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GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER



GEN. BENJAMIN R. MADRIGAL JR., AFP (Ret.)

Deputy Director General and Chief of Staff, NSC
Former Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines
Former Administrator, Philippine Coconut Authority

Kabalita

Part of our patriotic duty is to keep ourselves abreast of the national security situation. A keen awareness of what is going on, and what our national government is doing to address burning geo-political and security issues of the day, is definitely a must for every conscientious and responsible citizen. Thus, listening to national security officials is not only a way to keep ourselves informed, but is also a simple way of showing our appreciation and thanking them and our uniformed personnel for their service.





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PROGRAM TIMETABLE

34th Weekly Membership Meeting

Rotary Year 2023-2024
Thursday, 4 April 2024, 12:30 PM
MANILA POLO CLUB

Moderator: DIR. ALBERT "Hans" C. PALACIOS

12:00 PM	Registration	
12:30 PM	Call to Order	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
	Invocation I	
	Philippine National Anthem	AVP of RCM Members
	Rotary Club of Manila Hymn	RCM WF Music Chorale
	The Four (4) Way Test	RTN. CARLOS "Caloy" G. SERAPIO
	Acknowledgment of Guests	DIR. ALBERT "Hans" C. PALACIOS
	Welcome Song	RCM WF Music Chorale
	<u>Birthday Celebrants</u>	
	Mar. 25	Rtn. Aries Balanay
	Mar. 26	Rtn. Uwe Hesse
	Mar. 28	Rtn. Wolf Harle Rtn. Marlon Roño STAR Rtn. Yasushi Iwata
	Mar. 29	Dir. Hans Palacios Rtn. Vee Davi
	Mar. 31	PVP Ben Diokno Rtn. Ramby Nolido
	Apr. 01	Rtn. Dick Lee
	Apr. 04	Rtn. Ricky Guevara
	<i>Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song</i>	RCM WF Music Chorale
	Update on the 2nd RCM Golf Cup Tournament	RCMFI PRES. WILFREDO "Willie" T. PELIÑO
12:50 PM	President's Time	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
1:05 PM	Introduction of the Guest of Honor & Speaker	RTN. RAYMOND "Ray" N. DAVIS
	<u>Guest of Honor and Speaker</u>	
	Address:	
	GEN. BENJAMIN R. MADRIGAL, JR. (Ret.)	
	<i>Deputy Director General and Chief of Staff – National Security Council</i>	
	<i>Former Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines</i>	
	<i>Former Administrator, Philippine Coconut Authority</i>	
1:30 PM	Open Forum / Q.A.	
1:50 PM	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III
2:00 PM	Adjournment	PRES. RAFAEL "Raffy" M. ALUNAN III

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



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General Benjamin Rasgo Madrigal Jr. (Ret.) or "Benjie" is currently the Deputy Director General and Chief of Staff of the National Security Council. He was the 51st Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines and was a former Administrator of the Philippine Coconut Authority.

As Administrator and a member of the Board of Directors of the Philippine Coconut Authority, he took office on January 27, 2020 up to 17 November 2022. He orchestrated the accomplishment of all the PCA deliverables mandated by Republic Act No. 11524 or the Coconut Farmers and Industry Trust Fund Act, which outlined the utilization of the long-awaited multibillion-peso Coco Levy Fund. He was also responsible for various strategic initiatives such as the PCA Transformation Roadmap and the Coconut Farmers and Industry Roadmap (CocoFIRM).

Recognizing his initiatives to improve the country's coconut industry, he was elected as Chairman of the Technical Working Group of the International Coconut Community, which consist of 20 coconut-growing countries, during its Plenary Meeting in November 2021 with a three-year term.

He also is a retired military general officer, who assumed the highest position in the Armed Forces of the Philippines as the 51st Chief of Staff, AFP on 11 December 2018 up to his compulsory retirement from active military service on September 28, 2019 after more than thirty-eight years of highly meritorious and dedicated service.

He has a colorful military career and performed excellently in various leadership positions of major responsibility, from brigade commander, division commander, and commander of AFP Unified Command. He has also been Chairman of the Board of three AFP financial institutions and was Co-Chairman of the Philippines – Indonesia Border Committee when he was Eastern Mindanao Commander and Co-Chair of the Philippines-United States Mutual

GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER

Defense Board-Security Engagement Board when he was Chief of Staff, AFP. He has also been a delegate of the Armed Forces of the Philippines in various international engagements held in Russia, Japan, Australia, United States, Korea, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia. He has likewise acted as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of three (3) major AFP Financial Institutions that cater to the needs of military personnel: the AFP Savings and Loans Association Incorporated (AFPSLAI), the AFP Mutual Benefit Association Incorporated (AFPMBAI), and the AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System (AFPRSBS).

General Madrigal consistently excelled and topped his local and international trainings and schoolings. He holds a **Master's Degree in Management Studies** from the University of New South Wales in Canberra, Australia; and a **Master's Degree in Public Administration** from the Philippine Christian University. He also completed the **Professional Directors' Program** from the Institute of Corporate Directors and is a member of the Society of Fellows of this prestigious institution. He also took up other executive courses such as the **Senior Executive Course** on National Security at the National Defense College of the Philippines, the **Financial Analysis Course** at the University of Asia and the Pacific, and the **Defense Resource Management Course** in Canberra, Australia. He is also a graduate of the **Forward Observer Course** in Manly, Australia; and the **Military and Peacekeeping Operations in Accordance with the Rule of Law** in Newport, Rhode Island, USA.

As a testament to his exemplary performance, he is a recipient of numerous awards and recognition, to wit: the **2016 Outstanding Citizen Award** of Los Baños, Laguna; the highly coveted **Cavalier Award for Outstanding Performance in Command and Administration** from the PMA Alumni Association, Inc; the **2018 Alumnus of the Year Award** during the 2018 Australian Alumni Excellence Awards; the **Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Commander)** for his performance during his stint as Commander, Eastern Mindanao Command; the **United States Legion of Merit** for his contributions in ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region; the **Philippine Legion of Honor (Degree of Chief Commander)** for professionalism, competence, and exceptional leadership as Chief of Staff, Armed Forces of the Philippines; and recently, the **Order of Lapulapu (rank of Magalong)** for his leadership performance in the Philippine Coconut Authority.

A member of the **PMA "Sandiwa" Class of 1985**, a native of Los Baños, Laguna and married to the former **Maria Gemma B Convenido** of San Pablo City, Laguna and their marriage is blessed with three children - **Jed Matthew, Monica Ysabel, and Sofia Dominick**.

EDITOR'S NOTE

ON CHOOSING WISELY.

A similar article was featured here on 3 August 2023, which was also published in August 2022. This was the time of the year when Manila Rotarians were tasked to take a judicious look at the nominees and wisely discern who would be the 8 members to best serve as Club Directors for the succeeding Rotary year.

In all these past articles on the subject matter, I have always expressed my fascination with the unique Rotary culture of electing officers way ahead of the commencement of their term. This month of April 2024, the various Rotary Clubs comprising District 3810 will be electing the District Governor who will serve in Rotary year 2026-2027.



Raoul C. Creencia
Editor-in-Chief, balita

With more than two years to go, the District is already set to elect the District Governor Nominee (DGN). This indeed is preparation at its best. This is succession planning in action. The elected DGN will undergo all the required trainings and undertake the much needed preparations to be fully ready for a one-year stint as District Governor. By the time the DGN assumes office, more than two years shall have been spent preparing for a one-year service as the Leader of District 3810. With the election season brewing, the Rotary Clubs in the District will be making their respective choice and cast their vote on who will be the DGN.

