

Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



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SEASONS GREETINGS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

FROM THE EAST

Brethren:

Our 104th installation of officers went very well with unexpected attendees the Lodge was filled up with our guest, friends and visitors who witness the event. The band, the music they played and the surprise presentation from our fellow brothers who sing the popular song Boom Tarat Tarat and Pasko Na were excellent. It reminds us that Gardena Moneta Lodge No. 372 is now alive, happy and always.

Vev's and I wish to thank to the officers and their jewels, to all the brethren and their wives who helped in the installation and program. My special thanks to the installing team, Right Worshipful Jophn F. Lowe, Junior Grand Warden, installing officer, Worshipful Freddie Davis, master of ceremonies and Worshipful Gani Hernandez Jr., installing chaplain My thanks also to the Long Beach DeMolay chapter, for the presentation of the flag.

As I assume the duties of Master of our Lodge, we will continue the program and activities by which our Junior Past Master Morel R. Callueng have done well and I appeal to all of you my brothers your unconditional support. Your active participation in all our activities will ensure our success for the ensuing masonic year. So come on down.

Our Program of events for the year 2010.

January 15, Friday..... Layman's Night
February 13, Saturday.....Sweetheart ball Valentine Party
March 12, FridayHiram Award Night
April 9, FridayPublic School Award
May 15, Saturday.....Mother's Day Dinner Dance
June 11, Friday.....Bar B Q Karaoke Fellowship
July 9 Friday.....Fireman and Policeman Award
August 20 FridayWine Testing Party
Sept. 18, Saturday.....Constitution Observance
Oct. 15, Friday.....Family Dinner Dance
November 20 Saturday.....Thanksgiving Party
December 3, FridayChristmas Party

Lastly, I wish you all the brethren and their ladies our widows and sweethearts to a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally.

Cris S. Araula, P.M.
Master

FROM THE SOUTH

Good day to all of you brethren!

First of all, I would like to thank the brethren for electing and giving me the trust to carry the duties and responsibilities in the South. It was indeed a great pleasure and honor for me.

Since I was raised in 2003 under the leadership of Worshipful Chris Araula, it has been my strongest desire to serve and be available in whatever it maybe to be useful to the Lodge. However, due to family commitments, I have to defer my attendance to some of the meetings and special meetings. In fact, I made a promise to Worshipful Morel Callueng to be a frequent attendee and in whatever capacity he may want me to serve once he is elected the Master of the Lodge. I indeed broke that promise. Now that these meetings have been moved to a Friday, I can now with ease and convenience serve the office that you entrusted to me.

I look forward for a year full of fellowship and brotherly love.

From the South,
Emmanuel (Manny) Abellon

Child ID

Our Lodge received an Invitation to run the Child ID Program at the Long Beach Scottish Rite to be run at their Christmas Program for the needy on December 12th.

We as a Lodge performed that request in GREAT Measure. A total of 317 Scans were done in due form in spite of the miserable weather..... it was raining profusely and somewhat cold.

I am very pleased that the Brothers who volunteered to help with this endeavor actually showed up and helped run the program.

We had ALL of the Child ID Systems up and running with just a few equipment problems.

I was able to take a couple of pictures of some of the Brothers in attendance, but because of the number of people present for scans, was unable to get all the Brothers who helped with this project on film Please forgive....

Thanks to all who helped make this Scottish Rite Event a success.



Alvin "Al" Fowler, PM,
Child ID Chairman

Junior Past

Brethren:

A year ago during our installation, we were full of optimism and looking forward to a successful year. As we stepped down, I am incredibly happy to report that indeed we had an amazing year.

For this year we initiated 21 candidates and raised 17 to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The best testimony that a Lodge is doing good is when brothers from other Lodges are attracted to affiliate because they enjoy the fellowship and want to be associated to a very good Lodge. This happened to our Lodge this year. In 2009 we received and favorably balloted 11 applications. So, during my term, we gained a total of 28 members for our Lodge. All these Brothers returned to the Lodge and actively participated in all the activities and programs of the Lodge not only on a monthly basis, but rather on a weekly basis.

2009 however was not confined merely to ritual and conferral of degrees. We lined up well rounded activities. We successfully held the traditional public school night by honoring the outstanding teacher of Gardena High School, the Fire and Police Recognition Night by honoring the outstanding policeman and fireman in the City of Gardena. We also joined Lodges in the South Bay area in the observance of the Constitution of the United States. To galvanize the bond and relationship of the Brethren and their families, we held a hugely successful Valentine's Party and Summer Dance party jointly with Beverly Hill lodge No. 528.

