

# Retired to be More Active

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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL,  
BROTHER QUASHA,  
BRETHREN, LADIES  
AND GENTLEMEN:

Again I stand before you to deliver my valedictory address. I am graduating from the Institution of Freedom and Learning and that is the University of Freemasonry. I first saw the light of Masonry on November 10, 1952. From then on I served this University in different capacities; and the last office was the Mastership.

Tonight, with this Past Master's Jewel, I am a graduate; but this is not the end of the road. It was the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Vicente Orosa who said: "Once a mason has ceased to be a Worshipful Master, his work is just beginning."

It is my sad duty to report that the angel of death entered our ranks. More than a month after my return from the Grand Annual Communication in Manila to Tacloban City, our beloved Wor. Bro. Alberto Santa Cruz was summoned to the Celestial Lodge above last June 15, 1960. In obedience to his wish in his Last Will and Testament we performed the Masonic burial rites over his remains and buried him in our Masonic Cemetery. It is therefore fitting, that we all stand at this time and pause for a moment of silent prayer to honor his memory. Re-quietuscat in pace. We love him liv-

ing — we love him dead.

We all know the old age and infirmity of our temple atop the hill. The hill is not ours. We bought a lovely site. The Masonic Temple Association was contrived in wisdom by our Lodge. It needs strength and more strength to erect the temple. It will be a beauty to finish it as early as possible.

Let us give encouragement to our Worshipful Master, Dr. Manuel Bernardo, so that, with inspiration upon the Trestle Board of the Master—with the working tools of courage of the Past Masters—and with the perfect ashlar of support from the brethren, there will be no sound of the ax of apathy, of the hammer of hesitation at the building of our new temple at Padre Burgos Street of Tacloban City. Let us have courage and cheerfulness. Let us work together.

My administration ends. When I think of it I feel how fortunate I have been. I have the loyalty and help of all the brethren. It was my good fortune to be on a team of two beehive brethren, industrious and intelligent. I refer to Bro. Federico V. Larraga, our Treasurer who receives the money with question; and to Bro. Celestino Elefaño, our Secretary who collects it with admonition. They are graceful in age and youthful in deeds. I am glad they are re-elected because they are familiar with Freemasonry. In short,

they are the molave pillars of Masonry in Tacloban City.

A year ago I was installed Worshipful Master by Right Worshipful Brother William H. Quasha. Tonight he installed me a humble Tyler. This is democracy in action. To me this presentation of the Past Master's Jewel, like my installation, I will never forget and will always be an outstanding memory of my life. I am jeweled with joy.

Mrs. Llamas joins me in thanking you for this beautiful jewel. It is pinned on my breathing bosom, so that from my heart I want to give you the assurance that my future, in thoughts and actions, will be dedicated to the furtherance of our Ancient and Venerable Fraternity—to the enthronement of truth and reason under the sovereignty of conscience and charity.



## **DEMOLAY IN ILOCOS**

On January 2, 1961, EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, ORDER OF DEMOLAY, came to life under the sponsorship of Vigan Lodge No. 63 F. & A.M. Brother Manuel M. Crudo, 33° head of De Molay in the Philippines, brought a degree team of twenty to Vigan from Manila. They have to travel by night both ways, but they did it with a song in their hearts.

Brother Manuel M. Crudo is to be commended for the enthusiasm he has for DeMolay. He inspires confidence and responsibility in the boys. Would that there were many more like Brother Crudo in Manila and all

## **Honors For Scottish Rite Masons**

Fourteen Scottish Rite Masons were recently elected inspectors general honorary while 31 were made Knights Commander of the Court of Honor.

The new inspectors general honorary are Manuel M. Crudo, Isaias N. Garcia, Yok Su Lin, Felipe M. Sinaguinan, Angel C. Villasar, Victor L. Stater, Daniel L. Kolipano, Damaso C. Tria, Sinforoso G. Padilla, Mateo D. Cipriano, Marcelino T. Viduya, George A. Malcolm, Cirilo D. Constantino, and Nicasio S. Valderrosa.

The following were elected KCCH: David Guisinga, Reginaldo A. Pascual, Mariano Llanera, Eustaquio A. Asuzano, Felipe Urtola, George Reid, Florencio A. Medina, Julio J. Alano, Eugene J. Kneebone, Raymond W. Dunne, Alberto C. Donor, Felix M. Sun, Manuel T. Espinosa, Adeeb J. H a m r a, Felicisimo Gatmaytan, Manuel Bumaat, Gregorio P. Domagas, Roman B. Ramos, Vicente Ripalda, Olimpio R. Navarro, Demetrio Navarro, Sr., Noli M. Cortes, Rumulo Y. Mendoza, Domingo F. Domingo, Emiliano A. Valdez, Esteban T. Cruz, Ruben Mendoza, Esteban R. Diokno, Antonino Luansing, Jose B. Perez, Sisenando Ilagan, and Angel N. Mendoza.

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over the Philippines wherever we have Lodges, so that the future of liberty and Philippine Democracy would be assured.