

NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR GUARDIANS UNIFICATION

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At 10:55 A.M. the convention was called to order by Secretariat Chairman BRO CARUB as Presiding Officer.

Everybody rose for the singing of the National Anthem led by Sis. Abing Consino.

BRO RANGER: Please remain standing for the invocation to be led by REV. Cesar Pestano.

REV. PESTANO: Let us all pray. Our gracious, holy and loving Father, creator of the whole universe and maker of all mankind, thou has strengthened thy people with thy light and power in all ages, hear us now as we beseech thee to give us faith, and in thy tender mercy remind us today that we are not alone in our service to You, to Your people and to our countrymen.

You are our loving Father, who is from everlasting to everlasting. Look tenderly upon us. We ask thy benediction of thy presence upon this great Assembly, to the members, the Supremos, the Founders. Bestow the opportunities of service and encouragement to us so that we may grow more and more in thy soleness. Thy understanding is always our way and thy love is our hope, and in thy wisdom is our future.

Grant us now trust and unity in thy tender mercies and Fatherly care through Jesus Christ our Lord. We ask all these things, Amen.

BRO RANGER: Thank you, You may take your seats now. To formally open this morning's affair. I would like to call on Bro Carub, the Chairperson of the National Secretariat. [*Applause*]

BRO CARUB: Magandang umagang muli sa inyo, mga kapatid, mga kasama sa organisasyon. Siguro nagulat kayo bakit kayo lang ang nasa loob ngayon. Sa pagkat ito ang kahilingan ng ating National Chairman.

Pero bago ang lahat , gusto kung ipahatid sa inyo na matagal na nating pinaghandaan itong convention na ito. Maaaring magtaka kayo, mayroong GCFI, mayroong GBI, mayroong GPI. Actually we have 22 factions officially registered sa Securities and Exchange Commission. Ito ang magiging responsibilidad ninyo ngayon kaya taho nagpaconvention ngayon kung papaano kayo magkakaisa.

Matagal na nating pinapangarap ito, at kung saka-sakali, sa Awa ng Diyos, ngayon ay matutupad na lahat tayo ay magkakaisa.

Sa pagkakataong ito, hanggang sa araw na ito, marami pa ang gustong gumawa ng hindi maganda para hindi lamang tayo magkakaisa. Peo dahil sa nandirito kayo, sino sila para pigilin ang inyong kagustuhan na tayo ay magkaroon ng isang organisasyon na nagkakaunawaan na tutuparin ang ating adhikain na siya nating inaasahan na tayo, sa katotohanan lamang ay nagkakaisa naman.

Kapag nasa labas tayo at may nakita tayong hindi natin kilala, nakita nating may marka, magkakabrasao tayo, GUARDIANS din iyon. Sasabihin natin GUARDIANS. Ang inaasahan ngayon nating lahat, laung-lalo na nag ating National Chairman, ay magkaroon tayo ng isang Saligang Batas na ating susundin pagkatapos ng ating convention.

Ang mga nasa paligid ninyo ngayon, mga kasama ay mga katulong lamang sa paggawa ninyo, Kayo mismo ang gagawa ng ating magiging Saligang Batas. Kayo mismo ang mag-uuntugang para masaayos natin ang ating pagkakaisa. Siguro kaya pinagtipon-tipon kayo dito sapagkat kayo ang bright boys ng GUARDIANS. Hindi ba, Bro? Mas marami pang bright boys kaysa sa inyo, kaya lang ay kayo ang pinili, the chosen few na mga bright boys.

After this at pagkatapos kayong makausap ng ating National Chairman, nasa sa inyo na ang papel. Marami akong gustong sabihin na mga pananalitang galling sa kanya, kaya lang mas gusto kong marinig ninyo sa kanya mismo iyong mga sasabihin ko.

Kaya sa pagkakataong ito, ipagpaumanhin ninyo kung bakit iyong ibang mga kasama natin ay pinalabas muna natin. Kinakailangan pagdating niya, hindi naman siya manggagaling diyari sa likod, e. Bigla na lang susulpot si National Chairman para makausap lang kayo. Kayo lang ang gusto niya munang kausap, wala ng iba. Kaya, magandang umaga and good luck to our delegates/ Salamat ho! *[Applause]*

BRO NOAH: So, iyon ang ating National Chairman for the GUARDIANS' Unification, Ibibigay ko uli sa kanya ang Floor para sa introduction of the participants. He will introduce the delegates from the different regions. So, palakpakan natin ulit si Chairman Carub. *[Applause]*

BRO CARUB: Hindi, Ang gagawin na lang natin siguro ay ganito. Hintayin na lang natin si National Chairman. Kapag tinawag ko ang delegate from a certain region, please stand up, come forward at ibigay ninyo iyong GUARDIANS greeting natin. Kaysa sa umikot siya, tayo na ang lumapit sa kanya, siya ang Chairman natin. I hope you would not mind. Habang naghihintay tayo baka mayroon kayong mga katanungan muna. Would you like to ask some questions. Kung papaano ang gagawin natin dito? Yes, Bro.

BRO EXPLORER: While waiting, I suggest, kasi sayang ang oras, why don't we go to the workshop sessions, kung ano talaga ito.

BRO CARUB: Hindi natin puwedeng gawin iyan. Hindi nasasayang ang oras natin. We have enough time. Alam kong gigil na gigil ka na, parang kami rin iyan. Medyo relax lang muna tayo para pagdating ng oras, we are ready.

Siguro napuna ninyo, ang ribbons ninyo mayroong red, white and blue. Parang bandera. Sa workshop natin, all white ribbons ay magkakasama, red at magkakasama, blue magkakasama. You will be in groups. Baka may katanungan pa kayo. Ask anything under the sun except cash, I don't have it.

BRO ARAB: May tanong.

BRO CARUB: Yes, sir?

BRO ARAB: Nasaan ang ibang Founders, iyong mga guest natin?

BRO CARUB: Ipapaliwanag ko. Si National Founder, Supreme Godfather Patton, although sinabi niya na darating siya, nagkaroon ng mga bisitang Koreano. Alam nyo naman, iyon ang business noon. Nakausap natin sa telepono na hindi siya makakarating.

Si Master Founder, ang pagkakaalam niya, sa last day pa siya magsasalita. Siguro, akala niya bukas, pero kailangan sana natin ang presence niya ngayong umaga. At saka mayroon siyang mga appointment sa araw na ito, kaya hindi siya makakarating.

Si Supremo Sierra, magkausap lang kami ngayong umaga, nagpaalam lang siya para sabihin niya aalis na ako, papunta na ako ng Baguio, Pero babalik ako bukas para magkasama-sama tayo. So si Supremo Sierra darating bukas ng hapon dahil graduation noong anak niya.

Si Lapu-Lapu, mayroon siyang examination. Alam ninyo, baka maunahan siya noong ibang bright boys, kaya tinapos na niya ang pagkaabogado niya. Marami siyan examination na kukunin, kaya iyon, hindi siya makakarating. Does that answer your question, Sir?

BRO ARAB: Nandiyan naman ang Secretariat, e.

BRO CARUB: Nandito naman kami. Kung mayroon kayong katanungan as far as Mindanao is concerned, si Bro Daniel ay nandito, please stand, palakpakan natin si Bro Daniel. [*Applause*] Si Bro Daniel ay Secretary General of GUARDIANS Mindanao, Inc. from which doon natin ibinasi iyong ating Saligang Batas, kung saan natin ibinatay itong ating Saligang Batas.

BRO MAO: Are GBI and GPI duly represented?

BRO CARUB: Ang GBI, I believe, is also represented here dahil ako GBI ako and at the same time GCFI. Ang GPI is duly represented in the person of BRO NOAH, BRO RANGER and BRO GRANDEUR. Nandiyan sila, palakpakan nating silang tatlo. [*Applause*]

BRO EXPLORER: You mentioned 22 factions , are they around?

BRO CARUB: Ganito iyan, Bro, they are not around. The 22 factions are not around, only a few are around. Baka kaya mo gustong tanungin iyan bakit they are not properly represented the way you are discussing it this morning, kasi ganito iyan. We called for an Assembly in each region. Sa katulad ng pinakahuli sa Region VI, there are only two factions, GCFI and GVB, Iyong GVB, iyon GBI na iyon, e, magrepresent, because we were only asking for one representative. That is why they sent Maj. Steve Supremo Skipper Martin to be their representative.

Sa ibang region katulad sa kanila ni Bro Master, they elected their own representative. Ganoon din sa Region 1. Sa Region 1, bago tayo nagkaroon ng Unification program na ito, they are already unified. Mayroong GPI doon, Mayroong GBI mayroon GCFI. But they called themselves GUARDIANS Ilocandia, So, all the faction na nandodoon , okay na.

Sa amin naman sa Region VII, because Bro Nelson cannot attend, nagpadala siya nga Fax, Si BRO PLS naman ang pinadala nila.. Hindi komo marami rito GCFI, hindi ito kagustuhan ng GCFI, sila lang talaga ang napipili. Hindi naming kasalanan na ikaw ang mapili doon sa inyo. Nagkataon lang na GCFI ka, hindi ba? Huwag nating hanapin iyong iba, and in spite of the fact that we were inviting them, hindi sila umattend, they do not want to coordinate. So, okay lang iyon, Basta ito, kapag nagawa na ninyo iton Constitution nating, baka mamaya kapag lumapit sila sa atin ay tanggihan ninyo pa. Huwag naman ninyon tanggihan, They are our GUARDIANS Brothers also.

Baka may itatanong pa kayo? Hinihintay lang natin si Supremo GRINGO, this is his hour, Tapos na ang radio program niya. Dito naman, dito naman siya mag radio program, Siguro puwede rin kayong magkaroon ng open forum kung gusto ninyo, hindi ba? Our moderator is still here, siya ang magmomoderate, Gusto niyo bang magtanong sa kanya mamaya?

BRO RANGER: If ever there will be questions to be asked, ngayon puwede na habang wala pa si National Chairman. Okay, to give a bird's eye view doon sa tanong ni Bro Explorer, that is a nice question.

If you are referring to the NCR which is in Manila and Luzon, ito ang may pinakamaraming factions, iyong 22 factions, So, we have formed NCR Secretariat headed by Supremo Zebra, si Major Rimando. Ang napiling Presidente ng buong NCR is BRO MOHAMMAD. They have invited and made all the invitations at marami naman ang pumunta. Of these late factions in the NCR para maform iyong NCR Secretariat. So, nandito, nakapili sila ng kanilang representative, It so happened this BRO MOHAMMAD, this is a combination of foundation and the Brotherhood, kasi kasama ko iyan.

Kami sa GPI. Ang President nila si Samurai, is my companion and he is now the Quezon City President. Si Mohammad ay Secretary General ng Quezon City. So, siya ngayon ang nagrepresent, except doon sa grupo ni Supremo Roda, iyong GUARDIANS United International Democracy and Ecology (GUIDE), Sila rin ang organizer ng X-World, Sila lang ang hindi umattend sa meeting ng NCR. In spite sa mga invitations na ginawa ng ating NCR Chairman na nandidiyan sa ating likod, magandang lalaki iyan, to no avail doon sa mga request nila to attend.

I would like to give you the three groups na mag spearhead sa Unification dito sa NCR particularly in Luzon, there are only three- the GBI, the GPI and the GCFI. All of the other , to include in the 22 factions ay mga small groups na lang iyan.

Some of these groups and most of the groups of the factions dito sa Luzon ay nakausap ko na iyan, except for Supremo Roda, medyo matigas talaga ang dibdib noon dahil pang International Law iyong natural law na kanilang inaapply. So pag pinagusapan natin ang By-Laws, hindi applicable sa kanila iyan. Kita mo, may X-World na sila. Siguro isang tabi na lang muna natin iyon. Pag na-unite na tayo, we will go together and talk to Supremo Roda, baka tayo ay maging member na ng kanilang International Law, Okay?

We have also invited the National Chairman ng GBI na si SERON, I do not know bakit hindi siya dumating at hindi nagpadala ng representative. Bumabanat si Founder Seron doon sa mga regions, Ngayon na this is now the time for National Unification, dito niya sana ilatag lahat ng gusto niya.

BRO CARUB: We would like to acknowledge the arrival of our National Chairman, Supremo GRINGO Honasan [*Applause*]

BRO RANGER: Please sit down.

BRO CARUB: Good morning, Sir. At this point I would like to introduce to you the representatives who are present today. For Region 1, may we call on MG ARAB. [*Applause*] For Region II, may we call on MG MASTER.[*Applause*] For Region III, MG MEL. [*Applause*], For Region IV, Bro MAO.[*Applause*]. Region V, Bro ISAROG.[*Applause*] . Region VI, Supremo Skipper. [*Applause*]. Region VII. BRO PLS. [*Applause*]. Region VIII, Bro LEEBOY. [*Applause*] .Region IX Bro AMID,[*Applause*]. Region x Bro COMET [*Applause*], For CARAGA Region, MG MG Elsewhere [*Applause*] Last but not the least National Capital Region Bro HAMID [*Applause*]

I am also tasked to introduce our National Chairman but I think there is no need to introduce him for we all know him. Now, I will give the microphone to him for your message, sir. [*Applause*]

Senator Honasan: Please take your seats:

Actually I feel awkward sitting at a presidential table when we should have a round table here where all are equally represented

Pero unang una nagagalak ako na sa wakas, naidaos din natin itong unang hakbang papunta sa unification. I realize the problem that we are facing but I think this is the best effort that we can manage considering our resources and the difficulty of uniting 250,0000 brothers distributed all over the country.

Let me start out by spreading the general direction that should govern this National Unification Congress or Convention. First, we try to exact maximum participation by re-expanding the representations coming from all possible regions. But considering the limitations of our resources, we deemed it necessary to request the various regions to send only one representative.

Second we realize that we are a long way from unifying our 250,000 estimated brothers all over the country, but at least, this is a good first step. Because what we are going to tackle for the next 72 hrs or so will be the foundation of all unification efforts which is the formulation of a common Constitution and By-laws.

Medyo mahirap gawin ito in the sense that masyado tayong nasanay at masyado nang napabayaan yung mga chapters. Regions mga provincial chapters, municipal chapters down to the barangay level in the sense that for the last so many decades, 22 years to be exact, nasanay

na tayong kanya-kanya tayong direksyon, kanya-kanya tayong diskarte, kanya-kanya tayong pamamaraan para mabuhay lamang yung chapter natin down to the barangay level.

So in all humility I am proud and very satisfied that, at least, as equals – I am not talking here anymore as your National Chairman, this position is in name only to provide a unifying factor, for what should emanate from this two days that we are gathered together. Marami ang nagsasabi na hindi sila kinunsulta, marami ang nagsasabi na kulang ang representasyon dito, may nagsasabi na dahil marami sila, dapat mas marami kinatawan nila, but we can not do otherwise.

But I am confident that with the strength of our conviction, with the strength of our desire to propagate the brotherhood from what it was 22 years ago to what it is now, we can move towards the direction of unification and this will be given life by a relevant, a compact, a flexible Constitution and By-Laws that will form the basis of one registered GUARDIAS brotherhood in the Securities and Exchange Commission. But I am already moving very fast forward. The minimum expectation I will beg each of you to accomplish this coming 2 days is, at least give our brothers down to the barangay, a basis, a foundation for unity.

Secondly, let me tell you that our country is facing serious problems. The sooner we unite, the sooner we organize, the sooner we refine our communication system, the better it will be not only for our GUARDIANS but the better it will be for our country and people. Dahil lumalabas, mapapansin naman ninyo sa recruitment natin ngayon na yung mga nawalan na ng gana sa mga alternative ideologies, yung nga nasaktan na sa CPP/NPA, mga military rebels, sa secessionist movements, yung mga naligaw ng landas, yung mga bro natin na naging kriminal dahil sa tindi ng pangangailangan, naghahanap na ngayon ng masasandalan at bumabalik sila sa kandungan ng kapatirang Guardians, and that is the challenge for us.

I would ask you, and I'm sure there are legal minds among us, not to dilly-dally, wag tayo magbabad sa legality, sa procedure, huwag tayo magbabad sa technicality, let us come up with a Constitution and By-Laws that we can refine as time goes on. Dahil hindi naman ito inukit sa bato na hindi puede nating baguhin. Let us be flexible, let us not be as wordy, as verbous, as complicated, as defective as our own National Philippine Constitution na sa ngayun nakikita natin na sa dami ng words o salita dyan lalong dumadami rin ang kakulangan.

We can not micro-manage, hindi natin puede idikta sa bawat chapter kung ano ang kanilang gagawin to the last detail, Give them some leeway for flexibility, dahil iba ang kundisyon sa Tawi-tawi, kaysa sa kundisyon sa Cordillera, iba sa Laguna, iba sa Bicol, iba sa Samar, iba sa Cebu, iba sa CARAGA, iba sa Basilan o Batanes. Take this into consideration yet at the same time, ang kailangang ipaloob sa magiging bunga natin sa Constitution and By-Laws ay yung damdamin, the spirit, the logic of what the Brotherhood is envisioned to be.

Sa tingin ko, ito ang nakawala doon sa kaisipan nina Master Founder Abraham, nina SFSGF Lapu-lapu, at iyong ibang founders na original, na kailangan tugunan natin ngayon.

I am also asking each and every one of you to start from a position of humility. Talagang nag-uumpaw, punong-puno, halos sasabog ang dibdib natin sa gusto nating ilahad ngayon. We will be overtaken. We will be governed by so much enthusiasm and goodwill. I am sure in the next two days, there will be heated debates. Try to control this because I cannot allow you to terminate this Convention, this Congress without producing a Constitution and By-Laws that is relevant, not to us... sa atin walang problema, puede tayong mag-away-away at mag debate ng isang lingo o isang buwan kung gusto ninyo. Paano naman iyong mga bro natin na tricycle driver, walang trabaho o laborer na naghihintay, gutom na gutom at uhaw na uhaw sa direksyon. Iyon ang gusto kong tugunan. That is the standard that we will apply to this convention.

Hindi maiintindihan ng bro natin na said na said, hirap na hirap at ganoon ang kalagayan sa buhay. Huwag na nating ituloy ito. Kadalasan kasi ang pinag uuspan natin hindi nila maintindihan.

Add to the fact that as a general commentary, alam naman ninyo iyong mga bro natin, lahat gusto maging leader, walang gustong maging follower. How can we move? That is, another thing we should take into consideration. We must develop and institutionalize the mechanism for leadership in the brotherhood. Kung kinakailangang kanselin natin o I-abolish natin iyon position ng Chairman and we will become a brotherhood of autonomous chapters all over the country. So be it. That is your decision to make.

That is the reason why I have chosen to inhibit myself from your convention, because this is yours more than it is mine. Forgive me for talking this way, but iyong mga kapatid natin na ayaw pa ring makihalubiho sa atin at makipag-usap, ang batikos nila napakababaw. Marami tayong mga kapatid na ang komentaryo. “Ngayon lang iyan natatakan, akala mo kung sino na pumorma” Hindi ko naman iyan nakita noong kahirapan natin, ngayon aktibong-aktibo” Ganoon kababaw, puro ganoon katindi ang pagbatikos sa atin.

Dumaan din tayo sa punto na si Chairman Gringo ni walang borda iyan, walang karga, nagmamarunong na siya ang pinuno nitong brotherhood. Hindi natin pinansin iyan, pero hindi rin natin pinalagpas, that is, because that is the reality we have to face.

Even if this people who continue to refuse to talk with us or to become, in truth and in fact, our brothers raise these issues, these are, nevertheless, real issues that we must address. So, mabigat itong trabaho ninyo ngayon.

I have also requested the master founders, and I am sure Master Founder Abraham will be joining us later on during these next two days, to refrain from imposing what they think. Sabi ko sa kanila—at ipinaabot ko rin sa mga master founders--- sabi ko, “Founders, isinalin ninyo sa akin iyong liderato ng kapatiran. Pabayaan naman ninyo ako dumiskarte”. So that if this undertaking fails, I will take responsibility. But if it succeeds, you must get the credit. So, I will take only the responsibility for failure, but for success, the brotherhood, the representative of each of the region, that have taken time and effort to come here and join us will take the credit

so that the credit will go to where it belongs, to the individual chapters who have survived all these years without support, without guidance from any semblance of national leadership. Iyan ang magiging patakaran natin.

I am here to absorb the shock, the responsibility, the criticism. Kapag mayroon pang masabi after this, tell them it is my decision. But if this succeeds, you must take the credit, because the credit belongs to the chapters na matagal na nating pinabayaan kaya ito nagkawatak-watak.

Now, do not lose your appetite dahil mayroon naman lunch, dinner at breakfast. I am telling you sisters, brothers, founders, chapter presidents, representatives from the regions that the task before you is tremendous, and that is another statement. Kung pabagalin ninyo ito, kung pababagoong tayo sa technicality or legality, that is your problem. If you want, we can move this as fast as we can without overlooking any detail, any concern, and any complaint and the success well be, not only the brotherhood's. but the benefit will go to our country and people.

So today, I keynote this National Guardians' Unification congress in the hope that the wealth of experience, vision, the commitment, the desire to move the brotherhood forward will be the dominant spirit as you sit down and tackle very important issues.

I also seek Divine Guidance because this is not a simple matter on unifying a simple organization. We have a very complicated organization which demands imaginative solutions to certain issues and problems.

I will be here to support you, to back you up, and to absorb the shock and assume responsibility for anything that happens between now and the time you terminate the convention. Let me wish you all Godspeed and goodluck. I thank you for this very precious time. My participation is simple. I only provided the venue.

But for future undertakings, I expect the Guardians Brotherhood under one banner, under one flag, under one individual or collective but united leadership to make a difference and to be very relevant to the lives of our lowest and smallest brother in their lowest, smallest and farthest chapter, in the most remote part of the country. That will be the test of our Constitution and By-Laws, and that will be the test of the strength of our brotherhood. And that will be the test that will be provided to our people and country as we become truly Guardians of Philippine Democracy, the future of our children and our people.

Maraming salamat and Godspeed to all of you.

BRO RANGER: Kung sino man po ang gustong magbigay ng...

SENATOR HONASAN: Please sit down, Before we go the the formal proceeding, by the way, I have left everything to your Interim Presiding Officer. Siguro alam ninyo kung bakit mirarapat ko na

dumistansiya sa gagawin ninyo ngayon dahil ayaw ko isipin at magkaroon na naman ng dahilan na batikusin itong ginawa natin ngayon. I am sure, I am positive, I am 101% sure na hindi natin masasatisfy lahat. There will be criticisms, pero wala naman revolutionary movement na nagsimula without criticisms. It has always been started by a small group of dedicated men and women who have decided where we want to go. Ayaw kong masabi nila na “ Minaniobra na naman iyan ni Honasan dahil malapit na naman iyong election. Pinondohan, pinamasahehan iyong mga Regional representatives para mamaniobra na siya na naman ang maupo.

As I said, if you want to abolish the office of the Chairman, okay with me, I will go back to my Chapter in Project 4, Quezon City, that Chapter under Bro Mardy, and then participate as actively if not more actively in promoting unity, if that is your decision. But if you decide that we have a role to play, that is also your decision. I will have no part in that decision. But more importantly, a Constitution and By-Laws must emanate from this convention.

As BRO RANGER said, are there any comments or suggestions you would like to move forward so that I can think about this until we meet tomorrow in our fellowship?...BRO MAO please.

BRO MAO: My suggestion is simple, Let us proceed now with our discussion.

SENATOR HONASAN: Okay. [Applause] Iyan ang ibig kong sabihin ng principle object. Puwede kasi tayong magusap-usap pa rin for the next one or two hours but I would rather go straight to the point. Mapapansin ninyo, marami tayong mga Bro sa labas, invited or uninvited, who from their own time, nagsadya rito mara makialam at obserbahan tayo. Now, I leave everything to you and do not worry. I will be accessible, I will be just around the corner monitoring what you are doing so that finally tomorrow, you will come up with the reasonable output.

Thank you very much and good luck. [Applause]

BRO CARUB: Bro Ranger will explain the mechanics of what we are going to do this afternoon. Please listen carefully, I would suggest to request our Brothers and Sisters on the gallery side to please observe silence during their workshop. Everybody is welcome to observe these sessions, pero hinihiling ko lang na kung puede, bigyan natin itong matatalinong kasama natin ng pagkakataong pagumpugin nila ang mga ulo nila tungkol sa gagawin nilang Saligang Batas

BRO RANGER: We are going to call on Sad Scorpion to read the mechanics of our workshop. Bago tayo mag-break, kung mayroong mga questions regarding our procedures and mechanics, puwede kayong magtanong, Okay, Bro.

BRO SCORPION: Good morning, fellow Brothers and Sisters in the GUARDIANS Organization. The following workshop session guidelines is hereby announced for the information and guidance of all concerned.

1. We will not be very strict regarding the use of parliamentary rules and procedures. We can do it in the GUARDIANS way.. Katulad ng sinabi kanina ni Senator Honasan, hindi kailangan iyong mga technicalities dito para madali iyong gagawin natin.

2. The allocated time frame shall be: For workshop session No. 1, two hours; for workshop session No. 2, one hour only; and for workshop session No. 3, again one hour only.
3. We will have a timekeeper to advise us on the remaining minutes allocated for each group.
4. In this particular workshop, we will provide all the documentation and all you have to do is concentrate on the deliberation.
5. You will have a secretary in every group who will take down notes.
6. The coffee counter will be open for the whole duration of your deliberations para naman paminsan-minsan mag relax po tayo.
7. At the end of the workshop, each group shall submit a report recommending approval of the amendments to the Body.
8. The group to which the amendments are assigned has all the powers to consider or not the proposed amendments, in lieu thereto, the group may propose its own amendments
9. The group report shall be prepared by the Interim National Secretariat.

Okay ito po iyong mga articles na assigned sa bawat group.

The following shall be the members of Group A, color code red:

1. SGF Martir - Region VI
2. MG Bilagot - Region I
3. Founder Quieta - Region XI
4. MG dela Piedra CARAGA
5. MG Vergel de Dios NCR

For Group B, color code White

1. MG Vargas - Region VII
2. MG Abudiente Region X
3. MG Alcala CAR
4. MG Salomon Region II
5. MG Macahiya Region IV

For Group C, color code Blue

1. MG Crodua Region VIII
2. MG Tayo Region V

3. MG Julhani Region IX
4. MG Padilla Region III
5. MG Escobillo Region VII

MG Enforcer ARMM

So sana po malinaw sa ating lahat iyon pong composition ng bawat group. Okay, balik po tayo doon sa tatalakaying articles na bawat group.

