

The following year—in November, 1948—Most Worshipful Brother Conrado Benitez, Past Grand Master, and other members of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, paid a courtesy visit to Lodge Perla del Oriente, and since then this reception of the Grand Master and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has been an annual tradition with Lodge Perla del Oriente. It is the hope of every Perla member that this close relationship between Lodge Perla del Oriente and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and its Subordinate Lodges shall continue unmarred in the many, many years to come.

The tenets of Freemasonry—virtue, morality and brotherly love—far transcend territorial jurisdictions and sovereignty, and it is in the light of this precept that Masonry in the Philippines has become a strong moral institution, a deep spiritual force, devoid of any conflicting ideas or tendencies. Masons under the Scottish constitution work hand in hand with Masons of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in complete harmony. Truly, it may be said, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for the brethren to dwell together in unity." And in the words of Confucius. "... when there is concord among brethren, the harmony is delightful and enduring." — Courtesy of Wor. Bro. Benito Maneze, P.M., Secretary, Lodge Perla del Oriente No. 1034.

WHAT PRICE LIBERTY?

(Indiana Freemason)

It is fitting and proper that, as the lodges go into a season of vast activities, we give thought to that which lies immediately before us. With each passing hour, the news broadcasts of our country describe the crisis at hand. It is, unquestionably, the most serious crisis with which the free peoples of the Earth have ever been confronted. The issue is: Shall Liberty, and all that follow in her train, perish from the face of the earth?

The Masons of another day established upon this continent the liberty which we love and for which Americans are now dying upon the farflung battlefields of the world. The Masons of this day have the solemn duty to preserve, defend and protect that liberty.

As the war progresses, opportunities for service increase. Today a clarion call is sounded to each of us. It is the call to duty. Whether that duty is to fight, to work, to contribute, buy bonds or shed blood upon the field of battle—it is a duty which no true Mason will seek to evade or fail to discharge.

Sweat, blood and tears are the price of liberty. This price has always and everywhere been the same. Liberty never comes over the

bargain counter at sale prices. We, today, will not keep and retain or preserve and protect this liberty except at the price which liberty-loving people have always paid. Whether or not liberty, as we know it, is to be lost to the world, depends upon whether free men and liberty-loving people everywhere are willing to pay the price of its preservation and protection.

BE MECHANIC OF YOUR OWN MIND

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To the ordinary driver of an automobile, the machine appears complicated when it ceases to operate in a satisfactory manner. We use it, and enjoy it, and have a great feeling of pride in the machine's power and ability to respond to the throttle or to obey the brakes. But when it "goes wrong" we at once need the advice of an expert mechanic.

The expert mechanic knows how to trace the trouble to its source. He knows how to bend metal, or cut it, or weld it, but he does not know about the ultimate nature of the metal. He does not consider it necessary or needful to understand about molecules or electrons, or transmutation of metals—all he wants to know is how to "work" the material so as to bring about satisfactory operation of the machinery. He knows how to attach wires, repair damaged insulation, or test the batteries; but he does not worry too much about the proper definition or true nature of electricity.

Why not be a mechanic of your own mind? The happiest man is the one who thinks the most interesting thoughts. Every achievement has its origin in the mind; every structure is first a mental structure. You are a complicated machine, and you alone can operate it in a satisfactory manner, or IMPROVE it.

Good thoughts come to every man of average intelligence. If you pay no particular attention to the good thought when it comes to you, it will probably disappear, never to return in the former intensity. Mix the thought with an emotion and it *will* probably return. Appreciate it, have a desire to use it for a worthy purpose, and the thought becomes translated into action and has a favorable influence on your character and a healthful influence on your mind.

It is a mistake to expect good thoughts to come, at once, in response to intense mental application. The mind of man just does not operate in that manner. Thoughts which appear today are from the subconscious mind, where they were stored as the result of thinking on previous days. Intense thinking today, means storing thoughts in the