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March 21, 1958

Mr. Trinidad Estrada
Chairman, Lucky 13 GI Forum
307 E. Hopi
Holbrook, Arizona

Dear Mr. Estrada:

Mr. Frank Rubi phoned day before yesterday to tell me the great news of the organization of a GI Forum in Holbrook.

Today I received from Mr. Rubi the 17 applications for membership from the Holbrook GI Forum. It is certainly a pleasure to welcome you into the organization and I can assure you the National Office will do everything to be of service to the local GI Forums.

I will be in Winslow on Easter Sunday and it would be a sincere pleasure for me to meet the officers and any member that may attend the festival in Winslow.

Enclosed are the membership cards for the members that signed up. The GI Forum Bulletin will be ordered for you and you will be receiving the next issue.

Congratulations and I am looking forward to meeting you in Winslow.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Ximenes
National Chairman

cc. Frank Rubi
National Officers

~~Handwritten~~
March 22, 1958

T. Sgt. Joseph Lopez
342 Florida Pl.
Williams A.F.B., Arizona

Dear Mr. Lopez:

I received your letter of March 15 in which you invite me to your meeting to be held on April 13, 1958.

First of all I want to congratulate you and the others for going ahead on the organization. I also want to thank you very much for the invitation to be there at your first meeting for the election of officers.

I also have received an invitation to attend the Winslow GI Forum Festival on April 6, Easter Sunday. I have already accepted that invitation and will be there. The Holbrook GI Forum will also be there at the GI Forum Festival. I am wondering if perhaps you all could have your meeting before April 6 and then have representation at the Winslow Festival. If that could be done then we could have an election of GI Forum of Arizona State Officers and set up the GI Forum of Arizona. I will arrive in Winslow at 8:00 P.M. Sunday and will stay there overnight. Therefore we could have a meeting with the Forums of Arizona and have an election of officers.

Tell me what you think about this suggestion. It would save me having to make two trips to Arizona on consecutive weeks. If this can be done let me know right away and I will tell the Winslow Forum to expect you there and to set up a meeting for Sunday night during the festival.

Thanks again. Please be assured that I am most happy about your plans to join the fastest growing organization in the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Ximenes
National Chairman

ccNational Officers
Frank R. Rubi

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March 20, 1958

Mr. Alex Archuleta
Chairman, Grant County Oil Forum
Central, New Mexico

Dear Alex:

It certainly was a great pleasure and satisfaction for me to finally be able to say to everyone in Albuquerque that we had a Board Meeting in Silver City. Everyone here and in many other places had said the people there were not interested. However, it seems our people are more interested there in the Oil Forum than in many other places. Thanks to you, Mr. Martinez, and the other fine people who have made it a success. Please tell Mrs. Flores and the Ladies Auxiliary that I certainly think they did a fine job and that I hope it will be my pleasure sometime to be able to be as wonderful a host as you were to the out of town people.

Analysed are 17 membership cards. These cards should have been sent weeks ago, but if you will recall I took them at the first meeting I was in Central. The money for the dues was \$54.00. However, it seems one of the applications was not filled. Tell Mr. Martinez to check his record book and find out who did not get his card and from there he can tell who did not fill out an application form.

I certainly am sorry that I delayed the cards, however everything is alright now and the members will be turned in to be included in the membership contest.

As soon as some of the pictures are out I will send you copies of them. I will of course send some to the Bulletin.

Again my most sincere thanks. Please let me know what happened to Doming. I was counting on them to be there. I certainly think you are doing a tremendous job and the people of Grant County are already looking to you for leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Limones
National Chairman

cc: National Officers

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March 24, 1958

Mr. I. C. Plaza
Secretary, GI Forum of Omaha
4409 So. 19th St.
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Plaza

Please congratulate Joe Juarez for me for the fine job he has been doing as chairman and organizer for the GI Forum in Nebraska. I also want to wish the newly elected officers a great year in the GI Forum as the leaders of our organization in Nebraska.

The GI Forum is progressing very rapidly and so far we can count on a fully organized State group in Arizona for sure. I certainly hope you can organize Council Bluffs and perhaps two other towns so that a State organization can be started.

I received the 14 applications for memberships and subscriptions to the Bulletin. Enclosed are the 14 membership cards. Your Bulletins will be ordered immediately.

The National Office has put in a large order for more caps and pins and I am expecting them within one week. I am enclosing order forms for your convenience.

My letter of December 29 indicated to you that the stationery should be made in Omaha. I suggested that you make the stationery there so that you could re-order when necessary and also when you had a change of officers. I do have stationery which I can send you, but it does not have the names of the local officers on it. Enclosed is a sample letter and envelope. If you want some of this I can send it to you.

The caps and pins will be sent to you shortly.

The work of the GI Forum is extremely important. I would advise you to try to get an Auxiliary as soon as possible. They can certainly help you in your projects.

Regards to the officers and members.

Sincerely yours,

Vicente T. Ximenes
National Chairman