As Asia's first Rotary Club, and as the mother of all clubs, RCM is again expected to take the lead in making a judicious and intelligent decision who among the various candidates for Governor is best suited for the job. For this purpose, each candidate's qualifications, and equally important, her character and adherence to the 4-Way Test, should be assiduously examined. All candidates must be vetted based on a high standard, and if none of the candidates meet the standard, then no one may be voted upon. In other words, a candidate must be chosen based on his own merits, and not based on the demerits of his contenders.

The RCM Board has already made its choice. After a unique development transpired, the Board reconvened, deliberated the matter anew, and thereafter resolved to reconfirm its choice.

I respect the process ordained in the Club's constitution and by-laws, and I recognize the mandate and authority of the Board. But how I wish our Directors have collectively resolved the matter differently. Differently.

33rd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

March 21, 2024



PROGRAM MODERATOR



The weekly meeting moderator was **PD Beda G. Fajardo** who proficiently navigated the sequence of the meeting. He began by inviting Manila Rotarians to be seated to allow the meeting to officially commence.

33rd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

March 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER



On behalf of **Pres. Rafael "Raffy" M. Alunan III**, **Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez**, called the 33rd weekly membership meeting to order.

INVOCATION



Rotarians **Carlos 'Caloy' C. Buendia** and **D. Edgard 'Ed' A. Cabangon** led the invocation for the membership. Ed led the recitation of a beautifully written piece, while Caloy rendered a powerful prayer song.

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PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM & MANILA ROTARY HYMN



Rotary Members and guests took a position of respect as they sang the Philippine National Anthem and the Rotary Hymn.

FOUR-WAY TEST



Rotarians were again reminded of their commitment to live by the Four-Way Test, with the recitation of this mantra led by **Rtn. Isidro "Butch" C. Alcantara**.

WELCOME SONG



Keeping with tradition, the guests were serenaded by the World Famous RCM Chorale with the Club's signature welcome song.

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PRESIDENT'S TIME



On behalf of **President Raffy Alunan**, **Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez** welcomed the members and guests.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST OF HONOR & SPEAKER



PP Domingo "Boy" S.B. Guevara, Jr. introduced the guest speaker.

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March 21, 2024

GUEST OF HONOR AND SPEAKER

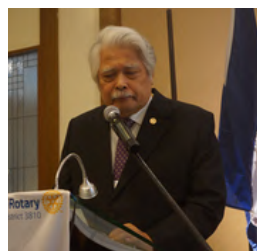


Delivering a truly apt and meaningful message before the Holy Week break,
Rev. Fr. Jerry M. Orbos captivated everyone in attendance.

OPEN FORUM



During the open forum, **Rev. Fr. Jerry M. Orbos** gamely engaged in an animated conversation with (below photos, from left): **PP Boy Guevara**, **VPE Joel Valdes**, **PD Beda Fajardo**, **Dir. Hans Palacios**, **PDG Rudy Bediones** **PD Oscar Del Rosario**.



33rd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

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TOKEN OF APPRECIATION



Rev. Fr. Jerry M. Orbos warmly received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, which was witnessed by **PD Beda G. Fajardo**, **Rtn. Isidro "Butch" C. Alcantara**, **PP Domingo "Boy" S.B. Guevara Jr.**, **Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez**, **Rtn. D. Edgard "Ed" A. Cabangon**, **Rtn. Carlos "Caloy" C. Buendia**, **PDG Alexander "Alex" P. Cureg**, and **PDG Rodolfo "Rudy" P. Bediones**.

ADJOURNMENT



After thanking the guest speaker and all attendees, the meeting was adjourned by **Sec. Edwin H. Hernandez**.

33rd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

March 21, 2024

MEETING FELLOWSHIP



32nd WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: A RECAP

March 14, 2024

MEETING FELLOWSHIP





CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report RY 2023-2024

MARCH 2024	March 07, 2024 THE MOST REV. H.E. CHARLES J. BROWN	March 14, 2024 PHILHEALTH PRES. & CEO EMMANUEL R. LEDESMA, JR.	March 21, 2024 FR. JERRY M. ORBOS, SVD	March 28, 2024 HOLIDAY
MEMBERS PRESENT	31	29	35	0
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	11	46	4	0
EXEMPTED FROM ATTENDANCE	3	4	7	0
ON LEAVE	0	0	2	0
Total Active Members	39	71	30	0
Total # of Members	240	240	240	240
TOTAL ATTENDANCE %:	16%	30%	13%	0%
ROTARACTORS	2	1	1	0
MEDIA	4	6	4	0
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	2	2	3	0
GOHS / GS	1	4	2	0
Visiting Rotarians	1	9	3	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	4	5	12	0
TOTAL ATTENDEES	39	48	53	0



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

LIST OF ATTENDEES

1	Alcantara, Isidro C.
2	Bartolome III, Arsenio M.
3	Bediones, Rodolfo P.
4	Bogovich, Jason M.
5	Buendia, Carlos C.
6	Cabangon, Edgard A.
7	Carlos, Vicente J.
8	Cureg, Alexander P.
9	Cutter, John Michael
10	Davis, Raymond N.
11	Del Rosario Sr., Oscar A.
12	Egan, Brendan W.L.
13	Enriquez III, Eduardo V.
14	Fajardo, Beda G.
15	Go, Henry S.
16	Guevara, Jr., Domingo S.
17	Hernandez, Edwin H
18	Locsin, Arsenio Z.
19	Matschuck, Guenter Gerhard G.
20	Mauricio, Antonilo DC
21	Mommaerts, Steve
22	Palacios, Albert C.
23	Pascual, Abraham F.
24	Payumo, Felicito C.
25	Peliño, Wilfredo M.
26	Reynolds, David J.
27	Rodriguez Sr., Joaquin C.
28	Serapio, Carlos G.
29	Shimoda, Shigeru
30	Sibayan, Joselito H.
31	Tagaysay, Hector O.
32	Talampas, Jose Angel L.
33	Valdes, Joel C.
34	Yasushi, Iwata
35	Nomura, Kazuhiro

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LIST OF ABSENTEES

1	Aboy, Valentino G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano G.
4	Agnes, Jerry A.
5	Albaña, Michael Jaey C
6	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
7	Alday, Albert Singson
8	Alingog, Aldous A.
9	Alunan III, Rafael M.
10	Ampil, Alvin R.
11	Andal, Avelino L.
12	Ang, Richard T.
13	Angara, Marius
14	Aragon, Joshua Reuben
15	Arguelles, Pablo C.
16	Aventura Jr. Avenilo L.
17	Balanay, Aries B.
18	Batur, Sinan
19	Bautista, John Jr. I.
20	Bella Jr. Geronimo P.
21	Benedicto III, Bernardo T.
22	Benedicto, Sixto T.
23	Bertelsen Bertel, Ingmar
24	Bhalla, Pardeep
25	Biltz, Olivier
26	Blanco, Manuel M.
27	Bolton, Wilhelm
28	Branellec, Jacques
29	Caasi, Jr., Urbano S.
30	Cabuñag, Rogelio R.
31	Camat, Nathaniel
32	Campos, Jr., Joselito D.
33	Camus, Jose Fernando B
34	Canon, Raul Jr. E.
35	Carranceja, Arvin Arik B
36	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef M.
37	Catalan, Rodillo R.
38	Cenica, John T.
39	Chahwan, Rami
40	Chien, Liang-Tah Steve
41	Chotrani, Johnny N.
42	Co, Ferdinand C.
43	Coyiuto, Jr., Robert G.
44	Creencia, Raoul C.
45	David, Virgilio
46	Dayang, Jr Juan E.
47	De Castro, Juan Arturo Iluminado C.
48	De Venecia, Jr., Jose C.
49	Del Valle, Randolph T
50	Dela Cruz, Artemio F.
51	Dela Cruz, Joseph Emmanuel A.
52	Diokno, Benjamin E.

