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Message from the Exalted Ruler

Hello and welcome to this Lodge Year's maiden issue of the **Newsletter**.

We have some exciting and challenging things we're trying to get started on this year:

1. Bro. Doyle Stout and his Golf Committee, as you can read in his article, has linked us up with PAGA, the Phil-Am Golf Association. We anticipate a few more golf tournaments this year, with more participants, and more prizes. The aim other than fun and camaraderie is to raise funds for our charities.
2. PER Thomas Hoese and his Lodge Activities Committee in collaboration with Philippine Cerebral Palsy are trying to organize Bingo sessions, again for charity.
3. Other charity fund-raising ventures are the Bowling League, led by committee chair Sis. Lisa Lumbao; and Poker Pool, led by committee chair Jeffrey Green.
4. We are getting involved with the school community, initially with the International School, and are hosting such competitions as Hoop Shoot, led by committee chair Bro. David Francis; Soccer Shoot, led by committee chair Bro. Joseph Quinlivan; an Essay Contest and a Scholarship Program, led by committee chair Sis. Larita Hamilton.
5. We now also have a Historical Committee, chaired by Bro. Doyle Stout as well, which is currently trying to see about the feasibility of publishing a Coffee Table Book narrating the history of Manila Elks #761 in text and pictures, from its charter date in 1902 to the present.
6. Bro. Tim Ackerman just finished producing and directing a short video on the Philippine Cerebral Palsy, which will be shown at all membership cocktails, indoctrination of new Lodge members, and uploaded on the Elks and PCPI websites. This great video will give members, specially those not yet able to visit the PCPI facility, a glimpse into what our principal charity is about. We currently have six Brother Elks on the Board of PCPI, led by PER Ted Awad.
7. The House Committee, chaired by Bro. Jeff Green, is currently very busy installing the security system donated by Deutsch Bank through Bro. Joe Quinlivan. The system will include closed-circuit TV and allow members to use a key-card to gain access to our facility. Also, Bro. Jeff and his committee have started sprucing up the interior design of the Colonial Lounge, and undoubtedly will include the other areas in the club as well, time and funds allowing. And our electricals are now fully fire-code compliant, thanks to Bro. Tim Strong, who has been doing pro-bono supervision of repairs/maintenance/revisions in our club facility.
8. Unlimited free phone calls for members to the States and Canada will shortly be resumed, thanks to the donation of a brand-new cordless phone by Bro. Ted Padilla. Incidentally, a Brother Elk has also offered to anonymously donate P5000 for the restoration of the antique wall clock that hangs in the Lounge. Total restoration cost has been brought down to P6500 through hard negotiations by Club Manager Bel Ricablanca.
9. The Membership Committee, co-chaired by Bros. Joe Quinlivan and Jon Skelly, has its membership drive running on all cylinders, and successfully recruited three new members, possibly five, at the last Member Cocktails. And with Bro. Doyle spearheading, three more possibles are on tap from PAGA.
10. Lastly but certainly not least, the IT Committee chaired by Bro. Michael Hoese has brought our website back up and is now doing what it takes to make it more cost-effective and user-friendly.

Yup, in barely two months, we certainly seem to be well on our way to another banner Lodge Year. I want to congratulate our committee Brothers and Sisters for their splendid work thus far.

Fraternally yours,

Reynaldo C. DeJesus



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C O M I N G S O O N



COMMITTEE DOINGS

FROM YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE

Jeffery A. Green, Chair

I would like to thank Matt Slough for all his dedication and hard work as the chairman of the house committee over the last few years. Due to other requirements he has stepped down as the chairman, but the good thing is he will still be part of the house committee. His efforts have made our club a place we all can enjoy. As of last week I have assumed the duties as the House committee chairman. I have been on the committee for the last 2 years so I'm familiar with club operations and I have a great team working to improve the facilities.

