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RELIEF

VR Samuel P. Fernandez

To relieve, to alleviate, to help the distressed, the disadvantaged or the disabled, is a duty, obligation and responsibility of every Mason wheresoever dispersed. Masons are linked together by an indissoluble chain of genuine and sincere love and affection. To sympathize with the misfortunes and adversity of a Brother, to be compassionate and concerned in the suffering and hardship of those who have less in life, to restore and bring back peace and tranquility to troubled minds, are objectives of the Brotherhood. It is axiomatic and fundamental to grant relief not only to Brother Masons, but to their widows and orphans. On this basis, we establish our fraternal connection.

During the Operative Masons' period in 1520, the Gothic Constitution required Masons to help each other. Masonic bylaws as early as 1733, during the Speculative Masonry, established charity funds to relieve and alleviate the suffering of the poor.

Early Masonic relief was practical and direct, like giving cash or firewood for the needy and the destitute.

All Blue Lodges in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines have appointed Almoners. The dictionary meaning of almoner is "to distribute alms."

The Volume of Sacred Law reminds us to: "Remember the poor." (Galatians 2:10)

"Visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction." (James 1:27)

"Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need." (I Timothy 5:3)

"Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble." (Psalm 41:1)

"If thou hast abundance, give alms accordingly; if thou have but little, be not afraid to give according to that little." (Apocrypha: Tobit 4:8)

The authoritative book of Babylonian Tradition commends thus: "Even the beggar who lives on alms should himself bestow alms." (Babylonian Talmud: Gittin: fo. 7b)

The Koran states: "Be constant in prayer and give alms, and what good ye have sent before for your souls ye shall find it with God." (Koran: II)

The word "alms" is always in the plural, it has no singular form. To Brother Masons, to relieve the distressed is a duty, a responsibility, an obligation. It is unending and unceasing moral commitment.

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MESSAGE

MW ROMEO S. MOMO Grand Master

My brethren, as we face the year 2019, let us continue to be guided by our tenets and ideals. May we Masons continue to extend a helping hand to those in need, not only limiting the extent of Masonic care to those belonging in our circle but also those outside it - the less fortunate. those who are unable to help themselves. Let us also, on the other hand, be thankful for the year that was, for all the blessings, for the brotherhood, for the genuine friendship and camaraderie, and for the opportunity to be of assistance to our fellowmen.

Together, in harmony with each other, and inspired by the refreshed spirit brought by the new year, I know we shall achieve more. New year does not necessarily mean new beginning. More importantly, new year is an opportunity to continue the good we have started in the past year. The new year challenges us to continue doing what is best and what is proper. And so, instead of starting all over again, let us pick the good deeds we have done, pursue it, cultivate it, nurture it, improve it.... and if we still can, add some more.

Lastly, may I remind you of the very reason why we are here. Masonry's fundamental purpose is to make good men better. Our Lodges are here to turn rough ashlar into a perfect one. It has been said and written: "Freemasonry is a way of life. Its purpose is the same as it has been since the day when the stone for King Solomon's Temple were hewn, squared and numbered in the quarries where they were raised. It is to take the individual, just one man at a time, mind you, and a good man as possible, and try to make a better man of him. That is all. How desperately the world needs just that."

And so, as we continue with our Masonic journey, as we join several Masonic bodies and organizations, as we make ourselves busy in various Masonic functions, let us always keep in mind this fundamental purpose of our beloved brotherhood my brethren.

Thank you, mabuhay!

RELIEF

Treemasonry is known to provide relief to the needy and many brethren are very enthusiastic to realize this goal. When calamity struck, many are ready to provide relief and assistance to those affected. Poor human beings are being given financial and material helps to alleviate their sufferings. Brethren in material need are given assistance to alleviate and eliminate the pain and suffering.

Everyone has a goal in life-very often to enjoy what is pleasurable and avoid pain - such as a goal to excel in chosen field or undertaking: to serve those he cares for and love; to be admired; to amass wealth; to gain power, name and fame; or to serve fellow human beings. All these are expression of creativeness and goodness in man; one kind is the limited goal that serves and enhances his material interest. greed and appetite which eventually cause his own pain and suffering. The other kind of goal is the all-encompassing spiritual goal that serve other fellow human beings, the goal that makes man the true reflection of the Godness in him, the effort of perfection of the spiritual son of a perfect Spiritual Father.

This goodness transcends pain and suffering and man experiences bliss while traveling in the



VW Jesse D. Alto

world of matter and form, the Earth. This is the true goal of every mason. The travel from west to east symbolized the path to the realization that the world of manifestation in impermanent matter must be transcended to the spiritual eternal realization, the goal of human existence to sit at the right hand of Spiritual Father. A limited goal that enhances his material separateness that is good only as it last only gives him pain and suffering later, while the all-encompassing goal that serves one's fellow human beings and recognizes the "Godness "in them bring permanent happiness and bliss. The goal to serve and bring relief is to express and manifest as charity, harmony, patience, non-attachment to impermanent material world, wisdom, and love. These qualities if learned, experienced, and actualized enable man to realize true service aiding and providing relief to suffering humanity that are in material bondage.

The Masonic fraternity has

started introducing the Institute of Masonic Education (IMES) designed primarily to the deeper understanding and insight of the Masonic history, philosophy, symbols, and ageless wisdom. It addresses understanding living in the impermanent material worlds, but more importantly the eternal and spiritual realization of man. Many provide relief for the material physical needs of man, but lack in the relief and spiritual foods for the eternal spirit, the man's true nature. Masonic symbols and teachings that are guide to such spiritual realization are least understood and the Masonic Institute (IMES) is designed to serve to understand the true teachings. Many are still eating foods fit for the swine, meaning very much attached to the material worlds. Masonic goal is to realize the path of spiritual perfection while travelling from west to east and the relief given through Masonic symbols and rituals must be clearly understood, actualize the lessons learned and be of service and provide relief to those in need of the same spiritual foods.

Whose Relief?

by VW Vic Yu

In our rituals, we

read:

"To relieve the distressed, is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy; to sympathize with their misfortunes; to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view. On this basis, we form our friendships and establish our connections".

In the past, Brothers were already extending relief to the less favored in life; as Lodges, Districts or the Grand Lodge discreetly engage in inconspicuous projects to benefit the general public. However, publicizing charity works were unheard off amongst Masons: doing such was a taboo. Such unassuming posture by majority of the Freemasons then, caused me, as a child from a family of Masons, to question why Masons do not do charity works unlike other known civic organizations. As a child I often see banners and streamers announcing forthcoming charity missions or activities and local dailies would also feature the activity and the group behind it.

Ironically, society was seemingly much better than our present. Masons then already held important stations in both the government and private sector just like the how it is now. However, more Masons then were seriously practicing the tenet of Relief in their respective lives, Families, Workplaces and Communities; so while there were no fanfares, pomp and glory in relief labors by the brethren, Masonry was significantly felt even if it were not featured in the local dailies much less seen, heard nor read by the general public.

Hence, we go back to the above basic lessons in our rituals which we were taught. Firstly, Relief is not something exclusively done by Masons but rather is a duty of every human being, Mason or not. Nonetheless, Masons are particularly and should be naturally obligated to practice such tenet because of the wages, rights and benefits they have received from the Craft. Secondly. Relief does not merely consist of grandiose charity projects for those placed in the lowest spoke of fortunes' wheel in life: but rather. any kindness in sincere words and acts to soothe, sympathize, compassionate and restore peace, no matter how humble, are all worthy labors of Relief. Thirdly, it is in times of distress when we receive Relief that opportunities for true friendships are formed and indissoluble fraternal connections are established.

While laboring to relieve, we should each ask ourselves: for whom do we truly labor? Is it to obtain awards and adulation from others and relieve ourselves from so much yearnings for recognition? Is it to somehow to relieve ourselves of our indiscretions in the past to better enable ourselves to become worthy before our Supreme Grand

Master? Until we truthfully face ourselves and answer such questions candidly will we be able to know the essence of Relief: for no amount of pompous projects can relieve souls with so much insecurities.

But there is hope for the Widow's Son. As long as he accepts his own frailness and forgives himself for the sins of his youth, he shall receive further light in Masonry. As long as he tries his best to veer away from his vanity and focuses more instead on the welfare of the intended beneficiaries of his acts of Relief, the oil of joy shall be poured on those wounds in life that he bears. As long as he resolves to reform and be true to himself, his life shall be good and pleasant despite the trials and tribulations in life that beset him.

