# GRAND YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY OF THE PHILIPPINES



GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES



GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTER OF THE PHILIPPINES



GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE PHILIPPINES

# 2019 PROCEEDINGS

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# SIGNIFICANT EVENTS TO REMEMBER

1. Grand Chapter Constituted - December 15, 1952

2. Grand Council Constituted - June 20, 1958

3. Grand Commandery Constituted - December 31, 1968

# IN MEMORIAM

The Asylum gate has opened, and free from pain and sin, With peace and joy, and gladness, a pilgrim entered in; The Master bade him welcome, and by a SAVIOUR blest, By loving hands enfolded, the pilgrim is at rest.

His staff and scrip and left behind, behind his sword and shield, And armor dimmed and dinted, on life's rough battle-field; His term of penance ended; and with rapture and delight, To bear the palm, to wear the crown, the spotless robe of white.

CARLOS G. AGUBA, KTCH PGHP 2000 PIGM 2000, PGC 2003 Born April 14, 1934. Died January 5, 2019

ROMEO S. MUSNGI, KCT KTCH PGHP 2008, PIGM 2013, PGC 2010 Born March 3, 1947. Died April 4, 2019

HERNANI B. LOPEZ, SR., KCT, Past Grand Standard Bearer, 2018-2019 Grand Commandery of the Philippines, K.T. Born June 12, 1952. Died June 2, 2019

> JUAN C. NABONG JR., PGHP 1983, PIGM 1988, PGC 1989 Born June 8, 1935. Died November 23, 2019

ROMEO GREGORIO N. MACASAET III OSV, KCT, Past Grand Conductor of Council 2019-2020, Grand Council of R. & S.M. Born September 27, 1957. Died March 22, 2020

CLYDE L. WHITFIELD PGHP 1979, PIGM 1986, PGC 1985 Born October 9, 1927. Died September 11, 2020

"To all Companions and Sir Knights under the Grand Jurisdiction of the Grand York Rite of Freemasonry of the Philippines who have gone to the GREAT BEYOND in the year 2019, we pray for the eternal repose of their souls. May you hear from HIM who sitteth as the JUDGE SUPREME, the welcome words "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joy of the LORD".

# 2019

# **ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS**

of the

# **MOST EXCELLENT**

# **GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS**

of the

# **Republic of the Philippines**



Held in Manila on

October 18, 2019 A.D. or A.I. 2549

Presiding:

GENESIS V. AQUINO
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

JUANITO P. ABERGAS
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest

### **GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2018-2019**

Grand High Priest GENESIS V. AQUINO

Deputy Grand High Priest JUANITO P. ABERGAS

Grand King MANUEL LIAM C. GARCIA

Grand Scribe VICTORINO A. FLORO, III

Grand Lecturer LOUIE THOM-ARMAN E. YU

Grand Treasurer RAFAEL J. ROXAS, PGHP, KYGCH

Grand Secretary EVARISTO A. LEVISTE, PGHP, KYGCH

Asst. Grand Secretary ORLINO H. PACIOLES, JR.

Grand Chaplain NESTOR V. TAMPOL, PGHP, KYGCH

Grand Captain of the Host ARLEN P. DE GUZMAN

Grand Principal Sojourner DEXTER L. NG

Grand Royal Arch Captain VIRGILIO R. CUAJUNCO, JR.

Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil BEN HUR Q. DELA TORRE

Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil **DOMINADOR R. DELIZO** 

Grand Master of the 1st Veil MCKENTYRE V. CABRERA

Grand Sentinel FERDINAND R. ROQUE

# **GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967	ANTONIO GONZALEZ, SR.+ IVOR D. BUTLER+ PRIMO I. GUZMAN+ JOSE M. ESTACION+ JOSE E. RACELA+ LLOYD O. HAIG+ NICANOR M. SANTOS+ TEODORO A. JIMENEZ+ MARIO C. NAVIA+ GODOFREDO R. RICAFORT+ WALLACE H. MORRIS+ JOSE PENAFLOR+ ANDREW BULKLEY+ ELISEO P. DAVID+ ANTONIO R. GONZALEZ, JR.+ WILL K. PRESTIDGE, JR+.	1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001	MARIANO A. CANTOS+ WILLIAM BOZEL, JR.+ SERAFIN M. MALUBAG+ AURELIO R. IGNACIO, JR.+ DENNIS E. PROVENCHER+ ABELARDO T. CAMAHALAN* BENJAMIN C. MACMURRAY, JR.+ ISAAC F. ARRIBAS, JR.+ CRISPULO M. FERNANDEZ, JR. HOROSI S. AGUILING+ THEODORE L. WAY+ REYNALDO V. PAZ+ CHARLES H. DEMORSE+ ROBERT E. SAVELLON CARLOS G. AGUBA+ FIDEL S. CHUA+
1969	GREGORIO R. CARIAGA+	2002	CONRADO V. SANGA+
1970	LEANDRO F. CRUZ+	2003	JOHN D. ESTES
1971	FERNANDO G. MEDINA+	2004	EVARISTO A. LEVISTE
1972	APOLONIO PISIG+	2005	VICTORINO R. FLORO, JR.
1973	RAYMOND E. WILMARTH+	2006	ANTONIO AMPIL TUASON
1974	JAMES L. NORRIS+	2007	MAGDALENO B. DIMARANAN +
1975	RUPERTO S. DEMONTEVERDE Sr+	2008	ROMEO S. MUSNGI+
1976	MANUEL BUMAAT+	2009	NESTOR V. TAMPOL
1977	ERNEST L. ALBERT+	2010	GREGORY B. BLAS
1978	DAMASO C. TRIA+	2011	ROMULO B. PISIG
1979 1980	CLYDE L. WHITFIELD DOMINADOR A. HERRERA+	2012 2013	RAFAEL J. ROXAS DANILO C. DATU, SR. +
1980	JOSE B. LEGASPI+	2013	FERNANDO V. PASCUA, JR.
1982	CAYETANO M. PALMARES+	2014	EDGAR D. LIM
1983	JUAN C. NABONG, JR.	2016	EMMANUEL R. BRAVO
1984	REMEDIOS E. RACELA+	2017	RODEL RIEZL S. REYES
1985	SIMEON RENE LACSON+	2018	GENESIS V. AQUINO

# **GRAND TREASURERS**

1953-1954	ESTEBAN MUNARRIZ +	1987	VICTORINO M. RAMOS +
1955-1957	JOSE M.E. LEON, JR.+	1988-1992.	MARCELINO P. DYSANGCO+
1958-1974	PRIMO I. GUZMAN+	1993-1994.	CONRADO V. SANGA+
1975-1981	LEANDRO F. CRUZ+	1995	MARCELINO P. DYSANGCO+
1982-1983	HONESTO R. NUNEZ+	1996-2012	CRISPULO M. FERNANDEZ, JR.
1983-1986	ISAAC F. ARRIBAS, JR.+	2013-Present	RAFAEL J. ROXAS

# **GRAND SECRETARIES**

1954-1973	ANTONIO GONZALEZ, SR.+	1993	RICHARD S. HART+
1974-1976	JOSE E. RACELA+	1994-2014	ISAAC F. ARRIBAS, JR.+
1977-1986	HILARIO G. ESGUERRA+	2015 CR	ISPULO M. FERNANDEZ, JR.
1987-1989	ISAAC F. ARRIBAS, JR.+	2016-2018	DANILO C. DATU, SR.+
1990-1992	DOMINGO T. CHUA+	2018-Present	EVARISTO A. LEVISTE

# HONORARY LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

ROGER A. DOUILLETTE
JESSE L. JONES
RICHARD L. LASSWELL
GEOFFREY L. LASSWELL
EDMUND D. HARRISON
EMORY J. FERGUSON
WILLIAM H. KOON II

ALFONSO D. DUALAN DAVID A. GRINDLE LAWRENCE O. WEAVER JERRY C. TOWNSEND ROMULO B. PISIG ROGER R. REBANAL

<sup>+</sup> Deceased

<sup>\*</sup> Expunged

#### **2019 CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS**

#### 1. LUZON CHAPTER NO. 1, R.A.M.

Secretary: ANTONIO A. TUASON, PGHP 1828 Taft Avenue, Manila Meets every 2nd Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Scottish Rite Temple, Manila

#### 2. MANILA CHAPTER NO. 2, R.A.M.

Secretary: ROLANDO G. BISCARRA Stafford Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple Grand Lodge

of the Philippines 1440 San Marcelino St. Paco, Manila

Meets every 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila

#### 3. BACOLOD CHAPTER NO. 4, R.A.M.

Secretary: FRANKLIN J. DEMONTEVERDE B2-L35, Cityville Subd., Brgy. Estefania, Bacolod City

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the Month

# 4. C.W. ROSENSTOCK CHAPTER NO. 6, R.A.M.

Secretary: JOMEL DENNIS L. MARANAN 83 P. Montoya St. Silang Cavite Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila

#### 5. GUAM CHAPTER NO. 7, R.A.M.

Secretary: GREGORY B. BLAS, PGHP 190 Cherry Blossom Lane, Latte Heights, Mangilao, Guam 96923 Meets every 2nd Thursday, 7:30 PM, Agana, Guam

#### 6. SUGBU CHAPTER NO. 11. R.A.M.

Secretary: ROBERT E. SAVELLON, PGHP Cor. P. del Rosario-Don Pedro Cui Sts., Cebu City

Meets every 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Cebu Masonic Temple, Cebu City

#### 7. PANGASINAN CHAPTER NO. 12, R.A.M.

Secretary: RUFINO RAMIL Z. SAN JUAN Urdaneta Masonic Center, Pilar Urdaneta City, Pangasinan

Meets every 3rd Saturday of the Month at 9:00 AM

# 8. CAVITE CHAPTER NO. 13, R.A.M.

Secretary: NESTOR V. TAMPOL, PGHP,

#### 12. CAPITOL CHAPTER NO. 25, R.A.M.

Secretary: DJAMANTE G. ORDINARIO Meets every 4th Saturday, 8:00 A.M., Capitol Masonic Temple, Quezon City

#### 13. MAKATI CHAPTER NO. 26, R.A.M.

Secretary:

Meets every 4TH Tuesday of the Month at 6:00PM

Jacobo Zobel Y Zangroniz Masonic Temple, Jacobo Zobel St., Don Antonio Village, Makati City

# 14. EASTERN VISAYAS CHAPTER NO. 30, R.A.M.

Secretary: EDWARD Y. CHUA c/o P. Burgos St., Tacloban City

#### 15. MANOBO CHAPTER NO. 31, R.A.M.

Secretary: JOSEPH MICHAEL C. SAPAULA c/o Davao Masonic Center, V. Mapa St., Davao City

Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Davao Masonic Center, V. Mapa St., Davao City

### 16. MT. ARAYAT CHAPTER NO. 32, R.A.M.

Secretary: EDIZON C. GARCIA c/o 240 Purok 2, Sta Ines, Mabalacat Pampanga Meets every 3rd Saturday, 9:00AM

# 17. SOTERO ROQUE MEMORIAL CHAPTER NO. 33, R.A.M.

Secretary: FERDINAND R. ROQUE Musuan, Maramag, Bukidnon

#### 18. MISAMIS CHAPTER NO. 34, R.A.M.

Secretary: LOUIE THOM-ARMAN E. YU LSY Compound, Maningcol, Ozamiz City Meets every 4th Saturday of the Month at 1:00 P.M.

Palilan Masonic Temple. Jimenez, Misamis Occidental.

