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To: All officers and Members
From: President
Subject: Doce Pares 78th Anniversary
Date: December 30, 2010

Over 200 people attended the celebration graced by top Eskrima personalities in Cebu particularly the Grandmasters and Masters of various clubs/organizations.

The formal program which commenced at 6:00 O'clock in the afternoon was preceded by the elections of officers and Directors to serve for the year 2011. Sportswriters and some government officials who attended the event were all impressed by the demonstrations of the GM's and Masters who obliged upon audience's clamour. GM Magdaleno Nolasco came out first followed by GM Casio, Loloy Uy, Nick Elizar, Rodrigo Maranga, Fred Carin, Andres Cañete, Felix Gutang and then by some Masters who were egged on by EMCEE VAL Pableo.

GM Diony (President), Director Michael Cañete and Gerald Cañete (WEKAF and Doce Pares Executive Director) in their separate remarks thanked all those present as well as those who have been supporting Doce Pares through all these years. They specially expressed gratitude to the few sponsors who gave monetary donations that really made the event very significant to some members particularly the less fortunate ones. Cash gifts and various Christmas items were distributed.

From the bottom of our hearts, we therefore thank the following for their generosity:

GM Arnulfo "Dong Cuesta"
GM Fred Bandalan
GM Gero Peter
Peter Shannon (DP Australia)
Erwin Mosqueda
Nilo Baron
Nito Noval
Eric Mosqueda (Oman Doce Pares)
Danny Huertas (DP Norway)
Mike McKenzie

Remigio Berandoy
Jojo Antolin
Tenes (Neon) Arcilla
Ermar Alexander } UK (both were in attendance)
Diana Fauner }
Winston Cañete
Dwight Abarquez
Yvonne Trigila
Michael Korthals
Joseph "Batoy" Cañete

Their donations made a big difference in the festivities that lasted well into the wee hours of the following day.

The Board and Scholar-beneficiaries of the Scholarship Program during the program, expressed their heartfelt gratefulness to the sponsors of the 2010-2011 School Term-

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GM Danny Guba
Michael Korthals
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Erwin Mosqueda
Danny Huertas (Norway)
Ferenc Danko (Hungary)
Ermar Alexander (UK)
Steve Wolk
Jun Oñas
William "Bill" Lowery
Jason Silverman
Gregory Booth

One of the Scholars, CESARIO PEREZ, who successfully completed his 4-year course (Bachelor of Science in Physical Education (BSPE)) on his brief speech, thanked the sponsors for the 8-year grant that made him realize his dream for a college degree (He was a scholar since his high school in 2002). He is taken in as a regular employee of the Academy of Eskrima while doubling as a regular instructor of the Doce Pares World Headquarters.

It was also confirmed during the Program the holding of the Doce Pares 4th World Championship and Congress on July 21-28 this year. And that as part of the event is the Inaugural blessing of the proposed Eskrima Temple which will begin construction end of this month. Whether finished or unfinished as construction depends on sufficiency of funds, the board has vowed to go on with the planned rites.

The newly elected officers led by GM Diony as President have urged all members to update their Individual Information Data, Affiliation fees, Blackbelt dues, etc, as there is a plan to come out with Souvenir Magazine or Directory before the Championship in July. Other elected officers are: Paternon Ganzon (VP), Michael Cañete (Sec), Val Pableo (treasurer) and, as member of the Board of Directors are: GM Dong Cuesta, Valentin Suan, Silvano Maranga, Gerald Ong Cañete, Jose Borces and Bonifacio Uy.