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Message from the Exalted Ruler



It is always exciting to welcome a new year and 2012 is now with us. The past year of 2011 was an exciting and successful year for the Manila Lodge 761 in the Philippines and we are projecting and, indeed, anticipating an even more productive 2012 as we welcome the new 110th year of service to our members, guests and benefactor organizations. Indeed it has been a fine year with a sustaining increase in membership numbers for both the Lodge and the Elks Club. Our income revenues are increasing and above budget. The Lodge financial giving and support to the benefactor organizations through our Elks National Foundation (ENF) Committee has provided for increased giving and in turn, returning funds from the national ENF of the Elks. The increased funds are used to support our benefactor organizations such as the Cerebral Palsy, the AAP, and PAGA, the American Chamber Foundation, Pangarap Foundation and other organizations.

As the American Club in the Philippines, we have been favored with a sustained increase in our Lodge and Club membership numbers. Importantly, we have been successful in joining new professionals with the personal high qualities as individuals that we find necessary to maintain the high standards of the Manila Lodge and the Elks Club. Our Chairman of the Membership Committee, Brother Joseph Quinlivan provides additional information on the membership numbers in an associated article in this publication. My congratulations and thanks to the Membership Committee and to Brother Rodney Klinge, Chairman of the indoctrination Committee for their wonderful hands-on efforts that continue to produce the impressive increase in our membership rolls.

Chairman Per Larry Thomas and the members of the House Committee have maintained an impressive array of programs and events, improvements in the Club facilities and equipments that have produced the revenues needed for the Elks Club. It has been a good financial year thus far for the American Club of the Philippines-the Elks Club. Please see the article in this news-letter from Per Larry Thomas on House Committee activities.

I am pleased to report that although our Club Manager resigned this past June 2011, we have "pulled up our socks" and with the help of Ms Vennie Tesalona, Lodge Assistant Secretary, designated as the Acting Club Manager, the always magnificent support of Ms Jen Acuna, our Marketing Manager and a fine staff, the Club programs have been on track and successful. We have seen favorable results on normal club operations, conferences, special events and sponsored Club events. A new Club Manager will be with us in the near future. In the meantime, our business is good thanks to the House Committee, Vennie, Jen, our wonderful support staff, the kitchen personnel, Ms Ruth and the highly capable lounge group, and of course our loyal members. Indeed it has been a successful year of 2011.

The strong finish of 2011 will successfully launch 2012, anticipated to be another fine quarter through the next quarter, which will complete the 2011/2012 term for me as the elected Exalted Ruler/President of the Lodge and Club. The future for the 2012/2013 year looks exceptional for the new leadership of the organization.

Doyle Stout





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FROM THE STAFF.....

Our sincere thanks to the House Committee, Officers, Members and Sponsors for their generosity. By their contributions we had a great Christmas Party at the Elks which our family enjoyed as well. Your care and counting on us is well appreciated. MORE BLESSINGS TO ALL FOR 2012!!!

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COMMITTEE DOINGS

FROM YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE

PER Larry Thomas, Chairman

As we are heading to the end of our 3rd Quarter of the Lodge year 2011/2012, it is nice to be able to report that in the year to date period from April through November, we exceeded Budget. Actual sales were P 9,783,191 versus the budget of P 9,520,697 or 103%, total net income was P 703,269 profit versus the budget of P 608,324 or 116%. This does not include the start of Manila Club which gave us an additional P 137,200 starting November.

Although we reported in the last newsletter that we had found a good candidate for Club Manager that has since fallen through as well as a couple more candidates. We are still searching for a new Manager for the Club or F&B, but in the meantime our superb staff has jumped in to cover things while we continue our search. My sincere "Thanks" to Vennie and Jen for their extra efforts.

The new menu was put out the end of November with some new items and some slow movers removed. We would appreciate any feedback from the Members.

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 hopefully by January and if so we will implement after being able to announce to all members for at less a month. The new POS System has been installed and seems to be working okay.

The Fire Suppression System has been installed in the kitchen and the Fire Department notified. We are currently getting quotes for a couple stand-up freezers to replace the chest type that are currently being used.