#### 19. TINALAK CHAPTER NO. 35, R.A.M.

Secretary: GREGORIO DOMINIC S. VELOS Koronadal City Meets every 4th Saturday of the Month at 3:00 PM

#### **KYGCH**

Diosomito Subd., Naic, Cavite Meets every 2nd Saturday, 9:00 AM, Mt. Mainam Lodge No. 49, Ibayo Estacion, Naic, Cavite

# 9. VICTORINO FLORO, SR. MEMORIAL CHAPTER NO. 21, R.A.M.

Secretary: HORACIO S. GONZALEZ 26 E. Yuchengco St., Paranaque City Meets every 4th Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila

#### 10. ISAROG CHAPTER NO. 23, R.A.M.

Secretary: GAVINO L. PLOPENIO Riverside St., Monterey Village, Naga City Isarog Masonic Temple, National Hi-way Conception Pequeña, Naga City, Pajera Subd., Butuan City

#### 11. PILIPINAS CHAPTER NO. 24, R.A.M.

Secretary: GENESIS V. AQUINO 3920 Marigold St., Sun Valley Subd., Brgy. Sun Valley, Paranaque City 1700 Meets every 4th Thursday, 6:00 PM, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila

#### 20. THIRD PYRAMID CHAPTER NO. 36, R.A.M.

Secretary: JUDE THADDEUS T. TAN Block 25, Lot 2 Xavier Heights, Cagayan de Oro City Meets every 4th Wednesday of the Month at

6:00 PM

Maguindanao Masonic Temple, Capistrano-Pacana Sts., Cagayan de Oro City

#### 21. MAZAUA CHAPTER No. 37, R.A.M.

Secretary: PARIS RAYMOND S. GABALLO Butuan Lodge No. 299 Temple, Pareja Subd., Butuan City

Meets every 3rd Friday of the Month at 6:00 PM

# 22. NICOLAS BUENDIA CHAPTER NO. 39, R.A.M.

Secretary: EMMANUEL H. MATEO Malolos Lodge 46, Sto. Rosario, Malolos City, Bulacan

Meets every 2nd Saturday of the Month at 1:00 PM

#### 23. DIMASALANG CHAPTER NO. 40, R.A.M.

Secretary: DON O. DAYANDAYAN Rizal Masonic Temple, No. 3 Temple Drive, Club Manila East, Taytay Rizal

# Recipient of the 2019

# GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL MERITORIOUS MEDAL AWARD



# **GEORGE M. CANG, JR.**MANOBO CHAPTER NO. 31

# Previous Recipients:

# GOLD

1960 ANTONIO GONZALEZ, SR.+

# SILVER

1993 ISAAC F. ARRIBAS, JR.

2008 CRISPULO M. FERNANDEZ, JR.

2017 EVARISTO A. LEVISTE

# BRONZE

1954	CHARLES A. RICHARD+	1992	JAIME E. ARCEBUCHE*
1957	HENRY ATENCIO+	1993	EVARISTO A. LEVISTE
1958	WALLACE H. MORRIS+	1994	EDGARDO N. REYES+
1961	HILARIO G. ESGUERRA+	1995	MAGDALENO B. DIMARANAN+
1962	ELISEO P. DAVID+	1996	RUBEN ROY G. AZARCON
1963	LEANDRO F. CRUZ+	1997	ANTONIO AMPIL TUASON
1964	WILL K. PRESTIDGE, JR.	1998	EGIDIO R. ANCAJAS+
1965	EUGENIO P. PADUA+	1999	AMADOR D. REYES
1967	RUPERTO S. DEMONTEVERDE, Sr+	2000	ROGER R. REBANAL
1970	MARCELINO P. DYSANGCO+	2001	DANILO C. DATU, SR.+
1971	HONESTO R. NUNEZ+	2002	GREGORY B. BLAS

1972	GEORGE REID+	2003	EDWIN B. BONGATO
1973	JUAN C. NABONG, JR.+	2004	MANUEL LIAM C. GARCIA
1977	BAYANI R. SABATER+	2005	REYNALDO G. CORTEZ
1978	OSCAR EUSEBIO+	2006	EMMANUEL R. BRAVO
1979	SIMEN RENE LACSON+	2007	CARLO A. HILARIO+
1980	RESTITUTO F. CRUZ+	2008	CESAR C. MENDOZA+
1981	DOMINADOR A. HERRERA+	2009	FRANK H. STEVENS
1982	CAYETANO M. PALMARES+	2010	RENEL M. ROGACION
1983	GAUDENCIO S. CRISTOBAL, JR.+	2011	LORETO P. GAMALONG
1984	ANTONIO C. MENDOZA+	2012	QUIRINO B. PARRILLA
1985	DOMINGO T. CHUA+	2013	FRANKLIN J. DEMONTEVERDE
1986	ILUMINADO K. NIRZA+	2014	GAVINO L. PLOPENIO
1987	ANTONIO I. FABIAN	2015	no awardee
1988	ROBERT E. SAVELLON	2016	HERNANI B. LOPEZ, SR.+
1989	MARIO E. CRISOSTOMO+	2017	EMMANUEL H. MATEO
1990	ANTONIO Q. CHUA+	2018	DOMINADOR R. DELIZO
1991	FRANCISCO M. LOVERO*		

<sup>+</sup> Deceased \*Expunged

# 2019

# ISAAC ARRIBAS. JR. CAPITULAR SERVICE AWARD



# **DON O. DAYANDAYAN**DIMASALANG CHAPTER NO. 40

# Previous Recipients:

DANILO C. DATU, SR.	-	2006
MANUEL LIAM C. GARCIA	-	2007
NICCOLO VITTORIO A. GO	-	2008
ANTONIO M. SAN LUIS, JR.	-	2009
RIZAL ANTONIO D. MERU	-	2010
LOUIE THOM-ARMAN E. YU	-	2011
RENEL M. ROGACION	-	2012
TEODORO T. HALIBAS	-	2013
NOLI JOSEPH P. QUIOC	-	2014
ERWIN L. PEPINO	-	2015
ROLANDO M. DELFIN	-	2016
MARLON M. CASTOR	-	2017
JOMEL DENNIS L. MARANAN	-	2018

2019
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER RITUAL JEWEL



# ALBERT J. ENCARNACION MANOBO CHAPTER NO. 31

# **ROLL OF RECIPIENTS:**

LORETO P. GAMALONG	MANOBO CHAPTER NO. 31	2015
DEXTER L. NG	MANOBO CHAPTER NO. 31	2018

### 67th ANNUAL GRAND CONVOCATION

# GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES Held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila

# October 18, 2019

### I. OPENING

The 67<sup>th</sup> Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines was opened at 9:45 A.M. by the Companions of Manila Chapter No. 2 in full ceremonial form. Those who opened the Grand Convocation were as follows:

Deputy Grand High Priest - Juanito P. Abergas
Grand King - Efren V. Garcia
Grand Scribe - Henry W. Cheng

Grand Treasurer - Rafael J. Roxas, KYGCH
Grand Secretary - Evaristo A. Leviste, KYGCH

Grand Chaplain - Gabriel C. Comia, Jr.
Grand Captain of the Host - Paulo Angelo V. Flores

Grand Principal Sojourner - Alvin R. Estrella

Grand Royal Arch Captain - Franklin S. Hernandez
Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil - Reymond U. Chua
Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil - Caesar T. Gascon
Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil - Ben Roland T. Maturan

Grand Sentinel - Ferdinand R. Roque

### **II. RECEPTION**

- Most Excellent Companion Genesis V. Aquino, Grand High Priest was received in the customary Capitular practice and after relinquishing the gavel by the Presiding Deputy Grand High Priest R.E. Comp. Juanito P. Abergas, the Grand High Priest M.E. Comp. Genesis V. Aquino declared the 67<sup>th</sup> Grand Convocation open for business.
- 2. Next to be received were the Foreign and Regional Dignitaries in the following order:

Excellent Companion Romulo M. Capuno
Grand Representative of The Grand Chapter of Virginia

Excellent Companion Jason C. Little

Excellent High Priest of David Au Chapter No. 1, Taiwan

Most Excellent Companion Stewart Cameron Sloan

Honorary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland

Most Excellent Companion Sidney J. Leluan III

Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of RAM of Arizona

# S. K. Jeffrey A. Bolstad

Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Montana

Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle

General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Idaho

Right Excellent Companion Edgar D. Lim, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Far East of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International

Most Excellent Companion Emmanuel R. Bravo, PGHP and Ambassador to the Philippines of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International

3. Immediately after, all Past Grand High Priests were then received according to their seniority and rank.

# Past Grand High Priests:

Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr.	- 1994
Robert E. Savellon	- 1999
Evaristo A. Leviste	- 2004
Nestor V. Tampol	- 2009
Gregory B. Blas	- 2010
Romulo B. Pisig	- 2011
Rafael J. Roxas	- 2012
Emmanuel R. Bravo	- 2016

Rodel Riezl S. Reyes - 2017

Jerry C. Townsend - 2013 (Honorary)

#### III. FLAG CEREMONY

The flag ceremony was observed with the presentation of the Flag of the Republic of the Philippines and by the singing of the National Anthem.

### IV. WELCOME ADDRESS

M. E. Comp. Genesis V. Aquino, Grand High Priest, expressed a hearty welcome to all present with particular mention to the visiting foreign dignitaries and to the Companions from the subordinate Chapters. He encouraged each one to participate in the session that the collective efforts of all will have more productive results.

# V. WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE REGIONAL DEPUTY GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Right Excellent Companion Edgar D. Lim, Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest for the Far East made the following remarks:

"Fraternal Greetings for our Most Excellent General Grand High Priest, M.E. Companion James Hodge. He may not be at the best of health but strong enough to convey his congratulations to our newly installed Grand Officers, and at the same time to commend our outgoing Grand Officers for a job well done. By the leadership of our new set of Grand Officers, we doubt not we will have a more vibrant and aggressive Grand Chapter of the Philippines. Rest assured that we fully support the programs that will be initiated by our new Grand High Priest.

And by God's grace, all is possible with the full cooperation of the respective Grand Chapter Officers. Thank you and good day to all!"

# **VI. ROLL CALL**

### 1. Grand Officers

With the exception of R.E. Companions Virgilio R. Cuajunco (excused), Benhur Q. dela Torre (excused), all officers of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines were present.

# 2. Supervisors

The following supervisors were present:

Rolando G. Biscarra - Plaridel York Rite
Pravin T. Sharma - Manila York Rite

Honesto S. Lubag - Victorino Floro York Rite

Gregory B. Blas - Guam York Rite

Louie Thom- Arman E. Yu - Misamis York Rite, Pagadian Fidelity #38

Dexter L. Ng - Bukidnon York Rite Bodies Emmanuel R. Bravo - Cavite York Rite Bodies

# 3. Constituent Chapters:

Luzon Chapter No. 1	= 8	Makati Chapter No. 26	= 4
Manila Chapter No. 2	= 9	Eastern Visayas Chapter No. 30	= 0
Bacolod Chapter No. 4	= 0	Manobo Chapter No. 31	= 14
C.W. Rosenstock Chapter No. 6	= 9	Mt. Arayat Chapter No. 32	= 0
Guam Chapter No. 7	= 2	Sotero Roque Mem. Chapter No. 33	= 2
Sugbu Chapter No. 11	= 2	Misamis Chapter No. 34	= 6
Pangasinan Chapter No. 12	= 2	Tinalak Chapter No. 35	= 1
Cavite Chapter No. 13	= 10	Third Pyramid Chapter No. 36	= 3
Victorino Floro Sr. Mem. Chapter No. 21	= 6	Mazaua Chapter No. 37	= 0
Isarog Chapter No. 23	= 0	Pagadian Fidelity Chapter No. 38	= 1
Pilipinas Chapter No. 24	= 8	Nicolas Buendia Chapter No. 39	= 4
Capitol Chapter No. 25	= 2	Dimalasang Chapter No. 40	= 4

After the roll call, the Grand Secretary, M.E. Companion Evaristo A. Leviste, PGHP, declared and certified that there is a QUORUM.

# 4. Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters present were as follows:

Robert E. Savellon Alabama
Evaristo A. Leviste Alaska
Romulo B. Pisig Arizona
Arlen P. de Guzman Arkansas
Rodel Riezl S. Reyes Belgium

Louie Thom-Arman E. Yu Canada, Ontario
Quirino B. Parrilla Canada, Quebec
Emmanuel R. Bravo Canada, Saskatchewan

Rogelio T. Torrices Colorado George M. Cang, Jr. Connecticut Gabriel C. Comia, Jr.

Ferdinand R. Roque

Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr.

Sherwin S. Enriquez

Delaware

Finland

Georgia

Germany

Dominador R. Delizo Greece & Cyprus

Victorino A. Floro, III Idaho Honesto S. Lubag Illinois Pravin Thakur Sharma India Manuel Liam C. Garcia Ireland Jose Agustero Italy Rolando G. Biscarra Kansas Sherwin SJ Enriquez Kentucky Albert J. Encarnacion Maryland

Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr. Massachusetts
Ruel Ditan Mexico

Evaristo A. Leviste Michigan
Dexter L. Ng Mississippi
Manuel Liam C. Garcia Missouri
Michael P. Benjamin Montana
Gregory B. Blas Nebraska
Emmanuel H. Mateo Nevada

McKentyre V. Cabrera New South Wales & A.C.T.

Nestor V. Tampol New York
Rafael J. Roxas North Carolina
Don O. Dayandayan North Dakota

Henry W. Cheng Ohio

Roberto C. Mamangon Puerto Rico
Juanito P. Abergas Romania
Jerry O. Booc Togo
Roger R. Rebanal Wisconsin

### **EXCUSED:**

Xerxes S. Coronado Australia, Victoria Victorino R. Floro, Jr. California Orlando M. Mabutas England Jommel Dennis L. Maranan Indiana Gregorio A. Vicente, Jr. Iowa

Antonio M. San Luis

Franklin J. Demonteverde

Benhur dela Torre

Jomel Dennis L. Maranan

Romeo G. Macasaet, III

New Jersey

Oklahoma

Venezuela

Vermont

Washington

The Grand High Priest extended the hand of fraternal welcome to the several Grand Representatives and requested of them to convey the felicitations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines to the respective Sister Grand Chapters they are representing.

The response on behalf of the Grand Representatives was delivered by Most Excellent Companion Ruel L. Ditan of Mexico:

"Most Excellent Grand High Priest Genesis Aquino, Dignitaries in the East as well as on the Floor. In behalf of the Grand Representatives, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude and felicitation to the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines for the trust and confidence bestowed upon us and gave us the opportunity to serve this Grand Chapter.

It is with great pride and privilege to represent our jurisdiction with other Grand Chapters on this Annual Grand Convocation.

Rest assured, you will have our commitment in the performance of our respective official functions and in the spreading of Brotherly Love with the Companions of this Grand Chapter.

Good Morning Companions, Good Morning to All.

Long Live the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines.

Long Live the Grand York Rite Bodies of the Philippines.

Long Live Freemasonry.

Mabuhay po Tayong Lahat."

