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THE 13 NOMINEES FOR
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

FROM THE GRAND EAST



MW JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

104TH GRAND MASTER

My Dear Brethren:

We devote this issue to our much-awaited Annual Communication in Dumaguete City this April 2023. The past three years were disrupted by COVID- related restrictions, forcing us to hold hybrid-type ANCOMs, not the face-to-face kind to which we are accustomed to. But we adjusted, we came through and we made sure that the business of Masonry continues.

The Dumaguete ANCOM offers many first-time experiences and challenges. This will be the maiden hosting of the brethren from Dumaguete as assisted by our brethren in the Negros and Visayan Districts. There were initial views that the venue may not be big enough, the overall hotel capacity may not be adequate, the land, air, and sea transportation to and fro may not be ideal, the prevailing food establishments may not cope with our usual numbers and so forth. But we must have confidence in our gracious hosts, led by RW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, who are moving heaven and earth to provide us with all the necessary and usual facilities in holding our ANCOM.

I exhort the brethren to take the upcoming ANCOM with the right perspectives. It is not all about conveniences and amenities, it is not about warm beds, not about good food and drinks, not about frills and indulgences – as if we are all entitled to them as a matter of right.

Brethren, we are not a bunch of prima donnas or frail people but hard-nosed masons seriously committed to our craft.

Our ANCOM is all about our obligations as Masons! We have to go there and make the trip come hell or high water. We must re-establish our annual gathering and discharge the all-important and sacred duties that Masons are collectively obliged to do once a year. And one of those important duties is to elect our leaders for the next term.

From the Multi-District Conventions which you have so skillfully concluded, you have chosen among you the set of candidates best suited for the leadership of the craft. The nominees' personal details and their respective plans and programs are contained in these pages for you to ponder upon. They will be subjected to our distinctive selection and election processes but ultimately, it is the voting delegates at the ANCOM who will decide who shall govern our Fraternity.

To do that, we must have the mindset of not caring whether or not we get to the ANCOM in style or comfort. Let's just get there if we can, because at stake is the well-being and future of our craft.

JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

Grand Master

**Grand Lodge of the Philippines
City of Manila**

January 14, 2023

Editor's Page



This fourth Installment of Volume 99 of the Cable Tow is a special issue labeled as the AnCom Edition. Its contents are divided into three parts:

The First is dedicated to the 13 Junior Grand Warden Nominees elected from the nine Multi-District Conventions held under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines. Introducing each of our Brother Nominees is part of the Cable Tow's mandate as stated in ARTICLE V, Section 5, Multi-District Level, No. 25 of our Masonic Law Book (2019).

The Second portion, pages 52 to 85 features the nine (9) Multi-District Conventions themselves to show the Brethren in different parts of our jurisdiction, glimpses of what transpired beyond their Masonic Districts and territories. Despite certain cultural and geographical differences, the assembly this Masonic Year are more consistent as to proceedings and ceremonies are concerned, in observance of Edict No. 346 – our Grand Master's first Edict which provides uniformity in the Order of Business for District and Multi-District Conventions and for Other Matters.

Lastly, the third part is related to the upcoming Annual Communication 2023 set in Metro Dumaguete between April 25 and 28. As general reference, we included four of the five GLP Communications appertaining to the much awaited event:

- Edict No. 347** - Conduct of ANCOM 2023 in Metro Dumaguete;
- Circular No. 8** - Updates on ANCOM 2023 -Metro Dumaguete;
- Circular No. 14-A** - Update / Revision on the MW Johnny T. Pimentel
Grand Master's Cup (1st GLP Mini Olympics); and
- Circular No. 15** - Official Schedule of ANCOM 2023

All these communications issued by our Grand Master MW Johnny Ty Pimentel are intended as a ready guide for One and All.

As the last two Issues of Volume 99 (Nos. 5 and 6) are works in progress, we enjoin the Brethren to keep this TCT copy of the AnCom Edition close at hand, especially for their upcoming trip to the City of Gentle People that is Dumaguete. SALUD!

Pasig City, 28 February 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JHSantiago'.

VW Joseph Harold W. Santiago, GSc
Editor-In-Chief / TCT Vol. 99



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About the Cover

The AnCom Edition's cover, features a portrait of each of the thirteen (13) Junior Grand Warden Nominees that they have submitted to the Cable Tow Editorial Team. Each photograph was set on a golden frame, labeled with the Nominee's Surname, and arranged together so as to form the letter H - the first letter of the word HARMONY, which is the main theme for Masonic Year 2022 – 2023. As one of these brothers will be our future Grand Master, may HARMONY be one of the prerogatives of our future Masonic Leadership.

On the upper bar of the letter H is the Grand Lodge logo, and below the bar is the prized jewel of the Office of the Junior Grand Warden that shall be conferred to one of our 13 Brother Nominees come our Annual Communications in Metro Dumaguete this April 2023. The GLP Seal is placed higher than the JGW Jewel clearly denoting to One and All, the value of the Masonic Institution over the elective Office.

Together, the GLP Seal, the JGW Jewel, and each of the frames of the 13 JGW Nominees are all set in gold as a sign of reverence to the symbols and procedures of the Election System that the Brethren themselves have set in place for the Masonic Fraternity. Defining the background is the color purple, the pigment of royalty and the shade of the Grand Lodge and its offices.

The placement of the JGW Nominees is alphabetical, same with the order of presentation in the inside pages of Issue No. 4 – Vol. 99 of the Cable Tow.

- VW Jose Eugenio "Gene" Illenberger, TCT Art Director



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"By our rectitude of
conduct and integrity of
purpose shall
Freemasonry flourish."



VW JEOFFRE W.
ACEBIDO, PJGL



VW JEOFFRE W. ACEBIDO, Past Junior Grand Lecturer

Civil Status: Married
Citizenship: Filipino
Age: 61
Date of Birth: July 23, 1961
Place of Birth: Manticao, Misamis Oriental
Address: Cagayan de Oro City
Occupation: Lawyer / Presiding Judge
Office: Regional Trial Court, Branch 41,
Goldridge Building, Masterson Ave. Corner
Macapagal Road, Upper Carmen, Cagayan de Oro

Name of Spouse: Marilou Caincol Acebido
Children: Krista Marie C. Acebido - Gonzales
Krisel Shaira C. Acebido

Date Raised: October 14, 2000
Mother Lodge: Misamis Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 335
Sugbongcogon, Misamis Oriental
Masonic District: RX Misamis Oriental and Cagayan De Oro
Worshipful Master: Misamis Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 335 (2005)

Appointed as Junior Grand Lecturer:
(Northern Mindanao) MY 2015 – 2016

Nominated during the 26th Northern Mindanao Multi-District
Convention held last October 8, 2022 at the Margaret Hotel, Maramag,
Bukidnon.

Additional Masonic Profile

December 2003	Installed as Senior Warden Misamis Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 335,
December 2004	Installed as Worshipful Master Misamis Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 335
May 2005	Installed as Grand Lodge Inspector of Maguindanao :: No. 40, CDO
May 2006	Appointed as District Grand Lecturer, Masonic District RX-A, CDO City
May 2012	Appointed as District Deputy Grandmaster, Masonic District RX-A, CDO City
May 2015	Appointed as Junior Grand Lecturer for Northern Mindanao

Education

Law:	Silliman University (1983-1986) Degree/Units Earned: Ll. B
College:	Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan (1978-1982) Degree/Units Earned: BS Agriculture
Secondary:	Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan (1974-1978)
Elementary:	West City Central School (1968-1974)
Eligibility:	1982 Civil Service Professional Examination (July 1982) 1986 Bar Examination (November 1986) 1987 Admitted to the Philippine Bar 1998 Career Service Executive Eligibility (October 1998)



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

POSITION Department/ Agency/ Law Firm	Inclusive Period		No. of Years
	From	To	
Presiding Judge, RTC Branch 41 Cagayan de Oro / Judiciary	05/11/06	Present	16 years
APJ, RTC Branch 40, Cagayan de Oro / Judiciary	06/14/22	Present	5 months
APJ, RTC Branch 28/ Judiciary	07/01/13	Jan 2015	1.7 years
APJ, RTC Branch 44/ Judiciary	10/01/11	Feb 2012	5 months
2 nd Vice Executive Judge	07/01/11	2013	2 years
APJ, RTC Branch 22 – Family Court / Judiciary	02/01/10	05/01/11	1 year
APJ, RTC Branch 39/ Judiciary	01/29/09	02/01/10	1 year
Pros. II, 3 rd Asst. Prosecutor	2004	05/10/06	2 years
Asst. City Prosecutor I/ DOJ	1998	2004	6 years
Public Attorney II/ DOJ	1995	1998	4 years
Senior Legal Officer / CHR	1991	1995	4 years
Partner/Law Practice Quimpo, Willkom, Del Castillo, Acebido, De la Serna, Reyes & Borja Law Offices	1987	1991	5 years

- Number of Years of Practice of Law: 35 Years
- Nature of Current Practice: Presiding Judge, RTC Branch 41, Cagayan de Oro City;
Acting Presiding Judge, RTC Branch 40, Cagayan de Oro City.

AWARDS AND CITATIONS

1. Most Outstanding Junior Grand Lecturer Award, 100th Annual Communication Taal Vista Hotel, Tagaytay City, April 28, 2016
2. Recognition/Achievement Award in Government Endeavor and Masonry, Manila, September 16, 2015
3. The Sovereign Grand Commander Award – Scottish Rite Masonry of the Philippines, 65th Annual Session Supreme Council 33° A & A.S.R., March 13, 2015
4. Outstanding Alumnus in the Field of Government Service – Judiciary, Silliman University law Association, August 24, 2014
5. 2013 Outstanding Sillimanian Awardee in the Field of Judicial Service – Silliman University, August 28, 2013
6. Outstanding Master Mason Award in the Field of Judiciary, 96th Annual Communication, Camarines Sur Convention Center, April 26, 2012
7. 2011 Chief Justice Cayetano Arellano Award as Outstanding RTC Judge – Supreme Court/ Society for Judicial Excellence, September 19, 2011
8. Finalist in the 2010 Awards for Judicial Excellence for Outstanding RTC Judge
9. Finalist in the 2009 Awards for Judicial Excellence for Outstanding RTC Judge, Best Decision in Civil Cases, best Decision in Criminal Cases
10. Outstanding Alumnus Professional Award – Xavier University – Ateneo de Cagayan, December 3, 2010

MOTTO IN LIFE:

One succeeds when he remains focused on his goal no matter what the obstacles are. Duty first before pleasure.

GENERAL PLAN IF ELECTED:

If favored and chosen to become the Junior Grand Warden, I will support the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Senior Grand Warden by performing my tasks as Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Lodge of the Philippines has been led and steered by a great number of Grand Masters whose leadership qualities are worth emulating. Should I become the Grand Master, I shall continue to support their programs and hope to build on what they had accomplished for Freemasonry in our jurisdiction.





**"Our Virtuous Conduct as Masons
and our Masonic Harmony
Show Mankind the Greatness
of our Ancient Craft."**



**VW BONHOEFER V.
BERNARDEZ, PJGL**

VW Bonhoefer V. Bernardez, Past Junior Grand Lecturer

Civil Status: Married
Citizenship: Filipino
Age: 45
Date of Birth: July 11, 1977
Place of Birth: Bangued, Abra
Address: Bantay, Ilocos Sur
Profession: Lawyer
Occupation: Presiding Judge
Office: Regional Trial Court Branch 4 – Family Court,
Laoag City, Ilocos, Norte

Name of Spouse: Catherine A. Bernardez
Children: Dietrich Ranuel A. Bernardez

Date Raised: November 22, 2008
Mother Lodge: Lam-Ang Lodge No. 164, Candon, Ilocos Sur
Dual Lodge: Angalo Masonic Lodge No. 63,
San Vicente, Ilocos Sur

Masonic District: R-I / CAR Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, & Abra
Worshipful Master: Angalo :: 63 (MY 2012-2013)
Worshipful Master: Lam-Ang :: 164 (MY 2015 - 2017)
Appointed as Junior Grand Lecturer:
(North Western Luzon - A) MY 2018 – 2019

Nominated during the 9th North Luzon Multi-District Convention last November 12, 2022 at the Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena, Laoag City.

Additional Masonic Profile

22 Nov 2008	Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason Lam-Ang Lodge No. 164, Candon City, Ilocos Sur
November 2009	Dual Membership at Angalo Masonic Lodge No. 63, San Vicente, Ilocos Sur
MY 2012-2013	Worshipful Master of Angalo Lodge No. 63
MY 2013-2014	District Grand Lecturer, Masonic District RI-CAR Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, & Abra
MY 2014-2015	District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District RI-CAR Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, & Abra
MY 2015-2016	Worshipful Master of Lam-Ang Lodge No. 164
MY 2016-2017	Worshipful Master of Lam-Ang Lodge No. 164
MY 2017-2018	Grand Lodge Inspector for Laoag Lodge No. 71
MY 2018-2019	Junior Grand Lecturer, North Western Luzon - A
MY 2022	Grand Lodge Inspector for Laoag Lodge No. 71

APPENDANT BODIES

- Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of the Philippines
- Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine,
Mabuhay Temple, Bamboo Club
- York Rite, Manila Bodies
- Allied Masonic Degrees, Filipinas Council No. 490

OCCUPATION

Profession: Lawyer

Occupation: Presiding Judge - Regional Trial Court Branch 4 –
Family Court / Laoag City, Ilocos, Norte

Previous Occupations:

Municipal Trial Court Judge,
Bantay, Ilocos Sur (2013-2020)
Government Prosecutor (2006-2013)
Private Practicing Lawyer (2005-2006)

EDUCATION:

Master of Laws (LL. M.), 2018,
San Beda University Graduate School of Law,
Manila, Philippines

Bachelor of Laws (Ll. B.), 2004,
University of the Cordilleras, Baguio City, Philippines

Bachelor of Arts (AB), 1999,
Baguio Colleges Foundation, Baguio City, Philippines

MEMBERSHIPS/ORGANIZATION

Member, Philippine Bar, Supreme Court of the Philippines, Manila
Member, Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Abra Chapter, Bangued, Abra
Member, International Association of Prosecutors,
The Hague, The Netherlands



STATEMENT:

Our virtuous conduct as masons and our masonic harmony show mankind the greatness of our Ancient Craft.

