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COUNTER POINT

Samuel P. Fernandez



"All progress, all development," Arnold Toynbee has said, "come from challenge and a consequent response. Without challenge there is no response, no development, no freedom."

This statement was applicable to me when I accepted, for the third time, the editorship of *The Cabletow*; for to be an editor of our news-magazine is a great challenge. My response to that challenge is not unlike that of a worshipful Master elected by his Lodgemates for the second or third time, willing to serve once more, if only to improve on some areas which he was not able to attend to in his previous term(s).

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The first challenge I have to face is organization, or the ability to use scarce resources for achieving certain ends; for, frankly, *The Cabletow* has been left with limited financial resources as a result of the previous staff's overdraft. For the present staff, this is a challenge, not a problem. It is hoped, however, that *The Cabletow* will never again experience any such overdraft. An edict of the Grand Master will see that hope end in fruition.

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Certain guidelines relative to the management of *The Cabletow* have been spelled out in the program thrust of the incumbent Grand Master. For the information of the brethren who did not attend the Annual Communication in Cebu, the guidelines are as follows:

1. *The Cabletow*, as a matter of policy, is the Grand Master's vehicle for informing the brethren about his program and the progress thereof. As such, it shall regularly feature a column by the Grand Master, as well as common problems and issues affecting Lodges.

2. *The Cabletow* shall reprint, or at least summarize, worthwhile articles found in Lodge and District newsletters. Lodges and Districts are, therefore, urged to send their newsletters regularly to *The Cabletow*. Also to be reprinted or summarized in our newsmagazine are articles found in publications sent to the Grand Lodge from other Jurisdictions which may give our readers both intellectual and emotional pleasure.

3. There shall be a corps of Blue Lodge correspondents who will choose from among themselves the District correspondent to *The Cabletow*. The Lodge and District correspondents shall be given their respective ID's in due time.

It is hoped that the different Lodges and Districts will send the names of their correspondents to *The Cabletow* the soonest they reasonably can. If all Blue Lodge, as well as District, correspondents are zealous in the performance of recording and capturing in photos the various Masonic activities in their respective locales and opportunely send their write-ups and photos to *The Cabletow*, this will experience a renaissance and become a publication all of us will be proud of.

Admittedly, there have been serious articles in our newsmagazine. But, invariably, this was conceived to be a record of the activities not only of the Grand Lodge but of the Blue Lodges as well. Sans the written record of the accomplishments, as well as the travails, of the brethren, it would be very difficult to reconstruct the history of the Blue Lodges.

The staff does realize that involving appointed writers in the publication of *The Cabletow* is rather tedious. We are, nonetheless, venturing into this hitherto untested direction. *No guts, no glory.*

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Some men talk without thinking; others talk not, but they think.

The Craft needs people who think and speak out what they have thought. But, as observed by not a few brethren, many of us in the Craft are of the listening type; few find time to give.

Now, it is not an uncommon knowledge that many brethren make it their pastime to discuss how the Grand Lodge should be run. Such brethren, and others, are invited to share their ideas through *The Cabletow*, which will run a column entitled "Ideas Incorporated." In this column will be published suggestions sent to *The Cabletow* -- ideas on how the Grand Lodge, a District, or a Blue Lodge should be run, and others similar. Such ideas may enlighten those who make policies in our Fraternity.

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May, according to the Grand Master's Calendar of Monthly Activities, was focused on sports. It is hoped that in the different Districts sports competitions have started a-buzzing.

June is focused on our Mason heroes who in a great measure contributed their share to our libertarian cause. In this connection, starting this issue, we are giving our readers a compendium of the lives of our Mason heroes who died that we may live in peace and freedom.

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Only one District, thus far, has submitted the names of its District and Blue Lodge correspondents.

We may not be able to give an honorarium for every article or news that we receive. We would like, nonetheless, to have the names of the correspondents included in the staff box of *The Cabletow*.

As soon as we have the complete list of correspondents, we will send all correspondents their press cards.

In light of this year's general theme, "Unity, Peace and Harmony through Masonry," and the slogan, "Unity among Masons, Unity among Nations," we in the editorial staff hurl this challenge to all correspondents to *The Cabletow*; Let us unite in perfect solidarity of vision: making our newsmagazine this year the best ever.

Lampades multae una lux - many lamps, one light. The correspondents are the many lights; the one light is *The Cabletow*, every issue of which is a potent force giving its readers deep insights into life's meaning and inspiring them to positive action, particularly towards translating into action the slogan "Unity among Masons, Unity among Nations."

BEAUTY AID

The Unity of Masons does not come from dull conformity, but rather from the creative talents of each Mason, expressed in various ways, and applied to the task of adding beauty to the Temple of Masonry.

(*Masonic Messenger*)



HARVEST

by eF. R. eN

Among the principal purposes of *The Cabletow* are the following:

1. to advance the general interests, ideals, aspirations and sentiments of its clientele as well as those of the Grand Lodge;
2. to stimulate healthy exchange of ideas, as well as foster understanding and goodwill among the members of the Masonic family; and
3. to serve as free forum for expression and dissemination of news and views which are of interests to the Masons whithersoever dispersed.

Hence, this column features the issues and insights raised in the letters of well-meaning brethren and other members of the Masonic family and in various publications of Masons here and abroad which reach the editorial desk of our newsmagazine.

Two Famous Allusions

"Crossing the Rubicon" and "crossing the Jordan" are two significant allusions. The former refers to an action that causes irreversible consequences; once the decisive action is taken, there is no turning back to correct an error or misdeed. The latter, on the other hand, means a passage from the wilderness of earthly life, or from the jungle of worldliness, to the promised land of a godly life or to the celestial lodge the Grand Architect has designed for us.

In the May 1988 issue of *Knight Templar*, monthly publication of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, Sir Knight R.L. Donathan further explains the meaning of these allusions this way:

Like crossing the Rubicon, crossing the Jordan is a decisive action which results in eternal consequences. The difference is in the challenge and the promise. If we will meet the challenge, then we can reap the promise.

God had a place for the Israelites - if they would be obedient to the divine calling. Moses, their great leader, was denied the right to cross the Jordan and claim what had been his inheritance. The reason for Moses' loss was disobedience; the rest of the nation of Israel was led across the Jordan by the power of God.

They had the promise of prosperity so long as they were willing to meet the challenge. At times they climbed upward and at times they passed downward. Sometimes their rebellion led them back across the Jordan unwillingly, as slaves and spoils of war, or willingly, in defiance of the divine will.

The Ephraimites "passed downward" by crossing the Jordan to attack a judge of Israel. Then when they attempted to go back across in order to reenter the land God had given them, they found the way closed. If even the great law-giver, Moses, could forfeit his place in the land prepared for him, how much easier it was for the treacherous and rebellious Ephraimites to forfeit theirs.

All of us, for sure, have our Rubicons and Jordans. At any moment we may cross a Rubicon that we cannot re-cross. We may utter a word or take an action with irreversible effects, for ourselves and for others.

It is wise, therefore, to always consider the implications of this precept of the Katipunan's "Brains", Emilio Jacinto: "True sanctity consists in loving one's neighbor, in being charitable, and in adjusting every word and deed to reason and justice." It is wise, likewise, to ever bear in mind that, like the Ephraimites, when we leave our God-given place and try to run our own lives against God's law, we take the risk of never being allowed back.

Hence, exhorts Sir Knight Donathan: "Let us seek to know the place the Grand Architect has had for us, and cross the Jordan to enter it. Our Jordan speaks of challenge and promise. Let us cross over and dwell in the land of promise."

According to *Knight Templar*, too, *The Stars and Stripes Forever*, now officially America's national march, is the priceless expression of patriotism of a Mason: Sir Knight John Philip Sousa.

Besides, Harry Houdini, the great master of illusion, is a Brother. The story of his life is featured in the January and February 1988 issues of *Knight Templar*.

Living Every Today the Cook Way

The Virginia Masonic Herald, official publication of the Grand Lodge, A.F. and A.M. of the Commonwealth of Virginia, is probably the most regular "visitor" of *The Cabletow*. In its April 1988 edition, WB George M. Cook, PM, has an inspiring article, which reads as follows:

Just for Today

Just for today I will try to live through this day only and not tackle my whole life's problems at once. I can do something for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt that I had to keep it up for a life time.

Just for today I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln said that, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something to my own desires. I will take my luck as it comes and fit myself to it.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. I will do at least two things I don't want to do -- just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt, but I will not show it.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk low, act courteously, criticize not a bit, not find fault with anything, and not try to improve or regulate anybody except myself.

Just for today I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will save myself from two pests: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all myself and relax. During this half hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today I will not be unafraid. Especially, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

Just for today, one may add, and every today henceforth, I will prove to everybody that in becoming a Master Mason I have become a better man.

Brethren who are always late in attending stated meetings think that punctuality is a thief of time.

A District Deputy's Short Short

Below is an adapted version of a brief narrative, by Everett Mack, 32^o, in the May 1988 edition of *The Northern Light*, the quarterly magazine of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.A.S.R. of Freemasonry, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, USA.

In the course of his business as District Deputy, Bro. Everett Mack visited a machine shop, more precisely a grinding shop, the owner of which was a non-Mason and the logo the square and compasses with the letter G.

"Why did you pick that particular logo?" the District Deputy asked.

"The square and compasses are for precision machine work," the shopowner replied, "and the 'G' is for 'grinding'."

Said the District Deputy: "You cannot use the design. It is illegal to use an emblem when not affiliated with the organization."

The District Deputy's plea was ignored.

Several months later, Bro. Everett stopped in again at the shop.

"I have stopped," the shopowner told him. "I have destroyed all my business cards, not because of your request, but because a friend of mine told me, 'You'd better quit. Those guys are Masons, and they could kill you, and nobody would ever do anything about it.' I was scared to death."

Our Brother thought, "It is amazing how such wild tales got around."

Masonry: Promoter of Liberty, Equality, Religious Freedom

Another frequent "visitor" of *The Cabletow* is *Masonic Light*, monthly bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina, USA. In its April 1988 edition, Tommie F. Brant, Grand Master, states:

. . . I know of no other Fraternity that has contributed so much to the promotion of liberty, equality, and religious freedom than this honorable order.

It matters not that we have been attacked by those who are uninformed, misled, and close minded about the true meanings of our philosophy and universal approach to Brotherhood and love of our fellow man. This is nothing new. It has happened before and it will happen again. I can only say that there is no way that an organization that dedicates its Lodges to God and teaches that it is infinitely better to love than to hate and better to give than receive and experience anything but prosperity and success.

Our trust being in God, our faith is well founded Be thankful for the wonderful heritage our Masonic forefathers have left us. Endeavor to leave even more for those who will follow and be remembered as men who did not hate sin so much that we came to love mankind too little.

