

# Gardena Moneta Lodge 372



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### FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren:

It is with great pleasure to report my attendance to the Junior Warden's Retreat held on April 16-18, 2010, at Ontario, California.

The basic thrust of the retreat was to prepare the Junior Wardens towards the future when they eventually become the Master of their respective Lodges.

Emphasis was geared on how to lead and manage the Lodge, improve member vitality, increase Lodge prosperity, create community awareness and the application of Masonic relief.

There were many suggestions provided by the attendees, including the speakers, on how to achieve these goals.

However, there were three areas which really interest me and which we can effectively apply in our Lodge. First, is the idea of having the candidate to perform at least one charitable relief as he progress to each of the degrees.

Second, is the idea of Masonic education to be conducted in the Lodge during the stated meeting. This is a way of educating and allowing both the candidate and the brethren to be more in tune with the craft.

Third, is the idea of calling our brethren who have not been attending in the Lodge's activities, how he's been doing and update him of the activities of the Lodge. By starting this conversation, there is that sense of feeling of concern, involvement, and importance on them.

The retreat was a wonderful experience and would highly recommend to the future Junior Wardens never to miss this opportunity.

Emmanuel Abellon  
Jr. Warden

### **April 2010 Trip with Brethren in the Philippines**

Brethren:

Last month, I was with several Brethren in the Philippines who were in the country for different reasons. Some attended the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines; while others were there, for business and pleasure. I met most of them in the christening of the son of Worshipful Brother Glenn Aynera at Camp Aguinaldo. Brother Aynera is a past master of Tayabas Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and professionally a 1994 Philippine Military Academy graduate holding the rank of major and assigned as secretary of General Delfin Bangit, the current Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. Some of us served as Godparents to WB Glenn's son Peter Jacob Aynera. It was indeed a sight to see lot of Brethren from our Lodge enjoying the fellowship on said occasion.

It was at said gathering that we planned to have a get together while in the Philippines. I then proposed a field trip to the private Hot Spring resort of a very special friend of mine located in Puypuy, Bay, Laguna (near Los Banos, Laguna). All the Brethren, namely: Rene Esmane, Dan Ibanez, Lee Razalan, Jun Valencia, Satur Duenas, Jigs Dejesa, Tony Halili, Ed Labinpuno, Romy Nocon, and Brother Garcia of William Rhodes Hervey enthusiastically approved the idea. We agreed to meet at 10 am of April 25, 2010 at Alabang, Muntinlupa. Everybody showed up at the appointed place and we proceeded to the intended destination.

We stayed at the private resort for free for the whole day where we enjoyed all the amenities of the place, such as, hot spring swimming pool, Jacuzzi, slide, sauna, karaoke sing-a-long, and fishing at its three (3) fishponds. We ate assorted Filipino dishes for our lunch. We left the resort at past 5pm.

While on our way home I decided to contact our brother master mason in the person of Attorney Mayor Roy M. Loyola, the incumbent mayor of the municipality of Carmona, Cavite. He was my classmate in law school and the Godfather of my eldest child Joseph Michael Callueng. I told him about the presence of Brethren from Gardena Moneta Lodge No. 372. Mayor Roy then decided to treat the Brethren for dinner at Lei Garden Chinese Restaurant in Carmona, Cavite. He sent his chief of staff who ordered lobsters, crabs, steamed grouper, pork, and shrimps for a sumptuous dinner. As an added note, Mayor Loyola won as congressman for the 5<sup>th</sup> district of Cavite, while his wife succeeded him as mayor of Carmona, Cavite.

We parted on the night of April 25<sup>th</sup> all delighted that we had the opportunity to enjoy each other's company in our home country. Surely the experience we had together in the Philippines will be added to our Masonic memories.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Morel R. Callueng

[A story for those Brethren who haven't attended Lodge in some time](#)

Courtesy: Brother Mason

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

ROMMEL MACOY  
Junior Deacon

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First Friday @ 7:30

Dinner @ 6:30

All Master Masons are welcome.

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**Birthdays**

- 01 Felipe Badiola
- 02 Gene D. Provinse
- 03 Richard B. Pingarron PM
- 03 Craig McDowell
- 04 Terry Young
- 05 Nelson T. Sarian
- 05 Manuel Dela Roca
- 07 Edgardo L. Golpeo
- 07 LeRoy Forehand PM
- 08 Sidney Brickman
- 11 Thomas Cantwell
- 12 Baldomerino Aligo
- 15 Alton G. McQueen
- 21 Manuel T. Quitevis
- 21 Edy M. Tuballa
- 22 Mervin W. LaFond
- 23 Arthur Howard
- 25 Harold Perong
- 26 Ronald Hawkins
- 27 Casey Callender
- 28 Kenny Pouder
- 29 Serafettin Bayraktar
- 30 Rolly Arillaga
- 31 Walter Boehm