

## GRAND LODGE NEWS

On September 7, 1968, MW Joseph Schon, Grand Master, RW Manuel M. Crudo, Deputy Grand Master, and RW Damaso C. Tria, Junior Grand Warden, and Mrs. Tria flew to Daet Camarines Norte, to attend the district convention of Bicol Lodges. They were met at the Daet airport by a delegation of convention officials and their ladies led by VW Eustaquio de Guzman, District Deputy Grand Master. ROTC cadets of Heroes Memorial College, whose President is the District Deputy Grand Master, held a parade and review for the visiting Grand Lodge dignitaries.

MW Schon was impressed by the efficiency in which the convention was conducted. He was pleased with the fact that Masons maintain rapport with the government officials and prominent citizens of the community. The open forum participated in by highly placed religious leaders of the town was most interesting and friendly. The Grand Master stated that he is proud of the Bicol district as being the first area in his Grand Jurisdiction to put into practical effect the important objective he had in mind in his inaugural address.

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On September 14, MW Schon, MW Munarriz, VW Oliveros and the ME of the Cabletow flew to Iligan City to be present at the dedication of the new Lodge Temple of Maranaw Lodge No. 111. The temple is located in a new subdivision owned by a Past Master of the Lodge, in what is undoubtedly the best part of the sprawling industrial city.

The ground floor is occupied by business offices and stores and the second floor is where the Lodge Hall,

social hall and rooms are located. One of the rooms is designated as the preparation room and two other rooms are for transient brethren who may not be able to find lodging in city hotels.

It is interesting to note that the temple was built through contributions in cash and in kind by the brethren of the Lodge as well as other brethren from other Lodges. VW Florentino Almacen, DDGM, whose jurisdiction formerly included Maranaw Lodge No. 111, and who is now assigned to Lodges in North-eastern Mindanao, contributed also towards the building of the temple.

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VW Hermogenes Oliveros, Senior Grand Lecturer and VW Juan Causing, Junior Grand Lecturer, after the dedication of the temple of Maranaw Lodge No. 111 in Iligan City, went on a lecture tour of Mindanao and the Visayas visiting Lodges, conducting open forums, giving lectures and demonstrations in Masonic ceremonies, laws, rules and regulations and lectures on Lodge administration.

The duo were in Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur on Sept. 15 & 16 to assist Don Juan S. Alano Lodge No. 153 officers and members. On Sept. 17 & 18 they were in Malaybalay, Bukidnon with Mt. Musuan Lodge No. 155 and in Butuan City on Sept. 19 & 20 where they helped the officers and members of Agusan Valley Lodge No. 160.

On Sept. 21, the pair were on their way to Tacloban City where they gave lectures in Makabugwas Lodge No. 47. On Sept. 23 & 24, they were in Catbalogan, Samar to help in Mt. Huraw Lodge No. 98. That same evening, they crossed the strait to Tacloban City where they attended lodge meeting of Maka-

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bugwas and the following morning VW Oliveros left for home in Manila and VW Causing left for his home in Cebu.

Sometime in the near future, VW Oliveros to be accompanied by VW Ramon Ponce de Leon, another Junior Grand Lecturer, will go on a lecture tour of Lodges in Dumaguete and Western Visayas.

On October 12, 1968, the Grand Master and his party motored to Paniqui, Tarlac, to be present at the convention of Masonic District No. 7. Anchor Lodge No. 159 of that town was host Lodge for this year's convention. The district, with VW Jesus V. Evangelista as District Deputy Grand Master, is composed of Malolos Lodge No. 46, Pampanga Lodge No. 48, Isagani Lodge No. 96, Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105, Victory Lodge No. 116 and Anchor Lodge No. 159.

The Grand Master and visitors were impressed by the manner in which the convention was conducted. Matters of concern to Masons were taken up in the convention proper in the morning. After lunch, a social hour and program was held in the afternoon with wives and families of Masons present. MW Camilo Osias, PGM, was the speaker in the program and held the rapt attention of those present with an inspiring address.

The planners of the convention are to be congratulated for a souvenir program, attractively printed, which gave interesting information about the member Lodges and other materials of interest to Masons and the general readers.

On October 26, 1968, the district convention of Masonic District No. 11 was held in Balayan, Batangas. The district is composed of Lodges

in Laguna and Batangas. VW Ricardo Buenafe is District Deputy Grand Master thereof. MW Schon and other Grand Lodge officers who were present at the convention were pleased with the manner in which the convention was conducted.  $\Delta$

District conventions scheduled for next month, November 1968, are:

- Nov. 2 — District No. 12, Luceña, Quezon
- Nov. 9 — District No. 5, San Fernando, La Union
- Nov. 16 — District No. 8, Limay, Bataan
- Nov. 23 — District No. 9, Quezon City and Rizal province

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### GOING NOWHERE

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*Chaplain, Tamaraw Lodge No. 65  
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This terrible downpour,  
Floods, currents and floods;  
These climactic changes,  
Flu, fever and coughs;  
This air conditioning,  
Lukewarm, cold or hot;  
These terrific tremors,  
Fearful shakes and shocks,  
This shanty, poor cottage,  
Bends low, creaks and darts;  
This mighty apartment,  
Loudly reels and rocks,  
Death phobia soon rises,  
Haste, insurance rush;  
Then leaving the country,  
With abundant cash,  
Rocketing to the moon,  
This funny coward,  
Not surely over there,  
Quagmire, cold and ice,  
Floods, tremors, diseases,  
Mighty signs of love,  
Quo Vadis, restless soul?  
Believest thou not?  
Hardly I turned around,  
I encountered GOD.

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