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Editorial

This is the last issue of **The Cabletow** for the current Masonic Year. We have imposed a deadline upon ourselves so that they will be mailed before the Annual Communication.


This is all for the better so that the next leadership will start with a clean slate as far as **The Cabletow** is concerned. We know that the next set of editors are eagerly preparing for their watch. We have somehow removed from them the burden of distributing this issue.

A full Masonic year will have gone a full cycle come May 1, 1996. New hands will be at the helm. As MW Angeles comes down from the Grand Oriental Chair, we, and the handful of Brethren from Nueva Ecija, who had the privilege and honor to serve with him will also return to our regular vocations. It had not been easy commuting from our regular places of abode and taking leave from our usual calling for a day or two each week. Navigating through the chaotic traffic of Metro Manila has raised our blood pressures a substantial degree. However, the year of serving the Grand Lodge has enriched our lives not with material wages but with fulfillment and joy.

Serving as the principal chronicler of the term of MW Danilo D. Angeles has been an utmost pleasure. It was a difficult task made pleasant by a very pleasant man. Yes, MW Angeles gave a year of love, compassion and understanding as he wielded the gavel of authority. The fact is MW Angeles has mastered the art of being pleasantly decisive, so that his civility was often taken in a different context.

It is not for us to enumerate the accomplishments of MW Angeles; his report will bear these out. What we have been privy to was the great sacrifice he and the members of his family had to undergo for a full

year. Being a man of modest means, MW Angeles feels that a year away from his profession has inflicted an unfavorable financial toll. Sister Angeling had to bear the brunt of

running the family business. That is the reason we are featuring his family on the cover of this issue. They are the "wind beneath his wings," and the heroes in his shadow. 

Masonic Humor

A Mason committed a most heinous crime but he wasn't particularly worried because he knew the Prosecuting Council and the Judge, plus about a quarter of the jury were Freemasons. So, during the trial, he proceeded to show signs and tokens to make it obvious that he was a Freemason. He made a personal statement to the Court full of Masonic expressions. However, to no avail, he was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged.

All the time, because of his Masonic connections, he hoped for a reprieve, but to no avail.

Finally, the time came when he was taken to the gallows and the blindfold was placed on him.


Just then, he heard a whisper from the hangman: "Don't worry, Brother, I'll look after you."

A huge sigh of relief swept over him, and then the hangman said, "Take a short pace with your left foot...."

Mencius Lodge No. 93 Installs Officers

MW John L. Choa, PGM and Past President of the Grand Guild of Past Masters of the Philippines, installed the officers of Mencius Lodge No. 93 into their respective offices on March 6 at the Conrado Benitez Hall of the Scottish Rite Temple. WB Andy L. Lim assisted him as the Master of Ceremonies.

Installed during the ceremonies were: Bro. Eduardo Ramos, Worshipful Master; Bro. Raymond T. Koa, Senior Warden; Bro. Michael Lim Chee We,

Junior Warden; WB William Co Dy, Treasurer; VW Mariano Sih, Secretary; WB Johnson Yu, Auditor; Bro. George Dy, Chaplain; WB William Ong, Marshal; Bro. Alejandro Tan, Senior Deacon; Bro. Enrique Dychauco, Junior Deacon; Bro. Benso So, Senior Steward; Bro. Danilo Luangco, Junior Steward; Bro. King Tiam Ty Yu Tan, Almoner; Bro. Andres Co Sy, Bible Bearer; VW Benito Ang, Lecturer; Manuel Wong, Organist; WB Mariano Cleto, Custodian of Works; and WB Antonio Chiong, Tyler. 



Gen. Aguirre Speaks at Menciuis Installation Rites

Alexander P. Aguirre, DILG Undersecretary, was the guest of honor and speaker at the recent public installation of officers of Menciuis Lodge No. 93 held last March 6 at the Conrado Benitez Hall, Scottish Rite Temple, Taft Avenue, Manila.

The occasion, which also marked the 72nd anniversary of the Lodge,

was graced by two PGMs. MW John L. Choa installed the officers, while Andy L. Lim was the Master of Ceremonies. MW Rey Beltran introduced the guest of honor and speaker.

In his address, WM Ed Ramos said in part: "With your full support, cooperation and commitment, we will strive to maintain the high standard of performance set by our outstanding Past Masters."



WHO IS A MASONIC WIDOW?

I was asked recently to put an article in *Masonic Light* answering the question "Who is a Masonic Widow?" I went to Webster's Dictionary and found the following definition.

1. A woman who has lost her husband by death.
2. A woman who has not remarried after the death of her husband.
(A widow who remarries after the death of her husband is no longer a widow. When she remarries, she becomes a wife again).

Note: A man who marries a widow woman should not introduce her as the widow of her previous husband. He would introduce her as his wife.

(Masonic Light Vol. 67 December 1994, No. 9)

Halcon Lodge No. 249 Dedicates Temple, Installs Officers


The Grand Master and the Senior Grand Lecturer took a bus trip to Batangas City, February 2, arriving at its pier with barely two minutes to spare to catch up with the Supercat Ferry, which took them to Calapan, Oriental Mindoro. It was in Calapan where the rest of the Brethren, headed by VW Alfredo P. Bihis, DDGM of Masonic District No. 28, were waiting. VW Gen. Servando V. Lara and VW Felipe G. Sanchez, DGLs, were with the group which met them.

After lunch at a restaurant in downtown Calapan, the Grand Master was interviewed by Radio Station DWMI in the outskirts of Calapan. The interview lasted for approximately 45 minutes.

From Calapan, the GM, the SGL, and the other Brethren travelled to Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

Commented the SGL: "Short stretches of the highway between Calapan and Pinamalayan towns, as well as essentially the whole distance between Bongabon and Roxas, are really unfriendly to all kinds of vehicles. And I thought all along that the pockmarked surface is an exclusive feature of the earth's satellite."

After dinner at the residence of WM-elect Darcy M. Fabella, the Brethren had an informal fellowship at the house of SW-elect George S. Cómia and his newly-raised son, Bro. Mark.

Other Grand Officers of the day were: VW Bihis, DGM; VW Lara, SGW; WB Antonio Catibog, JGW; WB Juanito Suarez, G. Treasurer; Bro. Jesus Flor, Jr., G. Secretary; WB Godofredo G. Hernandez, Sr., G. Chaplain; VW Ernie Malapaya, G. Marshal; Bro. Seechung, G. Sword Bearer; Bro. Chito Tecson, G. Bible Bearer; Bro. Rogelio Maulion, Bearer, Bk. of Constitution; WBs Francisco G. Jopillo, Jr., Benjamin F. Gonzales, and Antonio C. Bernal, Jr., PMs with Tap. 

**"The thing we long
for, that we are for
one transcendent
moment."**

— James Russell Dowell


Palawan Lodge Temple Re-dedicated

Newly constructed, the temple of Palawan Lodge No. 99 in San Pedro, Puerto Princesa City was re-dedicated on Feb. 10, 1996.

Participants during the re-dedication ceremony were: MWDanilo D. Angeles, Grand Master; Benny Ang, Deputy Grand Master; Teodoro Constantino, Senior Grand Warden; Philip Hung, Junior Grand Warden; Newton Gabinete, Senior Grand Deacon; Rolly Amat, Junior Grand Deacon; Benny Ty, Grand Marshal; Fred Malapayabas, Grand Tyler; Onos Mangotara, Senior Grand Steward; Rene Dirije, Junior Grand Steward;

Greg Castro, Grand Chaplain; Alberto Trinidad, Grand Lecturer; Gonzalo Villarín, Grand Bible Bearer; Jesus Castro, 1st PM; Ben Antonio, 2nd PM; and Henry Lim, 3rd PM.

Reported Senior Grand Deacon Benny Ty, who acted as Grand Marshal for the day: "The re-dedication ceremony took some 40 minutes. After a brief respite, WM Percival Salazar, assisted by the Grand Master, unveiled the new historical marker. . . ."

Palawan Lodge No. 99 is under the jurisdiction of Masonic District 1A. 

**It's better to fail in doing
something than to succeed in
doing nothing.**

— Anonymous (Masonic Light Vol. 67 March 1995 No. 1)


Illana Bay Spearheads Anti-drug Abuse Campaign

by Bro. Guillermo Garces

The officers and members of Illana Bay Lodge No. 247 of Pagadian City spearheaded a successful anti-drug campaign, the aim of which was to instill awareness among high school students of the hazards of drug abuse and to stimulate the youth to be responsible individuals in their respective schools and communities.

The campaign covered the following schools: Pagadian City National Comprehensive High School, Zamboanga del Sur School of Arts and Trades, Southern Mindanao Colleges, and Saint Columban College.

Lecturers were as follows: Sr. Insp. Ted P. Quiaño, Chief of Police Pagadian City — "Overview on Drug Abuse"; Chief Insp. Romeo B. Monterola, Provincial Administrator, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology — "Statistics on Prohibited Drugs and Related Problems in the Philippines"; SPO4 Jolly Sagun of Pagadian City Police Station — "Causes and Effects of Drug Abuse and Modus Operandi"; Dr. Aleno T. Manalo, City Health Officer — "Facts on Drug Abuse and Its Signs

and Symptoms"; Atty. Anecito Gallon, City Prosecutors Office — "R.A. No. 6125, as amended"; SPO1 Serapion Lagud, Chief, NARCOM — "Rehabilitation of Drug Dependents"; and SPO4 Abelardo Guames, Dumalinao Police Station — "Various Prohibited Drugs." 

**The world
really isn't any
worse than it
ever was. It's
just that the
news coverage
is much
better.**

Bacolod Masonic Temple Undergoes Facelifting

WM Noli M. Abello III, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bacolod Masonic Temple, has commissioned Architect "Neneng" Presbitero, JW, to undertake the following projects: improvement of the lighting facilities in the Remegio M. Abello Hall, repair of the leaking roof and ceiling, lighting of parking space, and repair of the metal signage for Kanlaon Lodge No. 64 at the facade of the temple.

Meanwhile, Masonic District No. 27 has gained recognition from both the city government of Bacolod and the public school authorities for the Brethrens' involvement in civic and community activities as well as for their support of the public school system. One such involvement was the refurbishment of the city's Rizal monument and the beautification of the surrounding grounds. The Masons have also installed lighting facilities in the area. **CT**

Outstanding B.S.P. is a Master Mason's Son

Charleston I. Amurao, a member of the Order of DeMolay, T. de Leon Chapter, was chosen one of the Ten Most Outstanding Boy Scouts of the Philippines. After having graduated as valedictorian in both the elementary and secondary grades, he now studies at the U.P. Diliman, Quezon City where he is taking up a degree in Bachelor of Science, major in Accountancy.

H i s father, Bro. Ferdie Amurao, a member of Isabela Lodge No. 60, hopes to see the day when his son would join the Craft. **CT**



Brother's Son Bags Hairstyling Award

Lawrence Leuterio, son of VW Ricardo J. Leuterjo, PM, PGLI of Luis J. Memorial Lodge No. 224 and his wife Rosalinda, bagged the grand champion trophy in the recently concluded Hair Asia 6th National Open Championship for Hairstyling and Make-Up after winning the championship in the Commercial

Make-Up and Bridal Make-Up categories.

The grand title won for young Leuterio a cash prize amounting to P20,000 plus the chance to go to Washington, DC to compete in the Hair Olympics '96. To accompany Lawrence in that trip would be Hair-Asia publisher-organizer, Evelyn Alvaran Cruz and other local beauty experts. **CT**



Rare Masonic Dinner for a Homecoming Brother Held


by *WB Geminiano V. Galarosa, Jr.*

It was in indeed a very rare Masonic gathering. And who else could host such a lavish event but MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, and concurrently Grand Treasurer of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines, who, together with his very charming wife Sis. Esperanza S. Herrera, gathered a very select group of Brethren to honor a visiting brother from the United States at the plush and historic Manila Hotel! Consider the following facts:

Those who attended included no less than the incumbent Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, seven Past Grand Masters, four other Brethren who sport the title "Very Worshipful" and two incumbent Worshipful Masters, one of whom was moonlighting as an amateur photographer. Except for two, all were accompanied by their respective wives. Two of the lovely Herrera children came, namely, Cynthia and Ramon who towed along their respective spouses and Cynthia's two beautiful siblings.

The memorable affair was held at the renovated Champagne Room of the Manila Hotel last January 3, 1996 and the honoree was Bro. Nap Cruz, a homecoming Bulakeño, who together with his wife, amiable Sis. Beth, went home for a brief vacation in the country after an absence of about 18 years. Bro. Nap, as "Cap. Rody" (another endearing monicker

for MW Herrera) succinctly mentioned, is the first Worshipful Master of a Masonic Lodge in West Virginia and will also soon earn the distinction of being the first Potentate ever to be elevated in another appendant body in that Masonic jurisdiction.

The highly enjoyable affair lasted till 11:00 o'clock in the evening. 



MW Rosendo Herrera, PGM, delivering his brief opening remarks.

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(From left) 1st row: MW Damaso C. Tria, PGM; MW Danilo D. Angeles, GM; the honoree — Bro. Nap Cruz; Brethren RW Percival I. Adiong, MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, and MW Teodorico V. Baldonado, PGM. 2nd row: WB Albert K. Tan, VW Alberto C. Reyes, VW Jovito G. Tamayo, VW Eugenio S. Labitoria, MW John L. Choa, PGM, MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM, MW Agustin V. Mateo, PGM, MW Reynaldo N. Beltran, PGM, VW Mario C. Navia, Bro. Samuel Flores and WB Geminiano V. Galarosa, Jr.



The ladies who came ahead of the others, from left: Sis. Peding Navia, Sis. Juliet Labitoria, Sis. Lolit Mateo, Sis. Lorma Galarosa, Sis. Lucy Flores, Sis. Luz Puno, Sis. Beth Cruz (wife of the honoree) and Sis. Angelita Angeles.


DID YOU KNOW?

