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Message from the Exalted Ruler



At the halfway point in the Elks Lodge year, the projection that this would be a banner year looks achievable. All signs seem to indicate that the 2011/2012 year will be a good one for our Elks Lodge and Club members. Indeed there is a lot of significant activity and it is steadily building now for the always heavy business of the holidays with Thanksgiving, Christmas and the ushering of the New Year 2012. Lodge affairs and assets are doing well under the able direction of the Board of Trustees, headed by Bro Robert Sears and the House Committee, Chaired by PER Larry Thomas with a full and demanding agenda. I am confident that it will be a productive year for the great members of our Lodge here in Makati. At the outset, also let me congratulate our friends, the men and ladies from the Manila Club, now a formal part of our Elks Club scene. We are renaming the Dodge room to the "Manila Room" and the Manila Room will be changed to the "Library". We encourage your participation.

Our new Grand Exalted Ruler (GER), David R. Carr is now firmly in place and has placed his direction and anticipated vision on the 845,000 Elks in the United States as he presides over some 2,000 Lodges in the US- including the 4 that are now overseas (Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and of course the Manila Lodge 761 here in Makati). His basic theme for his tenure as the GER is centered on "Teamwork," "Involvement of the members in Lodge activities" and highlighting the "Elks National Foundation (ENF)" including the wonderful programs supported through that huge financial provident fund. We, as a Lodge and Club are doing well in all of the above areas with fine and stable known members and energetic, new talent arriving almost daily. Most of our committees have outreach programs planned or in being that will produce greater activities overall for the Lodge. Indeed we have set new records over the past year with our contributions to the ENF- another fine achievement. That would not be possible without your taking the time to visit the Lodge and participating in Club activities and the substantial increase in involvement and meaningful teamwork.

We have devoted a page of this newsletter to an amazing event, the September 9/11, 2001 remembrance, defined and executed under the Chair guidance of Bro. Tom Jordan, his world-class team of organizers to include wife Jing, PER Larry Thomas, PER Charles Madson, Bro. Joe Quinliven and Bro. Jose Lopez. When you add our staff personnel, led by Ms Vennie Tesalona, Ms Jen Acuna-our marketing guru and the wonderful lounge staff and kitchen personnel, reception personnel and our accounting staff- that which "Teamwork" is all about. To conduct a program for about 200 people with a former President, several Ambassadors and representatives from other involved countries, to raise a substantial amount of donated funds for underwriting the event and to produce a remarkable diorama of the tragic 9/11 is noteworthy. Thanks to all of you that donated time, funds and that attended the event.

As we now move into the 3rd quarter of the Elks year, I am fully confident that our membership numbers will continue to grow, that our numerous programs that are underway and those that are planned will come to fruition. Thank you all for your participation and support.

Doyle E. Stout

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- PER Humphrey O'leary III - Member
- PER W. Thomas Hoese - Member
- Bro. Winniefred Sandico - Member

Elks Club Oktoberfest
P180
BOTTOMLESS BEER DAILY

OCTOBER 1-30, 2011
4PM - 8PM

Elks 2nd Annual CHILI COOK OFF
7PM, Friday, October 21, 2011

..is yours the BEST ?!?

1st, 2nd & 3rd

Place Prizes
Inclusive of Entertainment, Food, 2 Rounds of Drink and Plenty of Bull Kickin' Chili Tassin's

P500 ENTRANCE FREE

One of the **HOTTEST** events of the year!
Whether you want to Cook & Compete... or just want to Eat, you're bound to have a whole lotta FUN!

COME ON DOWN AND JOIN US!

INFORMATION, RESERVATIONS AND COOK-OFF REGISTRATION
CALL JEN @ 811-3173, 811-3188

Elks Club presents

WORLD WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
PACQUIAO MARQUEZ III
LIVE ON PAY-PER-VIEW
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENT

Manila Elks Club is offering their Pool Table and Bar Counter located at the Dodge City **FOR SALE.**

Interested parties may submit their sealed Bids to Ms. Vennie at the Lodge Office.

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COMMITTEE DOINGS

FROM YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE

PER Larry Thomas, Chairman

As we are heading to the end of our 2nd Quarter of the Lodge year 2011/2012, it is nice to be able to report that in the year to date period of April through August we exceeded Budget. Actual sales were P 5,880,128 versus budget of P 5,397,256 or 109% , total net income was P 253,698 profit versus budget of P102,657 or 247%.