My dear Brethren, Freemasonry has much lessons which we will never fully comprehend in our respective lifetimes. It is most sad that so much of our efforts, time and resources are wasted in the pursuit of worldly fame and honors; earthly wealth, instead of genuinely striving to achieve what we came here to do which is to: control our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. We should ever remember that death as the mighty leveler of human greatness shall reduce us to the same state when we drop our working tools: and all shall be lost, except the goodness done while in our temporal bodies, which shall endure forever. Together Brethren, let us Bridge Men through Brotherly Love and Harmony. Let us make Better Men for Better Society.

Is it a Masonic Light:

by Bro Erwin Lee Cervantes MA-BU-TI Lodge 329, Masbate City Masbate

Light has fascinated the human race since time immemorial. To the pious, light has significant part during creation for it was then the earth was without form and darkness was upon the face of the deep (Gen 1:2). For the Psalmist light is a manifestation of the Almighty Father, salvation and strength (Psalm 27:1). As to Its nature, it baffled the early men of science of what light really consists of. Some said it was made of particles while others said it was a wave, and on the height of the struggle for intellectual independence during the renaissance period it was discovered that the spectrum of light was made up of eight (8) colors according to Isaac Newton, the Father of Classical Physics. Then, lately, it was found out that light has dual nature depending on the medium it was passing through, light can be particles and it can be a wave.

But that was not the end of the story because behind science, a veil of mysticism sets apart those who only see the temporal nature of light from those who see it beyond the confine of spatial perception. To the adept, initiate and philosophers light is not merely limited to a thing that illuminates our material surroundings but likewise to that illuminates every corners of the human mind.

During degree conferral, a candidate is in the journey of seeking further light, a kind of light that Masons believed can never be found in the temporal realm of this world but rather in the thorough contemplation of the lessons learned in the degrees. Masons are thought that a brother is a traveller in this world, he learned that what is seen is temporal and the unseen is eternal, for whatever he does for himself will die with him but whatever he does for the sake of others shall remain and immortal. Hence, armed with symbols, every mason endeavours to square his action by square of righteousness and by the compass to circumscribe his desires and to keep his passions within due bounds until finally living a life where wealth, pleasure, power and prestige are no longer his desires but enlightenment. As Masons, we long for eternal peace

and contentment believing that it can only be achieved in unity with the Supreme Grandmaster in the celestial lodge above where there is no room for tears, suffering and tyranny.

The light received by the candidate while kneeling before the altar is not for everyone who desires for it. The candidate must be worthy and qualified, properly vouched of his own free will and accord, and sincerely well prepared for to receive the light of illumination. Similarly, we are forewarned of those candidates driven by mercenary motives and those who are faint hearted who feared most for self-change commitment. It should be the tried and proven that should be privileged to receive it. However, due to personal motives of some brethren whose eyes were blinded by glitters of earthly wealth and conceived personal gains failed to guard the west gate, Thus, many unworthy have entered in the hallowed ground of the masonic lodge. Hence, those unworthy who have been conferred with the degrees ultimately mingled with those worthy brethren like wolves not easily recognized within the flock of sheep. Those unworthy whose hearts and minds were not in conformity with Masonic teachings but rather filled with misleading principles, lovers of vices, vanities, and greedy for

prestige and connections sow faction and disharmony among the brethren in a surreptitiously way until such a time that we can hard-Iv notice that the lodge had already filled with corrupt minds.

Indeed, the conferral was solemn with veneration to the Great Architect of the universe, and it seems some brethren received a different kind of light... but received from whom? We, Masons, should know that there is an imitated light, promising some kind of enlightenment yet the same is leading to abyss of infamy and it behoves like the one that a candidate or regular mason is seeking for, however, said light did not come from God, but rather from God's greatest nemesis - the Devil. As it is written in the Bible in 2 Corinthians "And no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into angel of light ", it is incumbent upon us regular and worthy mason to be steadfast in our obligation to guard our hollowed portal from unworthy, and likewise we should be always vigilant to keep our hearts and minds from the pernicious wickedness permeated by our brothers who indeed failed to be enlightened.

> "Without light there can be no way." - Jose Rizal

In Rainbow Love and Service:

Finding the Treasures of the Pot of Gold

By Miss Karol Joseffe Borja Grand Worthy Advisor of the Grand Assembly of the Philippines, IORG

On the 25th of May 2009 in Tagbilaran City, Bohol, I entered the Grand Assembly Room for the very first time.

I remember the Grand Sister of Faith instructing me by the door of the Preparation Room, but I was admittedly more in awe of the sea of graceful and beautiful young ladies in white gowns who were looking back at me. My initiation into the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was, to say the least, an overwhelming yet pleasant experience.

After I received the Degrees, a poised and pretty lady came up to me. She congratulated me, welcomed me into the Family, and said she looks forward to the day I become Grand Worthy Advisor. Her entire Assembly will travel all the way from Mindanao, she said, to show their support.

That memory stayed in the back of my mind for the longest time because, before anything else, I literally just received the Degrees so I couldn't entirely grasp the Offices and Grand Offices of Rainbow.



And when I finally understood what it means to be Grand Worthy Advisor, the memory still stayed in the back of my mind. Every Rainbow Girl dreams of becoming Grand Worthy Advisor and so many of us who dedicate our time and effort for the Good of the Order are deserving of the title, so what are the odds that I would someday become one, right?

As luck and, more importantly, devotion to the Order would have it, on the 3rd of June 2017, I found myself standing on the opposite side of the Grand Assembly Room from eight years ago. I was finally standing in the Grand East, wearing the Grand Worthy Advisor's gold crown on my head.

The gold crown, biennially passed down from one Grand Worthy Advisor to the next, holds great importance to the Grand Assembly of the Philippines. Many Rainbow Girls in our ever-growing jurisdiction dream of having the crown that graces the head of every Grand Worthy Advisor on their own.

But as I have come to realize over my years as a Rainbow Girl and throughout the first quarter of my Grand Term, the crown is simply an indicator of the Grand Office; it shouldn't be the entire definition of who you are as a person.

As Grand Worthy Advisor, one has to live the values and teachings of the Order since she serves as a guide and inspiration to many other Rainbow Girls, but it pays to remain down to earth. Because to be honest, we don't stop growing as a person and we don't stop growing in Rainbow as soon as we've reached a certain position.

In fact, when we're up there and people look to us for guidance, then all the more should we seek constant development under the influence of the teachings of the Order and the lessons of the Ritual.

So yes, while it is a privilege

to wear the crown for the time being, I urge every Rainbow Girl who dreams of one day also wearing it to keep in mind that their dream is not an instantaneous goal. Rather, it is a work in progress.

To be worthy of the position, you don't just want it. You ask yourself why you want it and what good things you can do for the members when you are in that position. You work hard for the Good of the Order without expecting anything in return and, I promise, the rewards are amazing.

More importantly, as I too have come to realize, being Grand Worthy Advisor is a great responsibility. There is a massive and ever-growing jurisdiction to serve and care for. The position, therefore, means more than having a crown on one's head and a title beside one's name. So much more than that, it means making a name for one's self as a servant-leader who serves with grace and compassion.

If there's one reminder I would like to share with all Rainbow Girls, from newly initiated Sisters to longtime Majority Members, then it is this: Rainbow teaches us to lead by example and through service.

In line with it, Reverend

William Mark Sexson, a 33° Freemason who is a Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma as well as a Past Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, Order of the Eastern Star, founded our Order with the intention of sharing the teachings of Freemasonry with young girls who will one day become leaders of society. He established the Order of the Rainbow for Girls to transform young women into the best versions of themselves.

Putting the two together, I realized something that I hope all Rainbow Girls do as well. And that is to be mindful of how we carry ourselves not only because each of us represents the Order as a whole, but also because of the respect that Rainbow teaches us to have for ourselves and for others.

It was a no-brainer, therefore, when I came up with the theme for Grand Term 2017 to 2019, which is Rainbow Takes on the World: Onward and Upward in Love and Service.

The theme is a simple reminder for Rainbow Girls everywhere to live every day in love and service, thus internalizing what our Founder and the Order want for us—to readily take on the world regardless of the storm clouds and other challenges that come our wav.

Now, I may be one step closer to discovering the contents of the Pot of Gold, but the search never ends. I, along with all other Rainbow Girls, found part of the treasure when we received the Degrees, but it is a constant process that doesn't stop no matter how old you are or how long ago your initiation was.

In the same way being Grand Worthy Advisor does not stop at wearing a pretty crown and pretty gowns, discovering the contents of the Pot of Gold does not stop once the Sister of Charity in the North shares them during the Initiatory Degree.

In fact, Majority Rainbow Girls who are twice, even thrice, my age share their own stories of how even they learn something new about the Order in particular and life in general despite how old they are, precisely because they take to heart the lessons of the Rainbow.

To wrap it all up, Freemasonry teaches good men to become better because our Dad Masons incorporate the moral teachings of the Craft in their everyday life. Similarly, may Rainbow Girls embody the teachings of the Order so as to become smart and confident women who are always ready for life.



