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## GLP joins 2016 June 12 celebration





# EDITOR'S NOTES

BY VW MARLON M. CASTOR

## That rare attribute

IRISH PLAYWRIGHT BRO. GEORGE BERNARD SHAW ONCE SAID *“Better to keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.”* True. Yet for us members of the Craft and in our studies of dualism and proportion, there is another side to these words---the other half of a balanced equation.

In the world of Freemasonry, we are taught to keep our aprons as clean and as unblemished as the day we received them.

This directs us to look upon how we do things as Masons with utmost caution and due regard for the welfare of neighbors, particularly our brethren in the Fraternity. Thus, if we are careful in our labors and through the assistance Divine Grace, we may be able to keep the records of our acts as craftsmen as unblemished as the emblem of innocence it represents.

In the past few weeks, I had been privilege to have worked closely with our Grand Master, who in his recently -concluded and illustrious military career, have been assigned to some of the most troublesome areas in and around the archipelago. Yet, despite his numerous exposure and experience in armed conflicts, he always put a primacy on peace and amity between the parties involved. So it is indeed true that those who have been relentlessly fought for peace truly knows its true

worth. And only those brethren who have seen lodges broken and destroyed by disharmony and partisan masonry, knows how difficult it is for brethren to regain harmony and camaraderie among them.

Harmony among the brethren remains and will always be, the strength and beauty of our noble institution. So remember, if we can look into Bro. Shaw's mirror, the world can also look into us through it.

In this issue, we look upon the blistering tour of the Grand Master as he attends various district turnover ceremonies across the jurisdiction during his first month in office.

We also feature the recent celebration of our 118th Philippine Independence Day and recall how our national heroes--some of whom are known members of the Craft, have led this nation from slavery and darkness to the light of freedom and sovereignty. It may be currently a problematic nation but it is and will remain OUR nation.

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# MW Gazmin leads GLP in June 12 rites



Brethren salute the Philippine flag.

**GLAZED IN THE GOLDEN HUE** of the sun, Freemasons from various subordinate lodges in the Philippines woke up early on a sleepy Sunday morning last June 12, 2016 to join the rest of the country in commemorating our 118th Philippine Independence Day celebration.



In the City of Manila, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted of the Philippines led by its Grand Master and outgoing National Defense Secretary MW Voltaire T. Gazmin, joined most of the Metro Manila-based residence in the annual flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremony before the statue of national hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal, who was well-known member of the Craft.



Amidst the impressive line of Philippine Marine honor guards and the barrage of booming gun salutes, MW Gazmin led a colorful delegation of brethren numbering to the thousands clad in their all-white aprons as well as their blue-lined aprons and jewels that adorn lodge officers, to lay a wreath of white and yellow flowers before the monument of the Bro. Rizal. They were joined by members and officers of other Masonic Appendant Bodies such as the Grand York Rite of the Philippines, the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the Shriners as well as the Order of the Amaranth. Accompanying the brethren were also



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**AT KILOMETER ZERO: Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin, leads the delegation of masons and allied organizations in offering flowers before the statue of fallen brother--National Hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal during the 2016 Independence Day rites held last June 12, 2016 at the Rizal Park in the City of Manila.**

the masonic youth organization such as the International Order of DeMolay, the Job's Daughters International, Rainbow for Girls and the Order of the Eastern Star.

The June 12 rites were also held in key cities nationwide which include Kawit, Cavite; Malolos, Bulacan; Rizal Park, Manila; Angeles, Pampanga; Davao City; Quezon City; and Cebu City, among others. This year's theme is "Kalayaan 2016: Pagkakaisa, Pagaambagan, Pagsulong."

Then-President Benigno Aquino III led the flag-raising ceremony and wreath-laying at the Rizal Park. He was also given military honors as he was set to

step down as president on June 30.

Aquino was joined by Vice President Jejomar Binay, Manila Mayor Joseph Ejercito Estrada, National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) Chairperson Ma. Serena Diokno and his Cabinet members.

A highlight of the ceremony was a traditional flyby of aircrafts of the Armed Forces of the Philippines---with several helicopters showering Rizal Park with flower petals.

After the Rizal Park ceremony, the brethren were invited back to the GLP Grounds for the fraternity's own flag-raising and wreath-laying ceremony

**RIGHT: Senior Grand Warden RW Romeo Momo poses with several brethren while waiting for the annual flag-raising ceremonies which was led by then-outgoing President Benigno Simeon "Noy" Aquino last June 12 at the Rizal Park, Manila.**



**RIGHT: Members of Masonic Youth Organizations composed of the International Order of DeMolay, Job's Daughters International, and Rainbow for Girls, join their "dads" in celebrating the Philippine Independence Day. BELOW: The brethren in their usual corner of Rizal Park happily greet the camera man.**



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before the Plaridel Masonic Temple where busts of notable hero-masons were to be honored and recognized.

However, due to his duties as DND Secretary, MW Gazmin had to rush to Rizal Hall in Malacañang Palace. afterwards where former President Aquino delivered his final Independence Day Vin d'Honneur address and toast.

**RIGHT: Senior Grand Steward VW Ted Salud, representing Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin, read the latter's speech to the brethren during the GLP's own flag-raising ceremony held at the GLP grounds in Malate, Manila. The Grand Master, then serving as DND Secretary, was called away for an important function in Malacañang Palace.**

In the absence of the Grand Master, Senior Grand Steward VW Teddy Salud delivered MW Gazmin's June 12 message to the brethren.

After the ceremonies, the brethren were herded into Aguinaldo Hall where a sumptuous and filling breakfast was prepared for them.



**Members of the Mystic Order of Shriners.**



**The Masonic Youth Organizations.**



**The Philippine flag was raised at the GLP Complex last June 12, 2016.**



**ABOVE:** Grand Chaplain Very Reverend Christian Arbués led the brethren in prayer during the June 12 ceremonies in front of the Plaridel Masonic Temple at the GLP grounds.

**LEFT:** Members of the International Order of DeMolay flank the GLP Officers and a representative from the Royal Order of Scotland in this photo taken after the flower offering before the busts of our national heroes.

**LEFT:** The International Order of DeMolay in their own flower offering for our national heroes.



**The brethren and several members of the International Order of DeMolay pose with Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin before the home of National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal last June 19, 2016 in Calamba, Laguna.**

# Romanticizing Rizal

*This was the speech by VW John C. Buendia, PJGL and incumbent District Deputy Grand Master for R4-A given in the morning of June 19, 2016 at the Plaza Rizal in Calamba, Laguna.*

**TODAY MARKS THE 155TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE Rizal, our National hero and a multi-faceted genius who consecrated his God given talents for the freedom and welfare of his people through peaceful reforms.**

And I am proud to say, HE WAS OUR BROTHER.

Most of us know that Dr. Jose P. Rizal was a mason, but very few are familiar with the extent of his involvement in the Fraternity. Regrettably, his masonic membership is a subject which has been neglected by scholars.

According to a book which I read, at the time Dr. Rizal was studying in Biñan and Manila, Masonry was still relatively

unknown in the Philippines. The lodges were very few and were moreover, composed mostly of Spaniards with only a small number of Filipinos admitted into membership. But even during that early stage, the members of Dr. Rizal's family were already closely identified with the Fraternity. One of the first Filipinos to join Masonry was his half-uncle, the Most Excellent Jose Alberto Alonzo, Knight Commander of the Spanish Order of Isabel the Catholic and of Carlos III.

His elder brother Paciano has also hobnobbed with masons. During Paciano's student days in Manila, he lived with Fr. Burgos and worked with him in the *Comite de Reformados*. The committee had several masons on its rolls, some of whom were implicated in the Cavite revolt of 1872.

Dr. Jose Rizal's first documented exposure to masonry took place in 1882. In that year, he had already completed his fourth year as a medical student at the University of Sto. Tomas and needed only one more year to finish his schooling, but the urge to study abroad proved overwhelming. On May 3, 1882, he started on his journey to Madrid.

Along the way, on June 11, his ship docked at Naples Italy, the first European city in his itinerary. The passengers were given a two-hour shore leave, so Rizal took a coach on a sightseeing tour. In the heart of Naples his eyes were greeted by a multitude of posters set up by masons announcing to the world the death of Giuseppe Garibaldi, their Grand Master. Rizal must have been impressed for he later wrote about what he saw in a letter to his parents and brothers. That letter marked the first time Rizal made a written mention of masonry, but it would not be the last.

Upon his arrival in Spain, Rizal found it a country strongly influenced by masonic thought. The mason-led revolution of

1868 had catapulted masons to position of power. They promptly established a liberal government and injected masonic tenets into national policies. The masonic teachings of individual liberty, equality among men, religious tolerance, freedom of the press and of speech, separation of Church and State were made a part of the law of the land. The masons also stressed the value of education and gave their full support to the public school system.

The role of masonry in implanting the "new liberties" in the social and political life of Spain no doubt awakened in Rizal a feeling of goodwill towards the Fraternity.

There is no doubt that in Rizal's lifetime, there is a profound influence of masonic teachings upon him, because the purpose of Freemasonry is straightforward – to shape us into better men.

Dr. Rizal was not just a better man, he was considered as a "perfect man" through the most memorable and meaningful tribute to the National hero in Daet, Camarines Norte where the masons erected the first ever monument in his honor and it still stands today. It is a simple structure, nothing elaborate, but is extremely rich in masonic symbolism. The base of the monument is a cube which is surmounted by a triangular column. On the four exposed squares of the cube are written the titles of the major works of the martyr and on the

sides of the triangular column may be seen the five pointed star and the simple dedication, "To Jose Rizal". Nothing more embellishes the monument, but it is not necessary, because the monument speaks for itself.

In the symbolism of the rites of the Gran Oriente Español- the geometric objects which were employed in the erection of the monument- the cube, the squares, the triangle, the five pointed

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star-combined, represent a "perfect man". The monument, therefore, is a testament to Rizal's perfection.



Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin giving his message to brethren and guests at Plaza Rizal in Calamba, Laguna.



# MW Gazmin graces 155th Rizal birth anniv

Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin, together with several Grand Line officers, attended the 155th Birth Anniversary held last June 19, 2016 at Plaza Rizal in Calamba, Laguna.

Also in attendance during the event was the mayor of Calamba, Hon. John G. Bongat together with Vice-Mayor Nelson S. Legacion and members of the Sangguniang Panglungsod. Likewise in attendance were DepEd officials, members of the 9th Division of the Philippine Army, members of the Knights of Rizal, headed by Atty. Simeon Adan, brethren from Naga City Lodge No. 257 headed by WM Eugene Pachica, Isarog Lodge No. 33 headed by WM Rommel Fajardo, and Camarines Sur Lodge No. 382 headed by WM Byron Barrameda as well those from neighboring lodges.

Accompanying their dads were also members of the International Order of Demolay-Bicol Chapter and the Job's Daughters International led by Sis. Pang Pomoles as well as members and representatives of various civic organizations.



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**Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin thanks the brethren for the warm reception.**



**TOP: The Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin, accompanied by GLP Chief of Staff VW Manny Idquival, AGT and VW Emil Dela Rosa, GBB is received into the lodge. ABOVE: The Chaplain offers a solemn prayer prior to the start of the turnover ceremonies.**

**Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin officiates the formal turnover of district records.**



# MW Gazmin attends north districts turnovers

IN ONE OF HIS FIRST OFFICIAL functions as Grand Master, MW Gazmin along with several members of the Grand Line, flew to Isabela to witness and officiate the joint district turnover ceremonies of five Masonic districts, namely MDs RII-A, RII-B, RII-C, RII-D, and RII-E in the afternoon of May 3, 2016 in Ilagan, Isabela.