PLANS AND PROGRAM FOR THE FRATERNITY

Listening, inspiring, leading, and innovating will be the methods that I will adopt in planning and implementing the programs for the fraternity. I will focus on these two tasks: 1) maintaining and strengthening harmony of the brethren by personally listening and attending to their concerns and disputes, and 2) digitally transforming the Grand Lodge.

LISTENING

I will personally listen to the concerns of the brethren by continuously communicating with them in person or online. I will schedule a weekly videoconference with brethren to meet them and listen to whatever they want to say, and I will be available online anytime for urgent concerns. I will take immediate action on the urgent concerns of the brethren. I will listen to their suggestions and follow their recommendations especially their concerns in their masonic districts.



INSPIRING

I will convince the brethren that our fraternity is very honorable and our Masonic harmony is so inspiring. In maintaining harmony, I will personally attend to the disputes of the brethren. I will act as mediator and do my best effort to settle disputes and avert unfounded charges. Immediate suspension shall be imposed upon erring brethren whose misconduct is proved by substantial evidence after summary hearing. Speedy disposition Masonic charges must be implemented. I will convince more brethren to be involved in Masonic Education, in reviewing our rituals, in spreading our Masonic philosophy. I will also endeavor to remove the alleged barriers created by appendant bodies.

LEADING

I will practice persuasive leadership in order to maximize the strength of every brother in making our harmony stronger and in implementing and complying with Grand Lodge Edicts and instructions of the Grand Master. I will lead the brethren by following the greatness and best leadership practices of our Past Grand Masters. I will impose transparency of transactions in the Grand Lodge. I will also organize a selection committee who will nominate brothers for grand line positions and the other important offices in the Grand Lodge. I will select nominees who are best fitted and competent to the position and avoid favoritism and politics.

INNOVATING

The Grand Lodge must continue in adopting technological innovation and must look forward to digital transformation. I will continue the online transactions, like electronic submissions of reports. I will push for the development of a Grand Lodge App, where every brother can be conveniently served by the Grand Lodge anytime. The GLP App will contain a digital ID with barcode or QR-code verification feature, a digital dues card, digital diploma, and certificates. With the use of the GLP app, the issuance of certificates, like certificates of good standing, will be digitally issued immediately upon payment of fees. The GLP App will also contain the IMES course that can be taken by any brother anytime. The IMES course will become like MOOC (massive open online course) but restricted only to GLP members. The GLP App will also contain a tyled GLP Social Media where brethren can communicate with each other and can discuss topics that are usually discussed in a tyled lodge. I will adopt the best practices that Past Grand Masters have done and blending technology with these practices.

I will listen. I will inspire. I will lead. I will innovate.



**"Mason Muna
Bago ang Iba."**

**VR GERARD A.
CEBALLOS, PGC**



VR Gerard A. Ceballos, Past Grand Chaplain

Civil Status:	Married
Citizenship:	Filipino
Age:	48
Date of Birth:	August 9, 1974
Place of Birth:	Quezon City
Address:	Bel-Air IV Village, Makati City, Metro Manila
Occupation:	Entrepreneur
Office:	Chairman & President, General Mercantile Co. Inc.
Name of Spouse:	Dr. Liezl M. Ceballos (Dentist)
Children:	Freddie M. Ceballos II Giancarlo Rafael M. Ceballos
Date Raised:	April 17, 2009
Mother Lodge:	Pinaglabanan Masonic Lodge No. 374 Capitol Masonic Temple
Masonic District:	NCR-F Quezon City
Worshipful Master:	Pinaglabanan: : 374 (2015)
Appointed as Grand Chaplain (GLP):	M.Y. 2021

Nominated during the NCR Multi-District Convention last November 5, 2022 at Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Ermita, Manila.

Additional Masonic Profile

2012	Graduated from IMES Basic Diploma Course (Class no. 2012-12)
2012	Junior Warden / Pinaglabanan No. 374
2013 & 2014	Senior Warden / Pinaglabanan No. 374
2015	Worshipful Master / Pinaglabanan No. 374
M.Y. 2016 – 2017	District Grand Lecturer for NCR-F
M.Y. 2017 – 2018	District Deputy Grand Master for NCR-F
2021 –	Appointed Grand Chaplain

Honorary Memberships

Pilar No. 15	Silanganan No. 19
Teodoro M. Kalaw No. 136	Juan Sumulong No. 169
Mandaluyong City No. 277	Mario S. Garcia No. 306
St. John the Baptist No. 362	Batasan No. 381
Unang Sigaw No. 430	

Charter Member to Dual Member

2021 -	Commonwealth No. 460
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APPENDANT BODIES

Grand Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent (GGOKCS)

2018 – Present: Vice-President, CHI Class

Mabuhay Shriner's International (Maharlika)

2017 – Present: President, Makasaysayan 284 Class

Order of the Secret Monitor

Pearl of the Orient Conclave No. 496

2016 – Present: Member

Pagong Ako Kuyang Pilipinas, Inc (TURTLES)

2016 – Present: President, 3rd Eye Turtles Class

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (A. & A.S. R.)

Quezon City Bodies:

2012 - Master of the Royal Secret of the 32nd Degree

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

2018 – Most Outstanding

District Deputy Grand Master (MY 2017 – 2018)

2017 – Outstanding District Grand Lecturer (MY 2016 – 2017)

2016 – Grand Lodge of the Philippines “Best Publication for MY 2015-2016”

2016 – Most Outstanding Lodge - NCR-F (MY 2015-2016)

2016 – Most Outstanding Worshipful Master - NCR-F (MY 2015-2016)

EXTRA – CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1998 – 2002 CFC – Singles For Christ
Household Head / Makati Chapter

2011 – Present Member, ROTARY CLUB OF COMMONWEALTH, D3780

RY 2012 – 2013 Club President

2013 Outstanding Club in Rotary District 3780 for RY 2012-2013

2013 Outstanding President in Rotary District 3780 for RY 2012-2013

RY 2015 – 2016 Assistant Governor, Rotary District 3780





EDUCATION

2002 – 2003	ASIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT Masters in Management
1992 – 1995	DE LA SALLE UNIVERSITY Bachelor of Arts in Management Major in Human Resource Management, December 1995
1989 – 1992	INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MANILA Dean's List (Second Honor) 2 nd Term, 1991 – 1992
1988 – 1989	GEORGE WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL Dean's List (Second Honor) 1 st Term, 1988 – 1989 (First Honor) 2 nd Term, 1988 – 1989

WORK EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present	PRESIDENT, TAAL DEVELOPMENT CORP. Property Development Co.
2022 – Present	DIRECTOR, PADRINO'S BARBERSHOP
2022 – Present	DIRECTOR, JGJ374 APPLIANCES MARKETING / Distributor of BEKO Appliances
2019 – Present	Director, Tagaytay Cockpit Arena
2009 – 2016	President, 88 BEL-AIR Residences, Inc. / Property Dev. Company
2009 – Present	President, North BEL-AIR Residences, Inc. / Property Dev. Company
2006 – Present	Managing Director, Sollabec Holdings Corp.
1998 – Present	Chairman & President, General Mercantile Co. Inc.
2001 – 2003	Managing Director, JG Vertex Company, Inc.
2000 – 2000	Stockbroker, Unicapital Securities
1999 – 2001	President, GAC II Ventures
1997 – 1998	Asst. Manager, International Exchange Bank
1996 – 1997	Sales Officer, Bank of the Philippine Islands
1996 (Jun – Oct)	Sales Officers, Citytrust Banking Corporation

"MASON MUNA BAGO ANG IBA"

Vital to our brotherhood's survival is stretching a helping hand, more so to our brethren in need and with the aim of focusing in supporting the brotherhood even further especially when the Grand Lodge will open its doors not just for charity but to aid and assist the brethren withersoever dispersed.

Listed below are my Programs of Governance, should destiny guide me to the Grand East.

- **Leadership by consensus** - making use of the wisdom of our Past Grand Masters and at the same time visiting the numerous districts in the jurisdiction to find out from the brethren the kind of governance and platforms that they would prefer.
- **Increase the coffers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (GLP) Temple Building Fund and the creation of an educational fund for orphans of Masons.**
- **Highlighting the importance of the IMES and adding the Masonic Values to its curriculum.**
- **Enhancing the corporate system of governance of the GLP**, particularly, by computerizing the documents submitted, so that it is easily tracked by the concerned member and/or the staff and employees of the GLP.
- **Opening up the database of the members of the GLP** to its members and classifying the same by profession. This gives our brethren a chance to assist others in their respective livelihood; thus, giving each one a chance for a brighter future for their respective families.
- **Focusing on a stronger Blue Lodge;** instilling in its members that we need to become better men; that each brethren needs to have diplomacy and order during Masonic functions. Learning these traits and programs from the Administrations of our Past Grand Masters.



**"Unconditional Charity:
Mark of a True Mason."**



**VW GADWIN E.
HANDUMON, PDDGM**

VW Gadwin E. Handumon, Past District Deputy Grand Master

Civil Status:	Married
Citizenship:	Filipino
Age:	57
Date of Birth:	August 19, 1965
Place of Birth:	Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental
Address:	Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
Profession:	Economist
Occupation:	Civic & Political Leader
Office:	Municipal Mayor Municipal Hall of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
Name of Spouse:	Jona Carabal Handumon, M.D., F.P.N.A (Neurologist, UP-PGH)
Children:	Thea Janica Gwenn C. Handumon Julius Gabriel C. Handumon
Date Raised:	January 23, 1999
Mother Lodge:	Bernardo Neri Lodge No. 214 Calamba, Misamis Occidental
Charter / Dual Member:	Rizal Shrine Masonic Lodge No. 434, Polo, Dapitan City
Masonic District:	R-IX & R-X Misamis Occidental & Zamboanga Del Norte
Worshipful Master:	Bernardo Neri Lodge No. 214 (2006)

Appointed as District Deputy Grand Master

MY 2011 – 2012 R-IX-B & R-X Zamboanga Del Norte, Misamis Occidental
 MY 2012 – 2013 R-IX-B & R-X Zamboanga Del Norte, Misamis Occidental
 MY 2012 – 2013 R – X – C Misamis Occidental (as caretaker DDGM)

Nominated during the 28th Western Mindanao Multi-District Convention last October 15, 2022 at the Top Plaza Hotel, Echaves St, Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte.

Additional Masonic Profile

- 2004 - Junior Warden - Bernardo Neri Lodge No. 214
- 2005 - Senior Warden - Bernardo Neri Lodge No. 214
- 2006 - Worshipful Master - Bernardo Neri Lodge No. 214
- MY 2008 – 2009 District Grand Lecturer
R-IX-B / R-X Zamboanga Del Norte, Misamis Occidental
- MY 2011 – 2012 District Deputy Grand Master,
R-IX-B / R-X Zamboanga Del Norte, Misamis Occidental
- MY 2012 – 2013 District Deputy Grand Master,
R-IX-B / R-X Zamboanga Del Norte, Misamis Occidental
- MY 2012 – 2013 R – X – C Misamis Occidental (as caretaker DDGM)

Appendant Bodies

- 2011 – present Agila Shriners International
Member – Pag-asa Batch / Executive Aide

A Brief Statement of Plans and Programs

With my humble beginning and experience in community development partnered with a strong collaboration among various sectors, I envision that every brother mason will work for the sustainable development of their respective communities, specifically by extending the cable tow not only among brothers in distress but more importantly to non-masons who are considered the least, the lost, and the last. To keep up with the changing times, I intend to revisit the institutionalized programs by the Past Grand Masters to ensure the sustainability of our best practices and strengthen the pillars of the Freemasonry, in accordance with the role and responsibilities of a Junior Grand Warden.

Most importantly, I will serve with great humility and submit to the wisdom of our brethren.

Statement: Unconditional Charity: Mark of a True Mason

30 years as Founding Leader and Chief Executive Officer of Paglaum Multi-Purpose Cooperative – a Billionaire Cooperative in Northwestern part of Mindanao and the Visayas.

