

Masonry in Rizal Province

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When a seed is planted and properly taken care of, it will in due time grow, bear fruit and multiply. The organization of the Silanganan Lodge No. 19 at Pasig, Rizal, the first Masonic Lodge established in this province, may be likened to the planting of such a seed. Originally organized in the year 1908 by a handful of "good men and true" headed by WB Ambrosio Flores, who eventually became its first Master, Masonry has gained and is gaining sympathizers in the different parts of the province in spite of powerful enemies. As a matter of fact, not only the number of Masons in this province has multiplied, but the number of sister Lodges as well. In addition to Silanganan Lodge No. 19, seven more Masonic Lodges have so far been organized in this province, (including Quezon City) which are all very much alive. They are Labong Lodge No. 59 at Malabon, Muog Lodge No. 89 at Parañaque, Marikina, Lodge No. 119 at Marikina, Quezon City Lodge No. 122 at Quezon City, Teodoro Kalaw Memorial Lodge No. 136 at San Juan,

Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147 at Quezon City and King Solomon Lodge No. 150 at Makati.

Of these eight Masonic Lodges in this province three own their respective Lodge Buildings. They are Silanganan Lodge No. 19, Muog Lodge No. 89 and Teodoro Kalaw Memorial Lodge No. 136. It is hoped the rest will follow in building theirs in the not distant future.

The building actually occupied by the Silanganan Lodge No. 19 is a new one which was inaugurated and dedicated on January 29, 1960. It is located in barrio bagong Ilog. The old one constructed sometime in 1918 in barrio Bambang was destroyed by the typhoon "Jean" in December, 1947.

The growth of Masonry in this province is something every member of our beloved institution can be proud of. The same should also serve as an incentive for us to work harder in spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection so as to advance the brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God — the sacred foundation of our beloved Fraternity.

Pope Pius IX — as he was entered on the Masonic roll, Guiseppe Maria Ferrero Mascari Ferrette — joined Masonry in Santiago, Chile in 1783, when as a young priest, he visited South America as the secretary of the Papal Nuncio Muzze. At the time of his admission to the Order, three papal decrees had been issued from Rome condemning Masonry — in 1738, 1751, 1814. Many more were to follow and Pope Pius IX himself promulgated three such Bulls — 1847, 1865 and 1869.