We Welcome a New Grand Lodge

The Grand Lodge of Russia was constituted on June 24 last year by the Grand Loge Nationale Francaise. This is according to the **Emissary Notes** dated February 1996 which also reported that there are four Lodges making up the new Grand Lodge of Russia and these are: Harmony No. 1 (Moscow), Lotus No. 2 (Moscow), New Astree No. 3 (St. Petersburg), and Gamaioun No. 4 (Voronezh).

Meanwhile, we wish to inform our Grand Lodge that the Grand

Lodges of England, Ireland, the Canadian Grand Lodges of Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec; and the Grand Lodges of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming have all extended their recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodges.

Shouldn't we follow suit? 

**Inflation is when,
after you get the money
to buy something,
it isn't enough.**

BRO. JOSE P. RIZAL

Nationalist with an International Perspective

by eF. R. eN

Our Brother, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, held that nationalism and internationalism are not irreconcilable, but rather, complementary principles. In *Amor Patrio* or *Love of Country*, he wrote: "Let us love our country always, wishing nothing but her welfare; for in this way we shall

labor in conformity with the purpose of humanity dictated by God, which is the harmony and universal peace of His creatures."


Then in *El Filibusterismo*, he placed into the mouth of Basilio his idea of One World. Using the periodic structure, he wrote:





Brethren celebrate the 99th death anniversary of Bro. Jose P. Rizal. (From left) VW Victor N. Asuelo, DGL; WB Jeremias T. Gavenia, PM; WM Jacinto Tambolero of Illana Bay Lodge No. 274, VW Bayani P. Mendoza, DDGM, District 40; WB Ananias Velasquez, WB Julian Novida, VW Floresto E. Florendo, DGL; WM Roberto Buenafe of Jose Hofileña, Sr. Memorial Lodge No. 153; Bro. Nestor Gonzales, Bro. Abdulkadil Manick, Bro. Guillermo Garces, Bro. Laureano Madarang, and Bro. Guillermo Mendoza.

Within a few centuries, when humanity has become redeemed and enlightened, when there are neither tyrants nor slaves, colonies nor mother countries, when justice rules and man will remain, the word *patriotism* will be equivalent to *fanaticism*, and he who prides himself on patriotic ideas will doubtless be isolated as a dangerous disease, as a menace to the social order.

That One World is the dream of Freemasonry — the dream it has sought to realize throughout the centuries. 

Truth isn't
always beauty,
but the hunger
for it is.

—Nadine Gordimer

... though I have all faith so that I could move mountains and have not charity, I am nothing. — 1Cor. 12:2

My Walk with Don Emilio Aguinaldo

by Bro. Sergio T. Peña, Lincoln Lodge No. 34

It was on a hot summer day in the early 1930s when General Emilio Aguinaldo visited the local chapter of the *Veteranos de la Revolucion*, the association of veterans of the two wars for Philippine independence, in my old hometown of Amadeo, Cavite. Because there was no access road for motor vehicles leading to the town proper at the time, the aging veterans had to meet the general and his entourage where the paved road ended many kilometers away. From there they travelled the rest of the way on foot.

As early as 8 a.m., together with about a dozen boys from my neighborhood, we congregated at the northern entrance to the town where the distinguished visitors were expected to arrive and anxiously waited. The scorching sun was in its supreme drunkenness when one of the boys excitedly shouted, "Here comes Don Emilio!"

On both sides of the narrow street into position we scampered and in

awe and deep admiration watched the approaching dignitaries followed by the old, yet proud veterans.


Inexplicable pride swelled in my heart when I saw my father walking with his comrades-in-arms, looking so dignified and honorable with the wounded soldier's medal pinned on his left breast. The medal, he had told me, was awarded to him for the wounds he sustained during the Battle of Zapote Bridge.

Many weeks before, I had pictured and rehearsed in my mind what I would do when I would meet the celebrated general come the momentous day of his visit. And so, as my friends were shouting and jumping and clapping their hands, I rushed toward the middle of the street and stopped a few feet in front of the approaching dignitaries. I stood at attention and smartly saluted the great general the way I had secretly practised a thousand times behind my grandmother's santol tree.

Unexpectedly, General Aguinaldo

stopped, thus stalling the spirited walk of the old revolucionarios who were following closely behind. He smiled at me, leaned a little forward, and gently patted my left cheek. Before I fully realized what had happened, I found myself proudly walking beside the famous general, his left hand resting upon my dishevelled head, my unshod feet laboriously straining to keep up with his long strides.

Three scores and five years have passed since that chance encounter, but the poignant memory of that boyhood scene refuses to die in my heart. It refuses to die because, to me, that event marked the spontaneous revelation of Don Emilio's magnanimity. He opted to stall the heroes' enthusiastic walk just to return the awkward salute and pat the grimy cheek of a barefoot sharecropper's son who walked a dozen steps with him on a dusty street long ago.

What makes a man and a Mason great? I guess it is charity that comes straight from the heart. 

(Editor's note: Writing from Poway, California, Bro. Sergio Peña sent the article above to The Cabletow.)

A MASTER'S PAY

by Bro. Daniel V. Boudillon, Tahattawan Lodge

In Saint Paul's Lodge, light first was seen
By writ of Paul Revere,
To carve a nation from a land
Of Indian and deer.
A colony of brotherhood
From farm to neighbor's farm,
To share the work that none might come
To hunger or to harm.
And from these landmarks we can learn
The same applies today,
To rise and work and someday earn
A Master's mark and pay.

When Caleb Buttler Lodge arose
With workmen straight and true,
They built the rails and the towns
In which our commerce grew.
An industry of brotherhood
That made this country strong,
And said that here all men were free
And loosed the slaver's bond.
And from these landmarks we can learn
The same applies today,
To rise and work and someday earn
A Master's mark and pay.

And in my Lodge, Tahattawan
Born of the two in Ayer,
Is kept alive the fellowship
And common work we share.
A charity of brotherhood
In this computer age,
I hope together we shall add
A new Masonic page.
And from these landmarks we can learn
The same applies today,
To rise and work and someday earn
A Master's mark and pay.

(Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Trowell - Fall 1995)

JOSE ANACLETO ENRIQUEZ RAMOS: Propagandist Turned Revolutionary

by Flor Ramos Nicolas

Accompanied by her eldest daughter Nina, Mrs. Josefina Ramos Roxas, youngest daughter of Jose Anacleto Ramos y Enriquez, recently visited the Plaridel Masonic Temple. "I am now a monagenarian," she told us, the few Masons who were at the Plaridel Masonic Temple at the time of her visit. "Very soon I will be gone. So I came to see the only oil painting of Papa, which I donated to the Grand Lodge during the time MW Esteban Munarris was Grand Secretary."

When she saw her Papa's picture enshrined in the Old Plaridel Masonic Temple together with those of Marcelo H. del Pilar and Jose P. Rizal, she could not help but be in tears. "I loved his beautiful picture," she said. "But I knew Papa's memory would live as long as it is displayed in the Masonic Temple, rather than in my humble living room."

After treating her and her daughter Nina to merienda at the canteen in the Masonic Temple, we asked her to give an account of her Papa's life, and she obliged.

"Papa was born in San Roque, Cavite on July 13, 1856. He was the third of six children of Lolo Geronimo and

Lola Agatona Enriquez. But he was reared in Pandacan, Manila because Lolo and Lola were engaged in a lucrative business in Intramuros, which was, during that period, Manila's commercial district.

"As a young man, Papa showed a flair for business. Noticing this, Lolo persuaded him to take up commerce at the Universidad de Santo Tomas. After graduating from UST, Papa was sent by Lolo to the College of Saint Mary in London in order for him to further his knowledge in business.

"While he was in London, Papa got in contact with intellectuals. It was also there that he read books, such as *The Count of Monte Cristo*. The views on liberty and human dignity which those books contained must have left their indelible impression on Papa.

"Upon his return to Manila, Papa renamed Lolo's bazaar La Grand Bretaña. For one full year, he turned his efforts toward the growth of the bazaar, and his efforts paid off.

"When he had accumulated enough cash, Papa decided to return to England to look for a good printing press that he could use for the

propaganda work which had been his obsession since his student days at the College of Saint Mary.

"Before turning homeward, Papa also established commercial connections in Europe and in America. He became a direct importer and agent for manufacturing firms in London, Belgium and America.

"When he got back to the Philippines, he immediately set up a printing company, which he called La Imprenta Nueva. This turned out countless propaganda materials that would shape and crystallize many Filipinos' way of thinking toward attaining freedom.

"Papa devoted his mornings and afternoons to the bazaar and to the commercial printing press. But as darkness crept and the city slept, he secluded himself in his room, where he wrote leaflets, which he called *papeles volantes*, such as *Los Frailes en Filipinas*, *Alerta Paisano*, *Hikbi ng Pilipinas*, *Hanggang Kailan Pa*, and *Bayan Taga-Ilog*. These were Papa's exposes of the abuses committed by the Spaniards, particularly the religious orders and the *guardias civiles*. They inspired a significant number of Filipinos and sent the blood pressure of Spanish officials shooting up.

"At first, the Spaniards did not suspect Papa's printing press to be the focal distribution point of those 'flying papers.' In fact, only a few Filipinos, such as Marcelo H. del Pilar and Mariano Ponce, knew about Papa's works — through their mutual friend, Dr. Bonifacio Arévalo.

"When the Spanish authorities found out about Marcelo del Pilar's subversive activities, Papa

assisted the latter to escape in 1888 from the clutches of the Spaniards and to leave for Madrid. This was the time Papa pledged to del Pilar that he would exert all-out efforts to disseminate the aims of the *La Propaganda*, a small organization which del Pilar and Ponce had formed to support the activities of the propagandists abroad.

"Papa and Jose Rizal came to know each other at the Universidad de Santo Tomas. Aware of Papa's involvement in the propaganda movement, Dr. Rizal asked Papa's help in the printing of his first novel, *Noli Me Tangere*. Papa acceded to Rizal's request. He personally supervised the clandestine printing of a few chapters of the *Noli* in the composing room of La Imprenta Nueva. Therefore, it is not true, as is commonly believed by Filipinos, that Rizal's *Noli* was printed in its entirety in Spain."

Mrs. Roxas told us that, before he died, her Papa wrote his autobiography in Spanish, which he dedicated to her. She showed us a copy of some excerpts she had copied from her Papa's autobiography. An excerpt reads thus:

"Iniciado Francomason en la Logia 'Corinthian No. 1382' del Grand Oriente de Inglaterra, en Londres, el 1 de Agosto de 1882, siendo Gran Maestro de la Orden, S.A.R., el Principe de Gales que fue despues Rey Eduardo de Inglaterra.

"Afilado y despues elegido Tesorero de lay Muy Respetable Logia Española 'Luz de Oriente' primera de Filipinas, del Gran Oriente Español en 1883 a 1890.

"Fundador de la Masoneria Filipina en las Islas Filipinas en 1891. Primer

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Venerable Maestro de la primera Logia Filipina 'Nilad No.144' y subsiguientemente Muy Venerable Maestro de la Muy Respetable Logia Madre Nilad.

"Elevado por autoridad masonica legal al grado de Maestro Elegido de los Nueve el 20 de Febrero 1892.

"Fundador de la Revolucion Filipina en 1893. Fundador de la Masoneria Filipina en Hongkong en 1893.

"Perseguido desde 1893 hasta 1917 y a consecuencia de este largo y continuo huracan del infortunio ha llegado hasta el ultimo peldaño de la miseria."

It was, so Mrs. Roxas learned from her Papa's autobiography, Jose Maria Regidor who "invited" her Papa to knock at the door of Corinthian Lodge No. 1382 of the United Grand Lodge of England. She continued:

"Coming in contact with Spanish Masons in the government, Papa acquired prestige and politico-social power, which he used, not for his personal interests, but for his country's welfare.

"He solicited contributions from wealthy Filipinos to support the work of the propagandists abroad. But later the former contributors refused to continue their financial support to the propaganda movement, which they perceived to have failed. Instead, they reverted their support to the Katipunan.

"It was at this point that Papa also turned revolutionary. He helped solicit funds for the Katipunan. Then, at a meeting held in a house located at the corner of Elizondo and R. Hidalgo Streets in Quiapo, Manila, Papa

suggested that they purchase arms from Japan and that he be sent to that country to negotiate the sale.

"By that time, Papa's activities were no longer secret. Having come to know that he was one of the leading minds of the propaganda movement in Manila, the Spanish authorities raided his establishments several times.

"The Katipunan local leaders present in that meeting, including Dr. Bonifacio Arevalo, Doroteo Cortez, and Pedro Casimiro, agreed to make Papa their representative to Japan.

"Papa, therefore, buried his papers, seals, arms, and other implicating documents. He left his bazaar, printing press, and everything he owned under the care of Pedro Casimiro and Gonzalo Tuason. Then, one night in 1895, he boarded a ship, the captain of which was his friend. He hid Papa in a big drawer in his cabin.

"Arriving at Yokohama, Papa found the Japanese to be sympathetic to the Philippine cause. They helped him in his mission of purchasing arms for the Katipunan.

"Papa sent the guns and ammunitions he had purchased to the Philippines. He had them packed in such a way that outwardly the crates seemed to contain only chrysanthemums, but beneath were the ammunitions that would one day be used in the fight against Spain.

"While in Japan, using James A. Robertson as penname, Papa wrote fiery articles that attacked Spanish misrule in the Philippines. His articles were published in the newspaper Japan Daily Advertisers.

"When Papa learned that General Emilio Aguinaldo, another Mason, was fuming in Hongkong because the Spaniards had violated the Pact of Biak-na-Bato, he sent Aguinaldo a telegram, inviting him to Japan for a further discussion of resuming the fight against Spain. Aguinaldo accepted Papa's invitation. But he did not go to Japan because he had given in to the wiles of Ambassador Pratt in Singapore.

"Then Papa received the heartbreaking news that the Spanish sovereignty had ended, only to be replaced by American rule.