53	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio S.
54	Domingo, Rico V.
55	Dominguez III, Carlos G.
56	Dy, Manuel C.
57	Echavez, Antonio V.
58	Eldebs, Issam
59	Engelbrecht, Francois
60	Esguerra, Herminio S.
61	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo A.
62	Eugenio, John Emyl G.
63	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V.
64	Flameño, Franco Martell Sacramento
65	Follosco, Ceferino Jr. G.
66	Garcia, Herbert Joey
67	Garcia, Paul Joseph M.
68	Garcia, Theodore Q
69	Garcia, III Victor G.
70	Gaspar, Fernando L.
71	Gierran, Dante A.
72	Go, Daniel C.
73	Go, Michael G.
74	Goco, Raoul Roberto P
75	Gonzalez, Michael Raymond L.
76	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy H.
77	Guevara, Ricardo S.
78	Hallare, Jr., Delfin T.
79	Hallare, Nicolo S.
80	Hallerbach, Mathias
81	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
82	Hesse, Uwe
83	Hortaleza, Rolando B
84	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius F.
85	Jang, Jae Jung
86	Joseph, Ralph Lim
87	Joseph, Robert Ian M
88	Jucaban, Jeric J.
89	Juico, Francis E.
90	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro Y IV
91	Katigbak, J Alfonso L
92	Klebs, David
93	Koh, Paul Anthony T
94	Kunack, Lutz H.
95	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
96	Lacson, Sebastian Arsenio R.
97	La'o Emilio, Gonzales
98	Laurel, Ricardo P.
99	Laya, Jaime C.
100	Lazaro, Juan Miguel G
101	Ledda, Jaime Victor B.
102	Lee, Richard L.
103	Li, Richard Joseph Chang



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LIST OF ABSENTEES

104	Liamzon Jr., Romeo Thaddeus R.
105	Lim, David Eduardo T.
106	Lim, Richard
107	Locsin, Roberto R
108	Lonzaga, Reinerio C.
109	Lopa, Antonio A.
110	Lopez, Antonio S.
111	Lopez, Arthur M.
112	Macapagal, Michael T
113	Macatoman, Abdulgani M.
114	Magbanua, Gerry P.
115	Magpale, Jose Paolo A
116	Magsaysay, Francisco D.
117	Magsaysay, Jesus Vicente E.
118	Manalaysay, Cesar P.
119	Mangalile, Senen T.
120	Martinez, Ronald
121	Meloto Jr., Antonio
122	Mendoza, Estelito P.
123	Mendoza, Miguel
124	Mendoza, Raymund Joseph Ian O.
125	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
126	Mueller, Klaus
127	Nolido, Ramon Alberto B.
128	Nones, Romeo C.
129	Nuñez, Jr., Jose A.
130	Obrado, Daniel Calzado
131	Ocampo, Teodoro J.
132	Ong, Jovee K.
133	Ong, Phillip L.
134	Ozaeta, Miguel Antonio L.
135	Pagdanganan, Roberto M.
136	Pallasigue, John Brian
137	Pañares, Ben Thomas P.
138	Patterson, Colin David
139	Pineda, Jr. Patricio F.
140	Pineda, Jr., Jesus M.
141	Pizaras, Jordan M.
142	Preysler, Jr., Fausto R.
143	Pujalte, Jr., Jose S.
144	Quisumbing, Ramon De Jesus DP
145	Ramos, Claver P.
146	Rast, Tobias
147	Recto, Philip H.
148	Reyes, Crispino P.
149	Robertz, Constantine Franz Josef
150	Rodriguez, Gerard Sean
151	Rodriguez, Joaquin Anthony H.
152	Romualdez, Ferdinand Martin G.
153	Romualdez, Jose Manuel G.
154	Roño, Marlon R.
155	Roxas, Michael D.

156	Sarasola II, Jose Ma. I.
157	Sarmiento, Ricardo M.
158	Schmitz, Stefan
159	Schneider, Bernd
160	Schoucair, Farid Alain
161	Sevilla, Luis Angelo L.
162	Sicat, Michael Allan E.
163	So, Warren S.
164	Sobrepeña, Robert John L.
165	Soler, Jose Antonio A.
166	Stranathan, Ike Edward
167	Syjuco, Jr., Jose A.
168	Talusan, Ferdinand E
169	Tamano, Shalimar H.
170	Tamayo, Victor L.
171	Tan, Eusebio V.
172	Tan, John G.
173	Tan, Lawrence Li
174	Tang, Jimmy T.
175	Tanglao, Noel V.
176	Taylor-Dormond, Marvin
177	Tee, Teddy Jr. B.
178	Tejuma, Sham Michael
179	Tillmann, Hansel Joseph Michael L.
180	Uy, Ivan John Enrile
181	Valdez, Amado D.
182	Valdez, Jason Rolando N.
183	Valencia, John Nico P.
184	Valencia, Rodolfo G.
185	Vazquez, Evaristo Jr.
186	Villarica, Henry R.
187	Villegas, Raoul A.
188	Wombwell, Philip B
189	Yap, Enrique Y. Jr.
190	Yu, Geoffrey C.
191	Yu, Reginald Tieng
192	Yujuico, Brendon M.V.
193	Zaldarriaga, Felix Francisco S.
194	Zeitouni, Nagi
195	Zheng, Zhi Hao
196	Zialcita, Xavier Y.
197	Zimmer, Christopher
198	Cortez, Lorenzo
199	Steley, Colin
200	Simon, Juanito A.
201	Almelor, Manuel G. MD
202	Bello, Christian Cesar P.
203	Co, Val Constantine L.
204	Lorenzana, Delfin
205	Hanada, Takahiro
206	Zosa, Rolando M.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

List of Members Who Have Paid Their Annual Dues for RY 2023-2024

(As of April 3, 2024)

