PEACE AND FREEDOM BEGIN AT HOME

Everywhere in the world people complain about the lack of peace and order, or at least, the deterioration or watering down of moral values, thus giving impetus to abuses in local and national governments. We now see the need for retraint in conduct and wish for passionate involvement in reforming the ways in which governments are run.

Let us try seeing the fact that as the home goes, so goes the government. In homes where parents allow unbriddled freedom of children to do what they please without the needed guidance, such homes are the breeding places of anarchy. Such homes become, imperceptively, the purveyors of rebellion without causes on the part of the children.

There is no such thing as instant goodness or instant good manners and right conduct. They have to be taught and practiced incessantly in the home through the growing years of the children. Where children are neglected because the parents are too busy making money to keep up with the Joneses, such a home is contributing to lawlessness in the community in which it is situated. As the community is, so is the country. \triangle

GRAND LODGE NEWS

At the convention of District No. 7 in Paniqui, Tarlac, of which VW Jesus Evangelista is District Deputy Grand Master, one of the activities of the day was the conference of Grand Lodge officers with the local officials. MW Schon met with the mayor and councilors of the municipality of Paniqui and among the topics discussed were youth problems, law and order, citizen participation in government, etc. Mayor Eliodoro C. Castro was lavish in his praise of the interest Masons have in local affairs and thanked them for it. He is confident that the interest and assistance of Masons will be a great boost to town officials in the performance of their duties.

At the convention proper, among the topics discussed were dwindling attendance in Lodge meetings, coldness of the brethren towards Lodge projects and activities, construction and repair of Lodge temples, the implementation of more men in Masonry and more Masonry in men, etc. MW Camilo Osias, PGM, spoke impressively and convincingly to the hundreds of Masons and their families at the social bour after the official convention on his favorite topic, "Divine Economy." It was well-received and MW Osias received the plaudits of his audience.

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For the first time since he became Grand Master, MW Joseph E, Schon made an official visitation to his Lodge, Mt. Kaladias No. 91, in Dumagnete City on Ocother 28, 1968. MW Esteban Munarriz, PGM, Grand

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Secretary, accompanied the Grand Master in this strip. Incidentally. that day was the birthday of MW Serafin Teves, PGM, and also a member of Mt. Kaladias.

After the official visitation at the new Masonic Temple, MW Teves had the brethren and ladies of Kaladias No. 91 for dinner at his home, where on the spacious lawn everybody that is anybody in Dumaguete City and Negros Oriental met their friends regardless of creed, color or race. MW Teves proudly told this reporter how proud and happy he and Mrs. Teves are that by their eleven living children they have, up to that day, 44 grandchildren!

After their visitation to Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91 in Dumaguete City on October 28, MW Joseph E. Schon, Grand Master, and MW Esteban Munarriz, Grand Sceretary, flew to Cebu City where they made a visitation to Maktan Lodge No. 30 and Cebu Lodge No. 128 in a joint meeting held at the Cebu Masonic Temple. October 29.

The Managing Editor, who was left behind in Dumaguete City, on November 1, addressed the Boy and Cub Scouts of the city who laid wreaths on the tombs of fellow Boy Scout Jojo Magbanua and Cub Scout Boboy Escarda, who lie buried in the Masonic Memorial Lawn there.

On November 2, 1968, Grand Master Schon, Grand Secretary Munarriz, Junior Grand Warden Tria and others went to Lucena City to attend the District Convention of Ouezon Lodges. The convention was well-attended by brethren in the district. VW Luis Makayan is District Deputy Grand Master there.

Two district conventions were held on November 9. District No. 1, under RW Manuel Crudo, Deputy Grand Master, held its convention in Plaridel Masonic Temple. MW Schon stayed in Manila to be present at the convention.

RW Damaso C. Tria, Junior Grand Warden, MW Munarriz, Grand Secretary, VW Jose Ma. Cajucom, Sr. and WB Jose Ma, Cajucom, Jr. went to San Fernando, La Union. to be present at the District Convention of District No. 5, which is composed of Lodges in La Union. VW Agaton Umanos is District Deputy Grand Master of the area.

WB Mehmet Masirli, reigning master of Realum Lodge No. 31, F. & A.M., Istanbul, Turkey, paid a fraternal visit to the Grand Lodge of the Philipines on October 12, 1968, WB Masirli was received by RW Crudo. Deputy Grand Master, in the absence of MW Schon, who was in Ouezon.

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our understanding and consideration to the point that wherever we live as Masons, the uninitiated as well as the profane would see our good works

Freedom from Moral Decay is one of the most compelling requirements in our society today. When Freemasonry raised its head on the scene of history in the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries, morality was at a low ebb in England and all throughout the continent. The Church had miserably failed in its mission to improve morality. and so with the state. But through conspicuous examples displayed by members of the Fraternity, morality got improved in a fortnight and it is this glorious achievement that is worthy of credit which brought Freemasonry in human society today.

Our selfishness as individuals and as nations for centuries has been greatly responsible for most of the evils in this world today. I should like to bring you to the two great Commandments which we are admonished to strictly and constantly observe. "Thou shalt love the LORD, Thy GOD" and "Shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This embraces all the laws and is dramatically illustrated in the upsearch and outreach of Freemasonry. after digesting these two commandments and we forget ourselves for sometimes, then we shall come to happiness in reality and be able to truly enjoy life and say, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that ran down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon and as the dew that descended upon he mountains of Zion. For there, the LORD commanded the blessings, even life forever more."

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Nueva Ecija, to dedicate the new temple there.

On November 10, 1968, Grand Master Schon flew to Davao City to be present at the conferral of Scottish Rite degrees on over forty candidates of Davao Bodies, AASR, on Nov. 11 & 12. Venerable Master of the Lodge of perfection there is WB Tiburcio Cervantes, younger brother of MW Cenon Cervantes, PGM, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge. MW Cervantes went to Davao City with the Grand Master.

MW Schon made a visitation to Sarangani Lodge No. 50 and Davao Lodge, No. 149 on Nov. 13, 1968. △

The wise men of antiquity, when they wished to make the whole world peaceful and happy, first put their own states in proper order.

-Confucius.