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Message from the Grand Princep



Greetings Brothers!

This AY 2018-2019, the Herald and I are proud to bring back The βΣΤΑΝ, the official news organ of our beloved Fraternity. In this issue and in our subsequent issues, we will feature the activities of the Fraternity, distinguished alumni, achievements of our brothers, and more. In our pilot issue, we have featured Brigada Eskwela, our beloved Brod Tatang Vergara, fresh graduates, bar passers, and new set of officers.

The βΣΤΑΝ is our avenue to bring news of the Fraternity's activities to the brods who cannot physically be there, and serve as a record of our accomplishments for future years to come. With this, it will be a means to bring the hearts and minds of the brods closer to home, that is Beta Sigma. Cheers!

Betanly yours,

Patrick Shane P. Diaz
2012-C Polaris
Grand Princep



Message from the Herald

Greetings Brothers!

I would like to thank all of you for showing your support in the revival of The Betan. I know that heading this project will be a great avenue for me to improve my skills. Having only been self taught in the field of graphic design, it has been a challenge for me. However, one thing the fraternity has taught me in all my years of being a betan, is that every hardships and failures are the foundations of success. I also would like to thank all the brods who have contributed to this issue. I know for a fact that this is not perfect and promise to continually strive for constant improvement. That being said, I am open to all feedbacks and suggestions regarding the newsletter. Cheers brods!

Sincerely,
Carlos Ambal
15 C- Excalibur
Herald

Latest News



Set of Officers for AY '18-'19

Grand Princep

Patrick Shane Diaz

12C - Polaris

1st Vice Grand Princep 13-14

Grand Princep 17-18

**1st Vice
Grand Princep**

Fritz Delle Anos

14A - Nebuchadnezzar

Chamberlain 14-15

Asst. Guardian of the Coffers 15-16

1st Vice Grand Princep 16-17

Chamberlain 17-18

**2nd Vice
Grand Princep**

Lorenzo Esquivel

16E - Fortes Soli Fortiores Una

Guardian of the Chattels - 17-18

**Master
of the
Rolls**

Gabriel Vaughn Cruz

17A- Daisho

Assistant Master of the Rolls 17-18

**Assistant
Master of the
Rolls**

Mico Ocampo

16B- Xiphos

**Guardian
of The
Coffers**

Christian Kyle Noscail

16D - Shikomizue

1st Vice Grand Princep 17-18

**Assistant Guardian
of The Coffers**

Lee Lemuel Dela Torre

16A - Damascus Steel

2nd Vice Grand Princep 17-18

Guardian of the Coffers 16-17

**Guardian
of the
Chattels**

Lear Garcia

16G - Ploigos

Assistant Guardian of the Coffers

17-18

Herald

Carlos Ambal

15C - Excalibur

Chamberlain 16-17

Wielder of the Sword 17-18

Chamberlain

Michael Ray Acido

08B - Glasswing

Herald

Chamberlain

Master of the Rolls

**Wielders of the
Sword**

Francis Pallasigui

Wielder of the Sword 16-17

Wielder of the Sword 17-18

Hesus Sandino Laygo

12C - Polaris

Wielder of the Sword 13-14

Wielder of the Sword 14-15

1st Vice Grand Princep 15-16

BRIGADA ESKWELA



Brigada Eskwela is a socio-civic event wherein we give away school supplies to students every new academic year. The UP Beta Sigma Alumni Association together with the UP Diliman residents held our annual Brigada Eskwela last June 5 and 20, 2018, in PALAR Integrated School and Maharlika Elementary School, respectively.

June 5, 2018: PALAR Integrated School
by Brod Toby Diaz 18B - Jaeger

The UP Beta Sigma Fraternity held Brigada Eskwela for the donation of school materials to grade school students of PALAR Integrated School. When we arrived, my brod and I saw a lot of policemen by the gate of the school and it made us wonder, at first, if we were in the right place. As soon as we entered the premises, a lot of much older brods from other chapters greeted and welcomed us. Myself, being the bunso, was introduced to all of them. On the farther side of the school yard were the students waiting for the event to start. On the opposite side of the yard had tables full of water containers and school materials in boxes, ready to be handed to the students. At first, we had to wait for other brods to arrive for around 30 minutes. The clouds seemed darker as it looked like it was going to rain.

After I gave the last student his donation, we packed up and posed for a photo with the brods, kids and the school staff. The principal then said their thanks to the Fraternity for being here for them. After this event, I realized that meeting the other older brods and assisting in events such as these not only brings the brods closer as Betans but also embodies what it means to be a Betan. Seeing those older brods still act like brothers and still showing love to the Filipino communities makes me want to be like them in the future. After that last photo, I thanked the brods for inviting me to a great event as we left Brigada Eskwela with a smile in our faces.

