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MW Locsin poses with VW Ricardo P. Galvez, Past Grand Orator, before the testimonial dinner given by the former in honor of the latter, who was appointed Solicitor General by President Joseph Ejercito Estrada. The testimonial dinner was held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple II last Aug. 17.

MW Locsin, VW Galvez, and other brethren who attended the testimonial dinner on the stage of the Aguinaldo Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple II.



MW Locsin with Marvinson Caacbay and his mother, who is carrying young daughter. Sponsored by the Grand Master, Marvinson will undergo corrective operation on his feet on the first week of September at the Mary Johnston Hospital. Bro./Dr. Michael Rivera will perform the operation.



Grand Master Locsin with Marvinson and the couple who brought the latter to the Grand Lodge: Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Evidente.



TWO OF THE PROJECTS OF THE GRAND MASTER, MW ENRIQUE L. LOCSIN, ARE TO GIVE DUE TRIBUTE TO BRETHREN APPOINTED TO HIGH POSITIONS IN GOVERNMENT, SUCH AS VW GALVEZ, VW ROBERTO LASTIMOSO, AND WB EDUARDO MALINIS, AS WELL AS THOSE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND TO EXTEND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DISADVANTAGED, PARTICULARLY CRIPPLED, CHILDREN.



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### OUR COVER

ON OUR COVER IS THE ONE-MILLION-PESO FLOAT, ENTITLED "THE PROPAGANDA MOVEMENT," WHICH THE GRAND LODGE OF F & AMS OF THE PHILIPPINES SPONSORED AS ENTRY IN THE GRAND CENTENNIAL PARADE THAT TOOK PLACE AT THE RIZAL PARK AND ALONG CERTAIN POINTS OF ROXAS BOULEVARD ON JUNE 12, 1998. ON THE FLOAT IS EMILIO AGUINALDO SUNTAY III, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE AGUINALDO FOUNDATION, INC. AND A GREAT-GRANDSON OF OUR LATE WORSHIPFUL AND ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER "COLON", GEN. EMILIO AGUINALDO Y FAMY. HE IS HOLDING AND WAVING A REPLICA OF THE ORIGINAL INDEPENDENCE DAY FLAG--THE FLAG WHICH HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER, GEN. EMILIO FAMY AGUINALDO, BROUGHT FROM HONGKONG AND WHICH HE RAISED IN KAWIT, CAVITE ON JUNE 12, 1898 WHEN HE DECLARED THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE FROM SPANISH COLONIAL RULE. WITH GEN. AGUINALDO'S GREAT-GRANDSON ON THE FLOAT ARE SEVERAL MASTER MASONS, ALL PROUD THAT MASONRY IS A CRADLE OF HEROES AND BUILDER OF NATIONS.

ON OUR BACK COVER ARE REAR AND SIDE VIEWS OF THE MASONIC FLOAT, WHICH WAS AMONG THE THREE BEST APPLAUDED AND MOST ADMIRRED DURING THE GRAND CENTENNIAL PARADE.



## MAN, A TYLER OF HIS OWN THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTS

**A**s the sword is placed in the hands of the tyler to enable him to effectually guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, so should it admonish us to set a guard over our thoughts and a watch to our lips, as well as to post a sentinel over our actions, thereby preventing the approach of any unworthy thoughts, words and deeds and preserving our consciences void of offense toward God and man.

While handing the sword over to the tyler, the installing officer continually addresses him in the first person (us and our) rather than in the third person. This suggests that each and every one of us Freemasons must, in our daily lives, so consciously practice the tenets of the Craft and be so constantly aware of our daily thoughts, words and deeds that we may not offend God and our fellowmen. We must, at the same time, beware of the snares of the insidious and all allurements to vicious practices, so that the conduct of our daily lives will not be influenced and tarnished by bad deeds. Thus able to support the dignity of our character as Freemasons on all occasions, or being at all times exemplary or regular in our conduct, we will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges, and that on us our Lodges' favors have not been undeservedly bestowed; at the same time we will remove any aspersion against our venerable Institution.

Such is the responsibility of every one of us Freemasons to our Craft, to every fellowman, and to the society in which we live. As we act so shall we reap.

## EDITORIAL

(This is from the Special Centennial Issue of *The Trestle Board*, the official publication of Sarangani Lodge No. 50.)

# MASONRY AND THE PHILIPPINE FLAG

**T**he Philippine flag, in all its glory and splendor, has been described in so many ways: from its evolution to the symbolism that goes with it. Yet looking at it from another perspective, one wonders how the flag got its design, or specifically, how Emilio Aguinaldo was able to come up with the design.

It has been said that Aguinaldo borrowed freely from the flags of other nations, particularly Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and, quite obviously, Cuba. Looking at the flags of the first four South American countries, one can notice a similar design, or rather, similar symbols. Laurel leaves and a mythological sun (a sun with a face, i.e., with eyebrows, eyes, a nose and a mouth) are conspicuous in these flags. These are Masonic symbols and it comes as no surprise as the flags of these nations were designed by Masons.

The Cuban flag is also in three colors: red, white and blue, with an equilateral triangle at the hoist and a star in the middle. Cuba was also a colony of Spain and its flag was designed by a Mason, Narciso Lopez.

The flags, obviously, were crafted from Masonic emblems.

Aguinaldo patterned his flag after the Cuban banner. Descendants of Aguinaldo say the Philippine flag designed in Hong Kong originally appeared as two stripes, blue on top and red below, with an equilateral triangle at the hoist. This shape is very much similar to a Masonic apron. At the center of the triangle is a mytho-

logical sun, and stars are at each corner of the triangle. It also consists of leaves forming a semi-circle between the stripes, with the words "Liberty," "Equality," and "Justice" in the center. These are some of the great teachings and ideals of Masonry.

This was the "independence" flag, they say, that was unfurled at the Aguinaldo mansion in the afternoon of June 12, 1898. The flag we know today came to be only by virtue of Executive Order No. 23 issued by the President Manuel L. Quezon on March 25, 1936, prescribing the specifications of the Philippine flag.

Be that as it may, it cannot be denied that the design of the flag was greatly influenced by Masonry. MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM, in his book *The Brethren*, says "*the triangle became the favorite symbol of the Masons, it being the most sublime of all Masonic symbols during the revolution. It was everywhere in a Masonic lodge, from the aprons worn by the members, to their tables, which were triangular in shape. The Masonic ritual called it the most sublime figure that could be drawn with lines and regarded it as the appropriate emblem of perfection.*"

# THE BRETHREN Is Launched

**T**HE BRETHREN, MASONS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE, which is authored by MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM and Grand Secretary, and published by MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, was formally launched last June 5 at the Filipinas Heritage Library (formerly Nielsen Tower) on Makati Avenue, Makati City.

The publication of a comprehensive history of Masonry in the Philippines, we should recall, is one of four proposals the Grand Master put forward in his installation speech as the agenda of the Brethren for the turn of the century, the others being the purification of the Masonic rites, the renovation and refurbishment of the lodges, and the transfusion into the Craft of fresh blood.

The affair at the Filipinas Heritage

Library started with cocktails, enjoyed by both Masons and non-Masons alike.

Emceed by Grand Orator Fernando V. Pascua, Jr., the program started with an invocation led by VW Samuel P. Fernandez. Bro. Teddy Boy Locsin and MW Fajardo, the author, gave interesting talks on the role of Masons in the libertarian movement. And Grand Master Henry Locsin closed the program with his own remarks.



*MW Enrique L. Locsin welcomes Senior Grand Warden Oscar V. Bunyi*

*...and Makati Congressman Joker Arroyo.*



The Grand Master poses with VW Abelardo Aportadera, Congressman Arroyo, and other guests.



The publisher and the author: MW Locsin and MW Fajardo.



WB Charles Megerle, MW Damaso Tria, RW Nap Soriano, VW Eugenio Labitoria, and VW Agerico Amagna were among the Mason leaders present during the affair.

Guests listen to Bro. Teddy Boy Locsin give a talk on the Masons' role in the struggle for Philippine independence.



SET HIGH GOALS AND KEEP RAISING THEM ONCE THEY ARE ACHIEVED. IF YOU DON'T, A COMPETITOR WILL BLOW RIGHT BY YOU WHILE YOU'RE TELLING YOURSELF WHAT A GREAT JOB YOU'VE DONE. GOOD ENOUGH NEVER IS!

--CARL SEWELL

GREETINGS

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# GLP, CONSTITUENT DISTRICTS & LODGES ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**T**he Grand Lodge of the Philippines, under the leadership of MW Bro. Enrique L. Locsin, and its constituent Districts and Lodges actively participated in the celebration of the Centennial of Philippine Independence, thereby making the non-Masonic public more aware of the vital role Masons had played

in the protracted struggle for the independence of the Philippines from colonial rule that resulted in the declaration of Philippine Independence one hundred years ago.

Given below are several reports of the extensive participation of the Masons of the Philippines in the Centennial Celebration.

## GLP Spearheads Masonic Participation in Kawit, Luneta Festivities

**M**W Enrique L. Locsin and other Grand Lodge officers, together with the officers and members of Lodges and Appendant Bodies/Orders in District No. 2, led by VW Serafin E.R. Manarin, VW Miguel T. Jimenez, VW Angelito C. Monge, VW Wilfredo S. Handog, VW Manuel A. Baes, VW Augusto R. Talicol, VW Gumersindo M. Villena, VW Rufino G. Arias, Jr., VW Virgilio F. Sarmiento and VW Abelardo T. Camahalan,

joined President Fidel V. Ramos and other high-ranking government officials and officers of non-governmental organizations in the festivities that took place in Kawit, Cavite in the morning of June 12.

In the afternoon, MW Locsin and other Grand Lodge officers, together with officers and members of Districts and Lodges in Metro Manila, joined the Grand Philippine Centennial Parade at the Luneta, which was the main showcase in celebration of the

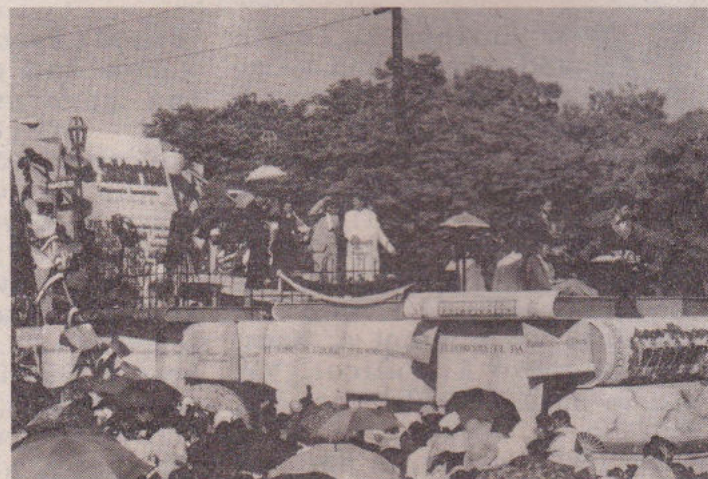
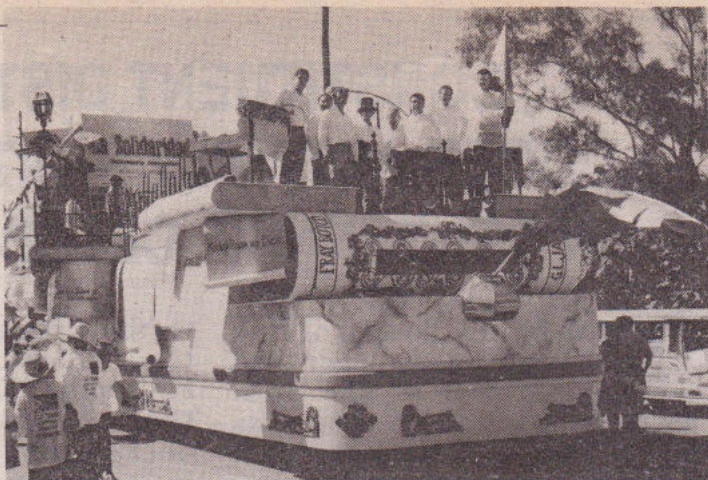
100th Philippine independence day.

The historic event featured numerous parade floats depicting the history of the Filipino people, staged at the Quirino Grandstand and at various points of Roxas Boulevard.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines sponsored, to the tune of one million pesos, the theme float or vignette entitled "The Propaganda Movement," which was produced by AMA DDB Philippines, Inc., headed by Marketing Director Ricardo Miguel Aguado.

The GLP-sponsored float was adjudged among the top three. But it was the most applauded by the public.

The brethren and other members of the Masonic Family who attended the Luneta festivities later proceeded to the Grand Lodge complex, where they had a fellowship social.



*The float sponsored by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines at different stages during the parade.*

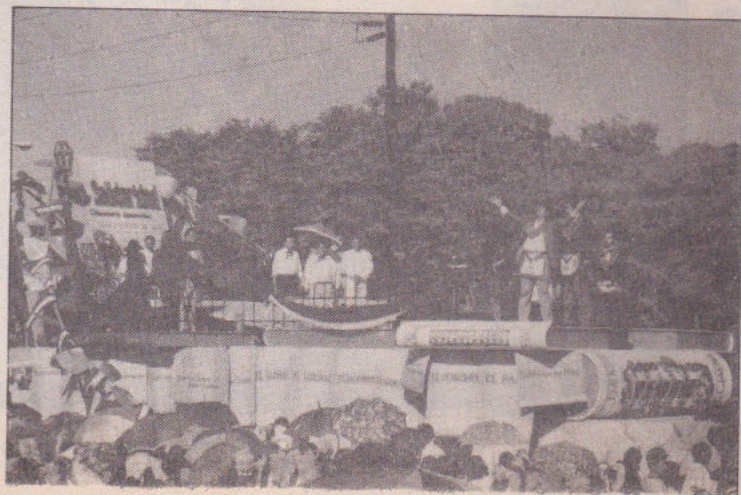
*Filipino Masons  
worked very  
hard for the  
advancement of  
their libertarian  
longing.*

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*Thus, they  
elevated  
Masonry as  
a moral  
force,*

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*as an  
institution  
dedicated  
to its  
humanistic  
labor.*

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# Masons Participate in Ilocos Norte Centennial Parade

The province of Ilocos Norte celebrated the centennial of the declaration of Philippine independence with day-long activities, the highlight of which was a parade that traced the struggles of our nation in pursuit of independence from colonialism.

Laoag Lodge No. 71 had its own float, which portrayed Mason heroes who figured prominently in the libertarian movement.

Marching behind the float were members of the Lodge, led by the three Lights: WM Jose Joey Q. Soriano, SW Saldy S. Santiago, and JW Roger G. Braceros.

Conspicuously present were past and present district officers, such as VW Llewellyn M. Santos, DGL; VW Ernesto E. Cua, PDDGM, PDGL; and VW Napoleon Neri A. Domingo, PDDGM, PDGL. Members of Laoag Court No. 22,

Order of the Amaranth, matched the tenacity and stamina of the brethren under the scorching sun.

As the brethren and sisters marched in front of the provincial capitol, they were lustily cheered by bystanders and onlookers.

The parade passed through the major thoroughfares of Laoag City.

Sweat and aching feet notwithstanding, the brethren and sisters were proud of having announced to the people of Ilocos Norte that Masonry is a cradle of heroes and builder of nations.

They voluntarily pitched in and happily partook of a post-parade fellowship social at the residence of Bro. Dave Pascual. They finally dispersed, elated that they had harmoniously interacted with one another and had made the public more aware of the Masons' role in our nation's struggle for freedom, justice, and equality.

*Masonic float proudly shouts:*

**"MASONERYA:  
Kandungang ng mga  
Bayani, Manlilikha  
ng mga Bansa!"** It  
also announces, **"Sa  
Kilusang Kamtin  
ang Kalayaan,  
MASON ang nag-  
isip, ang namuno,  
ang  
nagsakatuparan!"**



*Oh, when the Masons  
and Amaranths come  
marching in...Oh,  
when they come  
marching in!*



## Masonic Family in District 45 Joins Centennial Festivities

**M**embers of the Masonic family in District No. 45, under the dynamic leadership of VW Dionisio C. Panajon, DDGM, and his DGLs, VWBs Antonio D. Catembong, Jr., Roger Z. Guzman and Ricardo G. Nicolas, joined the centennial celebration in various municipalities.