For Group A:

1. Article III – Membership
2. Article IV- Government
3. Article VIII- Constitutional Bodies
4. Article X – Transitory Provisions

For Group B:

1. Article V – Officers of the Association
2. Article VI – Meeting, Notices Quorum Etc
3. Article VII - Committees
4. Article XI - Amendments
5. Article XIII – Effectivity Clause

For Group C

1. Article I - Name of the Association
2. Article II - Nature, Purpose and Objectives
3. Article IX Funds

Okay, for the rest of the workshop session guidelines:

1. Workshop session mechanics
 - a) After the grouping, the National Secretary will approach the groups and acts as Comelec for the selection of the Chairman for the particular group to explain the role of the secretary

Our facilitator for Group A is Garibaldi Songduan, the facilitator for Group B is MG Eliezer BRO NOAH Bungabong, The facilitator for Group C is MG Samuel Bro JACOB Grafil

- b) After the termination, the selection of the Chairman and explanation of the mechanics, in the session, the three will now return to their respective places. So, iiwanan po kayo. Ang time frame po natin nakabase sa program schedule
 - c) Election of committee Chairman

1. A member of the National Secretariat shall act as the provisional Chairman for the selection of the Chairman of the group
 2. Upon the election and acceptance or selection of the Chairman of the group. He shall open the floor and facilitate for the discussion of the given topic of agenda.
- d) Designation of the group secretary
1. The National secretariat shall designate a secretary for every group who shall take the proceedings of the discussions. The secretary shall not come from the members of the group, perform other duties and functions as maybe directed by the chairman or members of the group.
 2. The assigned secretary of the group shall make a final report of its given topics for discussion and submit the same to the chairman and members of the group for the approval of the Body and for its subsequent presentation during the closing plenary
 3. The group shall be assisted in all stages by the National secretariat.

Our order of discussions:

1. Group Chairman shall have full control of the discussions
2. The discussions shall follow the order of items in the prepared working committee agenda. The group chairman shall manage the time in such a way that all items are discussed in the group level
3. The group chairman shall also exert utmost efforts ensuring specific recommendations, measures or course of action shall accompany
4. The chairman may ask the secretariat to give a summary of the agreements that have been reached and the matters needing further discussions.
5. The committee report shall cover every issue under discussions. For every issue. The following order of presentation shall be substantially complied with;
 - a) The issue under discussion
 - b) The positions of the representatives and their recommendations, if any
 - c) The consensus points, if any, where no full consensus is reached and indication on the areas of consensus in the areas where there is no consensus.
 - d) The recommended actions and the representative responsible for such actions.
 - e) The time frames for completing such action.
 - f) The Regional or sectors responsible action
6. For purposes of plenary presentation, however, the Committee Report need not be read in full but may be presented in matrix form indicating the issues raised, the points of consensus or disagreement, the responsible Regional Representative, and the time table within which to follow up actions
- 7) The group Chairman and the members shall present and report the consensus of the group in the closing plenary for the adoption by the representatives

- 8) To perform such other functions to ensure the proper deliberation and consensus of the given agenda

That is it. Kung mayroon pa pong tanong, nandito po ang National Secretariat para po sumagot.

BRO RANGER: Thank you very much, Before we take our lunch break, I would like to remind all the group members that the conference table will be available mamayang 1:00 o'clock and before we formally open our session. Are there any more clarifications regarding our guidelines? Anyway we have the corresponding facilitators in every table. Habang nagdedeliberate kayo diyan, any problem or any suggestion, pwede naming kayo alalayan.

Kung wala na, iyan gusto ko, talagang mabilis naintindihan ng mga Congressman natin. I am going to turn over the microphone to our Chairperson para I-announce niya iyong formal eating of lunch.

BRO CARUB: Baka maroon pa silang gustong itanong, Yes Sir, We will have our lunch break from 12:00 to 1:00 o'clock. I am requesting the delegates to please come back at one o'clock so that we can start right away para matapos kaagad natin within two days our obligation. In the meantime, since we still have time, kung gusto ninyo, baka gusto ninyong mag brainstorming muna tayo para sa gagawin natin mamaya para smooth sailing na tayo later. Anyway, we still have our moderator and facilitators here plus Gari, baka mayroon pa kayong gustong itanong, itanong na ninyo para mamaya, pag kayo-kayo na lang, okay na kayo.

BRO NOAH: Mayroon lang akong additional info. The National Secretariat will not entertain any question or suggestion coming from the non-voting delegates in order not to interrupt the proceedings. So I would like to request the non-voting delegates kung mayroon kayong suggestions o comments, idaan ho ninyo sa inyong mga authorized representative para ma-acknowledge properly at mabigyan ng proper action.

BRO CARUB: Tama iyon, For our obeservers, iyong may mga kasama ritong delegates, representatives, mayroon kayong mga papel diyan, if you want to suggest, paki sulat lang sa papel, bahala na silang magbigay kung kanino nila dapat ibigay na delegate. Sila lang yung pwedeng makipag-transact ng business as far as our sessions is concerned, Okay?

BRO RANGER: Okay another announcement, iyong ating secretary for Group A is Sister PINA, Sa ating Group B in the absence of PUNYAL, at magtatakeover si Bro SCORPION, iyong nagbasa kanina ng guidelines natin. Sa Group C naman ang ating secretary ay ang ating stenographer, si Sis Imelda.

BRO CARUB: Palakpakan natin sila [*Applause*]

LUNCH BREAK

BRO RANGER: Mr. Chairman, there is a motion to read first the By-Laws because the organizational structure will be prorated with the amended By-laws. Do we give approval to the motion of Region XI?

BRO CARUB: There is a motion on the Floor for the discussion for Workshop No. 3, proposal for the organizational structure be deferred pending the explanation of the body of the Constitution and By-laws . Is there any objection to this motion? What can you say Mr. Moderator?

BRO RANGER: Before I comment, nagtataas ng kamay yata si Bro Mohammad ng kamay niya, so, could we hear from the representative of NCR.

BRO MOHAMMAD: Mr. Moderator how can we discuss the organizational chart without the basis? Actually we have different offices, we have to read first before going into this.

BRO RANGER: Table No. 1 is really filing its motion to read the adjusted or amended By-laws. I would like to move, Mr. Chairman that the amended By-laws be read first before going to the Workshop No.. 3 regarding the organizational structure.

BRO CARUB: But there is also a motion and objection from table No. 2 na if we are going to read the Constitution and By-laws matatagalan pa tayo. Is there any suggestion? Yes, the lady from Region 1

SIS PINA: I just would like to react because I have been the secretary in this table. Group A, we feel that if we are going to discuss the organizational structure and then it will not jive with the proposed amendment in the Constitution wala rin, e. Babalik din tayo dito, doble lang iyong trabaho natin, So, I support the motion.

BRO CARUB: Thank you very much, lady from Region 1

BRO ISAROG: Mr. Chairman, considering the suggestion of table 1, I think it would be better if the structure will be incorporated with their discussions because their assignment is Government which will involve the structure of the government of this association.

BRO MOHAMMAD. Mr. Moderator we accept the request of Group C

BRO MAO: I think the problem here is time. If we will read the constitution , magtatagal tayo. We are supposed to end at 7:30 following the format presentation of our committee reports. What we are saying is that, I think, if we are to proceed now with the discusstions of the proposed constitutional amendments, it will take time. Anong gusto mo ba? Ang gusto niya, magadjourn na tayo.

BRO CARUB: Kapag sinabi ninyong adjourn payag agad ako para makapag-pahinga

BRO MASTER: My suggestion is because we have been working for almost three hours, if we will discuss this I think it will take us another three hours.

BRO CARUB: So what is the best thing to do Bro? Bro, I would like the group to raise a motion for adjournment or whatever motion you want to have based on the motion of Region II representative.

SIS PINA, I just would like to move for a recess because if we adjourn this meeting, matutulog na tayo, hindi na tayo babalik for the presentation of our output. I would just move for a recess.

BRO CARUB: There is a motion for recess, Is there any objection? Yes?

BRO ELSEWHERE: Another motion, I move that we start with the reading of the deliberations. And then, whatever we can finish, we can finish it now. Because we have to finish the entire deliberation tonight. We can start because we have limited time. I propose and move that we start now, start with Group 1, with the presentation of their proposal, then continue and we will adjourn at the proper time. I submit that it is very early,. To adjourn or to have a recess. We have a recess a while ago, we have just resumed our deliberation now.

BRO CARUB: Thank you, The lady from Region 1 is recognized.

SIS PINA: Mr. Chairman, we want to present already our output in Group A, but we are still in the process of encoding. Iyong recess and purpose po noon ay to wait for the output of encoding for presentation. Iyong lang po. Kung mayroon pong natapos, maski hindi po Group A dahil kami na siguro ang pinakamahaba dito, kahit Group C o Group B kung maunang matapos ma encode iyong sa kanila, sila na muna ang magpresent ng kanila output,

BRO CARUB: Yes, Sir.

BRO MAO: I understand that the 3 groups have been assigned various articles in the proposed constitution and by-laws. Some of us have been discussing the Preamble. To which group is assigned the Preamble up to Article 1?

BRO RANGER: Table No. 1, for the meantime, we will defer the proceeding of the organizational structure. We will have to wait for the reading of the first report since it covers all the deliberations of the ratification of By-laws, it covers also the subject matter of Workshop No. 2 and Workshop No. 3 so I think, we would move for the motion of Bro Comet no, we have consume our time and move for adjournment, But we have to start with the reading of the result of the report of Group 1, Group A, so that we will have the idea of discussing on the organizational structure later on.

BRO CARUB: So what is your motion, Mr. Moderator?

BRO CARUB: Ang ating observation, bakit magpapasimula sa Group A samantala hindi naman sila ang assigned sa Preamble? Siyempre, we should start with the Preamble which is assigned to Group C

BRO RANGER: Excuse me, what I am saying is, yes that is true but iyong kanilang result ay naunang ini-encode, Iyong kanila dito ay hindi pa, Are you ready to report based on your written report?

BRO EXPLORER: Ini-encode pa.

BRO MASTER: If we will jump to another Article, hindi natin masasala iyong mga proposals hangang sa huli.

BRO RANGER: Ang report ng Group B and Group C ay parehong in-encode, Iyong isa nasa itaas, iyong isa nandito. Recess na muna tayo, I would move. Mr. Chairman, that we have a recess.

BRO CARUB: There are two motions on the Floor, Iyong isa gusto ituloy natin and the other motion is to have a recess. There is a motion for a recess, is there any objection? Hearing none, the motion is approved.

We will have a recess of one hour

BRO RANGER: Pointers regarding the reading of the amended Constitution and By-laws

BRO GARI: Thank you, Ngayong gabi, reading lang muna tayo, we will start with Group C, Group B and Group A. Reading lang. Tomorrow mag uumpisa tayo at 8:00 o'clock for the deliberation, interpellations and et cetera.

Mayroon lang tayong isang kaunting pagbabago, we went over the proposed amendments, may makita tayong seemingly conflicting provisions between iyong report ng Group A and Group B, In such a case, we will call tomorrow a bicameral or a tricameral committee to straighten these conflicting provisions. Perhaps we will no start with group reporting. We will now start with Grou C. The Chairman of Group C, please.

BRO EXPLORER: Good evening, this the excerpt of the simple minds from Group C. This is the result. Kasi iyon equation na ginamit naming is referring to what has been said by the Supremo, our National Chairman, we used the equation. Open mind plus open heart. So ito iyon, This is our proposed Preamble.

PREAMBLE

We, the officers and members of the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. imbued with the desire of protecting and maintaining the standards of the GUARDIANS Movement and imploring the aid of the Divine Providence, and the blessings of democracy in order to establish an Association that shall inculcate the spirit of justice, peace, discipline, service and equality among ourselves do hereby promulgate and adopt this Constitution and By-laws.

Article I

Section 1 – Name of the Association – The name of the Association shall be the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc.

Section 2. Every letter of the word GUARDIANS representing the following

G	-	Gentleman
U	-	United
A	-	Associates
R	-	Race
D	-	Dauntless

- I - Ingenuous
- A - Advocator
- N - Nation
- S - Society

Which when translated in Pilipino will mean ‘ MGA MAGINOO AT NAGKAKAISANG KATUWANG NG LAHING PILIPINO, MAGIGITING AT MATATAPAT NA TAGAPAGTANGGOL NG BANSA AT LIPUNAN”

Section 3 OFFICE - The principal office of the Association shall be located in Metro Manila

Section 4 MOTTO - The Association propagates the motto: “ Brotherhood fo Peace, Integrity, Justice, Equality, Service and Prosperity

Section 5 LOGO The seal of the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc., shall consist of a bold letter “G” which stands for GUARDIANS and within the confines of the letter “G”, the handshaking which manifest the original customs and traditions, The triangular figure represents the seal membership tattoo The sun and the three (3) stars which stands for Luzon, Visayas, ans Mindanao, and the colors red, white and blue representing the flag of our country

The seal is designed herein below



ARTICLE II

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE

Section 1. The Association believes in the Divine Providence as the source of all creations, power, and authority.

Section 2. The main purpose of the Association shall be to unite, develop, and maintain camaraderie among members, in order ot better and more effectively address matters of common interest and concerns, with the end view of achieving a sustainable development for our communities, as a non-governmental organization for peace and prosperity;

Section 3. The objective of the Organization shall be as follows:

To adhere and internalize the enduring core values of love of God, respect for authority, selfless love and service for people, respect for woman and sanctity of marriage, responsible dominion and stewardship over material things, and the wisdom of truthfulness;

- a) To promote good and harmonious relationships, unity and cooperation between and among the members for mutual support and benefit;
- b) To undertake developmental activities for the general welfare of the members and the Association as a whole;
- c) To generate funds for the Organization and its activities; and
- d) To extend immediate financial, legal, and other assistance to the members of the Association and to the immediate members of their families.

Section 4. The Association operates on democratic principles. It adhere to the Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, its laws, regulations and ordinances promulgated by duly constituted authorities.

Section 5. The Association shall be a non-stock, and non-sectarian organization.

ARTICLE IX

FUNDS

Section 1. SOURCES OF FUNDS. The Funds of the Association shall be derived from membership fees, dues, assessments, grants, contributions, donations, and from other fund-raising activities.

Section 2. Every member in the Association shall pay the following:

Membership fee – PHP100.00

Montly Dues PHP30.00

Section 3. Retention of Funds. Out of the funds realized and collected from monthly dues

- a) Shall be distributed and paid by the treasurer of the local or collecting Chapter as follows:
 - aa) 75% shall be retained by the collecting Barangay, Municipal or City Chapter.
 - bb) 10% as annual dues to be remitted to the provincial chapter
 - cc) 10% as annual dues to be remitted to the Regional Chapter
 - dd) 5% as annual dues to be remitted to the National Chapter. A total of 100%
- b) Schedule of remittances. The remittances of the annual chapter dues shall be made by the Treasurer of the collecting Chpater as Follows
 - Provincial Chapter – 2nd week of February every year
 - Regional Chapter – 2nd week of March of every year
 - National Chapter – 2nd week of April of every year

Section 4. Disbursements, Withdrawal from the funds of the Association, whether by check or any other instrument shall be signed by the treasurer and counter-signed by the President or in his absence, the Vice-president, Disbursement shall be made only when a resolution is passed and approved by the Council to that effect.

Section 5. All other incomes, funds and revenues realized from membership fees, assessments, grants, donations and from all other sources, except real and fixed assets and applied at the end of the year shall revert to the general fund.

Section 6. Allocation of General Fund shall be as follows:

30% - Mortuary, Accident, and Mutual Assistance.

30% - Operating Expenses

25% - Miscellaneous Projects

10%- Professional Advancement

5% - Contingency Fund

Section 7. FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1st, to December 31st of each year

Section 8. Chapter Auditor shall conduct an audit in accordance with the rules and procedures in auditing on or before the 31st of January of every year.

Section 9. All Chapters shall submit an annual record of Assets and Liabilities, which will be presented during the respective General Assembly of their level.

*So, that is all for Group C, I hope you can help us refine what is proposed. Thank you and good evening.

BRO RANGER: Thank you very much, presenter of Group C – BRO EXPLORER.

Mr. Chairman, we would like to move for the reading of the report of Group B, presenter will be BRO MAO.

BRO MAO: Magandang gabi sa mga Bro natin. Our group has been tasked to arrive at a consensus involving Articles V, VI, VII, XI and XIII, Our consensus so far are as follows:

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the Association in the District/Municipal/City/Provincial, Regional and National Chapter are as follows:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

5. Auditor
6. Business Manager
7. Public Relation Officer

Other elected members of the Council except in the National Chapter where there are three vice-presidents, one each for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao

Section II. Appointed Officers. The National Chairman or the President at every level of the Association may appoint other officers with the consent of the majority of the members in its Council. Provided that, at the National Level such appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the Tribunal on Appointment. The National Chairman or President may appoint Liaison Officers.

A Liaison Officer shall have the following duties:

He shall represent the corresponding components of the Association at its level.

He shall assist the National Chairman or the President in the conduct of activities involving the civilian and uniformed components of the Association.

He shall brief the Association on the particular activities where the Association may be called upon to participate.

He shall perform such other duties as the Council or President may prescribe.

Section III. Qualification of Officers. All elected, appointed and Constitutional officers shall have the following qualifications.

General. He/She should be a bonafide member and of good standing

He/She is not convicted nor facing any criminal or administrative case involving moral turpitude.

Specific. Office of the President

He must be an active member for at least one year.

Office of the Vice-President. He must be an active member for at least one year

Office of the Constitutional Bodies. He belongs to the Founders' group or member of the National Council.

Office of the Elected Officers. Any member of good standing of the Association and

Office of the Appointed Officers, Any member of good standing of the Association.

Section IV. Disqualification of Officers

The following are the disqualification of officers

Constitutional and appointed officers are disqualified to run in any election of the Association. Elected officers are considered resigned in the position at the lower level of the Association.

Section V. Compensation. The Officers of the Association shall serve without compensation.

Section VI. Term of Office. The Officers of the Association shall hold office for two years, except National officers who shall serve for three years or until their successor shall have been elected and qualified, but shall not serve in the same office for more than three consecutive terms.

Section VII. Duties of Officers. National Chairman or the President. He is the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Council at his level of the Association. Presides in all official meetings of the Association at his level. Represents the Association in all official and social functions, appoints and have control over all officers and members of the Association. Directs the overall activities of the Association.

Vice-President. He shall perform the duties of the President during the absence or incapacity of the latter.

Secretary. He shall keep a complete record or list of all members and maintain a correct record of all the minutes of the meetings of the Association. He shall give notice to all meetings called. He shall take care or facilitate all communications addressed to the Association. He shall turn over all books and other properties in his possession to his successor.

Treasurer. He shall be the custodian of all the funds and properties of the Association. He shall keep the financial records and transactions of the Association. He shall sign together with the President all disbursements of funds of the Association.

Auditor. He shall audit and monitor the funds of the Association from time to time. He shall certify the record of the Financial Reports that may be submitted to the Association. He shall advise the President of the financial condition of the Association and recommends cost-saving measures.

Business Manager. He shall formulate economic plans and strategies to improve the financial condition of the Association. He shall submit for approval by the Council a feasibility study of any business venture. He supervises any business venture of the Association.

Public Relations Officer. He shall be the official spokesman of the Association. He shall be responsible for the image building of the Association. He shall screen all press and media releases. He shall submit for approval by the Council any major policy-making in making reports to the media.

*we can now proceed to Article VI. Wala pa.

MEETING, NOTICE, QUORUM AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Section I. Council Meeting. The Council may conduct meeting on the following schedule

Regular Meeting. The National Council, Regional Council, City/Provincial Council, and the District/Municipal Council shall determine its regular meeting.

Special Meeting. The Council may conduct special meeting anytime upon call of the President or upon written request of at least five (5) members.

Section 3. Notices. Notices of date, time and place of all assemblies/meetings shall be published/disseminated by the Secretary of at least five days prior to the meeting, which notice shall state the agenda and whenever necessary for the members advance consideration, accompanied by appropriate papers. Notice of any special Assembly/Meeting shall specify the purpose for which the meeting is to be held, and no other business other than as stated or those related thereto shall be considered during the meeting.

Section 4. Quorum.

Assembly – A quorum shall consist of twenty five percent (35%) of all the members entitled to vote in the district/municipal chapter or in the National Convention.

Council – The quorum requirement for a meeting of the Council shall be majority of the members thereof.

Section 5. Manner of Voting

Members of good standing shall be qualified to vote or voted upon and participate in the Assembly.

Election and Removal of Officers shall be by secret balloting.

Actions on all other matters shall be in any manner as will reflect truly and correctly the decision of membership; and

Members shall be entitled to one vote. And they may vote only in person or by proxy.

Section 6. Order of Business – The order of business at the Assembly of the members shall be as follows.

- a) Proof of service of the required notice of the meeting, except when such notice is waived by the members constituting a quorum.
- b) Proof of the presence of a quorum
- c) Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous annual meeting, except when such reading is dispensed with by a majority vote of those presents.
- d) Unfinished business
- e) Report of the President
- f) Election of the Council and for the ensuing year
- g) Other matters

- h) The order of business at any assembly may be changed by a vote of a majority of members present

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Pertinent Committees. After the organization of the National Executive Council, the following pertinent committees shall be formed, with the duties and powers specified hereunder.

Committee B, if you go to your original kit on permanent committees, the proposal of Committee A, essentially remains the same, except for one thing. All members in all the 9 permanent committees is as proposed to us, shall have a uniform membership of only three (3) each. That is all. So I waive my reading, that is the only consensus that we have. We shall now proceed to Article XI, entitled Amendments.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments modification or repeal to this Constitution and By-laws may be proposed in writing by at least twenty five (25) members of the Organization, Furnishing copies thereof to each member of the National Council, who shall consider such proposed amendments within thirty days upon receipt thereof. Such proposed Amendments shall state Thereon the old provisions and the proposed new provisions.

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws shall be approved by two-thirds vote of all the delegates to the National Convention.

Shall we now proceed to our last article, Article XIII, Effectivity.

ARTICLE XIII

EFFECTIVITY

Section 1. This Constitution and By-laws shall take effect upon its ratification by a majority of all the Delegates to the National Convention duly called for the purpose.

This ladies and gentlemen, is the consensus of Group B, Thank you.

BRO RANGER: Thank you Bro Mao, presenter of Group B, Now Mr. Chairman we would like to move on the presentation of the report of Group A. The presenter is Bro. Arab.

BRO ARAB: Good evening, mga Bro at mga Sis, Group A is tasked to discuss the provisions on Membership, Government, Constitutional Bodies and the Transitory Provisions. However, we inserted another subject matter to be given a separate article number on Discipline. We adopted this set up

from the GCFI amended By-laws, we feel that there is a need to incorporate this in the proposed Constitution and By-laws of our new GUARDIANS Organization.

In Article III, we adopted some of the proposals like Section 1, the Qualification of Membership and I read:

A citizen of the Philippines who is of good standing in the community is eligible for membership provided he/she shall qualify and pass the organization's screening and testing procedure after an application made in writing is given due course.

The Organization shall determine the qualification of an applicant for membership, among others the age requirement for MAGIC Group is at least 21 years of age. Iyon na lang ang amendment from 30 to 21 years of age. Based on the Davao proposal.

We inserted the membership procedures, kasi walang membership procedures sa lahat ng proposals. This is again copied from the GCFI Constitution and By-laws. Membership Procedure, iyong dati na itong ginagawa natin. Application, Background Investigation, Presentation of Applicant, Indoctrination Seminar, Lecture and Recognition. They have several explanations here.

Section 3. Rights of Members, copied from the proposals

Section 4. Iyong Duties and Responsibilities of Members

Section 5. Additional Rights, Duties and Responsibilities of Members, nasa proposal din ito.

Section 6. Classes of Members, iyong Founder, Master Founder, Supreme Godfather, Supreme Godmother, iyong Ranking Magic Group, Ito, ito na lang ang bago siguro.

- c) Ranking Magic Group – composed of selected civilian members who are professionals and are respective leaders of the community who has rendered exemplary performance and with at least three years active membership coming from the ranks of the MAGIC Group

The promotion, ito naisingit ito, talagang maganda ito. The promotion to this rank shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board through an appropriate resolution.

Maiexplain mamaya kung bakit mayroon Regional Legislative Board dito.

- d) MAGIC Group – definition ng MAGIC dati na Iyan. Tapos iyong Tagalog translation, Mga mahinahong tagapagtanggol ng mga naapi at walang lakas na mamamayan.

- e) GodFather and GodMother

Section 6. Markings of Members, iyong mga markings, this is also copied from the same By-laws of the GCFI, General Marking Special Markings and the place where the mark will be given.

We have also the pseudonym, the provisions of pseudonym

Section 7. The Change of Status of Members, Galing ito sa proposals

Section 8. The handshake and embrace.

Section 9. Disregard of rank, position , unit or branch of service.

Section 10. The Oath of Allegiance

Section 11, The Code of Conduct.

We inserted or added a separate article on Discipline because we feel that this is a very important provision of our Constitution and By-laws to guide all the other regions, all the Regional Chapters throughout the country and also the provincial and municipal, and maybe even barangay chapters

We have here the provision on Discipline also copied from the GCFI By-laws.

Section 1. Disciplinary Action – Any member or officer whose conduct or activities are contrary to the constitution and by-laws, rules and regulations of the organization shall be subject to disciplinary action,. All administrative complaints shall be filed before the National Investigation and Prosecution Office and to be heard and decided by the National Justice Tribunal, in the case of National officers, the Regional Executive Council, in the case of Regional Officers and the Provincial/City Executive Council, in the case of Provincial/City, Municipal and Barangay officers and members. However, the Regional Provincial and City Chapters are not precluded from constituting a Grievance Committee for this purpose.

Section 2. Ground for Disciplinary Action. Any member may be suspended or expelled from or stripped of his membership and all benefits or privileges due him/her shall be denied under any of the following grounds.

- a) Non-payment of membership fee, annual or monthly dues and other assessments for three (3) consecutive months
- b) Non-payment of fines properly imposed upon him/her one month after the same is ordered final and executor by the authorities concerned;
- c) Failure, despite notice, to attend without sufficient cause as may be determined by the Executive Council or Legislative Board concerned for three consecutive monthly or special meetings of the organization;
- d) Other serious infractions or violations of any provision of the Constitution and By-laws and other similar rules and regulations of the organization after final findings thereof by the disciplinary officers of the Chapter concerned.

Section 3. Other grounds for disciplinary action, luma na iyon

Section 4. Form of Complaint

Section 5 . Iyong Appeal

The next article, sa proposal Article IV ito, But as I mentioned a while ago, we will be renumbering the provision of our Constitution and By-laws because of some proposals which will constitute separate articles.

Ito, provisions on government, Ito, before I proceed with the reading of our proposals. I would like to inform the other members of this convention that this is patterned before the Regional Operations Manual of Region 1. Sa Region 1 kasi, we have a manual, Ito ay tatlong taon na po, and we find it to be very effective. Kaya we are trying to propose this set up sa National constitution natin. Ang basis ng introduction ng ibang set up is this. We will try to put up a system of a democratic and presidential form. Dito under a presidential form, di ba we have three branches of government, Executive Branch, Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch. That is also embodied in the proposals by with the difference that the Executive and the legislative powers are fused in only one office.

