

San Leandro Lodge No. 113 Trestle Board



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June and July 2020

From the East

Brethren,

After several weeks of the Shelter In Place Order, authorities are slowly allowing us to go back to our routines. There are, of course, many changes to the normal way we move and communicate. Social Distancing and wearing masks are precautions you'll see in place to almost every where. Although government authorities are slowly allowing the populace to go out, the Grand Lodge of California (GLC) has yet to issue a directive allowing Masonic Lodges to hold events, such as meetings or Rituals. Our SLL#113 Masonic Events are still suspended. The health and well being of our members and their family is our utmost concern, so let us continue to stay safe and healthy.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the tragic news of Worshipful Brother Jesse Dela Cruz's passing. WB Jesse Dela Cruz was a beloved member of our San Leandro Lodge #113, and he will be missed. Our sincerest condolences to Sister Alicia and his family.

As I had reported in the last TB (for month of May), our Scholarship Committee is continuing to work on our San Leandro High School Scholarship despite of the suspension of classes. Our Scholarship Committee was able to coordinate with the San Leandro Scholarship Foundation to complete the process. I am pleased to report that during our teleconference, held on May 4, 2020 @ 7:00 pm, our Scholarship Committee and the Corps of Officers voted unanimously to grant our first ever scholarship to Ms. Karla Cardenas Cortez, a graduating Senior from San Leandro High School. My hope is that we will continue this commitment to San Leandro High School in our community in the years to come, where we will help and make a difference in the life of our elected beneficiaries each year by making their higher education ambitions a reality. In addition to discussing the scholarship, the Corps of Officers also discussed the Lodge's essential business and expenditures, and funds were appropriated through unanimous vote.

I would like to thank all of the Brethren who have donated to the Distressed Worthy Brothers Relief Fund campaign, led by MW John E. Trauner. As of this writing, the overwhelming donations have brought the campaign total to \$345,000, and I urge you all to continue making donations if it is within your means. The funds will be used to help California Masons, Widows, and Families who are greatly affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic. To make a donation, please contact the California Masonic Foundation by calling **(888) 466-3642**.

It is an honor and privilege to share that WBro Mike Tagulao is one of the Three East Bay Aces Captains for Mason4Mitts. He will be primarily working with the Mason4Mitts Committee covering 18 Lodges. I encourage everyone to extend our support to our very own WBro Tagulao and to Mason4Mitts. Please see WBro Tagulao's letter below for more details.



From the East (continued)

I am also pleased to share an e-mail from Bro Candler Gibson, Director of Masonic Philanthropy in Northern California (see message below). With our constant and active participation in the Masonic Foundation, we are not only fulfilling our obligations as Masons but also putting into practice the lessons and teachings of our institution. Remember the lesson inculcated in the Fellow Craft Preambulation? ... the greatest of these, is Charity!

Though our Lodge in particular has not held Stated Meetings for the past three months, our Lodge Leadership didn't sit idle during that time. As a matter of fact, as I mentioned earlier, we held our first teleconference with the Corps of Officers and the Scholarship Committee last May 4th. Likewise, some of the Officers have participated in many of the Grand Lodge Officer's Facebook Virtual Toast and Webinars. It looks like online meetings and teleconferencing are becoming the new norm and mode of communication while this COVID-19 Pandemic lingers.

With that being said, I would like to set our own SLL#113's Zoom Meeting sometime during the first week of June. I would love to hear your voices and see how everyone is doing during the Shelter-In-Place Order. This will be a quick but meaningful meeting. We will not be discussing any matters pertaining to the Lodge, rather, we will focus on ascertaining the present health and safety of each and everyone of our members and their families. Please be on the look-out for more details about this Zoom Meeting as I am still working on some details.

I also would like to report that few of our Brothers, namely, WBros Tagulao and Ware, Bros Menos, Moran, Quiñones, Villanueva, Juan, and yours truly took the time to install Floor Laminates on the 3rd Floor above the kitchen. WBro Tagulao and myself also painted and reorganized the Tiler's Room. Frequent ocular visits of our building are done by WBro Tagulao and myself to assure that our Lodge (physical building) is taken care of. Thank you to all of the Brothers who have helped with these improvements in the Lodge!

You'll probably noticed that in this Trestle Board publication, more articles than usual are being published. I have decided to combined the messages for months of June and July at once. Though I see that the conditions of our lockdown are currently easing up, and many essential and non-essential establishments are re-opening, we cannot be complacent about the Coronavirus. Please take all the necessary precautions recommended by the authorities to protect yourselves.

