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Incumbent Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, Cavite Masonic leaders, other brethren pose with Bro. Cesar Virata before the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite during the Launching of the Celebration of the GLP Centennial.



MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Grand Master, and Bro. Cesar Virata, former Primer Minister, lead the Masonic Family in offering floral wreaths at the tomb of WB/Gen./Pres. Emilio Famy Aguinaldo.



This is not a tug of war. Rather, the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers prepare to raise the Philippine Flag.



MW/Grand Master Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Cavite Governor Juanito Victor Remulla, Jr., Bro./former Primer Minister Cesar Virata, and other leaders of our Grand Lodge watch the proceedings at the Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite.

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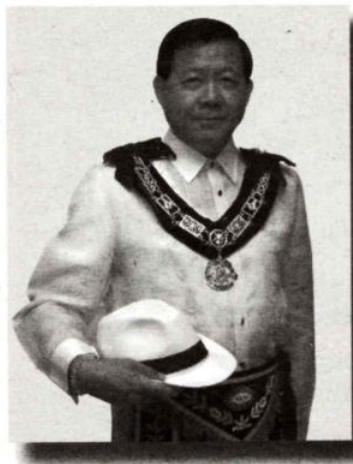
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THE KIND OF OFFICERS OUR LODGES NEED

IN THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER each year we elect officers of our Lodges for the ensuing Masonic year. We should elect only those brethren who we believe can provide inspired and inspiring leadership and who we think can best work and best agree, particularly in designing and implementing a program of year-round activities that will contribute to the brethren's

growth and development as well as to the improvement of the communities in which the brethren and their families live.

Assisted by the other officers of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master must appoint to responsible positions in the Lodge brethren with a deep sense of moral and Masonic responsibility and a keen sense of belonging not only to the Lodge and the Masonic District, but to the whole Craft as well.

Each Worshipful Master must be so flexible as to be at once a sharing, reconciling and building leader. He is a **sharing** leader if he delegates powers and responsibilities to the other officers and qualified members of the Lodge. He is a **reconciling** leader if he harmonizes conflicting factions and groups within his Lodge or restores harmony and cooperation among the factions and groups, thereby facilitating the attainment of Lodge goals. He forcibly impresses upon the officers and members of his Lodge that they cannot and will not reach greater heights of

achievement unless they all work together in close harmony. He is a **building** leader if he builds upon his worthy predecessors' accomplishments and readily spots what to change.

I fondly hope that each Worshipful Master in our grand jurisdiction will not be too autocratic, but rather friendly and understanding, always keeping lines of communication open to the other officers and members of his Lodge; that he will provide them with the necessary encouragement and motivation; that he will generously praise them for having done their jobs well; that he will allow them to develop their full potential; and that he will take pleasure in developing the leadership talents of younger members of his Lodge, thereby paving the way for them to take over the helm of the Lodge in due time.

Each Worshipful Master in our grand jurisdiction must govern and preside over his Lodge according to established rules and regulations in order to be just and fair to all, but must at the same time show kindness and mercy to erring, offending or neglectful brethren. He must, moreover, ever remember that he will occupy the Oriental Chair or wield the gavel, emblem of power, for only one year, unless the brethren re-elect him to the same position for another year. Therefore, he must be a leader rather than a boss.

According to Past Senior Grand Lecturer (PSGL) Benjamin S. Geli, the boss drives subordinates, while the leader coaches them. The boss depends upon authority, but the leader depends upon goodwill. The boss says "I"; the leader, on the other hand, says "we." The boss fixes the blame for the breakdown; contrariwise, the leader fixes the breakdown. The boss knows how it is done, while the leader shows how. Finally, while the boss says "Go," the leader says "Let's go."

If wise, each Worshipful Master will use as guide bits of wisdom crafted by writers, scholars, philosophers and sages, such as the following:

- The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind him in other men the conviction and will to carry on. – WALTER LIPPMAN
- Leaders don't create followers; they create more leaders. – TOM PETERS
- If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader. – JOHN QUINCY ADAMS

- You cannot be a leader, and ask others to follow you, unless you know how to follow, too. – DENNIS A. PEER
- Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance. – LOGAN PEARSALL SMITH

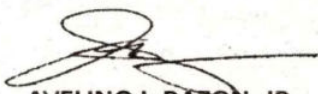
My worthy predecessors in the Grand East, such as MWBs Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr., Romeo A. Yu, Jaime Y. Gonzales, Pacifico B. Aniag, and Peter U. Lim Lo Suy, and I have come out with manuals for use by Masonic leaders at all levels of the Craft. I fondly hope Lodge Officers for the ensuing year will make optimal use of those manuals toward becoming efficient and effective leaders.

Finally, each Worshipful Master, together with the other officers, must seek the wise counsel and guidance of the Lodge's Past Masters. These are, after all, the pillars of the Lodge and of the Craft.

May all Worshipful Masters prove themselves effective, efficient, and proficient leaders rather than bosses in their respective Lodges and Districts.

Maligaya't makabuluhang Pasko sa inyong lahat, mga kapatid, at sa inyong mga pamilya. Masagana't manigong Bagong Taon sa inyong lahat!

Fraternally yours,



AVELINO I. RAZON, JR.
Grand Master, 2010-2011

EMULATING THE EXAMPLE SET BY BRO. JOSE "DIMASALANG" RIZAL

ON DECEMBER 30, we commemorate the 114th anniversary of the unjust execution by a firing squad of our eminent Brother, Dr. Jose Protacio "Dimasalang" Rizal, on Bagumbayan Field. As we do so, we must renew our resolve to emulate the many virtues which distinguished his conduct both as a man and as a Mason. Foremost of his distinctive virtues or admirable traits of character was his fortitude, his courage to come out against bigotry and commercialized superstition. Because of this, he aroused the ire of his adversaries, namely, the conservative and reactionary elements in the country, led by the powerful friars, who consequently conspired against him. They put him to death principally because he was a Freemason; yet they claimed that he had abjured or retracted his Masonry. But, as we have been taught in Masonry, we must forgive those who thus blaspheme against the truth and condemn themselves doubly before our eyes. We are sure, anyway, that Bro. Jose "Dimasalang" Rizal used his clear and firm mind for charting our nation's course to liberty, and that the tyrants were not able to slay his libertarian ideas with the vast resources and power at their command.

Bro. Rizal had three pet peeves. First, his ignorant and fearful countrymen who allowed themselves to be enslaved, oppressed, exploited and even brutalized by the vastly smaller number of Spanish interlopers. Secondly, the well-to-do and opportunistic Filipinos who, desirous of getting privileges and benefits from the ruling classes, conspired with the latter in making the indios or native Filipinos suffer torments without equal. And above all, the Spanish ruling classes, led by the friars, who unscrupulously and inhumanly oppressed the indios, as if the latter were not made in God's image like them. Hence, in his untitled valedictory poem, he apostrophized to Filipinas, his adored country, in the following manner:

My idolized country, whose sorrow is the greatest of my sorrows,
Beloved Filipinas, hear my very last adieu.

Here I leave thee all: my parents, my loved ones.

I go to where slaves, executioners and oppressors do not dwell;
Where faith killeth not; where He who reigns is God.

Clearly, Bro. Jose Rizal was not an atheist. "No atheist can ever be made a Mason." Because he was a Mason, he had faith in God, hope of immortality, and charity for all mankind. Ironically, however, because he was a Mason, he was hounded, harassed, persecuted, incarcerated, exiled, accused of plotting against both Church and State, and

finally executed by musketry. Like the GMHA, he chose rather to lay down his life on the Altar of Freedom than forfeit his integrity or be unfaithful to his principles. The claim that he retracted his Masonry is an utter lie.

Today certain extremist groups persist in criticizing, attacking and vilifying Masonry and us, its members. We must serve as courageous apologists or defenders of the Fraternity, as well as its public relations agents. This means that we must be able to tell non-Masons clearly, confidently and convincingly the truth about Masonry – what it is, what it is not, what it stands for, and what it is trying to do to transform this world of continuing enmities and inhumanities, of increasing materialism and dog-eat-dog ruthlessness, of highly competitive industrial Darwinism or survival of the fittest, and of declining moral and spiritual standards, into one where will prevail a wiser, juster, more merciful, more humane, more peaceful, and more harmonious social order. This is what Bro. Jose Rizal wanted to bring about when he established La Liga Filipina (The Philippine League), which he intended to be the foundation or cornerstone of his envisioned Filipino nation.

As he strongly suggested in the objectives of the Liga, Bro. Jose Rizal envisioned us, as a people, to unite ourselves into one compact, vigorous and homogeneous body, so that we would be better able to extend protection to one another in every want and necessity; to defend one another against all violence and injustice; to dedicate ourselves heroically to attaining the wel-

fare and happiness of the majority, and not to promoting our own interests and those of our families or groups; and to devote ourselves to education, agriculture, commerce, trade and industry, as well as to the study and application of much-needed reforms, so that every one of us would have self-reliance. If we would become such a nation, then we would be able to participate on free and equal terms with other peoples in the world in the high enterprise of attaining human solidarity or bringing about universal peace and harmony among God's creatures.

We must continue building up the kind of nation Bro. Jose Rizal and other Mason heroes envisioned to emerge – a nation where would prevail the principles of *pagkakaisa*, *pakikisama*, *pagkabayani*, *pagsasarili*, and *pakikipagkapwa-tao*. Let us, moreover, continue diffusing the light and luster of the teachings, precepts, and principles of Bro. Jose Rizal and other Mason heroes and statesmen as widely as we can among our fellowmen, particularly our countrymen, and especially those we rub elbows with each day; for it is, decidedly, a desideratum that, as the late nationalist and Senator Claro Mayo Recto phrased it, we become “a nation of Rizals.” – eF.R.eN

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USING BRO. RIZAL'S VALUES, IDEALS, PRINCIPLES AND DEEDS FOR GUIDING US, AS A PEOPLE, INTO THE FUTURE

by MW and SK Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Grand Master, KGOR

(Message delivered at Paco Park on December 30, 2010 – on the occasion of the commemoration of the 114th anniversary of the martyrdom of Bro./Dr. Jose Rizal).

TODAY WE COMMEMORATE the 114th anniversary of the martyrdom of our eminent Brother, Dr. Jose Rizal. As we do so, we are challenged once more to renew, if not to strengthen, our commitment to using his values, ideals, principles and deeds – the things he lived and died for – for guiding us, as a people, into the future. We must, at the same time, renew, if not strengthen, our resolve to emulate his many virtues, which distinguished his conduct as a man and as a Mason. Allow me, therefore, to present to you on this auspicious occasion some of my thoughts on the values, ideals and principles Bro. Rizal stood for, as well as his admirable qualities both as a man and as a Mason.

His Keen Sense of Justice

Bro. Jose Rizal could not accept why there were different rules for different people on account of race or economic standing. He had a very strong sense of justice, which is defined in our Monitor as “that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due without distinction.” Besides, he was a firm believer in the symbolic significance of the Level. This working tool, as we know very well, demonstrates that we human beings are descended from the same stock; that we partake of the same nature and share the same hope; and that although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren, for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune’s wheel may be entitled to our regard because a time will come, and the wisest know not how

soon, when all distinctions save that of goodness shall cease, and death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, reduces us to the same state.

His Relentless Pursuit of Personal Perfection

Throughout his life, Bro. Jose Rizal never stopped learning the wisdom of the ages and perfecting what he had learned. Thus, he developed himself from “rough” to “perfect ashlar” and transformed himself into a truly versatile Renaissance man. As a Mason, he was induced to be his best and to do his best at all times – or to reach for greatness by aiming at developing himself to his highest potential.

His Courageous Defense of Truth

Bro. Rizal exerted all-out effort to liberate his people by exposing the truth, even in the face of overwhelm-

ing odds. Certainly, he demonstrated fortitude, which our Monitor defines as "that noble and steady purpose of the mind whereby we are enabled to undergo any pain, peril, or danger, when prudentially deemed expedient." This virtue is equally distant from rashness and cowardice. Hence, it is synonymous to courage, which is bravery with judiciousness, while rashness (or recklessness or intrepidity) is bravery without wise judgment, and cowardice is, clearly, lack of bravery.

He Worked Hard at Uniting His People

Wherever he was, Bro. Rizal worked hard at uniting his people. He induced them to unite themselves into one compact, vigorous and homogeneous body, so that they would have force and strength to fight their common enemy and to attain the ends of a truly human life.

He Battled for Peace, Freedom and Education

Bro. Rizal urged his countrymen to master first the art of peace before learning the art of war. He also sought a world "where slaves, executioners and oppressors there are none; where faith killeth not; where He who reigns is God."

Besides, he dedicated much of his time teaching his countrymen. Even while he was an exile in Dapitan, Zamboanga, he opened a class for 30 students.

In *Noli Me Tangere*, he makes Crisostomo Ibarra say, "I build a school-

house. Progress is possible only through education. How can we find the road without light?"