CRADLE OF COURAGE AND CONVICTION

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By Royal Decree, Spain officially opened Manila to world trade on September 6, 1834.

In 1842, Sinibaldo de Mas, Spanish economist and diplomat, was sent by Spain to investigate the economic conditions in the Philippine Islands. He recommended and endorsed the opening of sea ports of Ilo-Ilo, Sual (Pangasinan), Cebu, Legaspi and Tacloban. Foreigners from Europe and Americas started coming to the Philippine Islands to do commerce with Peninsulares (Spanish born in Spain) and Insulares (Spanish born in the Philippines). Unknown to the patriotic Regular Missionaries (friars), some Freemason businessmen members of different Grand Lodges in Europe and Americas.

Irish Presence

On January 10, 1756, Edward Wigat, a medical doctor from Dublin, Ireland was brought before Inquisition on a charge of being a Freemason. A month later on February 12, 1756, James (Diego) O'Kennedy was summoned by the Inquisition for heresy. Both were released for reasons they were not

Spanish citizens.

British Presence

During the British expedition to Manila, members of the Gibraltar Lodge No. 128, in the 39th Regiment, held meetings at Manila Cathedral. This incensed the Archbishop that he wrote a letter to the Superior in Spain and suggested to burn down the Cathedral. Nothing happened to the suggestion. The Cathedral remained standing even long after the British Field Lodge left Manila.

Another British Grand Dignitary, Augustus Bowles, Grand Master of the Provincial Lodge of the "Creeks, Chicakasaws, Cherokees and Chectows" (Confederacy of Indian Tribes), was jailed in Manila for 15 months in 1795.

In the early part of the nineteenth century, on January 19, 1812, the Spanish authorities issued a "Royal Letter Patent" prohibiting Masonry in the Philippines. On August 1, 1824, another "Royal Letter Patent" was issued by the Spanish Government for the Dominions beyond the Seas prohibiting Masonry

in the Island. On September 22, 1830, following discovery of books entitled "Illustrations of Masonry" a Royal Decree was issued ordering inspection of incoming ships to find out if prohibited books are on board. No record has been found that shows Spanish citizens were brought before the Tribunal.

American Presence

In 1834, George Hubbell, first U.S. Consul to Manila died. The Friars learned that he was a Mason and prevented the erection of the monument dedicated to him by his friends. In 1898, said monument was discovered in a warehouse by the U.S. forcers and was erected in Plaza Cervantes. Hubbell's monument is now in the U.S. embassy in Manila.

Spanish Presence

Dr. Mariano Marti (brother-in-law of Father Jose Burgos), founded a Lodge in Manila in 1854. Two years later, in 1856, Captain Jose Malcampo, Spanish Naval Officer, founded the first Lodge (La Primera Luz Filipina) in Cavite under the auspices of the Gran Oriente Lusitano de Portugal. This was followed by the establishment of another Lodge under a charter from Hong Kong. In 1859, another Naval officer, Casto Mendez-Nuñez arrived in the Philippines and helped the spread of Masonry. In 1868 under the leadership of Camacho and Garcia Ruiz, the Gran Oriente de España established Lodge Pandacan. It should be noted that all the Letter Patents issued from Spain to the El Tribunal del Santos Oficio de la Inquisicion en las Islas Filipinas were literarily ignored by Spanish Peninsulares.

In 1872, Rufino Pascual y Torrejon, who was initiated in Madrid arrived in the Philippines and joined Dr. Marti in forming Lodges composed solely of Spaniards. In the same year the Lodge in Cebu was taken unaware while holding a meeting and those present were brought to the Tribunal. Finally on January 20, 1872 at the outbreak of Cavite Revolt, Maximo Inocencio and Crisanto de los Reves of Cavite Lodge, and Enrique Paraiso of Pandacan Lodge were accused, tried and convicted by a Military Tribunal together with Fathers Burgos, Gomez and Zamora, of conspiracy against the State and "of being the prime movers of the mutiny." After the revolt, the local regulations of Masonry were amended to exclude Filipinos (mestizos) from membership.

In 1874, Jose Malcampo, now an Admiral, returned to the Philippines as Governor General. He instructed to have all Spanish (mestizos) eliminated from Lodges. Later, Malcampo dissolved all existing Lodges. Prominent Jacobo Zobel y Zangronis of Manila and Moscoso Lodge, Manila Police Chief, was arrested. Despite Governor General Malcampo's order "Gran Oriente de España" (GODE) and "Grande Oriente Español" (GOE) succeeded in establishing their respective Masonic jurisdictions in the Philippines.

Indios' Presence in Spain

Two important events happened in Spain: 1) Indios were initiated at the Acacia Lodge, and 2) Gran Oriente De España approved the general Regulations for Masonry in the Philippines.

On April 1, 1889, Graciano Lopez y Jaena (Bolivar) founded Lodge Revolution in Barcelona and served as its first Worshipful Master. The secretary of the Lodge was Mariano Ponce, a tireless propaganda exponent. Marcelo H. Del Pilar, who later on will be known as the Father of Filipino Masonry, was a member.

In May 1890, Lodge Solidaridad No. 53 was founded by Graciano Lopez y Jaena in Madrid where the Luna brothers were initiated. All Filipino Masons in Spain affiliated with this Lodge under the Gran Oriente Español founded by Miguel Morayta. Lodge Revolution died a natural death. On October 10, 1890, the Gran Oriente Español issued a circular to all Lodges in Spain requesting Brother Masons to use their influence with their Senators and Representatives for the granting of parliamentary presentation of the Philippines.

Meanwhile, Marcelo H. Del Pilar appointed Antonio Luna and Pedro Serrano y Laktaw to organize Masonry in the Philippines. Serrano was the only one who was able to return to the Philippines and organized Nilad Lodge.

In April 1892, Lodge Solidaridad No. 53 sent another petition to Lodges calling their attention to the sad fate of the Philippines languishing under the shadow of intolerance and tyranny led by the *Peninsulares* with the consent of the Friars. Signatories of this petition were Worshipful Master Del Pilar, Senior Warden Apacible, Junior Warden E. Ruiz de Leon, Secretary M. Ponce and Orator E. de Lete.

Birth of Nilad Lodge

The dream of the *Indios* (natives) became a reality. Pedro Serrano y Laktaw, who was delegated to organize Nilad Lodge 144, was assisted by Moises Salvador and Jose A. Ramos. On January 6, 1891, Lodge Nilad No. 144 was founded under the Gran Oriente Español, and became the first Filipino Lodge

in the Philippines. Rizal was made honorary member on January 31, 1892. On March 10, 1892 Nilad Lodge was given a Charter under the Gran Oriente Español. On the same day. Nilad Lodge was accorded affiliation with the Gran Oriente Español. On March 12, 1892, Jose A. Ramos was installed Venerable Maestro (Worshipful Master). Nilad Lodge founded other Lodges and issued "Rules and Precautions in Screening Applicants." This did not augur well with other Lodges. Lodges started questioning the authority of Nilad as the "Deputy" of the Gran Oriente Español. On March 25, 1893, Nilad Lodge convened delegates in all Lodges to tackle the problem. The delegates unanimously confirmed that such title was not supported by other Lodges.

First Regional Grand Lodge

On April 16, 1893, Faustino Villaruel organized a Regional Grand Council and was elected Pedro Serrano y Grand Master. Laktaw was declared "profane" and was refused admission to any Serrano wrote Morayta Lodge. that Del Pilar had lost his influence and prestige in the Philippines. Del Pilar was vindicated by the Lodges against Serrano's allegation. The Masonic community turned against Serrano for his accusation. On December 10, 1893, the Grand Regional Council's decision to bar Serrano from attending Lodge meetings was recognized by the Gran Oriente Español.

American Military Presence

On August 21, 1898, the first American Military Camp Lodge started work at Calle Nueva 69, Malate. The building was christened as "Cradle of American Freemasonry in the Philippines." Members were composed of American soldiers of the regiment of the Volunteers of North Dakota. The Charter was granted by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. Lt. Col. W.C. Treuman became its first Worshipful Master.

On February 22, 1899, the Philippine American War broke out. While American Masons were holding their meetings in the Roman Catholic Chapel of Culi-Culi, bullets riddled the building thus interrupting their stated meeting. On April 2, 1900, a "Sojourner's Club," was founded by Manly B. Curry, which later was constituted into Manila Lodge No. 342, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. Meetings were held at the house of Harry Eugene Stafford. In 1907, Corregidor Lodge No. 356 was constituted under the Grand Lodge of California. On December 19, 1912 the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Island was formed by 3 American Lodges and elected Dr. Harry Eugene Stafford as Grand Master. By 1917, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands had 11 Lodges.

