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Bro. Douglas MacArthur

The Grand Master's Message

Militant and Vigilant Masonry

MY message to the brethren is one and the same; and that is, be militant and aggressive, vigilant and active Masons, and practice the tenets and principles of Masonry seriously and sincerely, at all hardships and difficulties. Go out in the open and show your true colors as crusaders of enlightenment, soldiers of freedom, democracy and justice, worshippers of God, and servants of the people. Free thought and liberal institutions must be safeguarded, public and non-sectarian schools must be patronized, religious intolerance must be fought, and graft, immorality and corruption in the Government, we must help eradicate. Your duty must not fail you to make this world a better and happier place to live in with all men as brothers, and with God as our Father.

Our membership is composed of all faiths. We advocate religious freedom. We welcome all. Nor is Masonry Godless. He who does not believe in God and future existence cannot be admitted into the Fraternity. In all our meetings and deliberations we begin by imploring the blessings of the Almighty and finish by seeking His protection and guidance. We follow the Golden Rule. We serve all good worthy causes. We give but do not take for what we give. We deny selves and sacrifice all. We pick no quarrel and seek no enemies. We rejoice with the happiness of others and sympathize with their misfortunes.

Masonry, has a political mission, but it is not partisan in politics. In a way, it is a secret but not a cheap organization. It is sacred.

It will seek and receive advice but will not permit dictatorship. It will be representative of the Masonry of our heroes and martyrs, a Masonry that was militant and patriotic; charitable and democratic; Godly and universal.

Masonry is a world secret society that practices brotherly love, relief and truth, and serves the cause of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. No matter where and how Masons find themselves and meet, they always build a moral edifice and destroy an evil influence; defend freedom and fight tyranny; uphold democracy and abhor dynasty; worship God and serve the people.

History records that men have always been divided — geographically at the beginning, religiously later, and politically afterwards. So are we today. As long as human race exists, there will always be countries inhabited by different peoples with their own peculiarities in color, creed and government. These, however, should not serve as barriers for all nations and all peoples to fraternize and trust one another. The same blood runs through our veins. We are all children of God and, therefore, brothers. The same heart beats within ourselves. The color of the skin, the religious belief, and the political framework should not divide Mankind. Peace and harmony should ever prevail in the Universe to the glory of the Supreme Being Who is our Father in heaven.

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EDITORIALS

THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HE 32nd Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge will be held on the 27th to the 29th of this month. To the historic Plaridel Masonic Temple in Manila will come delegates from various parts of the Philippines as well as from China. Guam and Okinawa. This 3-day convention should neither be a simple acquaintance party or just another meeting of brethren where a limited few will do all the work while the rest merely sit, look, and listen.

Lest we forget, each duly recognized delegate — from the Grand Master to the Junior Warden of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction — is a component part of the Grand Lodge which "is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority" in the Philippine Islands, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government — limited only by a strict adherence to the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, and by the provisions of its own Constitution and Regulations." The delegates, of course know that the Grand Master discharges all the necessary executive functions when the Grand Lodge is not in session. Generally speaking, therefore, there are only three days throughout the year in which the delegates may assemble to transact the regular business of the Grand Lodge and this short period should be properly utilized for the benefit of our Venerable Institution in particular.

In 1946, the year after liberation, we reiterated our plea for relief to distressed worthy brethren, their widows and orphans; in 1947, we emphasized the need for the rehabilita-tion of our Lodges and members. While these problems are still existing, we have to direct our thoughts and exert efforts to other pressing matters confronting us. The impression that we are only concerned with brethren and our Lodges is erroneous and harmful. It is not enough that we put our house in order and let some people destroy our neighbors' homes, corrupt their families and poison their minds by promising them weath, security and even salvation. We must act in harmony, go out, reveal our colors, and join fellow citizens in the crusade against the evils staring at us today including Intolerance. Immorality and Injustice which strut around claiming as victims (Continued on page 138)

THE GRAND MASTER RETURNS

S Most Worshipful Brother Emilio P. Virata, our Grand Master left the Philippines so has he returned without fanfare and known only to a few brethren. Unlike the long expected appearance of a notable figure or the well advertised presence of a colorful leader, welcomed by numerous admirers and met by noisy parades, his arrival was as quiet as it was simple. As good impressions may come out of pageantry so may lasting values result from humility.

From various sources we have received glowing accounts of the Grand Master's visit to Lodges in Guam, the United States and China. In America, we were told, he was invited to attend Masonic communications and conferences where he was invariably accorded the honors and privileges befitting his rank; there he graphically portrayed the state of Masonry and clearly described its heroic and sacrificial role especially during the enemy occupation; he availed himself of the rare opportunity which was his as Grand Master to express our deep gratitude and sincere thanks for the moral support and material aid of American Masons to their distressed brethren in war-torn Philippines. For several months he has been away from us but all this time he endeavored to bring Masonry in this Jurisdiction closer to the brethren in other lands. He now gives to us up-to-date information about the activities of other Grand Jurisdictions.

We are happy Brother Virata is back; and happier still because with him in our midst, we will be constantly reminded of the policy of militant and vigilant Masonry which he has often preached and many times more practiced. Thus, as his eventful administration comes to a close, the brethren may fittingly and sincerely express their appreciation of his Masonic services and say to him: "Welcome home, Brother. You have done your duty. You have served well."-

Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.

BROTHER DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

RO. Douglas MacArthur was made a Mason at sight in Manila on January 17, 1936. In March of the same year, (Continued on page 138)

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he Craft wil take notice that the 32nd Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands will be held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 520 San Marcelino, Manila on January 27-29, 1948, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

embers of the Grand Lodge are requested to appear before the Committee on Credentials for their cards at the Grand Secretary's office.

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MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS AS A CORPORATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands, a corporation duly registered under the laws of the Republic of the Philippines, will be held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, San Marcelino, Manila, on January 27-29, beginning at 4:00 o'clock, when the Directors for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business as may come up during the meeting will be transacted.

> ANTONIO GONZALEZ, P. G. M. Grand Secretary

AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge.
- 2. Reception of the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Emilio P. Virata, and Past Grand Masters of the M. W. Grand Lodge.
- 3. Roll Call of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Officers.
- 4. Roll Call of Lodges Quorum -
- 5. Recess for Corporation Meeting.
- 6. Admission of Master Masons.
- 7. Messages.
- 8. Welcome Address to the Members of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Master.
- 9. Response by Wor. Bro. Cenón Cervantes.
- 10. Reception of Grand Representatives Presentation of the Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges to the Grand Master by the Grand Marshal.
- 11. Welcome address to Grand Representatives by the Master.
- 12. Response by Wor. Bro. Bertrand H. Silen.
- 15. Reading of Minutes of Last Annual Communication.
- 14. Report of the Grand Master.
- 15. Report of the Grand Treasurer.
- 16. Report of the Grand Secretary.
- 17. Report of the Grand Lecturer.
- 18. Report of District Grand Master for China, Rt. W. Bro. David W. K. AU.
- 19. Resolutions and Petitions.
- 20. Appointment of Special Committees.
- 21. Report of Committees.
- 22. Grand Oration.
- 25. Election of Grand Officers.
- 24. Address of Acceptance by the Grand Master Elect.
- 25. Installation of Grand Officers.
- 26. Grand Master's Inaugural Address.
- 27. Recess for Corporation Meeting.
- 28. Closing.

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WHAT OTHER LODGES ARE DOING

MANILA No. 1

HIS lodge held its election of officers on December 2, 1947 for the ensuing year (1948).