He Dedicated Himself to Service

He knew very well that the creed of Masonry is service of one's fellowmen. Hence, even during his exile in Dapitan, he never stopped thinking of ways to transform the community into a better place to live in, and he induced the residents therein to improve themselves and their lives.

He Sacrificed His Life for Country and Countrymen

Bro. Jose Rizal gave up his life for the welfare and happiness of his beloved country and her people. In the first stanza of his untitled valedictory poem, he said: "Farewell, Country I adore, region by the sun loved, Pearl of the Sea of the Orient, our eden lost. Happy will I be to give thee my sad, withered life. Were it more brilliant, more fresh, more flowery, I'd also give it to thee, I'd give it for thy weal."

Later in the same poem, he exclaimed, "Ah! How beautiful it is to fall to give thee flight; to die to give thee life; to die beneath thy sky; and in thy enchanted land to sleep through eternity."

Conclusion

We, as a people, must bring ourselves back to the higher moral ground of Bro. Jose Rizal and other Mason heroes and statesmen. We must quest for moral and ethical standards if

we are to become a strong nation. We must strive hard to imitate Bro. Rizal, as well as other Mason heroes and statesmen, in their values, in their ideals and principles, in their virtues, and in their noble deeds.

I urge the brethren who belong to the Rizal Lodges League in particular to take the lead in diffusing the light and luster of the teachings, precepts and principles of Bro. Jose Rizal, as well

as those of other Mason heroes and statesmen, more widely than before among our countrymen, so that in the not distant future we will be able to eradicate from Philippine society the very evils which our Masonic forebears exposed valiantly in their speeches and writings.

May you spend the rest of the day joyfully and meaningfully.

- *If we are to be good and true Masons, we must be and do our best in every one of our endeavors, including sports competitions among the Craft.*

- *We must show to the non-Masonic public that we are always people working together in close harmony toward common goals or purposes. Doing things together; accomplishing things together; sharing things with one another in sincere love and fellowship, working together in unity; demonstrating our pride in the Fraternity to one another and to the general public – this will make wonderful things happen. That is what Freemasonry is all about. We must not lose that; for if we do, we have lost it all.*

- *Masonry is mainly fellowship. Hence, we must ensure that we can indulge that fellowship in our meetings and other activities.*

OUR GRAND MASTER'S NOVEMBER, DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

- 05-06 - Northern Luzon Convention
Host: RI & CAR-B
RI-A (Pangasinan)
RI & CAR-B (Benguet and La Union)
RI & CAR-C (Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte and Abra)
- 09 - Centennial Committee Meeting @ GLP,
Meeting Room 1, 2:00 p.m.
- 11 - IT Committee Meeting @ GLP – 1:00 p.m.
- 12-13 - Western Mindanao Multi District Convention
(To be represented by RW Juanito P. Abergas,
DGM) Host: RIX & ARMM-C
RIX-A (Zamboanga Del Sur)
RIX & RX-B (Misamis Occidental and
Zamboanga Del Norte)
RIX & ARMM-C (Zamboanga City, Jolo,
Basilan & Tawi-Tawi)
RX-C (Misamis Occidental)
RX & ARMM-D (Lanao)
- 16 - Meeting for the preparation of inauguration of Masonic
Library on December 17, 2010 – 3:00 p.m.
- 17 - Guest of Honor & Speaker, NCR-A District Convention,
Puerto Princesa, Palawan
- 19-20 - Northern Mindanao Multi District Convention
Host: RXIII-A, Butuan City
RX-A (Misamis Oriental)
RX-B (Misamis Oriental and Camiguin)
RX-E (Bukidnon)
RX-F (Bukidnon)
RXIII-A (Agusan and Surigao)
- 26 - Mabuhay Shrine – 1:00 p.m.
- 27 - NCR Multi District Convention, @ Abad Santos Hall, GLP
Host: NCR-F, Quezon City
NCR-A (Manila), Scottish Rite Temple
NCR-B (Manila), Plaridel Masonic Temple
NCR-C (Manila), Plaridel Masonic Temple
NCR-D (Manila), Plaridel Masonic Temple
NCR-E (Quezon City), Capitol Masonic Temple

NCR-F (Quezon City), Capitol Masonic Temple
 NCR-G (Makati City), Jacobo Zobel Masonic Temple
 Bi-District Convention
 Host: Bagong Ilaw Lodge No. 97
 Masonic District RIV-A-1
 Masonic District RIV-A-2

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DECEMBER

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District Convention, RIV-E @ Bongabong, Or. Mindoro
 Host: Halcon Lodge No. 249, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

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Meeting with NCR-A DDGM, VW Rolando F. Rocha, SGL
 & Officers of Mencius Lodge No. 93 @ GLP – 2:00 p.m.
 Meeting with VW Victor A. Yu, PSGM @ GLP – 4:00 p.m.
 Order of Secret Monitor @ Jose Abad Santos Hall, GLP
 Centennial Committee Meeting @ GLP – 2:00 p.m.
 PGMs' Meeting @ Grand Masters Lounge, 2nd Floor
 New Plaridel Masonic Temple – 6:00 p.m.

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Meeting with IT Committee @ GLP – 2:00 p.m.

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Central Luzon Multi-District Convention
 Host: RIII-F, Nueva Ecija (North)
 RIII-A (Pampanga)
 RIII-B (Bataan)
 RIII-C (Zambales)
 RIII-D (Nueva Ecija-South)
 RIII-E (Bulacan)
 RIII-F (Nueva Ecija-North)
 RIII-G (Tarlac)

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Guest of Honor and Speaker, Re-dedication of Stafford
 Hall, Scottish Rite Temple – 11:30 a.m.

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Centennial Committee Meeting @ GLP – 2:00 p.m.

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Philippine Bodies, A & ASR Stated Meeting @ GLP

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Inauguration of GLP Library – 8:30 a.m.

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Ceremonial Pouring of Dormitory Building – 9:00 a.m.

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Launching of Centennial Celebration of the Grand Lodge
 @ Kawit, Cavite – 7:30 a.m.

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Guest of Honor & Speaker, Honoring of Masons in the
 Government @ Island Cove Resort, Kawit, Cavite
 PGMs' Meeting @ Malens, Noveleta, Cavite – 1:00 p.m.

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GLP Staff Christmas Party @ Aguinaldo Hall, GLP

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Guest of Honor and Speaker, 114th Death Anniversary
 of Dr. Jose Rizal @ Paco Park Cemetery

Establishment/Synchronization of Lists of Members with the Accounting Division of the GLP

In his 15th Circular issued on Sept. 27, 2010, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr. informs the brethren that a data bank is created for the list of members per subordinate Lodge in the Accounting Division of the GLP for the purpose of expediting the verification of accounts and dues to the Grand Lodge. The data for the purpose of synchronization shall be limited only to the names, lodge affiliations and payments of dues of the members and Subordinate Lodges.

The Committee on Information Technology is mandated to create the data bank and coordinate with the Office of the Grand Secretary, the Committee on Accounts, and the Accounting Division of the GLP.

Upon remitting dues to the Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodges shall indicate the names of the individual member payees corresponding data and serial numbers of Official Receipt issued. Lump sum payments of dues without any details shall not be credited as payment of a Lodge or any of its members.

The Chief of the GLP's Accounting Division shall maintain and update the individual account of each member and each subordinate Lodge, and shall consider the data as confidential. In no case shall said data be printed or disclosed without the written authority of the member himself, the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Auditor, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Master or their duly authorized representative(s). Any addition or deletion of members to or from the data file shall be made only upon the Grand Master's express order.

Continuing the Implementation of the OPLAN: Sagip Kalikasan Program

In his 16th Circular, issued on Oct. 11, 2010, our Grand Master informs the brethren thus:

"In connection with the successful launching of the Oplan: Sagip Kalikasan Program last 25 July 2009, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines (GLP) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Memorandum of Agreement dated 04 June 2010, have successfully planted a total of 23, 085 varieties of seedlings in 236 hectares covering 49 Masonic Districts nationwide.

"To continue with this feat, the GLP, thru the initiatives of RW Juanito G. Espino, Jr., JGW and Chairman of the Oplan: Sagip Kalikasan Program, has already made coordination with the DENR for the 2nd tree-planting activity, which is scheduled on 15 October 2010.

"And pursuant to the Memorandum issued by Asst. Secretary Analiza Rebuelta-Teh last 31 August 2010 ... on the Sagip Kalikasan of the GLP, the DENR has already instructed its offices in the regions, in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement between the GLP and the DENR, to provide the necessary assistance to the Masonic Districts by providing more seedlings and to conduct maintenance and protection to the previously planted seedlings."

MW Razon further instructs all DDGMs, except those in the NCR, and/or their respective assigned representatives, to coordinate once more with the concerned Regional Executive Directors (REDs) of the DENR in their respective jurisdictions as to the available planting sites, seedlings to be planted, and preparation of the planting sites for the scheduled tree-planting activity.

The Masonic Districts in the NCR shall conduct the kick-off for the 2nd Tree Planting at Barangay Pintong Bukawe, San Mateo, Rizal, at 8:00 a.m., Oct. 15. with the Grand Lodge and District Officers, brethren from the seven Districts, and dignitaries from the DENR.

States the Grand Master: "The costs of labor, planting materials and other expenses shall be shouldered by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, through the Masonic Districts concerned. Each Masonic District is encouraged to contribute to the success of this venture."

Upon completing the Tree Planting, each Masonic District shall submit a report to the Grand Lodge (or send to glp_ogm@yahoo.com or glp_cabletow@yahoo.com) with pictures of the said activity, including the number of hectares planted, the types/species of seedlings planted, other organizations involved, and an assessment evaluation (mortality rate) of the previous planting activity of the District. This report will be published later on in our official bimonthly publication, THE CABLETOW.

The District Officers concerned may contact VW Tomas Rentoy III (09188881983), AGT, or VW Roseller M. Malabanan, PDGL, NCR-E, for all queries and concerns about the program at his cellular phone at (09189446748).

Unavailable Copies of The Cabletow and Ancom Proceedings

The GLP is in the process of establishing a library and needs a complete set of our CABLETOW and of the ANCOM PROCEEDINGS.

As of Nov. 8, 2010, the date of the issuance of the Grand Master's 17th Circular, copies of the following are unavailable in the Library: (1) CABLETOW issues for 1921, 1922, 1926, 1928, 1937, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1952, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1998; (2) ANCOM PROCEEDINGS issues for 1922, 1942, 1943, 1944, and 1945.

States MW Razon in his 17Th Circular:

"Many of our brethren are now making researches in our Library, but due to the lack of copies of the CABLETOW and ANCOM PROCEEDINGS, above-mentioned, their research could not be completed.

"The Grand Lodge wishes to BORROW from our brethren copies of the CABLETOW and ANCOM PROCEEDINGS, which it will cause to be duplicated or photo-copied, to complete the files in our Library.

"The Grand Lodge assures the brethren who will let us borrow their copies of the needed CABLETOW and ANCOM PROCEEDINGS that the borrowed items will be returned to the owners, soon after the same will be duplicated or photo-copied.

"The Grand Lodge seeks the active cooperation of the brethren in our desire to complete our files of the CABLETOW and ANCOM PROCEEDINGS in our Library."

Donation of Books, Magazines and Other Reading Materials Relating to Masonry

MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Grand Master, in his 18th Circular dated Nov. 8, 2010, announces that the Grand Lodge will inaugurate its Library during its 98th Anniversary Celebration on December 16-19, 2010. Says he: "The Library is in need of books, magazines and other reading materials on Freemasonry to augment the meager volumes we presently have. I, therefore, request the brethren in this Grand Jurisdiction to donate to the Grand Lodge Library books, magazines and other reading materials pertaining to the Fraternity of Masons."

Ownership of Title of Lodge Land and Properties

Our Grand Master, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., in his 19th Circular dated Nov. 12, 2010, informs the brethren that some Lodges have requested for guidance from the Grand Lodge as to whose name shall be indicated in the title of each Lodge's real estate property on which its Temple is erected.

His explanation reads as follows:

"In the past, several Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction purchased parcels of land on which their temples were erected, in the name of a stock corporation organized by the brethren of the Lodge concerned. Many times, problems resulted, when the brethren who had originally organized the corporation dropped the working tools of life, leading to the succession by their children, who are mostly non-Masons, to the stockholding of their parents.

"To avoid the occurrence of the same problems, the Grand Lodge suggests that (1) the acquired parcel of land and the improvements found thereon shall be titled thus: Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines (Name of the Lodge), and (2) the Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge shall enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, sample of which is enclosed, ensuring that the ownership of the property is vested in the Subordinate Lodge, which shall have full control and supervision over the property, and any income derived from any business activity on the property will be for the benefit of the Subordinate Lodge."

We Masons must have fun together and care about one another. We must enjoy our participation in Masonry. If we do so, we are not only having "fun," but we are also taking our involvement in it more seriously because when we enjoy what we are doing, we take things seriously. And while we are having fun as friends and brothers, we must also promote one another's welfare and rejoice in one another's prosperity.