Dito sa ginawa naming, sa Group A, iyong legislative function is given to a separate office. This is the reason we created in the National Level a National Legislative Board. In the Regional level, we created a Regional Legislative Board and lastly on the province, we have the provincial legislative Board. Apart from the Executive Councils. Kaya sa National, may National Executive Council, sa region may Regional Executive Council at sa province may provincial Executive Council.

For three years, Region 1 has been following that kind of government and we found it to be very effective, lalung-lalo na po sa trabaho, distribution ng ating trabaho, the system of check and balance is very effective, and everybody is working. Mas marami tao ang magtatrabaho, mas maraming responsibilidad at responsableng tao naipopoint out ng ating members for the implementation or performance of respective duties and responsibilities.

Kaya ito po, mga Bro at mga sis, babasahin ko na po itong proposal naming on the article on government.

GOVERNMENT

Section 1. The National Chapter shall be composed of the National Executive Council, National Legislative Board and the National Founder Group. The Executive powers of the National Chapter shall be exercise, its business conducted, and its property controlled by the 16 officers of the National Executive Council, whose members shall be elected from the National convention to be held every three (3) years. The legislative powers of the National Chapter shall be exercised by a National Legislative Board, whose members shall be composed of the elected regiona board chaimen of the different regions.

The National Founders' Group, hindi pa naming napopolish kung ano trabaho talaga ng National Founders' Group, But we will provide you the exact provisions tomorrow.

- a) The members of the National Executive Council shall elect from among themselves a President, Vice President for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Bus. Manager ang PRO

- b) The members of the National Board shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice, Chairman and a Secretary
- c) The voting delegates to the National Convention shall be apportioned to five (5) representatives per region.
- d) The delegates to the National Convention shall perform the following functions.
 - 1. To hear and pass upon the reports of the Officers of the National council;
 - 2. To elect and remove for cause, the members of the National Council
 - 3. To make final decisions on any significant change in financial policies, subject to legal restrictions
 - 4. To exercise final authority on all matters significantly affecting the Organization unless otherwise provided elsewhere in the Constitution and By-laws.
 - 5. To determine the proposed amendments to this Constitution and By-laws
- e) The National Convention shall be considered as an Assembly which shall be held in March every three (3) years

Section 2. Regional Chapter

The Regional Chapter shall be composed of the Regional Executive Council, Regional Legislative Board and The Regional Founders Group. The Executive powers of the Regional Chapter shall be exercised, its business conducted, and its property controlled by the Regional Executive Council which is composed of seven (7) Officers who shall be elected from the Regional Assembly to be held every two (2) years.

The Regional Legislative Board, which is the legislative or policy-making body of the Regional Chapter, shall be composed of the elected Provincial/City Board Chairman within the region.

The Regional Founder group which is the advisory body of the Regional Chapter shall be composed of Provincial/City SGF and Founder within the Region.

- a) The members of the Regional Executive Council shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treas. Auditor, Business Manager and PRO.
- b) The members of the Regional Legislative Board shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary;
- c) The Regional Assembly shall be composed of all elected Provincial/City Executive Council officers and Board Officers and their respective Provincial/City Founders

In the case of NCR, the Regional Assembly shall be composed of all elected City/Municipal Executive Council and Board officer and their respective Founders. Sa NCR kasi walang province. Ito ang region na walang province, kaya they have a separate provision for this..

- d) Functions of the Regional Assembly

The Representatives to the Regional Assembly shall perform the following functions:

1. To hear and pass upon the reports of the Officers of the Regional Council;
2. To elect and remove for cause, the members of the Regional Council;
3. To make final decisions on any significant change in financial policies, subject to legal restrictions; and
4. To exercise final authority on all matters significantly affecting the Organization, unless otherwise provided elsewhere in this Constitution and Bylaws.
- e) The Annual Regional Assembly shall be held not later than the First Saturday of December every two (2) years. We are open to an amendment of this.
- f) A Special Regional Assembly may be called at anytime to consider urgent matters by the Regional Executive Council Chairman

Section 3. Provincial/City Chapter pareho din po, mga Bro at mga Sis iyon set up sa National board na mayroong provincial Executive Council, may provincial/city Legislative Board, at may provincial/city Founders' group with practically the same functions as the Regional Chapter

The Provincial/City Chapter shall be composed of the Provincial/City Executive Council. Provincial/City Legislative Board and the Provincial/City Founders Group. The Executive powers of the Provincial/City Chapter shall be exercised, its business conducted, and its property controlled by the Provincial/City Executive Council which is composed of seven (7) Officers who shall be elected from the Provincial/City Assembly to be held every two (2) years.

The Provincial/city Legislative Board, which is the legislative or policy-making body of the Provincial/City Chapter, shall be composed of the elected Municipal/District Board Chairmen within the province.

The Provincial/City Founders group which is the Advisory Body of the Provincial/City Chapter shall be composed of Municipal/District SGF and Founders within the Region.

- a) The members of the Provincial/City Executive Council shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Business Manger and PRO
- b) The members of the Provincial/City Legislative board shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary;
- c) The Provincial/City Assembly shall be composed of all elected Municipal/District Executive Council officers and their respective Municipal/District Founders
- d) Functions of the Provincial/City Assembly. Nasa proposal iyan.

The Representative to the Provincial/City Assembly shall perform the following functions;

1. To hear and pass upon the reports of the Officers of the Provincial.City Council;
2. To elect and remove for cause, the members of the Provincial/City Council;
3. To make final decisions on any significant change in financial policies, subject to legal restrictions; and

4. To exercise final authority on all matters significantly affecting the Organization, unless otherwise provided elsewhere in this Constitution and By-laws.
- e) The Annual Provincial/City Assembly shall be held not later than the First Saturday of November every two (2) years. Proposal din iyan.
- f) A special Provincial/City Assembly may be called at anytime to consider urgent matters by the Provincial/City Executive Chairman.

Section 4. Municipal/District Chapters. Dito wala na pong Executive Council or Legislative Board dahil mas maliit ang mga Chapters na ito. The different function of governance are already given to the Municipal Council or District Council.

The Governing body for activities of the Municipal/District Chapter is the Municipal/District Council which is composed of seven (7) officers who shall be elected in the Annual Municipal/District Assembly to be held every two (2) years.

- a) The members of the Municipal/District Executive Council shall elect from among themselves a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Business Manager, and PRO
- b) The Municipal./District Assembly shall be composed of the general membership of the Municipal/District Chapter
- c) Functions of the Municipal/District Assembly
 1. To hear and pass upon the reports of the Officers of the Municipal/District Council
 2. To elect and remove for cause, the members of the Municipal/District Council
 3. To make final decisions on any significant change in financial policies, subject to legal restrictions; and
 4. To exercise final authority on all matters significantly affecting the Organization unless otherwise provided elsewhere in this Constitution and By-laws.
- d) The Executive and Legislative powers of the District/Municipal Chapter shall be exercised by the Municipal/District Council and the Judicial powers shall be exercised by the Municipal/District Founders.
- e) The Municipal /District Council shall have the following functions, powers and authorities:
 1. To manage the affairs of the Organization
 2. To generate funds, dues and other revenues for the organization;
 3. To receive donations, enter into contracts and engage in income generating projects, subject to approval by their Executive Officers;
 4. To levy fees and/or assessments
 5. To establish and maintain an Office of the Organization;
 6. To grant immediate financial, legal and other assistance to the members only of the District/Municipal Chapter.
 7. To make provisions for accident fund, mortuary funds, and other miscellaneous funds at the Municipal/District Chapter;
 8. To regulate the recruitment of members, except Founders, prescribing the requirements and procedures for screening and interview only.

9. To promote the well-being and periodic assessment of the actual membership of the Chapter.
 10. To undertake sports and other professional advancement activities;
 11. In case of vacancy, to call for Special assembly to elect and fill-up the vacancy of the Council;
 12. To make representation with concerned government agencies and non-government organization related to peace and prosperity;
 13. To perform such other rights or authority as may be granted by the Organization
- f) The Annual General Assembly shall be held not later than the third Saturday of October every two (2) years
 - g) The Special General Assembly may be called at anytime to consider urgent matters.
 - h) A Municipal Chapter composed of several adjoining municipalities in the province may be organized where a Municipal cannot satisfy the general membership requirement of the Organization.
 - i) A district chapter composed of several adjoining Political Districts in cities may be organized where a District cannot satisfy the general membership requirement of the Organization.
 - j) A municipal/district chapter is composed of at least thirty (30) members

The next is the provision on the Constitutional Bodies.

We did not introduce any substantial amendments to the proposal, except perhaps for the appointing authority of a regular Chairman. Kasi, sa proposal bakit Chairman ex officio lang ang nandito. Ang Chairman ex officio, ibig sabihin, hindi regular Chairman iyon, Sino ngayon ang regular Chairman ng mga Constitutional Bodies? Sinunod naming iyong proposal na madedelete iyong Master Founder kasi and position ng Master Founder hindi constitutional body iyon, He is an officer of the organization.

ARTICLE VIII

CONSTITUTIONAL BODIES

Sec. 1 National Tribunal on Appointments

a. Duties and Powers

The National Tribunal on Appointments shall decide all administrative questions affecting appointments extended by the National Executive Council President, and shall exercise all other functions, which may be conferred upon it by the Organization. Appointments shall be made only according to regulations provided by the Organization. It shall pass upon and attest all appointments.

b. Composition

The Chairman and Nine (9) other members of the tribunal shall be appointed by the National Executive Council President with the approval of the Master Founder

Section 2. National Election Tribunal

a. Duties and Powers

The National Election Tribunal shall have exclusive charge of the enforcement and administration of all regulations relative to the conduct of elections, and shall exercise all other functions, which may be conferred upon it by the Organization, It shall decide, save those involving the right to vote, all administrative questions, affecting elections, including the determination of the number and location of polling places, and the appointment of election officers and of other election official and members. The decision, orders, and ruling of the National Election Tribunal shall be subject to review by the National Justice Tribunal.

b. Composition

The Chairman of the Tribunal and nine (9) other member shall be appointed by the National Executive Council President with the approval of the Master Founder

Section 3. National Justice Tribunal

a. Duties and Powers

The quasi-judicial body that deals with the administrative and disciplinary machinery of the Association shall be vested in the National Justice Tribunal and in such inferior offices as may be established by the Organization. It has jurisdiction to review, revise, reverse, modify or affirm an appeal, final decisions of Inferior offices in; All cases in which the constitutionality or validity of any resolution, circulars, regulations, decisions, or implementing orders is in question. All cases in which the jurisdiction of any inferior offices is in issue. All cases in which an error to question of law is involved. It shall exercise original jurisdiction over complaints filed involving National Officers

b. Composition

The Chairman of the Office and nine (9) other members shall be appointed by the National Executive Council President with the approval of the Master Founder.

Section 5. Qualifications

Constitutional officers – the Constitutional officers shall have the following qualifications

- a. He/She is a natural born citizen of the Philippines
- b. He/She is at least twenty-six (26) years of age
- c. He/She has been an active member of the Organization for at least five years

Section 6. Term of Office

a. Constitutional Officer and members

The constitutional Officers and members shall hold office during good behavior for a period of five (5) year without reappointment or until they have become incapacitated to discharge the duties of their office.

Section 7. Impeachment

The officers and members of the Constitutional Offices may be remove from office on impeachment for and conviction of serious crimes and culpable violation of this Constitution and By-laws. The National Assembly, by a vote of two-thirds of all its members, shall have the sole power of impeachment. When the President is on trial, the Chairman of the Justice Tribunal shall preside.

The last subject matter that was given to us for deliberation is the provisions on the transitory provisions.

We have no substantial amendments on the proposal except for Section 3. I think this is, I am very sure that 100% of the members of the National Convention will agree to my proposal.

ARTICL XII

TRANSITORY PROVISION

Section 1. All acts, things, deeds, contracts, agreement, disbursements and other actions that have been made, executed and signed, do an performed previously, not inconsistent with this Constitution , which are necessary and requisite to be done in and about the premises are hereby ratified and confirmed to have been done or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Section 2. All existing laws, proclamations issuances not inconsistent with this Constitution shall remain operative until amended, modified or ratified.

Section 3. There shall be an interim National Executive Council which shall exist immediately upon the ratification of this constitution and shall continue until the members of the regular National Executive Council shall have been elected and shall have assumed office following an election in a National Convention called for the purpose by the Interim National Executive Council. The members of the Interim National Executive Council shall be composed of the delegates or representatives of the 16 regions of the country who shall be appointed by the incumbent National Chairman of the association and shall have the same powers, functions, responsibilites, rights and privileges of a regular member of the National Executive Council as provided in this Constitution.

Section 4. The members of the Interim National Secretariat shall continue to exist upon the ratification of this constitution to assist the incumbent National Executive Council Chairman of the Organization and the members of the Interim national executive council in the performance of their functions.

Section 5. The incumbent National Chairman of the GUARDIANS Centre Foundation, Inc. (GCFI) shall hold office as the Interim national Executive Council President of the Organization and shall continue to exercise his duties and powers until the regular members of the National Executive Council shall have been duly elected and qualified.

That is all, and thank you.

BRO RANGER: Are there any more motions or suggestions? Okay Bro Mohammad.

BRO MOHAMAD: I move to adjourn or session.

BRO MOHAMMAD: Since there is already a motion to adjourn, Mr. Chairman, I move to adjourn our session and resume tomorrow at eight o'clock in the morning.

BRO CARUB: Is there any objection [*Silence*] There being none, our session is adjourned to be resumed tomorrow at eight o'clock in the morning.

May I remind each and every delegate to wear their ribbons tomorrow for our identification. We will start on time

The session is adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

SUNDAY

At 9:05 a.m. the session was resumed

SIS LAURA: Let us pray our GUARDIANS' prayer. Follow after me.

God, teach us to be courageous and not overcome by fear, disciplined with the lowly and the high, Brotherly among friends and enemies, righteous in the face of creed.

God, teach us to be ingenious protector of the helpless, dauntless advocator of the Filipino banner, liberty and oneness, kind, expecting no thanks nor hatred, Loyal to our country and creed, mild in anger and in tears, Noble in victory and defeat, Sincere without pretense, without pride.

God, we beseech thee, Grant us the wisdom to know the way, the light to show the way, the strength to go the way Amen

Good morning Brothers and Sisters, Please be seated.

BRO RANGER: Good morning Brothers and sisters, This is our second day. I would like to move immediately for the opening of this session.

BRO CARUB: Before we resume our second day session, may we know if we have a quorum?

BRO NOAH: Mr. Chairman, iopen muna natin ang session then we will move for the roll call.

BRO CARUB: The session for today is hereby open

BRO RANGER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to move for the rollcall.

BRO CARUB: Proceed

BRO RANGER: I would like to call by regions. Please signify your presence by standing up. I will start with Region 1, okay thank you, Region II, okay, Region III, Region IV, Region Vm Region VI, okay, Region VII, Region VIII, Region IX, Region X, Region XII, wala, and ARMM, CARAGA, CAR, NCR

Mr. Chairman we have 12 Regional representatives present. We only have one region absent so we have a quorum.

Could we move on , Mr. Chairman for the deliberation of our topics yesterday

BRO CARUB: What will be our first agenda for today?

BRO RANGER: Mr. Chairman, we are going to have a deliberation and the system of reporting is the same as yesterday. In the presentation, we will start with Group C, and then Group B and then Group A

In this manner, we would like to request Group presentors to be in front to defend their subject, topics being amended.

If Group C, is ready already, could we ask the group.

BRO EXPLORER: Good morning fellow GUARDIANS. In behalf of Group C, we will now present our first topic for refinement. I hope and we expect no comments and criticisms, but rather your proposals, your help on finishing touches on what is best for modifying this by-laws. Iyan ang hinihingi namin, Instead of criticizing, help us refine. Magtulong-tulong na lang tayo para matapos na ito.

Table is now open for discussion. First the Preamble. Dito sa Preamble, disregard muna iyong name the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. kasi another discussion iyan. We will read it first then just follow as we go along.

It states that, We the officers and members of the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. imbued with the desire of protecting and maintaining the standards of theGUARDIANS movement, and imploring the aid of Divine Providence and the blessings of democracy in order to establish an accociation that shall inculcate the spirit of justice, peace, discipline, service and equality among ourselves do hereby promulgate and adopt this Constitution and By-laws.

So the table is now open for some modifications for what is best for the organization.

BRO ELSEWHERE. Comments

BRO EXPLORER: Yes, bro.

BRO ELSEWHERE: This representation would suggest the deletion of the phrase “ among ourselves” because it would be too limited. It seems that the concept of justice, peace , discipline, service and equality would be only between ourselves that we could not extend it to others. So I move for the deletion of the phrase “among ourselves”.

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved by the representative of Region X and seconded by the representative of Region VII that the phrase “among ourselves” should be deleted.

Any objection?

BRO MOHAMMAD: Objection

BRO EXPLORER: Yes Bro

BRO MOHAMMAD: Doon sa proposal ng Group A na “among ourselves” wala kaming objection, but we wish that the word “association” be replaced with the word “organization”.

BRO EXPLORER: Yes Bro, we will take it step by step bro, We will take up first the first existing motion, iyong deletion ng phrase na “among ourselves”. Are there further modifications? There being none, the motion is approved. Yes, Bro.

BRO DANIEL: I think it is necessary to incorporate in this preamble the word “Brotherhood” because as I see it, it lacks the word Brotherhood which is one of our guiding principles.

BRO EXPLORER: It is well taken Bro, but we are talking first of the first motion which is to delete the words “among ourselves”.

BRO DANIEL: Kasi the guiding principles embodied in the Preamble is only justice, peace, discipline, service and equality. I would suggest that the word “Brotherhood” must be added.

BRO EXPLORER: Will you please put it into motion Bro.

BRO DANIEL: I move to add the word “Brotherhood” in our guiding principles as embodied in the Preamble of our Constitution and By-laws.

BRO ISAROG: I think before that motion should be tackled, the first motion should first be resolved. There was a prior motion coming from Region X and duly seconded by Region VII that the phrase “among ourselves” be deleted from the proposed preamble. There was no comment, there was no objection, that is why the Chair ruled that the motion is carried. So it is settled that the phrase “among ourselves” is already removed, so that we can already go to other matters.

We can now proceed now to the motion of Group A.

BRO EXPLORER: There was a motion to add the word “Brotherhood” after the words “spirit of”

BRO MASTER: Mr. Chairman

BRO EXPLORER, Yes

BRO MASTER: The proper way I think, if we have something to insert or delete, and it has been seconded, hindi natin puwedeng balikan na, Approved na iyan e, Magtatagal tayo dito. So Whatever

insertion or deletion and it has been seconded, hindi na dapat balikan, Kung mayroong objecton dapat mag object kaagad before the person will second the motion. Magtatagal tayo, e.

BRO ISAROG. No I think that is wrong, The motion is not a motion unless it is seconded.

BRO MASTER: Yes it has been seconded na nga, once it has been seconded, dapat approved na.

BRO GARI: Mr. Chairman, I just like to remind the Body of our rules here with respect to reporting. Kapag nai-report na po, naibigay na po iyon corresponding amendments ng Body at nakaroon na ng ,motion iyan, napagbalitaktakan na, and the Committee adopted said amendment. Like in the case of Mar. dito po sa ‘among ourselves’ close na po iyan. I would like to make a rejoinder doon sa observation ni Bro Mike, Hindi na natin puwedent balikan, kasi napagusapan na. Iyong insertion po natin ng ating mga amendment, we have to read it, tapos sabihin natin kung ano iyon i-insert natin to be clear and proper, Iyon lang, Thank you.

BRO EXPLORER. Iyong motion ng Region XI there was a motion of insertion of the word “Brotherhood” it was seconded by Region X. is there any objection?

BRO DANIEL: Kasi nasa title natin sa umpisa kasi kanina iyong title is be deffered kasi ididiscuss pa iyan kung anong magiging pangalan ng organization

BRO EXPLORER: Yes

BRO DANIEL: Ngayon nakalagay dito sa Preamble natin “ We, members of the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood” na. Kasi ito na ang magiging title ngayon, e, hindi ba? Dapat hinid muna isali ito, then we well have to select a title afterwards na pagbobotohan natin, Dapat dito mismo sa umpisa, parang mali na rin ito, hindi ba? The right term there is “ We , the officers and members of the Philippine GUARDIANS” alone. Iyong lang sana, hindi ba? Kasi nakalagay dito Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood na,e, sinasabi ninyo kanina na idefer muna iyong title. Para iyong “Brotherhood” masala sa ating guiding principles.

BRO EXPLORER: how would you like it to be read.

BRO QUIETA (DANIEL): It should be like this; We the officers and members of theGUARDIANS imbued with the desire of protecting and maintaining the standards of the GUARDIANS movement and imploring the aid of the Divine Providence and the blessing of democracy in order to establish an association that shall inculcate the spirit of Brotherhood, Justice, Peace , Discipline, service and equality do hereby promulgate and adopt this Constitution and By-laws. Kasi omitted na iyong “among ourselves” hindi ba?

BRO ISAROG: I think, to resolve the dispute, we have to defer treating or discussing the Preamble. We Proceed first to Article 1, Section 1, especially the name of the association, so that if we are settled as to the name of the association, we can go back to the Preamble already with the approved name.

BRO EXPLORER, As I was saying earlier, to not refer first on the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. deferred iyan.

BRO DANIEL: Kasi kung ganyan ang gagawin natin, ang sistema niyan, magpapabalik-balik tayo

BRO ELSEWHERE: Suggestion, I believe that there is a need to discuss first the Preamble before the name because it is the Preamble. The word itself “preamble” it is preambulatory, to walk before the Constitution. It has to be discussed first because it will guide the succeeding provisions. Actually, the Preamble is the consolidation or the summary of all the contents of the constitution. I suggest, with due respect in the deferment, that we tackle first the Preamble. Since the constitution and by-laws talks about fraternity, about Brotherhood, I second the motion of the representative from Region XI that Brotherhood must be stated in the Preamble.

BRO EXPLORER: Going back to the main motion to insert the word “Brotherhood” before the word ‘justice” so it will read as “ in order to establish an association that shall inculcate the spirit of Brotherhood, Justice, peace, discipline, service, and equality do hereby promulgate and adopt this constitution and by-laws.

It has been moved and seconded.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Will the committee adopt it? We are moving that the committee should consider the motion of the representative from Region X and adopt it in the Preamble.

BRO EXPLORER: since there is no objection, it is carried to add the word “Brotherhood” before the word “justice” in the Preamble.

Any more modifications?

BRO MOHAMMAD: May I move that the word “association” be changed to “Organization”?

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved and seconded by the representative from NCR that the word “association” be changed to “organization”/ Are there any objections or modifications? No objections? The motion is approved.

How about the Preamble. No more modifications?

BRO ISAROG: I will also move that the word “embody” be included or inserted after the word “shall” “shall embody”.

BRO EXPLORER: There is a motion from the committee member that the word “embody” shall be inserted before the word “inculcate” . “that shall embody and inculcate.

BRO DANIEL: I think it is needless na lagyan pa ng “embody” inculcate is enough

BRO ISAROG: I will withdraw my motion

BRO EXPLORER: The motion is withdrawn. No more for Preamble? Okay let us proceed to the next, to the first article. Article 1, the name of the association.

Article 1 Section1 states; The name of the association shall be the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, INC.

The table is now open for some suggestions and proposals.

BRO MOHAMMAD: Mr. Chairman, the name of the association is obvious since we have adopted the name of the association in our Preamble.

BRO DANIEL: I move that the name of the organization shall be Philippine GUARDIANS Brohtherhood, Inc..

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved bu the representative of Region XI and seconded by the Representative of Region X that the name of the association shall be Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. as stated in the preamble, Are there no objections?

BRO ISAROG. I think the motion should be to adopt the name of the association as proposed.

BRO ELSEWHERE. I would like to amend the motion. We move that the name Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. as stated in the proposed draft of the committee be adopted.

BRO EXPLORER. The motion has been amended that the proposed name should be adopted. Is there a seconder of the amendment?

So, it has been moved and seconded that the proposed name of the association should be adopted. Are there any objections?

No Objections? There being none , the motion is carried.

BRO ISAROG: This is a comment from the committee. In as much as the proposed name is already approved. It is understood that the Preamble is already approved in toto including the name as stated in the Preamble

BRO EXPLORER: Section 2. Every letter of the word "GUARDIANS" represents the following: G stands for Gentlemen; U- United; A-Associates; R-Race; D – Dauntless; I- Ingenuous; A – Advocate; N – Nation; S – Society.

The table is now open for some modifications, suggestions and proposals.

BRO MASTER. Mr. Chairman, I think this Section 2, is carried, I move that Section 2 be approved.

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved that Section 2 as stated be adopted.

It has been moved and seconded by Region X that Section 2 as stated be adopted. Are there any objections?

BRO DANIEL: Objection, Mr. Chairman. For my personal opinion, I move that the sentence, “the word GUARDIANS implies protection, vigilance, prosperity, peace and order” shall be inserted preceeding every letter of the word “GUARDIANS”

BRO ISAROG: That is not included in the proposal the proposed Section 2 is; Every letter of the word GUARDIANS represent the following. The word immediately preceeding is deleted, that is not the proposal. That is why this is misleading. The proposal is under No. 13, dapat hindi na kasali iyon sana.

BRO DANIEL: Kasi the way we understand, the “GUARDIANS” is an acronym, hindi ha? Sa aking nakikita dito is direct na idenedifine natin literally iyong every letter ng GUARDIANS. Dapat maroon munang meaning na galing sa dictionary na itong GUARDIANS as the word GUARDIANS implies protection, vigilance, prosperity, peace and order. Kasi binasa niya ito kanina, inomit niya itong percentage as proposed by the original by-laws of GUARDIANS Mindanao.

BRO EXPLORER: Iyong proposal ng committee namin ito. “Every letter of the word GUARDIANS represent the following”

BRO DANIEL: That is why nag-object ako, Gusto ko iinsert iyong definition ng GUARDIANS kung mayroong mag second the motion.

BRO EXPLORER: Make it into a motion.

BRO DANIEL. I move nga, e , namove ko na iinsert itong “the word GUARDIANS implies protection, vigilance, prosperity, peace and order.

BRO EXPLORER: Before you make a motion to second that motion. First look at Section 4.

BRO MAO: Mr. Chairman, I move for the adoption of Section 2, as proposed by the committee. I also object to the proposal of our Bro from Region XI that we should retain the words “the word GUARDIANS implies protection, vigilance, prosperity, peace and order” I move further that the proposal of Group C, Section 2 which speaks of the following: Every letter of the word GUARDIANS represents the following.” One, two, three, four, five. Bro, we may be taking too much of our time on too details. My thinking is that let us tackle more the more substantive aspect of the whole Constitution. We can not go into the nitty-gritty of the entire Constitution.

Our Constitution, the task before us, is to hammer out a document that is not too broad as to be saying nothing nor too detailed as to be saying too much. As the National Chairman indicated yesterday, let us instead move to use generic terms if possible.