With the budget approval by the Trustee's and Lodge Floor for the purchase of a large screen TV not to exceed US\$5,000. We were able to get this from the U.S. at a much less cost and this allowed us to also purchase a new Computer and Projector and stay within the budget. A big "Thanks" to Brother Tim Strong for all of his efforts on this project. This will be loaded onto a container which PER Charles Madsen is bringing over in January. Our Brother Aaron Goach, has donated a 50 inch Plasma TV from Hong Kong which we will need to mount on a sturdy wall as the weight is over 120lbs and will not fit on the Stand or Wall brackets we have.

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, Reiner Gloor, and Tom Jordan.

Thank you for your support.

FROM YOUR 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

Matthew Slough, Chairman

As many of you know, in recent years the Elks have been involved in the American 4^{th} of July celebration run by the American Association as a food and beverage vendor. This has been a positive experience in reaching out to the American community and raising our visibility. Our ER Doyle Stout has reached an agreement with the American Association whereby the Elks will be the primary organizer of this event going forward. The AAP will still run raffles and charity auctions in support of their worthy charities, but the Elks will be in charge of all logistical and organizational matters.

The 4th of July Committee has had an initial meeting and we are going to turn this celebration into an all day family event including sports, children's activities, carnival games, music, food and fireworks. We have preliminary agreement with Nomads Sports Club to have this event at their facilities in Paranaque on Sunday July 1st, 2012. Nomads Sports Club has a wide array of facilities that can accommodate our planned activities. These facilities include: a full sports field, adult and children's pools, playground area, locker rooms, volleyball court, and areas for games, vendors and bands.

The Committee is excited to have an expanded role in this most American of holiday celebrations. As this will be a huge effort to pull off in a way that we all can be proud of, we are asking for anyone interested in helping out to please contact myself or one of the Committee members. We will be sharing more information as the event draws nearer.

FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Joseph Quinlivan, Chairman

Dear Brother / Sister Elks and Club Members,

The Membership Committee wishes all members and your families the very best for the New Year.

2011 was a very good year for membership in both the Lodge and the club. 17 new lodge members joined in 2011, fourteen new Club members & 129 Manila Club members joined the Elks Club, bringing the actual new Club members up to one hundred and forty three for the year.

Currently the Lodge has 159 members; the Club has 298 members, bringing the total membership to 457. While this is an impressive number, we should all strive to enhance the Lodge and the Club through recruiting new members.

There will be a Fellowship/Membership night this month, to be held on 26 January 2012. During this membership night we will be saluting all the great work done by our Club members on behalf of the ELKS and our charities. Please invite anyone you believe would be a good addition to our rolls to attend this evening. The Membership Nights are a great way for prospective members to learn about the ELKS, while enjoying an evening with outstanding entertainment, food, drink and conversation

FROM YOUR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Jose Lopez III, Chairman

Greetings from the Elks Historical Committee!

I would like to share a unique update with our members this month which centers around a recent visit to the American Historical Collection located in the Rizal Library at the Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City. Earlier this year, Bro. Dennis Youngblood and I had the opportunity to meet with Ms. WaldetteCueto, Curator for the AHC. In case you may not be aware, the AHC is a collection of unique historical items from the American period in the Philippines which spans from the late 19th century through the end of World War II. This incrediblynotable period in history is well documented at the AHC and they have a variety of photographs, news periodicals, books, letters and donated artifacts such as actual bayonets used during the wars.

The facility boasts a dedicated research area complete with a PC allowing you to access additional information online. Ms. Cueto also assisted us in locating several pieces of information specifically pertaining to the Elks and the Manila Lodge. Specifically we were able to find pictures of the former Lodge on Roxas Blvd. together with pictures of past members and events.

The committee would like to thank Ms. WaldetteCueto and Bro. Dennis Youngblood for their assistance in gathering the information. Similarly, we extend again our call to all of our members to come forward with any stories about the past or with any other information or memorabilia you would like to share. I can be reached via email at jilopez3@gmail.com

FROM YOUR ENF COMMITTEE

Timothy Strong, Chairman

The Manila Elks ENF(Elks National Foundation) raised \$9000 last year through its fundraising, its member and their dedication to the charities we so passionately support. That \$9000 was sent directly to the ENF National Headquarters located in Chicago. The ENF National Headquarters then invests the money as it arrives from more than 2000 Elks Lodges along with ENF's National principal of nearly 1 Billion USD. The earnings from the investment are then distributed to the lodges accordingly based on their individual contribution for the year. The ENF National Headquarters turned our \$9000 into \$12,890 including a Scholarship and Gratitude Grant. Since 1993, the Manila Elks 761 raised and delivered \$72,221 to the ENF National Headquarters and they returned to us \$139,259. That's nearly 100% return. Elks Care-Elks Share!