Kudos to Ari-Tau Lodge No. 279

Ari-Tau Lodge in Nueva Vizcaya has sent copies of its *Bulletin*. The second issue of the publication highlights the 72nd Annual Communication and the third focuses on how Masonic District No. 3, led by VW Edilberto P. Carabbacan, DDGM, will translate the Grand Master's Annual Program into meaningful activities. The District, for instance, has already sponsored on-the-spot essay-writing, poster, slogan and placard making contests, with focus on Mason heroes.

A perusal of the two issues of Ari-Tau Lodge's *Bulletin* enables the brethren and the Grand Lodge to know about the doings of the Lodge and of the District as well. Hence, the Journalism Award was conceived.

RUSTOLEUM

Masonry, whether it be structural or speculative, needs most to have action. Machines—human, mechanical or fraternal—will rust out in far less time than they will wear out.

(Alberta, *G. L. Bulletin*)

JOURNALISM AWARD

Lodges with newsletters or monthly bulletins which wish to enter the Journalism Award established by the Grand Lodge in coordination with the Cabletow should select at least four issues of their newsletters or bulletins and forward them to the Grand Secretary's Office or to *The Cabletow*.

The entries will be judged by a committee to be constituted by the Grand Master for this purpose.

Decoded Monitor?

Many brethren are worried about the vending of a decoded monitor by a Past Master of one of the Lodges in Cavite City. Reportedly, many a recently-raised brother purchased a copy of the said monitor for P100.

Concededly, the decoded monitor may help the brethren to memorize the rituals with ease. But, decidedly, this is a direct violation of our regulations and obligations, particularly the obligation of the First Degree. This malpractice ought to be nipped in the bud because we are charged to protect those Masonic secrets we have sworn to forever conceal and never reveal.

All DDGMs should call the attention of all Masons in their respective jurisdictions regarding this serious matter, reminding them that, to paraphrase Emilio Jacinto, the mark of a truly intelligent person, particularly a Mason, is to keep with the utmost caution those secrets that ought to be kept.

Erroneous Captions

Sis. Ching Herrera, wife of MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, sent a letter dated June 8, 1988 which reads in part thus:

"I wrote to call your attention to pages 101 and 106 of the March-April 1988 edition of *The Cabletow*, which I am enclosing.

"Please take note of the errors in the photos which I have marked with numbers '2', '3', and '4'; in those photos I am referred to as the wife of MW Tong of China or as 'Mrs. Tong' or 'Madame Tong'.

"Perhaps you would understand the embarrassment this negligence would impel, not only to MW Tong and myself, but most of all, to *The Cabletow*.

"I therefore request that you publish an erratum in your next issue.

". . . I trust that you could help a lot in effecting the necessary correction apparently brought about by negligence so as to avoid occurrence of the same thing in the future."

It is hoped that the readers of *The Cabletow* take due notice of the erroneous captions referred to in Sis. Ching Herrera's letter. Though it is not responsible for the error, as was pointed out by Sis. Ching in her letter, the present staff seeks apology from her, from MW Tong, and from whoever was adversely affected by the "negligence" and avers that it will endeavor to write what is right and to right what is not right in what it does write.

Let us remove divisiveness among ourselves and begin to love one another. Thank you all for electing me to this position after six years of wishing for it. --RW Jose R. Guerrero, JGW

A Past Master's Questions and Suggestions

Each participant in the 72nd Annual Communication at Cebu City was furnished with a marked white apron. Thus asks WB Daniel N. Maandig, PM, Kitanglay Lodge No. 256, Initao, Misamis Oriental: "Does this kind of apron replace the required plain white apron? Who authorized it as a substitute during the Annual Grand Communication at Cebu City? Are we allowed to mark our aprons with the name of our Lodge?"

Furthermore, he argues thus: "The members of the Grand Lodge are Past Masters, Masters and Wardens, but only the Immediate Past Master, the Incumbent Master and the Incumbent Wardens are required to vote. Why prevent the other *members* (Past Masters and Past Wardens) from voting? The *members* of any society or organization have the right to vote. All *members* of blue lodges are voters in their elections Therefore, all Past Masters and Past Wardens who are *members* should also be allowed to cast their votes. Discrimination is unfair, and should not be tolerated, much less in the Grand Lodge of Masons."

Bro. Maandig's other suggestions may be summarized as follows:

1. That all meetings start on time as scheduled.
2. That vegetable oil be used in cooking.
3. That there be dishes for Muslims and dishes for vegetarians.
4. That fruits be served as desserts and snacks offered at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
5. That everyone be given the option to select the food he wants.
6. That there be enough space between chairs in meeting and lunch/dinner rooms.
7. That service buses or cars be provided for those checking in at hotels, as well as for going to and from meeting and fellowship venues.
8. That since many lodges in the provinces allow, if not encourage, the overdoing of the parts of Ja, Ja and Jo and Jm, there be a model exemplification of the Third Degree in the Annual Communications.

Finally, commenting on the logo, square and compasses with the letter G, Bro. Maandig suggests that the ALL-SEEING EYE be used instead of the G, which is English, so as "to make it of general application and to avoid misunderstanding or misconception."

WE HAVE A GLORIOUS BODY OF TRADITION HANDED DOWN TO US FROM THE PAST, WHICH WE OWE IT TO TRANSMIT TO THE FUTURE. LET US USE IT WELL TO MAKE IT OF SERVICE TO THE PRESENT. YET LET US FASTEN UPON IT NOTHING HARD AND FAST THAT SERVES WELL ENOUGH TO MAKE IT USEFUL TODAY, BUT MAY MAKE IT USELESS TOMORROW. ---Roscoe Pound, 33^o

A Poem for Every Mason

In his letter to our Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert J. Tweedy of Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge No. 74, F. & A.M., Tucson, Arizona, USA, expresses his fervent hope that the poem reprinted below will be "put in the hands of every Mason in the world." Read it, brethren, and take heed.

How Dusty Is Your Trowel?

by Robert W. Klaiber, PM
Rio Linda Lodge No. 786
California, USA

*When you were made a Mason
The Master gave to you
A silver trowel to work with
For you had work to do.*

*To cement the bonds of friendship
And smooth a troubled way
To build a house of kindness
To live in every day.*

*To help a fallen brother,
Admonish him with care
To pat him firmly on the back
And help him do his share.*

*Now, my Brother, where's your trowel?
Has it been stashed away?
To gather dust from lack of use?
Saved for another day?*

*Remember now the lessons taught,
From these we must not shirk
So knock the dust from off your trowel
And put it back to work!*

An Invitation

The Cabletow invites its readers to send in letters and contributions.

Get printed, if you may.

OUR 71ST GRAND MASTER AN ADAMANT ACHIEVER

by eF. R. eN

Andres Bonifacio, a Mason and the founding father of the Kataas-taasan Kagalanggalang na Katipunan ng mga Anak ng Bayan, got enmeshed in the factious conflict between the Magdiwang and the Magdalo. Insulted when his election as Secretary of Interior was questioned, allegedly because he lacked the necessary legal background, he testily got out of the Tejeros Convention hall. Shortly after that tense incident, he and his brother Procopio got summarily executed at Mount Buntis in Maragondon, Cavite by several of the men of the newly-elected leader of the revolution against Spain, Emilio Aguinaldo, who was himself a Mason.

That is the controversial event in Philippine history which Filipinos, particularly Masons, readily recall whenever Maragondon, Cavite is mentioned.

In Maragondon, likewise, was born on March 15, 1936 the third child of Gertrudes Narvaez and Bro. Eleuterio A. Beltran, a member of Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17 and a dual member of Nilad Lodge No. 12.

Fifty-two years later -- on April 30, 1988, to be precise -- that child was to be officially installed at Cebu Plaza Hotel, Cebu City, as the 71st Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

At his installation, our 71st Grand Master, *MW RAYMUNDO NARVAEZ BELTRAN*, pronounced, "With all humility of heart and spirit I accept the opportunity to be of service to all of you, my brethren."

Aware of the charge "Duty and honor now alike bind you to be faithful in every trust," MW Beltran will wield the gavel with authoritative firmness; his dedicated fidelity to the Fraternity at the same time will spur him to serve us, his brethren, "with equality and justice for all."

Many a Mason agree with WB Edgardo C. Perez, PM, who said, "The Grand Lodge is very fortunate to have a Grand Master who is really dedicated, hardworking and intelligent."

Bro. Ray's Brothers and Sisters

Well did Bro. Eleuterio Beltran carry out his charge to practice the domestic and public virtues because, among other things, he goaded his children towards attaining the palm of professional achievement.

Four of his children have gone abroad: Israelito, civil engineer; Mabini, mechanical engineer; Eleuterio Jr., BSC; and Remedios B. Mercado, CPA. The rest are in the country, namely: Adolfo, aeronautical engineer; Pablo, statistician; Gloria B. Santos, CPA; Benjamin (the youngest), BSC; Salvador, a lawyer; and Raymundo, a lawyer, too.

His Schooling and Career

Bro. Raymundo N. Beltran graduated from San Roque Elementary School, San Roque, Cavite City, 1948; from Cavite High School, 1952; and from the FEU Institute of Law, 1958.

He passed the Bar Examinations in 1959. Since then he has been enthusiastically engaged in lawyering. To date, he is legal counsel to various establishments, such as: Hijos de F. Escano, Inc.; Tropical Hut Foodmart, Inc.; Kalaw Farms Enterprises, Inc.; Magdiwang Finance and Investment, Inc.; Pier 8 Arrastre and Stevedoring Services, Inc.; Rural Banks of Maragondon, Sto. Nino and Silang, Inc.

Professional, Civic, Religious Activities

Bro. Ray evidently exemplifies the maxim "Busiest men find time," as is shown in the following partial catalogue of his activities:

- Chairman, Committee on Human Rights of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Manila II Chapter, of which he is a former director

- Past president of the UST Graduate School Students Council, of the Square and Compass Toastmasters Club, and of the Temple Builders Club;

- Member of the committee tasked with the construction of the Memorial Hall in honor of one of the pillars of Philippine Masonry and of the Philippine Independent Church: MW Calixto O. Zaldivar, PGM.

His Wife and Children

The woman Bro. Ray chose to help him in furthering his career as a lawyer is appropriately named Lualhati. She was born in Manila to Melencio Domingo of Quezon City and Catalina Lopez of La Union on February 12, 1941.

Sis. Lualhati took up Bachelor of Science in Commerce at the University of the East. Today she is the owner and proprietress of Moonlit Crafts, which has ceramics products and decors for specialization. But she has found time for the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth, of which she is an active member. She has found time, definitely, to be "present" to her seven children, namely:

- Aristotle, a DeMolay and still a student taking up mechanical engineer.
- Emmanuel, also a DeMolay and an electronics expert who helps his mother in managing the family factory;
- Matthew, another DeMolay and a pre-med student at the University of Santo Tomas.
- Peter John, a freshman in high school, who has petitioned for a DeMolay degree at the General Douglas MacArthur Chapter;
- Jessica, a member of the Perla Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG), who will soon finish her studies in Computer Science at the De La Salle University;
- Catherine, a member of the same Assembly of the IORG and a sophomore at Saint Scholastica's College, high school department;
- Clarissa, a Saint Theresa College sixth-grader who will probably come, to her parents' expectant joy, a member of the Pula Assembly IORG.