Formally assuming their duties as DDGMs over their respective districts were VW Arturo Figueroa (R2-A), VW Severo "Roy" Sinense (R2-B), VW Eduardo Interior (R2-C), VW Tomas Bautista (R2-D), and VW Lupo Alava (R2-E).

Earlier that day, the Grand Master attended the 40th Annual Session of the Order of the Amaranth held at the Highlander Hotel in Nueva Vizcaya.

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Fellowship with the Grand Master.



MW Voltaire T. Gazmin receives a token.



Fellowship with the Grand Master.



Grand Master MW Voltaire Gazmin thanks the brethren for the warm reception.



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# Grand Master grace Cavite turnovers



Grand Master MW Voltaire Gazmin leads in the formal oath-taking of district officers.

MW Gazmin



The brethren join hands as a show of unity.



Min receives the gavel from the outgoing DDGM.



LAST MAY 13, 2016, GRAND Master MW Voltaire Gazmin traveled to the province of Cavite, to personally oversee the joint district turnover ceremonies of the two districts of Cavite, namely RIV-A1 and RIV-A2 at the Pintong Bato Masonic Temple in Brgy. Alima in Bacoor, Cavite. Assuming leadership over the district were DDGM sVW Gonzalo Q. Mapili, Jr. (RIV-A1) and VW Sebastian Siga-an (RIV-A2).

IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR annual custom, the brethren of Okinawa Lodge No. 118 of Okinawa, Japan travelled home to the Philippines to conduct their Annual Masonic Charity Event. Aside from providing free medical and dental consultation for their “in-need” countrymen, the beneficiaries were also provided with free medicines for some of their common ailments. This year, led by their District Deputy Grand Master VW Hiroshi Yagi, the lodge went to Munting Tahanan ng Nazareth in Pampanga last April 2016. This noble undertaking is sponsored by their masonic lodge in collaboration with 118 brethren retired and living here in the Philippines.

In previous years, the same treatment





The brethren of Okinawa Lodge No. 118 during their outreach activity in Kalibo, Aklan.

# Okinanawa brethren assists Aklan

**Text and photos by VW Hiroshi Yagi, DDGM-Overseas Okinawa, Japan**

was also given to our kababayans in a community in Tarlac as well as in Kalibo, Aklan with the brethren of Aklan Lodge No. 205, where they gave away medicine, sanitary products. In Pangasinan and other places, a donation of school supplies to a school of choice. The construction of a wash station and school supplies in a school down in Laguna was also completed as they provided food for street children in Batangas.

It has become an annual Masonic tradition to reach out and show our support to our kababayans in the urban

areas in the Philippines during the lodge's Ancom visit.

On the other hand, Teikoku Lodge No. 19 under the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Japan every year during the month of December visits several schools of the physically-challenged in Okinawa by sponsoring a Christmas Party for them. Throughout the year, members of the district as well as those from other lodges of other jurisdictions, go to various orphanages and interact with the children through games, songs and delicious treats and gifts that they truly enjoy.



# “Frankies” hold Rizal charity tiff



LAST MAY 7, 2016, THE BRETHREN of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge No. 379 led by their Worshipful Master Albert G. Magno trooped to Angono, Rizal and conducted a triple charity mission to the residents of Barangay San Isidro in cooperation with the barangay’s local official supervised by Cable Tow Secretary Jennifer Magallanes.



Together with brethren from other lodges who were either usual attendees of the lodge’s monthly “Horton at Work” program or collegiate fraternity brothers of a number of brethren of the lodge who were in the medical and dental professions, the “Frankies” (as what the brethren of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge No. 379 are commonly called) carried out their medical mission which was able to serve 150 beneficiaries, the dental mission which was able to serve another 150 beneficiaries, and its feeding program which has fed 150 children. *with reports from WB Kristoffer Giovanni Llacuna.*



ASWHATTHEYHAVEDONE in previous years, the brethren of Ang Tipolo Lodge No. 334 of Antipolo, Rizal, led by R4-Rizal DDGM, VW Teodorico G. Castor and Worshipful Master, WB Elwell Loma, visited the tenants of Tahanang Balik-Alay last April 23, 2016. This home for the aged in Taytay, has been a favorite beneficiary of the lodge in terms of food and other items for the elderly. During Aprils of the year, VW Rico Castor would celebrate his birthday among the elderly of this shelter to share some of the joy and blessings that come rarely to them. *with reports from Bro. Erwin Quintos*



**ATL334 visit Taytay elderly**

MW Voltaire T. Gazmin pours in the "Corn of Nourishment" into the designated receptacle na Grand Warden RW Agapito Suan, Jr., and Asistant Grand Secretary VW Oliver Yabut, along w



The GLP Officers in procession.



# MW Gazmin three lodges installed

VW Andoni T. Dumlaog  
No. 425 and Dalusan-M  
own charters.

as Senior Grand Lecturer VW Billy Aportadera, Junior  
with several of the brethren in attendance looks on.



LAST JUNE 23, 2016, THE GRAND Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin officiated the constitution of three new lodges, namely: VW Andoni T. Dumlao Memorial Lodge No. 424, Opol Lodge No. 425 and Dalusan-M.V. Ko Lodge No. 210 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall at the Plaridel Masonic Temple in Manila. The first two lodges originated from U.D. lodges while the last one is the merger of two lodges with the older lodge, which is Dalusan Lodge No. 210 retaining its number.

The Grand Master was joined by Junior Grand Warden RW Agapito S. Suan, Jr. as well as other officers of the Grand Lodge who participated in the ritual of constitution in their assigned roles.

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# in constitutes lges; officers at GLP

Memorial Lodge No. 424, Opol Lodge  
M.V. Ko Lodge No. 210 receive their



**Receiving the Grand Master.**

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**VW Oliver Yabut, AGS reads the charters of the three lodges being constituted.**

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Immediately after the Constitution, the three lodges through their Charter Masters received their respective new charters from MW Gazmin himself.

Installation then followed thereafter with Assistant Grand Secretary VW Oliver V. Yabut, PDDGM performing as Installing Officer and ably assisted by VW Antonio San Luis, Jr. as Master of Ceremonies and VW Gregorio Cayabyab, PDGL as Asst. Master of Ceremonies. Assuming leadership over the new lodges were as follows: VW Mario R. Hatague, PDDGM for VW Andoni T. Dumlao Memorial Lodge No. 424, VW Maximino B. Seno for Opol Lodge No. 425, and VW Miller V. Serondo for Dalusan-M.V. Ko Lodge No. 210.

The festive board and fraternal fellowship was held at the Aguinaldo Hall located ground floor of the Plaridel Masonic Temple.



**RW Jun Suan present the 3 charter masters before the East.**



**The brethren of the 3 new lodges.**



**Now chartered lodges.**



**ABOVE:** VW Jun San Luis, PDDGM presents the officers for installation. **BELOW:** MW Voltaire T. Gazmin along with Mrs. Rhodie Gazmin, receive applause from the brethren as they leave.



**The WMs take their oaths.**



**BOTTOM THREE:** The brethren during fellowship at the Aguinaldo Hall at the GLP.

**Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin with his entourage arrives at the venue.**



## GM attends Cebu MD R7-CBS turnover

GRAND MASTER MW VOLTAIRE T. Gazmin officiated the district turnover of R7-Cebu, Bohol, and Siquijor held last May 17, 2016 at the Beverly View Events Pavilion at Beverly Hills Subd., Cebu City.

Being installed as new District Deputy Grand Master is VW Douglas Tan who will be taking over leadership from outgoing DDGM VW Janby Earle Yu.

The district of R7-CBS is composed nine Masonic lodges.



**The District GLs are presented for installation.**



**Past Masters of the district are received.**



**ABOVE: Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin bestows the Master's Hat upon VW Douglas Tan, new District Deputy Master for R-Cebu, Bohol, and Siquijor. BELOW: MW Voltaire Gazmin (center) poses with the officers and brethren of the district.**



Photos by WB Roger Pangamban



# The Mason's Way

**By WM Alvan Joseph T. Balazo, Worshipful Master of San Pedro Lodge No. 292**

ON EVERY LAST WEEK OF THE month of April of every year, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines hold its Annual Communication. While the Grand Lodge carries on with its business, to most Filipino Masons, this is the time that they meet, mingle and have a happy and cheerful fellowship with other lodges not only within the Philippine jurisdiction but also to local or foreign brethren from jurisdiction outside of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The 100th Annual Communication held at Tagaytay City was a remarkable event not only for the more than 2,500 delegates that had registered but also this year, we had a benchmark election process, so efficient and fast made possible by a new computerized application designed by the brethren

of King Solomon Lodge 150 and the rest of the lodge in Masonic District NCR-G.

It was no different for brethren of San Pedro Lodge 292. On April 29, 2016, in a fellowship organized by our District Deputy Grand Master of Laguna VW Gregorio Tabuena at Bulalo Capital restaurant in Tagaytay, the brethren of Laguna joined together for a night of cheerful fellowship. On the said gathering, our Brother Treasurer Gregorio Lalo together with Bro. Junior Deacon Marco Deinla invited several brethren from a lodge in Singapore to join the event. They were also joined by our IPM Winston Paye Uy that night. The Brethren from Singapore were WB Robert Chan, a PM of Horsbrough Lodge 7533 and WB Ivan CS Lee, WM Cedric Caguioa from the same lodge

as well and Bro. Dominic Cuyahon from District Grand Lodge of Eastern Archipelago. They all spent the night of unending joy of fellowship and nonstop singing together with our brethren of SPL 292. They all went home with smiles in all their faces.

The next day April 30, 2016, which was the last activity of the ANCOM, the GLP installed its Grand line Officers for this Masonic year, one of whom is our beloved Immediate Past Master Winston Paye Uy. Another night of cheerful fellowship was held and Ballroom Dancing was enjoyed by all guests and delegates. The brethren of SPL 292 and all other lodge participated in the event including our visitors from Singapore who attended the fellowship of our District the night before.

Early morning, WB Winston Uy saw he had several miss calls from Bro CA Lee, and a text message informing him that WB Robert was in the hospital. Apparently, before the night ended, our Worthy WB Brother Robert Chan suffered a mild Stroke and was rushed to the Hospital in Tagaytay. WB Winston immediately informed the San Pedro brethren, especially Brothers Marco Deinla and Greg Lalo, who he thought could still be in Tagaytay. Fortunately, Bro. Marco Deinla and Sis. Shiera were still in Tagaytay on that moment, and rushed to the hospital to assist our ailing worthy brother. He contacted several brethren for help and was gladly

assisted by a Brother from Muntinlupa Lodge No. 414 Bro. SW Edwin Dimatatac. Bro. Marco also asked assistance from our brother Treasurer Bro. Greg Lalo who immediately went back to Tagaytay together with his wife Ateng Edna on that day, and stayed with Bro Robert until late evening. The following day, several brethren came to visit and assist including Brother Eddie Yeo from heritage Manila who was also a Singaporean mason based here in Manila.

To get him better medical care, Bro. Robert Chan was transferred to Asian hospital in Alabang, Muntinlupa with the assistance of our worthy Bro. Edwin Dimatatac who happened to be a Head Doctor in the said hospital. Bro. Robert Chan stayed in the ICU from Sunday until Monday. Kuya Greg even hired a private nurse to watch over and provide assistance to Bro Robert on the night of Sunday.

On Monday, Bro Robert was still gladly assisted by Bro. Greg and most especially Ateng Edna who even stayed over in the hospital and assist in all his needs until Bro. Robert Chan's wife arrives on that day. Brothers Winston, Marco, Joey and Ateng Myrna also visited during lunch time on Monday. Ateng Edna prepared food for them and provided them in any kind of need in the hospital. Now, Robert Chan was transferred to a private room and will undergo Angiogram. HE went on to recover and is now back in Singapore.

