

SPECIAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
&
INDUCTION CEREMONY**

**Saturday, 22 December 1984
1800 Hours**

HOTEL SCANDINAVIA



MESSAGE

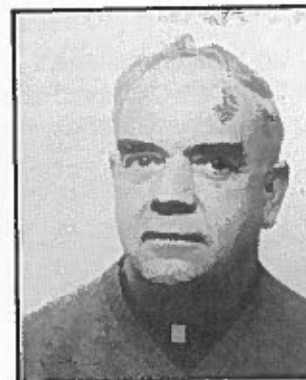
Dear Friends,

I am happy to convey to all of you my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a good and prosperous New Year.

Furthermore, I take the opportunity to congratulate you to your new "FAD" clubhouse. I feel sure that this house of yours will form a good basis for strenghtening the cooperation within your organization and within the Filipino Community.

This year I unfortunately am abroad on the day of your Christmas party but my vice-consul, Flemming Møller, and his wife, Swaantje, will replace me, and I wish you all a joyfull evening.

(SGD.) THORKILD ERRITZØE
Consul General a.h.
Philippine Consulate
in Denmark



MESSAGE

UT UNUM SINT

The Year 1984 will be remembered for two democratic elections which returned two presidents to power. Washington kept its President in the White House. He promised to lead them to gold. Here in a more local and familiar scene, we have a FAD President returned. *Mabuhay!*

My prayer for him, and for the Officers taking their oath is not for gold, not even for strength in numbers but for a spirit in Unity. The tiny child of Bethlehem could not say it. But He prayed for it... "I call you Friends... and I pray... that you may be ONE". For all FAD members, and all closely associated with the Filipino Association of Denmark, may we see much effort and growth in UNITY, TRUST, LOVE and PEACE. Quality and strength in numbers will follow, as day follow night. Yes, let us all have that sincere prayer in our hearts.. *Ut Unum Sint*. In Unity, there is strength.

May the humble child born in a stable bless you with all that is good, noble and true.

Patrick J. Sheils CSSR
PATRICK J. SHEILS, CSSR
Chaplain, for the Filipino
Community in Denmark



MESSAGE

The pace of the Filipino Association of Denmark towards its goals and aspirations was not all that smooth and easy for along the way were pitfalls and hard trying times too. Nevertheless, we trod undauntedly - a sign for us to move on.

There is much to do and there are lots of problems that confront us now and then. But if we are one and committed, these problems can only be challenges. With our new set of incoming officers, let us hope to surpass our pass achievements, let us unceasingly endeavor to further strengthen the FAD cause, and let us direct our future to where there is total friendship and unity.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Benjamin B. Garcia
BENJAMIN B. GARCIA
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MESSAGE

It is with extreme pleasure that I greet with warm welcome and felicitations all the guests, members and friends on the occasion of the Traditional Christmas Party of the Filipino Association of Denmark.

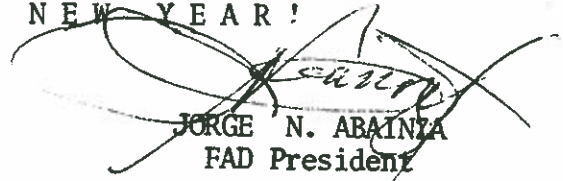
It takes something bigger than this greeting to express our thanks for your patronage and support for the past several years; and so we celebrate this happy event to recall the social bonds which

have associated us with one another.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to the sponsors and advertisers of this Souvenir Program for their heartfelt support in assuring the publication of this issue; and to the generous donors and committee members for ensuring the success of this joyous occasion.

From the bottom of our hearts, our good wishes to you all during this holiday season:

SEASON'S GREETINGS
and HAPPY NEW YEAR!


JORGE N. ABAINZA
FAD President



MESSAGE

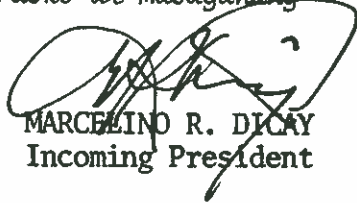
Looking back at our spirited participation in the last elections, I can sense that the coming two years, during which I shall once again be privileged to serve as your president, will be an exciting and fruitful period in the history of our Association.

Today's challenges, which inevitably come with our fast growing community, are perhaps greater than ever. Yet, with our Association becoming more responsive and

stronger, we can look forward to our future with more hope and confidence.