During the trip to the Annual Communication in Cebu City, Emmanuel enunciated, "I don't mind missing Dad on weekends, for I've been used to his absence whenever he would go a-visiting Lodges in the provinces."

Stated Matthew: "After Dad's term, anyway, we'll be once again all together." And proud to be a DeMolay, he expressed his hope that more sons of Masons would join the DeMolay.

On the Road to the Grand East

MW Beltran's devoted loyalty to the Fraternity formally started at Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49 in Naic, Cavite, where he was initiated, passed and raised on April 4, May 2, and May 30, 1964, respectively.

Six years later (1970), he was elected Worshipful Master of his Lodge. His responsible performance in the Oriental Chair stimulated his brethren to re-elect him the following year.

On May 7, 1974 he joined the then Manila Lodge No. 1 as dual member. In 1976, the year the Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary, he was elected Worshipful Master.

In 1976, too, he had a brief stint as Grand Chaplain; for, in recognition of his leadership, he was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) of Masonic District No. 10 (the whole province of Cavite), acknowledged to be the biggest Masonic District in this jurisdiction, its members being more than 3,000.

During his term as DDGM, he organized the General Emilio Aguinaldo Chapter, International Order of DeMolay. For this, he was awarded the Key of Zerubabel. He also initiated the organization of the Tierra Alta Chapter, IORG, as well as the formation of the Bukang Liwayway Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

From 1978 to 1981 Grand Orator he was. In 1984 he was chosen Most Outstanding Mason and Athlete of the Year of Masonic District 1-A, the Past Masters Guild of which he held the presidency from 1984 to 1987.

MW Beltran has been actively involved in the appendant organizations, too. In 1975, in acknowledgment of his accomplishments as a Scottish Rite Mason, he was coronated Knight Commander of the Court of Honor (KCCH). In 1977-78, he served as Venerable Master of the Lakandula Lodge of Perfection of the Philippine Bodies, A.S.S.R. Then in 1978 he was invested with the 33^o Inspector General Honorary (IGH).

He has been, furthermore, an active member of the following:

- C.W. Rosenstock Chapter No. 6, Royal Arch Mason;
- the Manila Council No. 2., R. & S.M.;
- the Far East Commandery, K.T. of the York Rite;
- the Afifi Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.;
- the Royal Order of Scotland; and
- the Manila Court No. 4, Order of the Amaranth.

And he is Past Patron of the Sampaguita Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star.

Not only has he served as installing officer and/or speaker in various Lodges throughout the jurisdiction, but he has been member, vice-chairman or chairman of various committees of the Grand Lodge, such as the Building Commission and the Committees on: Jurispru-

dence, Resolutions, Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, Budget, Grievance, Awards, Administration of Lodges, etc.

From the foregoing account, it is clear that our 71st Grand Master is an adamant achiever - intelligent, diligent, persistent in pursuing the program he has drawn up for 1988-89.

THE GRAND MASTER'S PROGRAM THRUSTS FOR 1988-89

As Grand Master, MW Raymundo Beltran firmly and confidently believes that all of us, his brethren, will go all out to accomplish the important job we have for 1988-89. Masonry, after all, can only be as good as its members want it to be. Not only should we prove to all and sundry that in becoming Master Masons we have become better men; we have to show that there is, indeed, unity among us Masons, by means whereof we will be able to make our Fraternity as a catalyst for peace, harmony, and unity among nations. Let us, in other words, translate this year's theme and motto into meaningful action. This task entails that we focus our efforts on the following areas of concern: Masonic education, temple construction, reaching out to the "lost sheep" among us, honoring Masons who are distinguished citizens, and continued implementation of programs initiated by the Past Grand Masters.

- Unity, Peace and Harmony through Masonry
- Unity among Masons, Unity among Nations

Masonic Education

There is, indubitably, a need for us to be instructed further in Masonic philosophy and symbolism, in addition to rituals, floor work, lodge administration, and the like. Our Grand Master, in fact, has strongly suggested that we make our stated meetings more interesting, so that our brethren will be steadfast in their commitment to the Masonic cause. This we can do by having one of our older members recall Freemasonry as it once was, by having discussions on parts of the Degrees everyone does not understand, by encouraging the brethren to read Masonic articles extensively and intensively, and by discussing ways to improve our image in our respective communities.

The best way to accomplish the need to put more craftsmanship into the Craft is to institute a Masonic Education program in every one of our Lodges.

1918 Outline. Every Lodge is enjoined to pattern its Masonic Education program after the 1918 Outline for Masonic Education, as well as to secure informative copies of articles produced by the committee constituted by the Grand Master for this specific purpose.

Mini-libraries and other means. Every Lodge is urged to put up its own mini-library, which may contain new books as well as reprints of Masonic classics. This will enable the brethren to know more about Freemasonry — what it was, what it is, and what it can be and should be; this knowledge in turn is a prerequisite to commitment, which entails awareness and acceptance of one's duty to help develop and to help defend our Fraternity.

Exchange of Masonic reading materials among us brethren, too, will have a great multiplier effect.

The more we know of our Fraternity, the more we can do for its welfare, and the more we do for its welfare, the more fulfilled we can be as individuals and as Masons.

To live fully as a Mason is to think Masonically;
to think Masonically is to wonder about the Craft;
to wonder about the Craft is to inquire into its
origin, philosophy, symbolism and mysteries; and
to inquire into these is, for the most of us,
to read Masonic literature.

Printed matter for petitioners. Every Lodge is further urged to acquire from the Masonic Supply Center at the Plaridel Masonic Temple printed material for use by petitioners for the different Degrees. There is no gainsaying the fact that proper orientation of candidates will result in qualitative membership. Our Grand Master, consequently, has adamantly ruled: "No petitioner shall be initiated without a certificate issued by the Lodge Committee on Masonic Education that he has gone through proper orientation."

There shall be trainors for Masonic Education in every District. The District Grand Lecturer supervises the training of such trainors.

The brethren may adopt other means they deem effective for keeping Masonic Education alive in their respective Lodges.

Temple Construction

Since the term of MW Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM, who is presently our Grand Treasurer, the termination of the construction of our new Grand Lodge Temple (GLT) has been a challenging pre-occupation. The economic pinch every Mason in this jurisdiction feels notwithstanding, MW Ray Beltran is desirous of seeing the GLT finished this year; hence, his appeal below.

GIVE YOUR SHARE; BE A TEMPLE BUILDER

Like our ancient brethren, the operative Masons, who built cathedrals and temples, we speculative Masons should build temples and lodges we can meet and congregate in.

We should, specifically, finish the construction of our GLT; for our ability to finish it is the best way of concretizing this year's theme and motto.

There are some 16,000 Masons in our jurisdiction. Even at an average of P500 each, we can easily raise the P 8 M needed to finish our GLT.

To each Mason in this jurisdiction, then, I appeal: *Please* give your share of at least P500. To those who can afford more, I say: The Supreme Architect of the Universe is never outdone in generosity.

All Master Masons are encouraged to get the bluecard of the Temple Builders Club (TBC) – for themselves, for their sisters, daughters and mothers; for their sons below 21 years old. The wife or widow of a Master Mason, too, is entitled to get the TBC's bluecard.

The TBC, which was organized in 1986 mainly to raise funds for the completion of our GLT, is recruiting more members. All it takes to become a member is to deposit P10,000, which may be withdrawn after three years.

But, of course, our financial contributions will not be enough. Finishing our GLT the soonest possible requires us to give part of our time and our talents to raise funds.

Firmly do I believe that we Masons can accomplish any great and important undertaking. Firmly do I believe, likewise, that the Supreme Architect of the Universe will be with us in the task of finishing our GLT, which symbolizes our unity, strength and harmony.

Let us, by all legitimate means, put the construction of our GLT to a successful finish - - -

THIS YEAR.

— MW R.N. Beltran

Reaching Out to the "Lost Sheep"

"Every year we accept some 800 new members," pointed out MW Beltran. "But every year an approximately equal number stop joining us in our assemblies." He stresses, therefore, that we should, in addition to ascertaining that we admit petitioners of quality, take persistent pains to reach out to the "lost sheep" among us.

The Grand Master, in effect, expects that we constantly pay the "lost sheep" among us fraternal visits, drawing from them their reasons for becoming inactive in the Fraternity. After communicating the gathered feedback to the District officers, we should concertedly undertake certain measures to stimulate our "lost" brethren to renewed dedication to the Masonic cause.

. . . our ancient customs have proved their worth and value and are as sound today as ever before and will withstand the test of the future.

. . . Masonry will remain as a strong force for good as far into the future as man will go.

Honoring Masons Who Are Distinguished Citizens

Our brethren who have distinguished themselves in government and/or in the private sector in great measure have given honor to the Fraternity. By being exemplary citizens they have veritably led Masonic lives. It is meet and just, therefore, that they are given due recognition.

Surely, in every one of our Masonic Districts are to be found Masons who are simultaneously outstanding citizens. Such brethren should be appropriately recommended to the committee constituted for this particular purpose.

Continued Implementation of Programs of PGMs

The different programs initiated by the Past Grand Masters shall be pursued by the brethren in the various Districts. These are subsequently discussed in more detail.

Guide for Monthly Activities

The following may serve as guide to the different Districts and Lodges in planning their monthly activities.

May

The maxim "*Mens sana in corpore sano*" ("A healthy mind in a healthy body") is incorporated in our rituals; for every Mason is charged to pursue "such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the *preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy*, thereby enabling you to exert the talents wherewith God has blessed you as well to His glory as the welfare of your fellow-creatures."

Hence, the setting of the month of May as the start of the sports program in every Masonic District. Sports, after all, is an efficacious way of further promoting unity, peace and harmony among Masons and even with other fraternal organizations.

(We may yet have inter-Masonic Districts athletic competitions this year.)

June

The Masonic Fraternity in all its years of existence has been a guiding factor in the fight for truth, knowledge and light. In the pages of Masonic history, indeed, are found names of men historically famous

who have given their all for the causes of freedom and humanity. In this country, our Masonic forebears played important roles in building our nation. It is but proper, then, that we continue actively participating in community- or municipality-initiated programs in commemoration of Independence Day (June 12) and Rizal Day (June 19). We should also have programs honoring other Mason heroes.

Besides, as part of our student outreach program, each Masonic District shall conduct oratorical, essay-writing, and similar contests among high school or college students, with particular focus on the contributions of Masons in nation-building.

