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June 2011  
Trestleboard

BenHur Evangelista  
Worshipful Master



## **From The East:**

WSirs, Brethren and Friends,

The officers and members of the Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge #296 hereby express our sincere gratitude to the craft and friends of Masons who came to support the "BY YOUR SIDE" Golf Tournament May 7, 2011. It was the 1st ever Golf tournament Fund raising sponsored by three Masonic Lodges; Silver Gate Three Stars, Southwest Lodge and Black Mountain Lodge to benefit the Grand Master's initiative "By Your Side". These three lodges are fully supportive of the initiative which all brothers in Freemasonry are familiar with. However, for those who may not be aware like our friends, this initiative aims at the prevention of Cancer through exercises such as playing golf and sponsoring those qualified nurses to be certified oncology nurses. Our congratulations to all winners who brought home trophies and goodies. Those who did not, you brought home a gift that money can never buy. That my brothers and friends is the friendship, camaraderie and benevolence we all shared with one another.

My sincere gratitude to all the sisters who helped in bagging the breakfast for all players and a special thanks to Sister Leann Cabuhat for her vigilance in supporting this past tournament but also the past years events. Likewise a well deserved hats off goes to sister Emy Lampa and brother Patrick Carreon who single handedly sold substantial quantities of raffle tickets but most of all a very special thanks and recognition goes to a WBrother who put all his efforts and talents in making this tournament possible despite all obstacles; that my brothers, sisters and friends was WB Romy Quinto. Bro Bill Graham closed the event by bringing his extraordinary talent in raffling all the donated gifts. Once again, to the brothers and friends who came out to support a worthwhile cause, Kudos to you ALL!!

Brethren, let us welcome to our A & H Fraternity, Brothers Ernesto Opiniano, Rothzel Baltazar, Arthur Coloma and Menino Cacayuran who just embarked on their 1st step in Masonry.

On June 10, 2011 our very own SGTS will honor and recognize the outstanding students of both Jefferson Elementary and Emory Elementary Schools. To recognize the Academic Excellence of students was just one way of continuing our support to Public Schools which incidentally started by Masons in 1920. To recognize and support the Public Schools System has become our Heritage. On this day therefore, all Masons from Lodges around the County are expected to come out and show support to the community and its Public Schools. As Masons we will take responsibility to honor this Tradition. To motivate and show encouragement to the students and their parents to excel in academics has become our obligation. Only then can we say that "We have done what other Master Masons have done who have gone this way before."

On June 17, 2011, as in the distant past, we will honor the Past Masters of SGTS by conferring a chosen candidate in the 3rd degree. All Past Masters who are willing and able to labor in the quarries will have to register with WB George Melious. All Brothers and WSirs are encouraged to attend this once annual event. It will be a treat for everyone especially to those Brothers who are preparing to travel all the way to the East.

On June 18, 2011 (Saturday)SGTS will celebrate its Fathers' and Mothers' Day. Come with your hearty appetite and your dancing shoes for a fun filled night of music, food, fellowship and door prizes. Your donation to the Lodge of \$10.00 per couple or your cable tow, whichever is higher, will be greatly appreciated.



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Lastly, on June 24, 2011(Friday) we have a tentative schedule to confer the EA degree to Mr. Jonathan Allison and Mr. Jesus Molina Vasquez. The uncertainty of the date will depend upon their "SALTY" cable tow. Be that as it may, let us hope and pray for their safe and immediate return.

See you all on the Level,  
Sincerely,  
BenHur Evangelista  
SGTS 2011



### From the West:

As The Sun Is In The West,

Time is the most valuable resources we have. The difficulty is making sure we get value for our time and not waste it. The Second Quarter of this Masonic Year is over. In the next six months I ask you that you make an experiment that will cost little or no money and may change the outlook of your observation toward how the lodge operates during meeting and degree conferrals. As you know my Brothers, the first Friday of every month is our Stated / Business Meeting. The subsequent Fridays are reserved for our degree conferrals. Every Wednesday is our Officer Practice and Candidate Proficiency. Last April 28, 2011 we Passed Brother Larry Puckett to the Second Degree of Masonry and the turn out was every very good. One of our youngest Master Masons, by the name of Patrick Carreon, delivered the Middle Chamber lecture for the first time with an outstanding result. We will be raising Brother Puckett to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 17, 2011 during our Past Master Night and I urge you to attend and watch the Past Master on how the ritual should be done the proper way. Should you desire to participate in our Degree Conferrals this is the best time, because we have six candidates lined up to received the first degree of Masonry in our Lodge and the dinner is on us.