MWGM RAZON REPORTS ON HIS OFFICIAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE U.S.A

On September 22, 2010, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., our Grand Master, together with his party, departed from Manila and proceeded to San Francisco, California, USA. Together with the entire GLP delegation, he called on MW Kenneth Nagel, Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of California, at the San Francisco Masonic Memorial Center on September 23, at 12:45 p.m.

Later, MW Razon was joined by RW Juanito P. Abergas, DGM, in a private audience with MWGM Nagel, Deputy Grand Master William Bray and Grand Secretary Allan Casalou, all of the Grand Lodge of California. Both parties agreed to implement means to strengthen the ties between their respective Grand Lodges.

MW Nagel pointed out that the relations between the two Grand Lodges could be enhanced through improved communications and better coordination. Stated he: "Communication and coordination should be from Grand Lodge to Grand Lodge and not from Grand Lodge directly to Blue Lodge."

MW Razon assured MW Nagel that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines would exert utmost efforts to implement this procedure.

When MW Nagel mentioned the need to expedite the delay in the issuance of certificates of good standing from the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, MW Razon explained to him the process followed by the GLP and promised to follow up Blue Lodges in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines to speed

up the issuance of Certificates of Good Standing.

In the evening of the 23rd, MW Godofredo Lascano, Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of Washington, and MW Razon were received and honored in a fraternal dinner by WB Daniel Perez and the other brethren of Sublime Benecia Lodge No. 5. After dinner, they proceeded to Intramuros Restaurant to join WB Rufo Macaraig and the other brethren of Francis Drake Lodge in a fraternal fellowship.

On September 24 at 1:00 p.m., our Grand Master and his party attended the opening ceremony of the 161st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California, during which the visiting Grand Masters, together with their respective delegations, were formally received and introduced.

On September 25, WB Jun Galardo and the other Brethren of Los Angeles treated MW Razon and party to a fellowship lunch at the Maruette Restaurant, Holiday Inn on Van Ness Avenue.

Stated MW Razon: "We were

invited to attend the Grand Master's Banquet at the Marriott Hotel. The affair was attended by about 900 delegates."

On September 26 at 11:00 a.m., our Grand Master and party attended the solemn and orderly installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge

of California. At 1:00 p.m., MW Razon tendered a lunch fellowship for the members of the GLP delegation at the Fisherman's Wharf.

MW Razon departed from San Francisco and arrived at Manila on September 28 at 3:45 a.m.

MW RAZON LEADS GLP DELEGATION TO THE GRAND LODGE OF CHINA

Together with the GLP delegation, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., our Grand Master, boarded Philippine Airlines Flight No. 896 at NAIA, Manila on August 22, 2010 at 7:40 a.m. and arrived at Taipei on the same day at 9:50 a.m. He and his party were met at the Taoyuan Airport by the brethren of the Grand Lodge of China, led by RW Martin Teng, Deputy Grand Master.

MW Jumbo Yu, PGM, hosted a fraternal lunch for the visiting brethren.

At 2:00 p.m., some members of the GLP delegation attended the demonstration of the 3rd degree conferral in Mandarin at the GLOC Masonic Temple.

At 7:00 p.m., the GLOC hosted a welcome dinner for the foreign delegates at the Fortune Hyatt Hotel.

On Oct. 23 at 9:00 a.m., the GLP delegation attended the opening ceremony of the 57th Annual Communication of the GLOC. The same delegation was the first to be formally received by

the GLOC, followed by the delegations from other Masonic jurisdictions like Japan, France, Malaysia, Singapore, Ireland and Scotland.

MW Razon was requested to deliver the response for and on behalf of all the foreign delegations.

After the morning session, MW Steven Kao, Grand Master, GLOC, hosted a fraternal lunch for the GLP delegation.

At 5:00 p.m., the delegation attended the Installation of MW Martin Teng, Grand Master, and the other Officers of the GLOC. This was immediately followed by the Grand Master's Banquet at the Grand Hotel.

On Oct. 24, MW Samuel Lo and MW Jumbo Yu, PGMs hosted a fraternal lunch.

At 5:10 p.m., Oct. 24, the GLP delegation boarded the Philippine Airlines flight No. 899 for Manila and arrived safely in Manila at 7:20 p.m.

THE GLP LIBRARY: A BRIEF HISTORY

SHORTLY AFTER HIS ASCENSION to the time-honored Grand Oriental Chair in April 1984, MW Reynato S. Puno sprang to action toward establishing a GLP Library and Museum. He had half of the canteen then operating in the old Plaridel Masonic Temple appropriated to provide space for the Library and Museum. Then he caused the submission of an architectural plan for it. After approving the plan submitted to him, he started a fund and book drive for the construction of the Library and Museum. The brethren contributed donations both in cash and in kind.

Book shelves were constructed. Shortly afterwards these were filled with books donated by brethren, Lodges and other Masonic bodies.

Chairs and tables stored at the back of the Grand Lodge building were retrieved, repaired and varnished.

Bro. Joaquin Cunanan of Island Luz Minerva Lodge No. 5 donated Php 20,000 for the installation of glass panels for the book shelves, and he donated over 100 volumes of rare books. Next he donated another Php 25,000, the interest of which would be used for paying the services of a Grand Librarian.

The newly-established GLP Library and Museum was inaugurated on Nov. 30, 1984.

Said MW Puno: "The birth of the GLP Library and Museum is one of the most inspiring stories during my term."

Unfortunately, at about 5:30 p.m., August 12, 2000, the old Plaridel Masonic Temple, including the Library and Museum, was destroyed by fire.

But majority of the books of the Library were saved and were temporarily stored in the office of Bro. Isaac Arribas, Jr., the Grand Secretary-Recorder of the Grand York Rite Bodies. A number of books were placed in carton boxes, which were stored in other parts of the Grand Lodge building.

On Dec. 19, 2005, the reconstruction of the New Plaridel Masonic Temple was begun. The work was done "by administration" and undertaken by the Reconstruction Committee chaired by MW Enrique L. Locsin, with the able assistance of the then incumbent Grand Master, MW Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr., and other dedicated brethren in the construction industry.

The scaled-down two-storey New Plaridel Masonic Temple was completed in four months, and it was inaugurated on April 19, 2006.

At the center of the second floor is the Past Grand Masters' Hall; the room on the north side was assigned to be the Masonic Library; and the room on the south side, beside the PGMs Hall, is now the Masonic Education Center.

When the GLP Library and Museum was first established in the 1984, its care and management was placed in the Office of the Grand Secretary, who was by law, designated as the Grand Librarian (Art. XIII, Sec. 2 [m], Masonic Law Book, Rev. 2004, updated 2005).

On April 4, 2006, MW Ebdane issued Edict No. 227, which provided that the Masonic Library be placed under the direct charge and operation of the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies (IMES).

Shortly thereafter, the volumes of books then in the custody of VW Isaac Arribas, Jr. were transferred to the new location of the Masonic Library on the 2nd floor of the New Plaridel Masonic Temple.

On June 11, 2010, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Grand Master, called a meeting, which was attended by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.&A.S.R.; the Grand Treasurer; the Grand Secretary; the Senior Grand Lecturer; the Administrative Assistant to the Grand Master (AAGM); the Chairman and members of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research; and the President of the IMES. The agenda was to discuss plans for the rebuilding of the GLP Library. The IMES President was directed to submit a Project Proposal for the Improvement of the Masonic Library.

The Project Proposal, which included an over-all development plan and an action plan with a budget of Php 200,000 to include the hiring of a full-time Librarian, was submitted on June 18

25, 2010. It was approved on June 28, 2010.

A full-time Librarian was accordingly hired on August 2, 2010 in the person of Ms. Jacqueline F. Dinglasan, BLIS (PNU) with PRC License.

To determine the books and materials to be retained and to be included in the Library collection, segregating them from among all the volumes and materials that had been transferred to the New Library Room without having been systematically classified – this was the first step taken towards the rebuilding of the Library.

Then came the process of accession (recording) and classification of the collections and stamping ownership of the volumes, all of which have now been completed.

New book shelves were constructed and filled up with books duly arranged.

Needed library equipment, furnishings and fixtures were purchased.

The work, so far, of re-building the GLP Library may be summarized, as follows:

1. Accessing (recording) of books included in the Library collections;
2. Acquisition of necessary equipment;
3. Number of Holdings per Section;
4. List of first set of donors in 1984;
5. Updated list of donors based on accession records; and
6. List of missing GLP Proceedings and Cabletow issues.

A limited number of copies of the leaflet describing the GLP Library, which was mainly prepared by the Head of the Library, VW Vicente R. Hao Chin, Jr., are now available.

The leaflet describes the GLP Library as "a resource center for Masons and guests that makes available printed books, electronic books, articles and journals not only about Masonry but also fields related to Masonic knowledge and way of life, such as character building, spirituality, mysticism, comparative religion, esotericism, psychology, history and philosophy."

The GLP Library, which has a collection of several thousand books donated by Masons and Lodges, uses not only the Library of Congress classification, but also locator acronyms for special collections, such as MB for Masonic Books, FIL for Filipiniana, and RIZ for Rizaliana materials.

A special section of the Library is the Joaquin Cunanan collection, which contains hard-to-find books on diverse subjects.

Another special resource facility of the GLP Library is the eLibrary, a collection of books, articles and linkages in digital form. It contains the following:

- Many out-of-print books on Masonry

and related fields;

- The famous Short Talk Bulletins;
- The Old Past Master and the Old Tyler essays;
- A complete collection of the classic Masonic literature; and
- Entire reference collections and entire collections of religious and spiritual esoteric texts from diverse traditions and cultures.

The GLP Library, which is open from Monday to Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., offers such services as the following:

- Catalogued books accessible from three computers;
- eLibrary, which contains many digital books;
- Internet connection;
- Photocopying, printing, and file copying or emailing services;
- Readers' Search Service for searches on a certain subject;
- On-Line Public Access (OPAC) search for library titles that may be found in various university libraries; and
- Bibliographical services

For more information, call up Ms. Jacquelyn F. Dinglasan, Tel. No. (02) 5366281.

The new GLP Library was inaugurated on Dec. 17, 2010. (See separate story.)

**To live Masonically... is, for the most of us Craftsmen,
to read Masonic literature extensively and intensively.**

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW GLP LIBRARY

The new GLP Library was inaugurated in the morning of Dec. 17, 2010.

MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Grand Master, assisted by IMES President Fernando V. Pascua, Jr., unveiled the Plaque Marker. Then, together with MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM, GMH, Centennial Committee Chairman, and the former Senator Eva Estrada-Kalaw, wife of the late MW Teodoro Kalaw, Jr., PGM, the Grand Master presided over the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Rev. Dr. Samuel P. Fernandez, who is the Dean of the IMES , presided over the blessing of the new GLP Library.

Given below are some of the photos taken during the said special event.



*Unveiling of the Plaque
Marker by the Grand Master
and the IMES President*

*Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony led
by MW Razon, PGM Puno
and former Senator
Eva Estrada-Kalaw*





The brethren place themselves under the sign of fidelity as Rev. Dr. Samuel P. Fernandez presides over the blessing of the new GLP Library.

POURING OF CONCRETE FOR THE NEW GLP DORMITORY BUILDING

Most Worshipful Avelino I. Razon, Jr., Grand Master, led the officers of the Craft, such as the following, in pouring concrete for the new GLP Dormitory Building:

RW Juanito P. Abergas, Deputy Grand Master; RW Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr., Senior Grand Warden; RW Juanito G. Espino, Jr., Junior Grand Warden; MW Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM, Grand Treasurer, MW Danilo D. Angeles, PGM, Grand Secretary; MW Peter U. Lim Lo Suy, PGM; MW Eugenio S. Labitoria, PGM, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council, 33^o, A.&A.S.R.; and several others.



The brethren confer with one another after they have been "called from labor to refreshment."



Grand Lodge Officers prepare themselves for the pouring of concrete for the new GLP Dormitory Building

PROGRAM PROPER AT THE GEN. AGUINALDO HALL

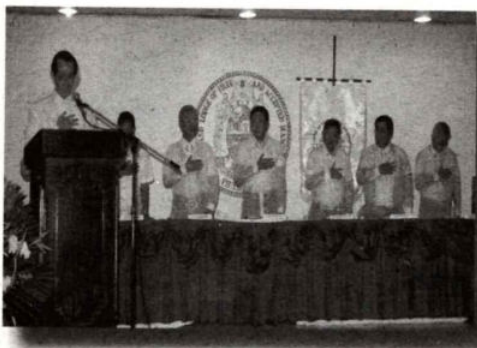
Emceed by Senior Grand Warden Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr., the program proper, held at the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Hall on the ground floor of the Plaridel Masonic Temple, started with an invocation led by Very Reverend Vicente R. Hao Chin, Jr., Grand Chaplain.

The Commission on Audit Choir led the assembly in singing the Philippine National Anthem and the Grand Lodge Hymn.

Centennial Committee Chair Reynato S. Puno, PGM, GMH, delivered the welcome remarks; then IMES President Fernando V. Pascua, Jr., recounted the history of the GLP Library. Next individual brethren and Masonic Lodges and Bodies, as well as some families of Masons, donated books and cash with which to buy books. The book and fund donors were duly acknowledged.