We have been interviewing different Club Managers, and it looks like we have found a good candidate. It was approved on the Lodge floor to offer him a three year contract. The contract will be put together and reviewed by our Labor people before submission. Fritz Weber completed his two month assignment and now we have a new menu that will be put out as soon as we have the new covers, hopefully in a couple weeks. In addition he gave us some good procedure write-ups as well as job descriptions that can be turned over to the new Manager.

The Security System has been installed and is ready to be used as soon as we get enough cards for all Members. The additional cards will be in the next shipment coming in the next few weeks. The new POS System has been installed and we are still ongoing with debugging efforts. We may have to look at some alternatives in the area and it is being addressed between the IT Committee and the House Committee.

On Air Quality we have put the additional fans in and have rerouted the ducting through the kitchen exhaust system. Although the system is working pretty well, we still may have to increase the part going from the bar to the kitchen as the space we had to work with was inadequate.

We received the approval from the Trustee's and Lodge to put in the Fire Suppression System which will cost us P 135,000. This is required by the Makati Fire Department ordinance and is required before we can obtain our smoking permit.

The House Committee is here to serve the Members, if anyone has any suggestions for improvements please let us know. The other Members are, Jeff Green, Tim Strong, Reinor Gloor, and Tom Jordan.

Thank you for your support.

FROM YOUR I.T. COMMITTEE

Bro. Terry Haas, Chairman

The new Manila Elks website was launched last weekend. Please take a few minutes to check it out at <http://www.manilaelks.org> - we welcome any and all feedback (especially positive!) related to navigation or content that you'd like to see added. Most of the content was migrated directly from the former site and therefore needs to be reviewed, updated, and improved over the next couple months.

Along with the content review we have begun optimizing it for web search engines, so the Manila Elks website will appear more prominently when Internet users are looking for fraternal organizations, the local Elks Lodge, Makati meeting rooms, or club facilities.

Please forward comments to trhaas@yahoo.com or any member of the I.T. advisory committee. With your help we look forward to making the website a more useful asset for all of us.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

JULY

- Bro. Philip Joseph Atkinson proposed by Bro. Paul Carpio
- Bro. William Pasternak proposed by Bro. Teodoro Padilla
- Bro. Bradley Eric Geiser proposed by Bro. Teodoro Padilla
- Bro. Christian Gerber proposed by Bro. Matthew Slough

AUGUST

- Sis. Teresa Jenna proposed by Robert Lane
- Ms. Mercy G. San Diego proposed by Mrs. Milagros Dario
- Mr. Paul J. Perez proposed by Bro. Gerald Yingling
- Mr. Bency A. Reyes proposed by Bro. Gerald Yingling
- Mr. Zhi Lin proposed by Bro. Gerlad Yingling

FROM YOUR ENF COMMITTEE

Timothy Strong, Chairman

ENF Scholarships Available to Manila Elks Members

If you have a high school senior student in your family who plans to attend college, he or she may qualify for an ENF Scholarship! Contact an ENF Committee member or the Elks National ENF at scholarship@elks.org for more details if, after reading the following section, you believe your student may be eligible.

Who is Eligible?

Any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of a living Elk who joined the order on or before April 1, 2009, or a charter member of a Lodge that was instituted on or after April 1, 2009, is eligible to apply. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2012. Great-grandchildren are not eligible.

The applicant must be a high school senior.

The applicant must apply online only.

If the applicant's parent and grandparent are both Elk members, the applicant must apply through the parent's Elks Lodge.

Students may apply for more than one ENF scholarship; however, they may win only one. In cases where the student qualifies for more than one, we will award the scholarship with the greater value.

Legacy Awards may only be applied to accredited US American schools, colleges or universities. (Note: Applicants from Guam, Panama, Puerto Rico and the Philippines may apply Legacy Awards toward schools, colleges or universities in their respective homes.)

Please contact anyone on the ENF Committee or Lodge Secretary for further information and guidance.

FROM YOUR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Jose Lopez III, Chairman

Greetings from the Historical Committee!

An important moment in recent history was recognized this past September 11 as the Elks commemorated the 10 year anniversary of September 11. We would like to extend our appreciation to all those who participated in the ceremonies on Patriots Day. A diorama of the event was dedicated to the Lodge by the 9-11 committee and several sponsors which will be on display at the Lodge and will ultimately become an important part of our historical collection.

The Historical committee continues its call to all Elk members, their friends and family to search your personal archives for anything that might be of historical relevance to the elks. This can include things such as pins, photos, newsletters, t-shirts, trophies or news articles that mention our organization in the past. These are important elements of our past which we are looking to have on display both at the lodge and the American Historical Collection located at Ateneo.