This gesture done by our Worthy brothers from SPL 292 is a benevolent character of what we acquire through the teachings of freemasonry particularly the principal tenets of BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF and TRUTH. This is true in the sense that no man can question them; they are obvious, self-proving, and axiomatic. It is not uncommon for men to consider Brotherly Love, while highly desirable, as not practicable, and therefore but a vision, to be dreamed of but never possessed. It is challenging for Freemasonry to call these “tenets” thus stating that they are plainly and obviously and necessarily true. Unless every brother grasp this, and see that the teachings of Freemasonry are self-evident realities, not visionary ideals, you will never understand Masonic teachings. For Freemasonry does not tell us that the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth ought to be true, that it would be better for us all if they were true – it tells us that they are true. They are tremendous realities in human life, and it is as impossible to question their validity as to question the ground under our feet, or the sun over our heads. Our question is not whether to believe them or not, but what are we going to do with them?

Love places the highest possible valuation on another person. A man’s mother or father, his wife or sweetheart, his children, his intimate friends, he values not for advantages he may gain from them, not for their usefulness, but

each one in his own person and for his own sake. We work for such persons, we make sacrifices for them, we delight to be with them; that in detail and practice, is what is meant by love.

Brotherly Love manifestly means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend, a companion, an associate, a neighbor. “By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family.” We do not ask that, from our relationship, we shall achieve any selfish gain. Our relationship with a brother is its own justification, its own reward. Brotherly Love is one of the supreme values without which life is lonely, unhappy, and ugly. This is not a hope or dream, but a fact. Freemasonry builds on that fact, provides opportunity for us to have such fellowship, and encourages us to understand and to practice it, and to make it one of the laws of our existence, one of our Principal Tenets.

Relief is one of the forms of charity. We often think of charity as relief from poverty. To care for the helpless or unemployed is deemed usually a responsibility resting on the public. As a rule, the public discharges that responsibility through some form of organized charity financed by general subscriptions or out of public funds.

Our conception of RELIEF is broader and deeper than this. We fully recognize the emergency demands made by

physical and economic distress; but we likewise understand that the cashing of a check is not necessarily a complete solution of the difficulty. There sometimes enters the problem of readjustment, of rehabilitation, of keeping the family together, of children's education, and various other matters vital to the welfare of those concerned and through the whole process, there is the need for spiritual comfort, for the assurance of a sincere and continuing interest and friendship, which is the real translation of our principal tenet: Brotherly Love.

Masonic relief takes it for granted that any man, no matter how industrious and frugal he may be, through sudden misfortune, or other conditions over

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*Brotherly Love  
manifestly  
means that we  
place on another  
man the highest  
possible valuation  
as a friend, a  
companion,  
an associate, a  
neighbor.*

which he has no control, may be in temporary need of a helping hand. To extend it is not what is generally described as charity, but is one of the inevitable acts of Brotherhood. When we took our solemn obligation as a master mason we are commanded to provide a relief to falling brother without a greater probability of saving his life than losing our own.

Truth is meant something more than the search for truths in the intellectual sense, though that is included. "Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry." In any permanent Brotherhood, members must be truthful in character and habits, dependable, men of honor, on whom we can rely to be faithful fellows and loyal friends. Truth is a vital requirement if a brotherhood is to endure and we, therefore, accept it as such.

That is how beautiful our Craft is. Bro. Greg, Bro. Marco and the other brethren displayed all these tenets and applied it in their lives which resulted to a great testament of how MASONS DO THEIR WAY.

As Freemasons, we are obliged to LOVE each other provide a RELIEF to one another and to be good and true to every way of life. They have given us inspiration to remind ourselves that we all should continue to live our lives in the MASON'S Way!

# MD R3-Bulacan organizes 3-On-3 cage tourney

Text and photos by VW Pao Panganiban

MD RIII-BULACAN HEADED BY its District Deputy Grand Master, VW Fernando Garcia III organized a sport event--- the 3-on-3 Challenge. This was created to promote harmony within the brethren of Bulacan.

The tournament pushed through last May 22, 2016 at 8:00am at the Malolos Sports Convention Center in the City of Malolos, Bulacan.

The tournament was participated by all the 11 lodges of the district as well as one lodge under dispensation. The event was hosted by San Miguel de Mayumo Lodge No. 412 and headed by the District Chairman on Sports,

VW Pablo Panganiban, Jr.

The competition went on for four weeks and in June 13, 2016, St. John de Baptist Lodge No. 362 emerged as Champion with Cupang Lodge No. 295 as 1st Runner-Up, Bulacan Lodge No. 400 as 2nd Runner-Up, Quingua Lodge No. 364 as 3rd Runner-Up. The MVP award went to WB Mark Martinez of Cupang Lodge No. 295.

This was the first of four events lined up for the district. It was indeed worth the effort to see all the brethren enjoying the game as they are all winners because harmony will always be the most treasured of prizes in the Fraternity.



The organizers.





**TOP:** District Deputy Grand Master for R3-Bulacan VW Fernando Garcia III, poses with brethren from Hagonoy Masonic Lodge No. 369. **REST:** Various photos of the teams that competed during the month-long tournament at the Malolos Sports Convention Center in Malolos, Bulacan.





MW Voltaire T. Gazmin officiates the district turnover held at the Wesleyan Gym in Cabanatuan City.



Officers of RIIB-B pose with MW Voltaire Gazmin.

# MW Gazmin attends N. Ecija turnover

MW VOLTAIRE T. GAZMIN with his party, attended the district turnover of MD RIII-D at the Wesleyan University Gym in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija last May 6, 2016.

The district, composed of 18 subordinate lodges in Nueva Ecija, will now be headed by District Deputy Grand Master VW Alfredo C. Soriano. The district also held the joint installation of all its 18 Grand Lodge Inspectors.



MW Gazmin with the Jobies.

MW Gazmin conveys his message to the brethren.



MW Gazmin chats with MW Aniag.

Photos by Bro. Erick Somera



# The BIG One

**HIDE. DUCK. HOLD. THESE ARE THE KEYWORDS FOR METRO Manila as the nation prepares and disseminates some tips in preparation for an earthquake with a magnitude of intensity 7 or more that may happen. Recently, the MMDA has set a “dayrun” for emergency awareness and many government and private companies cooperated in order to minimize the adverse effects of the so-called “BIG ONE”.**

Google suggests that, “it might be impossible to predict when the next earthquake may occur but scientists can pin down what is called a recurrence interval or the average time span between earthquake occurrences.” The Philippine archipelago is sandwiched in between two opposite subduction zones- that of the European Plate (South China Plate) which subducts (is forced under) Luzon along the Manila Trench and that of the Philippine Sea Plate that subducts towards the West along the East Luzon Trench. These zones explain high seismic activities in Luzon.

The West Fault - a 100-kilometer fault that runs through six cities in Metro Manila and nearby provinces is considered the worst case scenario. According to Metropolitan Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study (MMEIRS), a 7.2 magnitude earthquake from the West Valley Fault will result in the collapse of around 170,000 houses and the death of as estimate of 34,000 people. Another 114,000 individuals will be injured while 340,000 houses will be partly damaged.

This sounds like the coming of the

**FIRST TO RESPOND: Bro. Jojo Viterbo of Zapote Lodge No. 29 was among those who were first to arrive at the scene and assist in helping the wounded when a truck lost its brakes and ran over a row of stores --- killing several bystanders and wounding some more recently in Taytay, Rizal.**

Apocalypse indeed. But as we wear our safety helmets, duck under the table, and tuck our panic bags - unknown to us, the big ones have been constantly crossing our paths on a daily basis as moral individuals.

Surviving the shock brings us back to several Masonic symbols that may have been taken for granted. The Six-Pointed Star or the Star of David, a symbol of unity of the spiritual and the material. It is equivalent to the Masonic square and compasses signifying the perfected human being or the true Master Mason. Another is the Checkered Pavement of black and white square. This denotes the dual nature of everything connected with terrestrial life and the physical groundwork of human nature. Everything material is characterized by inextricably interblended good and evil, light and shade, joy and sorrow, positive and negative. The dualism of these opposites governs us in everything and the experience of it is prescribed for us until such time as having learned and outgrown its lesson. We are ready for the advancement to a condition where we outgrow the sense of this chequered-work existence and those opposite cease to be perceived as opposites but are realized as a unity or synthesis. To find that unity or synthesis is to know the peace which passes understanding. And this lofty condition is represented by the indented or tessellated border (The Deeper Meanings of Masonic Symbolism, Chin, 2010 Edition).

Per force, unlike an earthquake that heralds its arrival with a bang of a collapsing Ruby Tower or by loud squeak of a rolling pavement, the tremors come by indiscreetly on every crossroad where one gets to decide whether to keep his passions within due bounds or let it roll on a limitless space without a conscience that delineate his actions. Every day, when the "carmageddon" seems to bring out worst in motorists, the reckoning point may have happened at Edsa during the rush hour when one gets tempted to blaspheme a road swerver, a yellow lane usurper, a box-outer at the foot of a fly-over, or a blind spot bike. Yet he opts to breathe slowly and realizes that bidding the offender a good day remains one legit option.

It may have come in a court room when throwing a knuckle on an alleged child molester ought to be as spontaneous as a knee jerk but he acknowledges that lending an ear to what he would say as a prescription of due process is just as innate.

It may be experienced inside the St. Vincent Chapel when one is tempted to fly an elbow on a rumor-monger's lips but offers him a peace sign instead knowing that only forgiveness can forever tame even the foulest of mouths.

But kidding aside, for a Mason, the big one happens all the time - every second, and in every place where he gets a jolt,

his virtues tested but at the end of the day, he checks the box of righteousness on a sheet of multiple choices because the only way to deal with these conflicts is to go back to the basics of just observing the right conduct. The truth is nobody is truly prepared for disasters. People can have all the earthquake drills or calisthenics that may be organized and they can master the art of ducking, hiding and holding on to something to score safety. But once the real melt down hits land and the hell hounds are unleashed, when the floors crack, and the earth's core summons, only heaven knows what would happen.

The last scout standing is probably the man who keeps these "tips" in his heart- one who does not mind to be at the end of a snail-paced line because he understands that his time is as precious as those in front of him; one who stays on his traffic lane because he knows nobody has claimed exclusive sovereignty over formula Bundy clocks; one who keeps his mouth shut whenever there is no pleasant word to say because he reckons that a bad fume only comes from a rotten source. Or simply, one who is the master of his outrage and not its helpless servant.

The rumble of the good and the bad would continue, and the dread of the breaking fault line would everyday be at the corner of one's mind. But it pays to stand on a solid base so we can shake that groove thing - be it small, medium or the big one.

# KSL150 brethren helps 2 schools

THE BRETHREN OF KING SOLOMON L No. 150 gave assistance to two schools in s provinces and in separate occasions. Last June 4, KSL150, led by Past Master and Grand Secretary VW Oliver Yabut, and MD M each gave a cash donation of 50K to the Bagong Elementary School in Calaca, Batangas. More than a month after, the lodge donated 100 branded computer units to the Calaguiman Elementary School of Samal, Bataan, led by the efforts of Grand Secretary, VW Danilo Datu, Sr. and Junior Wardmaster, GLP Webmaster, Bro. Miguel Almario. The donations were made in support of the AOSD School Program by the GLP.



**KSL150 brethren talks with school officials in Calaca.**



**KSL150 presents the 100K cheque to Calaca school officials.**

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The kids of Calaguiman tests their new computers.



The kids of Calaguiman excited over their new PCs.



KSL150 WM Jules Esquivias and JW Miguel Almarino shares a photo with the kids.