Visibly elated by the result of the campaign for book and fund donations, Grand Master Razon, Jr. delivered an eloquent inspirational message and finally his closing remarks.

Hereunder are photos taken during the program.



Grand Chaplain Vic Hao Chin, Jr. leads the assembly in prayer. Dignitaries in the East place themselves under the sign of fidelity.



MW Razon and MW Puno smilingly acknowledge the pledge of the Kalaw family to donate some of their rare Masonic books.



Other book/fund donors were the Supreme Council, 33^o, A.&A.S.R., represented by Ill. Eugenio S. Labitaria, 33^o, Sovereign Grand Commander;

MW Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM, GMH, Grand Treasurer;



VW Charles Agar, representing several Blue Lodges;

Luzon, Metro Manila Shrine Clubs, represented by Nobles Raffy Roxas; Ace Espejo, Enrique Co and Roy Tan.



Bro. Eddie Yeo, General Manager of Heritage Hotel, "the home of Masons in the Philippines."

VW Enrique Cunanan

LAUNCHING OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE GLP's CENTENNIAL

BRETHREN, SISTERS, OTHER MEMBERS of the Masonic Family, and distinguished guests assembled at the Freedom Park in Kawit, Cavite; at the Aguinaldo Shrine, they held a meaningful program, which was ably emceed by Senior Grand Warden Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr.

Bro. Cesar Virata, former Prime Minister and relative of the late WB/Gen./Pres. Emilio Famy Aguinaldo, and Grand Master Avelino I. Razon, Jr., assisted by the Phil. Army Rayadillo Honor Guard, led the assembly in offering floral wreaths at the tomb of the late WB/Gen./Pres. Emilio Family Aguinaldo. Grand Chaplain Vicente Hao Chin, Jr. led the assembly in invoking God's blessing. The Phil. Navy Band provided the music during the raising of the Phil. Flag and the singing of the National Anthem and the Grand Lodge Hymn.

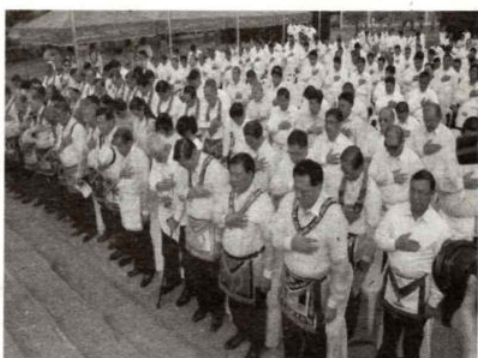
VW Danilo Vilda, DDGM of M.D. RIV-A-1, gave the welcome remarks.

Centennial Committee Chair Reynato S. Puno delivered his message (the text of which will be printed in a subsequent issue of this publication). WB Jaime Y. Mangahis, PM, traced the evolution of the Phil. Flag. Bro. Gilbert L. Mendoza delivered the "Pagpupugay sa Watawat"; then MW Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM, GMH, led the assembly in reciting the "Panunumpa sa Watawat." Gov. Remulla announced that December 19, 2010, as well as the days following, had been declared by the Provincial Board as "Araw ng Masoneriya" in his province. Finally, Grand Master Razon delivered his remarks.

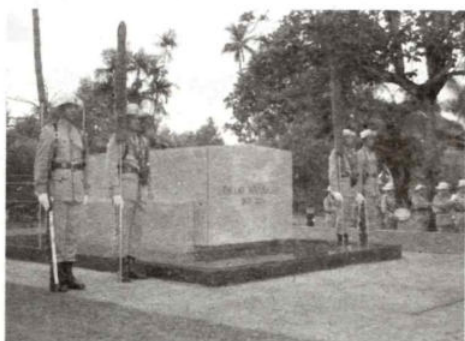
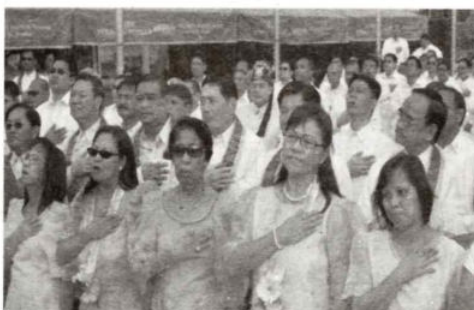
Grand Master Avelino I. Razon, Jr., leads the brethren and guests in the floral offering ceremony.



Very Reverend Vicente Hao Chin, Jr., Grand Chaplain, leads the invocation. "Before entering upon any great or important undertaking, we should first invoke the blessing of God."



Who says members of the Masonic Family are atheists? On the contrary, they firmly believe in the power of prayer. "The family that prays together stays together."



The Phil. Army Rayadillo Honor Guard...



The Phil. Navy Band...



The raising of the Philippine Flag... Behold, the Flag proudly floats up high!

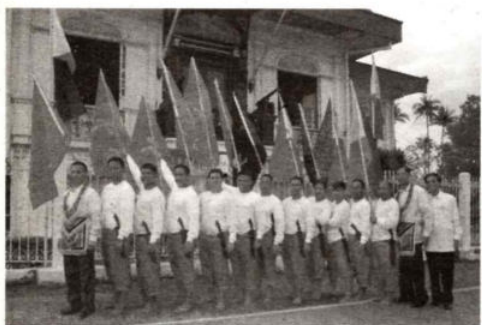




VW Danilo Vilda welcomes one and all...



Centennial Committee Chair Reynato S. Punong delivers his address.



WB Jaime Mangahis, assisted by brethren and DeMolays, traces the evolution of the Phillipine Flag.



MW Rudyardo V. Bunda, PGM, GMH, Grand Treasurer, leads the brethren in reciting the "Panunumpa sa Watawat."



Cavite Governor Juanito Victor Remulla, Jr.: "December 19, 2010... is Araw ng Masoneriya in the province."



MW Razon delivers his closing remarks.

Panalangin

ni Lubhang Marangal Jaime Q. Dilidili, DDGM, RIV-A-2

Dakilang Diyos na siyang Lumikha ng Sanlibutan, kami ay muling napupuri at nagpapasalamat sa lahat ng mga biyaya na ipinagkakaloob mo sa amin.

Sa Pangalan mo, ang aming kapatiran ay muling nagtitipon sa harapan mo, upang parangalan ang aming mga kapatid na naglilingkod sa pamahalaan – mga kapatid na nagaalay ng kanilang panahon, talino, yaman at buhay upang isulong ang kapakanan ng bansang Pilipinas.

Kaakibat ng paglulunsad ng ika-100 taong pagdiriwang ng Grand Logis ng Pilipinas na aming gugunitain sa ika-19 ng Disyembre, taong 2012, nawa'y ang taunang pagbibigay pugay sa mga natatanging Mason sa buong kapuluan ay lalong magbigay alab sa kanilang mga puso upang higit na pagbutihin ang marangal at malinis na paglilingkod sa sambayanang Pilipino.

Hiling namin, Panginoon, na ang parangal na kanilang tatanggapin ay mag-silbing inspirasyong sa iba pa naming mga kapatid upang pagbutihin ang kanilang paglilingkod hindi lamang sa pamahalaan, manapay sa bayan, pamilya at buhay pananampalataya.

Sa susunod na dalawang taon, 2011 at 2012, nawa'y buong husay naming maisakatuparan ang mga gawaing nakahanay bilang paggunita sa ika-100 taong pagdiriwang ng pagkakatatag ng Grand Logia ng Pilipinas. Hiling namin na manatili ang pagkakaisa, pagtutulungan, pagsusunuran at paggalang ng mga kapatid sa bawat lohiya, distrito at higit sa lahat sa Gran Logia ng Pilipinas.

Hinihiling din namin, Panginoon, ang Inyong tulong sa Kapatiran ng mga Mason, nawa'y patuloy mong gabayan ang aming mga kilos at Gawain sa susunod na isang daang taon na lalo pang mapatingkad ang ningning ng Gran Logia ng Pilipinas na naging mabuting kabahagi ng aming buhay. Nawa'y ang mabubuting katuruan at aral ng Masoneriya ay aming mais-abuhay alang-alang sa mainit at masidhi naming paghahangad na pagpanibago tungo sa kabutihan sa antas ng katauhan ng mga kalalakihan dito sa ibabaw ng mundo.

And lahat ng ito ay itinataas namin sa Dakila Mong Pangalan. Amen.

GLP HONORS ANOTHER SET OF DISTINGUISHED MASONS IN GOVERNMENT

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines (GLP), through its Centennial Committee, honored another set of distinguished Masons in Government with a testimonial lunch held at the Island Cove in Imus, Cavite on December 18, 2010.

Ablly emceed by RW Juanito G. Espino, Jr., Junior Grand Warden, the program started with an invocation, this time led by the Grand Master's Deputy for Masonic District RIV-A-2, VW Jaime Q. Dilidili.

Hon. Gilbert M. Remulla, Managing Director of the Island Cove, delivered the welcome greetings. Then MW Danilo D. Angeles, PGM, Grand Secretary, presented the honorees to our Grand Master, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., who was assisted by the Past Grand Masters present in investing the honorees with medallions and presenting each of them with a certificate.

The distinguished Masons in the Government honored were as follows:

Legislature – Senator Vicente C. Sotto III; Representatives Leopoldo N. Bataoil, Jim S. Hataman-Salliman, Roy L. Loyola, Loreto Leo S. Ocampos, Raden C. Sakaluran, Jerry P. Trenas, Peter M. Unabia.

Local Government – Governors Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr., PGM, Vicente S. Gato, and Esmael G. Mangudatu; City Mayors Melandres G. De Sagun, Benjamin DG Dy, Vicente Y. Emano, Ferdinand B. Tublan.

Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) – Chief of Staff Ricardo A. David, Jr. and Bros. Danilo M. Cortez, Ernesto R. Aradanas, Benito T. De Leon. Remegio M. De Vera, Virgilio O. Domingo, Alejandro H. Estomo, Romeo F. Fajardo, Armando L. Guzman, Pompeo V. Limbo, Gilberto Jose C. Roa.

Executive Branch – DND Secretary Voltaire T. Gazmin, Undersecretaries Rico E. Puno and William C. Medrano; Department Assistant Secretaries Leonilo B. Lariosa and Edilberto M. De Luna; Ambassador L. Benedicto and Generoso DG Calonge.

Philippine National Police – Director General Raul M. Bacalzo and Bros. Wilhelm E. Barlis, Manuel H. Cachero, Rex Milton A. Delino, Napoleon B. Estlilles, Benedict Michael B. Fokno, Ifor I. Magbanua, Jaime H. Morante, Emmanuel D. Ojeda, Alan L. Purisima, Cipriano E. Querol, Jr., Tomas G. Rentoy, III, Luis L. Saligumba, Emelito T. Sarmiento.

Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) – Bros. Joel S. Garcia and Athelo L. Ybañez.

VW Voltaire Gazmin, DND Secretary, delivered the response for and on behalf of his fellow honorees.

Finally, MW Razon delivered the closing remarks. He said in part:

"As we hold the Annual Testimonial Lunch/Dinner for distinguished Masons in Government, we recall this significant statement of Bro./Dr. Jose Rizal: 'It is a useless life that is not consecrated to a great ideal. It is like a stone wasted on the field without becoming a part of any edifice'. Indeed, these words of Bro. Rizal aptly describe our honorees, all eminent men who have lived up to their calling as public servants. The challenges of working in Government have not deterred them, but rather emboldened them to share their gifts to our country's growth and development. We are, undoubtedly, a nation trying to rise above the errors of the past, and our honorees have gladly lent their hands to help us move forward.

"It is only fitting, then, that we pay tribute to them for their sense of patriotic duty. They have dedicated their lives to nation building as proof of their adherence to the tenets of the Craft. Now that we have a new President, they are again at the forefront of this new thrust forward. They are spurred into action by an ideal that seeks to bring genuine and lasting progress to this country. By this noble deed, they are not stones wasted on the field but stones that have become part of an edifice.

"As we honor each of them with a Testimonial Lunch, a Medallion and a Certificate, let us emulate their noble deeds. The highest form recognition we can give to them is to follow in

their footsteps by doing our own share in nation building. This noble task is not confined to the movers and shakers, the group to which our honorees belong. Each of us is part of the whole; as such, we must play a role, whether big or small, to help this country forge ahead. To do so conforms to our mission of building a truly humane society for our fellowmen.

"May we continue to be inspired by our distinguished Brother Masons in Government, whose deeds strengthen the foundations of this Republic born out of the sacrifices of our heroes, many of whom were members of the Craft. We have to be active citizens, whose labors complement their work as servant leaders. With our synchronized moves, our Brotherhood can help the nation cross over from the threshold to the center of positive transformation.

"Together, Brethren, let us, by precept and example, distinguish ourselves as men and as Masons. Thus we will fulfill our promise to be the present keepers of the Craft's legacy. Like our Masonic forebears, we too shall become builders, not of magnificent temporal temples, but of character in men with hearts for service. And these men will always be fired up by an ideal aimed at uplifting not only their country but all humanity as well in accordance to God's plan.