"In 1900, he wrote to friends like Dr. Bonifacio Arevalo, Timoteo Paez and Isabelo de los Reyes. He told them of his desire to go home, partly because he wanted to find out the status of the business and property he had left behind. But, separately, his friends wrote him that it was unwise for him to return to the Philippines because the Americans, knowing him to be a rebel at heart, considered him a thorn in the side in their efforts to quell every semblance of Filipino resistance against them.

"It was then that Papa decided to apply for Japanese citizenship and to assume the surname Ishikawa, so that the Americans could not touch him.

"You can surely imagine how painful it must have been for a pure-blooded Filipino, a true patriot at heart, who sacrificed his wealth and who untiringly worked for the freedom of his country and people, to become an alien, just to be able to set foot again on his native land. How much pain he must have

suffered then, torn between circumstances, to be able to do what was best at that time!


"After his arrival in Manila in 1900, Papa engaged in the poultry business and opened a hat store. Later, he became an assistant poultry man in the Bureau of Agriculture. Then he was made an hacienda administrator in Biliran, Leyte, where he was taken ill. Hence, he returned to Manila.

"Before entering the Mary Chiles Hospital, Papa and I sang the Philippine National Anthem. Before he died, penniless, on October 24, 1921, he requested me to surround his grave with Filipino flags, if the Philippines would get its independence. I cried with him that day in the hospital, realizing how cruel life was."

After a short pause, Mrs. Roxas showed us a statement she had copied from her father's autobiography. The statement read, "*Sacrificar, perder riqueza y porvenir, sufrir toda clase de penalidades, todo por su propia Patria, es una grandisima satisfaccion.*"

Finally, she told us that, several months after her father's death, the Municipal Board of the City of Manila, through the initiative of its president, Dr. Ramon Papa, named a small plaza in Pandacan, "Ishikawa," after her father.

"But, today," Mrs. Roxas sadly pointed out, "Plaza Ishikawa is not so well cared for. I wonder what you Masons can do to make sure that the park is well kept and clean."

A fitting Masonic marker, I submit, should also be placed in that plaza! 

A LETTER TO THE GM

A Retired Naval Commander Writes

Dear Most Worshipful Sir
and Brother:

I am Brother Oscar Glenn
Urquhart, the ninth child
of eleven of John L. and

Eliza Ellen Urquhart, born on a farm
near Harrisonville, Missouri, USA on
the 4th of July 1906. I grew up to age
17 on the farm and graduated 8th
grade from a rural school. In August
1923, I enlisted in the US Navy. I
served 30 years in the naval service
and various ships and stations at
different rates and ranks and retired
in November 1953 as a Commander.

I studied and passed the necessary
examinations and tests and remained
in good health, so that I was able to
advance in the ratings and ranks to
my retirement.

I became a Master Mason in Pearl
Harbor Lodge No. 598 at Honolulu,
Hawaii on July 1928. In 1930, I
affiliated with Service Lodge No. 95 in
Manila. I was Senior Warden in Service
Lodge in 1936. I moved my
membership to Cavite Lodge No. 2 in
Cavite and was Worshipful Master of
Cavite Lodge No. 2 in 1938 when MW
Jose Abad Santos was the GM. I was a

member of his staff as Junior Grand
Steward and I was the Deputy GM of
the Subic Bay area. I remember visiting
and working with Lincoln Lodge at
Subic.

While I was with Cavite Lodge No. 2,
we had a very proficient 3rd degree
team with full regalia and put on the
3rd degree in many Lodges. Being
with the US Asiatic Fleet, I assisted in
forming and running the Asiatic Fleet
Masonic Club, and it was through the
action of the club that the first DeMolay
unit was organized in the Philippines.
The Masonic Club had meeting places
in Manila, also in Chefoo and Shanghai
and Isingto, China. I took the Scottish
Rite 32 degrees in Manila in 1930 and
was made a life member in 1930. I
spent the period 1929 to 1940 with
the Asiatic Fleet and the US Naval
Ammunition Depot and Submarine
Base at Cavite.

I spent some time in the Submarine
Service and was with submarines on
VJ Day at Taripeg Harbor in the
Marianas. I went back to the islands in
1950 and was there during the Korean
War. I was active in Cavite Lodge No. 2
and was Senior Warden in 1953 when
I had to return to the USA for my

retirement. I became a Shriner in 1942 and was quite active for several years in the Shrine.

At the present time, I am a life member of Cavite Lodge No. 2 and Cass Lodge No. 147 in Missouri.

Some kind brother has me receiving the Cabletow which I surely read and enjoy. The May-June 1995 issue is particularly interesting as it portrays you in all your glory. What a dream come true for you. It is very much like my dream of doing the impossible—becoming a Commander in the US Navy on an 8th grade education. But with God's blessing and guidance, I made it. I remember whose I am and whom I serve, and always remember who is running the show. My Masonic teachings have proven invaluable. It is certainly an honor and privilege to be a Master Mason.

With brotherly love and affection,

Oscar Urquhart

I SAID A PRAYER FOR YOU TODAY

*I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard;*

*I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke not a word.*

*I didn't ask for wealth or fame
(I knew you wouldn't mind),*

*I asked for priceless treasures rare
Of a more lasting kind.*

*I prayed that He'd be near to you
At the start of each new day,*

*To grant you health and
blessings fair,*

And friends to share your way.

*I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small,*

*But that you'd know His loving
care*

I prayed the most of all.

(Author Unknown - Masonic Light Vol. 68, May 1995 No. 2)

Finding Time for Masonry

by Bro. William Lui

Others help us become the persons we want or were meant to be. When, for instance, I revealed to my father my intent to join the Masonic fraternity, he gave me some encouraging words. Said he: "Masonry is a worthwhile way of life. That's why many great men the world over have joined it." And he rattled off a list of greater-than-life figures who were Masons and who dictated the pace of human history. "But joining Masonry is a serious thing," he pointed out. "It entails making a permanent life commitment to live in a certain way. It requires you to live with honor and integrity, to be willing to share and care about others, to trust other Brethren, and to place ultimate trust in God. So, if your family life, your profession, and your social activities would prevent you from being an active member of Masonry, you better not join it."

I told him I was pretty determined to become an active member of the Fraternity. So, he gave me his blessing. (I learned later that, in his younger years, he was actively involved in Masonry.)

Since then, I have taken to heart and have endeavored to practice the lessons I had learned from the ritual and allegories of the first Three Degrees. I have also endeavored to

educate myself Masonically by reading books and periodicals on the history, philosophy, and jurisprudence of the Fraternity; for I was told by elders in the Lodge that Masonry is a science and an art of correct living, and that Masonic education is the key to a better understanding and appreciation of life.

Exhorted WB Peter P.: "Try your best to live by this portion of the Charge of the Third Degree: 'Your virtue, honor and reputation are concerned in supporting with dignity the character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you serve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust; but be true and faithful'"

If, so far, I have been, in my own measure, true and faithful to my Masonic obligations, I owe it, to a great extent, to the leaders of my Lodge. Time and again, they give me some food for thought, such as this one: "The Master Mason represents man, when youth, manhood, old age, and life itself have passed away as fleeting shadows, yet raised from the grave of iniquity and quickened into another and better existence." Another senior member of the Lodge told me, "Masonry teaches us to regulate our lives by morality, faith, and justice, so that ultimately we will

gain eternal bliss." Still another said, "Attend as many Masonic meetings as you can because, besides enjoying fellowship, you learn a great deal about Masonry."

But, at times, I hear of senior members of the Craft who claim that they are too busy, or that they "don't have time" to attend Lodge. Regarding such a claim, one of my mentors commented, "All of us have the same amount of time. Those Brethren who claim that they are too busy are only rationalizing because busiest men find time for what they consider important. Such Brethren have not learned the lesson behind the 24-inch gauge. If we know how to divide our time, there is

no excuse for non-attendance at Lodge affairs."

The moral of this brief article is, if we Masons, young and old alike, optimally use the all-important Masonic working tools — the 24-inch gauge — we will find time to be with our Brethren, to improve ourselves in Masonry, and to do things we want to do for helping improve the human condition. **(C7)**

(Editor's note: The following article was sent to The Cabletow in the form of a letter to the editor. The author is a member of Capitol City Lodge No. 174.)

**The significant side of Masonry deserves
greater attention.**

**Behind the mystic words and scenes,
there lie concealed thoughts and meanings
which make for wisdom, strength and
beauty in our lives...**

**We are possessed of a marvelous Masonic
literature, but we need more systematic
method to make use of it for our members.**

—MW Newton C. Comfort, 1914

NEWS PICTORIAL

▼
Brethren of the Urdaneta Lodge No. 302 led by WM Roberto C. Rebodos pose with VW Ricardo T. Gloria during the observance of the National Enrollment Day held on January 28, 1996 in Urdaneta, Pangasinan.



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Official visitation of VW Bayani P. Mendoza, DDGM, District 40, to Sibugey Valley Lodge No. 246, Buug, Zamboanga del Sur.

1995 CONFERENCE OF CONFEDERATION OF GRAND MASTERS IN ASIA-PACIFIC TAIPEH, OCT. 26-30, 1995



(From left to right) Front row: MW Danilo D. Angeles, GM; MW Teodoro Baldonado, PGM; MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM; MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM; MW John L. Choa, PGM. Second row: VW Jose O. Lustre, AGS; MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., PGM; MW Agustin V. Mateo, PGM.



(From left to right) MW Theodore Way, PGM, Grand Lodge of China; MW David Pogue, PGM, Grand Lodge of Japan; MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, Chairman, Confederation of GMs; MW Akiro Yamaya, GM, GLOJ.

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 Front row:
 Past Grand
 Masters of
 the Grand
 Lodge of
 China
 (center) MW
 Rosendo C.
 Herrera,
 Conference
 President and
 (at the back)
 Officers of
 the Grand
 Lodge of
 China with
 their Grand
 Master.



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 (From left to
 right) MW
 Danilo D.
 Angeles, GM;
 MW Rovier
 Yeh, GM-
 GLOC; MW
 Rosendo C.
 Herrera,
 Conference
 President with
 MW Reynato
 S. Puno,
 Conference
 Secretary and
 MW Akira
 Yamaya, GM-
 GLOJ.



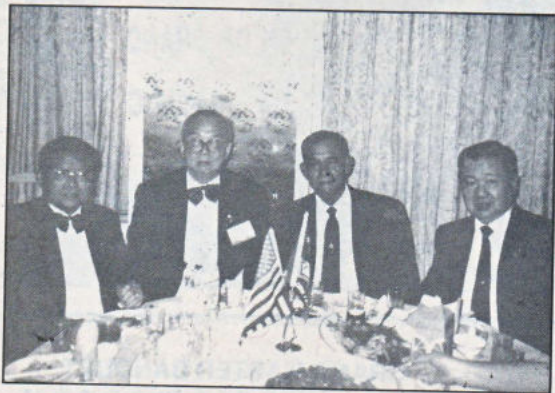
(From left to right)
 Conference President, MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM with Conference Secretary, MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM and MW Akira Yamaya, GM, GLOJ.

GRAND MASTER BANQUET GRAND LODGE OF CHINA F. & A.M.



Fellowship Dinner with the newly installed MW Christopher Pei (second from left), Grand Master, GLOC.

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(From left to right) MW Reynato S. Puno, Bro. Douglas Kao, MW Teddy Baldonado and MW Tong, PGM, GLOC.



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(From left to right) GM Christopher Pei (GLOC) with his wife and mother; MW Danilo D. Angeles with Sis. Angelita Angeles and Sis. Teresa Baldonado.



42nd ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CHINA F. & A.M.



The Phil. Masonic delegation posing before attending the 42nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of China F. & A.M. (From left to right) RW David Roads, Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden; MW Gus Mateo, PGM; MW Teddy Baldonado, PGM; MW John L. Choa, PGM; MW Rody Herrera, PGM; MW Danny Angeles, Grand Master; VW Jose O. Lustre, AGS; MW Rey Puno, PGM; MW Ray Beltran, PGM; MW Pablo Ko, Jr., PGM; and Bro. Jonathan Ureta.



(From left to right) MW John Choa, PGM; MW Akira Yamaya, GM, GLOJ; GM Danilo D. Angeles; MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., PGM; MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM; MW David Pogue, PGM, GLOJ.

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GM Danilo D. Angeles, being officially received at the 42nd Annual Grand Communication, GLOC, with the biggest delegation of seven PGMs, AGS, HPSGW and PM.



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MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, extending congratulations to MW Christopher Pei, newly installed GM of the Grand Lodge of China.



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 MW Danilo Angeles expressing his greetings and congratulations for and on behalf of the Free and Accepted Masons of the Phils. to MW Cris Pei, GM, Grand Lodge of China.

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 Part of the Philippine delegation to the 42nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lode of China intently observing the proceedings.





Philippine and Japanese delegations posing with the newly installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of China.

HONGKONG TRIP OCTOBER 30 - NOV. 1, 1995



(From left to right) GM Danilo D. Angeles giving the Grand Lodge pin to RW Peter Wong, District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge in the Far East, at the latter's office.

(From left to right) VW Jose O. Lustre, AGS; MW Danilo D. Angeles, GM; RW Harirela with Bro. Douglas Kao, Grand Master's photo-chronicler.



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(From left to right) VW Jose O. Lustre and GM Danilo D. Angeles in conference with RW Peter Wong.



