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Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27 F. & A. M.



Living Stone Trestle Board

March 20, 2009

Meets every 3RD Friday of the month

Jacobo Zobel Masonic Temple, Sacred Heart Street,
San Antonio Village, Makati City, Philippines

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LODGE ACTIVITIES

2ND Caucus

March 11

Stated Meeting

March 20



Trestle Board

Petitioner

Name	Reading Date
1. Anil R. Anarnani	Sept. 19, 2008
2. Romeo Calooy	Jan. 16, 2009



CELEBRANTS

Birthday



Bro. Marlon Barce	Mar. 1
Bro. Mariano Bassig	Mar. 3
Bro. Pedro Maglaya, Jr.	Mar. 4
WB Abner De Guzman	Mar. 9
WI Fras Rocamora	Mar. 20

Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27 – Official Website
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<http://www12.asphost4free.com/bbuhay27/Home.html>



Brethren your articles, are welcome. Likewise we would be glad to print your Birth and Raising dates. Please email it at erichsomera@yahoo.com for publication to our monthly Living Stone Trestle Board.



COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Masonic Education WB Lauro F. Garcia, Jr.
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- Jurisprudence & Resolutions WB Gerardo B. Lantoria, Jr.
- News Letter Publication Bro. Ruferick C. Somera
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- Harmony Officer WB Eduardo S. Alcaraz

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- Fund Raising WB Reinaldo A. Cedeño
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- Adopt a School Program Bro. Xerxez S. Coronado
- Union Lodge Visitation WB Eduardo S. Alcaraz
- Bahay ni Maria Project Bro. Tito L. Cuenco
- Charter Day Celebration WB Antonio M. San Luis, Jr.
- Bring a Friend – Win a Brother WB Lauro F. Garcia, Jr.

LODGE COUNCIL OF ELDERS:

- WB Alexander C. Costales WB Keith Ernard L. Singian
- WB Antonio M. San Luis, Jr. WB Lauro F. Garcia, Jr.
- WB Eduardo S. Alcaraz WB Lini L. Hernando
- WB Ferdinand F. Pacis WB Marni C. Marcos, Jr.
- WB Gerardo B. Lantoria, Jr. WB Reinaldo A. Cedeño
- WB John B. Llamas WB Reynaldo V. Paz

THE REAL SECRET OF
FREEMASONRY
MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER



THE IDES OF MARCH

This month marks the end of the first quarter of this Masonic year. In retrospect, we look back at a very productive first three months under my stewardship marked by reticent achievements and modest gains. Our installation of officers was quite successful and well-attended which was closely followed by the equally fruitful annual planning session and caucus held in early February. This activity (caucus) kicked off a series of monthly pre-stated meeting assemblies designed not only to enhance lodge productivity and ensure issues of general interest are thoroughly debated before a consensus is obtained. One case in point was the caucus

for March which found the brethren deliberating on the important question regarding lodge funds disbursement.

February also witnessed the brethren assembled together to pay their last sad duty of burying the dead – as we bid farewell and performed the funeral rites for WB Manuel G. Natividad, past master during the early 1970s. His death and hospitalization benefits were promptly requested by the lodge and corresponding checks issued by the Grand Lodge.

I am also delighted to report on the very successful visit to Union Lodge No. 70 which coincided with their annual installation of officers – kudos to WB Eduardo S. Alcaraz for organizing the project and to all the brethren of this lodge and other lodges who joined the annual trek to San Fernando, la Union. At the said occasion, the lodge presented (through the immediate past master, WB Ferdinand Pacis) Union Lodge No. 70 a beautifully engraved plaque as token of our esteem and appreciation for their visit to our lodge on December 20, 2008.

This month, we continued our regular labors and saw the activation of the lodge's egroup which is highly appreciated by brethren from all over the globe. An unprecedented number of brethren signed up immediately saw the online forum as a valuable tool for disseminating information and keeping abreast with latest the latest activities of the lodge. We have also given out membership data update forms in anticipation for our permanent records database which should be up and running in the second quarter. This form will soon be uploaded in our egroup for the benefit of the foreign based brethren. If you have not yet signed up, please see the lodge secretary or myself or your are missing insightful messages and profound lectures shared to us by VW brethren Tito F. Garcia, Raul Laman, Rey Paz, et al.

Again another first in perhaps so many years, the lodge welcomed the largest number of petitioners (6) which should provide ample opportunities this year for our lodge conferral team to hone their ritual prowess.