Grand Masters under the Grand Lodge of California before the fusion were: H. Eugene Stafford, Doctor of Medicine; Newton C. Comfort, First Superintendent of the Philippine General Hospital; George Harvey, Judge CFI, Solicitor General, and President of Paracale Gold Mining Company; and William Taylor, Manager, American Bank.

Persecution and Depression

On March 31, 1894, Ambrosio Flores sounded the alarm that Friars had a complete list of all Masons in the Philippine Island. From 1895 to 1897, terror reigned in the Philippine Island and a number of Masons were arrested, imprisoned, and some executed. On August 19, 1896, Fr. Mariano Gil, through the confessional box, brought to light the existence of the Katipunan and implicated the organization led by Masons. A year after Rizal's execution at Bagumbayan on December 30, 1896, 11 Masons including Faustino Villaruel, Antonio Salazar, Jose Dizon, Luis Enciso Villareal, Ramon Padilla, Francisco Roxas, Eugene Mañalac, Moises Salvador, Domingo Franco, Braulio Rivera, and Numeriano Adriano were executed at Bagumbayan on January 11, 1897.

General Restoration

Grand Master Ambrosio Flores of the Grand Regional Council held the initial meetings in Manila. On July 31, 1899, Grand Master Ambrosio Flores appealed to the American Masons in the United States to use their influence to recognize the Independence of the Philippines. Rafael del Pan was commissioned to coordinate with the American Masons and apprise the American brethren of the Philippine situation. By the end of 1899, Lodge Modestia was given a Charter with Valentin Polintan as Worshipful Master, who was later appointed Grand Deputy of the Grand Council of the Order of the Philippines. Polintan held the highest Masonic position then in the Philippines until his death. On September 9, 1906, Grand Regional Lodge under the Grande Oriente Español was constituted with Felipe Buencamino as President (Grand Master). On July 1, 1907, Manuel Camus, a member of Manila Lodge, assembled several Masons and formed a new Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, thus Lodge Perla del Oriente and Cebu Lodge were organized. Perla del Oriente is the only one that remained as a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

Mid-1912, Grand Oriente Lusitano (of Portugal) organized Lodge Minerva from the old Lodge Luz de Oriente.

Struggle for Masonic Independence

A general assembly of some 300 Master Masons under the Grand Regional Lodge of the Philippines was convoked by Regional Grand Master Teodoro M. Kalaw and was reorganized as Grand National Lodge of the Philippines. Manuel L. Quezon was elected President in late January 1917. A committee was formed composed of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the Grand National Lodge of the Philippines to discuss the basis for possible fusion of GLPI and other Obediences. On February 13, 1917, William H. Taylor was elected Grand Master and Manuel L. Quezon as Deputy Grand Master. All the Lodges under the jurisdiction of Obediences, Grand Oriente Lusitano, Grand Lodge of France and the Gran Oriente de España joined the fusion. Based on gentlemen's agreement between Taylor and Quezon, American Grand Master and Filipino Grand Master alternated the Oriental Chair "...so long as you and I have any influence in Philippine Masonry..."

First Grand Lodge Daughter

The Grand Lodge of Philip-

pine Islands organized Lodges in China which later became Grand Lodge of China. In 1931, the following Lodges were organized: Amity Lodge No. 106 in Shanghai; Nanking Lodge No. 108 in Nanking; Pearl River Lodge No. 109 in Canton; Szechuan Lodge No. 112 in Chengtu, West China; West Lake Lodge No. 113 in Hangchow; Sun Lodge No. 114 in Shanghai. On March 14, 1937, MW Grand Master Joseph H. Alley (of GLPI) constituted these six Lodges into the "District Grand Lodge of China" with RW David W.K. Au as DGM, On January 15, 1949, the Grand Lodge of China was formed with David W.K. Au as Grand Master; consecrated by MW Grand Master Schetelig on March 18, 1949 in Shanghai.

Constitutional Convention

More than 40 Masons were delegates to the 1935 Constitutional Convention, among them: Manuel Albero (Marble Lodge), Marcelo Adduru (Gonzaga Lodge), Jose Alejandrino (Revolucion and Solidaridad Lodges, Spain), Jose Altavas (Makawiwili Lodge), Antonio Barrion (Batangas Lodge), Felix B. Bautista (Regeneracion and Pampanga Lodges), Conrado Benitez (Bagumbayan Lodge), Nicolas Buendia (Malolos Lodge), Leon Cabarroguiz (Walana Lodge), Tomas Cabili (Maranaw Lodge), Jose Gutierrez David (Pampanga

Lodge), Domingo T. Dikit (Bagumbayan Lodge), Vicente J. Francisco (Sinukuan Lodge), Pedro Guevara (Pinagsabitan Lodge), Felipe Jose (Baguio Lodge), Alejo Labrador (Pinatubo Lodge), Jose P. Laurel (Batangas Lodge), Pedro Melendez, Saturnino Moldero (Noli-Me-Tangere Lodge), Eusebio Orense, Luciano Ortiz (Sinukuan Lodge), Camilo Osias (Bagumbayan Lodge), Rafael Palma (Bagong-Buhay and Sinukuan Lodges), Pantaleon Pelayo, Manuel A. Roxas (Makawiwili Lodge), Teodoro Sandiko (La Solidaridad Lodge, Madrid), Florentino A. Saguin (Mt. Apo Lodge), Jose Sanvictories (Bagumbayan Lodge), Enrique C. Sobrepeña (Bagumbayan Lodge), Vicente Sotto, Hermenegildo Villanueva, Antonio Villarama (Malolos Lodge), Jose Zurbito (Sinukuan Lodge).

Japanese Presence

The Japanese authorities did not look with favor at Masonry "...Japanese police claim the Masonic and Shrine movement originates in Paris and is a Jewish revolutionary organization designed to overthrow established government... indirectly, that they must be persecuted, tormented, humiliated, reviled without respite. - We must make their lives miserable as possible - we must show those scoundrels that we Japanese can hit back and hit hard..."

During the Japanese Imperial occupation, Masons and their families suffered from Japanese cruelty. MW Jose Abad Santos was executed in Malabang, Lanao, for refusing to cooperate with the Japanese. Grand Master John R. Mcfie was killed by the Japanese shell while interned at the Concentration Camp at the University of Santo Tomas. Deputy Grand Master Jose P. Guido was beheaded by the Japanese. Past Grand Master Jose Delos Reyes was killed and many others implicated by Filipinos themselves who accused them of dislovalty to the regime. After the war, only 81 Lodges survived and all Masonic Temples were badly battered.

Second Grand Lodge Daughter

On January 7, 1936, Maj. Gen. Douglas MacArthur was made a Mason at sight, a rare privilege, by MW Grand Master Samuel R. Hawthorne of the GLPI. He became a member of Manila Lodge No. 1. After the war, General MacArthur helped spread the seed of Masonry in Japan, Okinawa, Korea, and Saipan. By 1947, the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Island instituted its first Lodge at the Yokosuka Naval Base which now has a District Grand Lodge with 12 Lodges. In 1955, MW Grand Master W.P. Schetelig raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, Ichiro Hatoyama, Prime Minister of Japan and Yahachi Kawai, President of the House of Counsellors of the Japanese District. There are now five Lodges in Okinawa which were constituted into a Regional Grand Lodge under the GLPI. In 1957, the Grand Lodge of Japan was formed without the knowledge of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (GLP). It was given recognition by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines on July 1, 1959.

Retrospect

Eight Spanish Governors-General have been identified as Masons: Andres G. Camba (1837-1838); Rafael de Izquierdo (1871-1873); Juan Alaminos (1873-1874); Jose Malcampo (1874-1877); Domingo Moriones (1877-1880); Joaquin Jovellar (1883-1885); Emilio Terrero (1885-1888); Ramon Blanco (1893-1896).

Seven American Governors-General Masons were: Arthur MacArthur (1990-1901); Newton W. Gilbert (1912-1913); Francis Burton Harrison (1913-1921); Leonard Wood (1921-1927); George C. Butte (Nov. 1931-Feb. 1932); Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. (1932-1933).

The four Philippine Mason Presidents were: Emilio Aquinaldo (Magdalo Lodge); Manuel L. Quezon (Sinukuan Lodge); Jose P. Laurel (Batangas Lodge); Manuel A. Roxas (Makawiwili Lodge).

We had four Chief Justices, namely: Gracio Gonzaga, Chief Justice under the Revolutionary Government (Founder of Minerva Lodge 217 in Cagayan); Chief Justice Jose Abad Santos, 1932-38 & 1941-42 (Bagumbayan Lodge); Chief Justice Manuel V. Moran, 1938-1951 (Pangasinan Lodge); and Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno, (2006-2010) Hiram Lodge No. 88 and Isaac Puno Lodge 401.