**As an individual, I worship my God
in accordance with my own religious belief.**

**But as the head of the State, I can have
no more to do with the Catholic Church that
I can with a Protestant denomination,
the Aglipayan, the Mohammedan, or
another religious organization or sect
in the Philippines.**

**And no authority of any church
has any right to interfere with the affairs
of the government.**

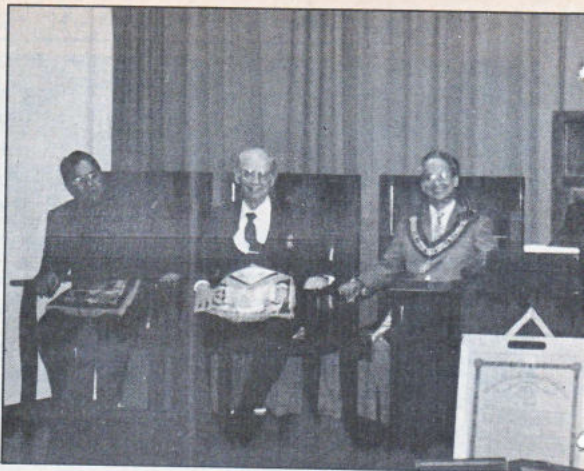
— MW Manuel L. Quezon, 1918

JAPAN TRIP: DECEMBER 11 - 12, 1995

GM Danny Angeles, VW Pong Lustre, and VW Emil Langomez warmly received by Okinawa Brethren inside the social hall of the Masonic Temple in Okinawa, Japan.



VW Jose O. Lustre, AGS; MW David Pogue, PGM, GLOJ; MW Danilo D. Angeles, GM; Presiding Worshipful Master Thomas E. Snyder, Taikoka Lodge No. 19, GLOJ; VW Kawabata, DDGM, MD No. 34; WB Nelson Macabasco, WM Okinawa Lodge No. 118; and VW Emiliano Langomez, DGL, MD No. 1-B.





GM Danilo D. Angeles with Brethren from Okinawa Lodge No. 118..

U.S. TRIP FEBRUARY 1996

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GM Angeles with the Brethren of Torrance-University Lodge No. 394 in Torrance, California.



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MW Angeles posing for posterity with WB Efren V. Garcia (to his left), Incumbent Master of Elysian Lodge No. 418, WB Oscar P. Leus (to his right), Incumbent Master of Moneta Lodge No. 405, and other distinguished Brethren of Filipino descent.



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 Brother Efrén García; Sis. Angelita Angeles; Sis. Malou García; MW Danny Angeles, GM; Sis. Precy and Bro. Sid Pongco at the grand reception tendered jointly by 12 Lodges in Los Angeles county.

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 (Left to right) Bro. Chito Tong Ko; VW Bert Pagotan; VW Oca Buni; Sis. Angelita with GM Danny Angeles; VW Jose Lustre and VW Andy Cayanga at the grand reception hall in Knolwood Country Club, Los Angeles.





▼ Bro. Donald A. Horning, Grand Line Officer, Supreme Council, Grottoes of North America, and his lady, Sis. Horning, with GM Danny Angeles and Sis. Angelita at the grand reception.

▼ GM Danilo Angeles, with the Imperial Potentate USA Shrine and WB Napoleon Cruz, Incoming Imperial Potentate at the George Washington Masonic Memorial Center last February 18, 1996.



US-Based Medical Organization Gives Much-Needed Donations


The Auxiliary to the Philippine Medical Association in America, Inc. (New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware) through its president, Ms. Prossy Sevileno Dagdayan, past president of the Ladies of Filipino Masons in New York, gave much-needed donations to the following Masonic charitable causes:

- Masonic Ward for Crippled Children, Tondo, Manila — US\$500 through Dr. Manuel Rivera, Medical Director.

- Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, Cebu City — US\$500 through Dr. Felix Vicuna, President of Shriners Club.

- The Maharlika Charity Foundation, Inc., Davao City — US\$500 through Dr. Rizal Aportadera.

- Vocational Rehabilitation Training Center, Zamboanga City — US\$565 through Mrs. Helen V. Fernandez, Superintendent.

- Zamboanga del Norte Provincial Hospital, Dipolog City — US\$1,000 through Dr. Carmencita Icao, Medical Director. 

Donation to the Masonic Ward for Crippled Children. (From left) Dr. Manuel Rivera, Atty. Gamelin L. Sevileno, Dr. Mildred S. Ganaden, PhD., Mrs. Prossy S. Dagdayan, Dr. Vicencio Nieva, Nurse Jo Atienza, and Dr. Romeo N. Dagdayan.



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Donation to the
Masonic Ward
for Crippled
Children.
(From left)
Ms. Ruth Beltran,
Dr. Vicencio
Nieva, Nurse Jo
Atienza, Dr.
Manuel Rivera,
Dr. Romeo N.
Dagdayan,
Mrs. Prossy S.
Dagdayan, and
Atty. Gamelin L.
Sevilleno.



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Donation to
the Shriners
Hospital for
Crippled
Children.
(From left) Dr.
Felix Vicuna,
Mrs. Prossy S.
Dagdayan,
and Dr.
Romeo N.
Dagdayan.



Donation to the Maharlika Charity Foundation, Inc. (From left) WB Romeo N. Dagdayan, MD; Bro. Espiridion Reyes, MD; Mrs. Prossy S. Dagdayan; and MW Rizal Aportadera, MD; and WB Roberto Reyes.

If a Mason cannot say anything good of his Brother, he should at least keep silent. He must whisper good counsel into the ear of our erring Brother and not slander or insult him or speak ill of him.

— MW Quintin Paredes, 1922

District 9-A Conducts Blood-letting Drive

District 9-A, with Capitol Lodge No. 174 taking the role as lead Lodge, the WM of which was Justo Wayland M. Cabanban, conducted a blood-letting drive recently at the Capitol Masonic Temple in coordination with the Philippine Children's Medical Center.


A great many Brethren presented themselves and were willing to donate their blood but were gently "turned down" for various reasons, some of which included their having, at the time, a persistent cold, an existing hypertensive condition, old age, diabetes, being under antibiotic medication, and several other reasons. Thus, only a few were really able to give their blood. Their valuable donation is now with the Pediatric Blood Bank Center for use by children badly in need of blood.

As VW Bernardino Saplaco, Jr. expressed: "We wish to cite Bro. Manolo Ceñido of Capitol Lodge for his able stewardship of this humanitarian project. We also convey our sincere commendation to Ms. Myra Maceda of the Pediatric Blood Bank Center, who was the overall project coordinator."

The DDGM added that all the officers of the 10 Lodges in the District have

been duly installed. He expressed confidence that the following Worshipful Masters will serve as enthusiastic models of dedicated Masonic labor: Rodeo T. Ibañez, Silanganan Lodge No. 19; Gregorio C. Mendoza, Marikina Lodge No. 119; Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr., Quezon City Lodge No. 122; Ruben S. Lista, Teodoro M. Kalaw Memorial Lodge No. 136; Ismael J. Vasquez, Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147; Publio Justo E. Calip, Capitol City Lodge No. 174; Adam E. Jimenez III, Laong Laan Lodge No. 185; Raynor L. Taroy, Andres Bonifacio Lodge No. 199; and Kim Alvin C. Villanueva, Mandaluyong City Lodge No. 277.

DGL Ray A. Banaag was equally confident that all the other officers, both elected and appointed, of every Lodge, as well as the Past Masters, will extend the Master utmost cooperation and support.

Both officers reported that Quezon City Lodge No. 122 sent a plane-load of relief goods to Virac, Catanduanes to help ease the sufferings of the victims of super typhoon "Rosing." Not only did the officers and members of the Lodge magnanimously contribute cash and goods, their better halves, led by "VW" Lorma Galarosa, coordinated the drive and the packing of the relief goods that were subsequently flown to Virac. 

A REVIEW

Evangelina Guerrero-Zacarias' Poem

by Bro. Flor R. Nicolas

The poem "Although You Tell Me Not" by Evangelina Guerrero-Zacarias, which appeared in the November-December 1995 issue of *The Cabletow*, has a deep message for every Master Mason in line with our Grand Master's theme, "By Our Acts Shall Masonry Be Judged." It is an expression of the poetess' appreciative, grateful thoughts of, as well as fond feelings for, her husband Antonio.

Originally written in Spanish, the poem employs imperfect rhyme; that is, starting with the stressed or accented vowel, only the vowels are the same as *digas/vida, siempre/perenne*. Here is the original version of stanza 1:

Yo se que me quieres aunque no me digas.

Yo se que me tienes cautiva por siempre

En las fuertes redes de tu propia vida,

Celeste incensario de un sueño perenne.

Notice that each of the verses is composed of 12 syllables.

Conjugal love, the poetess implies, is shown by action rather than expressed in words. She avers she will always remain faithful to her husband since she is completely taken in by his strong, mature ways. She suggests this idea through the image of a fish caught in a strong net, as well as through the metaphor "the strong nets of your own life." Besides, by comparing her husband's life to "a heavenly censer of a perennial dream," she connotes that her husband, has accepted his duty to undergo persistent sacrifices so as to realize plans or dreams they made or entertained before their wedding and thereafter.

In stanza 2, the wife expresses her feeling of security that her husband does not live without her; for although the strategies he has adopted for realizing their plans/dreams may have sometimes failed, "troubled," he storms his brains for alternative ways of pursuing their "perennial dream" — a happy and fulfilled marital life.

In stanza 3, the poetess suggests that she and her husband have found life's meaning in each other in as

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much as they have based their relationship on mutual understanding of their ways, including their silences, as well as on reciprocal trust. She analogizes: Just as the star-made flower of the distant sky contemplates its shadow on the waters below without fears, so the wife looks at her husband without fears, too.

In stanzas 4 and 5, the poetess — the wife — suggests that she and her husband firm up their relationship by being “present” to each other, sharing not only joys but pains as well, not only triumphs but also failures. Oftentimes, she adds, they spend their leisure time together — say, in the orchard. Togetherness is, to them, a song, a serenade while they reminisce the past, reassessing it in the light of their mutual dreams.

In the final stanza, she strongly suggests that, to her and her husband, marriage is never a corporation, but always an exclusive partnership, throughout which they have deeply lived together, frequently using the fond memory of common past experiences as rudder of the present. In fine, she and her husband have grown to be agapeic lovers, one having the propensity to give up practically everything for the good of the other.

It is hoped that every married Master Mason, wheresoever dispersed, has become an agapeic lover of his wife, and vice versa. As our Grand Master would put it, by our actions as husbands (and as fathers) shall non-Masons, at least in part, judge Masonry. (E)

Freemasonry works chiefly through the upbuilding
of the individual members and exercises its
universal influence through them.

And when our organizations are suppressed anywhere
by the enemy, Freemasonry is not destroyed there but
lives on in the minds and hearts and wills of the
members, decimated and scattered though they may be.
Freemasonry is like a yeast. Though the container may
be destroyed, invisibly it survives, always to leaven and
quicken the social mass, no matter how sodden it has
been rendered by despotic oppression.

— MW Frederick H. Stevens, 1923

Distinguished Masons of Pangasinan

by Restituto C. Basa (56)

Dominican friar Nicolas Manrique Alonzo Lallave established Urdaneta, Pangasinan, a Pueblo, on January 8, 1958.

In 1870, he translated the Gospel of St. Luke into the Pangasinan language. Since the official Vatican policy at that time was to ban the layman from reading the Bible, he was branded as a renegade and charged for grave misconduct. In 1872 he was deported by Gov. Gen. Rafael Izquierdo back to Spain.

In Spain, he wrote *Los Frailes en Filipinas*, which was published in a pamphlet by the Filipino propagandists in Spain. This pamphlet was smuggled into the country and circulated underground.

In 1874, Fray Lallave joined the Presbyterian church. He was commissioned a minister and given his pastoral charge. About this time, he also joined the Masonic fraternity. An active Mason, he wrote numerous articles on *Masonry and edited Taller*, a Masonic journal. Besides this, he started translating the entire New Testament into Pangasinan.

In 1887, the British Bible Society published his translation of the Gospel of St. Luke — and his translation of

the New Testament nine years after his death.

In 1889, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Miguel Morayta, Grand Master of Logia Grande Oriente Español, convinced Rev./Bro. Lallave to return to Manila. He was to establish a Presbyterian church in Manila as a means of sowing the seeds of religious freedom in the Philippines.

He arrived in Manila late in 1889. But two weeks after his arrival, he died under mysterious circumstances. His supporters claimed he had been poisoned by the friars, who in turn alleged that he had contracted fever and eventually died.

In either case, Rev./Bro. Lallave died for the cause of religious freedom in the Philippines.

BRO. JUAN CRISOSTOMO VILLAMIL RAILROAD BUILDER

Before 1892 the principal transport system between Dagupan and Manila was the sailboat. Don Reginaldo Villamil, who served as capitan municipal of Dagupan, owned a fleet of sailboats and accumulated wealth. Hence, he was able to send his children to prestigious schools — Juan Crisostomo to a University in England

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and Carmen to La Concordia College in Manila.

Juan Crisostomo Villamil, as was intimated to this writer by Don Ricardo Villamil, was quite acquainted with Jose P. Rizal, Juan Crisostomo Ibarra, the hero of Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere*, Don Ricardo opined, might have been named after Juan Crisostomo Villamil, who came to be the first Filipino to graduate as a mechanical engineer from a British University.

When British industrialists organized the Manila Railroad Company (MRRCo.), they hired Engr. Villamil as a project engineer in the construction of the railway from Tutuban to Dagupan. Engr. Villamil in turn recruited Pangasinenses to work for MRRCo., among them the father of this writer.

Engr. Villamil's supervisor in the MRRCo was Engr. Henry Kipping.

Among Engr. Villamil's superiors in the MRRCo were Masons. Most probably, through their influence, Engr. Villamil decided to join Masonry.

Now, during the construction of the railway, Antonio Rivera and his family, who were originally from Camiling, Tarlac, resided in Dagupan in what is now Rivera Street (named in honor of Leonor Rivera, Dr. Jose Rizal's erstwhile Sweetheart). Mr Rivera had a stall in the Dagupan public market. He was a cloth vendor.

His daughter, Leonor, whenever she got bored at home doing nothing, usually visited her friend and classmate, Carmen, at the latter's house on the bank of the river in Puntal. Carmen would teach Leonor how to play the piano.

One weekend, Bro. Juan Crisostomo Villamil invited Engr. Kipping to a family celebration at their residence. Carmen, likewise, invited Leonor. This was how our national hero's former sweetheart met the man she was to wed.