After waiting for a while, the event had started and they started to line the students up. I wanted to participate so I stood in front of a line of students, ready to hand out the school supplies and water containers. And then, that was it. That was the moment where I had realized coming to this event and waking up early, being tired and sleepy, was worth it. Seeing the joy in the faces of all the students when we handed them the supplies and jugs really put a smile on my face. Every time I gave a student the supplies and the water jug, I couldn't help but smile myself because we were all able to put a smile on their faces as well.



July 20, 2018: Maharlika Elementary School
by Brod CK Noscail 16D - Shikomizue

The July 20, 2018 event started at around 9AM. Brod Joel Paredes, President of the UP Beta Sigma Alumni Association gave an inspirational message to the students on the importance of supporting education, and how it is a thrust of the Fraternity. Brod Gen. Pikoy Cascolan, one of the major organizers and sponsors, then gave a message to the students, without happily first shouting greetings in English, Filipino and Arabic (as the school housed a great number of muslim students). A selected number of grade 4 and 5 students then performed an intermission number. Our fraternity brothers, with the support and help of Philippine National Police officers then proceeded to distribute school supplies (pencils, pad papers, crayons, scissors, etc.), Nestea tumblers, and a box of Cookie Crisp cereal for the children. The event finished at around 11:30AM after all the students received their school supplies and a closing remarks from the principal of the Maharlika Elementary School. After the event, the brothers and the police officers proceeded to the neighborhood Jollibee for lunch and fellowship.

Brigada Eskwela is a great way to give back to our community, to give us residents a sense of fulfillment as a Betan. We have seen how lucky we are in being part of this brotherhood who gives back in service. The Fraternity has been doing this event annually and we have seen how many children grow smiles on their face as they received the school supplies. Though our reach may not be national in terms of socio-civic events like these, we are proud that in that small school in Taguig, we make a difference. These children will continue their education knowing that one July day in 2018, the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity gave them the tools to pursue their education, and their dreams.



Betan Graduates

AY 2017-2018



Brod Grendel Castro

"Grendel is a man of his word. He is a happy-go-lucky, but at the same time, dedicated and hardworking person. On top of it all, he is a brother you can rely to. He is his friends' go to whenever there's something to celebrate, problem to cry for, time that is spent to chill, or even time just to talk about things, and life, too."

-Brod Lee Lemuel Dela Torre

Batch: 2016 A

Batch Name: Damascus Steel

Offices held: MOR 17-18, AMOR 16-17

Other orgs and offices: UP STAG -

President 2nd Sem 17-18

Course: Bachelor of Science in Tourism

College: Asian Institute of Tourism

Hometown: Bustos, Bulacan

Job position/company: NA

Future job interests: Hotel Industry



Brod Elijah Del Rosario

"Elijah is your boy next door. Whenever he comes out of the house, parents usually hide their daughters because they might fall for him."

Batch: 2018 A

Batch Name: Vegvisir

Offices Held: N/A

Other Organizations:

UP pep squad

UP Travel Society

UP STAG

Course: BS Tourism

College: Asian Institute of Tourism

Hometown: Metro Manila

Job Position/ Company:

Aviation School will start on January

Future job interests: Pilot



Brod John Paul Tanamor

"Paul Tanamor is a go-getter, enthusiastic person who aspire to provide a sustainable impact to the society."

Batch: 2016 F

Batch Name: Lantaw

Offices held:

Herald (2nd Semester '17-'18)

Other Organizations:

UP Philippine Associations of Food

Technologists -Vice Chairperson for Membership Committee

UP Red Cross Youth -Member of

Advocacy and Projects Operations Office

UP Lakan -Member External Affairs

Committee

Projects Spearheaded:

Betan Library '17-'18

Course: BS Food Technology (5 yrs)

College: CHE

Hometown: San Jose del Monte, Bulacan

Fresh Grad

Research and Development Specialist

Betan Graduates

AY 2017-2018



Brod Alexis Dogwe

Batch: 2006 B
 Batch Name: Hepta Adamas
 Offices Held:
 Wielder of the Sword,
 2nd Vice-Grand Princep
 Other Organizations
 UP 49ers, Member
 Projects spearheaded: NA
 Course: BS Materials Engineering
 College: College of Engineering
 Hometown: Taguig City
 Job position / Company: Manager/SteelAsia Manufacturing Corporation
 Postgrad: Master of Technology Management



