



# THE LODESTAR



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## FAMILY TIES

Being raised to the Third degree or the sublime degree of a Master Mason is a memorable night for every Mason, I'm sure most if not every Mason remembers their own raising very vividly. From



proving yourself to when they put the apron of a Master Mason on you, most can recall this special moment in their Masonic journey.

The statement above stands for me as well but even more so, this night was special for me because I had the privilege of having my Father create an astounding degree team and assume the Masters chair to raise me to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. For me and my Father this experience is one that we both will not forget from the people who attended and the Brethren who participated in the degree that evening to the remarkable work that was done.



The highlight of that night was not only the degree, the banquet before the meeting filled me with awe from amount of people that attended to see me get raised to the third degree. I was exceptionally lucky to have my family there that evening to support me as well as provide food. Knowing that my family

was there for me filled me with confidence to be able to prove myself without being nervous. My personal highlight of that evening was being able to reply to the toast to the candidate, my father gave the toast and it allowed me to express my gratitude towards him.

Moving forward I hope to live up to my father and my fore-fathers expectations in respects to Masonry as well as live my life to the best of my ability using the teachings of all three of the degrees and strive for greatness for Richmond Lodge.



*From left to right: R.W. Bro. Ross Guerrero, W. Bro Ulysses Toledo, Bro. Nathaniel Guerrero, W. Bro Don Cipollone, R. W. Bro Terence Van Horne*

To the many Brethren that attended the evening and to the Brethren that assisted in the degree on behalf of me and my family I would like to thank you from the bottom of heart for supporting me on this special and unforgettable night.

- ***By Bro. Nathaniel Ross Guerrero***

## FROM THE EDITOR:

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

#### RESOLUTIONS

I have always admired people who show courage in the face of adversity. Many years ago a young Canadian lost a leg to cancer. This could easily have made him angry and bitter.

He did become angry, not at his loss, but at the disease that caused it. He decided to start a run across our country in an effort to raise money for cancer research.

In Ontario, people came by the thousands to cheer him on as he ran. I will never forget the sight of this one-legged runner as he ran-hopped by me on a warm summer morning in Muskoka.

A year later Terry Fox succumbed to cancer. Terry Fox's physical race was over. In fact, he never finished the course; none of us do. However, his legacy and inspiration lives on, and year after year, millions of dollars are raised for cancer research in his name.

At this time of year, I, like millions of people, list some goals or resolutions for the new year that will make me evolve into a better person or create better circumstances in my life. Be they health oriented, financial situations, or attitude adjustments, whatever...they will be different for everyone. However, it may help to keep Terry Fox's indomitable spirit in mind when it comes to our own races in life.

What is important is to set goals.

What is important is not to quit, not ever.

What is important is to run well and honestly, with as much human grace as possible – not forgetting, too, to take joy in the running.

## FROM THE MASTER:

"HE WHO ENTERS THIS TEMPLE WILL LEAVE BEHIND HIM ALL HIS WORLDLY POSSESSIONS, TITLES, AND STATUS; AND FOR LABORING ON THE LEVEL, HE WILL BE RECOGNIZED AND, HENCEFORTH BE DULY INTRODUCED A PLAIN BROTHER TO ALL, AND FOR ALL SEASONS."

*From: GRAND LODGE of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS of the PHILIPPINES*

*- Contributed by W. Bro. Ulysses Toledo*

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Nobody in life gets exactly what they thought they were going to get. But if you work really hard and you're kind, amazing things will happen. Conan O'Brien



# THE LITTLE LODGE THAT COULDN'T

*"The Little Lodge That Couldn't", remind us of some of the challenges our Lodges must overcome.*

Once there was a Lodge that started out little, years ago; it grew larger like many other lodges did at that time and then it got little again. The members were all good fellows. There wasn't a bad thing to be said about any of them. They attended lodge regularly because it was a pleasant way to spend an evening. The coffee was good, you sat in the same seat, and you always knew how things were going to come out. You never had to worry about surprises, or strange ideas. In time, a lot of the members moved away and there were names on the roll that only those with the longest memories could remember. But these Brethren paid their dues and that helped keep the Lodge going. There wasn't much Work because petitions were few and far between. But when the Work was there, there wasn't always a full slate of experienced men to fill the chairs. The Worshipful Master seldom had to worry too much about

actually running the Lodge because the Secretary and some of the Past Masters saw to that. The years went by and nothing changed and nothing happened. The coffee was still good, but there were more vacant seats at every meeting. Then one day the members began to talk about selling the old property and re-locating. But to many, a move would somehow violate tradition. So no decision was made and the Lodge didn't move because it couldn't. Finally, with dwindling membership, a lack of petitioners and much-reduced funds, the Lodge was forced to make a painful decision. When the Brethren gathered to decide the Lodge's fate they suddenly realized the financial truth as many said, "We can't make it." And sure enough, they couldn't

- Excerpts from a paper published in the *Reflections Newsletter of the Committee on Masonic Education, Volume 23, Number 4, written by L.L. Walker Jr., P.M. Anson Jones Lodge, Fellow in Masonic Research of the Texas Lodge of Research, entitled*



**More Photos of Richmond Lodge Christmas Party . .**

## Long Service Pins Notice,

My Brethren,

I have embarked on a mission to set the record straight on Brethren who have not received their Long Service Pins. The Lodge records on this subject are scanty and desperately need updating. For that I require your help.

Please let me know if you have NOT received a pin for any of the following time slots:

### General Brethren

25 years  
50 years  
60 years  
70 years  
75 years

### Past Masters

25 years  
50 years  
60 years

### DDGM

50 years

Based on your replies the Lodge will endeavor to honour your years of Masonic service with the pin of recognition that you deserve.

Thank you,

Fraternally,

Joe Galati  
Secretary

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**Bro. Carlos Alfredo Medrano**

**Bro. Jonathon Flatt**

**Bro. Carlton Williams**

**W. Bro. George Brown**

**Bro. Danyal Shekarchian**



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