BRO EXPLORER: Well-taken iyan

BRO MAO, So my motion, Mr. Chairman is to adopt Section2 as proposed by your committee which speaks of the following. Section 2. Every letter of the word GUARDIANS represents the following,

et cetera, which when translated in Pilipino will mean et cetera. I therefore, move that the proposal be approved.

BRO MASTER: I second the motion.

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved and seconded, Are there any objections? There being none, the motion is approved.

Next section, Section 3, The principal office of the association shall be located in Metro Manila. Are there motions for the adoption of this particular section?

BRO ELSEWHERE: We move for the adoption of Section 3 as proposed by the committee

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved that Section 3 as proposed by the committee be adopted.

BRO MASTER: I second the motion

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved and seconded. Objections? There being none the motion is approved.

Section 4. Motto. The association propagates the motto: Brotherhood for peace, integrity, justice, equality, service, and prosperity. Is there a motion for the adoption of the proposal of Group C for the motto?

BRO MASTER: I move for the adoption of Section 4

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved and seconded that Section 4 be adopted as proposed. Is there any objection? There being none, the motion is carried.

BRO EXPLORER. Section 5. Logo. Is there a motion for the adoption of article 1 section 5

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman, I move for the approval of the proposal of Group C.

BRO EXPLORER: It has been moved and seconded that the proposal of the committee be approved.

BRO MASTER. Objection, Our group also will present our consensus regarding the logo. May we request the chairman of our group to explain also our consensus regarding our logo

BRO MAO: To the members of Group C, we would like to propose the adoption of this as our logo, I do not know how to describe this. I will describe this later on, instead of the logo that the committee is proposing.

BRO EXPLORER : I will first explain itong log naming. As stated dito. Section 5 Logo. The seal of the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc, shall consist of a bold letter G, which stands for GUARDIANS , and withing the confines of the letter G, is the handshaking which manifest the original customs and

traditions. The triangular figure represents the seal membership tattoo. The Sun, three (3) stars stands for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao and to colors red, whiel and blue representing the flag of our country.

The committee has decided to propose this for its simplicity and not complicated na madali lang maintindihan to the grassroots. Second it is easily understandable and eyecatcher.

BRO ELSEWHERE. May we justify our objection, Mr. Chairman

BRO EXPLORER Yes

BRO ELSEWHERE: We are objecting to the proposal of the committee and we are adopting the proposal of CAR because in the proposal of Group C. there is the letter G which is very prominent, We believe that there is already a fraternal organization with letter G which is also very prominent and I believe the gentlemen from region1 knows that masonic fraternity, there is a G there, very prominent, We do not want to be accused of imitating the concept.

Second, we believe that the proposal from CAR really shows or really conveys the declaration of the principles of the organization. Because in that particular organization, we proposed that it should be interpreted as follows. The eagle, the eagle would symbolize strength, power and authority embracing the guiding principles of the Philippine GUARDIANS. The handshaking which is also in our proposal would wumbolize fraternity and the unity of purpose, there is also a symbol for justice, equity and the leads representing the cities and the provinces comprising the Philippine archipelago. So we believe that this symbol would convey the essence of the organization as a whole.

As I have said earlier, I would like to emphasize the fact that there is already an existing ancient fraternal organization with very big letter G in the center. We do not want to be accused of imitating them. Although it is changed, we do not want to follow that.

BRO EXPLORER: Okay, it is well-taken, Region X, Since there is a strong lobby and proposals between the two logo, it is now time to divide the house. Yes,

BRO MAO. To supplement the descriptive peroration made by our Bro here by way of batting for the adoption of this symbol. We would like also to inject the unexpressed message that this logo is projecting. You see eagle symbolizes strength, and the fact that its two wings are spread, implies dynamism or an attempt to fly, to soar to the skies and high heavens. Unlike the earlier proposal by the honorable members of the committee, the letter G is too bland, subtle, unmoving, stabilizing, maybe it shows humility, but it does not capture the spirit of movement, the spirit of dynamism as I have said. So, I move for the adoption of the proposal of our Bro for this as the symbol of our association.

BRO EXPLORER: Okay, thank you, so, as I have said, dalawa iyong logo na strong ang lobby for the adoption.

BRO MOHAMMAD: I just want to give some comments regarding the proposal. Well, gentlemen It has been absolute that some unscrupulous vendors are using that sign and are being sold to some

stores in Quiapo, Divisoria and so many others. What we are projecting is to have our own genuine sign for the Bagong Siglo, bagong sigla para sa GUARDIANS.

BRO EXPLORER: That is noted. It is about time to divide the house.

BRO ARAB: Before we divide the house, we should have more designs of logos which are more meaningful.

BRO MASTER: May I request the suggestion of our Bro from Quezon City to present also their logo, if they have any option to present.

BRO EXPLORER: Do we have any existing logos? Wala na siguro. We do not have much time to collate, so dalawa lang, We will divide the house now para matapos na ito.

We will ask the Secretariat to facilitate the counting of votes.

BRO RANGER The secretariat will divide the house since there are two logos being proposed/ We will select from the two logos, it is either G or B the goal or the bird, Okay, Divide the house as proposed.

BRO EXPLORER: Those who are in favor on the proposed logo by the committee please stand. Seven. Those who are in favor on the proposal of Committee B, Five, okay so it is 7-5.

BRO DANIEL: Point of observation only.

BRO EXPLORER. Yes

BRO DANIEL. I move that the words service and equality in the circle there be inverted kasi hindi mabasa.

BRO EXPLORER. The rule of majority because it came out 7-5. So the logo as proposed by the committee is therefore approved. Are there any more modifications.

BRO DANIEL. Iyon nga ang suggestion ko, iyong service and equality ay ireverse kasi hindi mabasa.

BRO EXPLORER: Are there seconders to the motion na baligtarin iyong words na "service and equality"? it has been seconded, are there any more objections? There being none the motion is carries. Next Article II.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Not yet, not yet because the symbol. Section 5, the seal and then the words, the significance or the meaning, we still have comments on the meaning.

BRO EXPLORER: Meaning

BRO ELSEWHERE. Yes from line 29 up to line 33

BRO EXPLORER (CRODUA) Kanina I asked if there are further objections, I said there being none, the motion is carried, Tapos ngayon amendments na naman,

BRO ELSEWHERE: Only with respect to the logo. But the wordings, the meaning , we have not yet discussed that. The logo is already approved, but that does not mean that the meaning as proposed by the committee will be also adopted.

BRO EXPLOREER: Sinabi ko Section 5, the logo.

BRO MAO: Okay, So, we move that we now discuss the pros. Not he logo itself. The pros that describes the logo as embodied in Section 5. It is different, the wordings.

BRO EXPLORER. After having been discussed, are there any more objections? There being none, the motion is carried, Okay, thank you and magandang umaga po.

BRO RANGER: Palakpakan natin ang Group C. Thank you very much for a very nice presentation of your assigned topics.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to move for a five minutes coffee break before we proceed with our next presenter.

BRO EXPLORER. The motion is approved

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RESUMPTION OF SESSION

BRO RANGER: The next presenter is Group B. We will first refer to the screen while waiting for the Xerox copies of their report.

BRO NOAH: We would like to inform the delegates that we have only until 12:00 o'clock to finish all these reporting. Again, we have only until 12:00 to finish this reporting . Take your time

We would like to announce some house rules, that in case you would divide the house, in case of a tie, the Chairman of the National Secretariat will break the tie. I would like to make this clear, in case of a tie, the Chairman of the Secretariat will break the tie. Thank you.

BRO MAO. Distinguished delegates, the draft proposal of Group B is, I understand being photocopied at the moment. However, the same proposal is now reflected in our audiovisual. If you would notice, gentlemen, iyong naka bracket, iyon ang nasa draft constitution, iyong naka all CAPS AND COLORED are our proposals.

Now, can we run very, very slowly since wala silang kopya, beginning at Article V. From Section 1 to Section 7 of Article V nandiyan iyong mga proposals naming, iyong mga colored and all caps. Iyong mga idinelete from the original draft constitution, iyon ang mga nakabacket, Up to Section 7, Duties of Officers, May we hear your comments and if you do not have any comment, our committee moves for the adoption in toto of our proposals.

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman, we reserve our comments and recommendations and proposals to Article V of the proposed Constitution and By-laws because we will present an Article of Government, a Legislative Board for the National, Regionla, and Provincial levels. We reserve our recommendations. Siguro mamaya, we will be having a bicameral or tricameral conference committee to thresh out the pertinent provisions and the differences.

BRO MAO. For article V

BRO ARAB: For article V, we can proceed with the other articles.

BRO MAO: We will not proceed to Article VI. But is there any objection from the Floor for our plea, the plea of Group B to adopt, subject to synchronization by the appropriate, relevant article coming from Group A. Okay So we will proceed to Article VI, Article VI speaks of Meeting, Notice, Quorum et cetera, it has 6 Sections. Again the audiovisual presentation, those presented in all capital letters and those in colored are our amendments to the draft proposal constitution na ibinigay sa atin.

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman, we have a comment on Section 5 of Article VI, the Removal of Officers, We do not disagree with the contents of this section, but we will just inform the committee concerned that Group A has inserted or drafted a separate article on discipline of members of the organization and this is covered. removal, suspension, expulsion or any other administrative sanction against members of the organization. So, we suggest that this particular provision be included in the provision on discipline.

BRO ELSEWHERE: May we inquire from the gentlemen if the same provision is incorporated in that particular article?

BRO ARAB: We have provided a sanction, not only for officers but even members.

BRO ELSEWHERE: If the stopy, removal of officers are included in that particular article, then we can yield to the gentleman and incorporate Section 5 in that proposed article.

BRO ARAB: Yes, kasama ito, we included the removal of officers from the National down to the barangay because we also drafted the provision on barangay level and the imposition of administrative sanctions for these officers and members of the organization

BRO ELSEWHERE: So this committee is suggesting that we will defer the discussion on Section 5 pending settlement.

BRO ARAB: We can thresh that out during the bicameral meeting.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Yes

BRO MAO: Thank you Bro, meanwhile, okay Bro

BRO ISAROG: I move that the suggestion of Group A, the discussion of Section 5 be deffered be approved.

BRO MAO: No, I think this is the better approach. Group B is moving for the Body's adoption of Article VI as proposed by us, except Section 5.

BRO ISAROG: I think the motion was that this particular section be deleted or removed from Article VI, instead the same be incorporated in the article under Discipline.

BRO MAO: Is is a matter of style. Okay, We agree completely, 100% with the observation of our Bro, Okay, Group 3 moves for the adoption of Article VI, Section 1, Section 2 Section 3 Section 4 and Section 6 as proposed by us.

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman

BRO MAO: Yes

BRO ARAB: Subject, again to the outcome of the tricameral conference committee.

BRO MAO: Subject to the outcome of the discussion of the bicameral committee, If there is no objection, may we move for the adoption, except Section 5.

BRO DANIEL: No objection

BRO MAO: Thank you, We will now proceed to the next article assigned to Group B, Article VII, This speaks of Committees.

Again please, audiovisual for Article VII. Madahang-madahan lamang. Ganoon din ang approach. Iyong mga naka all caps at colored, iyon ang aming proposal. Iyong mga enclosed in parenthesis iyon ang mga idedelete. There are only 3 Sections in Article VII.

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman

BRO MAO: Yes

BRO ARAB: We do not disagree with the provisions, except for the provisions on the committee on complaints and grievances, because under our proposed Constitution and By-laws, we have a National constitutional body. National Justice Tribunal and National Security tribunal. These are our constitutional bodies which are also mandated to receive complaints, to prosecute them and to decide them. So, we will reconcile, if possible, later on.

BRO MAO: Correct Bro. Saan section iyon, bro?

BRO ARAB: Section 1 yata, kasi mahaba iyong Section 1.

BRO MAO: Iyong permanent committees?

BRO ARAB: Iyong committees on complaints and grievances, subject again to the reconciliation with the functions of the Constitutional Bodies.

BRO MAO: Correct Bro, Group B is proposing for the adoption of Article VII as proposed by us except Section 1 which will be the subject of bicameral or plenary discussions later on. However, we move that the proposal of Group B on Article VII beginning at Section 2 up to Section 3 be approved by the Body except as I said, Section 1, Is there any objection?

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman

BRO MAO: Yes?

BRO ARAB: This is just a clarification. We have a committee on business enterprises.

BRO MAO: Section ?

BRO ARAB: Section 2 pa rin ito.

BRO ARAB: Line 491, the committee on business enterprises. Are we not supposed to be non-stock, non-profit organization?

BRO MAO: Yes, true, but there is nothing that can prevent us from generating funds to help our Brothers in the spirit of Brotherhood which is our main objective as an organization, Therefore, it is true that under a capitalist society, compared to socialism, we feel that in order to be effective in carrying out the very objective that we have spelled out in our Preamble and our objectives, we have to, on our own little way, generate funds.

Where do we source? Earlier we discussed “rended immediate financial need” we moved to remove the word “immediate”. But where do we get the wherewithals, where do we get the resources to help?

Halimbawa, hindi naman iyong bigyan mo ng shelter and clothing or isang house and lot somewhere, no. We need money to spend in giving skills training for our Brother to enable them to compete in a highly commercialized , globalized society we are in now. Mayroon tayong kasabihan “ kapag ang iyong kaibigan ay humingi ng tulong, huwag mong bigyan ng isda, sa halip turuan mo kung papaano manghuli ng isda.”

Now, ang aking iniisip, Bro ay ganito. Magkaroon tayo on our own little way, generate funds, engage in some entrepreneurial venture that will not necessarily ensure immediate financial assistance to our brothers, but at least, wherewithals to, perhaps, sponsor training skills for our brothers. We do not live in isolation from the rest of society. We have to be realistic, Nothing can move without the resouces no matter how minimal the resources may be. Since we have adopted lofty ideals for our association, the more we should be needing.

I don't think the Securities and Exchange Commission legally will charge us of being untruthful to our objective if the discovered that we are engaged in some business enterprise considering that we have included in our Constitution and By-laws and we have identified ourselves as a non-stock, non-profit organization, Iyan Bro ang aking reaction sa iyong observation.

BRO ARAB: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I just want to make sure the existence of this committee to have been properly discussed during this convention for the consumption of our members.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Thank you for that observation, Bro, actually our being non-stock, non-profit et cetera, does not preclude us from becoming self-reliant and self-reliance can come only if we do not rely on donations, contributions, et cetera, but from sources which we can actually generate. We believe that there is no legal impediment to its approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission with this particular provision. Thank you.

BRO MASTER: To supplement to the statement of my group, and pinag uusapan dito ay iyong business enterprise wherein masasabi na we are engaged in business. Actually, dito sa ating organisasyon ay mayroon tayong pagkakataon na maghanap o mag raise ng funds upang magkaroon tayo ng pondo. Mayroon nga tayong plano ngayon na we are engaging in cooperatives wherein we are trying to look on the way na we can raise fund to our organization but not totally na we will engage in business na we will earn profits. We do this for the group upang ang grupo natin ay makagawa ng ikabubuti, hindi lamang sa atin kung hindi sa mga mamamayan din sa lugar na kung saan tayo nag-eexist as a member of the GUARDIANS.

BRO MAO: Okay Group B moves for the adoption of Article VII as proposed by us except.

BRO ELSEWHERE: I would like to take note in Article V, if you have already a copy, line 320, this is only a typographical error, Line 320 should read as follows “ He shall perform such other duties as the Council or the President may prescribe” kasi magkabaliktad ito e.

In lines 440 and 441, it is still stated the phrase “ and that financial whacking is strictly prohibited”. I believe that this is understood and we don’t have to dignify this by stating this or including this in the Constitution and By-laws. We propose that this be removed, That is already understood.

BRO MAO: So there is a pending motion coming from us, Group B, to adopt Article VII as proposed by our committee in toto with notation regarding the observation of our Bro regarding the committee on business enterprise. If you notice from the original draft proposal of the entire Constitution and By-laws, wala kaming masyadong binago dito bagamat ang aming debate ay intense during our discussion within the group, except baguhin lahat iyong mga membership na gawin na lamang consistently tigtatatlo, kasi tatlo naman ang puwedeng magdecide. Two against one, majority ang approval. Iyong iba, may mga 9 may mga 7, we don’t know.

So, iyon ang mga major contributions naming dito sa Article VII, Soif there is no objection from the floor, we move that the entire Article VII as proposed by our committee be approved.

BRO ARAB: I second the motion

BRO MAO. It has been moved and seconded, Thank you gentlemen, Shall we now proceed to Article IX, Amendments, There is only one section here. Essentially, Bro ang aming proposal ay ano lang a matter of grammar. From proposal to proposed, it is a matter of style, Iyong word na “hereon” we decided to replace it with the word “thereon”

Line 669 “ Amendments to this constitution and By-laws shall be approved by 2/3 bote “line 670 of all the delegates to the National Convention” Iyan ang aming proposal. There is only section, as I have said, under Article XI. Okay? There is only one section in Article XI

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman

BRO MAO: Yes Bro, The Floor is given to you.

BRO ARAB: I move for the approval of Article XI as proposed by the committee subject again, to the synchronization of the main feature of the office and officers concerned and the change of the word “association” to “organization”

BRO MAO: Okay, well-taken, Any seconder? Yes there has been a motion and it has been duly seconded. The Floor is yielding to the decision of the group. Okay, let it be put on record that we yielded to the observation.

Shall we now proceed to the last article. Article XIII. There is only one section here. Article XIII is entitled. Effectivity. “ This Constitution and By-laws shall take effect upon its ratification by a majority of all the delegates to the National Convention duly called for the purpose.” Again, it is a matter of grammar. We remove the “of” and instead replace it with “to” iyon lang.

BRO ARAB: Mr. Chairman

BRO MAO: Yes Bro

BRO ARAB: I move for the approval of Article XIII as proposed by the committee.

BRO MAO: Salamat Bro, Is there any more objections? Yes Bro.

BRO ISAROG: This is not an objection to the motion. In fact we already seconded the motion.

BRO MAO: Thank you Bro.

BRO ISAROG: This is another matter. Mr. Chairman, I am proposing that your committee adopt another article on such as the repealing clause. I think there is no article on Repeal, because I understand that with the approval of this Constitution and its subsequent registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission all other existing By-laws and Constitution are deemed repealed, superceded, or revoked by this approved Constitution.

BRO ELSEWHERE: That is a very good observation, Bro, although we were thinking that there is another provision which is assigned to another committee. But we will take note of that Bro.

Mr. Moderator, it is not included in our draft proposal because we believe that there is already another committee assigned to that.

BRO ISAROG: With due respect, I think you are referring to the task of Group A on the article on Transitory Provision. So, I think there should be a specific article on a repealing clause.

BRO ELSEWHERE: We will just wait. May we be allowed to incorporate the suggestion of the gentlemen?

BRO GARI: There is no problem to that as of this moment, Kaya lang, perhaps we can defer that in the meantime, pending the report of Group A, With due respect, Sir, you can tackle that during the bicameral conference that we will be having after the report of Group A

BRO ELSEWHERE: Okay I yield. Thank you very much

BRO MAO: If you notice, Bro, Article XI Section 1, there is a line “ the amendments, modification, or repeal to this Constitution and By-laws may be proposed in writing by at least 25%.

BRO ELSEWHERE: We will incorporate that, that repealing clause which would provide that all Constitution and By-laws previousl submitted which is inconsistent to this are being repealed, et cetera.

Anyway, there is also a proposal that all Constitution and By-laws submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission will be withdrawn after this certification process. Anyway, we will include that, subject to the report of Group A, if it is not incorporated there.

BRO GARI. I would like to comment on that. It is just a matter of style., I believe, because such provision was already incorporated in the Transitory Provision of Group A, During the bicam, perhaps, as I have said, it is more subject to style. We will add another article to this effect or we will just retain the same under the Transitory Provision.

BRO MAO: Okay, I think it is clear, There being no other things to discuss from the point of view of Group B, Group B is honored by your cooperation, your agreement to our proposal, If you would not give us a big hand, we bill be going back to our own seats. {applause}

BRO GARI: Thank you very much Group B, We will not proceed with Group A. The Chairman and the members, please.

BRO DANIEL: Mr. Chairman, can we request for a little break because we have to reconcile first our ideas, kasi hindi pa kami naharmonize lahat e, Ten minutes break

BRO CARUB: Approved .

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

BRO ARAB: Good morning, mga bro, mga sis, Group A starts to propose or draft the provisions on Membership, Government, Transitory Provision and Constitutional Bodies.

We inserted a separate article on Discipline to provide a mechanism for the filing, prosecution, and adjudication of all complaints against officers, be it National, Regional, Provincial, Municipal or barangay officers and the other members of the organization.

In as much as copies of the proposal of Group A have been distributed earlier to the members of the convention, we now proceed with the first proposal, Article III Membership.

BRO ISAROG: I have my observation on this particular article. It is my view that this article refers to would-be members after the adoption of this Constitution and By-laws. It does not refer to us or to the now people who are members of GUARDIANS. That is why, I think the members, it should also expressly state who are the members of the organization. So, I would propose, Mr. Chairman, that this proposed Section 1 should be preceded by the following:

Section 1. The members of the organization shall be as follows

a) Those who at the time of the adoption of this constitution and by-laws are incumbent members of DSCB, GBI, GCFI, GMG and others. I think there are factions I understand, so all of these should be considered and expressly stated members of this organization

BRO ARAB: Is that a motion?

BRO ISAROG: Just a moment Mr. Chairman, So letter (b) proposal Section 1 should be as follows:

b) Those who are here after admitted as members of this organization in accordance with this Constitution and By-laws.

So this is a motion. I will reiterate Mr. Chairman, I move that this Section 1 be numbered as Section 2. Section 1 should read as follows. Who are the members of this organization? The members of this organization shall be the following;

a) Those who at the time of the adoption of this constitution and by-laws are incumbent members of the Diablo Squad Crimebusters, GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. GUARDIANS Centre Foundation, Inc. GUARDIANS Magic Group and the members of other factions of the GUARDIANS, Inc.

b) Those who are hereafter admitted as members of the organization in accordance with this Constitution and by-laws

BRO ARAB: Any objection to the motion.

BRO MASTER: May we request Mr. Chairman, that the motion be fed to the computer.

BRO ARAB: Okay, pending the encoding of the proposal, any other comments or recommendations or suggestions for the other provisions on Membership?

BRO MASTER. Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB. Yes

BRO MASTER: The section 1 of Membership wherein the organization shall determine the qualification of applicant for membership among others, the age requirement of MAGIC Group is, at least 21 years of age. Now, my question to this provision, Mr. Chairman, to where the age limit that

they will accept such applicant? He is only 21, but it has been stated here that 21 years old is to be accepted, pero saan tayo maglilimit doon sa age na tatanggapin natin? 21 up to what?

BRO ARAB: In the absence of a provision to that, it means that walang limit, there is no limit to the maximum age requirement of a member. That has been discussed by the committee and there are no proposals to set an age limit in the maximum. But there are arguments to the effect that there are old people who can be assets to the organization and there are old people who are liabilities. So we will just open up the acceptance of this group of people depende na sa organization. If they feel and think that this applicant who is of age na talaga at senior citizen na ay makakatulong pa sa organization, why not?

So, we just give the discretion to the Chapter concerned. If they feel that he will only be a liability dahil matanda na, they can just reject the application of that person. Yes Bro.

BRO PLS: This 21 years old proposed by the committee, why not make it 18 years old? Because 18, they can already exercise their right to vote at any National Election.

BRO ARAB: That has been discussed also, in fact, I proposed 18 years old because that is now the legal age under our law. But majority of the committee proposed that it should be 21 years old to give more matured applicant a chance to apply in the organization. Anyway, you can propose, Bro, and we will divide the house if there are other proposals.

BRO PLS: If the law authorizes those 18 years old to exercise their right to decide in any serious National issues, then I see no reason why we should deprive of such age who are more qualified and are more competent to become a GUARDIANS.

BRO ARAB: I suggest, Bro, that you make that into a motion para we will divide the house.

BRO PLS: I move that the age limit be put to 18 and not to 21.

BRO ARAB: Is there any objection to the motion?

BRO MASTER: Objection Mr. Chairman, I think the 18 years old is still young pa ito. Hindi pa graduate ito sa college, so he is still dependent to his parents. In this organization, we are trying to contribute something for the good of the organization which is the funds are coming from our pocket. Unlike a person who is dependent to his parents who will ask something from them for the organization. I think it is not advisable to accept this 18 years old who is still dependent to his parents.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Mr. Chairman, we still believe in the saying ask not what the organization can do for you but what you can do for the organization. An 18-year old guy, I believe could not contribute much to the organization. Because, as what have been observed by Bro, he is still dependent to his parents. What we are inviting to the fold are those people who can contribute something to the organization productive and not really dependent on us.

BRO PLS: If we will take that as a criteria, then we will just have it that he must be an independent. Because it does not necessarily mean that he is dependent to his parents. There are 19 years old who are already independent, and there are 30 years old who are jobless.

BRO ARAB: Yes Bro that is too detailed. Let the local chapter decide if an applicant is independent or not. We will just provide the guideline for the age requirement and let the local chapter decide whether that person is capable of joining the organization or not. Whether he is dependent or independent, whether he is an asset or liability.

BRO MAO: Pero if this is already enshrined in the Constitution, therefore, we must follow it. The age limit if adopted is for 21 years old as proposed. Therefore, our Chapters will have no more rights to recruit a would be member who is younger than 21 years old.

BRO ARAB: Yes, What I mean Bro , is the word “independent” Let the local Chapter decide whether that guy is independent or not.

BRO ELSEWHERE: What I am really driving at is to accept members only who are matured. But we believe that a person who is 18 years old does not have the sufficient maturity to be a member of the GUARDIANS. I can have my son then accepted in the fold, but he is very young, he is 18 years old.

BRO PLS. With respect to the opinion of my companero, it reminds me of the statement of the late President Marcos when he was asked “ Why would you let those young people join in deciding the fate of the country? What he said is “ I wanted the the wisdom of the youth and the foolish of the old be joined together”.

BRO ARAB: Okay Bro well-taken We might as well divide the house. As many as are in favor of setting the age requirement to 21 years of age for the MAGIC Group, please raise your right hand. Majority, The proposal of the gentlemen from Region VII is defeated.

We will go back to the proposal of Bro, Isarog, the proposal of Group C, Is there any objection to that proposal?

BRO ISAROG: Mr. Chairman, I would like to explain my proposal or my motion. I dare made to propose this particular section considering the fact that our purpose is Unification. So, we have members in the GBI and the ECB who I believe, as stated earlier especially during the opening statement of our National Chairman, who are reluctant in joining the organization. Now, if they are not expressly stated, they are not considered members of the organization, then how can we ask them to join the fold? So this is an express statement that all of them are included in this organization.

BRO ARAB: Okay, Is there any objection to the motion? The Chair hears none, the motion is approved.