Those elected and appointed are as follows:

Elective

Master Senior Warden Junior Warden Treasurer Secretary Chaplain Marshal

Bertrand H. Silen, PM Howard R. Hick John L. Leach George A. Glegg, PM Norman T. Reid Ivor D. Butler, PM Colin M. Hoskins, PM

Appointive

Senior Deacon Junior Deacon Senior Steward Junior Steward Keeper of the Archives Tyler

Donald V. Schworer Gerald F. Fitzgerald Cornelius F. Hoorn Robert McCollum Frank C. Bennett, PM Ramon Ramos, PM No. 88

BATONG BUHAY No. 27

HIS Lodge held its installation ceremonies of officers for 1948 at the Plaridel Masonic Temple on December 27, 1947. The installing officer and master of ceremonies were Right Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. and Most Wor. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M., respectively.

Officers

Jose A. Fernandez	Wor. Master		
Ricardo P. Bahia	Sr. Warden		
Dominador C. Santos	Jr. Warden		
S. E. Sam	Treasurer		
Delfin A. Viola, PM	Secretary		
Arturo Cayetano, PM	Chaplain .		
Eugenio Dizon, PM	Marshal		
Demetrio del Rosario	Sr. Deacon		
Vicente M. F. Zerda	Jr. Deacon		
Francisco Monroy	Sr. Steward		
Francisco C. Hizon	Jr. Steward		
Angel S. Montes	Organist		
Severino Mateo	Tyler		

IBARRA No. 31

T AN impressive and well-attended gathering of Masons, their families and friends, the Officers of this Lodge were openly installed Saturday afternoon, January 3, 1948, 2 p.m. at Ibarra Temple, Kawit, Cavite. The program follows:

Opening of the Lodge

- 1. Reception of the Grand Lodge Officers
- Installation of Officers
- Inaugural address-by Bro. Jose R. Villanueva (Incoming Master)
- Song-By Miss Maxima Saqueton and Miss Ester Alcid at the organ.
- Address-By Wor, Bro. Mauro Baradi, Editor of the Cabletow.
- Violin Solo-By Mr. Generoso Villanueva.
- Presentation of Past Master's Jewel to Wor. Bro. Simplicio T. Toledo (Retiring Master) by Rt. Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr., Deputy Grand Master
- 8. Refreshments.

Closing of the Lodge

Installing Officer

M. W. Bro. Antonio Gonzalez, P.G.M. Grand Secretary

Master of Ceremonies

Rt. W. Bro. Esteban Munarriz Senior Grand Warden

TOASTMASTER

Rt. W. Bro. Teodorico A. Jimenez, P.D.G.M. The following is the Roll of Officers for 1948:

Worshipful Master	Bro. Jose R. Villanueva
Senior Warden	Bro. Simeon Villaluna
Junior Warden	Bro. Pastor Olaes
Treasurer	Bro. Pedro Villanueva, Jr.
Secretary	Wor. Bro. Simplicio Toledo, P.M.
Chaplain	Bro. Vicente Vidal
Marshal	Bro. Francisco D. Ricafrente
Orator	Wor. Bro. Gonzalo T. Vales, P.M.
Almoner	Wor. Bro. Pedro Villanueva, P.M.
Auditor	Bro. Eliseo David
Senior Deacon	Bro. Gregorio C. Panganiban
Junior Deacon	Bro. Venancio C. Duarte
Senior Steward	Bro. Agapito A. Toledo
Junior Steward	Bro. Benjamin Huffmaster
Tyler	Bro. Ramon Bernal
Trustee	Wor. Bro. Sabas Alcid, P.M.
Custodian of the Work	Rt. Wor. Bro. Teodorico A.
	Jimenez, P.D.G.M.

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PAMPANGA No. 48

MIDST great enthusiasm, the members of Pampanga Lodge No. 48, F. & A. M. of San Fernando, Pampanga, elected its Officers for the coming masonic year, last Saturday, December 13, 1947. The following were elected:

Bro. S. T. Razon S. W. Bro. Ignacio C. Baluyut J. W. Bro. Juan G. del Fin Treasurer Bro. Julian B. Mendoza Secretary

Upon Bro. Castro's re-election, he received the Brethren's warmest congratulations because of the fact that he was elected Worshipful Master once before the war and successively twice after liberation. This may only mean one thing, that there could be no better and happier choice. The Brethren of Pampanga Lodge No. 48, in the exercise of their masonic suffrage have demonstrated that the "possession of excellent qualities" must be the criteron to be guided in selecting the officers of any Lodge.

LABONG No. 59

THE private installation of the Officers for the ensuing masonic year was held on December 6, 1947 at the Plaridel Temple. Worshipful Brother Pedro Lombos acted as Installing Officer assisted by Worshipful Brother Elpidio Laiz as Master of Ceremonies.

The newly installed Officers are:

Bro. Teodoro E. de Jesus, Worshipful Master

Bro. Jose L. Cahiwat, Senior Warden

Bro. Casimiro M. Santos, Junior Warden

Bro. Candido Perez, P.M., Treasurer

Bro. Vicente Quijano, P.M., Secretary

Bro. Angel C. Lazaro, P.M., Chaplain

Bro. Juan B. Cruz, Senior Deacon

Bro. Avelino G. Gregorio, Junior Deacon

Bro. Jose B. Perez, Marshal

Bro. Arsenio R. Reyes, Senior Steward

Bro. Tiu Chay Seng, Junior Steward

Bro, Ciro I. de Jesus, P.M., Auditor

Bro. Julian Segueco, P.M., Tyler

Wor. Bro. Teodoro E. de Jesus, the newly installed Master gave a short address and Wor. Bro. Irineo V. de Vera also gave a congratulatory address to the newly installed Officers in Tagalog. Refreshments were served after the installation.

UNION No. 70

HE semi-private installation of Officers of Union Lodge No. 70, was held on January 3, 1948. The lodge was opened

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before the arrival of visitors at the School Building preparatory for the installation ceremonies.

The new Officers for the ensuing Masonic year is as fol-

Doroteo A. Parong Master Bonifacio Cacdac Senior Wanden Juan S. Matias Junior Warden Victor P. Liclican Treasurer Andres B. Rivera Secretary Doroteo Aguila Chaplain Agaton R. Yaranon Marshal Gumersindo Ramos Senior Deacon Melchor Dumo Junior Deacon Juan Borja Auditor Anselmo Flores Senior Steward Severo Viloria Junior Steward Emilio Hipol Tyler

Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera, P.M., of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, the Installing Officer assisted ably by Wor. Bro. Federico Concepcion, P.M. (70) as Master of Ceremonies called the Lodge to order and proceeded to the ceremony of installation which was performed in the most efficient manner.

The visitors (masons and non-masons) and members of Union Lodge No. 70, were very much impressed by the manner

the Installing Officer conducted the ceremonies.

Among the distinguished visitors present were Senator Camilo Osias (4), Ex-Congressman Enrique Rimando, P.M. (88), Provincial Auditor, Nic. Marin, (46), Division Superintendent of Schols for Baguio, Roman L. Santos, P.M. (33), Bro. Juan F. Zarate, Master of Baguio Lodge No. 67 and party and several others from sister Lodges.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies addresses were delivered by Wor. Bro. Agaton Umanos, outgoing master, Bro. Ricardo Castro, Div. Supt. of Schools for La Union, Wor. Bro. Camilo Osias and Wor. Bro. Doroteo A. Parong, incoming master. The above speeches were alternated by solos of the wife of the Provincial Governor, Mrs. Donata D. Aguila, Miss Nora Rilloraza and duet by the daughters of Bro. Gumercindo Ramos.

The labours of the lodge were suspended and all those present were invited to partake in the refreshments prepared for the occasion bringing to a close a most pleasant evening.

