

## Dumaguete Bethel Of Job's Daughters

The third Bethel of the International Order of Job's Daughters in the Philippines was instituted on June 8, 1963 in Dumaguete City. Sponsors and supporters of the new Bethel are prominent and active Masons and Eastern Stars of the city and other towns of Negros Oriental who were instrumental in bringing about the actual institution by correspondence and interviews with Mrs. Pilar R. Gonzalez, Assisting Supreme Deputy of the Order in the Philippines.

In late April, on orders from Mrs. Doris Benson, Supreme Guardian, Mrs. Dolores A. Laconico and Mrs. Vicenta S. Melocoton went to Dumaguete to help the local Masons and Eastern Stars lay the ground work for the establishment of the Bethel. Later, in early June the same ladies, accompanied by Mrs. Laconico's daughters, Dolores II and Leticia, both Past Honored Queens of the Manila Bethel, went to Dumaguete to help in the institution.

Twenty-four daughters related to Masons signed the petition for the organization of the Bethel. The Bethel has since initiated more members. Officers under dispensation are: Miriam Melegrito, Honored Queen; Luz Corsino, Senior Princess; Annabelle Dimaya, Junior Princess; Maria Elena Ravello, Guide; Concepcion Utzurum, Marshal; Beverly Lim, Senior Custodian; Josephine Decenteceo, Junior Custodian; Ella Fe Kiamco, Inner Guard; Marion T. Escarda, Outer Guard; Lilian Tan, Recorder; Aileen Decenteceo, Treasurer; Eden Melegrito, Chaplain; Rose Marie Calderon, Musician; Manuela Utzurum, Librarian; Perla Somoza, First Messenger; Estela Banogon, Second Messenger; Lourdita Quial, Third Messenger; Margarita Ravello, Fourth Messenger; Judith Gerolao, Fifth Messenger; Victoria Dimaisip, Betty Calderon, Lourdes Resposo, Dalisay Lim, Licifel Kiamco, choir members.

Masons and Eastern Stars helping the organization in various capacities are: Mrs. Ester Melegrito, Bethel Guardian; Dr. Ramon Ponce de Leon, Associate Guardian; Mrs. Concepcion T. Escarda, Secretary; Mrs. Sofia A. Ravello, Treasurer; Mr. Rodolfo de Leon, Director of Music; Mrs. Helen B. Schon, Promoter of Sociability; Mrs. Angustias R. Imperial, Promoter of Hospitality; Mrs. Agapita C. Resposo, Promoter of Finance; Mr. Joseph Schon, Promoter of Fraternal Relations; Mrs. Monserrat G. Magbanua, Director of Patrol; Mrs. Justina U. Garcia, Promoter of Philanthropy & Goodwill; Mrs. Paquita Ponce de Leon, Promoter of Activities; Mrs. Remedios G. Gaudiel, Custodian of Paraphernalia; Mrs. Beatriz A. Lim, Director of Epoch.