MENCIUS LODGE NO. 93 FORMALLY TURNS OVER A TWO CLASSROOM PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING TO SAN JOSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT SAN JOSE, PAMPANGA

On June 19, 2008, WM George Lao led a delegation of nineteen brethren from Mencius Lodge to San Jose, Pampanga for the formal turnover of a two classroom public school building donated by the Lodge to San Jose Elementary School. Upon arrival at the school, the brethren were warmly welcomed by the principal, the faculty and the entire student body, accompanied by the school band. Officers of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. led by the Chairman of the Welfare Committee, Enrique Chua, were present to witness the turnover ceremonies. The guest of honor of the affair was Mayor Oscar Rodriguez of San Fernando, Pampanga.

After an inspirational message by Mayor Oscar Rodriguez, the deed of donation was signed and handed over by WM George Lao to Mayor Rodriguez who received it in behalf of the school. The entire delegation then proceeded to the ribbon cutting and formal turnover of the two classroom school building.
My dear brethren, it has been almost half a year since I was installed Worshipful Master of Mencius Lodge No. 93 and I have come to fully appreciate the fraternal love and support of our brethren of the Lodge. When I first accepted the honor of being your Worshipful Master, I was thinking of coming up with a worthwhile project that will be long lasting and meaningful as well as serve as a bond to bring the brethren to the lodge even closer to one another.

Since the brethren have always been supportive of education, I thought of coordinating with the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. for Mencius Lodge to donate a public school building. The response of the brethren has been overwhelming and in a span of 3 to 4 months since I brought up the idea with the brethren of the lodge, we have formally turned over our donated 2 classroom public school building to San Jose Elementary School.
The brethren who joined me during the turnover ceremonies have witnessed the appreciation of the entire school and community to our donation and I have in turn witnessed the wholehearted support of the brethren of Mencius Lodge to this worthwhile project.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the brethren for your generosity and also for your active participation towards the success of this project.

Let me also thank the brethren who joined me to the 2008 ANCOM wherein our very own VW Paul Ibasco was installed District Grand Lecturer of Masonic District NCR-A. In behalf of the Mencius delegation, I must also thank Bro. William Chua who arranged for our transportation throughout the trip.

Our activities have been very successful because of the support of the brethren and I am sure that you will continue to be active participants in our endeavors as we further develop our fraternal bonds and foster harmony in our Lodge.

**MENCIUS LODGE No. 93 TURNS OVER CHECK DONATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT TO FFCCCI**

On April 22, 2008, WM George Lao, together with WB Johnson Yu, WB Eduardo Ong, WB Florencio Sia and Bro. Arnel Chua presented the check donation of Mencius Lodge No. 93 to the Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. for the construction of a public school building for San Jose Elementary School in San Jose Pampanga. The formal turnover was made during the regular meeting of the Federation and witnessed by the general membership of the federation. The check donation was received by Mr. John K. Tan, the president of the Federation.

**MENCIUS LODGE ATTENDS CAUCUS FOR 2010 ANCOM**

Officers and Members of Mencius Lodge No. 93 led by WM George Lao attended a caucus to discuss the proposed bid of Masonic District NCR-A to host the 2010 ANCOM last April 15, 2008. The Caucus was held at the “White House” Gazebo at Camp Crame and hosted by RW Avelino “Sonny” Razon, Junior Grand Warden, and PNP Chief. Also present during the caucus were the District Officers of Masonic District NCR-A led by VW Reu Lawrence Agustin, District Deputy Grand Master, VW Joselito Bulawin, incoming District Deputy Grand Master, and VW Paul Ibasco, Incoming District Grand Lecturer.
WM George Lao and the officers and brethren of Mencius Lodge attended the 2008 ANCOM at Bacolod City from April 24 to 26. It was the largest delegation ever of Mencius Lodge No. 93 with all four voting delegates in attendance.


MW Pacifico Aniag with WM George Lao and brethren of Mencius Lodge No. 93

Appointed and Installed District Officers of Masonic District NCR-A during the 2008 ANCOM were: District Deputy Grand Master - VW Joselito Bulawin; District Grand Lecturers - VW Paul Ibasco, PM of Mencius Lodge No. 93 (2003) VW Wilson Lee, and VW Raymond Val Padua.