# Grand Homecom

## when a Craftsman leaves a traveler, but returned

ON A SLEEPY SATURDAY MORN of July 9, 2016, MW Voltaire T. Gazmin embarked on one of the more nostalgic trips in the infancy of his term as Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction.

That day, he was headed home to where it all began: the place where he first saw the light of Freemasonry. It is on this day that he heads back to his mother lodge of Maranaw Lodge No. 111, where the brethren have prepared a testimonial dinner to honor the second of its sons rise to sit at the Grand Oriental Chair.

As a military, MW Gazmin spent more

than a decade of his professional career as an Army commander in the beautiful city of Iligan, where he has forged ageless relationship not only with the brethren of his lodge, but to the great number of the local community as well.

Escorted with a small entourage which include Asst. Grand Treasurer and Chief of Staff VW Manny Idquival, Senior Grand Steward VW Ted Salud, and Cable Tow Editor-In-Chief VW Marlon Castor, MW Gazmin and his party were warmly greeted by the brethren as well as some members of the Philippine Army upon landing at





**WHERE THE GRAND MASTER WAS RAISED: A view of the lodge room of Maranaw Lodge No. 111 in Iligan City.**

# ing: a Grand Master

the Laguindingan Airport in Misamis Oriental. The Grand Master's party was followed by a large delegation of more than 50 members of the Craft from MD R-CBS (Cebu, Bohol, and Siquijor), who were led by their DDGM VW Douglas Tan to formalize a district sisterhood agreement with MD RX ARMM and Lanao. From there, the group made their way to Iligan City through an array of peaceful towns and well-paved roads.

However, as lunch time was upon them, they made a quick stop at the Mason-owned Tatay's Restaurant in Iligan City



**ARRIVAL AT LAGUINDINGAN AIRPORT: MW Gazmin chats with Manila-bound VW Ricardo Marquez at the VIP Lounge.**



**CEBU CONTINGENT: Members from the Masonic District of MD R7-CBS at Tatay's Restaurant in Iligan City.**



**TESTIMONIAL FOR AN ILLUSTRIOUS SON: A view of the conference room of Elena Tower in Iligan City.**

where the group was served a heart meal of fresh seafood.

After a brief rest, the Grand Master's party proceeded to Ubaldo D. Laya Masonic Center to attend the stated meeting of his mother lodge where the masonic hall was filled to the brim with brethren waiting to see the Grand Master enter its doors once more as the highest-ranking masonic officer in this jurisdiction.

The stated meeting proved to be eventful as the Grand Master witnessed and participated the forging of several partnerships; the first, between districts R7-Cebu, Bohol and Siquijor and RX-Lanao and ARMM while the second is the reaffirmation of ties between Carmen Valley Lodge No. 250 and Maranaw Lodge No. 111. Another highlight of the meeting was the reading of a resolution by the the City Council of Iligan declaring the 2nd week of July of each in the city as Mason's Week.

After the meeting, the brethren proceeded to Elena Tower Inn to partake in the testimonial dinner prepared for the Grand Master.



**THE GRAND MASTER AT HIS MOTHER LODGE: MW Voltaire Gazmin (center) poses with members of Maranaw Lodge No. 111.**



**MW Voltaire Gazmin signs on the district sisterhood accord between MD R7-CBS and RX-Lanao and ARMM.**



**MW Voltaire Gazmin signs on the renewal of the lodge sisterhood agreement between Maranaw Lodge No. 111 and Carmen Valley No. 250.**



**ABOVE: MW Voltaire Gazmin (center) poses with more lovely ladies of Maranaw Lodge No. 111.**



**ABOVE: MW Voltaire Gazmin (center) poses with lovely ladies of Maranaw Lodge No. 111. RIGHT: The large audience intently listens as MW Gazmin gives his testimonial address. In his speech, the Grand Master mentioned that he frowns upon discordant lodges and will not hesitate to arrest their charters if they fail to maintain harmony within their ranks.**





## Discordant lodges told: **Shape up or ship out!**

*This was the speech by Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin on the occasion of a testimonial dinner held in his honor by the brethren of his mother lodge, Maranaw Lodge No. 111 in Iligan City. The Grand Master was stationed for more than a decade at the beautiful city of Iligan during his stint as a military officer for the Armed Forces of the the Phuilippines.*

Once more, I have become a willing captive of nostalgic emotions, as I set foot on a place that I have always loved and considered as my own.

Iligan City is one of the places that were truly instrumental in my pursuit of a successful career in our noble profession of arms. And, of course, this is the home of the veritable edifice of lofty moral ideals that has opened its doors to the fulfillment of my aspiration to become a better person.

It was here in Iligan City where I commenced my journey in the realm of Masonry. I was then the Battalion Commander of the 26th Infantry Battalion when, on that fateful day of June 12, 1982, I gained entry into the door of Maranaw Lodge No. 111. And

like every true Mason, I made true to my personal commitment of embracing the ideals of the fraternity.

I was an ignorant student who was in search of the genuine meaning of truth, justice, fairness, and brotherly love, among others. I was with a fellow student, Brother Leo Pates, who likewise subjected himself to the gruelling rigors of intense behavioral scrutiny.

I was subjected into rigid investigation by the late VW Minggoy Tam and the late VW Ben Kuan, if only to guarantee that I came from a good breeding stock, and therefore worthy of becoming a member our select fraternity.

I was placed under the erudite teachings

of a very dedicated mentor, who is no other than the late VW Francisco “Dodong” Labao, and who had that burning passion to inculcate in me, without delay, the teachings of our craft. And, in order for me to attain proficiency in the monitor, he had no hesitation of bringing me into the master’s bedroom of their home, if only to borrow more time and ensure that I learned my lessons.

For several nights, we burned the candles, so to speak, if only to guarantee that I understood, committed to memory, and recited eloquently our craft’s tenets and beliefs.

We were so engrossed in our mentor-student rituals, unmindful of the presence of Mrs. Labao, who looked aghast, and was wondering what right and authority we had to deprive her of her rightful good night hours of sleep in her own bedroom.

Even my security personnel were required by the late VW Dodong to go back to the camp and leave me alone under his care. Extremely surprised and hesitant for what could be a grave dereliction of their security duties, they looked at me with disbelief every time I told them to obey the instructions of the late professor Dodong.

Learning our craft’s rudiments did not end in the Labao residence. While in the performance of my official duties, I took every available opportunity to

study and learn as much as I can about our Craft’s ideals.

Persistence and diligence had their own natural rewards. In a record of three months, from June to August 1982, I gained proficiency in the monitor and completed my studies in the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason degrees, and that made the late VW Dodong Labao very happy.

Three years ago, I accepted the unanimous proposition of the brethren of Maranaw Lodge, who wholeheartedly believed in my person, and unanimously approved and resolved to nominate me to the position of Junior Grand Warden and I was elected to that position on April 26, 2013 in Iloilo City.

Three years later, showered by the



**MW Gazmin posing for a photo with the ever-so-patient Mrs. Labao, the lady of the house where he studied his degrees in Masonry.**

graces of the Great Architect of the Universe, the brethren in our Masonic jurisdiction elected and installed this humble brother of yours, a son of our beloved Maranaw Lodge No. 111, as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

disputes are the exception because majority of our brethren remain true to the prime directive of our Fraternity and that is the tenet of brotherly love. But those few who chose to ignore the calm, temperate and peaceful calling of the fraternity are slowly corroding the foundations of our solid edifice.

I thank all of you, my brothers, for being instrumental in my installation into the highest pedestal of responsibility in the

Brethren, I for one will not hesitate to let the axe fall on our brothers who are found guilty of unmasonic conduct

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*God forbid that lodges let themselves be embroiled in disputes among a cross section of their membership because I will not hesitate to arrest their charter. A lodge in disharmony has no use to the Craft.*

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leadership of our Craft.

My term of office as Secretary of National Defense ended last June 30, 2016, and so come July 1st, I immersed myself full time in overseeing the various affairs of our beloved Fraternity.

Truly, my fighting days as a soldier were over. Certainly, my duties to oversee the peace, the defense and security of our beloved nation were over as I assume leadership of the peaceful world of the Freemasonry. But to my dismay, I find myself addressing every now and then a new kind of battlefield and I refer to the perennial disputes in our Fraternity—brothers against brothers, lodges against brothers, brothers against lights. This is disheartening. Fortunately,

and those whose morality prove abhorring. They are those who cheat, wrong or defraud brothers and lodges without remorse. They are those whose conducts are truly unbecoming of masons, those who are depraved, those who display serious immorality – they have no place in our fraternity and should be discarded at once and we should not be forgiving where they are concerned.

But there are Masons who initiate disputes simply because of personal pride, bias and prejudice. Those who make a big fuss at a perceived insult, those who could not forget an honest mistake of a brother, those who cannot accept a proffered apology because of unchecked anger, those whose cause

arose out of personal rivalry, those who simply harbor a personal grudge, those who cannot accept a contrary opinion—these are the complainants who are themselves undeserving of the time and attention of the Craft for they have ignored the Masonic Charge of making our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of our duties as Masons. They fail Masonry because their personal hatred and bias cloud their better judgment and rather than become better men, they allow themselves to be governed by animosity and ill will. They do not embrace the ways of Masonry.

Brethren, Freemasonry teaches us that time is short and what is important in this world is not to devote what little time we have left by sowing hatred and loathing to our fellow men but to be forgiving, to love our brothers and fellows, and to be good and true in all our doings.

To the lights of this lodge and elsewhere, to the officers of our districts – please be the active instruments in maintaining harmony in your own sphere. Observe, listen, give advice, whisper good counsel and nip petty quarrels and disputes as soon as they rear their ugly faces. You represent the authority of the Craft in your lodges and districts. Exercise this authority well and good. Do not be so technical and throw to the grand lodge every complaints and bickering for the lame excuse of lack of jurisdiction. Whatever happens in your area is your

concern. Solve your disputes because I will consider it a demerit if you let simple misunderstanding and petty quarrels get out of proportion in your respective jurisdiction.

God forbid that lodges let themselves be embroiled in disputes among a cross section of their membership because I will not hesitate to arrest their charter. A lodge in disharmony has no use to the Craft.

Certainly, I expect my mother lodge to be the epitome of harmony and I hope that you will not fail me in this regard.

My brethren, we dwell together in affirmation of one of the greatest values of Masonry that it affords an opportunity for men in all walks of life to meet on common ground, where all men are equal, where all men thrive in good will, love and respect for each other. Look around you for we are supposed to be these men.

To my esteemed brothers in Maranaw Lodge No. 111, and to all the brethren, thank you very much from the depths of my heart for all the things that you have done for me, and for making me what I am today!

May all of us continue to live by our craft's ideals, as exemplified by our theme: "Personify freemasonry. Be the better person through the best way—think, speak and act the Mason's way!" Good evening to all.



MW Gazmin watches as the incoming DDGM shakes hands with the outgoing DDGM.



Past Grand Master MW Peter Lim Lo Suy is r



Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin address the brethren of Misamis Oriental, Cagayan De Oro and Camiguin.



IN PHOTO: Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin (center) Warden Agapito Suan, Jr. (right) in this photo with several

Photos by Bro. Erick Somera

# A changing of the guard

## MD RX-A holds RX joint turnover

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received into the lodge.



MW Gazmin watches as the incoming DDGM shakes hands with the outgoing DDGM.



is flanked by MW Peter Lim Lo Suy (left) and Junior Grand Master (right) and members of the district R10.



The Worshipful Master offers the gavel to MW Gazmin.



THE FIRST LEG OF HIS TOUR OF DISTRICTS, MW MARIO T. GAZMIN, graced the joint turnover ceremony of MD RX-A and MD RX-B in Cagayan De Oro City.