OCCUPATION

2022 – 2025	Municipal Mayor	Municipality of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
1992 – June 2022	Founding Leader / CEO	PAGLAUM MULTI-PURPOSE COOPERATIVE
2016 – June 2019	Co-Chairperson	Regional Development Council - Region X
		Regional Economic Development Committee - RDC X
		NATIONAL ANTI-POVERTY COMMISSION (NAPC)
		Office of the President of the Philippines
2016 – 2019	Sectoral Representative (Presidential Appointee by Pres. RR Duterte)	
2015	Sectoral Representative (Presidential Appointee by Pres. BS Aquino III)	
1988 – June 2022	Executive Director	Paglaum Community Dev Foundation, Inc.
Mar – Jul 2019	CEO	Misamis Occ Medical Economic Enterprise
2008 – 2018	President	MO 1ST ICPC (MIS. OCC. 1st Integrated Coconut Processing Center)
1998 – 2007	Sangguniang Bayan Member	Municipality of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental
2011 – Jun 2022	President	Plaridel Service Cooperative (PLASECO)



2009 – 2010	Chairperson	Plaridel Service Cooperative (PLASECO)
2011 to 2014	Chairperson / BOD	Mindanao Alliance of Self-Help Societies Southern Phil Educational Cooperative Center
Jul 2015 – 2022	Board of Directors	Bank of Hope, Inc (Rural Bank of Plaridel, Inc)
2012 to 2015	President / CEO	Bank of Hope, Inc (Rural Bank of Plaridel, Inc)
2013 – present	Member - Board of Trustees	Microfinance Council of the Philippines
2015	Vice-Chairperson (BOD)	Microfinance Council of the Philippines
2014 –Jun 2022	Member – BOD	Mindanao Cooperative Hostel Services
2017 –Jun 2022	Chairperson – BOD	RMSI Philippines, INC.
2015 – present	Member - Board of Trustees	LET’S SAVE THE BRAIN FOUNDATION
2020 – Jun 2022	President	Oroquieta City Chamber of Commerce & Industry

EDUCATION

2011	Master of Science in International Community Economic Development (MS-ICED) Southern New Hampshire University, New Hampshire, Manchester, U.S.A.
1990 – 2000	Master in Business Administration (MBA-I) / Misamis University, Ozamiz City Entrepreneurship Development & Management / ISSI (UP-Diliman) Enterprise Development & Management / Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Counseling for the Poor / Ateneo de Manila (Ugat Foundation) Community Organizing / UP-CSWD (Diliman) Supervisory Management / UP-CSWD (Diliman)
1990	Bachelor of Science in Commerce (Accounting) 4th Year Stella Maris College, Oroquieta City, Misamis Occidental
1987	Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Economics (BSBA-Economics) / Mindanao State University (MSU), Marawi City, Lanao del Sur

KEY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/TRAININGS ATTENDED (in the last 12 years)

2019 (Nov 26 – 28)	CENTENARY CONFERENCE OF CO-OPERATIVE COLLEGE(Manchester) Rochdale Town Hall, Rochdale, United Kingdom
2019 (Apr 1 – 6)	International Cooperative Learning Exposure to Japan / Haneda, Japan
2018 (Sept 12 – 15)	ASEAN Association of Confederation of Credit Unions (ACCU) Ortigas, Manila
2018 (July 15 – 18)	Speaker, WORLD COUNCIL OF CREDIT UNION CONFERENCE / Singapore
2017 (June 3 – 9)	Role of BMO & Member Companies In The German Dual Training System / Germany
2016 (May 22 – 30)	Development Educators Program (Graduate) / Bangkok, Thailand
2015 (Nov 12 – 22)	European Microfinance Forum / Luxembourg City, Luxembourg
2015 (Sept 10 – 12)	Leading & Managing Change for the Integration of Credit Union Networks / Bangkok, Thailand
2014 (Oct 2 – 11)	World Summit of Credit Union & Exposure / Quebec, Canada
2014 (Sept 17 -20)	ACCU Annual Forum / Way forward: Unification of Asian Credit Unions Networks / Bali, Indonesia
2014 (May 20- 24)	A Chance for Change: Child and Youth Finance and the Post 2015 Agenda United Nations Assembly and Adult Workshop on Financial Inclusion / New York, U.S.A.
2013 (Oct 9 – 11)	International Poverty Summit: Partnership Against Poverty / PICC, Manila
2013 (Sept 12 – 14)	ACCU Annual Forum / Blueprint for Credit Union Growth and Development Soaltee Crowne Plaza, Kathmandu, Nepal
2012 (Nov 6 – 8)	International Microinsurance Conference / Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania / South Africa
2012 (Nov 4 – 5)	ICMIF Microinsurance Workshop / Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania / South Africa
2012 (Nov 1 – 2)	ICMIF Development Microinsurance Network Conference / Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania / South Africa
2011 (Sept 9 – 11)	15th China International Fair for the Investment and Trade (CIFIT) / Xiamen, China

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: Public Service and Other Awards

2019	JOE BIDEN AWARD FOR DEVELOPMENT EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR 2019 FROM ASIA
2019	INTERNATIONAL AWARD FILINE AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP 2019 SINGLE BENEFACTOR OF THE YEAR
2013	MINDANAO COOP LEADERSHIP AWARD
2012	COOP LEADERSHIP AWARD
2007	MOST OUTSTANDING MISAMISNON



Exemplifying Masonic virtues thru Unwavering Services

VW EDUARDO V.
INTERIOR, PJGL, HA



VW Eduardo V. Interior, Past Junior Grand Lecturer, HA

Civil Status: Married
Citizenship: Filipino
Age: 57
Date of Birth: June 8, 1966
Place of Birth: San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija
Address: Alimanao Hills, Tuguegarao City
Occupation: Entrepreneur / Contractor
Office: President / CEO of EVI Construction
Name of Spouse: Ma. Janet S. Interior
Children: Jasmine S. Interior
Eduardo S. Interior, Jr.
John Edward S. Interior
Jhed S. Interior

Date Raised: November 7, 2009
Mother Lodge: Gualberto C. Agatep, Sr. : : No. 341 /Gattaran, Cagayan
Masonic District: R-II Cagayan
Graduated from IMES: SINAGTALA CLASS 2011-4 (2011)
Junior Warden: Gualberto C. Agatep, Sr. : : No. 341 (2011)
Charter Member: Tuguegarao Masonic Lodge No. 408 (2011)
Worshipful Master: Tuguegarao Masonic Lodge No. 408 (2014)
Charter Master: MW Leon Angel P. Bañez, Jr. : : No. 458 (2020 - 2022)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

M.Y. 2015 - 2016 District Grand Lecturer / R-II Cagayan
M.Y. 2016 - 2017 District Deputy Grand Master (MD R-II Cagayan)
M.Y. 2017 - 2018 Junior Grand Lecturer / North Eastern Luzon
M.Y. 2019 - 2021 Junior Grand Lecturer / Overseas
M. Y. 2022 - Junior Grand Lecturer (resigned due to nomination)

Nominated during the 9th North Luzon Multi-District Convention last November 12, 2022 at the Ilocos Norte Centennial Arena, Laoag City.



HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Pinacanauan No. 318 2017
Emon Lodge No. 179 2020

AFFILIATIONS & OTHER MEMBERSHIP

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite (14th degree)
Pagong Ako Kuyang, Pilipinas / Regional Worthy Turtle 2015
Shriners Intl Bamboo LUDONG CLASS 2017
Karayan Shrine Club President 2018 and 2019

AWARDS & CITATIONS

Most Outstanding JGL MY 2017 - 2018
HIRAM AWARD Tugearao Masonic Lodge No. 408 (2018)
Most Outstanding JGL MY 2019 - 2021
Most Outstanding WM MY 2021 - 2022

Occupation / Business

President / CEO - EVI CONSTRUCTION
President / CEO - VALLEY HOTEL
President / CEO - VALLEY HOTEL TOWER MALL
Franchisee - 7-ELEVEN & GIORDANO- BALZAIN
Chairman of the Board - KARAYAN SECURITY AGENCY CORPORATION

Other Organizations

BMW Owners Society of Safe Riders - Vice-President 2019 - 2020
Viajeros Motorcycle Club
Motorcycle Rider Safety Training - Class No. 08
Recipient of Master Rider Title (2019)

Education: University of Saint Louis – Tugearao / Bachelor of Science in CIVIL ENGINEERING

FLAGSHIP PROGRAM

THEME: Exemplifying Masonic Virtues thru Unwavering Services

MOTTO: wEMUST Care Together

We Must Care Together for this is Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Caring together is an exemplification of our Masonic Tenets and this can be achieved thru our unwavering services to our Craft and to the community. In the perambulation of the 2nd Degree, we learned that we are nothing if we do not have charity (Charity is LOVE in the English Standard Version of the Holy Bible). Love and Relief should go hand in hand and like the bow and the arrow, each is useless without the other.

In Deo Esperamus (In God We Hope) is an acknowledgement that we hope to succeed in the implementation of our Flagship Program with the blessing and guidance of the GAOTU. Thus, our Flagship Program is encapsulated in HOPE which stands for:

- H** - Home Care Program
- O** - Organizational Efficiency
- P** - Proficiency
- E** - Environmental Care & Protection

HOME CARE PROGRAM

Establish a sustainable district or jurisdiction level Custodial Home Care Institution to serve as refuge for aging and distressed worthy Brother Master Masons, their widows and orphans on a temporary or long term stay. Those who may require close supervision due to their physical constraints on their daily activities for their self-protection but do not require day to day medical care are prioritized for admission in the Custodial Home Care Institution.

To walk the talk, the construction of a pilot Custodial Home Care Institution has been started in Tuguegarao City. The Institution shall be managed by Tuguegarao Masonic Lodge No. 408. The lessons to be learned in the pilot implementation shall serve as valuable inputs for the jurisdictional institutionalization of the Home Care Program. Related to our focus on Brotherly Love and Relief, we shall unburden our aging members from superfluous assessments by, among others, lowering the LML requirement from 25 years to 20 years.

ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY



We are experiencing fast growth of the Craft in our jurisdiction both in terms of the number of lodges and members, thus the need for exemplary and strong leadership, excellent lodge administration and supervision and strict implementation of the written and unwritten rules of our craft. Leadership maturity is important in every organization's success, therefore in addition to the existing qualifications and requirements of becoming a Master of the Lodge, he must be at least 5 years in the craft at the day of his election.

We shall further improve our organizational efficiency with the full utilization of digital technology by enhancing our existing digital system in the Grand Lodge and in the submission of reportorial requirements from the Lodges to the Grand Lodge. On-line procurement and delivery of Masonic supplies, books and paraphernalia must be fully operationalized to save time, effort and cost especially for brethren from the provinces.

PROFICIENCY

Knowledge is power and gives us the right perspective, thus every Master Mason must be well versed on all the intricacies of the craft. This can be done, among others by:

- a. Making IMES Course mandatory, even while we project our roots, our philosophy, and tenets. It is also best to regionalize IMES, with guidance from the IMES center. The pool of regional trainers shall undergo and pass the IMES Trainers Course. 3rd Degree proficiency shall be one of the requirements for enrolment in the IMES course.
- b. Making mandatory for a newly raised MM to pass the 3rd Degree Proficiency exam within 90 days;
- c. Institutionalize the adoption of a uniform Masonic Lectures by the Senior Grand Lecturer which is easily understood and provided with the appropriate context such as the lectures prepared during the term of MW Johnny T. Pimentel.

ENVIRONMENTAL CARE AND PROTECTION

We must care together not only for the exemplification of Brotherly Love and Relief but also equally important is our care for and protection of the environment.

The adverse effect of climate change is real. We are now experiencing severe flooding during the rainy season and severe drought during the dry season. Properties, infrastructures, crops and livestock worth billions of pesos are occasionally lost, including priceless lives and untold sufferings to humanity due to the adverse effect of climate change. Climate scientists has determined that one the major causes of climate change is anthropogenic. We emitted and continue to emit billions of tons of greenhouse gases to the atmosphere like carbon dioxide from burning of fossil fuels. The greenhouse gases contribute to a great extent the increase in global temperature or global warming which causes climate change. On the other hand, the denudation of our forests reduces the absorption of carbon dioxide by the trees. During the process of photosynthesis, the leaves of the trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen. The degradation of the forests also aggravates flooding due to higher intensity and volume of precipitation resulting from climate change. Without trees in the watershed, soil erosion is aggravated and the resulting siltation reduces the capacity of natural waterways to convey floodwaters, thus flooding becomes a regular occurrence. Flooding is also aggravated with the rapid flow of rainwater from the watersheds to the natura waterways due to the absence of trees that absorbs some of the rainwater and retards the flow through their roots.

One of the mitigating measures to address the adverse effect of climate change is reforestation and forest protection. Our watersheds are urgently in need of reforestation and or assisted forest growth regeneration. Existing and newly established forest shall be at all cost be protected.

The usual tree planting activities we have conducted in the past are palliative measure and lack sustainability. The usual tree planting endeavors were more of a "do good, feel good" activities. After posting in the social media their photos of planting activities, the planted tree seedlings are left on their own. Without care and maintenance, a 90% mortality rate is assured.

It is high time now that we adopt a sustainable tree-planting initiatives that incorporates care and maintenance as well as forest protection. The lodges and or Masonic Districts shall identify and adopt a watershed to develop and maintain indefinitely or as necessary as tree parks. An agreement with DENR shall be entered into for the granting of tenurial instruments to the Lodges/Districts and for extending technical assistance in the development of the tree parks.