#### VII. APPROVAL OF THE 2018 ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Secretary M.E. Companion Evaristo A. Leviste presented a motion to approve the 2018 Annual Proceedings and was seconded by M.E. Companion Rafael J. Roxas. The Proceedings were approved, subject to corrections of errors and omissions.

#### VIII. JOINT NECROLOGICAL ADDRESS

The Grand High Priest then called M.E. Companion Nestor V. Tampol, PGHP, Grand Chaplain, for the delivery of this year's joint Necrological Address:

WHY DEATH IS AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF FREEMASONRY

To the outside observer some masonic art and renderings can seem morbid. To the uninitiated the repeated use of symbols of death, like the scythe and the skull and crossbones can give people pause. Some of that imagery may have given rise to the idea of Freemasonry being some sort of cult.

Like all Masonic symbols this imagery must be understood to see how it fits into the philosophy of Freemasonry. The obvious thing to point to is the legend of the temple builder that most Master Masons are familiar with. It is argued there is a greater reason why Freemasons are so concerned with death that we put those images on our Tracing Boards.

The answer is simply, Equality.

Death has been said by poet, philosopher and Freemasonry to be the "Great Leveler." Everyone who is born will one day pass away; it is inevitable. When you start from that premise, we are all the same. Whether you are the richest man in the world or have nothing but your footprints to remind the world you are there, when it comes to death, we are all the same. Death comes for us no matter our station in life, our religious belief, our gender or our race.

Freemasonry deals little with what comes after death. It is an event which we all must face. That is our own mortality, that Freemasonry focuses in on. Freemasonry, on a fairly broad level, does not care what you believe in what awaits you after death.

Freemasonry's philosophy deals with how you live your life up to the time of your passing. Almost universally being a good person brings you reward after your death. Freemasonry creates a structure to remind every mason what those qualities are that makes a person "good" regardless what religion you may practice.

Therefore, as freemasons we should always strive to walk upright before the World. That when the day comes for each of us, we will be remembered as a "Good and Upright Mason." (Source Masonry Today 2017)

### IX. ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

# 1. Grand High Priest:

"Companions and Sir Knights, welcome to our 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines.

My journey as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest for the Masonic Year 2018-2019 has enabled me to primarily visit various Chapters like C.W. Rosenstock Chapter #6, Luzon Chapter #1, Makati Chapter #26, Manila Chapter #2, Capitol Chapter #25,

Pangasinan Chapter #12, and Pilipinas Chapter #24. I also attended the installation of several Chapters like Nicolas Buendia Chapter #39 Jan. 5, 2019, constitution of Malolos Council #27 & Bulacan Commandery #25, Luzon Chapter #1 Jan. 9, 2019, CW Rosenstock Chapter #6 Feb. 20, 2019, Makati Chapter #26 Feb. 22, 2019, Victorino Floro Sr Memorial Chapter #21 Feb. 27, 2019, Pilipinas Chapter #24 Feb. 28, 2019, Cavite Chapter #13 Mar. 9, 2019, and Capitol Chapter #25 Sept. 21, 2019. I inspired all the elected and appointed officers and members to serve and promote York Rite Masonry being their Installing Officer.

Our first activity last Nov. 15, 2018 was to confer upon MW Romeo Momo, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines as York Rite Mason at sight, followed by New Year's call to MW Romeo Momo, Grand Master by Grand York Rite Officers Jan. 3. 2019. I attended the Knights Templar Eye Foundation \$95, 000 grant for the purchase of Retcam for JB Lingad Memorial Hospital in Angeles City, Pampanga Feb 19, 2019 with SKs R.E. Evaristo Leviste REDC-Asia Pacific, R.E. Victor Antonio Espejo, Grand Commander, R.E. Edgar D. Lim, Deputy Grand Commander, M.I. Victorino Floro III, Illustrious Grand Master, M.E. Emmanuel R. Bravo, PGHP and other Sir Knights along with their spouses. It was an honor to attend the Feast of Paschal Lamb Ceremony as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest with Most Illustrious Edilberto Carabbacan, Sovereign Grand Commander, Supreme Council of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite hosted by the Philippines Bodies last Apr. 17, 2019. We attended the wake of SK Hernani Lopez and performed our final obligation to give the Commandery Funeral Rite to SK Romeo Musngi, Past Grand High Priest 2008, Past Illustrious Grand Master 2013, Past Eminent Grand Commander 2012 last Apr. 7, 2019. During the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines on Apr. 25-27, 2019 at Cagayan De Oro City, the Grand York Rite Officers led by me as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master Victorino Floro III, and Right Eminent Grand Commander Victor Antonio Espejo represented the Grand York Rite Bodies of the Philippines and we were all received with grand honors.

Since May 2019, the Grand York Rite Officers agreed and conducted regular monthly meetings every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month 9am-12noon at the Grand York Rite Office to discuss the plans and activities for the year. The Grand York Rite conducted the Joint Conferrals last May 4 & 11, 2019 and produced 47 new Companions & Sir Knights. Davao York Rite Bodies successfully conducted a 1- day conferral May 18, 2019 with 44 candidates. To give honor to our National Hero, Brother Jose Rizal, the Grand York Rite Bodies with SK Victorino Floro III and myself attended the June 12, 2019 Floral Offering at Rizal Park with MW Agapito Suan, Grand Master, Most Illustrious Edilberto Carabbacan, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, various masonic Lodges, and Appendant Bodies together with other

civic groups. After the Rizal Park activity, the Grand York Rite Officers made a courtesy call to MW Agapito Suan, Grand Master Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

Before I end my Annual Report, kindly allow me to thank all the Chapters, Grand Officers, and all Sir Knights for the support in accomplishing our activities for the year and strengthening our York Rite Freemasonry.

God bless us all."

# 2. Grand Treasurer's Report

The Grand Treasurer, Most Excellent Companion Rafael J. Roxas, PGHP made his financial report. Motion for the acceptance of his report made by R.E. Companion Victorino A. Floro III and was seconded by M.E. Companion Rodel Riezl S. Reyes, PGHP. The report was approved, subject to the usual audit.

# GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES Statement of Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Balance Beginning In The Treasury:		
China Bank CA- SA No. 1520894711	P <u>845,621.92</u>	
Total Cash Beginning		P 845.621.92
Add: Receipts 2018		
Per Capita Dues 2017	P 695,720.00	
Degree Fee	21,000.00	
Registration	14,000.00	
RAM Aprons	5,000.00	
Monitors	6,150.00	
Donation, The Mark	12,000.00	
Chapter Officer's Apron, Collar	61,950.00	
Veils	15,000.00	
PHP Jewel	3,500.00	
PHP Certificates	1,750.00	
Members Certificates	2,490.00	
Bank Interest	<u>1,925.74</u>	
Total Receipts		P 840,079.04
Total Accountability		P 1,685.800.96
Deduct: Disbursements 2018		
General Chapter 2017 Per Capita P	126,800.00	
Allowances Office Staff	36,000.00	
Office Rentals	39,900.00	
Hall rental (Conferral)	35,800.00	
Electric	7.790.31	
PLDT	10,654.00	

The Mark (2nd Issue)	50,000.00	
Set of RAM Jewels	69,817.50	
Set of R&SM Jewels	58,154.50	
Office Supplies	3,845.85	
Stamps/LBC	260.00	
Token in Memory of DCD, Sr	5,000.00	
Janitorial	500.00	
Lettering (Diplomas)	2,490.00	<u>-</u>
Laundry (Robes)	3,500.00	
W/holding Tax	343.34	
Transportation	7,000.00	
Total Disbursements		P 467,915.96
Balance in The Treasury, Decen	P 1,217,885.00	
China Bank CA-SA No.15208947	711	

China Bank USD 1527039210 \$ 5,706.48

# RAFAEL J. ROXAS, PGHP Grand Treasurer

# 3. Grand Secretary's Report

The Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Evaristo Leviste then made his Recorder's report. Motion for acceptance of the report was made by Excellent Companion Ferdinand R. Roque and was seconded by Excellent Companion Ruel L. Ditan. The report was approved.

Recapitulation of Active Constituent Chapters and their Membership for the Year Ending December 31, 2018:

# **Subordinate Chapters:**

Luzon Chapter No.1, RAM	- Manila
Manila Chapter No.2, RAM	- Manila
Bacolod Chapter No. 4, R.A.M.	- Bacolod City
C.W. Rosenstock Chapter No.6, RAM	- Manila
Guam Chapter No.7, RAM	- Guam, USA
Sugbu Chapter No.11, RAM	- Cebu City
Pangasinan Chapter No. 12, R.A.M.	- Urdaneta City
Cavite Chapter No.13, RAM	- Cavite City
Victorino Floro, Sr. Mem.No.21, RAM	- Manila
Isarog Chapter No. 23, R.A.M.	- Naga City
Pilipinas Chapter No.24, RAM	- Manila
Capitol Chapter No. 25, R.A.M.	- Quezon City.
	Manila Chapter No.2, RAM Bacolod Chapter No. 4, R.A.M. C.W. Rosenstock Chapter No.6, RAM Guam Chapter No.7, RAM Sugbu Chapter No.11, RAM Pangasinan Chapter No. 12, R.A.M. Cavite Chapter No.13, RAM Victorino Floro, Sr. Mem.No.21, RAM Isarog Chapter No. 23, R.A.M. Pilipinas Chapter No.24, RAM

Makati Chapter No. 26, R.A.M.	- Makati City
Eastern Visayas Chapter No.30, RAM	- Tacloban City
Manobo Chapter No.31, RAM	- Davao City
Mt. Arayat Chapter No. 32, RAM	- San Fernando, Pampanga
Sotero Roque Mem.Chapter No.33, RAM	- Bukidnon, Mindanao
Misamis Chapter No.34, RAM	- Misamis Occidental -Mindanao
Tinalak Chapter No. 35, R.A.M.	- Koronadal, South Cotabato
Third Pyramid Chapter No. 36, R.A.M.	- Cagayan de Oro City
Mazaua Chapter No. 37, R.A.M.	- Butuan City
Nicolas Buendia Chapter No. 39, RA.M.	- Malolos, Bulacan
Dimasalang Chapter No. 40, R.A.M.	- Taytay, Rizal
	Eastern Visayas Chapter No.30, RAM Manobo Chapter No.31, RAM Mt. Arayat Chapter No. 32, RAM Sotero Roque Mem.Chapter No.33, RAM Misamis Chapter No.34, RAM Tinalak Chapter No. 35, R.A.M. Third Pyramid Chapter No. 36, R.A.M. Mazaua Chapter No. 37, R.A.M. Nicolas Buendia Chapter No. 39, RA.M.

# Membership:

Number of Royal Arch Masons as of last Report (2017)		
Exalted	- 21	
Affiliated	- 1	
Restored	- 4	
Adjustments	- 0	
Total Gain		<u> 26</u>
Gross		381
Number of Members Lost Durin	ng the Year	
Demitted	- 5	
SNPD	- 52	
Deaths	- 4	
Dropped Lost Contact	- 7	
Total Loss		(68)
Net Gain (Net Loss)		- 42
Total Number of Royal Arch Masons as of December 31,2018:		

EVARISTO A. LEVISTE, PGHP
Grand Secretary

# X. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Grand High Priest then announced the several working committees to render their reports if any:

# 1. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

R.E. Companion Manuel Liam C. Garcia reported that the committee was in the middle of reviewing the current draft of the proposed Constitution and by-laws of

all the Grand Bodies when suddenly M.E. Companion Danilo C. Datu, Sr. dropped his working tools. The Committee had to drop the review and defer the submission of the draft for approval because it had to take over the workload of doing the proceedings and all the other duties of the Grand Secretary/Recorder. He then set the date for the Committee to submit the approved draft within 6 months starting November 2019.

#### XI. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- Michael Benjamin submitted a joint resolution of Plaridel and Rizal York Rite bodies on establishing a central governing body for the Grand York Rite. The Grand High Priest referred the said resolution to the Jurisprudence Committee to study the proposed resolution.
- The Grand Secretary M.E. Companion Evaristo A. Leviste made a motion to grant the title of Honorary Past Grand High Priest to R.E. Companion Roger R. Rebanal, it was immediately seconded by M.E. Companion Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr. The motion was approved amidst the applause of the Companions present.
- 3. M.E. Companion Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr. reiterated that the actual Grand Officers are supposed to open the Grand Chapter as passed in the last Grand Convocation. Secondly, he suggested that the Grand Line Officers should be the ones to be appointed as Supervisors to be able to show their involvement in the Grand Bodies of the Rite and to be more visible in the local subordinate bodies. Lastly, he asserted that the Constitution and Bylaws should come out within 6 months to give time for everybody to review and to comment with ample time before the Grand Sessions on October 2020.

#### XII. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AWARDS

Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze) - George M. Cang, Jr.,

Manobo Chapter No. 31

General Grand Chapter Ritual Award - Albert J. Encarnacion

Manobo Chapter No. 31

# XIII. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 ISAAC ARRIBAS, JR. CAPITULAR SERVICE AWARD

Dimasalang Chapter No. 40

#### XIV. ELECTION OF 2019-2020 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The nominating committee submitted to the Grand Chapter the list of nominees for the new set of Grand Officers for 2019-2020. The following are the names:

Grand High Priest - Juanito P. Abergas

Deputy Grand High Priest - Manuel Liam C. Garcia

Grand King - Victorino A. Floro, III

Grand Scribe - Louie Thom-Arman E. Yu

Grand Lecturer - Arlen P. De Guzman

Grand Treasurer - Rafael J. Roxas, PGHP, KYGCH
Grand Secretary - Evaristo A. Leviste, PGHP, KYGCH

Assistant Grand Secretary - Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.