Although it is still uncertain, I anticipate that some level of our Lodge's normal operations will be allowed to resume in the coming months. There will be limitations as to how many people we can allow to congregate in the Lodge, but it may be possible to resume to our events and meetings in-person soon. However, our bylaws mandate us to observe the month of July as "Dark", so no Lodge operations will be taking place during the month of July.

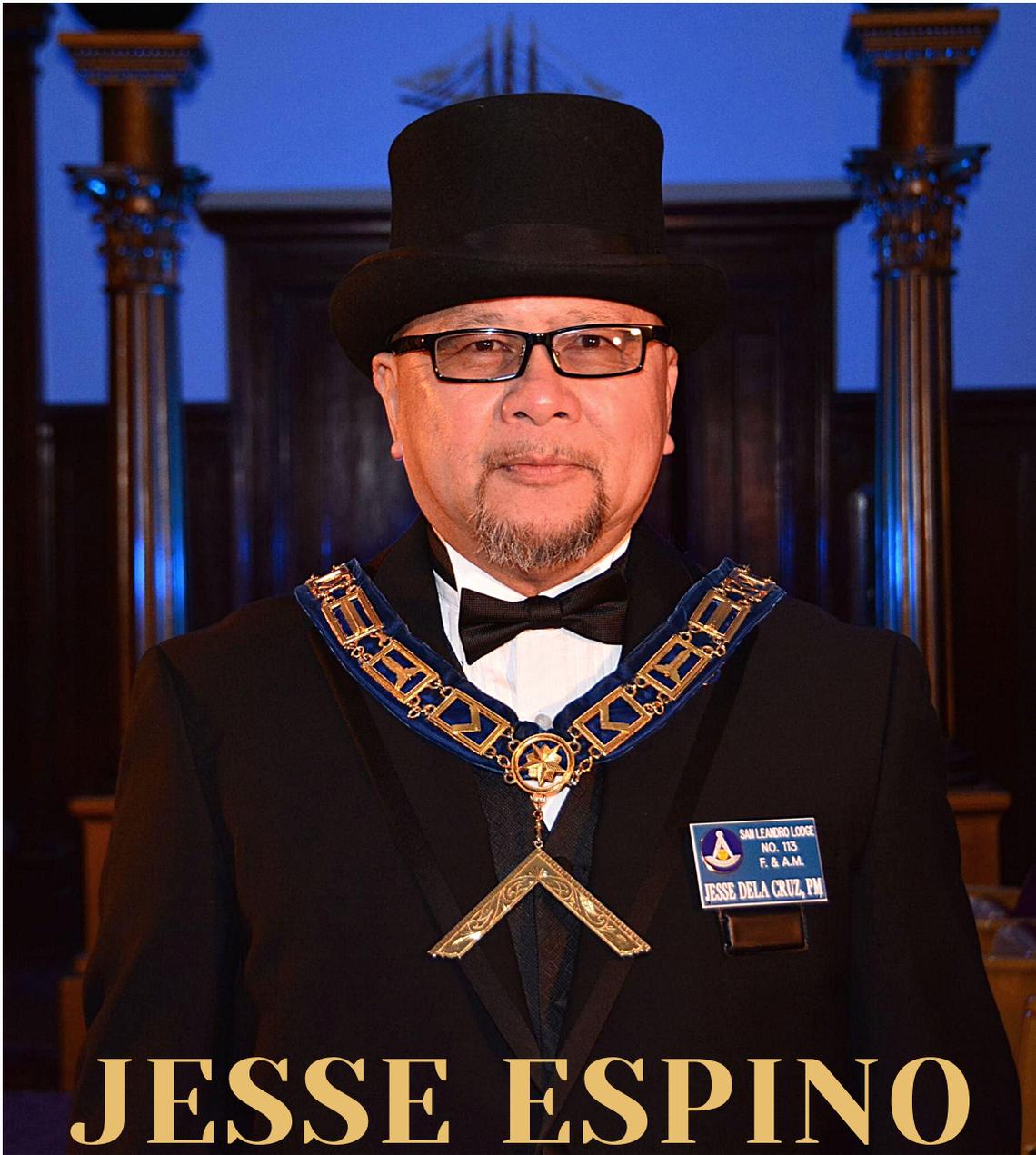
In closing, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and lead SLL#113 during these extraordinary and unusual times, now and in the future. I would like to continue encouraging you all to take precautionary measures during these times to keep yourself, your family, and your community safe.

We are all in this together. Take care everyone!

