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THE LEGACY CONTINUES: OA 10TH TURNOVER CEREMONY

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The Order of Asclepius of the West Visayas State University- College of Medicine held its 10th turnover ceremony at the Diversion 21 Hotel last March 5, Saturday.

The annual turnover ceremony shows the organization's appreciation for the outgoing officers for their struggles and achievements. It is the official means of handing over the responsibility to the newly elected officers.

Irene Becares and Modesto Gargaritano Jr., both from Batch 39, served as emcees for the night long event, which began with an address by the leader of Batch 38, Allen Rey Alipen.

The turnover proper commenced with the outgoing officers passing over their duties and responsibilities to their predecessors: Grand Master Asclepian (GMA) Aljeirou Alcachupas to Marielle Karina Barredo, Senior Master

Asclepian (SMA) Jeffrey Millan Jr. to Therese Angela Benite, Junior Lady Asclepian (JLA) Ma. Celine Villo to Louise Cecille Del Rosario, Lady Chest & Scroll Keeper (LCSK) Stephanie Grace Lucero to Ann Margaret Diaz, Lady Herald (LH) Katherine Fabros to Abigail Alonzo, and Master Chronicler (MC) John Ramel Rafael to John Michael Tagasa.

Outgoing GMA Aljeirou Alcachupas explained that the ceremony symbolizes a personal connection of the former and the next officers. He further expounds that it is during the turnover program when the outgoing officials give pieces of advice or any tangible material to the incoming officers which would help the latter face all the challenges that the former leaders went through.

The program didn't only highlight the symbolic passing over of

responsibilities but also acknowledged the contribution of the members of Batch 37 to the order. As a compliment, tokens of appreciation were given.

Before the program ended, Dr. Fred Guillergan, the adviser of Batch 38, delivered his inspirational speech. In his message, he narrated a story of how circumstances in medical school change the perspective of medical students. Furthermore, he emphasized that no matter how difficult our life as a medical student or a clinical clerk is, we must always remember the very reason why we wanted to become a physician. Moreover, he emphasized that this profession entails lifelong sacrifices.

To conclude the program, as one family, the members of the order sang the Asclepian song.#