Mason heroes in the struggle for Philippine independence during the Propaganda and Revolutionary periods, were: Rizal, Marcelo H. del Pilar, Andres Bonifacio, Graciano Lopez-Jaena, Juan Luna, Jose Ma. Basa, Antonio Regidor, Ladislao Diwa, Doroteo Cortes, Jose A. Ramos, Mariano Ponce, Teodoro Plata, Apolinario Mabini, Moises Salvador, Ambrocio Salvador, Jacobo Zobel, Deodato Arellano, Manuel Arias Rodriguez, Juan Atayde, Rafael del Pan, Tomas del Rosario, Domingo Franco, Doroteo Jose, Eduardo de Lete, Julio Llorente, Jose Ma. Panganiban, Ambrocio Reanzares Baustista. Baldomero Roxas, Clemente, Zulueta, Numeriano Adriano, Galicano Apacible, Sixto Lopez, Bonifacio Arevalo, Ariston Bautista, Jose Dizon, Estanislao Legaspi, Francisco Nakpil, Doroteo Ongjungco, Timoteo Paez, Arcadio del Rosario, Antonio Zalazar, Faustino Villaruel, Juan Zulueta, Damaso Ponce, and Joaquin Pardo de Tavera.

The Prime Minister of the Philippines (Punong Ministro ng Pilipinas) was the official designation of the head of government (whereas the President was the head of state). First Prime Minister Apolinario Mabini (a Mason) took office on January 2, 1899 until January 23, 1899. Pedro A. Paterno propagandist took office on January 23, 1899 and left May 7, 1899. Ferdinand E. Marcos, (son of a Mason) took office on June 12, 1978 and left office June 30, 1981. Cesar E. Virata (a Mason) took office July 28, 1981 and left office February 25, 1986. Salvador H. Laurel (a Mason) took office February 25, 1986 and left office March 25, 1986.

No civic organization or fraternity can boast a plethora of members that shaped the destiny of the Philippines except Freemasonry. Masons were immovable in upholding "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity." Bro./Gen. Aguinaldo closed his address thus: "I am closing my address with a confession. Since becoming a Freemason, I forgot hate. Instead, I learned to love — to love God and my fellowman. I am now at ease with my own conscience. I only do what I think is right, and shun all evil. I also forget fear. I can be alone no matter where I am, what I do, or where I go.

"A clean conscience makes a man brave. I hope that Freemasonry has had the same influence upon all of you, which is on assurance of a better world to live in, and a happier humanity to live with." ... (Bro. and General Emilio Aguinaldo addressing the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in 1955)

Masons spread love and light, not fear and trepidation.



Views from an Outsider

by BRO FRANK STEVENS



Why has the Duties of a Lodge been changed? In the Constitution, there are a raft of duties that must be performed and another which must not be performed.

Nowhere does it state that every lodge must undertake fund raising. A lodge derives it's income from dues and fees and these are adjusted (usually upwards) to meet the changing demands on Lodge Finances.

Medical Missions, support for schools and good works in the community should come from personal donations. The brethren who can afford to do so, give generously and brethren who are not working, regardless of age, support as best they can.

To use Lodge funds for

charitable purposes is wrong because it makes the dues to the lodge, higher than they need be.

Enjoy your Golf and Shooting Competitions but make them self supporting. And that does not mean using Lodge funds to start it off!

For many years, there has been a suspicion by non members that Masons protect each other. Indeed, we promise to warn a brother of impending danger subject to 2 conditions. But in our obligations of different ranks and degrees, we hear such statements as being a law abiding citizen, not taking part in rebellion and above all, being told in the EAM lecture to adhere to Justice, Truth, Temperance, Relief, Fortitude and Prudence. All of these lead a man

to live an honest and upright life, which is expected of a Mason. Those who have Masonry in their hearts, happily abide by all these demands. But sadly, we have members who do not follow these principles.

I heard a story a long time ago how a Mason's car broke down outside a house that was miles from any town. He knocked on the door and the man of the house opened it and they recognised each other as brother masons.

A telephone call to the nearest garage revealed that the part need to repair the car would not arrive until the next day. After a good meal, a good nights sleep and a hearty breakfast, the car was repaired and the driver of the car prepared to leave. "Did you do all this for me because I am a mason?" he asked. The reply was "No my brother, I helped you because I am a mason!"

In England, as in Philippines, many of our Police and Judiciary are masons and they are always suspected of helping a bother mason avoid the correct punishment for breaking the law. This suspicion has damaged the reputations of masons and continues to do so.

And now I see in FB, a group for Aid and Assist a Brother Master Mason. At first, it seems to be a good idea but when I see members asking for ranking policemen to assist them, that is a red flag. To evade justice is wrong. All masons should be law abiding citizens and should be a shining example to their community. There are many laws regarding motoring which are foolish and unnecessary but the law must be obeyed. If you have a minor infringement of the law, be a man and pay your fine. Do not look for a Brother in a position of authority to get you off.

Just because we have some scallywag policemen and judges, congressman and senators feel themselves to be above the law, that is no reason for a mason to do the same.

And what of the Brother Policemen in a responsible position who is asked for what is, after all, a very simple matter to lose a piece of paper or direct that no charge shall be bought? Do you really think that corruption is ok? And it was ok to corrupt another brother?

Masons should be better than that. No!! They MUST be better than that.

Many things have been suggested to me in the past. Never do anything that you would not want you Wife, Children or Priest see you do.

God is watching, even if no one else is.

Ingat ka lagi mga Kapatid.

December 8, 2018

JESUS FLOR RAMOS NICOLAS **EULOGY**

VR Samuel P. Fernandez



When one of your cherished, revered, and esteemed colleagues and brother faces the "mighty leveler of human greatness," and answers the summons from above, a tinge of pang and anguish envelope your being.

Bro. Jesus Flor Ramos Nicolas is not only a colleague and co-worker in the academe, but a fraternal brother of two Grand Jurisdictions: the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Bro. Flor was initiated in Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034, S.C. in 1980 and in early 1981, passed and was raised in the same Lodge.

Bro. Flor soon afterwards affiliated with Noli Me Tangere, then #148, now Noli Me Tangere No. 42. He had a colorful and checkered masonic involvement. The Brethren soon recognized his leadership potential and was presented the gavel of power to govern the Lodge. After serving His Lodge as Worshipful Master, Bro. Flor did not rest on his laurel. He involved himself in the myriad challenges that the Grand Lodge afforded him and emerged discharging his duties with fidelity and with honor.

In the field of journalism, Bro. Flor's works speak volume. His insightful, perceptive and discerning nuggets of wisdom will long be remembered by Masonic readers.

When I assumed the office of Editor-in-Chief of the Far Eastern Freemason for nine years, he was my Associate Editor. Bro. Flor became Editor-in-Chief of the Cabletow magazine for many years.

On one bonding sessions with Scottish Rite Brethren, I asked him, "Are you sure the Mason Brethren are reading our articles?" To which he replied: "Maybe they will when we will all be gone to meet our Creator!" And then he gave me his usual skeptical and dubious smile.

Few will remember that VW Flor contributed and edited the book entitled "Kinship to Greatness" published by MW Rosendo C. Herrera, and authored by MW Reynold Fajardo and VR Samuel P. Fernandez. That makes VW Flor the Editor-in-Chief of two former Editors-in-Chief.

VW Flor Nicolas was head of the English Department of La Salle Greenhills for six years. He taught at the National Teachers College, Assumption College, De Los Santos College and Polytechnic University of the Philippines. In all these schools, we were together. When I was Vice President and Dean of the College of Arts at the Sta. Teresita College, I also asked him to teach English, Literature and Philosophy.

Bro. Flor served as an Editor of the Encounter, faculty journal of Assumption College, and adviser of the Assumption Community Times. He was likewise Adviser of the PUP Writers Club.

Bro. Flor and I have been together for more than four decades in the academic world. The last time I visited Bro. Flor, I told him: "Walang iwanan." As usual, he gave me his skeptical look.

Our Creator had other plans.

Strangely, Bro. Flor greeted me ahead of my birthday. When I noticed there were no communications in his facebook, I sensed that he was resting. I did not anticipate that he will finally find his resting place in the bosom of our Heavenly Father.

Farewell, my friend, my compadre, my fellow writer and editor. Don't worry. What you have written will be read because wisdom and insight are forever written in the tablet of the Brethren's hearts. What is written remains written and will never die.

65th Anniversary of Kalaw Chapter No. 9, Order of the Fastern Star



Message of Grand Master Romeo S. Momo during the 65th Anniversary of Kalaw Chapter No. 9, Order of the Eastern Star, November 25, 2018, as delivered by VW Michael L. Benjamin, DDGM R-IV-Rizal

Greetings and felicitations ...

