

MW Luther B. Bewley Passes Away

MWB Luther B. Bewley, PGM, died early morning of December 29, 1967 of complications following bronchial pneumonia. He was 91 years old at the time he passed away.

MW Bewley, a Tennessean, arrived in the Philippines in 1902 on the Transport Thomas, and was, at the time he ascended the Celestial Lodge, one of the very few remaining "Thomasites" who came to the Philippines at the turn of the century to teach the young ones of the country. He was one of the principal founders and architects of our public school system.

He served under all the American governors general and high commissioners and the first three Filipino presidents of the third republic. He was married to the former Eleanor Gertrude Morris of Indianapolis who died in Manila in 1956. They have one daughter, Virginia, now Mrs. Conrad Geeslin, and three grandsons: Conrad, Keith and Philip.

MW Bewley became a Mason in

the Philippines and was elected Grand Master in 1960-61. He was a 33°, SGIG, and active member of the Supreme Council.

His remains laid in state at Funeraria Nacional until January 3, 1968 at which time it was transferred to Plaridel Masonic Temple and funeral services were conducted by the Grand Lodge on January 4. He was interested in the Masonic plot at Cementerio del Norte.

Dr. Carlos P. Romulo, President of the University of the Philippines and concurrently Secretary of Education, said of MW Bewley: "Luther B. Bewley served the cause of education in the Philippines with competence and dedication. He was one of the pioneers who came to our country on a mission to help establish our educational system. He started from the bottom and rung by rung he ascended to the positions of responsibility that he occupied with honor to himself and credit to his country." △

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renzo N. Talatala, Senior Deacon; VW Manuel T. Paz, Junior Deacon; VW Benjamin Gotamco, Senior Steward; VW Leon A. Vidalleon, Junior Steward; VW Jose Ma. Cajucom, Bible Brarer; and VW Eulogio O. Nadal, Tyler.

Ill. Conrado Benitez, Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council delivered the Eulogy for the Supreme Council and MW William H. Quasha delivered the eulogy for the Most Wor. Grand Lodge of the Philip-

ines.

Primera- Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69 held its installtaion of officers for the year 1968 on December 30, 1967 in Binakayan, Cavite. The ceremonies were conducted in the vernacular. WB Legaspi and WB Barcega were Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies respectively.

On the same occasion, WB Mariano Ilano was awarded the fifty-year gold pin. MW Cenon Cervantes made the presentation. △