TAGA ILOG No. 79

HE public installation of Officers of this Lodge will be held at the Jose Abad Santos Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple on January 19th at 7 p. m. with the following program:

1. Overture Poet and Peasant

All-girl String Band, Welfareville

2. Installation of Officers

Installing Officer — Right Wor. Bro. Albert J. Brazee, Jr. Deputy Grand Master

Master of Ceremonies Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi

Wor. Master, High Twelve Lodge No. 82 "Sampaguita" All-girl String Band, Welfareville 3. Selection .

4. Address Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi 5. Past Master's Jewel to be

presented by Wor. Bro. Eduardo Claudio, P. M.

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6. Past Master's Diploma to be presented by Wor. Bro. Clemente Bernabe, P. M.

7. Address by Wor. Bro. Sesenio Rivera, P. M.

8. Selection Czardas--Monti

All-girl String Band, Welfareville

9. Address of Master Elect . Wor. Bro. J. W. Curameng, P. M.

10. Light Refreshments.

11. Cinematograph "World War II"

HIGH TWELVE No. 82

THE LODGE'S TRESTLE BOARD AS OF JANUARY 3, 1948 IS AS FOLLOWS:

Awaiting Ballot:

Pedro G. Balagot (Affiliation)

Awaiting First Degree:

Morris J. Armond Sabino Romero

Awaiting Second Degree:

Robert R. Johnston Grant E. Thomas Tomas Clavel

Hamid (moro)

Casiano M. Santos

Francisco Florendo

Felix Lubi

Jose C. Moran

Manuel Magboo

Dominador Ramos Julian Anacleto

Awaiting Third Degree:

Porfirio Alforque

John E. Striker

Rafael Atayde

Zacarias Tabaniag

Wor. Bro. Mauro Baradi, in the name of the Lodge expresses thanks to brethren far and near who sent Christmas cards and New Year's greetings to the Lodge and wishing it further progress.

MOUNT HURAW NO. 98

OUNT HURAW LODGE has a feeling of pride that while other parts of the Philippines were still in the thick of the fight of liberation, a war-time lodge, as we might call it, was held on March 3, 1945 to extend fraternal fellowship to the American brethren in the Armed Forces in Catbalogan. Deprived of proper working tools, implements and paraphernalia as a result of war, Mount Huraw Lodge had emergency ones made from corned-beef-hash cans and cardboards. Bro. Truman E. Hienton, West Lafayette Lodge No. 724, West Lafayette, Indiana, then CO of PCAU 28 at Samar, took with him some of the improvised emergency jewels to States.

Two post-war official visitations by M. W. Grand Masters Michael Goldenberg and Emilio P. Virata were made on Nov. 30, 1946 and on May 2, 1947, respectively, to this Lodge jointly with Makabugwas Lodge No. 47 at Tacloban, Leyte. The brethren of Mount Huraw had to be out from their respective places of abode forty hours in each case and had to travel by

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sea six hours on one way in order to be able to attend the two G. M. official visitations.

Fraternal parties were tendered by the Lodge to the following sojourning brethren: Wor. Bro. Fidel Fernandez, PM, (47), judge of the court of first instance of Samar, on Aug. 17, 1946; Wor. Bro. Luciano Abia, PM, (102) MPC provost marshal on Nov. 19, 1946; Wor. Bro. Ceferino Sevilla, PM, (47) provincial revenue agent, on Jan. 22, 1947; and a despedida to Wor. Bro. Pio Advincula, PM, (47) who was promoted to provincial treasurer of Romblon.

The following members of Mount Huraw Lodge were promoted in their government positions: Bro. Dr. Francisco Tan as district health officer of Samar; Bro. Francisco Mendiola as assistant provincial treasurer; Bro. Jose Montejo as provincial treasurer administrative deputy; Bro. Procopio Ch. Perez as general field representative of the Philippine National Red Cross in Mindanao; and Bro. Jose A. Garcia as acting principal of the Samar high school.

The brethren congratulate Wor. Bro. Vicente Oreo, PM, now assistant provincial treasurer of Zambales, for the victory of his son-in-law in the polls as provincial executive of Zambales.

Bro. Lt. Col. Roman Ibañez has been shifted from his position as MPC inspector for the Visayas to the inspectorgeneral's office, MPC headquarters, at Manila.

The Lodge conferred the first degree of Masonry to the following brethren: Jose A. Garcia on April 5; Dr. Procopio Ch. Perez on July 12; Dr. Antonio L. Merida on Oct. 4; second degree to Bro. Perez on Aug. 6.

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ZAMBALES No. 103

CHRISTMAS, Program of this lodge was held at the Kiosko at Iba on December 25, 1947 at 9 a.m. The program which was well attended was as follows:

Part I.-Singing of Christmas Carols

- 1. Maligayang Pasko.
- 2. Christmas Around the Christmas Tree.
- 3. Christmas Song.
- 4. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.
- 5. O' Come, All Ye Faithful.
- 6. Christmas Bells.
- 7. Silent Night.
- 8. Joy to the World.

Part II.-Distribution of Gifts

- 1. Selection Amungan Band
- 2. Speech Mrs. Rosario P. Jorge
- 3. Distribution of Numbers to Indigent Children-The Committee on Gifts
- 4. Distribution of Chirstmas Gifts to Indigent Children-The Committee on Gifts
- 5. Remarks Mr. Emiliano C. Ramirez Division Superintendent of Schools

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HE ninetieth annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington, was held in the Masonic Temple, Tacoma, on June 17, 1947, with all Grand Lodge officers present except the Senior Grand Warden and the Grand Tyler, both detained by illness. Twenty past Grand Masters out of the 24 living ones were present, and 244 of the 265 subordinate lodges under this Grand Jurisdiction were represented.

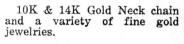
M. W. Bro. G. Haven Stephens, P. G. M. of Illinois: M. W. Bro. John R. Moore, G. M. of California; M. W. Bro. Harry D. Proudfoot, P. G. M. of Oregon; R. W. Lloyd K. McRae, D. G. M. of Oregon, were also present and all addressed the meeting.

The Grand Master in his report stated he had made three visitations which he considered of immeasurable value - The Conference of Canadian Grand Masters at Banff, Canada: the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of California, and the Grand Masters' Conference in Washington, D. C.

He invited attention to the increased cost of conducting the Masonic Home; thanked the Committee on Masonic Research and Education for its work in preparing a paper entitled "Masonic Courtesies", copies of which were sent to all lodges; stated he had taken up with all advertisers that the use in their advertisements of the words "Affiliated with all Masonic Bodies" was un-Masonic conduct in the Grand Jurisdiction of Washington; deplored the great inrush of candidates which kept the lodges busy reciting







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the ritual but left no time for fellowship and none for the initiate to get acquainted, saying in this regard - "If we are to have Masons with Masonry, it will take time; otherwise, we will only have Masons with lapel buttons".

He reported visitations to 27 of the 30 Masonic districts into which the state has been divided; that he had opened four special communications of the Grand Lodge during the year; that he had issued 6 dispensations during the year, had healed 20 irregularities committed by lodges; that he had granted 35 and refused 6 "permissions" to lodges (in most Grand Jurisdictions these permissions would require dispensations); that he had constituted two new lodges and that two old ones had consolidated; that he had approved 61 By-Laws and disapproved one; that during the year fifty-five 50-year buttons and certificates were presented; that he had not found it necessary to make a ruling, as all questions submitted had been answered by a reference to the Washington Masonic Code.

He lists 110 visitations with a statement of what occurred te each and presents two recommendations; the first being that at the conclusion of the charge in the third degree, the following be added - "There is a lecture in connection with this degree that you will be required to memorize. After you have memorized it, you will present yourself in this lodge at some future meeting in order to convince the Master and the Lodge of your profi-The object is to provide that the candidate shall not be considered a Master Mason till he has shown such proficiency. This proposal was adopted with slight amendment.