"The continuance by us of God's grand design will be our own legacy to the next generation of Masons. It is our fond wish that they, too, become paragons of exemplary service whether

as public servants or as private citizens. Their success would mean the continuity of our Brotherhood and its noble tenets in the years to come."

The special event at Island Cove is part of the effort of the GLP Centennial Committee to prepare for the celebration in 2012 of the 100th anniversary of the founding of our Grand Lodge.

The said committee is chaired by MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM, GMH, while the Committee on Honors is chaired by another PGM, MW Oscar V. Bunyi. The vice-chairman of the latter committee is RW Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr., SGW, and its members are RW Juanito P. Abergas, DGM; VW Godofredo V. Señires, Jr., AGS; VW Roseller M. Malabanana, PDGL; and VW Jose A.I. Magbanaua, PDDGM. VWBs Nicanor S. Salvador, Rufino G. Arias, Jr. (assisted by Bro. Ramon C. Cabal), Rodel A. Aburquez, and Dionisio C. Panajon are coordinators for the PNP, the AFP, the PCG, and the Local Government, respectively. Bro. Luthmyr P. Teoxon is the coordinator for Congress.



*Likewise, VW Voltaire Gazmin,
DND Secretary...*

Postscript

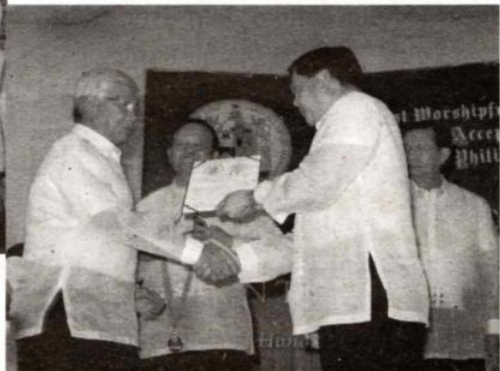
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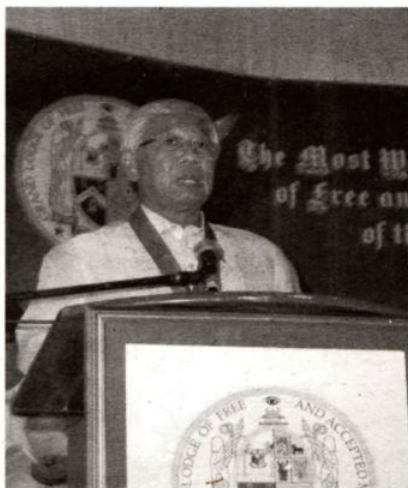
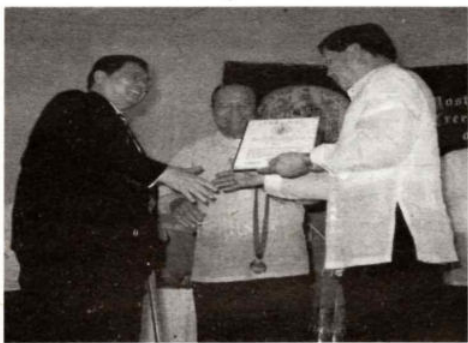
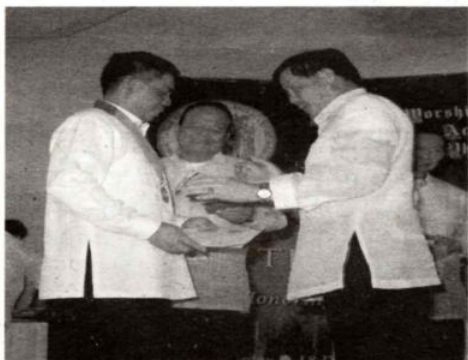
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Bros. Manuel S. Agyao, Roseller L. Barinaga, Marc Douglas C. Cagas IV, Simeon A. Datumanong, Arnulfo F. Go, Ariel C. Hernandez, Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr., Alfredo D. Maranon III, Datu Pax S. Mangudadatu, Mark Leandro L. Mendoza, Florencio Gabriel G. Noel, Pedro P. Romualdo.

Bros. Douglas R. Cagas, Joseph C. Chua, Suharto T. Mangudadatu, Rafael P. Nantes (deseased), Loreto Leo S. Ocampos, Sadakul A. Sahali, Aurelio M. Umali, Rolando E. Yebes, Melencio L. De Sagun, Jr., Alipio F. Fernandez, Jr., Noel E. Rosal, Abrahama N. Tolentino, Jerry P. Trenas, and Hector C. Villanueva.

*MW/Gen. Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr.,
PGM, receives his awards.*





Other distinguished honorees from the PSG, the DILG, the PNP, Congress and the Judiciary receive their respective medallions and certificates.

The Hon. National Defense Secretary speaks on behalf of the honorees.

Photo by VW Charles Agar

EQUAL THOUGH NEVER THE SAME

by MW Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr., PGM
Governor, Province of Zambales

(Message delivered during the Testimonial Dinner tendered by the PNP Square and Compass Club and the PNPA Brotherhood of Excellent Sojourners and Travelers in honor of VW/CSupt Alan LM Purisima, DDGM of Masonic District RIII-D (South Nueva Ecija), held at the Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Ermita, Manila, on Nov. 19, 2010, two days before his 51st birthday).

I AM HAPPY AND THANKFUL to be here tonight, sharing bread and wine with you whom I have missed for long. I am thankful, likewise, to VW Abdul Querol, PD-DGM, VW Alan Purisima, DDGM, and the other speakers for sharing with us their thoughts on the future of our service. Clearly, it is meet and proper for us to think of the betterment of those with whom we work as well in the field as in the relative quiet of our offices.

I firmly believe, brethren, that we will reap the best of the fertile land upon which we sow if and when we let the priceless precepts and pure principles of Masonry distinguish our conduct as men and as Masons, both inside and outside the Lodge.

Two of those precepts and principles are Justice and Mercy. We must temper justice with mercy, as well as blend mercy with justice; for, after all, to paraphrase the Installation Service of Lodge Officers, we are, or should be, men to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, men to whom distress may prefer its suit, men whose hands are guided by justice and whose hearts are expanded by benevolence.

We must constantly exert the talents wherewith God has blest us, as well as optimally use the competencies we have developed, for bringing us into the good graces of the nation's leaders and for rising to places of privilege, as some of us have already done. Thus, we will convince the world, more by our deeds than by our words, that Masonry

takes us further into becoming much better men than before we entered its portals; for, after all, it ardently aims at helping us attain our own perfection, by means whereof we can contribute significantly to the welfare and progress of society and of humanity.

Since our initiation into its mysteries, Masonry has deeply impressed upon our minds and hearts the paramount importance of its tenets and teachings for ennobling ourselves, and it has ardently admonished us to take its tenets and teachings out of the Lodge to the bustling world "out there" – or to apply them in the humdrum activities of day-to-day living. It has urged us to direct our especial attention to serving those fellowmen, particularly those who are on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel – the poor and powerless the deprived and disenfranchised, the disadvantaged and downtrodden, the dejected and desperate, the weak and weary, the helpless and hapless. If we seriously take to heart that urging or challenge, non-Masons will recognize the Brotherhood as a light that shines brightly to illumine the path

of those who appear to have lost the iota of hope they have held on to for a long time; non-Masons will realize that we, its members, are champions of those who have less in life, of the economically disadvantaged in society.

Brethren, to spill some warm rays of sunshine on those who are left in the cold, on those who are bereft of love, on those who dejectedly grope in the dark, and on those who wallow in the mire of despair or hopelessness, is a duty incumbent upon us "who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection."

We must not rest at ease while a fellow human being, particularly a brother in Masonry, many miles away cries in pain or anguish; for, as we have been taught in the Lodge, the hurt of one human being is the injury of all mankind. We must be benevolent and charitable to all men, particularly the distressed and unhappy. Masonry optimistically looks forward to the eventual dawning of the day when true comradeship, sincere friendship and fraternal love will swathe the entire world; when men of every country, sect and opinion will live and dwell together in peace, harmony and goodwill because they have imbibed the symbolic meanings of the Trowel and the Level; when all men will aid, support and protect on another toward becoming "perfect as your Father which art in heaven is ..."

When that day arrives, then Masonry will have triumphantly accomplished its self-imposed mission. But this will happen only if and when we, its initiates or votaries, first become "a sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work

and best agree," and only if and when we succeed in inducing others, by precept and example, not to fight one another and claw for their own advantage to the detriment of others, or not to harm or injure others just to promote their selfish interests, but rather to help one another to attain the ends of a truly human life and to attain personal perfection or self-mastery. By doing so, we will help Masonry to eventually bring about a universal league of mankind or to establish upon earth a true Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God.

Lahat ng tao ay pantay-pantay. Ngunit ang problema ay lahat tayo'y matalino; walang gustong magpasailalim; walang gustong masapawan; walang gustong magpakumbaba.

This indicates that we are oblivious of the symbolic meaning of the Level. This working tool "demonstrates that we are all descended from the same stock; that we partake of the same nature and share the same hope; that although distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are brethren; and that he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be entitled to our regard because a time will come, and the wisest know not how soon, when all distinction(s) save that of goodness shall cease, and death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, reduces us to the same state."

Clearly, there must subordination in every human institution; there must be superiors, equals, and inferiors therein. Some must, of necessity, rule and teach, while others must, of course, learn to submit and obey. Superiors must be kind and condescending to those who are inferior in rank or office; equals or peers must be courteous and affable one

to another; and subordinates must faithfully follow the just orders of their superiors. Superiors must not abuse or misuse the power bestowed upon them, while subordinates must not envy the preference of their superiors. Humility in all three groups is an essential duty.

How important, then, it is for us Craftsmen to set the good example of joining hands to attain common goals. Never should we wring one another's hands for selfish motives.

We must practice the mild and gentle teachings of our Craft, as well as induce others, by both precept and example, to strictly obey them, too, with all their heart.

We must, for instance, manifest strict adherence to the principle of Tolerance, so that others will be induced to emulate our good example. This principle, as we all know very well, requires us to respect the religious beliefs and political persuasions of others, who we expect will also respect ours. "Do unto others what you would that, in similar cases, they should do unto you." This is the Golden Rule.

We must, moreover, consistently exemplify in daily life, as well as widely disseminate, the values of Self-Respect and Integrity, of Cooperation and Interdependence, of Unity amidst Diversity.

We must, furthermore, uphold the various freedoms and liberties. We must ever espouse the emancipation of men and women, of adults and children, from every style of oppression and despotism.

We must not labor for our own

aggrandizement alone, but rather for the welfare and progress of our Craft in particular and of all mankind in general.

As we have been taught in Masonry, we must always act upon the Square in all our dealings with our fellowmen, particularly our countrymen, and especially our fellow Craftsmen.

No matter how we differ from one another in color, creed and condition, we Freemasons are one; for we have embraced one another as Brothers of the Mystic Tie, as friends and brothers linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection, as closely united peers or equals morally striving to ennoble ourselves and others and unremittingly using the Fraternity's teachings, symbols and emblems for helping improve the "human condition," all for God's greater glory.

As Brother Alan Purisima has recurrently pointed out, "We shall labor as one body towards becoming the very embodiment of benevolence and charity."

I say "Amen" to that!

More power to all of us! Let us go forth from this august hall, more highly resolved than before to practice the precepts and principles of Masonry consistently in daily life and to diffuse their light widely among all who come within the circle of our influence.

Mabuhay tayong lahat, mga kapatid! Mabuhay ang Masonerya dito sa ating bansa at sa buong mundo! Maligaya't makabuluhang gabi sa ating lahat!

A PINOY SHRINE TEMPLE AT LONG LAST!

MABUHAY SHRINERS PHILIPPINES, the first Potentate of which is MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., PGM, formally received its Charter as a full-fledged Shrine Temple during the 136th Imperial Council Session held in Toronto, Canada on July 4-8, 2010.

MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., PGM, together with Noble Ace Espejo, Secretary of newly Constituted Mabuhay Shriners Philippines, received the Charter on behalf of all Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines.

Among the esteemed Shriners from the Philippines who witnessed the memorable event were Nobles Jaime Y. Gonzales and Peter U. Lim Lo Suy, both PGMs.

Also present during the special event were Nobles Francisco Chua, Jose Rosales, Jeffrey Co and Wilmar Agalos.

Many Pinoy Shriners now residing in North America, led by MW Godofredo "Santy" Lascano, the incumbent Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the State of Washington, USA, were also conspicuously in attendance during the historic event.

On behalf of all Shriners in the Philippines, our incumbent Grand Master MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., expresses his heart-warm fraternal felicitations to all those brethren and Nobles responsible for the establishment of a Shrine Temple in this grand jurisdiction – the first in Asia and outside the Americas.

(Given below are photos taken during the 136th Imperial Council Session.)



