

## 34 YEARS AGO IN THE CABLETOW

December 1, 1923. In its editorial, entitled, "What of Our Faults and Defects?", it pointed out that Masonry "has set for itself and its adepts the high and noble aim of working towards perfection, and every member of the Fraternity should strive to approach perfection as much as he can.

The editorial continues and we quote:

"Now, to do so, we must endeavor to rid ourselves of our faults and defects. Most of these we know and regret; some of them we know, but do not appreciate their seriousness, while still others we do not know we possess until our attention is called to them.

"We all realize that it is not a pleasant thing to be told of our faults, and we likewise realize that many persons resent it. The number of Masons willing to 'gently admonish their Brethren' of their errors is very small, though many of those who hesitate to render this service to an erring Brother are quite willing to speak of his case to a third party.

"We believe that our sick should be exposed on the steps of the Temple — in other words, that we should frankly admit the defects and shortcomings of our Institution and our Brethren, which are our own, and bring them to the attention of the Craft in order that they may be recognized and remedied or eliminated. Hence it has been the policy of this paper to denounce abuses and bad practices without fear or favor, and we do not believe we have gone too far in so doing.

"It may be unwise to air the soiled linen of the Fraternity in public; but honesty has ever been the best policy and we would rather give our detractor something to gloat over than afford the profane world an opportunity, an excuse, for saying that Masonry is a whitened sepulchre, fair and white outside, but full of corruption within.

"With malice towards none, and charity toward all," we shall therefore continue in our endeavors to aid in purging the Fraternity of that which is to its discredit, by openly denouncing it."

COMMENT: This is the policy being followed throughout these years by The Cable Tow.

Most Wor. Frederic H. Stevens signed a Dispensation authorizing the formation of a new Lodge in Masbate, to be known as "Ma-Bu-Ti" Lodge, U.D. The founders of this new Lodge are Bros. Fernando Alvarez, Isarog Lodge No. 33; Restituto Chaves and Manuel Bailon, Bulusan No. 38; Pedro Sales and Leopoldo P. Nitorreda, Batangas No. 36; Eutiquio Sta. Cruz, Araw No. 18; Felipe Jimenez, Angalo No. 63; Manuel Oppus, Laoag No. 71; Lim Eng Chiong, Batong-Buhay No. 27; Indalecio Madamba, Marble No. 58; Vicente de Vera and Lino T. Conejero, Sinukuan No. 16. (November 8, 1923).

COMMENT: Ma-Bu-Ti Lodge and Marble Lodge are not yet re-activated.

Most Wor. Frederic H. Stevens likewise signed a Dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge in Dumaguete, Oriental Negros (November 6, 1923) to be called Mount Kaladias. The founders of the new Lodge are Bros. Gregorio B. Almazan, Isarog Lodge No. 33; Esperidion Villegas, Severo Eugenio Lo, Jose Pineda and Ricardo Luna, Iloilo Lodge No. 11; Vicente Q. Colina, Ramon Catalla, Pedro Malajacan, Daniel Sindiong and Marcos M. Moreles, Maktan Lodge No. 30; Mariano Caraza, Acacia Lodge No. 78; C. W. Powers, St. John's Lodge No. 9; Hermenegildo Villanueva, Nilad No. 12 and Santiago Ramos, Makabugwas Lodge No. 47.

COMMENT: Under praent alignment, Iloilo Lodge No. 11 and Acacia Lodge No. 78 were merged together under the present name of Poilo-Acacia Lodge No. 11.

On the feature of PERSONALS, we find the following:

Bagumbayan No. 4—Bro. Teopisto Guingona has demitted to present an application for affiliation with Rizal Lodge No. 22. (Note: Rizal Lodge No. 22 is now known as Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22 which was re-activated on December 1955).

Compliments of

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**Batong Buhay Lodge**

**No. 27, F.&A.M.**