In the capital town of Ilagan, Isabela, led by WMs Leo Jaramillo and Tony Palogan Jr., Isabela Lodge No. 60 and Pinacanauan Lodge No. 318, together with members of the Order of the Order of the Amaranth headed by HL Ellen Tabangcura, joined the parade, proudly marching behind the Masonic float, which highlighted the courageous role Mason heroes had played in the libertarian movements. The participants wore their Masonic regalia and waved the Philippine Flag and the Grand Lodge Standard in the course of the parade.

In Tumauni, officers and members of Lodge No. 251, led by WM

Ramon Lugo, entered in the parade a very attractive float. During the parade, they swaggered behind the float, and the *Hermanas* proudly marched with their men. All this made Bro. Ricardo Angodung very elated.

Led by WM Hector Anagaran, VW Antonio Catembong, Jr. and VW Cesar Purugganan, the brethren of Mallig Plains Lodge No. 191 rode on the Masonic float, impersonating several Mason heroes.

The brethren of San Mariano Lodge No. 307, led WM Rodel Costales, were not to be outdone. They, too, were very visible during the June 12 festivities in their municipality.

Pointed out VW Panajon: *"The active participation of the Masonic family in District No. 45 showed to the non-Masonic public Masonry's support to the Philippine Republic in general and to Bro. Benjamin G. Dy, Provincial Governor of Isabela, in particular..."*



*The float of Isabela Lodge No. 60, Pinacanauan Lodge No. 318, and the Order of the Amaranth banners the various revolutionary flags and the national flag.*



*VW Freddie Martinez and WM Mondring Lugo, together with the brethren and sisters of Tumauni Lodge No. 251, at the foot of the statue of Bro. Jose Rizal after the wreath-laying ceremonies that formed part of the municipality's Independence Day celebration.*



*The float that Tumauni Lodge No. 251 entered in the parade...*

## Masonic Family in Santiago City Joins Centennial Celebration, Too

by WM David L. Co (#133)

**W**e, the officers and members of the Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133, together with those of the Santiago Court No. 12 of the Order of the Amaranth, the Cagayan Valley Chapter of the Order of DeMolay, and the Santiago Bethel No. 15 of the Order of Job's Daughter, joined the people of Santiago City in celebrating the centennial of Philippine Independence last June 12.

By actively participating in the parade and the celebration proper, we were able to inform our citymates that our heroic Brother Masons were, in the main, instrumental in the birth, growth and development of the Filipino nation.

**MASONRY WORKS FOR PEACE, WORK AND SECURITY.**



*Iginagawad ng*

PHILIPPINE CENTENNIAL MOVEMENT  
SANTIAGO CITY CHAPTER *at*  
CITY GOVERNMENT OF SANTIAGO



**KALAYAAN, KAYAMANAN NG BAYAN**

*Pagpupugay sa Galing ng Pilipino.  
Pagpupugay sa Galing ng Santiaguens*

*ang*


**Parangal ng Pagkilala**


*sa*

**CAGAYAN VALLEY LODGE NO. 133**

*Bilang katibayan ng kanyang/hanitang masiglang  
pakikilahok sa ginanap na pagdiriwang ng  
IKA-100 TAONG ANIBERSARYO NG ATING  
KASARINLAN BILANG MALAYANG BANSA  
ngayong ika-12 ng Hunyo, 1998, sa Lungsod ng Santiago*

*Iginawad ngayong ika-12 ng Hunyo, 1998 sa Lungsod ng Santiago, Pilipinas.*

  
G. PAUL S. SILVERIO  
City Information Officer  
Pangulo, PCM-SC Chapter

  
KGG. JOSE C. MIRANDA  
Punong Lungsod  
Chairperson, PCM-SC Chapter

## **PANGASINAN MASONS JOIN CENTENNIAL GRAND PARADE, HONOR BRO. RIZAL**

by VW Jaime L. Nabua, DDGM, Dist. 37

**W**e, the Masons of Pangasinan, specifically the officers and members of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, Alfonso Lee Sin Memorial Lodge No. 158 and Lingayen Lodge No. 161, attended the Grand Parade in Dagupan City last June 12 in full force. We were the lead contingent (after the grand

marshal and drum & bugle corps).

In spite of the searing heat of the sun at 2 p.m., we proudly marched behind the streamer held by members of the DeMolay, Pangasinan Chapter. The streamer announced the centennial theme of the Grand Lodge: FREEMASONRY—CRADLE OF HEROES, BUILDER OF NATIONS.

Thus, we demonstrated to our

provincemates our justifiable pride in the fact that our forebears in the Craft led the propaganda movement and were at the forefront of the revolution, willing to suffer and even sacrifice life itself for the sake of their nation, and that succeeding Masons contributed their significant share in building a Filipino nation where would reign liberty, justice and equality.

In the morning of that day, we participated in the floral offering at the monument of Bro./Dr. Jose P. Rizal. The floral offering was followed by a ceremony honoring three local Mason heroes: Col. Vicente Prado, Lt. Col. Juan Quesada and Major Daniel Maramba.

A week after the eventful celebration of the centennial of the declaration of Philippine independence, we celebrated the

137th birth anniversary of Bro./Dr. Rizal at the foot of his monument.

After the invocation led by Bro./Rev. Victor C. Vinluan, the Lights of ALSM Lodge No. 158 and Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 (WM Daniel C. Uy, SW Joseph Hufano, JW Roy Tan Co, WM Edward Chua Cham, SW Conrado B. Gaerlan and JW Victor C. Vinluan) offered flowers.

A photo session followed the floral offering.

Then I lectured on Rizal's life, focusing on his relationship with his Brother Masons.

Early promenaders at the park stopped to watch; some of them joined the celebration.

After the short but meaningful affair, we repaired to the nearest fast food chain for a fellowship breakfast.

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## Batangas Masons Join Centennial Celebration

by WB Emmanuel S. Villena

**K**nowing fully well the significant role of the Masonic fraternity in the achievement of freedom from Spanish colonial rule, the Centennial Program Committee of the Batangas City government invited the officers and members of Batangas Lodge No. 35 to participate in the June 12 parade. The Lodge, in coordination with the Batangas Masonic Association and the Appendant Bodies, was assigned to depict the Propaganda Movement, which was also the vignette assigned to the Grand Lodge in the Centennial Parade at the Luneta in Manila.

After the singing of the National Anthem and the raising of the Philippine Flag, a floral offering was

made at the Rizal monument. We Masons were given the honor of offering flowers right after the city

officials. We were also given the distinctive opportunity of offering bouquets at the Apolinario Mabini monument on the other side of the plaza.

During the centennial parade in the afternoon we were at the head of the second section, which depicted the revolutionary era. We were all in barong tagalog, with a sash on which was inscribed the name of a propagandist. While marching, we proudly held a streamer with the inscription "MGA PROPAGANDISTA-- PANULAT ANG GINAMIT UPANG IPAGLABAN ANG KARAPATANG PILIPINO. SILA AY BAYANI, SILA AY MASON."

Our brethren from Mabini-Kalaw Lodge No. 195 in Lipa City displayed another streamer that glorified the exploits, perseverance and heroism of the propagandists, a great many of whom were Masons. Senior DeMolays, on their part, assisted as flag bearers.

Long was the parade, with more than 20 contingents participating. But we Masons were proud and happy to have been able to convey to the people of Batangas that it was Masonry that

inspired and led our nation's struggle for freedom. We were able to do so because of the unselfish labors of such brethren as VW Patrick Casao, PDDGM; my humble self, WM of Batangas Lodge No. 35; Bro. John del Rosario, SW; Bro. Ruel Dote, Secretary of our Lodge; WB Rolando Silva and VW Irineo Goce, WM and Secretary of Mabini-Kalaw Lodge No. 195, respectively; Senior DeMolays; and a host of other brethren like Elpidio Tan See, Feliciano Pacifico, Alberto A. Perez, VW Celso B. Sarmiento, Antonio L. Fortuna, WB Alfredo M. del Castillo, Virgilio T. Inhumang, Jr., Hilario T. Andes, Wilfredo A. Magana, WB Augusto B. Crelencia, WB Edgar R. Roca, WB Severiano B. Macaraig, Jose A. Mendoza, WB Jaime M. Tolentino and Benedicto P. Parumog.

The Batangas Masonic Association, it should be mentioned, is grateful to the Hon. Mayor Eduardo Dimacuha of Batangas City and Ed Borbon, organizer, for giving the Masonic fraternity the opportunity to announce to the people that Mason heroes were leaders of our nation's libertarian struggle.

*Batangas Lodge No. 35 contingent with sashes bearing names of Brother propagandists....*



Hindi lamang ang mga Mason, kundi pati na rin ang mga kababaihan kasapi sa bagong tatag na LIPA CHAPTER (UNDER DISPENSATION), ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, sa pangunguna ni Sister Corazon U. Crelencia, Worthy Matron (dulog kanan sa larawan). Kasama niya sina Sisters Leonora C. Racelis, Consolacion B. Mendoza, Susan Magana, Estelita P. Goce, at Evangeline B. Sarmiento.



## How We Celebrated Independence Day

by VW Godofredo O. Peteza, Sr., PJGL

Despite the post-election wrangling among politicians and the *rigodon* of officer-in-charge for the vacated position of provincial governor, Camarines Norte celebrated with much enthusiasm and with high spirit the centennial of the declaration of Philippine independence from Spanish colonialism. People from all walks of life went out of their houses to witness the grand parade, which featured floats depicting historical accounts that led to the establishment of the first republic in all Asia. One of the floats was that of the Masonic Family in the province.

We were given the right and privilege to actively participate in the parade because WMs Godofredo E. Peteza, Jr. and Leo L. Intia of Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107 and Daet Lodge No. 247, respectively, had written a series of letters and presented a resolution urging the Provincial Centennial Committee that we be represented in the onece-in-a-lifetime centennial celebration.

As early as 7 a.m. we converged in front of the municipal building for the floral offering at the foot of the Rizal monument. Afterwards we motored to the Masonic Center for a fraternal breakfast.

At about 10 a.m. the brethren and sisters proceeded to the Masonic cemetery, where we planted 10 mahogany and 10 narra trees.

At 3 p.m. we joined the approximately-four-hour parade around the town, mighty proud that the Masonic float was easily among the best. Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107 was represented by 17 brethren, and Daet Lodge No. 247 by seven.

Not to be outdone, Daet Lodge of Perfection defrayed the cost of fresh flowers as well as the document and pictorials of the day.



**Brethren and Sisters pose for picture after floral offering.**

First row (L-R): VW Godofredo O. Peteza, Sr., VW Jose P. Tabios, Sr., JW Mauro O. Mangubat, WM Godofredo E. Peteza, Jr., Sis. Nena B. Peteza, Sis. Trinidad E. Peteza, VW Jose Dy Ching, and VW Ong Beng Lee.

Second row (L-R): WB Amable C. Ables, VW Godofredo O. Salagoste, Bro. Rollin M. Molina of Kalilayan Lodge No. 37, VW Jose T. Seeping, Jr., SW Camilo C. Abordo, WB Ernesto C. Chicombing, and Bro. Regis C. Barra.



To WMs Leo T. Intia and Godofredo E. Peteza, Jr., as well as other brethren, planting trees at the Masonic cemetery constitutes at once their duty and their happiness.



*Masonic float attracts the public eye.*



*VW Tabios, VW Salagoste, VW Ong Beng Lee, Bro. Molina, WM Peteza, VW Seeping, VW Peteza, and Bro. Mangubat pose behind the Masonic float immediately after the parade.*

## M.D. #20 Extensively Participates in Centennial Celebration



*Brethren in full regalia make an impression on the public.*

**M**asonic District No. 20 extensively participated in the celebration of the Centennial of Philippine Independence in Iloilo City in compliance with the Grand Master's instructions.

In the morning of June 12, according to VW Aurelio Lopez, Jr., many brethren were in attendance at the program held at the Plaza Libertad, Iloilo City (fronting the Iloilo Masonic Temple). Executive Judge Severino Aguilar, SGIG of the Orient of Panay and Kanlaon, delivered a speech, focusing on the history of the struggle for Philippine Independence and in many instances highlighting the involvement of Masonry.

The brunch that followed the program was hosted by WB Tim Arandela and his wife and partaken by the sisters and brethren who attended the program.

In the afternoon the brethren of the district, together with officers and members

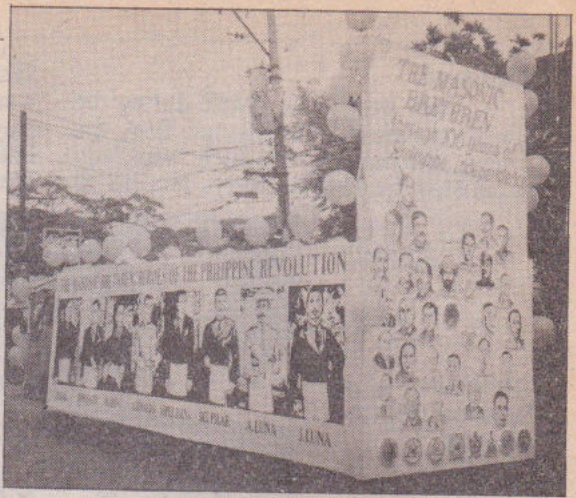
of Bethel No. 4, IOJD, Graciano Lopez-Jaena Chapter, IOD, and Court No. 5, Order of the Amaranth, participated in the foot parade through Iloilo City proper. The Masonic participation was extensive and the decorum of the participants was very impressive.

The Masonic float was very informative; it depicted Masons who were heroes in the Philippine Libertarian Movement. Many people who watched the parade or the video simul-cast and replays of the same said that the Masonic float was an eye opener to those uninformed about the extensive involvement of Masonry in the Libertarian Movement.

A fellowship dinner at the house of VW Lopez was attended by those who participated in the parade.

Stated VW Lopez in his letter to MW Enrique L. Locsin: "Through these participations, we have strengthened the fraternal bonds in the Masonic Family and have rekindled our kinship to glory."

Close-up photos



...of the Masonic float of District 20.



## Districts 28 & 30 Stand Tall for Freemasonry

**M**asons of Districts 28 and 30, which comprise the Lodges of Cagayan de Oro up to the town of Initao in the east and Ginoog City in the west, including the island of Camiguin, led by DDGMs

Filomeno O. Chia and Teodorico Capuyan, stood tall for Freemasonry during the June 12 festivities in Cagayan de Oro City.

They were visible during the wreath laying at the Rizal monument in the City



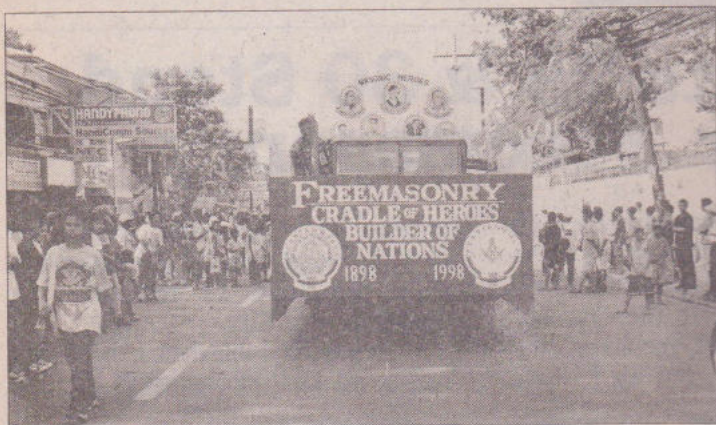
Officers and brethren of the two districts at the Rizal monument

Bandstand.

They were again visible during the afternoon parade. The Masonic float, the design and painting of which was fully supported by Asia Brewery, Inc. in El

Salvador, Misamis Oriental, was simple, but it successfully depicted the lead role Masons played in the desperate struggle for Philippine independence. It was, indeed, "a thing of beauty" and therefore "a joy forever."

