

# HERE AND THERE

## GRAND LECTURER VISITS OKINAWA

Very Wro. Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Grand Lecturer, paid a visit to Okinawa Lodge No. 118 and Coral Lodge No. 142 in the island of Okinawa last June 20 to June 25. While there he held nightly Lodges of Instruction for the benefit of the brethren in that U. S. outpost. He was accorded a warm welcome by leading members of the Fraternity including Very Wor. Richard L. Rose, D.D.G.M., and Very Wor. Elmer D. Rastorfer, Senior Grand Steward. Bro. Oliveros is very well pleased with the eagerness of the brethren in Okinawa to attain high proficiency in their ritualistic work.

## MASONIC HOSPITAL ANNUAL MEETING

W. Bro. Mateo D. Cipriano, Secretary of the Masonic Hospital for Crippled Children has issued notices of the Annual Meeting of this hospital which takes place at Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1110 San Marcelino, Manila, on July 16, 1962 at 4:30 P. M. The election of the Board of Directors will take place at this meeting in accordance with the By-Laws. Members who are unable to attend in person are urged to name their proxies and notify the Secretary. The present Board consists of Bros. Vicente Orosa, Michael Goldenberg, Esteban Munarriz, Werner P. Schetelig, Macario C. Navia, Jose C. Velo, Hermogenes P. Oliveros, Mateo D. Cipriano and Charles Mosebrook.

## DIPOLOG LODGE HAS DONORS

Dipolog Lodge No. 162 which was given its charter during the last Annual Communications, received cash donations for the purchase of Lodge furniture. Bro. Chung Eng Siu gave the necessary amount to provide the new Lodge with a Master's chair, while Bro. Sy Tionsga gave enough for the purchase of five narra chairs. Previously WB Felix Caburian of Magindanao Lodge No. 40 of Cagayan de Oro, volunteered to donate the Tyler's register and a leather lodger with fillers. Appropriate resolutions of appreciation were adopted by the Lodge in acknowledging the donations. Members of the Lodge are greatly encouraged by the generosity of the donors.

## LETTER FROM WASHINGTON, D.C.

WB Miguel I Aguinaldo, P.M., Vigan Lodge No. 63, reports enthusiastically on his visits to Masonic Lodges in Washington, D.C. In a letter to WB Dan Kolipano of T. M. Kalaw Memorial Lodge No. 136, he relates how well he was received in the seven Lodges he visited. He is very much elated by the warmth of the friendship of American brethren he met. He visited the Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria and also the House of the Temple, home of the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite (Southern Jurisdiction) in the U.S.A. These two are "musts" to Masonic visitors in Washington, D.C., especially Scottish Rite Masons. It was Bro. Aguinaldo's privilege to

have met all the officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia and the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, A. & A. S. R.

#### PGM MIKE GOLDENBERG

Anxious brethren will be relieved to know that PGM Michael Goldenberg who had to undergo a major operation several weeks ago and subsequently suffered a paralytic stroke, has returned home well on the way to complete recovery.



#### New Benefits . . .

Membership, P\$500.00 will be payable to the beneficiary; if in the second year, the amount will be P\$750.00; and after the second year the full face value of P\$1,000.00 will be payable to the beneficiary.

This is the cheapest protection any brother can obtain. So cheap that even if a brother lives a long time and continues to pay for 50 years, the payments of the member will not aggregate what the Acacia Mutual will actually pay to the beneficiary.

With this plan the Lodge will not be embarrassed for its inability to raise the amount needed for the burial of a deceased member and at the same time their widows and orphans will not undergo the very humiliating experience of being compelled to make an approach to the Lodges by reason of the unexpected demise of the head of their family.

Every Master is, therefore, urged to meet the challenge to have the

90% of their Lodge members join this Group Death Benefit Plan. If and when this is accomplished everybody — the member, their families and the brethren — can have peace of mind. In computing the 90%, those brethren who are residing outside of our jurisdiction will not be counted. However, Worshipful Masters are urged to get all their members to join by writing them a letter. Attention is invited to the Grand Lodge circular on this subject.

The other great concern of the Grand Master is the protection of the health of the brethren. For this project the Acacia Mutual has created a Health Committee, the chairman of which is Brother Damasceno J. Ago. This committee has been meeting almost every week to finalize the plans.

It is the intention of the Health Committee to make available to the brethren for a small monthly contribution hospitalization benefits which will include surgery, the hospitalization and other special services that a sick brother may require.

This plan will start on November 1, 1962.

A medical clinic is now available on the ground floor of the Plaridel Masonic Temple. A list of participating physicians will be posted at the Clinic. A physician or two will be detailed for consultation at the clinic daily. For every consultation a brother will be requested to donate a peso so that the participating doctors may receive an honorarium for their transportation.

Details of the medical health plan will be announced in the immediate future.