According to plan, the District winners in the oratorical and essay-writing contests will compete in a national contest, the setting of which will be announced in due time.

July

On the principle of Brotherly Love our Fraternity unites men of every country, sect and opinion and causes true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance. Thus, in July, we are urged to focus on friendship—promoting further friendly relations among Lodges, as well as with civic/fraternal organizations, and pursuing further the ideal of peace, harmony and unity among nations.

Stressing Communitarianism and Collaboration

Here is a food for thought from Paul McGuire:

"We all, in brief, live in and by miracles of community and collaboration. We belong to communities and societies whose threads are woven into the whole pattern of the world since its beginnings. This complex of common interests and purposes and acts and ideas is the most massive fact of man's existence as a social being. Yet it is one of the most neglected in our daily concern with the world. The most formidable political and economic theories of our times take the fact of conflict as the prime mover of history. Our politics are now dominated by the accidents of conflict rather than by our substantial community. We have organized accidents, local in time and place, to declare principles which we now treat as universals. We shall not make sense of our world while we thus misread its evidence."

August

Let us, this month, actively participate in the activities lined up in celebration of the *Linggo ng Wika*; for the national language is an effective means of achieving national unity. We may, for instance, sponsor a *balagtasan* contest or a similar activity.

September

Did you know that . . .

1. to become a member of Job's Daughters, a young girl must be between the ages of 11 and 20 years, believe in God, and have a Masonic relative?

2. to become a member of the Order of Rainbow, a young girl must be between the ages of 12 and 20 years, and believe in God; but a Masonic relationship is not necessary for membership?

3. to become a member of the Order of DeMolay, a young man must be between the ages of 12 and 21 years, and believe in God; but a Masonic relationship is not necessary for membership?

4. a DeMolay club can be formed in any community by a Masonic Lodge which desires to do so, and only one Master Mason in good standing and five young men are all that is necessary?

5. a young person does not have to ask to join these organizations to be eligible for membership?

Let us Masons give youth the working tools of life.

Young people nowadays experience many challenges. Competition for their time has increased; they feel peer pressure, and they are exposed to many other temptations.

We Freemasons should, therefore, make the most of the great opportunity given us to mold the minds of the youth, to help them to become our nation's future leaders, to impress them with the great ideals we cherish, to give them the working tools by which they can improve their lives and become outstanding young men and women. Our Masonic Youth constitute one of Philippine Masonry's greatest legacies. Let's work with them; let's help them to get new members, thereby ensuring our Craft's future. We can make a difference in the lives of the Filipino youth by introducing them to Masonry through membership in our youth organizations. We can, indeed, ensure future interest in our Masonic family by helping a youth organization prosper and grow.

Every Master Mason in this jurisdiction, therefore, is encouraged to: (1) become an adviser in one of the three Masonic youth organizations; (2) sponsor young people in his community into these organizations; (3) form a new DeMolay Chapter or Club, a Job's Daughters Bethel, or a Rainbow Assembly; (4) sponsor a sports program or the like.

Working together in these endeavors is another way of actualizing this year's theme and motto. In this way we will develop the youth, beautiful hope of our country, in a true Masonic fashion.

We can, furthermore, sponsor more scholarships for poor but deserving students taking up baccalaureate, as well as technical-vocational, courses.

Let us also involve the appendant organizations—the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Order of the Amaranth, etc.—in our labors. Moreover, since these organizations are our partners in our Masonic work, we shall dedicate at least one special night in their honor.

October

We shall continue seeking the guidance of the Past Masters, in addition to involving them in our Masonic labors. We shall, in addition, give due recognition to their contributions to their Lodges in particular and to Philippine Masonry in general.

WHO IS THE OLDEST SECRETARY IN YEARS OF SERVICE?

The Grand Lodge would like to find out the Secretary in this jurisdiction who has served his Lodge the longest as Secretary. If you, as Secretary, have served your Lodge longer than 25 years, please advise the Grand Secretary's Office; give the number of years you have served as well as the year you began your service.

November

This is an opportune time for us to remember our brethren whose wearied feet had come to the end of their toilsome journey and from whose nerveless grasp had dropped forever the working tools of life. Let

us undertake activities designed to make us remember those great Masonic leaders whose spirit lives on in our Order, thanking God for their leadership and asking Him that others rise to lead us as they did. Let us remember all those wonderful brethren whose memory will provide us in our pathways in the days to come. . . .

December

Togetherness in the Masonic family being a potent force towards achieving unity among nations, this month shall be devoted specifically to promoting warm relationships in and among the families of Masons. This is a fitting time for involving our families in our activities.

January & February

These are months of installations. It is opportune that, among other things, we pay tribute to the pillars of our Fraternity: the *Senior Masons*, that we take time out to visit them and have fellowship with them.

March

"To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to bring peace to their troubled minds is the great end we have in view." March, then, is set aside mainly for putting into practice the Masonic tenet *Relief*.

It is suggested that the different Lodges in every District pool their resources in undertaking their medical, dental, or other community service projects. By all means, let us carry out our outreach programs in such a way that they will have more impact on the various communities we serve.

April

Let us get more acquainted with our Grand Lodge!

The Annual Communication will be held in Baguio City. All representatives are requested to bring and wear their appropriate aprons, collars and jewels of office.

OFFICIAL HYMN OF THE MW GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. M. OF THE PHILIPPINES

The official hymn of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines is one of the powerful tools for developing *esprit d'corps* among the members of the Masonic family in this jurisdiction.

Hence, on appropriate occasions, such as installations, conventions, visitations, and other important Masonic functions, the official hymn of our Grand Lodge shall be played or sung after the Philippine National Anthem.

Let us learn it by heart. Let us learn to sing it, and encourage our families to learn to sing it.

Here is the official hymn of our Grand Lodge.

O HAIL! GRAND LODGE OF MASONS

Lyrics:

(GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES MARCH)

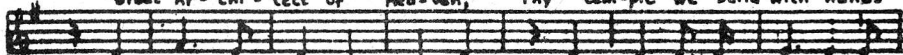
Music:

Jesus M. Elbrinas

Magdangel M. de Leon



From West to East we journey In search of the An-cient Word,
Great Ar- chi- tect of Hea- ven, Thy tem- ple we build with hands



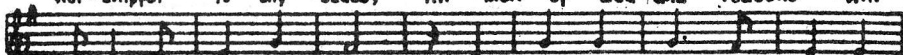
Al- though the way be thar-ny Our free will and full ac-
The la- bor of the brethren Ful- fill all thy won- drous



word. — plans. — O Hail! Grand Lodge of Ma- sons! Most
Hail! Grand Lodge of Ma- sons! Most



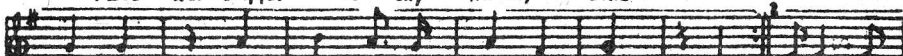
Wer- shipful is thy reign, O'er all the four ho- ri- zons Thy
Wer- shipful is thy state, All men of God and reasons Will



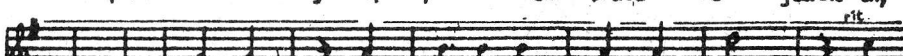
mandate is so- ve reign. O Hail! Grand Lodge of Ma- sons!
knock at thy pear- ly gate. O Hail! Grand Lodge of Ma- sons!



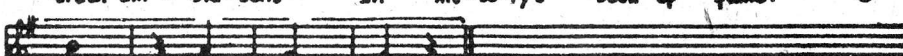
Most Wer- shipful is thy grace, Our wor- king tools and
Most Wer- shipful is thy name, Like



o- prons are signs of thy warm em- brace. O jewels thy



truth em- ble- sons In his- to- ry's book of fame. O



Hail! O Hail! —

THE GRAND LODGE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Many lamps, one light. Teamwork. That is the thrust of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.Ms of the Philippines this year, so that it will reach greater heights, firm up peace harmony and unity among its members, and strengthen ties with other Grand Lodges throughout the world, in resolute pursuit of its ever elusive end: *fraternitas omnium sub Dei paternitate*.

This year the Grand Lodge of F. & A.Ms of the Philippines will bank on a dynamic set of officers who will serve as models of co-operative commitment to, as well as intense involvement in, its administrative program.

Main Team

In the forefront of the Grand Lodge officialdom are the following: MW RAYMUNDO N. BELTRAN, *Grand Master*; JUAN C. NABONG, JR., *Deputy Grand Master*; JOHN L. CHOA, *Senior Grand Warden*; JOSE R. GUERRERO, *Junior Grand Warden*; RUDYARDO V. BUNDA, PGM, *Grand Treasurer*; and ALEJANDRO A. EUSEBIO, *Grand Secretary*.

These Officers, who constitute the "first team" of the Grand Lodge, will regularly meet to further develop, organize, revise and finalize this year's program of action.

"Coaching Staff"

The Grand Master will also regularly seek the wise guidance of the *Board for General Purposes*, which is composed of past and present Grand Lodge Officers, as follows: RAYMOND E. WILMARTH, PGM, *President*; DAMASO C. TRIA, PGM, *member*; RUDYARDO V. BUNDA, PGM, *member*; ROSENDO C. HERRERA, PGM, *member*; REYNATO S. PUNO, PGM, *member*; and JUAN C. NABONG, JR., DGM, *secretary*.

Other Members of the Grand Lodge Team

The Grand Master expects the appointed Grand Lodge Officers to be actively involved in the administration and management of the Grand Lodge. Specifically, he expects them to give meaning to the different positions they have been appointed to. These Officers are as follows: SIMEON RENE LACSON, *Asst. Grand Treasurer*; BIENVENIDO G. ONGKIKO, *Asst. Grand Secretary*; JAINAL D. RASUL, *Grand Orator*; VICTORINO Q. JUICO, *Grand Chaplain*; WILLIAM BOZEL, JR.,

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District Officers

The Grand Lodge has increasingly democratized its governance in the sense that it has given the District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGMs) and the District Grand Lecturers (DGLs) a wide latitude to govern their respective districts.

The DDGMs this year are as follows: SALVADOR H. MARTINEZ (1-A); CECILIO R. UY (1-B); RENE DAMIAN (1-C); LEON A. BANEZ (2); EDILBERTO P. CARABBACAN (3); DENNIS T. RIVAS (4); RENE P. MARIN (5); RODOLFO C. BELTRAN (6); PACIFICO B. ANIAG (7); ARMANDO C. LIMCANGCO (8); EUSEBIO L. ABELLA, JR. (9); GUILLERMO R. NARVAEZ (10); FERNANDO F. MANAS, JR. (11); VICTOR C. HABITO (12); ONG PENG LEE (13); LEON B. GELLADA (14); CELSO S. LUMANOG (15); CESAR C. CINCO (16); PETER LIM LO SUY (17); ALBERTO L. APORTADERA (18); ANTONIO J. RABULAN (19); VINCENT M. CASTRO (20); KENNETH M. CRABTREE (21); JAMES B. KING (22); MAGTANGGOL NUEVO (23); JORGE CHAM (24); MATTHEW UY (25); ALI G. BAGUNDUNG (26); FRANKLIN J. DEMONTEVERDE (27); VIRGILIO C. CRUZ (28); JESUS CANO CHUA (29); GEORGE F. KRAUSE (30); DELFIN CALLAO (31); AMADO BORJA, JR. (32); JESUS C. HERNANDEZ (33); DENNIS E. PROVENCHER (34); JESUS K. V. CELLONA (35); LEOPOLDO D. ANDAL (36); FELIX C. ENOJADO (37); EDMUNDO L. GAWCHUA (38); ALMARIO A. MONTES (39); and PHILIP A. GENERIA (40).