The railway project was completed in 1892, This contributed to the rapid socio-economic growth of Pangasinan.

Bro. Juan Crisostomo Villamil subsequently joined Bro. Andres Bonifacio's Katipunan. But it was only after the failure of the Pact of Biak-na-Bato that he was given a risky role in the revolution: smuggling arms purchased by Gen./Bro. Emilio Aguinaldo from Hong Kong to the Philippines. To carry out his mission, he sequestered one of his father's sailboats.

He was one of the victims of a cholera epidemic that hit Dagupan during the early years of the American regime **(C)**

It's called
"take-home pay"
because there's
no other place
you can afford
to go with it.

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IN MEMORIAM

Vale, Frater Fernando V. Babaran

by Bro. Antonio A. Ramos

Bro. Fernando Vallejo Babaran of Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133 in Santiago City, dual member and Senior Warden-elect of Ganano Lodge No. 313 in Echague, Isabela, died at around 3:30 a.m. last March 10, 1996.

Bro. Babaran was adjudged the most outstanding Municipal Mayor of the Philippines for the year 1995. He received the award from the Department of Interior and Local Governments in Davao City on January 6, 1996.


Born May 21, 1944, he was initiated in CVL No. 133 on September 19, 1993; passed, October 2; and raised October 16.

Bro. Fernando Babaran was driving home alone to Echague from fellowship after the installation of officers of CVL No. 133 at Carig Plaza Hotel, Santiago City when, unfortunately, his car bumped an acacia tree at the compound of Isabela State University in Echague, where he deposited two of his Brethren. The accident proved fatal.

As they say, death attacks when you least expect it.

We pray that it be Bro. Babaran's fate to

hear from Him who sitteth as Judge Supreme the welcome words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Farewell, Brother! 



Bro. Fernando Vallejo Babaran
May 21, 1944 — March 10, 1996

Phil. Masonic Grand Master Visits Filipino Masons in L.A.

by Bro. Jonathan B. Briones

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (MABUHAY NEWS SERVICE RELEASE) — The Most Worshipful Danilo D. Angeles, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, expressed his pride in the

involvement of Filipinos in Masonry, particularly in this city, during his visit to a number of their Lodges in Southern California.

Accompanied by his wife Angelita, daughter Mary Jane and an entourage of other officers from the Philippine



Philippine GM Danilo D. Angeles signing in the guest book of Torrance-University Lodge No. 394 as a special guest during the Lodge's installation of officers. His visit in his capacity as Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines is a remarkable note in the history of said Lodge. He was given a life membership certificate, an honor granted only to visiting Masonic dignitaries.



GM Danilo D. Angeles in a surprise visit to the Presbyterian Medical Center Hospital in Los Angeles where Bro. Erasto Manuel was confined for treatment of prostate cancer. Both belong to the same Lodge in Cabanatuan City. "The visit gave me a lot more strength physically and spiritually," said the tearful Brother Manuel. He is now a member of Long Beach Scottish Rite where he completed his 32nd Degree.

Grand Lodge, he was on a visit to apprise himself of the situations of Filipino Masons in the United States. From California, his party flew to New York, Guam and Saipan. Although Guam and Saipan are protectorate territories of the US, they are within the Masonic jurisdiction of the Philippines.

"I am very proud of the Filipino Masons in Southern California who are very active and effective leaders of the Craft in their own rights," he told Mabuhay News Service in an ambush interjyew. There are approximately 1,000 active Masons in the area and some are current masters of their Lodges. Among them are Efren Garcia (Elysian No. 418),

Raul E. Dinco (Torrance-University No. 394), Oscar P. Leus, (Moneta No. 405), Rafael Serna (South West No. 283), Urbano Villena (Tri-Star No. 839), Joseph Barth (West Gate Loyalty No. 529), Alfredo Pareja (Coronado No. 441), Ronald Andaya (Anacopa No. 710) and Nazario Perlas (Atwater-Larchmont-Tila Pass No. 614).

"I am very pleased to learn that Filipino Masons are building temples in the hearts of men on an international scale and most notable, so far in the course of my travel, is their accomplishments in Southern California," he said.

Masonry is involved in a variety of charity and special projects in

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education and particularly in health programs in the United States.

"I also learned about the highly commendable success of some Filipino Masons who took over dying Lodges and did not only revive them but made them very stable and active," he also said. As a visiting guest at the Torrance-University Lodge installation of officers, GM Angeles was granted an honorary lifetime membership, an honor bestowed only to Masonic dignitaries.

He praised the Filipino Masons on their fine accomplishments and exhorted them to continue demonstrating what a real Mason is "as we are being judged by our own acts."

He was escorted to the Lodge by Sid Pongco, Past Master of said Lodge and in the hall by Elito M. Santarina, the Lodge's Marshal.

Earlier, he was guest at the installation of officers at Sunrise Lodge and was given a grand reception at Atwater-Larchmont-Tila Pass Lodge in Los Angeles participated in by about a dozen Lodges with Filipino members.

A native of San Leonardo, a small town in Nueva Ecija, GM Angeles established his business and eventually resided in Cabanatuan City.

Born from a very humble family, he struggled to educate himself by working at an early age. His hard work paid off. He became a Geodetic



Officers of some 12 Lodges in Los Angeles County with Masons of Filipino descent pose for posterity with Philippine Grand Master Danilo D. Angeles after a grand reception given in his honor. Most of the Lodges are headed by Filipino Masters. He was awarded a commemorative plaque to honor his historical visit to California.



California Grand Master Charles Alexander and Philippine Grand Master Danilo D. Angeles trying their skills at the internationally-known Filipino cultural dance, "Tinikling," during a reception at the Knolwood Country Club in Los Angeles County.



Grand Master Danilo D. Angeles (standing right) receiving from University-Torrance Lodge No. 394 Worshipful Master Raul E. Dinco a life membership certificate during the installation of officers in said Lodge. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Philippines visited Lodges in the United States with Masons of Filipino descent.



Filipino liaisons headed by Worshipful Sid Pongco, Past Master (extreme right), pose with Grand Master Danilo D. Angeles, his wife Angelita, and daughter Jane, after the installation of officers at Torrance-University Lodge No. 394. At extreme left is Worshipful Herbert Woertler, Junior Past Master of said Lodge.

Engineer and was elected member of the Board of Directors of the Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines.

He was awarded last year the Most Outstanding Geodetic Engineer in his private practice in Central Luzon.

From a Lodge Master in Cabanatuan City, he held practically every rank to become the highest Masonic official in the Philippines.

His entourage included Oscar V. Buni and Andy M. Cayanga, Deputy District Grand Masters; Jose Lustre, Assistant Grand Secretary; Roberto Q. Pagotan, Deputy District Grand Orator; and Ko Chin Tong and Romeo Nuñez, Past Masters. **CT**

**“This strange
but true; for
truth is always
strange;
stranger than
fiction.”**

— Lord Byron

GRAND MASTER'S REPORT, 1995-1996

Dynamic State of Philippine Masonry

by MW Danilo D. Angeles

INTRODUCTION

Like anybody else who came this way before me, I feel that my year in the Grand East has come and has rapidly slipped away. When I start to recall the things I have done between the time you gave me the assignment to lead and now, I cannot but realize that much has been left undone. One year is too short for a Grand Master to do everything on his trestle board.

But my term over, I have to lay down before you, for your consideration and judgment, the record of my acts and deeds as Grand Master.

THEME AND LOGO

Throughout my term I have impressed upon the minds of the Brethren, at various levels of the Craft, the urgency of living our Masonry in our daily lives and actions; of re-dedicating ourselves to the task of showing the whole world, by our actions, that Masonry has made a big difference in our lives; of projecting a positive image of Masonry, particularly in the eyes of the non-Masonic public, more by deeds than

by words. The theme, "BY OUR ACTS SHALL MASONRY BE JUDGED," is based on the Charge of the Third Degree, which, in part, obliges every one of us Masons to "convince the world by your actions that upon becoming a Master Mason you have become a better man."

The Logo which accompanies the theme is fraught with meanings to every Master Mason.

In various Masonic conventions and other affairs, I have stressed the significance of the theme and logo.

MAIN THRUSTS OF OUR PROGRAM

To stimulate the brethren to become better Masons and therefore better men, we adopted the following as the main thrusts of our administrative program for Masonic year 1995-96:

- (1) uniform and well-coordinated Masonic education,
- (2) increased attendance at Lodge meetings, and
- (3) promotion, development of positive community awareness of the true nature of Freemasonry through community projects.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Through the District Grand Lecturers, we furnished the Lodges with uniform material/subject matter to be discussed in every stated meeting.

We gave out copies of VW Ernesto A. Malapaya's "Lodge System of Masonic Education" and VW Amancio Donato's article on "Masonic Imperatives in Our Lodges," with the hope that Lodges would conduct stricter screening of candidates and that, individually and collectively, Master Masons would be goaded to observe high ethical/moral standards.

We also included a copy of the Lodge Leadership Handbook, prepared by Masonic District No. 18 during MW Rizal Aportadera's incumbency.

We urged the DDGMs and the DGLs to discuss with the brethren relevant topics in the handbook.

So, you see, it is not entirely true that the Grand Lodge program varies from year to year. In regard to Masonic education, I endeavored to continue what my predecessors like MWBs Rizal Aportadera and Pablo C. Ko, Jr. had started.

INCREASED ATTENDANCE

Like my worthy predecessors, I also urged the brethren to prove to the non-Masonic public that we Masons are by no means inactive in our own organization. I urged Lodge leaders to make Lodge meetings interesting; to hold post-meeting activities, particularly those that involve their wives and children; and to spice meetings with speeches of invited guests.

We sponsored an attendance contest at various levels. During this ANCOM, we will know the following: Most Outstanding Lodge per District; Most Outstanding Lodge in the whole Grand Jurisdiction, as well as runners-up; and Best District in Attendance, as well as runners-up.

I also stimulated the brethren to encourage participation in Masonic activities through inter-Lodge and inter-District athletic competitions. In such competitions, we encouraged the active participation of families of the brethren.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Grand Lodge stimulated the Lodges and Districts to undertake community projects, joint if possible, with corresponding awards for the outstanding projects.

Be it known unto you, my brethren, that in these main thrusts, the Grand Lodge has received laudable and helpful cooperation from the Districts, the Lodges, and individual Masons. That shows that in our Grand Jurisdiction, we have, to a great extent, demonstrated unity of purpose and pride in accomplishments.

At the Grand Lodge building before my Installation as Grand Master, I met with the Grand Lodge Officers, the DDGMs, and the DGLs to acquaint them with the theme and logo as well as main thrusts of my administrative program.

MODEST GAINS, FEW FRUSTRATIONS

Serving as Grand Master entails experiencing a few frustrations and a

lot of fulfillment in return for serving the Craft to one's level best.

After one year in the Grand East, to borrow MW Reynato Puno's phrase, my family and I have suffered from "financial hemorrhage"; for, as you know very well, we are of modest means.

As every married Mason knows, without the help and support of our wives and children and the sacrifices they make for us, we simply could not devote much time to Masonry. That is why, like MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., I wanted the picture of my family on the cover of the last issue of *The Cabletow* during my term. I want everyone to know that my wife, your Sister Angeling, and my children should share the credit for whatever I have accomplished.

PRINTING OF THE 1994 MASONIC LAW BOOK

As you will recall, the 1995 ANCOM mandated us to print our new Masonic Law Book (Constitution) which was approved in 1994. Towards this end, we sought the valuable advice of MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM, Chairman of this year's Committee on the Revision of the Constitution on what procedure we should follow. And so we did what he advised us to do. Sufficient copies of it are now in our GL Masonic Supply & Store. Their Committee's Report will enlighten us on what to do next.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

At the very start of my term we devised and implemented a salary

structure covering all "career" positions in the GLP. This structure corrected existing salary distortions (example: An employee receiving salary below the minimum wage provided by law; a clerk getting salary lower than a janitor, etc.) and standardized the employees' compensations.

This standardization took into consideration such factors as educational requirement, work load, accountability, etc. Moreover, we now have a system to guide us in giving merit increases with objectivity, thus avoiding the pitfalls of arbitrary, whimsical and subjective decisions on such matters.

To serve the above purpose, we also adopted a system of evaluating and rating employee performance which shall be the sole basis of granting increases for meritorious and satisfactory work performance.

We adopted a revised organizational table basically conforming with the chart proposed by a team that made a procedure and systems review of the GLP organization in 1993.

We purchased one bundyclock and issued regulations for the use thereof to enhance employee punctuality. This also makes easier for our accounting people to keep track of personnel attendance and tardiness.

We have always believed that our human resources are the most important of our assets and that their professional growth and work attitude translate to the GLP's effectiveness as an organizational work force.

Along this line, we sent our personnel (janitors and laborers

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included) in three successive batches to a three-day seminar on Work Values and Attitudes in Baguio City. Earlier Mesdames Nancy C. Que Hanko, Eleanor E. Moldez and Ma. Fe R. Corpuz also underwent another seminar to further hone and strengthen their occupational skills.

Aside from the knowledge gained, this kind of out-of-town training provided our employees a welcome respite from their hitherto monotonous regimen, thus recharging their physical and emotional reserves.

We are happy to report our employees' very positive reaction and the very evident improvement in their morale. This observation encourages us to formally recommend to future administrations the continuance of the practice of sending all employees to at least one seminar/workshop a year - EVERY YEAR for this will bolster their belief that their educational and occupational advancement really is one of our primary concerns.

As we are writing this report, we have just finalized the Code of Conduct for GLP employees which we expect to implement by March 1996.

B. Finance

One of our first acts was to undertake a complete inventory of all GLP assets upon completion of which, said assets were properly identified and tagged. The same process (inventory) was done on all Masonic and office supplies and shortages/discrepancies discovered were immediately rectified.

We also re-instituted the practice of accomplishing Daily Cash Position and Daily Cash Collection Reports.

