

## Eagle Scout With Gold Palm Award

National Scout Executive Godofredo P. Neric of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines officially informed Bro. Procopio M. Velasco, acting director of athletics of Silliman University and member of the East Visayas Bodies, A. & A.S.R., Dumaguete City, that he is a recipient of the Award of Eagle Rank with Gold Palm, the highest rank in Scout Advancement. Bro. Velasco is also a recipient of many commendations, citations, medals, and other awards for outstanding leadership and exceptional meritorious services rendered to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines from local, Regional, and National Councils; the National Executive Board; and the National Court of Honor. Last April, Bro. Velasco was cited by the Evaluation Board of the Negros Oriental Council as the most outstanding Scouter and Field Scout Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor, and member of the Council Training Team for 1962-63.

Bro. Velasco joined the international Scouting Movement as a Scout at Estancia, Iloilo, in 1934. He earned his Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, and Star Scout Ranks as a member of the Boy Scout Troop at Silliman University before World War II. He earned his Life and Eagle Ranks with Eagle Palms after the war as a Lone Scout of the Negros Oriental Council. He has already earned 40 Merit Badges.

During the 10th World Jamboree held at Makiling National Park, Los Baños, Laguna, on July 17-26, 1959, Bro. Velasco served as assistant scoutmaster of Troop 80, Negros Oriental Contingent, Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Mt. Kaladias Lodge No. 91, F. & A.M., Dumaguete City, sponsored his joining the Negros Oriental Contingent to the Jamboree. Being an Eagle Scout, he attended the First World Conclave of Eagle Scouts held in Manila where holders of the highest Scout rank from various national Scout associations in the Jamboree met on July 25, 1959.

As a Scouter, Bro. Velasco held various positions in the Local Council. He is at present the Sovereign Eagle, Eagle Scouts Fraternity, Negros Oriental Chapter; Adviser, Alpha Phi Omega, Gamma Chapter, Silliman University; Merit Badge Counselor; Director, Merit Badge Training Program on Emergency Service; Senior Member, Council Training Team; and Field Scout Commissioner for Training and Emergency Service, Negros Oriental Council, Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Bro. Velasco is a member of Mount Kaladias Lodge No. 91, F & A.M.

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