The second proposed an increase in the salary of the Grand Secretary, which was adopted.

The Grand Secretary reported no appeals had been presented during the year.

All the dispensations issued, or refused, irregularities healed and permissions refused by the Grand Master were approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge. All permissions granted except two met the same fate.

The Committee on Correspondence reported the review of the proceedings of 66 sister grand lodge proceedings, which reviews are published as an appendix to the proceedings. This Committee also recommended the recognition of and establishment of fraternal relations with the grand lodge of Bolivia, which recommendation was adopted.

M. W. Bro. Leslie W. Lee, P. G. M. and Grand Orator, delivered a well-worded and sound-thoughted oration which was received with great applause and ordered published in the proceedings.

The Grand Historian, V. W. Bro. James A. Dallas, delivered a long but most interesting report regarding the way to evaluate the facts which go to the making of history.

The use of a standard work cipher was adopted.

The election of officers resulted in the advancement of the D. G. M. and the J. G. W., and the re-election of the Grand (Continued on page 138)

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PLEDGE OF SERVICE

A PHILIPPINE MASONIC INTERLUDE

By M. W. Bro. H. Eugene Stafford, 33° First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free And Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands

(It is a privilege to reproduce hereunder one of the revealing historical incidents during the Japanese occupation in the Philippines. The brethren of our Ancient Fraternity will do well to read this story of suffering and sacrifice by a Mason especially because the author is one who has identified himself with Masonry in this Jurisdiction for almost half a century. He is no other than M. W. Bro. H. Eugene Stafford, 33°, First Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippine Islands.—Editor's Note.)

About two months before Pearl Harbor, I was going to the photo department of Hiakawa's store in Baguio to have my Spanish-American War army discharge photographed. I was thinking of possible earthquake destruction of these papers and wanted to send copies to my son for his safekeeping.

This day on passing Hiakawa's desk, I noticed six or seven Japs of a different type from our usual ones. They were large, husky, and red-cheeked. In front of them on the counter were their abdominal bands (all Jap soldiers, as far as I knew, wore these bands) which are about five feet long and one and a half feet wide, which they used to wrap around their abdomens and hips to carry the weight of their equipment, leaving the upper torso free.

A glance gave me the certainty these bands had maps out-

lined on them (this was just after that season's P. I. army maneuvers). The instant they saw me passing, they drew themselves together between me and those bands.

I guessed these men were spies, and when I reached home I called Camp John Hay's Army Headquarters and, to the best of my recollection, got the Army Adjutant. To whomever it was, I reported my experience. He said, "Doctor, we are very glad to get this information as it confirms what we have been suspecting." (I am anxious to know who this officer was and if he is still living.)

When the Japs took over Baguio, as the American Troops retreated to the Cagayan Valley and mountains beyond, all Whites were interned. This was our home for many months (6,000 feet up in the Baguio Mountains where the nights are quite cold) on the ground, on dirt, split bamboo floors and, sometimes, concrete.

After a while several couples, and single persons over 70, were allowed to live in Baguio, provided they were cared for and vouched for by responsible Filipinos.

My wife and I were given sanctuary by Mrs. Evangelista, proprietor of the Zigzag Hotel. (Incidentally, she was one of the first class of Filipino girls who registered to train for nurses and against the protest of the three Filipino Commissioners, Dr. Pardo

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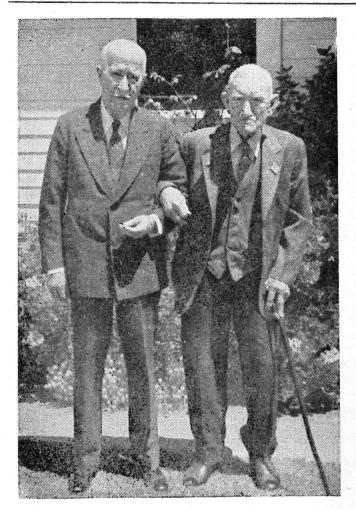
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Harry Eugene Stafford with a Mason 106 years old.

de Tavera, Luzurriaga and Legarda, who assured President Taft that it would be impossible to find a high enough type of girl to qualify for such work.

I went to the normal school for girls, which had been started by a fine American woman. There were about fifty girls there. I told them of the hardships of the life of a nurse and then I painted the fine opportunity for service to their people.

To the best of my recollection about sixteen of them volunteered. I bragged about that first class all around the world. They never got rattled, you could take your patient down into the shadow and bring him up by the nape of the neck and the seat of his pajamas and they never became excited, which was a most desirable qualification for a nurse).

Later on, we were allowed to walk up Session Road to the post office, why, I don't know, as there was never any mail.

One day, as I was on such a walk, on Session Road, a few doors below Hiakawa's store, the same husky Japs who had tried to prevent my seeing their maps on the counter, stepped out of a doorway and grabbed my arms and pulled me into an empty store room. They jerked my clothes off, went through them thoroughly, seams and all, and then turned their attention to me. They slapped me down two or three times, suddenly booted me in the abdomen with their heavy brogans (a favorite gesture which would cause a folding up and collapse of the body - this I saw them do to dozens of Filipino captives). Then they stopped and lashed my face with the result that my nose was broken, and there was some bleeding from the nose, and the left ear afterwards. My eyes had never bothered me before, but after their ministrations, floating opacities were in both, with portions of the visual field obliterated.

Again they jabbed me in the ribs with a rifle... with a cracked rib as the result, and demanded I tell them all about Masonry and that I had brought it to the Philippines for anti-Jap purposes. I told them this was not true and I could tell them nothing about its ritual. There was then more kicking and slap-

"You won't tell, eh?" My shirt was torn off, and they lighted a big P. I. cigarette, which burns fervently, and held its lighted end on my left arm until it burnt out. (I still can smell the burn-

"Now you tell." This was done three times on the arm and on my cheek, and a cigar was burned out on my back for variation. Thank God, I was able to grin at them all the way through. It must have been like a cat fish grin along towards the end, but I was able to hang on and I rather believe they respected me a bit for this. Like the bull pup, brave because he didn't know any better, but they didn't "go over me again".

I was pretty well used up at that time and due to the whole experience and starvation, was down to eighty-two pounds from about one hundred and seventy.

We were in Baguio when the Japs bombed it, and later, when the U.S.A. bombed the Japs out of Baguio, we were in the Zigzag Hotel. I was in a chair leaning back against the wooden partition when an explosion back of the partition slapped the partition forward and I was thrown out of the chair. My glasses were blown off of my face, and my body across a low obstacle. The (Continued on next page)

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room was filled with smoke and powdered cement from the walls. I couldn't see ten feet away but crawled outside and found a small depression in the ground in which I lay and watched the dust kicked up all about by strafing and flack, several small bits of which stung me up and of which one or two came out later.

We were then shifted to the cathedral and were the only ones who remained there except an American negro and his wife who were away up in the choir loft in one of the walls.

The U.S.A. shells spattered all around the cathedral as the Japs had placed their guns all around it reasoning, I presume, that the Americans would respect the cathedral, which they did, but our planes did a beautiful lot of bombing all around the cathedral but didn't hit it once (understand these were Navy planes). It was wonderful marksmanship. After this it was so quiet one could hardly bear the "resounding quietude".

There was no food and little water. After a day or so Modesta the daughter of an old time American, who was a Mason, came to the cathedral with six or eight Igorotes, who set us in blankets with the ends knotted and a pole put through them. When this was lifted, our knees promptly came up to our ears, our legs dangled over one side and hung over the landscape.