As most of you know we are continuing to make improvements every month. One is we will be installing a security system very soon. Our goal is to put back whatever is needed into the club to make it a first class establishment that makes us proud to be members. As always the committee is open to any suggestions. I look forward to serving as your house committee chairman. Thank you for your support.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Larry V. Thomas, Chair

As we enter a new year at the Elks I would like to first take this time to "Thank" our previous Chairman of the Trustees, Bro. Doyle Stout for an outstanding year of guidance. And welcome our new Trustee, PER Tom Hoese who has given us two great years of leadership as Exalted Ruler.

In this upcoming year we have again put in Capex funds for continued improvements to the Lodge/Club which will be identified in conjunction with the Exalted Ruler, House Committee and Trustees. We have also allocated funds for systems improvements which we plan to use to upgrade or replace the current POS system. This will be in conjunction with the guidance of the IT committee and House Committee.

The Trustees are here to serve the Lodge and greatly appreciate any inputs and feedback from the Lodge members. Looking forward to another great year for Manila Lodge 761.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

MARCH

- Bro. Angel A. Espeleta proposed by ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus
- Bro. C. Patrick Galligan proposed by Bro. Timothy Strong
- Bro. Olan Steiner proposed by ER Theodore Awad
- Mr. Domingo Granda Panlilio proposed by ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus
- Mr. Roberto Laguardia proposed by Bro. Mariano Martin
- Bro. David Estrada proposed by ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus
- Mr. Daniel J. Sargeant proposed by Bro. Benjamin Patterson
- Mr. Michel Albert Kazmierczak proposed by ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus

APRIL

- Bro. David Jeffrey Francis proposed by Bro. Joseph Quinlivan
- Bro. Peter D. Mullen proposed by Bro. Kevin Lynch
- Bro. Teodoro B. Padilla proposed by ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus
- Mr. Neil Cloutman proposed by ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus

MAY

- Mr. Edwin Sun proposed by Bro. Jay Aguilar
- Mr. Edwin Ramos proposed by Ms. Agnes Brazell

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE LY 2010 - 2011

1. For each new Lodge or Club member proposed and initiated/accepted during the Lodge Year, the proposer will be awarded a **Gift Certificate for Two, valid for two dinners not exceeding a value of P1300, redeemable at the Club.**
2. For every total of five new members proposed and initiated/accepted during the Lodge Year, the proposer will be awarded a **Gift Certificate for Two, valid for a weekend stay at a world-class beach resort, exclusive of airfare.**
3. Grand Raffle - One raffle stub will be included in the name of each new member initiated/accepted during the Lodge Year. At the end of the Lodge Year, the Grand Raffle will be drawn. The name of the new member on the winning stub will be matched with the sponsoring member, and **the sponsoring member (not the new member) will be awarded a major home appliance of his choice, with a retail value not exceeding P20000.**

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3. Reciprocals with five other choice private membership clubs, at those clubs' member rates, with no entrance fees/monthly dues:

A. MetroClub in Makati, across Rockwell

Swimming, bowling, tennis, badminton, basketball, fitness center, billiards, sauna, massage, beauty salon, bar and lounge, fine-dining, coffee shop, ball room, function rooms.

B. Casino Espanol in Ermita, Manila

Fine-dining, bar and lounge, ballroom, function rooms, jai alai fronton, swimming. Founded 150 years ago - cuisine and ambience of Old Spain.

C. Puerto Gallera Yacht Club in Mindoro

Sailing, diving, mooring, fishing, bar and restaurant, nearby lodging, swimming. Annual Regatta.

D. Royale Tagaytay Country Club in Alfonso, Cavite, just past Taal Vista Hotel

Golf, swimming, tennis, basketball, hotel rooms, bar and restaurant, bowling, billiards, table tennis, sauna, jacuzzi, massage, detox.

E. Royale Tagaytay Beach Club at Matabungkay Beach, Batangas

Swimming, beach, lodging, bar and restaurant, sailing, diving, fishing.

You need only present your Elks Membership Card to access these clubs. All these for dues of \$200/year or its peso equivalent. No other private membership club even comes close.

CLUB MANAGER'S UPDATES

Belinda S. Ricablanca

We started the Lodge year in April, observing holy week and a public holiday May 10 for the Philippine presidential election. Now we're back to normal.