Grand Chaplain - Nestor V. Tampol, PGHP, KYGCH

Grand Captain of the Host - Dexter L. Ng

Grand Principal Sojourner

Grand Royal Arch Captain

Grand Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil

Grand Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil

Grand Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil - Ferdinand R. Roque

Grand Sentinel - Jonathan Edward L. Chua

After their names were announced, the Committee opened the floor for any further nominations or recommendations. Hearing none, the nomination was declared closed and the recommended officers were declared as unanimously elected and appointed. M.E. Comp. Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr., PGHP, motioned to cast the unanimous vote and was seconded by M.E. Companion Nestor V. Tampol. The said motion was approved.

# XV. PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST CERTIFICATE, CARD AND PIN.

M.E. Companion Genesis V. Aquino was then presented with his Past Grand High Priest Certificate, Card and Lapel Pin from the General Grand Chapter by R.E. Companion Edgar D. Lim and M.E. Companion Evaristo A. Leviste, PGHP.

# XVI. INSTALLATION OF 2019-2020 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The newly elected Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Juanito P. Abergas then requested the Past Grand High Priest M. E. Comp. Evaristo A. Leviste to install him and his officers. R. E. Comp. Edgar D. Lim acted as the Installing Master of Ceremonies and R.E. Companion Emmanuel R. Bravo as Installing Grand Chaplain.

#### XVII. INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED GRAND HIGH PRIEST

The newly installed Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Juanito P. Abergas delivered his inaugural speech:

"Let me just share with you this afternoon some of my thoughts on Lodge Management that we can all address as it is equally interchangeable and compatible with our situation in our Royal Arch Chapters.

First, Lodge/Chapter membership growth, and Second, lodge/Chapter participation.

In the matter of Lodge membership growth, it seems to me that the most common and perennial problem that confronts a lodge is how to increase its membership. In this regard, there are at least two circumstances that work against the rapid growth of lodge membership, compared to other secular organizations. Firstly, in our Blue Lodge Freemasonry is the prohibition by our rules and regulations against inviting persons to join the fraternity. Secondly, in the Royal Arch Chapter, one simply applies for membership because he was invited, or sought membership on his own volition.

The other circumstance that works against the growth of membership is the unanimity rule which requires that after a petitioner shall have applied on his own free will and accord, the approval by Lodge/Chapter of his petition requires the unanimous vote of all members present. This has always been the rule on admission and to relax the rule is so fraught with grave dangers that the character of Masonry might change with a relaxation of the rule. You and I know, of course, that in some occasions, we do not always get a unanimous ballot. Membership in the York Rite bodies will depend on the number of petitioners admitted in any particular Chapter

But apart from looking outside the fraternity for membership, why not instead look inside? Let me explain.

On the matter of membership. A Master, albeit, the Excellent High Priest then ought to manage the activities of his Lodge or Chapter; and not do it alone.

One segment of the membership of a Lodge/Chapter that, in my observation, has not been properly harnessed, is that group which we refer to as PM/PHP by virtue of their having occupied the Oriental chair at one time. They are a rich source of ideas.

PMs/PHPs are, by and large, a sensitive group. Having been in the center of things during their term they long to be given that recognition that they believe they are entitled to, even if it is just a minor role in degree work. The point is, we should not neglect the participation of our PM/PHP in lodge/chapter activities. They should, as a matter of policy, be asked to participate. In the manner, a Master/High Priest can develop a core group of dedicated members that can assist him in managing the concerns of his lodge and get everyone else to participate.

My hope is to see all PMs/PHPs playing active roles in their respective lodges/chapters. The sitting Master/High Priest can avail himself of the experience or expertise of this group, or he may not. The is for him to ponder upon and decide.

It is possible of course that you may not be able to please every member and some may even go so far as to criticize your programs but learn to take each in stride. Divided, we can accomplish nothing; united we will not fail our fraternity. The name of the game is harmony, and in this connection as we continue to improve ourselves in Masonry, we are indeed improving life. We know from history that without ideas to guide us in the garden of a man's life we will not grow into a place of beauty.

Thank for your kind attention and good afternoon!

# XVIII. CLOSING OF THE 66<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CONVOCATION

After the inaugural address, M. E. Comp. Juanito P. Abergas, went on to close the 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation at 12:35 p.m. with a closing prayer. Peace and Harmony prevailing.

# XIX. FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Fraternal fellowship luncheon was held at the Ground Floor of Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, courtesy of the newly installed Grand High Priest.

# GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. Roll of Grand Secretaries & Grand Representatives

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1989	WILFREDO C. VALENCIA +	2007	RODEL RIEZL S. REYES
1990	LEOPOLDO G. DE LA ROSA *	2008	ANTONIO J. LIMPOCO, III
1991	SETH H. TUGONON	2009	LOUIE THOM-ARMAN E. YU
1992	JOSE T. ERANDIO	2010	VICTOR ANTONIO T. ESPEJO
1993	ROMEO S. MUSNGI+	2011	JOSEPH MICHAEL C. SAPAULA
1994	NESTOR V. TAMPOL	2012	EMMAN JAMES H. GONOWON *
1995	ROSENDO C. HERRERA	2013	JESS ZACHAEL B. ESPEJO
1996	JOSE A. I. MAGBANUA	2014	ARTHUR ALLAN PONCE
1997	FRANCISCO M. LOVERO *	2015	no awardee
1998	EDGARDO S. DELMO	2016	ADRIANO B. DURANO
1999	ROMEO S. MUSNGI +	2017	MICHAEL FRANCIS M. PEREZ
2000	FREDERICK F. DUNSMOOR +	2018	DEXTER Y. MACROHON
2001	JAMES UY HIAN BENG +		
2002	JOSE R. DIZON		
2003	DEAN F. CAPUCAO		

<sup>+</sup> Deceased

<sup>\*</sup> Expunged

#### Recipient of the 2019

## GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

### **CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR**



## **LUKE T. JICKAIN**G.R. CARIAGA MEMORIAL COUNCIL NO. 7

#### Recipients of previous years

1986	DOMINADOR G. CRISOSTOMO +	2003	ROBERT E. DeLODGE +
1987	RODOLFO H. CARDONA +	2004	JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN
1988	HENRY T. ANG-HESSING +	2005	EDWARD Y. CHUA
1989	REYNALDO V. PAZ +	2006	HORACIO S. GONZALEZ
1990	LEOPOLDO G. DE LA ROSA *	2007	NICCOLO VITTORIO A. GO
1991	GIGI R. ANCAJAS +	2008	JONATHAN L. CHUA
1992	EVARISTO A. LEVISTE	2009	VICTORINO A. FLORO, III
1993	TEODORO B. GONZALES	2010	MANUEL LIAM C. GARCIA
1994	HERMENO A. PALAMINE	2011	ELMER D. GARCIA
1995	VICENTE B. ABRIL	2012	LOUIE THOM-ARMAN E. YU
1996	JOSE R. DIZON	2013	NEIL O. MENGUITO
1997	JESUS G. REMONTE, JR. +	2014	ORLANDO M. MABUTAS
1998	FREDERICK G. DUMLAO +	2015	no awardee
1999	MARIANO J. REMOQUILLO +	2016	ROLAND VINCENT GARCIA
2000	JOHN D. ESTES	2017	ARLEN P. DE GUZMAN
2001	BENITO C. ANG	2018	GENESIS V. AQUINO
2002	ROGER R. REBANAL		

+Deceased

#### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL

#### **RONALD L. THOMAS RITUALIST AWARD**



#### **ORLANDO M. MABUTAS**

CAPITOL COUNCIL NO. 13 (FIRST AWARDEE FOR THIS GRAND JURISDICTION)

#### **ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT**



# MCKENTYRE V. CABRERA - CAPITOL COUNCIL NO. 13 JOMEL DENNIS MARANAN - LUZON COUNCIL NO. 9

#### PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:

2012 VICTORINO A. FLORO III MANUEL LIAM C. GARCIA

2014 EVARISTO A. LEVISTE

#### Recipient of the 2019

### GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF THE PHILIPPINES

#### **DAMASON TRIA CRYPTIC SERVICE AWARD**



## **JEFFREY R. BOTE**MAKATI COUNCIL NO. 14

#### Previous Recipients:

EMMANUEL R. BRAVO	-	2006
RONALD ALLAN E. FABIAN	-	2007
JOMEL DENNIS L. MARANAN	-	2008
FRANK H. STEVENS	-	2009
HONESTO S. LUBAG	-	2010
FERDINAND R. ROQUE	-	2011
ELISEO B. FAJARDO, JR.	-	2012
NOEL E. NODALO	-	2013
GERALD D.EGE	-	2014
NIÑO ESPIRITU	-	2015
MCKENTYRE V. CABRERA	-	2016
MANOLO C. TEODORO	-	2017
ALBERT J. ENCARNACION	-	2018

# 63<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE PHILIPPINES

#### OF THE PHILIPPINES

Held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila October 18, 2019 at 1:30 P.M.

#### I. OPENING

The 63<sup>nd</sup> Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines was opened at 2:15 P.M. by the Companions of Luzon Council No. 9 in full ceremonial form. Those who opened the Grand Assembly were as follows:

Illustrious Master
Deputy Master

Principal Conductor of the Work

Treasurer Recorder Chaplain

Captain of the Guard Conductor of Council

Steward Sentinel - Emmanuel R. Bravo

- Pravin Thakur Sharma

- Sherwin SJ. Enriquez

- Rizal D. Meru

- Jeffrey R. Bote

- Honesto S. Lubag

- Don O. Dayandayan

- Ronald E. Fabian

- Michael R. Bravo

- Napoleon A. Ramiro

#### **II. RECEPTION**

- 1. Most Illustrious Companion Victorino A. Floro III, Most Illustrious Grand Master was received in the customary Cryptic practice and after relinquishing the gavel by the presiding Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, the Illustrious Grand Master M.I. Comp. Floro III declared the 63<sup>rd</sup> Grand Assembly open for business.
- 2. Next to be received were the Foreign and Regional Dignitaries in the following order:

Most Excellent Companion Stewart Cameron Sloan Honorary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland

Right Illustrious Companion Romulo M. Capuno Grand Representative of The Grand Council of Virginia to the Philippines

#### R. P. Companion Sidney J. Leluan III

Past Right Puissant Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle

General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International accompanied by R.P. Companion Jonathan Edward L. Chua, Regional Deputy General Grand Master for Asia and the Pacific and M.I. Companion Nestor V. Tampol, PIGM and Ambassador to the Philippines

#### 3. The following Past Illustrious Grand Masters were then received:

Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr.	1992
Robert E. Savellon	1998
Evaristo A. Leviste	2001
Nestor V. Tampol	2006
Rafael J. Roxas	2008
Roger R. Rebanal	2012
Edgar Lim	2014
Romulo B. Pisig (Honorary)	2012
Gregory B. Blas	2016
Jerry C. Townsend (Honorary)	

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#### III. WELCOME ADDRESS

M. I. Comp. Victorino A. Floro III, Most Illustrious Grand Master delivered his welcome remarks:

"In behalf of the Officers and Members of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines, and of my own, I welcome you to this 63rd Grand Assembly. I thank you for attending this Grand Assembly on this regular working day. I am fully aware of your sacrifices in coming here, but I believe that your efforts shall be amply compensated.

I feel proud and elated in knowing that in this Jurisdiction, there are members conscious of their responsibilities and obligations. With your presence, we shall be able to accomplish much and successfully attain our goal with your interests on its behalf. Companions, again I welcome you."

#### **IV. ROLL CALL**

#### 1. Grand Officers

With the exception of R.I. Arlen P. De Guzman (excused) and Romeo Gregorio N. Macasaet III (excused), all officers of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of the Philippines were present.

#### 2. Supervisors

The following supervisors were present:

Rolando G. Biscarra - Plaridel York Rite Pravin T. Sharma - Manila York Rite

Honesto S. Lubag - Victorino Floro York Rite

Gregory B. Blas - Guam York Rite

Louie Thom- Arman E. Yu - Misamis York Rite, Pagadian Fidelity RAM UD

Dexter L. Ng
- Bukidnon York Rite Bodies
- Cavite York Rite Bodies
- Cavite York Rite Bodies
- Pampanga York Rite Bodies

#### 3. Constituent Councils:

Oriental Council No. 1	= 9	Eastern Visayas Council No. 19	= 0
Kalayaan Council No. 4	= 9	Haribon Council No. 20	= 13
Guam Council No. 5	= 2	Victorino Floro Sr. Mem. Council No. 21	= 5
Alpha Council No. 6	= 0	Bukidnon Council No. 22	= 2
G.R. Cariaga Mem. Council No. 7	= 6	Subanen Council No. 23	= 6
Luzon Council No. 9	= 9	Chamber of Light Council No. 24	= 1
Camarines Sur Council No. 10	= 0	Sinukuan Council No. 25	= 0
Pilipinas Council No. 11	= 7	Urdaneta Council No. 26	= 1
Sugbu Council No. 12	= 2	Malolos Council No.	= 2
Capitol Council No. 13	= 2	Laong Laan Council No. 28	= 5
Makati Council No. 14	= 5		

After the roll call, the Grand Recorder Evaristo A. Leviste, PIGM, declared and certified that there is a QUORUM.