These Igorotes took us out around the side of the mountain ravine, with no path that I could-see, with one man only at each end. It was such a sporting chance that I enjoyed it. A single slip or a rolling stone and all three of us would have fallen 500 to 1000 feet. Our fundaments, brushed and pounded against rocks and bulges and the Igorotes would then come and push and pull us around or over the obstruction. I never got such a thrill from any ride in my life except, possibly, as a boy, trying to stay on a bronco in Texas.

We eventually reached a small plateau with about six grass shacks on it (Mrs. Stafford had been taken by a longer, safer route) where we were given sanctuary.

We were warned to keep quiet and keep out of sight which we were most glad to do. Our host was a go-between for the U.S. Soldiers and the guerrillas in the higher mountains. (I was asked to join them but was entirely too weak and old. Had I been a bit younger or stronger nothing would have pleased me better. I couldn't hike and they had to do a great deal of it, dodging and attacking Japs).

One night, when Modesta's husband, Moreno, had slipped into camp, about 2:00 A.M. I was awakened by Jap voices and the rattle of equipment. Peeping out I could see enough to make out that the place was surrounded by a cordon of Jap soldiers. Modesta's husband had slipped into camp that night to visit her. I heard from Canoas that Moreno's brother had been so tortured by the Japs that he had informed them of Moreno's probable arrival that night. Moreno was tortured to death outside. Modesta, in spite of all her trouble, told them that there were only two very old, very sick people in the shack. Had they discovered two white people they would have killed every one in that camp.

In the next day or two we were moved up over the tip of the bluff to Major Speth's house (the Japs were pulling out of Baguio about that time) and there we stayed until the U.S. Troops entered Baguio (a couple of days later, if I remember rightly).

That morning, a Filipino woman came running in saying: "Oh, he's here, he's here!" I demanded, "Who is here?" She was pushed aside... and the first U.S.A. soldier we had seen

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MASONRY IS DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

By Wor Bro. Camilo Osias

(Address as Incoming Worshipful Master of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 F. & A.M. at the public installation of its Officers, January 19, 1948)

The newly chosen officers of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 F. & A.M. are grateful to this unusually large assemblage of brethren and fellow-citizens who honored us with their presence at this public installation. This is a rare and extraordinary event. To the uninitiated particularly, let is be known that election to an office within the fraternity is a real election — clean, honest, and free. Officers, elective and appointive, come upon their posts without seeking, without electioneering, without lobbying. The electors really elect in accordance with the best traditions of the democratic process.

To be chosen Worshipful Master of this historic Lodge is an honor unexpected. I better than anyone else know I have not done enough to merit it. This deepens my obligation and intensifies the responsibility to render disinterested service to Masonry in general and to Bagumbayan Lodge in particular. God helping and the members cooperating, we, the new officers, shall work hard and achieve results.

It is meet and seemly that we pay tribute to the outgoing Master and officials and all others who have preceded us. They left to us a rich legacy and a great tradition. It is incumbent upon us to keep the gains of the past and, if possible, augment so priceless a heritage.

In this spirit I avail of the privilege to advocate that we enlist the cooperation of all other Lodges of this jurisdiction to

appeared... my son, Major Charles Stafford. He had joined General Douglas MacArthur's troops in Australia and came into Luzon with them.

We were evacuated from Baguio to Santo Tomas in Manila in two planes, "Cub" I think they call them, it took a shoehorn to get into them and corkscrew to get out, though we were not quite so folded up as we were by the Igorotes while being carried in the blankets on poles.

The relief of being in the care of our own people again and the Marine Medical Service! True, this was a clearing station for refugees, and we had to remain there until we could get sanctuary.

Everything we had was devastated. For the three and a half years while a prisoner all that I had in the way of clothes was a pair of trousers, rope sandals, and a woolen union suit that wore down to almost a gee string. We had no money and no way of getting any just then.

However, the U.S. Government took care of us and brought us to San Francisco on an Army Transport and took care of us in the Marine hospital until the Masons at last located us. I had been reported killed, more than once, according to Ill. P.G.M. Grand Historian, Leon O. Whitsell, who gave, and since has given, every possible kind of care and encouragement, such as we hardly believed could still exist.

Of course, in the years gone by, in the P.I., we Masons all did our bit, as best we could, but did not have the least idea of the effect on the recipients until we ourselves experienced it.

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create a permanent Scholarship Fund. Out of this fund or the interest of the capital Masonry in the Philippines should support deserving young men and young women of proven character and ability and with promise of greater usefulness to pursue advanced study or research. These need not be limited to sons and daughters of Masons to prove in the concrete that our Craft is tolerance personified and that its field of service is not circumscribed. The details of administration of the Masonic Scholarship Fund need not at this time be discussed. The idea is the important thing.



CAMILO OSIAS

The adoption of this proposal is but an implementation of the fundamental fact known to all members that Masonry is, as it has always been, a patron of letters, arts, and sciences.

Masonry does not theorize about democracy. It practices democracy. Masonry is in essence democracy in action.

Being democratic, Masonry labors for a broad base of public enlightenment. Masonic territory is always a citadel of culture and education.

Masonry furthermore is everywhere and at all times a defender of freedom. It stands for no curtailment of any of the essential freedoms. Its history is inextricably linked with the emancipatory struggles of people and peoples.

Masonry derives its light from God. Any contrary impression stems from ignorance and is not founded on truth. It is inimical to no religion. In fact it is an ally of every religion that teaches the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Liberty. equality, and fraternity are the virtues and ideals that inform Masonic institutions.

The true Mason is a good citizen.

The true Mason is a serviceable man.

The true Mason is reverent of God and strives to live the highest tenets of morality and spirituality.

Masons wherever dispersed are builders. They are initiators or participants in all constructive movements. They are zealous workers in enterprises that build men and nations. They are ever desirous to see that prejudices and hatreds that divide people be metted out in a common program of action that ennobles life and dignifies the human race.

Filipinos do well to recognize Masonry as an agency for the development of useful citizenship - free, democratic, and Godly. Masonry may be depended upon to advance the frontier of freedom and democracy in our national life and in our relations with the rest of the world.

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THE BEAM IN MY OWN EYE

By Wor. Bro. Jose J. Malinit

Permit me to take advantage of your exhortation in your editorial, "Let Us Agree to Disagree." You said, "We are appalled at the immediate price we have been and are still paying" because we cannot agree to disagree. I believe with you that "no two men are alike in everything", and therefore no two men can agree in everything all the time, hence, your recommendation "Let us agree to disagree". I hope I understand the general tenor as applicable to men as men, and particularly to men as masons, since you were addressing masons, it is to be presumed.

Your editorial presupposes the existence of a condition in which masons cannot agree to disagree, a condition which is lamentable in an institution supposed to be of friends and brothers among whom "there should be no contention save that contention or rather emulation of who best can work and best agree", If that is so, then, indeed, one can exclaim in imitation of the unhappy prince of Shakespeare, "there is something rotten in Denmark," and conclude our unity is unity of hypocrisy.

"And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" That, one believes, pertains every man. Indeed, there is a beam in my own eye, that magnifies the mote in my brother's eye. Therefore I invite you to help me remove that beam in my eye, and I, in turn, offer my humble assistance to remove the mote in your eye, so that we together can see eye to eye the tenets and ideals for which you and I, as masons, stand. Here lies our unity. I like to think of masonry as a mutual-aid association dedicated not only for relief but mainly for mutual understanding of the principles that serve as its foundations an association where the members help one another in breaking off the rough and superfluous parts of stones the better to fit them for that spiritual building not made with hands eternal in the heavens; an association where the high and the low the rich and the poor can meet together with one common purpose the perpetuation of each other's friendship and each other's brotherly love. I like to think of our institution as mutual-aid association where we pull together and not against one another, where we assist each other towards the acquisition of the perfect Ashlar, that state of perfection at which all good masons hope at last to arrive.