Congratulations to all the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, and to all the officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, Kalaw Chapter No. 9, on the occasion of your 65th Anniversary. Sans any doubt, this auspicious event will be a fruitful and successful one, under the able leadership of Worthy Matron Josephine T. Caparros, PM; and Worthy Patron, Very Reverend Samuel P. Fernandez, PP; and the well-known camaraderie, full support and cooperation of the members of this glorious Order.

The number of anniversaries gloriously celebrated by the Chapter is a feat in itself. We can

safely say that for the past 65 years, vou have been successful as an Order. This is shown not only in your camaraderie and practice of charity, truth and loving kindness, but also in the number of less-privileged individuals, groups, and institutions you have aided or assisted. Let your flourishing past 65 years my sisters and brothers, be a challenge to each and every member present now, to work together as one sacred band, striving for more fraternity, and for more charity works for our less fortunate brethren. I urge you to be the leading example for other Chapters to emulate. Let these 65 years in your history be your inspiration to achieve more, to aim for perfection, and to reach even greater heights. Remember though, that for you to celebrate more anniversaries, you have to set aside your individual interests. Instead, you have to work together as one, ever remembering the greater interest of the Order and of your Chapter; you have to work together in harmony with each other, for indeed it is only in harmony that we in this Fraternity achieve more; it is only thru harmony that our organization thrives and flourishes.

As your Grand Master, I do not get tired of reminding you, Sisters and Brothers, on how essential harmony is, for our Craft, for Freemasonry and its allied organizations. Since then and even now, I always give premium on Harmony, on Brotherly Love. I cannot overemphasize the fundamental nature and importance of Harmony in our Craft because there can be no Masonry when there is no Harmony. We can put up and create as many OES Chapters as we want, but never will they attain success in our mystic ladder if it is lacking in that basic element. Never will they reach 65 years, like Kalaw Chapter No. 9. if the brethren and sisters composing it do not practice harmony and tolerance. As an Engineer by profession, I can tell you, a weak foundation cannot support the framework and the pillars that hold a building together and give it support. As your Grand Master, I tell you, the same principle applies in our Fraternity. Our foundation and support must be solid and strong so that it can sustain the heavy load brought by intrigues, personal interests or even petty piques and quarrels. And that foundation and support is HARMONY, my brothers and sisters. Your Chapter would not have reached this far, celebrating 65th Anniversary, had you and the members before you, not have harmony in your midst.

Your anniversary theme: "Harmony Through Fidelity, Devotion, Purity, Faith and Love," is indeed in line with the theme of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for this Masonic year - "Freemasonry: Bridging Men Through Harmony and Brotherly Love; Making Better Men for Better Society. Aptly, harmony amongst members is further nurtured and strengthened by fidelity and devotion to your obligation, purity of intention to serve the Order, faith to one another and to the Great Architect of the Universe, and love characterized by genuine care and concern to our fellow being. Let harmony, therefore, continue to flourish among your ranks, for it is only thru harmony that organizations of the world endure the test of time, the wrath of men, and the harshness of elements, more particularly those belonging to our Masonic circle.

Lastly, let this 65th anniversary celebration be an avenue, not only of camaraderie and so-

cialization, but more importantly, of providing great ideas and Masonic labours geared toward the realization of the noble goals and aspirations of the Order of the Eastern Star. Hindi ko na po pakahahabaan, palagay ko marami nang nag-aantay ng fellowship. end by sharing with you a quote from Brother Winston Churchill, and it goes - "We make a living by what we get ... but we make a life by what we give." As brothers and

sisters belonging to one Masonic family, let us continue to touch the lives of others, our fellow Masons, fellow OES, but specially, and more importantly, the underprivileged members of our society who needs our care and assistance.

It is my sincere wish and prayer to our GAOTU that you may have more meaningful and always Harmonious anniversary celebration ahead!

From the Grand East, warm fraternal greetings to all!







NOVEMBER 1. 1897

- The Filipino rebels led by Bro. Emilio Aguinaldo adopted a provisional constitution for the Republic of the Philippines, popularly known as the **Biak-na-Bato** Constitution.

The Constitution was drafted by two Masons, Felix Ferrer (masonic name, *Alitaptap*), a member of *Masala* Lodge in Pampanga and Lodge *Villaruel* in Tarlac, and Isabelo Artacho, a member of *Taliba* Lodge in Tondo. Most of the signers of the Constitution were Alas, Pascual Alvarez, Mariano Llanera, Vicente Lukban, Baldomero Aguinaldo, Pantaleon Garcia, Agustin de la Rosa, Celestino Aragon, Valentin Diaz, and Manuel Tinio.

NOVEMBER 3, 1979

- Luis J. Reyes Memorial Lodge No. 224 was constituted at Mariveles, Bataan.

NOVEMBER 3, 1984

 Zaragoza Lodge No. 263 was constituted at Zaragoza, Nueva Ecija

NOVEMBER 9, 1980

- **Bukidnon Lodge No. 245** was constituted at Valencia, Bukidnon.

NOVEMBER 11, 1916

- Biak-Na-Bato Lodge No. 7 was organized in Manila by Felipe Tempongco, Joaquin Ventura and Dalmacio Monroy. It was chartered and constituted in February 1917.

NOVEMBER 14, 1901

- The Grand Lodge of California met for the first time in the Philippines in a special communication presided by Bro. Henry Murray Cronkite, as Acting Grand Master, during which **Manila Lodge No. 342** was constituted and its officers installed.

NOVEMBER 15, 1908

- **Silangan Lodge No. 305**, was officially constituted in Pasig, Rizal by an installation team of the Gran Oriente Espanol composed of Grand Delegate Valentin Polintan, Felipe Buencamino, Sr., Pantaleon Garcia, Estanislao Vergara and others.



NOVEMBER 15, 1974	- Jacobo Zobel Memorial Lodge No. 202, was constituted by Grand Master John O. Wallace at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Makati.
NOVEMBER 21, 1980	- Daguma Mountain Range Lodge No. 244, at Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat was solemnly constituted by Grand Mas- ter Simeon Rene Lacson.
NOVEMBER 24, 1903	- Cavite Lodge No. 350 , was officially constituted. This time two big launches were needed to ferry the Manila Masons across the bay.
NOVEMBER 27, 1926	- Palawan Lodge No. 99 , was constituted by Emilio Araneta Diaz, acting as Grand Master, in the sala of the Provincial Governor's Residence at Palawan.
DECEMBER 13, 1980	- Sibuguey Valley Lodge No. 246 , was constituted at Buug, Zamboanga del Sur.
DECEMBER 21, 1985	- Manuel L. Quezon Lodge No. 271 was constituted at Quezon, Bukidnon.
JANUARY 7, 1917	- Batangas Lodge No. 383 under the Gran Oriente Español was officially constituted. This lodge joined the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands in February of the same year and became Lodge No. 35.
JANUARY 19, 1991	- Rufino S. Roque Memorial Lodge No. 289 was constituted in Cordon, Isabela.
JANUARY 20, 1904	- Noli Me Tangere Chapter of Rose Croix No. 53 was constituted under the auspices of the Gran Oriente Español.
JANUARY 22, 1918	- Tayabas Lodge No. 43 was formally constituted by Bro. Manuel L. Quezon.
JANUARY 22, 1981	- Don Camilo Osias Memorial Lodge No. 253 was constituted at Malaybalay, Bukidnon by Grand Master Simeon Rene Lacson.
JANUARY 25, 1939	- Sun Lodge No. 114 was constituted in Shanghai, China.

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Minamahal kong Anak:

Kagabi'y hindi ako dinalaw ng antok, dahil iniisip ko kung papaano ko maaring ipaabot sa iyo ang aking mga saloobin. Hanggang sa mag-uumaga na ay wala pa rin akong maisip na wastong paraan.

Ngayong papasikat na ang araw ay ninais kong sulatan ka at iparating sa iyo ang mga bagay na itong nagiging gabay ko sa aking paglakad tungo sa buhay.

Bilang isang Mason ito ang aking nagsisilbing mga gabay. Sana ay matutunan mo ring umayon sa mga bagay na ito.

Una – Paniwalaan mong mayroong isang Diyos na lumikha sa sandaigdigan na nakatunghay sa lahat mong gagawin, at lagi nang laan upan ikaw ay kanyang patnu-



VW ROMEO S. MUSÑGI, PDDGM

Grand Chaplain

bayan sa lahat ng sandal. Pasakop ka ng lubos sa knaya ng hindi ka mapariwara at maligaw ng landas.