FULLY PAID

1	Aboy, Valentino "Val" G.
2	Abriam, Ariel
3	Acosta, Crispiniano "Cris" G.
4	Albaña, Michael Jaey "Mike"
5	Alberto, Raymund Arnold S.
6	Alcantara, Isidro "Butch"
7	Alday, Albert S.
8	Alingog, Aldous "Rex" A.
9	Alunan, Rafael "Raffy" M.
10	Ampil, Alvin R.
11	Andal, Avelino L. "Billy"
12	Angara, Marius
13	Aragon, Joshua
14	Arguelles, Pablo
15	Aventura, Avenilo, Jr. "Jun" L.
16	Balanay, Aries
17	Bartolome, Arsenio III "Archit" M.
18	Batur, Sinan
19	Bautista, John
20	Bediones, Rodolfo "Rudy" P.
21	Bella, Geronimo, Jr. "Jun" Dela Paz
22	Bello, Christian Cesar "Chris"
23	Benedicto, Sixto "Noy" T.
24	Bertelsen, Bertel Ingmar
25	Bhalla, Pardeep "Bobby"
26	Blanco, Manuel "Manny" M.
27	Bogovich, Jason M.
28	Bolton, Wilhelm "Bollie"
29	Branelec, Jacques
30	Cabangon, Edgard
31	Cabuñag, Rogelio R. "Roger"
32	Camat, Nathaniel
33	Campos, Joselito, Jr. "Butch" D.
34	Camus, Fernando "Nando"
35	Canon, Raul Jr. E. "Butch"
36	Carlos, Vicente "Vince" J.
37	Carranceja, Arvin Arik
38	Castro, Karlo Eugene Josef "Karlo"
39	Catalan, Rodillo "Teng"
40	Cenica, John
41	Chahwan, Rami
42	Co, Ferdinand
43	Co, Val Constantine "Val"
44	Cortez, Lorenzo Ruiz
45	Coyiuto, Robert, Jr. "Jun" G.
46	Creencia, Raoul
47	Cureg, Alexander "Alex" P.
48	Cutter, John Michael "Michael"
49	Davis, Raymond "Rey" N.
50	Dayang, Juan E. "Jed"
51	De Castro, Juan Arturo Ilumindo C. "Johnny"
52	De Venecia, Jose Jr. "Joe"
53	Del Rosario, Oscar
54	Dionisio, Rafael Ignacio "Raf"

55	Domingo, Rico V.
56	Dominguez, III, Carlos "Sonny" G.
57	Dy, Manuel "Manny" C.
58	Egan, Brendan "Bren" W.L.
59	Eldebs, Issam "Sam"
60	Enriquez, Eduardo III "Jujut" V.
61	Esguerra, Herminio "Hermie" S.
62	Esquivias, Joaquin Pablo "Jop" A.
63	Eugenio, John Emyl "Emyl" G.
64	Fajardo, Beda G.
65	Fernandez, Antonio Jaime Jose V. "JJ"
66	Flameno, Franco Martell S.
67	Follosco, Ceferino, Jr. "Jun" G.
68	Garcia, Herbert Joey "Joey" D.
69	Garcia, Paul Joseph "PJ"
70	Garcia, Theodore Q. "Teddy"
71	Garcia, Victor III G. "Vic"
72	Go, Daniel "Danny" C.
73	Go, Henry Sy
74	Go, Michael Guy
75	Goco, Raoul
76	Guarin, Michael Arcatomy "Mike" H.
77	Guevara, Domingo, Jr. "Boy" S.
78	Guevara, Ricardo "Ricky" S.
79	Hallare, Delfin, Jr. "Jun" T.
80	Hallare, Nicolo "Nic"
81	Hanada, Takihiro
82	Hallerbach, Mathias
83	Harle, Wolfgang Kurt
84	Hernandez, Edwin
85	Hesse, Uwe
86	Hortaleza, Rolando
87	Ibuyan, Benedict Julius "Ben"
88	Iwata, Yasushi
89	Joseph, Ralph L.
90	Jucaban, Jeric J.
91	Kalaw, Teodoro Alejandro IV "Teddy" A. Y.
92	Katigbak, J Alfonso L
93	Klebs, David
94	Koh, Paul Anthony
95	Kunck, Lutz H.
96	Lacambacal, Alvin D.
97	Lacson, Sebastian "Basty"
98	La'o, Emilio Gonzalez
99	Laurel, Ricardo "Ricky" P.
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102	Ledda, Jaime Victor "Jet" B.
103	Lee, Richard "Dick" L.
104	Li, Richard Joseph Chang
105	Liamzon, Romeo Thaddeus "Thad" R.
106	Lim, David Eduardo Ty
107	Lim, Richard
108	Locsin, Arsenio "Nick" Z.

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111	Lopez, Antonio "Tony"
112	Lopez, Arthur "Art" M.
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114	Macatoman, Abdulgani "Gani"
115	Magbanua, Gerry
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117	Magsaysay, Francisco "Paco" D.
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119	Manalaysay, Cesar P "Citos"
120	Mangalile, Senen
121	Martinez, Ronald
122	Matschuck, Guenter "Gunter" G.
123	Mauricio, Antonilo "Anton"
124	Mendoza, Estelito "Titong" P.
125	Mendoza, Miguel "Mico"
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127	Mommaerts, Steve "Momo"
128	Montel, Juan Manuel C.
129	Nolido, Ramby
130	Nomura, Kazuhiro
131	Nones, Romeo "Romy" C.
132	Nunez, Jose, Jr. "Pepo" A.
133	Obrado, Daniel C.
134	Ocampo, Teodoro "Teddy" J.
135	Ong, Jovee K.
136	Ong, Phillip "Phil" L.
137	Pagdanganan, Roberto "Obet" M.
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140	Pañares, Ben Thomas "Toby" P.
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142	Patterson, Colin David
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144	Peliño, Wilfredo "Willie" M.
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146	Pineda, Jr., Patricio "Bebot" F.
147	Pizarra, Jordan M.
148	Preysler, Fausto, Jr. R.
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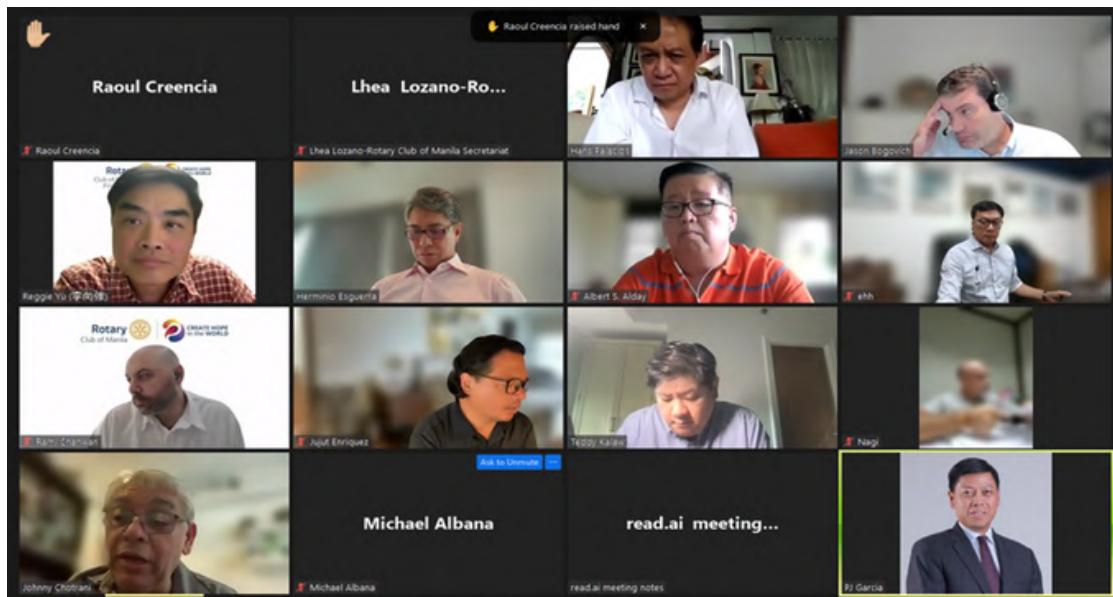
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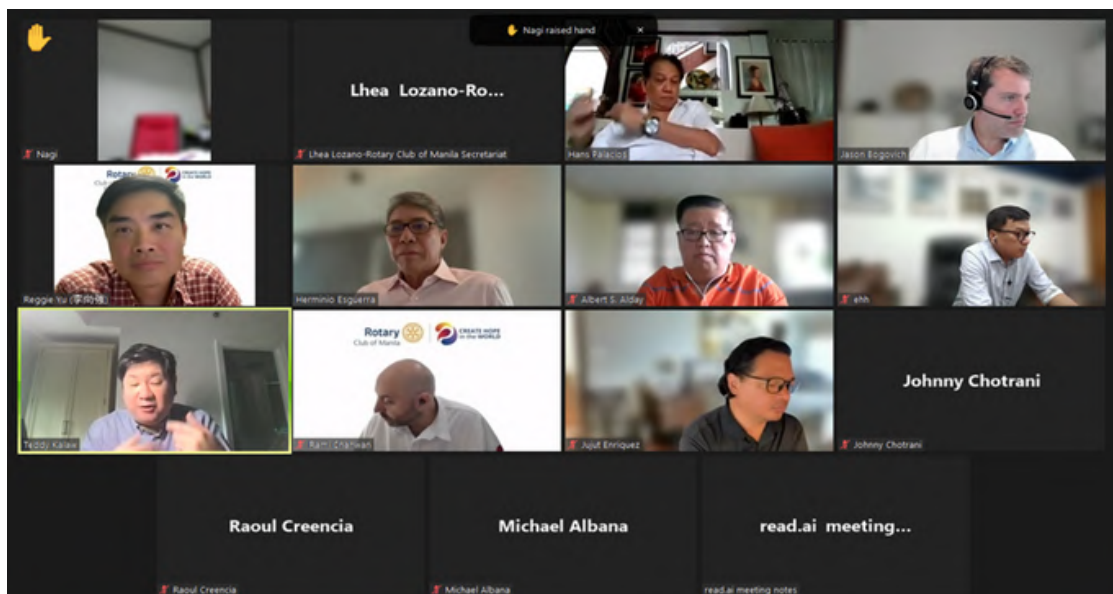
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CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Eight Special Board Meeting



