

IDEAS AND ACTS

As in most associations, aggrupations, conglomerations, there are enough ideas in the Craft to run it smoothly and progressively for the next one hundred years. We do not need them really now, but they keep coming from all quarters in an unending stream.

The Cabletow is in a way responsible for the abundance of ideas even now in its archives, after having been in publication in the last forty-four years. But, there is no stopping of ideas. So, let them come. They are welcome as usual.

The greater need at the moment is for the ideas to be translated into action. Let there be more of this. Greater is the need for more action and less talk.

It is a safe bet that officers in the Lodge who act are more effective than those who think and talk and rarely put their thoughts and ideas into action.

Where a Lodge thinks that it has accomplished everything, that Lodge is on the throes of death. Strange as it may seem, many of our Lodges, big and small, are dead. Granted: they hold meetings, they have family reunions, etc., etc. They are not living, they are just existing.

WB Rizal, in his famous lecture on Masonry, mentioned about a stone lying alone on a field as useless; but once it is picked up and used in a building, it is useful in that it performs its function of helping support the building.

A Lodge which exists in a town, going the even tenor of its ways, not breathing the needs and aspirations of the people of that town, is there only in geography. One could wish it is there in life. △

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Ambassador Williams Guest of Manila No. 1

With Ambassador & Bro. G. Mennen Williams as guest, Manila Lodge No. 1 held its Ladies' Night on September 3, 1968 at the Scottish Rite Temple at 8:00 P.M. Earlier, the Lodge met for its stated meeting in the Blue Room.

The hour of fellowship was well-attended at the social hall where the brethren and their ladies enjoyed singing together as well as hearing songs sung by the Scottish Rite Chorale and the Ladies of Melody. They also enjoyed the introductions made by WB Gonzales who interspersed them with appropriate asides.

First to speak that evening was VWB William C. Cuncell, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge and Master of Manila No. 1, who spoke words of welcome to the guests. Next to speak was MW Joseph E. Schon, Grand Master, who recalled that Manila No. 1, in 1900 known as Manila No. 342 under the Grand Lodge of California, was the moving spirit behind the organization of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in 1912.

MW Schon stressed the fact that the present Grand Lodge, with some 150 working Lodges, is the biggest

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Grand Jurisdiction in the world, geographically speaking, in that it extends from Saigon in the west to Kwajalein in the east and from Sulu in the south to Tokyo in the North; with Lodges in South Viet Nam, the Philippines, Guam, Saipan, the Marshalls, Okinawa, South Korea and Japan. He also stated that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, with Americans and Filipinos alternating as Grand Masters, has earned the respect and recognition of nearly all the other Grand Lodges in the world.

Main speaker of the evening was Ambassador Williams, six-term governor of Michigan (1948-60), Asst. Secretary of State for the Far East (1960-66) and now Ambassador of the U. S. to the Philippines (1968). The Ambassador is a member of Lotus Lodge in Detroit; is a Knight Templar and 33° Mason.

Bro. Williams said he was pleased to be among brethren in the Philippines for it is in the Craft, here as elsewhere, that he enjoys real fellowship. He extended greetings from his Mother Lodge in Detroit. Bro Williams spoke at length on the political situation in the United States claiming that November's election will be a hotly — contested one and while both candidates are strong, there are imponderables which may give one the victory over the other.

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The contest will be held on November 23rd, 1968 at Cavite City and the presentation of the prizes will be made at the Rizal monument, Cavite City Park, on December 30th, 1968.

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INVITATION TO EARN . . .

The Capitol Masonic Corporation (formerly the Capitol Masonic Temple Assn., Inc.) has just completed the first half of Arcade No. 1 on Matolino St., Quezon City, back of the newly-occupied City Hall of Quezon City. The finished portion of Arcade No. 1 consists of four store spaces on the first floor and four offices on the second floor. The present facilities rent for ₱1,250.00 a month.

Construction of the second half of the arcade consisting of the same number of facilities on both floors will begin soon. Two more arcades, one on Kalayaan St. and another on the street between the 4,700-sq. m. lot of the Corporation and the City Hall compound, are on the drawing boards. Two main buildings, the Masonic Temple and the Masonic Hospital, will be built after the arcades are finished.

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