

The CABLETOW

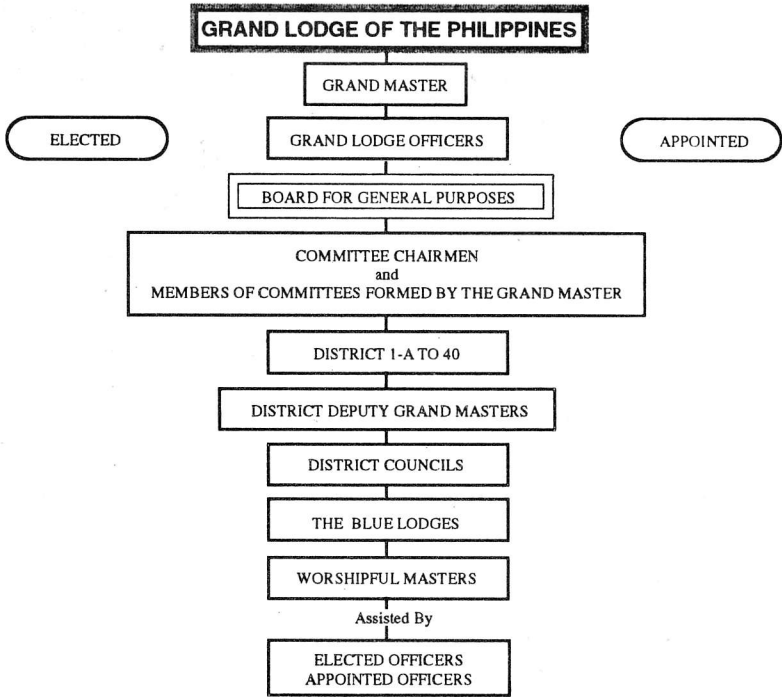
SPECIAL ANCOM '92 ISSUE

APRIL 23-25, 1992

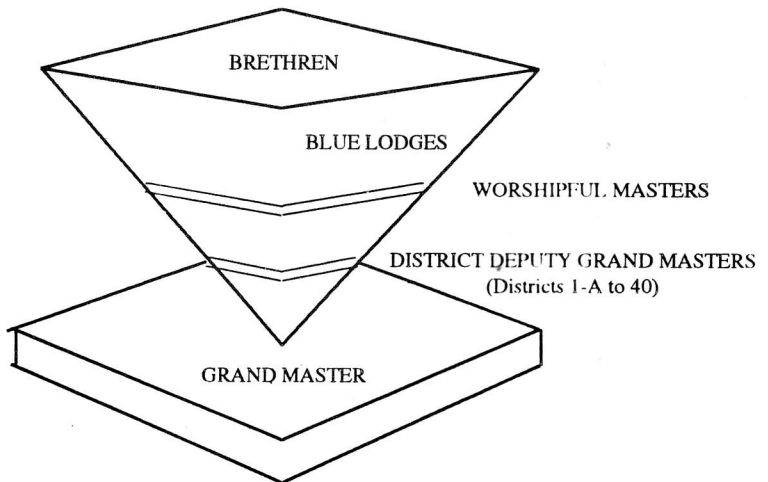


"KEEP THE MASONIC FLAME BURNING"

ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP OF OUR FRATERNITY



ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S VIEW



THE INVERTED PYRAMID

**COVENANT OF THE BRETHREN
WITH THE GRAND MASTER**
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
of the Philippines

PLARIDEL MASONIC TEMPLE
1440 SAN MARCELINO ST., MANILA
P.O. BOX 990
CABLE ADDRESS: "GLOFAMP"

JOSE R GUERRERO
Grand Master

RUDYARDO V BUNDA
Grand Secretary

TO ALL THE BRETHREN
Under the Jurisdiction of the MW Grand Lodge
of the Philippines

THROUGH THE DDGM

Dear Brethren,

As you cast your glance upon the simple organizational chart of our Fraternity you saw that your Grand Master occupies the highest rectangle. But in truth, the opposite pyramid, wherein the base is occupied by the Brethren, while the apex is where the highest ranking Mason should be. For the Grand Master looks up to the Brethren for support and cooperation in the service and labor he can muster. You, Brethren, are the voice that will spell the great difference between a successful 1991 - 1992 administration, or by your choice, a failure.

In retrospect, however, my inner Bell, which has never failed me, rings and tolls, telling me that should of optimism, telling me, that you and I are one. For both of us aim for the best welfare of everyone and for our Fraternity. That together, we will meet our goals and objectives to produce a fruitful end, come 1992.

Let us therefore invoke the continued blessings and guidance of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, to help us bury our differences, to make us truly sincere with one another, in the ever-living spirit of brotherly love, relief and truth, even closer than blood brothers under his Fatherhood.

Once again, my aeon thanks for giving me your trust, confidence and overwhelming mandate. As your Grand Master, I repeat, I cannot do miracles alone, whatever I will work for, I commend into your hands... and together, we will reap the fruits of what you have made me sown.

Fraternally,


JOSE REYES GUERRERO
Grand Master



MW Jose Reyes Guerrero with his entourage together with Guam brethren at the Mabini shrine after wreath laying ceremonies. The Grand Master was saying that one of the names reflected in the monument was his Grand Uncle Pedro Paltrig a lieutenant of Mabini.



MW Jose Reyes Guerrero after the official reception by the Worshipful Master WB Chito Alvarez of Coronado Lodge #441, Coronado, California presided over the ceremony of the Golden Veterans Award. At his left is MW Chinton Carlson, Past Grand Master MY 1956-1957 of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the Grand Inspector Grand Lodge of California.

REPORT OF THE GRAND MASTER FOR MASONIC YEAR 1991-1992

SERVICE IN THEORY AND IN ACTION

Most worshipful sirs, officers and members. . . Beloved Brethren:

I greet and welcome you all with pleasure, sincerity and Brotherly love as representatives of the 254 Lodges of Master Masons in the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction to this 76th Annual Communication. This unprecedented attendance here today is a very obvious, clear and significant manifestation of your continued interest, support and concern with the affairs and on-going activities of your Grand Lodge. This is the Grand Lodge I officially opened to all Brethren on May 21, 1991, the first day I assumed office as its 74th Grand Master of our Fraternity, 24 days after that historic and unforgettable election in Bacolod City, the Grand Lodge that belongs to all of you, my Brothers. This was the center piece of my Administration, to bring the Grand Lodge closer to you, through the SERVICE of the Grand Master and the other Grand Officers, to all the Ancient Craft Masons in the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction.

I have kept my promise during my inaugural address in the last or 75th ANCOM of April 1991, that I shall open the Grand Lodge to you, that I shall serve you at my level best, and that I shall run the Grand Lodge not like a businessman but as a Disciplined Mason.

All these I spelled out to you with the most sincere intention. Upon assumption of office on May 21, 1991, I called a meeting of all DDGMs and DGLs for May 25, 1991 to be held at the New Grand Lodge Temple. I explained to them the rationale behind the theme of my Administration "**Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!** And the most difficult to attain among the objectives of my program of government that is to augment the accounts/assets of the Grand Lodge and in so doing influence the Districts and Blue Lodges to do the same. The other objectives are to manifest fidelity and pride to the Craft; to bring about strong, effective and dedicated leadership with teamwork and discipline in all levels of the Fraternity; and lastly, to pursue and improve Masonic Education.

Through your respective District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGMs), you my Brethren and your Grand Master entered into a contract on that day. This was in the form of a letter I wrote to you all, presenting first my promise of service, thru an Inverted Pyramid wherein you Brethren are there at the Base of the Pyramid, yet because it is inverted, in effect, you are at the top while your Grand Master who occupies the highest position at the peak of the pyramid, is at the lowest point in that inverted pyramid. For as he had proclaimed in his inaugural address in Bacolod City. **WHOSOEVER WILL BE CHIEF AMONGST YOU, LET HIM BE YOUR SERVANT.**

I have looked up to you my Brothers for support and cooperation as the

voice that will spell the great difference between a successful Masonic Year 1991-1992 Administration, or by your choice, a failure.

But the result of the overwhelming turnout of events, where truth prevailed, when you gave me your faith and trust, and made me more confident and optimistic that you and I, who aim only for the best welfare of our Brethren and our Fraternity are one, and that together, we will meet our goals and objectives to produce a fruitful and successful result come end of Masonic Year 1991-1992.

This is what I considered as the implied and silent covenant between you Brethren, and me.

Since the start of my Administration, I was consistent in my acts, pronouncements and sincerity. Discipline was prevalent in implementing every Office Order I have issued. Prudence in handling the funds of the Grand Lodge was the standard followed in disbursing any amount. First hand visits to the sources of income paved the way to a Banner Year for the sowing of the fruits of our hard work and endeavors as Administrators of the Grand Lodge, with special mention of the Grand Secretary and his Assistant Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer and his Staff.

The day of reckoning is now. Today, I shall be judged by the results of my program of Administration. Today, I shall again be the target of the Discordants for they would want to be satisfied of their underestimation and their pessimistic expectation regarding the outcome of my term.

Indeed, beloved Brothers, I am very sorry and I apologize with regrets to those whose ire and bad wishes I cannot satisfy. For perhaps because of them, the odds, the hands of time and Divine Providence willed that once again, truth prevailed for the evidences will speak for themselves.



MW Jose Reyes Guerrero with VW Sabdani Hadjikul, DDGM, District #19 on the occasion of a visitation to Bud Bongao Lodge No. 288. Note the volumes of the Holy Quoran and Holy Bible on the altar.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

I.	FINANCIAL CONDITIONS	1
II.	FRATERNAL CARE	
	1. Fraternal Dead	6
	2. Our Sunshine Work	6
	3. Pinatubo/Ormoc Funds	8
	4. Masonic Education	9
	5. Charity and Medical Assistance	10
	6. Masonic Cemetry	10
III.	SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	
	1. Messages of the Grand Master	48
	2. Some of Published Messages	48
	3. Servie Organization Exclusively for Masons	12
	4. Masonic Charities for Crippled Children	13
	5. The Youth	14
	6. The Temple Builders Club	15
	7. Grievance/Trust Funds/ Commendations	16
	8. Awardees	16
	9. Marker	18
IV.	OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS	
	1. Visitations	
	A. Local Visitations	19
	1. Summary of Local Travels & Visitations	21
	2. Results of Local Travels	24

B.	Foreign Visitations	25
1.	Summary	27
2.	Significant of Events of Foreign Visitations	28
2.	Meetings Called/Meetings Attended	29
3.	Letters of Introduction to Assist Brethren	32
4.	Updating of Records	33
5.	Office Order Issed for Masonic year 1991-1992	33
6.	Foreign Correspondence	34
7.	Other Official Engagements	35
8.	Visits to Scottish Rite and York Rite Bodies	37
9.	Visiting Masonic Dignitaries/Bodies Amongs the Many Brethren from all over the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction since the Grand Lodge was Made Open to them	38
V.	EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS	
1.	Edicts Decreed	39
2.	Circular Issued	39
3.	Lodges Constituted	40
4.	Lodges Dispensation	41
5.	Special Dispensation	41
6.	Opions and/or Decisions Rendered	43
7.	Other Actions/Rulings	44
8.	Appointments of Representatives to Foreign Grand Lodges	
VI.	CONCLUSION	
	MESSAGE OF THE EX-OFFICIO EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE CABLETOW	48

Financial Conditions

The Financial report of the Grand Treasurer, supported by the Report of our External Auditors, Joaquin Cunanan & Co., for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992, a copy that you have will bear me out when I officially report to you the good tidings that fruitfully and logistically resulted in my term. This is the first time in the history of Philippine Masonry that a Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines will be reporting to you Brethren the highlights of the positive posture of the Financial Condition of your Grand Lodge. I took pains in preparing these data for your appreciation and analysis not because

I want to center on how the objective of augmentation of accounts/assets of the Grand Lodge was met. But because I want you to prepare yourselves to think very well when the time comes, on whether or not a proposal concerning the financial condition of the Grand Lodge will improve or retard the now secured and very liquid financial profile of your Grand Lodge. Therefore, for the welfare of the Brethren, I would like to apprise you of what you Brethren have earned in 1992; how much increase there is in your assets and particularly, in your working capital and other special funds.

I. THE NET RESULT OF OPERATION

IS A SURPLUS IN EXCESS OF REVENUES

OVER EXPENSES OF P/408,361.12

SURPLUS IN 1992

P/408,361.92

SURPLUS IN 1991

88,093.00

SURPLUS INCREASE OVER 1991 P/320,268.12

A. This increase was mainly attributable to the revenues that were earned which were more than the estimated or budget for revenues or income.

B. The actual expenses in my term were much smaller than the budget provided for expenses.

A few examples of conservation measures that were simple, but practical added to the increase of savings from expenses.