Assuming the responsibilities of Deputy Grand Masters of their

respective districts are VW Manuelito U. Acabal (RX-A) and VW Isidro V. Butaslac, Jr. (RX-B).

In addition, a total of 12 Grand Lodge Inspectors were also installed on the same occasion. After the turnover, the Grand Master and his party flew to Cebu City to attend the R7-A composed of Cebu, Bohol and Siquijor, turnover.



The GLIs receive their jewels.

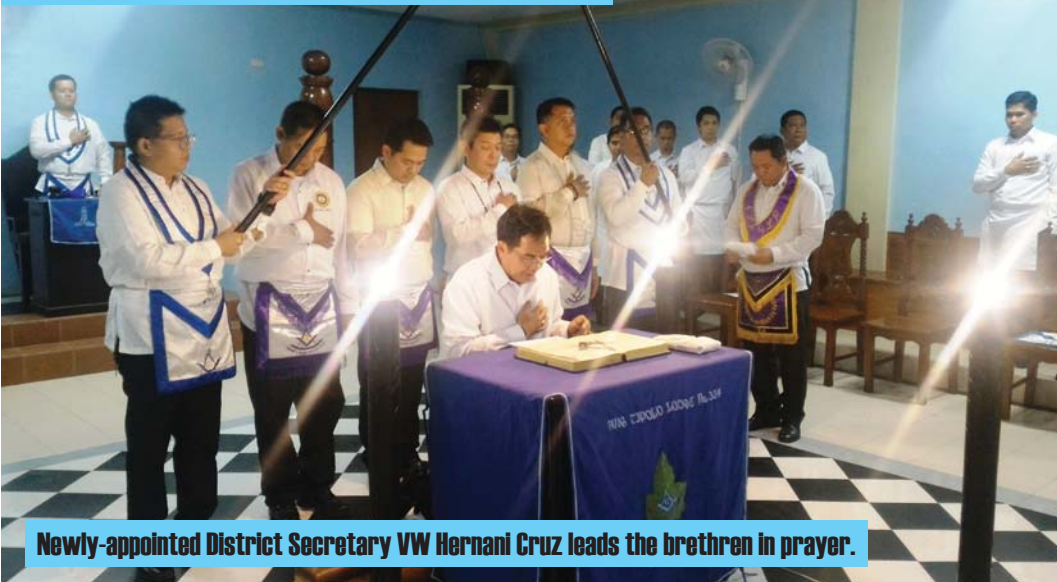


The new DDGM speaks to the brethren.

# R4 Rizal: New new leaders



Newly-formed district R4-Rizal recently held its first district turnover and joint installation of GLIs last May 28, 2016 at the Rizal Masonic Temple in Taytay, Rizal. Appointed as District Deputy Grand Master is VW Teodorico Castor who will be taking over from Interim DDGM VW Rucil "Toto" Contrevida.



Newly-appointed District Secretary VW Hernani Cruz leads the brethren in prayer.

# district, ship.

The brethren of R4-Rizal posing for a photo with their new DDGM.



VW Rucil Contrevida turns over the gable to incoming DDGM VW Teodorico Castor.





**JOINING THE WELLNESS ALLIANCE: Members of the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc. recently attended a seminar that will benefit thousands of children in the years ahead.**

Last March 18, 2016, the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc. (MCCCI) attended Global Alliance of Surgical Obstetric, Trauma and Anesthesia Care (G4) Asia-Pacific Regional Consultative Meeting and Launch at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

Vietnam Medical Services Administration with the Ministry of the Health, Vietnam, Dr. Anthony Leachon, Director of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, and Dr. Jess Valencia, Dean of the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

The event was hosted in partnership with Cure International, Mending Kids, Operation Smile and Smile Train. The meeting was chaired by the G4 Alliance's Founding Executive Director Dr. Jaymie Ang Henry, who was joined by the following co-hosts and panelists: Mr. Leron Lehman, Executive Director of Tebow Cure Hospital- Cure International; Ms. Karisa Nguyen, Director of Research and Strategy of Mending Kids; Dr. Irene Tangco, Medical Director of Operation Smile-Philippines; and Dr. Ashish Sabharwal, Regional Vice President for Southeast Asia of Smile Train.

The meeting discussed the importance of collaboration of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in promoting global awareness on surgical and strengthen science-based systems, necessary for improving patients' safety and the quality of health care, including the monitoring of medicines, medical equipment and technology. The G4 Alliance is committed for increasing access to safe, essential and timely surgical, obstetric, trauma and anesthesia care as part of universal health coverage.

Guest panelists included Dr. Paulyne Rosell-Ubial, Assistant Secretary of Health with the Philippines Department of Health, Dr. Nguyen Duc Thang, Officer of the

The event was represented by MCCCI Corporate Secretary Bro. Benito K. Tan together with General Cosmetic Surgeon Dr. Zuriel K. Tan of Mary Johnston Hospital. By Janica L. Caldonga, MCCCI Staff

# Masonry in action

FROM MD R3 Nueva Ecija South and Aurora: Right photo shows Palayan City Lodge No. 331 of MD conducted Medical-Dental Mission and Operation Tule last May 21, 2016; Photo below shows Talavera Lodge No. 273 organizing a Family Day last May 28, 2016.



Brethren from Mampiyan Lodge No. 284 and Rio Chico Lodge No. 182, both of MD CAR-Mt. Province, Kalinga, and Apayao, GLP, distributed school bags and complete school supplies to 204 pupils of the Bulanao West Elementary School, Purok Uno, Bulanao, Tabuk City, Kalinga last June 13, 2016.



Three ruffians, er I mean Worshipful Masters always make exciting things happen.



# When at three 3 lodges hold tri-lodge bowling meet

THERE'S ALWAYS A CONSPIRACY in the works each time three members of the Craft, meet and agree.

Last July 17, 2016, the Worshipful Masters of King Solomon Lodge No. 150, Laong-Laan Lodge No. 185, and Muog Lodge No. 89, namely: WM Julius Esquivias (150), WM Rey Raagas (185), WM Beltran Fabula (89) agreed to compete in a mini-bowling tournament between their respective members at the Sta. Lucia Bowling Lanes in Cainta, Rizal. Using a cumulative pinfall format, host lodge KSL150 emerged victorious by a tota margin of 80 pinfalls.

Thereafter, the group proceeded to Antipolo to partake of a Festive Board prepared by the host lodge.



**ABOVE: Let the friendly games commence. BELOW: Use the Force, (Kuyang) Luke!**



LAST JULY 16, 2016, THE brethren of Gen. Artemio Ricarte Lodge No. 322 celebrated its 20th Charter day Anniversary at the Daza Park Pavilion inside Camp Emilio Aguinaldo in Quezon City.



# GARL322 holds 20th Charter Day Outstanding generals honored

Led by their Worshipful Master, WM Alexander Feria, the lodge also gave tribute to two of their outstanding Past Masters, namely: BGen. Harold Cabrerros, AFP who is now the Commanding General, 3rd ID, PA and BGen. Ricardo Jalad, AFP (Ret.), who is appointed to the NDR-RMC by the Duterte Administration.



The brethren of GARL322 in fellowship.

The lodge also gave tribute to its illustrious roll of Past Masters which include among others, former military generals of the Armed Forces as well as other notable civilians masons.

GENERALLY SPEAKING: The proud roll of Past Masters of GARL322.





MW Voltaire T. Gazmin



Fellowship at the Aguinaldo Hall.



The Grand Master with the DDGMs of NCR-D.

# NCR-A and D holds joint district turnover

BEFORE STARTING ON HIS blistering itinerary of trips outside Metro Manila, Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin attended a district turnover right at the GLP grounds, here in Malate, City of Manila.

Here at the Aguinaldo Hall last May 12, 2016, the Grand Master witnessed

and officiated the joint district turnover ceremonies of MD NCR-A and MD NCR-D. Taking over from outgoing DDGM VW Melvin P. Mallo is VW Vladimir F. Pelaez for NCR-A and VW Fernando C. Nicolas will be taking on the responsibilities of DDGM from VW Fahad AL-Rashad S. Lucman for NCR-D.



The Grand Master with the DDGMs of NCR-A.



MW Voltaire T. Gazmin (center) poses for a photo with members of the two districts.



**A VIEW OF THE LODGE:** The Grand Master speaks before the brethren of the district.



**The Grand Master is received inside the lodge.**



# MW Gazmin attends R3-Zambales and Bataan turnover

**The Grand Master transmit the records of the district to the new DDGMs.**



**Outgoing DDGM VW Leo Abella surrenders the DDGM's jewel to MW Gazmin.**



LAST MAY 20, 2016, GRAND Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin attended last May 20, 2016 the Joint Installation of Masonic Districts R3-Zambales and R3-Bataan held at the Subic Grand Harbour Hotel at the Subic Bay

Freeport Zone in Zambales.

Formally assuming leadership as new DDGMs VW Elpidio Jose R. Manuel (for R3-Zambales) and VW Gregorio M. Sison (for R3-Bataan).

# Masonry Builds Character

Our journey begins upon that first knock on the door of our lodge. Then, our would-be brothers in Masonry through time, had inculcated in us the character of humility - stripping us of our titles in life and the success that we had reaped in our respective careers or professions. Thus, carving us to be on the level among Masons and worthy to become their brother in the Fraternity.

Through the years, we are expected to better ourselves on how we interact with each other, whether we are inside or outside of our lodge.

Years spent in our fraternity, should show that we had been molded to be more understanding, patient, compassionate, and be open-minded to whatever situation that may come our way. These should be the fruits of our labor as we all ascend in the masonic ladder. Otherwise, we had just wasted

up upon by many. Respected by most and revered by perhaps the majority.

My brothers, in our own right, how do we now act? How do we become respected? How do we become worthy brothers?

I invite you to once again thoroughly read our Obligations and Charges and commit them to memory and put it to heart and apply them in our daily lives and routines. Once we do this, abundant

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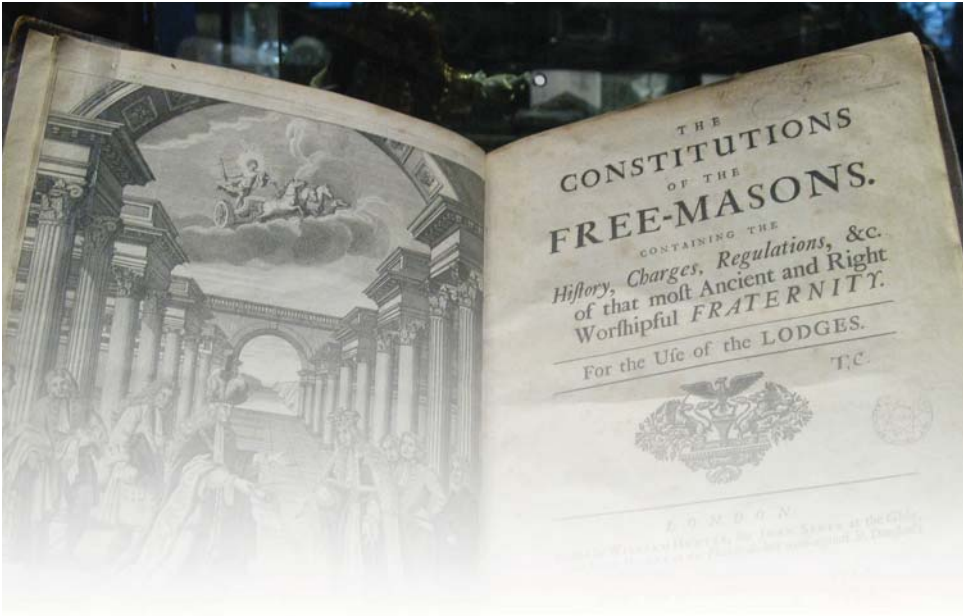
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our time. Remember, our Fraternity is not all about fellowship, drinking merrily until the end of our time. Our exclusive organization is supposed to be having Good Men and building us to become Better Men. We carry much weight on our shoulders as shown by many of our brethren, centuries before us - who were the pillars and leaders in their communities. They were looked

change in our lives will occur.