Here is an example of beam in the eye. It may be raw and rare and fit only among the profane; but to cover it because it stinks our ancient and honorable institution is to undermine its very foundation with hypocrisy corrosive and deadly in effect. Some time ago I had an occasion to be in a group of masons among whom was one who is a Past Master but who is now out of the fold.

"My brother, I am very glad you still consider yourself as a mason although out of the institution. Do you believe you can do better for yourself as a mason and for masonry, in general, by being out of the craft?"

"Of course, not," replied the dormant Past Master, "but we are still human though masons. I had been bereaved not once but several times. Where were my brethren then to aid and assist me in my distress? Let us be candid with ourselves and admit the truth no matter how harsh.

"It appears," commented the interlocutor, "that you are nursing a wound similar to that which has rankled in my breast since my mother died a year ago. What did my brethren do when I, too, was in distress? Nothing, not even some kind of effort to

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Residence: CALAMBA, LAGUNA appear consistent with the solemn obligation. When the wives of two distinguished brothers died, the usual obsequies were not wanting, not to mention the pecuniary aid collected from all the members. How often do we prattle, to pay the craft their wages if any be due, that none may go away dissatisfied, harmony being the strength of all societies, especially of ours? Is there then a boundary of justice for the high and influential and another for the low and humble masons?

"I, too," the speaker continued, "had the distinction of being elevated to the East by the suffrage of my sympathizers among my brethren. In the course of my term, I had an occasion to be present in a degree work at a special meeting of a sister lodge of this jurisdiction. Before closing, the secretary, himself a Past Master of the lodge, requested that he be permited to read a letter from the Grand Secretary informing the lodge of a Grand Visitation at another sister lodge. The lodge was being closed in the first degree with the newly obligated brethren still in. Permission was given and the secretary began reading. Up rose another brother, also a Past Master and an illustrious lawyer of the province, with a point of order. The following is an account of the actual occurrence."

"Will the worshipful brother be kind to state his point of order?"

"Well, it is not proper to read the letter of the Grand Secretary in the presence of the newly obligated brethren."

"What is the will of the lodge regarding the request of our brother the secretary?"

"I think that we violate nothing since the letter is merely an invitation to a Grand Visitation," another brother said.

"Beside," the secretary added, "we have no other meeting between now and the date of the visitation. I think, to inform the brethren present, we are not doing anything contrary to any masonic regulation."

"Has any other brother anything to say further regarding the question?"

Silence.

"I think, the brother secretary may proceed."

And he proceeded, but the worshipful brother who had objected stood up and shouted in the lodge room, "Go ahead and I will report you to the Grand Lodge." And he stalked out of the lodge room.

These are examples of beams in the eye. They may be personal beams and are isolated cases and have no general application. But they are examples of how the seed of discord and dissension is sown. Here is how intolerance and imposition undermine the solid foundation of our institution. Here is how we do not agree to disagree. Your quotation, "I am holier than thou." exemplifies a weakness not uncommon among masons, a superiority complex in its worse form. And the neophyte who witnessed the sad incident had become a worse man and a very bad mason, because a new beam had developed in his eye, which was not there before.

Now the beam in the eye of the dormant Past Master, the beam in the eye of the eminent brother and member of the Bar, this beam in my own eye should not have existed at all if we had agreed in our interpretation and in the practice of the implication of the tenets of our institution; it had circumscribed our passions and our actions within due bounds.

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Гуlет "	Vicente Flechero, 32°

The newly installed Master of Kadosh in his inaugural speech enjoined the Brethren to be ever vigilant to defend the rights we have won as citizens of this Republic and to stand united so that our public schools wil be non-partisan, non-sectarian, efficient, democratic, for all of our children.

The Venerable Master of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection, Bro. Mauro Baradi, 32°, donated several Masonic books for our Library and Museum. Bro. Constancio San Jose, 32°, also promised to send us his collection. We need more Brethren of their worth and calibre.

valuable addition to our membership is Bro. Charles Forbes. 32°, whose peition for affiliation was unanimously approved. He holds membership in the Grotto, Royal Arch, Knights Templars and Shrine, is a major of the Air Corps, an interesting conversationalist and an amiable widely traveled gentleman.

LEASE take note that the election of Officers of Lakandola Lodge of Perfection will be held on Thursday, February 19. 1948, at 5:00 oclock in the afternoon. This being the Annual Meeting of the Lodge, the election of the Board of Trustees will also be held in accordance with Section 1, Article IV of our General Regulations and By-Laws.

Reports from various Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction show that a goodly number of Scottish Rite Masons have been elected officers of their respective Blue Lodges. We wish to congratulate all of them and hope that their leadership will redound to the best interests of the Fraternity in this Orient. So far, we know of the following members who will wield the Gavel in the East during the ensuing Masonic year, viz.: Camilo Osias, 32° (No. 4); Jose Parditoraga, 14° (No. 7); Olimpio R. Navarro, 32° (No. 12); Vicente Garcia, 32° (No. 19); Mateo D. Cipriano, 52° (No. 14); Carlos Iñigo, 32° (No. 16); Benjamin T. Araniego, 32° (No. 21); Enrique Teotico, 32° (No. 32); Jose A. Fernandez, 32° (No. 27); Basilio S. Castro, 32° (No. 18); Primo I. Guzman, 52° (No. 77); Jose W. Curameng, 32° (No. 79); Angel R. Sandiego, 32° (No. 80); Mauro Baradi, 32° (No. 82); Marcelo G. Decena, 32° (No. 85); Benito Maneze, 32° (No. 88); Vicente Bahia, 32° (No. 100); and Clifford C. Bennett, 32° (No. 105). Worshipful Sirs, remember that our object is not so much as to get more men into Masonry as to get more Masonry into men!

Belatedly, the members of the Philippine Bodies, A. & A.S.R. wish to congratulate the following brethren. Camilo Osias. 32° for having been chosen Man of the Year: Albino Sycip, 32°, (Continued on page 138)

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n los primeros dias del presente mes de enero nuestro Muy Illustre Gran Maestro ha vuelto de su viaje por los Estados Unidos, Guam y China. Como es bien sabido, su viaje guardaba relacion con el pronto establecimiento de un Supremo Consejo por y para la Republica de Filipinas, y para llevar a Washington la voz de los masones del Rito Escoces cerca de las autoridades masonicas del Supremo Concejo de la Jurisdiccion Sur de los Estados Unidos.

Estamos empeñados en el territorio de las Islas Filipinas en una labor de paz, concordia y harmonia, y el Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro, como el mas alto representante de la masoneria en esta jurisdiccion, esta llamado mas que ningun otro mason a hacer que se cristalicen los deseos de ver que reine en este territorio esas deseadas paz, concordia y harmonia.

Dotado de privilegiada inteligencia, tacto y comprension, no abrigamos ninguna duda que su labor ha sido prolifica y con el tiempo dara sus mas ópimos frutos.

Roma no se ha hecho en poco años. Roma fue el producto de la labor de siglos y de aunados esfuerzos. Queremos decir con esto que la simiente bien echada al surco por el M. I. Hermano Virata dara sus apetecidos resultados en el correr los tiempos.

Tambien ha visitado el M. I. Hermáno Virata en su paso de ida y de vuelta a algunas de nuestras Logias subordinadas como las de Guam y las establecidas en China. Las mismas no fueron visitadas por muchos años atras por la mas alta representacion de la Gran Logia. Su personal contacto con los Hermanos de allende los mares ha testificado que nuestra Gran Logia no les tiene olvidados, sino que sus intereses estan bien atendidos por nuestros Grandes Oficiales.