Brod Aldrin Guanzon

Batch 2005 - G
 Batch Name: Ex Igne Resurgam Chattels
 Offices Held:
 MOR
 WoS
 1st Vice Grand Princep
 Course: BA Public Administration
 Hometown: Abucay, Bataan
 Job Position/ Company: Associate/ Palafox Patriarca Romero & Mendoza Law Firm (MRPPLAW)



Brod Charles Co

"Charles Co is a young lawyer aspiring to do great things with the lessons Malmon taught him in his 10 years as a resident. He joined the fraternity in 2006 as he was impressed with the residents of his time who were performers and achievers in their respective fields. He served as a Wielder of the Sword and was an advocate of martial arts and physical fitness. He is also a member of U.P. Red Cross Youth and other organizations in the UP College of Law."

Batch: 2006 C
 Batch Name:
 Unfaltering Determination
 Offices held:
 Wielder of the Sword
 Other Organizations:
 Red Cross Youth
 Juris Doctor

Betan Graduates

AY 2017-2018



Brod Joshua Chase Balinas

"Joshua Balinas is a reader, whose favorite author is paulo coelho, a gamer with over 10,000 hours played, an achiever academically and in sports, and a slave of sex."

Batch: 14 - A

Batch Name: Nebuchadnezzar

Offices held:

2014-2015: *Herald*

2015-2016: *Chamberlain*

2016-2017: *Master of the Rolls*

2017-2018: *Guardian of the aCoffers*

Other Orgs and Offices:

Gentleman President 17-18, START AIT

Brand Development Officer 16-17, UP JMA

Publicity Event Finance Head 17-18, UP JMA

Secretary for Financial Affairs 16-17, UP STAG

Face of STAG 17-18

Civic Committee Officer 17-18, UP CET

Financial Officer 16-17

UP Varsity Swimming Team

Star Wars Episode 8 Screen Showing, Project Head

Course: *BS Tourism - AIT*

The Adjustment

I started my journey in UP as a freshman and a member of the UP-Varsity Swimming Team. I'm basically someone who is not familiar of the "manila life" since I am from Bacolod City. Although my experiences in high school has taught me how to be independent, I was wrong. Even when I entered UP, there were challenges I had to face and facing them alone was a very tough hurdle. First and foremost were the living conditions. I was assigned by my team to be a dormer in Molave and my god my first reaction was "what the hell is this?!". To be honest, I did not expect much but when I saw the hospital beds, broken ceilings, vandals on the walls, and dusty cabinets, I wanted to shift to Ateneo. LOL. Good thing I didn't though because I learned a lot, academically, and personally. How to be patient with everything and how to adjust to different situations. We also secured a Championship during my first months in UP. After that championship, I became empty and I lost all my goals since I already achieved it. I was only booked in the records of UAAP as my teammates and I won gold medal and defeated the past record in the 4x50m Freestyle relay, but weeks and months of celebration left me with no love and motivation left for swimming.

Meeting the Fraternity

This is when I met the Fraternity. My sponggay, Jason Cuachin, was also my teammate in the swimming team at that time (January 2014), I did not know he was a member of the fraternity already. Jace, being a pushy person as he is and also persuasive, found me crossing the street from the Main Lib and basically just told me to come with him. I was an open-minded person. I also know that fraternities in UP are different as I was also oriented by a month before but declined joining. So, there I was, in the tambayan, brought by Jace and was given the opportunity to introduce myself and hear the side of the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity: EQUALITY. That is what made me consider joining. When I heard it, I instantly understood that this one is different from the other gay shit bastard fraternities and that word alone made me sign that application form.

The Challenge

Fast forward to 4 years after and here I am, a fresh graduate of UP and a proud member of the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity. I consider myself as a very unique individual, I usually am introverted and do not enjoy drinking as much as the other Brods. However, I enjoy the company of women as much as them also probably more than most Brods. I also spent time joining other organizations and learning from the inside, headed my own organization, and used it to gain knowledge and brought it back to the Fraternity. I also had my share of misgivings, and I apologize to my Brothers for that, but I know that the time I spent with them is irreplaceable and I would die for the Brods. That's what sets us apart, our belief in our principles and our undying love for the Fraternity, its teachings, and the Brothers. Now, I have to face the challenge of years and years of building myself, my career, so I can represent the Brother of Scholars and give back to the residents of the future. As I will always and forever say with pride:

I am a Beta Sigman, and I am proud of it!