Eric Simsuangco

Master

– IN MEMORIAM –



JESSE ESPINO

DELA CRUZ

JUNE 30, 1956 - MAY 24, 2020

Brethren, Family, and Friends,

It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you that our dear Worshipful Brother, Jesse Espino Dela Cruz, passed away on May 24, 2020 in Las Vegas. He is survived by his Wife, Sister Alicia Dela Cruz, and their three children.

WBro Jesse Dela Cruz was initiated, passed, and raised in San Leandro Lodge No. 113 in 2006. He served as Master of San Leandro Lodge No. 113 in 2014, and as an Officer's Coach from 2018-2019. WBro Jesse Dela Cruz also served as Eminent Commander of California Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar in 2017, and Illustrious Master of California Council No. 2 Cryptic Masons in 2019.

The Brethren of San Leandro Lodge No. 113 and our entire Craft offer our sincerest condolences to Sister Alicia and their wonderful family. WBro Jesse Dela Cruz was truly a humble lover of our craft, as he displayed an outstanding ritual performance and was always willing to assist all of his Brethren and their families in times of need.

WBro Jesse Dela Cruz will be missed dearly by all Masons who were blessed to know him, particularly by the Brethren of San Leandro Lodge No. 113. May God bless his soul and spirit, and may he rest in peace as we all know that he was greeted by the Lord Himself at the gate of heaven.

Sincerely,
Eric Simsuangco
Master



Calendar

June						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Birthdays

June

- 1st Qurico Atienza
- 2nd John Alves
- 5th Perfecto Arribas
Ferdinand Pacis
- 9th Rommel Velasco
- 12th Jose Teotico
- 14th Danilo Laoagan
Melandro Tiongson
- 16th Delfin Endrina
Cromwell Mabalatan
- 17th Gil Pimentel
- 21st Odin Madlambayan
- 22nd Romeo Camantigue
- 23rd Juanito Campos
- 25th Robert Witsler
- 28th Paul Taeza
Winston Ware

July

- 1st Ricardo Espiritu
- 4th Francisco Rosal
- 7th Reyno Danguilan
- 9th Ernest Eugenio
Jose Marie Go Oco III
Fanolex Menos
- 10th Benildo Mailorca
- 11th Manuel Goda
- 14th Henry McMurray
- 15th Dante Balili
Adrian Quinones
- 16th Oscar Fuentes III
- 19th Leonard Hansen III
Jun Pineda
Charles Saylor
- 20th Josef Kohlmann
- 21st Bill Warner Sr.
- 22nd Jerry Treber
- 25th Nelson Delacruz
Donald Mayer
- 26th Rudy Lejat
Roderick Tolentino

Happy Birthday Brothers!

Greetings Brethren,

Hope this message finds you and your families well!



Rewards of being a Mason

MAKING TRUE FRIENDS

Masonry is a community of men and their families who share similar beliefs and values. The fraternity finds it important to connect with other men of honor, compassion, love, trust and knowledge, regardless of their race, color, religious beliefs, political views, physical ability, sexual orientation, citizenship, or national origin. We are friends and brothers and are connected through this vital and uplifting organization of moral men.

IMPROVING OURSELVES

Our continuing pursuit of truth, knowledge, ethic and leadership skills makes us better men and brings more meaning to our lives. Learning the tenets of Freemasonry, paired with being an active part of our community gives us the opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills and builds self-discipline through commitment and self-confidence.

HAVING AN IMPACT

As a member of the Freemasons and the Grand Lodge of California we are a part of a worldwide fraternity that values tradition, history and timeless wisdom. The traditions and core values of our fraternity are meaningful today and will endure for centuries to come because of our direct Impact in our community, through our charities and on a personal level.

Fraternally,

William G. Eadus

Senior Warden

Masonic Philanthropy

To the Officers, Inspector and AGL of Division III:
Brethren of San Leandro No. 113,

I hope this message finds you and your lodge in good health and spirits.

As your business meetings in May start happening next week, I am proud to share a fundraising update on the inspiring outpouring of donations to our fraternity's Distressed Worthy Brother Fund.

Since March, when our Grand Master issued a call to our membership to assist brothers caught in harm's way due to the current pandemic, we have seen an unprecedented outpouring of charity from our membership to support our Distressed Worthy Brother Relief. This fund will enable Masonic Assistance to help our members who need financial support, job placement, and community-based resources. The response to the Grand Master's request has been nothing short of amazing.

I'm impressed that many of your lodge's members have donated to the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief. I am also inspired at the number of first-time donors to our Masonic Charities. Thank you for what each of you contributes to our great fraternity and to our communities, especially those who need our help most.

Because of your charitable leadership as a Pace Setter Lodge, I am also pleased to provide an update on the success of our California Masonic Foundation's Let's Write the Future Campaign.