To make our members physically fit and to further camaraderie and fellowship we also had sports activities. We held a Basketball Tournament among the members of the Lodge; Family Bowling, Shoot fest, and Billiards Competition.

The activities mentioned above however pale in comparison to the highlight of my year as Master of our Lodge. In September 2009 my native land Philippines was devastated by several typhoons. The members of this Lodge rose to the occasion and answered the call on how to help the victims of calamities in the Philippines. We started a fundraising in our individual capacity jointly with members of Beverly Hills Lodge and I am proud to announce that we raised \$5,000.00 or roughly 237,000.00 in pesos. We honored those brothers' philanthropic deed by recognizing them in our PILLARS OF CHARITY perpetual plaque which is now displayed in the lobby of our Lodge. Be it noted that not a single penny from the Lodge was used either for the plaque or for this fundraising donation. We donated this money to the University of the Philippines Alumni Association to support their ongoing project to raise funds to build low cost housing for those who lost their homes in those calamities. Our Lodge was recognized by the UPA in the show Pagbangon held in the UP Theater on December 8, 2009 to raise funds for this project. The Lodge was also included in one of the donors in their souvenir program. Also, when the project is completed all the donors of the same will have a wall of all the donors and our Lodge will be included. Lastly, in the November 29, 2009 issue of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, the number one newspaper in the Philippine with a 2.7 million daily circulation, this donation was published on page 23. I am very proud to say that in this Lodge the members truly practice charity in their daily lives and not only parrot it during the ritual. We can therefore brag that we indeed know how to practice charity as one of the tenets of Masonry.

When I was installed as Master I promised you brothers to use the gavel firmly and decisively tempered however with fairness, justice and dignity. As I stepped down and reflect on my year, I can honestly say that I met that covenant that I made because I never used the gavel for evil purposes.

Our Lodge was very vibrant and active in 2009. I have no doubt to state that indeed we reestablished Gardena Moneta Lodge No. 372 as a house of friendship and fellowship with peace and harmony as its guiding light in all its undertakings.

I closing I thank the Brethren and their families for their service and support. Brethren let us continue to shower our Lodge with our unwavering support as the duly elected and appointed officers for 2010 chart its future to continue what we started.

Long Live Gardena Moneta 372.

Sincerely and Fraternaly
Morel R. Callueng, PM
Junior Past Master

Birthdays

01 Ben Young
 03 Gerald Cully
 04 Cris Araula PM
 05 Roderick McLendon
 06 Brian D. Strong
 06 Nick Montoya
 06 Frank Cree, Jr.
 06 Harold Reagle
 07 Kenneth McLaren
 09 Charles Hall Jr. PM
 12 Freddie G. Davis PM
 12 Cedric Drake
 13 Elmo Lawson
 15 Saturnino I. Duenas
 17 Jason Cronin
 19 Al Fowler PM
 20 Gerald Moore
 20 Godfrey Q. Liganor PM
 20 Deodonell G. Paras
 22 Samuel R. Lucero
 23 Delfin Viola
 24 Harold W. Croulet Jr.
 25 Jesus F. Pagador
 26 David J. Cayton
 27 Robert Sullivan

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Stated Meetings

First Friday @ 7:30
 Dinner @ 6:30
 All Master Masons are welcome.

2010 Lodge Officers**Master**

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Florante Cabanatan

Junior Warden

Emmanuel Abellon

Treasurer

Dana Wyatt PM

Secretary

Delfin Macapagal

Assistant Secretary

Dan Ibanez

Chaplain

Renato Esmane

Senior Deacon

Jose Bernabe

Junior Deacon

Rommel Macoy

Marshal

Rolando Arillaga

Senior Steward**Junior Steward**

Benjamin Ponce

Tiler

Antonio Halili

District 713 Inspector

Freddie Davis PM

Jan. 8. Friday Stated Meeting @
 7: 30 p.m.

Dinner @ 6:30 P.M. at Home
 Town Buffet

Jan. 15, Friday Laymans Night
 Officers bring at least one
 candidate

Jan. 22, Friday 1st degree

Jan. 29 Friday 2nd degree