A great way to measure this is how we will be loved and respected by our family members, brothers in our craft, co-workers, and by society in general, in the years to come.

May we ever meet, act, and part my brothers. Together brethren!



# The duties imposed by our Ancient Charges

By: VW Oliver V. Yabut, AGS

A “Charge” is defined as a responsibility or duty and also as instruction or command. Specifically, to impose a charge is “To give command, instruction, direction or advice, especially in an official or formal address; to exhort, instruct earnestly, solemnly, authoritatively.”

The “Charges of a Freemason” were developed early in the transition period from operative to speculative Masonry to instruct non-operative Masons in their duties and responsibilities as

members of the Craft.

In this jurisdiction, the Worshipful Master delivers or causes to deliver the “Charge” of the degree upon the brother newly initiated, passed, or raised. In so doing, the tradition of instruction in the duties and responsibilities of a Freemason is perpetuated from generation to generation.

However, after the charges are read to us, we often ignore or forget them. The Grand Lodge is therefore reminding all masons to be conscious of these very important instructions. Translated

into commands, and in addition to the charges of the preceding degrees, the following are the commands of the third degree which should be observed by all Master Masons:

**Be faithful to every trust as part of your Masonic Duty and honor.** The foremost trust is to be a good and true man. This includes the faithful observance of your obligations as Masons.

**of exemplary conduct.** Masonry looks at the internal and not the external qualifications of man. You became a mason because of the strength of your character, not on the basis of your wealth and honor. This is how the world should view Masonry. This is how you should judge men.

**Correct the irregularities or errors of your less informed brethren; fortify their minds against the**

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*Enforce by precept and example a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry. The best way to preach the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth is to practice these virtues yourself. If you harbor a lot of grudges, if you are self-centered, if you lie as a way of life, then you have no business becoming a mason.*

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**Support the dignity of your character on every occasion.** This exhorts masons not to succumb to dishonesty or immoral practices in their everyday life.

**snare of the insidious; and guard their minds against allurements to vicious practices.** To ensure proper instruction presupposes that you are proficient in the ways and teachings of the Craft. The ways of Masonry likewise charge a Mason to always whisper good counsel to his brothers whenever he finds one going against the tenets of the craft.

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**Your constant charge and care is to preserve unsullied the reputation of the Fraternity.** Do not let your own conduct put Freemasonry in a bad light. Avoid scandals, shun situations which tend to smear the good name of Freemasonry. Do not also let this be

done by another.

**Caution the inexperienced against any breach of fidelity.**

The trait of a good Mason is secrecy and discretion. Loyalty to the Craft requires one to be cautious and careful and not to divulge matters that only the brethren should know.

**In your relationship with masons, exhort those below you to practice obedience and submission; maintain courtesy and affability to your equals; and practice kindness and condescension to your superiors.**

The essence of this charge is to observe subordination where proper; to act with deference where respect is due; and to treat all masons irrespective of rank with civility and kindness. If you practice this trait among your brethren, you will find that you can extend this attitude to all men.

**Inculcate universal benevolence.** To inculcate is to teach or impress upon every Mason the constant practice of generosity, assistance and help. To aid and assist not only a distressed brother but all members of the human race who are in desperate need – this is the necessary offshoot of being a Mason.

**Remove any aspersion of the institution by the regularity of your conduct.** You cannot be a good man today but not tomorrow; you cannot be good to others whom you favor but disdain all others; you cannot be

a better man on convenient occasion only. In short, beware of hypocrisy and deceit.

**Preserve the ancient landmarks and do not let it be infringed or violated.**

The first set of rules that every mason should take to heart is the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry. All other rules are subordinate to this. Know these well and you will not be lost.

**Do not countenance any deviation from our established customs.**

Freemasonry has many written laws and regulations. Likewise, unwritten practices abound which have the same binding effect. For example, we resolve differences within the confines of our lodges. We do not air our dirty linens in public. We do not divulge our secrets. We do not recruit members. All these unwritten things we observe because we are Masons.

These are the particular Masonic duties that you are not to ignore but to perform and religiously observe as a Master Mason.

**What makes you a master mason? Your obligations! What distinguishes you as a Master Mason? The observance of your charges!**

The observance of the obligations and the practice of the charges are what make a man truly a Mason. Keep the charge and convince the world of the good ways of Masonry.



# REVISED!

## **A synopsis of the evolution of our ritual monitor**

By: VW Armando G. Cazzola, PJGL

Chairman IMES Dept. of Masonic Liturgy, Rituals and Ceremonies (2015-2016)

Chairman Sub-Committee On Works For Centennial Monitor 2015 (2015-2016)

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTE IS TO INFORM THE BRETHREN WHO may not be as yet aware of it that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has issued in April of 2016 the official and corrected Centennial Monitor of 2015. The Centennial Monitor of 2015 was presented to the ANCOM 2016, both in the Senior Grand Lecturer Annual Report and in the Annual Report of Grand Master Tomas G. Rentoy III, and was read and submitted to the ANCOM 2016 Plenary Session.

Let us now explain (1) what is the official and corrected Centennial Monitor of 2015; (2) the reason why there was a need for it; (3) what is in it; and (4) through what process the newly-issued Monitor was made to pass, before finally being printed and released as the official and corrected and approved Monitor of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. We will then briefly look at the genesis of the Centennial Monitor from the time of GLP Centennial Anniversary.

On the first query: The Centennial Monitor 2015 is the Centennial Monitor of 2012 – 2013, approved by ANCOM 2013, purged of all errors and corrected in accordance with the Espino Edicts 261, 261-A, 261-B approved by ANCOM 2014, checked, proof-read, properly coded by the Sub-committee On Works created by then Grand Master MW Tomas G. Rentoy III in 2015, (i.e. “Subcommittee On Works For The Review, Proof-reading And Printing Of The Corrected Centennial

Monitor 2015”). The Centennial Monitor 2015, the official Masonic cipher of our Grand Jurisdiction, was approved by then SGL VW Jay Miguel and printed by authority of the MW Grand Master (see letter of MW Tomas G Rentoy III, Grand Master, dated Dec. 18, 2015 reproduced on the first page of the Monitor). Printing was done by VJ Graphic Arts, under the supervision of the Sub-committee on Works. The printed content is easy on the eyes, the cover is a bright “Garter-Blue” color, on its front cover we find in full color, and the official seal of our beloved MW Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines with the title: “CENTENNIAL MONITOR 2015”.

On the second query: Was the issuance of the Centennial Monitor 2015 really necessary ?

The answer to this rhetoric question is a definite and resounding “YES”. In fact, for the last three Masonic years, the GLP did not have a corrected, approved, and printed Centennial Monitor to give to the brethren of the Grand Jurisdiction, which will guide all of us in the correct and uniform performance of the rituals. The most frequent question asked by the brethren while I was still the Chairman of IMES Department of Masonic Liturgy, Rituals and Ceremonies, was “when will GLP finally make available an Officially Approved Corrected Printed Centennial Monitor that we can confidently follow ?”.

In reality there was “confusion in the Temple” with some brethren still using the old Blue Monitor last reprinted in 1962 and superseded by ANCOM 2013 as most brethren were still using the error-riddled Centennial Monitor of 2012-2013 without consulting the ANCOM 2014 approved corrections issued by the three above-mentioned ESPINO’s Edicts, others using prohibited decoded Monitors (full of mistakes), which had proliferated in the last few years, sold by unscrupulous brethren.

The “Monitor” or Masonic Cipher is the book that every Mason, and especially Lodge Officers, should keep at hand and read again and again, not only to memorize (or refresh the memory of) the rituals and lectures therein but more importantly, to be guided by it to study, understand the symbolism and absorb the teachings given in esoteric form, which the framers of our rituals have embedded everywhere in the lectures and into every step and word of all our rituals.

That is how important the Official Monitor of our Grand Lodge is. It contains, in coded form, both the Spoken Word and the floor-work of all our Rituals and of the Masonic ceremonies performed by our Lodges. The coded form consists of printing only few letters of each word, so that only the “Initiate” [i.e. each Master Mason] who has memorized the whole text, and no profane would be able to

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the Rituals for Opening and Closing the Lodge of MM, corrected in accordance with MW Espino's Edict 261 dated September 9, 2013, were distributed Grand Jurisdiction-wide, for free, during each Lodge of Instruction held by the SGL VW Esquivias, by IMES during classes and made available for free at GLP to Lodge Secretaries for their Lodges.

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What was existing at the time when the mentioned sub-committee on Works' was created were the Centennial Monitor of 2012-2013, which was APPROVED by ANCOM 2013, but was, soon after ANCOM 2013, found to contain numerous of "errors" and consequently, was no longer sold to the brethren. Available were the three ESPINO Edicts 261, 261-A, 261-B, APPROVED by ANCOM 2014, containing all the corrections of the Centennial Monitor 2013 (White Monitor).

The sale and distribution of the Centennial Monitor 2013 were eventually suspended after the detection of the many errors, and booklets prepared by then SGL VW Sixto S. Esquivias IV and his team, containing

the "errors" contained by the Centennial Monitor of 2012-2013 were detected and corrected by SGL VW Esquivias and his "ad hoc" working group, and the corrections were listed in the three Espino Edicts 261, 261-A, 261-B. The three Edicts were submitted to and approved by ANCOM 2014. By April of 2014, a draft of an "Amended Centennial Monitor" had been prepared by the Esquivias' Team, under the direction of SGL VW Alejo C. Antonio, and 300 copies were printed, to be distributed to the incoming Grand Line Officers, for purpose of review. The draft copies of the Amended Centennial Monitor were distributed after ANCOM 2014 to the newly installed Grand Line Officers for M.Y. 2014-2015, for them to review and report. There was no official action whatsoever toward the review, proof-

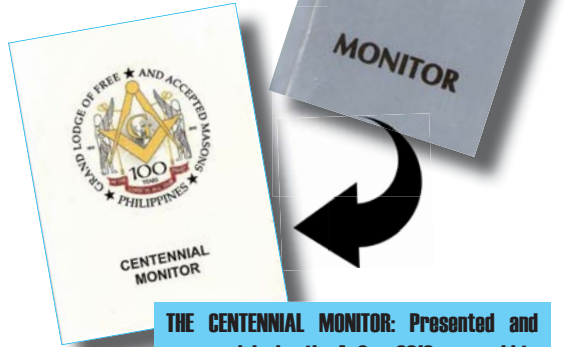
reading and printing of the Amended Centennial Monitor during Masonic Year 2014 – 2015, and NO amended or corrected Centennial Monitor was submitted or presented to ANCOM 2015. That was actually the situation prevailing until April 2016: there was no official, approved, corrected, and printed Monitor to follow : the Centennial Monitor 2015 has eventually filled the gap.

As stated by the foot-note to the 2015 Monitor's last page, the entire content of the Monitor had been already approved by two previous ANCOM, 2013 and 2014, and in addition to it , SGL VW Miguel and Grand Master Rentoy have included the Centennial Monitor 2015 in their official annual reports, read and submitted to the plenary session of ANCOM 2016.

As to the 3rd query: What is in the Centennial Monitor 2015 ?

