

## **We Who Choose And They Who Are Chosen**

Towards the last week of this month our Grand Lodge will meet in annual communication. At least two important things will occupy the minds of the officers of the Grand Lodge and the delegates to the communication: 1) We will evaluate our work and accomplishment in the year about to pass and forthwith make plans for the year ahead, and 2) We will select the officers who we know will impel action, the better for our Grand Lodge to continue moving on the highway of progress, not impair what we have already achieved in the last fifty-five years.

In a democracy it is axiomatic that not all its adherents can occupy the top positions; only a few must lead and the great many must follow. Every year twelve thousand Masons in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines elect, through their delegated representatives, six officers to lead the Grand Lodge for a year. Since the choice is not too wide, every delegate should feel the heavy responsibility of choice. The choice, we hope, will be anchored on cold, sober thought, not flighty feeling. It is not what one feels that counts; it is what one knows because he thinks.

We in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines are only 12,000 of the 6,000,000 Masons the world over, but we do count, strategically situated as we are in developing Southeast Asia. What we do to select our officers will tell on us in the 1967-68 term. If our delegates do well in their choice, there will be a crop of officers on whom we can place our trust and confidence; it will be a crop of officers who will continue to elevate our reputation as a Grand Lodge in the eyes of the rest of the Masonic world. After all, the kind of officers selected is an extension of the kind of voters who selected them.

The Cabletow does not have any interest in electing any of the brethren to any office. Once we stated that the Cabletow is attached to the Grand Lodge for duty, but not for rations. Our duty is to tell the Masonic world about our Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Grand Lodge officers, like Lodge officers, come and go; but we believe that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines will go on forever. All we hope is that in this and every Annual Communication the proper brethren get elected to the proper positions.

We assure everyone that whoever get elected to the offices of the Grand Lodge will have our continued goodwill and best wishes for the collective good of our Grand Lodge. There is so much to do for the Grand Lodge, we would rather not spend time in partisanship. Like every other member of the Grand Lodge, we will be happy to see elected the brethren who will, as officers, conserve and augment the dignity and good name of the Grand Lodge and its members. 