

HIGHLY RESOLVED

Here we stand highly resolved. After Christmas, after the New Year, both stock-taking events. We have pondered hard times gone; we may be anticipating difficult times ahead. We think we are cursed with: man's inhumanity to man; man's inhumanity to himself, his country, his people, his government, even his God!

But all is not lost. We stand highly resolved. To make of our failures, foot-stones to future successes. We are human, capable of humaneness, too. We can live and let live. Every person, place, or thing, must have life for as long as the Creator allows it. That is in His hands; all we should do is help Him give it to him.

Masonry still frowns upon religious or political discussions, confrontations. However, it does enjoin its votaries "to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing or countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws under whose protection you live; and by never losing sight of the allegiance due to your country." That is the bounden duty of each citizen.

That we Masons in the Philippines realize we have a government still short of efficiency and responsiveness to the needs of our citizens, is a bright sign that we have a citizenry that knows the good from the bad. We have condemned and still do: tax-*ev*asion, smuggling, corruption, graft and the other evils which have sapped the financial resources of this government and the moral fiber of its functionaries, be they in the executive, legislative and judicial echelons.

We can be proud that in our senate, we have three Masons and a Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star; in the house, half a dozen congressmen and an Eastern star; in the Supreme Court, an associate justice and host of Masons in the Courts of First Instance and Municipal courts; and not less than a hundred governors, mayors and other officials in our local governments, and top and lower officials in the executive departments, bureaus and commissions. And, thousands of plain citizens in agriculture, business and industry. But, unless they and we put our Masonry in the forefront as the guiding light in the performance of our duties as officials and citizens, there is less hope for this country to be what any respectable group of citizens would want it to be.

Here we stand highly resolved to do our part, whatever our stations may be, that this nation, under God, will be one we can be proud to call our own.

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