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NEWS

ENF COMMITTEE...

On December 08, our Elvis Night, hosted by our own Bro. Douglas "ELVIS" Masuda was an exciting evening for those who were lucky enough to attend. For those of you who couldn't make it, but bought tickets in support for ENF, SALUTE! Our earnings for the event were net P46,743. We hope to repeat this event in mid-year 2012 for those who didn't get enough and for those who missed out.

Out next scheduled event in support of our charity AMCHAM will be February 29th. The ENF BINGO will co-sponsor this event. Ticket cost is P1,500 for 10 BINGO games and pica-pica.

Our final event of ENF year will be our 9th Annual President's Cup scheduled March 15. Each Elks member is encourage to find three non-Elks Members to form a four person scramble team. There will be flyers reaching everyone with the details, however, we need sponsors to make this event better than last year and we expect more than 100 players. See Bro. Jefferey Green is our Golf Chairman or Jen if you have a sponsorship.

On a final note, we have until March 31, 2012 to break our last year's mark of \$9,000 in raised funds. We need all of your ideas and support moving forward to be certain that our goal is achieved.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

ENF Chairman Timothy Strong and Exalted Ruler Doyle Stout presented donations to 6 charity organizations, American Assn. of the Philippines (AAP), Phil.Cerebral Palsy Inc.(PCPI), Phil.American Guardian Assn.(PAGA), AMCHAM Foundation Circle of Friends and Pangarap Foundations.





Nien Ship Cekta Night

Pangarap Foundation





Phil. American Guardian Association





Philippine Cerebral Palsy

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Jen Acuña, Events & Marketing Manager

The 4rd quarter of this Lodge Year 2011-2012 brings you new Ala Carte menus here at the Club. The menu is better than ever and will please your culinary senses with cuisine that will guarantee a smile on your face and satisfy your gastronomical desires. See below our revived Menu.



Pulled Pork BBQ Sandwich

Shredded Pork with BBQ sauce. Served in a burger bun.



Thai Beef Salad

Seared Filet of Beef Served Atop Chilled Mixed Greens. Bursting with Fresh Thai Flavors



Traditional recipe. Breaded and deep fried. Served with Mashed Potato.

Maryland Crab Cakes

Chateaubriand

A generous 1 pound cut of tenderloin seared than roasted to perfection. Served with Chateau Potatoes and Béarnaise sauce.





Sesame Seared Crusted Tuna

with Wasabi-Mayo dip

For the remaining months of this Lodge year, we are preparing a series of events that will give you and your families something to look forward to and enjoy.

JANUARY....

26 - Bi-Monthly Membership Cocktail, 27- Chinese Buffet Lunch FEBRUARY.....

14 - Valentines Day Dinner Show, 29- ENF Bingo

15 - 9th President's Cup, 29 - Bi-Monthly Membership Cocktail Watch for poster for details.



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SPECIAL EVENTS PHOTO GALLERY

2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off October 21, 2011















Pacquiao vs Marquez Pay-Per-View November 13, 2011











11 Elks Thanksgiving

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members **OCTOBER**

- •Mr. Nigel Hogge proposed by PER Larry Thomas
- •Mr. Michael Joseph Estaniel proposed by PER Richard Hart
- •Bro. Jason Bolante proposed by Bro. Mariano Martin
- •Bro. Aaaron Goach proposed by ER Doyle Stout
- •Bro. Thomas Colvin proposed by Bro. James Clarkson

NOVEMBER

- •Bro. Bruce Walker proposed by Bro. Norman Ober
- •Mr. Wolfgang Weilbach proposed by PER Larry Thomas
- •Mr. Ernesto Moya proposed by Mr. Jun Aquino
- •Mr. Rey Eduardo U. Quipit proposed by Mr. Jun Aquino
- •Paramina Earth Technologies, Inc. proposed by Mr. Duncan Blair

DECEMBER

- •Advance Environmental Control Inc proposed by Bro. Douglas Masuda
- •International Maritime Employers Committee proposed by Mr. Michael Estaniel
- •Bro. Thomas Cerny proposed by Bro. Gerald Yingling

REINSTATED

- •Mr. Daniel Sargeant
- •Mr. Luis De Jesus Que