Clearly, the times are very different from when we launched our largest comprehensive fundraising campaign in the Fall of 2017. As PGM John Heisner stated at the Annual Communication that year, we were embarking on a 3-year fundraising campaign that would be our most ambitious ever – with a goal to raise \$5-7 million including “our largest gifts ever.”

I am proud to report that, at the end of March 2020 – two and a half years into our Campaign – we have raised cash and pledges totaling more than \$7.2 million. Your lodge's own generous Pace Setter commitment has contributed immensely to the Campaign's success. Thank you so much for your vital philanthropy that is fueling our expansion of Advanced Care at the Masonic Homes and our commitment to elementary literacy for vulnerable children and families throughout the state. Your leadership strengthens our charitable work so much.

When life resumes a more normal look and feel, our fraternity's investment in Advanced Care and Elementary Literacy will never be more important.

I hope you will share this information with your lodge, knowing that our Masonic values continue to resonate powerfully to help those most in need. Thank you for all you do for our Craft.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Candler Gibson

Director of Masonic Philanthropy
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California Masonic Foundation
1111 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

Masons for Mitts

Masons for Mitts is BACK!

Join Masons from across California to ensure that kids who need baseball gloves get them.

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring fun and team-building skills of baseball to underserved California kids. In light of these unprecedented times, we are now working with our MLB partners to serve our communities by providing additional educational opportunities for these children. We believe that every child deserves to have a summer!

For more than 10 years, teams of Masonic lodges face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can by raising funds for programs through these MLB partnerships. The COVID-19 crisis has hit these communities particularly hard. With the help of freemasons across the state, kids will still get an enriching summer experience. Now more than ever, these kids need our help!

We are encouraging our members to make their gifts online at: <https://masons4mitts.org/teams/east-bay-aces/>

If someone wishes to contribute via check, please make your check out to: Masons4Mitts and put "East Bay Aces" in the memo line. This is important because it is the only clear way that Grand Lodge will know that the check should be coming to our team. During the shelter in place, Grand Lodge does have staff that come into the office periodically that can process these donations.

Please mail your donations directly to:
Masons4Mitts
1111 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

Fraternally,

Mike Tagulao, PM

San Leandro Lodge No. 113
Co-Captain: East Bay Aces
Masons 4 Mitts
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From a Past Master

Brothers All,

It is my hope and prayer that this message finds you and your love ones safe and healthy in this unprecedented time.

As a result of the current COVID 19 pandemic, governments around the world ordered their citizens to stay at home to protect health services and save lives. Although our governor moved the status to phase 2 of reopening our state, we are still however encouraged to leave our homes only for the purpose of buying food, medicine, and other necessary supplies. Unless our drive to and from work is as an essential worker, leisurely travel and gatherings are still highly discouraged.

As a result of "Staying at Home", many of us find projects to do at home. Some are occupied by reading; a number do mental and physical exercises, and others, enjoy an all-day movie streaming offered by Netflix or the like. As for me, I have organized my selection of old long playing albums of yesteryears. For the millennial, before the CDs, USBs, Spotify and other music apps, playing a vinyl record on a 33 revolution per minute turntable was the medium of listening to your favorite music over and over without any commercial interruptions.

In one of my collections, I found the song Without Love (There is Nothing), released by Tom Jones in the 70's. The lyrics say "To live for today and to love for tomorrow is the wisdom of a fool... I had conquered the world but what then did I have? Without love I had nothing at all." In this current crisis, many of us Masons assumed the burden of helping others and took the responsibility to watch out and care for our fellow men. Many of our brethren in different parts of the world acted by giving assistance to those in need without expectation of any return. As Masons, we are taught that if any man was blessed to speak with the tongues of angels, understand all mysteries and knowledge but not practicing the virtue of love and charity in his everyday living, he is just similar to a tinkling cymbal or a sounding brass, and, like the song says, he is nothing.

While writing this message, I am listening to the famous 60's Four Tops' "Reach Out I'll be There". It tells us that if our love ones or friends feel the world around them are crumbling down, we should reach out and give them love, comfort and hope. This pandemic gives many of our brothers the feeling of uncertainty and makes them hang their heads and wallow in sorrow.

As a token of our brotherly love, we should extend our helping hand to our suffering California brothers and widows. Many of them are currently in need of funds for rent, groceries, and medications, or may even face longer term income instability due to Covid-19. Let us show them that we are here for each other, that we can be someone they lean on in times of trouble, and that we are a brotherhood that will always be there to help them carry on. Many lives have been disrupted by this outbreak; however, we can use the challenges of today as our golden opportunity to better the lives of the distressed through our act of kindness and compassion, the highest ideal of our Order. If you are in a position to donate, I humbly urge you to kindly continue supporting our Distressed Worthy Brother Fund. To participate, please visit California Masonic Foundation at <https://masonicfoundation.org/> or call **(415) 292-9117**.