During the Grand Master’s Night held on April 24, WB Johnson Yu was awarded one of the Most Outstanding Lodge Secretaries for the Masonic Year 2007 by MW Jaime Gonzales, Grand Master, and MW Danilo Angeles, Grand Secretary.
ANCOM 2008 MOMENTS

Enjoying Grand Masters’ Night

Mencius Brethren on Stage

With PGM’s MW Raymundo Beltran (Honorary Member), MW John Choa (Honorary Member), MW Reynato Puno (Chief Justice) and MW Rosendo Herrera

With Grand Secretary MW Danilo Angeles, PGM

With Deputy Grand Master, RW Peter Lim Lo Suy, Sr. Grand Warden RW Avelino Razon Jr., and Junior Grand Warden, RW Juanito Abergas
MORE ANCOM 2008 MOMENTS

At the Convention Hall

On the Convention Grounds

Group Outing to Mambukal Resort

Relaxing at Dipping Pool at Mambukal

Dinner hosted by WM George Lao at Pala-pala

Lunch hosted by VW Mariano Sih at Bacolod Chicken House

Snacks at McDonald’s hosted by brother-in-law of Bro. William Chua
BRETHREN OF MENCIUS LODGE PAYS COURTESY CALL TO MW PACIFICO ANIAG, GRAND MASTER

On June 2, 2008, brethren of Mencius Lodge No. 93 led by WM George Lao, and VW Peter Phoa Yong Chip, Past Grand Standard Bearer, paid a courtesy call to newly installed Grand Master, MW Pacifico Aniag and pledged the support of Mencius Lodge No. 93 to the Grand Master. During the courtesy call, WM George Lao informed MW Aniag about the public school building project of Mencius Lodge No. 93 and invited him to the formal turnover ceremonies. WM George Lao also invited MW Aniag to attend the forthcoming Charter Day and Past Masters’ night of Mencius Lodge No. 93 to be held at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza on June 28, 2008. The brethren of Mencius Lodge also presented the first issue of Mencius Harmony, the official newsletter of the Lodge.

NEWLY INSTALLED DISTRICT NCR-A OFFICERS RECEIVED BY MENCIUS LODGE No. 93

During the stated meeting of Mencius Lodge No. 93 on May 7, 2008, the newly installed officers of Masonic District NCR-A, VW Joselito Bulawin, District Deputy Grand Master, VW Paul Ibasco and VW Wilson Lee, District Grand Lecturers, were officially received by Mencius Lodge No. 93 and accorded Grand Honors. VW Paul Ibasco is a Past Master of Mencius Lodge No. 93 (MY 2003). During the same stated meeting VW Joselito Bulawin installed WI Melvin Mallo as the new Grand Lodge Inspector for Mencius Lodge No. 93 for MY 2008-2009, with VW Paul Ibasco as the Master of Ceremonies. WI Melvin Mallo is a past master of Cosmos Lodge No. 8.
The brethren of Mencius Lodge and their families enjoyed a day of fun and camaraderie last May 18, 2008 at the Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club at Gen. Trias, Cavite. Everyone participated in different activities like basketball, swimming, billiards, bowling, internet surfing and even watching a movie. A delicious buffet lunch was also served. The family outing was arranged through the courtesy of WB Benito Ong.
MENCIUS LODGE NO. 93 JOINS GRAND LODGE IN CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

Last June 12, brethren of Mencius Lodge No. 93 led by the three lights joined Grand Lodge officers and other brethren in celebrating Independence Day at Luneta Park. The delegation from the Grand Lodge was headed by MW Pacifico Aniag, Grand Master, RW Sonny Razon, Sr. Grand Warden, and VW Joselito Bulawin, DDGM, Masonic District NCR-A.

THE TRESTLEBOARD

Bro. Christopher Cua Go received the first degree of Masonry on April 16, 2008. Bro. Lloyd Uyliapco, Junior Warden presided over the initiation ceremonies as Worshipful Master. Bro. Richard Ching presented the lambskin apron and working tools while Bro. Oscar Ocampa delivered the lecture for the first degree. WB Johnson Yu delivered the Charge. VW Paul Ibasco was appointed instructor of Bro. Christopher. After the initiation ceremonies, the brethren of Mencius Lodge No. 93 welcomed Bro. Christopher in a fellowship dinner at Malate Tea House.

During the stated meeting on May 2, 2008, Bro. Kane Kirby Lim, EAM took his proficiency examination of the Lecture and Ritual of the first degree and was found to be proficient by WM George Lao. Bro. Wesley Chua conducted the examination. Bro. Kirby is the son of Bro. Mario Lim.

BIRTHDAYS

Wesley Chua April 13  Angeles Limguat April 17  James Pike April 19
Wee Siu Sam April 22  William Chua April 22  Chan Peng Hian May 4
Alejandro Tan May 7  Victor Lao May 9  Tan Tian Ung May 18
Benito Ong May 22  Ngo Kang Jr. May 22  Wilson Keh May 26
Hans Chua (EAM) June 3  George Lao June 4  Rogelio Ngo June 5
Lawrence Lao June 7  Edward Ong June 12  Raymond Koa June 13
Leoncio Tiu June 15  Danilo Luangco June 16  Francisco Chua June 16
William Ong June 16  Mariano Sih June 17  Amel Chua June 20
Rafael Rodriguez June 24  Jaime Chio June 26  Harvey Tan June 30