Damos al Muy Ilustre Gran Maestro nuestra cordial bienvenida deseando de todo corazon que su dura pero agradable labor produzca los frutos deseados en tiempo muy cercano.

Nuestros Saludos A Los Delegados

Del 27 al 29 del presente mes la Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas se reunira en magna convencion. Sera su trigesima segunda desde que se organizo en el año de 1912. Dias antes de las indicadas fechas los delegados vendran del Este, Oeste, del Septentrion y Mediodia. Estamos seguros que antiguos y veteranos representantes de pasadas comunicaciones volveran a sumarse con nuevos recientemente elegidos como oficiales o como representantes de nuestras Logias subordinadas. A todos enviamos desde estas columnas nuestros fraternales saludos.

No nos olvidemos que la Gran Logia no es mas que le hechura de los deseos y resoluciones de nuestras Logias y sus representantes. La Gran Logia no puede hacer otra cosa mas que aquello que las Logias subordinadas y sus representantes acuerden. Por tanto, si las Logias o sus representantes estan interesados en alguna resolucion, o en alguna practica o en alguna politica, ellas deben someterlo a la consideracion de la gran reunion en sus tres dias de convencion. Debemos recordar que la Gran Logia no se reune mas que una sola vez al año y, por tanto, cualquier cosa que se desee se actue por la misma debera ser sometida para su consideracion en dicha reunion.

Bien es verdad que el Gran Maestro tiene ciertas facultades para actuar en ciertos y determinados casos, cuando la Gran Logia no esta en sesiones. Es decir, que el Gran Maestro es la Gran Logia, cuando esta no esta en convencion. Pero el Gran Maestro tiene facultades limitadas, y no siempre puede alterar una politica ya establecida por la Gran Logia.

Es por esto porque nuestros delegados deben apresurarse a emprender la dificil tarea de prepararse para las proximas sesiones, y dedicarse de lleno a determinar la propia orientacion que deseen debe tomar la Gran Logia en sus futuras actuaciones. La Gran Logia de las Islas Filipinas es soberana y nada puede restringirla mas que una adhesion estricta a los Antiguos Linderos de la Orden y el respeto y consideracion que Grandes Logias hermanas deben merecer de ella en sus relaciones masonicas internacionales.

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DISCURSO PRONUNCIADO POR EL VENERABLE HERMANO MANUEL BLANCO ANTE LA LOGIA KANLAON NUMERO 64, M. L. y A.

Venerable Maestro y

Queridos Hermanos:-

depresion que es con un sentimiento de verguenza y depresion que comparezco esta noche ante vosotros, por aunque indigno Inspector de esta Venerable Logia, esta es la primera visita que os hago; pero creedme tambien que si no lo he hecho hasta hoy es porque durante estos ultimos ocho meses mi salud no ha sido buena y he estado abrumado de trabajos propios de mi cargo y de obligaciones anejas al mismo. Por ejemplo, la vez que es anuncie una mi visita, ocurrio que su Excelencia el Presidente de Filipinas, nuestro Ilustre Hermano Manuel A. Roxas giro una inspeccion a la provincia de Iloilo y juzgue de mi deber estar en el lugar de mi puesto por lo que nuestro Primer Jefe gustase mandar.

Lo dicho, a guisa de preambulo y excusa, hablemos ahora algo de Masoneria.

La Masoneria es una sociedad antiquisima. Algunos autores masonicos la remontan a tiempos antes de Jesucristo y su reorganizacion data de principios del Siglo XVII, y es una Institucion que descansa principalmente en la Sabidura, la Fuerza y la Belleza de sus principios.

Por tal motivo, nunca busca ni ha buscado la ostentacion, ni los medios callejeros de autobombo y propaganda, pues todos sabemos que es un delito masonico el solicitar afiliados. De ahi que la Masoneria no recurra a esos discutibles medios de proselitismo de que se valen asociaciones que descansan sobre bases menos solidas y que por tal motivo necesitan usar de esos medios para aparentar lo que son, para blanquear con una mano de cal los sepulcros vacios que encierran.

De ahi que la Masoneria no acuda al reprobado medio de alardear de lo que hace. Hace lo que hace, en talleres, y lo que ocurre dentro de ellos le esta vedado al Mason revelar. Pero si os puedo repetir, que el principal fin de la Masoneria es inculcar en sus miembros nuestro sistema perfecto de moralidad publica y privada, basado en esos grandes principios que han convertido las tiranias del pasado en las modernas democracias del presente.

La Masoneria hace al Mason, pero no reclama para si ningun priviligio, y como uno de sus principios es el imperio de la razon y el libre albedrio, una vez hecho el Mason, le deja en libertad de accion, le devuelve al mundo profano de donde ha venido, convertido de piedra bruta en labrada, para que ese Mason ponga en practica en el mundo profano los principios que le inculcaron en la Logia.

Por eso, vereis que en todos los movimientos sociales que suponen sacrificio, alteza de miras, defensa de derechos conculcados, abolicion de tiranias, el Mason siempre esta presente, y si leeis la la historia de la Humanidad vereis tambien que los elementos reaccionarios han acusado siempre a la Masoneria de ser la que ha instigado las Recoluciones que se han peleado en casi todos los paises de mundo por la abolicion de las formas absolutistas de gobierno y su sustitucion por las modernas democracias.

Sa acusa a la Masoneria de no hacer nada por el mejoramiento social, de contentarnos los Masones con venir a nuestras Talleres, hacer nuestros trabajos ritualisticos y meternos despues en nuestras conchas, sin hacer nada por extirpar de nuestro sistema social los canceres malignos que le aquejan. Como decia antes, la Masonreia hace al Mason y le deja despues libre, y ya en libertad de accion,? no veis la mano del

Mason en toda obra de perfeccion y mejoramiento social? Ahi estaban antes de la Guerra, que los destruyo, nuestro hospital Masonico para Niños Liciados, en la ciudad de Manila, las clinicas y bibliotecas, ya fundadas o ya sostenidas o socorridas por logias masonicas, las becas de estudiantes de Artes y Ciencias en Filipinas y fuera de Filipinas. Si nos paramos un instante a considerar quienes han sido los autores de las leyes que son responsables del establecimiento en nuestro pais de las instituciones democraticas, veremos que fueron Masones. He ahi nuestras leyes sobre libertad de palabra y pensamiento, libertad de asociacion, separacion de la Iglesia y del Estado, matrimonio civil, los primeros pasos para el divorcio de matrimonios mal avenidos, etc. Verdad que no podemos de una plumada borrar del mundo la Envidia y el Egoismo, engendradores de las desavenencias y guerras entre los hombres, pero dice un refran que, No se hizo Roma en un dia. Empero, yo me atrevo a asegurar que a la Masoneria se debe gran parte de lo mucho bueno que hay en esta mundo, y esto es bastante para nosotros: para el Mason libre y aceptado, convencido de los principios que le inculcaron en la Logia, le basta la satisfaccion del deber bien y fielmente cumplido, le basta el convencimiento de que ha obrado como un buen ciudadano del mundo al realizar su parte proporcional en la magna obra del perfeccionamiento social.

Una de las maneras mas eficaces de trabajo es, que los Hermanos asistan puntualmente a las tenidas ordinarias y a las especiales en que se confieran grados. Asistiendo a las tenidas, el Obrero llega a aprender bien los trabajos de ritual y ejecutarlos a la perfeccion, lo cual realza mas la Belleza de nuestros trabajos. Asistiendo a las tenidas ordinarias, nos enteramos de la marcha de nuestro Taller, de su estado economico, de sus trabajos fraternales y caritativos y de que este haciendo por extender en el mundo el Amor Fraternal, Socorro y la Verdad. Frecuentando las tenidas en que se confieren grados, a fuerza de oir y meditar sobre los excelentes dogmas de nuestra Institucion, contenidos y desarrollados en el simbolismo de los tres grados universales, el Mason acaba por formarse un altisimo Codigo Moral que le sirve despues para cumplir mejor los deberse que tiene para con Dios, con su patria, con sus semejantes y consigo mismo, asi contribuyendo con su ejemplar conducta a la buena fama de nuestra Institucion y la difusion de sus sabios dogmas y principios.