A more vigorous collection effort was launched on outstanding obligations due the GLP and adopted, as a matter of policy, the non-condonation of such obligations. As a compromise or alternative, restructuring of these obligations for easier settlement was favored.

GENERAL SERVICES (Buildings, Grounds and Equipment)

We gave high priority to raising and maintaining the level of cleanliness of our buildings and compound although at the cost of securing the services of two additional janitors from an outside agency owing to the absence of some janitors for health reasons.

We also devised a Preventive Maintenance Schedule for all our equipment. This schedule provides the dates when any particular equipment, building or machine will undergo cleaning, oiling and testing. Such will do away with the practice of attending to our equipment only when they break down which is naturally more expensive and causes undue delay.

The procedure of admitting Brethren who wish to stay in our dormitory was revised in such a manner that they are first positively identified as Masons of good standing before gaining admission.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED

Below are additional furniture, fixture and equipment acquired during the year 1 360 Quantum Hardisk; 1 simplex JPC Time Recorder; 1 Casio Electric Calculator with tape;

3 Computer tables; 1 steel cabinet (4 drawers); 1 Macintosh 475 8MB; 1 Apple Personal Laser Printer 320; 1 Macintosh 8MB Memory Expansion; 1 Serial Cable; 1 Mitsui AVR; 1 Extended Keyboard; 1 Mother Board 80486 DX266 4 MB Memory; 1 4-door Steel Safe; 2 Ergonomic Chairs; 1 Diamond Computer System - 14" Color Monitor; 2 Gigabytes Hardisk and 1 Mini Tower Casing with 101 Keyboard.

To simplify some computers that we have bought, furthermore, we have started a networking process.

UPDATING OF RECORDS

We have constantly urged the Lodge Secretaries to send us updated records of their members. The changes in the brethren's records were religiously entered into our computers.

But, clearly, there is much room for improvement in this area. That is why there is a dire need for the Lodge Secretaries to send to our Grand Lodge accurate reports, so that, at least, we will save money for postage used for sending copies of **The Cabletow**. Some 200 copies per issue are being returned to sender.

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We could have accomplished more in **The Cabletow** had we set aside our differences and concentrated on what unites us.

There is really a need, dear brethren, to incorporate in our daily lives the doctrines of the Craft, to convince the world that we have a formula whereby we discard what divides us and cultivate what unites us. If we cannot

set the example of solidarity, peace and harmony, how can we ever stem the continuing drop in Masonic membership?

Despite some problems that beset **The Cabletow**, we somehow managed to come out with six issues.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. Even at the beginning of my term, I already took notice of the dilapidated state of the Old Plaridel Masonic Temple fronting San Marcelino Street. Its roof was leaking. Its gutters were rotting. Its ceiling was damaged, no trace of its paintings. No wonder, no tenant would want to stay and pay rent except for one or two who don't want to pay regularly. Another tenant, whom we want ejected, owes our Grand Lodge more than P100,000 of unpaid rentals. Litigation regarding this case is still pending in court I had no alternative but to have the Old Plaridel Masonic Temple repaired; it needed, at least, a major facelifting. It was no temple at all. It was a structure to be ashamed of.

I convened and consulted the Committee on Temples and Buildings headed by VW Juanito P. Abergas, Grand Marshal, and VW Rogelio S. Talastas, Vice-Chairman, and VW Ramon G. Nuñez, VW Eusebio L. Abella, VW Robert Pe Liao, VW Cesar Mendoza and Bro. Bonifacio G. Tong, members, regarding my problems and plans. They responded by acting accordingly.

Likewise, I convened the Board for General Purposes, as well as the corporate Board of Directors, who gave me the blanket authority for the repair and facelifting of the Old Plaridel Masonic Temple. With the hope to restore its former beauty and

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grandeur, not to mention the income which could be generated from it, before my term ends the Old Plaridel Masonic Temple would be a sight for inspiration and pride.

Naturally, the last to be consulted was our Finance Officer for the project's necessary funding. With the Temple Fund intact and her assurance that the project would be a Capital Expense on our part, we proceeded with our special project. I'm happy to report that, as of this writing, the project is about 80 % finished.

2. The Temple and Buildings Committee discovered that the electronics in the elevator shaft was adversely affected due to rain water passing through a leak in the roof just above the elevator shaft. Hence, the Committee recommended that a roofing just above the elevator shaft be put up. We expeditiously acted upon the recommendation of the Committee. The project was expected to be finished by the end of our term.

3. We opened the Cabanatuan Chapter of the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc. last November 7, 1995. I personally inaugurated the Masonic ward at the Eduardo L. Joson Memorial Hospital at Bitas, Cabanatuan City.

Charity services then began to roll. Crippled children in Nueva Ecija, Northern and Central Luzon would no longer have to travel all the way to Manila to avail themselves of treatment offered by the MCCC.

Thanks to MW Ray Beltran, President, and other officers of MCCC for their concern for the crippled children of the region.

PHILIPPINE MASONRY IS ALIVE, KICKING

Happily, there are many places and occasions in which our brethren have proudly demonstrated their ability and willingness to face the challenge of shaping our Masonic destiny instead of simply allowing time to erode our strength even further.

During my visitations of our various Districts and Lodges in the archipelago and overseas, I have found Philippine Masonry to be alive and kicking. Those visitations have been tiring, expensive if you may, but fulfilling.

Our brethren and their families, as well as members of the Appendant Bodies and Orders, have demonstrated laudable and helpful cooperation in regard to the different thrusts of our administrative program. They have exerted all-out efforts to improve attendance at Lodge meetings and participation in other Masonic functions, such as inter-Lodge and inter-District athletic competitions. They have undertaken community projects. They have responsibly carried out our uniform, well-coordinated Masonic education program.

The interrelationship of our Masonic Family, particularly in the provinces, is very close. As the brethren who have patiently accompanied me in my visitations have put it, "*Feel na feel natin ang kapatiran*. We can really feel the warmth and the affection of our brethren and their families."

In many of the conventions, I had interviews with the print and broadcast media, thereby enhancing the general public's awareness and understanding of what Masonry is, what it stands for, and what it has

done for our local and national communities. Wherever practicable, such interview with the mass media should be a part of a district or multi-district convention.

My party and I have seen the commitment and enthusiasm of younger Masons who are determined to make the Craft reach forward in time and spread wider and farther. We have been moved by the presence of elderly Masons, some of them cane-wielding, in the conventions. These are, indeed, the brethren who have internalized and put into persistent practice the tenets of Freemasonry. In many a Masonic convention, we paid a visit to those senior Masons who were bedridden.

By and large, I have gained the respect and esteem of the brethren and their families because I, too, as their Grand Master, have manifested genuine concern for them. No greater force can match the power of Fellowship and Brotherly Love in action!

We have, furthermore, built bridges with our overseas brethren. Our Grand Lodge has paid them visits to show them that they are by no means "neglected children." Sure, these visits entailed some expenses. But also they paid rich dividends for our Grand Lodge.

Let me point out just one case. Having learned that some brethren and their wives were having some marital problems to the point of planning to separate, I met separately with the brethren and then with their wives, stressing the sacredness of the marital bond. We were able, thank God, to reconcile their differences and they decided not to separate anymore.

To all our brethren and their families, together with the members of the Appendant Bodies, both in this archipelago and abroad, I extend sincerest appreciation of every kindness, courtesy, and accommodation which you have extended to me and my party. I am most appreciative of each such expression of Masonic unity in our Grand Jurisdiction.

"DWELLING TOGETHER IN UNITY"

As Grand Master, I have been cordially invited and received by the various Appendant Bodies and Orders in their assemblies. I have been asked to say a few words to them on those occasions. That, to me, is evidence enough that, as a Fraternity, we have truly experienced unity of purpose and pride in accomplishing things together. I am most grateful and appreciative of every kindness accorded me and my party by the various Appendant Bodies and Orders.

To the officers and members of our Appendant Bodies and Orders, therefore, I convey my most heartfelt appreciation. May our Appendant Bodies grow both in number and in strength.

GL INTERNALIZATION, GLOBALIZATION PROGRAM

This year, upon the advice and support of MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, the Grand Lodge has gone to its Internalization/Globalization Program.

On May 27, 1995, with MW Herrera and Sis. Ching, I attended the

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Installation of RW Bro. Prishotam Naroomal Harilela as DGM of the District Grand Lodge of the Far East (S.C.). Only on this occasion did I come to know that MW Herrera is an Honorary Past Senior Grand Warden, GL of Scotland.

We had the opportunity of meeting and comparing notes with RW Bro. Peter Wong, DGM of the District Grand Lodge of the Far East (EC), and the Right Honorable Lord Burton, Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

On October 27, 1995, again with MW Rosendo C. Herrera, Chairman, Confederation of Grand Masters in Asia-Pacific, MW Reynato S. Puno, Grand Secretary, MW Teodorico V. Baldonado, MW Raymundo N. Beltran, MW John L. Choa, MW Agustin V. Mateo and MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., as members, I attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Asia-Pacific, hosted by the Grand Lodge of China in Taipei, Taiwan.

The following day, October 28, 1995 proved to be momentous, meaningful and enjoyable. I had that distinction of being received formally by the 42nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of China, our daughter Grand Lodge, with the biggest delegation so far, with so many illustrious Past Grand Masters and Very Worshipful Brethren accompanying me.

I added the word *enjoyable* because in the evening, the entire delegation was treated by MW Herrera and Sis. Ching to an exclusive, formal sing-along pub. Indeed, this was an occasion where your Grand Master acted as Disc Jockey and Music Machine Operator where we discovered that it isn't MW Agustin V. Mateo who holds the distinction of being the "Singing

Grand Master." In fact, MW Mateo was humbled by the singing prowess of MW Reynato S. Puno. You could just imagine the high-pitched voice of MW Ray Beltran, the baritone voice of MW Baldonado, the serenading voice of MW Herrera, the ala-Sinatra voice of MW Choa, not to mention the ala-lullaby voices of MW Ko and VW Jose O. Lustre, AGS.

Aside from the initiative of enhancing the Confederation of GMs in Asia-Pacific, we also officially visited some Lodges under the Grand Lodge of California, our Mother Grand Lodge. We were treated to a testimonial dinner in our honor, hosted by the Grand Lodge and all Appendant Bodies. One most important memorable surprising part of the visit was the granting to your Grand Master by the Torrance-University Lodge No. 342 of an Honorary Life Membership Certificate.

In New York, upon their formal request, I officially visited Jose Rizal Lodge No. 1171, considered to be the Filipino pride in the United States as it serves as liaison between our Grand Lodge and sojourning brethren in that part of the world. On hand during our reception at the Grand Lodge of New York were the GM, SGW, JGW, Grand Treasurer and the ever energetic Grand Secretary, MW Gary Henningsen, PGM.

On February 18-21, 1996, I attended the Conference of the Con-federation of Grand Masters of North America. It is in this Conference where I was able to establish important linkages with the Masonic world. Renewed acquaintances with old friendly Grand Masters of Idaho, Oregon, Arizona, Hawaii, Brazil, Virginia, Connecticut, Mexico, Italy, Romania, Iran, and many more.

It is in this Conference where in one breakfast session, I was approached by MW Samuel B. Walker, Grand Master of Connecticut, who asked my permission for him to adopt or use our Theme and Logo for his Grand Lodge. Of course, I immediately consented to his request, as I answered, "I am deeply honored."

When I was introduced to the Conference Chairman, MW William Chency, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, I was able to talk to him about our own Confederation of Grand Masters in Asia-Pacific. And in his own words, "We in the Confederation welcome and appreciate the formation of a Confederation in your own Region. You are in a better position to know your problems as well as how to solve them."

With those encouraging words of MW Chency, I see hope of successfully inviting other Grand Lodges such as Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and the like to join our own Confederation in Asia-Pacific and eventually the formation of the Confederation of GMs of the World.

Although the usual pledges of support to all the community and humanitarian projects of our Grand Lodge were readily achieved, yet the upgrading of the plight of Filipino Masons residing and holding dual membership in America, which was seriously addressed by us, was the more important achievement. I can proudly report that we have strengthened the cement of Masonic ties with Filipino Masons in America.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the Philippines held Special Com-

munications on the following occasions:

1. Constitution of Makahambus Lodge No. 315 in Cagayan de Oro City on May 10, 1995. A very promising Lodge with young and talented professionals and businessmen knocking at its door.

2. Constitution of Ganano Lodge No. 313 in Echague, Isabela on June 3, 1995. This Lodge is where the Mayor of the town, Bro. Fernando Babaran, was installed as JW. Unfortunately, God took his life earlier on March 16, 1996 in an accident after attending Installation of Officers of Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133 in Santiago City.

3. Constitution of Bessang Pass Lodge No. 314 in Tadian, Mt. Province on June 24, 1995. This was the last Blue Lodge I constituted as Grand Master. I am happy to note the efforts of the brethren in Mt. Province and Kalinga Apayao as well as the brethren from Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Nueva Ecija. To reach Tadian, you have to pass by Bontoc via the highest elevation in the Philippine Highway System. We negotiated the treacherous mountain road of 2,150 m. above sea level. Everybody in the group could not believe how our SGW, RW Leon A. Bañez, Jr., managed to be with us and assist us in our labors. It was altogether a triumph of body and spirit.

4. Cornerstone-laying of the Masonic Temple of Sta. Rosa Lodge No. 297 in Sta. Rosa, Nueva Ecija on December 9, 1995. Due to other Masonic functions we attended on the same day, the brethren of the Lodge kept waiting for us until night fell. Right away, we performed the ceremony. The Godfather of this Lodge is so dedicated that he promised to

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dedicate and consecrate the new Temple in less than a year.

5. Consecration and Dedication of Tumauni Lodge No. 251 Masonic Temple in Tumauni, Isabela on December 28, 1995. This Lodge and Temple is a memorable one to me as it was in 1988, when I was SGL, that we laid the cornerstone of this Temple with MW Raymundo N. Beltran officiating.