Masonic Light

by VW Rolando F. Rocha, SGL

OUR MASONIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR 2010-2011

IN THE LAST EDITION of this publication, we examined the Masonic education topics for the months of May to October 2010. In this edition, we examine the Masonic education topics for November and December 2010 and for January up to April 2011.

November 2010

The first lesson we are taught in Masonry is that before entering upon any great or important undertaking, we should first invoke the blessings of God. This precept was articulated by King Solomon of Israel when he told King Hiram of Tyre: "... When human strength and wisdom fail, we should ever remember that divine assistance is vouchsafed us through the medium of prayer." It was also demonstrated by the GMHA, who went into the temple every day at high twelve in order to view the work in progress and see if any improvement could be made either for strength or for ornament, and also to enter the Sanctum Sanctorum or Holy of Holies, there to offer up his devotions to the Ever-Living God and pray for wisdom necessary to enable him to draw designs upon the trestle board,

whereby the Craft might pursue their labors.

The same lesson was intimated by MW Manuel L. Quezon, Past Grand Master and first Philippine Commonwealth President, who, on his deathbed three months before Bro./Gen. Douglas MacArthur landed in Leyte, wrote the following:

"My beloved countrymen, every day the hour of our liberation is drawing closer. Keep the banners of your faith flying. We are on the onward march to victory and freedom."

Emasculated by tuberculosis and humbled by defeat and evacuation, MW and Pres. Quezon no longer relied on his political prowess nor on his superior intellect; rather he placed his faith and hope on the Great Archi-

tect of the Universe.

In relation to the foregoing, we should, as we avow in our prayer toward the end of every stated meeting of our Lodge, study with reverence the divine precepts contained in the Volume of the Sacred Law, the greatest light in Masonry, and strictly obey in daily life the laws which God has given us in it. We must really converse with God, adoring Him as our great Creator, imploring His aid in all our lawful undertakings, and looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support.

December 2010

We need to be ever cautious that in every charity project we carry out, we emerge as better men and as emulation-worthy Masons. Our charity projects are never meant to make us compete with our civic and fraternal organizations nor to obtain recognition for our noble and glorious endeavors. Our charity works are meant to purify us and allow ourselves to experience the virtue of gratitude for what we are and what we have today. This virtue was exemplified by MW Manuel R. Camus, PGM, who served as a legislator, philanthropist, and civic leader. His philanthropic and civic involvements included being organizer of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and the YMCA movement in our country. He was also one of the organizers of our own Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc. (MCCCI). Through his work, he laid the foundation of values, which were to strengthen the character of the youth of our nation.

When we carry out works of charity or benevolence, we should make sure that our motives are unselfish or altruistic.

January 2011

The ancient charges and regulations which are read to the Master during his installation to the time-honored Oriental Chair and which he must not neglect or deviate from are actually also among the ancient charges and regulations which all free and accepted Masons must strictly obey and observe with all their heart. They are the basis upon which we Masons should conduct ourselves both within and without the Lodge.

An eminent forebear of ours who strictly obeyed the ancient charges and regulations of free and accepted Masons was WB Faustino Villaruel, a Past Master of Lodge Walana and founder of other Masonic Lodges in Manila and surrounding provinces; he was also the father of Rosario Villaruel, who headed the Semilla Lodge No. 9. He adopted "Ilaw" or Light as his symbolic name in Masonry; by his conduct, he distinguished himself as a zealous and enthusiastic disseminator of the Masonic light by spreading the luster of Masonic precepts, values and principles not only amongst his brethren and their families, but amongst non-Masons as well. Although he was warned of the consequences of his Masonic labors, he preferred to die rather than discontinue his Masonic and patriotic work for the freedom of the Filipino people from the Spanish colonialists, who suppressed the various freedoms

due them.

Like WB Faustino Villaruel, we should demonstrate our zealous and enthusiastic regard for the welfare of our Craft and the happiness of its members. We must live and die for some cause(s) that redound to the benefit of our fellow humans, particularly our countrymen.

February 2011

We must enforce, by precept and example, a steady obedience to the main tenets of Freemasonry: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Focusing on the first, we must induce others to also regard the whole human race as one big family, the members of which are all children of one almighty and all-loving Parent, who, in His wisdom, willed that we humans should inhabit the same planet, Earth, and therefore to aid, support and protect one another is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on us Masons. By the principle of Brotherly Love, Masonry hopes to unite men of every country, sect and opinion, and to cause true friendship to exist among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

This principle was exemplified by WB Manuel A. Roxas, Past Master, who worked with 40 other Mason delegates to the Constitutional Convention who drafted the 1935 Philippine Constitution. He saw to it that the minority party which he was leader of should cooperate effectively with the majority party, so that partisan politicking would have no place in that body tasked to draft the fundamental law of the land.

A staunch believer in the principle of Brotherly Love, he viewed all Filipinos as members of one big family since we are all descended from the same stock, the Filipino race, and all brothers despite our differences in religious faiths and political persuasions because we have the same Father, God. Those Mason delegates to the Constitution made sure that Masonic principles were included in the Bill of Rights of the said Constitution.

Like them, we should nurture the non-mercenary or disinterested friendship and brotherly affection, which enable us to avoid dissension and to best work and best agree.

March 2011

The Past Masters of our Lodges are like rainfall. If the rain pours too much, flooding occurs; if it pours too little, it may be inadequate to sustain life. In like manner, we should have an adequate number of Past Masters, who are bound by both honor and duty to empower brethren who are relatively younger in the Craft, to inspire them to seek deeper Light and become better men and Masons, and to serve as role models for them to emulate. As pillars of our respective Lodges, we should be ever ready to assist and support the officers thereof in whatever way we can, ever exercising patience with the inexperience of our younger brethren.

We should emulate the example set by Bro. Jose Rizal, who was elected Honorary Master of Lodge Nilad. He inspired both peaceful reformists and violent revolutionaries with his

writings and thoughts. His nationalism and multi-faceted genius made him the role model of every Filipino who fought for Philippine independence. Even when he was already dead, he still managed to unify the Filipino people in their struggle for freedom and independence from their colonial masters.

We Past Masters, too, should demonstrate to our younger brethren that we are what Masonry wants us to become: men of honor, virtue and charitable feelings, to whom others, particularly our younger brethren, may look for example and inspiration.

April 2011

Every one of us Masons should participate in building a better fraternity in our grand jurisdiction. This means that, at least in part, we should actively participate in the deliberations during the plenary session of the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge, which is to be held in the last week of April 2011 at Davao City. Corollary to that is the responsible exercise by us of our right of suffrage by voting only for the Grand Lodge Officers who are truly the most worthy and the best qualified for the various elective positions.

We should emulate the example set by Ill. Marcelo "Kupang" H. Del Pilar, who was, together with Ill. Mariano Ponce, a member of the Supreme Council of the Gran Oriente Español, which was then headed by Grand Master Miguel Morayta. The two illustrious brethren led the move to request the Gran Oriente Español to grant a dispensation to Filipino Masons to found

Masonic Lodges in the Philippines. Ill. Marcelo del Pilar, whose pen-name was "Plaridel," became known as the "Father of Philippine Masonry." Hence, our Grand Lodge Building came to be denominated Plaridel Masonic Temple. Although he was the editor-in-chief of LA SOLIDARIDAD, the mouthpiece of the Filipino intellectuals' campaign for much-needed reforms, he was considered the "most intellectual leader and soul of the Philippine Revolution." Although the campaign for reforms was unsuccessful and although he died a pauper, away from his family, he was a true patriot and martyr; like the GMHA, he constantly remained faithful to his principles.

Like Ill. Bro. Marcelo "Kupang" H. Del Pilar, we, too, should serve as consistent practitioners of Masonic principles and persistent disseminators of Masonic teachings and precepts. Even if Masonic principles appear to be unpopular, we should manifest our fidelity to them by faithfully observing the laws, rules and regulations of Masonry and strictly adhering to the ancient landmarks and charges thereof; for if we don't, we must not expect others to do so.

A Final Word

As your Senior Grand Lecturer for 2010-2011, I fondly hope that the Masonic education program we have formulated for your reflection and action has made us more resolute than before to convince the world, by both precept and example, that Masonry is a worthwhile way of life.

EXERCISING OUR GOD-GIVEN FACULTIES

WE MUST DO the world's work or perform our tasks in organized human life efficiently to be able to contribute to the advancement or progress of the society in which we live and work. If we do our work well or perform our tasks faithfully, we may, in due time, be entitled to the wages we have worked or labored for. These wages may take the form of material rewards (represented by corn, wine and oil) or of achievement accompanied by the feeling of satisfaction that comes with the realization that we have done our job well, not for our benefit alone, but for that of others as well. We have, however, to exert constant effort to attain learning and science. We have to climb the winding stairs of life step by step if we want to attain education and achievement. This calls for the exercise by us of our God-given faculties, which are most commonly represented by our five external senses: hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling and tasting. The first three are, according to our Monitor, most revered by us and deemed particularly essential among us for reasons given in the same source and for their importance in our intellectual and moral development.

Let us take a closer look at our five external senses, as well as at our other God-given faculties.

Hearing

This is the sense by which we distinguish sounds and are enabled to enjoy the agreeable charms of music. By it we are enabled to enjoy the pleasures of society, as well as to communicate reciprocally to one another our thoughts and intentions, our purposes and desires, while thus our intellect (also frequently called reason, the other side of conscience) is capable of exerting its utmost power and energy.

By equipping us with the sense of hearing, the all-wise and all-loving Author of Nature intended that we

should be social creatures and receive the greatest and most important part of our knowledge by the information of others. By endowing us with hearing, He wants us to be completely happy, provided that we properly exert our natural powers. That is most probably the reason for Masonry to make the attentive ear as one of the proper jewels of the Fellowcraft. The attentive ear receives the sound from the instructive tongue.

Seeing

This is the sense by which we distinguish persons, objects, places, events, and so forth. By it, in an instant of time, without change of place or situation, we view group activities, figures of the most stately structures, and all

the agreeable variety displayed in the landscape of Nature. By it we find our way in the pathless sea or ocean, traverse the globe of earth, determine its figure and dimensions, and delineate any region or quarter of it. By it we measure the planetary orbs and make new discoveries in the sphere of the fixed stars. By it we perceive the tempers and dispositions, as well as the passions and affections, of our fellow creatures, particularly when they wish to conceal them. Thus, though the tongue may be taught to lie and dissemble, the countenance would display hypocrisy to the discerning eye.

In fine, the rays of light which administer to the sense of sight are the most astonishing part of God's animated creation. They render the eye a peculiar object of admiration. Of all our faculties, sight is the noblest. The structure of the eye and its appurtenance evince the admirable contrivance of Nature for performing all its various eternal and internal motions, while the variety displayed in the eyes of different animals, suited to their several ways of life, clearly demonstrates this organ to be the masterpiece of Nature's work.

We must, therefore, take very good care of our eyes and train them to observe our surroundings keenly.

Feeling

This is the sense by which we distinguish the different qualities of bodies, such as heat and cold, hardness and softness, roughness and smoothness, solidity, motion and extension.

We should also strive a little harder than before to develop this sense. Through it, together with the senses of smelling and tasting, Ms. Helen Keller, who was deaf and blind at a very young age due to illness, was able, through the help of her teacher, Ms. Anne Mansfield Sullivan, dubbed the "miracle worker," to develop herself into one of the greatest women of the 20th century.

Smelling

This is the sense by which we distinguish odors, the various kinds of which convey different opinions to the mind. Indeed, plants, animals, and most other bodies, while exposed in the air, continually emit effluvia of vast subtlety, both in the state of life and growth and in the state of putrefaction. These effluvia being drawn into the nostrils along with the air are means by which all bodies are smelled. Clearly, then, there is a manifest appearance of design in the great Creator's having planted the organ of smell inside the canal through which the air continually passes in respiration.

Tasting

This is the sense that enables us to make a proper distinction in the choice of our food. Its organ guards the entrance to the alimentary canal, just as the organ of smelling guards the entrance of the canal of respiration. From the situation of both organs it is plain that they are intended by Nature to distinguish food from that which is nauseous.

Everything that enters the stomach must undergo the scrutiny of tasting. By tasting we can discern the changes which the same body undergoes in the different compositions of art, cookery, chemistry, pharmacy, and so forth.

Smelling and tasting are inseparably connected; they are rendered less fit to perform their natural offices by the unnatural kind of life which men commonly lead in society.

Our Duty to Ourselves

As social creatures, we must pursue such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of our corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy. By doing so, we will be able to exert the talents wherewith God has blest us as well to His glory as to the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

Our Other God-Given Faculties

God has equipped us with other faculties than the five external senses. These include instinct, emotion, memory, imagination, taste (i.e., the ability to recognize and enjoy what is beautiful and excellent), reasoning, moral perception, and all the active powers of the soul (e.g., intellect and will).

The Necessity of Interdependence

We must proficiently use all of our God-given faculties as we earnestly endeavor to attain knowledge, cultivate our morals, and acquire the habits of industry. To realize these ends, we have to depend on the assistance of others and to reciprocate their assistance, too; for interdependence is most necessary in order for us to contribute to the advancement or progress and prosperity of the communities in which we live and work as men and as Masons.