Featured Alumnus



"TATANG"

Brod Willie Vergara
a legacy

"GOOD IS THE BIGGEST
ENEMY OF GREAT"

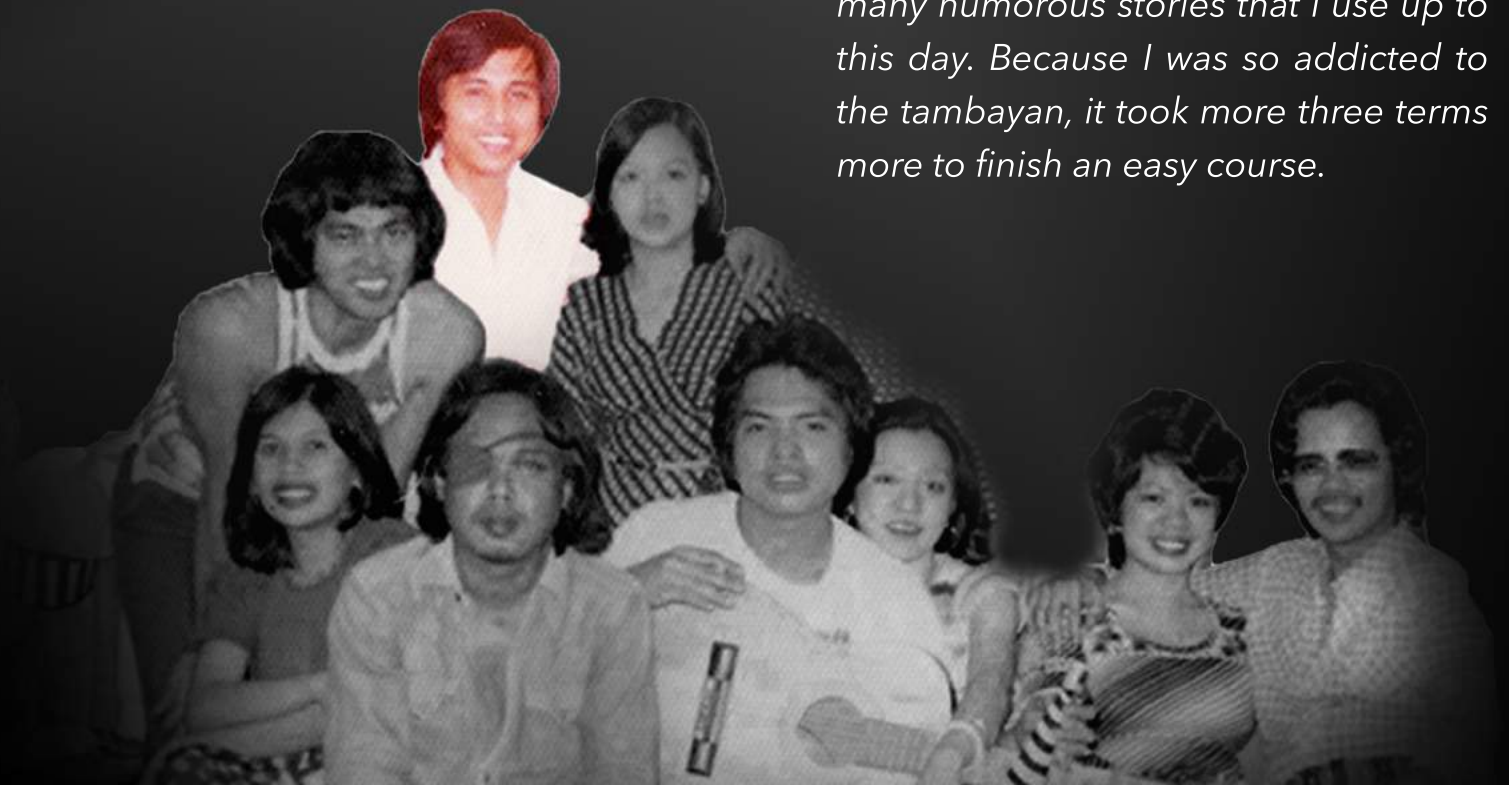
Tatang Vergara

What is your favorite rumble story?

I never liked rumbles. I come from a province known at the time as one of the most violent places in the country, and our family was deeply embroiled in it. I thought that frat wars were petty, counter-productive and bad for our image. I tried my best to keep the brods from starting fights, which is partly one of the reasons why the moniker "Tatang" stuck with me up to this very day. What many brods don't know is that even founders and old guards (like Founder and first Beta Sigma President Jesus R. Jayme aka Jesse James, Rico Arranz, Dean Ted Topacio) all over the world call me "Tatang".

What is your favorite tambayan memory?