6. Cornerstone-laying of the Temple of Kamayo Lodge No. 255 in Bislig, Surigao del Sur on January, 29, 1996. This is a ceremony we performed after the 40th Regional Masonic Convention in Iligan City. One could not just believe that we travelled by land for almost 12 hours through literally rough and rugged roads of Mindanao.

7. Cornerstone-laying of Maribulan Lodge No. 304, Masonic Temple in Gen. Santos City on January 30, 1996. From Bislig, Surigao del Sur we negotiated another stretch of treacherous mountain roads to Davao City for almost 6 hours. Met the Gen. Santos brethren who brought us to their place for another 5 hours more of land travel. To summarize it all, the difficulties of these travels soon vanished the moment we met the brethren and sisters who overwhelmed us with their brotherly love and affection.

8. Consecration and Dedication of Halcon Lodge No. 257, Masonic Temple in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro on February 3, 1996. Roxas town is some 5-6 hours land travel from Calapan; as I understand, it is infested by Nice People Around! Their Temple is relatively small but cute and beautiful.

9. Re-dedication and Consecration of Palawan Lodge No. 99, Masonic

Temple in Puerto Princesa City in Palawan on February 10, 1996. This Lodge is a reinvigorated Lodge, so to speak. The members are so dedicated that even members whose stations of work are in far-away places see to it that they attend their meetings and other Masonic functions. No wonder, this Lodge was adjudged the best Lodge in Masonic District No. 1A.

10. Consecration and Dedication of Zaragoza Lodge No. 263, Masonic Temple in Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija on March 2, 1996. Members of this Lodge are simply hard-working. Some years back, they bought this property from the acquired assets of the GSIS, an old house which they used. Now, their Temple is one of the best air-conditioned Temples in Nueva Ecija.

11. Consecration and Dedication of the new Masonic Temple of Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26 in Sta. Cruz, Laguna on March 9, 1996. This temple was built by a dedicated Mason under the BOT Scheme to the tune of about 3 M., on one condition: that the meeting hall be named after his father. To our surprise, after the Ceremony, he drew out a check in favor of the Lodge in the amount of 100 T. Oh, what a generous Mason you are!

12. Consecration and Dedication of the Masonic Temple of Kapt. Pepe Lodge No. 293 in Kapt. Pepe Subdivision, Cabanatuan City. The lot on which the Temple was erected is a lease from the city Government of Cabanatuan. Its cornerstone was laid by MW Rizal D. Apotadera. Majority of the members of this Lodge belong to the younger generation. No wonder, some consider this Lodge as the most elite Lodge of Nueva Ecija.

13. Formal Institution of Diffun Lodge, U.D., of Diffun, Quirino

Province on March 26, 1996. Due to the hectic schedule we had, I requested the brethren to come to the GLP in Manila, so we could perform the formal ceremony of Institution. They consented and, with all the officers present, we performed what was asked of us to do.

14. Formal Institution of Mendez-Nuñez Lodge, U.D., in Mendez, Cavite on March 30, 1996. The actual ceremony of Institution was conducted at the Temple of Tagaytay Lodge No. 165 at Tagaytay City with a substantial number of brethren present, aside from all the officers of the new Lodge. This new Lodge is so energetic and kicking. I hope the brethren will live up to our expectations.

EDICT NO. 172

On December 1, 1995, I issued Edict No. 172 — in which I decreed that the Opening and the subsequent Closing ceremonies of a Masonic Lodge in connection with the necrological services to be rendered a departed Brother may be done in SHORT FORM under four specified conditions.

CIRCULARS

One. We announced to the brethren the elected and appointed Officers of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines for Masonic Year 1995-96, including the new members of the Board for General Purposes.

Two. we informed the brethren of the schedule of visitations and multi-district conventions for 1995-96.

Three. In line with our Grand Lodge's policy of acknowledging and

honoring brethren for outstanding achievements, we requested the brethren to furnish the Grand Lodge with names of brethren who won in the last national and local elections together with their respective positions.

Four. We informed the brethren that the new Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, headed by MW Reynato S. Punò, PGM, met for the first time on June 16, 1995. We requested the Districts to work-out all proposed amendments and send these to the Grand Lodge not later than the first week of October 1995.

Five. The Grand Lodge launched the contest entitled "Outstanding Lodge in Attendance," which is designed to encourage and motivate Worshipful Masters to exert effort to have good attendance at every Lodge meeting. We specified the mechanics, awards, and rules of the contest.

Six. We reminded brethren from the provinces who would be visiting Manila that our dormitory is always available to accommodate them. We announced the rates and the facilities, as well as other advantages.

Seven. We informed the brethren regarding the policy on the use/rental of halls.

Eight. Having discovered the embarrassing and anomalous condition of the Abad Santos Hall at the Old Plaridel Masonic Temple, we created an Ad Hoc Committee composed of VWBs Ramon G. Nuñez, Fidel S. Chua, and Benjamin G. Brown. The Committee's main task is to restore the Hall to its original condition.

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Nine. We drew the attention of everyone, most especially the District Deputy Grand Masters concerned, on the matter of granting dispensations. The DDGM concerned shall henceforth "make and submit immediately to the Grand Lodge a report of any dispensation granted by him, together with the fee collected therefore, as provided for under Sec. 3f, Article IX, Part I of the MLB Rev. 1994."

Ten. This circular gives information on the 80th Annual Grand Communication to be held in Cagayan de Oro City. It also enjoins all to prepare for, as well as to attend, this very important event.

Eleven. This is an urgent call to all brethren and Blue Lodges in our jurisdiction to give whatever assistance and aid they can muster to the lahar victims of Pampanga. It informed the brethren that Malolos Lodge No. 46 and Pampanga Lodge No. 48 had volunteered to accept all donations intended for the displaced victims, and that VW Nestor Calimon, DDGM for Masonic District No. 7, would handle the distribution of all items and contributions. In addition, the Circular informed the brethren that they might send in their donations to the Grand Lodge.

Twelve. This Circular informed the Brethren that the Committee on Awards, headed by MW Rody Herrera, PGM, with the Senior Grand Lecturer and Junior Grand Lecturers as ex-officio members, would select nominees for each of the following categories: Most Outstanding Lodge, Most Outstanding Overseas Lodge, Most Outstanding District, Most Outstanding Worshipful Master, Most Outstanding DDGM, Most

Outstanding Master Mason. The selected nominees for each category would vie for the national awards. These would be screened by the entire Committee on Awards. Nominees for the national awards should be submitted not later than February 1996. The criteria for each category were enumerated in the Circular.

Thirteen. This contained additional information on the 1996 Annual Grand Communication.

MASONIC RELIEF IN ACTION

Encouraging has been the response to the clarion call of your Grand Master for assistance to the lahar victims in Pampanga. Lodges, Appendant Bodies, and individuals generously turned in their contributions to the victims through the Grand Lodge.

This report acknowledges the magnanimity of the donors. *Maraming salamat* to the following:

- Mabini-Kalaw No. 195, for five sacks of rice, 15 boxes of canned goods, and two boxes of used clothes;
- Maharlika No. 180, for one box of assorted medicines;
- Victory Lodge No. 116, for one sack of old clothes;
- Walana Lodge No. 13, for used clothes;
- Biak-na-Bato No. 7, for used clothes and shoes;
- Manila Bodies, A. & A.S.R., for one box of old clothes and one box of medicines;
- Dapitan No. 21, for one box of old clothes and one plastic bag of shoes;
- Manila-Mt. Lebanon No. 1, for 10 sacks of rice;
- Bro. Amador Reyes, for old shoes;

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- Shariff Kabunsuan Lodge No. 266, for one box of old clothes;
- Mencius Lodge No. 266, for 180 pieces of big mats (banig), five cases of Sardines 100's, and nine cases of Lucky Me Noodles 72/1;
- United American Pharmaceuticals, Inc., c/o WB Dante Dira, for 24 boxes of Allerin CR Tablets 4s, 24 bottles of Enervon C drops 10 ml, 24 boxes of Fortifer Plain repecaps 4s, 24 bottles of Moxillin drops 5 ml, 24 bottles of Nafarin A Liquid 30 ml, and 24 tubes of Trimycin Ointment plain 5 gms;
- Biak-na-Bato No. 7, for four boxes of assorted used clothes;
- Capitol Masonic Corporation, through VW Lucas Ty, for five boxes of Luneta Sardines and 10 boxes of Lucky Me Noodles;
- Mrs. Mariano Honrado, for two kilos of sugar and used clothes;
- Mr. Domingo Canare, for two kilos of sugar;
- Mrs. Emma Gaerlan, for one kilo of sugar;
- Mr. June Sayat, Jr., for two kilos of sugar;
- Jo Quiambao, for two kilos of sugar;
- Peter Mathani, for one box of instant mami;
- VW Jaime Arcebucho, for two kilos of sugar;
- Mrs. Dolores Quiambao, for two kilos of sugar;
- Dr. Cora Ramos, for one kilo of sugar;
- Mr. & Mrs. Mike Yu, for 20 packages of sugar and used clothes;
- Grand Lodge of the Philippines, for used clothes;
- Jose Rizal No. 22, for P10,000;
- Morning Calm No. 189 and MacArthur No. 183, c/o Michael Jugan, for \$200 (P5,286)
- Kutang Bato No. 110, for P20,000;
- Iloilo Acacia No. 11, for P2,000;
- Muog No. 89, for P2,000;
- Rising Sun No. 151, for Y80,000 (P21,224.50);
- Dagohoy No. 84, for P3,100;
- Mt. Diwata No. 236, for P2,800;
- Mt. Kaladias No. 91, for P2,700;
- Phil. Masonic Association of America, Inc., for \$1,000 (P26,430)
- RW Jose Percival L. Adiong, for P500;
- Carlos Inigo, for P500;
- Virginio Aris, for P1,000;
- Mabini No. 39, for P2,000;
- Kidapawan No. 170, for P1,300;
- Kasilawan No. 77, for P6,000;
- Carmen Valley No. 250, for P3,500;
- Chito Villarosa, for P300;
- DDGM of District No. 35 (287, 262, & 245), for P5,350;
- Grand Lodge of New York, 4th Manhattan, for \$1,250 (P33,037.50)
- Ignacio S. Abe, G.L. of New York, for \$100, (P2,643);
- Grand Lodge of Japan Brethren, for \$2,834(P74,902.62)
- Emon Lodge No. 179, for one 20-foot-container van of relief goods;
- United Grand Lodge of England, for L20,000, equivalent to P796,400, which was turned over by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, as requested by the UGLE, to the Philippine National Red Cross. The turnover ceremony took place at the Emilio Aguinaldo Hall of our Grand Lodge on February 6, 1996. The Ceremony was featured in the January-February 1996 issue of **The Cabletow**.

There are other donations that have been received after the writing of this report.

Our Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges responded, likewise, to the call for assistance from our Brethren in Camarines Norte, which was devastated by supertyphoon "Rosing."

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On their own initiative, our Lodges and Districts carried out charitable works of various kinds sans press releases, sans fanfare.

The occasional frustrations notwithstanding, all this, as well as other small things which we need not mention here, has made my sojourn in the Grand East fulfilling, worthy remembering throughout the rest of my life.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

As may be gleaned from the following calendar of activities, the Grand Master was kept busy throughout the whole Masonic year.

MAY 1995

- 04 GM's first day of office; GM's meeting with GLP staff
- 10 GM's interview by Ms. Cory Quirino of Channel 2
- 20 **Constitution of Makahambus Lodge No. 315, Cagayan de Oro City**
- 21 GLP Staff Excursion, Nueva Ecija, with GM's family as Host
- 23 Dinner-Concert "Minsan Pa", Manila Hotel; Fund Raising sponsored by Supreme Council Scottish Rite
- 22 Courtesy call of Order of the Amaranth
- 25 Supreme Council Order of DeMolay National Conclave, Development Academy of the Phils. (DAP), Tagaytay City
- 27 GM and GT to Hongkong to attend the Installation of Bro.