The DGLs, on the other hand, are the following:

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WB Mario J. Vilorio	— Member

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RW Domingo F.M. Domingo	— Chairman
WB Reynaldo V. Paz	— Member
WB Ulrico A. Baladad, Jr.	— Member
WB Evodio A. Toledo	— Member

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET

RW Juan C. Nabong, Jr.	— Chairman
MW Rudyardo V. Bunda	— Member
RW John L. Choa	— Member
RW Domingo F.M. Domingo	— Member

OUT OF THE HUMDRUM

by eF.R.eN

This section is devoted to matters on the lighter side of Masonry. To start with, below are some "anecjokes" contributed by VW Bienvenio G. Ongkiko, Asst. Grand Secretary.

Topographical Error

A clerk, formally requesting his Chief that he be permitted to take a leave of absence, hurriedly typed the address thus:

Mr. A.B.C.

Thief of Office

Life Membership

In regard to life membership by longevity, this is provided: "A Master Mason who has been a member in good standing in the fraternity for at least 30 years and has paid his dues to the lodge for the same period of time is entitled to life membership."

A certain Brother who has reached his 27th year as a Mason was so in a hurry to get his life membership certificate. Hence, he approached the Secretary of his Lodge, offering to pay his annual dues for the next three years and requested that he be given his Life Membership Certificate.

Ephraimite?

A Mason informed another: "The acting Master of the Lodge must be an Ephraimite because he said, 'Heretofore you have had someone to *play* for you; now you have no one. You must *play* for yourself orally or mentally as you may prefer.'"

Blackbelters

"The Brethren may now cast their votes . . ."

"How find you the ballot in the South, Bro. Junior?"

"Cloudy in the South."

"How find you in the West, Bro. Senior?"

"Dark in the West."

"And Black in the East."

So, we still have "blackbelters" in the Lodge!

Fellowship Degree

The WM, after the stated meeting, ordered the return of the Flag to its proper custodian, and immediately after the closing of the Lodge of MMs, the "Fellowship degree" was opened. . . .

"Wealthy and Well Qualified"

Time: during the initiation

"Is he duly and truly prepared, wealthy and well qualified?"

"He is."

A little later . . .

"Did you find yourself entirely destitute?"

"No, I am wealthy and well qualified."

Merging of Lodges

The rumor that Dalisay Lodge and Mencius Lodge were going to merge spread among the brethren like wild fire or wing of the hurricane.

"Under what name?" inquired a Brother.

"Dalicious Lodge" came the answer.

Did you know . . .

That Ronald Wilson Reagan, US President, was honored by Masonic leaders? Among the citations given to the President of the USA was the Scottish Rite recognition of his "deep concern for human progress, for the enfranchisement of human thought, for the freedom of the human conscience, and for the guarantee of human rights to all people everywhere." Hence, Pres. Reagan was conferred the title of Honorary Scottish Rite Mason; as such, he is now duly recognized by all Scottish Rite Masons and entitled to the esteem of all members of the Order, wheresoever dispersed.

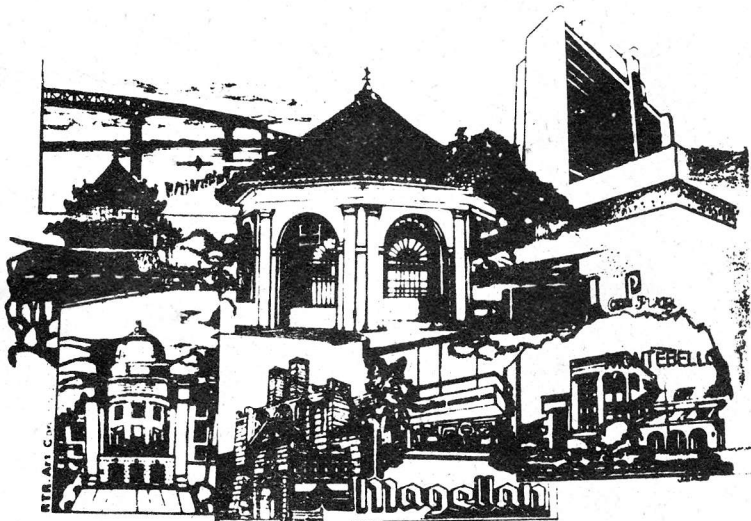
The Masonic Charities for Crippled Children (MCCC) has been for more than half a century, the most remarkable charitable feat of Freemasonry in the Philippines, considered as one of the oldest institutions in our country helping the cause of crippled children whose support comes mostly from the voluntary contributions of our Brethren and does not receive any government assistance, it was given due recognition by the Philippine Foundation for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled, Inc., (PFRD), as the Rehabilitation Volunteer Group for 1987. In an impressive ceremony held at the Heroes Hall, Malacanang Palace on November 26, 1987, a gold medallion and citation of the Apolinario Mabini Award for 1987 was presented to MW Damaso C. Tria, President & Chairman of the MCCC, by no less than Her Excellency Madam Corazon C. Aquino, President of the Philippines. This prestigious award was named after one of the country's foremost heroes, Bro. Apolinario Mabini, better known as the Sublime Paralytic.



72nd ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION

APRIL 28, 29, 30, 1988

HOST: CEBU LODGE no. 128 F&A.M.



THEME: "A mason amongst men is a diamond amongst gems"

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

- April 27, Wednesday,**
- 9:00 AM** — Registration of Delegates
Sacred Heart Center
D. Jakosalem St.
and Cebu Plaza Hotel
Nivel, Lahug, Cebu City
 - Sports Activities
 - 1:30 PM** — 4th Annual Convention
Grand Guild of Past Masters,
Sacred Heart Center
 - 2:00-5.00 PM** — Continuation of Registration of Delegates
— Cebu Plaza Hotel & Sacred Heart Center
 - 7:00 PM** — Fellowship Night, Grand Guild of Past
Masters, Sacred Heart Center
- April 28, Thursday,**
- 8:00 AM** — Unveiling & Floral Offering Ceremonies
Cebu Plaza Hotel Ground
 - 9:00 AM** — Opening of the Grand Lodge
Visayas Ballroom, Cebu Plaza Hotel,
Nivel, Lahug, Cebu City
RW Raymundo N. Beltran, DGM,
Presiding
 - Reception of:
 - a) Grand Master
 - b) Past Grand Masters
 - c) Other Guests
 - d) Guest Speaker
 - Flag Ceremony
 - Invocation
 - Opening & Welcome Address
VW Victoriano S. Go, DDGM, District No. 16
 - Introduction of the Guest Speaker
MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM
 - Keynote Speaker - HON. JOSE D. LINA JR.
 - 12:00 NN** — Recess for Lunch
 - 1:00 PM** — Annual Meeting of the Acacia Mutual Aid
Society
 - 2:00 PM** — Resumption of Sessions
Visayas Ballroom, Cebu Plaza Hotel
Nivel, Lahug, Cebu City
 - Report of the Committee on Credentials
 - Roll Call of the Grand Lodge Officers and
Past Grand Officers
 - Roll Call of Lodges
 - Welcome Address of the Grand Master
 - Roll Call and Reception of the Grand Representatives
 - Presentation of the Grand Representatives to

- the Grand Master by the Grand Marshall
 - Welcome Address to the Grand Representatives
 - Response in behalf of the Grand Representatives
 - Grand Oration-MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM
 - Recess for Corporate Meetings
- 6:30 PM - Grand Masters Night

San Carlos Boy's High Gymnasium
Gen. Maxilom Ave., Cebu City
- April 29, Friday, 8:30 PM - Resumption of Sessions

Visayas Ballroom Cebu Plaza Hotel
Cebu Plaza Hotel

 - Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the 71st Annual Communication
 - Message of the Grand Master and reference thereof
 - Reports and reference thereof:
 - a) Grand Treasurer
 - b) Grand Secretary
 - c) Senior Grand Lecturer
 - Reports of Standing and Special Committee
 - Report of Committee on Grand Lodge Officer's report
 - Presentation of Petitions, Motions and resolutions
 - Presentation of Accounts and Budget of the Grand Lodge
- 12:00 NN - Recess for Lunch
- 2:00 PM - Resumption of Session

Visayas Ballroom, Cebu Plaza Hotel

 - Election of Grand Lodge Officers
 - Announcement of Appointed Officers
 - Bidding for the 73rd Annual Communication
- April 30, Saturday, 7:00 PM - Free Time
- 8:00 AM - Conferring of Installed and Past Master's Degree
- 9:00 AM - Public Investiture of the De Molay of Legion of Honor

Visayas Ball Room, Cebu Plaza Hotel

 - Unfinished Business
 - Meeting of all Incoming Elective and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, DDGM's DGL's, and all Worshipful Masters with the Grand Master-elect and Deputy Grand Master-elect

Bohol Room, Cebu Plaza Hotel

 - Meeting of all Master and Wardens of all Lodges with the Appointed Senior and Junior Grand Lecturers

Siquijor and Mactan Room, Cebu Plaza Hotel
- 12:00 NN - Free Time
- 2:30 PM - Installation of the Incoming Grand Lodge Officers

Visayas Ballroom, Cebu Plaza Hotel
- 7:00 PM - Fellowship Dinner

Poolside, Cebu Plaza Hotel
- May 1, 1988, Sunday - Send-Off

Arrival and Reception



VW Victoriano S. Go's angels mounting the computer machines.



"Where is my kit?" "Brethren coming from various island archipelago enjoying their hussle with Cebu Lodge 128 brigade"



VW Vincent A Castro and VW Douglas Kao with Guam brethren entering Cebu Plaza Hotel Lobby.



Come and get it (with a smile), yea, you have paid.



To pay or not to pay that is the question. VW Alejandrino A. Eusebio, Nancy C. Que Hanco and Cecilia B. Pineda stand guard at the Cebu Plaza lobby.

Grand Guild of Past Masters of the Philippines 4th Annual Convention April 27, 1988



MW Rosendo C. Herrera delivering his annual report as President of GGPM (and got elected again!)



The Grand Guild of Past Masters Fellowship Night held at Sacred Heart Center was spiced with songs and laughter.



