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## Message from Editor-in-Chief



Happy New Year and welcome to 2017! I do hope that each and everyone of you had a **most joyful closure to 2016**. Indeed MAFFAA continues to soar in unprecedented ways year after year.

Today, I write to you with much excitement because of the many successes we've had to date. This past month, **MAFFAA joined the Filipino-American community** in its preparation for Christmas. From early morning masses in Arlington at St. Charles Borromeo to evening masses in Silver Spring, Oxon Hill and Rockville through the **Filipino Choir of St. Jude**, the spirit of Christmas shined throughout the **District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia**.

Furthermore, my **Co-Executive Director, Dr. Lorna Imperial Seidel had the privilege of receiving the 2016 Philippine Banaag Award**, conferred by His Excellency Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte at the **Malacañang Palace** in Manila. She received this award on behalf of the **Philippine Nurses Association of Metropolitan DC (PNAMDC)**. This prestigious award is conferred to Filipino individuals or organizations for their significant contributions to the advancement and promotion of the overseas Filipino community. **Congrats PNAMDC!**

**May this year bring prosperity and continued success to you all!**

Respectfully,  
Patrick Realiza  
Editor-in-Chief, The MAFFAA Journal

## DECEMBER 2016 RECAP


**SIMBANG GABI WITH ST. JUDE FILIPINO CHOIR OF ROCKVILLE, MD  
SILVER SPRING, OXON HILL, ROCKVILLE**



**CO-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECEIVES BANAAG AWARD ON BEHALF OF  
PHILIPPINE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF METROPOLITAN DC  
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