Otra manera, y muy eficaz, de trabajo, es el pago puntual de las cuotas, que es uno de los secretos del buen exito de las Logias, porque asi como nuestros antiguos hermanos operativos se valieron de la Masoneria para erigir obras arquitectonicas que han sido la admiración de todas las Edades, asi tambien nosotros los Masones especulativos estamos obligados a realizar los fines fraternales y sociales que justifican nuestra existencia, y para eso necesitamos proveernos de medios materiales. Uno de ellos es el sostenimiento de logias y grandes logias. Eso supone gastos. De ahi, en parte, el cobro de cuotas mensuales, con cuyo importe se sufragan los gastos que ocasiona el funcionamiento de la logia por alquileres, luz, conserje, gastos de escritorio, etc., mas el pago de los justos derechos de la Gran Logia y de la revista The Cable Tow que edita, y lo que resta se invierte en socorrer a los dignos hermanos en desgracia, sus viudas y herfanos! Cuantos nobles fines realizados, cuanta miseria socorrida, con la pequeña cuota mensual que los hermanos pagan a la Logia! Os habeis detenido un instante para pensar en esto? Hacedlo, si no, y vereis cuan grande tranquilidad espiritual y satisfaccion masonica experimentareis pagando puntualmente vuestras cuotas.

Voy a terminar, deseando al Ven. Maestro Oficiales y Miembros de esta benemerita logia Kanlaon No. 64, de M. L. y A., asi como a los Hermanos de estos Valles, Felices y Venturosas Pascuas y un prospero Año Nuevo.

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the high and the low, the smart and the shy, and the rich and the poor. In other parts of the world, the brethren woke up only to find that the government they have helped organize toppled down; in some countries, the brethren who at first did not mind the subtle machinations of societies to discredit the Craft soon discovered that their indifference became a weapon of the enemy and their inaction paved the way towards destroying Masonic influence in the community. In the United States where Masonic principles hold sway, the questions of Communism, religious freedom and race discrimination are in the forefront. An all-out call has been sounded for the brethren there to awake into activity and vindicate the principles of Masonry.

In the face of these developments, shall Masonry in the Philippines built with so much suffering and sacrifice and enriched by the precious legacies of the nation's illustrious dead, choose to be silent and secretive? In accordance with the nature and extent of our deliberations at the Grand Communication, we shall be tried; through the machinery we will set to carry into effect our decisions, we shall be tested; and by the fruits of our labors as men and Masons, we shall be judged. The progress of the Grand Lodge depends upon us. The opportunity of improving the lot of our fellowmen lies in our hands. — Mauro Baradi, M. P. S.

Brother Douglas MacArthur

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he became a member of Manila Lodge No. I. On December 9 last, the thirty-third and highest degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry was conferred upon him by III. Bro. Frederic H. Stevens, 33°, Deputy of the Supreme Council in the Philippines. The ceremony which took place at the American Embassy in Tokyo was simple and solemn. To this distinguished brother, we extend our congratulations,

The breadth of his humanitarian work should not be gauged by the brevity of his Masonic record. The eloquence of his deeds expressed in terms of sympathy to his fellow men is well known. He has helped them to believe in their capabilities and to trust other men of goodwill. The respect he showed those who differed with him and the treatment—with understanding and charity—he extended to others who went astray, can not but evoke the admiration of all. The constant application of these qualities will lead eventually to the realization of the Mason's hope that all men shall form one family under God.

Few men living today have been accorded as many and varied honors as Bro. MacArthur. Like his famous father before him, he has received world-wide acclaim for his valor and foresight as an outstanding soldier. But to us as Masons, his invaluable contribution to the world comes not from his knowledge and skill in the art of war for in the field of battle he fought to kill and win, became a dreaded enemy and a mighty conqueror; rather, his lasting legacy will come as a result of his tact and diplomacy in the realm of peace where in his own way he has labored — and still is laboring — to build and liberate and thus will be looked upon as the friend of man and a benevolent liberator. — Mauro Baradi, M.P.S.

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Banker of the Year; Vicente Orosa, 52°, Under Secretary of Public Works and Communications; Florentino Cayco, 52° KCCH, and Francisco Benitez. 14° members of the newly created Commission on Educational, Scientific and Cultural matters.

There will be a Conferral at Bacolod City the first week of February. Those desiring to join the Party may see the Secretary.

o all the Brethren who sent us Christmas and New Year's Greetings — Thank you.

Fraternal Reviews

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Secretary, M. W. Bro. John I. Preissner.

This Grand Lodge abolished the office of Grand Treasurer in 1920.

The elected and appointed officers were duly installed, and made the usual speeches of thanks and the Grand Lodge then adjourned.

The Supplement to the Code of the Grand Jurisdiction is published as a part of the proceedings, as is also the report of the Committee on Correspondence, comprising a review of 66 proceedings, of sister grand lodges, included among which is a well-prepared review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands at its 1946 Communication.

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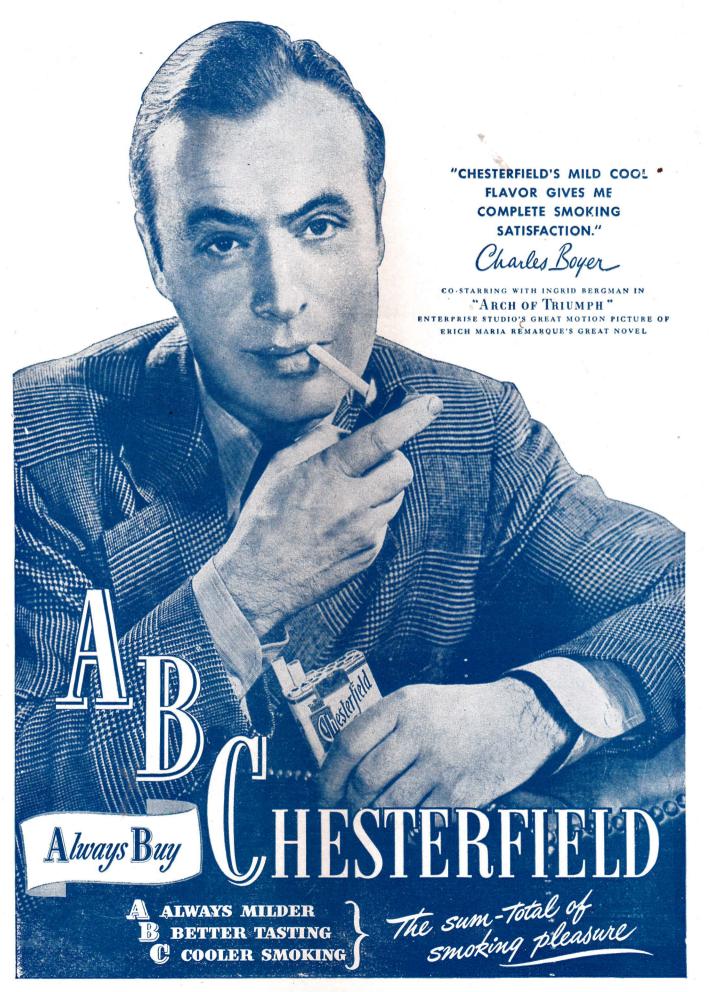
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