*The float of  
Masonic Districts  
28 & 30*



*Onlookers admire  
and applaud  
Masonic float.*

*Inspired by the  
viewing  
public's  
applause, VW  
Chia and  
other  
brethren  
appear happy  
despite the  
long walk  
under the solar  
heat.*



# A Centennial Tribute in Four Acts

by Bro. Greg Mercado

## Prologue

**W**e members of the Masonic Family in District 24 were in high spirit months before the Centennial Celebration of Philippine Independence, not really because the Centennial would be the biggest event of the year, nor yet because this generation would not be able to witness the next Centennial, but rather because the saga that led to the declaration of Philippine independence from Spanish colonialism bespeaks of the mysteries of Freemasonry.

We decided, after several brainstorming sessions, to put on a four-act centennial tribute.

## Act 1

On June 10, brethren of Lodges Mactan No. 30, Cebu No. 128 and Mt. Moriah No. 252 sponsored a program at the Don Matias Hipolito Aznar II Memorial Hall, Southwestern University (SWU) Museum, Cebu City. Bro. Melche J. Caudor emceed the program, which was dubbed YUKBO SA ATONG MGA BAYANI, NASUGNONG KAGAWASAN 1898-1998 & SYMPOSIUM ON HEROES OF THE PHILIPPINE REVOLUTION AND FREEMASONRY.

Bro. Felix M. Matigina led the invocation and VW Iluminado K. Nirza, PDGL, the singing of the Pambansang Awit.

SWU Museum Curator Tonette Panares gave the welcome address. Then Dr. Lydia Aznar Alfonso cut the ceremonial ribbon, signaling the opening of a display of paintings of great Filipino heroes, a great many of whom were Masons.

Cebu City Mayor Alvin B. Garcia next delivered his centennial message.

Introduced by Regional Deputy Grand Master Procopio B. Trabajo II, MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM, GMH and Grand Secretary, discoursed on the exploits of Mason heroes during the propaganda and revolutionary periods, the conflict and power struggle that led to the death of Bro. Andres Bonifacio, the Masonically-inspired design of the Philippine flag, and the resumption of the revolution against Spain, which reached its climax in the declaration of Philippine independence in Kawit, Cavite on June 12, 1898, on which occasion the Philippine flag was officially raised for the first time.

After the open forum, VW Samuel K. Morgia, DDGM, delivered the closing remarks.

Fraternal cocktails capped the activity.

## Act 2

Masons led by Commo. David S. Odilao, Jr., Capt. Cris Caparoso, and PCG Station Commander Franklin Llanto spearheaded a massive clean-up drive in Cebu's popular beach at Talisay, where we had luncheon consisting of cornucopious foods and drinks.

At about 3 p.m. we hied to the Abellana Oval to witness the arrival of the

Masonic Family that participated in the grand parade.

At around 5 p.m. the brethren, Eastern Stars, Job's Daughters and DeMolays, all in full regalia, entered the oval and waved to the throng of onlookers, who in turn gave them a long round of applause.

When the loudspeaker announced, "*Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the Freemasons, whose forebears led the Philippine struggle for independence,*" the big crowd gave the Masonic Family another round of applause.

### Act 3

We conducted a floral offering at the Rizal monument on June 19, birth anniversary of the Pride of the Malay Race and foremost national hero of the Philippines, who once wore as badge the lambskin apron.

*Raising of the Philippine flag at the Cebu grandstand*



### Act 4

June 23 marked the opening at the SM City of a display of paintings of Masonic Revolutionaries and Cebu Heroes. MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., Dr. Lydia Aznar Alfonso and Sen. Marcelo Fernan cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Conceived by Bro. Ted Madamba of Mactan Lodge No. 30, the project was well attended by students, professors, businessmen, KBP officers and members, and many others. Conspicuously present were the Chinese Consul of Cebu and the Honorary Consul of Sweden.

### Epilogue

We were able, through these activities, to make the general public more conscious of the fact **FREEMASONRY IS A CRADLE OF HEROES AND BUILDER OF NATIONS.**



*MW Fajardo stresses role of Masons in epic struggle for independence.*

*Cebu Masons  
acknowledge cheers  
from the public.*

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*Eastern Stars,  
Jobies and  
DeMolays join  
brods and dads  
in parade.*

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*Dr. Lydia A. Alfonso  
(center) cuts  
ceremonial ribbon  
signaling opening of  
exhibit of heroes'  
paintings. Sen.  
Marcelo Fernan, MW  
Pablo C. Kó, Jr., and  
other brethren look on.*

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# Davao Masons' Float Stands Out in Centennial Parade

The centennial parade conducted by the city of Davao last June 12 as part of the year-long celebration commemorating the declaration of Philippine Independence 100 years ago featured floats of several institutions/organizations that depicted various early inhabitants and aboriginal tribes of Davao. The float of the Masons of District 44, which was constructed atop a 10-wheeler prime mover truck, had as themes "Mga Bayaning Mason: Kayamana ng Lahi" and "Masonry: Cradle of Heroes, Builder of Nations." Selected brethren and members of appendant bodies portrayed heroes of the revolution. They wanted to convey to the public that most of the heroes of the libertarian movement and architects of Philippine independence were Masons.

Portraying the heroes were: VW Chin Bon T. Lu, DDGM, as Emilio Aguinaldo; VW Mario A. Reyes, DGL, as Dr. Jose Rizal; Bro. Luisito B. Fortich as Andres Bonifacio; Bro. Leo Soriano as Apolinario Mabini; and Bro. Raul Valles as Marcelo del Pilar.

Others on the float were: Nelia Aportadera, Royal Matron, Shangri-la Court No. 9 of the Order of the Amaranth; Amy Gentalian, Worthy Matron of Teodora Alonso Chapter No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star; Joy Gacuma, Past Worthy Matron of the same Order. They represented the three flag weavers: Marcela Agoncillo, Lorenza Agoncillo, and Delfina Herbosa Natividad. Agnes Jariño of the OES and Cristine Gentalian, PHQ of Bethel No. 6, International Order of Job's Daughters, portrayed Teodora Alonso

and Josephine Bracken, respectively.

Members of the Order of DeMolay, carrying the Philippine colors and other flags in their various stages of development, members of the IOJD, the Amaranth, the OES were at the forefront of the congregation, followed by the float, then the Masons who brought up the rear.

As twilight beckoned, the float was lit up with several multi-colored spotlights that added more beauty to the scene.

Feeling as if they were truly seeing the real heroes because the Masons who portrayed them really looked like them, complete with costumes and make-up, bystanders gave a long round of applause.

*Masonic Family is biggest delegation.*





Full view of the  
Masonic float

Brethren and  
Sisters  
impersonating  
heroes/heroines  
on  
the float



DeMolays carry  
revolutionary  
flags  
and the national  
colors.

# We Participated in the Entire Independence Day Program

by WB Pol C. Hong, PM

Officers and members of Koronadal Lodge No. 209, such as DGL Antonio E. Sarrosa, PMs Laureano M. Kabigting, Angel A. Mariano, Leonardo A. Sandoval, Geronicio D. Loyola, and my humble self, Bros. Joseph Y. Ang, Nelson Joel M. Decolongon, Delfin O. Riego De Dios, Carlito Y. Uy, Cesar D. Taleon, Oscar J. Pagunsan and Pacifico L. Padua, joined government officials, led by South Cotabato Governor Larry De Pedro III and Koronadal Mayor Vic De Jesus, and the people of the municipality of Koronadal in celebrating Independence Day last June 12, thereby announcing to the non-Masons present during the program that Mason heroes were mainly instrumental in resisting the oppressive Spanish colonial rule and insuring freedom for the Filipino people.



*The brethren pose with Mayor Vic de Jesus and Gov. Hilario L. De Pedro (4th and 5th from left, respectively) at the Rizal Park, Koronadal, South Cotabato.*

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Charles D. Myers                      | John T. Kibbey                       |
| Eugene G. Cruz                        | Mylo R. Cayon                        |
| Javier G. Rosales                     | Dwayne Groshong                      |
| Ricarte G. dela Paz                   | Mel Mendoza                          |
| Kelly Jezart                          | WB Tom Buno                          |
| Charlie Bautista                      | Joe Daguman                          |
| Rolando Tirso                         | Agapito Buno                         |
| Layola Fernando                       | Euvino B. Sotto                      |
| WB Alfonso Iriberry                   | Valentino Chua                       |
| Eddie I. Garcia                       | Romeo N. Dagdayan, M.D.              |
| Gency U. Lingan                       | RW Cris Jorda                        |
| Victor Tan Tek Sian                   | VW Amado Sadsad                      |
| Simeo Torralba                        | Bro. Joel & Cecille Aclato           |
| Rey No Gonzales                       | Johnlexter Eterprises                |
| Citimax Sales Enterprises             |                                      |
| Dasher Tire & Service Center          | Wilthy Banal                         |
| Maria Cristina Sec. Protective Agency | Mindanao Sulu Security Agency        |
| Central United Sec. Agency            | Sarangani Sec. Agency                |
| P/C Insp. Eugelio E. Alcovindas, Jr.  | P/C Insp. Eugelio E. Alcovindas, Jr. |
| Dulay-Tabangcura Medical Clinic       | Dulay-Tabangcura Medical Clinic      |
| CDP Biñan Laguna                      | Biñan Police Station                 |
| Biñan Police Station                  | Office/Finance Sec. RCFD Col Balani  |
| Capitol City Masonic Lodge No. 172    | Ricardo Marquez                      |

# Edict , Circulars

## Edict No. 182

**This Edict increases composition of Board for General Purposes from five to seven Past Grand Masters.**

### Circulars 3 to 18

CIRCULAR 3 specifies the duties and responsibilities of the Regional Deputy Grand Masters.

CIRCULAR 4 is a Directory of Lodges, indicating the Regions and Districts under which they are grouped.

CIRCULAR 5 deals with assistance to victims of the El Niño crisis. The ad-hoc committee tasked to start a nationwide campaign for whatever assistance we, as Masons, may extend to those affected by the crisis is composed of the following: VW Jaime Y. Gonzales, chairman; WB Jaime L. Canatoy, co-chairman; VWBs Leonardo T. Chua, Ramon G. Nuñez, Crispulo M. Fernandez, all Regional Grand Officers, and all District Grand Officers—members.

CIRCULAR 6 informs the brethren that the Grand Master has authorized the acceptance of advertisements in *The Cabletow* as a means of generating funds for the Grand Lodge's various projects, that all DDGMs are hereby designated as District Ad-Solicitors under the direct supervision of a Business Manager to be named by the Grand Master, and that

Districts, Lodges, as well as individual Masons, will be allowed to solicit ads and earn commissions.

CIRCULAR 7 enjoins that Lodges to devote at least 15 minutes of every Stated meeting during the year to a discussion of the contribution of Masons in the heroic struggle for independence, in order for all Masons to be thoroughly conversant of the role Masons played in the revolution against Spain.

CIRCULAR 8 is about the procedures in the reception of petitions for degrees. One of its salient points is the requirement for a rejected petitioner to submit another petition form for him to truthfully answer question no. 4 of the form, accompanied by his request for reconsideration to be presented with a request for dispensation from the Secretary to the DDGM.

CIRCULAR 9 announces the availability of copies of the following books with their corresponding prices:

- 1) 1994 Revised Constitution, P150;
- 2) The Brethren, soft cover, P300;
- 3) The Brethren, hard cover, P1,000.

CIRCULAR 10 announces the participation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, as well as its constituent Lodges and Districts, in the centennial parade.

CIRCULAR 11 enjoins the strict implementation of Edict No. 157, which requires newly-raised brethren to submit themselves in open lodge to a proficiency examination in the MM degree not later than 90 days after their raising.

CIRCULAR 12 gives general rules on dual membership, as follows:

1. Why is balloting on the petition necessary?

Answer: In general, Masonic membership is required in two ways: (a) by initiation, passing and raising into a Lodge upon a petition for the degrees and ballot, and (b) by admission of a Master Mason into another Lodge for either affiliation or dual membership.

2. Why is the petition circularized?

Answer: Essentially for the same reason that the names of petitioners for the degrees are circularized, namely, to inform the entire jurisdiction of the petition made by a particular Master Mason to a specific Lodge and the action taken on that petition.

3. Is a unanimous vote necessary?

Answer: Yes. Affiliation and dual membership are to be acquired in practically the same mode as acquiring membership through initiation, passing and raising.

4. When a Master Mason's application for dual membership or affiliation was rejected by a particular Lodge, can he apply in another Lodge?

Answer: Yes, he may apply in another Lodge. He may, at anytime, also renew his petition to the Lodge that rejected him, and that petition may be repeated as often as he deems it proper to do so.

CIRCULAR 13 deals with matters approved by the 98' Ancom, as follows:

1. Charters were granted to Eulogio R. Dizon Lodge U. D. of Talugtog, Nueva Ecija (assigned no. 320) and Gen. Artemio Ricarte Lodge U.D. (assigned no. 322).

2. A 300-meter square land within the premises of the Grand Lodge was allocated in favor of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

3. The assessment for the Grand Guild of Past Masters was increased from P30 to P50, and that for the Youth Fund from P30 to P100 per Master Mason.

4. The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Washington and Jurisdiction was recognized.

5. The contract with SGV for the computerization of the transactions and records of the accounting section of the Grand Lodge was approved.

6. The P8,650,000 GLP budget was approved.

CIRCULAR 14 announces that the souvenir centennial 1998 cards will be issued to those who have paid their 1997 annual dues and are interested in having it as a lasting souvenir for a minimal fee of P50.

CIRCULAR 15 is about the year-round schedule of the Grand Master.

CIRCULAR 16 directs Lodges and Brother Masons to refrain from making remittances to the Grand Lodge with second endorsement checks. The payee should always be the Grand Lodge, not an individual Grand Lodge officer. Says the Circular, furthermore: *"Payments to the Grand Lodge may be made through cashier's check or postal money order or through our on-line deposit with the Far East bank & Trust Company (FEBTC) Savings Account No. 5148-01398-2 (Padre Faura cor Taft Avenue, Manila Branch). If payment is made through our on-line deposit, a copy of the deposit*

*slip, together with the letter from the Lodge Secretary, should be sent immediately to the Grand Lodge."*

CIRCULAR 17 informs the brethren of the disapproval of Edict No. 181 (assessment of P500); it enjoins lodges that collected said assessment from their members to return the same.

CIRCULAR 18 informs the brethren that the 83rd Annual Grand Communication will take place at General Santos City on April 22-24, 1999. The proposed venue is the General Santos City Gymnasium on Tiongson

Street, Lagao. The host is Masonic District No. 48 and, therefore, the convention chairman is the DDGM, VW Domingo T. Teng. The Ancom '99 Secretariat is headed by VW Edgar C. Dypiangco, PDGL. Registration fee shall be P2,000. Registrants should make all checks for the 83rd Ancom payable to Ancom '99.

In this circular, the Grand Master enjoins all brethren to prepare for and attend this very important Grand Communication, which will take up important resolutions and significant issues of far-reaching importance for the benefit of this honorable Fraternity.

## GRAND LODGE BUILDINGS, PREMISES LOOK CLEANER, MORE ORDERLY

**T**hat is the observation of brethren who visit the Grand Lodge these days. This improvement, according to the Building Superintendent, VW Rene C. Damian, is mainly due to the enthusiastic help of certain brethren, Lodges and Districts, as well as the co-operative labor of the janitors.

The following, as may be learned from the Building Superintendent's first quarter report to the Grand Master, were accomplished:

1. Plaridel Masonic Temple II was cleaned up to standard. Lodge halls, hallway walls, floors and angle lines (corners) were scrubbed and the dead wax at corners and under sofas and chairs was expunged. Besides, platforms at the East and other stations were painted red.

2. The back of the Temple was cleaned, and the garden by the fence spruced up.

3. The Museum was put back to its proper place at the back of the stage.

4. The grounds around the temple were cleaned and rid of trash.

5. The treehouse complex, too, underwent cleaning and repair. So did the stairway noosings and tiles.

6. Comfort rooms were scrubbed and sanitized. The one at the back of the Jose Abad Santos Hall was cleaned and then locked to prevent it from being turned once more into a trash room.

7. Broken window glasses were replaced.

8. The hallway at the back of the Temple was likewise cleaned and the trash therein disposed of.

9. The bodega was cleaned and its physical set-up rearranged.

10. The social hall and stage were cleaned, too, and decorated with indoor plants and revolutionary flags.

11. The basketball side of the parking area was cleaned, likewise, and

the filling materials, debris and garbage therein were disposed of.