#### 4. Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Councils present were as follows:

Romulo B. Pisig Alabama
Jomel Dennis L. Maranan South Australia

Luke T. Jickain West Australia, Victoria

Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr. Brazil
Manuel Liam C. Garcia California
Evaristo A. Leviste Delaware

Rafael J. Roxas England & Wales

George M. Cang. Jr. Florida Gabriel A. Comia, Jr. Hawaii Emmanuel R. Bravo Idaho Edgar D. Lim Illinois Victorino A. Floro, III lowa Rolando G. Biscarra Kentucky Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr. Maryland Genesis V. Aquino Michigan Edwin Mark P. Abrazaldo Minnesota Albert J. Encarnacion Mississippi Victorino A. Floro, III Nebraska Jonathan Edward L. Chua **New Hampshire** Gregory B. Blas New Jersev Nestor V. Tampol **New Mexico** Rodel Riezl S. Reyes New York Jeffrey R. Bote New Zealand Honesto S. Lubag North Carolina

Jose A. Magbanua Ohio
Manuel Liam C. Garcia Oklahoma
Robert E. Savellon Ontario, Canada

Jonathan Edward L. Chua Oregon Roger R. Rebanal Pennsylvania Nestor V. Tampol South Carolina Ferdinand R. Roque Tennessee Don O. Dayandayan Utah Juanito P. Abergas Vermont Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr. Washington Manuel Liam C. Garcia Wisconsin

#### **EXCUSED:**

Victorino R. Floro, Jr. Arkansas
Arlen P. de Guzman Connecticut
Gregorio A. Vicente, Jr. North Dakota

The Illustrious Grand Master acknowledged the Grand Representatives:

"Illustrious Companions, I welcome you all to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Grand Assembly. It is indeed an honor to our Grand Council to have you with us on this occasion.

Kindly convey to your Grand Councils our sincerest greetings. Apprise them of our desire to serve them as you serve us to our mutual benefit.

Again, Welcome Illustrious Companions and may you enjoy fully our deliberations here with complete understanding. Please see that our Proceedings are all for the growth of Cryptic Masonry and proper implementation of its principles.

Thank you!"

Responding in behalf of the Grand Representatives was Illustrious Companion Rodel Riezl S. Reyes of New York:

"Most Illustrious Grand Master Victorino A. Floro, Ill, Most Puissant David A. Grindle General Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, Dignitaries in the East as well as on the floor, Companions. Good afternoon! Thank you for the warm reception that was accorded us. We bring warm fraternal greetings from our respective Sister Grand Councils of Cryptic Masons whithersoever dispersed on this occasion of the 63rd Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the Philippines.

Our sincere appreciation for the honor, trust and confidence you have afforded us in the performance of our respective duties.

We vow to continue to commit ourselves to keep our fraternal relationship in a harmonious and mutual manner with our respective Grand Bodies.

Finally, our sincerest congratulations to you and your Grand Officers for the fruitful performance of your duty throughout this Cryptic year.

May the Great Architect bless all of us in the coming new Cryptic year."

#### V. APPROVAL OF THE 2018 ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

Most Illustrious Companion Evaristo A. Leviste presented a motion to approve the 2018 Annual Proceedings. It was seconded by Illustrious Companion Jeffrey R. Bote. The Proceedings were approved, subject to corrections of errors and omissions.

#### VI. ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

#### 1. Illustrious Grand Master

"Good Morning Companions. A year ago, you had reposed your trust and confidence in me as you most Illustrious Grand Master of this Grand Council.

Our first activity after our installation was to meet with the then Grand High Priest Genesis V. Aquino, Grand Commander Victor Antonio T. Espejo, Grand Recorder/Secretary Evaristo A. Leviste, and Grand Treasurer Rafael J. Roxas. This was to determine and clarify the work to be done for the Grand Bodies for the forthcoming year. The untimely demise of Companions Danilo C. Datu, Sr. and Isaac

F. Arribas, Jr. resulted in the work being seriously incomplete. I will not go into this in detail except to say that Companion Gene Aquino and I have agreed to continue the necessary work by serving the Grand Chapter and Grand Council for as long as our services are required. We will need your kind understanding and assistance in this. We have planned our monthly and quarterly meetings to be open for all Grand York Rite Officers, Past and Incumbent, for we believe that the continued success of our Grand York Rite requires the active involvement of all its officers. We will be issuing the corresponding Circulars on this.

On a more pleasant note, we were able to visit most of the constituent Councils throughout the country; some for Installation of Officers, and some simply as guests. We maintained our good relationship with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines by attending its various activities including the courtesy calls on MW Grand Master Suan in January and participation in the Independence Day Celebration last June 12, 2018. Our call on MW Suan last June 12 was memorable as we convinced The Grand Master to become a York Rite Mason like we had previously done with MW Romeo Momo during his term last year.

Another Cryptic Year is about to close. Our work, although difficult and frustrating at times, has been overall an enjoyable one. The absolute cooperation among the Officers and Members were the key to the small degree of success we have in our efforts. Companions, it is a pleasure and privilege to work with all of you. My heartfelt thanks go to all of you for the opportunity to be of service as your Grand Master and for the assistance you have given me which is greatly appreciated. Lastly, it is my sincere hope that you continue to cooperate and work with our incoming Grand Master and his Officers of the Grand Council.

#### Thank you and Good day!"

2. The Grand Treasurer, Most Illustrious Rafael J. Roxas, PIGM made his financial report. Motion for the acceptance of his report made by M.I. Evaristo A. Leviste, PIGM seconded by Illustrious Companion Rodel Riezl S. Reyes. The report was approved, subject to the usual audit.

### GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Balance Beginning In The Treasury:

China Bank CA-SA 1520894517 Total Cash Balance Beginning	P 232,047.97	P 232,047.97
Add: Receipts 2018		
Per Capita Dues	P 236,755.00	
Degree Fees	21,000.00	
Dispensation Fee	7,000.00	
Charter Fee	10,000.00	
Registration	3,000.00	
Council Officers Apron, collars	48,000.00	
Member's Certificates	1,200.00	
PIM Certificates	1,750.00	
PIM Jewels	2,000.00	
Monitors	4,125.00	
Apron	1,200.00	
Bank Interest	422.40	
Total Receipts		P336,452.40
Total Accountability		P 568,500.37
Deduct: Disbursements 2018		
Per Capita 2017 Gd. Council Int'l.	P 48.650.00	
Office Staff Allowances	45,000.00	
Office rentals	22,800.00	
Hotel Accommodation (W. Snyder)	16,800.00	
Electricity	4,221.63	
PLDT	7,864.19	
Stamps/LBC	190.00	
Council Officer's Apron	31,000.00	
Proceedings 2017	34,000.00	
Program 2018	6,500.00	
Office Supplies	7,759.60	
Laundry Apron/Altar Cover	2,500.00	
Janitorial	2,500.00	
Token in Memory of DCD, Sr.	5,000.00	
Flowers (DCD,Sr.)	3,000.00	
Transportation	4,000.00	
W/holding Tax	84.35	
Total Disbursements		P 251,869.77
Balance Against Receipts and Disb	ursements	P316,630.60
China Bank CA-SA 1520894517		

RAFAEL J. ROXAS, PIGM

P316,630.60

**Grand Treasurer** 

3. The Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Evaristo Leviste then made his Recorder's report and moved for acceptance of the report after. The motion was seconded by Illustrious Companion Ferdinand R. Roque. The Report was approved.

Recapitulation of Active Constituent Councils and their Membership For the Year Ending December 31, 2018

#### **Subordinate Councils Regularly Operating:**

1.	Oriental Council No. 1, R&SM	- Manila
2.	Kalayaan Council No.4, R&SM	- Cavite City
3.	Guam Council No.5, R&SM	- Guam, USA
4.	Alpha Council No. 6, R.& S.M.	- Bacolod City
5.	G.R. Cariaga Mem.Council No.7, R&SM	- Manila
6.	Luzon Council No.9, R&SM	- Manila
7.	Camarines Sur Council No.10, R.&S.M.	- Naga City
8.	Pilipinas Council No.11, R&SM	- Manila
9.	Sugbu Council No.12, R&SM	- Cebu City
10.	Capitol Council No. 13, R.&S.M.	- Quezon City
11.	Makati Council No. 14, R.&S.M.	- Makati City
12.	Eastern Visayas Council No.19, R&SM	- Tacloban City
13.	Haribon Council No.20, R&SM	- Davao City
14.	Victorino Floro, Sr. Mem.Council No.21, R&SM	- Manila
15.	Bukidnon Council No. 22, R.&SM	- Bukidnon
16.	Subanen Council No. 23, R.&S.M.	- Misamis Occidental
17	Chamber of Light Council No. 24, R.&S.M.	- Cagayan de Oro City
18	Sinukuan Council No. 25, R.&S.M.	- Pampanga
19.	Urdaneta Council 26 , R.&S.M.	- Urdaneta City, Pangasinan
20.	Malolos Council No. 27, R. & S.M.	- Malolos, Bulacan
21.	Laong Laan Council No.28, R. & S.M.	- Taytay, Rizal

#### Membership:

Number of Companions in last Report		379
Companions Greeted	- 26	
Companions Affiliated	- 1	
Companions Reinstated	- 4	
Error Last Report	- 0	
Total		<u>31</u>
Gross		410
Deduct:		
Demitted	- 5	
SNPD	- 52	-
Died	- 4	
Dropped Lost Contact	- 7	
Total Loss		(68)
Gross (Loss) Gain		
Total Members as of December 31,2018		342

#### **EVARISTO A. LEVISTE, PIGM**

**Grand Recorder** 

#### **VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master then announced the several working committees to render their reports if any:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

Illustrious Companion Manuel Liam C. Garcia reported that the committee was in the middle of reviewing the current draft of the proposed Constitution and by-laws of all the Grand Bodies when suddenly M.I. Companion Danilo C. Datu, Sr. dropped his working tools. The Committee had to drop the review and defer the submission of the draft for approval because it had to take over the workload of doing the proceedings and all the other duties of the Grand Secretary/Recorder. He then set the date for the Committee to submit the approved draft within 6 months starting November 2019.

#### VIII. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- Michael Benjamin submitted a joint resolution of Plaridel and Rizal York Rite bodies on establishing a central governing body for the Grand York Rite. The Illustrious Grand Master referred the said resolution to the Jurisprudence Committee to study the proposed resolution.
- 2. M.I. Companion Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr. reiterated that the actual Grand Officers are supposed to open the Grand Council as passed in the last Grand Assembly. Secondly, he suggested that the Grand Line Officers should be the ones to be appointed as Supervisors to be able to show their involvement in the Grand Bodies of the Rite and to be more visible in the local subordinate bodies. Lastly, he asserted that the Constitution and Bylaws should come out within 6 months to give time for everybody to review and to comment with ample time before the Grand Sessions on October 2020.

#### IX. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AWARDS

The 2019 Cryptic Mason of the Year Award was presented to Companion Luke T. Jickain of GR Cariaga Council No.7, R. & S.M.

The 2019 Adult Leadership Award was presented to Illustrious Companion McKentyre V. Cabrera of Capitol Council No. 13, R. & S.M.

The first recipient for the Philippines of the General Grand Council Ronald L. Thomas Ritualist Award was given to Illustrious Companion Orlando M. Mabutas, the Illustrious Master of Capitol Council Antonio P. Eugenio received the award in his behalf.

#### X. PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 DAMASO TRIA CRYPTIC SERVICE AWARD

The 2019 Damaso C. Tria Cryptic Service Award was presented to Illustrious Companion Jeffrey R. Bote of Makati Council No. 14. R.& S.M.

#### XI. CONFERRAL OF THE ORDER OF THE SECRET VAULT

The General Grand Master, Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle, with the assistance of RPGGM Jonathan Edward L. Chua, OSV and MI Grand Master Victorino A. Floro III, OSV conferred the Order of the Secret Vault upon RI Jomel Dennis L. Maranan and Illustrious Companion McKentyre V. Cabrera.

#### XII. ELECTION OF 2019-2020 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

The nominating committee submitted to the Grand Council the list of nominees for the new set of Grand Officers for 2019-2020. The following are the names:

Illustrious Grand Master

Deputy Illustrious Grand Master - Jomel Dennis L. Maranan

Grand Prin. Cond. Of the Work

Grand Treasurer Grand Recorder

Assistant Grand Recorder

Grand Chaplain

Grand Marshal

Grand Captain of the Guard

Grand Conductor of Council

Grand Steward

Grand Lecturer Grand Sentinel

- Emmanuel R. Bravo

- Manuel Liam C. Garcia, OSV

- Rafael J. Roxas, PIGM KYGCH

- Evaristo A. Leviste, PIGM, KYGCH OSV

- Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.

- Nestor V. Tampol, PIGM, KYGCH, OSV

- Ruel L. Ditan

- Arlen P. De Guzman OSV

- Romeo Gregorio N. Macasaet III, OSV

- Genesis V. Aquino

- Jerry O. Booc

- Louie Thom-Arman E. Yu

After their names were announced, the Committee opened the floor for any further nominations or recommendations. Hearing none, the nomination was declared closed and the recommended officers were declared as unanimously elected and appointed. Right Illustrious. Comp. Evaristo A. Leviste, moved to cast the unanimous vote, which was seconded by Illustrious Companion Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.