We would like to thank Bro. Ted Awad for sharing a copy of his Father's family history which is told in wonderful detail in a photographic book. We'd also like to thank Bro. Bob Lane for sharing stories about his early years in Manila and at the Lodge. These kinds of stories help to provide us with a unique insight into our history and perspective about the many trials our lodge has faced in its 110 year history. ER Doyle Stout also shared a collection of photographs from Bro. Trill Torrilhon whom he met at the Grand Lodge Convention. These photographs include pictures of a reunion pin from 1905, a Los Angeles-Manila commemorative pin from 1915, and a banner of the Elk bust from Philadelphia in 1907. We thank Bro. Trill for sharing these incredible items.

A special welcome goes out to Bro Dennis Youngblood as the newest member to the committee. We are excited to be working with him and trust he will add valuable assistance to our ongoing efforts.

If you have anything you would like to share or are interested in joining our committee, please contact the Lodge.

NEWS

FROM YOUR PATRIOTS' DAY COMMITTEE

Thomas Jordan, Committee Chair

Patriots' Day 9/11 Ceremony at the Elks

An Inspiring Event to Make Us Proud

The Patriots' Day 9/11 Ceremony was, by all accounts, an overwhelming success. This event, which began as a dream, with no budget, eventually turned out to be one of the largest and most well attended events in Elks Lodge 761 history. In fact, the Elks Patriots Day Ceremony was the premiere American event in the Philippines.

The event, with a full house, commenced with a luncheon and was followed by a solemn Ceremony. The program, full of many emotion-evoking videos of the attack on America and patriotic music videos, attracted many dignitaries. Key note addresses were delivered by US Ambassador Harry Thomas, Jr., as well as former Philippine President Fidel Ramos and General Ismael Villareal, former vice chair of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Also speaking at the Ceremony were British Ambassador Stephen Lillie, Canadian Ambassador Christopher Thornley, Australian Ambassador Roderick Smith, as well as Minister Motohiko Kato from the Japanese Embassy and Counselor Kim Kiejoo from the South Korean Embassy.

During the Ceremony, ER Doyle Stout remarked about the history of the Elks, and reminded the audience of why we were there – to remember all those who perished in the 9/11 national tragedy. He then called for the unveiling of the Elks 9/11 Diorama. It attracted the attention of all present, and the press gathered quickly around it to take photographs. The Diorama, which was funded by pledges, is available for viewing at the Club. Make sure you see it, as it is quite dramatic.

Although the event was un-budgeted, a pledge campaign was initiated by the Committee to fund the Elks 9/11 Diorama. But, as pledges grew they were used to fund the entire luncheon and ceremony. In total, pledges were 317,500php, from 45 Elks Club and Lodge members. The Committee decided to provide donor envelopes at each seat, seeking contributions from the guests. Total proceed from these donations were 12,370php. Thus, the net proceeds from pledges and donations for 9/11 event were 329,870php. Thank you to all who gave so generously. In preparation for the Ceremony, the Club was spruced up. General cleaning and painting were done. And, through the generous pledges and donations, a new public address system was installed with new speakers, along with new napkins and new wine glasses. The air conditioning units were inspected and repaired. Because of the costs of these items, the House Committee volunteered to pay some of these expenses, and received Lodge approval to do so. And, you will note that new shades have been installed in the Colonial, thanks to the House Committee, Trustees and the Lodge. Thanks to the generosity of James DuVivier and Larry Thomas, the wine for the event was donated, saving the 9/11 Committee that expense.

The Patriots' Day Committee agreed to use pledges to fund the cost of video production of the event, and preparation of 200 DVD copies for ENF. These DVDs of the entire event will be available for sale at the Club for 800php, with all proceeds going to ENF. For those who missed the event, this is your opportunity to see the program, and share what attendees experienced. To order, contact the Club Reception.

The media was well represented at the Patriots' Day Ceremony. Included in those providing coverage was Fox News, The Associated Press, Reuters, ABS-CBN TV, GMA7 TV, Channel 4, IBC and several from the foreign press. Much of this was coordinated by Mr. Michael Cohen from Fox News. Press Kits were prepared and distributed to the media. Coverage of the event was carried on local television stations, with some coverage by Fox and Sky. All the press was given access to photos from the event, which are accessible at [Facebook: search Elks Patriots' Day 2011 Manila](#). Those interested may purchase 5x7 copies of photos. Contact the Club for details.



9/11 DIORAMA

Behind the Scenes

There were so many who worked so hard to make the Patriots' Day a major success. First, is the Patriots' Day Committee, chaired by Tom Jordan. The Committee put together the entire event. Several members of the Committee deserve great praise and recognition. Donating more than 500 hours to the development of the event, and the video production, was Resurecion "Jing" Jordan. Her labor on the 12 videos shown in the ceremony was evident, as these were the critical component of the program.

