

Catholic Nun Urges Closer Collaboration

Sor Lily Quintos, a Catholic nun, advocated a closer collaboration for the establishment of peace and goodwill among men when she addressed the district convention of Freemasons here last Saturday morning. (Nov. 25).

The Catholic nun's presence and

strict convention of Freemasons and she placed asunder the traditional apathy of the Catholic church towards Masonry.

The address of Sor Lily highlighted the district confab of Masons of the Pangasinan and Dagupan City Lodges which was attended by Most



Sister Lily Quintos speaking before Masons.
(Photo and cut, courtesy of VW V. Daroya)

the privilege accorded to her in addressing the district confab of the Masons at the temple of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 have been hailed as significant by various sectors of the community.

Heretofore, Masonry was held at a distance and viewed with disfavor by the Holy See until the late Pope John XXIII convoked the Second Vatican Council to devise ways and means to promote world brotherhood and peace and good will among men.

Sor Lily invariably fomented the spirit of ecumenism when she accepted the invitation to address the dis-

Worshipful Mariano Q. Tinio, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. Also present were Most Worshipful Esteban Munarriz, Grand Secretary; and Very Worshipful Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer.

District Deputy Grand Master Victorino C. Daroya presided over the meet which was participated in by four Masonic Lodges in Pangasinan and Dagupan City. It was the first district convention held by Masonic District No. 24 but it was hailed as one of the most successful district confabs held by the Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines—he

Cavite Convention

The thirty-fifth annual convention of Cavite Lodges went off to an impressive start at 6.00 AM on Thursday, November 30, 1967 at Imus, Cavite with Pilar Lodge No. 15 of that town as host. The Pilar Lodge brethren opened the Lodge at sunrise and an hour later delegates and visitors from the nine other Lodges in Cavite City and province as well as from the other neighboring Lodges and officers of the Grand Lodge gathered near the Lodge temple for the parade to the town square where they lay commemorative wreaths at the feet of the monuments to WB Jose Rizal and Gen. Glicerio Topacion, hero of Imus.

At the open-air program on the Imus plaza, the welcome address was given by Hon. Manuel M. Paredes, Mayor of the town and Mr. Ricardo Labez, Director of Public Relations of the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction was guest speaker.

At the ceremonies inside the Temple hall, the welcome to the delegates and visitors was given by WB Romeo B. Argota, reigning Master of Pilar

Lodge No. 15 after the invocation and flag raising. The roll call of Lodges, reports of reigning Masters and presentation of souvenirs followed.

Resolutions were presented and discussed, problems of Lodge administration and accomplishing of reports were discussed, after which an open forum took place. It was the liveliest part of the convention and many ideas came out for the good of Masonry at the grassroots level. Before lunch time, VW Apolonio Pisig, District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District comprising of Lodges in Cavite City and province, introduced the Grand Master who gave the main message of the convention.

After the luncheon a social hour took place. This was an enjoyable hour for all the delegates and visitors who exchanged greetings and renewed friendships. The convention was ended with the closing of the Lodge by the officers and members of Pilar Lodge No. 15 at 3:00 PM.

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blessed with a son, Engineer Jose, daughters, Dr. Nenita and Dr. Alice.

Also congratulations to WB Mateo C. Cipriano, Secretary of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, who assumed office as Assistant Grand Secretary effective December 1, 1967. His appointment as such was given by MW Mariano Q. Tinio, Grand Master. WB Cipriano, as Assistant Grand Secretary, will be the office manager in the Grand Lodge and will take care of matters involving Lodge

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