1. The Grand Master did not ask for a Budget for discretionary funds unlike his predecessors for 1991 and 1990.

2. The Grand Master asked for a lower budget for Travel and Transportation of P/100,000.00 compared to 1991 of P/230,000.00 or a difference of P/130,000.00.

Out of this allowance or budget of P/100,000.00 P/90,514.30 was spent for local travels of the Grand Officers. Out of P/90,514.30, P/31,857.25 are expenses of MW Choa's Administration and paid by 1992 Administration; only P/58,657.05 were incurred in 1992. Out of P/58,657.05, only P/25,889.10 was spent by the Grand Master for his local travels for the whole Masonic Year 1991-1992. The balance of P/32,765.00 was for other Grand Lodge Officers while P/7,043.20 was for the transportation Grand Lodge Employees. Expenses for official foreign travel visitations were subsidized by the Grand Master, from his personal funds as promised.

3. Light and Water Expenses Budget was P/96,000.00 but the actual expenses is P/360,267.46 or a savings of P/35,732.50, considering that two buildings were being serviced in 1992 and only one (1) in 1991.

The Grand Master issued an Office Order for the schedule of turning on and turning off lights airconditioning units during office hours. This also is true with the conservation of water.

These conserving tips positively resulted into funds saving.

The actual increase in revenues compared with the expected revenue budget, increased by P/309,648.00.

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

This was brought about by the bigger actual Sales of Masonic Supplies of P/672,773.85 compared to the Budget of Revenues for sale of P/600,000.00 or an increase of P72,773.85 by comparing the Sales of Masonic Supplies for 1991 or last year, of P/556,382.00, with the sales for 1992 of P672,773.85, there is an increase of P/116,391.15 or 20.91%.

Rental revenues of Halls and Offices offshoot the revenue budget by P/103,425.05. Budget was P/130,000.00 while actual was P/233,425.00. When we compared this increase of P/103,425.00 to 1991's actual of P/119,252.00 we will observe that this did not reach the Budget of P/160,000.00. This resulted into a difference of unmet goal by P/40,748.00.

COMPARE RENTALS REVENUES

1992	-	P/233,425.00
1991	-	119,252.00

The increase is **P/114,173.00**

The Increase of Rental Income can be credited to the better relationship between the Grand Lodge and the Lessees or Tenants which makes it easier for the up-to-date collection of rents. The vacated spaces are now being rented by other parties at a much higher rate of about 300 plus%. Tenants who were delinquent in their payments are now paying on time.

Another factor in the increase of Revenues Over Expenses is the increase of Actual per Capita of P/2,226,600.00 over P/2,134,650.00 or P/91,950.00.

ACTUAL PER CAPITA

1992	-	P/2,226,600.00
1991	-	2,140,155.00

Increase of 1992
over 1991 **P/ 86,445.00**

The augmentation of our income by P/408,362.00 is another favor I would like to thank you for. Your receptive reaction to the opening of

the GrandLodge of staying and visiting, resulted into a chain reaction and contamination, not only of the Brethren from far away South, but likewise from Brethren from lands across the seas. All those paved the way, for Harmony and Unity which is now spreading, throughout the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction. These factors affected the manner and attitude of our paying parties so that revenues geometrically increased whether from sales, rental, or individual per capita. You and I have had a good teamwork for the whole Masonic Year 1991-1992. We have attained our ambitions goal of augmenting our accounts.

II. INCREASE IN CURRENT ASSETS

Current Assets 1992	P/21,466,426.00
Current Assets 1991	19,930,757.00
	<hr/>

Increase of 1992 over 1991 P/ 1,535,629.00

Highlights of which are:

1. Increase of Working Capital

Working capital in 1992	P/ 564,791.00
Working capital in 1991	42,828.00
	<hr/>

Increase of 1992 over 1991 P/ 521,963.00

2. Due to Appendant Organizations

For 1992	P/ 380,130.00
For 1991	135,220.00
	<hr/>

Increase P/ 244,910.00

Our cash position will still improve when the dues on special charges assessed, but were not collected as of March 31, 1992, are finally remitted later, in the amount P/643,215.00.

My Brothers, we have attained our ambitious dream of earning more than three times our earnings of last year (1991) or P/88,093.00, (1992) P/408,362.00. Our conservative estimate of breaking even in our rev-

enues over our expenses instead, resulted to a gigantic leap of, from Breakeven of zero (0) to P/408,362.00 (excess of revenues over expenses) or in terms of percentage is 464%

With the attainment of our objective, to augment the accounts/assets of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, we are assured that our Grand Lodge has, now, a very sound financial condition as of March 31, 1992, with our sacrifices during this Masonic Year of 1991-1992.

The Supreme Grand Master of the Universe has been very kind to us. Together, he blessed us with an unquestionable achievement for, as a team, we were able to meet our objective of securing and augmenting our accounts/Assets. With this sound posture, it is time to go to the heart of our thrusts. Well aware of this, the Grand Master Reports primarily on the events/activities/programs and other actions that manifested our Fraternal Care.



MW Jose R. Guerrero and VW Lwo Cuachon, DDGM of Masonic District #27 inspecting the books that were badly damaged by termites and silver fish at the old Library of Grand Lodge, before they were transferred to the new site of the library. More than 2,000 volumes were salvaged.

FRATERNAL CARE

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

One of the painful duties of the Grand Master is to inform the Brethren about their beloved Brothers who have been summoned by the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe to the Great Beyond.

As your Grand Master, I now perform this duty, in the hope that it may forever remind us of the tasks that must be continued in honor of those Brethren who have laid down their working tools. We shall miss their physical presence, for their absence is and will always be felt as a great loss to us.

Our Grand Lodge Officers, who bear a similar duty, responded to the call of performing the Masonic Rites for our departed Brethren.

Among those who were given Masonic Necrological Services conducted by the Grand Lodge were:

- Bro. Ponciano B. Dionido of Zapote Lodge No. 29
- Bro. Antonio Merida of Luzon Lodge No. 57
- Bro. Felix Cabat of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27
- Bro. Pedro Macabagdal of Pilar Lodge No. 15
- Bro. Felixberto delos Reyes of Zapote Lodge No. 29
- Bro. Augusto C. Sanchez of Dapitan Lodge No. 21
- Bro. Bonifacio A. Cacdac of Island Luz-Minerva Lodge No. 5
- MW Bro. Manuel M. Crudo, PGM, of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4

It might be worth mentioning here that the completion of the New Grand Lodge Temple had been timely in receiving the remains of MW Manuel M. Crudo. Full honors were given to the Past Grand Master, presided by the incumbent, who incidentally is also from Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4.

OUR SUNSHINE WORK

Upon assumption of Office in May 1991, I created the Sunshine Committee chaired by the Junior Grand Warden. Upon receipt of his appointment, the Chairman sent instructions to all the District Deputy Grand Masters and District Grand Lecturers to organize their respective Sunshine Committees in their own District. These Committees in return will coordinate with the Sunshine Committee of the different Lodges under their jurisdiction. Being a resident of Cebu, the Junior Grand Warden concentrated on this area with close coordination with the

Office of the Grand Secretary. This should guarantee immediate action needed for any request or notice from the Sunshine Committees.

The result of this modus operandi of our Sunshine Work was fruitful in all levels. Some of the common activities undertaken by our Sunshine Coordinators and their members were:

- Visitation to sick Brethren of the District.
- Visitation to Senior Masons who can no longer attend Stated Meetings.
- Visitation of sick widows and orphans of departed Brethren.
- "Cheering-up-visits" with goodies and Christmas carols to sick Brethren, Senior Masons, their widows and orphans.
- Attendance in wakes and funeral services of our departed Brethren, their widows and/or orphans.

I am also pleased to tell you that your Grand Master has made it a point, to include in his itinerary of travel during his official and non-official visitations, to any Masonic District, a visit to the Senior Masons who cannot attend Stated Meetings for reasons of sickness or old age; a visit to sick Brethren in their home or in the hospital; visits to sick and old widows; and to attend wakes for departed Brethren and/or their widows and children.

Our answer to the call of the sick and the afflicted was prompt. I am certain that the attention we gave, to give Sunshine to the concerned have done a great part in bringing hope, cheer and moral support to our sick Brethren and their love ones, as the case may be.

I wish to express my aeon thanks to the Brethren who heartily and cheerfully did their Sunshine work very effectively.

PINATUBO AND ORMOC FUNDS

A. Pinatubo Fund

Masonic Year 1991-1992 started with painful mark of a traumatic historical event in Bacolod City. As if this was not enough, another catastrophic disaster occurred, an act of God thru the awakening of Mount Pinatubo, after 600 years in June 1991, barely three weeks after my assumption to office.

All on-going plans and/or preparations for Masonic activities scheduled for July and August 1991 had to be shelved. Immediately, the Grand Master put up the Masonic Districts Disaster Task Force (MDDTF), appointing the Deputy Grand Master as over-all coordinator of the Task Force, to coordinate all Masonic Relief and charity works, and to ensure that relief is given and distributed to the truly deserving. It is sad to say that the overall Chairman, did not perform as expected. In the 9 relief operations that the Grand Master personally headed, assisted by other Brethren, RW Mateo was not visible. The Grand Master lost no time in issuing Circular No. 5, series of 91 to all Lodges in the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction dated June 27 1991 re: Aid and assistance to victims of Pinatubo Volcanic Eruption.

The positive results from the pouring in of answers of our Brethren in terms of cash and donations in kind, from as far as the United States of America, is a living evidence that the Philippine Masonry is still alive, vibrant and humane.

B. Ormoc Fund

The Ormoc Fund is the totality of the voluntary contributions and donations of our concerned Brethren for the victims of typhoon "Uring", as of March 31, 1992 is P/32,015.00.

As of this writing, the Grand Master has a pending recommendation to the Board of General Purposes on its last meeting on April 20 1992 regarding the safe keeping of these funds which were received as donations and "love aid" from Brethren for Pinatubo and Ormoc victims which are now consolidated with the other Calamity Funds of last year.

The Grand Master has issued and circularized to all the Districts those Progress Reports to make known to all the Brethren of the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction the status of these funds. The first report was dated August 5, 1991; the second was dated with the same date; and the third, October 3, 1991. As far as this Administration is concerned the Brethren can rest fully assured that their donations had

been heartily and truly given to the less fortunate, the victims of the Mt. Pinatubo and Ormoc disasters.

Before the opening of the 92nd ANCOM, this assurance will materialize, hopefully, upon the issuance of Edict no. 142 to this effect.

MASONIC EDUCATION

One of the objectives of my program of Administration is Masonic Education. During Masonic Year 1991-1992, we pursued an informal, yet vigorous, comprehensive and successful program of Masonic Education. As per our understanding with all the District Deputy Grand Masters in the first meeting I called for, on May 25, 1991, a portion of our Masonic District Conventions will be allotted to discourse on Masonic subjects.

Except for the Conventions held in Davao City and Cavite City, this plan was carried. Included as team members to assist the Senior Grand Lecturer, are Brethren who are Masonically knowledgeable who are not only familiar but proficient with our rituals, landmarks, customs, tradition, esoteric and Masonic philosophy and program.

Our discourses dwelt generally on the symbols of Masonry, and the meaning of the three degrees which was followed by an Open Forum. We had guests and featured speakers from our Craft who are Theosophists, who spoke on the esoteric side of Masonry. One of them is our Grand Chaplain.

Our Masonic Education Program we believe, based on the positive, encouraging and gratifying feedback from our Brethren from far up North to down South, provided the members with an enlightening insight of our Craft, as a whole. The most rewarding manifestation of the keen interest of the Brethren in being involved with our Masonic Education thrust, is their wanting to know more about the extensive philosophical, spiritual and esoteric aspects of Freemasonry.

As the delegates in all District Conventions where we had discourses, return to their respective Districts, particularly to their Blue Lodges, bringing back with them the impetus and inspiration for the Masonic learning they have gained, the Brethren in turn, become earnest in undertaking the same experience about our Noble Order during their Stated Meetings.

We can not do otherwise, but reach a positive conclusion that in Masonic Year 1991-1992, our objective as far as Masonic Education is concerned, has not only been met, but has left an imprint for Master Masons, all over the Philippine Jurisdiction to formulate and later

undertake as a continuing program for a permanent and well-organized system of Masonic learning.

CHARITY AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

In line with the Fraternity's thrust of extending fraternal care to Masons and the members of the Masonic family, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has formed the Charity and Medical Assistance Committee with WB Honorio L. Carreon as its Chairman. Its membership is composed mostly of physicians medical technologists, nurses and graduates of allied professions.

The main objective of this committee is to aid and assist distressed worthy Brother Masons, their widows, and orphans, the employees of the Grand Lodge and their immediate dependents, patients recommended by Brother Masons and walk-in patients. The services that the Committee renders ranges from general medicine, out-patient services, and referrals of special cases to different specialists and institutions.