It is difficult to identify a favorite tambayan memory. I was a mainstay and the tambayan was practically my home, second only to my residence in Cubao. Even our Cubao residence was also an informal extension of our UP Betan tambayan, where many brods would go there after school hours. It is at the tambayan where I learned about our proud and rich heritage, our innumerable legends too many to mention, including many humorous stories that I use up to this day. Because I was so addicted to the tambayan, it took more three terms more to finish an easy course.



Greatest achievement in work, fraternity and personal life

In work: It is worth mentioning that of three of four offices I worked in while in the Philippines, I owe my employment in three of them, namely: (a) to Brod Buddy Garbanzos '63, who helped me get a job as technical staff of a congressman; (b) to Brod Ding Navarro '63, who hired me as head of logistics; and (c) to Brod Boy Morales '60, where I started as a junior officer at the Development Academy of the Philippines until I retired as Vice President.

In my 18 years stint at DAP, I received multiple recognitions for various accomplishments and was considered as a crisis manager and a superb manager of human, financial and material resources. I immigrated to US in 1996 and worked in the US government for 20 years. Here, among other awards and recognition, I was given the County of Sacramento's highest award for excellence for introducing innovations that made my office more productive, efficient and responsive to clients.



Tatang Vergara

In the fraternity: In a nutshell, I consider myself very lucky to have been recognized for my contributions while I'm still alive - internationally at that. That includes three awards for leadership and service on three occasions: in San Francisco in 2001; Richmonde Hotel in 2013; and again in Richmonde Hotel in 2017.



In my family: My proudest achievements are my three children who have grown up to be good Christians, good parents to my six grandchildren, and productive citizens. All of them have become successful professionals in their respective fields of information technology and advanced medical fields.



Tatang Vergara

What is the best advice you can give the residents?



Follow the Betan Credo (i.e. "What is good and noble in man") and you will be fine as a person - whether as a student, as a professional, as a parent, and as a citizen. Strive to EXCEL in the most important things in your lives, starting with being a student and a good Betan.

Brod Willie "Tatang" Vergara is a writer, editor, artist, an avid gardener and environmentalist. Champion chess player, training director, project management consultant, AB Political Science (UP- 1970), Master of Business Administration (Ateneo - 1985), a retired executive of the Development Academy of the Philippines. As an advanced photographer, he co-produced a slide presentation about Smokey Mountain in Tondo used in fund-raising for 200 Smokey Mountain scholars in Tondo. They are now gainfully employed in various fields and are productive citizens of the country.

In the frat, he was a two-term President of UP Beta Sigma International, was a VGP in 1969, and GP of Northern California in 1999-2001. Upon his retirement last year from the County of Sacramento, California, he went around five UP campuses conducting 2 to 3 days seminars on leadership and empowerment for our resident members. The seminar would hopefully produce a new breed of principle-centered Betans who will become better students and later become successful young professionals and assets to the nation.

Photo Feature



In this photo: current 1VGP Fritz Anos 14A Nebuchadnezzar and Student Regent LC Shari Oliquiño at Tomato Kick. Photo was taken 2016.

LC Shari was drunk, and Brod Fritz was pretending to be drunk. Brod Fritz later confessed he had feelings for LC Shari. Update: Brod Fritz and LC Shari have since moved on to other relationships.

In this photo: [L-R] GP Patrick Diaz, Brod Alexis Dogwe, Brod Jomar Antuerpia (seated), Brod Chav Alo (standing), Brod Jason Ray Acido, Brod Migs Alo, Brod Gino Alo, Brod Mray Acido at the birthday party of the father of the Acido brothers at the UP Bahay ng Alumni.

It was a karaoke night filled with songs of Eraserheads, Parokya ni Edgar, Alamid, Aegis, and other classic Filipino songs. An endless supply of San Mig Light was being supplied by "Daddy Ray" leaving the brods buzzed and tipsy before 12MN.



THE FALLEN

The passing of a family member is a truly unfortunate event for any person. The same can be said with the passing of a brother. Last June 26, the UP Beta Sigma Fraternity held the Last Rites for Brod Jaime Santos at the Claret Chapel in Quezon City. Brod Jaime, known by his contemporaries as "Jimmy", was kindhearted and trustworthy brother with whom the brods shared many cherished memories both in times of ease and trouble. Brod Jimmy was a diligent worker who gave his best in every endeavor - truly an exemplary Betan in every way. His death serves as a great loss not only for his family but also for his fraternity.



While the passing of a beloved brod is a cause for grief, it is also a reminder to those that remain of how a true Betan is to live his life. For as we mourn for a fallen brod, we are brought to remember his life, one that embodies "all that is good and noble in man." We are urged to make stories that will be remembered once the time comes for them to be told. Brod Jimmy has ended his, assured of the fact that it will be told as one of a true Betan by the generations to come.



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