the session and is presented a beautiful 31" trophy at the annual Grand Master's Banquet.

This awards program is one which honors the most outstanding young men in DeMolay. The responsibility of each Chapter's Advisory Council and the members of each chapter is to enter their most outstanding DeMolay so the whole DeMolay Movement will know of his deeds.

A DeMolay's Code of Ethics

A DeMolay serves God. He honors all womanhood. He loves and honors his parents. He is honest, loyal to ideals and freinds, courteous, at all times a gentleman, a patriot in peace as well as in war, clean in mind and body. He practices honest toil, stands unswervingly for the public schools, always bears the reputation of a good and law-abiding citizen, and by precept and example must preserve the high standards he has pledged himself to.

Quotes

1 Let us unite in this laudable and worthy endeavor of helping develop our youth to become better sons, good citizens and able leaders of tomorrow. Let us do our part in nation building through DeMolay.

Tomorrow's peace on earth against the holocaust of a nuclear global event would largely depend on our youth of today. For tomorrow belongs to the youth of today. - - **Macario R. Ramos, Sr., Grand Master, Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, Republic of the Philippines.**

2 It is well to note that the Order of DeMolay is an international organization composed of young men, 13 to 21 years old, under the sponsorship of a recognized masonic body. And that its goal is "TO BUILD BETTER CITIZENS" by providing its members with wholesome occupation for their spare time, worthwhile associates, the best of environment, and interesting and complete program for all-around youth development.

Let me say that this jibes well with our thrust to give the Filipino youth all the opportunity to engage in cooperative efforts, which will help them turn into conscientious and responsible citizens of this nation. - - **Pres. Ferdinand E. Marcos**

3 Today, our citizenry is beset by too much disrespect, discourtesy and defiance. I pray that our DeMolay boys will prove themselves instrumental in returning those virtues of respect, courtesy and harmony in their proper perspective. This mission can be accomplished through active and meaningful involvement

by setting themselves to be true exemplars worthy of emulation - - **III. Raymond E. Wilmarth, 33^o; Sovereign Grand Commander**

4 The Constitution of the Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay in the Philippine Jurisdiction on 13 March 1985 at the Grand Masonic Temple in Manila is a milestone in Youth Development that ushers a new dimension in Citizenship and Leadership training for the youth of our country.

It is my firm conviction that this great significant event is the product of the continuous labors of our masonic leaders in the country in their deep concern to develop in the youth positive social, physical, moral and spiritual values. - - **H.L. Noemi L. Mandac, Grand Royal Matron, Grand Court of the Philippines Order of the Amaranth, Inc.**

5 In a country where most of the citizens are young, such laudable results of sincere involvement and dedication to the promotion of DeMolay ideals may not perhaps be counted and felt today, but tomorrow when these boys become men, fathers and leaders. - - **Engracia A. Garcia, Assisting Supreme Deputy to the Philippines, Supreme Guardian Council, International Order of Job's Daughters**

MANUEL L. QUEZON'S CODE OF CITIZENSHIP (Another VADEMECUM for MYG members)

1. Have faith in Divine Providence that guides the destinies of men and nations.
2. Love your country for it is the home of your people, the seat of your affections, and the source of your happiness and well-being. Its defense is your primary duty. Be ready at all times to sacrifice and die for it if necessary.
3. Respect the Constitution which is the expression of your sovereign will. The government is your government. It has been established for your safety and welfare. Obey the laws and see that they are observed by all and that public officials comply with their duties.
4. Pay your taxes willingly and promptly. Citizenship implies not only rights but also obligations.
5. Safeguard the purity of suffrage and abide by the decisions of the majority.