Prishotam Naroomal Harilela as DGM of the District Grand Lodge of the Far East

JUNE 1995

- 03 **Constitution of Ganano Lodge No. 313, Echague, Isabela**
Visitation Rufino Roque Mem. Lodge, Cordon, Isabela
- 09 Meeting of the Committee on Temples and Buildings headed by VW Juanito Abergas
- 10 Dinner with PGMs and 3 Grand Lights at Manila Hotel, with the GM as host
- 12 GM and other GL Officers attended flag raising at the Luneta.
- 13 Committee on Accounts meeting, headed by PGM R.V. Bunda
- 14 Committee on Temples & Bldgs. meeting
- 15 Board of Directors Meeting
- 16 Committee on Revision of the Constitution meeting, headed by PGM R.S. Puno
- 18 9th Founding Anniversary of Mandaluyong City Lodge No. 277
- 19 Attended Birth Anniversary of Bro. Jose P. Rizal, Calamba, Laguna; attended 37th convention of M.D. No. 11 at San Pablo City
- 20 Courtesy call of PSA, headed by Noble Raffy Roxas

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- 23 Left for Mt. Province
- 24 **Constitution of Bessang Pass Lodge No. 314, Tadian, Mt. Province**
- 28 Wedding Anniversary of PGM R.C. Herrera and Sis. Ching
- 29 Temple Builders Club meeting, PCA, Plaza Dilao, Manila

JULY 1995

- 06 Meeting of Board for General Purposes (BGP)
- 07 GM, DGM, and AGS visited confined to Quarters brethren at Camp Crame
- 08 **Dedication of Lodge Temple of San Pedro Lodge No. 292, San Pedro, Laguna**
- 22 District Convention, M.D. No. 28, Balayan, Batangas

AUGUST 1995

- 09 Board of Directors Meeting Acacia Mutual Aid Society, Elks Club, Makati
- 12 Southern Tagalog Tri-District (11, 12 & 28) Convention, with Kalilayan Lodge No. 37, Lucena City, as host.
- 16 Meeting AD HOC Committee on Dormitory
- 19 MLQ Day, Quezon Memorial Circle; donated 50 Nemp tree plants
- 26 Western Mindanao Multi-District (19, 25, 33, 38 & 40) Convention, hosted by Pagadian Lodge No. 153- ably represented

by the RW Dep. Grand Master

- 30 145th birth anniversary celebration of Bro. M.H. del Pilar; cornerstone laying of Cupang Lodge No. 292 in Cupang, Bulacan

SEPTEMBER 1995

- 01 **Cornerstone-laying of Ganano Lodge No. 313, Masonic Temple at Echague, Isabela**
 - 02 Multi-District (2, 2A, 3 & 23) Convention, Santiago City
 - 07 Formal signing MOA Re-ANCOM '96 with MD No. 17 as Host
 - 09 Joint Convention, MDs 13 and 36; host: Bulusan Lodge No. 38, Sorsogon, Sorsogon
 - 13 Board of Directors Meeting, AMAS, Elks Club, Makati
 - 14 Meeting with Davao Brethren, Davao City
 - 15 Convention, MDs 18, 26, 32 & 37; Koronadal Lodge No. 209, Koronadal, South Cotabato; host
 - 24 Attended Sportsfest/Mini Olympics of MD No. 6A, Cabanatuan City
 - 27 Dinner-Meeting with RWE Enrique Locsin, JGW, Alabang, Muntinlupa
 - 30 Convention, MDs 6A, 6B, 7, 8A, 8B & 29; Narra Lodge No. 171, San Jose City, Nueva Ecija; host
- Shrine Ceremonials - Potentate's Ball, Phil. Plaza, Manila

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OCTOBER 1995

- 07 Convention, MDs 17, 31 & 35; host: Agusan Valley Lodge No. 160, Butuan City. The GM was represented by RW Enrique L. Locsin, since he had to attend the GLP Staff seminar-workshop graduation in Baguio City. The seminar-workshop focused on Productive Work Attitudes
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting
AMAS, Elks Club, Makati
- 14 Joint Convention, MDs 14 and 27, Bacolod City; host: Kanlaon Lodge No. 64
- 18 94th Anniversary - Mla.-Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 1, Manila Diamond Hotel, Manila
- 21 Convention, MDs 4, 5 & 24, Baguio City; host: Baguio Lodge No. 67.
- 24 Courtesy call of RW A.E. Thomas
- 27-28 ANCOM - Grand Lodge of China, Taipeh, Taiwan and Confederation of Grand Masters in Asia Pacific, Magnolia Hotel, Taipeh
- 30 Conference with RW Peter Wong, DGM, District Grand Lodge in the Far East, Grand Lodge of England
- 31 Conference with RW Peter Harilela, DGM, District Grand Lodge in the Far East, Grand Lodge of Scotland
- 11 MD 9A Convention at the Asian Institute of Tourism, U.P.; host Silanganan Lodge No. 19
- 16 Board of Directors Meeting
- 18 Convention, MD 1B
- 19 Geli-Jurado Nuptials, West Triangle, Quezon City
- 23 Meetings of the BGP and Board of Directors
- 25 Convention, MDs 15, 16 & 39, Catbalogan, Samar; host: Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98
- 29 Convention, MD No. 10; host: Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69, Cavite

DECEMBER 1995

- 02 Convention of MD No. 1A, Scottish Rite Temple
Convention of MD No. 1C, Grand Lodge of the Philippines
- 06 Dinner Meeting with the Grand Master and Grand Sec. of Grand Lodge of Japan, Manila Hotel hosted by MW and Sis. Rosendo C. Herrera
- 08 Testimonial Dinner in honor of MW and Ill. Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM, hosted by Philippine Bodies, Westin Plaza Hotel
- 09 Convention of MD #9-B, Fort Bonifacio, Makati
Christmas Party MCCC, Mary Johnston Hospital
Cornerstone Laying at Sta. Rosa Lodge No. 297
Masonic Temple, Nueva Ecija
- 11 Visitation of Lodge and District,
- 07 MCCC, Cabanatuan Chapter, Inauguration of MCCC

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| <p>Okinawa Lodge No. 118,
Okinawa, Japan</p> <p>14 Visitation of Lodge and District,
Rising Sun Lodge No. 151,
Camp Zama, Tokyo, Japan</p> <p>21 Christmas Party of Grand Lodge
Employees, Emilio Aguinaldo
Hall, GLP</p> <p>28 Tumauini Lodge No. 251,
Consecration/Dedication,
Isabela</p> | <p>Aguinaldo Hall, GLP</p> <p>10 Palawan Lodge No. 99,
Dedication & Consecration
and Installation of
Officers, Palawan</p> <p>16 Conference of Grand Masters,
Arlington, Virginia</p> <p>28 Kapatiran Lodge No. 228,
Dedication and
Consecration, Cabanatuan
City</p> |
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JANUARY 1996

- 03 Testimonial Dinner in honor of
WB Napoleon Cruz, 1st Filipino
would be Imperial Potentate,
AAOMS, USA, Manila Hotel
- 09 Courtesy Call, International
Council, Order of Amaranth, GLP
- 11 TRIPTO USA (LA, California, New
York and Guam)
- 26 40th Mindanao Regional
Masonic Convention, Iligan City
- 29 **Cornerstone Laying of
Kamayo Lodge No. 255,
Bislig, Surigao Sur**
- 30 **Cornerstone Laying of
Maribulan Lodge No. 304,
Gen. Santos City, South
Cotabato**

FEBRUARY 1996

- 04 **Dedication & Consecration
and Installation of
Officers, Halcon Lodge 257,
Roxas, Oriental Mindoro**
- 06 Turn-over to PNRG P796,400,
received from Grand Lodge of
England L20,000, Emilio

MARCH 1996

- 02 **Zaragoza Lodge No. 263,
Dedication & Consecration,
Installation of Officers,
Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija
Cabanatuan Lodge No. 53,
Installation of Officers,
Cabanatuan City**
- 05 Mla.-Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 1,
Installation of Officers, Scottish
Rite Temple
- 09 **Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26,
Dedication & Consecration
of New Lodge,
Installation of Officers, Sta.
Cruz Laguna**
- 12 **Kapt. Pepe Lodge No. 293,
Dedication & Consecration
Ceremony and Installation
of Officers, Cabanatuan
City**
- 14 Reception-Dinner tendered by
Ill Rudyardo V. Bunda, for SGIG
and Ladies, Manila Hotel
- 16 The Supreme Council -46th
Annual Session, Scottish Rite
Temple
Order of DeMolay - 50th
Anniversary, Manila Hotel

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- 19 Kanlaon Lodge No. 64 - 75th Charter Anniversary, Bacolod City
DeMolay Alumni, Installation of Officers/Constitution and Induction of Officers
- 21 Meeting Board for General Purposes, GLP Conference Board of Directors Meeting, GLP Conference
- 22-25 Joint Installation of Officers, M.D. No. 30, Seoul, Korea
- 26 Formal Institution of Diffun Lodge UD at G.L.P., Manila
- 27 Beacon Lodge No. 213, Installation of Officers, Davao City
- 29 Court No. 31 - Order of Amaranth, Installation of Officers, Cabanatuan City
- 30 **Formal Institution of Mendez-Nuñez UD, Tagaytay City**
Luzon Lodge No. 57 - 76th Public Installation of Officers, GLP

APRIL 1996

- 07 VW Roberto Q, Pagotan, 50th birthday
- 10 Tumauni Lodge No. 251, Installation of Officers, Isabela
- 11 Gonzaga Lodge No. 66 - 75th Anniversary, Tuguegarao, Cagayan
- 12 Past Grand Master Meeting - nomination of Junior Grand Warden, GLP Conference Thanksgiving and farewell party for Grand Lodge Employees from MW Danilo D. Angeles, Grand Master '95-'96

- 16 Courtesy Call - Supreme Guardian International Order of Job's Daughter
- 22 44th Annual Grand Reunion, Grand York Rite of Freemasonry, GLP
- 25 80th ANCOM, Cagayan de Oro City

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the elected Grand Lodge Officers with whom I have had the privilege to serve since my election as Junior Grand Warden. It has been a pleasure and a distinct privilege to have worked with these dedicated brethren.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the appointed Grand Lodge Officers for having been very supportive of the Grand Master on so many occasions.

I most profusely thank the chairman and members of the Board for General Purposes for all their sound advice and wise counsel, for their help and encouragement.

I have been overwhelmed by the way the DDGMs, the DGLs, and the GLIs cooperated with me as Grand Master for the prosecution of the labors of our Grand Lodge. I can never thank them enough for all that they have done for the Craft. To them I say, "To show you that I am a faithful member of our great team, tomorrow as I relinquish my post to the incoming Grand Master, you will also be fired unless you are reappointed." But, jesting aside, *maraming, maraming salamat*.

Correspondence; MW John L. Choa, PGM, and all the members of the Committees on Resolutions, and Charters; MW Raymundo N. Beltran, PGM and Grand Secretary, and all the members of the Committees on Vital Issues and Library & Museum; MW William H. Quasha, PGM, and all the members of the Committee on Charity & Medical Assistance; MW Agustin V. Mateo, PGM, and the members of the Committee on Guardianship; RW Jose Percival L. Adiong, DGM and my Grand Master tomorrow, and the members of the following committees: Budget, Administration of Lodges, and Sunshine & Masonic Assistance; RW Leon A. Bañez, Jr., SGW, and all the members of the Committee on Returns; RW Enrique L. Locsin, JGW, and all the members of the Committee on Media Relations; VW Jaime D. Austria, Asst. Grand Treasurer, and all the members of the Committee on Necrology; VW Ernesto A. Malapaya, SGL, and all the members of the Committees on Research & Masonic Education and Works; VW Juanito P. Abergas and all the members of the Committee on Temples & Buildings; and VW Rodrigo Y. Arandia and all the members of the Committee on Cemetery.

Having noticed the condition of our dormitory left much to be desired and therefore did not encourage patronage from our Brethren who want a clean and comfortable place to stay in while in Manila, and having been advised that our current policies, procedures and regulations on the use of our dormitory needed review and amendment, I created a Special Committee for Dormitory Renovation and Review of Current Procedures, which shall take all steps necessary so that our dormitory is beautified and made more functional and presentable and present a comprehensive manual on the use of our dormitory. The

committee was composed of RW Enrique L. Locsin, VW Juanito P. Abergas, VW Nathanael M. Grospe, VW Fidel S. Chua, VW Roberto Q. Pagotan, WB Heremeno A. Palamine, and Bro. Ruben O. Bautista. I invited these brethren to a luncheon meeting on August 16, 1996 at the Conference Room of our Grand Lodge Temple.

These brethren managed, in so short a period, to rid our Jose Abad Santos Hall of junk, trash, and assorted office furniture and equipment, thereby restoring our Temple to its venerable grandeur. But, to my dismay, what the committee had removed, some hard-headed brethren have put back into the hall. In any case, to the members of the special committee I convey sincerest appreciation and commendation.

I created a Special Committee to handle cases on appeal under Edict No. 169-Ko, Jr. -- re-lifting of suspension of members for non-payment of dues on the ground of lack of due process. The Committee is composed of VW Tomas O. del Castillo as Chairman with VW Bros. Rodolfo C. Beltran, Fernando V. Pascua, Jr., Rodrigo Y. Arandia and Jose O. Lustre as members.

The Committee did a fine job. Appropriate order has already been drawn to effect the decision arrived at, per their proper recommendation.

I am pleased to announce that the following brethren worked very hard to bring the Attendance Contest (as per Circular No. 5) to a successful end. They composed the Special Committee on Attendance Contest. They are: VW Alexander B. Madamba, chairman; and VWBs Jose O. Lustre, Florecio Y. Sy, Peter C. Chua, Edgardo S. Delmo, and

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The following brethren, too, worked as an Ad Hoc Committee tasked to collate all the opinions of the Committee on Jurisprudence: VW Mabini G. Hernandez, chairman; VW Jose O. Lustre, vice-chairman; and VW Johnny M. Mendoza, Bro. Benjamin L. Padilla, and WB Walter G. Macero -- members. May God reward their unselfish labors!

Sa inyong lahat, mga Kapatid ko sa Distrito 6A and 6B, maraming, maraming salamat para sa lahat ng bagay na ginawa ninyo para sa akin. Be it known unto you, my brethren, that it is in your honor, too, that I have dedicated my efforts to serve well as Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

I also express sincerest appreciation and commendation to **The Cabletow** and Grand Lodge Staff for their cooperation and responsiveness to the needs of the Grand Master.

I most certainly convey my sincerest

appreciation to the many Lodges and the members thereof who have extended every kindness and courtesy and accommodation to us during our visitations.

My immediate family and loved ones have been very supportive in so many ways throughout my active service in the Grand Lodge. For all this, I give them a big "*Maraming Salamat!*" for their wonderful support.

CONCLUDING WORDS

I believe, brethren, that I have served you and this wonderful Fraternity to the best of my ability. I believe that I have performed the duties of a Grand Master to the very best of my ability to perform them. I believe that God has guided me in all my actuations.

Let us all continue to dwell together in unity and convince the world, by our acts, that Masonry is a worthwhile way of life -- a way of life which, as my worthy successor would put it, builds for God, for its members and their families, for our local and national communities, and for mankind.

Let us give our incoming Grand Master the utmost support and cooperation we can muster.

In Masonry the objective of the three degrees or learning process is to expose the candidates to the influence of the good things in life with the philosophy of making him a good man.



GM Danilo Angeles and Sis. Angelita posing with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Idaho MW Greg Winther and his lady.

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*IT MAY BORDER ON THE IMPOSSIBLE, BUT LET US PRAY
THAT THIS WILL HAPPEN AGAIN. . .AND AGAIN.*



The Day Right Honorable Sir Julius Chan, Prime Minister of Papua, New Guinea, visited the country, these stars of our armed forces, MASONS ALL stood proud and tall.