



FRANK REED HORTON MEMORIAL LODGE NO. 379, F. & A. M.

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Its Roots: The Lafayette Square and Compass Club

A substantial number of Alpha Phi Omegans have joined the Craft. Most have been elected and served as Worshipful Masters in their Lodges while some have worn the purple of the fraternity in the Districts and Grand Line. Most if not all Aphios were the “cream of their crop” and continuing in a Masonic journey is a ‘natural extension’ of the living out the Cardinal Principles of Leadership, Friendship and Service with the Masonic Principal Tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

The time was ripe to reach out to the world as APO-Masons. So, why not another Lodge of Masons? A group of brethren were determined to concretize this dream and several organizational meetings were held starting December 1999 at the Sulo Hotel in Quezon City. “Time, patience and perseverance will accomplish all things” and the tireless efforts of dedicated brethren paid off. The Lafayette Square and Compass Club was launched and paved the way of achieving the dream.

A historic consultative luncheon meeting among APO-Masons was held on October 16, 2002, Wednesday, at the Quezon City Sports Club along E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City hosted by Brother Oscar V. Lazo, Jr. with 14 members present. The Brethren decided to initially adopt Lafayette Square and Compass Club for its name and those present as members of the Board of Directors. Interim officers were elected headed by VW Isaac Firmeza Arribas, Jr., PSGM as the interim President of the association. The new President created and appointed various Committees for the benefit of the Club. VW Edgardo Z. Paredes together with VW Alexander B Madamba and WB Antonio C. Zeta were tasked to draft the Club’s Constitution and to write its Preamble.

Several meetings followed at the LogCom Driving Range at Camp Aguinaldo, Max’s Restaurant at the Elliptical Circle, Treehouse Restaurant along Matalino Street, all in Quezon City; and finally on April 21, 2003, the Lafayette Square and Compass Club was registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission. The names of the Members of the Board and the Chartered Members can be seen at our website or at SEC.

The Birth of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge

An eventful meeting was held on June 19, 2007 at the Tong Xin Restaurant at Banawe Street, Quezon City and called to order by VW Samuel A. Laus DDGM, President of Lafayette Square and Compass Club among the 24 Brethren present. It was announced that the time was ripe for

the organization of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge U.D. and salient issues were agreed upon concerning its relationship with the Lafayette Square & Compass Club, the composition of its Chartered Members, target institution date, Lodge Seal development and heraldic bearing.

In another meeting held at the Tong Xin Restaurant at Banawe Street, Quezon City on June 26, 2007 MW Jaime Yutuc Gonzales, Grand Master of Masons, endorsed and appointed VW Antonio Ampil Tuason, PDDGM, to become the Master of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge U.D. The other Officers appointed were for the Lodge under Dispensation were VW Alexander B. Madamba, PDDGM as Senior Warden and WB Jimmy U. de Castro as Junior Warden. More organizational meetings were held to resolve matters like Lodge officers, Lodge Seal and deadline for submission of supporting documents of each member. The concerted effort of the brethren produced a list of 108 Charter Members from different Philippine Lodges and other Grand Jurisdictions together with documentation to complete the requirements in forming a New Lodge. A Petition letter was submitted to MW Jaime Y. Gonzales requesting a date for the Institution of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge U.D. at the most convenient time. Attached to the letter were documents to comply with the requirements in organizing a new lodge in Quezon City, NCR.

The Institution of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge (U.D.)

After complying with all the requirements to form a new lodge, its petition was approved and the lodge was formally instituted as Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge (U.D.) on December 9, 2007 by MW Jaime Y. Gonzalez, Grand Master of Masons at the Jose Abad Santos of the Plaridel Masonic Temple.

Lodge Officers of the Lodge under Dispensation were VW Antonio A. Tuason PDDGM, Worshipful Master; VW Alexander B. Madamba PDDGM, Senior Warden and WB Jimmy U. de Castro, Junior Warden. 3 Candidates were conferred the three Degrees of Masonry during its term as a Lodge under Dispensation with 15 petitioners remaining on the Trestle Board until the Dispensation was returned to the Grand Master on March 31, 2008.

The Constitution of Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge No. 379

The Lodge was granted its official name and number at the Annual Communication of 2008 at Balcolod City. It was constituted as Frank Reed Horton Memorial Lodge No. 379, F. & A. M by MW Pacifico B. Aniag, Jr., Grand Master of Masons on May 14, 2008 at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple in Malate, Manila.

On the same day, the Lodge constituted its membership and 61 Chartered Members then present as appearing on the Tyler's Book signified to continue their membership as Plural Members of the newly-constituted Lodge. Election and appointment of the Officers of the newly-constituted Lodge immediately followed with VW Antonio A. Tuason PDDGM, Worshipful Master; VW Alexander B. Madamba PDDGM, Senior Warden and WB Jimmy U. de Castro, Junior Warden. Installation Ceremonies of these Officers followed with VW Isaac F. Arribas, Jr. as Installing Officer, Bro. David M. De Rama as Master of Ceremonies and Victor Antonio T. Espejo as Assistant Master of Ceremonies.

The Lodge By-laws was ratified and adopted by the Lodge in its First Stated Meeting of June 3, 2008 and submitted to Grand Lodge on June 4, 2008 for approval.

Frank Reed Horton A Gentleman and a Mason

Frank Reed Horton was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, (near Pittsburgh), on July 17, 1896. One of the more significant events in his life at this time was his joining in Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity on November 4, 1916. It would be a few years later when, as a war veteran returning to school, he would find himself on the Lafayette College campus and residing at the SAE house. That would be the place where he would begin Alpha Phi Omega.

On June 18, 1918, Frank entered the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Masonic order Western Star #37 A.F.&A.M. in Norfolk, Connecticut. On August 8, 1919, at Kirkwall, Scotland, in the Orkney Islands, he entered the Royal Arch Chapter #209 of the York Rite. He would later receive Life Member Militia Templi Preceptory St. Magnus recognition on April 23, 1922, upon returning to the United States.

In the summer of 1922 Frank moved to Columbus, Ohio. This information was gleaned from Masonic records showing his change from Norwalk, Connecticut to affiliation in the East Gate Lodge #603 in Galena, a suburb of Columbus, Ohio. In the ensuing years he received the 32nd degree Prince of the Royal Secret (Scottish Rite) Masonic Order from the Ordo ab Chao Supreme Council 33rd Jurisdiction at Grand East, in Boston, Massachusetts. Masonic Orders were a continuing vital part of Frank Reed Horton's life. Later Frank would resign from Valley of Scranton Masonic Lodge, March 8, 1926, to enter the Valley of Allentown Masonic Lodge on June 3, 1927, while still maintaining his ties to the Blue Lodge at East Gate #603 in Ohio.

From the archives and records of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines, several communications were discovered and the following facts were unearthed:

1. During his residency in the country, he Affiliated with Zapote Lodge No. 29, F. & A.M. but later requested for a Demit in the early part of 1951;
2. His request for a Demit was given due course in the early part of 1952 and finally formalized when MW Antonio Gonzalez, PGM, then Grand Secretary, communicated with Silvergate Lodge No. 296, F.&A.M.;
3. He was eventually elected to membership by Affiliation at the Silver Gate Lodge No. 296, F. & A. M., San Diego, California, USA on April 4, 1952.