

## *Definition of a Mason . . .*

When is a Man a Mason? When he can look out over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things, and yet have faith, hope and courage. When he knows that down in his heart every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man. When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins—knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds. When he has learned how to make friends and to keep them, and above all how to keep friends with himself. When he loves flowers, can hunt the birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laugh of a little child. When he can be happy and high-minded amid the meaner drudgeries of life. When star-crowned trees and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters subdue him like the thought of one much loved and long dead. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response. When he finds good in every faith that helps any man to lay hold of higher things, and to see majestic meanings in life, whatever the name of that faith may be. When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something besides mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin. When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope. When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellow man, with his God; in his hand a sword for evil, in his heart a bit of a song—glad to live, but not afraid to die! In such a man, whether he be rich or poor, scholarly or unlearned, famous or obscure,

Freemasonry has wrought her sweet ministry! Such a man has found the only real secret of Freemasonry, and the one which it is trying to give to all the world.

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious society with a purpose to teach by ritual and symbolism the building of good character.

It is charitable in that its income is not expended for private gain, but is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness and well being of mankind.

It is benevolent in that it reaches altruism—an unselfish concern for the welfare of others—as a duty and exemplifies it by relief of poor and distressed brethren and their needy widows and orphans.

It is educational in that it teaches by prescribed ceremonials a system of morality and brotherhood based on the Sacred Laws. It emphasizes the duty of man to be curious about the world; to develop his intellect and skill; to be just; to follow precepts of conscience and exercise self-control; to be earnest and sincere. Freemasonry's Lodges, Temples and Libraries are aids to this end.

It is religious in that it teaches belief in one God, a belief prerequisite for membership, though without reference to dogma or creed—for Freemasonry is not concerned with creeds or theology. Every Lodge must have an altar, and on it, when the Lodge is in session, must be opened a Volume of the Sacred Law.

Freemasonry is secret only in its methods of recognition and of its symbolic instruction. It is not a secret society as many claim.

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Freemasonry is social in that it fosters the natural friendliness and a true spirit of brotherly love and affection that should take place in the lives of men associated and united for noble purposes. △

—Joseph Fort Newton, 1880-1950

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## RAFAEL M. SALAS (From page 20)

sibility — a sensibility strengthened by a purposeful mind incessantly in the service of tracking new knowledge and deriving insights from books, from nature, and from people.

Editor's Note: It will interest the brethren to know that Mr. Rafael M. Salas, at the time Catalino G. Aurelio Chapter, Order of DeMolay, was organized in 1947 in Bacolod City, became a member of the Order and served the chapter as its Mater Councilor. His father Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Ernesto Salas, PM 33° and an uncle, WB Angel Salas, PM, were pillars of Kanlaon Lodge No. 64. △

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*We are deeply sorry for the unintentional mistake of not including the name of VWB Guillermo E. Bongolan PDDGM, among those who were honored with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor by the Supreme Council on February 13, 1966 (Cabletow, Feb. 1966, p. 28). In an early press release, the list did not include his name. In a later release, which we did not get, VWB Bongolan's name appeared. He was elected to receive the honor in Feb. 1965, but due to illness, he was not able to receive it then and only came to be honored in Feb. 1966.*

*In the picture caption (Cabletow April 1966, p. 18), the name of WB Presa was listed instead of WB Adorador. WB Adorador is Worshipful Master of F.D. Roosevelt Lodge No. 80. △*

## Grand Lodge Committees...

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| WB Oscar Fung        | ..... | ( 7)  | Member   |

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| WB Benjamin Gotamco  | ....  | ( 93) | Member   |
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| WB Jose T. Enriquez | ..... | ( 4)  | Member   |

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