Pangalawa — Pakatandaan mong ang pamahalaan na siyang sandigan ng isang pamayanan. Na ang pamahalaan ay walang katuturan kung ang mga mamamayan nito ay walang pagpapahalaga sa kanyang batas na sadyang itinakda upang maging gabay ng isang maunlad, maayos, at tahimik na pamumuhay.

Pangatlo – Lagi mong isaisip ang iyong kapwa. Sila ang katuwang mo sa iyong paglakad. Pangalagaan at pahalagahan mo sila katulad sa pagpapahalaga mo sa iyong sarili.

Pang-apat – Pagsumikapan mong makatulong sa pagpapaganda ng iyong paligid. Mahalaga ang malinis at sariwang hangin na maaari lamang matamo kung tutulong ka sa pagpapanumbalik ng mga punong-kahoy na winasak at pinagpuputol ng walang pakundangan.

Panglima – Igalang mo at bigyang halaga ang mga ibon sa parang at ang mga hayop sa kagubatan at kabundukan. Sila rin katulad mo ay may buhay na dapat ding makinabang sa lahat ng bagay na nilikha ng Diyos.

Pang-anim – Igalang mo at panatilihing malinis ang iyong pagkatao. Sampung ulit mong pakaisipin ang lahat ng iyong sasabihin at gagawin, nang sa gayo'y hindi ka makasakit sa iyong kapwa.

Pampito – Panaligan mong ang katandaan ay karanasan at ang karanasan ay karungan, at ang karunungan ay siyang batayan at sandigan ng isang wastong pamumuhay.

Pangwalo - Bigyang daan mo sa iyong paglakad ang kabataan sapagkat sa kabataan ka nagsimula at ang kabataan ang sinasabing pag-asa ng ating kinabukasan.

Pangsiyam – Ipagsangalang mo ang kahinaan ng mga bata at igalang mo ang Kababaihan. Sapagkat babae ang iyong ina at bata ang iyong magiging mga anak. Sila'y

sadyang nilikhang may kahinaan. Pagsumikapan mong maipagsanggalang sila sa kaninumang tao na may maitim na balakin.

Pangsampu – Paniwalaan mong mayroong buhay na walang hanggan nang sa gayo'y maunawaan mong lalo ang iyong katayuan sa harap ng iyong Lumikha at mapagsumikapan mong mabuti na taglayin sa buhay na ito ang wastong pakikipamuhay sa iyong kapwa at lalong ikagagaling ng iyong paligid tungo sa tahanang sadyang nilikha para sa iyo.

Hanggang dito na lamang, at sana ay huwag mong kalimutan ang aking mga tagubilin. Patnubayan ka nawa ng ating Poong Maykapal sa lahat ng iyong gawain at sana ay mapagtagumpayan mo ang lahat ng iyong naisin sa buhay.

Ang nagmamahal mong Ama

ROMEO S. MUSNGI

Grand Chaplain

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"Man works for an object. Remove that object and you reduce him to inaction." - Jose Rizal

Launching of Brethren 3 during the 106th Anniversary of the MW Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons

MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM



The book entitled "The World's Great Speeches," includes the speech of George Wald entitled "A Generation in Search of a Future." Except among selected scientists, the name of George Wald hardly rings a bell. For your information, George Wald was the 1967 Nobel Prize Winner in physiology and medicine. His memorable speech was part of the "March 4 Movement" protesting the misuse of science by the government. He said:

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We are **one** species with a **world to win**. There's life all over this universe but the only life in the solar system is on earth, and in the whole universe, we are the only men.

Our business is with life, not death. Our challenge is to give what account we can of what become of life in the solar system, this corner of the universe that is our home; and most of all, what becomes of men – all men of all nations, colors and creeds. This has become one world, a world of all men. It is only such a world that can now offer us life, and the chance to go on.

Dr. George Wald's fiery and flaming message could well have been addressed to us masons in the Philippines now celebrating the 106th anniversary of our Grand Lodge. For like masons, he underscored the human species as one, he emphasized that we have a world to win; he stressed that our challenge is to give an account of what becomes

of life on earth; and above all, our duty to give an account of what becomes of all men--- all men of all nations, colors and creeds.

This 3rd volume of the Brethren, a sequel of the 2 volume magnum opus of PGM Reynold Smith Fajardo, is a narrative of the participation of the Craft in the ebb and flow of the life of our country and its people from 1946 to the present. Let us commend our sitting Grand Master, MW Momo for this gigantic undertaking which has been a devout wish of all our brethren. Let us also express our gratitude to the scholars of the UP Department of History for cobbling the bits and pieces of our history, carefully separating the facts from the fables, thus educating the misinformed and under-informed about Philippines masonry. And of course, we commend the brethren who served as their resource persons without whom the continuing contributions of masons to the progress of the Filipino would have been consigned to the dust bin of history.

However, tempting to the tongue, I will not attempt to make a comprehensive review of the Brethren: Book 3 from its prologue to its epiloque. Suffice to state that the book tells the story of masons and masonry from 1946 to 2018 and meshed it with the history of our country, its lowlights and highlights. It will be of immense interest to the public and the members of the Craft to know the variegated roles played by our brethren in the 1986 EDSA Revolution that spelled the end of an authoritarian regime, a peaceful change that became a world model for states mutating from dictatorships to democracies. If you jog your memory, one of the more embarrassing moments of our history was the time we were shafted with the disquieting question where are the masons when the '86 EDSA revolution was nearing explosion point. The displeasing predicate of the generation was masons were sleeping in safety while the country was becoming a doormat of democracy. The Brethren (3) gives us a glimpse of the heroic roles played by a lot of masons in the '86 EDSA revolution. I said glimpse because without tweaking the truth, there are many more unsung masonic heroes in the '86 EDSA revolution. In any event, Brethren (3) should demolish the myth that masons were mere reactors and not active actors in the '86 FDSA revolution.

Chroniclers of the rise and fall of civilizations tell us that the efforts of successful revolutionaries are heroic but equally heroic are the silent efforts of citizens who helped re-establish the peace of the people, strengthen their new government, and restore the stability of their

society. Brethren (3) chronicles these various unheralded initiatives of our brethren thru the blue lodges and the MW Grand Lodge. You will meet in Brethren (3), some of the brethren who helped back to their feet the victims of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption, the victims of super typhoon Yolanda and its tsunami, and the victims of strong earthquakes, to name some of major disasters that so mercilessly inflicted damage to our people. You will read in Brethren 3 the corporate efforts of the MW Grand Lodge to combat the ill effects of climate change in our country. A succession of Grand Masters, for several years, implemented a tree planting program in key areas of the country where the survival rate of the planted trees is astonishingly high. In Brethren 3, you will get acquainted with our brethren in the PNP and the AFP who protected the lives of our leaders especially the Presidents and visiting world dignitaries, including the Popes, brethren who sacrificed their lives fighting criminals to save the present generation from the terrorism of tomorrow. You will peruse in Brethren, the Grand Masters, and the Temple Builders who overcame adversity after adversity and built our Grand Lodge brick by brick until its completion. And you will learn in Brethren 3, the historic dialogue between the CBCP and the Grand Lodge which culminated in CBCP's conclusion that blue masonry in the Philippines is not anti-church and not incompatible with Catholicism. There are other main bars and sidebars of the story of the Craft from 1946 to 2018 which we cannot relate this evening due to the stinginess of time.

Let me conclude this message by again extolling the MW Grand Lodge led by MW Romeo Momo for causing the publication of this timely book, Brethren 3. This book refutes the lie that masonry in the Philippines has lost its relevance due to the ravages of time; it eliminates masonry as a mere footnote in our history and elevates it again as a headnote in our journey to peace, progress and prosperity; it thunders the truth, that in the best and the worst of times, to borrow Charles Dickens words, the masonic triad of teachings --- brotherly love, relief and truth --- will live on.

My dear Brethren, Brethren 3 told our beautiful masonic story. Our challenge is to live that story.

Mabuhay ang Gran Logia, mabuhay ang masoneria and glory to the Great Architect of the Universe.





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The brethren of Labong Lodge No. 59 attended the Change Command Ceremony of Bro Guillermo Lorenzo Eleazar as assumed the post of Director of Region 4A (CaLaBaRZon) at Camp Vicente Lim, Canlubang, Laguna on April 24, 2018. Brethren present were WM RJ Samonte, VW Bros Winston Chingkiat, Rudy Ong, Ben Tan, Gani Cruz, Alex Yu, Tino Ko, WBros Larry Orallo, Daniel Chua, Bros Kenneth Ngo, Jewel Nicanor, Bryan Kiok, Jonjon Gonzales, Samson Bernales, Garry Alegre and Louie Mababangloob.