Section 2. Membership Procedures. Any other comments? Section 3, Rights of Members; Section 4, Duties and Reponsibilities of Members; Section 5. Additional Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities of Members. Section 6, ito siguro, Classes of Members. Founder, Ito ba talaga ang

definition ng Founder? Founder is composed of senior members of the organization coming from the rank of Ranking Magic Group, in the case of Magic Groups and Godfather and Godmother, in the case of uniformed personnel with at least one local Chapter. He stands as the symbolic head of that organized local Chapter and shall supervise and control all initiation rites within his Chapter.

BRO MASTER: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Bro

BRO MASTER: Comment lang. Actually, this letter(a) which is the Founder is composed of senior member of the organization coming from the rank of the RMG in case of the Magic Group. Actually, the duties of this Founder is to talk about or to settle whatever problems of the organization. So I am suggesting this that the Founder must not be an RMG but an organic.

BRO ARAB: Yes Bro, we will just explain the proposal of the committee. We have included those coming from the RMG to be qualified as Founders because the organization is now a civilian organization, unlike during the previous organization that there are more uniformed personnel than the civilian members. Ngayon, mas marami na po tayo, so there should be no prohibition for a civilian from the RMG to have rendered exemplary performance in the organization to establish a local Chapter and be called a Founder

Kasi kailangan, you have to establish or organize at least, one local chapter for you to be called a Founder. That is the essence of a Founder. Hindi puwedeng 10 ang Founder sa isang Chapter. You will be losing the meaning of the word "Founder" if we will allow Founders to be promoted in one organized local chapter. They have to establish, at least, one local Chapter to be called a Founder. And a civilian can do that, in fact, the civilians have more time to do that than the uniformed personnel. I tell you Bro.

BRO MASTER: As per my consensus, actually in our organization, maroon tayong mga Chairman dito sa MAGIC wherein they will handle the responsibilities belonging to this civilian group. So, when it comes to the organic wherein the relation between the organic and the Founders is of the level wherein the Founders know the activities of the organic, while we who belong to the civilian group, we cannot monitor the activities of the organic.

BRO ARAB: Okay Bro, to make it short, just make your motion and we will divide the house.

BRO MASTER: I move that the Founder must be an organic.

BRO ARAB: Must be a uniformed personned , specific?

BRO MASTER : Yes.

BRO ARAB: There is a motion for the amendment of the proposed amendments of the committee, so we have to divide the house, As many as are in favor to the proposal of the committee, please raise your right hand. The proposal of the committee is carried. We will proceed to the other provision. Master Founder.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Just an observation. I noticed that in your proposal with respect to the Founders, paragraph (a) there is nothing there which would indicate how the appointment as Founder or elevation to Founder would be made, while in the RMG, it is expressly stated that the promotion to this rank shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board. My question is; How do we promote a person from being an RMG to being a Founder?

BRO ARAB: That is a very good observation. I think we better include a process for the promotion, not only of the Founder, but also of the other higher classes of members.

BRO COMET: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes Bro.

BRO COMET: However, this is not an objection, but a suggestion. For myself as an example. I am an MG and then I put up a Chapter in one local. As stated here, that there is a promotion for the MG, Pasa kasing pag pagput up siya ng isang Chapter, mapopromote siya as a Foundr. But for me, kung sa aking MG ako, kung promotion rin lang ang hahabulin ko, magiging RMG na lang ang gugustuhin ko.

BRO ARAB: Dapat talaga. Kailangang mag RMG ka muna, hindi ka puedeng mga Founder kung hindi ka nag RMG

BRO COMET: Yes perso parang napakaobvious kasi naman,

BRO ARAB: Ang maging Founder, iyong galing sa mga RMGs lang, Ito " It is composed of senior members of the organization coming from the rank of RMG" kailangan mag RMG ka muna, kung civilian ka. Pero kung Supremo ka o Godfather ka puwede ka ng maging Founder kung mageestablish ka na isang Chapter. Pero kung halimbawa, ikaw Bro, MG ka, hindi ka pa puwedeng Founder . MG to Founder, wala, hindi puwede iyon.

Going back to the proposal of BRO COMET, any suggestion of the motion? Kung paano ang promotion sa Founder?

BRO ELSEWHERE: May I have the Floor, Mr. Chairman?

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO ELSEWHERE: May we adopt the provision of paragraph D with respect to the ranking magic group with the exception that it is not the Regional Legislative Board but the National Legislative Board which will be authorized to promote a person from RMG to Founder. In the RMG, it is the Regional Legislative Board

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO ELSEWHERE: For Founder, it should be the National?

BRO ARAB: Yes in fact, the essence of this sentence is that we will just monitor strictly the promotion to Magic Group. Pero kung ang gusto ng Body, kasi we have to monitor this promotion strictly because if we will allow the local Chapter to mark the RMGs, lahat na naman iyan siguradong RMG na naman iyan.

BRO ELSEWHERE. Yes

BRO ARAB: Kasi wala ng gumagamit ng auxiliary, MG na lahat iyan e, Kaya, imonitor natin ito strictly. In fact, we agree with the proposal if that is the wish of the Body that the National Legislative Board will approve through a resolution the promotion of MGs to RMGs.

BRO RANGER. Excuse me Mr. Chairman, Just an observation. I Just want to give an observation that the statement here of promoting an MG to RMG.. That is why we are inculcating in this By-laws that these should be an RMG and MG. Why? This classification of members we are referring here is you are qualified to be an RMG, kung ikaw ay professional or degree holder. Because some of the MGs now are not degree holders. So, ang ginagawa natin na pinattern natin sa model ng Mindanao na MGs who are professionals and have served more than five years in the organization should be elevated to RMG. Ang nakalagay dito na ang RMG ang mapropomote na Founder.

Okay, ang tanong ko ngayon Mr. Chairman, how about kung halimbawa ako ay hindi degree holder. I am an MG but I have founde one local Chapter? Because the definition of a Founder is different from being an RMG, You will be addressed as a Founder if you have found something or you have found a Chapter. So, maybe you have to add here the differentiation between RMG promotion and a promotion as a Founder. Okay iyong RMG na professional and then promoted to a founder. Ang exemption natin ang dapat tingnan regarding how about the MGs na nakafound na ng isang local Chapter. Are we going to elevate him into an RMG and then to a Founder?

BRO ARAB: Nobody moved for that kind of proposal, so, we cannot tackle that. The proposal of the committee is that the Founder should come.....

BRO RANGER: That is only an observation, Mr. Chairman, kasi pinapangalagaan ko lang iyong sinabi mong magiging rampant promotion of RMGs.

BRO ARAB: Yes.

BRO MAO: Please clarify.

BRO MASTER: Mr. Chairman, to supplement the statement of Bro Ranger, regarding these, Founders, there is a complication of serving of five years and the professionalism to be an RMG The suggestion of Bro Ranger, at least, you are a professional. But this is not included in the proposal. The proposal says that' He will serve at least five (5) years as a new member" At saka mayroon siyang at

least one Chapter. There is a complication on this Mr. Chairman. The suggestion of Bro Ranger and the proposed suggestion of you group ay hindi nagkakatugma, Mr. Chairman,

So, we move that we will scrutinize this section para wala tayong problema dito.

BRO ARAB: Just make your motion Bro

BRO MASTER: I supplement the motion of my committee

BRO COMET. Mr. Chairman, siguro iyong ranking MGs, depende na lang siguro kung talagang iyong ranking MG ay pinapangarap niya talagang maging Founder. Kung gusto niya, why not? Pero, for me, kung RMG ako, hindi ko papangarapin na maging Founder even though nakaformm ako ng Chapter. That is my compliments to the organization.

BRO ARAB: Pabayaang natin iyon, iyong mga personal opinions on the matter. Basta the point is that a Founder should establish at least one Chapter. Kung galing sa Magic Group o RMG iyon na lang ang pagdedesisyunan natin siguro

BRO ELSEWHERE. Actually it is not a question of whether we want to be promoted or elevated to being a Founder or not. It is a function or the recognition of the organization of the things which you have done. So it is not you, it is not the member who will be promoting himself. It is the group. So if you did, even if you do not want it, but the group recognizes your contribution to the organization, then you have to be recognized and you have to be promoted, whether you like it or not.

BRO ARAB: Yes, correct Bro.

BRO PLS: We have a proposal. Actually the result of our meeting at Region VII, what is to be a Founder? We proposed, and I would like to quote."Founder- one who is responsible of organizing a provincial or a City/Municipal Chapter duly recognized by the association"

BRO ARAB: O saan iyon, saan natin ilalagay iyon? You just rephrased the proposal of the committee.

BRO PLS: I move that the definition of Founder would be as suggested by Region VII in our proposed draft Constitution that Founder is one who is responsible of organizing a provincial/city/municipal chapter duly recognized by the association.

BRO ARAB: Okay we will divide the house

BRO ISAROG: Observation , Mr. Chairman, There is no motion to that, so, that is automatically...

BRO ARAB: No , he said I move.

BRO ISAROG: There is no second the motion.

BRO ARAB: It is an objection to the proposal of the committee, so there is no need to second the motion, because it is an objection to the proposal of the committee. So we will divide the house based on the proposal of the committee and the objection

BRO ISAROG: Okay.

BRO ARAB: So, sa many as in favor of the proposal of the committee as reflected in the projector, please raise your right hand. The proposal of the committee is carried with 8 votes.

BRO ISAROG: Who promotes the RMG?

BRO ARAB: Actually that is the proposal of Bro Comet, We will include that, we have a section here, Section 7, Change of Status of Members, We will just include that.

BRO ISAROG: Okay, another observation Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes.

BRO ISAROG: I would like to be clarified as to the status of rank of an RMG and an SGF. Can an RMG be also become or be promoted to SGF or is that the same rank? I think that should be clarified.

BRO ARAB: No, because there is a definition for the Supreme Godfathers and Godmothers

BRO ISAROG: That is correct, and which one is higher, we are talking of ranks here.

BRO ARAB: There should be no discrimination as to that

BRO ISAROG: No I think there should be, Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Because the RMG is civilian, he holds a civilian class or position while the SGF and the SGMs hold organic position or the uniform men.

BRO ISAROG: So, it is implied from the statement of the honorable chairman that the SGF and the RMG are of equal rank. If that is so, then it should be so stated expressly in the Constitution.

BRO ARAB: That they are of equal rank, is there a need?

BRO ISAROG: I think so, You have observed that a GUARDIANS when he greets a superior or a Supremo, he kisses the hand.

BRO ARAB: Okay, you propose that on paragraph D, Ranking Magic Group.

BRO ISAROG: I move, Mr. Chairman, that Section 6 paragraph © Ranking Magic Group- the proposal shall be amended to read as follows, by inserting the following words. After the phrase "Ranking Magic Group (RMG) – insert the following "which is equivalent in rank as the SGFs/SGMs, is composed of et cetera. As is na

BRO ARAB: Okay , it is well-taken, Is these any objection to the motion of BRO ISAROG? The Chair hears none, the proposal or the motion is carried. Isisingit natin iyon, subject to minor corrections to grammatical and composition corrections.

BRO ELSEWHERE: One more comment Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes Bro

BRO ELSEWHERE: The last sentence of paragraph (a) Founder. It says “He stands as the symbolic head of the organized local chapter, shall supervise and control all initiation rites within his Chapter” That would be contradictory, since a symbolic head does not supervise and control. We are moving that the phrase “and control” be deleted.

BRO ARAB: Okay, Any objection to the motion that the phrase “and control” be deleted?

BRO MASTER: No objection Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: The motion is, therefore carried. So, the last sentence of paragraph (c) shall read: “He stands as a symbolic head of the organized local chapter and shall supervise all initiation rites within his Chapter/”

Okay, sa paragraph (b), I think the proposal of Bro Isarog is already inserted, and the proposal to the last sentence of Bro Comet states; The promotion to this rank shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board through an appropriate resolution be amended.

BRO ELSEWHERE: It is not the RMG which I moved to be amended, it is paragraph (a) which I moved to be supplemented. Because there is nothing here which would indicate how a person will be elevated to being a Founder. So we are adopting the last sentence of paragraph (c) to be the last sentence of paragraph (a) which the exception that the Regional Legislative Board be changed to National Legislative Board.

BRO ARAB: Okay , Any objection to the proposal? Any other comments, recommendation or proposals regarding the provisions on Membership? Itong markings natin, ito we based it on the GCFI pattern. G na lahat kasi there are objections from the members of the uniformed personnel.

BRO RANGER: MR. Chairman, observation. Parang nakalimutan ninyo yata how, are you going to treat the members natin ng PPA sa government services?

BRO ARAB: Yes we have discussed that Bro.

BRO RANGER: Anong mark nila?

BRO ARAB. The answer is this, Kung hindi included dito sa uniformed personnel na nakalista dito, it means they are civilians. If they are civilians, they should be marked as civilians. Kung ano iyong marka ng civilian, iyon ang marka nila. That is the proposal. You can make other proposals, If we treat them as belonging to the group of uniformed personnel, iyong Customs Police, iyong Bilibid Prisons, at

saka iyong Philippine Ports, UP Police, We will throw that to the Body, if we will consider them as civilians to be marked correspondingly as civilian, or we will include them under the uniformed personnel category. How do we treat them? We did not discuss too much about that because we want that to be approved by the entire Body. Yes Bro?

BRO PLS: Iyong sa Region VII, we made proposals regarding the Supremo because there are lots of people who wanted to join but the Supremo sometimes would limit only to the military. So, we suggest this, and I move that this will be adopted by the Body. The Supremo or SGF is composed of commission officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology or its equivalent such as licensed professionals, judges. Mayors senators and the like.

BRO ARAB: Is there any comment to the proposal? Baka magreklamo iyong mga Supremo natin.

BRO SKIPPER: Kasi itong Supremo, eversince sa uniformed personnel sila. Officers, So if we include the civilians, wala na. Kung lahat ng Supremo, iyong mga judges mag Supremo, lahat Supremo na, So idelete na lang natin ang letter (c) I limit na lang sa officers ng Armed Forces and PNP ang Supremo.

BRO PLS: We tried to deliberate it in our level, but I believe that this is one way of making concrete what the constitution provides that the civilian authority must always be supreme over the military. And this is one way of attracting more people to join the group.

BRO ARAB: Ito na lang Bro, Anyway we have a provision that iyong RMG ay ka level nag SGF, hindi ba iyon ang proposal ni Bro Isarog. Ka level na,e, huwag na nating pag-initan iyon, Baka tayo pa ang pag-initan. Anyway we have a provision to the effect that the RMG ay level naman.

BRO SKIPPER. Para, Bro may distinction kasi ka level na iyong RMG ng SGF e. Paano nga malalaman kung officer siya ng Armed Forces or Judge? Kaya dapat may distinction. Ang Supremo dapat iyan, kapag RMG ka, klevel ka na, kaya dapat may distinction talaga.

BRO MASTER: Mr. Chairman, actually, our old tradition, we distinguish a Supremo through markings, We will not change anymore this section, so, I move that this section be carried,

BRO ARAB: So Section 6, Markings, except with the RMG which was newly introduced, a mark to be included under special markings, kasi promotion iyon.

Section 7. Change of Status of Members, We are throwing this to the Body, paano nga pala iyong promotion ng SGFs and SGMs, who will make the necessary or appropriate promotions of these ranks?

BRO ISAROG. Mr. Chairman, I have a proposal, The promotion perhaps of an MG to an RMG then to SGF.

BRO ARAB: Let me cut this short, walang RMG ito, SGF lang

BRO ISAROG: No. RMG lang, MG to RMG then G to SGF, I think these should be by resolution of their respective Chapters where one is a member. I think a member of a Chapter should be recommended by a resolution of their respective chapter, recommending promotion.

BRO ARAB: There is a proposal here by Bro Comet, dapat Regional Legislative Board, In your Proposal iyon local naman?

BRO ISAROG: The proposed provision is subject to the approval. So the recommendation of the subject chapter should be subject also to the approval by the Regional Legislative Board.

BRO ARAB: Bale last sentence na iyon ng paragraph (c) iyon Bro, ano? Idadagdag natin iyong last sentence “ The promotion to these ranks shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board through an appropriate resolution and upon recommendation of his/her local Chapter” Ganoon ba?

BRO ISAROG: We move for a brief recess because we are trying to discuss something with our consultant.

BRO ARAB: OKAY, We will have a one minute recess

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

BRO ARAB: Iyong suggestion sa Supreme Godfather, iyon na, Promotion ng Supreme Godfather and Supreme Godmother. Any suggestion to the promotion , to the process of promotion?

BRO COMET: Mr. Chairman, while we are waiting for the answer of the promotion of Supreme Godfather and Supreme Godmother, may we go back to the MAGIC, although it is not an objection, but it is only a suggestion. If we use the MAGIC in a sentence that we are the moderate advocator of the grievance of insecure citizens, which when we translate it into a Tagalog language, means Tayo iyong mga maginoong, mahinahong tagapagtanggol ng mga naaapi at walang lakas na mamamayan. So, kung ihahambing nating iyong insecure sa walang lakas, parang hindi tugma.

BRO ARAB: Iyong walang lakas, iyong insecured yata iyon. Tagalog na insecure iyon, Just make your motion para itthrow natin sa body.

BRO COMET. Yes Sir, but I would rather suggest to change the word “insecure” to “incompetent” Because the incompetent, kung gagamitin natin sa tagalog iyan, mahina.

BRO ARAB: There is a motion to change the word “insecure” to the word “incompetent” That is an objection to the proposal of the committee. So we will divide the house.

As many as are in favor to the proposal of the committee that the letter I be interpreted to mean insecure, please raise your right hand, Tatlo, para doon sa word incompetent, dalawa o apat, lina, so the word “insecure “ shall be changed to the word “incompetent”

O ano pa? Doon sa promotion, balik tayo sa promotion. Yes Bro

BRO ISAROG: I will move that another letter or paragraph under Section 6 be added. Another letter should be added, subsection on promotion which states that: "The promotion to the ranks of SGF and MG and Founder should be made by a resolution duly passed by the Chapter concerned, subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board and upon recommendation of his/her local Chapter

BRO ARAB: So, idelete natin iyong last sentence na RMG para isang subsection na lang

BRO ISAROG: Okay

BRO ARAB: The promotion to the ranks of Founder , Supreme Godfather and Supreme Godmother and Ranking Magic Group shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board through an appropriate resolution and upon recommendation of the local chapter concerned. Letter (g) iyon

We will have a recess of five minutes para makakain tayo.

RESUMPTION OF SESSION

BRO RANGER: Mr. Chairman, I move for the resumption of the reporting

BRO CARUB: Proceed

BRO MAO. Mr. Chairman, mayroon ba tayong pending motion from the floor?

BRO ARAB: Yes, the motion on the Promotion of the classes of ranks dito sa Section 6, We will just accommodate the motion, we will just insert or add additional subsection (g) or paragraph letter (g) to state: The promotion to the ranks of Founder, Supreme Godfather/Supreme Godmother, and Ranking Magic Group shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board and upon recommendation of the local Chapter and provincial Legislative Board of the members concerned.

BRO MAO. Sino ba ang nag-sponsor niyan?

BRO ARAB: Si Bro Isarog

BRO MAO: O Bro, imove mo na for adoption

BRO ISAROG: I move for the adoption of the proposed paragraph (g) of Section 6.

BRO ARAB: Is there any objection to the motion? The Chair hears none, the motion is carried. We will proceed to Section 7, Markings of Members.

BRO MAO: Mr. Chairman while having our luncheon break, we were pained by an observation regarding the meaning of MAGIC. May we refer to paragraph (e) Section 5, Magic Group.

We were re-assessing the necessity or non-necessity of giving meaning to each and every letter in the word MAGIC, We thought that maybe, if we analyze now, Moderate, When you talk of moderate, it clearly implies a man, a person. When you talk of Advocate, it is also a person. When we talk of

Grievance, it is not anymore a person but a situation, it describes a situation. When we talk of Insecure or Incompetent, we talk again of a person, incompetent although negative pa ang dating. When we talk of Citizen again, we go back to a person or persons. It speaks of human beings, you know.

Now first iyong concept ng MAGIC, we feel that there may be no need to put something negative in classifying or giving meaning to something. Much worse, enshrine it even in our own constitution. The implication is "Ano ka ba pare? "Magic Ako Bro e" E ano ba ang Magic stands for: "Moderate, advocator, grievance, incompetent.." " Pare are you saying that you are an incompetent? Ganoon pare e. Group B is toying the idea, First the concept is, if ever we put something in the Constitution, they should all be positive ang dating. And avoid, if not completely erase, anything that is negative.

We feel that, halimbawa, moderate, advocator, iyong G ano ba iyong ginamit natin sa GUARDIANS? Gentlemen iyon, tao at saka positive, Now "I" ingenuous, ginamit natin iyon sa GUARDIANS, Pare sa halip na incompetent, ingenuous, citizen maybe, we can retain that. I don't know, we are just mauling over the very concept of putting this under paragraph (e) of Section 5. Whether there is really a necessity or need for such. And if there is a need or necessity to put that, at least, ilalagay natin lahat positive and never put something that is negative.

BRO ELSEWHERE. I subscribe with that Bro, because I feel comfortable with the idea of being called incompetent. Because when the people would inquire, what does Magic stands for? What does M stands for, moderate, we can live with that, A advocator, we can live with that also, but what about I, what is the meaning of I there? Incompetent, They don't ask about the sentence. They ask about what does I stands for. We would say incompetent, or insecure, or impotent, I believe that that is a negative connotation which should not be found in our Constitution and By-laws.

So, we are suggesting that if we have to put an acronym, MAGIC is only an acronym, we should give a positive connotation, positive attributes to all these letters. M=moderate, that is not so positive but we can live with that, A-advocator, okay, G-gentlemen, we suggest that it should be changed to Gentleman, I-ingenuous, and C-Competent. So each of these letters would stand for something positive. It would stand for the attributes of the members of the group, rather than toying with the idea of putting a negative connotation to all these. We don't want to be misconstrued.

BRO ARAB: Okay Bro, please put that into motion

BRO MAO: Sandali pare, dadagdagan ko pa, Mayroon implication iyan, if ever we decide on that, Mayroong implication iyan doon sa Pilipino translation the succeeding line. We have to discuss that also.

BRO ELSEWHERE: So we move. Mr. Chairman, that the discussion on paragraph (e) be reopened and that each of these letters in the word MAGIC be changed,, particularly the G, I and C, G to mean gentlemen, I to mean ingenuous and C to mean competent

BRO ARAB: What about the Tagalog translation, do you have any suggestion?

BRO MAO, We may have to do away already with the Tagalog translation, there is no need to translate it.

BRO ARAB. Yes I am asking the motion.

BRO ELSEWHERE. We move for the deletion of the Tagalog translation, Anyway, we don't have to tell the world that we are mahinahong tagapagtanggol ng mga naaapi, if we are really doing that, We don't have to announce it to the whole world.

BRO ARAB: There is a motion for the change of the meaning of the word MAGIC to read as follows: Moderate, Advocator, Genlemen, Ingenuous, and Competent.

BRO MAO: You will notice, Bro, that under this proposal, consistent tayo, panay tao iyan, We are a moderate human being, advocator human being of something, he is a gentleman, he is an ingenuous, meaning , kaunti na lamang at nasa genius na siya, meaning malikhain, creative. And then citizen to competent. So consistent panay, tao, It speaks of characters of man. It describes a person, attitude, values, attributes, Consistent at least consistent tayo.

BRO ARAB: Okay well-taken, Is there any objection to the motion? The chair hears none, the motion is therefore, carried. We will proceed to the other provision on Membership. Iyong the Promotion.

What about the provisions on letter (g) Bro Isarog, please restate your motion. Ito na? Okay, The letter (g) we will add another paragraph (g) regarding Promotions. The promotion to the ranks of Founder, Supreme Godfather, Supreme Godmother, RMGs shall be subject to the approval of the Regional Legislative Board and upon recommendation of the local Chapter or any committee created for the purpose of the member or officer concerned.

Iyong provincial Chapter, hindi na magrerecomend? Baka ma by-pass iyon, Recommendation siguro ng local chapter and the provincial legislative board. Also through an appropriate resolution. Anyway ganoon na iyong substance noon. We will proceed kasi may Bicameral Conference Committee pa tayo.

Marking of Members, Dati na ito

Change of Status of Members, Section 8, handshake and embrace

BRO EXPLORER: Mr Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO EXPLORER: Dito sa Section 6, letter (a) general markings, I noticed na wala dito iyong Philippine Marines

BRO ARAB: The Philippine Marine is under the Philippine Navy.

BRO EXPLORER: Dito sa Section 9, inilagay ninyo itong Marines

BRO ARAB: Okay we will delete the army, navy, air force, or PNP ganoon na lang? We will delete the word “marines”

BRO ELSEWHERE: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO ELSEWHERE: I have talked with a member of the Marines, He is a Founder also. He has the rank of a Founder, Just a while ago his concern is that they are already marked as Marines, M, They don't want it to be erased and substituted with letter N, although we know that Marines is part of the Navy, I believe, Bro Mohammad was there, and we assured him, that we are going to move that the letter M be retained.

BRO ARAB: Put that into motion.

BRO ELSEWHERE: We move, Mr, Chairman, that the letter M indicating the branch of service of the Marines be respected and retained.

BRO ARAB: The marks as M?

BRO ELSEWHERE: Yes Mr. Chairman.

BRO ARAB: Is these any objection to the motion? It has been moved and seconded, therefore, the motion is carried.

BRO EXPLORER: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO EXPLORER: Mayroon ding nakalagay dito na military police, Iyong MP composite teams iyan, nandiyan ang airforce, nandiyan ang navy, so, I move therefore, to delete the military police.

BRO ARAB: There is a motion for the deletion of the mark for the military police. Is these any objection? There being none the motion of Bro Explorer is carried.

BRO EXPLORER: I forgot Mr. Chairman, It was proposed iyong sa Marines, the same is true with the Philippine Constabulary, Mayroon pa rin tayong may kargang R

BRO ARAB: Wala ng PC

BRO EXPLORER: Iyong may karga nga, iyong may R ng dati, saan na sila malagay ngayon?

BRO ARAB: Iyong mga napunta ng PNP di G na

BRO EXPLORER: Iyong dating may R

BRO ARAB: Considered din, They will be respected as former member of PC

Any other comment or suggestion on the provisions on Membership? Oath of allegiance Section II, Code of Conduct, The National Chapter shall adopt the uniform code of conduct of the members of the organization.

We have the code of Conduct provided by the GCFI, but we can adopt that if the National Chapter through the National Legislative Board will do so.

Okay? Article III is approved.

BRO ELSEWHERE: May we move that we consider Section 9, Mr. Chairman the second to the last sentence.

However, to maintain a proper decorum in all activities of the organization, positions of Master Founder, Supremo, Instead of MG we say RMG? Or we can include also MG.

BRO ARAB: Yes we will just include RMG, mareratain iyong MG, we will include RMG okay.

May objection ba sa approval na Article III? There being none, then Article III as proposed and as amended is now approved.

Article IV. This is a newly created article, So, the other articles may be renumbered later on. Discipline

This is the new provision which may affect, as mentioned a while ago, the provision on Article VI, particularly Section 5 regarding the removal of officers. I think this will be tackled in the bicameral or tricameral conference committee later on.