The Grand Master in behalf of all the Grand Lodge Officers, Brethren of the Craft, and all the Beneficiaries of these Charity and Medical assistance would like to express his appreciation and gratitude to the Committee on Charity and Medical Assistance, particularly its Chairman, for their unselfish and dedicated efforts, for the sake of our beloved Fraternity.

MASONIC CEMETERY

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines is in possession of and administers a portion of the North Cemetery, by virtue of Edict No.133 dated 22 November 1990. These portions has come to be known as the "Masonic Cemetery" intended for the burial of Master Masons who are members of Lodges owing allegiance to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines or those other Lodges in amity with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Currently, the Grand Lodge through the Committee on Cemetery, fomred by the Grand Master, is in the process, of reconstituting its records pertaining to technical descriptions of the Cemetery Property or records/documents of ownership. This effort is being undertaken with the assistance of the City Hall Authorities.

To update the records in the Grand Lodge, the Brethren-Lessees and/or their successors were required to accomplish a prescribed Information Sheet.

At present, due to the revision of City Hall Ordinances affecting the North Cemetery plots, a legal panel is studying and formulating policies and procedures regarding the proper management of the Masonic Cemetery plot.

The Grand Master, with the Brethren foremost on his mind, reports on some Special Activities so accomplished mainly for them. These are:

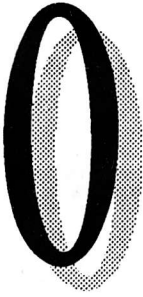


MW Jose R. Guerrero together with his staff Bro. Ely Ybanez coordinated with WB Artemio Tadiar, Cmdr. Subcom, before a joint operation for Pinatubo was launched by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge.



MW Jose R. Guerrero with Deputy Commissioner Titus Villanueva of the Bureau of Customs, Danny Fonacier, VW Oscar L. Fung of Cabletow and other brethren of lodges from Zambales and Bataan after a very busy day long distribution of Masonic relief goods in San Narciso, Zambales.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES



ne of the multi-faceted duties I enjoyed and cherished as a service to our Brethren is the writing of my messages, on the occasion of very significant Masonic affairs, activities and celebrations. During my incumbency, I have never given a message twice. Each message is original and prepared with a frame of mind that postulates an esoteric essence, that I believe, will carry a deeper meaning for the retrospection of any Brother it may reach.

In all the messages I have sent to almost all the Districts and several symbolic Blue Lodges in answer to their requests for publication in their Souvenir Program, I had in every writing adopted a theme, which is usually a saying from a Biblical phrase or passage or the words of wise men, or my original quotation.

Because of the feedback and requests I have received from the Brethren from all over the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction, I have compiled almost all my messages that have been published by the corresponding District/Lodge concerned. They are being prepared for printing and publication which I shall be sending to all of you, the soonest possible time.

The last message I have prepared for the 1992 ANCOM Souvenir Program is dedicated to all of you my Brethren, as I step down from the Grand Oriental Chair as the 74th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines. It ends, the way I desire our Brotherhood to be genuine all the way through.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION EXCLUSIVELY FOR MASONS

ACACIA MUTUAL AID SOCIETY, INC.

As Ex-Officio Chairman of the Board of Trustee for Masonic Year 1991-1992 of Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc., I am very proud and honored to congratulate its Officers and Staff for a record breaking accomplishment for this period.

In spite of the multifarious economic problems besetting our environment, nationally and internationally, which to our apprehension seemed pessimistic for the Society's prospects, against all odds, however, this year 1991 proved to be a Banner year for Acacia Mutual Aid Society.

Membership Lodges and Group Contribution

1991	P/2,316,877.00
1990	1,360,313.00

**Increase over
1990 P/ 956,564.00**

Assets of the Society

1991	P/8,283,416.00
1990	6,684,775.00

**Increase over
1990..... P/1,598,641.00**

This long missed, and perhaps unprecedented improvement in the financial condition of the Society is another feather of achievement in the cap of positive results I had envisioned for better and improved service to our Brethren members during my incumbency.

I am elated to have been a part of this service oriented society, and I assure them of my unending support.

MASONIC CHARITIES FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

The Report submitted to the Grand Master, by the President of this charitable arm of the Grand Lodge is well taken. I appreciate the acknowledgement by the President of the Grand Master's simple donation to this organization, which I believe was not worth mentioning anymore. However, I would like to add a very significant contribution on the Grand Master's part to that report to the credit of the "Masonic Charities for Crippled Children" which is a traditional event in his life. This is the yearly celebration of his natal day, May 19th at the Masonic Ward of the Mary Johnston Hospital. Last May 19, 1992, majority of the Grand Lodge employees, and our other Brethren and Sisters joined him and his family during his Birthday Party. Among the is a departed Brother from Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51, of District 10 (Cavite) who celebrated his Birthday with the Grand Master. He promised that henceforth, the Grand Master and he, will be celebrating their Birthdays jointly.

This traditional family affair of your Grand Master, I believe, deserves a space in the President's Report. With regard to the part of the Report of the President of the MCCC that no action was taken by the Grand Lodge to implement a Resolution, to increase the annual assessment per member from P/30.00 to P/50.00, which was unanimously approved during the last (1991) Annual Communication let me refresh the memory of the President of MCCC on two points, by lifting two (2) recommendations from the report of the Board for General Purposes to the Grand Master for Masonic Year 1991-1992.

(1) P. 3, No. 5 recommendation of the Board of General Purposes on its meeting on July 28, 1991

No. 5. The Board recommended the matter of the verbal resolution of MW Raymundo N. Beltran for the increase of the annual assessment from P/30.00 to P/50.00 per year, of the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children be forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee for study.

(2) P.5 No.4 of the Board for General Purposes on its meeting on August 2,1991.

No. 4. On the increase of the annual assessment from P/30.00 to P/50.00 as approved by the 1991 ANCOM.

The Board in full appreciation of the issues involved, unanimously recommended implementation of the MCC resolution as approved by the 1991 ANCOM to take effect next year (1992), remanding it to ANCOM 1992 for ratification, (underscoring is mine).

It is, therefore, not true that no action was taken by us in the Grand Lodge. Upon recommendation of the Board for General Purposes, I wish to remind the Brethren that this ANCOM will have to ratify the motion of the President of the MCCC, MW Raymundo N. Beltran, before the Grand Lodge can implement the same.

THE YOUTH

Another good news I want to share with you Brethren is about our Youth in terms of its prevailing performance and leadership. During Masonic Year 1991-1992, the total membership of the 56 Chapters of the Order of the Demolay with 3,000 active members; the 15 assemblies of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls with 400 membership; and 24 Bethel of Jobs Daughters with 400 members were more

concerned about the quality of their membership rather than its quantity. This high posture and standard in leadership maintained by our Youth paid a high price in return. On March 30, 1992 the Grand Master gave a commendation to the Members of Emmanuel Baja Chapter, Order of the Demolay of Cavite City, for winning the First Place, as the "Most Outstanding Youth Group" for Southern Tagalog Region.

In addition, the request of the Grand Secretary of the Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay for a Grand Master's Perpetual Trophy was granted. This will cost more or less P/7,500.00. On the other hand, the Grand Lodge issued P/50,000.00 per Check No. 52834 (PCIB) to the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, as a donation or assistance to their on-going projects.

At the moment of writing of this report, your Grand Master has prepared his favorable endorsement for the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Youth regarding the balance of the Youth Fund, to the Board of General Purposes on its last meeting on April 20, 1992.

THE TEMPLE BUILDERS CLUB

The Temple Builders Club was not abolished, but was dissolved by Edict No. 140 dated 28 February 1992. Its functions and purpose were modified to accommodate the interest of all other temples within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The Club was merged instead with the Committee of Buildings and Temples which is also a Committee of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Its functions and authority are more consolidated. Its Officers and Members now instead composed the membership of the Committee on Masonic Temples and Buildings (as required in Part 1, Chapter 1, Article VII, Paragraph 33 L of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines

GRIEVANCE

It is very heartwarming to mention that there were no grievances received by the Committee on Grievance. The Chairman of this Committee reported that grievances had been included in the agenda of the Board for General Purposes.

TRUST FUNDS

Our Committee on Board of Trustees reported that it has not received inputs, as the same had been included in the agenda of the Board for General Purposes.

COMMENDATIONS

Members of Emmanuel Baja Chapter, Order of DeMolay of Cavite City, for winning the First Place on the "Most Outstanding Youth Group" for Southern Tagalog Region on March 30, 1992.

AWARDEES

The Grand Master sincerely, heartily and meritoriously congratulates the choice of the Committee for the Ten Outstanding Masons of the year in their respective field or career.

1. VW Eusebio U. Abella, Jr. for Architecture
2. Bro. Carlito S. Puno for Education
3. WB Eluderio S. Salvo for Engineering
4. Bro. Edmundo B. Libid for Foreign Service
5. WB Cesar D. Francisco for Judiciary
6. WB Cesar de Leon Go for Military
7. VW Rene R. Cruz for Law Enforcement
8. VW Felix J. Vicuna, Jr. for Medicine
9. MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM for Public Service
10. WB Ali G. Macawaris for Science

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Committee for Ten Outstanding Masons of the year, chaired by MW Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM with MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM, VW Nathanael M. Grospe, VW Fernando V. Pascua, VW Enrique L. Locsin, VW Rene R. Cruz for their very exhaustive, fair and objective evaluation in arriving in a conclusive and final decision in selecting the winners.

The other Awardees for Masonic Year 1991-1992 who were selected by a Special Committee chaired by the Grand Master and membership of which are made by all the elected Grand Officers are the following:

A. MOST OUTSTANDING DISTRICT

1. Masonic District No. 17
2. Masonic District No. 25

B. MOST OUTSTANDING DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

1. VW Manuel R. Samson, DDGM - District No. 17
2. VW Henry C. Dy, DDGM - District No. 25
3. VW Sabdani J. Hadjirul, DDGM - District No. 19

C. MOST OUTSTANDING DISTRICT GRAND LECTURER

1. VW Gregorio B. Malicay, DGL - District No. 17
2. VW Voltaire I. Rovira, DGL - District No. 25

D. MOST OUTSTANDING GRAND LODGE INSPECTOR

1. VW Hermenigildo C. Gines
2. GLI, Kapitan Pepe Lodge No. 293
3. VW Antonio C. Bernal
4. GLI, Halcon Lodge No. 249

E. MOST OUTSTANDING LODGE

1. Macajalar Lodge No. 184, F. & A.M.
2. Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.
3. Iligan Lodge No. 207, F. & A.M.

F. MOST OUTSTANDING WORSHIPFUL MASTER

1. WB Ben Sy Chu Eng
Macajalar Lodge No. 184
2. WB Artemio A. Tadiar, Jr.
Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17
3. WB Jimmy Y. Balacuit, Sr.
Iligan Lodge No. 207

G. MOST OUTSTANDING SECRETARY

1. Bro. Montano F. Salvador
Macajalar Lodge No. 184
2. Bro. Fernando R. Francisco
Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17
3. Bro. Calixto B. Febrero, Jr.
Iligan Lodge No. 207

H. MOST OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER (LODGE LEVEL)

1. Macajalar Lodge No. 184
2. Pangasinan Lodge No. 56
3. Kanlaon Lodge No. 64

I. MOST OUTSTANDING NEWSLETTER (DISTRICT LEVEL)

1. Masonic District No. 25
(VW Henry C. DY, DDGM)
2. Masonic District No. 9-A
(VW Froilan T. Madrinan, DDGM)
3. Masonic District No. 23
(VW Jose R. Anez, DDGM)

MARKERS

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.” Every step that humanity takes as it goes through life must be recorded or “marked” for posterity. The Grand Master had recognised the notable Masonic strides that had occurred during his incumbency. Those unquantifiable achievements of Masonry which are beyond verbal or written expression are manifested in the following:

1. The Center for Continuing Masonic Education\ and Library.
2. Masonic Museum.
3. Tree House for our Youth and our Aged. All these were properly identified with Markers. The messages contained in these Markers were conceptualized by the Grand Master. The actualization of these Markers now ensures the propriety for which they were created and installed.