On March 26, 2024, the 8th Special Board Meeting took place. Present were VP Reggie Yu, IPP Hermie Esguerra, Dir./PE Jujut Enriquez, Dir. Hans Palacios, Dir. Albert Alday, Dir. Johnny Chotrani, Dir. Mike Albaña, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, AS Rami Chahwan, DE/ABLA Teddy Kalaw, Treas. PJ Garcia, SAA Nagi Zeitouni and SAA Jason Bogovich.



CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Planning Meeting of the Incoming Board for RY 2024-2025



The meeting of the incoming Board was held last Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the Amargo Room, The Palms Country Club, Alabang. In attendance were Dir./PE Jujut Enriquez, VPE Joel Valdes, DE/ABLA Teddy Kalaw, DE Rod Valencia, Dir./DE Mike Albana, DE/SAA Nagi Zeitouni and Treas. PJ Garcia.



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Also present was District AG Eman Avengoza who presented the 13 Governor's Magical Challenge for the RY 2024-2025.



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DE/ABLA Teddy Kalaw expounded the Board Duties and Responsibilities Primer.



ON MY LAST WALK BY THE SEA

A Short Story by Rtn. Vee David



IN THE DIM LIGHT OF PINKISH DAWN, AS CUIDAD DE MANILA began to steer clear from the remains of its slumber, I stood neatly dressed, embarking on my last walk by the sea from the fortified walls of Fort Santiago towards the open fields of Bagumbayan. The air was cool, laden with a mix of anticipation and solemnity, a stark contrast to the warmth of the rising sun that painted the sky in shades of gold and crimson. Holding rosary beads handed by my 70 year-old mother after my last supper, I moved with a composed stride, my heart heavy with reflections on my life's endeavors, my aspirations for my country, and the imminent end, awaiting the year 1896 in the cool month of December 30th. I was halfway the rosary beads when I first sighted an eagle that seemed to be somewhat lost. I couldn't tell to where it was flying, yet my thoughts swayed.

Among the gathered crowd, an anonymous young teen watched from a distance, his presence marked by a silent curiosity. Perched atop of Acacia tree for a better view, he represented the eyes of the future, witnessing the culmination of a pivotal chapter in my nation's history. The stonewalls of Intramuros, which had nurtured my early academic pursuits at the Ateneo de Manila, now stood as deathly silent sentinels to my final moments. I could almost make out the faces of my alma mater's ageing gatekeepers, but I wasn't sure if they were craning their necks to greet me, or simply gleaming at the spectacle of a dead man walking. I could see in their yawns they woke up so early or had little sleep, or both.



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As we resumed our walk, the vibrant life of Bagumbayan poured into sight. Seagulls circled overhead, heralding the dawn with their cries, while turtles peeked from the calm waters of Manila Bay, oblivious to the human drama unfolding not in the distance. Calesa and carromata drivers halted their carriages, their passengers standing in silent homage, while the ordinary citizens on barefoot, a diverse tapestry of Filipino and Chinese faces, paused in their daily routines to witness an execution or could it be history in the making? Not a few mustered the courage to take their hats off, an apparent respect for someone they had known so little, or perhaps an act of defiance to the Crown. Fewer than few had seen my face yet they knew my name more than many — as if I was somehow important. The thrust of my two novels, *“Noli me Tangere”* and *“El Filibusterismo”* were ingrained on their lips, yet to the many who could neither read nor write.

My procession was preceded by Dominican friars, their solemn faces a reflection of the intertwined paths of faith and nationhood that had shaped the length of my years. They kept their mantras in Spanish, intoning in unison, “Padre nuestro que esta en ciello. Sanctificado sea tu nombre...” Their presence beside me, meant to offer spiritual solace, served as a poignant symbol of the complex dynamics between the church and the colonial state.

I was aware of the mixed emotions around me — the solemn faces of *“guardia civil”*, the curious, anxious glances from the gathered crowd, who couldn't make out who was to be executed. I sensed the weight of their gazes, heavy with unspoken thoughts — as they

strained another attempt to make sense of the senseless. Some saw me as a traitor, others, as a martyr. With only a few minutes to live and breathe my last, why should I now care? Amidst this, my heart ached for the Filipino people, still so divided, still struggling for the freedom I so ardently wished for them. Do they really deserve to be free? *“No hay tiranos donde no hay esclavos!”* [There are no tyrants where there are no slaves.]

I thought of my dear friend, Andres Bonifacio, and the Katipunan's fierce call to arms. I admired their passion but grieved for the carnage in its wake. I knew Ka Andres must be hurting after I rebuffed his entreaties when he sent his spies to my exile home in Dapitan, Zamboanga. I only wish he didn't think I was siding with his rival, Emilio Aguinaldo. Between the two, Kapitan Miniong had the edge of uniting our people. But how many more widows and orphans must bewail? I believed in reform, in Enlightenment, in awakening. I feared that the bloodshed would only deepen our wounds at a time we could afford it the least.