Finally, as we move into our second quarter, let us be equally mindful of the grave challenges still ahead. We look forward to our participation in the Grand Lodge Annual Communications in April at Cagayan de Oro City and our Summer festival and Fund raising activities which should again be marked by fun and beneficial to all. In closing allow me to quote from that timeless treatise written by the Chinese general Sun Tzu in his highly acclaimed - the Art of War, "if you know yourself and you know your enemies; you need not fear the result of a thousand battles".

Fraternally and sincerely,

Bro. Tony J. Limpoco, III
Worshipful Master



We had several activities concluded last February, aside from our regular Stated Meeting; we held the last rites for WB Manuel Natividad and Union Lodge No. 70 visitation.

I surely missed the trip to La Union this year. This is not the regular trip I experienced since 2005 for it is the Installation of Officers of Union Lodge No. 70. VW Keith Singian hosted breakfast at Pampanga on the way to La Union. The brethren of Union Lodge No. 70 as always provided our party with the best accommodation one can give for a brother. How I wish I was there to savor the warm fraternal fellowship prepared by our brothers from the north.

Our dear Past Master Manuel Natividad dropped his working tools which brought sadness to our Lodge. We performed the funeral rites which was well participated by the brethren of Batong Buhay Lodge No. 27.

The last Stated meeting laid out the plans for Masonic year 2009-2010. We have many activities outlined and aspire to be completed. Our Lodge needs all the support from members to fulfill the tasks ahead. WM Tony Limpoco with the help of Bro Eric Somera has been very busy to open our communication lines by creating the Batong Buhay Yahoo group site. Cascade of important Lodge documents are now available through this medium. Records are now being updated to get the message to all members of Batong Buhay No. 27.

Fraternally yours,

Bro Xerkez S. Coronado
Senior Warden



Greetings to All! How time flies as the first quarter of the year has almost gone by. Summer is now here and vacation times for most students however for us in the lodge similarly this is just the start of our endeavors and our second stated meeting for this ensuing year. Much is yet to be done with the programs already in placed by our Worshipful Master. Let us all join together and put our share towards the service of our lodge and accomplishments of our goals. Together we can make a difference!!!

After we labor hard and true and even with a limited budget I intend to provide you all with a well balanced and healthy meal during refreshments. Though it is a packed dinner as you noticed, we will always have in the set dinner fish, vegetables, meat (chicken, pork or beef), rice and dessert. Drinks will be the usual. On special occasions and if budget allowing we can have a bit more. I hope you will all like it and I welcome any comments or suggestions that you may have.

Nothing much is happening from the South during this month but come April your lodge will be participating in the 93rd Annual Communication to be held in Cagayan de Oro from April 23 to 25. WM Tony Limpoco, WB Nandy Pacis, Bro Erich Somera in lieu of Bro Xerxez Coronado who could not make it and yours truly will be attending the Annual Communication.

As you all know it is almost tax season now so don't forget to file your taxes and file it on time. And lastly I would like to wish everyone a good Holy Week and a very good summer. A Happy Easter to You and Your Family!!!

Fraternally yours,

Bro Tito L. Cuenco
Junior Warden



WILL A SECRETARY GO TO HEAVEN

Compiled by: WB Jun San Luis

If a secretary writes a letter, it's too long.

If he sends a postal, it's too short.

If he doesn't send a notice, he is lazy.

If he attends a committee meeting, he is butting in.

If he stays away, he is a shirker.

If he duns the members for dues, he is insulting.

If he fails to collect the dues, he is slipping.

If he asks for advice, he is incompetent.

If he does not, he is bull-headed.

If he writes his reports complete, they are too long.

If he condenses them, they are incomplete.

If he talks on a subject in Lodge, he is trying to run things.

If he remains quiet, he has lost interest in the meeting.

Ashes to ashes; Dust to dust.

If others won't do it; The Secretary must!

MASONIC COMPACT

Compiled by: Bro. Raul Sebastian Laman

Because I am a Freemason...

.....I believe that freedom of religion is an inalienable human right and tolerance an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

.....I know that education and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

.....I know that the rich tradition of Freemasonry and its framework of Ritual are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon this platforms to improve myself as human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

.....I know that charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

.....I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my patriotism: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities its symbolizes.

.....I know that leadership, is best demonstrated by commitment to serving others, I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

.....I know that friendship, fidelity and family are the foundation of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations, and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

.I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry ----the value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word---is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

.....I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason,
these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.

Blessed are those who can give w/out remembering, and taking w/out forgetting