**"Magkakasama, Magkakapatid:
Noon, Ngayon, at Bukas."**



**VW TEODORO Y.
KALAW IV, CSDL**

VW Teodoro Kalaw IV, Centennial Senior Grand Lecturer

Civil Status:	Married
Citizenship:	Filipino
Age:	51
Date of Birth:	October 2, 1971
Place of Birth:	Quezon City
Address:	Makati City, Metro Manila
Profession:	Attorney-At-Law
Occupation:	Lawyer, Chartered Arbitrator, Professor
Office:	Kalaw Prasad & Hofilena Law Firm - Rockwell, Makati
Name of Spouse:	Sis. Mariliza Villarosa - Kalaw
Children:	Raphaella V. Kalaw
Date Raised:	November 7, 2003
Mother Lodge:	Teodoro M. Kalaw Lodge No. 136,
Masonic District:	NCR-F / Capitol Masonic Temple / Quezon City
Dual Lodge:	Mabini-Kalaw Lodge No. 195, Lipa City, Batangas
Masonic District:	R-IV Batangas
Worshipful Master:	T.M. Kalaw : : 136 (2009)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

M.Y. 2010 – 2011	District Deputy Grand Master (MD NCR-F /Quezon City)
M.Y. 2012 – 2013	Centennial Senior Grand Lecturer (CSDL)
M.Y. 2013 – 2014	President – Institute of Masonic Education & Studies
M.Y. 2017 – 2018	Grand Orator
M.Y. 2019 – 2021	Senior Grand Lecturer
M.Y. 2022 –	Asst Grand Secretary (Resigned following nomination)

Nominated during the NCR Multi-District Convention last November 5, 2022 at Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Ermita, Manila.

VW Teodoro Kalaw IV, PAGES CSGL PGO PDDGM is the immediate Past Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. Prior to such charge, he completed his second tour of duty as Senior Grand Lecturer during the extended Masonic Term from 2019 to 2021. A Past Master of his mother lodge, Teodoro M. Kalaw Masonic Lodge No. 136, He is also a member of Mabini-Kalaw Masonic Lodge No. 195 of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Internet Lodge No. 9659 of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Harvard Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and Maynilad Lodge No. 1521 of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia.

He is a Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and also previously served as that Masonic jurisdiction's Centennial Senior Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District NCR-F (Eastern Metro Manila and Rizal Province), and President of the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies. While serving as Senior Grand Lecturer in his first term, he chaired the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Rituals & Works that updated the GLP's official cypher, subsequently issued as the Centennial Monitor. During the previous Masonic term, he also led efforts to edit and update the Centennial Monitor as well as the latest editions of the GLP's Masonic Law Book and Handbook on Masonic Etiquette and Protocol.

He also conceptualized and produced during the same term his jurisdiction's new Sacred Law for Christian Brethren. He was the content producer and presenter for the GLP's pioneering 10-series "Third Sundays in the West". In episode monthly Masonic webinar view of the extension of the Masonic Term due to the Co-Vid pandemic, he was the project coordinator for the PHP 4 million Peso WB Greg Macasaet Memorial Fund for affected Brethren.

He also conceptualized and produced Manual of Public Liturgy and Volume of was the content producer and episode monthly Masonic webinar view of the extension of the Masonic Term due to the Co-Vid pandemic, he was the project coordinator for the PHP 4 million Peso WB Greg Macasaet Memorial Fund for affected Brethren.



He an Honorary Member of Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179, No. 433, Mindoro Masonic Lodge Masonic Lodge No. 368, Pasig Masonic Lodge No. 413, Gen. 427, and Katarungan well as a Charter Member of No. 381, all in the Philippine Convention Chairman of the Region Multi-District Year 2012-2013, he has Representative near the Philippines of the Grand He is also active in the local well as the Royal Order of Secret Monitor, the Order of DeMolay (as Frank S. Land Centennial Fellow), and the Mabuhay Shriners. He is an honorary member of the BIR Travellers Haven.

Silanganan Masonic Lodge No. 19, Lumang Bayan Masonic Lodge No. 157, Generoso Madrigal City Lodge No. 409, La Paz Miguel Malvar Lodge No. Masonic Lodge No. 450 as Batasan Masonic Lodge Constitution. He served as 2010 National Capital Convention. Since Masonic served as the Grand Grand Lodge of the Lodge of Massachusetts. Scottish and York Rites, as Scotland, the Order of the

He was the executive editor of, and primary contributor to, the GLP's official Centennial history, "One Hundred Years of Craftsmanship", in 2012 and was the executive editor of the GLP's latest coffee table book, "Heritage, Heraldry, & Heart: Philippine Blue Lodges", in 2017. He presently serves as the Local Secretary for the Philippines of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge No. 2076 of the United Grand Lodge of England, the world's premier lodge of Masonic Research, is a Life Member of both the Philalethes Society and the Scottish Rite Research Society of the United States as well as a member of the Masonic Society.

He was awarded his Diploma in Masonic Studies from the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies in December 2011. He has delivered his Centennial lecture, "Freemasonry is Being Filipino", over 80 times to audiences in the Philippines, the United States, the United Kingdom (online), Japan, Hong Kong, and Australia. He was the only presenter from Masonic grand lodges in East Asia at the Third International Conference on the History of Freemasonry held at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, U.S.A. in May 2011, where he lectured on "The Genealogy of Philippine Freemasonry".

A Knight Commander of the Knights of Rizal, VW Kalaw took the lead on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in initiating and completing negotiations leading to the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding on 14 April 2021 establishing a strategic partnership and full fraternal relations between the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and the Knights of Rizal.

In other related initiatives, VW Kalaw currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Mabini Society for Nationhood, a new non-Masonic learned society founded on 27 December 2020 that aims to promote and study the discipline of fraternalism in general, with a particular emphasis on the role of Philippine Freemasonry in the nation-building.

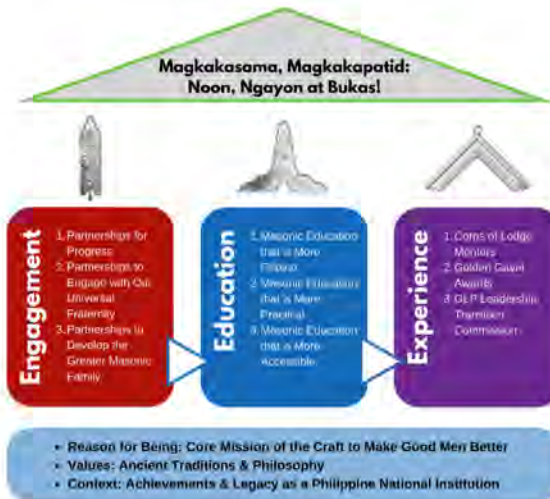
Proposed Program & Plans

The theme will be primarily promoted in Filipino to highlight the Craft's role in the development of the national identity of Filipinos, which is the foundation for further leveraging our past to be the best we can be today and facilitate our future sustainably.

"Noon" (Before) – The Masonic Term will commemorate building on what we have already accomplished, starting particularly from the programs of recent Past Grand Masters, and best leveraging this going forward.

"Ngayon" (Now) - As will be explained below, we best move forward by focusing on three strategic pillars: Engagement, Education, and Experience.

"Bukas" (Tomorrow) – If we build these strategic pillars properly, we best assure a sustainable future for the Craft in the Philippines in terms of providing an authentic membership experience that is truly Filipino in creed and in deed.



1. ENGAGEMENT: Serbisyong Nauunawaan ng Lipunan / Service that Creates Credible Value for Society

At our best, we have an opportunity to increase how we create value in Philippine Society, the regular Craft around the world, and greater Masonic family through more focused uniform messaging and proper stewardship of our strategic partnerships. The symbol for these three strategic initiatives is the Junior Warden's jewel – the Plumb – to emphasize the importance of both our outlook and actions as individuals and institutions to all stakeholders both within and outside the Craft.

First Plumb - Partnerships for Progress

We need to greatly leverage our historical role as a national institution unique in its contributions to our national identity in creating even more impact in Society. This can only come about thru the planning and provision for a Uniform Stakeholder Communications Program that concentrates on building value where we traditionally devote our attention to.

Second Plumb - Partnerships to Engage with our Universal Fraternity

Our stature as the most senior sovereign Masonic jurisdiction in Asia and apparently the fastest growing Craft constitution in the regular Masonic universe allows us the unique opportunity to increase linkages and activities with foreign constitutions and Brethren abroad. Such initiatives will include:

Third Plumb - Partnerships to Develop the Greater Masonic Fraternity

Rationalize and reform the Masonic Coordinating Council introduced by Edict 138 – MW Guerrero) to better serve the Greater Masonic Family, beginning with the reclassification, inclusion, and stronger liaison with organizations related to the Craft in all of the following domains, namely:

2. EDUCATION:

Edukasyong Maunawan Natin / Masonic education we can readily understand and apply

For us to be able to implement the above, we must be able to literally "walk our talk". More importantly, therefore, we must embark on a multi-year initiative beginning prior to the term to redevelop and redesign our Masonic education materials in three major ways. The symbol for these three strategic initiatives is the Senior Warden's jewel - the Level – to highlight the significance of uniform deliberate practice of our practical philosophy as the foundation for measurable progress in our primary mission of making good men better.

First Level - Masonic Education that is more Filipino

Much of our standard educational material such as the "Tried and Proven" system is from the United States. We need to produce new content that much better applies education in the Craft in our own context by using Filipino examples and highlighting local values and traits. We also need to balance presentation of such new material within each of the four major schools of thought, namely: Esoteric, Mythical, Practical, and Authentic.

Second Level - Masonic Education that is more Practical

Distinct from the diploma course of the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies and to facilitate the implementation the redeveloped and redesigned content of Masonic education to be launched during the Masonic Term, a one-day or two-afternoon course entitled "Grand Lecturer's Academy" shall be required of all grand lecturers during their term. Furthermore, junior grand lecturers shall be required to attain certification in delivering the course during their term in office. Completion of the course will entitle the grand lecturer to be credited "AML" (Accredited Masonic Lecturer) or "ASML" (Accredited Supervising Masonic Lecturer) as the case may be.

Third Level - Masonic Education that is more Accessible

Other than esoteric work, which must necessarily be taught in person, a substantial part of Masonic education can be uploaded online. There is no need to re-invent the wheel in this regard as other grand lodges can serve as benchmarks in creating the Grand Lodge's own Masonic online portal, such as the Solomon of the United Grand Lodge of England (a screengrab of the internal site is shown below). Such a user-friendly website will be introduced with the new Masonic Education materials produced during the Masonic Term as initial resources.

3. EXPERIENCE:

Tunay na Kapatiran sa Pagtratrabaho ng Masonariya / Developing an Authentic Filipino Experience in the Craft
 Most importantly, beyond the production and dissemination of Masonic education, the fundamental mission of the Craft is to ensure that such is regularly applied by its disciples. The real highlight of the Masonic Term will therefore be the exemplification of best practices that most facilitate good men to become even better throughout their lives with the Craft as their conceptual toolbox. The symbol for these three most significant strategic initiatives is the Worshipful Master's jewel – the Square – to demonstrate that true craftsmanship in Freemasonry is when its adherents mentor each other every day to be better not just for themselves and their families but also to advance the common good.

First Square – Revive the Core of Lodge Mentors

The Corps of Lodge Mentors first introduced during the Centennial Term of MW Gabionza will be revived as a separate subordinate body of the Grand Lodge distinct from the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies. The Corps will focus on coaching and disseminating practical applications of Masonic Philosophy every day in the Craft lodge setting. For reference, the curriculum for the two-day certification course of the Corps is provided below.




Second Square - Golden Gavel Awards

A new recognition system to reward outstanding achievements in 12 specific classes of Masonic activities will be introduced, with awarding ceremonies at the end of the Masonic Term. The focus of recognition will not be a specific member or even lodge but a defined activity that best exemplifies the application of Masonic Philosophy in everyday life. The award is a "golden gavel" to emphasize the appropriate use of Masonic authority to build trust and confidence in the Craft.

Third Square - GLP Leadership Transition Commission

To provide future leaders of the Grand Oriental Chair with objective and autonomous staff support to assist them as they plan their respective Masonic terms and orient their respective prospective leadership teams, a permanent subordinate body of the Grand Lodge to be known of the GLP Leadership Transition Commission shall be introduced and institutionalized. Prospective elected grand line officers in line for the Grand Oriental Chair are free to adapt or disregard the advice of the commission, which will provide for them with the following proposed annual work agenda for their respective leadership teams.

**Our Masonic Obligations as THE Practical Foundation for the Aim of the Craft:
 Becoming Better Men After Initiation, Passing & Raising**

	PLUMB	LEVEL	SQUARE
Depiction			
Symbol of	Upright Behavior	Equality & Equity	Virtue & Morality
Worn By	Junior Warden	Senior Warden	Worshipful Master
Traditional Role	Mentors & Addresses Wellworn of the Brethren (Empathy)	Supervises the Craft (Competence)	Governs the Lodge (Wisdom)
Core Query	What must WE truly DO?	What is truly RIGHT?	What is truly GOOD?
Primary Focus	Mentorship & Love (to guide course of action & provide rational but 2nd choice or non-choice)	Competence & Excellence (to better & best our context as well as maintaining of conduct & program)	Purpose & Value (to determine & align priorities so as to create Value, based on one's core principles)

This is meant to be a COMPLETE system of ethics (as founded on your faith!)