An important, self-explanatory footnote has been placed on the last printed page of the Centennial Monitor 2015 that states the following: "Nothing has been added or modified in the content of the Centennial

**1962 REPRINT OF THE OLD MONITOR**



**THE CENTENNIAL MONITOR:** Presented and approved during the AnCom 2013, was said to contain numerous "errors" and subsequently was not longer sold to the brethren.

**EDICT 261-Espino:** Amending, Clarifying, And Revising Certain Provisions In The Centennial Monitor Relative To The Degree of Master Mason And Providing For Their Proper Implementation.

**FOR OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE LODGE IN THE THIRD DEGREE OF MASONRY:** Corrected Rituals For Opening And Closing The Lodge On The Third Degree. Prepared By SGL VW SIXTO S. ESQUIVIAS IV, Approved For Circulation By MW Grand Master JUANITO G. ESPINO JR. with Memorandum Dated September 23, 2013 Addressed To JGLs, DDCMs, DGLs And All Brethren Concerned For Their Proper Implementation.

**EDICT 261 A-Espino:** Amending, Clarifying, And Revising Certain Provisions In The Centennial Monitor Relative To The Degree of Entered Apprentice Mason And Providing For Their Proper Implementation.

**EDICT 261 A-Espino:** Amending, Clarifying, And Revising Certain Provisions In The Centennial Monitor Relative To The Degree of Fellow Craft Mason And Providing For Their Proper Implementation.

Monitor of ANCOM 2013, other than what provided for by Edict 261, 261-A, 261-B [Espino], approved by ANCOM 2014” - meaning that the content of the Centennial Monitor 2015 is the content of Centennial Monitor approved by ANCOM 2013, but purged of all the hundreds of “errors”, with which the 2013 Monitor was riddled, and corrected in accordance with the content of the (3) three mentioned Espino Edicts. as approved by ANCOM 2014.

That footnote, clearly states the limits of the scope of work of the Sub-Committee on Works, for the review, proof-reading and printing of the corrected Centennial Monitor 2015: THE MANDATE WAS TO REMAIN WITHIN THE LIMITS OF WHATEVER CORRECTIONS ALREADY APPROVED BY ANCOM 2014, AND THAT IS WHAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON WORKS HAS DUTIFULLY DONE, and thus it was avoided the need of further Edicts needing further ANCOM approval, because that would have again delayed by one more year the printing and distribution of an OFFICIAL APPROVED AND CORRECTED CENTENNIAL MONITOR.

4 On the fourth matter in question: Thru what process the newly issued Monitor was made to pass, before being finally printed and released as the Official, Corrected, and Approved Monitor of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines?

As emphasized here above, the Monitor is the single most important document of our Ancient Institution, the “vademecum” and guide of every Freemason, it cannot be dealt with lightly or carelessly. Each and every word, clear or coded is very important and must be stated, if approved, exactly as approved and not otherwise. Correcting, reviewing, proof-reading, preparing for printing and verifying the final texts for final printing is no light matter: the Sub-committee On Works For The review, proof-reading and printing of the corrected Centennial Monitor 2015 labored on it for the best part of Masonic Year 2015 – 2016.

The Review of the Centennial Monitor was done using all the available material already approved by previous ANCOMs; 1) the Blue Monitor last reprinted in 1962, which photostatic reproductions had been used as the Official Monitor until superseded by ANCOM 2013; 2) the Centennial Monitor (White Monitor) prepared by the Centennial Monitor’s Committee in M.Y. 2012 – 2013 and Approved by ANCOM 2013; 3) the ESPINO Edict No. 261 Of September 9, 2013, eventually approved by ANCOM 2014. “AMENDING, CLARIFYING AND REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE CENTENNIAL MONITOR RELATIVE TO THE DEGREE OF MASTER MASON, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROPER IMPLEMENTATION”; 4) The



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 booklet dated September 23, 2013, prepared by SGL VW Esquivias “MONITOR’S CONVENTION”,  
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 ANCOM 2914 “ SUPPLEMENTAL Rituals) sent by Masonic Districts  
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 IN THE CENTENNIAL MONITOR Master thru the SGL. On December  
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 REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS Works), proceeded for the whole day,  
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 PROVIDING FOR THEIR PROPER Edicts, approved by ANCOM 2013,  
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 in April 2014; 8) FCM CENTENNIAL REVIEW, was an important step  
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 cover, printed in April 2014; the Centennial Monitor 2015 Review.  
 9) In fact that same evening, upon the  
 MM CENTENNIAL MONITOR SGL’s positive report, the Grand Master  
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 DISTRICT’S DELEGATES TO GLP Monitor 2015 was not yet completed.

In fact, the final printing of a coded cypher like our Monitor, prepared using particular software with special “fonts” is a work requiring new reviews at every step. Eventually the work, that had occupied the Members of the Subcommittee on Works for months of intense review, was concluded. It was truly hard work inspired by the Love for our Craft.

on Work which I was honored to be appointed to Chair, the most proficient, hardworking and all true lovers of our Craft, who sacrificed countless evenings and weekends in order to participate our Committee works; VW Sixto S. Esquivias IV, PSG, SKL150; VW Oliver V. Yabut, PJGL, KSL150; VW George A. Brown, GPur2016, KSL150; VW Christian M. Arbues, GC-2016, KSL150; WB Dionicris Mondia PM, KSL150; WM Julius Thomas A. Esquivias, KSL150; VW Crisostomo GL Cayabyab PDGL, KSL150; VW Alejo C. Antonio, PSG, KL228. “Finis Coronat Opus”

I cannot close this paper without again thanking Grand Master Tomas G. Rentoy III for his trust, SGL VW Jay Miguel for his assistance, and the Members of the Subcommittee



## IMES 2016 Schedule

Inclusive Dates	Host District	Venue
Jul. 29-31/Aug. 5-7	RIV-B	Dumaguete City
Aug. 12-14/Aug. 19-21	RI-CAR B	Baguio City
Aug. 26-28/Sep. 2-4	RX-C	Misamis Occidental
Sep. 9-11/Sep. 16-18	NCR-B	MEC, GLP
Sep. 16-18/Sep. 23-25	RI-A	Dagupan, Pangasinan
Sep. 23-25/Sep. 31-Oct. 1-2	RIV-C	Lucena City
Oct. 7-9/Oct. 14-16	RXI-A	Davao City, Davao Del Sur
Oct. 21-23/Oct. 28-30	RXII	Gen. Santos City
Nov. 4-6/ Nov. 11-13	RIV-A1	Tagaytay City
Nov. 18-20/Nov. 25-27	RVI	Panay Island
Nov. 25-27/Dec. 2-4	RIII-D	Cabanatuan City
Dec. 2-4/Dec. 9-11	RIV-B	Sta. Cruz, Laguna

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# The wages we earn

*A craftsman's testimonial on the benefits of Masonry*

**By VW Bro. GODOFREDO O. PETEZA, PDDGM, PDGL**

FREEMASONRY, THE BROTHERHOOD OF MEN UNDER the Fatherhood of God is the oldest fraternal organization in the entire universe heretofore unknown to many. Conceptualized at the time King Solomon's temple was under construction the workers who were mostly masons organized themselves for their protection and in order to have unity in that field of endeavour. The organization was complete with a Master and Warden when the latter was murdered that motivated them to be more active with rituals.

After the construction of King Solomon's Temple was finished, the construction workers went home to their native lands and seeing the importance of a cohesive camaraderie among them, they organized themselves into homogenous organization which they called Masonry in their respective areas, complete with rituals and tenets. These Masonic organizations spread like wildfire, reaching as far as north and south, east and west of the universe. And those Masons who went to the United States of America brought it to the Philippines when the American Expeditionary Force subdued the Spanish navy that retreated from Mexico when the war was ongoing there and defeated in the naval battle in Manila de Bay. Since most of them were Masons in their own right and upon

the cessation of hostilities, the naval officers who were Masons organized the Most worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the organization of Lodges also spread like wild fire throughout the country.

Moreover, during the period of colonization there already members of Masonry in the country such as that our national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Marcelo H. del Pilar and Gregorio del Pilar, to mention a few. But the Noli Me Tangere and the El Filibusterismo, the master piece written by Dr. Jose P. Rizal, ignited the 1986 revolution headed by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, also a Mason, against the despotic and abusive rule of the Spanish colonizers that became enemies of the American Expeditionary

Force. But the American Expeditionary force in turn became the enemies of the revolutionaries. Soon after the end of the revolution, the organization of Masonic Lodges spread throughout the country. One of such Lodges is the Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107, F. & A. M. which was organized in 1919 where your humble Brother became a member in 1978.

Sometime in November 1991, the late WB Joselito N. Tabios, Jr. (may his soul rest in peace) came to my residence and asked me if I could be nominated as Worshipful Master come election of December since there was nobody available for the position at the time. Answering yes, after some soul searching, I asked him if I was already qualified. Brother Lito, as he was fondly called by his peers and contemporaries in Masonry, answered and which I quote: "You are very much qualified." end of quote. Hence, I was elected Worshipful Master in Masonic year 1991 and twice appointed as District Grand Lecturer for Masonic District no. 12 in Masonic year 1992 by Grand Master Agustin V. Mateo and 1993 by Grand Master Rizal D. Aportadera, Junior Grand Lecturer in 1997 by Grand Master Leon Angel P. Bañez and District Deputy Grand Master in 2001 by Grand Master Napoleon A. Soriano. In Masonic year 2001, there was a dearth of qualified member to be Worshipful Master of Daet Lodge No. 247, F & A. M. As dual and charter member I was elected to that coveted

position in December 2000 followed by my election as Venerable Master of Daet Lodge of Perfection.

After the local election of 1987 when I was the City Treasurer of Iriga City, I had an altercation with the elected local officials who wanted me to follow their whims and caprices. Since I could not afford to betray my Oath of Office as City Treasurer I did not follow them. Instead, I sent a telegram to the Honorable Secretary of Finance requesting him to pull me out from the city of Iriga and assign me anywhere else in the country. Due to lack of vacant positions where I could be assigned, I was detailed in June 1987 at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 41 in Daet, Camarines Norte that reached the Court of Appeals. And the City of Mayor filed a case against me in the City Fiscal's office in Naga City and in the Department of Finance which could be considered as forum fishing of which the City Fiscal called me to his Office to answer the charges, giving me all the Xerox copies under which I should base my answer and reminding me not to hire an lawyer.

Upon scrutinizing all the Xerox copied evidences, I found a Xerox copy of a voucher signed by my assistant, paying the alleged contractor to supply chemicals needed by City Engineer's Office without the necessary public bidding thus violating the law of procurement. I sent the Xerox copy of the voucher to my Brother Mason who

was at the time the Assistant city Fiscal. And when the City Mayor appeared before the city Fiscal walking back and forth in front of them and demanding for the status of the case he filed against me, my Brother Mason showed to the City Mayor the Xerox copy of the voucher signed by the assistant city treasurer whom he was recommending to take my place. Forthwith, the city mayor said in which I quote: "Dismiss the case against Peteza." End of quote.

On the Mandamus case appealed to the court of Appeals, I went to the Scottish Rite temple in Manila and talked to the late Ill. Alberto C. Reyes, Grand Secretary General who contacted by phone an Associate Justice, a Brother Mason, who answered that he would like to talk to me. And when I greeted him a very pleasant good morning, he advised me to better go to his Office to avoid plugging of the phone. In his Office, he handed me a copy of the Appellate Court's decision, the dispositive portion of which is herewith quoted as follows: "Petitioner, therefore, notwithstanding his detail to other officers, remained the City Treasurer of Iriga City until his compulsory retirement on January 20, 1993. Iriga City, therefore, being the employer of the petitioner, is responsible for petitioner's salaries and other monetary benefits which accrued during his term, not the office where he was on detail." end of quote.