The club has a regular Thursday raffle at 7:30pm with attractive prizes and spot cash! Bi-monthly membership cocktails with mouth-watering cocktail foods and overflowing beverages. And of course a pianist and singer Mondays thru Fridays. Fellowship cocktails is very important to us. Since April we have added three (3) new lodge members and three (3) club members.

After the successful family bonding last *Mother's Day*, we prepared a special acoustic entertainment for *Father's Day*... "*Acoustic Night to Remember with Dad*" on June 18, 2010. A big event on July 23, 2010, *Fashion Emergency* will be held at the Club as venue. Another important day to remember is the club anniversary on August... watch for it!

The club is now doing outside catering, aside from receptions for any and all occasions! Call us now! We will be glad to be of service to you.

SPORTS & EVENTS CALENDAR

YOUR GOLF UPDATE

Doyle Stout, Chair Golf Committee

I am pleased to announce that the Elks Club and the Philippine American Golf Association (PAGA) have reached an initial understanding. That will now await the ratification of the Elks Lodge and PAGA to formally associate, plan, play golf and celebrate as an entity- The Elks/PAGA Golf Association. Think that sounds exciting? It really is.

A bit of background:

The Elks were formed in 1902 and we have no history of a formal golf association, although the membership of the Elks in the 1920's and 1930's grew to over 600 members and our home course per se was Camp John Hay in Baguio.

- PAGA, born out of a direct and sponsored relationship with the Joint US Military Advisory Group in Quezon City (JUSMAG-the American Club-) in 1968, was to help the American group that had few players but a considerable interest in playing golf in the Philippines, to organize. The arrangement was that a JUSMAG member could sponsor a member of PAGA and the new member was part of the JUSMAG family, especially the 300-seat restaurant and a band every day of the week, US steaks and Washington apples etc . Golf and the Club became a major attraction and the people that joined brought great credit to the JUSMAG organization. It worked great and everyone who participated won. Perhaps history is, in a sense, repeating itself.

- Today, we have a few golfers at the Elks and those that play or aspire to play want more tournaments. We have one tournament a year and we have to work to find participants. For the past several years now, the PAGA group has provided over 50% of our players at our sponsored tournaments, and they have also won a good percentage of the trophies. Along that line of thought, we have the Elks as the "American Club (150 seats) in the Philippines" and we have a proud PAGA organization that has never been the same since JUSMAG moved from Quezon City to the American Embassy grounds in the 1980's. Perhaps we need each other and that is what this article is all about. It is interesting that our new tie-up with PAGA is perhaps symbolic and perhaps could be considered a "rebirth" of the PAGA/US relationship. Too, with the tie-in of the US Embassy group and Jeffrey Green, the head of the US Embassy golf association, the Chairs of the Elks House Committee and the Elks Golf Committee, it is a positive renewal of the strong relationship between the Americans and the Filipinos-our golfing partners.

What is next?

- PAGA brings to the table a "home golf course" and that is the keen course at Camp Aguinaldo- something that we have never had and a must for a golfing organization.
- PAGA will launch their "rebirth tournament" at Camp Aguinaldo on Wednesday 23 June. The Elks are invited to the tournament that will start at noon (tee times noon to 1pm). The full fare is P1,500, to include greens fees, caddy fees and a sumptuous dinner at the Elks Club for the awards ceremony. Wow, P1,500 including the meal- that is indeed a great deal- almost unheard of these days.
- Plans are to have a joint golf committee with Elks and PAGA members to plan and produce an aggressive golf program. Our plan is to have a quarterly tournament with great sponsorship, great prices and the profit all goes to the Elks ENF program. All of that constitutes a great winner for everyone concerned-and especially Manila Lodge 761.

Stay tuned folks. More good news is coming.

Acoustic Night to Remember with Dad

What better way of celebrating his day than to enjoy our especially prepared Father's Day menu paired with Acoustic Entertainment at the Club.