In the meantime, we will proceed with the other provisions on Discipline. Itong grounds for disciplinary action. Any comment on that?

BRO ELSEWHERE: Mr. Chairman, in order to obviate further delay, as a committee, we have Section 5, Article VI Considering that is is already touched in Article IV and in order to obviate the necessity of conbening a bicameral committee, we move that Section 5 of our proposal be added or consolidated to Article IV. So we can have a remarking, a renumbering of our Article VI, Section 5 is now deleted from Article VI and Section VI now becomes Section V and the Section V be consolidated or incorporated to Article IV, That is our motion Mr. Chairman.

BRO ARAB: We will thresh out the details by and by, iyong grammar and composition noon, mamaya na. Basta we agree that we will absorb the provisions of Section 5 of Article VI Okay. What about these other sections of Article IV? Itong grounds for disciplinary action, the form of complaint and the appeal.

We proceed now to the next article. The committee will voluntarily submit the entire provisions on Discipline to a possible amendments and corrections during the Bicameral Conference Committee. So, we will proceed with Article IV.

Government, Section 1, The National Chapter, As mentioned yesterday during our reporting, this is not just a product of imagination, but this is a product of an experience in Region 1, which we are offering for adoption in the different regions throughout the country to include, of course, the National level, That there should be separation of powers among the legislative, the executive , and the judicial branches of our organization.

So if you will see our system of government under this article., the National Chapter is composed of an Executive body, a legislative body, and a judicial body. The same is true with the Regional and provincial Chapters. In the Municipal and District Chapters, we did not adopt a separate legislative body considering its size, the number of members which is only minimal. So we fused the Executive and Legislative bodies into one office. We are now open to suggestions.

There is a third paragraph in Section 1 which we were not able to include in the encoding. The third paragraph states. The National Founders Group which serves as the judicial body of the organization shall be composed of the Regional Supreme Godfather, Supreme Godmother of the different regions.

BRO MAO: Clarification Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes Bro,

BRO MAO: Ito bang National Executive Council is apart and different from the National Council?

BRO ARAB: This is the National Council, that is why in all the other provision of our proposed Constitution and By-laws, I think there is not much difference or confusion because all the phrase in the other parts of the Constitution which speaks of the National Council will just be interpreted to mean the National Executive Council. Because the National Legislative Board is only give the task of plain law-making. Wala ng iba kaya...

BRO MAO: Kasi we recall, Bro, na doon sa aming proposal, we used the word National Council, composed of 15 man board. Of this 15, they will elect from among themselves 9 officers, isang Presidente at tatlong bise, for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanwo. If the National Executive Council as proposed by your group is the same as the National Council as proposed and understood by our group, then this is one area that we should reconcile.

BRO ARAB: Yes during the bicam, if you will see it, we did not use any other word have except National Executive Council or National Legislative Board. We failed to insert in Section 1 here that the word "legislative" should be inserted. National Legislative Board. Section 1, The National Chapter shall be composed of the National Executive Council, National Legislative Board, and the National Founders Group. The executive powers of the National Chapter shall be exercised, its business conducted and its property controlled by the 16... ito na lang siguro, this is negotiable... officers of the National Executive Council whose members shall be elected from the national convention to be held every three years.

BRO MAO: How are the members of the National Legislative Board elected of selected?

BRO ARAB: The National Legislative Board, its second paragraph, The legislative powers of the National Chapter shall be exercised by the National Legislative Board whose members shall be composed of the elected Regional Board Chairmen of the different regions. Kaya kung 16 regions, automatic iyong mga regional board chairman sila ang magcoconstitute ng National Legislative Board and they will elect among themselves iyong Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary lang, kasi iyon lang ung kailangan sa law making. Tatlo lang ang kailangan doon.

But there are 16 members, there are 16 participating regions throughout the country, kaya automatic iyon, hindi na iboboto iyon. Kung sino iyong Regional Board Chairman sa region, siya ang miyembro Bro ng National Legislative Board, Out of the 16 will be elected the Chairman, the Vice-chairman and the secretary

Wala ng ibang trabaho ang Legislative Board kung hindi plain policy-making o law-making. Hindi sila uupo they will not receive complaints, wala ng extra duty.

BRO ISAROG: Mr. Chairman, clarification

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO ISAROG: Your Section 1 speaks of National Executive Council, may we be clarified as to how many members?

BRO ARAB. Dapat 9 it, manggagaling ito sa National Convention.

BRO ISAROG. Hindi kasi stated sa Section 1, kung ilan sila. Ang membership dapat ng National Executive Council should be stated also sa Section1.

BRO ARAB: Whose member shall be elected from the National Convention to be held every three years. Iyong National Convention nandito rin. The voting delegates to the National Convention shall be apportioned to five (5) representatives per region.

BRO ISAROG: Ang ibig kong sabihin iyong membership ng National Executive Council

BRO ARAB: Manggagaling nga sa National Convention.

BRO ISAROG: Oo, pero ilan ang dapat na botohan?

BRO ARAB, Iyong 9, they will constitute the National Executive Council

BRO ISAROG: 9 MEMBERS ANG National Executive Council

BRO ARAB: Mali ito, 16 ang nakalagay dito, Any other comment? Yes Bro.

BRO PLS: Under paragraph 3 Section 1 , it states that “ The National Founders Group which serves as the judicial body of the organization shall be composed of the Regional Supreme Godfather, Godmothers of the different regions” Why is there no RMG when your definition of a Founder as stated

in Section 6 it includes an RMG? Founder is composed of senior members of the organization coming from the ranks of Ranking Magic Group, et cetera, et cetera. In this particular provision there is no RMG.

BRO ARAB: Ganito iyon bro, Basta ito ang binubuo dito ay iyong National Founders Group, Sino ngayon ang mga members doon? Ang mga members doon, ito lang, Iyong mga Regional Supremos at saka Regional Founders – hindi nakasama dito e. Dapat Regional Supremos at Regional Founders of the different regions

BRO PLS. Supremos lang ito.

BRO ARAB: Oo , hindi nakasama, dapat isama natin. “shall be composed of the Regional Supreme Godfathers/Godmothers and Regional Founders of the different regions.

BRO ELSEWHERE: The problem. Mr, Chairman, is that there is no rank denominated as Regional Supreme Godfather. May we move that it be specified. There is Supreme Godfather, there is Supreme Godmother, but there is no Regional Supreme Godfather. If we mean that the two would be the Regional presidents of the region...

BRO ARAB: Hindi, Kasi sa Region 1 we have a Regional Supremo and we have another Regional Founder. Ibang tao iyon, I thought that that was the set up throughout the country. But that will be subject to change if there is no such set up in the regions.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Yes but we are now drafting a Constitution, and in this particular Contitution and By-laws, which you have submitted,, there is no rank there, We have Founders, we have Master Founder. I’m referring to Section 6. We have the Supreme Godfather, we have the Ranking Magic Group, we have the Magic Group. There is no Regional Supreme Godfather or Regional Supreme Godmother, since there is no such office found in the constitution and by-lawsm we could not put it there

BRO ARAB: Okay then make your proposals, Bro.

BRO ELSEWHERE: We are proposing, if we have to include that National Founders Group, that the National Founders Group shall be composed of all the Founders.

BRO ARAB: Ang dami noon, daan daan iyon

BRO ELSEWHERE: Or we can choose. I don’t really care about the composition, but my problem is the fact that there is no such rank under our constitution and by-laws.

BRO ARAB: Okay , agreed, Just make the proposal then.

BRO DANIEL: Bro, may I give also my personal view regarding this provision. That will compose the Founders Group in the National level.

In Region IX, we have Regional Founders, Supreme Godfather, which is composed of the officers of the uniformed personnel, and the Regional Founder Godfather from the lower rank. And then, we have the Regional Justice Tribunal in Region XI

Now, the members who will man as Chairman of the Regional Justice Tribunal is a lawyer, kasi iyong Justice Tribunal is the judge, then Security Tribunal as the prosecutor, it should be handled by a lawyer also.

So, I have to add a sentence there, that members of the National Founders Group shall include RMGs holding three positions in the region because of lack of skill of the organic level to handle such position like Justice Tribunal and the security tribunal. That is embodied in the Article VIII of the Constitutional Bodies.

Mayroon naman tayong provision, iyong promotion of Founders, Supreme Godfather, nakasalil doon, nadiscuss kanina, hindi ba? Doon na ang basis niyan e, na promote as Founder. Mayroon tayong basis, may provision na dinagdag iyong letter (g). Doon na nakastate ang provision na iyan.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Motion Mr. Chairman.

BRO ARAB: Yes.

BRO ELSEWHERE: We are moving that this particular paragraph be amended to read as follows. "The National Founders Group which consist of 15 members shall serve as the judicial body of the organization and shall be composed of the Founders, all members who have the ranks of Founders, to be chosen by the National Executive Council.

So, these are several Founders about 100 Founders but only 15 will be chosen from among the Founders and it is the National Executive Council who shall determine who among these 100 Founders will be included in the National Founders Group.

BRO ARAB: Upon recommendation of the Regional Executive Council siguro, kasi they know better.

BRO ELSEWHERE: You know, it is the National Executive council who will determine or which will determine the membership of the National Founders Group based on the criterion that this National Founders Group shall be composed of those members who have the rank of Founders.

BRO ARAB: Yes okay, well-taken. Pero hindi dapat 15 dapat 16 iyon, There are 16 Regions.

BRO MAO: Oo nga, I agree completely. You know, excuse me bro, pero talagang there is no such thing as Regional Supreme Godfather. I think we should remove that.

BRO ARAB: Hindi, ganito na lang. We should not include the phrase " which serves as the judicial body of the organization" because we will soon, there are Constitutional Bodies which are give judicial powers. Malalaman natin mamaya iyan. Alisin na lang nating iyong phrase na iyon.

BRO MAO: Titingnan uli natin iyong relasyon ng National Founders Group which has the duty of judicial powers their relationship to Constitutional Bodies that are also tasked to do juridical authorities.

BRO ELSEWHERE: If the National Founders Group, If the function of the National Founders Group, if it will no longer consist as the judicial body because there is another group tasked with that particular responsibility, then we just remove that particular paragraph.

BRO ARAB: The National Founders Group?

BRO ELSEWHERE: Yes. If its function is supposed to be adjudicatory, and it would be a redundancy because there is already another body tasked with the same responsibility, then it would serve no purpose. So , we move that it be deleted that particular paragraph.

BRO ARAB: We just base that on the Davao and NCR proposal to create an office, a National office that will maintain the group of uniformed or organic personnel. Para bang we created their group, kasi iyon yatang gusto nila. And from that group, iyong mga members ng Constitutional Bodies, diyan manggagaling kasi. May provision dyan sa Constitutional Bodies, So, the members except the Chairman of the Constitutional Bodies will be taken from the National Founders Group, para may trabaho naman sila.

Kasi sa amin sa Region 1, naghahanap ng mga trabaho iyong mga organic personnel doon. I think that is the same situation we are obtaining from the other regions.

BRO ELSEWHERE: So we are reiterating our original motion. I am withdrawing that last motion and restating our original motion that this particular paragraph should read as follows: The National Founders Group consisting of 15 members and shall serve as the judicial body of the organization. It shall be composed of members with rank of Founders to be chosen by the National Executive Council.

BRO ARAB: Hindi ba natin isasama iyong mga Supreme Godfathers and Supreme Godmothers?

BRO ELSEWHERE: No, because we have several members who have the rank of Founders. They are so many. So it will be the National Executive Council which will have the authority to appoint from among the rank of Founders the members of that National Founder Group.

BRO ARAB: Iyong mga Supremo, hindi kasama diyan?

BRO ELSEWHERE: Hindi na Founders lang

BRO ISAROG: And RMGs

BRO ELSEWHERE: Okay, but it could no longer be National Founders Group, because if you are going to include Godfathers and Godmothers who are not founders, it would be misnomer to use National Founders Group. Because the name itself says National Founders Group, so, it clearly implies that the members there should be Founders, should have the rank of Founders. Otherwise, that would be a misnomer, we are going to rename that National Founders Group, or National Adjudicatory Group, the acronym there would be NAG, that is nagging, that's okay. They are nagers. If we are going to omit

the word “Founders” and use the phrase “National Adjudicatory Group” then we can choose them among the ranks of even Godfather and Godmothers or RMGs for that matter

BRO ARAB: Okay well-taken.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Okay

BRO ARAB: This is a revelation, mga Bro. In fact, hindi naming alam, we do not know what particular duty or responsibility ang ibibigay naming sa National Founders Group. But we are accommodating the Davao and NCR proposals. Actually, gusto rin naming talagang maisingit ito. Itong grupo ng mga Founders na ito. Kaya lang ano bang trabaho ang ibibigay natin sa kanila?

BRO DANIEL: This is a point of clarification only. Actually, sa National Founders Group, as we read the articles that belongs to the Constitutional Bodies, mayroon tayong mga tribunals e, hindi ba? Mayroon tayon appointment tribunals, mayroong election, security and Justice tribunal. It is where the Founders Group belong. Kaya doon natin malalaman kung anong trabaho ng mga National Founder. Nasa Constitution iyon e.

BRO ARAB: Okay Bro

BRO PLS: Considering that we have already made some assignments as to the judicial function in the Constitution, I suggest that the National Founders Group would be considered as an advisory body, ti advise the National Officers down to the barangay officers, parang Council of elders.

BRO ARAB: Okay Please put that into motion, bro.

BRO PLS: I move that the National Founders Group be considered as an advisory body or a Council of Elders to advise the National officers down to the lowest unit of the organization.

BRO ARAB: Will you please restate the phrase. Irephrase mo na lang iyan Bro, kung papaano.

BRO PLS: The National Founders Group shall serve as the advisory body of the organization.

BRO ARAB: Ganoon na lang, short cut. Mas simply iyon. Any objection or is it seconded? The motion of Bro Comet is withdrawn. The motion of Bro PLS stands. Is there any objection to the motion?

BRO ISAROG: No objection. We only request that the same be encoded

BRO ARAB: Okay , There being no objection, the motion of Bro PLS is carried. Okay, next, Para madali. Sa Regional Chapter, practically the same composition up to the provincial at City Chapters lang. In the province, we also have the Provincial and City Founders Group. Iyong Regional and provincial Chapters, will be rephrased based on the provision of Section 1. Kaya, yung Regional Founders Group dito ngayon, The Regional Founders Group shall serve as the advisory body of the organization.

In like manner, doon sa Section 3, third paragraph, ganoon din, advisory body. Okay, Municipal/District Chapter, dahil mallilit lang naman ang mga ito usually, lalo na sa mga provinces, iyong Executive and Legislative function is now lodged with the Municipal or District Council.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Mr. Chairman, in connection with the amendment passed by Bro PLS with respect to the Regional Chapter and provincial or City Chapter including the Municipal or District Chapter, we move for the amendment also of the provision respecting the City Founders Group or Provincial Founders Group or the Regional Founders Group. Because in the Regional Chapter, the Regional Founders Group is still the judicial body. In the Provincial, it is also the judicial body. So we are moving that it be duly amended to reflect and that follows.

BRO ARAB: That is what I am mentioning Bro. Hanggang province lang.

The annual National Assembly, sa munisipyo ito, Two years pa. Lahat noon region, province City, every two years iayan, Sa National Three years

Article VIII. Constitutional Bodies. No. 1. National Tribunal on Appointments. Duties and Powers. The National Tribunal on Appointments shall decide all administrative questions affecting appointments extended by the National Executive Council President.

The Chairman and 9 other members of the Tribunal shall be appointed by the National Executive Council President with the approval of the Master Founder. Except for the Chairman, all the members shall come from the National Founders Group.

BRO ELSEWHERE: We are moving Mr. Chairman, the deletion of the qualification with respect to this National Founders Group, Because if we are going to limit the choices to the National Founders Group, the National Executive Council and the President might be hand-tied. He might not have several choices if he is going to limit is to this National Founders Group. So we are going to give the President and the National Executive Council sufficient leeway to choose from among the ranks of members who are really qualified or competent to act in these capacities.

BRO ARAB: Tulad ng sinabi ko kanina, kasi hindi ko alam kkung anong ibibigay kong trabaho ng National Founders Group. Please, Bro, rephrase your proposal and put it into motion. Okay ba iyong 9 members?

BRO ELSEWHERE: Yes, Our motion is just for the removal of this phrase “ except for the Chairman, all the members shall come from the National Founders Group” For as long as they are qualified duly appointed and they pass the tribunal on appointments.

BRO ARAB: Okay, Any seconder to the motion? Is there any objection to the motion? These being none, the motion is carried, we will delete the last sentence.

Okay, Section 2. National Electoral Tribunal. The same, So Composition, it will be amended accordingly, Section 3. Ito na iyong justice tribunal natin, National Justice Tribunal: The quasi-judicial body that deals with the administrative and disciplinary machinery of the organization shall be vested in the National Justice Tribunal and in such inferior boards as may be established by the organization, it has jurisdiction to review, revise, reverse, modify or affirm an appeal., final decisions of inferior boards in all cases in which the constitutionality or validity of any resolution, circular, regulations, decisions, or implementing orders in question, all cases in which the jurisdiction of any inferior board is in issue, and

all cases in which an error or question of law is involved. It has an appellate jurisdiction sa mga inferior boards. Iyong board siguro palitan natin ng offices. Any comment or suggestin on the National Justice Tribunal provisions?

BRO ELSEWHERE, : We move that it be adopted.

BRO ISAROG: Before that Mr. Chairman, point of clarification only.

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO ISAROG: The jurisdiction of the National Justice Tribunal, we want to have some clarifications on it, whether is has original as well as appellate jurisdiction.

BRO ARAB: Iyong proposal naming, inferior offices kasi iyong mga Regional Executive Council as saka provincial executive council ang magdedecide sa mga complaints.

BRO ISAROG: Dapat it is a National level

BRO ARAB: Iyon nga

BRO ISAROG: Does it have original jurisdictions to entertain complaints by any member relative to...

BRO ARAB: Against National officers?

BRO ISAROG: Yes

BRO ARAB: Tama, Wallang problema sa mga Regional officers, kasi ifile mo doon, Kung ang respondent ay National offcer, saan natin ifile? Iyang ngayon ang question

BRO ISAROG: So, it will have original jurisdiction

BRO ARAB: Yes, They should accept originally filed cases before them.

BRO ELSEWHERE: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the National Justice Tribunal will have appellate jurisdiction for the purpose of reviewing, reversing, revising, modifying or affirming the validity of any resolution, circulars, regulations, or decisions are put in question. Or when the original jurisdiction of the inferior boards are being questioned, then it exercise original jurisdiction. Otherwise, it is appellate.

BRO ISAROG: Halimbawa, a member has a grievance or complaint against a National officer, where shall be the complaint be filed?

BRO ELSEWHERE: It weill be in the National Tribunal, if it is with respect to Regional

BRO ARAB: Bro halimbawa, iyong chairperson natin, si BRO CARUB?

BRO ELSEWHERE: It depends upon the question, if it is against the....

BRO ARAB: If it is administrative?

BRO MAO:, Depende siguro, kung ang accused ay National Leader

BRO ARAB: Lyon nga e, Walang problema sa regional leaders or regional offices at provincial kasi doon mo ififile e. We have a machinery for that, Ang problema ay kung ang respondent ay National officer. Halimbawa si Bro Carub, saan natin ififile? Siguro dapat magprovide tayo ng original jurisdiction dito kasi puro appellate lang ang nandito e.

BRO MAO: Siguro nga dapat magkaroon ng original jurisdiction

BRO ARAB: Magperiod na lang tayo dito sa last, and then we will add one sentence “ it shall exercise original jurisdiction over cases file against National Officers” Please include that in letter (a) of Section 3, National Justice Tribunal

BRO ELSEWHERE: Question, how do we remove from office members of the Constitutional Bodies?

BRO ARAB: Actually there is a provision iin the Complaints Filed Against any National Officer. May provision ng Impeachment itong Davao proposal. Hindi lang naming inadopt, we can put this back, To impeachment. Babasahin ko “ The officers and members of the Constitutional Bodies may be removed from office on impeachment for in conviction of serious crimes and culpable violation of this Constitution and By-laws. By vote of 2/3 of all its members shall have the sole power of impeachment, when the president is on trial, the Chaiman of the Justice Tribunal shall preside. Okay ba ito? Okay isingit natin.

Section 7. National Security Tribunal. Ito ang prosecution arm. Duties and Responsibilities, “ The National Security Tribunal shall have exclusive charge of the enforcement in administration of all regulations relative to the security of all officers and members of the association. The prosecution of all offenses in violation of the Constitution and infractions of the existing regulations. It shall exercise all other fundtions which may be confront upon it by the organization” May prosecutorial power, parang fiscal.

BRO MAO, Bro why call it security, National security, is something to secure? National Justice something

BRO ARAB: Siguro National Prosecutor’s Office. Kasi ang security ay parang very Broad area of concern. National Prosecution Tribunal, ganoon siguro.

BRO MAO: I move that the committee will rename Section f. defining National Security Tribunal, rename it to another name.

BRO ISAROG: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes

BRO ISAROG: Section 3 refers to the National Justice system which is otherwise will give us the court or judicial body. So, Section 4 refers to, although it is named as National Security Tribunal but as defined, its duties and responsibilities refers to prosecuting offenses”

BRO ARAB: Parang Fiscal nga, e

BRO MAO: Prosecutory

BRO ARAB: Anong pangalan ngaoyon niyan?

BRO MAO: If the function of the National Prosecutory Tribunal or what, is to limit itself on matters involving administrative cases, then we may have to subsequently adjust iyong Section 3 noong function ng National Justice Tribunal . Remember, Section 3 speaks of a venue, a board, an office while Section 4, iyon prosecuting.

BRO ARAB: Ganito na lang, kasi ang prosecution, naisip ko, di ba administrative cases lang naman ang ififile, ang magprosecute iyong complainant. Saan magprosecute iyong complainant?

BRO MAO, If that is the case, if we grant ordinary members which as an ax to grind against anybody, and we do plan to give him the assistance of somebody who is familiar with law, then there will be no need of Section 4.

BRO ARAB: Kaya nga iyon, idelete na lang natin

BRO ISAROG: Mr. Chairman, assuming that a member violates the constitution or laws or executive orders issued by duly constituted authorities of the organization, who will initiate the investigation and subsequent prosecution of the offender if not this Body?

BRO ARAB: Iyong investigation dito sa Section 4 kung mag eexist ito, it will do the job.

BRO ISAROG: I think I welcome the suggestion of Bro Mao that instead of National Security Tribunal, this should be renamed.

BRO ARAB: National Investigation and Prosecution Tribunal, Ganoon na lang.

BRO ISAROG: Okay

BRO ARAB: Anyway, pangalan lang iyon, ang importante, iyong trabaho, Kaya dadagdagan natin dito sa body. After the word organization “the investigation and prosecution of all offenses in violation of the Constitution and infraction of existing regulations” Idagdag natin iyong “investigation”.

BRO ISAROG: Observation , Mr. Chairman, The word “Tribunal” should be replaced with “office”. Kasi tribunal connotes court.

BRO ARAB: Okay, Itong Composition. The National Founder shall be the Chairman ex officio and 9 other members who shall be appointed by the Master Founder. Not necessarily na National Founder ang Chairman dito. If possible, we give this privilege to the members of the Bar considering the nature

of functions. Okay, ito, Irephrase natin yong Composition “ The Chairman shall be appointed.... Pareho na dito sa Section 3. The chairman of the office and 9 other members shall be appointed by the National Executive Council President with the approval of the Master Founder” The same provision sa Section 4.

Okay Section 5.

BRO MAO: The earlier agreement natin, iyon ang wordings

BRO ARAB: Section 5. Constitutional Officers, Qualifications, Natural born citizen of the Philippines, at least 35 years of age, he has been an active member of the organization for at least five years.

Itong age requirement, 35 hindi ba masyadong mataas ito? Hindi qualified si Bro Mohammad. Hindi ba puwedeng ibaba ito.

BRO MASTER: Hindi ba ang minimum age limit natin sa papasok sa GUARDIANS ay 21 years old? Doon tayo mag-umpisa.

BRO ARAB: 21 na siya at naging active siya for five years. So 26 years old. At least 26 years old.

BRO MAO: He/She should be at least 26 years old? Okay

BRO ARAB: Qualified na si Bro Mohammad.

Term of Office. The Constitutional officers and members shall hold office during good behaviour for a period of five years without reappointment or until they have become incapacitated to discharge the duties of their office. Tama na ba iyong five years na walang reappointment? Tama na siguro para we can distribute the sunshine.

BRO MAO: Okay.

BRO ARAB: Seven. Ito iyong sinasabi kong impeachment. Transitory Provision. Adopted in toto iyong proposal na ginawa ng Secretariat. Sinabi ko na kahapon iyong proposal ng committee sa Section 3. “There should be an interim National Executive Council which shall exist immediately upon the ratification of this Constitution and shall continue until the members of the regular National Executive Council shall have been elected and shall have assume office following an election in a National Convention called for the purpose by the interim National Executive Council.. The members of the Interim National Executive Council shall be composed of the delegates or representatives the March 18-19 2000 National Unification Convention in Manila. They shall have the same powers, functions, responsibilities, rights and privileges of a regular member of the National Executive Council as provided for in this Constitution.

Dito sa Section 5, this is open for discussion, mga Bro, “The incumbent National Chairman of the GUARDIANS Centre Foundation and GCFI shall hold office as the Interim National Executive council president of the organization and shall continue to exercise his duties and powers until the regular

members of the National Executive Council shall have been duly elected and qualified” That is open for discussion. If there are no objections, we will adopt that.

BRO ISAROG: There is no objection to Section 5, My observation is on Section 2, I would like to add only, I agree with this, but I would like to add after ratified, so this is as follows: Section 2. All existing Constitution and By-laws, proclamation, Executive orders, issuances not inconsistent with this Constitution and By-laws shall remain operative until amended, modified, or ratified, otherwise, the same shall be considered as amended, modified, superseded or repealed accordingly.

BRO ARAB: Kung hindi inconsistent automatic operative iyon, Ang ilagay na lang natin, Bro, iyong sinabi mo kanina, Paano iyong mga SEC registrations ng ibang GUARDIANS group? Iyon na lang and itackle natin dito siguro. Second paragraph of Section 2. That is open for discussion, mga bro. The matter of the SEC registration of all the other GUARDIANS group, isa na diyan iyong Bro natin sa CAR, registered din iyong Bayang Pino sa SEC. Tayo, GCFI, GBI, may mga registered. Dapat mayroong provision dito sa Transitory provision.

BRO GARI: Mr. Chairman

BRO ARAB: Yes.

BRO GARI. Can we request that such issue be deferred in the meantime, dasi, we lack material time. Anyway we can thresh that our considering that we will be having Interim National Executive Council. As it stands now, anything that is inconsistent with this proposed Constitution, implied iyan, by implication.