**"Through Humility,
comes Harmony
in Masonry."**

**VW OLIVER C.
KO, PJGL**



VW Oliver C. Ko, Past Junior Grand Lecturer

Civil Status:	Married
Citizenship:	Filipino
Age:	48
Date of Birth:	November 25, 1974
Place of Birth:	Cebu City
Address:	Mandaue City, Cebu
Profession:	Entrepreneur
Occupation:	Chief Executive Officer
Office:	Palmax Solutions, Inc
Name of Spouse:	Anna Theresa Saldaña Ko
Children:	Inara Elise S. Ko, 11 years old
Date Raised:	May 21, 2010
Mother Lodge:	Cebu Lodge No. 128, Cebu City
Masonic District:	R-VII Cebu, Bohol, & Siquijor (CBS)
Worshipful Master:	Cebu Lodge No. 128 (2017)
District Grand Lecturer:	R-VII - CBS (MY 2018-2019)
District Deputy Grand Master:	R-VII - CBS (MY 2019-2021)
Junior Grand Lecturer:	Central Visayas (MY 2022) (Resigned due to nomination)
Dual Lodge:	Leon Kilat Masonic Lodge No. 437
Plural Lodge:	Chocolate Hills Masonic Lodge No. 477
Affiliate Member:	Sun Lodge No. 6, Grand Lodge of China

Nominated during the 25th Visayas Multi-District Convention held last November 26, 2022 at Casino Español De Cebu, Cebu City, Philippines.

Additional Masonic Profile

APPENDANT BODIES

Mabuhay Shriners

- 2010 – Present Member
- 2011 – 2012 Potentate's Aide,
- 2019 – 2022 Ambassador
- 2020 – Present Filipinas Shrine Club – President

Order of the Secret Monitor

- 2018 – 2022 Director of Ceremonies
Pillars of the South No.18
- 2020 – 2021 Grand Visitor
Grand Conclave of South East Asia
- 2021 – Present Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler
Habagatan Provincial Grand Conclave
- 2021 – Present Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
Grand Conclave of South East Asia

OCCUPATION

- 2003 – Present PALMAX SOLUTIONS, INC.
Chief Executive Officer
- 2015 – Present Customized Modular Fit-Out Contractor
- 2008 – Present Customized Furniture
Manufacturer & Importer
- 2000 – 2012 Wooden Pallet Manufacturing
- 2003 – 2012 PKS SHIPPING CO., INC.
Port Operations Manager
- 2000 – 2002 GH CLOTHING, INC. / Factory Manager
- 1998 – 1999 TAMIYA PHILIPPINES, INC.
General Control / Purchasing & Warehouse Supervisor



OTHER ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

CASINO ESPAÑOL DE CEBU

- 1995 – Present Member
- 2020 - Present Board of Directors, Treasurer

MARIA LUISA PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

- 2017 - Present Board of Directors

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATENEO DE CEBU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- 2011 Board of Trustee

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

- 2003 – 2009 Strategic Chapter



EDUCATION:

1995 – 1997 SOPHIA UNIVERSITY / Tokyo, Japan
Japanese Language Institute (JLI)

1991 - 1995 ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY
Quezon City
BS Management

SACRED HEART SCHOOL FOR BOYS / Cebu City

1987 – 1991 Secondary Education (High School)

1981 – 1987 Primary Education (Elementary)

PLANS & PROGRAMS

Uniform Orientation of all Incoming Petitioners

Prior to their application being circulated, petitioners should undergo a GLP approved orientation conducted by the DDGM. This orientation is done to make them understand what it entails to be a petitioner of a Lodge. This also explains the manner of conduct the members may treat the petitioners.

Circularizing Petitioners for Degrees

One very unique feature in our fraternity is to circulate the names of the petitioners to every single lodge in our jurisdiction. However, most of the members do not receive such notices or these circulars are left ignored. Thus, defeating the purpose of this great undertaking. With the advancement of technology, circularization of applicants should now be done online which includes their photos. That way, the brethren may recognize the applicant better thus protecting our West Gate even further.

ONE STOP - ON LINE APP

Upgrading the GLP APP to include full Online Masonic Transactions

Not only can Lodges check the Edicts and Circulars through the use of keywords, there will be portal that allows the Lodges to send in their Requests for Dispensation directly to the DDGM, the DDGM in turn may approve and disapprove this request online, then the Lodge pays the necessary fees before the approval comes out. They can attach this approval sheet when submitting their minutes of the meeting to the GLP. This also ensures that all Requests for Dispensation is paid for as well as monitor Lodge's activities and movements.



"Bringing Brother
Masons Together!
Brod ng Bawa't Mason."



VW ROBERT JOSEPH S.
MORAN, JR., PGP

VW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Past Grand Pursuivant, HA

Civil Status:	Married
Citizenship:	Filipino
Age:	41
Date of Birth:	December 8, 1981
Place of Birth:	Cebu City
Address:	Las Piñas, Metro Manila
Profession:	Entrepreneur
Occupation:	Executive
Office:	University of Perpetual Help System DALTA Las Piñas, Metro Manila

Name of Spouse:	Honey B. Moran
Children:	Daisy Nicole Li B. Moran Elena Marguerite Jo B. Moran

Date Raised:	September 20, 2008
Mother Lodge:	Pilar Lodge No. 15 / Imus, Cavite
Masonic District:	R-IV / Cavite EAST
Worshipful Master:	Pilar Lodge No. 15 / Cavite EAST (2013)
Hiram Medal Awardee:	Pilar Lodge No. 15 / Cavite EAST (2022)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

Grand Lodge Inspector:	Tagaytay Lodge No. 165 (MY 2014 - 2015) Pintong Bato No. 51 (MY 2018 - 2019)
District Grand Lecturer:	R-IV / Cavite EAST (MY 2015 - 2016)
Junior Grand Lecturer:	Southern Luzon (MY 2017 - 2018)
District Deputy Grand Master:	R-IV / Cavite EAST (MY 2019 - 2021)
Grand Pursuivant:	MY 2022

Nominated during the Southern Luzon Multi-District Convention held last November 30, 2022 at the Cultural Center Auditorium, Provincial Capitol Grounds, Sta. Cruz, Laguna.

Additional Masonic Profile



OTHER LODGE MEMBERSHIPS

Charter Member:	Muntinlupa Lodge No. 414 Bantayang Bato Lodge No. 447 Pangarap Masonic Lodge No. 448
Dual Lodge:	Pangarap Masonic Lodge No. 448
Honorary Membership:	Pintong Bato Lodge No. 51 Kutang Bato Lodge No. 110 Pinaglabanan Lodge No. 374

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

Grand Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent

2011 – Present: 1st Deputy Royal King Cobra

Order of the Secret Monitor

2020 – Present: Provincial Deputy SR /
Provincial Grand Conclave of Southern Luzon
2019 – Present: Supreme Ruler / Laguna Conclave No. 26
2018 – Present: Member / Cavite Conclave No. 20
2014 – Present: Member / Pearl of the Orient Conclave No. 496

Mabuhay Shriner's International

2011 – Present: Maharlika Shrine Club

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite

2012 – Present: Imus Bodies

Pagong Ako Kuyang Pacific, Inc.

2014 – Present: Tokyo, Japan

Institute of Masonic Education and Studies

Valentino Class No. 2015 – 55

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Member of Executive Management, with 20 years of expertise in management and oversight.
- Adept at expanding and securing new business opportunities.
- Possess comprehensive knowledge in managing financial and operational resources.
- Maintains excellent working relationships with other executives, leaders, clients, major suppliers, government officials, and fellow citizens.
- With high degree of initiative, judgement, professionalism, and integrity.
- Strong leadership skills, effective and efficient.

OCCUPATION

2005 – Present	DIRECTOR	University of Perpetual Help System DALTA
2018 – Present	CEO	Masonhood Limited Incorporated
2017 – Present	DIRECTOR	GASSO Fuel Trading Incorporated
2005 – Present	VICE PRESIDENT	TJ Enterprises Incorporated

EDUCATION

2006 – 2010	Ateneo Graduate School of Business / Makati Master in Business Administration / Regis University Executive Program
2001 – 2002	University of Perpetual Help System DALTA / Las Piñas Bachelor of Science in Business Administration / Major in Entrepreneurship
1997 – 2001	Silliman University / Dumaguete Bachelor of Science in Business Administration / Major in Accountancy
Primary and Secondary Education	
1993 – 1997	Silliman University High School / Dumaguete
1986 – 1992	Sacred Heart School for Boys / Cebu City

MEMBERSHIPS/ORGANIZATIONS:

Member	Philippine Olympic Committee / Republic of the Philippines
Vice-President	International Soft Tennis Federation / Incheon, South Korea
President	Philippine Soft Tennis Association / Republic of the Philippines
Board Trustee	National Hog Farmers Incorporated / Republic of the Philippines
President	United Swine Producers Association / Member Association of NHFI
Deputy Director For Operations	RRATSW, Philippine Air Force / Armed Forces of the Philippines
Adopted Member	Philippine National Police Academy Alumni Association, Inc. Marangal Class of 2005



STATEMENT:

Bringing Brother Masons Together! Brod ng Bawa't Mason

The following are the Plans and Programs of Government I would love to carry out for our beloved fraternity, borne thru all my experiences and learnings throughout my masonic journey, in the continuous pursuit of becoming a better man and Freemason.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership that Inspires. We have come from a history of national heroes and have inspired generations after them, and I believe it is time that we relate and attune ourselves to the generation that will inherit our ancient craft, or we may risk losing the battle of interest that shadows our present time.

Membership that is Relevant. Continue to mold members to become integral parts of their local communities and society in general, that are impactful and ever present while unseen.

Membership that Sustains. Encourage members to be diligent in settling their dues and be mindful that their contributions are essential to the sustainability of our beloved fraternity, masonic charities and nation-building programs that help uphold integrity in society.

Membership that Respects. Members must continue to be decent and respectable members of society, and must treat petitioners fairly and gentlemanly. In this manner, the candidates fully comprehend the lessons and tenets of Freemasonry, as they see us in our daily lives.

EDUCATION

Masonic Education for the Present. We need to assimilate our teachings to present times, so that they become more practical, useful, and applicable in our daily lives, by using current situational examples and highlighting local values and traits.

Masonic Education Anytime, Anywhere. In the advent of technology, learning institutions are now, more than ever, utilizing online mediums that make learning adaptive to the student. In the same manner, the Brethren can learn our modules at their own pace, in their own time, whither so ever dispersed.

Focus on Self-Enrichment and Lodge Management. Create more modules that better the Mason as a person, as a family man and as a citizen. Increase time and content on lodge management modules, that will aid in the efficient administration of lodge affairs.

GOVERNANCE

Guided Leadership. Forge a guided plan with our Past Grand Masters, current Grand Lodge Officers and incoming officers that can steer our beloved craft to a cohesive path for the present, medium and long-term objectives, eternally in accord with Divine Wisdom.

Collaborative Leadership. Our style of leadership is democratic, emphasizing togetherness and consensus-building, as a way to tailor fit our decisions. We will listen to the lodges and districts, in order to ensure all perspectives are heard and that the Brethren are constantly engaged.

Compassionate Leadership. We will continue to govern with candor, decide swiftly and deliver justice conscientiously, always within the due bounds of compassion and brotherly love.

TECHNOLOGY

One App for All. We will consolidate, design and produce a secure and exclusive smartphone application for the Brethren, where we can send, receive and keep all communications from the GLP directly to our members, while being a formal and social platform where we can connect with each other as Master Masons, in harmony with our traditions and ancient landmarks.

Online Transactions. Continue to build on already existing technology, that aids in the submission of all records, transactions, reports and payments to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines safely and securely.



"Virtues of Freemasonry Personified."

VW VLADIMIR F.
PELAEZ, PSGD



VW Vladimir F. Pelaez, Past Senior Grand Deacon

Civil Status: Married
Citizenship: Filipino
Age: 46
Date of Birth: June 11, 1976
Place of Birth: Sta. Cruz, Marinduque
Address: Tandang Sora, Quezon City
Profession: Lawyer
Occupation: Chief Political Affairs Officer
Office: House of Representatives
Office of Cong. Romeo S. Momo, Sr.

Name of Spouse: Myshelle A. Tan-Pelaez
Children: Maolen Vin T. Pelaez
Vernice Mara T. Pelaez

Date Raised: January 14, 2005
Mother Lodge: Cosmos Lodge No. 8, Taft Ave, Manila
Masonic District: NCR-A / Scottish Rite Temple
Lodge Secretary: Cosmos Lodge No. 8 / NCR-A (2011)
Junior Warden: Cosmos Lodge No. 8 / NCR-A (2012)
Senior Warden: Cosmos Lodge No. 8 / NCR-A (2013)
Worshipful Master: Cosmos Lodge No. 8 / NCR-A (2014)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

District Grand Lecturer: MD NCR-A (M. Y. 2015 – 2016)
District Deputy Grand Master: MD NCR-A (M. Y. 2016 – 2017)
Senior Grand Deacon: MD NCR-A (M. Y. 2018 – 2019)

Nominated during the NCR Multi-District Convention last November 5, 2022 at Jose Abad Santos Hall of the Plaridel Masonic Temple at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Ermita, Manila.

Additional Masonic Profile



Charter Member: Moriones Masonic Lodge No. 399
 Isaac I. Puno, Sr. Masonic Lodge No. 401
 Cabuyao Masonic Lodge No. 442

Dual Member: Moriones Masonic Lodge No. 399

Honorary Membership: Macario R. Ramos Masonic Lodge No. 355
 St. John the Baptist Masonic Lodge No. 362

CORPORATE / COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Deputy Chief of Staff to the Grand Master (MW Romeo S. Momo)
 –MY 2018 – 2019

Chairman of the Comm. On Jurisprudence – MY 2018 – 2019

Assistant Editor-in-Chief, The Cable Tow – MY 2018 – 2019

Member, ELECOM – MY 2021 / MY 2022

Member, Comm. On Jurisprudence – MY 2022
 (Resigned due to nomination)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

President - Quezon City Trowel Club, Inc. - 2011

Member - Pagong Ako Kuyang Pilipinas (PAKP)

High Shereef / President Bamboo Shrine Club 1902 - 2015

Mabuhay Shriners, Philippines - 2011

Honorary Member - Plumb and Level Club, Inc.