The Grand Master is your Brother. You gave him your trust and confidence for him to be elevated to the Grand Oriental Chair. As the highest ranking official of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines, he has his Official Functions to perform. These are:

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

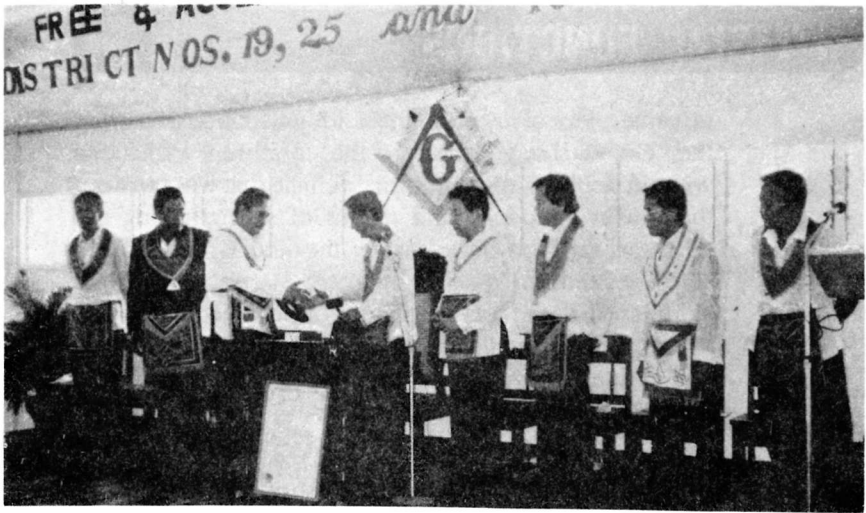
The centerpiece of my program of Administration is to bring the Grand Lodge closer to the Brethren. Visitations without doubt is the primordial vehicle that will carry out this main thrust. It is a means of strengthening the relationship of the Grand Master, the other Grand Officers with the Brethren outside of Metro Manila, and way far North and South. It is a rare and opportune time to dialogue, address and fortify the weaknesses of the Districts and Lodges, as well as it is an opportunity to identify and fortify their strenghts.

A. Local Visitations

The arrangement, we had with the District Deputy Grand Masters of Districts 1 to 40, of having Tri- or Regional or at the least, Joint District Conventions, at the outset of my assumption to office, added greatly to the attainment of my basic intention for all the local travels and visitations I made, in almost all the Districts of the Philippine Masonic Jurisdiction to serve the Brethren. This scheme gave the Grand Master the needed time to be physically present on the set occasion and simultaneously, it saved traveling funds, and it conserved energy.



MW Jose Reyes Guerrero receives a souvenir fan from MW Tommy Weng, Grand Master, F & AM of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of China. At the right of MW Jose R. Guerrero is RW Christopher Haffner, Provincial Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland for Hong Kong and the Far East.



MW Jose R. Guerrero returning the gavel to VW Jose G. Hofilena during the District convention dignitaries in the East are RW Guz Mateo, VW Fernando V. Pascua Jr., SGI, VW Sabdani J. Hadjirul, and VW Henry C. Du.



GM Jose Reyes Guerrero hosted the Past Grand Masters in a quarterly luncheon meeting at the Westin Philippine Plaza. From left to right are: MW Willaim H. Quasha, MW Reynato S. Puno, MW Tudgardo Bunda, MW Juan O. Nabong, r., RW Agustin V. Mateo, RW Damaso C. Tria, MW Jose Reyes Guerrero, MW Semeon Rene Lacson.

1. SUMMARY OF LOCAL TRAVELS AND VISITATIONS

1991

- May 08 - Official visitation, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4
- 11 - Quezon, Nueva Ecija to constitute Kapitan Pepe Lodge No. 294 and DDGM's turnover of Masonic District 6-A venue, Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73
- 23 - As Special Guest of the DeMolay Conclave, CLSU, Munoz, Nueva Ecija
- June 12 - Independence Day Celebration, Kawit, Cavite
- 19 6AM - Dr. Jose P. Rizal's Birth Anniversary
Calamba, Laguna with Pres. Corazon C. Aquino
- 10AM - Constitution of San Pedro Lodge No. 292
San Pedro, Laguna
- 1PM - Public Installation of Officers of San Pedro Lodge No. 292
San Pedro, Laguna
- 22 - Constitution of Antonio R. Lamson Memorial Lodge No. 290, San Antonio, Nueva Ecija
- Dedication of General Llanera Memorial Lodge No. 168, Masonic Temple
- 24 - Visitation, Gapan, Nueva Ecija
Sixto Lopez Lodge No. 129
Batulao, Batangas
- 28 - Departure for Constitution of Podomo Lodge No. 294, Davao City
- 29 - Constitution of Podomo Lodge No. 294
- July 12 - Institution of Cagayan de Oro Lodge (UD)
- 13 - Institution of Camiguin Island Lodge (UD)
- 20 - Relief Operation in Orani, Bataan and San Narciso, Zambales re: Pinatubo Victims

- 27 - Joint District Convention
District Nos. 13 & 26, Virac, Catanduanes
as Guest Speaker

- Aug. 03 - Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105
re: Grand Lodge Disaster Assistance
Angeles City (Pampanga)

- Aug. 24 - Rededication of Gen. Llanera Memorial
Lodge NO. 168, Gapan, Nueva Ecija
- 30 6AM - Marcelo H. del Pilar Day Celebration
Bulacan, Bulacan
- 10AM - Institution of Cupang Lodge (UD) at the
Malolos Lodge No. 46 Bldg.
Malolos, Bulacan

- Sept 05 - Joint District Convention
- 06 - District Nos. 33 & 38
- 07 - Dipolog City as Guest Speaker
- 14 - Multi-District Convention
District Nos. 18, 26, 32, 37
Davao Masonic Center, Davao City as Guest Speaker
- 21 - Joint District Convention
District Nos. 19 & 40
Pagadian City
- 28 - Tri-District Convention
District 15, 16 & 39
Tacloban City as Guest Speaker

- Oct 05 - Tri-District Convention
District Nos. 2, 3 & 23
Ilagan, Isabela (with District 23 as Host)
as Guest Speaker
- 11 - District No. 13- Emergency Meeting
at Daet Lodge No. 247, Camarines Norte

- 12 - Regional District Convention
Districts 6-A, 6-B, 7, 8 & 29
Host - District No. 7 in Malolos, Bulacan as Guest Speaker

- 19 - Joint District Convention
District Nos. 14 & 27
Iloilo City as Guest Speaker

- Nov. 16 - District Convention
Districts 17, 33 & 35
Cagayan de Oro City as Guest Speaker

- Nov. 23 - District Convention
(District Nos. 4, 5 & 24)
Tayug, Pangasinan

- 30 - District Convention
(District No. 10)
Cavite City as Guest Speaker

- 1992
- Jan 18 - Installation of Officers
Tagaytay Lodge No. 165
Cavite as Guest Speaker

- 24 - Masonic District No. 26 Assembly
Cotabato City

- Feb 08 - Manuel L. Quezon Lodge No. 262
Dedication of New Lodge
Baler, Quezon

- 14 - Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 77
Cavite City

- 15 - Makawiwili Lodge No. 55
Roxas City

- 22 - 36th Regional Masonic Convention
Iligan City

- 28 - Daguma Mt. Range Lodge No. 244
Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat, Cotabato
- Mar 06 - Visitation to Zamboanga and Tawi-Tawi
- 21 - Ground Breaking Ceremonies
Talavera Lodge No. 273
Nueva Ecija
- 26 - Special Visit to Cebu City to settle
a Masonic case
- 27 - Institution of Vicente L. Yap Memorial
Lodge (UD), Bacolod City
- Apr 01 - Annual Ceremonial of Filipinas Shrine Club
- 02 - Cagayan de Oro City
- 03 - as Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker

2. RESULTS

The results of the various local visitations I had were very rewarding. Primordially, I was touched by the warmth and hospitality of the Brethren. They manifested these by going out of their way to prepare sumptuous food which can satisfy even a king. They tried their best for the Grand Master and his official entourage, if any, to make their stay more pleasant fulfilling and gratifying.

The latent results and effects of these visitations, I believe and feel, are the main factors that paved the way, contributed and later on convinced the Brethren of the sincerity of the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Master and the other Grand Officers, particularly the Senior Grand Lecturer, that the main purpose of these visitations is to bring the Grand Lodge closer to the Brethren.

As the Masonic Year gradually became mature, from a crawling infant, to a walking child, to an adventurous adolescent, then to a budding teenager, we could feel and see many indications and manifestations of how the State of Masonry has remarkable improved than how it was to the beginning of the year. Now that Masonic Year 1991-1992 has dramatically reached its twilight phase of its life, your Grand

Master can say, with all profoundness, that as he exits from the Grand Oriental Chair, side by side, with the Brethren, he is assured that the once almost decaying moral fibre of Ancient Craft Masons have once more been restored to its strength and esoteric level.

B. Foreign Visitations

My foreign visitation, with my official entourage, and my better half, your Sister Baby started on October 26, 1991. From Manila we touched down at the International Airport at Taipeh, Taiwan to attend the 38th ANCOM of the Grand Lodge of China, your Grand Master was personally invited by the Grand Master of China, MW Tommy F.H. Weng as their Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker.

During the ANCOM, your Grand Master had the opportunity to meet dignitaries from other Grand Lodges, one of whom is the Grand Master of Japan. The prevailing Masonic ambience accompanied by the warmth and concern of our Brethren in Taipeh fostered our relation with the Brethren in attendance.

It is heartwarming to know that in my foreign visitations, I have in my own way gained more Masonic exposure and experience, which I brought back with me to share with the Brethren.

To give you a detailed account of my foreign travels and visitations will entail a voluminous written exercise which I do not want to load you with. Briefly, I shall recall the events for you.

1. From Taipeh, we proceeded to attend the Multi or Regional Convention of Districts 20, 21, 22, 30 and 34 with District 20 (Guam) as the Host on October 28, 1991. I was received with full honors as Grand Master and as Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker. The attendance of the delegates was very impressive. On the 29th, the Wreath Laying on the monument of Apolinario Mabini who was once upon a time exiled in Guam, we were able to see how strong and vibrant the membership of District 20 is. The delegates from other Districts were all warm and eager to hear about the State of Masonry in the Philippines. I was surprised to see the name of my long lost Uncle VW Palting to be engraved amongst the other heroes in the Marker, attached to the bust of Mabini.

2. From Guam, only three of us departed for Hawaii on October 30, 1991. We officially visited the Grand Lodge of Hawaii. At the airport, my entourage and I were met by no less than the Past Illustrious Potentate of Aloha Temple, Noble Jack Webb. The Nobles in Honolulu went out of their way to make our stay unforgettable. We attended

fellowship of Filipino Brethren and their wives.

3. Our next stop in our foreign itinerary of travel was California.

1) Your Grand Master was Guest Speaker, Guest of Honor and Awardee of a Solid Silver Plate during the monthly Luncheon Meeting of all the Oases in Daly City (SF).

He was also the Personal Guest of the Illustrious Potentate of Aloha Temple, Robert Churchill. During the meeting, the Illustrious Potentate also introduced Atty. A.P. Guerrero and requested her to give a short speech.

2) Your Grand Master paid a personal visitation to the Grand Lodge of California and officially, the Grand Master who called the Grand Secretary for introduction and Picture Taking. At that time, the Grand Master of California assured me of his presence during our 76th ANCOM, however, lately, he appointed an official Representative because of pressing schedule which he cannot avoid.

3) In San Diego, California, I experienced an unprecedented reception by no less than three hundred Brother to include their better halves. This was in Tila Pass Lodge No. 797, where I was the honoree in the Tree Planting Ceremonies wherein for the first time, a Philippine Foreign Dignitary planted the first Acacia Tree in San Diego. During the same event, your Grand Master was Guest Speaker and during the Fellowship, he met MW Clinton Carlson, Grand Master of the MW Grand Lodge of the F. & A.M. of the Philippines during Masonic Year 1956-57 (he looks very strong and young for his age, he is turning 92 on his coming Birthday).

4) Lemon Grove Lodge, also in California welcomed your Grand Master with unusual cordiality and respect. Majority of the members attended the occasion with their Ladies. Your Grand Master was also the Guest Speaker during that Affair. Your Sister Baby was requested by the Worshipful Master of the Lodge to introduce the Grand Master before the large but friendly and attentive audience.

5) Also in Los Angeles, I visited Coronado Lodge as Speaker and Presenter of a Golden Veteran Award to a Senior Mason who has been an Ancient Craft Mason for almost 40 years.

6) In Los Angeles, I had an opportunity to be with the Filipino Brethren in Stated Meetings and Fellowship, officially and unofficially. I had met Brethren who complained about their back issues of the Cabletow. My listening was sharpened by their very encouraging words and inspiring praises. Many of them signified their intention to attend our 76th ANCOM.

7) From Los Angeles, I proceeded on with my itinerary (I said I, because your Sister had their own program of activity in LA. So I left her temporary.) This time an overland travel and visitations to the Grand Lodge of New York was undertaken by your Grand Master. He had to spend a longer time with our Brethren, to rectify and set the proper perspective of their shady impression about him, before I left New York. Travelling by land, I wished Chicago as far as Canada wherein I was able to be in visitation although in a very short time, with the Brethren and a few Blue Lodges. From Canada I return to Los Angeles to settle some unfinished Masonic matters.

8) In Hongkong, I was accompanied by my Personal Representative, VW Douglas Kao in all my Masonic undertakings.

