

UNITED PAMPANGA LEADERS COUNCIL

A SYNOPSIS OF AN AMAZINGLY BLESSED ORGANIZATION

On January 18, 1998 – As if it were a stroke of destiny, the United Pampanga Leaders Council or popularly known as UPLC was founded on this day in Monterey Park, California, USA. Several presidents, chairpersons and distinguished leaders from various Pampangan associations have decided to unite themselves. Their courage, strength and vision led to the birth of this humble organization that is ready to serve, to lead, to help and to represent a United Pampanga. As a group they are indeed a potent force with massive organizational clout whenever called for. It was incorporated in 1998 as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit charitable organization; hence donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

In June 1998 during the Centennial Anniversary of Philippine Independence Day, UPLC made its debut to the Filipino American Community. Together with various regional Filipino American associations, UPLC represented very well the province of Pampanga and reaped multiple awards in different categories including the Centennial Award for the United Pampanga Group, Centennial Parade Most Decorative Float and several Appreciation and Recognition awards.

On December 5, 1998 – UPLC organized its very first celebration of Pampanga Day. It was a whole day affair of fellowship, entertainment, enjoyment and sumptuous food. The championship of the Pampanga Basketball League and the Volleyball Tournament were held in the morning while children's and adult games and the Program ensued in the afternoon.

On October 23, 1999 – This was UPLC's official Inauguration Day. A video titled "Pampanga Rising from the Ashes" was shown on the big screens at the Marriott Hotel with more than 500 guests. Some were teary eyed seeing the scenes of helpless cabalens affected by the devastation of the 1991 Mount Pinatubo eruption. It was a befitting occasion that made each and every officer, director and member of UPLC to serve and help more our cabalens and our native province of Pampanga.

Through the years, UPLC have always organized events with tremendous success that earned it the distinction of being one of the prestigious organizations in the Filipino American community. UPLC continues to achieve meaningful projects and donations to the province of Pampanga and to the Archdiocese of Pampanga. UPLC's first foremost project was sending close to three hundred computers and set up in various towns of Pampanga, several Computer Learning Centers that were free of charge especially to the less fortunate such as students and others wanting to enhance their knowledge or chance of getting a job. Then there were the Medical Missions and Technical Missions, Kalayaan Independence Day and Virgen De Los Remedios events. As a charitable non-profit, non-political and nonsectarian organization, UPLC has always put God Almighty at the helm in its mission and objectives.

On November 5, 2011, another milestone in the life of UPLC brought this amazingly blessed organization to the next level of being exemplary. Together with the coalition of Filipino American associations under the umbrella of the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement, officials from City of Carson and the Philippine Consulate General - the long awaited groundbreaking at the site of the construction of Rizal Monument was held at the City of Carson International Sculpture Garden.

On September 29, 2012, UPLC was at its proudest moment in its history. On this very day was the historical unveiling of the 15-foot Rizal Monument, an 8-foot bronze Rizal statue on top of a 7-foot granite pedestal. UPLC was undoubtedly one of the major Fil-Am organizations that supported most the Dr. Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement. That magnanimous Rizal Monument can truly be regarded as a crowning glory of the Filipino American community in this part of the world. That Monument will certainly be a lifetime legacy to the present and future generations to come, from all of us patriotic Filipinos, UPLC and all other associations who made it happen.

**UPLC WILL ALWAYS BE AN ORGANIZATION THAT
WILL REMAIN RELEVANT AND STRONG, WHENEVER THE
PAMPANGO AND FILIPINO COMMUNITY ARE AT STAKE!**

LUID YA ING UPLC...LUID YA ING PAMPANGA!