

- 1/KING:** Welcome to Spain, Del Cano. We thought every man from Magellan's fleet had perished.
- 2/DEL CANO:** There were many times we prayed to die. Our journey was a terrible one. This is Antonio Pigafetta. He asked Magellan if he could come aboard and record the journey. He said he had a sense of adventure.
- 3/PIGAFETTA:** I kept a complete journal which I am putting into a book. I will present one to you, King Charles.
- 4/REPRESENTATIVE:** Tell me sailor, were you successful? Did you find the Spice Islands by sailing west?
- 5/SAILOR:** Yes, we found them, but look at us. We are living skeletons. We started out with five ships and over 250 men and we returned with one ship and 18 men.
- 4/REPRESENTATIVE:** The spices, man, did you get the spices? I was one of those who invested money in this venture.
- 2/DEL CANO:** Yes, we have barrels of cloves. Your investment will be amply rewarded.
- 4/REPRESENTATIVE:** Wonderful! When can I get the cloves and the money?
- 1/KING:** Let us hear their story first. Del Cano, I have decided to give you a coat of arms with a picture of the globe. It will state "you first circumnavigated me."

**2/DEL CANO:** Your majesty, I thank you for that honor, but actually Magellan did sail around the world first.

**3/PIGAFETTA:** He sailed east for Portugal to the Philippines and then sailed west for Spain to the Philippines. He did realize his dream.

**1/KING:** I regret that Magellan did not survive. His wife and his son both died while he was away. Since he has no heirs, the award will go to you, Del Cano. Now, tell me about the voyage.

**3/PIGAFETTA:** Magellan was an unusual man. He was our mirror, our light, our comfort, and our true guide. He was an exceptional man and used the skills he learned in his youth.

**4/REPRESENTATIVE:** What do you mean?

**3/PIGAFETTA:** Magellan was born into an upper class Portuguese family. He was sent to court at the age of 12 to become a page.

**4/REPRESENTATIVE:** That must have been in the days when Portugal was the leader in exploration.

**3/PIGAFETTA:** It was, and that was to Magellan's benefit. The young man not only learned music, dancing, courtly manners and diplomacy, but geography and navigation as well.