I, again am reminding you my Brothers about the twenty-four inch gauge.

See you at the lodge,  
Bro. Ramon Ancheta  
SWSGTS # 296

### EA-1. What is the official definition of Freemasonry?

There is no official definition, since no one person can speak officially for all of Freemasonry. Masonic writers have provided some definitions, but none is considered official by Masons everywhere. Freemasonry embraces the basic idea of allowing each man to think things through for himself and to draw conclusions which will bring him the greatest personal satisfaction. One of the most widely used and generally accepted definitions is that Freemasonry is the Brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. It is up to each Mason to define what Freemasonry means to him.



## **From the South:**

First, I would like to say thank you to our lodge for sending me to the Junior Warden retreat at Newport Beach. It was an enlightening experience for us JW's and our spouses. The wealth of information we acquired, and the friendships and camaraderie that we developed were unequalled.

The month of May 2011 was a busy month with regards to our fund raising events for our "By Your Side" program.

Our Breakfast fund raiser was a big success giving us \$1,054 net profit. This success will not materialize without the support of all of you who provided money and in-kind donations to this charitable event. I would like to express my sincere thank you for your generous contributions. I also would like to acknowledge the hard efforts of the kitchen crew headed by WB Joe Dano, Brothers Ray Cruz, Ed Camarino, and Hermie Zuniga. To our new FC Brother Larry Puckett and three candidates: Mr. Rio Baltazar and Mr. Ernie Opiniano and Mr. Sam Knotts who labored in the scullery. Lastly, to all officers who are always there ready to help, particularly, Bro. Mark dela Cruz, who spearheaded the contribution campaign and organizing the event. "Well Done" my brothers.

The potluck stated dinner was well-liked by everyone that our master decided to have it done more often to save the lodge some funds. It was motioned and seconded that we will do it every other month for the next eight months.

June 18, 2011 is Father's / Mother's Day Dinner / Dance at the lodge, so please mark your calendar and let's have a fun evening of fellowship.

By the Plumb,  
Bro. Fred Marty  
JW2011

### **DINNER MENU FOR JUNE STATED MEETING**

CHICKEN CURRY  
BUTTERED ZUCCHINI  
GARDEN FRESH SALAD AND DRESSINGS  
STEAMED RICE  
DINNER ROLLS  
COOKIES AND ICE CREAM  
COFFEE, SODA AND WATER  
and  
Birthday Cake for June's birthdays



~ June 2011 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Stated Meeting (Attire Dark Suits) 7:30PM	4
5	6	7	8 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM	9	10 Student/Teacher Award Dinner, 6:00PM	11
12	13	14	15 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM	16	17 Past Masters Night Bro Larry Puckett 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree 6:45PM	18 Fathers and Mothers Day Dinner / Dance
19	20 District Officers Instruction, 7:00PM (Location SGTS Lodge)	21	22 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM Masonic Education 7:00 PM	23	24 Degree Conferral TBD 6:45PM	25
26	27 Masonic Hall Assc meeting, 6:00PM	28 n	29 Officers Degree Practice/Candidates Examination 6:30PM	30	Notes:	

Brothers, if you would like to receive the Trestleboard electronically and opt out of the paper version please let the Asst. Secretary Bro Bill Graham know at [wfgraham@cox.net](mailto:wfgraham@cox.net). You will be put in a mail group to receive your Trestleboard via e-mail.



Philippine Medical Mission 2011  
Ernie G. Bautista  
**Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge #296**  
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The Philippine Medical Mission 2011, Sponsored by Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge #296 that was conducted in Bacnotan, La Union on January 30, 2011 was again a very successful charitable operation. We served 16 barangays, or barrios, in this northern part of the Philippines, a total of 595 patients including 125 dental patients.

During the mission we distributed more than 40,000 over the counter medications like Tylenol, Motrin, Aspirin, Non Aspirin, etc to the patients donated by Brother Christopher Gunn, Black Mountain Lodge #845, San Diego, California. We also gave away a box full of high blood pressure pills donated by Dr, Edward A Alquero of Hawaii, solicited by his brother, Rudy A. Alquero, Past Master, Black Mountain Lodge #845. Three years ago, we distributed 1,500 eyeglasses to the seniors and needy townspeople.