1. SUMMARY OF FOREIGN VISITATIONS

1991

- Oct. 26 - 38th ANCOM
Grand Lodge of China
Taipei, Taiwan (as Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker)
- 28 - Multi-District (Regional) Convention
of District 20, 21, 22, 30 and 34
in Guam, Hosted by District 20 (Guam)
(as Guest of Honor and Guest Speaker)
- 30 - Official visit to the Grand Lodge of Hawaii
- Nov. 01 - Visitation to the Grand Lodge of
- 02 - California and to attend Tree Planting Ceremonies
- 03 - Los Angeles/New York

- 04 - overland travel and visitation
to the Grand Lodge of New York
- 06 - Attended Stated Meeting of Tila Pass Lodge No. 797
in San Diego, California as Guest Speaker
- 07 - Lemon Grove Lodge
- 08 - Visitation to Brethren and Blue Lodges
- 09 - Overland Travel
- 10 - San Diego, California and visits to Brethren
and Lodges
- 11 - Los Angeles
Visitation to Brethren of Coronado Lodge
as Speaker and Presenter of a Golden Veteran Award
- 12 - Hongkong
Overland Travel and visitation to Sister Lodges

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OF FOREIGN VISITATIONS:

1. Your Grand Master received a Souvenir Fan from MW Tommy F.H. Weng, Grand Master F. & A.M. of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of China. This was witnessed by RW Christopher Haffner, Provincial Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Scotland from Hongkong and the Far East.

2. In Guam, your Grand Master with his entourage, laid a wreath at the Mabini Shrine in Guam, witnessed by the Brethren.

3. Your Grand Master and his entourage, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master of District 20, the Senior Grand Lecturer, the District Deputy Grand Master of District 9-A was interviewed in television hosted by Buhay Pinoy in Guam.

4. Governor Frank Blas of Guam presented your Grand Master with a Memento at the Governor's Palace.

5. The Governor of Guam presented the Grand Master with a Guam Certificate as Ex-Officio Ambassador of Guam.

6. In New York, the Grand Master received a Masonic Brochure of the Grand Lodge of New York from Most Worshipful Singer, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York

MEETINGS CALLED, MEETING ATTENDED

1991

- May 14 6PM - Presiding Officer
Plaridel York Rite Bodies
Plaridel Masonic Temple
- 21 5PM - First Meeting of Board for
General Purposes
- 23 7PM - Meeting of Temple Builders Club
Army and Navy Club
- 25 8:30 - Meeting of all DDGMs and DGLs
called by the Grand Master at the
New Grand Lodge Temple
- June 11 5PM - Masonic Coordinating Body Meeting
- 14 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society Inc.
Board Meeting as Ex-Officio Chairman
- 21 2PM - Special Meeting with Grand Treasurer,
Grand Secretary, Senior Grand Lecturer
and District Deputy Grand Master of District 9-B
- 5:30 - Meeting with Brother Sojourners
- July 01 8:30AM - As Guest with Pres. Corazon C. Aquino
at the 44th Anniversary of the
Phil. Air Force (PAF) and Graduation of PAF
Flying School Class of 1991
- 10 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc.
Board Meeting
- 17 12nn - Guest Speaker of Panday Pira Rotary Club
Tindalo Room, Manila Hotel
- 18 1PM - Meeting of Board for General Purposes

- 25 6PM - Temple Builders Club Meeting
New Plaridel Masonic Temple
- 9PM - Guest Speaker, Dinner for A Cause
District I-B, Bistro Banawe, Q.C.
- Aug. 14 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc.
Board Meeting
- 15 4PM - 1992 ANCOM Executive Committee Meeting
Chairman, Members, Grand Master,
Grand Secretary and GLP Officers
- 16 1PM - Board of Directors Organization
Meeting at the Grand Master's
Conference Room
- 2:30PM - Masonic Coordinating Body Meeting
Grand Master's Conference Room
- 22 1PM - Board for General Purposes Meeting
- 28 1PM - Meeting with Cabletow Staff
- Sept 03 11AM - Meeting with Cabletow Staff
GM's Conference Room
- 04 5PM - Meeting with DDGMs and DGLs of Masonic
Districts 1-A, 1-B & 1-C at the
GMs Conference Room
- 10 1PM - Masonic Coordinating Council Meeting
GMs Conference Room
- 11 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc.
GMs Conference Room
- 19 1PM - Board for General Purposes Meeting
GMs Conference Room

- 25 12nn - Hosting of Grand Master
of a Luncheon Meeting for all
Past Grand Masters at the Palawan Room,
Phil. Plaza Hotel
- Oct. 09 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society
Board Meeting
GMs Conference Room
- 17 4PM - Board for General Purposes Meeting
GMs Conference Room
- November - Grand Master's Official Foreign Visitation
and Official Local Visitation Continued
- Dec. 08 12nn - Luncheon Meeting
with Past District Deputy Grand Masters
(Districts 6-A, 6B, 7, 8 & 29)
- 11 6PM - Committee on Administration of Lodges
- 12 1PM - Past Grand Masters and Temple Builders
Club Meeting
- 13 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society Board Meeting
- 1992*
- Jan. 08 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society Board Meeting
- 30 12nn - Luncheon Meeting
Board for General Purposes
- Feb. 12 12nn - Acacia Mutual Aid Society Board Meeting
Grepalife Building, Makati
- 27 12nn - Luncheon Meeting of all
Past Grand Masters

- Mar. 10 12:30PM - Luncheon Meeting for all Past Grand Masters
at the Philippine Plaza, Negros Room
Hosted by the Grand Master
- 19 3PM - Emergency Meeting with 3 VIP Brethren
- Meeting with Elected Grand Lodge Officers
for Picture Taking for ANCOM 1992
- 25 12nn - Luncheon Meeting
Board for General Purposes
- 28 12nn - Regular Monthly Meeting of
Philippine Shrine Association
Election
- Apr 04 12nn - Luncheon Meeting
Board for General Purposes

LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION TO ASSIST BRETHREN

1. **To Bro. Voltaire T. Gazmin**, PSG & Senior Aide De Camp to the President, Malacanang, introducing WB Celestino G. Yokingco, dated July 04, 1991.
2. **To all Brother Masons whithersoever dispersed**, introducing Bro. Nolando O. Robuza, a member of good standing of Cordillera Lodge No. 178 F. & A.M. of his trip to Japan.
3. **To all Brethren whithersoever dispersed**, introducing Bro. Mario I. Fortich, Jr., a member of good standing of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84, F. & A.M. on sojourn to St. Lois Missouri, U.S.A. (40th Triennial Convention of the Order of the Eastern Star).
4. **To Ms. Carmen Padilla**, Executive Director, Presidential Commission on Culture (Feb. 18, 1992). Introducing Mr. A. P. (Dick) Steward, a Brother who is an artist from Australia re: his painting exhibit in 1992, for raising funds to form a Foundation for Crippled and Deprived Children in Australia and Manila dated February 18, 1992.
5. **To all Brother Masons**, whithersoever dispersed, introducing Bro. Cesar B. Biagtan of Silangan Lodge No. 19 F. & A.M. to sojourn in Australia and Canada, dated March 25, 1992.

6. To all Brother Masons whitsoever dispersed, introducing Bro. Joven B. Cabrera, Jr. of General Llanera Lodge No.168 F. & A.M. to sojourn in USA dated March 26, 1992.

7. To all Brother Masons, whitsoever dispersed, introducing Mrs. Jocelyn M. Menio, wife of Bro. Narciso T. Menio, Gonzaga Lodge No. 66 F. & A.M. who is leaving for USA dated March 31, 1992

UPDATING OF RECORDS

In line with the project of the Grand Secretary in updating and streaming our records, we have to change the program of the existing computer. An improved computerized system has been developed. The Committee on Returns, which I created, chaired by WB Edward D. See, worked hand in hand with the office of the Grand Secretary in reorganizing computer records of the Grand Lodge.

The present roster of subordinate Lodges membership, as it appears in the Grand Lodge files, were sent to the Lodges for confirmation or correction. To update the other personal information of the members, membership forms were provided to all Lodges for immediate compliance to hasten the processing of the data.

The success of this system will depend on the cooperation and support of the Lodges considering that the data will come from them.

OFFICE ORDERS ISSUED FOR MASONIC YEAR 1991-1992

No. 1 - dated July 26, 1991

Re: Energy Conservation Measures
to reduce monthly consumption of electricity.

No. 2 - dated October 01, 1991

Re: Assignment to the Assistant Grand Secretary of the room adjacent to the Secretariat's Office to improve office efficiency and to provide closer personnel supervision due to a better lay-out, conducive to the physical ease, shortest distance in routing papers in the movement of personnel, resulting to improvement of work flow.

No. 3 - dated October 21, 1991

Re: Requiring regular employees of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines to wear the prescribed office uniforms (different color combination from Monday to Thursday, and none for Friday, the wash day). with matching brown or black shoes (only 1" or 2" heels). Wearing slippers is strictly prohibited. Civilian clothes dresses, with micro-mini skirts and low cut neckline will not be allowed.

No. 4 - dated October 23, 1991

Re: An advise to refrain from taking meals in the working area, to avoid presence of household pests that may cause foul smell and destruction of our records, electrical wire and other personal properties. The Lounge next to the office of the Shrine Association is assigned as eating area

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

The Grand Master formed the Committee on Foreign Correspondence to aid him with all matters of this nature. During the year, the Committee received two applications referred to it by the Grand Master. First, from the Grande Loja de Estado de Sergipe, and second from the Grande Loja Regular de Portugal. Both were seeking recognition and fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of the Philippines.

In the case of the first - the committee recommended that the grant of recognition be deferred until further development, since its Mother Lodges, the Grand Lodge of Alagoas has so far no fraternal relations with our Grand Lodge.

In the case of the second - following the same line of reasoning, the Committee recommended that the request for recognition and fraternal relations be approved considering that the Mother Grand Lodge, the Grand Lodge Nationale Francaise has an existing Fraternal relations with our Grand Lodge.

OTHER OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS

1991

- May 03 - Guest Speaker, Order of the Amaranth
Annual Session
- 09 - Guest Speaker and Inducting Officer
Square & Compass Cavaliers' Club
Malacanang Park
- 23 - Special Guest, DeMolay Conclave
- June 27 - Inducting Officer and Speaker of
Temple Builders Club
Emerald Garden Restaurant
Roxas Blvd., Manila
- July 17 - Guest Speaker
To speak on Masonry
Panday Pira Rotary Club Tindalo Room, Manila Hotel
- Oct. 19 - Guest of Honor & Keynote Speaker
Philippine Village Hotel
- Dec. 16 - Special Guest in the 84th Year
Celebration of Lodge Perla del Oriente

1992

- Jan. 21 - Guest Speaker
Manila Mt. Lebanon Lodge NO. 1
Installation of Officers Scottish Rite Temple
- Feb. 04 - Guest Speaker
Luzon Lodge No. 57
Jose Abad Santos Hall
- Feb. 07 6PM - Closing Speaker
Acacia Club of Fort Bonifacio
Phil. Army Officers Club House

- 7PM - Guest Speaker
Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22
Public Installation of Officers
- 13 7PM - Closing Speaker
Saigon Shrine Oasis
Camp Crame, Quezon City
- Feb. 14 2PM - Guest Speaker
Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 77
Public Installation of Officers
- 6PM - Guest Speaker at the 75th Anniversary
of Biak na Bato No. 7
- 18 7PM - Closing Speaker
Maharlika Shrine Oasis
Sulu Hotel, Quezon City
- 21 5:30 - Closing Speech read by Representative
of Grand Master
(DDGM of District I-B)
at the Public Installation of the
Officers of Dapitan Lodge No. 21
Stafford Hall, Scottish Rite Temple
for Grand Master who is the Guest of Honor
and Guest Speaker at the 36th Regional
Masonic Convention in Iligan City
- Mar. 10 - Grand Master hosted Luncheon for Past
Grand Masters at the Philippine Plaza
- 27 - Closing Speaker at the Induction of Officers
Cavaliers' Square & Compass Club
Mapping Center, Camp Aguinaldo
- Apr. 03 - Guest of Honor & Guest Speaker
at the Annual Ceremonial of the
Filipinas Shrine Club to be held
at Cagayan de Oro City

- 15 - Special Guest at the
Paschal Lamp & Relighting the Light of the
A. & A. S. R., Scottish Rite Temple
- 20 - Grand York Rite Convention
Speaker
Plaridel Masonic Temple
- 22 - Annual Convention
Grand Guild of Past Masters

VISITS TO SCOTTISH RITE AND YORK RITE BODIES

As Grand Master, it was an honor and pleasure to be invited and received officially as the highest ranking official of the Grand Oriental Chair during the 33 Supreme Council Conclave held at Manila Hotel on March 13, 1992.

Another gesture which elated my spirit is the giving of a toast by the whole body to the three Honorees of the evening individually. Namely: The President of the Philippines, The Grand Master of all Masons of the Republic of the Philippines and the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite. March 14, 1992 marked the Scottish Rite Affair with a Luncheon Forum Semi-Yearly Session of the Supreme Council at the Scottish Rite Temple to which I was again invited as a Guest.