- ▶ We must convince the non-Masonic public, by both precept and example, that Masonry makes us, its members, increasingly better, or that it exerts its beneficent influence on us, so that we are stimulated to help build our country into a better place to live in and our people into a happier lot to live with.
- ▶ We must discharge all our duties with much fidelity and conscientiousness.

Stirring in the Beehive

by Brother Gene Calonge, GLI, Service Lodge No. 95

MEET YOUR MANAGER...



It is said that our ancient brethren met in inns and taverns. There they socialized in the evenings and drank their favorite drinks. In those days, drinking alcohol after Masonic meetings was perhaps part of the bonding process. There must have been a lot of laughter, gossip and banter that occasioned the post-ritualistic meetings. If other things have changed now, certainly the closeness among brethren and the anticipation of having fellowships have not changed over the years. It is in this light that I personally welcomed the reestablishment of the Grand Lodge canteen.



The of money to refurbish a portion of the Grand Lodge grounds and host it. And, the lodge has appointed a Past Master to manage the canteen. Who is this brother?

Grand Lodge canteen has been operating for more than two years now. The convenience it affords and the easy avail-

ability of having brethren around have made it the favorite watering hole of the brethren. Whether it be after meetings, in the weekends or in lazy evenings, one can always find a brother in the canteen. The food is not expensive, drinks are readily available and the place is safe. It also has ample parking. Knowing that we now have a place to have our meals and drinks, do we also know the man behind it?

The Grand Lodge canteen is owned and operated by Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4. My understanding is that the lodge has invested a certain sum

The manager of the canteen is Worshipful Brother Gilbert Pazcoguin. He is a native of Manila and is only in his early 40s. He was initiated, passed and raised in 1992 in Manuel A. Roxas Memorial Lodge No. 152. He served as Worshipful Master of Bagumbayan Lodge in 1999. He is an Honorary Member of Island Luz Minerva Lodge No. 5 and Noli Me Tangere Lodge No. 42. He is also a Charter Member of Pinaglabanan Lodge No. 374 and La Guardia Lodge No. 378.

One thing you notice about WB Pazcoguin is his presence in the Grand Lodge almost everyday, even in weekends and holidays. It is rare to have a day that you do not see him in the canteen or somewhere in the premises of the Grand Lodge. Such availability, ac-

cess and constancy makes him one of the favorite "Grand Lodge boys." It is no wonder then that his lodge has chosen him to be the manager of the Grand Lodge canteen. For that job, he has to be on call most of the time, regardless of the time and day. He has his work cut out for him. A grateful Brother, WB Pazcoguin acknowledge the critical rile of PGM Jaime Gonzales in the re establishment of the canteen.

In the past days, there is a frenzy of activity in the area where the canteen is located. We understand that the Grand Lodge will go ahead with its plan to build the dormitory for brethren. We trust that, with this development, the canteen will still have a place within the grounds, either in the dormitory itself or outside it. Either way, the brethren will continue to have a place for fellowship and small talk. In fact, some have

considered the canteen their second home of sorts. As a place of relaxation and Masonic exchange, the canteen has never failed us. Go there and you will go home relaxed knowing that at the end of the day or the night, you have met a brother for the first time. Or, you have again seen the brothers you usually see in the Grand Lodge. Either way, there is that feeling of connection with people you care about. Masons call that the mystic tie and WB Pazcoguin has the daily role of insuring that the tie is nurtured so that it will not fade. Along with each passing day, the canteen will leave us memories of brotherhood and the daily grind of our activities. It is a healthy supplement to our meetings and the inevitable extension of our fond debates and beneficial arguments. We toast to WB Pazcoguin for his fine and daily management of our canteen. Mabuhay ka, WB Gilbert!!!



Manager Gilbert Pazcoguin and offices and members of Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 pose for posterity's sake.

View From An Outsider

by Bro. Frank Stevens (#79)

MEMBERSHIP OF GRAND LODGE requires or needs revision. Too much power is vested in Past Grand Masters (PGMs). While it is right for the incumbent Grand Master to consult them, they should not have the right to effectively control the election of the Junior Grand Warden (JGW).

There are many brethren who attend ANCOM for many years before they become Lights of their respective Lodges and can vote. There are also Past Masters who still attend ANCOM many years after they were Immediate Past Masters (IPMs).

There should be a system of Ex-Officio Membership for purposes of voting at the ANCOM. For instance, if a Master Mason in good standing has attended ANCOM for 10 consecutive years and has not yet become one of the three Lights of his Lodge, surely he had shown a dedication that should be rewarded by granting him a right to vote at ANCOM – a right that should continue until he misses two consecutive ANCOMs or four ANCOMs in any 10-year period.

Likewise, if a Past Master of a Lodge has attended ANCOM for four years as a Light and IPM and then continues to attend the same, he should also be given Ex-Officio Voting Membership, provided he attends ANCOM for six consecutive times in a 10-years period.



A further requirement is that the Master Mason or the Past Master

referred to above must attend all sessions on every day of the ANCOM.

Appointed Officers at the Grand Lodge and District levels will only have voting rights if they have qualified in their own right.

Nominations for JGW shall be done by Blue Lodges, and elimination within each region shall be made during the Annual Multi-District Convention. DDGMs are bound by both honor and duty to ensure that each of the nominees has the necessary qualifications; this must be confirmed by the Grand Secretary prior to the Multi-District Convention.

Although there shall be no limit to the number of nominations each region can nominate only one brother.

All details about, including the bio-data of, all nominees shall be published as is being done at present.

In the event that the nominee of a certain region is catapulted to the exalted position of JGW, then that particular region shall not be able to nominate for the following year.

Voting shall be by simple majority. Any nominee failing to secure 5% of the total votes cast shall be eliminated.

Thus, power will be with the floor of Grand Lodge, where it really belongs.

Square cor. Compass Streets

by WB Celso B. Hilbero, PM

And Now... The Controversial Shrine in Calamba...

After learning how controversial the construction of the Rizal monument in Luneta was, allow me to discuss another controversial edifice associated to the national hero – this time, the construction of his own house in Calamba.

The years 1888 to 1891 were difficult for the people of Calamba. Those were the times the friars were most cruel in their vindictiveness. Many families were driven from their houses and dispossessed of the lands they were tilling. Known Calambeños were arrested and deported to far away islands. Some were mercilessly killed. Among those harassed by the friars were the members of the Rizal family. That was understandable because Calambeños regarded the Rizal family as their leader. Don Francisco Mercado, Paciano and Rizal's brothers-in-law were all men of uncompromising principles and courage. That was the reason the friars at that time made

Note: We reiterate that this publication encourages polemics or healthy exchange of ideas among the Craft. Hence, we expect not a few brethren to send in their written reactions to this column, or to any other, to our editorial office, so that we can also publish them, all for the good of the Craft.



sure that the Rizal family suffered the most of the brunt of the persecution.

While Jose Rizal was in London, his brother-in-law, Mariano Herbosa (the husband of Lucia Rizal), died of cholera. Another casualty of the epidemic was Isidoro Alcala, a respected citizen of Calamba. At that time, the parish priest of Calamba was Father Domingo Añonuevo, the nemesis of Dr. Jose Rizal. Upon being informed of Herbosa's death, Father Añonuevo sent a telegraphic message to the ecclesiastical governor in Manila telling him that Herbosa had not confessed since his marriage until the time of his death. Upon learning the information, the ecclesiastical governor replied that they deny him ecclesiastical burial. Hence, Herbosa was denied a Catholic burial in the Church cemetery because the cemetery is a "sacred ground," while Isidoro Alcala, whom Rizal described as "not a brother-in-law, was allowed a Christian burial in the consecrated ground, cost-



ing 55 pesos." Herbosa was buried in Licheria Hill, 500 meters away from the Catholic Church. After four decades, it was a coincidence that a portion of the same hill would be converted into a municipal cemetery and a greater part of it would be devoted to a shrine of a religious group which venerates Rizal as the redeemer of the Philippines – the Iglesia Watawat ng Lahi.

The months of October and November, 1891 served as the climax of agrarian troubles in Calamba. Historian Guerrero informs us that the "Marquess sent a detachment of fifty soldiers from the Spanish artillery regiment under the command of a constabulary colonel, Francisco Olive Garcia, to enforce the court orders of eviction to the letter. A number of houses were burned and lots forcibly cleared." Another historian and a scholar on Rizal, Demetrio Hilbero, advanced that "the Rizals were compelled to vacate their house and their furnitures were thrown out on the street. About twenty-five

Calambeños were deported, among whom were Don Francisco Mercado, Paciano, Saturnina Rizal-Hidalgo, Narcisa Rizal-Lopez, Lucia Rizal- Herbosa, Mateo Elejorde, a certain Dandoy (relative of Rizal) and Rizal's brothers-in-law Silvestre Ubaldo and Antonino Lopez." Added Hilbero: "About 300 families were rendered homeless. They spent the night under the trees, at the shore of Laguna de Bay, and others on the street while watching their houses being slowly razed down by fire."

The Dominicans who ejected the Rizals from their house and who then became the managers of the Calamba hacienda, occupied the house of the Rizals for about 8 years. In the Philippine Revolution of 1896, then Major Paciano Rizal, as commander of the rebels, confiscated the house from the friars; but because of the dangers of keeping the house, he being marked as a revolucionario, Paciano abandoned the house and it fell again to the hands of the Dominicans. After the Ameri-

cans established sovereignty in the Philippines, the Dominicans sold the house and lot of the Rizals to Don Isidoro Cailles for P27, 000.00. Isidoro Cailles, a brother of General Juan Cailles of Santa Cruz, Laguna, had permanently resided in Calamba. He repaired the house and converted it into an "accessoria with nine partitions." However, it had fallen into a decaying state that Cailles decided to demolish it altogether.

As early as the time of Governor William H. Taft, some historically-minded residents of Calamba were already suggesting that the government purchase the house and lot of the Rizal family in Calamba. Nothing, however, was done towards this goal for a long period of time. And in December 1928, the Philippine Legislature authorized the purchase of the Rizal lot from Isidoro Cailles for P24, 000.00. The Insular Government planned to construct in the lot an imposing monument of Dr. Jose Rizal but this attempt was thwarted by the people of Calamba because they wanted to construct instead a replica of the original Rizal house to remind all that the National Hero was born in Calamba. In view of the disagreement between the central government and the people of Calamba, all plans to build anything on the lot were set aside. Hence, it remained vacant and idle for a long period of time. In 1936, the Municipal Council of Calamba, led by Presidente Municipal Eduardo A. Barreto, initiated a move to reconstruct the house of Dr. Jose Rizal. This time, President Manuel L. Quezon supported the wishes of the Calambeños and commissioned Architect Juan Nakpil to make a research on the Rizal

house. All plans to reconstruct the house were, however, abandoned when the Second World War broke out.

In 1949, President Elpidio Quirino revived the project to reconstruct the house of the Rizals. Executive Order No. 145 was issued by Quirino, creating a special committee to take care of the project. The same executive order authorized the raising of funds by soliciting contributions from school children all over the Philippines.

Finally, works on the Rizal house started with the excavation of the site to trace the foundation of the original house. After obtaining complete data on the old foundation, construction immediately followed. The Rizal Shrine was inaugurated on June 19, 1950 on the occasion of the 89th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal. President Elpidio Quirino was the guest of honor and principal speaker in that occasion.

Now, the house, which the Pagsanjan historian Zaide called "the cradle of a genius," proudly stands in the place our brother national hero, Jose Rizal, was born. It is now maintained and managed by the National Historical Institute.

Controversy did not end there. Sometime last year, the Calambeños woke up one morning with a big surprise upon learning that the house of Dr. Rizal was suddenly painted with "light green" color. The Calambeños again unanimously questioned the painting of light green all over the house. The original house was not even painted on by the Rizals. It was an old antic wood

and bricks made out of albumin that served as cement. Then all of a sudden, an officer of the National Historical Institute came out with a "bright idea" of having the big house painted with light green. There is no convincing explanation that could be gathered for its new look. According to its head, Ambeth Ocampo, the word "Rizal" means

"green field" and, therefore, the house of the Rizals should be painted green. To the lovers of Rizal and of historical facts, the explanation is absurd and unacceptable.

Since then and up to date, indeed, the Rizal Shrine in Calamba is always coupled with lots of controversies.



SOGOD BAY LODGE NO. 337 SPONSORS MEDICAL MISSION

LED BY WM JOSE LITO P. TRUMATA, a medical surgeon, the brethren of Sogod Bay Lodge No 337 conducted their latest medical mission-operation tuli at the covered court of Barangay Buac Camay, Sogod, Southern Leyte.

Shown below are some of the photos taken during the community outreach project.



The brethren and some of their guests and beneficiaries posed for a post-medical mission photo.

Bro./Dr. Ireneus Zamora, an internist, was in charge of the medicines, including vitamins, for the patients. Others in the photo were WBs Neone Asilon, Ray Pil, and Dodong Villahermosa, as well as Bros. Jackson Yap, Eddie Caparro, and Samuel Entuna (of Rafael Palma Lodge No. 147).