Honorary Lakan - PNPA Tagapagtaguyod Class '88

OCCUPATION

2019 – Present	Chief Political Affairs Officer	House of Representatives Office of Cong. Romeo S. Momo, Sr.
2016 – 2019	Legal Consultant	QC LGU/Dept. Of Bldg. Official
2014 – 2016	Private Practice of the Law Profession	Parado, Pelaez, & Dawang Law Offices
	Office of the Ombudsman	
2009 – 2014	Graft Investigation & Prosecution Officer II	
2006 – 2009	Graft Investigation & Prosecution Officer I	
2004 – 2006	Attorney III	Professional Regulation Commission
2003 – 2004	Hearing Officer	Professional Regulation Commission
1996 – 2004	Librarian	Christian Language Study Center

EDUCATION:

2003	Graduate Studies	Lyceum of the Philippines (LI . B)
1992 – 1996	Tertiary	Polytechnic University of the Philippines (B.S. Journalism)
1988 – 1992	Secondary	Makapuyat National High School
1982 – 1988	Primary	Devilla Elementary School (Graduated Valedictorian)

STATEMENT: Virtues of Freemasonry Personified

Plans and Programs for the Fraternity

It is the humble submission of this brother that in addition to sustaining the gains of our esteemed Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters during their respective terms, there is a need to propagate even deeper, to the very core of every Mason, the love for the Craft and virtues of the Fraternity, thereby creating more Masons committed to Masonry and Masonry that is committed to Masons and responsive to society.

The program is two-fold: one within the MWGLP and the other, to our respective communities.

Within the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines:

1. Protect the good name, honor, and reputation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines against those who destroy it from within and from without. From within, to instill discipline among erring Masons. Act on cases with dispatch and provide appropriate penalty. With the continued abuses to non-Masons, to petitioners, to brother Masons and sometimes to the family of brother Mason, it probably is high time to teach our members who go astray a hard lesson that they belong to a time-honored, glorious, and respectable brotherhood and not just simple or ordinary fraternity. One that we are privileged to enjoy now because of those brothers who have gone before us, because of the dedicated senior Masons, of the Past Grand Masters and all Masonry-loving Masons, who cared for, nurtured, and protected it, through the long years of its existence. In the same way that we love and protect our family and instill discipline to misbehaving member by exercising tough love, we should also do the same to erring brother, if only to protect the good name and honor of the Fraternity. From without, to be ever vigilant and swiftly act on matters that may put our Craft in negative or bad light caused by any outside factor.
2. Enhanced Masonic Education focusing on the love for the Fraternity and commitment to its teachings which are both timeless and timely; and to inculcate in the minds of the brethren that each and every one of us serves as ambassadors of Freemasonry, thus we must be cautious in words and in deeds.
3. To secure the financial stability of the MWGLP, continuously promoting transparency and integrity in the use of our funds, and check on all the assets and study how they can be of use to generate more income for our charitable projects.
4. Compilation/updating of all the edicts and consolidation if necessary. To provide booklet on parliamentary procedure to be used as guide of WMs in presiding their Stated Meetings.
5. Caravan and Lodge visitations of the Grand Master especially in far-flung Lodges.
6. Institutionalize Masonic Aid and Assist Groups to give appropriate and timely assistance to a brother or family member in distress.
7. Manage the use of social media by Masons, Lodges or Masonic Organizations in so far as it affects the internal business of the MWGLP and/or result in sharing in public of our affairs and typed proceedings.
8. Continue the infrastructure works and development of the Grand Lodge Building and premises for a more suitable use of our ever-growing members.



Outside the MWGLP/Assistance to our communities:

This brother suggests flexing the charitable and patriotic arms of Masonry on two things only, which he humbly submits are the most important among the present concerns of our society:

1. **Care for the environment** which translates to care for our future generation – by conducting coastal and river clean ups, awareness and symposium drives, and tree planting activities, among others.
2. **Assistance to public education** – as bringers of light and taking the cue from our National Hero and Masonic brother Dr. Jose P. Rizal when he said that “nasa kabataan ang pag-asa ng Bayan”, Masons should continue assisting poor children in their studies, providing them learning and school materials, attend to their health and nutrition, and even providing scholarship programs to deserving students.

In sum, it is this brother’s humble submission that we should have quality Masons within our ranks who will at least strive to live up to the tenets and teachings of Masonry, who will protect the institution and the brethren, and show commitment to the Fraternity’s core values.



**"Noble & Empathic Relationship
- Towards Unity,
Harmony & Betterment
of Freemasonry."**

**VW NOEL E.
ROSAL, PJGL, HA**



VW Noel E. Rosal, Past Junior Grand Steward, HA

Civil Status: Married
 Citizenship: Filipino
 Age: 59
 Date of Birth: January 2, 1964
 Place of Birth: Manila
 Address: Renaissance Garden, Legazpi City, Albay
 Profession: Industrial Engineer
 Occupation: Public Servant (Provincial Governor- Elect)
 Office: Albay Province
 Name of Spouse: Hon. Carmen Geraldine Barrameda-Rosal
 Children: Gerald Noel B. Rosal
 Gilian Noelle B. Rosal
 Princess B. Rosal

Date Raised: September 6, 2008
 Mother Lodge: Mayon Masonic Lodge No. 61, Legazpi City, Albay
 Masonic District: R-V Albay, Sorsogon, & Masbate
 Worshipful Master: Mayon Masonic Lodge No. 61 (2013)
 Charter Master: Tabak Masonic Lodge No. 436 (2018)
 Hiram Medal Awardee: Mayon Masonic Lodge No. 61 (2019)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

Grand Representative: Grand Lodge of UTAH - 2013
 District Deputy Grand Master: MY 2014-15 / R-V Albay, Sorsogon, & Masbate
 Awarded Most Outstanding DDGM
 MY 2015 - 2016
 Junior Grand Steward: MY 2016 - 2017/ Southern Luzon
 Junior Grand Lecturer: MY 2016 - 2017/ Southern Luzon
 Grand Pursuivant: MY 2018 - 2019

Other Lodge Membership

Charter Member: Tabak Masonic Lodge No. 436
 Masaraga Masonic Lodge No. 462
 Dual Member: Masaraga Masonic Lodge No. 462

Nominated during the Southern Luzon Multi-District Convention held last November 30, 2022 at the Cultural Center Auditorium, Provincial Capitol Grounds, Sta. Cruz, Laguna.



APPENDANT BODIES:

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of the Philippines
- Past Venerable Master 2021-2022
Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine
- Member of Bicolandia Shrine Club & Ambassador
Order of the Secret Monitor OSM
- Supreme Ruler (Ibalong Conclave) 2022 - present
Frank S. Land Centennial Fellow (DeMolay)

POLITICAL CAREER

Brgy. Chairman - Brgy. Gogon, Legazpi City, Albay (1989)
City Councilor - Legazpi City, Albay (2 terms) (1990)
City Administrator - Legazpi City, Albay (2010-2013)
City Mayor - Legazpi City, Albay (2001-2010) / (2013-2019)
Provincial Governor - Province of Albay (Elected 2022)

Now, as Provincial Governor, he is filled with better hopes, aspirations, and enthusiasm to fully serve his fellow Albayaños as he is determined to further focus on key programs and projects on Health, Agriculture, Environment and Education in the province of Albay.

A Tourism Champion, an Engineer by profession, an outstanding public servant by merit and performance, a multi-awarded Chief Executive, and an appointed Chairperson of the Regional Peace and Order Council (2017-2019) and Regional Development Council (2019-2022).

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

ASAPHIL CORPORATION - President & General Manager
(Started as Checker/ Foremen and consequently occupied the position of Operation Manager)

BUSINESS AND AFFILIATIONS:

- * Chairperson / Regional Development Council
- * Chairperson / Regional Peace and Order Council
- * Regional President / Road Engineering Association of the Philippines (REAP) / Bicol Chapter
- * Senator / Junior Chamber International
- * Council Chairman / Legazpi City Council / Boy Scout of the Philippines
- * Chairman / Bicol Region League of Cities of the Philippines
- * Region-V Representative / League Cities of the Philippines
- * Past President / Rotary Club of Legazpi West
- * Post National V-Pres. / Philippine Jaycees, Inc / 1995
- * Past President / Legazpi Jaycees, Inc. 1994
- * Director / Provincial Mining Regulatory Board
- * Director / Philjury
- * Director / Albay Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- * Director / Philippine Tuberculosis Society Albay chapter

AWARDS RECEIVED

- * Presidential Lingkod Bayan / Civil Service Com / Oct 2016
- * Regional Awardee / 2016 Search for Outstanding Public Official & Employee
- * Civil Service Pagasa Awardee / Civil Service Com / Aug 2008
- * National Awardee for Peace & Order DILG / June 2008
- * Outstanding Performance Award DOH - Bicol / Jan. 25, 08
- * Nat'l Kabalikat Awardee - LGU Category TESDA / Aug. 22, 07
- * Regional Kabalikat Awardee / TESDA / Aug. 22, 07
- * 3rd Best City Peace & Order Council / NPC/NPOC/ Sept. 21, 07
- * 2nd Fastest Growing Small City Asian Institute of Mgt. (AIM) 2006 in the Philippines
- * 2006 Huwarang Palengke / Dept. of Agriculture / 2006
(One of the most progressive markets in the Philippines)

- * Most Outstanding Peace & Order Council DILG - PNP / 2005
- * Most Outstanding Police Station In Region V / DILG - PNP / 2005
- * Most Outstanding PESO in Region V / DOLE - Region V / 2005
- * One of the ten Most Competitive Growing Cities in the Philippines / Asian Institute of Mgt. / 2005
- * Most Outstanding Police Community Relations / DILG - PNP / 2005
- * 4th Fastest Growing City in the Phil. / Asian Institute of Mgt. 2004
- * National Literacy Award (Regional Winner) DepEd / 2003
- * The CAPIU award / Diocese of Legazpi / Dec. 14, 2002

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOP ATTENDED

- * Joint Migration and Development Initiative Academy (UNWTO)
- Turin Italy/ Madrid Spain Local Education Policy Workshop (ULAP)
- * Climate Change Leadership Academy on Urban Climate Adaptation in Jakarta Indonesia
- * United Nations / LCP Philippine Representative / New York
- * Drug Summit / Guest Speaker / Aquinas University (Jan 30, 2008)
- * 2008 YP Workshop on Social Housing / Keynote Speaker / DENR (Jan. 24, 08)

PLANS & PROGRAMS

Noble & Emphatic Relationship – Towards Unity, Harmony, and Betterment of Freemasonry

Dear Brethren and esteemed Past Grand Masters,

I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to share with you my plans and programs as a candidate vying for the position of Junior Grand Warden. As a Mason for over 10 years, I firmly believe in the noble principles of Freemasonry - unity, harmony, and service to humanity.



My proposed plans and programs are geared towards achieving a more unified, harmonious, and better Freemasonry for all. This includes tangible projects that serve the community, such as feeding programs, medical missions, scholarships, bloodletting, and environmental protection programs.

I also aim to showcase the presence of Masonry and its contribution to the community through projects like obelisks, markers, directional signs, and parks. Moreover, I envision the lodges to become a partner of the Local Government Unit where they belong, as part of the decision-makers in the community.

In addition, I aim to give rewards and incentives to lodges that perform good and noble programs to the community. This will inspire them to implement more of such programs, thereby further contributing to society.

Finally, I recognize that the laws and edicts of Freemasonry are already effective. Thus, my focus will be on properly cascading them to the brethren, and improving their knowledge of the purpose and objectives of our Craft not only for personal but for the betterment of the world. This includes lectures in every Regular Stated Meetings about the history of nations and governments wherein Freemasonry has been a part of it.

Brethren, I hope that my plans and programs will be given a chance to be implemented if I am elected as Junior Grand Warden in this year's Annual Communication. Let us work together to achieve a more unified, harmonious, and better Freemasonry for all. Thank you.



**"Exemplify Masonic Values
By Building Unity
and Charity."**



**VW AUGUSTO C.
ROXAS, PDGL**

VW Augusto C. Roxas, Past District Grand Lecturer

Civil Status:	Married
Citizenship:	Filipino
Age:	46
Date of Birth:	August 15, 1976
Place of Birth:	Balagtas, Bulacan
Address:	Pulong Gubat, Balagtas, Bulacan
Occupation:	Entrepreneur
Office:	We Fab Corporation / Visionary Builders Incorporated
Name of Spouse:	Ma. Carmela G. Roxas
Children:	Ma. Sofia Micaella G. Roxas (23) Samantha Isabel G. Roxas (19) Sabella Franchezca G. Roxas (9)
Date Raised:	June 04, 2010
Mother Lodge:	St. John the Baptist Masonic Lodge No. 362 Bocau, Bulacan
Masonic District:	R-III Bulacan WEST
Worshipful Master:	St. John the Baptist : : No. 362 (2017)
Charter Member:	Unang Sigaw : : No. 430 (2015)
Dual Member:	Unang Sigaw : : No. 430 (2017)
Plural Member:	Kakarong : : No. 327, Sta. Maria, Bulacan (2022)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

Grand Lodge Inspector:	Kakarong Masonic Lodge No. 327 / M.Y. 2019-2021
District Grand Lecturer:	MD RIII Bulacan East / M.Y. 2021-2022
Grand Lodge Inspector:	Silanganan Lodge No. 19 / M.Y. 2022-2023

Nominated during the 31st Central Luzon Multi-District Convention last November 19, 2022 at San Rafael, Bulacan.