## XIII. PRESENTATION OF PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER'S CERTIFICATE AND PIN.

M.I. Companion Victorino A. Floro III was then presented with his Past Illustrious Grand Master's Certificate and Lapel Pin from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International by Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle, General Grand Master. He was also presented his Past Illustrious Grand Master's jewel by R.I. Emmanuel R. Bravo.

#### XIV. KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE GENERAL GRAND MASTER

M. P. Companion David Grindle sent to the Grand Assembly his greeting in behalf of all Cryptic Masons Worldwide. He congratulated the Grand Council of the Philippines for being well run and efficient. He then discussed about the several awards of the General Grand Council to consider for deserving Companions. He brought to the attention of all present, fairly new awards of the General Grand Council, these were the Veterans Medal and the First Responder's Award. He explained how these awards can be used for getting the word out about Masonry in our communities.

The General Grand Master stressed that Companions and Brethren should be building relationships by practicing the tenets of Brotherly love, Relief and Truth in our daily lives. We should make our fellow masons believe and live this through our example. This, the GGM stated, will make Masonry strong. A strong fraternity will automatically make York Rite Masonry strong. And when all Masonry is strong, we extend it to the outside world and make it a better place.

Lastly, the GGM thanked all the Companions for all the courtesies that have been extended to him through the years.

#### XV. INSTALLATION OF 2019-2020 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

The newly elected Illustrious Grand Master, M. I. Comp. Emmanuel R. Bravo then requested the General Grand Master, Most Puissant Companion David A. Grindle to be his Installing Officer, with Most Illustrious Companion Evaristo A. Leviste, PIGM as

Installing Marshal and Most Illustrious Nestor V. Tampol, PIGM as Installing Grand Chaplain.

## XVI. INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

The newly installed Most Illustrious Grand Master Emmanuel R. Bravo delivered his inaugural address:

"As I embark on another masonic journey, let me manifest my profoundest gratitude to our GAOTU for this once in a lifetime opportunity to be your IGM. Similar gratitude is given to Luzon York Rite Bodies especially to Luzon Council No. 9 where I belong and whose members have assisted me in opening the Grand Council this afternoon. As always, I am looking forward to a bright term of incumbency with much cooperation expected from the Subordinate Councils underscoring quality membership as precedence to a vibrant and well attended Stated Meetings. I do believe that no number of plans nor any programs will be beneficial to our ancient craft if there won't be continuity in its implementation. Thus, let us just continue and sustain all the good deeds done by the past and being done by the present for the benefit of the Companions in particular and of York Rite in general. Rest assured, you have my steadfast commitment to the Councils of Royal and Select Masters within our jurisdiction and to all Cryptic Companions withersoever dispersed. Lest I forget, I would like to congratulate the immediate past presiding officers led by the IPMIGM Victorino Floro III for their equal share of responsibility they have taken in leading the Grand Council from last year to date.

To all Companions present, my heartfelt thanks for your dedication and support to York Rite by taking time out from your hectic schedules just to attend our Grand Assembly today. Let us therefore enjoy our Grand Reunion for the rest of the day. A pleasant afternoon to all!

#### XVII. CLOSING OF THE 63rd ANNUAL GRAND ASSEMBLY

After the inaugural address, M. I. Comp. Emmanuel R. Bravo went on to close the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly at 5:20 p.m. with a closing prayer, peace and harmony prevailing amongst the Companions.

#### XVIII. FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP - MERIENDA AND DINNER

Fraternal Merienda was held at the Ground Floor of Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, courtesy of the newly-installed Illustrious Grand Master, followed by a fellowship at the Uno Seafoods Restaurant at 7:00 pm which was hosted by Grand Officers.

## GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S.M. Roll of Grand Recorders & Grand Representatives

JURISDICTION	GRAND RECORDER	GRAND REPRESENTATIVES		
		Near the Philippines	Near Other Jurisdiction	
ALABAMA (AL)	Hiram O. Williams, Jr. grandyorkriteofal@hotmail.com	Romulo B. Pisig 18 Balsahan Street Naic, Cavite	James Blanteno 189 Bates Road Toney,AL.35773	
ALASKA (AK)	Dennis Oakland Dennis86@ mtaonline.net	Evaristo A. Leviste 27 New Delhi St. BF Homes Las Pinas City		
ARIZONA (AZ)	George E. Weil azyr.secrec@gmail.com	Rico O. Ibonia Lot 27, Block 6, Pioneer Village, Buhangin, Davao City 8000	Sidney J. Leluan, III 2206 N. Country Club Dr. Tucson, AZ 85716- 3116	
ARKANSAS (AR)	Dick E. Browning, Sr. gsr@aryorkrite.org	Victorino R. Floro, Jr. 500 Carlos Palanca St. Quiapo, Manila	John T. Elliott 127 Patrick Lane El Dorado, AR 71730	
AUSTRALIA, NEW SOUTH WALES	John S. Williams	Jonlanie E. Malones jmalones@yahoo.com		
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1986	SK Benjamin C. MacMurray, Jr. +	2003	SK Benito C. Ang
1987	SK Regalado B. Manimtim +	2004	SK Gregory B. Blas
1988	SK Horosi S. Aguiling +	2005	SK Edward Y. Chua
1989	SK Abelardo T. Camahalan	2006	SK Manuel Liam C. Garcia
1990	SK Conrado V. Sanga +	2007	SK Roger R. Rebanal
1991	SK Isaac F. Arribas, Jr. +	2008	SK Carlo A. Hilario +
1992	SK Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr.	2009	SK Romeo S. Musngi+
1993	SK Robert E. Savellon	2010	SK Romulo B. Pisig
1994	SK Evaristo A. Leviste	2011	SK Emmanuel R. Bravo
1995	SK Victorino R. Floro, Jr.	2012	SK Rodel Riezl S. Reyes
1996	SK Carlos G. Aguba +	2013	SK Ramil V. Huele
1997	SK Reynaldo V. Paz +	2014	SK Orlando P. Mabutas
1998	SK Antonio A. Tuason	2015	SK Dexter L. Ng
1999	SK Fidel S. Chua+	2016	SK Rolando G. Biscarra
2000	SK Francisco M. Lovero	2017	SK Giovanni A. Villegas
2001	SK Nestor V. Tampol	2018	SK Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr.
2002	SK Danilo C. Datu, Sr. +		

# GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE – 2019



## **QUIRINO B. PARRILLA**ST. BERNARD D'CLAIRVAUX COMMANDERY NO.22

#### Previous Recipients

SK	ISAAC F. ARRIBAS, JR. +	2009	SK ROMEO S. MUSNGI+	2010
SK	DANILO C. DATU, SR. +	2009	SK HERMENO A. PALAMINE	2010
SK	MAGDALENO B. DIMARANAN +	2009	SK AMADOR D. REYES	2010
SK	JOHN D. ESTES	2009	SK RAFAEL J. ROXAS	2010
SK	CRISPULO M. FERNANDEZ, JR.	2009	SK CONRADO V. SANGA +	2010
SK	VICTORINO R. FLORO, JR.	2009	SK ROBERT E. SAVELLON	2010
SK	EVARISTO A. LEVISTE	2009	SK NESTOR V. TAMPOL	2010
SK	REYNALDO V. PAZ +	2009	SK ANTONIO A. TUASON	2011
SK	CARLOS G. AGUBA +.	2010	SK JONATHAN EDWARD L. CHUA	2011
SK	BENITO C. ANG	2010	SK RODEL RIEZL S. REYES	2011
SK	GENESIS V. AQUINO	2010	SK GREGORIO A. VICENTE, JR.	2011
SK	GREGORY B. BLAS	2010	SK FORTUNATO G. CAGAS, JR.	2012
SK	EMMANUEL R. BRAVO	2010	SK ROGELIO T. TORRICES	2014
SK	EDWARD Y. CHUA	2010	SK VICTOR ANTONIO T. ESPEJO	2014
SK	VICTORINO A. FLORO, III	2010	SK MARIANO J. REMOQUILLO +	2014
SK	ELMER G. GARCIA	2010	SK XERXEZ S. CORONADO	2015
SK	MANUEL LIAM C. GARCIA	2010	SK HERNANI B. LOPEZ+	2016
SK	FRANCISCO M. LOVERO*	2010	SK ROMEO GREGORIO N. MACASAET	2017
SK	JOSE AVELINO I. MAGBANUA	2010	SK EDGAR D. LIM	2017
SK	FERNANDO S. MARIANO+	2010	SK RUEL L. DITAN	2018

<sup>+</sup>Deceased

<sup>\*</sup>Expunged

2019
RAYMOND E. WILMARTH CHIVALRIC SERVICE AWARD



#### ALBERT J. ENCARNACION RAJAH COMMANDERY NO. 20

#### Previous recipients:

S.K. Gregorio A. Vicente, Jr.	-	2006
S.K. Fortunato T. Cagas, Jr.	-	2007
S.K. Horacio S. Gonzalez	-	2008
S.K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia	-	2009
S.K. Kristoffer E. Purisima	-	2010
SK Gabriel C. Comia, Jr.	-	2011
S.K. Emanuel R. Bravo	-	2012
S.K. Jomel Dennis L. Maranan	-	2013
S.K Emerson M. Mañibo	-	2014
S.K. Neil O. Menguito	-	2015
S.K. Senen P. Abing, Jr.	-	2016
S.K. Ryan M. Felipe	-	2017
S.K. Jude Thaddeus T. Tan	-	2018

+ Deceased

#### KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION GRAND MASTER'S CRUSADER CROSS



# **DEXTER L. NG** – RAJAH COMMANDERY NO. 20 (2<sup>ND</sup>) **FLORENCIO B. NAZARENO** – CAVITE COMMANDERY NO.7 (1<sup>ST</sup>)

#### Previous Recipients:

Evaristo A. Leviste, Pilipinas Commandery No. 11 (1st) Dexter L. Ng, Rajah Commandery No. 20 (1st) Alan P. Sombito, Rajah Commandery No. 20 (1st)

### 57th ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

#### OF THE PHILIPPINES

Held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila October 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

#### I. OPENING

A Grand Conclave was convened and opened at 9:00 A.M. by S.K. Edgar D. Lim in ample form assisted by the following officers:

Deputy Grand Commander - S.K. Ruel L. Ditan

Grand Generalissimo - S.K. Florencio B. Nazareno Grand Capt. General - S.K. Arlen P. de Guzman **Grand Treasurer** - S.K. Rafael J. Roxas

Grand Recorder - S.K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia Grand Senior Warden - S.K. Randy A. de Leon Grand Junior Warden - S.K. Genesis V. Aquino Grand Prelate - S.K. Nestor V. Tampol Grand Standard Bearer - S.K. Gerald D. Ege

Grand Sword Bearer - S.K. Antonio P. Eugenio

Grand Warder - S.K. Dexter L. Ng

Grand Sentinel - S.K. Emmanuel R. Bravo

#### II. RECEPTION OF DIGNITARIES

After the opening ceremony, the following were received in order, by the Deputy Grand Commander S. K. Edgar D. Lim:

- 1. S.K. Romulo M. Capuno Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of KT of Virginia
- 2. M.P. Companion David A. Grindle Most Puissant General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Intl and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of KT of Idaho
- 3. Past Grand Commanders received were the following:

S.K. Victorino R. Floro, Jr. 2007 S.K. Robert E. Savellon 1998 S.K. Rafael J. Roxas 2010 S.K. Nestor V. Tampol 2011
S.K. Rogelio T. Torrices 2015
S.K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia 2016
S.K. Victorino A. Floro, III 2017
S.K. Romulo B. Pisig (Honorary)

#### 4. S.K. Sidney J. Leluan III

Right Eminent Department Commander for the Caribbean of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA

#### 5. S.K. Evaristo A. Leviste

Right Eminent Department Commander for Asia and the Pacific of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA and Past Grand Commander 2001.

#### 6. S.K. Jeffrey A. Bolstad

Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A.

#### III. FLAG CEREMONY

The Philippine flag and the United States flag were presented. This was followed by the singing of the Philippine national anthem and the American national anthem. Both flags were brought to their respective places in the East.

#### IV. WELCOME ADDRESS

The Grand Recorder read the welcome remarks of the Right Eminent Grand Commander SK Victor Antonio T. Espejo:

"Sir Knights, this year, this particular day marks the day I will retire. This is my last opportunity to communicate with as your Right Eminent Grand Commander.

In my Masonic Heart, and as a Knights Templar, I am very proud of our Grand Commandery and each and every one of you.

Unfortunately, we do not have enough time to spotlight individually the work that we had achieved, but it is evident that you are part in improving our Grand Commandery, and I congratulate you.

I thank you all for the support you had given me during my term and I believe that you will deliver the same, to our incoming Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Edgar Lim.

In unity and solidarity, let us continue the great work, exemplify the precepts we so heartily endorse, and do our utmost to promote the growth of our Grand Commandery.

May you all continue to be strong and resilient as ever ... dwell together in peace and harmony as brothers within this worldwide fraternity dedicated to the improvement of mankind.

As the sun sets on my term as your Right Eminent Grand Commander, it rises again with a new, faithful and true leadership,

Good day. Atten Shun!!!"