Finally my brethren, Freemasonry is like a home, a place where our hearts are, an abode we all share and where love comes together and conquers all. We should all celebrate with joy and gratitude for we are all part of an institution that inspires kindness and brotherly affection, an association that teaches us that with many of our differences, we are still one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, one to whom distress may prefer its suit, and above all, one, whose heart is expanded by benevolence. Freemasonry is love and like the beautiful musical record released by Sandy Patty in the 80's, Love will be our Home!

Warm regards and fraternally,

Tony Cimarra, PM, HA

Assistant Grand Lecturer, Division 3

From a Past Master

Children's Hospital Oakland
Masonic outreach for community service.

Beyond local schools, this is a place where Children go when they are extremely sick and close to death's door.

When you are born pre-maturely, even at "half term," or have disastrous life-threatening complications, your child goes to Children's Hospital Oakland. Chances of survival are better there than most hospitals in the United States.

Just a few miles away there is a Masonic Lodge. San Leandro #113.

When a child survives at Children's Hospital, they are asked to come back to the hospital once a year to attend a reunion they can call only their own. They play games, go on rides, and re-associate with the doctors and nurses who took care of them while they were sick.

When the hospital reached out for help in serving these kids by feeding them at an all-day BBQ and helping with all the festivities, the San Leandro Masons said, "we'll help!" The hospital said, "But there may be 800 kids and parents." The Masons said, "Then we'll bring more Masons." And we do. Every year, the Brothers and Sisters of San Leandro Masonic Lodge #113 show up and help. When we read the sincere thank you letter from the Hospital at Lodge communications, we reflect on why we are Masons.

This 2020 year was going to be my 18th year of volunteering to serve at this Children's Hospital reunion. I am a Past Master from another lodge, but by affiliation I am a member of San Leandro Masonic Lodge #113. I affiliated a few years back. The fellowship, family values, and community sincerity cannot be found everywhere, but in San Leandro it shines bright. I am proud to be a San Leandro Mason and to be one of our representatives when reaching out to the community through Masonry.

We have been through hot years where the sweat rolled down the faces of the Brothers and Sisters while volunteering and the cold years when everybody wanted to work on the BBQ because of its warmth.

Let me tell you Brothers, and Sisters: The warmth is within all of you.

I look forward to representing every Master of this lodge each year and heading up our huge volunteer team when reaching out to the community by serving the Children at Oakland's Children's Hospital.

This year brought us, as Masons, close to death's door ourselves with the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Pandemic also postponed the Children's Hospital Reunion for the first time ever!

Next year, 2021 will allow us to revisit the Reunion as volunteers and as Masons, Brothers and Sisters together.

God Bless us all.

Fraternally,

Dennis Wallace, PM

Past Master 2007 (Affiliated)

Knight York Cross of Honour

Member - SF Priority Red Cross of Constantine

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Emmanuel Figueroa - 2020
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Odin Madlambayan - 2020

For Banquet Hall Reservations

please contact our Hall Association CFO

Any Masonic Function must be cleared with the Master and the Junior Warden.

MASONIC FAMILIES

Job's Daughter Bethel No. 175

Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 pm

Eden Assembly Rainbow No. 11

Meets every month
1st Saturday at 10:00 am
3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm

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Candidates' Committee

Chairman - Eric Simsuangco
1st Degree - Bill Eadus
2nd Degree - Norman Mallillin
3rd Degree - Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA

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Dino Ignacio
Edgardo Ednacot
Dante Ypil, PM
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Charity

Eric Simsuangco
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Bill Warner Sr.

Delinquent Dues

Dowel Juan
Bill Eadus
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Mike Tagulao, PM
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Telephone

Ferdie Pacis II
Wuilman Moran
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Hiram Award

Chairman - Bill Eadus
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Masonic Education

Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA
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Youth Order

Adrian Quiñones
Jett Carrasco
Noel Ciron, PM, HA

Sunshine

Nel Pacis, PM, HA
Dennis Wallace, PM
Wuilman Moran

Funeral

Arnie Tabinas, PM, HA

Special Event

Chairman - Bill Warner Sr.
Members - Adrian Quiñones,
Wuilman Moran, Romeo Bauzon,
Ferdie Pacis II, Fanolex James Menos

Widows

Norman Mallillin, PM
Rey Tiopo, PM, HA
Fanolex James Menos

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