Last 20th of April 1992, I was invited to deliver my message of wisdom by the York Rite on the occasion of its 40th Annual Grand Reunion of the Grand York of Freemasonry in the Philippines.

On both occasions, the welcome accorded me was cordial, warm and sincere. These gestures will serve in my perception as a disclosure and a sign of unity, harmony and cooperation that now exist during my incumbency as Grand Master for Masonic Year 1991-1992 between the Higher Bodies and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines.

VISITING MASONIC DIGNITARIES/BODIES AMONGST THE
MANY BRETHREN FROM ALL OVER THE PHILIPPINE MASONIC
JURISDICTION SINCE THE GRAND LODGE WAS MADE
OPEN TO THEM.

It was my honor and pleasure to receive at the Grand Lodge the following Masonic Dignitaries/Bodies:

1. Grand Master by the Supreme Council Order of DeMolay Roberto Reyes
2. Order of the Eastern Star
3. Illustrious Potentate of Islam Temple, Robert K. Churchill
4. Pagkakaisa Lodge No. 282
5. Official Representative of the Grand Master of California, VW Gary Mason of Granada Hills No. 398 California, U.S.A.
6. J.W. Pickard from Saint John's Corregidor Lodge No. 3
7. Nieves G. Amagna, DMWGM, Northern Philippines Order of the Eastern Star
8. Romeo R. Lumbera, Worthy Patron Mayor Chapter, OES
9. Rudy Dimean, Potentate - Aloha Temple
10. R. C. Dusunduton, MD, Director - Aloha Temple
11. Fred Motten Bender, Recorder - Aloha Temple
12. Charles S. Powell, Past Potentate, Algeria Temple

The Grand Master pursuant to the pertinent provisions of our Masonic Law Book, is mandated with Executive, Legislative and Judicial Functions. In consonance with those functions, he is hereby reporting on the following:

EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND JUDICIAL FUNCTIONS

CIRCULARS ISSUED

I issued 16 Circulars during my incumbency, Masonic Year 1991-1992. The purpose of which is expressed in their title.

<i>Circulars</i>	<i>Title</i>
No.1 Dated May 8, 1991 -	Elected and appointed Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines for Masonic Year 1991-1992.
No. 2 Dated May 28, 1991 -	Schedule of visitations and Multi-District Conventions
No. 3 Dated May 30, 1991 -	Independence Day Celebration and Bro. Jose Rizal's Birthday
No. 4 Dated May 31, 1991 -	Resolutions approved by the 1991 Annual Grand Communication held at Bacolod City April 25-27, 1991
No. 5 Dated June 27, 1991 -	Aid and assistance to victims of Mt. Pinatubo Volcanic Eruption
No. 6 Dated July 09, 1991 -	Fund Raising Campaign Report
No. 7 Dated July 17, 1991 -	Grand Lodge Inspector's Checklist and Report
No. 8 Dated Sept. 20, 1991-	Census of Lodges Assets and Liabilities

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| No. 9 Dated Oct. 25, 1991 - | Overdue Accounts of Lodges |
| No.10 Dated Jan. 02, 1992 - | Nominees for the Outstanding Masons in this Jurisdiction |
| No.11 Dated Jan. 10, 1992 - | Submission of Nominees for various awards during the 1992 ANCOM |
| No.12 Dated Mar. 17, 1992 - | Erratum in Edict No. 140 Correcting typographical error in Page 2, Item 4 corrected to read as "That all provisions Edict No. 89 inconsistent with this Edict are hereby repealed." |
| No.13 Dated Mar. 18, 1992 - | Prescribed attire form ANCOM 1992 |
| No.14 Dated Mar. 23, 1992 - | Status of 1984 Masonic Law Book and Various Edicts |
| No.15 Dated Mar. 25, 1992 - | ANCOM 1992 Sports Activities |
| No.16 Dated Mar. 31, 1992 - | The MW Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Inc. as a Tax Exempt Corporation |

LODGES CONSTITUTED

During my incumbency, Masonic Year 1991-1992, as Grand Master, it was my honor, pleasure and privilege to constitute Kapitan Pepe Lodge No. 293 in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija on May 11, 1991 and to publicly install its Officers

The Constitution of this Lodge coincided with my official visitation to two nearby Lodges in Nueva Ecija.

On both occasions, I was very satisfied and happy about the exceptionally good attendance of the Brethren, not only during the Masonic activity, but also during the fellowship that followed.

The other three Lodges that were duly constituted during my term are:

1. Antonio R. Lamson Lodge No. 290
located in San Antonio, Nueva Ecija on June 22, 1991
2. San Pedro Lodge No. 292
located in San Pedro, Laguna on June 19, 1991
3. Podomo Lodge No. 294 located at the Davao Masonic Center
V. Mapa Street on June 28, 1991

LODGE DISPENSATION

One of the good news I want to share with you, my Brethren is that during Masonic Year 1991-1992, I believe that our Brotherhood under the Fatherhood of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, has shown progress and signs of strength in our Philippine Masonic jurisdiction. This was manifested whenever your Grand Master issued dispensation to our new Lodges.

They are as follows:

Name of Lodge	Location
1. Cagayan de Oro Lodge U.D.	- Cagayan de Oro City
2. Camiguin Island Lodge U.D.	- Camiguin Island
3. Cupang Lodge U.D.	- Cupang, Bulacan
4. Vicente L. Yap Mem. Lodge U.D.	- Bacolod City
5. Sta. Rosa Lodge U.D.	- Nueva Ecija
6. Bulan Lodge U.D.	- Bulan, Sorsogon

SPECIAL DISPENSATION GRANTED

1. Saigon Lodge No. 188, F. & A. M. to hold Stated Meeting on Wednesday, May 08, 1991 as requested on April 30, 1991, granted May 06, 1991.

2. Makawiwili Lodge No. 55, F & A.M. to solicit advertisement for the purpose of their Joint District Convention to be held October 19, 1991 in Roxas City.
3. Pinatubo Lodge No. 52, F. & A.M. to conduct fund raising activity for the reconstruction of their Lodge- given 7th August 1991.
4. Villaverde Lodge No. 206, F. & A.M. to raise funds for the completion of their own Masonic Lodge - given August 09, 1991.
5. San Pedro Lodge No. 292, F. & A.M. to raise funds subject to two conditions set by the Grand Master - given the 13th day of September 1991.
6. St. John's Corregidor Lodge No. 3, F. & A.M.- Approval of Amendments to the By-Laws of the Lodge given 21st day of September 1991.
7. Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27, F. & A.M. to hold its election of officers for Masonic Year 1992 on November 15, 1991 subject to two conditions of the Grand Master given 4th October 1991.
8. Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22, F. & A.M.-Amendments to the By-Laws as adopted by the Lodge in its Stated Meeting of October 02, 1991 given 2nd October 1991.
9. Lincoln Lodge No. 34, F. & A.M., Olongapo City Approval of a fund-raising campaign subject to the conditions set by the Grand Master given the 9th of October 1991.
10. Koronadal Lodge No. 209, F. & A. M. approval of the Amendment to the By-Laws as adopted by the Lodge in its Stated Meetings of August and September 1991 - given on 17 October 1991.

11. Aloha Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.- Approval to conduct Annual Ceremonial of the Filipinas Shrine Club in Cagayan de Oro City on April 01-03, 1992
Given the 24th day of February, 1992.

SPECIAL DISPENSATION

- Dispensation on Stated Meeting of Pampanga Masonic Lodge No. 48, F. & A.M. on May 25, 1991 (a Saturday).
- Dispensation to VW Carlos R. de Castro, PDDGM to be accepted, received and installed as re-elected Worshipful Master of Service Lodge No. 95, F.& A.M. by courtesy of Jose Rizal Lodge No. 1192, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge State of New York - approved 1st Indorsement January 18, 1992.
- Pinatubo Lodge No. 52, F. & A.M. thru the Lodge Secretary - Approval of the request for an Amended Dispensation for fund raising program to finance the need to demolish and reconstruct Pinatubo Lodge Temple. Approved 14 August 1991.

OPINIONS AND/ OR DECISIONS RENDERED

Mt. Moriah Case

After having given all parties the opportunity to raise any, and all issues pertaining to the charges and counter-charges previously filed, no one saw it to raise any issue but instead, all were profuse in forgiving each other, and forgetting all animosities. Consequently, and exercising the prerogative of my office, I made an Executive decision to declare, as I have declared, the case involving the Brethren of Mt. Moriah to be officially closed.

Tumangan Case

This is a case against a Brother Tumangan of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53, who was expelled in 1980. This case has not been resolved since his expulsion in 1980 despite the presence of an appeal periodically to

the Grand Lodge , has remained undecided by the Past Grand Masters up to 1991.

In consonance with one of the thrusts of the program of government for Masonic Year 1991-1992, to dwell in Harmony and Brotherly Love, I made an executive decision to reinstate or restore Bro. Tumangan as member of Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53. Once and for all, this almost twelve year old case is now closed.

Pacuribut vs. Tandog Case

Thru the untiring efforts of the Grand Master to foster Unity and Harmony between and amongst the Brethren, your humble Grand Master was able to make both parties settle their differences. In due time, the case was considered closed.

Re : Case of WB Carlos T. Antonio

Restoration of a suspended member pending decision until clarifications are received from the Worshipful Master of Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147, WB Conrado A. Boro.

Re: Request for Reconsideration of Order of Suspension of WB Danilo Uy Tek for a period not exceeding 90 days, dated July 12, 1991.

Reduced to one month counted from 17 July 1990, date receipt of letter.

OTHER ACTIONS/RULINGS:

1. Referred to the Chairman of the newly created Commission on Philippine Nationhood created under Edict No. 137, the Resolution No. 02 of KKK - Spankrit, recognizing Gen. Isidoro D. Torres as a Mason- for appropriate action.
2. Giving due course to the petition of Mr. Pepito Benzon that his unique situation due to his unusual working arrangement in the Middle East, fulfills substantially the spirit of the Provision of Art. VII Sec. 2 (1st sentence) of our Ordinances re: need of at least 6 months residence before petitioning.
3. Amendments to the By-Laws of MATI BRANCH Lodge No. 190, F. & A. M. - approved 23 July 1991.

4. The case of Sergio Lastimosa, an Entered Apprentice on August 04, 1987 in Lake Lanao Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M. re: Objections to his passing by two of Lodge members which came after initiation but before passing October 07, 1991. Action taken.

5. Respected unanimous decision of the Lodge re: advancement of Fellow Craft Ignacio Moreno, addressed to WM Ildefonso G. Agbuya, Worshipful Master of Cagayan de Oro Lodge U.D., that the advancement or raising to the Sublime Degree is to proceed.

6. Answered query for clarification requested by Bro. Jose G. Rupac, Jr., of Saranay Lodge No. 193 re: Whether members who have been SNPD can be present in Lodge, let alone voting in election of officers or being voted upon. - 07 February 1992.

7. Admonition given by Grand Master to VWJ. Waldemar, V. Valmores, Secretary of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79 re: the advancement of Entered Apprentice Rogelio V. Garcia, to follow the law given 07 February 1992.

8. Approval of the Lodge Resolution to change the name of Bayawan Lodge No. 248 to SERAFIN L. TEVES, SR. MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 248, F. & a.m. to be registered in the roster of Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Approved 25 February 1992.

9. Approval to proceed to confer the Sublime Degree of Master Mason upon FC Roberto L. Aliggayu by VW Dalmacio S. Miranda, Sr., Secretary Agno Lodge No. 75 in behalf of Makawiwil Lodge No. 55, subject to the provisions of Art VI Sec. 27 of our Ordinances regarding strict examination in open Lodge, that the candidate is entirely proficient and well qualified in those degree that he has already taken, as well as Section 28 of same Article, concerning the requirement of the full amount of the fees, having been paid before or fellow craft may be raised to the 3rd degree date approved 17 March 1992.

10. Approved Extended Moratorium on the payment of the 1991 Annual Assessments of Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, F. & A.M., due to destruction of the Lodge building and 4-door apartment of the Lodge in June 1991 because of the Pinatubo eruption. date 24 March 1992

CONCLUSION

As I humbly bow down and gradually exit from the Grand Oriental Chair, I can say without fear or reservation, that our Brotherhood under the Fatherhood of God is on its way to an age of enlightenment. One good sign is that the Brethren in their own ways have agreed among themselves to settle many long undecided disputes and cases. Consequently, they have been closed officially and/or unofficially, thru Masonic means. Retrospecting on the past events and activities that have transpired for which, we have burned our lamplights together, and facing our challenges without any desire to give up nor to fail... and striving to do more rather than succumb to our human nature of leaving things undone or unattended to.