Editor Samuel P. Fernandez belting a ballad to enliven the evening.



MW Teddy V. Baldonado and Sis. Teresa with Sis Ching Herrera.



Sis. Ching, serenading one and all, especially MW Rody Herrera.

72nd Annual Grand Communication at Cebu Plaza



AS SEEN BY VW DOUGLAS KAO



Past Grand Masters "Incorporated"



VW Victoriano S. Go welcoming the delegates.



Cebu City is the oldest city in the Philippines



South of Luzon lie the Visayan Islands the largest of which is Cebu.



"Magellan died in battle at the hands of Lapu-lapu, the chieftain of Mactan."



The Holy Child Jesus is now enshrined in the Basilica of Sto. Nino where pilgrims come to pray before the oldest religious relic - in the country."

Unveiling Ceremony of the Monument of Bro. Jose P. Rizal at the Cebu Plaza



MW Teodorico V. Baldonado and VW Victoriano S. Go unveiling Bro. Dr. Jose Rizal's monument at Cebu Plaza Hotel.



Floral Offering



MW Raymundo N. Beltran with brethren.



RW John Choa exalting Rizal's greatness.



Dignitaries, all after the unveiling ceremony.

Grand Lodge Election Blues



MW Teodorico V. Baldonado and RW Raymundo N. Beltran casting their ballots.



VW William Bozel and VW James King deciding the fate of the world.



MW Rudyardo V. Bunda: "Thank-you again for the trust and confidence reposed in me".



RW Alejandro A. Eusebio: "YES!"



RW John L. Choa: "Thank you for your continued trust and confidence. I therefore continue my undying service to the fraternity".



RW Jose R. Guerrero: "I will accept it Most Worshipful Sir.



RW Juan C. Nabong: Most Worshipful Sir, brethren, I accept."

Legion of Honor Ceremony



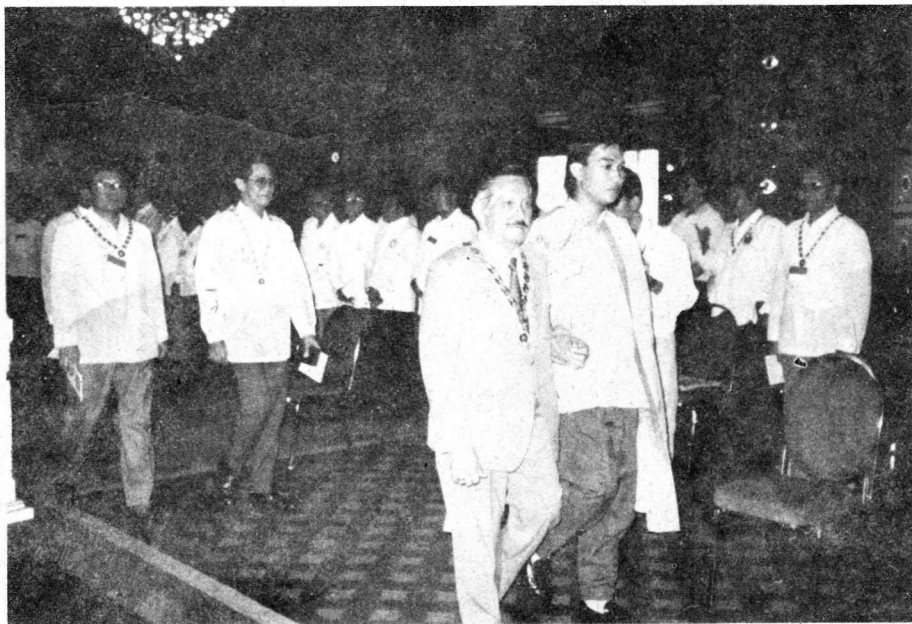
C.E. "... It is the public investiture and recognition with which the Philippine Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay honored its illustrious sons ..."



C.E. Legionnaires and DeMolays will kneel on left knee ..."



DW Damaso C. Tria: I furthermore promise, covenant, and vow that I will, to the utmost of my ability, carry the teachings of the Order of DeMolay into my daily life . . .



Grand Master of DeMolay Macario R. Ramos, Sr. and Party reception.

Grand Lodge Installation Ceremony



MW Raymundo N. Beltran: "Unity, Peace, and Harmony through Mason."



Past Grand Masters reception. Serving the Grand Lodge is a forever.



"So mote it be." Grand Master Raymundo N. Beltran taking his oath office.



Welcome home darling. "Sister Teresa congratulates MW Teddy V. Baldonado for a work well done.



The beginning of end and the end of the beginning, MW Teddy V. Baldonado handing the gavel of authority to MW Raymundo N. Beltran.

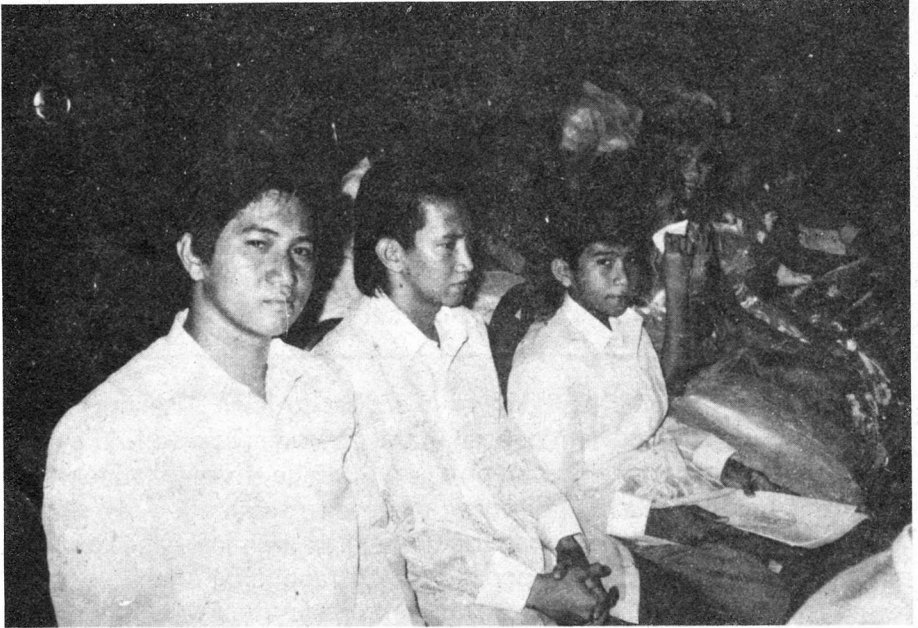
Grand Master Raymundo N. Beltran, apple of the eyes and Moral Support.



Sister Lualhati with MW Raymundo N. Beltran.



We are family. We will all work and support Grand Master Dad Ray.



After Dad's term, anyway, will all be once again, all together'' - Matthew



Clarissa, Jessica, and Catherine pose for posterity. All are supportive of their Dad's services to the Grand Lodge.

NOADIAH: INTIMIDATING PROPHETESS

NEH: 6:5-14

Samuel P. Fernandez

The Church of God, after all, is founded on the rock of our faith in one God and is to be defended from its enemies with the impregnable wall of God's veritable teachings enshrined in the Holy Scripture.

Nehemiah, trusted cupbearer and adviser to King Artaxerxes and therefore quite an important official in the awesomely powerful Persian Empire, was chosen by the omnipotent God to be His *nabi* (announcer or declarer) as well as a *roeh* or *hozeh* (a see-er or seer).

The land of the Jews was at that time in the inimical hands of people who were unanimously opposed to the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem, such as the Moabites, the Amonites, the Ashododites, the Arabians, and the Samaritans, who all had formidable armies.

But, armed with unswerving faith in God, Nehemiah outwitted these enemies. Skillfully, he disciplined his men, probably stimulating them with statements like this one used by Andres Bonifacio to prod his *katipuneros* to persist in what they had set out to do: "All your desires will be crowned with success if you have serenity, constancy, reason and faith in all your endeavors." Spurred so, the Jews silently, surreptitiously, and slowly rewalled Jerusalem.

Next, together with Ezra, Nehemiah organized his people into one compact, vigorous, homogeneous body with one loyalty, loyalty to the God of Israel.

But, of course, Nehemiah, did not get to his goal without any trouble.

Tobiah and Sanbalat, wary about the prospect of a conquered people getting united in perfect solidarity not only to fight their enemies but also to achieve the ends of a truly human life, did everything to discredit Nehemiah. What was going on, they were not in the know; tight-lipped were the Jews whom they had schemed to exploit more. Hence, they resorted to using the prophets as tools for persuading the Jews to desist from proceeding to work toward an apparently unattainable goal. These prophets, who may be said to be prophets of doom threatening, harassing and scaring the Jews out of their wits, were probably led by Noadiah, as may be inferred from Nehemiah 6:14, which reads: "Re-

member Tobiah and Sambalat, O my God, because of what they have done; remember also the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who have been trying to intimidate me."

Generally, one may point out at this juncture, prophets are of two kinds: the true and the false, the good and the bad, or the wise and the foolish.

The Holy Bible, which is the inestimable gift of God to man as the rule and guide of his faith, states that the prophets of old received their communication through the Holy Spirit. To Moses, for instance, the Lord said, "I will take off the Spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them (the 70 elders He appointed) . . ." (Number 11:17,25). Similarly, Samuel said to Saul, "And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them and shall be turned into another man." (Samuel 10:6). Likewise, when Saul sent messengers to take David, this transpired: "And when they saw the company of prophets, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they all prophesied." (I Samuel 19:20)

The New Testament, more precisely II Peter 1:21, states this: "prophecy came not in old time, by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

The Old Testament also speaks of false prophets, described in Jeremiah 23:16 as men who "speak a vision of their own hearts, and not of the mouth of the Lord," as well as in Ezekiel 13:3 as "foolish prophets that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing."

As may be gleaned from the foregoing quoted verses of the Holy Bible, there have been three modes of communication between God and men, namely, vision, dreams, and direct communication and manifestation.

Records show prophets either in the state of total unconsciousness and/or in trance, their faculties completely held in abeyance. To many, in fact, the external excitement which sometimes looks like insanity is part of a mental state in which the subject is acting as a mere medium, mouthing the word of God, prophesying.

Whether the prophets of old had full knowledge of what they had prophesied is not quite clear.

Nevertheless, the modern world, which has witnessed the proliferation of a wide array of cults, has its Noadiahs, who declare doctrines based on the dictates of their own hearts and who use religion, as well as consent to be used by groups, for their self-aggrandizement. No doubt, such prophets abound today because modern society in great

measure is bereft of meaning, so much so that the main character of a short story by Ernest Hemingway, entitled "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," utters this ironic prayer:

Our nada who art in nada, nada be thy name, they kingdom nada, they will be nada in nada as it is in nada. Give us this nada our daily nada and nada us our nada as we nada our nadas and nada us not into nada but deliver us from nada; pues nada. Hail nothing, full of nothing, nothing is with thee . . .