Recollections of my childhood in Calamba, the laughter and love that filled our summer home in nearby Biñan, the crisp air of my youth, my unquenchable appetite for pork sinigang, contrasted sharply with the solemn march to my execution. My schooling, first at Ateneo, Letran, Universidad de Santo Tomas then abroad, had been a beacon of light, guiding my hopes for my country. As more crowd gathered with blank stares, I envisioned *Islas de las Filipinas* transformed by education, by dignity, by respect for all, regardless of race or creed.

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Josephine... My heart ached as I thought of her. My love, my confidante, my wife. Marrying her last night, even as the shadow of death loomed, was my final testament to hope, to the belief that love endures beyond the confines of life and death.

As I approached the execution quadrangle, the scent of Manila Bay mingled with the fear and anticipation in the air. The sunrise began to paint the sky, a breathtaking backdrop to the finality of bullets. The ordinary life of Manila continued around us — *_balut_* and *_bibingka_* vendors setting up for the day, *_bangus_* and *_tilapia_* fishermen returning with their night's catch, unaware that a chapter of our nation's history was drawing to a full close.

In my finest hours, I scribbled *_*My Last Farewell*_*, my final message to

the world, secreted away in an alcohol lamp, waiting to be found. Or did my prison guards now discover them? I had poured my soul into those verses, a legacy of love and hope for my countrymen. Yet, I could not tell if it had the ghost of a chance to be read by one soul, or yet not see the light of day.

I professed loyalty to the Spanish monarchy, not out of subservience, but borne of a conviction that the Philippines was not ready to stand alone, or rather be left alone. I admired the cleanliness, self-restraint, discipline and order I had seen in Japan, dreaming of one day such for my own land and people.

As we neared the execution site, the surroundings came into sharper focus; all faces and eyes were now staring directly, glued at me. Yet, I couldn't tell whether it was pity or sympathy, or somewhere in between. The lush greenery of Bagumbayan was now a backdrop for a somber spectacle, the crowd thickening with anticipation — as if time had now stopped. Young boys perched on trees, their innocent curiosity tinged with the somber realization of the gravity of the event. From afar, I could feel the weight of history unloading on them.





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A young Spanish officer who came to my cell last night, introducing himself as Teniente Luis Andrade profusely apologized. I easily spotted him, with his face neatly shaven. Gone was the moustache that moistened with tears flowing he could hardly control in my jail cell. He related when he was told that he'll be the chief executioner a few days before, he hadn't had half a good sleep.

The chief of the execution squad, a figure of authority and duty, approached me with a question of final words — a silence was my reply, a testament to the resolve that had guided my actions. When offered the blindfold, a customary gesture to spare the condemned from the finality of their fate, I refused, choosing instead to face my end with eyes wide open. After a moment's hesitation, my request was grudgingly granted, allowing me the dignity of meeting my fate head-on. I would not be blindfolded.

As my death sentence was re-read aloud, and I faced those who would end my life, I turned, not in fear, but in a silent statement of defiance and dignity. The bullets that would shatter my mortal existence could do little to silence my spirit. I renew my vow to live beyond my remains, hoping to walk with my people on the path to nationhood.

The silence that fell over Bagumbayan was now deafening; palpable as the moment of my execution drew near. The chief executioner came to my side, affectionately shook my hands before giving me a look that read to me, he was again asking for forgiveness. Only after I gave a subtle nod,

clearing his conscience that he returned to the formation, convinced I bear no grudge to my executioner.

When I was near the center of the quadrangle, the mayor de la plaza, a colonel, announced at the bandillo: “_En el nombre del Rey, el que se levante la voz a favor del reo sera ejecutado._” (In the name of the King, he who raises his voice in favor of the criminal will be executed.) A deep silence enshrouded the whole assembly. Those in the drum corps were about seven paces behind me who then faced the bay. The commanding officer approached the drum corps and told them should I attempt to speak aloud, they should beat their drums hard to drown out my voice. He gave me one last look. I was of regular build, unshaven, quite pale, perhaps as a result of my Fort Santiago cell but I was visibly composed and serene. A Jesuit priest who was my mentor at the Ateneo de Manila fondly smiled and firmly gripped my left elbow, said a prayer in Latin, sprinkled holy oil and gave me his final blessings. Then a colonel neared me, as the commanding officer gave an order to move two paces backwards, and the firing squad of six Filipinos came forward and took the firing position behind me.

With visible effort, I raised my right hand, which was tied and took off my chistera or derby hat. My heartbeat was furious, as must have been in all other executions, I felt tense and nervous. Amidst the silence, I moved my head very slowly up and down, my lips moving as if in prayer. I don't recall praying so hard.

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The chaplain offered me a final prayer, but I, lost in thought, politely declined.

"_Muchisimas Gracias, El Padre. My final resting place is in the heart of every Filipino_."

As the first light of dawn begins to emerge, a Philippine eagle, majestic and free, soars above.

Teniente Andrade: "_Doctor, let me ask you one last time: do you wish to be blindfolded?_"

"_No, let me face the end as I have faced life — with my eyes open_."

Filipinos soldiers take their positions, their stares locked at the aim, the tension palpable. The moment is interrupted by the swift descent of the Philippine eagle, a moment of nature's grace.

As I stood resolute, the twilight hours of my life upon me, a cacophony of memories flooded my mind, each one a haunting melody of a life that was soon to dissipate like mist over Bagumbayan.

My childhood years in Calamba, where the Laguna de Bay's endless horizon promised untold tales of Mariang Makiling and adventures, whispered to my empty ears. The innocence of my youth, the joyous cries amidst the verdant fields, and the stern yet comforting gaze of my father and brother — all flickered through my consciousness like the soft flicker of lantern light.

"_Father, did I live with the honor you taught me?_" my inner voice quivered, seeking the comfort of parental guidance one last time.

"_My friends, my compatriots, will history be kind to me?_" I pondered, the bond of brotherhood stretching across the chasm of time.

"_To the Filipino youth, may you know a life of peace, may you forgive the failures of my generation, _" my heart ached with a father's love, a poignant counterpoint to the staccato beat of impending finality.

And the Philippines, a land that had become both my charge and my wonder — a land of beauty and resilience, of people whose spirit had both defied and moved me.

Teniente Andrade: (*loudly*) "_*Ready... Aim*_..."

"_Philippines, forgive me. For the suffering, for the tears, may you find it in your heart to forgive_." My respect for the people and the land I had come to know was as sincere as it was fraught with sorrows.

The chief raised his saber, a signal that time had suspended its march. Drums were now beating with full crescendo, as if awaiting one word.

Teniente Andrade: (*loudly*) "_*F-I-R-E*_...!"

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"_FUEGO*_" as his saber pointed to the blue skies, signaled the firing squad to aim at the man in black. Strangely, I could vividly see the wailing eyes of the six Filipinos in the firing team. I could feel their breathing was labored; their posture was trembling. They gave me the look to mean they'd rather be doing something else. Then the saber dropped and there was another simultaneous crack of rifle fire that shattered the stillness of the morning. I wheeled in one last effort and toppled forward with a thud, my face towards the sky and my derby hat tossed out. I had fallen in the direction of the bay, slumped into the soils of Mother Earth — as dust is returned to whence it came: dust.

Oddly, no shots came from the Spanish squad behind the Filipino executioners but their rifles were loaded. Did I miss something? Even as I fell, my spirit soared, free from the bonds of earthly pain and suffering. I watched as a small dog circled my fallen body, its presence a poignant reminder of the innocent lives caught in the crossfire of human conflicts.