Additional Masonic Profile

Junior Warden MY 2015-2016
Senior Warden MY 2016-2017
Worshipful Master MY 2017-2018
Significant Accomplishment:

Started and finished the construction of the St. John the Baptist Masonic Temple located in Brgy. Batia, Bocaue, Bulacan

Appendant Bodies Membership

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite / Luzon Bodies, 32° Master of the Royal Secret York Rite / Plaridel York Rite Bodies
High Priest, 2015
Illustrious Master, 2016
Eminent Commander, 2016
Charter Member, Bulacan York Rite Bodies

Allied Masonic Degrees Philippines / Member

ORDER OF SECRET MONITOR

Member, Pillar of the East Conclave No.8
Charter Member, Bulacan Conclave No. 22
Charter Member, Capitol Conclave No. 30
Member, Iskandariah Court No. 149 (Malaysia)

Masonic Club Affiliations

Member, SAIGON SHRINE CLUB (2018 to present)
President, SQUARE & COMPASS WE CONNECT (2022 to present)
President, SCWC DUGONG MASON (2022 to present)
Past President, KAMANAVA TRAVELERS CLUB INC. (2015)
Member, QUEZON CITY TROWEL CLUB (2015 to present)

OCCUPATION

Apr 2022 to present	President of Visionary Builders Incorporated
Nov 2021 to present	Vice-President of Visionary Reality
October 2020 to present	Consultant of Konstrutech
	Land Banking Developer
	Contractor/Fabricator for Power Generation Companies
Apr 2019 to present	President of WeFab Corp
Aug 2017 to present	Land Baking August
June 2017 to present	Consultant of Siongci Bihon
June 2013 to present	Director of Jadeco
June 2001 to present	Fabrication / Power generation
June 2011 to Nov 2015	Supplier for the Philippine Navy and Philippine Coast Guard
Apr 2010 to Nov 2015	Vice-President of Thermopower, Inc

EDUCATION:

Tertiary: B.S. Mechanical Engineering / University of the East Caloocan /April 2000

“EXEMPLIFY MASONIC VALUES BY BUILDING UNITY AND CHARITY”

Kung ang “Bawat Isang Mason Ay Mahalaga”, ang “Bawat Isang Mason Ay Dapat Pahalagahan ang Kanyang PagkaMason”. For Masons, there are two (2) important values in his life UNITY and CHARITY. When initiated, UNITY was mason’s first step as he was guided to walk around “how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”, and when raised to the sublime degree of Masonry, he was taught to make good use of the instrument of unity “as masons have done in all ages before him”. Masonry brings people together irrespective of color (race and political affiliation), religion, and differences that can divide us.

CHARITY, among Masons, is the greatest. It is imbued in every heart of Masons which is manifested by the several Masonic clubs doing their respective Masonic charities in the community. Among others, one of the duties of their Lodge to the community is “to assist and participate in worthwhile community projects”. Within its Masonic organization, it has a structure of Masonic relief to their brethren in need as taught in the three (3) degrees.

PLANS AND PROGRAMS

Masonic Unity. We should admit the fact that from the basic organization and to the Grand organization of our Craft, disunity by various reasons has divided the brethren. To name some, we are hearing fraternity within the fraternity, the anarchy of the few, the abuse of the majority and the discontent of the unsatisfied which were unattended and, despite violations of our Masonic laws, resolved in the guise of "harmony". Divisiveness is a manifestation of immaturity in our Craft. Quoting from the Holy Bible, which we are taught that "x x x as the rule and guide of our faith", in Pilipino for better understanding, "2 Pinainom ko kayo ng gatas sa halip na matigas na pagkain sapagkat hindi pa ninyo kaya ang matigas na pagkain at maging sa ngayon nga ay hindi pa ninyo kaya. 3 Ito ay sapagkat kayo ay nasa laman pa rin dahil mayroon pa rin kayong mga inggitan, paglalaban-laban at pagkakabahabahagi. Hindi ba kayo ay namumuhay pa sa laman, at namumuhay bilang mga tao? 4 Ito ay sapagkat may nagsasabi: Ako ay kay Pablo. Ang iba ay nagsasabi: Ako ay kay Apollos. Hindi ba ito ang nagpapakitang kayo ay namumuhay pa ayon sa laman?" (1 Corinthian). "Masonry builds good people" for better, and it "provides the common foundation for friendships between members". Remember when the conferring Master presents his "right hand in token of the continuance of friendship and brotherly love". "Being a Freemason means something different to each person who joins, but whether looking to make acquaintances or develop their own potential, all members share a sense of togetherness that strengthens their ability to succeed and grow" in unison.



In this regard, one of my proposals is to revisit the policies on the handling of complaints and rendering its decisions from the Lodge and the Harmony Officer, to the Trial Commission, the Committee on Grievance, the Grand Master, and appeal to the Grand Lodge during AnCom, thereby amending the provisions of the Masonic Law Book on these matters.

Masonic Relief. Being taught deeply in every Mason's heart, one of the most important tenets of Masonry is RELIEF, thus, "kindness and charitable giving are deeply ingrained within the principles of Freemasonry". AID and RELIEF activities of the several Masonic clubs and organization will be consolidated to serve our community "through mission-driven charitable programs and services that exemplify Masonic Values".

For the brethren, an improved Masonic Health Care Benefit of the existing FRAP and PM monetary benefit, establish a Home Care for the Elderly and Distressed Masons, which may include health and medical care through accredited health care institutions, and revisit our policies on, and protect and establish more Masonic cemeteries, especially in our Districts.

Masonic Hospital. While a more comprehensive health care system would make a great and positive impact to our brethren and their immediate families, this would still be dependent on the availability of health care institutions that can provide quality service at an affordable rate. I propose the establishment of a system of a Masonic Hospital, starting with a prototype, hopefully during the four (4)-year journey to the Grand Oriental Chair. This hospital system shall be patterned after a certain "Medical Center" business model and will be built on the network of our Brethren-Doctors, who will function both as owners and medical practitioners, and also our Friends of Masons-Doctors who would be interested to invest in this Grand Project. Having our Brethren as owners, we are therefore assured of a sustainable supply of medical professionals and facilities available to them and their families, and we may also be able to allocate a portion of its functions to charity.

In addition, a Revisit of the Functions of the Committee on the Administration of Lodges, Charter, and Return. Many cases of un-Masonic conduct over the past few years are of the nature of violations of Edict 328, whereby unfortunately, some of our brethren have taken advantage of their several positions by abusing their authority over the aspirants to our Craft. Although we have a robust system which is already in place for its prevention, I believe that this can still be improved. I therefore propose the initial establishment of a Sub-Committee on Membership Development under such Committee. Among others, its function is to act as an Oversight Committee on the progress of petitions and conferrals of subordinate lodges, and also to receive and give preliminary assessment to complaints filed in relation to alleged violations of Edict 328, and institutionalize the mentoring of newly obligated brethren towards Masonic maturity.



**"HUMILITY, STRENGTH,
VIRTUE of Sustainable
Masonic Harmony:
Remembering the Past
for Greater Masonic Future."**



**VW HOSSAIN VC
SHAMSODDIN VOSTAKALAEI
PDDGM**

**VW Hossain VC Shamsoddin Vostakalaei,
Past District Deputy Grand Master**

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 Place of Birth: Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija
 Address: San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija
 Profession: Doctor of Philosophy
 Occupation: President
 Office: Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc.
 Name of Spouse: Jasmin A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
 Children: Massoud A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
 Amir Jan A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
 Hossain A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
 Date Raised: October 18, 2003
 Mother Lodge: Talavera Masonic Lodge No. 273,
 Talavera, Nueva Ecija
 Masonic District: R III Nueva Ecija EAST & Aurora
 Worshipful Master: Gen. Llanera : : 168 (2015)
 Masonic District: R III Nueva Ecija SOUTH

Grand Lodge Appointments:

District Grand Lecturer: MD R-III Nueva Ecija SOUTH & Aurora
 M.Y. 2018 - 2019
 District Deputy Grand Master: MD R-III Nueva Ecija EAST & Aurora
 M.Y. 2021 - 2022
 Awarded Outstanding DDGM M.Y. 2021 - 2022

Nominated during the 31st Central Luzon Multi-District Convention last
 November 19, 2022 at San Rafael, Bulacan.



ADDITIONAL MASONIC PROFILE

Other Lodge Memberships

Charter Membership:	San Leonardo :: No. 386	(2010)
Dual Membership:	Gen. Llanera :: No.168	(2012)
Honorary Membership:	Pantabangan Bonari :: 203	(2022)
	Allium Ceba :: No. 453	(2022)

Appendant Bodies

- Member, Order of the Secret Monitor
- Member, Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent (ETA Class 2004)
- Member, Mabuhay Shriners International
- Mother Club - Saigon Shrine Club
- Member, Kabukiran Shrine Club
- Position Held, Kabukiran Club President (2020-2021/2021-2022)
- Mabuhay Shriners Ambassador (2020-2021/2021-2022)
- Elected Oriental Guide of Mabuhay Shriners International (2022)
- Elected High Priest & Prophet of Mabuhay Shriners International (2023)

OCCUPATION

June 2021 up to present	PRESIDENT/Board of Trustees Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc. Castellano, San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija
June 2021 up to present	PRESIDENT/Board of Trustees Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges of Cabanatuan City, Inc. Cabanatuan City

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION: PRESIDENT - Royal Crest Hotel and Restaurant, Cabanatuan City
PRESIDENT/CEO - M-GEN Power 168 Construction Corporation
PRESIDENT/CEO - JHAM Power 168 Industrial Corporation

EDUCATION:

2021	St. Bernadette College of Lourdes	MASTER OF HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION
2009	Araullo University	DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY
2006	Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc.	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
2003	Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc.	MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT
2001	Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc.	BACHELOR OF ARTS MAJOR IN MATHEMATICS
1996	Divina Pastora College Gapan City	SECONDARY HIGHSCHOOL
1992	Divina Pastora College Gapan City	PRIMARY ELEMENTARY

MEMBERSHIPS/ORGANIZATIONS:

2019 up to present BOARD OF DIRECTOR Philippine Red Cross - Nueva Ecija Chapter

PLANS & PROGRAMS

Philippine Masonry like any organization is beset by numerous challenges and issues within its ranks and operations. One of which that I would like to highlight is internal squabbling brought about by lack of harmonious relationships due to too much domestic political fight and lack of proper fraternal communication among brothers. This causes painful division within the lodge and triggers hurting legal and personal fight amongst brothers.

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth will always be a solution in addressing problems and issues that beset our Craft. Our fraternal obligations are supposedly solving ALL problems of Masonry in general. There is a need to internally appreciate and recognize the fact that solutions to challenges and problems that we face in our day-to-day life in the Craft are within our very own means as Freemasons. What is in our heart should help guide what acts will be and how we take upon ourselves our travels ahead. The solution is always back to basics. We need to re—visit the pasts and reiterate to every brethren the real essence of our rituals, symbols, allegories, and obligations so we do not violate our solemn vow and abuse other brothers extending brotherly love, relief and truth.



In case we get to be lucky and be elected to office, we will undertake the following:

Transparency in Administration

We will make sure that all of our administrative work and financial undertakings will be transparently disclosed and disseminated to all Lodges for information and knowledge. We will engage each and every lodges within a Jurisdiction to collectively appreciate and undertake all of our plans and programs as their own. Together, we will bring forward our Grand Lodge in serving and leading it. We will push for a strategic short term and long-term plans that 'will be anchored on our well disclosed and properly consulted strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats as a Craft.

Support to fraternal retention, scholarly development, and stronger solidarity.

It has been our dream that all brethren within Lodges under the Jurisdiction are harmoniously working and collectively cooperating within the Craft or in us ways and life in the communities where we live and dwell. We should continue to inspire the brethren to sustainably pursue their travels within the Craft as they make life better. The brethren should not only be obliged to attend to our meetings and events but should imbibe in their hearts the need to be there in communion with other brothers in advancing our collective mission of making good men better. That way, our communities will be much better places to live in.

Nourishment of the mind through sustained and well-planned learning programs are but important in holistically developing the brother to be better. We do believe that the journey of life will be challenging if we are not prepared to face its adversities and tests. We will endeavor to roll out continual learning programs that will help develop the intellectual capabilities of each and every brethren in support of the Lodge, of the Grand Lodge and that of the community where we belong.

Stronger Solidarity will help make sure that animosity and discord will not have a place amongst brothers and within the Lodge. We need to help introduce innovative ways to interact, communicate and be in fellowship amongst each other. We feel that stronger bond of solidarity will not only make us stronger as a fraternity but will also help address petty disagreements and conflicts.

Protect the West Gate appropriately.