THE QUEST FOR MASONIC LIGHT: AN ENDEAVOR OF A LIFETIME

by VW Dante A. Denate, PDGL



Note: This is another Masonic Education Lecture VW Dante Denate delivered in Lodge Nos. 11, 229, and 187.

THE QUEST FOR LIGHT into the mysteries of Freemasonry is, I sincerely submit, an endeavor of a lifetime.

The journey of a poor blind candidate who desires to be brought from darkness to light starts when he is initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. But, of course, he must be advanced to the degree of Fellowcraft and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

Freemasonry being a progressive moral science divided into different degrees, so many lessons therein are taught to candidates therefor – so many, in fact, that the younger Master Masons are seemingly lost in the labyrinth. More disheartening is the perception that the more senior among us take these lessons for granted.

The Fraternity's basic tenets, pure principles, and ancient charges and landmarks, as well as our obligations, and even those lengthy lectures which we have learned well and memorized proficiently, are useless, inutile – mere lessons only – unless we take them to heart, act by them, live with them, and bring them to life through our deeds. I dare say that then and only then does a Master Mason become a better man.

We take note that the Worshipful Master exhorts the newly-made Master Mason thus: "The eyes of the Fraternity are now upon you. Be faithful, be just, be true, and convince the world, by your acts, that upon becoming a Master Mason, you have become a better man."

This is a clarion call for us to let our local and national communities – nay, the whole world – know, by our deeds, that we are worthy and exemplary Masons.

Hence, my brethren, let us revisit those ancient charges and remind ourselves of our duties as Masons, as citizens, and as individuals.

Let us, at this juncture, behold the Altar, upon which lies the Volume of the Sacred Law (VSL), which is God's inestimable gift to man as the rule and guide of his faith. In it we find the important duties we owe to God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Our duties to God consist in never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due

from the creature to his Creator; imploring His aid in all our lawful undertakings; and looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support.

Our duties to our neighbor consist in acting with him upon the square; rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require; relieving his distresses and soothing his afflictions; and doing to him as, in similar cases, we would that he should do unto us.

Our duties to ourselves include observing such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of our corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy; thereby enabling us to exert the talents wherewith God has blest us as well to His glory as the welfare of our fellow-creatures.

As citizens, we are enjoined to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties. Specifically, we should, each of us, never propose nor countenance any act which may tend to subvert the peace and good order of society; pay due obedience to the laws under whose protection we live; and

never lose sight of the allegiance due to our country.

As individuals, we are charged to practice the domestic and public virtues; to let Temperance chasten, Fortitude support, and Prudence direct us, and to let Justice be the guide of all our actions; and to be especially careful to maintain, in their fullest splendor, those truly Masonic ornaments: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

Finally, as members of the Craft, we are admonished to be faithful to the trust committed to our care, as well as to manifest our fidelity to our principles by (1) strictly observing the Constitution of the Fraternity; (2) adhering to the Ancient Landmarks thereof; and (3) refusing to recommend any one to a participation in our privileges, unless we have strong reasons to believe that, like us, he will be so faithful to Masonry as to ultimately reflect honor on it.

Simply put: We must not indiscriminately recommend any Tom, Dick and Harry to the Fraternity. We must make sure that he will not bring dishonor or disgrace to our ancient Institution.

Erratum

In the Sept.-Oct. 2010 issue of this publication, we erroneously invited that "Freemasonry and Public Education" is by Bro. Malcolm S. Garcia. The correct name of the author is Bro. Malcolm S. Garma.

Bro. Malcolm S. Garma, please accept the editorial staff's sincere apologies.

Other News, Developments

A Successful Outreach Mission...

by VW Bernardo O. Valenzuela

WE BRETHREN of San Jose Del Monte Lodge No. 357 and AG MW Pedro Gimenez Memorial Lodge No. 370 recently conducted an outreach mission at Barangay Muzon in the City of San Jose, Bulacan. Our mission benefited 1,000 indigent residents of the said barangay.

In the program which capped our noble endeavor, WB Antonio Matias distributed certificates of appreciation to the "missionaries," among whom were VW Jose B. Montejo and the members of the medical team from Fatima University Major Susan Mendoza and the dental team from Camp Emilio Aguinaldo; Barangay Chair Sarmiento and his staff.

WB Matias also conveyed sincerest commendation to Bro. Ronald Lee, who solicited additional medicines from Khalsa Diwa Indian Sikh Temple, and to Senior Warden Rodolfo Nieto, Outreach Program Committee Chair, for a job well done.

Moreover, he thanked the brethren from other Lodges who unselfishly contributed to the success of our fulfilling undertaking.

An enjoyable South made one mission all the more memorable.



BBL#17 Supports the Public School System

by Bro. Jose Anthony M. Gonzaga
Lodge Secretary, Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.

On the celebration of the 103rd Constitution Day of Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M., the Lodge, in partnership with KIDS Foundation, Inc., gave away books and school supplies for Ladislao Diwa Elementary School in Cavite City under the "Libro Alay ni Kuyang Program".

The books were donated by the brethren based abroad through the efforts of Bro. Carlos "Caloy" Buzon while the school supplies were provided for by Bro. Diether Ocampo's KIDS Foundation, a non-governmental organization that looks after the welfare of the youth. Both Brothers Caloy and Diet are proud members of BBL#17.

VW Nathaniel S. Golla, PDGL, incumbent Worshipful Master, reiterated that the Lodge would continue to support the public school system for the benefit of the youth and underprivileged. This is the response of

the Lodge to the challenge of helping government schools provide quality education for the Filipino people. During the term of WB Antonio C. Paulite II as Master, Ladislao Diwa Elementary School was first adopted.

Ladislao Diwa Elementary School has more than 5,000 students coming from the lower economic strata of the society. The school is named after a famous statesman and revolutionist, WB Ladislao Diwa, one of the founding fathers of Bagong Buhay Lodge No. 17, F. & A.M.



BAGUMBAYAN LODGE NO. 4 HOLDS TWO-IN-ONE AFFAIR

by Bro. Jojo Sabban

WE BRETHREN OF BAGUMBAYAN LODGE NO. 4, who are highly resolved to strengthen our commitment to Masonry, celebrated our 96th anniversary and honored our Past Masters at the Makati Sports Club in Salcedo Village, Makati City.

Bro. Ericson Lim invoked God's blessing on the assembly. Then, the national anthem having been sung, VW Rommel Y. Roxas, DGL for MD NCR-B, eloquently recited the "Pagpupugay sa Watawat."

In his welcome remarks, WM Edwin Cruz Sr., reported, among other things, that our Lodge had donated Php 50,000 for the GLP Building improvement and Php 20,000 for the air-conditioning unit of the Grand Secretary's office. Continued he:

"In the past months, we carried out activities consonant with the GLP program, such as holding family outings, planning sessions, sportsfests, visitations of our sick, ailing and long-lost brethren, medical missions and other charitable works. We have come out with issues of our official newsletter, *Ang Bagumbayan*, which is edited by Bro. Jojo Sabban (yours truly) and Bro. Neboy Santiago..."

Junior Warden Reummel M. Sison then assisted the Master in giving due recognition to our Lodge's Past Masters. Yours truly introduced the Guest of Honor and Speaker, the GLP's

Deputy Grand Master, RW Juanito P. Abergas, who in turn said in part: "... Our continued involvement in Masonry requires us to strengthen periodically our commitment and resolve to do what we came here to do, namely, to learn to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Masonry. This involves learning the timeless teachings, priceless precepts and pure principles of the Fraternity and living them consistently in daily life, that their light may shine so brightly before other men that they will desire our fellowship and join us in our assemblies. That is why our Grand Master, MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., has urged us to continuously use both precept and example for distinguishing ourselves as men and as Masons..."

He therefore requested MW Jaime Y. Gonzales, PGM, to lead us Masons present in reciting aloud the "Renewal of Pledges and Promises."

Next RW Abergas led the champagne toast to all Past Masters of our Lodge. To the honorees he said. "May your dedication to Freemasonry be imbibed and emulated by the officers and members of your Lodge. May you live longer, so that we will be inspired and

edified by your zeal and enthusiasm for the best interest of our beloved Craft..."

Warden Leonardo C. Cincochan delivered the closing message.

The petitioners having rendered their "surprise number," Senior

Dinner was followed by fellowship and dance, with Bro. James Walter Capili acting as Emcee.



MW Jaime Y. Gonzales, PGM (2nd from left) and RW Juanito P. Abergas, DGM (6th from left) pose with officers and members of the Lodge.

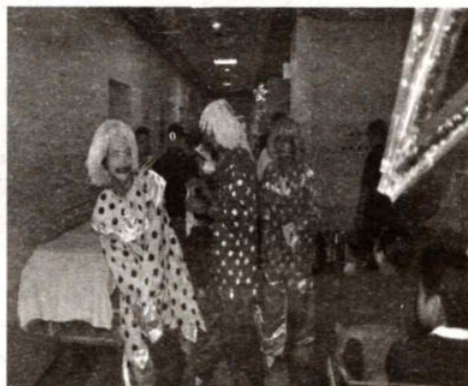


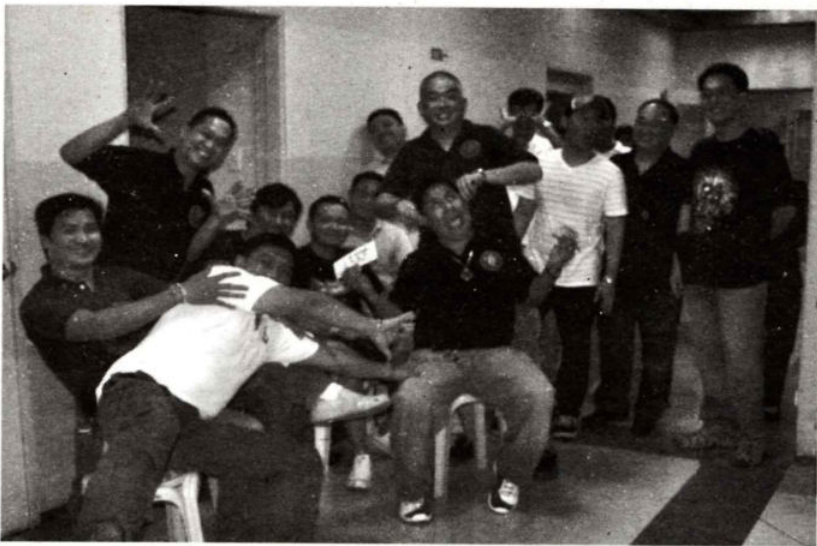
Distinguished brethren-guests pose for a photo.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING AT NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL

WB Robert "Mr. Charity" Sing and the brethren of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge No. 379 and Bamboo Shrine Club brought joy and sunshine to some 80 patients in the Children's Ward of the National Orthopedic Hospital, as well as to the staff, janitors and guards of the same hospital, during the Christmas Holidays. They distributed bags of goodies to the said beneficiaries and provided them with entertainment.

Shown below are some photos taken during the brethren's visit of the hospital.





CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE YOUNG ONCE

by Bro. Brummel Joseph A. Magkasi, M.D.

Marcelo H. del Pilar Memorial Lodge No. 272

Square and Compass Medical Clinic and Laboratory, Caloocan City

This is the story of an 84-year old widow who suffers from a debilitating disease that prevents her from performing her daily chores.

Her only wish is to be able to move around and not be a burden to her loved ones.

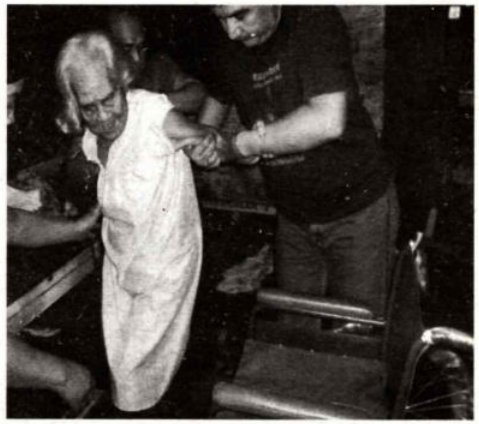
When this came to my knowledge, I visited her and found her lying

on an old wooden couch underneath the stairs.

I felt so sad about her condition that I thought of finding a way to get her up and moving.

So, I thought of soliciting a wheelchair, and this is what happened...





The family and relatives of Mrs. Eliza Barrientos would like to convey their heartfelt thanks to the brethren of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge No. 379, through the inspiration of their Worshipful Master, WB Robert Sing, who was instrumental in sharing these wonderful gifts (wheelchair and groceries).

Maraming, maraming salamat po!

Mrs. Jovencia O. Romero, 78, another recipient of a wheel chair, with VW Alex Madamba, PDDGM, a leading member of Lodge No. 379



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More Photos taken during the honoring of Distinguished Masons in Government at Island Cove, Kawit, Cavite