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BAGUMBAYAN LODGE NO. 4: WE CARE FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are God's gift to the world. Their presence is essential to balance a complex world of conflict and incongruity. They bring harmony and serenity to the discord around us. Their laughter and smiles bring sunshine to rainy days. Their curiosity infects us from inaction to mobility. They are constantly on the lookout for rainbows. Parents are eager to provide for their needs. Schools are built to teach them. They are our bridge to the future. They speak the universal language of hope and happiness. We cannot imagine a world without them.

It is ironic that children seem to be in abundance especially in marginalized communities. Perhaps God's plan was to have more of them in order to spread happiness amidst the quagmire of poverty. Such is the condition in a small depressed community in the urban jungle of Brgy. Bagong Silang, Caloocan City, where the Holy Trinity Convent of the Carmelite Sisters sits. One would find it difficult to find this convent in the maze of streets occupied by informal settlers. The handful of nuns are well known in the community, catering to the social needs of the women and children. Non-Government Organizations and social clubs regularly visit the nuns to offer financial assistance and support services such as medical missions and feeding sessions.



The opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children appealed to the brethren of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, a brotherhood of Freemasons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. For the past seven years, this Lodge of Masons returned to the Sisters' convent and served the community through medical missions, relief, or in whatever capacity they could. More importantly, they brought hope and joy to the children of the community every Christmas through gift giving, party games and mascots. brethren come back once or twice a year to conduct outreach programs for the community. We resolved to make this a continuing commitment, "WE CARE because **FOR** THE CHILDREN."

Two days before Christmas, on the 23rd of December 2018, Santa Claus descended upon the children of the Carmelite Sisters Community. With their eyes aglow, the children

received toys and gifts while enjoying the food and clowns provided by a local fastfood chain. A magician regaled the kids with novel tricks, an experience they won't easily forget. Aside from the children, the brethren gave away groceries and food packs to the sick and elderly. Verily, as true masons, we have extended our cable tow in the name of charity.







THE ORDER OF DeMOLAY HITS 100 Years

by: VW Tito G. Cruz



The Order of DeMolay was created with the purpose of establishing the highest ideals, virtues and ethics that young men will carry with them onto their twilight years. This year, the Order turns 100 with simultaneous celebrations worldwide.

Here in the Philippines, the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay (SCOD) headed by Grand Master Edison Abella launched the DeMolay Crusades aimed at raising funds for the first-ever Philippine DeMolay Trust Fund that aims to promote and sustain the growth and expansion of the DeMolay Movement in the country in the next 100 years.

The membership catego-

ries of the Demolay Crusades are the Louis G. Lower Centennial Fellow (for Active DeMolays), the Jacques DeMolay Centennial Fellow (for Senior DeMolays), the Frank S. Land Centennial Fellow (for Master Masons), and the Grand Master's Centennial Knight.

No less than MW Romeo S. Momo, the current Grand Master of Philippine Masons showed his full support to the Order of DeMolay by becoming an elite member of the Grand Master's Centennial Knight and a Life Member of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay (SCOD).

MW Momo personally handed over his membership donation to Hon. Edison Abella,

SCOD Grand Master, and Hon. Victor Antonio T. Espejo, SCOD Immediate Past Grand Master on June 25, 2018 at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in Manila. As a gesture of his appreciation. Grand Master Abella presented MW Momo with an intricate wooden replica of the DeMolay Altar.

The Grand Master's Centennial Knight is part of the DeMolay Crusades which is a once-in-a-lifetime membership category offered for a limited period to a select group of individuals and organizations who champion the worthy cause of character building and leadership development among the youth and are willing to make an investment to their future.

Those who witnessed the brief event were VW Melvin Mallo, the Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and VW Jose Roncevalles, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Grand Master, Both have also signed up as Frank S. Land Centennial Fellows

The Order of DeMolay began with a MAN, a BOY, and an IDEA which were the principal elements that made up the SEED of the founding of the Order of DeMolay. The MAN was Brother FRANK SHERMAN LAND, then a 29-year-old Freemason, and the BOY was a fatherless 16-year old named LOUIS GORDON LOWER who Brother Land gave a part-time job for him to help support his family. Later, eight more young boys in their formative years followed and helped plant the seeds that would lead them to better manhood.

In March 24, 1919 and with 31 boys in attendance, the Order of DeMolay was officially organized and launched. The date March 18 was later adopted in commemoration of the death of Jacques DeMolay and the organization's namesake.

Brother Frank S. Land was then Commander of the DEMO-LAI COUNCIL of KADOSH when he told the boys the inspiring story of Jacques DeMolay. Unanimously, it was agreed that the organization's name should be named after DeMolay.

Jacques DeMolay whose real name is Jacobus Burgundus Molensis was the 23rd and last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. On false confessions, DeMolay and hundreds of his knights were arrested, thrown into dungeons and tortured for seven years. On March 18, 1314, Jacques DeMolay was tried by an inquisition and later burned at the stake on an island in the river Siene fronting the Notre Dame de Paris

It was on May 4, 1983 that the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay or ISC OD based in Kansas City in Missouri, USA constituted the Provisional Supreme Council of the Philippines, and on March 13, 1985, the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay of the Republic of the Philippines got its CHARTER as an autonomous and sovereign Supreme Council from the ISC with Brother Macario R. Ramos Sr. as Grand Master.

The JOSE ABAD SAN-TOS CHAPTER was the first DeMolay Chapter in the Philippines and the Far East. It was establsihed on March 23, 1946 with 23 charter members. They are to be the first DeMolays in the country. The late Brother Jesus Vergara was its first Master Councilor, and Brother Ernesto C. Rivera, a Master Mason of the Jacques DeMolay Masonic Lodge No. 305 and the oldest living DeMolay in the Philippines, was its first Senior Councilor and second Master Councilor.

To date, there are 100 Active DeMolay Chapters in the Philippines. 55 in Luzon, 15 in

the Visayas, and 30 in Mindanao. On top of this, there are 69 DeMolay Alumni Chapters in the country and abroad.

MW Rosendo C. Herrera, a past Grand Master of Philippine Masons and Grand Master Emeritus of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay played a crucial lead role in the establishment of a "home" for the Order of DeMolay in the Philippines. With his efforts, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines allocated in perpetuity an unused lot which is now the site of the Philippine DeMolay Youth Center or PDYC.

Earlier on, and as part of its Centennial celebrations, the only DeMolay Chapter Room in the Philippines of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay (SCOD) was inaugurated December 8, 2018. This was after it underwent repairs and renovation that began October 12 and lasted for 58 days.

In an edict issued by SCOD Grand Master Hon. Edison Abella LOH DGC, the hall was perpetually named as the "MW DAD ROSENDO C. HERRERA HALL" in honor of his dedication to the Order and his untiring work that led to the creation of the Philippine DeMolay Youth Center (PDYC) edifice in

September 2000.

MW Herrera thanked GM Abella, the SCOD and all DeMolays for the humbling act. He also spoke about his hopes for the existence of other PDYCs in areas in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

He also reiterated the bond between the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the SCOD which granted the use of the site by the PDYC in perpetuity.

At present, DeMolays in the country, particularly the Active DeMolays, use the halls of Masonic Lodges as Chapter rooms to conduct their rituals

and other ceremonies.

MW Herrera and his family graced the occasion. Also in attendance were the PGMs and past and current Grand Line Officers of SCOD, DeMolay-Masons. Senior and Active Demolays, among others. ###

The writer is a Past Master of Escudo Masonic Lodge 371, a Past Grand Sentinel and Grand Junior Steward of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, a Charter Member of the Wadih C. Saab Chapter in Cagavan de Oro City, and Past President of the Escudo DeMolav Alumni Chapter No. 4.







The Grand Line Officers of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay of the Republic of the Philippines for Biennial Term 2017-2019.



from left to right: Hon. Victor Antonio T. Espejo, Immediate Past Grand Master; Hon. Evaristo A. Leviste, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary; Leg. Adriano B. Durano III, Deputy Grand Master; Hon. Edison Abella, Grand Master; MW Rosendo C. Herrera, Past Grand Master of Masons and Past Grand Master and Grand Master Emeritus, SCOD; Hon. Rodel Riezl S.J. Reyes, Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer; Leg. Edward Y. Chua, Grand Senior Councilor; and Leg. Michael Francis M. Perez, Grand Junior Councilor.



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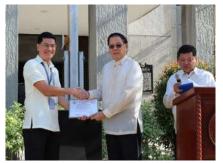






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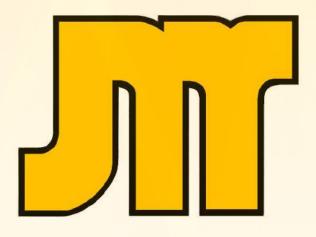
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