PER Charles Madson worked tirelessly on the design and construction of the Elks 9/11 Diorama, now famous around the world through the press. Bro. Joe Quinlivan took complete charge of the security aspects of the event and coordinated with all embassies and the building security. All were safe because of his efforts.

Finally, PER Larry Thomas was instrumental in providing encouragement and guidance, as well as obtaining House Committee and Lodge support for all activities associated with the event. But, he also got involved in the "hands on" activities of the Committee, always there when a hand was needed, and always there to contribute his sage advice.

Certainly, the event would never have been a success without the support and conviction of the Elks Club Staff. They all worked extremely hard and put 110% in to making the Elks look good. And, the kitchen staff did a commendable job in preparing quality plated-meals for such a large group. Food taste was wonderful, and it was hot and appetizing when served.

The wait staff and the bar staff service was exemplary and they deserve both credit and recognition for their excellent work. The Administrative staff worked behind the scenes, and did whatever was asked of them. They were always available to lend a helping hand. The entire staff did a wonderful job, and the Elks owe them the highest praise.

But, the real forces behind the event success were Jen Acuna and Vennie Tesalona. They both were devoted and committed. Jen, while performing her regular job, spent countless hours for the event, even while on vacation. She oversaw all the marketing aspects and many other elements of the program planning. We all thank Jen for her tremendous effort. And, working tirelessly and pushing to make the event a success was Vennie. While doing her job for the Lodge, she was a driving force. She was, and is, an inspiration to the entire staff. Her coordination of various aspects of the event was splendid and the results showed it. Our sincerest thanks to Vennie.

Despite a few minor glitches, the Patriots' Day 9/11 Observance was, according to all accounts, a significant achievement and an enormous success. A dedicated, hard working and inspired team made this event one of which all Manila Elks members can be proud.

SPECIAL EVENTS PHOTO GALLERY



Elks Club House Committee Chairman PER Larry Thomas with his opening remarks.



Exalted Ruler Doyle Stout with his anniversary message.

Elks Club 109th Anniversary Celebration



BEST FEMALE in Western Costume Mrs. Lilian Pickard awarded by Chairman PER Thomas and assisted by Lodge Executive Asst./OIC Ms. Vennie Tesalona & Events & Mktg Mgr. Jen Acuña.



L-R Club Member Mr. Bernardo Tadeja Jr. VP of Century Properties, major sponsor of the event together with Century Pres. Mr. Zaldy Alarcon and their Sales Managers.



Elks Members enjoying Western Band danceable music.

Emcee of the program, Elks very own Lodge Member Mr. Douglas "Elvis" Masuda.



BEST MALE in Western Costume Lodge Member/ Membership Committee Mr. Rodney Klinge.



Exalted Ruler Doyle Stout with his introduction on 9/11 event.



L-R 9/11 Committee Chair Thomas Jordan, Japanese Embassy Minister Kato, British Amb. Lillie, ER Doyle Stout, former Vice-Chair AFP Gen Villareal, Canadian Amb. Thomley, U.S Amb. Thomas, former Philippine Pres. Ramos, Australian Amb. Smith and Counselor Kiejoo of South Korea Embassy.

9/11 Elks Patriots' Day



United States Amb. Harry K. Thomas Jr. with his message on Elks Patriots' Day.



Pres. Ramos with Mrs. Jing Jordan, 9/11 Video Producer, and 9/11 Committee Chairman Thomas Jordan.



L-R United States American Citizen Services Chief Michael Garrote, Elks Club House Committee Chairman/ Past Exalted Ruler Larry Thomas and Canadian Amb. Christopher Thomley.



President Fidel V. Ramos and Elks Exalted Ruler Doyle Stout



R-L, Elks Past Exalted Ruler W. Thomas Hoesse, Elks Lodge Executive Asst./OIC Ms. Vennie Tesalona and Mrs. Marilyn Hoesse.

L-R Elks Lodge Secretary Mr. Robert Lane, British Amb. Lillie and Manila Club Pres. Reynolds.



L-R Elks Lodge 1st Vice-President Mr. Mariano Martin, 9/11 Committee Member, 9/11 Committee/ Elks Past Exalted Ruler Charles Madson and Australian Amb. Roderick Smith.



L-R Elks Club Events & Mktg. Mgr. Jen Acuña with Elks Office Staff and at the Center Ms. Ruth Lachica, one of Security Officers of the event.