BRO ARAB: Iyong implementing guidelines na lang ang gagawin natin.

BRO GARI: Yes, Can we perhaps defer that discussion? Thanks

BRO ARAB: The committee would like to thank all the Bros for participating in the discussion of the subject matters given to our committee. Thank you, and good afternoon. [Applause]

BRO GARI: Thank you very much, Group A. We talked with Group C, seemingly wala naming conflict or disagreeing provision doon sa report nila, vis a vis, Group A. So magkoconstitute tayo ng Bicameral Conference Committee only with respect to Group A and B. We have 30 minutes to do the same. After which , we will constitute the committee as a whole. We have another 30 minutes to discuss the proposed organizational structure. Para may time po kaming mag-encode noong final draft. Thank you.

We can start discussing the proposed organizational structure.

BRO MAO: Why is the National Executive Council President higher than the box of National Executive Council.

Following our reconciliation, iyong bicam, tama, in terms of name tama. Pero the box given to National Executive Council should be higher than the National Executive Council President. Based on this

structure, it now appears that the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. the Master Founder is higher than the National Executive Council President. Even the two deputies, even the two deputy Master Founder are higher than the National President, Hindi ito? Okay, sig

BRO DANIEL: Actually, I am the one who drafted the organizational structure of the National Chapter. In order to give honor and respect to the Master Founder as the ascendant of the organization. Kaya nasa itaas sila, hindi ba? Kaya nakadotted iyan. Ceremonial head, so, wala iyang power na ibig sabihin siya ang nasa mataas sa National Executive Council President.

Lahat ng segment na iyan are all mobodied in the Constitution and By-laws Mayroon tayong National Executive Council President, the three vice-presidents for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao, nasa By-laws iyan. Iyong National Founders Group, National Executive Council and the National Legislative Board, and then the four tribunals. Under the National Executive Council the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Business Manager and the PRO. Under the National Legislator, are the 16 chairmen of the Regional Legislative Board. Iyan na lang ang basis, Another structure naman sa Regional Chapters.

Kasi, automatic na miyembro iyong mga chairmen ng Legislative Board sa region e. Kaya dapat masala iyan sa National Legislative Board. Sinabing automatic, di automatic sila. Needless na magkaroon ng election sa National Convention iyong mga Legislative Board. Hindi na kasi automatic member, kaya inilagay lo lang diyan. Ang iielect diyan, iyon lang mga National Executive Council, Okay?

BRO ELSEWHERE: In accordance with what have been approved this morning, the National Executive Council should be above the National Executive Council President because the President is only a creation of the National Executive Council. Since the National Founders Group, according to what have been approved this afternoon, is only advisory to the National Executive Council President, it must only have a dotted line to the National Founders Group, not direct and then collateral. It should have a dotted line similar to that Master Founders, But the National Appointment Tribunal, National Election Tribunal, Justice Tribunal, National Security Tribunal, since it will be a creation of the National Executive Council, they must be directly under the National Executive Council

BRO MAO: Comment . Ang maganda Bro ipropose muna dito sa scheme, gumawa na ng diagram

BRO ELSEWHERE: The National Executive Council should be above, should be on the level of the Deputy Master Founder. It will be dotted, if this is a dotted line, then National Executive Council. Then the National Executive Council President is a creation of the National Executive Council, so, this must be lower than this, Then the National Executive Council, it will have a dotted line to the National Founders Group. But all these tribunals, being Constitutional Bodies must not be under the National Founders Group, but under the National Executive Council because all these are created by this.

BRO DANIEL. Para ma simplify na ang structure, kasi we emphasized the three brances of government, the Executive, the Legislative and the Judiciary, Instead of National Founders Group, gagawin na lang natin itong Constitutional Bodies, Under the Constitutional Bodies, itong mga tribunals.

BRO ELSEWHERE: The permanent committees created under Article V should be placed in between here, between the National Appointment Tribunal and between the Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Business Manager. Ilan committees lahat iyon?

BRO MAO: Nine permanent committees

BRO ELSEWHERE: So 9 permanent committees will be place in between the National Appointment Tribunals and the Officers.

I move that the organizational structure be adopted

BRO RANGER: Is there anymore opinions, objections or additional inputs?

BRO CARUB: Is there any other comment? There being no other comments, we propose that the organizational structure of the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc. is hereby adopted [Applaluse]

BRO RANGER: Regarding the presentation of developing strategic management plan, that is only guidelines for our future activities on the cooperative. It is within the envelope for your guide. So, there is no need na ipresent pa natin.

BRO CARUB: They may want to have clarifications or reacciions regarding the guidelines. Pakilabas na lang iyong mga guidelines, pakibasa na lang baka mayroon kayong reaction,

BRO RANGER: Anyway I think we will be going around the regions for that purpose. As of now, I would like to give it to you for reference, so we can go on with the Constitution.

We would like to acknowledge the arrival of our Master Founder, Liborio Abrahan Jangao, Jr. Welcome Sir. [Applause]

BRO CARUB: Delegates, since we still have one hour and a half to wait, for the encoding of the Constitution and By-laws that you have prepared for today's session, siguro, napakaganda para malaman ni Master Founder kung ano ang nasasa loob ninyo at kung anong nga feelings ninyo kung bakit nagkaisa kayo sa paggawa ng ating Saligang Batas na ating susundin simula sa araw na ito.

Siguro huwag na tayong magturuan o tumayo na lang kung sinong gustong unang tumayo, Basta lahat lahat ng delegado ay magsalita. We start from who? Any message that you want to say, Introduce yourself first, pakipatay muna ang mga cellphones.

For your information, Master Founder, umpisahan ko na, iyong MAGIC, hindi kami nagkaintindihan dahil ang proposal ko, ang proposal nila ayos lang, moderate, advocator, gentlemen, ingenuous, and the last one competent. But in my mind knowing these delegates that we have now, the definition should be moderate, mahinahon which means talagang mahinahon sila, because these are family men, mahinahong asawang guwardiado inaanakan ng kaulayaw.

Master Founder ganito iyan. Medyo tumagal ng kaunti kahapon iyong session e, Inabot kami ng gabi, papaano, maya-maya every our on the hour, “hello,Mama” mga ganoon ba, Istorbo Iyong isa nga diyang pag ring ng telepono, nalaglag sa gulat e.

BRO MASTER: Ako po, si Mike Salomon, taga Ragon II. Ako ang Regional Chairman ng Region II. Ako ay isinilang po sa Mindanao, Dipolog City. Kaya nga kung saan ako mapunta, papunta ako ng Region ng Cagayan, ang mukha ko daw Ilocano. Pero Bisaya pala daw ako. Bakit? Nangingintab daw iyong balat ko. Sabi nga ng anak ko,, pagkagaling ko sa bukid, sobra raw akong itim, Sabi nga ng Mommy niya, oo nga raw. Sabi ko naman sa Mommy niya,” Alam mo, My, kahit ako’y maitim, maputi pa rin ang ngipin. Kahit ako’y palambutin, matigas pa rin ang akin”

Sa Region II kasi, marami tayong mga kasamahan dito sa National na bumibisita sa akin. Siguro, sa kagandahan ng Region II ang mga kaibigan natin na pumupunta doon, naacommodate ko sila sa amin. Kaya, kahit pagod na pagod tayo sa dalawang araw na pag-uusap dito upang maayos natin ang ating by-laws at least , nakakaraos din tayo ngayon,. Lyon lang po ang aking sasabihin sa inyo, Magandang hapon po sa inyong lahat. [Applause]

BRO CARUB: May we call on the delegate of Region III, please.

BRO MEL: Magandang Hapon sa inyong mga Ka, Bro, Master Founder, mga Supremo. Ako po ang representative ng Region III. Ako po ay may anim na probinsya na nasasakupan. Bulacan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales, Bataan at Nueva Ecija, Ako pa ay nagagalak at isa po ako sa mga representatives sa buong Pilipinas at kinatawan ng Region III. Bagamat marami po akong naririnig na pagtutol bilang representative sa aming Region sapagkat ang inyo pong lingkod ay isa lamang bagong miyembro ng GUARDIANS. In two years time, naakyat po ako rito sa National level as representative. Sana maalis na po ang dating ugali natin sa ating mga ibang GUARDIANS na ibig po yata e hanggang sa salita lang po. Pero tayo po, kahit tayo po ay isa lamang payak ng miyembro as MG ng kapatirang ito ay aking gagampanan. Sana naman ay ganoon po ang ating maging attitude. Sa ibang mga ka Bro natin, alisin na po natin ang mga tinatawag na bright boys. Ang isipin po natin ay kung ano ang maitutulong po natin sa kapatirang ito. Iyan lamang po at maraming salamat sa inyong lahat.

BRO RANGER: Okay, palakpakan po natin. [Applause] Next could we get the updates of Region IV from Bro Mao, please.

BRO MAO: Magandang hapon, Master Founder. Ernie Macahiya, Bro Mao, Los Banos, Laguna, representing Region IV, napag-atasan at binigyan ng pagkakataong makadalo dito sa dalawang araw at magkaroon ng pagkakataong makatulong sa paghubog ng ating bagong Saligang Batas.

Sa amin pong dalawang araw na pagtatalakayan, palitan ng kuro-kuro, kami ay nagigiyahan ng mensahe ni National Chairman who was with us yesterday. Binigyan niya kami ng birds eyeview on his expectations from us during the next two days. Binigyan din niya kami ng giya na iyong daw Constitution, huwag daw masyadong broad na masyadong Malabo, nor too details naman na masyadong barya, So, iyon po ang giya naman, isa.

Pangalawa, mayroon din po siyang giya na ibinigay sa amin na kung maari ay sa paghubog ng nasabing Saligang Batas, mayroon po kamin pananaw na kapag ito po ang naapprove at naratify, this will pave the way for the burning of the bridge of the past. That we will have nothing but the future to look forward to. So that all problems, all contrary opinions of the past, will have to be buried altogether and bravely face the world under the spirit of unity, brotherhood, camaraderie, and all the other values that we have incorporated in the draft Constitution and By-laws. That is the second giya na ibinigay sa amin ni Chairman kahapon.

Pangatlong giya ay ang kanyang pagkabahala na marahil, kung ano man ang magiging output naming, he said he is 101% sure na magkakaroon ng oposisyon. Magkakaroon ng mga tanong tanong, magkakaroon ng criticism . We took note of these things, but this is more the problem of the National Chairman than us. Because as I indicated to our fellow delegates, we have been summoned here to undertake an assignment. And the problems of unity and representation in our two-day deliberation, we leave that to National Leadership. We just concentrate on the assignment given to us for the next two days.

Hopefully Master Founder, the document that we have crafted for the past two days would be acceptable to you, to the general membership which we hope would be presented in a formal National Convention or Assembly. We have incorporated, Master Founder, certain provisions in the proposed Constitution where there will be a Transitory Provision, Because we feel, if we finish our session today, then what? What is the conveyor belt? We are afraid Master Founder of losing the momentum of the initiative that we have taken upon the instigation of the National Chairman.

So, to capture this spirit, this momentum, and at the same time, avoiding a gap in the draft Constitution, we formulated a number of Transitory Provisions. Some of them may be self-serving, Master Founder to some people because we proposed an interim something which will be composed of the delegates. This is just an interim, it can exist for three months, two months, it can exist for one day or even for a few minutes. Everything is transitory.

We all humbly submit to you, Master Founder, the documents which all the representatives from the different regions have, using our knowledge and whatever little wisdom that we have, we hope has been captures fully in the documents that we intend to submit to you and to the National Chairman this afternoon. Thank you, and good day. [Applause]

BRO RANGER: So iyan po ang ating representative sa Region IV, si Bro Mao, Thank you very much. We would like to hear now from Region V. Tawagin po natin ang isa pang attorney. Si Bro Isarog [Applause]

BRO ISAROG: Magandang hapon po, Master Founder, at sa lahat po ng mga Bro at sisters dito sa hall, Ako po naman ay si MG Isarog or Romy Tayo from Camarines Sur.

Natatandaan ko po, Master Founder, there was a time in 1995 that you visited Camarines Sur. You found out na kulang iyong organizational set up soon, that is why, in fact, isa ako sa na-appoint

ninyo na Regional Chief Executive Director. In fact, I have here your appointment, Ito po, Souvenir naming ito. [Applause]

Nagkaproblema kami dahil sa tagal na ng existence naming doon sa Bicol, wala kaming pinagbabasihang maiging dokumento or constitution and by-laws. But despite the lack of it sa amin, we strive to stay on, In fact , we grew to a bigger number, and we maintained the standards required of us as members of GUARDIANS. In fact, marami kaming na organize doon sa region, Although, iyon nga, walang maiging guide that is why this National Convention for GUARDIANS Unification is a welcomed opportunity for us na at least with the document, the Constitution that we have crafted for the past two days, will serve as the basis for this desired Unification.

Hopefully, Master Founder, with the approval of this Constitution na pinagtulungan naming na mabuo ngayon sa tulong ng lahat na naririto, at sa inspirasyon na rin ng National leadership ng mga Master Founders, siguro, mula ngayon ay magkakaisa nanag tuluyan ang lahat ng miyembros ng GUARDIANS sa buong bansa. So, magkakaroon lang ng isang GUARDIANS, mawawala na iyong sinasabing “ we belong to this organization” “ you belong to that organization” Iyon ang matagal na naming hinahangad na sana kahit saan kami mapunta, wala ng discrimination, wala ng masasabi na somebody belongs to this group and somebody belongs to that group. We hope na with this, from now on and until then, there will only be one GUARDIANS throughout the Philippines. Thank you. [Applause]

BRO RANGER: Okay, thank you very much, That is from Region V, si Bro Isarog. Ang tatawagin naman natin ngay on ay ang pinadala ng Region VI, ang ating Supremo, si Supremo Skipper, Maj. Martir, Pakingan po natin.

BRO SKIPPER. Master Founder, fellow delegates, obeservers, fellow GUARDIANS, maayong hapon. Before I start, I would like to congratulate all of us for coming up with a new Constitution and By-laws, Sana, ito na ang start ng ating pagkakaisa

Region VI is composed of 6 provinces, although only existing GUARDIANS is in Negros Occidental, Iloilo. Sa Iloilo maraming GUARDIANS pero walang organization. So iyong may mga organization lang, Negros Occidental, Ang I am presently the President of Bacolod City Chapter. Ako ang napili na magrepresent ng Region VI. That is all, maayong hapon sa tanan [Applause]

BRO RANGER: Thank you Bro Skipper. Tawagin naman natin ang representative from Region VII, si Bro PLS, is please, Bro PLS

BRO PLS: Master Founder Jangao, Chairman Bro Carub, Bro Ranger, Bro Noah, Bro Jacob, Sis Lau, Bro Zebra, Sis Pina and of course to my fellow representatives, representing each region of the Philippines. We would like to inform you, Master Founder Jangao, that for two days, we tried so hard to have a very feasible, practical and a down to earth Constitution that will embody the spirit of the GUARDIANS Brotherhood.

Of course, I would like to thank the Secretariat for inviting me to represent Region VII, and most of all, I sincerely give my thanks to Master Founder Jangao for gracing this occasion. I believe that you are one of the great factors in unifying the GUARDIANS in the entire Philippines. Thank you [Applause]

BRO RANGER: Thank you Bro PLS. We will call on the representative of Region VIII, si Bro Leboy.

BRO EXPLORER: Good Afternoon, Master Founder, Fellow GUARDIANS, I am Pantaleon Crodua from Region VIII. Malayo man pero malapit din, Just a phone call away. I am just happy that after thorny and dark roads, we have come up to the finish line. I hope, itong GUARDIANS na ito, I will compare it to a puzzle pic, I do hope from all regions na walang kahit isa na piece of this puzzle na mawala, dahil mahirap ang pagbuo uli nitong puzzle pie. Thank you, and good afternoon [Applause]

BRO RANGER: Thank you Bro, Tawagin naman natin ang isa pang magandang lalaki from Region X, si Bro Comet. [Applause]

BRO COMET: Thank you , International Master Founder Abraham, fellow delegates, good afternoon. Personally, I would like to express my gratitude for being given this opportunity to be an instrument in forging the document which would serve as the foundation for the final Unification of the Brothers. If ever this instrument would indeed, serve its purpose, then our efforts here would not be in vain. We hope and pray that this will be realized, the Unification, Thank you very much [Applause]

BRO RANGER: Thank you Bro Comet, Humihingi kami ng paumanhin, medyo tumatanda na tayo, nalaktawan natin ang Region IX, so tawagin natin si Bro Amid [Applause]

BRO AMID. Good afternoon, Master Founder Jangao, I am Bro Amid, representing Region IX. My main purpose talaga rito during our convention is more on Unification, It is already our time to unify, lahat tayo. Thank you very much [Applause]

BRO RANGER: Okay, thank you Bro, Muli humihingi kami ng paumanhin sa pagiging senior citizen natin. Tawagin naman natin ang representative ng CAR si Bro Elsewhere [Applause]

BRO ELSEWHERE: Magandang hapon sa inyong lahat, Master Founder, magandang hapon. Ang totoo niyan Master Founder I am the proxy of Mr. Prosecutor Sagsago and Regional Founder Edwin Alcala who is our Founder Windy. So the words our Prosecutor na nirerequest niya na kung magkita kayo ni Master Foundr, pakisabi na lang na pinipripare ko iyong grades ng aking estudyante ng ggraduate sa College of Law. Mag-aatend daw ho siya ng graduation ng College of Law, graduation ng kanyang anak, and then this Monday, tomorrow sabi niya ay magrepresent siya ng heinous crime. Iyong isa naman ho naming Founder, supposed to be na talagang siya ho ang magsasalita dito, ginagampanan ko na. Nininerbyos na ako, e. Hindi po ako sanay talagang magsalita. Pero kung sa sing-along, lalaban po ako sa inyo dahil sanay akong mag-sing along [Applause] Lagi akong sumasama sa sing-along contest, pero sa awa ng Diyos, second place lagi ang aking nakuluha dahil dalawa lang kaming contestant, Okay?

Ito po Sir, sana itong Unification ng GUARDIANS natin, sana makatulong sa problema naming sa CAR dahil hanggang ngayon Master, talagang very separated pa rin ang Montano sa Bayang Pino,

Nadagdagan pa Master ng Federation of GUARDIANS, Inc. So, sana itong Unification po natin ay makatulong sa aming problema. Tungkol naman kay Bro Carub, sana iyong kanyang sinabi kanina na ang MAGIC daw ay mahinahong asawa guwardiayo Inaanakang Kolehiyala, Sa mga kasama natin dito, Sir, kailangan din ho magpadala rin ho kayo ng Master Founder doon sa Baguio, kasi may isang itinatag na Chapter doon sa Baguio which is also GUADIANS, Pukia sa Baguio is Pambansang Union ng Kalalaking Inaapi ng Asawa. Hindi ko ho alam kong Pukia ho iyong Chairman namin o kaya iyon Regional Founder naming, Wala ho sila rito kaya gumawa sila ng alibi, Pero, hindi ho Sir. Magandang Hapon po, Maraming salamat [*Applause*]

BRO RANGER: Okay thank you very much Bro Elsewhere, Sana hindi ka member ng Pukia o baka ikaw ang vice president doon? Tawagin naman natin ang taga NCR, Si BRO Mohamad [*Applause*]

BRO MOHAMMAD: Magandang hapon po, Master Founder, Alam ninyo, ako po ang pinaka malayo dahil ang NCR po dito sa kumbensiyon na ito is North Cotabato Region. Sila ho ang lalapit ng pinangalingan niyan, mayroong Region 1, sa dulo ng Pilipinas, iyong kabila naman doon din galing sa kabila. So, ang ginawa ho naming ni Supremo Zebra para naman hindi kahiya-hiya ang National Capital Region, binago na po natin ang pangalan noon. So kami po, galing kami ng North Cotabato Region [*Laughter*]

Alam ninyo, bagama;t iyong dalawang araw po ay malaking experience sa amin, lalo na sa akin na makasama ko entire Brotherhood which, halos lahat po ay nabanggit na po ng aking mga kapatid na delegado ang kanilang mga layunin. Isang bagay lang po ang nakalimutan nila, na ang amin pong nagawang charter sa Unification ay hindi lang po naming inaalay sa kabuuan ng GUARDIANS kung hindi po sa inyo para masimulan na natin ang bagong siglo na may bagong sigla para po sa GUARDIANS, Marami pong salamat [*Applause*]

BRO RANGER: Maraming salamat, BRO MOHAMMAD, Hingian din natin ng kaunting mensahe ang Interim Chairman for Unification ng NCR si Supremo Zebra. Palakpakan po natin si Bro Zebra [*Applause*]

BRO ZEBRA: Sa ating kagalang-galang at magiting na Master Founder, magandang hapon po sa iyo. Sa lahat ng gumanap na bilang committee ng ating Unification na pinangungunahan ni Bro Carub, and of course, sa lahat ng mga representative from Region 1 to Region XIII ant NCR at CAR, talagang ibang klase kayo, You have done something good for the GUARDIANS.

At sa inyong lahat mga kapatid, na in one way or the other, nakatulong kayong lahat na matagal na nating minimithi, napapaiyak tuloy ako, sa totoo lang, we really started na maraming problema, Mga problema na kung tatahakin natin ay nandiyan ang intriga, nandiyan iyong kung sino-sino ang gustong maging leader, Pero, we are just thinking na sabihin na natin, ituloy lang natin ito sapagkat ito, we are really doing this for the organization. But of course, sa darating pang mga miyembro, iyong mga miyembro na iiyon ang talagang magpapatupad nito ng isang napakaganda at very professionalized organization

Kasi kung makikita natin na nuong araw pa, when they started this group, it was a group na hindi rin nila inisip na ganito kalaki ang mangyayari, Kitang-kita natin na, inisip nila ito, sige ayusin natin ito, napakagulo, sabi nila nuon una, Pero hindi nila naisip na talagang lalaki ito at masyadong lumaki na ang nangyari tuloy, nagkaroon ng iba't ibang interpretation.

Anyway, ang buod ng sasabihin ko lang, mabuti na ito at nagkaroon na tayo ng isang bibliya na talagang dapat natin sundin para sa ganoon mawala na sa lahat ng isip nila na tayo ay nagkakanya-kanya. Hindi ibig sabihin na matapos na natin ito. Pero sa tingin ko, ito ang simula pa lamang ng ating problema, Ngayon pa lamang tayo tatahak ng isang bagay na sisimulan natin. Marami pa tayong paplanuhin kung papaano talaga maorganisa ang ating GUARDIANS. Kasi, sa tingin ko, marami tayong pagkukulang, mga kalamidad na nangyayari sa ating bansa. Pero ni isang GUARDIANS wala pa tayong nakita talagang established na nagbigay ng isang tulong sa lahat sa kanila. Siguro ngayon, napapanahon na para tayo ay kumilos at tumulong. Maraming salamat po. *[Applause]*.

BRO RANGER. Thank you very much, bagama't mangiyak-ngiyak din po ako soon, hindi ko madala iyong panyo ko, so, iyan po ang ating Interim Chairman ng NCR. Tatawagin naman natin ang Interim Chairman for Unification ng Region III, si Sis Laura *[Applause]*

SIS LAURA: Good Afternoon sa lahat ng kapatiran ng GUARDIANS, sasabihin ko nang the whole region dahil nandito ang mga representatives ng the whole region. Ang Mindanao, of course, ako ay nagpapasalamat sa Mindanao dahil bagamat malayo, nandito sila. Ang Visayas, ang ating kabisulan ay nandito rin. Hindi ko na masyadong pasasalamatan iyon Luzon kasi ang Luzon ay magsisilbing kami ang host. Kaya, maraming-maraming salamat sa ating mga representatives

Siyempre, una kong babatiin ang ating kagalang-galang na Master Founder Jangao, thank you po, akala ko po hindi kayo darating. Nais kong pasalamatan ang lahat ng working committee, Bro Ranger, Bro Jacob, Bro Noah, Bro Sigma, my uncle Manuel Zebra Rimando,

Nasabi nga niya kanina, totoo iyon na kami ay mangiyak-ngiyak sa mga dinanas naming mga intriga, mga paglibak, Pero for the sake of Unification itinabi naming iyon. Dahil sa Region III, dinanas naming iyon, Pero heto kami na pinaglalaman namin to unify the GUARDIANS of the Philippines. Mabuhay ang GUARDIANS *[Applause]*

Of course I would like to thank our dear Senator dahil siya ang naging object, ang kanyang pagsisikap na ito ay ma-unify. Dahil sabi nga niya, tuwing mag-uusap kami, marami na talagang problema sa GUARDIANS, Lahat ay gustong maging leader, kahit ako sa aking region dinanas ko iyan, Madalas nagsusumbong ako kina Bro Noah, kina Bro Ranger, Bro George, pero hindi iyon ang naging dahilan para ako ay sumuko. Sister Laura was born a fighter *[Applause]*

Kahit ako ay isang babae, bilangin ninyo mula noong 1986, year 2000 na, 1986 noong ako ay magpakarga ng GUARDIANS. Year 2000 na ngayon, 1986 alam ni Master Founder Jangao na maraming naging problema sa GUARDIANS. Heto pa rin, problema pa rin. Pero sana matapos na, Master Founder, Tapusin na natin ngayong araw na ito. So, mabuhay ang GUARDIANS Okay iyon lang, Dahil talagang ako ay very emotional dahil I could not hide my feelings. Masaya ako ngayon dahil, at last, tayo ay haharap

na sa iisang GUARDIANS. Bagong siglo, bagong milenyo, sana matupad natin ang tunay na pagkakaisa sa kapatiran ng GUARDIANS. Thank you so much and good afternoon to everybody. *[Applause]*

BRO RANGER: Talaga naman iyong maraming salama. Sis Laura, Talagang pasensiya na rinkayo. Madali kami ni Bro PLS matouch sa ganyan dahil emotionally affected din daming dalawa, ikaw talaga.

Bigyan naman natin ng pagkakataon ng makapagsalita iyong talagang umalalay sa ating mga representatives. Iyong kasama natin na magandang lalaki rin. Si Sigma 3, tawagin natin para makapagbigay din ng kanyang opinion sa ginawa ng mga representatives sa kanya, Katulong natin si RMG Reynaldo "Sigma 3" dela Cruz.

BRO SIGMA 3: Magandang hapon sa inyo, mga Bro, Sa matagal na nating minimithi, nagkaisa na ang GUARDIANS, Sana tuloy-tuloy na ito, wala ng pagbabago, wala ng pataasan ng ere. Salamat at dumating si Master Founder, Sir, good afternoon. Sa lahat ng representatives ng bawat region, nagpapasalamat ako. Hindi ako sanay sa mahabang salita, kaya, kahapon ako ang sumundo sa mga representatives papunta rito hanggang sa YMCA. Hindi ako nakauwi, doon ako natulog. Hanggang ngayon hindi pa ako umuwi, Ang mga plane tickets ninyo, total nasa inyo na naman iyon, okay na. nilakad na natin. Puwede ng bumalik pero huwag muna, masarap kayong kasama, Lyon lang, Mabuhay ang GUARDIANS *[Applause]*

BRO CARUB: Sa pagkakataong ito, Supremo GRINGO, Master Founder Abraham, gusto ko pong ipaabot sa inyo na tinatapos na naming sa araw ng ito ang pagkakawatak-watak ng mga GUARDIANS. Ito na po ang simula ang tunay na pagkakaisa ng mga GUARDIANS sa bansang Pilipinas.

