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"LOTTO" BOBON STYLE IN APRIL

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT BOBON FOR FREE? Here's your big chance.

Suman, dinuguan, halaya, puto-bumbong...make way for the **Lottong Bobon**. Yessirre, how about Lotto, Bobon-style for a fund raiser? Folks, more than ever, here's another big chance to stand up and be counted. Once again, our Church needs our help. This time, in response to Fr. Rojo's request, we would like to raise \$5,000.00 to finish the church flooring and make the 96 Fiesta a very memorable one.

Here's the cool thing. You and I can contribute to this worthy cause and at the same time get a chance to balik-Bobon for free! You heard it right...FREEEEE! Here's what the Bobon Lotto is all about:

- Purpose - to raise funds for the flooring of the Bobon Church.
- Tickets will cost \$1 each.
- Grand Prize - Round Trip ticket to Manila (valued at no more than \$800.00) or \$800.00



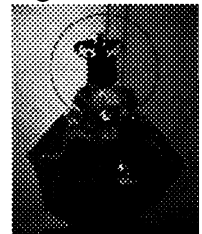
cash, 2nd Prize - \$200.00 and 3rd Prize - \$100.00.

- Each family will receive 100 tickets (\$100.00 worth). You can either keep them and have 100 chances of winning the round-trip ticket, or sell them to friends or relatives. Whatever you decide, please do not return any tickets. NO RETURN, NO EXCHANGE!

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Fiesta '95 Held In Corona

The hot summer days of August was simmering with all the excitement generated by the annual fiesta which Bobonanons observed for the 5th time.



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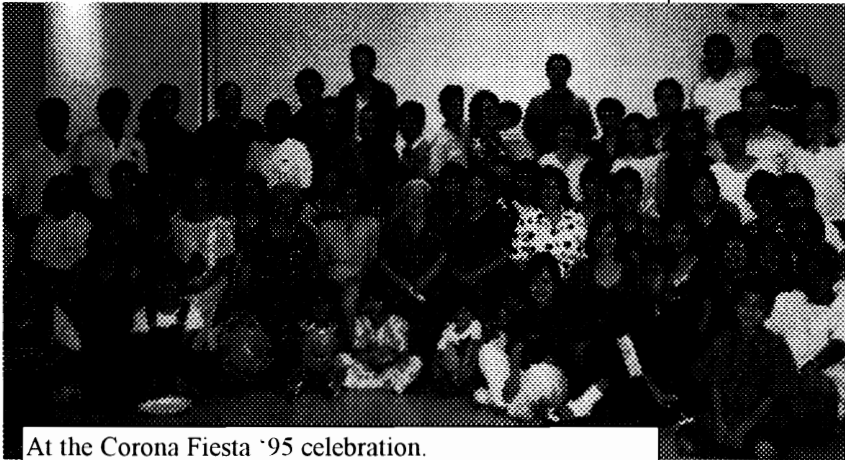
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Corona Fiesta 1995...

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This year's fiesta was sponsored by Benny and Nenette (Cornillez) Damicog and family.

The original plan to have a mass did not materialize because the priest could not make it.



At the Corona Fiesta '95 celebration.

The group recited the rosary instead. After the rosary, a hearty fiesta lunch was served.

During the fiesta, it was announced that there will be no celebration in the US next year to give way to Balik-Bobon '96.

As usual, the cha-cha, boogie, tango, electric slide and the *kuracha* dominated the affair. Total income generated from the *kuracha* was \$503.91. Dick Paredes provided the music.

Benny and Nenette and their family wish to thank everyone who came to the affair and provided assistance and support.

Feast of the Sto. Niño Held in Phoenix

Phoenix was the venue of this year's Feast of the Sto. Niño. It was held on January 14, 1995. Eric del Monte sponsored the

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celebration that started even as early as Friday evening when some of the *mamaratrons* have started coming.

With the help of the Hills, the Carpinas, the Tobeses, and some friends, Eric treated the *mamaratrons* to a hearty lunch at his home with Bobon delicacies such as *humba*, *kaldereta*, *kandinga*, *dinggo* and *lechon*.

In the afternoon, everyone moved to the Phoenix Club House where the Holy Rosary was offered in honor of Sr. Sto. Niño.

The Batileses, the Carpinas, the Cornillezes, the Glavas, the Hills, the Knoths, the Maulases, the Paredeses, and the Tobeses whiled away the afternoon and the evening with dances for the young and old alike. There was enough food and *kuracha* which kept the affair going

until about 11:00 p.m.

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Lotto, Bobon-style...

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- The drawing will be held sometime in April, 1996. The exact date will be printed on the ticket.
- All ticket stubs together with the money **MUST** be turned in to the association treasurer no later than one week before the drawing date.



Folks, this is better than the Lotto. You don't even need to go to 7-Eleven and make a Quick-pick. Tickets will be mailed to you in January, 1996. Once again, we appeal to each and everyone of you. Let's pull together and make a big difference!

P.S. You may order as many as you want.

(This headline article was contributed by Rene Bautista)

Feast of the Sto. Niño...

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Interestingly, one of the things that some Bobonanons asked during the celebration was

At the Phoenix Sto. Niño celebration.

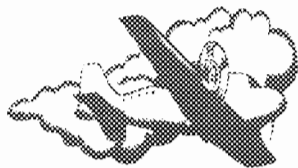


why there are two Sto. Niño fiestas in a year -- one in August and another in January. Another question raised was why Bobonanons venerate the Black Sto. Niño or the *Agta* in January with a fluvial parade and the *Simulog* plus the *Ati-atihan* in recent years; while we venerate the white Sto. Niño in August in a different manner.