Many moderns, indeed, feel that their lives are empty. Hence, they resort to adventurism and join certain cults like Satanism.

Let us, for instance, take the Philippines, among whose people magic and sorcery are not uncommon. Some of the beliefs relative to magic and sorcery are as follows:

1. The *asuwang*, who can change form— from man to dog to horse to pig, etc.;
2. The *mangkukulam*, who can injure anyone whose face he loathes by pricking an image of the loathed one in any part of his anatomy the *mangkukulam* wishes to hurt;
3. The *tiyanak*, who takes delight in sucking the blood of still-unborn babies;
4. The *tikbalang*, who can also assume many forms and may mislead a traveler at night.

Stubbornly superstitious, many a Filipino wears what he believes to be an *anting-anting* or *agimat*, or talisman, so as to ward off evil spirits. Not even Christianity was able to eradicate the pagan practices of past periods. Up to now, many a Christian, consciously or unconsciously, manifests his religious piety through sorcery, their divination being mixed with Christian prayers.

The fight of God's children against superstition and sorcery, specifically against Satanism, must be pursued with more serenity, consistency, reasonableness, and confidence. The church of God, after all, is founded on the rock of our faith in one God and is to be defended from its enemies with the impregnable wall of God's veritable teachings enshrined in the Holy Scriptures. Nay, besides being defensive-oriented, we should also take the offensive, i.e., actively play our prophetic role of enlightening those who are in the dark. From this follows the thesis that social action is an integral part of the exercise of faith and Christian living, of doing God's will, of realizing God's master plan for man. This thesis in turn suggests that we who are believers in Christ, having unshackled ourselves from the chains of ignorance and superstition and

the like, must focus our attention on the integration of man's various dimensions or relationships — his relationships to God, to himself, to the world of things (nature), to his fellowmen, and to social structures. It suggests that we need to appreciate our role as co-creators with God in shaping His world. This need was aptly articulated in the concluding statement of John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address, as follows: ". . . with a good conscience our only sure reward, with history the final judge of our deeds, let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that here on earth God's work must truly be our own."

It is hoped, therefore, that all Christian churches in the Philippines and throughout the world, instead of attacking each other, will relentlessly pursue the spirit of ecumenism.

If and when we the leaders and members of these churches concertedly become instruments of justice, peace, harmony, equality, and responsible participation of everyone in community building; if and when, instead of engaging ourselves in interminable polemics, we devote ourselves more than ever to the task of transforming this sinful world, which is still confused and divided by modern Noadiahs and others of such kind, through the Holy Spirit towards the realization of God's master plan; if and when we solidarily unite under Christ's banner and become wise, true, and good prophets trying our level best to bring this planet, which is frantically fragmented into the first, second, and third worlds, towards the ideal state of brotherhood of all men under the fatherhood of God; if and when we all collaborate so as to reach full harmony in our relationships—with things of this world, with our fellowmen, with social structures, with ourselves, with God—then Christianity will have something to say, it will have something to say that it has never said before.

But . . .

Can we say — and do — all these? Can we, for example, put into practice this message given in I John 4: 1-6?

"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh in from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

"You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood."

LIFE IS A WARFARE

● Horacio de la Costa, S.J.

Life is a warfare—a warfare between two standards: the Standard of Christ and the Standard of Satan. It is a warfare elder than the world, for it began with the revolt of the angels. It is a warfare wide as the world; it rages in every nation, every city, in the heart of every man. Satan desires all men to come under his Standard, and to this end lures them with riches, honors, power, all that ministers to the lust and pride of man; Christ, on the contrary, invites all to fight under His Standard. But He offers no worldly allurements; only Himself. Only Jesus; only the Son of Man; born an outcast, raised in poverty, rejected as a teacher, betrayed by His friends, crucified as a criminal. And therefore His followers must be ready to suffer what He suffered: poverty, persecution, betrayal, at times even death. But Jesus, the Son of Man, is also Jesus, the Son of God. And therefore, His followers shall not be confounded forever. They are certain of victory; against them, the gates of Hell cannot prevail. The powers of darkness shall splinter before their splendid battalions. Battle-scarred but resplendent, they shall enter into glory with Christ, their king. Two armies, two standards, two general — and to every man there comes the imperious cry of command: Choose; CHRIST or SATAN? Choose: SANCTITY or SIN? Choose: HEAVEN or HELL? And in the choice he makes, is summed up the life of every man.



The Temple Builders Club

**GRAND NATIONAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN
FOR
NEW GRAND LODGE TEMPLE
AND
MASONIC CHARITIES FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN**



NISSAN SENTRA SLX
W/ MAGWHEELS, STEREO & AIRCON

**1ST DRAW
DECEMBER 30, 1988**

- 1st - Nissan Sentra SLX
With Aircon, Stereo & Magwheels
- 2nd - Yamaha Wonder Cab,
Passenger Type
- 3rd - Honda Motorcycle 155 CC
- 4th - IBM Compatible XT Computer
With Monitor & Printer
- 5th - IBM Electronic Typewriter
- 6th & 7th - Sam Sung Color TV 20"
- 8th-12th - National Refrigerator
5 Cu. Ft.
- 13th-17th - Stereo Cassette Player
With AM-FM Radio
- 18th-22nd - Imarflex Oven Toaster
- 23th-25th - Imarflex Rice Cooker
- 26th-30th - Consolation Prizes



**2ND DRAW
APRIL 27, 1989**

- 1st - Nissan Sentra SLX
With Aircon, Stereo & Magwheels
- 2nd - Yamaha Wonder Cab,
Passenger Type
- 3rd - Honda Motorcycle 155 CC
- 4th - IBM Compatible XT Computer
With Monitor & Printer
- 5th - IBM Electronic Typewriter
- 6th & 7th - Sam Sung Color TV 20"
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GRAND NATIONAL FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

Purpose : To raise the necessary funds for the full completion of our new Grand Lodge Temple and Masonic Charities for Crippled Children.

Mechanics:

1. A Certificate of Donation will be presented for every P500.00 contribution.
2. Appreciation prizes worth ONE MILLION PESOS (P1,000,000.00) will be given to the lucky donors.
3. The appreciation prizes will be printed in a separate sheet together with its conditions.
4. Solicitors are entitled to a Ten Percent (10%) commission.
5. All Donations are fully tax deductible.
6. THERE WILL BE TWO DRAW DATES. The 1st will be on Dec. 30, 1988 to coincide with our Grand Lodge National Amateur Singing Contest to be held at the Grand Lodge. The 2nd Draw will be on April 27, 1989 during the Grandmaster's Night of our Annual Communication at Baguio City.
7. The purpose of having two draw dates is to give our generous donors better chances to win all the fabulous prizes at stake.
8. Certificate of Donation will be numbered consecutively.
9. The drawing of lucky winners will be open to the public on both occasions.
10. Ping-Pong balls shall be used to determine the winning number.
11. Cut-off dates for return of unsolicited Certificates of Donation will be on Dec. 17, 1988 for the 1st Draw and April 15, 1988 for the 2nd Draw.
12. Only PAID Certificates of Donation duly recieved by the Temple Builders Club will be included in the draw.
13. The master list of all the Certificates of Donation shall be maintained by the Temple Builders Club and only those paid and received by the Club on or before the respective draw dates shall be eligible.

Selling Mechanics:

1. There are around sixteen thousand Masons (16,000) in our jurisdiction. If each Mason will DONATE or SOLICIT one Certificate of Donation, we will be able to sell outright 16,000 certificates worth Eight Million Pesos (P8,000,000.00).
2. All Certificates of Donation will be issued through the District Deputy Grandmaster who in turn will be responsible for distribution to the different Lodges. In turn the Worshipful Masters of each Lodge will be responsible for distribution to the individual members of the Lodge. This scheme will enable us to determine accountability for all the Certificates of Donations that shall be distributed.
3. The idea is for the brethren to Donate or Solicit one Certificate of Donation *C A S H* to meet the objective of SIXTEEN THOUSAND (P16,000) Certificates to be solicited.
4. Solicitation of Certificate of Donation is not limited to Masons, you are even encouraged to solicit from the non Masons.
5. All the youth appendant organizations can be tapped to support this project to raise funds for their own chapters.
6. Cash prizes of P5,000.00, P2,000.00, and P1,000.00 will be awarded to the solicitor of the top Three (3) winners on the two drawing dates.
7. The top solicitors for District, Lodge and Individual categories will be given awards.

Remittance of Sold Certificates:

1. Payment of Certificates of Donation may be remitted either thru the District Deputy Grandmaster or directly to the Temple Builders Club. If Donations are remitted to the DDGM, they are requested to forward it immediately. However, if donations will be remitted directly to the Temple Builders Club, the DDGM will immediately be notified.
2. All checks in payment of the Certificate of Donation shall be considered paid only after clearance from the bank, the responsibility of all check payments shall rest on the Solicitor.

3. The Temple Builders Club shall not be liable for any complaint and or legal suit arising from non-inclusion of the certificates or failure of the solicitor to remit the Donations to the Temple Builders Club before the designated draw dates.

Appreciation Prizes:

1. Appreciation prizes worth ONE MILLION (1,000,000.00) PESOS guaranteed by the Temple Builders Club will be at stake.
2. A number is entitled to win only one prize.
3. Prizes not claimed by the winners within 60 days after publication in a newspaper of general circulation shall be forfeited in favor of the Temple Builders Club.
4. Payment for appropriate taxes, licenses and other registration requirement and fees shall be shouldered by the winner.

For further inquireies or additional Certificates of Donation, please contact RW John L. Choa, SGW, President, The Temple Builders Club Grand Lodge of the Philippines, 1440 San Marcelino Street, Manila.

RW JOHN L. CHOA, SGW
President

Approved and endorsed:

MW RAYMUNDO N. BELTRAN
Grandmaster
Immediate Past President

1ST GRAND LODGE NATIONAL AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST

Theme ; Unity, Peace and Harmony through Masonry
Slogan : Unity among masons, unity among nations.
Purposes :

1. Music being an international language, by sponsoring this singing contest, we aim to achieve unity among the members of the fraternity thru the medium of music.
2. To foster closer camaraderie among the brethren and sisters of the fraternity.

- 3. To provide a forum wherein the hidden talent of the brethren and sisters may be discovered.
- 4. To provide an outlet wherein the brethren and their family can indulge in a clean, wholesome and enjoyable activity.