12. Plaridel Masonic Temple I was also cleaned, and its furnishings were refurbished. Its hall was made more lively with plants and the display of revolutionary flags.

13. The comfort room on the ground floor was also refurbished with a counter around the face bowl. Doors and water fixtures were repaired and painted blue. The whole area was sanitized.

14. The canopy in front of the old Temple was removed, with the help of the janitors and Bro. Ed Puno of Noli Me Tangere Lodge No. 148, who cut the four steel beams by means of acetylene, free of charge.

15. The security guard post was built out of old materials available.

VW Damian reported, moreover, to the Grand Master that:

## CHAIRS, SOFAS GET REPAIRED, REFURBISHED

**L**odge and station chairs, as well as sofas, were repaired and reupholstered, thanks to the following who contributed money for the purpose:

Masonic District No. 7, P1,050; Capitol City Lodge No. 174, P2,000; Hiram Lodge No. 88, P1,050; Jacques DeMolay Lodge No. 305, P1,650; Noli Me Tangere Lodge No. 148, P1,050; Saigon Lodge No. 188, P4, 500; Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, P3,000; Tai-Chi Class, P1,400; WB

1. With the help of VW Ben Tan of Labong Lodge No. 59, who will donate vigan tiles, the frontage of the old Temple will get a facelift.

2. The Benitez entrance to the Grand Lodge will be provided with a Spanish centennial gate through the sponsorship of WM Roland Chiu and some other members of High Twelve Lodge No. 82.

He reported, in addition, that the putting up at the Luneta of a Masonic marker dedicated to the memory of the 13 Martyrs of Bagumbayan will soon be realized, with the help of Walana Lodge No. 13. (Please see inside back cover for more details.) He also stated that he would follow up the proposed installation of a Masonic Centennial Clock in the same park. This project will be sponsored by Districts 1,3, and 5, led by DDGMs Andy Lim, Rudy Ong, and Sonny Wang, supported by the Lodges in their districts.

Fernando Carayo, Araw Lodge No. 18, P350; WB Wilfrido Juco, WM of Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79, P1,750; Bro. Leslie Reynold, P1,000; Bro. Ed Sweeney, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, P1,050; and VW Andy Valley, Sinukuan Lodge No. 16, P2,000.

WB Hermeno A. Palamine of Walana Lodge No. 13 also donated ashtrays—20 big and 10 small; the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, four gallons of white paint and 20 indoor plants; Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, seven Lodge station chairs (for the Stafford Hall); and Sis. Susan Romualdez-Locsin, Blue Palm and MacArthur palm plants.

Wrote Bldg. Superintendent Rene C. Damian in his July 31, 1998 letter report to MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master: *"The contributors are grateful to the Grand Lodge for giving them the opportunity to be of service to the Craft during your term as Grand Master."*

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SISINGHAP-SINGHAP  
NANGGIGIL ANG MGA  
DUHAPANG NA MGA PALAD  
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ANG SISIDLANG PLASTIK  
HIBANG SA PAGNANASANG  
MASINGHOT AT MAHIGOP  
NA LAHAT ANG LAMAN

LASING AT TULIRO  
DI MALAMAN ANG GAGAWIN  
PAGMASDAN MO AMA, INA  
MGA MAGULANG  
ANG LARAWAN NG IYONG ANAK  
NA NAKASADLAK AT GUMON  
SA BAWAL NA GAMOT

PARANG BALIW KUNG TUMAYO  
EEMBANG-EMBANG, EMBA-  
EMBAYOG  
ANG KATAWAN  
NAGSASALITANG DI MALAMAN

SARI-SARING KABALBALAN  
ANG LAMAN NG UTAK  
SALOT SILA SA LIPUNANG HIKAHOS  
SILA PA RIN BA ANG PAG-ASA  
NG ATING INANG BAYAN?

TUMAYO KA AT UIMAYOS  
KABATAAN,  
BAGUHIN MO ANG IYONG ILUSYON  
MANGARAP KA NG TAGUMPAY  
TUMITIG KA NG MATAGAL SA ARAW  
PAGMASDAN MO ANG KAPALIGIRAN

AH! MAY MAGAGAWA KA PA  
HANGGAT MAAGA  
TULINAN MO ANG PAGTAKBO  
NG MAWALA ANG LASING MO  
PAPALAYO, PAPALAYO  
SA BILIBID, PAPALAYO SA OSPITAL  
AT PAPALAYO SA HUKAY

## HOPE

CHAN CRJEGAS

GLORIA MARKS ASSEMBLY NO. 15 TAGUILARAN CITY, BOWOL

...After the raging storm  
Clouds slowly drifting away  
Heaven I can clearly see  
All soft blues of a promising day  
New hope for the lonely soul in me  
...As the sun dips into the horizon  
I won't cringe with fear  
In the darkness of the night  
For in my mind, in my heart  
There will always come a morning light  
...Casting a genuine smile  
Humming a cheerful song  
And I've found a home  
Now, my soul has somewhere to belong.

## MY MOM

Jill Lava

Perla Assembly No. 1, Manila

She, whom I love  
Who bore the pain to give me life  
She was my first sight  
The image I had when I saw the light.  
She was my first memory  
The one that I always carry  
She was my first teacher  
The one who taught me my prayer.  
She is my first friend, my protector and my guide  
who led me to the light  
She gave me my name, my mind and my heart  
I am giving her my love, my soul and my life  
In deepest sincerity I thank God, for giving me  
my mother  
And I know I'll always love her and that we will  
be together forever.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

# GRAND LODGE, DISTRICT 48 INK AGREEMENT

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of F & AMs of the Philippines, represented by MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, and Masonic District No. 48, represented by VW Domingo T. Teng, DDGM, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relative to the 83rd Annual Communication to be held in General Santos City on April 21-24, 1999.

The signing was witnessed by VW Ike Arribas, Senior Grand Lecturer; VW B.J. Torres, Asst. Grand Secretary; and WB Flor R. Nicolas, Cabletow Executive Editor; and WB Charles Megerle, Buildings & Grounds Administrator, who took photos of the event.



*Right to left: VW Ike Arribas, VW B.J. Torres, VW Domingo Teng, MW Henry Locsin, and WM Flor Nicolas at the Grand Lodge Conference Room.*

*MW Locsin and VW Teng pose for a photo at the GM's office after the signing of the MOA.*



## GLP TENDERS TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF WB EDUARDO T. MALINIS

The MW Grand Lodge of the Philippines, under the leadership of MW Bro. Enrique L. Locsin, together with the members of the Board for General Purposes and the Board of Trustees of the Acacia Mutual Aid Society Inc. (AMASI), tendered a testimonial dinner last August 13 at the Ipil Room of the Manila Hotel in honor of WB Eduardo T. Malinis, Past Master of Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51 in Bacoor, Cavite, who had been reappointed Insurance Commissioner by President Joseph Ejercito Estrada. His reappointment is proof enough that his services are still much needed by

the Insurance Commission.

After the singing of the National anthem, VW Agerico V. Amagna, Jr., Vice-President and Secretary of AMASI, led the invocation. RW Napoleon A. Soriano, Junior Grand Warden, then gave the welcome remarks and VW Eduardo M. Espejo, AMASI President, who also emceed the program, led the testimonial.

In his response, WB Malinis averred that he would continue serving as exemplar of dedicated public service.

MW Enrique L. Locsin revealed that part of his administrative program is to give due recognition to Masons who have distinguished themselves in both public and private sectors; for such brethren have convinced the world that merit is the just little to our privileges.

The program ended with ceremonial toasts to the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Grand Master Locsin, and WB Malinis.



(L-R): VW Rodolfo H. Cardona, VW Agerico V. Amagna, Jr., PGM Agustin V. Mateo, VW Eugenio S. Labitoria, MW Enrique L. Locsin, WB Eduardo T. Malinis (the honoree), PGM Rosendo C. Herrera, , VW Eduardo M. Espejo, and RW Nap A. Soriano pose for posterity.

MW Henry Locsin presents WB/ Insurance Commissioner Eduardo T. Malinis with plaque of recognition. AMASI President Ed Espejo looks on.



## GLP TENDERS TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF VW ROBERTO T. LASTIMOSO

**T**he Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, led by Grand Master Enrique L. Locsin, tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of VW Roberto T. Lastimoso, Director General & Chief, Philippine National Police, last July 29 at the Emilio Aguinaldo Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple.

After the invocation and singing of the National Anthem, RW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM, GMH and Grand Secretary, gave the welcome remarks. Then dinner ensued.

In his message, MW Locsin stressed that it is part of his program to give due tribute to brethren who have been appointed to high positions in government or who have registered marked accomplishments in their own fields of endeavor.

In his response, VW

Lastimoso gave assurance to the Grand Lodge officers and brethren that he would endeavor to lead the PNP by example.

Then followed ceremonial toasts to the Commander in Chief of the Republic of the Philippines, the Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, and VW Roberto T. Lastimoso.

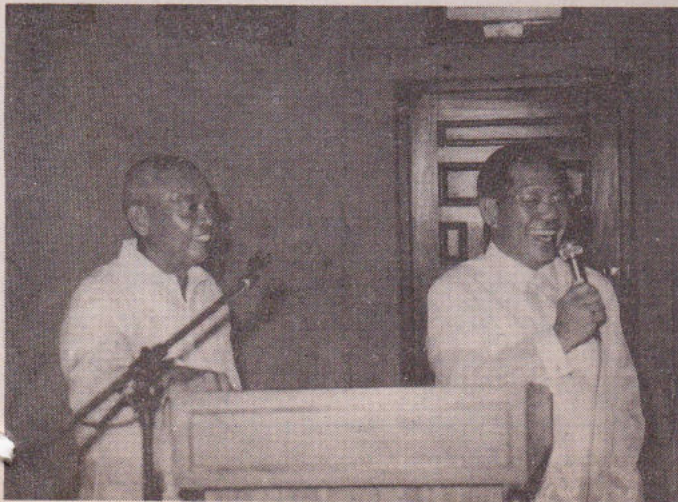
VW Mario T. Buenaventura emceed the affair.

Earlier, on July 15, the Police Cavaliers Square & Compass Club, Inc., gave a testimonial dinner in VW Lastimoso's honor at the Multi-Purpose Hall, Camp Crame, Quezon City.

Bro. Jose Antonio Salvacion led the invocation, Bro. Lucas Managuelod gave the welcome address, and Bro. Cipriano E. Querol, Jr. called the roll of brethren present.

After dinner and several surprise numbers, WB Reynaldo M. Acop, PM, introduced the honoree, and VW Roberto T. Lastimoso, Past Grand Marshal, gave his speech.

The program climaxed with the awarding of a Plaque of Recognition to the Chief of the Philippine National Police.



*VW Roberto Lastimoso gives response. The other brother in the photo is VW Mario T. Buenaventura, who acted as emcee.*



PGM Rosendo C. Herrera, Sis. Josephine Sanchez-Lastimoso, MW Enrique L. Locsin, PGM John L. Choa, other brethren and guests give a resounding toast to the honoree.

Grand Master Locsin, assisted by Senior Grand Warden Oca Bunyi, awards VW Lastimoso with Plaque of Recognition.



VW Lastimoso and officers of the PNP Square & Compass Club respond to jokes cracked by the emcee, Bro. Servando M. Hizon.



## GLP, Districts, Lodges, & Brethren Assist to El Niño Crisis Victims

In response to the Grand Master's Circular No. 5, which calls for assistance to victims of the El Niño crisis, District No. 29 brethren contributed 30 cavans of rice; Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79 and High Twelve Lodge No. 82 gave two cavans each; the Square & Compass Ladies of Laguna doled out four cavans; The members of Kasilawan Lodge No. 77 contributed P6,640. and WB Rodrigo C. Ong, PM personally gave P5,000; VW Filomeno O. Chia, Jr. personally gave P1,000; and the Jose Rizal Lodge No. 22 gave P5,200, VW Peter C. Chua, PDDGM personally gave P10,000 and F.D. Roosevelt Memorial Lodge No. 81 chipped in five cavans.

## MW LOCSIN PRESIDES OVER CONSTITUTION OF EULOGIO R. DIZON LODGE NO. 321

Most Wor. Bro. Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, presided over the constitution of the Eulogio R. Dizon Lodge No. 321, F. & A.M., at the Pagasa Multi-Purpose Center in Talugtug, Nueva Ecija last June 13. He was also the guest speaker for the occasion.

The DDGM, VW Enrico G. Divina, received with full honors MW Enrique L. Locsin and his party, as well as Hon. Bro. Quintino S. Caspillo, Jr., municipal mayor of Talugtug, and Hon. Bro. Jose "Bopet" M. Dizon, municipal mayor of Guimba.

VW Jaime Y. Gonzales and Mrs. Susan R. Locsin, who are in charge of soliciting and collecting donations, have stated that other contributors will be acknowledged in due time.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines, on its part, dug deep into its Calamity Fund and sent P130,000, equivalent to approximately 200 cavans, to VW Froilan Tecson, Regional Deputy Grand Master, Southern Mindanao, who turned it over to VW Domingo Teng, DDGM of District No. 48.

The leadership of the Grand Lodge wishes to convey its appreciation to the generous contributors. But it hopes more districts, lodges and brethren will contribute their share to this worthy cause, in application of this, our avowal: *"To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds is the great aim we have in view. On this basis we form our friendships and establish our connections."*

The Chaplain of the Lodge, Bro. Honorio B. Castillo, Jr., led the invocation, and Bro. Renato U. Dizon, Senior Warden, introduced the guests and visiting brethren.

Assisting Grand Master Locsin in the constitution ceremonies were the following: VW Clemente M. Nava, Deputy Grand Master; VW Jaime Y. Gonzales, Senior Grand Warden; VW B.J. Torres, Junior Grand Warden; VW Juan Luis L. Faustman, Grand Secretary; VW Isaac F. Arribas, Jr., Grand Marshal; VW Alberto C. Reyes, Grand Chaplain; VW Carlos N. Villanueva, Grand Bible Bearer; VW Roy Azarcon, Senior Grand Deacon; and brethren from Nueva Ecija, who filled in the other positions.

MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM, served as Installing Officer, assisted by VW Alberto C. Reyes, Grand Chaplain, who served as Master of Ceremonies.

Installed were the following offic-

ers: VW Jose R. Dizon, RDGM, Worshipful Master; Bro. Renato U. Dizon, Senior Warden; Bro. Samuel P. Mateo, Junior Warden; VW Tomas Maxdoley C. Leyva, PDGL, Treasurer; WB Eliseo P. Mateo, PM, Secretary; WB Isidro G. Lapuz, PM, Auditor.

Bro. Honorio B. Castillo, Jr., Chaplain; Bro. Jose F. Mateo, Marshal; Bro. Rodolfo F. Orejana, Senior Deacon; Bro. Gerald M. Madarang, Junior Deacon; Bro. Rodrigo S. Caspillo, Orator; WB Warlito P. Mateo, PM, Lecturer; Bro. Jose G. Manalang, Senior Steward; Bro. Ruben C. Reyes, Junior Steward; Bro. Gil U. Dizon, Jr., Organist; Bro. David Ia. Guerrero, Almoner; and WB Renato C. Vergara, Tyler.

VW Felino D. Catabona, Jr., who was assigned Grand Lodge Inspector for the Lodge, was present during the occasion. So were Regional Grand Lecturers Juanito L. Bernardo and Andres Merlin N. Bernardo, as well as DGLs Jose I. Hidalgo, Sr., Rodrigo N. De Guzman, Wilfredo S. Wy, and Filoteo M. Jimenez. Present, too, were brethren from other Lodges in Nueva Ecija and Pangasinan.

In his inaugural address, VW Jose R. Dizon, Worshipful Master, cited the accomplishments of the Lodge, among which is the growth of the Lodge in number and in strength. The Lodge has more than 50 active members after one year of existence. VW Dizon expressed his optimism that membership would increase further mainly due to the dy-

namic leadership of the officers.

Introduced by WB Warlito P. Mateo, Lecturer, MW Locsin stressed the role of Masons in nation building.