Victor Antonio T. Espejo, KCT Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines

#### V. REMARKS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

After being received, SK Evaristo A. Leviste, Right Eminent Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America for Asia and the Pacific, conveyed his thanks to the Eminent Grand Commander and the Escorts for a hearty reception and wished the Officers a fruitful and successful Conclave this year.

#### VI. ROLL CALL

#### Grand Officers

With the exception of REGC S.K. Victor Antonio T. Espejo (excused), S.K. Xerxez S. Coronado (excused), S.K. Orlando M. Mabutas (excused) and S.K. Hernani B. Lopez (deceased), all officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the Philippines were present.

#### 2. Supervisors present were:

Rolando G. Biscarra - Plaridel York Rite Bodies
Pravin Sharma - Manila York Rite Bodies

Honesto S. Lubag - Victorino Floro York Rite Bodies

Gregory B. Blas - Guam York Rite Bodies
Dexter L. Ng - Bukidnon York Rite Bodies

3. Constituent Commanderies and their delegates present were:

Far East Commandery No. 1	= 5	Makati Commandery No. 14	= 2
Guam Commandery No. 4	= 1	Eastern Visayas Commandery No. 19	= 0
Kalaw Commandery No. 5	= 9	Rajah Commandery No. 20	= 15
Negros Occidental Commandery No. 6	= 0	Victorino Floro Sr. Mem. Commandery No. 21	= 5
Cavite Commandery No. 7	= 9	Saint Bernard D' Clairvaux Commandery No. 22	= 2
Luzon Commandery No. 9	= 9	Masala Commandery No. 23	= 0
Bicolandia Commandery No. 10	= 0	Palaris Commandery No. 24	= 1
Pilipinas Commandery No. 11	= 5	Bulacan Commandery No. 25	= 5
Sugbu Commandery No. 12	= 2	Rizal Commandery No. 26	= 1
Capitol Commandery No. 13	= 4		

After the roll call, S. K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia, Grand Recorder certified that a QUORUM exists and the Grand Conclave may proceed with the business at hand.

4. Grand Representatives from Sister Grand Commanderies which resulted as follows:

Louie Thom-Arman E. Yu Alabama Jonathan Edward L. Chua California Albert J. Encarnacion Colorado George M. Cang, Jr. Delaware

Victorino R. Floro, Jr. Dist. of Columbia

Manuel Liam C. Garcia Idaho
Emmanuel R. Bravo Illinois
Robert E. Savellon Iowa
Gregory B. Blas Kansas
Rafael J. Roxas Maine
Nestor V. Tampol Maryland

Evaristo A. Leviste MA & Rhode Island

Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr. Michigan
Victorino A. Floro, III New Jersey
Rogelio T. Torrices North Carolina

#### Excused:

Rodel Riezl S. Reyes Kentucky Victor Antonio T. Espejo New York After the roll call, S.K. Emmanuel R. Bravo, speaking in behalf of the other Grand Representatives, being the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, thanked the Acting Grand Commander and all the Sir Knights present and courteously conveys the greetings from all Sister Grand Commanderies represented and hoped our Annual Grand Conclave to be successful and meaningful.

#### **Grand Commander's Response:**

The Acting Grand Commander welcomed and thanked all the Grand Representatives for being present during this Grand Conclave. He asked all the Grand Representatives to likewise convey our courteous felicitations and greetings to the sister Grand Commanderies and Right Eminent Grand Commanders they are representing.

#### VII. APPROVAL OF THE 2018 ANNUAL PROCEEDINGS

The Grand Recorder S.K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia then presented a motion to approve the 2018 Annual Proceedings, it was seconded by S.K. Rafael J. Roxas, PGC. The Proceedings were approved, subject to corrections of errors and omissions.

#### VIII. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

- 1. Knight Templar Eye Foundation Grand Master's Club Award with Crusader's Cross
  - a. Dexter L. Ng, Rajah Commandery No. 20
  - b. Alan P. Sombito, Rajah Commandery No. 20

#### 2. Grand Encampment

- a. Knights Templar Cross of Honor Juanito P. Abergas
   Far East Commandery No. 1
- b. Knight Commander of the Temple
   Quirino B. Parrilla
   St. Bernard D' Clairvaux No. 22

#### 3. Grand Commandery

a. 2019 Raymond E. Wilmarth Chivalric Service Award

Albert J. Encarnacion
 Rajah Commandery No. 20

#### 4. Grand York Rite of the Philippines

a. ANTONIO GONZALEZ ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

(Most Outstanding York Rite Mason of 2019)

 SK Manolo C. Teodoro Pilipinas York Rite Bodies

b. Most Outstanding Bodies of the Year - Davao York Rite Bodies

#### IX. ANNUAL REPORT OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

#### 3. Grand Commander 's Report

The Grand Commander rendered a brief report on his visitations to several Commanderies and his participation in the KTEF- Apl.De.Ap Foundation Campaign for Filipino Children program which was held at the Jose B. Lindo Memorial Regional Hospital in San Fernando, Pampanga

#### 4. Grand Treasurer

The Grand Treasurer, S. K. Rafael J. Roxas, PGC made his financial report. Motion for the acceptance of his report was made by S.K. Nestor V. Tampol, PGC and was seconded by S.K. Orlino H. Pacioles, Jr. The report was approved, subject to the usual audit.

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE PHILIPPINES Statement of Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018

Balance Beginning in The Treasury:				
China Bank CA-SA _1520894614	P 299,919.74			
Total Cash Beginning		P 299,919.74		
Add: Receipts 2018				
Per Capita Dues	P 396,050.00			
Degree Fees	21,000.00			
Dispensation Fee	7,000.00			
Charter Fee	10,000.00			
Registration	3,000.00			
Member's Certificates	1,275.00			
PEC Certificates	1,750.00			
PEC Jewels	2,000.00			
1 set of Veils	15,000.00			
Maltese Cross	4,200.00			

Red Cross	4,200.00				
Monitors	6,125.00				
Bank Interest	530.10				
Total Receipts		_	P 45	7,130.10	
Total Accountability			P 75	7,049.84	
Deduct: Disbursements 2018					
Grand Encampment 2017 Per Capita		P130,650.00			
Allowances Office Staff/13 <sup>th</sup> month		70,000.00			
X'mas Cheers (Guards/Janitors)		5,000.00			
Office rentals		22,800.00			
Electric		1,275.12			
P.L.D.T.		13,246.57			
Stamps/LBC		1,555.00			
Past Officers Jewels		25,000.00			
2 Sets of Veils		28,000.00			
Lettering (Certificates)		2,520.00			
Token in Memory (DCD, Sr.)		5,000.00			
Supplies		4,863.00			
Withholding Tax		106.02			
Transportation		10,000.00			
Bookbinding (Proceedings)		4,350.00			
Total Disbursements			<u>P 3</u>	26,315.71	
Balance Against Receipts and Disburser	ments		P 4	30,734.13	
Balance In The Treasury, December 31,	2018				P 430,734,13
Grand York Rite Freemasonry of the Ph	il., Inc. (15209	32819			P 506,902.89

RAFAEL J. ROXAS, PGC Grand Treasurer

#### 5. Grand Recorder

The Grand Recorder, S. K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia, PGC made his report. Motion for acceptance of the report was made by S.K. Jomel Dennis L. Maranan, and was seconded by S. K. Genesis V. Aquino. The Report was approved.

Recapitulation of Active Constituent Commanderies and their Membership for the Year Ending December 31, 2018

#### **Subordinate Commanderies:**

Far East Commandery No.1, K.T.
 Guam Commandery No.4, K.T.
 Kalaw Commandery No.5, K.T.
 Manila
 Guam, USA
 Manila

- 4. Negros Occidental Commandery No.6, K.T.
- 5. Cavite Commandery No.7, K.T.
- 6. Luzon Commandery No.9, K.T.
- 7. Bicolandia Commandery No. 10, K.T.
- 8. Pilipinas Commandery No.11, K.T.
- 9. Sugbu Commandery No.12, K.T.
- 10. Capitol Commandery No. 13, K.T.
- 11. Makati Commandery No. 14, K.T.
- 12. Eastern Visayas Commandery No.19, K.T.
- 13. Rajah Commandery No.20, K.T.
- 14. Victorino Floro, Sr. Mem.Commandery No.21
- 15. Saint Bernard D' Clairvaux Commandery No. 22, K.T.
- 16. Masala Commandery No.23 K.T.
- 17. Palaris Commandery No.24 K.T.
- 18. Bulacan Commandery No.25 K.T.
- 19. Rizal Commandery No. 26, K.T.

- Bacolod City
- Cavite City
- Manila
- Naga City
- Manila
- Cebu City
- Quezon City
- QUOZOIT OIL
- Makati City
- Tacloban City
- Davao City
- Manila
- Cagayan de Oro City
- Pampanga
- Urdaneta City, Pangasinan
- Malolos, Bulacan
- Taytay, Rizal

#### Membership:

Number of Knights Templar in Last Report				
Knighted	- 26			
Affiliated	- 1			
Reinstated	- 4			
Adjustments	- 0			
Total Gain		31		
Total		410		
Deduct:				
Demitted	- 5			
SNPD	- 52			
Deceased	- 4			
Dropped Lost Contact	- 7			
Total Loss		(68)		
Net Gain (- Loss)		-37		
Total Number of Knights as of Dece	ember 31,2018	342		

#### X. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The Right Eminent Grand Commander then announced the several working committees to render their reports if any:

#### 1. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

R.E. Companion Manuel Liam C. Garcia reported that the committee was in the middle of reviewing the current draft of the proposed Constitution and by-laws of

all the Grand Bodies when suddenly M.E. Companion Danilo C. Datu, Sr. dropped his working tools. The Committee had to drop the review and defer the submission of the draft for approval because it had to take over the workload of doing the proceedings and all the other duties of the Grand Secretary/Recorder. He then set the date for the Committee to submit the approved draft within 6 months starting November 2019.

#### **XI. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

- S.K. Michael Benjamin submitted a joint resolution of Plaridel and Rizal York Rite bodies on establishing a central governing body for the Grand York Rite. The Acting Right Eminent Grand Commander referred the said resolution to the Jurisprudence Committee to study the proposed resolution.
- 2. S.K. Companion Crispulo M. Fernandez, Jr., PGC reiterated that the actual Grand Officers are supposed to open the Grand Commandery as passed in the last Grand Conclave. Secondly, he suggested that the Grand Line Officers should be the ones to be appointed as supervisors to be able to show their involvement in the Grand Bodies of the Rite and to be more visible in the local subordinate bodies. Lastly, he asserted that the Constitution and bylaws should come out within 6 months to give time for everybody to review and to comment with ample time before the Grand Sessions on October 2020.
- 3. S.K. Evaristo A. Leviste, Right Eminent Department Commander made a motion to support the candidacy of S.K. Jack M. Harper, current Department Commander (South Central) and PGC of Texas, for the position of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of KT of the USA on its next Triennial in 2021. It was seconded by S.K. Jomel Dennis L. Maranan. The motion was duly approved.
- 4. S.K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia, Grand Recorder put forward a motion to grant the title of "Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Philippines" to S.K. Sidney J. Leluan III and S.K. Jeffrey A. Bolstad. It was immediately seconded by S.K. Nestor V. Tampol, PGC. The motion was duly approved amidst the applause of all the Fraters present.

#### XII. KEYNOTE ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

S.K. Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Right Eminent Grand Captain General delivered his keynote address:

"REGC, REDC, Distinguished guests, SKs all. I bring you greetings from SK Jeffrey Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master GEKTUSA. We are just a little over a year into this triennium and we are "amping" up our retention efforts for membership. Retention is the real key to every Commandery having success.

We have a GE Membership committee working hard on this, to give you the tools and support to win the battle in keeping your membership engaged and attracted to being a Templar.

My talk is going to be a little different than what you are used to hearing from someone in my position. I like to give leaders something they can take home with them and apply to their position, wherever you happen to be in your leadership continuum. Some questions for you to ponder

What is Templary?
What do we do?
What is our mission?
What is our vision?
Who is Jacques DeMolay?
Who is Jesus Christ?
Why are you a Templar?

See, Templary is different than any other appendant Masonic body. It's different than any organization I know of. We are men of God and warriors for Christ.

If I were to ask you your philosophy of life, could you tell it to me? Most of us don't think about our life philosophy, the operating set of beliefs that drives our worldview. Our philosophy of life comes out of us in subtle ways: the attitude we wake up with in the morning, how we treat other people, how we approach a new situation, the things we spend our time, energy and money on.

It's worth taking a moment to examine our life philosophy...It's like a GPS for our life. You put your destination into your GPS and it gives you the directions you need ...to get where you need to go.

As Templars we know the best source of that life philosophy, that GPS, is Jesus Christ. Scripture says He is the Word of God come down from heaven. He is God's revelation of the way our lives should be lived.

You see, Jesus' entire philosophy of life was based on love.

I am constantly amazed how many Christians miss that truth. There's a reason for that, of course. Maybe we have never really listened to the teachings of Jesus. In Luke 6 He says: "But to you who are listening... love your enemies . . ." "To you who are listening . . ." The key takeaway is—-Not everybody is listening

Listening means we're open to change. Listening to God means being obedient to God. —THERES a word we don't like. Obedience. So, Jesus knew that only a few people may really listen to his message.

