

THE FILIPINO ASSOCIATION OF DENMARK
Special Souvenir Program

The Christmas Experience ...



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*at Sheraton Copenhagen Hotel
on Saturday, 16 December 1995
at 18:00 hours*

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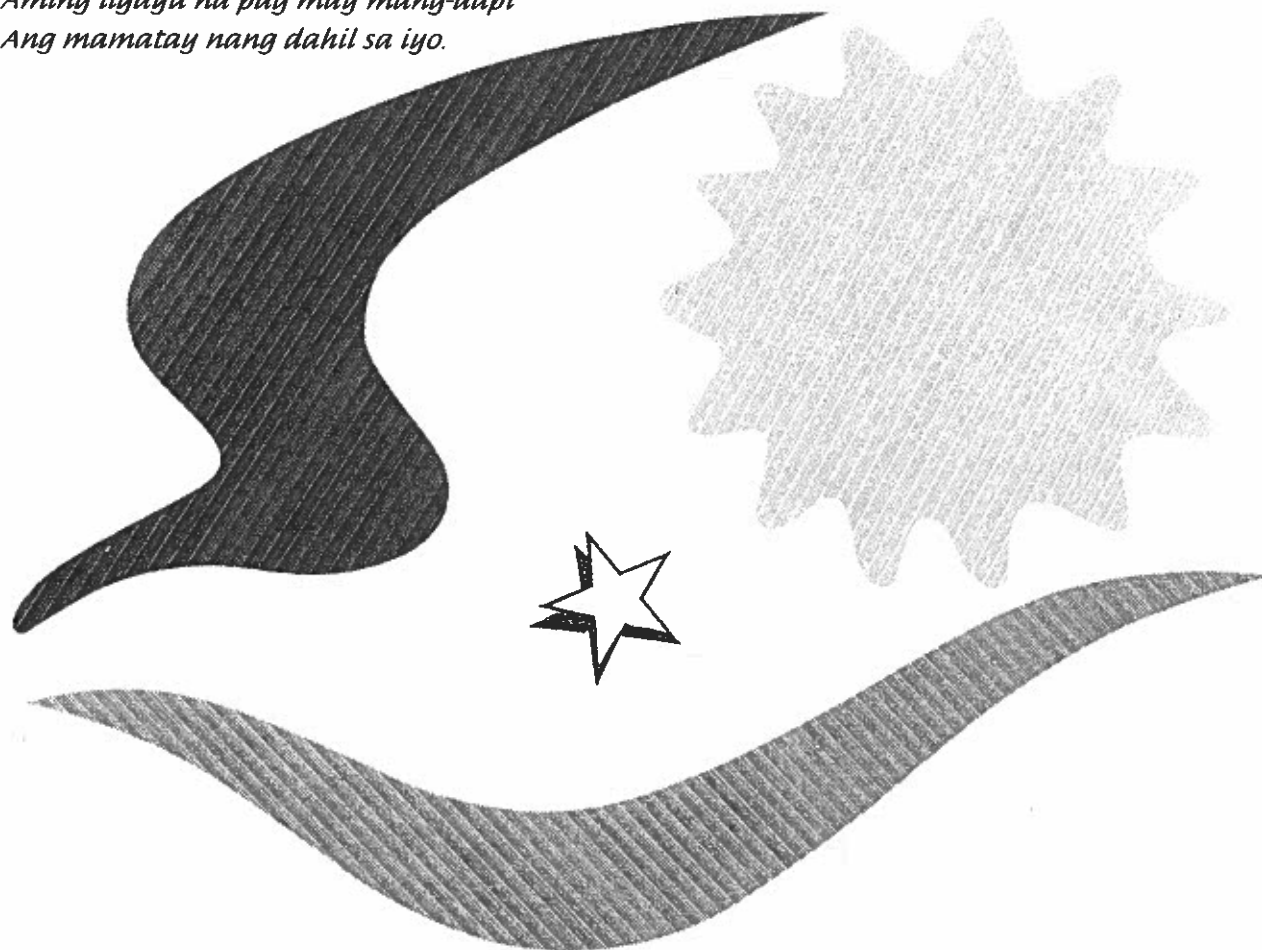
Bayang magiliw,
Perlas ng Silanganan.
Alab ng puso,
Sa dibdib mo'y buhay.

Lupang hinirang,
Duyan ka ng magiting.
Sa manlulupig,
Di ka pasisiil.

Sa dagat at bundok,
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw.
May dilag ang tula at awit
Sa paglayang minamahal.

Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
Tagumpay na nagniningning.
Ang bituin at araw niya
Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.

Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta.
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo.
Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.



PASKONG PINOY



symbolize the forthcoming Christmas.

In fact, radio stations start playing Christmas songs as early as October to remind people of the approaching season.

In many department stores and boutiques nationwide, Christmas decors light up the display windows to attract more customers. Christmas lanterns, elaborately crafted, are arrayed, row on row, ready for sale.

Children singing Christmas carols in front of every house, the traditional caroling, also serves as a reminder that Christmas is just round the corner. The opening of theme parks or carnivals emphasizes the fact.

But for many Filipinos, Christmas season starts when they start feeling the nip in the air brought by the northeastern monsoon. No Jack Frost for us there.

Yuletide, by custom and by tradition, officially starts on the 16th of December, the first of nine days set for the dawn mass or *simbang-gabi*, and culminates on the 24th or Christmas Eve.

A tradition that dates back to the 18th century, *simbang-gabi* is one of the holiday rites sorely missed by Filipino expatriates, particularly those living in the Middle East.

Simbang-gabi is held at dawn and was originally known as *misa de gallo* because it is held at cock's crow. During the nine-day mass, children and adults wake up as early as three in the morning and brave the cold December to attend the mass.

After the mass, the faithful fill themselves with delicious Filipino delicacies like *puto-bumbong*, *bibingka*, *suman* and other local delights. Lately, other common fares are being served by the stores that lined up the church *patios*, like *lechon manok*, barbecues, hot soups and *pandesal*.

On Christmas eve, Filipinos hold the *misa de aguinaldo*, wherein the faithful celebrate the birth of the Savior. The mass usually starts at eleven in the evening and ends at midnight.

After the mass, most families gather around the table to celebrate their *noche buena*, an occasion when all the members of the family and its extensions are present to give gifts to each other.

At the table during the *noche buena* are Filipino delicacies like *quezo de bola*, *hamon*, rice cakes and, with import liberalization, apples and grapes.

On the morning of the 25th or Christmas Day after the Christmas mass, children visit their godparents and receive their gifts. Understandably, they are all dressed nicely like

their parents, as if for a town fiesta. Christmas, after all, is the grandest of all fiestas in the Philippines.

After the 25th, most Filipinos prepare for the *media noche* on New Year's eve.

Firecrackers and other forms of pyrotechnic devices fill the stores and supermarket shelves; stalls selling all types of *lucos*, hats and horns dominate the sidewalks.

New Year festivities start as early as ten in the evening of the last day of the year. One can hear the successive explosions and see the splendor of colorful fireworks lighting up the sky.

At exactly 12 midnight, the sights and sounds reach their culminating crescendo with pyrotechnic pinwheels and splinters of fires driving out the old year and ringing in the new.

After the merrymaking, the family gathers at the table for the *media noche* and dedicates a prayer of thanksgiving.

On New Year's Day, some families make it an occasion for a reunion. It is widely believed, and hoped for, that the family which stays together on New Year's Day will be together for the rest of the year.

The Christmas season usually ends on the day of the Three Kings, which used to fall on January 6. But the Catholic Church later decreed that the Feast of the Three Kings be held on the first Sunday after New Year. day





Consulate General of the Philippines Copenhagen

Message

The Year 1995 has come to an end, and it is once again time to celebrate the FAD Christmas Party 1995.

Looking back on the activities within the Filipino community in 1995, you will agree that it has been a very interesting year in many aspects.

Our President Fidel V. Ramos made his first visit to Denmark in March, the FAD celebrated its 25th Anniversary in October and there have been many other positive activities. It is my sincere hope that this positive trend will continue in the new year we are about to commence.

From our Consulate, the staff and I wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, and may it be a year of progress and good health to all of you.

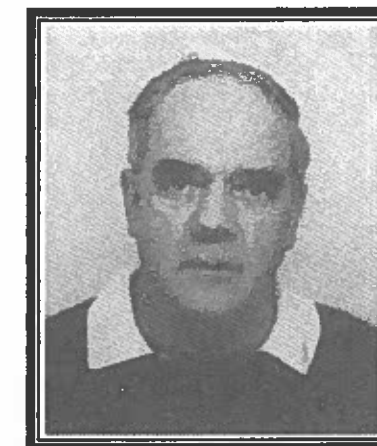
Mabuhay!



(Sgd.) Henning Agerskov
Consul General a. h.

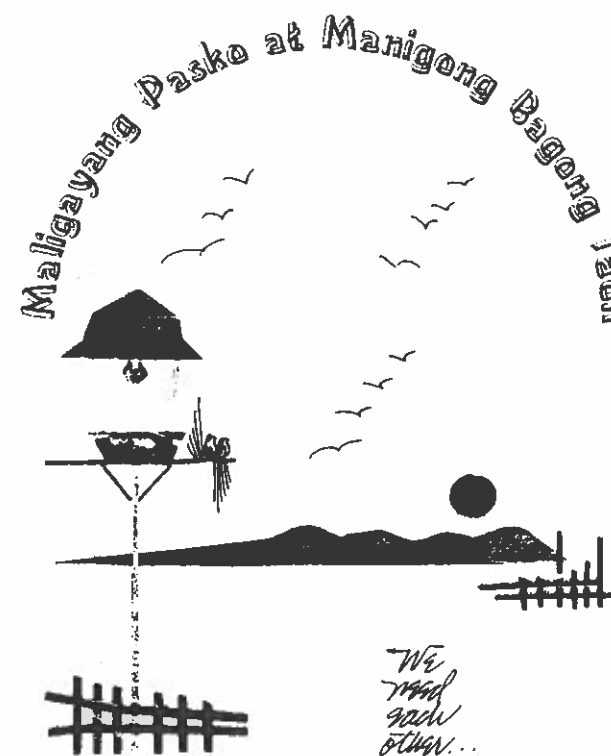


Sankt Annæ Kirke Copenhagen



Message

Twenty-five years since the arrival of the first Filipinos. Their pioneer spirit is still with us. We thank the Lord for this Silver Jubilee year.



When we think of some of the tragic and upsetting events that have occurred for migrant Filipinos in some countries of the Middle East, we realize how blessed and peaceful it has been for Filipinos here. Denmark has been good for them, and they have been good for Denmark.

A bond of friendship and better understanding has been built up over the years. The Pinoy has earned a reputation for hard work, discipline and reliability. Their spirit of kindness and hospitality has won the hearts of many in Denmark.

I believe that much of this fine spirit comes from their deep faith and trust in the Lord. May the God who sent all His love in the PERSON of His Son continue to radiate that love and kindness and goodwill among us here this evening, and indeed into the very evening of our lives.

Sincere good wishes for a holy and happy CHRISTMAS and a peaceful NEW YEAR.

(Sgd.) Fr. Patrick J. Sheils, C.S.S.R.
Chaplain for the Filipino Community



Vor Frue Kirke
Herlev

Message

During Advent, we ask Jesus to come to us. But how will the power of God affect us when it enters our lives?

Many of us have a notion of God as judge, policing our every move and eager to pounce on us with punishment. That kind of thinking would make God seem very distant. When God seems far removed, we trick ourselves into mysterious strategies designed to leap this vast expense. We pray in a manner designed to bind God's ear: make that raise come about, bring that new home into reality, or help a romance to blossom. Our willful spirit wants mastery over the mystery of God.

Our thirst for control wants personal power to exceed divine power. We overlook the ease with which we could let the benevolent will of God work on our behalf.

But the power of God is not the power of human success; sometimes it's the exact opposite. The Hebrew people expected the Messiah to be a great political leader who would crush the Roman persecution. Yet, Rome remained in charge, holding the people hostage.

The same scenario is played out today. Nations and people look for a ruler who will bring miraculous change. New leaders surface and then fall victim to greed and the abuse of power - they are anything but divine. Justice, peace and mercy become lost values up against the allure of fame and wealth.

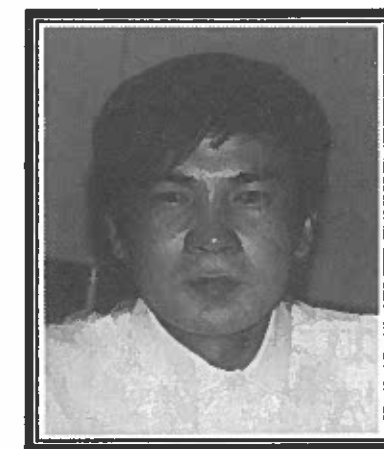
Jesus was not the expected hero. He Entered without fanfare. The message was forgiveness and love, not violence and conquest. Rather than calling people to war, the Father called the people to Himself. Power was experienced as intimacy with God. Love would be the force capable of melting the hard hearts of tyrannical rulers and devouring empires. Surrender to God and alliances with His Kingdom would prove the road to glory.

This is not a forbidding or threatening God. Our God invites us to come to Him, to approach without fear. God wants us to be close. Just open your heart and let Him come in.

(Sgd.) Fr. Carroll Parker, OMI
Chaplain for the English Speaking Community



The Filipino Association of Denmark
Copenhagen



Message

As we celebrate together today the Birth of our Lord, "may there be joy and happiness in every one's heart and may this Christmas spirit continue throughout the New Year and all the years to come.

We observe this day each year as an expression of thanksgiving on our part for the good year to end, and hope and pray that the new one to come be happier and more prosperous.

As regard the association, it's a majority feeling that 1995 is quite a satisfactory one. Hopefully we'll do better in 1996.

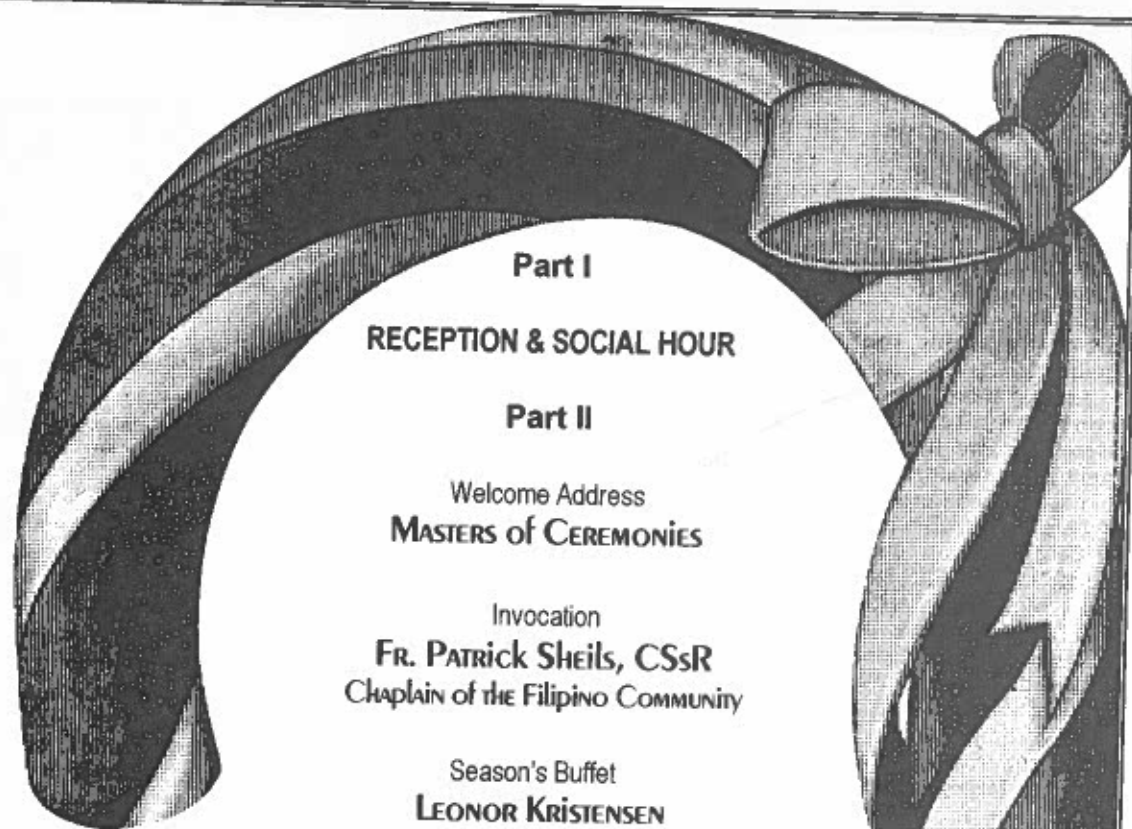
It's my wish, too, for everyone to enjoy the festivities which should hopefully enrich our social life, renew our personal ties and relieve ourselves from cares of day-to-day living.

"Merry Christmas from my family and from the officers of the FAD!"

(Sgd.) Onofre B. Garcia
FAD President



PROGRAM



Part I

RECEPTION & SOCIAL HOUR

Part II

Welcome Address
MASTERS OF CEREMONIES

Invocation
FR. PATRICK SHEILS, CSSR
Chaplain of the Filipino Community

Season's Buffet
LEONOR KRISTENSEN
SEASON'S CHEF

Part III

Cultural Presentation: *Paskuhan* FAD FOLKLORIC DANCE TROUPE

Song Renditions
SELECTED TALENTS

Speech
ONOFRE B. GARCIA
FAD PRESIDENT

Cultural Presentation: *Habanera de Don Juan* FAD FOLKLORIC DANCE TROUPE

Christmas Message
HON. HENNING AGERSKOV
Philippine Consul General A.H.

Cultural Presentation: *Woman in You* FAD FOLKLORIC DANCE TROUPE

Community Singing led by
FAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS & ADVISERS



Part IV

DANCE ■ LOTTERY ■ DISCO ■ LOTTERY ■ DANCE



Our Holiday

Feast

which is a buffet of
Ham, Floerkesteg and Shredded Beef,
will enliven us

In

this Evening of Joy.

Our seven-course menu also includes
Pancit, Lumpiang Shanghai, Chop suey
Green Salad, Plain & Fried Rice
with the

Heavenly

features of
Shrimp Rebozado and Steamed Lox.
Carrova cake, Leche flan,
Riz a l'amande and Fruit Salad,

which consist
our traditional dessert fare,
will cap our

Peace

ful, fun-filled night.

Leonor Kristensen
Season Chef



On every occasion,

The FAD Folkloric Dance Troupe

celebrates
the best of Philippine traditions,
with the timeless beauty
of regional dances
from the ancient to the present.



Season's
Greetings
from the Folk Dancers:

Anne Marie Brieva
Marites Belardo
Gina Castillo
Heidi Escandor
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Christina Jacobsen
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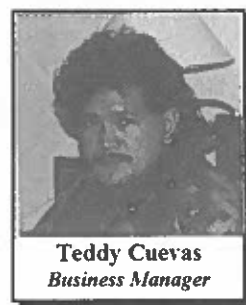


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Teddy Cuevas
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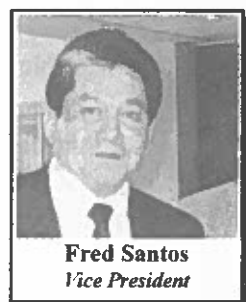
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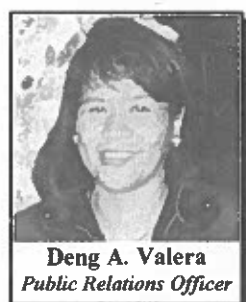
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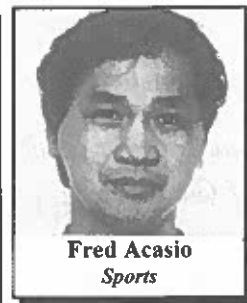
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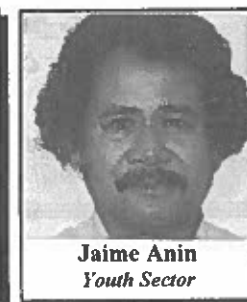
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A Christmas Reminder

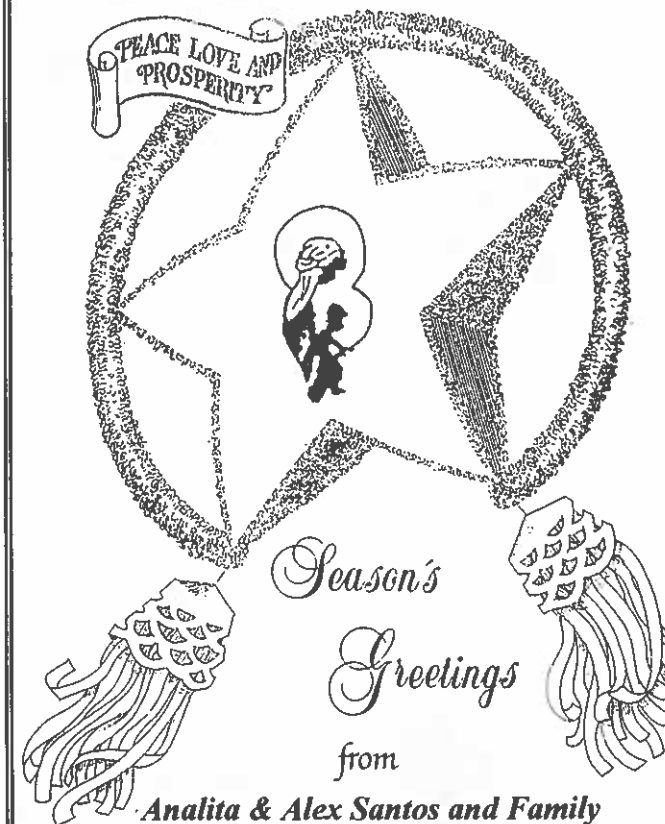
IT IS NOT HOW FAST WE TRAVEL THAT COUNTS
BUT THE DIRECTION WE ARE HEADED.

The
of Generous
GIVING

comes from The Sheer
of Generous
LOVING



A
Christmas Message
from
Elena & Camilo Escandor and Family



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mula kina
Cristy & Lito Brieve

Merry Christmas!

*May the coming of the Infant Jesus see our family
growing in the grace of God
and increasing even more
in our cooperation with His divine plans.*

from Puring & Felix Palitang and Family



May the STAR of BETHLEHEM CONTINUE TO GUIDE
THE TRUE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
IN THEIR PERPETUAL STRUGGLE
AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS...
DOUBT, SIN, LURE OF POWER AND PLEASURE.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Marcial, Edward, Girlie and Grace Vergara



Manigong Bagong Taon!

HANDUGAN SANA TATONG LAHAT NG TAONG 1996
NG MARAMING PAGKAKATAON
UPANG MAIPAGPATULOY NATIN
ANG MGA TAGUMPAY NA ATING NAKAMIT
NITONG NAKALIBAS NA TAON.

Pagbati mula sa Pamilya nina Belen at Jaime Anin

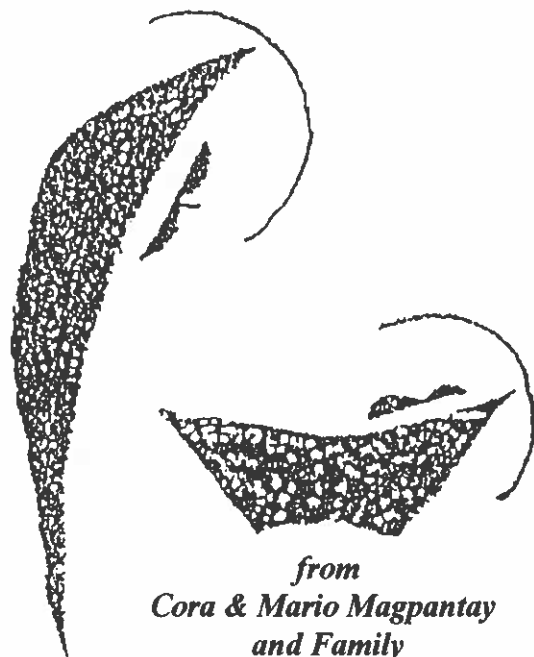


**To All of You at CHRISTMAS . . .
Happiness Always!**

Greetings from the
ALCARAZ FAMILY
Ben, Edward, Leony, Melinda & Anja Rasmussen



*As we usher in the Season,
may we bring with us the message of peace,
goodwill and hope.
Merry Christmas!*



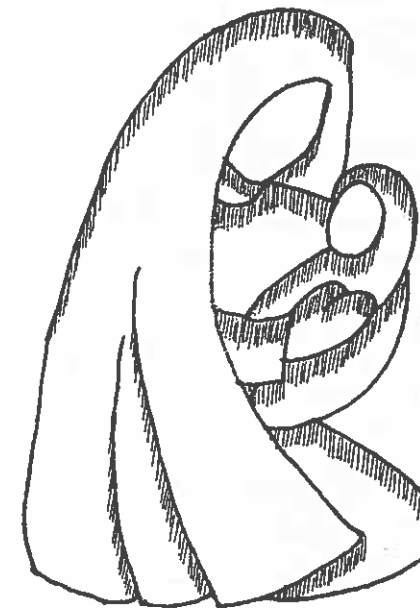
*from
Cora & Mario Magpantay
and Family*

*From Teddy Cuevas
and Family*



*A very
merry Christmas
and a very
prosperous New Year
to all!*

*Let us be a
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR
blessing to each other.*



from Maura Arcilla

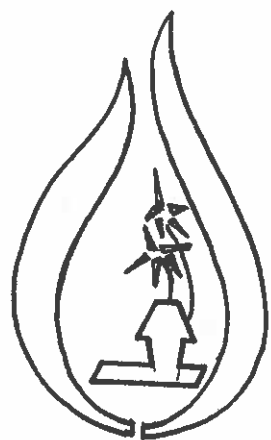
*Let us make this Christmas
a meaningful one
and may the same spirit live in us
for the rest of our days.*



Merry Christmas
*from
Onofre, Linda, Cherilyn & Lemar Garcia*



The



LIGHT OF CHRIST

has come into
the world



May it be a warm flame
to shine in your home
and bring you
LOVE * PEACE * JOY
to share with
others.

A
Christmas Wish
from



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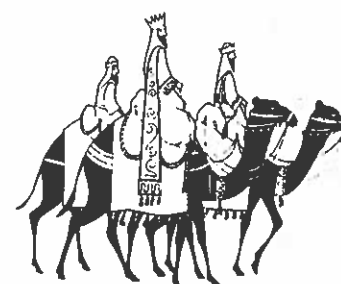
Merry Christmas

and

Happy New Year

to All!

from Delfin Jacolbe and Family



Like the Three Wise Men,
let's embark on our journey of faith
in order to discover the Infant Jesus
in our every day life.

Ven, Lisa & Vivian Velasquez



May Jesus' spirit of
peace and joy
be with you all!



Happy
Birthday!



from Juliet Sales

Let our whole life
be an Advent.
ready and waiting for
the Infant Jesus.



Happy Holidays!
Jacinta and Bob Russell



from

Petra & Tony Garcia

*Jun, Boy Donald, Juliet, Marjorie
Lanie, Jennie, Patrick & Niclas*



A Joyous
CHRISTMAS

to

**Concepcion Family
Reyes Family
Sabeniano Family
Saballo Family**

from Susan & Cirilo Sanchez

Maligayang Pasko at Manigong Bagong Taon
Isang



sa
inyong
lahat!

*Nagmumula sa Pamilya nina
Liza at Fred Acasio*


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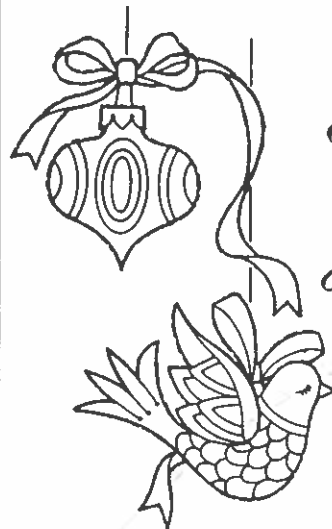


wishes everyone
a meaningful
Christmas!

Johnny B. Hansen
Assurandør



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*Season's
greetings*

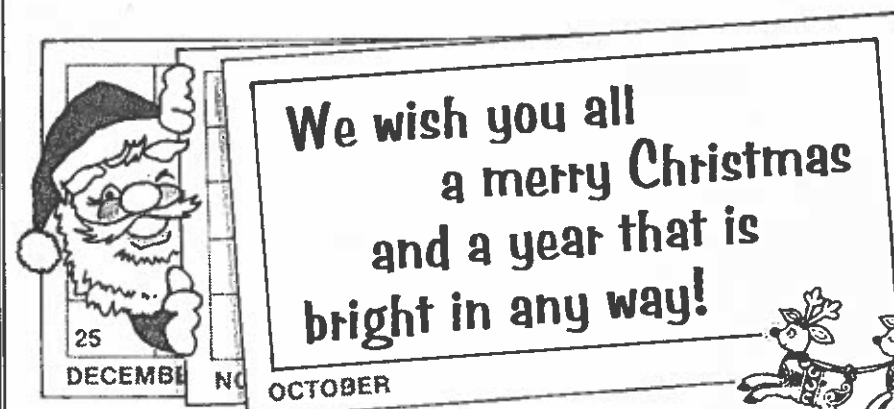
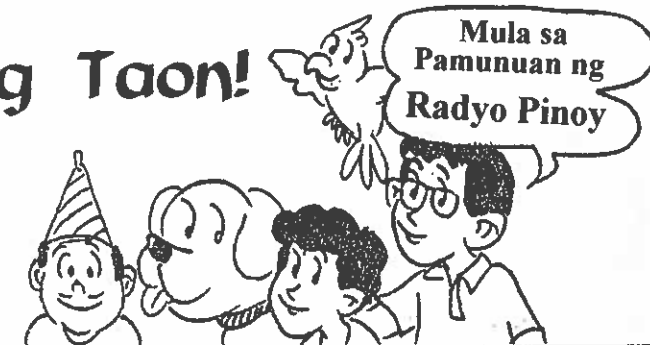
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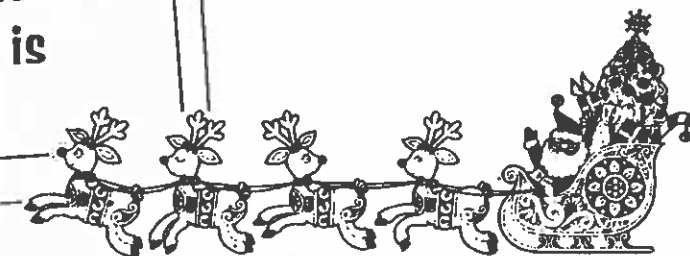
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Maligayang Pasko

at
Manigong Bagong Taon!



from
Fred & Philip Santos



Gifts THAT REALLY MATTER...

It's NOT THE THINGS THAT CAN BE BOUGHT
THAT ARE LIFE'S RICHEST TREASURE.
It's JUST THE LITTLE "HEART GIFTS"
THAT MONEY CANNOT MEASURE...

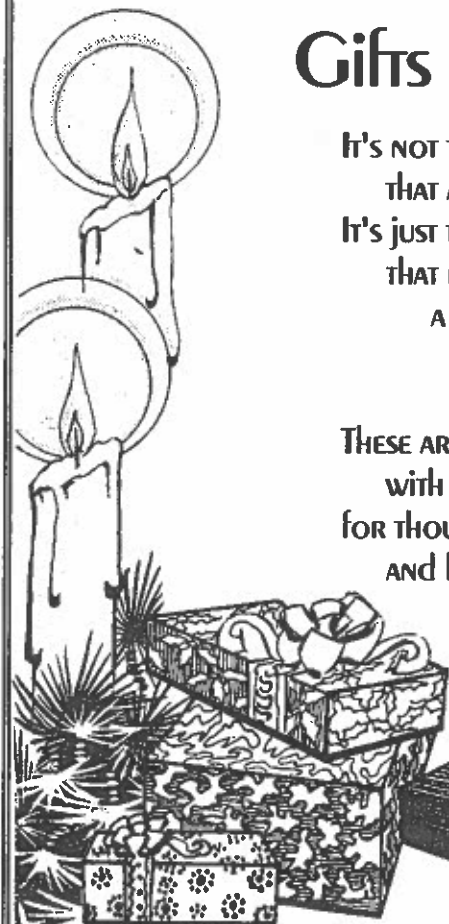
A CHEERFUL SMILE,
A FRIENDLY WORD,
A SYMPATHETIC NOD.

THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT CAN'T BE BOUGHT
WITH SILVER OR WITH GOLD,
FOR THOUGHTFULNESS AND KINDNESS
AND LOVE ARE NEVER SOLD.