Rules and Regulations and Other Information:

- I The 1st Grand Lodge National Singing Contest shall be conducted by the Temple Builders Club under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.
- II Each District is entitled to one contestant.
- III The contest will be held on Dec. 30, 1988 at the Abad Santos Hall of the Grand Lodge of the Phils. at San Marcelino St. at 1:30 P.M. sharp, to coincide with the Grand Raffle of the appreciation prizes of the Fund Raising project being undertaken by the Temple Builders Club for the benefit of our new Grand Lodge Temple.
- IV Prizes are as follows:
 - For Contestants:
 - Champion P10,000.00 plus trophy
 - 1st runner up 5,000.00 plus trophy
 - 2nd runner up 3,000.00 plus trophy
 - 3rd runner up 2,000.00 plus trophy
 - For the District of winning contestants:
 - Champion Grand Master's Trophy
 - 1st runner up Deputy Grand Master's Trophy
 - 2nd runner up Senior Grand Marden's Trophy
 - 3rd runner up Junior Grand Marden's Trophy
- V Any Master Mason in good standing and his wife are qualified to participate in the contest.
- VI Each district shall be responsible for holding its own elimination to be supervised by its Deputy Grandmaster.
- VII The winner of the district elimination shall represent the district in the national contest.
- VIII The contestants are to register with the contest committee at the Grand Lodge not later than thirty minutes before the start of the contest for final briefing and the drawing of lots to determine the sequence of their participation.
- IX Each district should submit the name of its contestant on

- or before December 15, 1988 to the Temple Builders Club, 1440 San Marcelino St., Manila.
- X The sequence of participation will be determined by drawing of lots, each contestant will be identified only through the musical piece which they would render.
 - XI The contestant will be responsible for bringing their own musical minus one tape.
 - XII Well Known personalities in the music community will be invited to serve as Board of Judges.
 - XIII The drawing of the lucky donors will be done in between intermission of the singing contest.
 - XIV In view that this is the first time our Grand Lodge would undertake such a project to unite and harmonize our heart through music, all masonic districts, through their respective District Deputy Grandmaster are requested to participate and give the contest their full support and cooperation.

For further inquiries and informations, please contact RW JOHN L. CHOA, SGW, President - THE TEMPLE BUILDERS CLUB, Grand Lodge of the Philippines, 1440 San Marcelino Street, Manila or tels. 922-22-51 and 922-23-57.

RW JOHN L. CHOA, SGW
President

An Appeal

The Temple Builders Club, or TBC for short, is recruiting more members to be able to carry out the principal purposes for which it was organized in 1986 through an Edict issued by MW Pedro W. Guerzon, namely, to raise funds for the completion of our new Grand Lodge Temple.

There are, to date, more than 80 dedicated members of the TBC, each of whom has deposited the sum of P10,000.00. This amount can be withdrawn after three years.

The first project launched by the TBC was the Temple Builders Blue laminated cards, which later on will be used as discount cards. Each card costs P300.00; of this amount, P250.00 is in turn donated to the Grand Lodge Temple Fund.

The response to this project has been so encouraging that the TBC was able to donate all the glass requirements of our new Grand Lodge Temple.

But - - -

Time is of the essence. It is imperative that we finish our new Grand Lodge Temple as soon as possible; otherwise, we would be caught in the maelstrom of inflation and related problems. In this case, who will suffer the consequence? We, the members of the Craft, of course.

Taking into consideration the urgency of completing our new Grand Lodge Temple the soonest possible, the Temple Builders Club, which is under my administration this year, has contrived an important undertaking. This is the launching of its fund campaign and induction of officers at the Ground Floor, new Grand Lodge Temple, on July 9 (Saturday), 1988 at 6:00 p.m. On this occasion, the plan, which we in the Club have collaboratively and painstakingly worked out will be revealed and unfolded.

Due to the all-out effort we have exerted in the planning stage, we are confident that the undertaking to be launched on the said date will come to a successful end. The TBC, however, is wanting in membership. That is why we are turning to you for support, for in the past you have shown your love and dedication to the Fraternity.

You can manifest further that love and dedication by joining us in the laudable but challenging endeavor of spearheading the completion of the new Grand Lodge Temple. Be a member of the Temple Builders Club by depositing the amount of P10,000.00. If you do so, we are sure that many others like you will follow your lead.

We hope to see you at the Ground Floor of our new Grand Lodge Temple on July 9.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe always bless you and your family.

Fraternally yours,

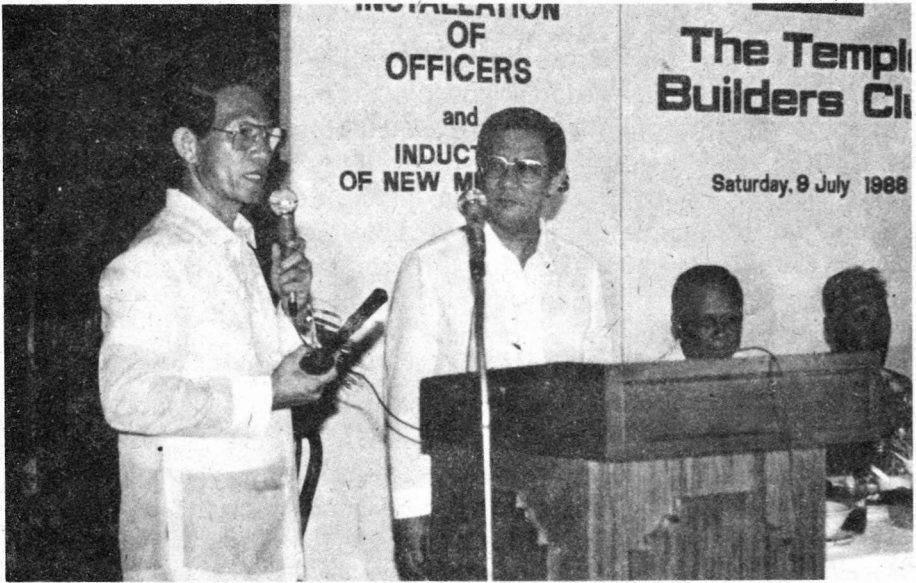
RW JOHN L. CHOA, SGW
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Approved and endorsed by:

MW RAYMUNDO N. BELTRAN
Grand Master

"GIVE YOUR SHARE AND BE A TEMPLE BUILDER"

Grand National Fund Raising



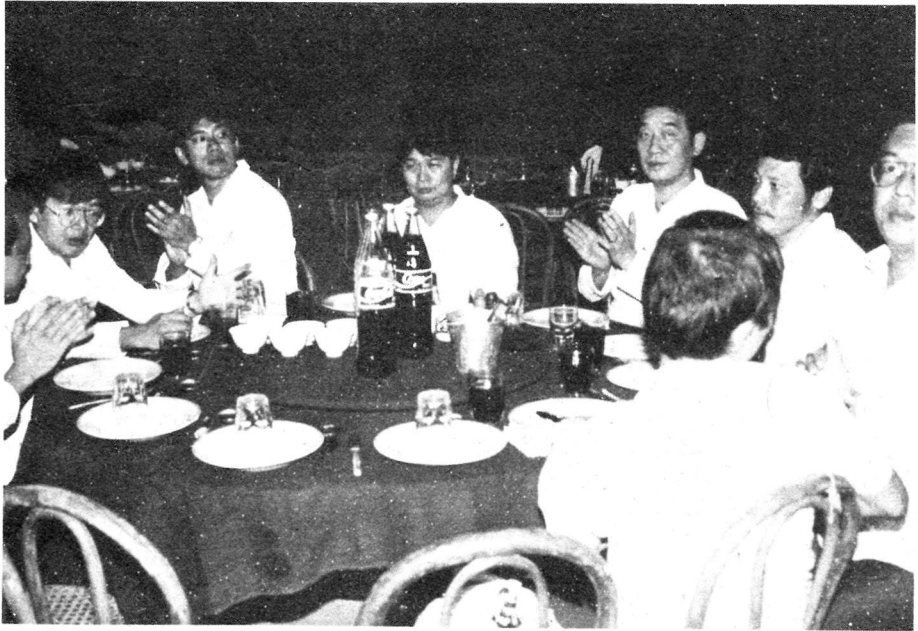
MW Raymundo N. Beltran handing the gavel to RW John C. Choa, with a prayer that all the good dreams will be realized.



MW Raymundo N. Beltran's obsession is to have the Grand Lodge Temple completed during his term. For him, the time is now.



RW John C. Choa: "Let us, like an optimist, see an opportunity in every calamity."



All for one and one for all. United we stand, divided we fall.

GIVE YOUR SHARE AND BE A TEMPLE BUILDER . . .



“. . . We need to dream, for to have no dreams, to have no hope and to have no hope is to have no reason to live . . .” Bro. Dr. Norman Peeles.



“Let us prove and show the whole world that we Masons in the Philip-pines have the will and the capacity to succeed in all our undertakings”
— RW John C. Choa.



"Today I urge all of you to dream with me. Let us all dream that beautiful dream of that beautiful edifice in our new Grand Lodge Temple and ask, 'why not?'" — John C. Choa.



And in varying tones the brethren echoed, "Why not!"

HOME SWEET HOME

A London magazine sent out 1,000 inquiries on the question, "What is Home?" In selecting the classes to respond to the question it was particular to see that every one was represented. The poorest and the richest were given an equal opportunity to express their sentiments. Out of 800 replies received, seven gems were selected as follows:

Home—A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Home—The place where the small are great and the great are small.

Home—The father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the child's paradise.

Home—The place where we grumble the most and are treated the best.

Home—The center of our affections, round which our hearts best wishes twine.

Home—The place where our stomachs get three square meals daily and our hearts a thousand.

Home—The only place on earth where the faults and failings of humanity are hidden under the sweet mantle of charity.

(Square and Compass)

A TO Z

We should know every letter
 In our Craft's alphabet;
 And some of them are better
 Than others are, and yet
 Each one as an initial
 Some phase of brotherhood
 May show as beneficial,
 And all of them are good.
 If we would praise be earning,
 We'll let our brothers see
 We have sufficient learning
 To go from A to Z.
 Then let us all work harder,
 Show how we really feel.
 Yes, let us start with Ardor,
 And let us end with Zeal.

(WOR. BRO. WALTER K. BELT, Newport, Oregon)

WORRYWARTS

Living is so complicated these days, folks don't even worry right.
For instance:

WE WORRY about the Russians, then get run over by a neighbor's car.

WE WORRY about radio-active fallout, then get poisoned by nicotine or by spraying the flowers.

WE WORRY about the youngsters running in front of cars, then drag them across the street against the warning of the red light.

WE WORRY about dwindling lodge attendance and then miss six meetings in a row.

WE WORRY about crashing in an airplane, then fall off a ladder painting the house.

WE WORRY about getting enough exercise, then drive two blocks for a cup of coffee.

WE WORRY about getting the car greased every thousand miles, then never get a medical check-up.

WE WORRY about retirement, then go about carelessly to keep from lasting that long.

WE WORRY about H-bombs, then blow our heads off by smoking around gasoline.

WE WORRY about polio, then get crippled by running into a power lawn mower.

WE WORRY about tornadoes, then get liquidated in a traffic accident.

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