6. Love and respect your parents. It is your duty to serve them gratefully and well.
7. Value your honor as you value your life. Poverty with honor is preferable to wealth with dishonor.
8. Be truthful and be honest in thought and in action. Be just and charitable, courteous but dignified in your dealings with your fellowmen.
9. Lead a clean and frugal life. Do not indulge frivolity or pretense. Be simple in your dress and modest in your behavior.
10. Live up to the noble traditions of our people. Benerate the memory of our heroes. Their lives point the way to duty and honor.
11. Be industrious. Be not afraid or ashamed to do manual labor. Productive toil is conducive to economic security and adds to the wealth of the nation.
12. Rely on your efforts for your progress and happiness. Be not easily discouraged. Persevere in the pursuit of your legitimate ambitions.
13. Do your work cheerfully, thoroughly, and well. Work badly done is worse than work undone. Do not leave for tomorrow what you can do today.
14. Contribute to the welfare of your community and promote social justice. You do not live for yourselves and your families alone. You are a part of society to which you owe definite responsibilities.
15. Cultivate the habit of using goods made in the Philippines. Patronize the products and trades of your countrymen.
16. Use and develop our natural resources and conserve them for posterity. They are the inalienable heritage of our people. Do not traffic with your citizenship.

EDICT NO. 89

TO : ALL DDGMs, Masters, Officers and Members
of Lodges under this jurisdiction

WHEREAS, it is the dream of every mason in this jurisdiction to see the completion of the Grand Lodge Temple, the symbol of our unity, harmony and strength;

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to rush the completion of the temple because of the unpredictable escalation of the cost of materials and labor;

WHEREAS, the brethren have contributed generously to the Temple Fund, but the latest rough estimate is that we need about P10,000,000.00. more to complete the temple;

WHEREAS, there are brethren who are willing to dedicate and devote their time and talent and share generously their materila blessings to enable us to realize our dream of having a beautiful Temple which every mason in this jurisdiction can be proud of;

WHEREAS, there is a need to organize a club which will handle this gigantic task of raising funds for the completion of the temple at the earliest possible time to beat the unabated increase in prices of materials and cost of labor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PEDRO W. GUERZON, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippines hereby decree the creation of a club composed exclusively of Master Masons to be known as the Temple Builders Club, for the completion of the temple by all legitimate means; that the affairs and activities of the Club shall be governed by its By-Laws subject to the provisions of the Constitution and to my approval; that the Club shall be endowed with all the powers, rights and prerogatives as may be bestowed upon and subjected to all obligations and responsibilities as may be imposed upon any organization or association under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines; that for this purpose I hereby appoint the following as members of the interim Board of Directors until their successors are elected:

1. MW Jolly R. Bugarin
2. MW Reynato S. Puno
3. VW Jose R. Guerrero
4. VW John L. Choa
5. VW Conrado V. Sanga
6. VW Victoriano Go

7. WB Andres Tan Eng Tek
8. WB Mariano Sih
9. WB Henry L. Koa
10. Bro. Bonifacio Go Tong
11. Bro. Cristino Lim
12. Bro. Mariano Cleto
13. Bro. Tommy Uyiiapco
14. Bro. Pedro Ochoa, Jr.
15. Bro. Ed Sherridan
16. Bro. Benito Ang
17. Bro. Alfred Li
18. VW Juanito U. Fernandez

and the three (3) Grand Lights, namely:
RW Reynold S. Fajardo, DGM
RW Teodorico V. Baldonado, SGW
RW Raymundo N. Beltran, JGW

as Ex-Officio Members;

that the Board shall convene immediately and prepare the By-Laws of the Club within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

This Edict shall be read in open lodge at the stated meeting next following its receipt and shall be recorded in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge this 20th day of August 1985 at the City of Manila, Philippines.

PEDRO W. GUERZON
Grand Master

Attest:

D. F. M. DOMINGO
Grand Secretary

Late P. R. Francisco

Lord, let me take time
to see the flowers
That grow by the side of the road,
Let me take time
to lend a hand
That will lighten another's load,
Let me take time
to hear the sounds
Of happy children at play,
Let me take time
to visit a friend
Who might be lonely today,
Let me take time
to share my thoughts
With those who are dear to me,
And let me take time
for a quiet hour
To spend, Lord, alone with Thee.

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