I cannot but over-emphasize that the collective vitality and the good will which we toiled so long for and now have attained, need to be nurtured to sustain the foundations upon which our Association is built upon - the fundamental ideals of Family, Mutuality and Sharing of burdens and benefits. We have discovered time and again, that this task can only be achieved through continued support and active participation of each and everyone of us.

With these thoughts, allow me in behalf of the incoming Officers, to wish you all a "Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon!"


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THE FILIPINO CHRISTMAS TRADITION

THE LONGEST CELEBRATION IN THE WORLD

by ONOFRE B. GARCIA

Christmas which commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ hundreds of years ago creeps into the tangles of man's life on this christian majority world in many ways; added joy and merriments, anticipation and expectations, giving and receiving, jacked up prices, upsetted budget, frantic activities in stores, sidewalks, everywhere. It can also, and often does, add a touch of sadness and envy to the unfortunate.

In the Philippines, the only Christian country in the Orient, Christmas is celebrated in a mixed way: Hispanized, Americanized and innovated upon as only Filipino genius can do it. This, of course, is attributed to the colonization experience of Filipinos under the Spaniards for about three and a half centuries and under the Americans for more than two scores, not to forget that it was the Spaniards who introduced Christianity there.

The Americanized Yuletide means a Christmas tree in a corner of the living room, Santa Claus with his bearded caucasian face in paper ads, Christmas cards depicting snow scenes and other Western Christmas traditions, imported apples, grapes and other goodies which, by themselves, are enough evidence to attest on how successful the Philippines had been turned into a consumer, and not a producer, nation by those Western powers that colonized her.

Hispanized Christmas means "the longest Yuletide celebration in the world" as the season is sometimes described by some Filipinos and not without a certain amount of pride, the putting of lanterns at the windows of homes "to guide the Holy Couple in their search for an inn" and the *Misa de gallo* or dawn Mass.

The spirit of Christmas is felt in the Philippines even before November but the dawn Mass, a nine-day routine starting on December 16 and ending on December 24 when it gives way to the *Misa de aguinaldo* or midnight Mass, kicks off the celebrations. It is great fun to brave the chill of dawn - it has that special bite and smoky smell so typical of those mornings. Usually a snack of native delicacies awaits the churchgoers at home. In the provinces, cooked food stalls greet passers-by with delicious odors.

The night of December 24 is the highest point of the Christmas celebration when, after the midnight repast or *noche buena* which follows the midnight Mass, gifts are opened causing lots of joy and laughters, kisses and embraces, taps and words of gratitudes to each and all.

To the Filipinos, *noche buena* is not just a meal. It is the once-in-a-year reunion of the clan. The forgetting of differences. The warming of blood ties. And the strengthening of the capacity to hope for the better if the year about to end has been considered not that good enough.

These reunions also mean meeting between godparents and godchildren, an agreeable experience for the young who are easily delighted with modest gifts.

In some parts of the country, there are certain novel twist to the festivities. A standout is the presentation of the story of the Nativity, a specialty of Southern Luzon. This is a daily community play known as *Panuluyan* from December 16 to Christmas Eve featuring the plight of the Virgin Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. A couple playing the roles of Mary and Joseph wanders from house to house appealing for a place to lodge, to the accompaniment of a string band.

A similar reenactment is observed in the island of Marinduque on the Feast of the Three Kings. After the Mass, the town plaza is converted into King Herod's palace - the king is usually portrayed by a town official. The three kings parade around the town on horses, accompanied by a band with long line of children tripping after them. The pageant ends with King Herod wrecking his palace, a gaily decorated improvisation, in frustration when he learns of the birth of Jesus, the new king.

Very popular are the lantern spectacles of Pampanga. Filipino imagination is given free rein in the extravagant display of lanterns measuring from 15 to 30 feet high (some so big they need a truck) which are paraded around the town on Christmas Eve. Usually a team of judges determines which of the displayed lanterns are to be awarded cash prizes.

After December 25, the festivities ebb down to surge again at the approach of the New Year. In the provinces, the bamboo cannon is often more popular than the firecrackers. It is specially popular among boys who want to huff and puff away the morning chill, or among old men who want to re-live the Yuletide they used to know.

Days slip by fast after the New Year bash. Soon the feast of the Three Kings gives way to emptied pockets and a long list of resolutions. Decors are stowed away, the Christmas tree is hidden somewhere. Filipinos wipe off the dust of hang-overs and resume the daily grind. ■



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WELCOME

Emcee

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*Chaplain for the Filipino
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DINNER

Scandinavian Jule Buffet

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TO ALL!**



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