But to those who are listening, he offers a philosophy of life that provides not only hope, but salvation as well.

Jesus calls us all to serve him. We have to be listening. And obedient. All of us here have been called to leadership. Servant. Leadership. FISHERMEN at SEA of GALILEE

Here's a quote for you to consider "Love isn't how you feel. It's what you do."

A couple of Navy Seals wrote a book called "Extreme Ownership" In this book the point is made that there is no such thing as a bad platoon, only bad leaders.

The same can be said for Commanderies. The real question is, why are we facing such a dearth of leadership? And what do we do about it? I would go so far as to say we don't have a membership problem. We have a leadership problem.

My theory is that 60 years ago when Masonry was at its peak, membership-wise, we had good leadership because most all of the community leaders belonged to the lodge. Maybe they joined because it was the popular thing to do, but we benefited from their leadership.

Fewer and fewer of the leaders in the community are joining us, and even those that do are rarely involved other than paying their dues.

The upshot is that we end up with men in positions of leadership who have no idea about what leadership looks like, or even how to go about developing it.

Poor leadership sometimes comes about because of us. We promote our friends or relatives into positions of leadership, when a better choice is ready and willing. So, we pass over the best guy for the spot because we like our buddy "OI Joe" and we want to

see him get to be the Commander. Or we practice law and we know a lawyer in town who would really like to be Grand Commander. and we like to take care of our fellow lawyers when we can, so despite the fact that there are much better choices for the job, we appoint the lawyer friend.

Now we've created a situation where the best guy for the spot gets discouraged, and we never see him again. Meanwhile, "Ole Joe" just fills the spot because he wants the title...and probably really wants the title of Past Commander...and nothing happens and the Commandery continues to deteriorate. Or even worse, the power associated with the position goes to his head and he drives everyone away with micromanagement and high-handed edicts. And then he appoints one of HIS buddies to the bottom of the line, without any regard to leadership quotient, because he has no idea what it is!

Or even worse.... some PGC wants to control everything and so he gets his puppets elected into the line so he can pull the strings. Or a Grand Secretary is up to the very same skullduggery! It's a banana republic!!! And that brings us to this very day.

Our leadership situation is directly proportional to our membership situation. We do a decent job creating new Knights, but our efforts at retention and restoration are bad to non-existent.

I have never considered myself an expert on leadership, but I am an ardent student of that subject. Many years ago, I set out to do what I can to help those who are in leadership positions or to help those who have a desire to be in leadership.

So, what do we do? First, I think we need to check our personal friendships at the door of the ballot box and vote for the good of the order, not for the good of our buddy. Pray about it!!! It's ok to call on Jesus Christ for discernment in every matter! Templary is one of His important ministries!!!

Second, since whoever we elect probably has little to no leadership experience, we have to gently help them develop as they move up the line. Make sure to approach them out of love and care, not in a way that makes them feel like you are "telling them what to do."

All of you here are in some sort of leadership role. If you are a good leader, you are always working on getting better at it. Leaders are readers. We have a great leadership class that you should take. If you've already taken it, take it again. Bring your up and coming SKs to the class.

So, let's talk about leadership. And further, what is known as SERVANT Leadership. That stuff that was invented by Jesus. Really, I've got nothing new for you today. Everything you need to know you already know. Because really all it is, is just doing the right thing. Treat people the way you want to be treated. Be the boss you wish your boss would be. Be the father you wish your father could've been more fully for you. Be the neighbor you wish your neighbor would be. Be a co-worker you wish your co-worker would be. So really everything you need to know you learned in kindergarten. Don't hit. Share. Meet needs.

We clearly know the difference between servant leaders and self-serving leaders. Servant leaders go to an organization because they're committed to the wellbeing and development of other men...self-serving leaders? I go to an organization or institution because I want privilege, power, and prestige, only for myself.

It's never been clearer. And what's happening now is that people are choosing servant leadership because they recognize it's the right thing to do. To serve other people.

So that's what I do. I teach people about stuff that they learned a long time ago. So, I don't instruct, I remind. I remind people. Everything I talk about I stole all that stuff that has been around for centuries. I'm a thief, I admit it.

The world between stimulus and response is the world of character-- you know, doing the right thing even when you don't feel like it. Winning all those battles between what you want to and what you should do. That's what leadership is all about.... just doing the right thing.

It's the right thing to do to have patience and self-control with people. It's the right thing to do to be kind. It's the right thing to do to listen. It's the right thing to be humble. The right thing to be respectful. To meet needs —that's what you signed up to do .... dad, boss, coach, mentor...you signed up to meet needs.

It's all leadership is - it's just doing the right thing. Character and action. So, this stuff's been around a long time.

But a leader, to be a leader, must have followers. You're not a leader unless there are those who volunteer to follow you. You cannot force someone to follow you. They have to choose to follow you. Leaders inspire people to follow them, they inspire people to go in the direction they are going.

Leadership then is how do we inspire and influence people to action? And excellence? "Do it, or else" isn't really effective these days in case you haven't noticed.

So that's what leadership is - Can you inspire and influence a group of people to excellence? Can you get them to own the mission? Can you get them to create excellence in your Commandery?

So, leaders get in the game and they meet needs.

And that's why character is so important because character, that's that person you are in the dark when nobody is looking, the real you. And in the end, leadership development and character development are one.

You want to be a better leader? You got to work on your character.

---Revolutionary war story---

What's leadership? Leadership is just doing the right thing even when you don't feel like it. What's character? Doing the right thing even when you don't feel like it. Especially when you don't feel like it.

So, it's the right thing to do to hold your members accountable to excellence, to grow them, to listen to them, to appreciate them, to encourage them. To inspire them. All of the things that we're talking about, those are character.

We're wrong to think people can't change. People can change. We all have people in our lives who we love to be around. They light up a room when they walk in. And we all know those who only light up a room when they leave. But they can change! But we're wrong to think it's easy.

It doesn't happen reading books and watching PowerPoint Slides. Nobody ever became a better leader by reading a book.

Leadership is exactly like being an athlete or a musician. It's exactly analogous. Anybody ever learned how to swim by reading a book? I think you can learn about swimming. Anybody ever become a great golfer watching Tiger Woods videos? Well, you can learn about golf. Anybody ever become a great musician studying piano history?

I mean, if you want to be a better golfer, what have you gotta do? You've got to start practicing this stuff over and over because you can't improve unless you change by definition.

We need good leadership developed at the grassroots level in order to have good leadership at the Grand level. Leadership is a skill set that needs to be practiced, and Masonry has more opportunity to practice than any other venue I know of. One final story. Story of the two stonemasons. Go to first One ...how do you like your job? I like my job I've been working on this wall for as long as I can remember. The stones are heavy the work is backbreaking it's monotonous I stand in the scorching hot sun all day and I don't know if I'm even gonna finish this wall in my lifetime. But it's a job, it pays the bills.

You get to the second guy and ask him "how do you like your job". He says I love my job...I'm building a cathedral. Sure, I've been building this wall as long as I can remember. sure, the stones are heavy and the work is backbreaking and I Gotta stand out here in the scorching hot sun all day and it's monotonous and I don't even know I'm gonna finish this wall in my lifetime. But I'm serving my fellow man ...building a cathedral.

What they do is exactly the same.

This guy might even be a champion stone layer the only difference is that only one of them knows why he shows up at work every day. and the guy who knows why ...does not see himself as any more or less important than the architect or the guy doing the stained-glass windows or the landscaper ...they are all contributing to building something that they believe in... that is bigger than themselves

A leader is somebody who can put into words that which does not exist yet. The leader is the one who stands there and says in beautiful crystal-clear words and he describes that cathedral that hasn't been built in words so clear that others can take that image and they can pass it on to others.

Why are you working so hard? Because I believe in it, we're building a cathedral. What cathedral? Let me tell you.

Are you describing your cathedral or are you just telling people about the wall you're building? The reason that everybody showed up here is because together we're gonna build a cathedral. We are all contributing to a world that we would rather live in.

There are leaders and there are those who lead. Leaders hold a position of power or influence. Those who lead inspire us ...they serve us....and we follow those who lead not because we have to but because we want to.

So, I hope you will leave this room today with your GPS programmed. Not the GPS in your car or your phone, but the GPS in your head and heart. I pray that you have

programmed it with the love of Jesus Christ. That way, as a SK, you will reliably represent Christ and make a difference in the world.

Before I sit down, I promised SK Jack Harper the REDC-SD that I would mention to you that he is a candidate for my job, REGCG. Right now, he is the only candidate running and I suspect he will probably be unopposed. I sure wouldn't want to run against him. Already he's been formally endorsed by 25 Grand jurisdictions. But you can look him up online and if you have any questions for him, give him a holler.

Thanks so much for all the warm hospitality (and temperatures) I'm so glad I came.

May the lord bless you and keep you! May He look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you very much. "

#### XIV. ELECTION OF 2019-2020 GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

The nominating committee submitted to the Grand Commandery the list of nominees for the new set of Grand Officers for 2019-2020. The following are the names:

**Eminent Grand Commander** 

Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Generalissimo

Grand Capt. General

**Grand Treasurer** 

**Grand Recorder** 

Asst. Grand Recorder

Grand Senior Warden

Grand Junior Warden

**Grand Prelate** 

**Grand Standard Bearer** 

**Grand Sword Bearer** 

**Grand Warder** 

**Grand Sentinel** 

Grand Marshall

- Edgar D. Lim, KCT

- Rodel Riezl S. Reyes, KCT, KTCH

- Xerxez S. Coronado, KCT

- Ruel L. Ditan, KCT

- Rafael J. Roxas, PGC, KCT, KTCH

- Manuel Liam C. Garcia, PGC, KCT, KTCH

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- Arlen P. De Guzman

- Eddie C. Ong

- Jonathan Edward L. Chua, KCT

After their names were announced, the Committee opened the floor for any further nominations or recommendations. Hearing none, the nomination was declared closed and the recommend officers were declared as unanimously elected and appointed. S.K.

Nestor V. Tampol motioned to cast the unanimous vote and was seconded by the Grand Recorder S.K. Manuel Liam C. Garcia. The motion was approved.

#### XV. PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATE

Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Right Eminent Grand Captain General presented the Past Grand Commander's Certificate to Sir Knight Victor Antonio T. Espejo (in absentia) and commended him for his performance, citing among other things, his involvement in the Apl.De.Ap. Foundation and Knight Templar Eye Foundation Medical Outreach in San Fernando Pampanga during his tenure of office. The Certificate was received by the Eminent Grand Recorder for safekeeping.

#### XVI. INSTALLATION OF 2018-2019 GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

The newly elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, S.K. Edgar D. Lim then requested Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad to be his Installing Officer with Sir Knight Evaristo A. Leviste as Installing Marshal and S.K. Nestor V. Tampol as installing Prelate.

## XVII. INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

Right Eminent Jeffrey A. Bolstad, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Right Eminent Evaristo A. Leviste, Department Commander for Asia and the Pacific, Right Eminent Sidney Leluan, Department Commander for the Caribbean, Most Puissant David Grindle, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International, dignitaries in the Asylum, Sir Knights, good morning!

"How time flies, so fast that yet another year has passed and we are now looking forward to a brighter and better Templar year.

We have our Creator to thank for the graces we are receiving...

We are always blessed for having our Grand officers who never fail to perform their duties in times like these and are always committed to support us in all our undertakings.

The presence of our Grand Captain General Jeffrey Bolstad made this Conclave a more meaningful and memorable one. Let us give our handsome Guest of Honor a big round of applause.

Our Templar year will be full of work, work and more work. Just right now we are in a blood compact with the Grand High Priest and Illustrious Grand Master that we will implement the strict attendance of all Grand Line Officers in their respective bodies.

Screening of candidates will be more on quality than quantity. Only brethren who have passed our standards and are committed will be considered for membership so that retention of members will no longer be an issue. A standard format for orientation of candidates will be introduced soon.

I am encouraging everyone to give their share and ideas in the advancement of the Rite especially on how to make our meetings more fun and exciting not only thru our lectures but also in terms of fellowships. Our three grand officers, I assure you, will be there to support you whatever the cost. We will likewise make ourselves available during your installation of officers, provided that you give us adequate notice of the venue, time and date

We will try our best to reactivate dormant bodies for it is easier to resurrect Bodies that are not functioning than giving birth to a new one. Those are some of the tasks in store for us.

Sir Knights, we cannot do this without everyone's effort. Unity is the strength of all societies, especially of ours.

That being said, I would also like to commend our Grand Secretary-Recorder, Right Excellent and Right Illustrious Evaristo A. Leviste, PGHP PIGM PGC and Grand Recorder Right Eminent Manuel Liam C. Garcia, PGC for making this Conclave possible and a successful one.

On behalf of the Grand officers and myself, we would like to thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

God bless you all and God bless the Grand Commandery of the Philippines!

#### XVIII. CLOSING OF THE 57<sup>TH</sup> GRAND CONCLAVE

There being no business to transact, the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave was closed at 12:50 p.m. after the newly-installed Right Eminent Grand Commander, S.K. Edgar D. Lim recited the closing prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

#### XIX. FRATERNAL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Fraternal fellowship was held at the Ground Floor of Plaridel Masonic Temple, Manila, courtesy of the newly installed Grand Commander.

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