

The Majority in the Minority

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The foliage of our country's history is adorned with a cluster of proofs attesting patently that plurality in number is not necessary to attain an objective. To mention some instances, Lapu-lapu, with a handful of men, triumphantly repulsed the mighty force of Spain on the shores of Mactan. Rizal, with his trenchant pen, valiantly fought the brutalities of the Spanish officials and friars, a feat that rightfully earned him a place in the hearts of all Filipinos. Bonifacio, the Plebeian, led the Cry of Balintawak that successfully thwarted the imposition of an oppressive burden to the Filipino people. The out-numbered Filipino and American soldiers in Bataan erected an unequalled monument of valor for having held the enemy at bay, as ordered over a very significant period of time.

This enumeration of facts manifested the force of men's quality and have proved that it cannot be trampled on by the strength of quantity. Men with strong determination and will power to accomplish outstanding feats serve as an inspiration to others. They are in the minority, yet they are being emulated because they have the strength and power of the majority.

We are the majority in the minority. We may be few in number compared to our population, but we are the champions in the task of advancing the welfare and promoting the happiness of men. We are in the minority, but we are emitting more power and energy than the force being discharged by the majority. We have that courage to lead the fight against crookedness and evil, whatever the consequence. We have that trust and belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe who guides us and gives

us strength and hope, even in the "valley of death." We have that love and readiness to "aid and assist a distressed worthy brother mason, his widow and orphans" and being used to participate in this undertaking, we extend our helping hand to others in need. But, we are not fond of propagating our achievements for we know that "what is done by the right hand should not be known by the left." We are not easily provoked for we have that shield of tolerance. We do not prejudge anyone because justice is embedded in our minds. All these traits make our Fraternity a shining armor and guiding light, amid darkness, ready to parry the thrust of evil and to set an example of how life should be spent. We are few because we only accept men with "internal qualifications" whose conception of virtue is not conventional, men who are determined to live by the truth, and men whose sense of responsibility is of the highest degree.

When we are raised to the sublime degree, we are obligated upon the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses to translate into acts and deeds the teachings and tenets of Masonry. We feel that we are born again. We go out to the world and perform the duties of a Mason, devoid of malice or of any consideration.

We are proficient because we are Masons at heart, in mind and conscience and as such we meet our obligations on time. We are striving hard to be "better men" because the institution we represent requires us to glisten in the dark, and to exert our utmost effort to prove that we belong to the majority in the minority — the Free and Accepted Masons. △