



Grand Master's Message:

As my days as your Grand Master draw to a close, my retrospection is directed to the many things you, my brethren, have done to make my days pleasant and pleasurable. The year would have been less enjoyed were it not for the kind cooperation of all concerned.

Our visitations to lodges in the Philippines and overseas have stressed to us the universality of Masonry. The will and the way in which our brethren work in their localities to enhance Masonry therein have inspired us and we need not fear for our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity taking the back seat in the lives of the brethren. The new lodges chartered and given dispensations attest to our continued interest in spreading the teachings of our Craft.

During the year it has been our pride to dedicate Masonic temples and lay cornerstones for some more abuilding. This is an unmistakable sign of permanence. When brethren can realize the importance of having a place to meet they can call their own and put every centavo and every ounce of energy they can spare into a building, we cannot help saluting them for such a decision. Their spirit is laudable and worthy of emulation.

On the island bastion of Okinawa a Regional Grand Lodge was organized to give our brethren there more autonomy in the conduct of their affairs. They have been coming up to our expectations and we are proud of them. Under the able leadership of RWB Will K. Prestidge, Jr., the five lodges in Okinawa are doing very well indeed. The work and responsibility of our Shurei Lodge there for the indigenous citizens of the island group is setting a foothold for Masonry that will be permanent — not only for the present generation of Okinawans, but also for the future generations.

Here at home in our Grand Lodge, the physical features of the buiding have been improved. There are a few more things to be done in it to make it more and more a home for all of us. Nonetheless, it is much of a home now. The place is something we can be proud of as done within our rather limited resources.

And so, once again, we thank most sincerely all the brethren who have made our stewardship a fruitful experience for us. As we look back at the year that is passing for us, we can only hope that our next Grand Master will have the same cooperation and goodwill as we had had in our time. As we number our days in the Grand East, our prayer

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