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JR. WARDEN----- Daniel O. PEPA (Vangie)

TREASURER ---Clarito A. DE VERA, PM (Connie)

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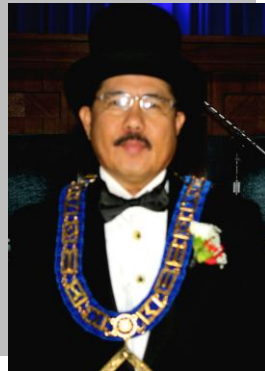
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From the East....

Happy 2012!!! A New Year, new beginning and new challenges! With all these, please do not be alarmed if you should notice changes within the lodge. Change is inevitable. We must adapt our attitude to the environment that is presented to us. As I have mentioned at my installation speech; one of the things that plans fail is because of "stubborn adherence to tradition." By the way, I am not the original creator who coined this phrase. It

was taken from the hand book given to us at the Senior Wardens retreat.

Becoming a pillar officer of the lodge begins the learning curves of facing the challenges that might be encountered. And becoming the Master greater challenges should be expected. For the year 2012 that duty is delegated to me. It is anticipated that there will be requirements, projects and numerous endeavors that will come my way. I will be expected to handle many, if not all, of them. Success could not be achieved without all of your help, assistance and cooperative efforts. Simply said; we will celebrate triumph together and I will face failure in humility. And again, as I stated in my installation speech: nobody plans to fail. We, the lodge as a whole, will carefully make strategic plans in every endeavor that will be presented to us.

But of course I have not forgotten that I could not have attained the glory of becoming the Master of South West Lodge without your endorsement and confidence. Giving gratitude is easy; it could be summed up in two words: "thank you." But the manner with which it is expressed and presented are totally different. It is not easy to express gratitude profoundly especially in written form as it could be easily misinterpreted and confused. So, as I meet up with each and every one of you in any occasion; especially at our first stated meeting of 2012, I might express my gratitude individually. But if I missed and totally forget kindly remind me: your vote counted to the "unanimous decision" rendered last November. For those who could not make it to the Lodge for whatever practical or logical reason please accept my gratitude through this medium.

I would like to pose this challenge to everyone: if you feel there is something you wanted to see changed, done differently or have suggestions, feel free to contact me or any of our officers. All inputs will be thoroughly reviewed and considered and implemented-if feasible.

We will start the new year on the right footing and look forward to a productive year and harmonious existence

BY THE SQUARE

Fraternally.....Raul S. Nooris, Master





From the West...

A very Happy New Year to each and every one! It would only be appropriate that I congratulate all the installed officers for the year 2012: elected and appointed. For those who for the first time occupy the position as

Lodge officer be reminded that on this new field of endeavors you will encounter challenges, not only of the office you volunteered for but also in other aspects of Masonry. With that, it is my hope that all officers will perform into their full capability according to their availability.

As the elected Senior Warden of the Lodge, I thank you all for entrusting in me the opportunity to occupy the West station. I could only promise that I will humbly abide to my duties to the best that I possibly can. But of course I am fully aware that I cannot do that without your utmost support. We have so many activities throughout the year so let us gear up and show our support to whatever the Worshipful Master has planned. I am absolutely happy, excited and look forward to work with this new set of officers.

Thank you also to all the brethren who came to witness our 125th Installation of Officers last December 10, 2011. It was fairly well attended. Our own Mayor and Vice Mayor of National City graced the occasion with their attendance.

A busy and prosperous new year is awaiting us.



ON THE LEVEL

Fraternally... Roberto I. General, Senior Warden



From the Secretary's Desk ...

DELINQUENT DUES REMINDER. There are still a number of our members who are delinquent in their Dues payment. I like to remind those brothers concerned that according to CMC, "if a member has not paid his dues during a period of 12 months, the Secretary shall notify him that he will be suspended for non-payment of dues unless at the Lodge's next Stated Meeting either his dues have been paid or sickness or inability to pay is shown as the cause for the failure to pay". Please pay your Dues now, my brothers.

Dues Payment for 2012 – Grand Lodge has increased per capita payment for 2012 to \$35 plus lodge dues \$30 equal to **\$ 65.00**

Fraternally, Jake V. Borillo, PM



From the South...

The year 2011 was a quick one wasn't it? Here we are and it is now 2012 already!!!

Happy New Year to each and every one! Before anything else, I would like to

thank all the Brethren who voted for me to serve our Lodge as the JW.

As the JW I will be responsible for all stated meeting dinners and other festivities sponsored by SWL that might be held at the hall. This endeavor is mostly taken cared of at the kitchen where I have less experience. But that will not be a problem; the KITCHEN CREW Captained by my Brother In-Law, Bro Ed Yaptangco (The Master Chef), will guarantee you delicious preparations every time. So I would like to give an advance heartfelt gratitude to Bro Ed and all other Brethren who might find time to provide assistance in the variety of kitchen duties. It will be kind of monotonous if I have to mention my heartfelt thanks to the same names every so often. To spare everybody from this monotony, I will create a log book which will be waiting for you at the kitchen every time you render your service. This list will be displayed at the "Kitchen Corner": a new bulletin board specific for kitchen activities only. I have donated the board which was refurbished courtesy of our Master. Who knows what other surprises the JW has planned to those attendees? Come and see for yourself.