We will try to get some answers to these questions. In the meantime, if there is anyone who has the answer, please write to Butch E. Paredes at 4912-6 Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 21044 and we will publish your letter in the coming issues of this Newsletter.

Balik-Bobon '96

August 10, 1996 is the date Bobonanons in the US will mark on their calendars. It's the town fiesta back home and our Association is organizing a Balik-Bobon '96 trip. An informational brochure/questionnaire was sent out earlier to all the members asking whether or not they are joining the trip. By the end of December, we



hope to have a good idea of how many members are going.

The trip promises to be really interesting and exciting. Fr. James Rojo first of all expressed his enthusiasm for the



official news about our planned homecoming. He has also made the announcement to the local Bobonanons in one of his Sunday masses. In his response to our inquiry as to how the Association can participate in the fiesta celebration, he suggested that we consider the following activities:

1. To be the major sponsors of the Patronal Pontifical Mass with local Bobonanons as co-sponsors. As major sponsors, the Association will have to contribute P70,000.00 to defray all Mass expenses and whatever is left of the contribution will be used for the Church reconstruction project.



2. Sponsor the *Simulog* by providing token prizes for *Simulog* dancers.
3. Sponsor the Vesper Day Dance by taking charge of the tables and the *Kuracha* fund raising.
4. Provide and distribute used but still wearable clothing.
5. Provide free medicines and medical services through operation "free clinic".

PLEASE



WHATEVER YOU CAN TO
YOUR CHURCH...

Please Let Us Know...

Are you going home to Bobon on August 1996?

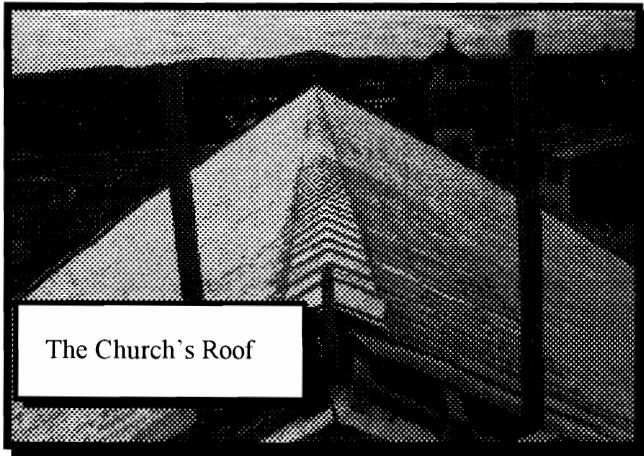
For your convenience we have provided a self-addressed stamped questionnaires to make it easy for you to respond. All you need to do is fill out the questionnaires and stick it in the mail.

Whether you are going home to Bobon or not **PLEASE RESPOND AND LET US KNOW.**

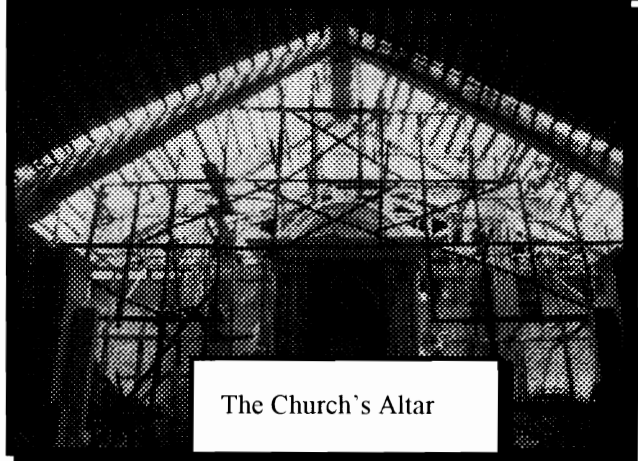
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Treasurer's Report
As of October 1, 1995

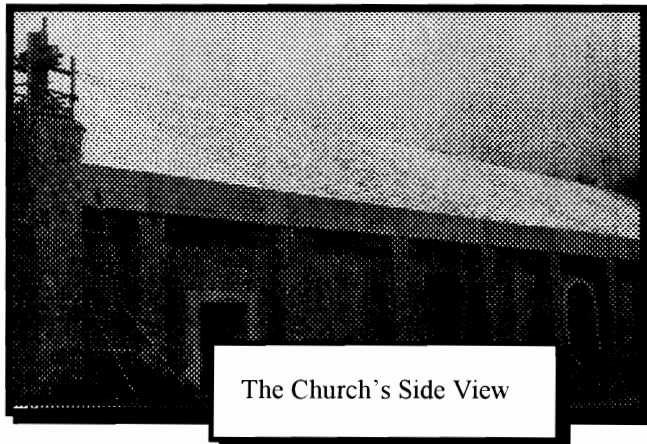
Cash on Hand		1,136.59
Add: Income:		
Membership Fee -	\$330.00	
Kuracha -	503.91	
Food Cont. -	260.00	
Interest Income -	17.42	
Other Income -	53.85	
Total Income		1,165.18
Less: Expenses:		
Food -	200.00	
Postage -	61.00	
Total Expenses		261.00
Cash On Hand		2,040.77



The Church's Roof



The Church's Altar



The Church's Side View



and a Happy and Prosperous '96!