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*Address delivered by WB Dionisio Barrios, elected Worshipful Master, on the occasion of the 1967 Installation of Officers of the Masonic Temple of Balintawak Lodge No. 28 in Gumaca, Quezon on January 21, 1967.*

I stand here before you tonight to witness our installation of the new officers of the Balintawak Lodge #28 in this municipality for this year 1967. From my grateful heart, I am taking this opportunity to express my gratitude to my brethren for their confidence and trust reposed in me.

In electing me as their Worshipful Master in three consecutive Masonic years from 1965 to this year, undoubtedly, their decision was based on many factors. Each of them knew by observation and contact the brother who meet those qualifications required by our Constitution to qualify as an officer of a Symbolic Lodge for installation. They are cognizant of the fact that I always endeavor to be punctual and proficient in my duties. They are aware of my regular attendance in our meetings as shown in our attendance record. They are aware that for the good of the Order I tried my best to discharge my personal duties strictly in accordance with my obligations. I obligated myself to continue showing the same conduct in the

future to be worthy of their confidence, as a true, faithful and just Mason. I hope they find me more deserving for the best interest of our Craft.

In this connection allow me to tell you my simple guide in life — "Be the labor great or small, do it well or not at all." Now permit me to talk a little about our fraternity or institution. Masonry is a progressive moral science divided into different degrees. It is not a religion. We admit all persons who believe in God, whom we call the "Grand Architect of the Universe" or Almighty. It is a society of friends and brothers among whom no contention exists but the emulation of "who best can work and best agree."

Here in the Philippines, we have Catholics, Protestants, Muslims, etc., as members of our lodges. Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to support the government, inculcate morality, love one another and hope for happiness. △

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all but the youngest of their children have finished their college courses and now as professionals are helping the family acquire what they refused to acquire in those days of hard economizing. He and his wife, more than anything else, are proud to see their children enjoying life which they themselves can afford through the example set by their parents.

Further, he and his wife look forward to their retirement, a retirement which will enable them to look everybody in the eye. △