Hindi po mangyayari ito kung hindi po sa tulong nila Bro Noah, Bro Ranger, Bro Jacob, si Bro George, at ang iba pa nating kasamahan sa nasa Chapters, lalung-lalo na po sa ating mga delegadong narito ngayon. Palakpakan natin sila. *[Applause] [Speaker is in tears]*

Pasensiya na kayo, hindi ako sanay e. Pero kung bugbugan ito, baka, sakali. Ganoon pa man, kagalang-galang na Senador, Master Founder Abraham, ito pong pagtitipon na ito sa loob ng dalawang araw, binibigyan ko rin po ng parangal ang ating mga kasamahan sa Senate Chapter *[Applause]*

Mamaya po, bababa na ang pinaghirapan ng ating mga delegado. Bagamat medyo may kaunting pagtatalo-talo ng kaunti, umabot din po sila sa isang kasunduan ng mgakaisa na ang lahat at eto na po ang tunay na pagkakaisa ng ating organization sa ngalan ng Philippine GUARDIAN Brotherhood, Inc.

Sa pagkakataong ito, mga kasama, sa ating mga kapatid sa organization, ito ang pinakamaganda at pinakamahalagang araw para sa ating lahat, sapagkat naging witness tayo sa isang napakagandang okasyon na kukng saan matagal na nating inaasam-asam, at matagal na ring inaasam-asam ng ating mahal na Senador at Master Founder na siya nating pinaka ama na tayo ay muling magkaisa, eto na ang araw ng ating pagkakaisa *[Applause]*

Sa pagkakataong ito, nais kong tawagan ang ating Master Founder na bigyan tayo ng mensahe sa kanyang naranasan sa araw na ito *[Applause]*

MASTER FOUNDER JANGAO Magandang gabi sa inyong lahat, Sa ating magiting na National Chairman, National president, Supremo GRINGO, sa ating newly appointed Vice President for Luzon, MG Ranger, and MG CADRE, Vice President for Visayas, ang ating magiting na Chairman sa Secretariat Bro Carub na tuwing mag-uusap kami sa telephone, parang ayaw ng tumawag sa akin. Ibig sabihin matindi ang kanilang ginagawa. Sa aking mga magigiting na mga GUARDIANS, former GUARDIANS Philippines, Camp Crame, Noah, Ranger, Jacob, sa ating mga kagalang-galang na delegado, sa lahat ng mga Supremo na nandito ngayon, unang-una Supremo Zebra, mga Founders na pinangungunahan ni Founder Daniel from Mindanao, ibang mga kapatid natin, mga MGs Godfathers, kung nandito sila, fellow members of the GUARDIANS, good evening.

Sa okasyon na ito, what we really want is to promote growth and development and Unification of our organization. Growth and Unification. But bear in mind that organization or people will not be developed unless they want to. I hope I am right. Because even God Himself, came down to earth to save people, yet even He cannot save a single person unless that person is willing to save himself. Remember, no leaders, good or active, can transport people to progress, malliban kung gusto ng mga tao. Because underlying a process of true Unification, it is not enough that the people has the will to unify, it is also necessary that people must decide on what manner of Unification they want. And Finally must generate their own power to be unified. In an underlying process of true Unification, it must be the triple power of self-motivation, self-direction and self-proportion. Generally, it is self-movement process of Unification.

Galit ba kayo sa akin dahil ngayong lang ako dumating? (Applause) Gaya ni Supremo, pagkatapos niya magsalita kahapon, umalis siya para mabigyan natin ng free will ang ating mga delegado. Baka may masagasaang position, gaya sa aking Master Founder, sinabi ko Kay Noah, kung puwede sana, ceremonial head na lang ako, titular head. Wala ng power dahil ang power ko ibinigay do na sa ating National President. Sana, hindi ko pa nabasa ang bagao, sana mangyari iyon.

As I stated earlier, it is not enough that people has the will to develop or the will to unify. It is also necessary that people must decide their manner of Unification and finally must generate their own power to be unified.

But the question is, How can people generate their own power for Unification? Only by social organization, only by social reorganization. Many people now just think of two alternatives in their search for reform and Unification. First, violence, second, non-violence.

Violence is generally morally wrong aside from the fact that it usually begets an unending series of counter-violence. While non-violence is generally ineffective and it is a negative concept. The third alternative is often forgotten, a social organization or reorganization.

The issue of violence and non-violence is concerned with the use and non-use of physical force. While social organization has nothing to do with the physical force. It is concerned with the generation of economic, social, and political power through educative, positive and legitimate process of association and organized action.

But social organization is not a simple matter. Many people think of social organization or Unification. Ibig sabihin, organizing or unifying the whole community without realizing the necessity of unifying first the part and sector of the community attempting to attend to the whole organization

without attending first to the lowest Chapter of the organization. Many of Unification programs fail because of this fallacy.

Remember that Unification calls to the collaboration of all members of the organization. And organization which is composed of different parts, and different Chapters. If the parts and Chapter are not first crystalized, moreover, if one Chapter is by-passing or overlapping other Chapters, how can you expect unity among them?

Therefore, the first work of Unification is the organization of a particular part, particularly the National, Regional, provincial, District or Municipal Chapter. My friends, the first task of social organization, the first task of Unification is to generate enough economic, social, and political power which is a pre-requisite of lasting unity and cooperation.

Now, remember, there is a fine distinction between the philosophy of development under communism and under democracy. Under communism, people unite in order to struggle, they unite because they want to struggle. But under democracy, people struggle in order to unite. Now in this given society, things are better organized when they are first divided.

Take for example our political parties, who invented our political parties? Are they not very divisive? Do we want just one political party? But if we divide our nation into different parties and all these parties will polarize their own ideas and programs, perhaps, after election, when they will be united, they may become stronger, just as a rope when it is made up of two or three separate twines rather than of only one.

Maaaring sabihin natin, baka magkaroon ito ng tinatawag na Regional struggle or class struggle. But some people say, it is a secret of development. Speaking of class struggle, Christianity has that principle of class struggle, only it was not well-developed.

The Christian principle of class struggle is based on the cross and the mystical body of Christ. Now, to the Christians, we are aware that the cross is a symbol of Christianity, am I right? The cross is a symbol of Christianity. Is it not a symbol of conflict and struggle? To the Christians, what is our Christian view of conflict? Is a conflictful world a disciple world? Let us say, alisin natin ang cross sa mundong ito. Is it desirable? And if we should not, ano kayang mangyayari? Christ merely shows us that in this valley of tears, the cross is necessary in order to prove love, so the cross is only a means of love. But in order that love could triumph over that cross, there must be a condition of justice, just as Christ hang on the cross, not for the love of the cross but in order to justify divine justice, his love for us.

There is a similar principle existing in the physical world, Remember that the material bodies from the electros to the planets does not arise from the absence but rather the equilibrium of the conflicting forces. One of which is the centrifical force pulling the gravity from the center of the orbit, the other which is the centrifical force of velocity pulling the gravity in the opposite direction, In other words, the physical world is a dynamic stability.

Now, transplanting this issue into sociological tem, there will always be classes in our society. There will always be conflict and struggling among them. Now, peace, Unification is attained not by eliminating conflict altogether, but by balancing the conflicting forces so that justice or Unification will be achieved.

If we want to remove all conflict in this organization, you better go to the cemetery, nandoon sa sementeryo, But even in the cemetery, may conflict pa rin dahil mayroong land grabbing doon, hindi ba? But for as long as we have life, we always have conflict. There will always be clashes, we always have conflict and struggle. But in order that love and Unification could triumph over that conflict, justice must be established and the relation of all Chapters.

Nagakaindindihan ba tayo? Now, one occasion, I was introduced to a cashier, but I was sad because I was not able to shake hands with her. And I know that the glass between us was made by man, not made by God. Later on the day, I read one of the pieces of St. Paul that spoke of the mystical body of Christ. As stated, human body is composed of different organs. Certain organs perform specific functions, Some organs must be separated from other organs in order to serve the same body. And my imagination went to work. I remember that my diaphragm separates my lungs from the intestines. I remember that my neck separates my brain and my heart. And I realized that in the human body, some parts have to be separated from the other parts in order to be closely united in the service of one body.

Now, transplanting this issue into organizational terms, there will always be classes in our society, or our society is composed of different parts and sectors. Some sectors, some part perform specific functions, but some sectors, some parts must be separated from other parts in order to serve the same community. In other words, our organization is composed of different Chapters, from the National, Zone, Provincial, Regional down to the City or Municipal Chapter, all these Chapters perform specific functions, but all the sectors must be separated from other sectors in order to be closely united in the service of one organization.

Kaya nagkaroon ng mga Chapters, kung kalian nagkaisa, hiniwalay-hiwalay. Iyan ang sikreto ng ating development. Maaring nagdala dito sa tinatawag na prinsipyo, principle of power. Now in this valley of tears, it is not enough that people has the principle, he must have also the power, It is not enough that the people are right, he must have mind.

In the past, we often heard the pastors, the priests exhorting the rich and the purple to be magnanimous to the poor, but seldom if ever that pastor or priest exhort the poor or the weak to become strong in order to remove temptation from the oppressor. The weak were simply advised not to resort to physical violence. At times, you are exhorted to be happy because the reward in heaven would be great.

Now, it is not enough that justice is given by the criminals. It is not enough that peace is given by the insurgents. It is not enough that Unification is given by the factionalist, it seems to be equally necessary that justice must be demanded by the oppressed, by the victims, that peace must be demanded by the constituents, that Unification must be demanded by the membership. For Christ said, knock and it shall be opened to you. Why do we have to knock? Is he not God? It seems then that the door must be opened in response to one's knocking. Because the mere opening of the door, the mere granting of peace, the mere granting of justice, the mere granting of Unification shall have no complete meaning unless there is recognition of human dignity in every person.

To the organizers of this organization, I am extending my heartfelt thanks and congratulations to your exemplary performance. May mga naririnig tayo, parang makaka low moral sa atin, parang kung bibigyan natin ng diin, makapagbibigay ng dagdag na problema, Pero, as what we have noticed, this evening ang lahat na iyan at nawala sa araw na ito. At umaasa ako sa araw na ito, maging sumula sa ating pakikibaka. I hope this Constitution and By-laws which we are going to adopt, ratify at that, will

empower every member of this organization. Empowerment, maaaring hindi nangyari sa ibaba, kundi nagsimula sa taas. But in order that this by-laws could be implanted among the members of the association, this must be disseminated in the entire regions or the entire Philippines... Goodevening.. (*Applause*)

BRO CARUB:: At this point we would like to give you our National Chairman Hon. Supremo GRINGO Honasan [*Applause*]

SEN. HONASAN: Thank you very much my Brothers and Sisters, Please take your seats.

Let me first acknowledge with all humility and respect our Master Founder , Master Founder Abraham, can we give him a big hand? [*Applause*]

Let me also acknowledge, first and foremost, iyong chief Moderator natin, Interim Presiding Officer, Si Bro Ranger. [*Applause*] the Head of our Secretariat, iyong shock absorber natin, iyong pinuno ng mga nagpuyat, nagtrabaho, umikot, binatikos, punuri, lahat na, so Bro Ernie Carub [*Applause*]

Let me also acknowledge our Interim vice President for Luzon. Bro Zebra, [*Applause*] and Interim vice President for the visayas, Bro Cadre [*Applause*] Let me also acknowledge for the record, those who have given life to the participation of the single representatives from all regions that have participated in this National Unification Convention and Congress, MG Arab, palakpakan natin, MG Mao, and MG Explorer.

My Brothers and sister, delegates to this first historic at makasaysayan na National Unification Convention , ladies and gentlemen, mga kababayang Pilipino

Ang sabi nila, let our action speaks for itself, Kung ano iyong ginawa natin ngayon nakaraan dalawang araw, iyon ang magsasalita sa isang mas malakas na tinig kaysa sa kahit anong dokumento na ilalabas natin mamaya, kapag nagpirmahan na to attest to the veracity, authenticity of this historic Constitution and By-laws, At iyan ang magsasalita para sa atin n the spirit of Unification.

Alam ninyo po, my Brothers and sisters, iyong Great Britain, England, one of the most powerful nations this planet, kung saan hanggang ngayon nararamdaman pa rin natin ang impuensiya sa mga karating bayan natin, pati tayo rito, halos sakupin nila, has a Constitution that is not written. Hind ito nakasulat. Pero nakaukit ito sa isang permanenteng pamamaraan,, sa puso, sa utak, sa kaisipan, sa diwa, at sa buong pagkatao noong nga mamamayan sa Great Britain. Kung papaano sila naging makapangyarihan, kung paano nararamdaman ang impluensiya nila sa buong mundong, siyang magpapatunay na ang isang saligang batas ay hindi kailangang isulat sa papel.

Hindi ko minamaliit iyong ginawa ninyo kania, In fact, nasa inyo ang karangalan ng makasaysayan ng pagtitipon na ito. So do not worry about how imperfect it is, Do not worry about iyong sinabi kanina ni MG Arab na habang iniimprenta nila, inencode , habang binabasa nila, nakikita nila iyong depekto. Huwag kayong mag-alala ng mayroon nga grammatical errors. Itong lintik na Saligang Batas ng Republika ng Pilipinas, ang ganda ng pagkasulat, pinagtulungan ng pinakamagagaling sa buong kapuluan, ang daming depekto, ito pang Constitution natin ang mawalan ng depekto? [*Applause*]

Ang gusto kong bigyan ng diin dito, basahin nating lahat iyong Constitution and By-laws. Pero sabi ni MG Mao, sunugin na natin iyong mga tulay sa likod natin. Iyong mga tulay na ayaw nating tawirin dahil sa kawalan ng kompiansa, iyong mga tulay na nagpahirap ng buhay ng bawat isang pangkaraniwan na bro natin na hanggang ngayon ay uhaw na uhaw , gutom na gutom , hindi para sa financial support kundi para sa direksiyon, maituro lang sila kung saan sila pupunta, sapat na iyan. Basahin natin ang constitution na ito at alamin natin, hindi iyong nakasulat kung hindi iyong hindi naisulat, iyong buod at laman at sustansiya na pinagtulong-tulungan ng 12 Founders at Magic Group at Chapter Presidents na nagpuloong-pulong ngayon.

Siguro naman malaking insult na iyong pinagtulong-tulungan nila, iyong pinagsama-samang utak nila, iyong pinagsama-samang kakayahan, karanasan at pagnanasa na sa huling pagkakataon, mabuo na ang GUARDIANS at ang kapatirang GUARDIANS, babalewalain natin dahil may grammatical error, may typographical error, imperfect iyon lumabas na dokumento.

Mga kasama, may kasabihan, the journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. Pero ang pinakamahalaga, gawin natin iyong unang hakbang na iyan. Mga kapatid, Brothers and Sisters, tonight, we have made, we have decided to make that all important, historic, giant step towards Unification. [Applause]

There may be many obstacles, maraming hindi maniniwala, maraming true or false, halos nakikinikinita ko na iyong mga ayaw tayong kausapin, Inaabot na natin ang kamay natin, naglulumuhod na tayo, nagmamakaawa na tayo na makipag-usap man lang sila, ayaw pa rin. Hindi pa rin tayo titigil. As we light the fuse that will ignite the flames of Unification, I want each and everyone of you to go all over the country to spread the gospel [Applause] of Unification.. Kahit na iyong ayaw makipag-usap, kausapin ninyo. Hawakan ninyo sa ulo, huwag ninyong hawakan sa leeg, baka maubusan ng hininga, Kausapin ninyo, then tell them, spread the gospel, spread the good news that for the last two days, our Brothers, coming from as far as Aparri and as far as Zamboanga, have come here and gathered to once and for all, unite the Brotherhood of almost 300,000 active members nationwide.

There will be obstacles, marami diyan ang hindi maniniwala, marami diyan ang mamaliitin ang pinaghirapan, pinagpuyatan at pinagpawisan ninyo nitong dalawang araw. Pero, sinasabi ko sa inyo, walang pagbabago, walang Unification, walang makahulugan at makasaysayang gawain na nagsimula at hindi binatikos. Magdududa pa ako lalo na hindi tayo batikusin. Dapat batikusin tayo, dapat hamunin tayo,, dapat kanyawan tayo, dapat subukan tayo, para masubok din natin ang tibay ng ginawa ninyo ngayong nakaraan dalawang araw. [Applause]

Gusto ko sanang igarantiya sa inyo na magmula ngayon, puwede na tayong matulog ng mahimbing dahil may Constitution ang By-laws na tayo, natapos na rin ninyo. Sana, kung kaya ko lamang igarantiya sa inyo na magmula ngayon, magiging madali na ang buhay natin, pero, ikinallulungkot ko, mga kapatid, Brothers and sisters, na pahirap ng pahirap ang gagawin natin.

Ngayon na nagboluntaryo na simulant ang prosesong ito, sinasabi ko sa inyo, marami pang pagpupuyat, marami pang gutom, marami pang sakripisyo ang aabutin natin bago natin tunay na mabuo ang kapatirang GUARDIANS. At alam ko, may kumpiansa ako, na dahil sa ipinamalas ninyo nitong nakaraang dalawang araw, wala akong kaduda-duda na tayo ay magtatagumpay, hindi lamang alang-alang sa ginawa ninyo ngayong araw na ito, kung hindi alang-alang sa ating kinabukasan at ang kinabukasan ng ating mga minamahal na pamilya, mga anak at magiging apo.

Kung puwede ko lamang sabihin sa inyong, ang kalsada na dadaanan natin buhat ngayon ay patag, nagkakamali po kayo. Hindi ko puwedent sabihin sa inyo iyan. Hindi lamang magiging paahon o palusong... akala ninyo e pag palusong madali? Subukan ninyo magjogging o maglakad sa palusong, magkandamatay, magkandapilay sa kakapreno. Sung paahon naman, tingnan natin, subukan natin kung hindi talagang kakapusin kayo ng hininga dahil paahon. Kaya kung puede ko lang igarantiya sa inyo na patag ang kalsada magbuhat ngayon, gagawin ko, pero hindi po, hindi ko maaaring igarantiya. Paahon o palusong, kailangan sama-sama nating balikatin ang sinimulan natin nitong nakaraang dalawang araw, at ngayong gabi nilagdaan na natin iyong aprobado at raratipikahan natin na Saligang Batas.

Kahapon po sa aking pambungad na salita sinabi ko sa inyo, nakiusap ako kay Master Founder. Sabi ko “ Master Founder, at pakiabot it okay Founder Lapu-lapu, Founder Patton” – iyong tatlong nabubuhay natin na sagisag ng kapatiran na sinimulan nila mahigit kumulang sa 20 taon na ang nakakalipas—sabi ko sa kanila, “isinalin ninyo sa akin ang bigat at responsibilidad ng lliderato ng nagkakaisang GUARDIANS, pabayaang naman ninyo akong dumiskarte” Dahil sa aking mga gagawing hakbang, marami ang hindi matutuwa. Halus dinisisyunan ko na unang-una na ang inyon National Chairman na pansamantalang umuupo ay hindi makikialam nang sa ganoon ay hindi mapagdudahan. Ako lamang ang host ninyo rito.

Sinabi ro kin sa inyo na ang ating Master Founder, Iyong ating triumvirate at kasama na sana, si MG Goyong, na hindi nakarating dahil sa problema sa Mindanao, hindi rin makikialam pero kami ang magiging testigo sa pinaghirapan at ginawa ninyo nitong nakaraang dalawang araw. At natupa nga ito.

Malaki man ang pagkukulang, in spite of all the perseen defects in this document, in spite of the shortcomings that will be addressed overtime by procedural amendments, kung hindi ito naaakma o nakatugma sa ibig nating magyari na dapat maintindihan ito, maipatupad ito sa pinakamababa at pinakamalayo nating chapter abroad, ibasura na natin ang dokumantong ito, At iyan nga ang natupad.

Sabi kanina ni MG Explorer, sabi kanina ni MG Arab, sabi kanina ni MG Mao, bukod sa pagsusunog ng mga tulay na nasa likod natin para hindi na tayo makaurong, ginawa natin itong simple. Ginawa natin itong malawak, pero hindi masyadong detalyado nang sa ganoon, mawalan tayo ng puwang para sa pag-aamiyenda kung sakaling may nakalimutan tayong probisyon na hindi natin mabibigyan ng buhay sa pinakamababang sangay ng ating kapatiran. At natupad nga iyan.

Ladies and gentelen, it is time to move forward. It is time to make a difference in the lives of all our members, in all our Brothers na ilang dekada na ring napabayaang dahil hindi tayo nagorganisa ng maaga, hindi natin ginawa itong mas maaga, hindi tayo nagkaroon ng liderato katulad ninyo na nagdesisyon na kailangan mangyari na ito sa huling pagkakataon. Finally, after years of waiting, this has finally come to pass.

Let me read to you what will be distributed later on as our press statement. “ Today, we have addressed almost 200 delegates including observers and leaders of non-government nationwide organizations or the GUARDIANS. The GUARDIANS, known before the 1986 People Revolution as an army within an army by the propagandist of the Marcos administration, has grown in a period of 22 years from a small group of enlisted personnel from all over the country and all major services into what it is now, a nationwide fraternity of responsible, civic-spirited citizens. Very few are aware that after the break-away in February 1986. It was the GUARDIANS who first responded to the Pro People Power emanating from Camp Aguinaldo at 2:00 P.M. 22 February 1986. S hould know what I am talking about because I think I was there, And this is a matter of factual historical record”.

Sabi ko sa kanila, iyong mgay ibang opinion diyan, di paramihan tayo ng pictures. Kung sinasabi ninyo wala kami doon o nandoon kayo, di maglabasan tayo ng picture. Siguro mga 50 baul iyong pictures ko, at iyong pictures ninyo, And this is a matter of factual historical record that is a departure from the sustained distortions of Philippine history that we continue to experience up to this day.

Sinabi natin ito dahil patuloy ang paglalapastangan sa kasaysayan natin. Iyong mga anak natin, mali ang itinuturong history, nakasulat pa sa history book, kulay yellow pa iyong history book.

Each of the country's 16 regions was practically represented in the group study of this National Unification convention with the exception of the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao. The National Unification Convention was intended to unify most of the remaining small and isolated factions of the GUARDIANS and consolidate them with the presently better organized major groupings. The present active membership of the GUARDIANS now stands at almost 300,000 nationwide, still growing by the day. The Unification Convention also focused on drafting a common constitution and by-laws as a unifying instrument and mechanism. The unified GUARDIANS will then be known as the Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood, Inc.

Kung may kaunting pagaagam-agam kung sang-ayon tayo na iabolish na yung GCFI, gagawin natin iyan bilang pagbibigay halimbawa. It is anticipated that all other Securities and Exchange Commission registered names of most of the various groups of GUARDIANS will then be withdrawn after the presentation, ratification and signing of the approved By-laws and Constitution also set this afternoon.

Mga kasama bilang panghuling pananalita, dahil alam ko na gigil na gigil na tayo na ratipikahan at pirmahan itong dokumento na pinaghirapan ninyo. Katulad ng isang musika, ang nagbibigay aliw sa atin sa musika ay hindi iyong nota. It is not the notes that describe to us the melody, It is the space between the notes that provide us with the music, Ganoon din ang Saligang Batas natin. Nandiyan iyang nakasulat, maraming kakulangan. Kayo na mismo ang umamin, pero hindi dapat ikabahala o ikahiya ito. Ang mas mahalaga iyong buod, iyong layunin, iyong kaya nating isapuso at isaisip na layunin at pangarap, mga panaginip natin para sa isang nagkakaisang GUARDIANS Brotherhood.

Kaya nais kon ikuwento sa inyo , bago ako matapos sa aking maikasing mensahe. Alam nyo po, may anak akong babae, actually dalaw, lima ang anak ko sa isang Nanay. [Applause] Kahit na anong mabalitaan ninyo, isa laman ang pamilya natin. Huwag kayong masyadong magtawanan dahil nasa labas si Mrs. Honasan, baka mabugbuog na naman ako mamaya pag-uwi naman. Tatlong lalaki, dalawang babae ang mga anak ko. Iyong mas matanda kong babae, noong 7 taong gulang siya, sinasabi naming ni Mrs. Jane Honasan sa kanya, ang pangalan pala niya ay Cookie, pero kung tawagin naming siya ay si Co. Alam nyo kung bakit, sabi naming "Cookie, magaral ka naman mabuti para matuwa sa iyo ang iyong mga maestro, maging honor student ka'—katulad kin ng mga anak ninyo---"maging karangalan naming iyong pag graduation o pagtatapos ng taon aakyat kami sa entablado para bigyan ka ng medalya." Alam ni'yo mga Bro, mga sis, Master Founder, ang sagot sa akin nung aking anak, 7 taong gulang ito nang sabihin niya itom sabi niya. "Alam mo, Papa, Mama, pagdating mo sa langit, hindi naman itatanong ng Diyos kung ano iyong nasa utak mo. Ang itatanong ng Diyos ay kung ano ang nasa puso mo."

At iyan ang mensahe ko sa inyo. Sa dami ng magagaling sa kasaysayan ng Pilipinas, nasaan tayo ngayon? Sinukat na ng Diyos ang kkkung ano ang laman ng utak nila, ang dami pa ring naghihirap, ang dami pa ring walang bahay, ang dami pa ring walang trabaho, ang dami pa ring nagugutom, ang dami pa

rin bata na hindi makapag-aral. Nasaan and depekto? Panahon na para sukatin natin, hindi lamang sa GUARDIANS, kung hindi sa buong Sambayanang Pilipinas, kung ano ang laman ng ating puso.

At ang Saligang Bartas na ito na pinaghirapan ninyo, pinagpuyatan ninyo ng dalawang gabi, simple man ang anyo, amateur man, sabihin na nila ang gusto nilang sabihin, ngunit kung ito ay isapuso natin, ngunit kung ito ay isa-isip natin at magka-isa tao, sa huling pagkakataon, walang puwersa na magbabanta sa demokrasya na binabantayan natin, ang kayang sumagupa sa isang nagkakaisang pantay na demokrasya, ang kapatirang GUARDIANS {Applause}

Kalimutan na ninyo yung magagaling ang utak dahil nandito sa harap natin, sa tabi natin, kapit-bisig, ang matitibay ang puso, at iyan ang magiging bataan ng kinabukasan ng ating bayan para sa isang maliwanag na umaga. Paggising natin, magkakaisa na tayo, mapayapang mamamayan, umuunlad at garantisado na ang kinabukasan ng ating mga anak at magiging apo. Mabuhay ang GUARDIANS . [Applause]

(SIGNING OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS)