



**The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge
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JUDICIAL PRONOUNCEMENT No. 04. - MW TOLENTINO
Series of 2017

**TO : ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS, DDGMs, DGLs, GLIs, MASTERS,
WARDENS AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THIS JURISDICTION**

**SUBJECT : COMMUTATION OF PENALTY FROM FIVE (5) YEAR
SUSPENSION TO TWO (2) YEAR SUSPENSION IMPOSED UPON
BRO. GILBERT DIAZ**

WHEREAS, in the Order dated 18 December 2015 of MW Rentoy in the Masonic case entitled "*IN THE MATTER OF: The hazing incident that reportedly occurred at Mt. Tapulao Lodge No. 389 during its Stated Meeting last 7 November 2015*", the following Brethren meted the penalty of Suspension for five (5) years as Master Mason:

- (1) Bro. Gilbert Diaz
- (2) Bro. Jelson Dayupay
- (3) Bro. Erlin M. Abdon
- (4) WB Carlito L. Samonte
- (5) VW Pedrito B. Reyes

WHEREAS, Bro Diaz, Bro. Abdon and Bro. Dayupay were found directly responsible for inflicting the wounds and physical injuries upon the candidate;

WHEREAS, in the Order dated 25 April 2016 of MW Rentoy in a similar case, the Motion for Reduction of Suspension of Bro. Jelson Dayupay was granted upon showing remorse and after having promised not to allow the same thing to happen again whereby the penalty of Suspension for five (5) years as Master Mason was reduced to two (2) years:

WHEREAS, Bro. Gilbert Diaz in his letter to the Grand Master dated 08 September 2017 appealed for the reduction of penalty upon showing remorse and willingness to be of service to the Fraternity with a promise not to allow the same thing to happen again and prevent any similar incident in the future;

"By your Grip, we are here to serve, and not be served even beyond the Cabletow."

WHEREAS, if the Fraternity has earlier extended compassion to Bro. Jelson Dayupay who took an active role during the unfortunate incident by reducing the penalty of suspension to two (2) years and in the absence of any showing that conspiracy to commit the offense existed, Bro. Gilbert Diaz likewise deserves the same understanding and compassion moreso that he has already served almost two (2) years of the penalty of five (5) year suspension;

WHEREAS, Section 1 Article IX The Grand Master, Part I Constitution states that:

“Section 1. The Grand Master, between Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, shall exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of Charters, all its judicial powers, and such legislative powers as may provide needed legislation that shall be harmoniously complementary to this Constitution. His actions are effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers in me vested by the Constitution, do hereby render this Judicial Pronouncement:

The Five (5) year Penalty of Suspension imposed upon **Bro. Gilbert Diaz** is hereby **commuted and reduced to Two (2) years Suspension** from the date of the Order of Suspension.

This Pronouncement shall be read in open Lodge at the Stated Meeting next following its receipt and action thereon duly recorded in the Minutes of the said Stated Meeting.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in the City of Manila this 24th day of October 2017.


ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO
Grand Master

Attest:


DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM
Grand Secretary 