As my body lay upon the dew-kissed grass of Bagumbayan, my soul lingered, watching the sunrise on a new day for the Philippines. My death was not an end, but a new beginning — not quite the crack of dawn. A spark that I hoped would ignite the flame of freedom and unity.

From the realm of spirits, I vow to watch over my beloved Fatherland and its people, ever hopeful for the day when the Pearl of the Orient Seas will soon emerge, proud and free, from the shadows of oppression and slavery. My love for my country, my hopes for our youth, my dreams of peace and freedom, remain unsoiled.

Yet, even as I fell, my spirit remained, observing the aftermath, the dispersion of the crowd, and the young observer descending from his arboreal perch, a witness to history. My legacy, intertwined with the hopes and aspirations of my countrymen, transcended the finality of the hour.



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From this ethereal vantage, I can now make out my lifeless body pinned motionless to the ground. As I depart on a higher plane, I could see the Capitan Militar de la Sanidad (medical officer) stepping forward, kneeling before the fallen man in dark suit, and felt my pulse. Looking up, he beckoned to the Filipino firing squad to come forward and give the final _tiro de gracia_, another shot done at close range. I thought I saw a faint haze rise from my dead man's coat, but it might have been a wisp of the morning mist. Many thoughts had been spent, still I kept guessing. Seeing my own corpse before me, I felt suddenly weak and devastated. Both the Spanish and Filipino squads fell in formation and marched to the cadence and drums of the Spanish national anthem: **La Marcha Real*!*

"_ *Viva España*" "*Viva El Rey*!_"

Strangely, the execution scene was again replaying on its own, as if it had to be retold in granular graphic depiction — a few more times: The shots rang out, a final thunderous decree, and as my life ebbed away, my inner voice, once a chorus of youthful dreams and ambitions, now faded to a poignant silence — a silence that would echo in the annals of time, long after Mauser rifles had cooled and the rain had washed my bloodstains on the Bagumbayan greens.

Shots echo through the void, a stark finale to my last stand. As my hat falls, the eagle swiftly claims it, disappearing into the gloomy skies. The symbol of my life is carried away, lost to the gale of history, where it was yet to be found. But something was _not_ uncertain.

I was dead.

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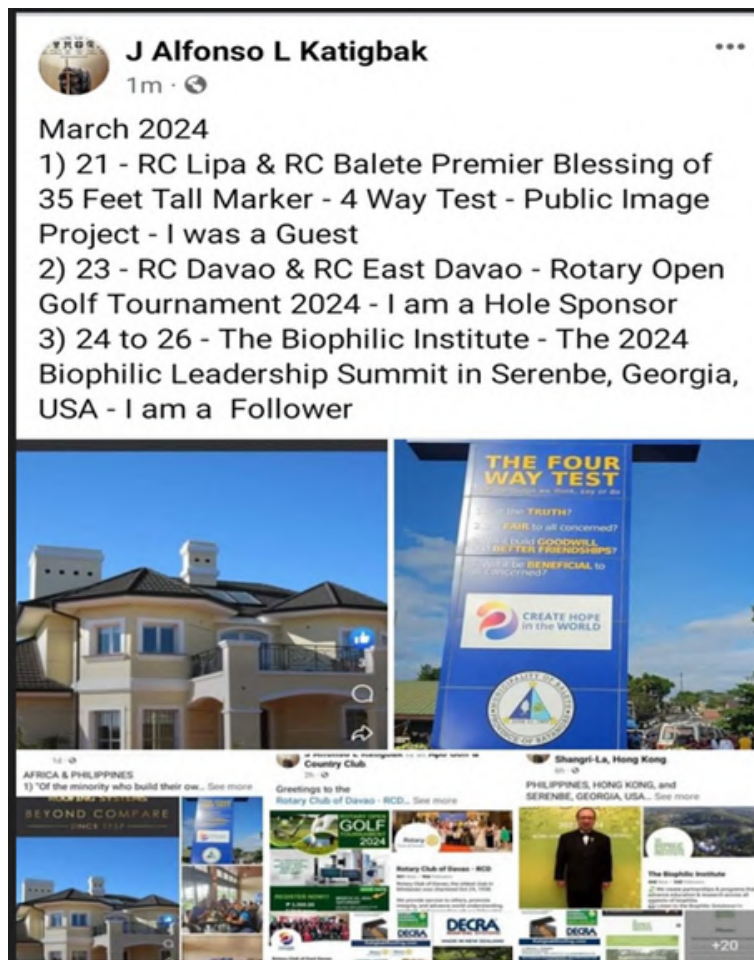
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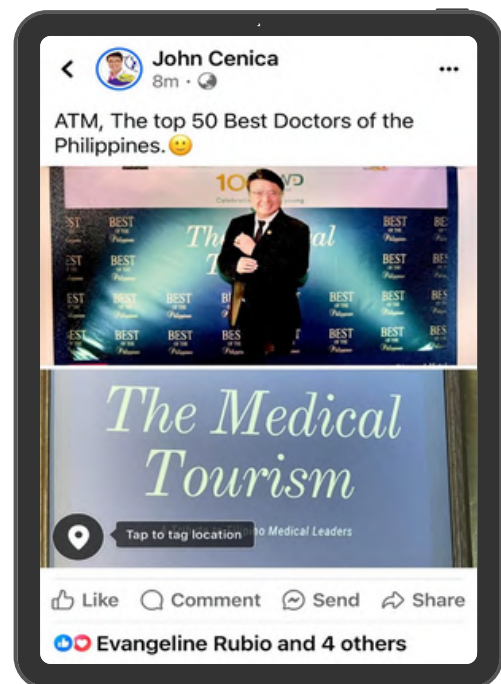
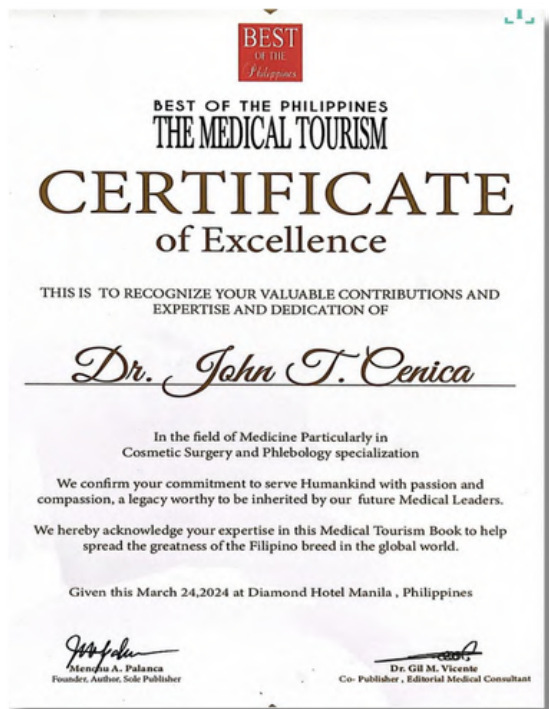
STAR Rtn. Al Katigbak Attends the RC Lipa and RC Balete Premier's Four-Way Test Marker Blessing and Sponsors the Rotary Open Golf Tournament of RC Davao and RC East Davao



STAR Rtn. Al Katigbak attended the Rotary Club of Lipa and Rotary Club of Balete Premier's blessing of the Four-Way Test marker on March 21, 2024. He was a sponsor of the Rotary Open Golf Tournament of the Rotary Club of Davao and East Davao held on March 23, 2024. This serves as a make-up attendance for missing the RCManila WMM on Thursday, April 4, 2024.

