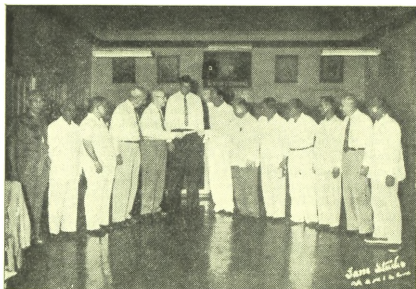


# MASONIC HOSPITAL



*Most Wor. Bro. Hick handing a check to Wor. Bro. Cipriano, Secretary of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children. The check represents the contributions of Master Masons.*

It will be difficult for anyone not familiar with the workings of the Hospital to realize the magnitude and sublimity of the project if he does not actually see with his own eyes the metamorphosis wrought on the crippled children after a long treatment interspersed with surgical operations.

These children usually arrive at our two wards (one at the Mary Johnston Hospital, Tondo, Manila, and another at De los Santos Clinic in Quezon City), carried by their parents in their arms, pitifully deformed and helpless, having their lower ex-

tremities, particularly of those who have suffered the dreadful poliomyelitis, markedly thin, atrophied, inert, devoid of muscular motion. By building up their health through the use of vitamins and their physical bodies by means of massage, physiotherapy and operations, these children slowly become robust, reacquire the lost motion and learn to stand up and finally, after many days of practice and with the aid of braces and crutches, to walk alone. In the case of other diseases, such as congenital deformity, burns, Pott's, fracture of bones and others, there is of

course variation in the treatment, but just the same, surgical operations, and sometimes transplantings of skin, are resorted to.

With the exception of very few, these patients belong to indigent families residing in the different parts of the Archipelago, and all their expenses for hospitalization, operation, medicines, etc., are borne by the Hospital. The work, therefore, of the Hospital is not only charitable but eminently humanitarian and altruistic as well. That work is the visible manifestation and the quintessence of the Mason's love for his fellow man. Human beings who would otherwise have been condemned for the rest of their lives to utter uselessness and to be a burden to society, are converted into useful citizens ready to perform their duties as such in their respective communities, thanks to the loving care of Masons put into practice by their effective instrumentality — the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children.

#### *Number of Patients Treated*

During the year under review, forty-two patients were admitted in our two wards for hospitalization — twenty-two in the Mary Johnston Hospital and twenty in De los Santos Clinic. In addition, we had thirteen out-patients — eight at De los Santos Clinic and five at the Mary Johnston Hospital. They are called outpatients because their conditions do not require hospitalization and they come periodically for treatment. Out of the above-mentioned forty-two patients, nine still remain in the Mary Johnston Hospital and eight in De los Santos Clinic for further hospitalization and operation, the other twenty-five having been sent home greatly improved physically and mentally, if not altogether returned to normalcy.

Needless to say, the families of these children feel deeply indebted to the Hospital for the good done unto them. Wor. Bro. Pio C. Castro, Past Master of Dagohoy Lodge No. 84 wrote us on May 8, 1958, expressing his and Mrs. Castro's sincere thanks and gratitude for the help being given to their son Estolano, and stating the following:

"He (Estolano) has improved physically and mentally during his stay at the Mary Johnston Hospital and I can say without reservation that this branch of service we are extending to our crippled ones is both commendable and worthy of praise. I have seen the little ones romping and jumping around in their little beds and to be able to be in such ideal and beautiful environment is a privilege. I should not wonder if many of them would not want to go home. This is one time I feel proud to be a member of the Fraternity . . . Mrs. Castro and I have decided to give regular donation to this worthy enterprise beside my membership in it."

Wor. Bro. Castro remitted through a son of his the sum of P100.00.

Wor. Bro. Pedro Romasoc, P. M., Secretary of Agno Loldge No. 75 informs us in his letter dated May 20, 1958, that —

"Brother Liberio G. Bernarte came to me yesterday to tell me that his nephew (Master Vintigan) left our Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children on May 17, 1958 . . . The improved physical condition of Master Vintigan gave pride to his parents in particular and to the neighborhood and community in general. Our Hospital made a good name in Tayug . . . when he came home healthy and improved of his deformity . . ."

### Membership

The membership of the Hospital during the year is as follows:

Regular Members . . . . .	78
Life Member . . . . .	43
Sustaining Member . . . . .	9
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Total . . . . .	130

If it would be taken into account that the number of active Masons in this jurisdiction is approximately 9,700 strong, the present membership of the Hospital would appear to be glaringly out of proportion. A campaign for membership, therefore, seems now to be in order.

MATEO D. CIPRIANO  
*Secretary*

This Masonic project is not receiving the support that it should. It is regrettable that in a Jurisdiction of some nine thousand members, we have only 130 brethren belonging to the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children. Any brother interested in this project beyond their yearly assessment collected through his lodge, and desires to be a member of the Association will please contact the Secretary of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children, Inc., W. Bro. Mateo Cipriano, at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino, Manila.

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## GRAND LODGE OF JAPAN IN COMMUNICATION

Our Grand Master, Howard R. Hick, made a trip to Japan to be a guest of the Grand Lodge of Japan in their second annual communication on March 14 & 15, 1959 held in Tokyo.

In a letter received from him, the communication was carried on with dispatch and great enthusiasm. The grandest news was the election of Japanese nationals to the three most important positions: those of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Senior Warden. The installation ceremonies were most impressive. Our Grand Master presented, in behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, a beautiful Bible with gold engraving; and on his own, a set of embroidered markers. In turn, the Grand Lodge of Japan presented to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines a silver tray with three vessels for corn, wine, and oil in a beautiful case. Grand Master Hick was the guest speaker at the commu-

nication and at the fraternal banquet after the installation.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Japan for 1959-60 are: Grand Master, George S. Horiuchi; Deputy Grand Master, Kiyoshi Togasaki; Grand Senior Warden, Carl T. Nakamura; Grand Junior Warden, William J. Eichorn; Grand Treasurer, Nohea Peck; Grand Secretary, George Morgulis; Grand Chaplain, Preston W. Long; Grand Orator, Takashi Komatsu; Grand Marshal, Leroy Allen; Grand Standard Bearer, Charles Bischofberger; Grand Sword Bearer, John Cox; Grand Bible Bearer, David Meth; Grand Senior Lecturer, William Connors; Grand Junior Lecturer, George Booth; Grand Senior Deacon, Kiyoshi Takano; Grand Junior Deacon, Fred Alexander; Grand Senior Steward, Richard Isono; Grand Junior Steward, John A. Alford; Grand Pursuivant, T. Ishihara; Grand Organist, Hiroji Matsuzaki; and Grand Tyler, Stanley Greenberg.