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"heart gift"
from

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May the love,
the happiness
and the peace
the Holy Family shared
fill your heart
and your home
at Christmas
and
in the New Year.

from the Bible Group



WE WISH YOU ALL
THE THINGS
THAT A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR
BRING.

from the Hacinas Family
Estrella & Roger
James & JR

Let us NOT have an Xmas.
Let us instead
bring CHRIST back to Christmas!



A
Yuletide Message
from

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We would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to all donors and sponsors, as well as to our friends, who have assisted us in the accomplishment of this souvenir program. Likewise, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed his time and has extended his support in the preparation of this year's Christmas Party. Moreover, we would like to express our deep regrets and apologies for all errors and omissions inadvertently committed in this program. In behalf of the people behind FAD Info's success, this is your MANAGING EDITOR, wishing you all the best of the season!



Joy



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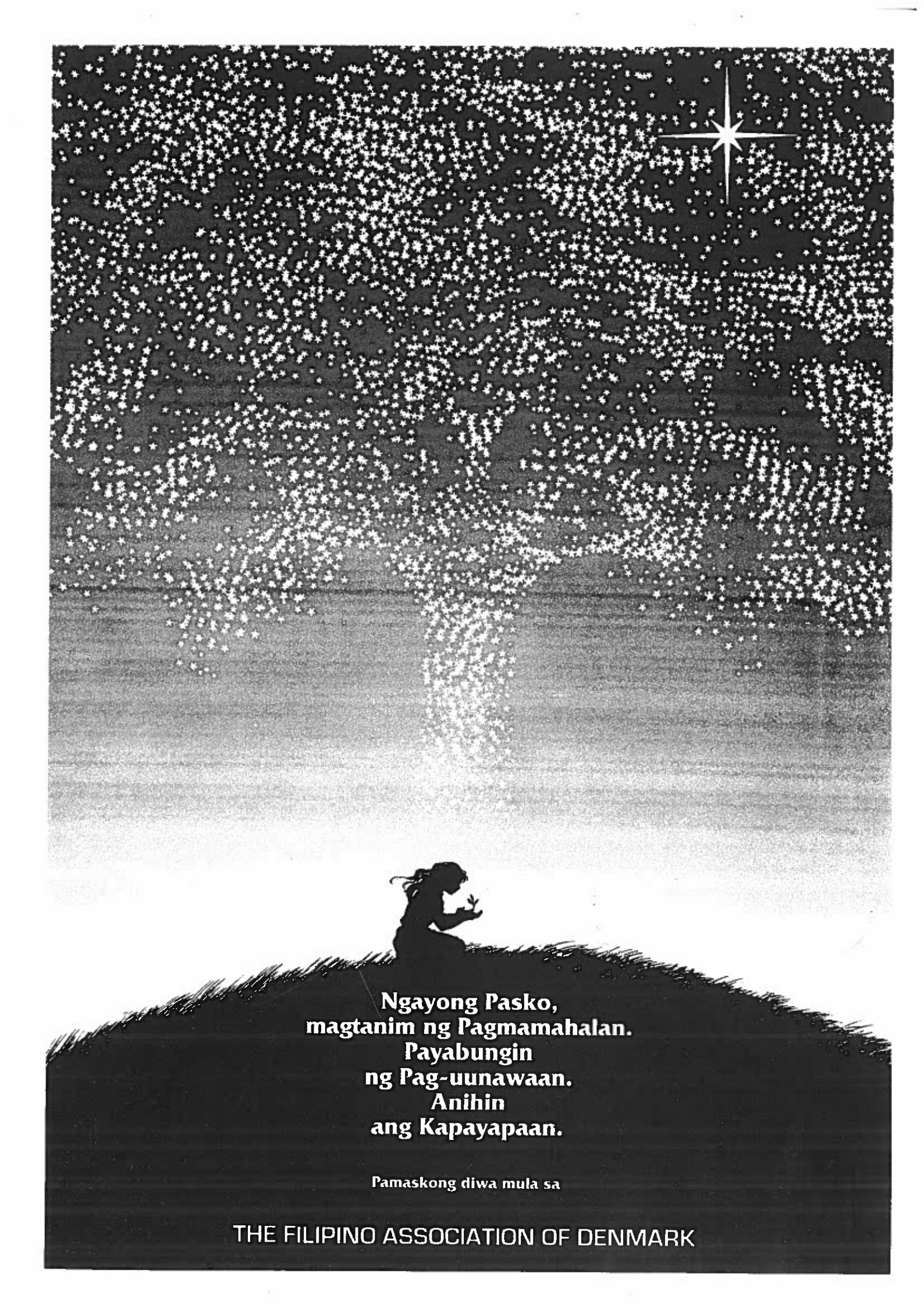
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magtanim ng Pagmamahalan.
Payabungin
ng Pag-uunawaan.
Anihin
ang Kapayapaan.**

Pamaskong diwa mula sa

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