After the Grand Master's short but meaningful message, the Wor. Master, assisted by WB Eliseo P. Mateo, Lodge Secretary, awarded the Grand Master, the Installing Officer, the Master of Ceremonies, the Asst. Grand Secretary, and the brethren who had been of great assistance to the Lodge in the past year with plaques of recognition.

The fellowship social that followed, consisting of lechon baka, kaming delicacies, and other native specialties, was a protracted once since the brethren and their guests enjoyed one another's camaraderie.

The whole affair was ably emceed by SW Renato U. Dizon.

The Grand Master and his party, however, had to leave Talugtog to join Mrs. Susan R. Locsin and Ms. Nhorie Moldez at the farm house of Bro. Fil Joson, Undersecretary of the Department of Labor and SW of Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, which was blessed that day, which was also the natal day of Bro. Fil.

Mrs. Locsin was in Nueva Ecija to seek the help of District 29, headed by VW Edward O. Joson, in line with the Grand Master's project to extend assistance to victims of the El Niño crisis. She was able to solicit 30 sacks of rice.

MW Locsin and PGM Herrera with Mayor/Bro. Quintino S. Caspillo, Jr. (extreme left) at the door of the Conference Room, Office of the Mayor of Talugtog. At the right of the Mayor is VW Ike Arribas, SGL; at the right of MW Herrera is VW Jose R. Dizon, RDGM





*MW Locsin presides over constitution ceremonies. At his right is VW Clemente M. Nava, Regional Grand Lecturer for North Western Luzon, and at his left is MW Rosendo C. Herrera, PGM and Installing Officer for the day.*

*MW Locsin and PGM Herrera pose with WM Jose R. Dizon (at the right of MW Locsin) and other newly-installed officers of Eulogio R. Dizon Lodge No. 321*





*The Grand Master and the newly-installed Worshipful Master*

*The brethren of Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73, led by VW Edward O. Joson, DDGM (in dark glasses) and SW Fil Joson (holding hat), take time out of the fellowship social to pose for possible publication in *The Cabletow*.*



*The Grand Master (4th from left), Mrs. Susan R. Locsin (2nd from right), Ms. Nhorie Moldez (4th from right) with Nueva Ecija brethren and sisters*

## GRAND MASTER INDUCTS CAMANAVA MASONIC SERVICE CLUB, INC. OFFICERS

**T**he Camanava (Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela) Masonic Service Club, Inc., under the jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of F & AMs of the Philippines, held its inauguration and induction of its officers at the Shin Tong Lok Restaurant on McArthur Highway, Malabon, Metro Manila last June 23.

After the invocation led by WB Nicanor H. Marcos and the singing of the National Anthem led by Sis. Sonia Lim, Bro. Manuel Punzalan, M.D., presented the members of the club and the guests.

WB Juanito Vaño, Vice-President for Valenzuela, gave words of welcome. Then MW Henry Locsin inducted the officers for 1998, as follows:

Lucio Isagani P. Santos, President; Edgar D. Lim, Vice President for Caloocan; Fernando Lim, Vice President for Malabon; Nelson Nario, Vice President for Navotas; Juanito Vaño, Vice President for Valenzuela; Ernesto

R. Carandang, Secretary; Antonio Chua, Treasurer; Atilano Juaben Lim, Auditor; Nicanor M. Marcos, Lecturer; Reynaldo G. Cortez, PRO-Caloocan; Modesto M. Sumagpang, PRO-Valenzuela; Nestor De Jesus, PRO-Malabon; and Venerando M. Santiago, PRO-Navotas.

The officers having been inducted, Sis. Fely V. Carandang presented a special number, after which Bro. Lucio Isagani Santos, President, gave his inaugural address.

In his inspirational message, MW Locsin urged the officers and members to join together in promoting not only their own welfare, but that of the Craft as well, and in rejoicing at one another's prosperity. Exemplary conduct on your part, he said, will convince the world that Masonry is, indeed, a cradle of heroes and a builder of nations.

At the height of the fellowship social, WB Edgar Lim led the Tyler's Toast.

The affair was emceed by Bros. Modesto Sumagpang and Ernesto R. Carandang.

## GRAND MASTER IS GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER AT THE PUBLIC CONSTITUTION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF GEN. ARTEMIO RICARTE LODGE NO. 322

**T**he double event took place last July 16 at the General Artemio Ricarte Hall, Philippine Army Recreation Center, Fort Bonifacio, Makati City.

Among those who assisted Grand Master Enrique L. Locsin in constituting the Lodge were VW Jaime Y. Gonzales, VW B.J. Torres,

VW Hernani B. Lopez, VW Roy Azarcon, VW Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr. and VW Danilo Datu.

After refreshments, VW

Ricardo T. Misa, DDGM, assisted by DGLs Herminigildo R. Francia, Pedro F. Santiago, and Edwin E. Ventura, received with full honors MW Locsin and his party. VW Alberto C. Reyes, Grand Chaplain, gave the benediction. Then VW Mariano J. Remoquillo, PDGL, assisted by PDDGM Romeo Musngi and PDGL Leopoldo F. Oganiza, Master of Ceremonies and Asst. Master of Ceremonies, respectively, installed the officers of the Lodge, as follows:

VW Josefino B. Manayao, PDGL, W. Master; BRo. Edwin Vargas, Sr. Warden; Bro. Pete Cabuay, Jr. Warden; Bro. Sammy Bagasin, Treasurer; Bro. Harold N. Cabrerros, Secretary; WB Cristolito Balaoing, PM, Auditor.

Bro. Olegario Dela Cruz, Chaplain; Bro. Ronnie Cuenca, Sr. Deacon; Bro. Ramon Cabal, Jr. Dea-

con; Bro. Alden Masagca, Sr. Steward; Bro. Harry Chavez, Jr. Steward; Bro. Cesar C. Reyes, Marshal; Bro. Paul Pardillo, Lecturer; Bro. Jess Manangquil, Organist; Bro. Henry Cantos, Tyler; Bro. Isidro Purisima, Orator; and Bro. Ruben Basiao, Almoner.

SW Edwin Vargas having introduced the guests and visiting brethren, VW Manayao, newly-installed Master, gave his inaugural address and then presented plaques of appreciation/recognition to the Grand Master, outgoing Master Clemente P. Mariano and other deserving brethren.

After the brief response of WB Mariano, WM Manayao introduced the guest of honor, MW Locsin, who challenged the officers to take their Lodge to greater heights of achievements.

DDGM Misa closed the Lodge, and dinner-fellowship ensued....

## TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR VW/SOLICITOR GENERAL GALVEZ

**T**he Grand Lodge of F & AMs of the Philippines tendered a testimonial dinner in honor of VW Ricardo P. Galvez, Past Grand Orator, who was appointed by President Joseph Ejercito Estrada to the position of Solicitor General, last August 17 at the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple II.

Emceed by VW Fernando V. Pascua, Jr., the program started with the singing of the National Anthem, followed by an invocation led by VW Alberto C. Reyes, Grand Chaplain.

After the welcome remarks by MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM, GMH and Grand Secretary, WB Magdangal M. de Leon, PM, introduced the honoree.

After the response of VW

Ricardo P. Galvez (which is given below), MW Enrique L. Locsin gave his message.

The occasion was capped by ceremonial toasts to the President of the Republic of the Philippines, Grand Master Enrique L. Locsin, and VW Ricardo P. Galvez. It was attended by Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Mrs. Susan R. Locsin, many brethren, and several sisters.

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## VW Galvez's Response

My fascination for Freemasonry started way back when I was in my fourth year high school after I read Prof. Ricardo Pascual's *The Retraction of Rizal*. My curiosity was further aroused by Prof. Agoncillo's *The Revolt of the Masses*, his biography of Andres Bonifacio, a Freemason. In this work, Prof. Agoncillo pointed out in detail how Andres Bonifacio copied some of the rituals in Freemasonry in inducting members of the then secret organization, the Katipunan.

But while I was initiated into the Masonic Fraternity as early as June 1974, it was only eight months later that I was made a Master Mason. In the interim, my mother, who was a religious woman, tried to dissuade me from becoming a full-fledged Mason. There are, according to her, many arcane and mysterious tales concerning the organization. One of these is that one is made to step on a cross in the rituals for admission. I explained to her that all these were stories woven by the Spanish friars to denigrate Freemasonry because most of the prominent leaders of the Philippine Revolution were Freemasons. I mentioned the names of Andres Bonifacio, Jose Rizal, Antonio Luna, Emilio Aguinaldo, and a host of others, to show that Masonry is not as evil as she thought it was, because we would not be venerating these men as national heroes if they were as evil as she conceived Freemasonry to be.

*"That was during the Philippine Revolution, which happened more than seven decades ago," she answered back. "Are there Freemasons of today whom we can be*

*proud of?"*

Her remarks did not dissuade me from being raised as a Master Mason. But it has been more than 20 years since that time, and I still ask myself, *"Do we have present-day Masonic heroes, or Freemasons that we can be proud of, so that we will feel a sense of pride in being members of the Craft?"*

When I was elected Worshipful Master of my Lodge, Kalantiao Lodge No. 187, 18 years ago, I embarked on so many projects to make Freemasonry visible to the public and in the process make the community understand that the Fraternity, aside from its esoteric teachings and penchant for symbolisms, is just like any other organization that likes to do its part in serving the community. The elders in the Fraternity then cautioned me that Freemasonry eschews innovation.

But I then asked—and am still asking, *"How can we attract the best men to our fold unless we reveal a little of ourselves to all and sundry?"* True, there are always people who knock at our doors for membership in the Fraternity, but have we been able to attract those who have potentials for eventually giving honor and prestige to the Craft? While it may be true that there are indeed prominent people who are Freemasons, is that known to the populace? How many people who are not Freemasons are aware that Supreme Court Justice Reynato S. Puno is a venerable member of the Fraternity? How many people are aware that the present Solicitor General is a Freemason? I had met Undersecretary Felicisimo Josen in social affairs and we probably took our oath together last July 2 in Malacañang.

But until I met him tonight I was not aware that there are both Freemasons. How many people are aware that PNP Chief Bobby Lastimoso, General Ebdane, and a host of others in the military and police ranks are Freemasons?

I therefore suggest that we do something to make the public aware that there are indeed prominent men among our ranks. Our practice of publishing in newspapers of general circulation those whom we choose as outstanding Freemasons for a particular year should be continued. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Enrique L. Locsin, caused the writing and publishing of a book entitled *The Brethren*, written by Most Worshipful Reynold S. Fajardo. This and others similar are steps leading to making it known to the people that there are indeed men of prominence among us. The present practice, started well by our present Grand Master, of giving testimonial dinners to our members who have made it good in their chosen fields, should be continued in the

years to come. And if there is one organization where the so-called Filipino "crab mentality" should have no place, it should be Freemasonry. Within the length of our cabletow, we should not hesitate to help one another; for if one is exalted to prominence, such honor radiates not only upon the honoree but upon the Fraternity itself. We would then be able to attract good men to our Craft without the need of inviting them to do so. It is human nature to have that sense of belonging and one joins an organization because he feels proud to be counted. Let us, therefore, endeavor, as a whole, to mold our Masonic heroes of today, by giving and bestowing honor upon the deserving, and not simply rely on laurels of the past. Let us do something to make good men form a long queue in coveting membership in the Masonic Fraternity. If we, in our generation, shall have achieved this, then those coming after us shall then say that we have really done our part during our time.

*Toast to the Solicitor General, VW Ric Galvez.*





Grand Master Henry Locsin delivers his message. At foreground are PGM Rudyardo Bunda, VW Galvez, PGM Reynato Puno, PGM Raymundo Beltran and PGM John Choa.

VW Galvez, Solicitor General, with some of the guests.



VW Galvez and MW Locsin with Past Grand Masters and other Masonic leaders.

## CUPANG LODGE TEMPLE DEDICATED

by VW B. J. Torres, AGS

**T**he new Lodge Temple of Cupang Lodge No. 295 was dedicated Saturday, July 25 at Cupang, Bulacan.

A group of Grand Lodge officers headed by VW Ramon G. Nuñez, Asst. Grand Treasurer, motored to the place to perform the Ceremony of Dedication. In the absence of most of the elected Grand Lodge officers, this writer acted as the Grand Master. He was assisted by VW Ramon G. Nuñez, VW Jaime Y. Gonzales, SGS, VW Danilo Datu, GP, VW Johnny Mendoza, PDGL, and officers of District No. 23 headed

by VW Jaime Camino, DDGM, and Past Masters of Cupang Lodge.

WB Nestor B. Calimon, Master of Cupang Lodge, headed the welcoming party and received the Grand Lodge officers at the Tabang Exit. A brief stop-over was made at the Marcelo H. del Pilar monument for the floral offering.

The public ceremony of dedication was attended by brethren from different Lodges of the district and wives of the officers of the Lodge.

This writer, in behalf of the Grand Master, commended the brethren of Cupang Lodge for their strong determination and unity, which had enabled them to build the temple in a very short time.

## DR. JOSE P. LAUREL LODGE, UD, INSTITUTED

by VW B.J. Torres, AGS

**S**aturday, August 8, 1998, was a very memorable day for the brethren of Batangas and Lipa City because on that day the new Lodge named in honor of Dr. Jose P. Laurel, Sr., jurist, educator and statesman, who was also a Mason, was instituted.

The brethren of Mabini-Kalaw Lodge No. 195 led the brethren from other Lodges of Batangas in organizing the new Lodge. Over a hundred brethren signed the petition for dispensation to form the new Lodge—a clear manifestation of the love and respect of the Batangueños for Dr. Jose P. Laurel, Sr.

The ceremony of Institution was presided over by MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, assisted by

this writer, who acted as Master of Ceremonies, VW Jaime Y. Gonzales, who served as Chaplain, and VW Servando Lara, who was the Acting District Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master's lady, Mrs. Susan Romualdez-Locsin, with the wives of other Grand Lodge and District officers, graced the occasion with their presence. There were also non-Mason guests, among whom was Hon. Ralph G. Recto, Representative, 4th District of Batangas,

who were impressed with the brief but beautiful ceremony.

A sumptuous luncheon was served after the ceremony right in the Temple. Wives of brethren of the Lodge contributed a lot to the success of the affair, particularly during the fellowship.

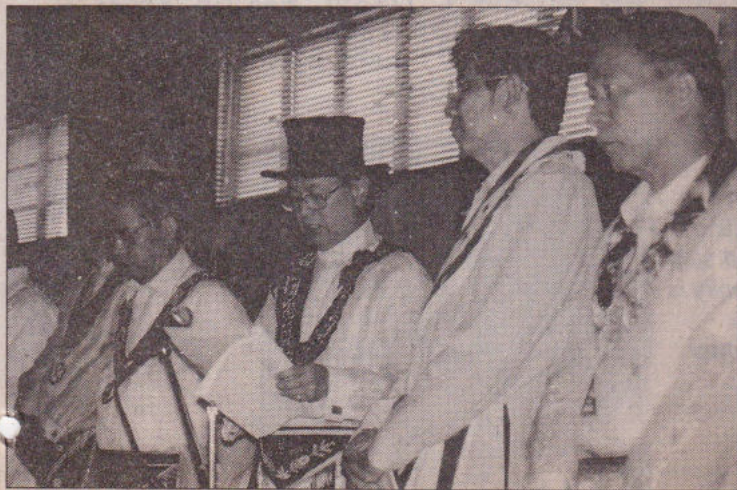
Other members of the Grand Master's party were RW Napoleon A. Soriano, Junior Grand Warden; VW Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr., Grand Marshal; and VW Danilo Datu, Grand Pursuivant. Ms. Nohrie Moldez, Secretary to the Grand Master, was there, too.

The first Master of Dr. Jose P. Laurel, Sr. Lodge is WB Roberto R. Chua, PM (19). He is assisted by the following: Cristaldino B. Tornio (35),

Sr. Warden; Michael P. Sevilla (1), Jr. Warden; Bartolome U. Quintana, PM (72), Treasurer; Celso B. Sarmiento, PDGL (195), Secretary; and Bonifacio T. Mercado, PM (72), Auditor.

The rest of the officers are as follows: Jaime M. Tolentino, PM (195), Chaplain; Rolando B. Darao (270), Marshal; Ronald L. Cortez (174), Sr. Deacon; Cesar A. Abaya (35), Jr. Deacon; Eliseo Panahon (292), Orator; Wilfredo A. Magana (195), Almoner; Eusebio Tan See (195), Organist; Ireneo P. Goce, PDGL (185), Lecturer; Antonio J.M. Zuñiga, PM (72), Sr. Steward; Noel A. Ongkiko (72), Jr. Steward; and Augusto B. Crencia, PM (195), Tyler.

*MW Locsin, RW Soriano and brethren pose for a picture.*



*The Grand Master presides over Institution ceremony.*



*The officers of the newly-instituted Lodge*

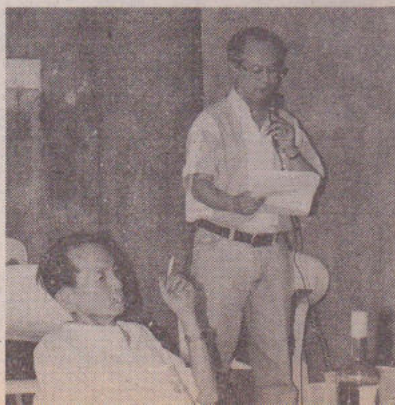
*Ms. Susan R. Locsin,  
Ms. Nhorie Moldez and  
four Sisters*



## **GRAND MASTER ATTENDS MANDALUYONG CITY LODGE ANNIVERSARY**

**T**he Grand Master, MW Enrique L. Locsin, was the guest of honor and speaker during the 13th anniversary of Mandaluyong City Lodge No. 277 held at the St. Vincent Seminary in Tandang Sora, Quezon City.

*MW Locsin reads his message to the brethren of the Lodge and guests, including Grand Lodge officers and staff members. Listening intently is National Capital Region Deputy Grand Master Roger Talastas.*



# MW LOCSIN PRESIDES OVER CORNERSTONE LAYING OF DEMOLAY CENTER

**M**W Enrique L. Locsin presided over the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the future DeMolay Center at the Grand Lodge premises on the 28th day of July.

*MW Locsin reads ritual as PGM Rosendo C. Herrera, Grand Master, Supreme Council of DeMolay Philippines, listens.*



*(from left), Mrs. Esperanza delos Santos-Herrera (at his right) and PGM Herrera with officers of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.*



# CAMARINES NORTE 107 HOSTS FIRST QUEZON PROVINCE-BICOL REGION CONVENTION

**C**amarines Norte Lodge No. 107 hosted the first joint convention of Masonic District Nos. 8, 11 and 14 (which are located in Quezon Province and the Bicol Region) at the Camarines Norte Masonic Center in Daet, Camarines Norte last July 31. The participating Lodges were Balintawak 28, Isarog 33, Kalilayan 37, Bulusan 38, Tayabas 43, Mayon 61, Plaridel 74, Camarines Norte 107, Julian Ocampo 145, Daet 247, Naga City 257, and Catanduanes Island 291.

At 6:30 a.m. officers and members of the participating Lodges, as well as those of the Scottish Rite Bodies, assembled at the vicinity of the Masonic Center and then marched in parade to the Rizal monument, where they conducted a floral offering ceremony. VW Felipe M. Jardinel led the invocation, and MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, gave an eulogy to Mason heroes.

The Lodge was opened by the following convention officers: WB Godofredo E. Peteza, Jr., (107), W. Master; WB Cornelio C. Abesa IX (33), S. Warden; WB Armando B. Navarroza (257), J. Warden; VW Jose D. Ching (107), Treasurer; VW Godofredo O. Peteza, Sr. (107), Secretary; Bro. Maouro O. Mangubat (107), Recorder; WB George E. Rubio, Sr. (107), Asst. Recorder; WB Leo L. Intia (247), Marshal; WB George E. Rubio, Sr. (107), Chaplain; Bro. Richard Ragrario (33), S. Deacon; Bro. Alvin Yater (33), J. Deacon; Bro. Gaudioso F. Salvador (107), S. Steward; Bro. Camilo C. Abordo (247), J. Steward; and WB Florante F. Equipado (61), Tyler.

WM Peteza then received with full honors the following DDGMs:  
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VW George S. Yorobe, District 12; VW Teodoro C. Rey, Jr., District 14; and VW Luis C. Vizcocho, District 8.

VW Yorobe in turn received the Regional Deputy Grand Master, VW Luciano M. Maggay.

VW Isaac F. Arribas, SGL, conducted a Masonic Education session, consisting of Lodge Administration, Membership Development, and Floor Work/Ritual Exemplifications.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment.

The labors of the Lodge were resumed, with VW Maggay presiding. Received were MW Locsin and his party, as well as public officials and guests from the Supreme Council, 33°, A&ASR, Republic of the Philippines.

Sis. Nena B. Peteza led the singing of the National Anthem and WB George E. Rubio, Sr., PM (107) the invocation.

After the singing of the Grand Lodge Hymn, VW Yorobe gave his opening remarks, and Hon. Mayor Elmer E. Panotes his welcome address.

The fraternal luncheon that followed was capped with a press conference.

After lunch, the Guilds of Past

Masters of Districts 8, 12 and 14 held separate meetings.

After the snacks and refreshments, Secretaries reported on the accomplishments and problems of their respective Lodges. The reports were followed by a lively resolution hour cum open forum.

Then plaques and certificates were presented, followed by acknowledgment from Host Lodge Master Godofredo E. Peteza, Jr.

Introduced by RDGM Maggay, MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, delivered his keynote

speech, in which he urged the brethren to give meaning and substance to the theme *Masonry: Cradle of Heroes, Builder of Nations*.

The regional convention over, fraternal dinner and socials ensued. MW Locsin and Ill Juan C. Nabong, 33°, Chancellor, Supreme Council, 33°, A&ASR, were guests of honor.

The program for the evening was emceed by WB Herminio F. Obusan, Past Master of the host Lodge.

***The Grand Master (4th from left, front row) with leaders of the Quezon Province and the Bicol Region***



***MW Locsin urges brethren of the region to convince the world, by precept and example, that Freemasonry is a worthy way of life.***

# GRAND MASTER ATTENDS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF QUEZON CITY LODGE NO. 122

**M**W Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, was the special guest during the golden anniversary celebration of Quezon City Lodge No. 122 at the Xavierville Clubhouse in Quezon City.

With him were Sis. Susan R. Locsin, VW Isaac F. Arribas, Jr., VW Ramon G. Nuñez, VW Alberto C. Reyes, some of the administrative and office staff of the Grand Lodge, and a host of other brethren and guests.

On hand also were members of the family, as well as close friends, of WM Alexander L. Castulo and his beautiful better-half, who is likewise named Susan.

Members of the Lodge who were also conspicuously present were: MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM and Grand Secretary, who was accompanied by Sis. Sion; MW Agustin V. Mateo, PGM, who was accompanied by Sis. Lolit; VW Rogelio S. Talastas, Regional Deputy Grand Master for NCR; VW Agerico V. Amagna, Jr., who has held various positions in the Grand Lodge; VW Jose O. Lustre, Past Asst. Grand Secretary; VW Eluderio S. Salvo, PDDGM; VW Dennis Gabionza, two-term Grand Organist; WB "Boy" Gabionza and his wife, Sis. Aileen; and Bro. Jerome Gabionza, with Sis. Soc.

VW Severo L. Castulo, PSGS and biological father of the incumbent Wor. Master, together with his spouse, Sis. Cresencia, dotingly watched the proceedings in the wings.

WB Alexander L. Castulo, in-

cumbent Master, was recently promoted Superintendent (military rank--Lieutenant Colonel) of the Philippine National Police.

In the formal portion of the program, MW Fajardo and MW Mateo were granted plaques of appreciation; moreover, Past Masters of the Lodge were awarded with certificates of recognition.

WB Geminiano V. Galarosa, Jr., PM, District 9 correspondent to The Cabletow, who was accompanied by his wife, reported that, of course, the presence of the other members insured that the whole-day affair was a success. These include SW Mario F. Ignacio, JW Jonathan Florendo; the Past Masters like VW Saul R. Exmundo, PDGL, WB Rogelio F. Fuentes, WB Perfecto F. Lacuesta, WB Sergio V. Regala, Jr., WB Conrado C. Veneracion, and WB Jesus B. Venzon; Bros. Feliciano L. Arcebal, Isidro C. de Guzman, Antonio M. Reyes, and Arsenio M. Torres, Jr.

Many of the spouses of the other brethren were also there.

During the program the newly-raised Elpidio Soriano trio, consisting of the Senior, the Junior and the Third, together with their entire family, sang a beautiful kundiman—to the delight of the crowd.

The brethren and the ladies

had their pictures with the Grand Master taken while the children frolicked at the crystal-clear swimming pool and some brethren imbibed the "wine of refresh-

ment."

WB Galarosa was commissioned to write the Lodge's notable memoirs. He tentatively titled this "Golden Reflections."



*The brethren of Quezon City Lodge No. 122 posing for posterity with MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master (at the center). To his left is WM Alexander L. Castulo and to his right is VW Rogelio S. Talastas, Regional Deputy Grand Master.*

*MW Enrique L. Locsin at fourth from left.*

*Others in picture are: WB Geminiano V. Galarosa, Jr., PM; VW Rogelio Flores, PDGL; MW Agustin V. Mateo, PGM; VW Isaac F. Arribas, SGL; and VW Severo L. Castulo, PSGS.*



*MW Enrique L. Locsin and WM Alexander L. Castulo pose with the ladies. At their right are their respective spouses, both named Susan.*



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| Ricardo Marquez                      |                                       |

# OUR SENIOR GRAND LECTURER IS RECIPIENT OF PURPLE CROSS

**V**W Isaac F. Arribas, Jr., Senior Grand Lecturer, received the Purple Cross, the most-coveted Masonic award, in Grand Rapids, Michigan last July 25.

Other recipients of the same award were five Grand Masters from sister jurisdictions, namely: MWBs Clyde Griffin of Georgia, Benny Grisham of Illinois, William Hinton of Kentucky, James Eatmon of Nebraska, and Trevor Thomas of British Columbia.

When the Philippine flag was borne to and enshrined in the East during the awarding ceremony, VW Bro. Arribas stood with much pride.

Our Senior Grand Lecturer also received in 1991 the Royal Arch Service Medal Award from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. This award is given to one Royal Arch Mason once every three years. Among the recipients of this particular award are many presidents, royalties, and other international personalities of different countries.

The Purple Cross also carries with it the appointment of the honoree as Associate Regent to the Sovereign College of North America.



Congratulations and Mabuhay to VW Ike Arribas, who does not speak much about his achievements, for garnering the second international recognition of his unselfish dedication to Masonic labors!

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# AROUND THE DISTRICTS, LODGES

## HONGKONG MASONS SEND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO WARDS OF CHOSEN BUILDER INC.

by WM Alexander Castulo

Our Lodge, Quezon City #122, has a continuing commitment to Chosen Children Inc. in Philam Village, Las Piñas, Metro Manila, namely, to help support the organization's wards in Tagaytay City.

All religious polemic and speculation was-and-is-forbidden within the lodge. Sectarian division has thus been avoided, leaving the Craft open to all men of goodwill, whatever their personal religious beliefs. In this way, Freemasonry has overcome sectarian division and has

crossed the boundaries between the faiths of the world.

The practical result of this has been a steady growth in religious tolerance. From its earliest days the Craft has brought together Protestant and Catholic Christian, Arab and Jew, Hindu and Moslem. Religious leaders such as Sir Israel Brodie (former Chief Rabbi of the United Kingdom), Geoffrey Fisher (Archbishop of Canterbury), the third Aga Khan (the father of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), Stephen Wise (the American Zionist), and the Swami Vivekananda (who was, in his day, the leading interpreter of Yoga and Hinduism in the West) were all proud to be Freemasons and illustrate, in a powerful way, the Craft's essential spirit of tolerance and conciliation.

MW Reynold S. Fajardo, PGM, Grand Secretary and Past Master of Quezon City Lodge No. 122, turns over P10,000 check to Ms. Beth Macasadog of Chosen Children Inc.



## 40TH ANNUAL DISTRICT 6 CONVENTION

by J. Carlo R. delos Santos

Masonic District No. 6 held its 40th annual convention at the Cultural Hall in Sta. Cruz, Laguna on June 19 last, the

137th birthday anniversary of our foremost national hero, Dr./Bro. Jose P. Rizal. Sierra Madre #181 was host Lodge.

From the assembly point in Parian, Calamba, Laguna, the brethren proceeded to the Rizal Shrine for the floral offering. Afterwards, they motored through Sta. Cruz, Laguna en route to the convention site.

WM Vicente J. Go of the host Lodge received the DDGM, VW Roberto C. Santos, and the DGLs, VWBs Iluminado C. Monzon, Emmanuel A. Briñas and Felizardo P. Tirado. VW Santos in turn received Hon. Bautista, Mayor of Sta. Cruz, and then MW Enrique L. Locsin and his party: RW Napoleon A. Soriano, Junior Grand Warden; VW Virgilio F. Sarmiento, Regional Deputy Grand Master; VW Eugenio Labitoria, PDDGM; VW Roberto Q. Pagotan, PSG; VW Serafin Eufrazio Maranan, DDGM; and VW Jaime Y. Gonzales, SGS.

The reading and approval of the minutes of the 39th Annual Convention was followed by the roll call of Lodges. Then the convention was recessed for lunch.

The resolution urging Lodges to use the Filipino language in opening and closing the Lodge was approved.

VW Virgilio F. Sarmiento,

assisted by VW Emmanuel A. Briñas, who served as Master of Ceremonies, installed the Grand Lodge Inspectors.

Next Bro. Jess Alaba, Board Member of Laguna, delivered an inspirational talk in behalf of Gov. Joey Lina, a Brother, and VW Roberto Santos delivered his own message, while VW Andrew O. Nocon introduced the guest speaker, MW Locsin, who stressed, among other things, that Freemasons figured preeminently in the history of our nation, particularly in the declaration of Philippine independence from colonial rule.

After the presentation of awards and tokens of recognition, MW Locsin closed the convention in short form.

The brethren and guests then witnessed the *Rigodon de Honor* starring selected brethren and sisters.

How pleasant, indeed, for brethren and sisters to dwell together in unity and concord!

## MARCELO H. DEL PILAR MEMORIAL LODGE CELEBRATES 13TH ANNIVERSARY

The officers and members of Marcelo H. del Pilar Lodge No. 272, F&AM, celebrated their 13th anniversary as a Lodge at the M.H. del Pilar Lodge Masonic Temple.

Worshipful Master Resty de Leon gave the welcome address, while Bro. Reynaldo Antonio, Chaplain, led the invocation. Then the Lodge Officers, led by the three Lights, WM de Leon, SW Atilano Huaben Lim, and JW Juanito D. Tan, presented awards to the Past Masters, namely: VW Jaime Camino,

Jr., DDGM, Wor. Master in 1985-86; VW Jose B. Montejo, Jr., PDDGM, Wor. Master in 1987-88; VW Rogelio N. Fernando, PDGL, Wor. Master in 1989-93; VW Gilbert B. Baroquillo, PDGL, Wor. Master in 1994-95; VW Alexander T. Bernardino, PDGL, Wor. Master in 1995-96; and WB Nicanor H. Marcos, GLI, Wor. Master in 1997-98.

After the inspirational talk by VW Jaime R. Camino, Jr., DDGM, MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, delivered the closing remarks, stressing Freemasonry as cradle of heroes and builder of nations. He urged the brethren to focus their attention on community development efforts.

Dinner ensued at the Wanam Restaurant at Albattos St., St. Francis Subdivision, Meycauayan, Bulacan.

## WATER FOR THE GRAND LODGE

by Bro. Raymundo Q. Rabelleza

**Water has become one of the most precious minerals these days. Up to this moment there are a great many people who crave for it. People at the Grand Lodge are no exception.**

Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, led by Wor. Master Gilbert L. Pazcoguin and VW Ricardo J. Leuterio, Secretary, decided to extend a helping hand to the Grand Lodge.

Through one of our petitioners, ANTHONY C. SYNGO, the first delivery of 2,000 gallons of water was materialized. Present during the delivery was Mr. George Dy, President of the Southern Manila Fire Volunteer

Brigade, VW B.J. Torres, VW Rene Damian, Bro. Ed S. Marfori, WM Pazcoguin and VW Leuterio.

Next VW Leuterio wrote a letter to Mr. Roberto Chua of the Paco Fire Volunteer Brigade requesting for more water. Sooner than expected, not only 2,000 gallons but three-trucks load of water was delivered.

Our friends in the Fire Brigades have stretched forth their helping hands not only to Masons but to people in the community as well.

The Grand Lodge is grateful to the Southern Manila Fire Volunteer Brigade and to the Paco Fire Volunteer Brigade for their kind help.

A continual delivery of water from the fire volunteer brigades, we understand, will continue until the La Niña phenomenon sets in.



*VW B.J. Torres, WM Gilbert Pazcoguin, VW Rodolfo Cardona, VW Rene Damian, and VW Ricardo J. Leuterio with several members of the Paco Fire Volunteer Brigade.*

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## KALILAYAN #37 HOLDS FREE MEDICAL-DENTAL CLINIC

by WM Joselito P. Tamaray

The first project we accomplished as a Lodge after my assumption of the Oriental Chair was the holding of a free medical and dental clinic at Barangay II, one of the depressed areas in Lucena City.

The community service activity was highlighted with on-the-spot local tv coverage. VW Reynaldo O. Calayan,

Jr., VW Wilfredo Frondoza, VW Samuel Habito, Bro. Alex Cariaga, the project chair, and my humble self were interviewed regarding Freemasonry.

VW Jaime Capuli, product manager of Pharmacia-Upjohn Drug Company, supplied the medicines.

The Kalilayan #37 brethren zealously extended the much-needed help to our less fortunate fellows, thereby making the beneficiaries and other folks in the community perceive that we are, indeed, an organization with a big heart.

Reaching out to the community is a year-round activity of our Lodge in support of the Community Service Program of the MW Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

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## KALILAYAN #37 EMERGES INTER-CLUB BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT CHAMPION!

by WM Joselito P. Tamaray

When we joined the tournament, we did not expect to win, for most of us are beyond our prime, except the two DeMolays. Most of the time there were only five members of the team who played, yet we persevered, until finally it dawned to the other teams in the tournament that we were definitely the team to beat.

Came the climax of the tournament We were to play against Rotary Club of Lucena South for the much-coveted championship (senior category). We were outnumbered, and the adversary employed trapping defense. Fighting with big hearts, we managed to tie the score, 72-72, at the dying seconds of the game.

Five seconds to go! Bro. Raul Ibal scrambled for possession of the ball and passed it to the fast-running DeMolay, Jeff Tamaray, for the successful lay-up. It was truly a cardiac finish.

There was, however, some confusion as to whether or not the shot was counted. The ultimate decision was, the shot had to be credited. *El fallo del juez es inapelable!* The Rotarians magnanimously accepted defeat and congratulated us for our sportsmanship during the tournament.

I personally extended congratulations to the players: Brothers Marvin Llamas, Alex Cariaga, Eric Elardo, Raul Ibal, Werner Decena, and DeMolays Jefferson Tamaray and Joamil Suarez, who proved that "*Time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things*"—of course, with the support of the sisters and other brethren of the Lodge!

We received the championship trophy during the awarding ceremonies held at the Employees Village Multi-Purpose Hall. Bro. Marvin Llamas and DeMolay Jefferson N. Tamaray were chosen members of the Mythical Five and awarded much-deserved medals.

*WB Joselito P. Tamaray & Bro. Marvin Llamas with the rest of the participating teams during the awards night.*



*(L-R): VW R. Borja, WM J.P. Tamaray, Bro. M. Llamas, VW J. Capuli, Bro. R. Desembrana, Bro. P. Alcala, VW R. Calayan, Jr., Bro. I Abaricia, Bro. A. Custodio, VW R. Tan, WB R. Calayan, Sr., VW J. Decena.*

## MASONIC DISTRICT 3 FAMILY OUTING

by WB Dennis L. del Rosario  
District Secretary

Masonic District No. 3 held a family outing at the Las Villas de Manila, San Pedro, Laguna. The activity, energetically organized by VW Rudy L. Ong, DDGM, who was ably assisted by District Grand Lecturers Benito K. Tan, Enrique G. Cunanan, Victor A. Yu, and Rodolfo A. Tor, was a big success.

The family outing was made all the more

significant with the presence of MW Enrique L. Locsin, Grand Master, who came with Sis. Susan and their daughters, Angelica Josefina and Monica Isabela; RW Oscar V. Bunyi, Senior Grand Lecturer; and RW Napoleon Soriano, Junior Grand Warden, who was with Sis. Erlinda.

The venue was physically arranged as early as 7:00 a.m. By mid-morning all the tables were occupied by the brethren, their families and guests. This forced VW Ong to hire additional tables to accommodate brethren still to arrive.

At this point in time the participants started to enjoy themselves in swimming, basketball and tennis.

At around 11:30 a.m. a short program

started. WB Antonio Juco invoked God's blessings on the assembly, VW Ong gave his welcome remarks, VW Tor called the roll of Lodges, and VW Yu acknowledged the dignitaries and guests.

All Lodges in the district were represented. But Labong 59, Nilad 12 and Bagumbayan 4 had the biggest representation.

MW Locsin congratulated VW Ong for "what I see as a successful gathering or bringing the families of District 3 together."

Remarked the Grand Master: "I have designated December as family month. You have, in effect, 'jumped the gun' so to speak and advanced the activity for today. Nonetheless, it is always better to be ahead of schedule."

The Grand Master added that criminality, juvenile delinquency, drugs, prostitution and other social dangerous disorders are products mainly of broken families. "It is for this reason," he said, "that I have included in my program family activities....A family that encourages togetherness among its members promotes happiness and harmony. A happy individual existing under this condition lives a stressless and healthy life. And happy men are what we need in the Craft—if we are to remain strongly anchored on a solid foundation."

He then expressed his hope that "this

*DDGM Rudy Ong proposes a toast for the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Philippines.*

*will only be a beginning of more family activities in days to come."*

The program over, all partook of the sumptuous lunch consisting of lechon baka, lechones baboy, fried chickens, fish, pansit, spaghetti, and many others. Soft and hard drinks were available to all, with matching *pulutan*.

The gathering was also made memorable by the touching presence of WB Rudy Perez of Labong Lodge No. 59, who lost his vision after a ten-year bout with glucoma.

And brethren from other districts showed their camaraderie with us, their brethren in District 3, through their attendance. There were brethren from Mencius Lodge No. 93, Hiram Lodge No. 88, Noli Me Tangere Lodge No. 148, and F.D. Roosevelt Lodge No. 81.

The warm presence of the Grand Lodge working staff was felt, too.

Said the English bard Bill Shakespeare: "All is well that ends well."



*GM Locsin and SGW Bunyi, together with district officers, offer toast for the district's growth in strength and number. Watching intently are Mrs. Susan Locsin and daughters.*



## PANGASINAN MASONS ADOPT SEVERAL SCHOOLS

The brethren of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 chose Limansangan Elementary School in Binalonan, Pangasinan as the institution to adopt for school year 1998-99. They distributed pad paper, notebooks and pencils to all pupils of the school, from grade 1 to grade 6, and turned over to the school principal and the PTA officials the amount of P5,000 for the miscellaneous fees of indigent pupils.

The brethren of Alfonso Lee Sin Memorial Lodge No. 158, likewise, adopted Sta. Catalina and Sumabnit Elementary Schools. They distributed like items to the pupils of those schools.

## VICTORIOUS BRETHREN, SISTER

Two members of Pangasinan Lodge No. 56, Bro. Alipio Fernandez, Jr. and Bro. Teodoro Manaols, were elected mayor and vice mayor of Dagupan City. Bro. Mario Meneses of the same Lodge won the vice mayoralty in San Fabian, Pangasinan, while Sis. Myrna Belle Uy, wife of Past Master Danilo C. Uy, was elected vice mayor of Binalonan.

Bro. Nelson Vidal of Alfonso Lee Sin, meanwhile, was promoted to the rank of Chief Inspector/Major.

Warmest fraternal congratulations to our brethren and sister—from the Grand Lodge and The Cabletow!

## 3 Masons Honored as Local Heroes

Col. Vicente Prado, Lt. Col. Juan Quesada, and Major Daniel Maramba, Masons all, were honored by the Dagupan City Government last June 12 as local heroes. They led the Katipunan forces that liberated Pangasinan from Spanish rule in the battle of Dagupan in 1898.

Col. Prado, politico-military governor of Pangasinan in 1898, was the commanding officer of the Katipunan forces in Pangasinan during the revolution. His troops won over the Spaniards in the battle of Dagupan on July 18-22, 1898, thereby decisively putting an end to Spanish misrule in Pangasinan.

Next in command to him was Lt. Col. Quesada, who took over the governorship of Pangasinan when Col. Prado was elected delegate of Pangasinan to the Malolos Congress.

Major Maramba, who also saw action in the battle of Dagupan in 1898, founded Pangasinan Lodge No. 56 in 1919.

Revealed Bro. Restituto C. Basa: *"When the Philippine-American war erupted, Prado left his post at the Malolos Congress and returned to the battlefield. He fought the Americans. Captured by the Americans after he was wounded in battle, he was asked to take the oath of allegiance to America, but he refused. The Americans branded him as a 'bandit' and hanged him in the town plaza of Dagupan on December 3, 1900."*

As was also pointed out by Bro. Basa, Governor Quesada, together with another Mason, Fr. Gregorio Aglipay, was asked by President Emilio Aguinaldo, a

Past Master, to serve as his close-in security. WB Aguinaldo was, at that time, being pursued by the American troops. On his way to the mountains in the north, he needed his two brothers to shield him from Ilocano wrath, which was aroused due to the assassination of General Antonio Luna, an Ilocano Mason, by the Caviteños in Cabanatuan. Quesada died of malaria in the mountains of Abra.

Maramba, like Prado, was captured by the Americans. But

unlike Prado, he took his oath of allegiance to the United States—but only after Aguinaldo had submitted to American rule. He was then appointed by the Americans as Justice of the Peace of Sta. Barbara, Pangasinan, his native town, which he later served as mayor. Afterwards he served as congressman of the third district of the province, then as two-term governor, and finally as senator in 1941. He died of tuberculosis in the same year, soon after the outbreak of the Pacific War.

## **ILIGAN 207 SPONSORS TABLE TENNIS CLINIC**

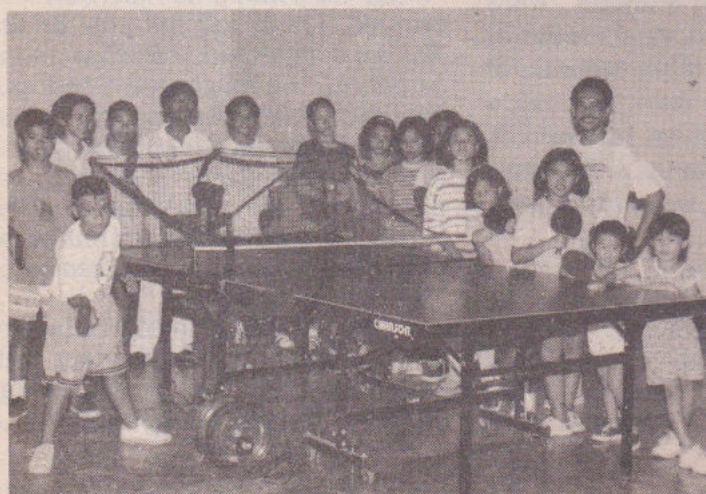
**Iligan Lodge No. 207, F & AM, together with the Iligan Table Tennis Club (ITTC), sponsored a table tennis clinic for boys and girls of 15 years and below.**

Bro. Bobot Fabrero, Senior Warden of the Lodge and ITTC past president, supervised the clinic for two months in summer, Mondays to Fridays,

from 9 a.m. to high 12.

Twenty-four kids, whose skills ranged from beginner to intermediate, participated in the project. Their learning process was accelerated with the aid of table tennis videos and the Newgy Robopong 2000 table tennis acquired from abroad.

The Lodge and the ITTC, according to Bro. Calixto B. Fabrero, Jr., will continue this youth project in the coming years.



*Bro. Bobot Fabrero and students pose with their Robopong 2000.*

*Students apply strokes learned.*



## IN MEMORY OF A GREAT BROTHER

Officers and members of Gen. Llanera Mem. Lodge No. 168 conducted a floral offering ceremony last June 19, birth

anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, in grateful remembrance of his patriotic and Masonic labors.



*(L-R) Frank de Guzman, J. Warden; Efren Panganiban, S. Warden; VW Rudy Estrada, PJGL; WBs Nap Valeriano, Jun Syegco, King Mabalay, Uly Chan, & Boy Trinidad pose in front of Bro. Rizal's statue on the premises of the Lodge....*

# SHANGRI-LA, TAGUM LODGES COMMEMORATE RIZAL'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

BY VW RICO O. IBONIA, PDGL

**The brethren of Shangri-la Lodge No. 196 and Tagum Lodge No. 204, District 42, commemorated the birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal through a floral-offering ceremony held at the Union Elementary School in Tagum City.**

The ceremony was participated in by the whole student population and the faculty of the said school, led by Mrs. Leonida G. Reopa, school principal. It was

followed by a short program on the life of the country's foremost national hero and an illustrious Brother Mason.

Both Lodges donated copies of *Noli Me Tangere*, *El Filibusterismo* and other Filipiniana.

Acknowledging the donation with great enthusiasm, Mrs. Reopa expressed her hope that the Masons would sponsor similar events, so that the youth would become more conscious and appreciative of our country's rich heritage and history.

The following brethren were in attendance: VW Mel Perdido, VW Raf Erfe, WB Rene Uy, WI Popoy Perez, WB Chito Hernaez, WB Lew Mangilet, WB Ray Soliban, WB Pros Estabillo, SW Dante de Castro, Bro. Frank Rivero, Gerry Estabillo (petitioner), and last but not least, this writer.



*WB Chito Hernaez, WB Rene Uy, WI Popoy Perez, SW Dante De Castro, and Bro. Frank Rivero prepare for the floral offering.*

*The brethren pose with faculty members and students after the program.*



## Talavera's SOUNDING BRASS Is Out

We convey sincerest congratulations to WB Daniel Ferrer and the other members of the editorial staff for coming out with the maiden issue of *Sounding Brass*, monthly newsletter of Talavera Lodge #273.

VW Leonard T. Ting, WM Juan S. Nepomuceno, and VW Lito Lacanilao, PJGS, compose the editorial board of the *Sounding Brass*.

From the maiden issue we learn, among other things, that brethren of Talavera Lodge # 273 had launched a raffle 'bonanza'

dubbed "Trickles in Summer '98" to raise funds for their various projects, such as community outreach, putting finishing touches on their Lodge's social hall, refurbishing their Lodge and retouching some parts of the Lodge premises.

WM Nepomuceno appointed his Wardens, Fely Hierco and Eli Mendoza, chairmen of the Fund Raising Committee, with Bros. Max Suner, Ambet Miranda, Luis Esteban and Emil dela Rosa as members.

Members of the Lodge sold raffle tickets at P200 each. The raffle draw took place last June 20, their Lodge's anniversary.

Prizes at stake were P100,000, 1st prize; P25,000, 2nd prize; and P10,000, 3rd prize. There were five consolation prizes of P3,000 each.

All these prizes were, according to *Sounding Brass*, tax free.

## GIVING TRIBUTE TO MASON HEROES

BY CARLITO Y. Uy

A century ago heroic Filipinos, a great number of whom were Brother Masons, initiated reforms with the end in view to releasing their countrymen from the bondage of tyranny and oppression. Seeing the futility of campaigning for reforms, many of those heroic Filipinos rose up in arms against the Spanish colonialists. Their struggle for freedom culminated in the declaration of independence from Spanish colonialism on June 12, 1898.

To give due tribute to those heroic Filipinos, our Lodge constructed a 6x8 billboard, which is now located on a prominent area fronting our town's Rotonda.