We have effected a transitional approach in Masonic Education and Philosophy from mere ritualism, to the deeper areas of our Ancient Esoteric teachings and symbolisms in the realm of Philosophy and Spirituality. We have undertaken within our means possible, for each Mason who attended our joint, tri, multi, regional district conventions an awareness and understanding of why we have sought the inner approaches, to the art and science of Masonic living. We have participated collectively in the social and the humanitarian affairs of Communities affected by disaster and calamity. And the Brethren, true to their Masonic ideals, have responded overwhelmingly to render relief and assistance.

We have undertaken to cement the bonds of Fraternal love amongst Brethren who were set apart, by discordant notes and antagonism which have no room within the confines of our Noble Order.

We try to instill Masonic Leadership, Discipline, particularly, in the areas of Lodge Management and Administration, and we believe that to a great extent we have succeeded.

We feel proud that we have fulfilled our sacred thrusts and our objectives. We have performed them with fidelity, and with honor, in the true spirit of a Freemasonry.

Finally, my Brethren, as I take my bow to exit as your Grand Master, I trust that posterity within our confines, will measure my incumbency as an unqualified and a resounding success however brief and insignificant my occupancy of the Grand Oriental Chair may be measured, from here to the point of Eternity.

Fraternally submitted,

(SGD.) JOSE REYES GUERRERO, Grand Master



Remnants of Leonard Wood # 105 as a result of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption.



The Grand Master is handling a check to VW Felix "Chito" Flor Cruz, DDGM on Dist. 7, as an initial amount for the reconstruction of the damage Temple.

MESSAGE OF THE EX-OFFICIO EDITOR OF THE CABLETOW
MW Jose Reyes Guerrero

One of the thorns that time and again gives every Administration a perennial problem is the Cabletow, the official organ of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines. At the beginning of my term, when I assumed office on May 21, 1991, I was given the impression by the Editor I appointed, VW Abelardo P. Mojica, that the Masonic Year 1991-1992, I will be exempted from the vicious occurrence.

I was wrong, for when all the materials for the May-June 1991 issue were ready for printing, VW tendered his irrevocable resignation.

The Grand Master had a difficulty in appointing his replacement because of the enormous problems that will be inherited by anyone who fits into the shoes of Editor.

After a painstaking attempt to convince VW Fernando V. Pascua, Jr. as Editor, he finally acceded. The May-June 1991 issue was finally printed and circulated quite late, because the Editor had to start from scratch in gathering the same materials, because the resigned Editor did not turn them over upon resignation.

This Masonic year (1991-1992), notwithstanding the many setbacks, not to mention the regular electric service interruptions, you received the July-August issue. Starting with this second issue, the Grand Master, personally involved himself with the Cabletow if only to give impetus and inspiration for the needed drive and energy, the Editor and his staff. The zeroing-in corner of the Grand Master in this second issue targeted the positive reactions of the Brethren. As a result, articles poured in unexpectedly.

At this moment of writing, the September-October 1991 issue is in the process of printing. All materials for the November-December 1991 issue up to the March-April 1992 issue had been given to the printer for the start of publication. It is just a matter of time. One great set back we cannot avoid is the campaign and near election time come May 11, 1992. Almost all printers have prior commitments with the running candidates. But God willing, your Grand Master, the Editor, and our dedicated brethren, who had been assisting us, without almost any consideration for themselves will try all means to make the impossible happen. This is the first time after many administrations, that the Grand Master has maintained a corner for his message with a theme that is consistently in consonance with the nature of the months of issue.

In so doing, your Grand Master had the best interest of every brethren in his mind, in his ardent desire for each of them whose sensitivity, his message might have reached, would find time and some energy to be directly involved, as part owners of the Cabletow. In all issues, you will be receiving, the Grand Master has contributed a copy of his Speech he had delivered before Masonic Brethren, the message of which may in one way or another, affect him.

Should worst come to worsts, heaven forbids, we pray for your understanding and answer to all our relief. We shall mail your copy with the thought that knowing where we stand, you my Brethren, will find it in your heart to have patience and tolerance.

MESSAGE

The only competition worthy of a wise man is with himself.

These words of ancient wisdom brighten and add sparks to the inspiring thoughts I have for all of you, esteemed Brethren of Districts No. 14 and 27, as I profoundly congratulate you, with all sincerity and wholeheartedness, on the occasion of your Joint-District Convention on October 19, 1991, which will be held at Roxas City.

As we renew our mystic ties during the Convention, I can foresee the distinct enthusiasm of each participant which will be, I believe, the main ingredient that will provide the needed perseverance that will overcome all expected impediments, we may encounter.

Let us take this forthcoming Masonic Affair of ours, as an opportunity, to once again share amongst our Brethren, our inner selves and also the wonderful Masonic experiences we have gathered and have been exposed to, in this stimulating and instructive environment of our Fraternity, since the last Joint-District Convention.

As we interact with our Brethren during the Convention, let us bear in mind, that each of us has an identify of our own; that we cannot and should not compare ourselves with others; that we are all equals in the eyes of our Creator. Therefore, it is baseless for us to be in competition and envious with any of our Brethren, Mason or Non-Mason. It is about time each of us woke up to the Truism, that one must only compete with oneself, for it is the only effective way we can improve ourselves to the greatest level, to make each one of us a better Master Mason and, at the same time, a Wise Man.

Without even an iota of doubt, I can bravely boast that there is nothing else to expect, but a successful, meaningful and fruitful Convention, wherein each of us will emerge as Leaders in Freemasonry, who together in Unity and Harmony, will **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”**

Once again my aeon Congratulations. May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe bless us all in His wisdom and Love, from Darkness to the Greater Light.

MESSAGE

As we move forward strengthening our Masonic identity in the community, I am pleased to extend my sincerest greetings and congratulations to the leadership and the Brethren of Masonic District Numbers 4, 5 & 24 on the occasion of your Annual Tri-District Convention.

To most of us, a Masonic Convention is not only an occasion for reflection and taking stock of past accomplishments, but a time to commit and rededicate ourselves with a determination to achieve desirable results worthy of emulation and respect.

Under our leadership, we have sought to emphasize among the Brethren, the value of our Masonic Heritage. We have a task to continue the good work exemplified by our predecessors.

Our efforts, therefore, must be directed to ensure, preserve and en-

hance the gains we have achieved in helping to make our Fraternity truly an organization that has always cherished solidarity and brotherhood.

Again, congratulations and best wishes to all!

M E S S A G E

Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward for the prize of high calling....

This paradoxical Biblical passage will picture to you, the frame of mind I would like each of you, who would attend the 9th Southeastern Multi-District Convention, to be acclimated with.

For in congratulating you with all sincerity and concern, for a successful and fruitful Convention, my primordial desire is to share with you one of my precious secret weapons in marching ahead in life.

A Convention is one big opportunity for all those gathered to accomplish many ends, in so short a time. It is the proper forum for each of us to share our true self and fill our minds with hopeful, helpful and positive thoughts. It is an occasion wherein we can all have faith, to go forward and to stop looking back at our heartaches, regrets and indiscretions. We must press onward instead, for always, life is straight ahead.

When we strive to do all these, together, we can **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”** Once again, to all Brethren of Districts 18, 26, 32 and 37 my highest esteem and aeon congratulations. May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe continue to bless us with His goodness and love.

M E S S A G E

An Anniversary is like a mirror. From year to year, it gathers the dust of indiscretions and weaknesses, while it slowly reflects on the lessons and wisdom learned.

Seventy five years is quite a long time to reckon, how thick the dust has become. But what counts the most is, how fast and steady the gentle breeze of knowledge, turned into wisdom, had brush away the dust.

I have the impression that Lincoln Lodge No. 34 in reaching its Diamond Jubilee has been able to brush away almost all the dust, through its Brethrens untiring efforts and commitment.

For this achievement, I am very proud and happy to congratulate all the Brethren of Lincoln Lodge No. 34 in celebration of its 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary.

Twenty five years from now, I anticipate the height of your dedication for your prospective Golden Anniversary. Meanwhile, let us continue to shed our fetters, our faults and our illusions and practise our Masonic way of life.

Once again, my aeon congratulations. May you in dusting your mirror, join my clarion call to **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”**

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe continue to guide and bless us in His Kindness and Love.

M E S S A G E

Nothing succeeds like success. These simple but wise words reflect the prosperous and successful atmosphere I have created in my midst, to envision a like situation, come your Join District Convention on September 06-07, 1991. Allow me, therefore, to profoundly extend to you my sincerest and heartfelt congratulations on such a very august occasion.

A Convention for many, serves as an activity for getting together for a unified purpose, with a formula for making common goals come to reality. For the Masons, our thrusts for that period of being together, should go deeper. Let us make it an opportunity for each of us to feel our Brothers presence with meaning and direction. Let each of us make the duration of the Convention as if, we stand at the cross roads of our destiny.

Let this memorable occasion be a moment of truth for each of the participants.

When all of us have this perspective as our frame of mind, there is no reason why we cannot expect a successful Convention. At the same time, we will be together in our determination to "Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!"

Once again, my Mason congratulations to Districts 33 and 38 on the occasion of your Joint District Convention. May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe continue to guide us and shower us with his blessings.

M E S S A G E

The tides of service go high or low, to once again await the formation of the waves of a larger body of people, in the great ocean of time.

It is in the vein of the spirit behind these words of wisdom, that I congratulate the present Officers and Directors of the AMAS Board of Trustees of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc. for keeping up their consistent track-record progress in augmenting the coffers of this organization, for the welfare and benefit of its membership and beneficiaries.

For being the Chairman of the AMAS Board of Trustees, the position assumed traditionally by the Grand Master during his tenure, I feel honored, proud and elated to be a part of its success and fruitful administration.

I feel that the approved resolution dated March 11, 1992 for the increase of membership of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Inc. is a positive step undertaken, to upgrade the organizations prospective, in terms of broadening its scope of service.

I am endorsing this resolution for the consideration of all Brethren concerned, withersoever dispersed.

Please rest assured of my unending support in all your endeavors, even after my term as Grand Master.

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe bless and guide us all the way, in His wisdom and love.

MESSAGE

A river begins as a brook but grows ever larger until it flows in a great ocean.

With the spirit of these words of wisdom, I sincerely and profoundly congratulate all the Officers of Dapitan Lodge No. 21, (headed by their Worshipful Master, WB Jaime Gonzales), who were installed today, the 21st of February 1992.

Installation ceremonies for Lodge Officers is one of the most important Masonic occasions, all Masons hold dear and remember in their lives. As this event marks the change from the old to the new hands, it likewise spells continuity of the good for the better or the opposite. Historically, all your predecessors mustered all the good in them, to produce fruitful results for the benefit of your Lodge and its Brethren. But you will only be able to appreciate what they have sacrificed for, what they have fought for, the pains they endured, their griefs, when you have actually occupied their shoes, starting today and onward.

Like them, you began as a brook, then you grew into a river. Now, you have grown ever larger as a river, in time to flow into a vast ocean. So, as such, you are now ready to face all the challenges before you.

As you occupy the helm of power, make room for your past Officers, particularly, your past Worshipful Masters. Get them involved with your program of administration for there is no match for their advices and experiences. Recognize your Senior Masons, for their voice will always sound the flame of our basic tenets in your hearts. Give importance to your members for they are the majority, without whose support and cooperation, will make your administration end, lacking and empty. Always allow your ladies to inspire you for without them, the days and nights will feel longer.

As you take over, I hope you will continue the on-going unfinished but positive goals set up by the past administration, to include joining hands with your Grand Master to **"Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!"**

Once again, my aeon Congratulations to all the newly installed Officers of Dapitan Lodge No. 21. May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe continue to guide us all in our endeavors and bless us all in His wisdom.

MESSAGE

There is but one light, and there is but one darkness. These words of wisdom uplift my spirit in saluting the Officers and Members of Rosario Villareal Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star, in their benevolent struggle to achieve their goals, as they work hand in hand with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Jurisdiction.

Indeed, it is a meaningful time, especially on my part, to have the pleasure of celebrating the 44th Anniversary of your Chapter in January 1992. On this occasion, allow me to extend my most profound, most sincere and heartfelt congratulations, with a fervent wish for more anniversaries to come.

When this historic event occurs, each officer and member will have

another opportunity to retrospect and ponder on the role he or she plays in your organization. Each one will be given the chance to review and re-evaluate his/her commitment and responsibilities as a part of your Chapter. I suggest you take this opportunity and this chance without hesitation, for then and only then, you can once more prove to yourselves that you have discerned light from darkness.

Once again, my aeon congratulations. May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe continue to shower His blessings to all of us. May He guide you as you join hands with your Brother Masons to **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”**

MESSAGE

Individuality itself builds up its own destiny through its deeds.

This profound truth moves me to share with you, my deepest thoughts at the moment, as a source of inspiration, for all the participants in the forthcoming 59th Annual District Convention of Masonic District No. 10 of Cavite on November 30, 1991.

