THE REAL HEROES

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The Philippines has many heroes. Dead and living heroes. Heroes who defend our country against the tyrants and foreign powers which dominate and impose authoritarian rule in the Philippines. These are men and women who fight the conquistadores and the oppressors. They are the faceless and nameless patriotic Filipinos who dedicate their lives, sprinkle their sweat and blood, offer their wealth and fortune, devote their time and efforts, and contribute their talent and skills in the defense of the poor and the oppressed and in the name of justice. They are the brave Filipinos who sacrifice in the protection of the downtrodden and the poor. They are the people who disregard their safety and well-being just for the triumph of righteousness and reason. A hero is anyone within our midst who serves our countrymen truthfully, selflessly, and with dedication.

August 27 is the annual celebration of the National Heroes Day. This is the day where we can reminisce and contemplate the heroism and valiance of the countless Filipinos. Some of our prominent heroes are Dr. Jose Rizal, Andres Bonifacio, Emilio Jacinto, Gregorio del Pilar, Melchora Aquino, Lapu-Lapu, et al. Let us not forget the sacrifices our heroes have made just to attain our freedom and democracy.

In these modern days, we have some heroes who dedicate their effort, talent, intellect and even their precious life just to serve the destitute, the underprivileged, and the financially deprived.
We now enjoy a community free from foreign domination but we are now surrounded by numerous Filipino vultures wearing the suit of the honorable public servant. We now live together with Filipinos who are liars, corrupt and grafters but clothed with immaculate unblemished white attire and respected by some of their constituents.

Our adversaries today are some of our own kababayan who are placed in the pedestal of power, living comfortably, wealthy and moneyed, adored and respected by many unaware Filipinos, power wielders, rubbing elbows with the rich and the famous church and cathedral frequent – goers, and the pretentious self – serving politicians. They are the modern fungus – faced colonizers and oppressors of the majority of the Filipinos. And they are aware of who they are.

However, these minority Filipinos are still outnumbered by decent people who value their morals and treasure the integrity of their name. People who want morality and righteous to prevail.

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