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Rtn./Dr. John T. Cenica Recognized by Best of the Philippines - The Medical Tourism and Among the Top 50 Best Doctors of the Philippines



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Hole in One for PP Archit Bartolome

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HOLE-IN-ONE ALERT: As successful as he is in all the business positions and ventures that he got into the past three decades of his career, Arsenio "Archit" Bartolome III never felt the joy of a hole-in-one. The 82-year-old finally got one today after sending a tee-shot with a TaylorMade driver and a Srixon into the hole on No.3 of the west course of his Wack Wack home club. "After 32 years of joyful golfing, I am so glad to inform you that I had a HOLE-IN-ONE this morning (April 2 at 7:45 am) at Hole #3 of Wack Wack West Course. Cheers !!!," was the message sent by the businessman to his friends. Archit started playing golf in 1992 when the then President Fidel V. Ramos convinced him to start picking up the game. As the first Chair & President of BCDA (Bases Conversion Dev. Authority), Archit found himself playing golf frequently with FVR at Camp John Hay, Clark or Subic.

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An ace for Arsenio

WHETHER 32 days or 32 years, it is never too late to get a hole in one and experience the joy and good vibes it brings. Arsenio Bartolome III made his after year 32 at the third hole West course of Wack Wack Golf and Country Club. He used a TaylorMade driver and Srixon Ball #3. Romulo Santos Jr., Eudaldo Atilano Jr., Danilo Dimayuga and Delfin Hallare Jr. witnessed the feat.

Cheers !!!



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Fr. Jerry Orbos inspires RCM members with Lent message



FR. ORBOS

THE Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) welcomed Rev. Fr. Agustin "Jerry" M. Orbos, SVD, as the guest of honor and speaker at its 33rd Weekly Membership Meeting held on March 21, 2024, Thursday, at the Manila Polo Club.

Rev. Fr. Orbos delivered a meaningful message in time with Lent, reminding RCM members of the profound significance of this sacred period. He emphasized the boundless love of God and the importance of living a life that paves the way for a blessed eternity in His presence.

His message touched the audience, reminding them of Lent's true meaning as preparation for Jesus Christ's resurrection. His words had a lasting impact, inspiring reflection, and spiritual renewal among those present.

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD, is a respected member of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), born in San Carlos City, Pangasinan. He was ordained a priest on October 25, 1980. He is known for his inspiring messages, shared through his 17 books. He is also active in promoting mission awareness and supporting Filipino SVD missionaries as Chairman of the Board of SVD Mission Philippines, Inc.

The Rotary Club of Manila extended its heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Fr. Orbos for sharing his insights and wisdom, enriching the club's weekly meeting with his presence and message of faith and hope.



Pilipino Mirror | March 22, 2024
By: Nonoy Lacza



FR. ORBOS WITH ROTARIANS
Rotary Club of Manila Secretary Edwin H. Hernandez presents the RCM's Plaque of Appreciation to Rev. Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD, the Rotary Club of Manila's 33rd weekly membership meeting guest of honor and speaker, at the Manila Polo Club in Makati City on Thursday. Flanking them are (l-r) Past Director Bida G. Fajardo, Rotarian Isidro "Butch" C. Alcantara, Past President Domingo "Boy" S.B. Guevara Jr., Rotarian D. Edgard A. Cabangon and Rotarian Carlos "Caloy" C. Boendia.

FELLOWSHIP

RCM's Monthly Golf Tournament



The RC Manila's Monthly Golf Tournament was held at Manila Golf on March 22, 2024.

Members who joined the golf fellowship were Rtn. Tong Payumo, Rtn. Romy Nones, PP Boy Guevara, Rtn. Nico Valencia, Sec. Edwin Hernandez, IA Nick Locsin, Sunshine Committee Chair Ricky Guevara, Rtn. Willie Peliño, Rtn. Mike Roxas, Rtn. Micray Gonzalez, Rtn. Jop Esquivias, PD Abe Pascual, Treas. PJ Garcia, and PD Pepo Nunez, among others.



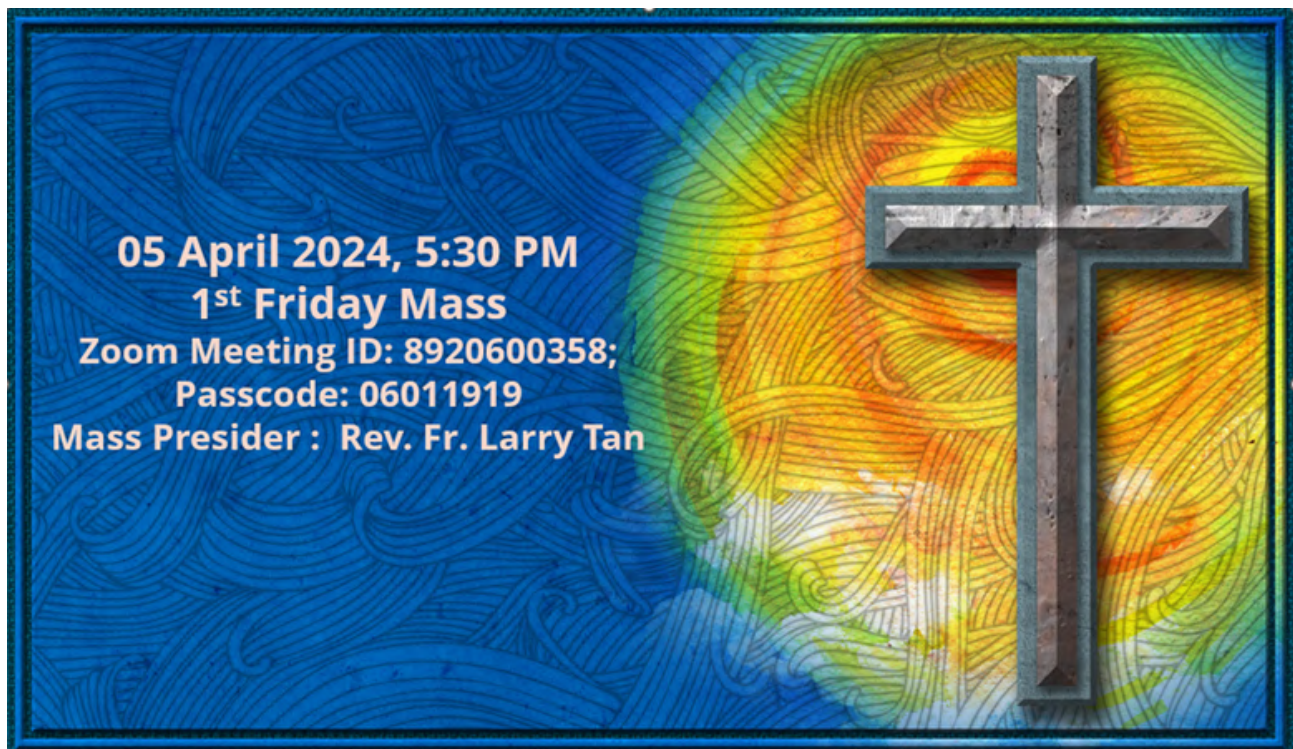
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