The project was made possible through the financial support of our Worshipful Master, Manuel Ja. Amador, and our Secretary, WB Pol Hong, PM. The Community Service Committee, of which I am chairman, designed the billboard. The members of the committee are WB Eligio B. Salanga, SW Joseph Y. Ang, Bro. Raul C. Bueno, Bro. Oscar Pagunsan, and Bro. Delfin O. Riego De Dios.

## RTC PRESIDING JUDGE IN IRIGA CITY IS A PAST MASTER

**WB Josue Floresca Ernacio, 61, Past Master of Bulusan Lodge No. 38, took his oath of office as Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court Branch 60, Iriga City at the Supreme Court, Manila. MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM and Associate Justice, administered the oath of office.**

WB Ernacio was initiated, passed and raised in Bulusan Lodge No. 38 in 1988. In 1989 he served as Junior Deacon. In the year following, he was catapulted to the Senior Warden's station. He was Worshipful Master in 1991, when the Lodge celebrated its diamond jubilee. He next served as Grand Lodge Inspector.

WB Ernacio is the third member of Bulusan Lodge No. 38 who

became RTC Judge, the two others being WB Maximino Ables and Ireneo Escandor.

He was municipal councilor of Barcelona, Sorsogon from 1964 to 1967 and again from 1968 to 1971. He then served as vice mayor of the same town in 1972-1975. From 1975 to 1983 he worked as Hearing Officer IV in the National Police Commission. From December 16, 1983 to his appointment as RTC Judge he served as Second Assistant Provincial Fiscal in Sorsogon.

WB Ernacio is also a member of the Executive Committee, South Bicol, Conference, United Church of Christ in the Philippines and of the Board of Directors, Barcelona (Sorsogon) Anglers Club, Inc. He chairs the Board of Directors of the Barcelona Multi-Purpose Cooperative, Inc. and the Board of Trustees, United Institute, Daraga, Albay.

He and Sis. Betty G. Ernacio have three children: Dorothy May, 30; Geraldine Gay, 28; and Dean Milton, 26.



*WB Ernacio takes oath of office administered by MW Reynato S. Puno, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines. At his right are Sis. Betty and daughter Geraldine Gay.*

# TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR OUTGOING AFP CHIEF OF STAFF

by Bro. Cesar A. Serlle

**P**rimera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69, Tierra Luz Court No. 33, Order of the Amaranth, and Tierra Alta Assembly No. 4, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG), honored GEN. CLEMENTE P. MARIANO, AFP (RET), Worshipful Master of our Lodge, with a testimonial dinner reception at the Founder's Hall of the Lodge in Binakayan, Kawit, Cavite last July 11.

VWB ANGELITO S. CAGUIAT, PDGL, led the opening prayer, after which dinner, prepared by the catering services of WB VICENTE G. DE GRANO, ensued.

BRO. EDGARDO ROXAS, Junior Warden, gave the welcome remarks. Then the host clubs, in their centennial ternos and dresses, presented a *rigodon* for about 30 minutes.

A skit featuring the honoree in his 38 years of military service was then presented. WB JUNE

ARNAN impersonated President Estrada, while WB WILLY HANDOG acted as Gen. Mariano, with brethren acting as platoon of soldiers from the different branches of the AFP. BROS. BOYETH NARVAEZ and TONY VENTURA represented the Women Auxilliary Corps (WAC)... A rousing round of applause from the audience was merited by the performers.

VW EDGARDO C. PEREZ, PDDGM, in his remarks, cited the outstanding contributions of the honoree to the host clubs, specifically the visit to the PMA, Baguio City, where they were accorded with VIP treatment.

WB MARIANO was then presented with an award and a gift. To his wife, Sis. Corazon, in recognition of her valuable support and sacrifices during the entire active service of WB Mariano in the AFP, was given another gift.

*"From the bottom of my heart, thank you,"* the honoree said. *"There has been no recognition more gratifying than this testimonial dinner,"* he continued. *"I wish to show my deepest gratitude to the AFP, as well as to the Fraternity, which molded my character and person and served as the way to my present position."*

BRO. BOYETH NARVAEZ having given the closing remarks, ballroom dancing and fellowship followed.

The entire affair was ably emceed by WB TONY MENDOZA.

Ladies of Tierra Luz Court No. 33, Order of Amaranth and Tierra Alta Assembly No. 4, IORG, of Primera Luz Filipina Lodge No. 69 line up for dinner.



*So do the Brethren of  
the Lodge.*

*TATAG! is what the  
impersonator of the  
outgoing CSAFF Gen.  
Mariano is shouting. This  
is part of the skit to  
reminisce with pride Gen.  
Mariano's 38 yrs. of  
military career.*



*The host clubs in their  
centennial ternos and  
dresses to perform the  
"Rigodon."*

## 5 Lodges Hold Joint Anniversary Celebration

The five Lodges of District No. 45—Isabela 60, Mallig Plains 191, Tumauni 251, San Mariano 307, and Pinacanauan 318—jointly celebrated their foundation anniversaries at Paseo de Paraiso in Burgos, Isabela last June 21.

Approximately 500 persons attended the joint celebration.

While the *Hermanas* prepared the banquet table, the kids frolicked in the swimming pool, and the band of the Philippine Army, courtesy of Bro./Col. John Bolhayon, Bro./Maj. Ed Maningding, and Bro./Maj. Nitoy N. Cabato, dished out entertaining music.

Bro. Governor Benjamin G. Dy made a surprise visit and spent substantial time with his brethren and their families. The Regional Deputy

Grand Master, VW Vic dela Cruz, together with VW Godofredo M. Batarao, DDGM of District No. 39, and VW Arnel De Mesa, DGL of the same district, were conspicuously present, too.

After the sumptuous lunch, WM Leo Jaramillo started to belt out his own version of Matt Monroe and Nat King Cole cover songs. Royal Patron Oniaste Tabangcura, who resembles the great Luciano Pavarotti but sounds more like Frank Sinatra, also joined in the "serenade". Not to be outdone, the five Lodges fielded their own representatives.

While the brethren enjoyed the "wine of refreshment," the *Hermanas* shared light moments with one another, thereby making their relationship still more intimate.

The affair was so successful that VW Diony Panajon was pressured into scheduling another get-together before year-end. Bro. Jojoy Domingo, owner of the resort, promised that Paseo de Paraiso would be always open for Masonic activities.



Bro. Ben Dy (Prov. Governor), Bro. Mel Asis (PNP Prov. Director), Bro. Jojoy Domingo (SP member), Bro. Val Acosta, Bro. Lito Neyra, Bro. Bobot Vega, and Bro./Maj. Nitoy Cabato attend joint Lodge anniversaries celebration in Burgos, Isabela.

## DGM, SGW VISIT DISTRICT 44

RW Franklin J. Demonteverde, Deputy Grand Master, his wife Lorna, WB Peter Cavaje and his wife Aniceta were fetched at the Davao airport on June 17 by VW Chin Bon T. Lu, DDGM, and VW Mario A. Reyes, DGL.

On June 18, RW Oscar V. Bunyi, Senior Grand Warden, and his wife Ester were fetched by the same at the airport.

Later, together with our Davao brethren, the DGM and the SGW visited the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children at the Regional Hospital and then the Maharlika Charity Foundation, Inc., which was founded by MW Desiderio Dalisay to help indigents. The brethren lunched at the Paradise Resort.

On the 19th, MW Rizal D. Aportadera, PGM, RW Demonteverde, RW Bunyi, VW Lu, and brethren of District 44 conducted a floral offering ceremony at the Rizal monument to commemorate the 137th birthday anniversary of Bro./Dr. Jose P. Rizal. After the program, the DGM, the SGW, and their spouses were driven to Tagum, Davao del Norte by Alias, DDGM of District 42. In the evening MW Aportadera's birthday party took place.

In the morning of the 20th, DDGM Lu and DGL Reyes

*At the Regional Hospital the visiting brethren and Sisters pose with Carlo Mundia, 9, who will be operated on due to tuberculosis of the right knee.*

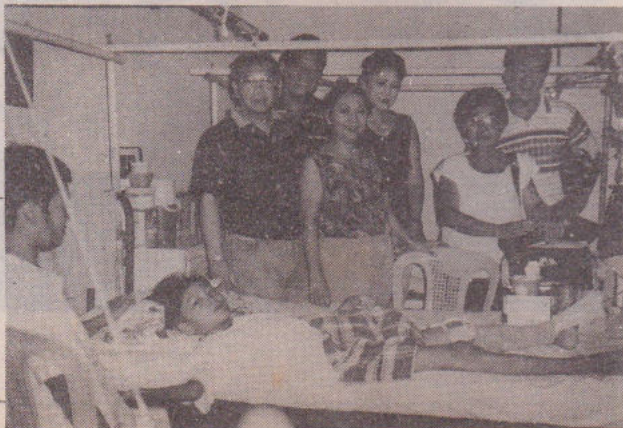
attended the stated meeting of Digos Masonic Lodge No. 198. They were later joined by RWBs Demonteverde and Bunyi, who were, naturally, accompanied by their loving spouses. After a simple get-together, the DGM, the SGW, and their ladies proceeded to General Santos City, where they met the brethren of that district and discussed with them the forthcoming Annual Communica-

*RW Bunyi and RW Demonteverde unveil newly-renovated Masonic Wall.*



tion.

On the 21st, Datu Bago Lodge No. 197 celebrated its 25th Charter Day at the Zed resort. The occasion was attended not only by the members of the Lodge and their families, but also by representatives of the other Lodges in the district. DDGM Lu and his family, DGL Reyes and his family, WM



Datukan Guiani of Sarangani Lodge No. 50, WM Danilo Siquioco of Davao Lodge No. 149, WM Hubert Jeng of Toril Lodge No. 208, WM Cesar Villanueva of Podomo Lodge No. 294, and other brethren were there. RW Frank Demonteverde and Sis. Lorna, as well as WB Cavaje and Sis. Aniceta, were there, too.

Foods and drinks were aplenty, and the accompanying program was merry, with VW Rudy Barrientos, Edwin Ceniza and Cesar Villagomez, Jr. regaling those present with their songs.

Congratulations to WM Mario I. Labrador and the officers and members of Datu Bago Lodge No. 197!

*RW Demonteverde, RW Bunyi with the children of the rehabilitation center of Maharlika Charity Foundation, Inc.*



*RW Demonteverde and Sis. Lorna, RW Bunyi and Sis. Ester, VWBs Lu and Reyes, and brethren of Digos Masonic Lodge No. 198.*



*PGM Aportadera, RW Demonteverde, RW Bunyi, VW Lu, VW Reyes, and brethren of District 44 at the Rizal Monument.*



*RW Demonteverde with the brethren of Datu Bago and their families.*



## Addendum: Masonic Charity



*Bro. Leopoldo Canizares of Dipolog Lodge No. 162 in Sicayab, Dipolog City, who underwent kidney operation in Davao City, received financial aid from the brethren. He is shown here acknowledging receipt of financial help. Others in the photo are VW Isagani Bella and VW Mario A. Reyes, DGL.*

## AN ENJOYABLE MEMORABLE AFFAIR

by VW B. J. Torres, AGS

For perhaps the first time in decades, District No. 2 (Cavite) held a turn-over ceremony last June 7 at Tagaytay Lodge No. 165 in Tagaytay City.

VW Ruperto S. Sangalang, outgoing DDGM, turned over the district's records to his successor, VW Serafin E.R. Manarin. This simple but impressive ceremony was witnessed by Grand Master Enrique L. Locsin, Sis. Susan R. Locsin, Past Grand Master Rosendo C. Herrera, Past Grand Master Raymundo N. Beltran, and other prominent district officers. Also present during the affair were spouses of district officers, who graciously attended to and entertained the guests.

MW Herrera gave an inspir-

ing speech. He congratulated the district for a very successful year and exhorted the leaders not to rest on their laurels, but rather, to take the district to greater heights of achievement.

MW Locsin, on his part, reminded the brethren of the significance of the centennial year and challenged them to emulate the example of WB Emilio F. Aguinaldo and other Mason heroes of Cavite who led their people in the desperate struggle for peace, freedom and happiness.

Plaques of appreciation and recognition were then awarded to brethren who had registered outstanding performance in their respective positions. These brethren include VW Dominador V.R. Eugenio, Most Outstanding District Grand Lecturer, and WB Abelardo T. Castro of Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, Most Outstanding Wor. Master.

The fellowship social that ensued was characteristically warm.

Bro. Manny & Sister Tessie Mandap  
Enterprise Lodge #31 - N.J.  
&  
Jose Rizal Lodge #1172 - N.Y.

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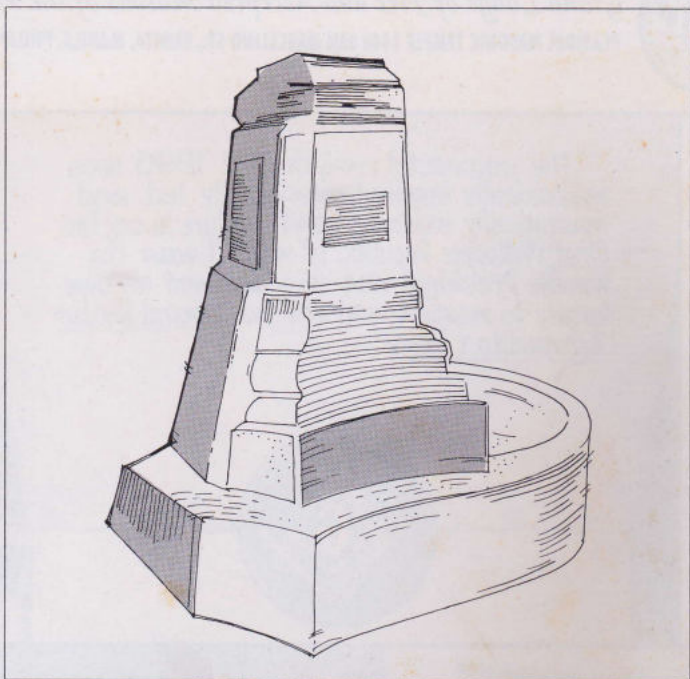
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THE HISTORICAL MARKER IN HONOR OF THE 13 MARTYRS OF BAGUMBAYAN TO BE INSTALLED AT THE RIZAL PARK BY THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF MW ENRIQUE L. LOCSIN, WILL LOOK LIKE THIS:



THE TEXT FOR THE MARKER, AS APPROVED BY NATIONAL HISTORICAL INSTITUTE CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SAMUEL K. TAN, WILL READ THUS:

### TRECE MARTIRES DE BAGUMBAYAN

IN THIS AREA 13 PATRIOTIC FILIPINOS WERE EXECUTED ON JANUARY 11, 1897. OF THESE, 10 WERE MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC FRATERNITY, NAMELY: NUMERIANO ADRIANO, JOSE DIZON, DOMINGO FRANCO, EUSTACIO MAÑALAC, GERONIMO CRISTOBAL MEDINA, RAMON PADILLA, ANTONIO SALAZAR, MOISES SALVADOR, LUIS ENCISO VILLAREAL, AND FAUSTINO VILLARUEL. THE NON-MASONS WERE BENEDICTO NIJAGA, BRAULIO RIVERA, AND FRANCISCO L. ROXAS.

THE 13 MARTYRS OF BAGUMBAYAN WERE AMONG THE PATRIOTIC FILIPINOS WHO GAVE ALL THAT MAN COULD BE CALLED UPON TO GIVE SO THAT THEIR COUNTRY AND THEIR FELLOWMEN WOULD HAVE FREEDOM TO ENJOY PEACE AND HAPPINESS. HAVING DIED FOR A NOBLE CAUSE, THEY LIVE IN THE HEARTS OF THEIR GRATEFUL COUNTRYMEN. TO THEIR MEMORY THIS MARKER IS ERECTED.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES WILL BE ASSISTED BY WALANA LODGE No. 13, THE FIRST VEN. MASTER OF WHICH WAS ONE OF THE 13 MARTYRS, FAUSTINO VILLARUEL, FATHER OF ROSARIO "MINERVA" VILLARUEL, INSPECTOR OF THE CELEBRATED SEMILA LODGE OF ADOPTION, WHO CAME TO BE KNOWN AS "THE PALE MADONNA" OF THE PHILIPPINE REVOLUTION AND THE "MOTHER OF MASONRY" IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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