SET DINNER
Garbanzo Bean Soup
Dad's Beef Taco Salad
Choice of Main Entree:
SWISS STEAK
or
SOLE & SHRIMP FLORENTINE
Choco-Coffee Charlotte

for only P550

Friday
June 18, 2010
6:00pm

END OF SUMMER

JEN V. ACUÑA, Events & Mktg. Officer



The weatherman has officially announced the end of summer. Another has gone by. It is back-to-school once again for the children. On June 20, "Father's Day," the Elks Club is wishing all fathers good luck, good health and more power so that they may succeed in carving out a stable future for their families.

This month also, by tradition, is the month for weddings. In these difficult times, you can still have a good reception without spending excessively. The Elks Club may be able to help you. Please call our banquet reservation at 811-3173 / 811-3188.

BANQUETS ANYONE



May Wedding Receptions at Elks Club

AVILA - CRISTOBAS NUPTIAL May 01, 2010



GREEN - MANLUTAC NUPTIAL May 08, 2010



SLOUGH - SOL NUPTIAL May 22, 2010



SPECIAL EVENTS

MARCH MEMBERSHIP COCKTAIL



R-L Emcee Sis. Sandra Tockes, Chair of Lodge Activities, hosted cocktail program with Jen Acuña, Club Events & Marketing Officer.

ELKS TRIPLE TREAT FOR MOM



Mr. George Francisco and Mrs. Pilar Francisco with their family during Mother's Day.

R-L Mary Kay Director Mrs. Lourdes Felix, event Major Sponsor, with her staff and Ms. Jen Acuña (2nd from right).

L-R Bro. Doyle Stout former Trustee Chair awarded Bro. Tim Strong for recruiting a new lodge member. Ms. Bel Ricablanca assisted Bro. Stout.

ER Reynaldo C. DeJesus at memorial day floral offering.



Amb. Thomas with Elks Staff.



MemCom Chair Bro. Stephen Forand with his opening remarks.



RL-PER Ted Awad, Bro. Kevin Lynch, Ms. May Campaña & Ms. Jen Acuña.

At the Center Bro. George Shaw, Lodge Member, won a raffle prize at Treat at Elks.



Mrs. Joy Slough celebrated Mother's Day with her Mom at the Club.

MAY MEMBERSHIP COCKTAIL



Bro. Jon Skelly MemCom Co-Chair presenting Elks membership assisted by Ms. Jen Acuña.

US MEMORIAL DAY



US Embassy Amb. Harry K. Thomas Jr. with his memorial day. message.



Ms. Bel Ricablanca with Vice Presidential Candidate Jejomar Binay and his son Makati Mayor Candidate Jun-Jun Binay at the annual observance of memorial day.

Photo Gallery

EASTERRIFIC SUNDAY AT ELKS CLUB



EVENT SPONSORS



Kids watching Easterrific magician show.



R-L Danielle Lynch, daughter of Bro. Kevin Lynch, together with MJ Ocampo.



L-R Bro. Kevin Lynch, Bro. Doyle Stout & Mr. Mark Hall participated in the event.



Kids presenting eggs they found at the event area.



CJ Stout awarded by Ms. Bel Ricablanca, Club Manager.



Egg Decorating 1st Runner Ashley Slough.

EASTERRIFIC !!!

It was truly a big treat for children last April 4, when Elks Club celebrated Easter Sunday with the 1st ever EASTERRIFIC Event for Kids.

The event promptly started at 10:00am with games and a magic show, conducted by our host magician and followed by a traditional egg hunt at 11:00am. Last part of the event was Egg Decorating Contest wherein kids decorated their eggs by using crayons courtesy of **AMSPEC**, event Major Sponsor.

Two prizes were given to two winners of the Egg-Decorating Contest: CJ Stout got the Most Decorative Egg and Ashley Slough won 1st Runner-up. MJ Ocampo got the most number of Easter eggs in Egg Hunt. We gave away crayons, pencils, caps and chocolates to all participants. Daddies also enjoyed the event because they participated in some games.

This year's Easter celebration was more of family bonding than a joyous holy day marked with the traditional Easter Egg Hunt. It will surely become one of the much awaited events here at the Elks Club every year.

BY JEN ACUÑA



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