With an average of 550 patients per year, our medical mission has become the most sought after free medical assistance program in the province of La Union, according to local government officials. In addition to medical services, dental care and veterinary service, we also provide subsistence and food to the indigent patients through our "Feeding Program".

Brothers Jerry Fabula (Senior Deacon), Cesar Mata, Elmer Vigilia and Reynaldo Abrenica of our Lodge assisted in maintaining peace and order, as well as coordination and logistics. In addition, local brethren from Diego Silang Lodge, La Trinidad Lodge #344, Union Lodge #70, lead by Dr. Ralph Asuncion, Past Master, Siete Martires Lodge #177, headed by Worshipful Master Dr. Pete Velasco and Brother Dr. Lauro "SJ" San Jose (Chief Surgeon) of Baguio Lodge #67 volunteer their services every year to show their brotherly love and support of our charity work.

Our next medical mission to the Philippines is tentatively scheduled for January 2012. If you would like to join us for the heart warming humanitarian experience or donate items, especially medications for high blood pressure, cholesterol and prescription eyeglasses, etc. please call Brother Ernie G. Bautista (Coordinator), Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge #296 at (C) 858-531-6112 (H) 858-484-6322. Email [egbreator@aol.com](mailto:egbreator@aol.com)

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to all brethren, sisters, friends and relatives for your support to a good cause. I hope that you will continue to help us in the future so that we will be able to continue with our worthwhile charitable program to benefit the poor, the sick and the less fortunate people of the Philippines.

**Everybody really knows what to do to have his life filled with joy. What is it? Quit hating people; start loving them. Quit being mad at people; start liking them. Quit doing wrong; quit being filled with fear. Quit thinking about yourself and go out and do something for other people. Everybody knows what you have to do to be happy. But the wisdom of the test lies in the final words: If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.**

**Norman Vincent Peale**

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## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Robert	Arroyo	6	Rodney	Fuller	25
Amory	Bahoy	29	Cesar	Garcia	20
Diogenes	Baylon	20	Robert	Hamby	15
Antonio	Bersamira	13	Robert	Hannah	8
Raymond	Brungard	8	Quido	Mariani	11
Arturo	Cabrera	25	Jaime	Padilla	27
Porfirio	Cajusay Jr	28	Scott	Pearce	26
				Quintanilla	
Edgardo	Camerino	1	Amado	Jr	16
Marvin	Castillo	25	Eleazar	Reyes	19
Artemio	Cortez	6	Fidel	Ringpis Jr	8
Wilson	Dela Llana	30	Charles	Sterling	21
Ireneo	Diaz	1	Frank	Swafford	1
John	Dumlao	30	Ephraim	Tabornal	9
Mark	Falsario	10	Jessie	Villa	3
Arnold	Fernandez	27	William	Warren	16
			Rodolfo	Zapanta	25



Brothers Patrick Carreon and Kris Cabuhat receiving their 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Proficiencies



May Birthdays: WBro Lester Davis, WBro Ben Billena, Sister Flory Billena, Bro Gil Azul, Bro Thomas Martinez, Bro Hermie Zuniga



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§805.020. PAST MASTERS.

The title of Past Master applies only to a member who:

- A. Has been regularly elected or named in a Charter as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction (other than a Research Lodge);
- B. Has been installed as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction (other than a Research Lodge);
- C. Has served until the installation of his successor, except in the case of death or consolidation, as provided below, or has served until his own installation as Master of such Lodge for the subsequent year; and
- D. Is at the time in good standing in a Constituent Lodge.

If a Master resigns before the installation of his successor, he forfeits all right to the title of Past Master and to membership in Grand Lodge, unless otherwise qualified.

If a member has been regularly elected or named in a Charter and installed as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction and dies while serving as Master, he may by resolution of his Lodge be designated as a Past Master.

A member in good standing in a Constituent Lodge who has been regularly elected or named in a Charter and installed as Master of a chartered Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall have the title of Past Master, if the Lodge consolidated while he was serving as Master and he did not become Master of the consolidated Lodge.

A member in good standing in a Constituent Lodge who has been regularly elected or named in a Charter, installed as Master and served until the installation of his successor in a chartered Lodge 116 in another Jurisdiction may take the honorary title of "Past Master," but he shall not thereby become a member of this Grand Lodge.

If Grand Lodge charters a Lodge formed by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge, it may by resolution provide that the title of Past Master shall apply to the Past Masters of such Lodge and entitle them to the rights and privileges of Past Masters of this Jurisdiction.

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