Primordially, allow me to sincerely, heartily and fraternally congratulate all the Brethren of District No. 10 for an anticipated successful District Convention.

Again, we are given the opportunity to gather, in unison and harmony during this District Convention, able to bring out the inner convictions, each of us would like to voice out for the welfare of all.

As each participant stands as a better man, being a Master Mason. This puts him ahead of all living creatures of the Almighty. But we must be wise to discern if, a mans character can be understood by just listening to what he says or speaks of, for wise man counsel that language is a two-edged sword one of its edges reveals the truth, while the other...falsehood. Therefore, what a man says, may be true or untrue.

What can we do to test the veracity of his WORDS? The test for this is identical with the test for his character...his individuality. It is none other than his DEEDS. For it is through his ACTIONS that we will know who he really is. No words are needed to reveal his true self.

During this fraternal togetherness of ours, let us make it our concern to recognize and comprehend our own character. By doing so, we can best judge ourselves, instead of judging others. When we are capable of doing this as part of our individuality, each of us can become the Master of ourself, and the Master of our Destiny.

May each of us, after this Convention return to our own Blue Lodge, as a renewed Master Mason in words, but most especially in our deeds, our actions and be more zealous in our endeavor to **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”**

Once again, my aeon Congratulations for a successful, meaningful, historic and gratifying 59th Masonic District Convention. With the Wisdom and Love of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, I pray that He continues blessing all of us, for always.

M E S S A G E

I am as I was; and as I was and am, so am I likely always to be... the slave of my duty to the Lodge and Mankind; not only taught but desirous to subordinate every preference for individuals to a Love for the human race.

These words of wisdom are directed to the Master elect and the other Officers of Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22, as I sincerely and heartily congratulate them on the occasion of their installation on 07 February 1992.

Once again, the Administration of your Lodge will change hands, from the past to the present, come Installation Day. As this turn of events unfolds, unity and harmony must prevail. As the past leadership turns over its legacies, (wise or otherwise, positive or negative) to the new, these must be received, gracefully, continued, and finished, if required. Should these be otherwise or negative, the new leadership must find ways to eradicate them, the soonest.

Begin your Administration on the right note. I strongly suggest you adapt and put into action the wise words I have just shared with you. In so doing, you can never go wrong. Regularly, seek the counsel of your past Masters and Officers, your Senior Masons, for they have the voice of experience and have earned the feathers in their cap, so to speak, way ahead of you. Always be in good terms with your members, for without their support and cooperation, you will never succeed in your endeavor. And lastly, for the Master elect, I have this message... Whoever will be chief amongst you, let him be your servant.

Being an Honorary member of Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22, my ardent desire is its continued progress and success. On this note, rest assured of my unending and untiring support.

Once again, my aeon congratulations for a meaningful, memorable and successful installation.

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe bless us all. As you join hands with me to **"KEEP THE MASONIC FLAME BURNING!"**

M E S S A G E

The history of mankind's activity on earth, reveals, that for every series of events, a development occurs... until a milestone is set to mark a concrete period to celebrate.

With these gems of wisdom, I sincerely, fraternally, heartily and profoundly congratulate all the Brethren of Sierra Madre Lodge No. 181, F. & A. M., on its Silver or 25th Anniversary on November 16, 1991.

One Fourth of a century is indeed, a concrete period to celebrate and an appropriate time to honor the unsung personalities of Sierra Madre Lodge No. 181, who were responsible for the many developments and accomplishments gained thru these years. Specifically, I am referring to the Past Masters and Officers, the Senior Masons and their Ladies. They all deserve our respect and concern for they are the spirit behind Sierra Madre Lodge No. 181's success.

To the incumbent Officers and Members and their Ladies, continue the pace set by your predecessors. On your hands,, lie the continued progress and

the expected countless series of events for another prospective period to celebrate, as we look forward to its coming Golden Anniversary, as we approach the beginning of the 21st Century. I am optimistic that I shall still have my working tools with me, when that future celebration comes. In the meantime, let us all work harder and continue the practice of being good Master Masons.

Once again, my aeon Congratulations as I pray for your continued support and cooperation, as you join hands with me to **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”**

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, in His Splendour and Glory continue to shower all of us, and ours, with His Blessings!

M E S S A G E

Mans unquenchable thirst for absolute freedom is embeded in the deepest inner being of his soul - Freedom to be free from everyone and everything - freedom to be expecting help from no one and obligated to no one. Yet ultimately, man fulfills his utmost desire to give service to mankind.

In the spirit of the foregoing words of wisdom, I wish to sincerely and profoundly congratulate all the Brethren of Masonic District No. 10 (Cavite) on the occasion of its 59th Annual District Convention on November 30, 1991.

The message of the wise words I have shared with you is a reminder of what Cavite is known for ...as the nest of men who are willing to die for absolute freedom... and of the many historic events which Cavite has engraved in the hearts of many Filipinos, in their quest for sovereignty.

This is also true in the history book of Philippine Masonry. For it was in Cavite, where historically, Masonry was first organized in 1856, (La Primer Los Filipinos) by Spanish Naval Officers led by Admiral MalCampo, under the auspices of the Gran Oriente Lucitano Portugal.

For all these and for many more reasons, like being a Caviteño by choice for marrying a Caviteña, Cavite will always occupy a soft spot in my heart.

I hope and pray that each Caviteño Master Mason would have all these good thoughts about Cavite within him, to cherish to be proud of, and to emulate.

Let us take this appropriate opportunity, the forthcoming Convention, to renew our commitment and dedication to our beloved Fraternity. Let us take into our hearts the virtues of Brotherly love, Relief and Truth, so that we can practice them and get results.

We are all Freemasons...Free men.... But what does it profit each one of us, as a Master Mason, that in enjoying our freedom, we cannot be of service to our Brethren?

Once again, my aeon congratulations for an expected successful and meaningful Convention. May you continue with your untiring support in joining your Grand Master, in Unity and Harmony, to **Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!**

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe bless us all, in His Wisdom and Glory.

MESSAGE

As long as there is some labor to be done, there can be no rest and happiness, and when our obligations have been fulfilled, we can be sure that the rewards await us.

These words of wisdom I share with you approximate the frame of mind I anticipate each of us will have within the duration of your Tri-District Convention on 28 September 1991.

Let me join you, therefore, in a spirit of unity in sincerely and wholeheartedly congratulating all the Brethren of Districts 15, 16 and 39 whithersoever dispersed on this memorable and historic event. This Convention is another opportunity for each of the participants, to maximize their efforts and energy to produce fruitful and positive results, ensuring to the benefit and welfare of all. At the end, you can reap the rewards of your labor having fulfilled your duties. And so as early as now, I can foresee nothing else but a successful and triumphant Tri-District Convention.

Once again, my aeon congratulations. My best wishes to all the Brethren and my fervent hope for the continued blessings of the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, for all of us, in darkness and in light.

MESSAGE

Consciousness is the Doorway to Reality. To be conscious, is to perceive a dawning within us, and a door opening into a strange new world, bringing us from Darkness to a greater Light.

These words of wisdom inspire me to share my deep feeling of Brotherhood with ALL of you, as I profoundly, sincerely and heartily congratulate the Brethren of Districts 20 (Guam), 21 (Kwajalein Island), 22 (Camp-Zama, Japan), 30 (Korea) and 34 (Okinawa) on the occasion of their First Regional Masonic Multi-District Convention in Guam, USA on October 28-29, 1991.

This forthcoming Convention of ours is an appropriate forum, for all participants and delegates to get together, in a spirit of cooperation, understanding and warm fellowship. This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn from each other, by opening up and voicing out our innermost convictions. By ventilating our opinions, doubts, fears and giving our suggestions, we shall be able to review and re-evaluate our commitment to our Craft. We are all Brothers under the Fatherhood of God, so that we cannot be less than, our Brothers Keeper. That is why, whenever he needs us in his hour of despair, we are obliged to answer his call of relief. However, as a man, let us be reminded of our standing obligations and, more so, as a good Master Mason, we are expected to know ourselves and to understand who we really are. It is the only way we can be more tolerant to our Brethren, more forgiving to our offenders and more compassionate to the ones who are in the dark.

When we have met all these, we can judge ourselves as a traveller who has reached his destination, the Doorway to Reality, wherein the existing darkness gradually, but surely, turns to a greater light.

I foresee that the Masonic experience we shall have gained in this

Convention will transform each one of us, into a better Master Mason. As we individually return to our places of abode, till we reach our Blue Lodge, and once again be in fellowship with our Brethren, let us share with all of them the **GOOD** and the **TRUTH** we have discerned in our brief, but memorable sojourn in this beautiful island of Guam.

Once again, my aeon Congratulations. As I temporarily leave you, may I sound off my clarion call to all Brethren of Districts 20, 21, 22, 30 and 34 to join me, in Unity and Harmony to **“Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!”**

May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, in His Wisdom and Love bless all of us, and ours.

M E S S A G E

He who hears an innocent person slandered, whether a Brother Mason or not, and does not undertake his defense as he would undertake his own - is no Mason.

The spirit of these wise words is my constant reminder in my earnest desire to keep up with my close and sincere relationship with all Brothers, Masons or not. It is in the same spirit that I join you dear Brethren when we all gather together during your Multi-District Convention on October 4-6, 1991. Allow me therefore, to extend my most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to all Brethren of Districts 2, 3 and 23 for the fruitful outcome and success of the Convention.

It is my prayer that each of you who will participate in this historic and inspirational affair, would likewise live up to the spirit of these food for thought I have shared with you. I look forward to a closer and more binding togetherness amongst us during the Convention. Let us all strive to do our share for the good of all, thus we can be ascertained or expecting only positive results and achievement of our goals for the occasion.

Once again, my congratulations and my high esteem to all Brethren of Districts 2, 3 and 23. May the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe bless us, as He always has, with His love and guidance, in darkness and in light.

M E S S A G E

The only true happiness comes from dedicating ourselves to a purpose.

On the resounding note of these words of Ancient Wisdom, I would like to extend my most profound and heartfelt congratulations to the Brethren of Masonic District No. 26, on the occasion of its first Masonic District Assembly which will be held in Cotabato City on January 24-25, 1992, to be hosted by Bantugan Lodge No. 223.

I feel over ten feet tall knowing that a good precedent, First Masonic District Assembly is about to materialize, which thereafter will be held every January of each year. It is truly a benevolent gesture on the part of all Brethren of Masonic District No. 26 to be observing a significant milestone in the History of Masonry in that far end of the Archipelago, Cotabato City.

This Assembly is a very appropriate venue to realize your main objective of setting the goals for the Lodges in District No. 26, for the ensuing year. The opportunity is in your hands to share Masonic learning and experience, to renew and strengthen the mystic bond amongst you.

I am confident that this occasion will be the singular episode in your Masonic life wherein, you will feel true happiness. For this Assembly will be a realization of each Brethrens dedication of himself for a purpose.

During the affair, however, may I request each participant to remember joining hands with me to “**Keep the Masonic FLAME Burning!**” It is the only way, we can use the Masonic Flame to reach and to touch someone.

Once again, my aeon congratulations. May th Supreme Grand Master of the Universe continue to bless us all in His wisdom and love.

Message of Gratitude and Thanks

Words will not be sufficient to express my appreciation and gratitude primordialy to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe for His fathomless love in guiding me with wisdom to be firm, yet fair in the exercise of my function and duties as the occupant of that Grand Oriental Chair.

To the board general purposes, for its judicious advise in important issues, I have referred to them, for wise counsel.

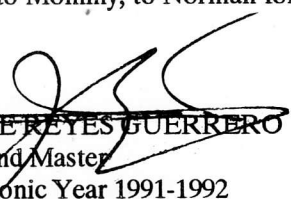
Particular mention is accorded to its chairman, MW Raymond E. Wilmarth, PGM, who was a beacon light in my hours of distress... my internal indebtedness.

To all the Grand Lodge Officers, Chairmen and members of the various GLP committees for their cooperation and support, my unending appreciation to the Grand Secretary and the Assistant Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer for their consistent help as my teammate in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge.

To the employee of the Grand Lodge who in one way or another had shown their concern and have heeded my words of wisdom for their own welfare. Special mention goes to my secretary for her consistent and untiring dedication in her duties and responsibilities to the Grand Master.

To the Brethren who were with me, so the speak, in that Grand Oriental Chair during Masonic Year 1991-1992. For their trust and confidence in their Grand Master.

To my family who has always been behind me specially my one and only soulmate, your Sister Baby, to Babette, to Mommy, to Norman for their love and concern.



JOSE REYES GUERRERO
Grand Master
Masonic Year 1991-1992

TO POSTMASTER: If undelivered, please return to



The CABLETOW

THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Plaridel Masonic Temple
1440 San Marcelino, Manila D-2801

Re-entered as second class mail matter at the
Manila Post Office on June 16, 1962

IMPORTANT! Readers are requested to send address changes and corrections to us to insure prompt delivery of THE CABLETOW.