On the basis of that decision, the Iriga City legal officer during the scheduled

hearing declared in his opening argument that the city government of Iriga would like to have a compromise agreement with me of which the judge designated the inner chamber where to finalize amicable agreement.

Lastly but not the least, the Deputy Executive Director of the Bureau of Local Government Finance, a Brother Mason, helped me secure the necessary clearance from the Administrative Office the denied me due to the pending Administrative Case filed against me by the General Auditing Office now the Commission on Audit. With the clearances from the City Auditor, the Ombudsman and the Bureau of Local Government Finance submitted to the Government Service Insurance system or GSIS Regional Office in Naga City, I finally collected my salaries, cash gifts, RATA and allowance having retired on January 20, 1993 after 33 years of honest and faithful service in the treasury including the 1-1/2 years in the guerrilla service in World War II.

I opted not to mention the names of Brother Masons who helped me since they were already called by their Creator to that "undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns." And being a Mason of god standing, I enjoyed my life member status and the tenets "How good and hoe pleasant it is for all good men to dwell together in unity" that stays in my memory until time shall be more.

## Grand Lodges with Amity Relations with the GLP

Alabama	Illinois	Oklahoma
Alaska	India	Oregon
Alberta	Indiana	Panama
Arizona	Iowa	Paraiba (Brazil)
Argentina	Iran	Paraguay
Arkansas	Ireland	Peru
Austria	Israel	Pennsylvania (Prince Hall)
Amazonas	Italy	Prince Edward Island
Belgium	Japan	Puerto Rico
Bolivia	Kansas	Quebec
British Columbia	Kentucky	Queensland
California	Luxembourg	Rhode Island
Canada	Louisiana	Rio Grande Do Sul
Ceara (Brazil)	Maine	Romania
Chile	Manitoba	Sta. Catarina
China	Maryland	Sao Paulo, Brazil
Colorado	Massachusetts	Saskatchewan
Columbia-Barraquilla	Mato Groso	Scotland
Columbia-Bogota	Mexico (York)	South Australia
Columbia-Cartagena	Michigan	Southern Africa
Connecticut	Minas Gerais (Brazil)	South Carolina
Costa Rica	Minnesota	South Dakota
Cuscatlan	Mississippi	Spain
Czech Republic	Missouri	Switzerland
Delaware	Montana	Tasmania
Denmark	Nebraska	Tennessee
District of Columbia	Netherlands	Texas
Dominican Republic	Nevada	Turkey
Ecuador	New Brunswick	Uruguay
England	New Hampshire	Utah
Finland	New Jersey	Venezuela
Florida	New South Wales	Vermont
Georgia	New York	Victoria
Grand Lodge National	New Zealand	Virginia
Francaise	Nicaragua	Washington
Germany	North Carolina	Washington (Prince Hall)
Greece	North Dakota	Western Australia
Guatemala	Norway	West Virginia
Hawaii	Nova Scotia	Wisconsin
Honduras	Nuevo Leon	
Idaho	Ohio	

# Summary of brethren raised

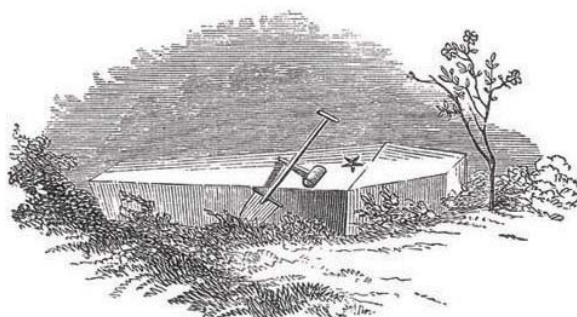
## From May-June 2016

NAME	LODGE	DATE
Jamercon O. Lopez	Cavite Lodge No. 2	05/30/16
Josephus C. Dimaunahan	Cavite Lodge No. 2	05/30/16
Generoso G. Rosales	Noli Me Tangere Lodge no. 42	10/03/15
Andrew P. Rabang	Angalo Lodge No. 63	03/12/16
Joseph DM Dela Cruz	Laoag Lodge No. 71	06/09/16
Albert Abe B. Timpac	Dagohoy Lodge No. 84	04/02/16
Jovencio N. Espiritu	Hiram Lodge No. 88	06/03/16
Andres D. Figura	Camarines Norte Lodge No. 107	03/14/15
Edward A. Tayag	Manuel A. Roxas Mem. Lodge No. 152	04/16/16
Reginald B. Dinayuga	Manuel A. Roxas Mem. Lodge No. 152	04/16/16
Dennis P. Resureccion	Gregorio O. Calit Mem. Lodge No. 154	05/31/16
Hamilton P. Rallos	Mabini-Kalaw Mem. Lodge No. 195	04/02/16
Lincoln B. Bagundang	Bantugan Lodge No. 223	04/13/16
Glenn V. Granados	Magdiwang Lodge No. 238	02/13/16
Jefren E. Sembrano	Molave Lodge No. 261	06/02/16
Alvion Cesar M. Lacanilao	Manuel L. Quezon Mem. Lodge No. 262	06/02/16
Diego B. Guinanas, Jr.	Don Salvador P. Lopez Mem. Lodge No. 276	04/09/16
Edward F. Bonilla	Apolinario B. Yap Mem. Lodge No. 328	04/16/16
Mario M. Dela Rosa, Jr.	Las Piñas Lodge No. 332	04/25/16
Geejay C. Cruz	Molino Lodge No. 352	06/04/16
Michael F. Zafra	Wenceslao Trinidad Mem. Lodge No. 365	05/30/16
Ramon C. Aquiatan, Jr.	Wenceslao Trinidad Mem. Lodge No. 365	05/30/16
Ferdinand D. Almoite	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/12/16
Alexander G. Gigantone	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/12/16
Rico C. Lappay	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/12/16
Recto C. Pumares, Jr.	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/12/16
Emerson R. Larua	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/12/16
Carlo L. Epino	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/12/16
Alex S. Himan	Magtagumpay Lodge No. 410	03/19/16
Ronald E. Amistad	San Miguel De Mayumo Lodge No. 412	01/20/16
Armando G. Navales	Solidarity Lodge No. 421	03/09/16
Josephus B. Jelianggao	Talisay-Sugbo Lodge No. 422	05/26/16
Rodney Rex F. Lerias	Talisay Sugbo Lodge No. 422	05/26/16

# Summary of brethren who dropped their Working Tools From May-June 2016

NAME	LODGE	DATE
Emmanuel Rapinett	Manila Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 1	No date
Steven D. Wittberger	Manila Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 1	No date
Orlando P. Ortiz	Biak-na-Bato Lodge No. 7	04/06/16
Miguelito N. Dela Cruz	Zapote Lodge No. 29	04/30/15
Roberto D. Ramos	Lincoln Lodge No. 34	05/17/16
Hu Chi Koh	Maguindanao Lodge No. 40	04/10/16
Severino T. Lopez	Isagani Lodge No. 96	02/28/16
Simeon L. Guevara	Marikina Lodge No. 119	05/13/16
Daniel I. Landingin	Marikina Lodge No. 119	05/22/16
Severo L. Banci, Jr.	Mt. Malindang Lodge No. 130	04/17/16
Edgar C. Celi	Rising Sun Lodge No. 151	03/03/16
Henry T. Taladua	Gregorio O. Calit Mem. Lodge No. 154	03/20/16
John Cua	Alfonso Lee Sin Mem. Lodge No. 158	02/26/16
Bonifacio A. Eleria	Alfonso Lee Sin Mem. Lodge No. 158	03/22/16
Andres P. Mamanteo	Rio Chico Lodge no. 182	04/29/16
Othelo B. Buensuceso	Kalantiao Lodge No. 187	05/06/16
Alvin Ian A. Agustin	Shangri-la Lodge no. 196	05/02/16
Elpidio A. Reyes	Magdiwang Lodge No. 238	06/02/16
Felixberto C. Castro	J. Valerio V. Rovira Mem. Lodge No. 259	No date
Frederick R. Castro	J. Valerio V. Rovira Mem. Lodge No. 259	No date
Honorio B. Castillo, Jr.	Eulogio R. Dizon Mem. Lodge No. 264	03/15/16
Roderick James O. Quijano	Misamis Oriental Lodge No. 335	03/01/16
Nestor V. Oriondo	Nasugbu Lodge No. 407	04/08/16

*'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'*



Revelation 21:4

# Summary of GLP Iss

## Edicts, Circulars and Other Communicati

GLP ISSUANCE	TITLE
Edict No. 274-A MW Gazmin Date Signed: May 2, 2016	Providing a Public Form of District Turnover Ceremony
Circular No. 1-MW Gazmin Date Signed: May 2, 2016	Elected and Appointed Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines
Circular No. 3-MW Gazmin Date Signed: May 25, 2016	Independence Day Celebration 2016
Circular No. 4-MW Gazmin Date Signed: May 25, 2016	Appointment of the Acting President of the IMES
Edict No. 289-MW Gazmin Date Signed: May 26, 2016	Renumbering MASONIC District RVI-B to Masonic District RXVIII (Negros Island Region)
Circular No. 2-MW Gazmin Date Signed: June 10, 2016	Matters Approved During the 100th Ancom - Tagaytay
Circular No. 5-MW Gazmin Date Signed: June 14, 2016	Re-appointment of all Grand Tribunal and District Tribunal Magistrates
Edict No. 273-A MW Gazmin Date Signed: June 14, 2016	Amending edict 273 by Providing Accreditation Fees in Regulating Production, Sale, Purchase and Use of Promotional Masonic Items
Circular No. 6-MW Gazmin Date Signed: June 23, 2016	Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and Members of the Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge
Circular No. 8-MW Gazmin Date Signed: July 13, 2016	Standardization of the Agenda of Meetings Of Lodges and prescribed Format of the Minutes to be Reported by the Lodge Secretary of Subordinate Lodges
Circular No. 9-MW Gazmin Date Signed: July 13, 2016	Masonic Protocols To Be Observed By Members Of the Craft On Social Online Interaction as Individuals or as members of Masonic Social Media groups

# Minutes

## Minutes from the GLP from May-July 2016

	PARTICULARS
	In effect supplement Edict 274-Rentoy insofar as it prescribes a public form of district Turnovers.
ul	Provides for a comprehensive list of Elected and Appointed Grand Line Officers as well as the members of the Grand master's Corporate Team
	Enjoining Brethren to Join the Grand Master and his team in celebrating the 2016 Philippine Independence Day at several Prescribed venues
	Announces the appointment of Senior Grand Lecturer VW Abelardo L. Aportadera, Jr. as Acting President of the IMES
	Issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 183 by President Aquino in the creation of a Negros Island Region thus prompting the renumbering of the district in compliance with the said Executive Order
y	Enumerates the Matters approved during the previous AnCom2016 as well as those matters that were referred for further review and consideration
	all Magistrates of tribunals created under Edict No. 280-Rentoy shall continue to hold their office until further directive, or until their successor in office is named and appointed.
	Supplements Edict No. 273-Rentoy by providing for the payment of Accreditation Fees as an additional condition for accreditation of Masonic Suppliers as well as enjoining them to sell such items to legitimate members of the Fraternity
	Provides the List of Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, and Members of the Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge
	Requires all subordinates Lodges to use a standard format of Agenda for Stated Meetings as well as providing for a template for a Standard Form of Minutes of the Meetings Report for the Lodge Secretary
he s	Cautions Members of the Craft on the Masonic Requirements of Secrecy and Discretion, where proper, and the due observance of Masonic tenets, and the display of masonic Decorum in all online Masonic interactions.



# *The Grand Master's Word*