

STEADFAST AND TRUE, EVEN AT 92!

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Good evening ladies and gentleman, distinguished guests, my fellow brods in the Fraternity. I am honored tonight on the 72nd Anniversary of Beta Sigma Fraternity of my alma mater, University of the Philippines. Let me say thank you to the officers and members of Beta Sigma for your kind recognition of all our fraternity brothers in the medical profession.

Throughout my adult life, from the moment I received my degree from UP many many decades ago, as well as during my residency in various New York City hospitals and in private practice over the years in the Philippines, I have strived to uphold the values of Beta Sigma - brotherhood, achievement, equality, tradition and friendship.

Tonight is somewhat bittersweet, because I remember several of my fraternity brothers who became lifelong friends who are no longer with us. Allow me to honor the memory of my friends - Rico Arranz, Manuel Escaler and Nic Jacinto. We will always be brothers.

Like my father before me, I chose the path of becoming a doctor in order to continue tradition of service to humanity. My journey has been long and fulfilling. I trust I have made a small contribution to improving the lives of my fellow men. More than ever, Filipinos deserve to receive the very best health care no matter their stature in life.

I hope my fraternity brothers of this generation, whether you choose medicine, law or business will not forget the values of being part of Beta Sigma, always to improve the lives of our citizens through hard work, honesty, strong faith and service.

Again, thank you very much for this honor. I will always remain steadfast and true, even at 92, to Beta Sigma. Mabuhay!