

Why Become A Member?

Whether you are a new Filipino-American, or if you are 1st, 2nd, or 3rd generation, in your heart as a Filipino you love the kinship of other Filipinos. Amongst the many other wonderful traits our culture has to offer, is a sense of family with our friends and more over a sense of friendship in our families. The Katipunan offers an opportunity to be a part of a larger Filipino community/extended family, one full of fun events, cultural education and charitable causes. Over the last 30 years, this organization has grown in many aspects. We need you to continue our important mission of not only educating the Maryland area about who we are as Filipino-Americans, but also give our future generations a chance to truly know their culture.

The opportunity to impact you, your children and the community through your culture is why we the Katipunan are here giving of our time freely. We believe in Filipino family values and culture. We hope that you will also show your belief by not only joining our organization but also giving of your time and heart to our mission.



Katipunan serves as a link between the Filipino and the American community to foster the social, educational, charitable and cultural needs of the Filipino-Americans.



Philippine Fiesta crowd at Towson



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The Filipino American Association of MD

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2008 Calendar of Events

Katipunan Bull Roast

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2008

Time: 1PM to 5PM

**Location: American Legion Hall
Parkville, MD**

Tickets: \$45/person

Filipino Fiesta

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2008

Time: 11AM to 6PM

Location: Towson Courthouse Plaza

Admission is FREE

Katipunan Annual Picnic and Kids Day

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2008

Time: 11AM to 4PM

**Location: Rockburn Branch Park
Elkridge, MD**

Admission is FREE

Katipunan 38th Anniversary Ball and Young People's Debut

Date: Saturday, November 29, 2008

Time: TBD Location: TBD

Tickets: TBD

"Simbang Gabi"

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2008

Time: 5PM to 9PM

**Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary
Towson, Maryland**

Admission is FREE

What is "Katipunan"?

The word "Katipunan" is a Tagalog term for society, the root word being the verb tipon, which means gather.

A small group of patriotic men founded a subversive movement that would fan the flames of revolution throughout the country in 1892 . This group working for Philippine independence used "Katipunan" in their movement's title.



Birth of the Katipunan

Katipunan, the *Filipino-American Association of Maryland*, began in 1969 when 20 Filipinos huddled in a small room at the Fil-Am building on Broadway Street in Baltimore to discuss the idea of a Filipino-American Philippine Association in Maryland. The name "Katipunan" was a unanimous choice not only for its historical significance but also seemed to express a strong sentiment for "Filipinoism".

Goals were defined to unify the Filipino-American community of Maryland, to foster and enhance the social, educational, charitable and cultural needs of the Filipinos.

The strategy was to involve all the Filipinos in the community. A letter written in poetic Tagalog was circulated. Hundreds came to the first general meeting in the Towson YMCA.

The first officers were elected, legal papers were drawn, articles of incorporation, constitution and by-laws were set. Meetings were held in hospitals, schools, and homes. As the organization grew so did the creation of community events, philanthropy, education, networking and communication. The foundation created an enormous impact that still exists thirty plus years later in the Maryland area.

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