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The brethren during the Tree Planting Project and Family Outing held at La Mesa Dam Watershed, 19 March 2006

Marikina Lodge No. 119 Conducts Tree Planting & Family Outing at La Mesa Dam Watershed

by VW Rey Cadiz, DDGM

A dual activity was undertaken by the brethren of Marikina Lodge No. 119 last Sunday, 19 March 2006, at the La Mesa Dam Watershed in Quezon City. The group coverage at the McDonalds Restaurant along Commonwealth Ave., at 7:30 in the morning and proceed to the venue.

Marikina Lodge No. 119 is the first lodge which has conducted this activity in order to help preserve and protect our Watershed after the Grand Lodge of the Philippines has conducted the same activity last December 14, 2006 to signal the start of the week-long celebration of its 93rd Founding Anniversary. The Grand Lodge was granted two

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Enhancing the public image of Marikina Lodge No. 119



The March 18 issue of THE PHILIPPINE FREE PRESS featured a one-page article of the Marikina Lodge No. 119 Installation of officers for year 2006. This issue was courtesy of our brethren of THE PHILIPPINE FREE PRESS, through the coordination of VW Rey Cadiz.

Birthday celebrants for the month of April
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
 Bro. George Catameo (April 12)
 VW Mario Macatangay (April 9)
 Bro. Arthur Tabaquero (April 17)
 Bro. Benjamin Mordeno (April 23)
 and WB Dante Ypil (April 6)

My heartfelt thanks to the brethren who participated in our Tree Planting Project and Family Outing in La Mesa Dam, Quezon City, last March 19, 2006: VW Rolly P. Ubaldo, PDGL & his family, VW Mario G. Macatangay, PDDGM & family, WB Magdaleno Dante J. Ypil, IPM & family, WB Noy Balite & family, Bros. John Bri-ones, Rolly Acosta & family, Arnel Bantayan & family, Majid P. Benito, Edwin Maquinto, Roddy Penalosa, Ariel Taluban & Neil C. Valenzuela & family. Petitioner Jude Gadingan and most especially to VW Rey Cadiz, DDGM, the project chairman and coordinator. Many, many thanks to Sis. Macra Cruz, MWSS Deputy Administrator, and Mr. Elefante for giving us access to the La Mesa Dam, providing the seedlings and allowing us to use their Guest House.



I would like to thank VW Benjamin Torres for the Masonic Information materials he gave me. It will be published next issue. To Kuya Dante and Kuya Rey for sponsoring two (2) issues of our monthly bulletin.

Congratulations to our newly raised Bros. Ariel Taluban and Neil Valenzuela. Membership growth is one of the imperatives of a vibrant Lodge. Membership growth is our legacy to the future, for anything that ceases to grow is starting to die.

One of the most important annual event in our fraternity, the 90th Annual Communication (ANCOM) will be held on April 27 - 29, 2006 at Cebu City. I am encouraging everyone to join me, WB Dante, SW John & JW Bugs in attending this affair. This is the best venue to meet Brethren, make new friends, and experience fellowship like no other!

We are considering holding our stated meeting in Marikina City. Bro. Manny Gaerlan (Cosmos Lodge), the City's Chief of Police has offered an air-conditioned place inside the police station.

Maraming salamat po.

Bro. Miguelito M. Cruz
Worshipful Master, 2006

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(2) hectare lot as its Tree Planting site by MWSS last December, the institution in charge of the La Mesa Watershed.

The La Mesa Dam, being the source of water for the whole Manila, is a closely guarded area. The group was assisted by a group of security officers assigned to protect the area (they also assisted in planting some trees). The Lodge has planted a total of 70 seedlings of Alibangbang tree through the collective effort of the brethren and their families.

After the tree planting, the group proceed to the luxuriosius La Mesa Dam guest house. Games were set up by WB Dante, but the kids were so tired to play. Lunch was prepared by the Sisters. After the sumptous meal, some brethren went fishing, drinking San Mig Light while singing, using the



Project Chairman VW Rey Cadiz, DDGM



The brethren and their families

sound system brought by Bro. John. Some slept in the air-conditioned rooms.

The Lodge was led by WM Miguelito “Mike” M. Cruz with the support of the following brethren: VW Rolly P. Ubaldo, PDGL and his family, VW Mario G. Macatanyag, PDDGM and family, VW Rey Cadiz, DDGM (project coordinator), WB Magdaleno Dante J. Ypil, IPM & family, WB Noy Balite and Family, Bros. John Briones, Rolly Acosta and family, Arnel Bantayan and family, Majid P. Benito, Edwin Maquinto, Rody Penalosa, Ariel Taluban and Neil C. Valenzuela and family. Petitioner Jude Gadingan was also present.



The Alibangbang trees



VW Rolly and Sis Lucila Briones preparing lunch.



VW Rolly, WB Dante, Bros Magid and Rolly in front of the MWSS Guest House



WM Mike and WB. Noy planting their 'al-ibangbang tree'.



WB Dante



Above and belo: The sisters and kids as they prepare to proceed to the planting area





Kuya Rolly teaching them the proper way to plant 'alibangbang'



Bro. Arnel (above) and VW Macky (right): "Magtanim ay hindi biro!"



Bro. John and kids



Bros Edwin and Ariel

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L-R (standing) VW Rolly, SW John, Bro. Arnel, VW Rey, Bro. Ariel. (Sitting) Bro. Edwin, WM Mike, WB Dante, Bro. Neil, & Bro. Rolly Acosta. Front row, Bro. Majid, Bro. Roddy & VW Macky. This photo was taken at the balcony of the MWSS Guest House.

*We would like to express our deepest sympathy to
VW Rey Cadiz and his family for the death of his brother in Iloilo
and to Bro. Majid Benito and his family
for the death of his brother in Mindanao.*