I was surprised but not totally astonished that some of our Brethren had never noticed the white refrigerator equipped with ice and water dispenser in the kitchen. For the less informed, I donated this refrigerator together with a set of washer and dryer to take care of the kitchen towels and dirty aprons and perhaps other laundry duties for the lodge. Hopefully, all these appliances will be 100% operational by the end of February when our planned rest rooms renovations will be completed. Watch out for more improvements in the kitchen.

New JW Policy "If you suggested something for the improvement of the kitchen you will be requested to donate it".

By the Plumb...



Fraternally... Daniel O. Pepa, Junior Warden



CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§1404.1050. RESTORATION OF AN EXPELLED MASON.

A. A Mason who has been expelled as a result of any charge of unmasonic conduct filed in this Jurisdiction may be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry only by Grand Lodge, as follows:

1. Grand Lodge may act on an application for restoration by the expelled Mason, on an application for restoration by his Lodge or without any application.
2. An expelled Mason may apply for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry by filing a written application with Grand Lodge and with his Lodge, if it is in this Jurisdiction and is still in existence. If his Lodge is not in this Jurisdiction or not still in existence, his application shall be made to the Constituent Lodge selected by the Grand Master. His application shall be read at the first Stated Meeting of the Lodge following its receipt which is at least 60 days before the Annual Communication at which his application is to be presented. If the expelled Mason was a member of more than one Constituent Lodge, he shall file his application with each such Lodge, if it is in this Jurisdiction and is still in existence, where it shall be read at the next Stated Meeting. After the reading of the application at the designated Stated Meeting in each Lodge in which the application has been filed, the Master of each Lodge shall state that a vote shall be taken then or at the next following Stated Meeting on the question of approval or disapproval of the restoration. When the vote is taken, it shall be by ballot and the result entered in the minutes. The Secretary shall promptly notify the Grand Secretary of the result of the ballot.

The Master shall announce that any member may express his endorsement of, or objection to, the restoration by direct communication to the Grand Secretary or that any member may orally state his approval or disapproval to the Master. Prior to the opening of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Master shall inform the Grand Secretary in writing the number of endorsers and the number of objectors.



Congratulations!

ENTERED APPRENTICE MASONS:

Bro. Joseph Rebong	December 7, 2011
Bro. Jude Cabrera	December 7, 2011
Bro. Thomas Freestone	December 7, 2011

FELLOWCRAFT MASONS

Bro. Jude Cabrera – December 15, 2011

2012 LODGE OFFICERS

Front Row: L to R – Arvin Montehermoso – Tiler; Clarito De Vera, PM – Treasurer; Roberto General – Senior Warden; Raul Nooris – Master; Daniel Pepa – Junior Warden; Jake Borillo, PM – Secretary; Eduardo Yaptangco – Marshal-----Back Row: Steven Gierhahn – Junior Deacon ; Diosdado Lallana – Senior Deacon; Barry Barnett – Junior Steward; George Lucas – Senior Steward; Christopher Garrido – Chaplain



Happy Birthday!
JANUARY 2012

MARTIN R. IBANEZ	January 1
WILLIAM J. FULTON	January 1
OSCAR M. DECASTRO	January 3
RICHARD D. RAMONES	January 3
VITTORIO J. G. CHIONG	January 3
KENNETH M. FANNING	January 6
RIMANDO S. GABAT	January 7
JOSEPH B. LIPA	January 7
JAMES DARR, JR.	January 8
ROLANDO M. GONZALES	January 9
JON T. MONTEMAYOR	January 9
JACOB G.URRETE	January 10
NICANOR G. RAMOS	January 10
VIRGILIO M. ESGUERRA	January 11
REYNALDO F. HALILI	January 12
THOMAS W. MOYNAHAN, JR.	January 13
CESAR S. ALMANON	January 13
NICOMEDES D. R. SONICO	January 14
ROBERT W. MARS	January 15
EUGENE I. FREDLUCES	January 15
ROBERT T. GUSTAFSON, PM	January 16
BENHUR M. EVANGELISTA	January 16
LAWRENCE L. CUATICO	January 17
ANTONIO E. FERMA	January 17
JOSE SERGIO L. CADIENA JR	January 18
RODOLFO C. GALLETA	January 18
ENRICO T. FARINAS	January 19
DELFIN Q. ACADEMIA	January 19
REYNALDO C. IBANEZ	January 19
ROMEO L. BATIN	January 20
J. D. BLANCET	January 20
JESUS H. LADRAN	January 20
RENATO L. REYLES	January 21
RAYMUNDO P. DE LEON	January 22
DAN V. NORRIS	January 23
WILLIAM W. CRAWFORD	January 23
PAUL A. AQUIPEL	January 24
RODNEY D. INCIONG	January 24
ALFREDO E. MARIGUNDON	January 25
ANGELITO J. ALFARO	January 25
HENRY B. SUNGLAO	January 25
LOLITO L. LUNA	January 26
RODRICK L. THOMAS	January 26
LUIS L. MANZO	January 27
ISMAEL D. NARDO, JR.	January 28
RODRIGO U. DIVINA	January 29
EDGARD D. RODIL	January 30
JAIME V. MAGNO	January 31

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