Our fraternity is the only organization in the whole world that allows us to choose who we wish for us to call as a real Brother. This is not just a matter of process for us but a sacred undertaking in making sure that we do not only make good men better but also get the right brothers to be called and embraced as masons or family. We will make sure that uniformly we will implement within the jurisdiction what is upon our ancient landmarks and masonic law book in accepting and handling petitioners.

In closing, if I get lucky and be elected, I will be the BEST LISTENER Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. Making masonry greater together.



**"Keeping Masonry
Simple. Going Back to
Basics."**



**VW KENNETH B.
YAMBAO, PGCW**

**VW Kenneth B. Yambao,
Past Grand Cyber Warden**

Civil Status: Married
 Citizenship: Filipino
 Age: 46
 Date of Birth: March 22, 1977
 Place of Birth: San Fernando, Pampanga
 Address: Carmenville, Angeles City
 Profession: Lawyer
 Occupation: Trial Attorney
 Office: Yambao Yambao & Associates

Name of Spouse: Michelle Mangiliman-Yambao
 Children: Ken Miguel E. Yambao
 Carlo Antonio M. Yambao
 Mico Rafael M. Yambao
 Allison Kate M. Yambao

Date Raised: March 21, 2012
 Mother Lodge: Cosmo P. Antonio Masonic Lodge No. 339,
 Masonic District: R-III Tarlac
 Senior Warden: Cosmo P. Antonio :: No. 339 (2014)
 Worshipful Master: Cosmo P. Antonio :: No. 339 (2015)
 Auditor: Cosmo P. Antonio :: No. 339 (2016)
 Worshipful Master: Moncada :: No. 446 (2020)
 Worshipful Master: Moncada :: No. 446 (2022)

Grand Lodge Appointments:

Grand Representative to Grand Lodge of Nicaragua - 2016
 District Grand Lecturer: MD R-III Tarlac / M.Y. 2016 - 2017
 District Deputy Grand Master: MD R-III Tarlac / M.Y. 2017 - 2018
 Grand Cyber Warden: M.Y. 2022 – resigned following nomination

Nominated during the 31st Central Luzon Multi-District Convention last November 19, 2022 at San Rafael, Bulacan.



Additional Masonic Profile

Other Lodge Memberships

Charter Membership:	Moncada :: No. 446	(2018)
	Aslagan :: No. 470	(2021)
Dual Membership:	Enrique M. Cojuangco 472	(2021)
	Moncada :: No. 446	(2018)
Plural Membership:	Aslagan :: No. 470	(2022)
Honorary Membership:	Apolinario B. Yap :: 328	(2017)
	Victory :: 116	(2017)
	Ang Rehenerasyon :: 402	(2017)
	La Paz :: 413	(2017)
	Pura :: 312	(2017)
	Tarlac Kaunlaran :: 360	(2017)
	Arcadio R. Evangelist :: 254	(2017)

Appendant Bodies

- Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite – Pampanga Bodies
- Shriners International – Magiting Shrine Club (President / 2021 - 2022)
- Order of the Secret Monitor - Nueva Ecija Conclave

OCCUPATION:

Engaged in the practice of law covering Criminal, Civil, Labor, Election, Administrative, Corporate Cases, specializing in Land Registration Laws and Agrarian Reform Laws

2012 – present	Practicing Lawyer/Trial Attorney at Yambao Yambao & Associates
PAMPANGA	- Unit 3-D, C.L.K. Bldg., Dolores Junction, Dolores, City of San Fernando, Pampanga
TARLAC	- Unit 3, EBY Plaza Bldg., Zamora St, San Roque, Tarlac City, Tarlac
CEBU	- Unit 5, 2nd Floor, I2 Building, Jose Maria Del Mar St., Cebu City
2008 – 2012	Chief of the Legal Services Division of DAR Tarlac
2010 – 2012	Chief of the Legal Services Division of DAR Pampanga, concurrent capacity
2005 – 2007	Agrarian Reform Beneficiary Counsel I of DAR Pampanga
2003 – 2005	Former Legal Officer/Researcher I at the Office of the Regional Agrarian Reform Adjudicator (RARAD) of DARAB R-3
1998 – 1999	Equitable Banking Corporation, Marketing Assistant

EDUCATION:

March 2003	University of Santo Tomas - Faculty of Civil Law - Bachelor of Laws
March 1997	Dela Salle University - Bachelor of Arts, Major in Developmental Studies, Minor in Political Science,
March 1994	Don Bosco Academy - High School Diploma
March 1989	Don Bosco Academy - Elementary Diploma

CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY:

- Career Service Professional, October 16, 2005
- Philippine Bar Examination, April 28, 2008

OTHER MEMBERSHIPS / ORGANIZATIONS:

- Member, Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) - Tarlac Chapter, Director
- Member, Philippine Trial Lawyers Association
- Member, Suprema Lex Fraternity, UST Faculty of Civil Law, Supremo (2002-2003)
- Member, Rotary Club of Western Pampanga

CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ATTENDED:

- Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE), Updated
- Seminar/Workshop on Web-based legal case monitoring system (LCMS) / Mar. 2, 2012
- Orientation on new DARAB Issuances / Oct. 21, 2011
- Administrative of CESPES Behavioral Competency Scale to Subordinate Raters / Nov. 17, 2006
- Conference/Workshop on DAR Strategic Development Plan / Jan. 13, 2011
- Workshop on Enhancement of Strategic & Development Plan for Legal Sector / Jan. 7, 2011
- Workshop on Alternative Dispute Resolution / Mar. 27, 2009
- Seminar on Legal Writing / Aug. 22, 2008
- Seminar on Procurement Updates and General Procurement Manual (RA No. 9184)/ Oct 20, 2006
- Briefing on new Memorandum Circulars, Administrative Orders and New DARAB Rules/ Dec 2, 2005



PLANS & PROGRAMS:

“KEEPING MASONRY SIMPLE. GOING BACK TO THE BASICS.”

GENERAL STATEMENT:

THE TRUE BEAUTY OF MASONRY LIES IN THE SIMPLEST OF THINGS, IN THE SIMPLEST OF WAYS AND THE SIMPLEST OF WORDS.

SPECIFIC PROGRAMS:

STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING LAWS & EDICTS & ENHANCEMENT OF THE SAME, IF NECESSARY, TO ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS:

The failure to strictly implement the prescribed creation and functioning of the Investigation Committee in the evaluation and approval/disapproval of a Petitioner’s Application to become a mason. One that is not merely complied on paper, but one that is actually and strictly practiced by the Subordinate Lodges.

Imposition of additional duties and responsibilities to Masons who are sponsoring applicants to our Fraternity, not only during the applicant’s journey as a Petitioner, but continuously upon becoming Master Masons, in order to insure a more responsible handling of Petitioners not only during their journey as Petitioners, but also during the early and molding years of enjoying the privilege of becoming Master Masons.

Prescribing supplemental rules to ensure that a newly raised Master Mason will return for his proficiency for the third degree and enroll in the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies (IMES) course, within a period of one (1) year from being raised as a Master Mason in order to implant and guaranty a strong and correct foundation of Masonic knowledge and values into the hearts and minds of newly raised Master Masons moving forward. This is to be closely monitored by the District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGM) of the Masonic Districts, who will render his report to the concerned Junior Grand Lecturers (JGLs) in the Masonic Region and the latter to report to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (GLP). It is a way to promote a strong system of ‘mentorship’ among the Brethren of the Blue Lodges.

Strengthening the position of the Harmony Officers in the Subordinate Lodges and prescribing additional duties of his Office as primary mediation/arbitration officer in resolving conflicts arising at the Lodge Level and establishing rules and procedure for this process, in consonance with existing laws and Edicts on the matter.

Initiate for the creation of concrete rules establishing the standards and specific parameters in the establishment of Under Dispensation (UD) Lodges in order to ensure that only those that meets the criteria for the creation of new Lodges shall be given dispensation to provisionally exist and function, thereby ensuring an objective rather than subjective approval of applications for UD Lodges;

Prescribing supplemental rules to ensure and guarantee that every regular subordinate lodge maintains and develops its own conferral team/s composing of organic members who will function during degree works/conferrals. To be closely monitored by the District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGM) of the Masonic Districts, who will render his report to the concerned Junior Grand Lecturers (JGLs) in the Masonic Region and the latter to report to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines (GLP);

Institutionalizing the adoption of a nomination process in the selection of District Officers in the Masonic District Level as part of the District Convention, to come up with two (2) nominees for the position of DDGM and double the number of nominees allotted per Masonic District for the position of District Grand Lecturers (DGLs), out of which the incoming Grand Master for the

ensuing Masonic Year can exercise his prerogative of choosing his line up for Grand Line Officers in the district level;

With the adoption by the GLP of a new and modern system in the storage and handling of data and information to and from the Grand Lodge and in the light of the shift of society to the next level of information technology, a long and continuous term of education program shall be instituted both with all Master Masons in the Jurisdiction but also the personnel at the Grand Lodge to keep abreast with the changing times while maintaining the value and integrity of our history and traditions. We gear towards making technology not an enemy but an ally in taking advantage of the fast phase of data and information access and exchange, in order to make Master Masons be aware of our Ancient Landmarks, Masonic Laws and Regulations, Edicts and others.

Supplement/Enhance existing Rules that makes cases filed before the GLP for unmasonic conduct summary in nature, strictly setting periods for the expeditious disposition of the same without of course violating the basic right of parties to due process of law, keeping in mind that delays in the resolution of such cases would either amount to justice denied to one to whom justice is due and that protracted existence of conflicts and controversies among Master Masons wreaks havoc to the harmony of the Lodge.

Rendition of a Lodge Inventory of all Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction to determine the status of those with Lodges with and without Temples of their own and devise ways and means to render assistance and support to those belonging in the latter category, with a line of priority established based on the capacity of the concerned Lodges and the circumstances affecting the same, among other reasonable parameters to be set. It's a way to promote the principle of the GLP going down to the level of the Blue Lodges in the jurisdiction to lend a helping hand.

Initiating measures to promote the masonic way/concept/mentality of "My Blue Lodge, My Priority" in order to strengthen the bond among the Brethren within the Lodge and maximizing the presence, talent, and resources of the organic members for the benefit of the Lodge before expanding their horizons, so to speak, to other masonic organizations and activities in the Jurisdiction.

SYNOPSIS:

Sa mga pagkakataong napaka daming magagaling na nagsasalita imbis na nakikinig, doon nagkakaroon ng problema sa ating mga Lohiya at sa mga Kuyang.

Sa mga panahong imbis na simpleng pagmamahal sa kapwa mason ang pairalin, ay pagpuna ng mali at paghahanap ng butas at kakulangan sa kapwa Kapatid, doon tayo nagkakagulo at hindi nagkasundo.

Sa mga panahon na ginagawa nating komplikado ang mga simpleng bagay sa masonarya, doon tayo humihina bilang mga mason hindi lamang sa pang indibidwal, kung hindi higit sa pangkalahatan na pananaw.

Kung mapapanatili lamang natin ang mga simpleng gawi at salitang PAGPAPAKUMBABA, PAGPAPARAYA, PAKIKIPAG KAPWA MASON, lalabas ang tunay na kagandahan ng masonarya.

I've learned that THE TRUE BEAUTY OF MASONRY LIES IN THE SIMPLEST OF THINGS, IN THE SIMPLEST OF WAYS AND IN THE SIMPLEST OF WORDS. Let us not complicate MASONRY because it was meant to be SIMPLE and that is why it has remained as the oldest, strongest and most distinguished FRATERNITY in the world, one that have outlasted many civilizations and the countless of personalities who became Master Masons. It has always been Masonry above Masons.

This is who I am as a Mason and what I have always practiced in my journey in life as one. They serve as pillars from where I can anchor whatever plans and programs I have to offer to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and to Masonry in general, should I be given a chance to serve even further by the Great Architect of the Universe.



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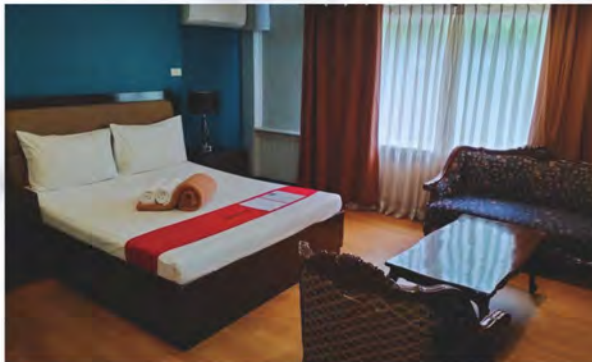


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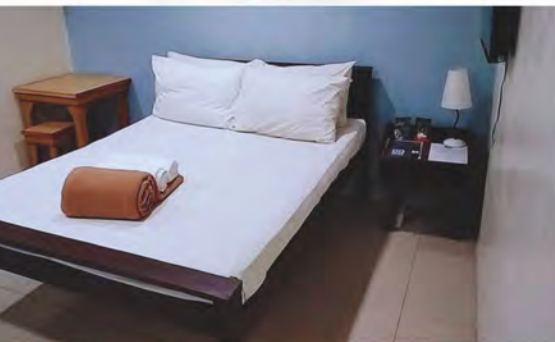
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ON DISTRICT & MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

BY: VW JOSEPH HAROLD W. SANTIAGO, GSC / EIC

MW Pimentel's Edict No. 346 - entitled UNIFORM ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR DISTRICT AND MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTIONS AND FOR OTHER MATTERS, is an essential piece of masonic legislation that eases the management of the jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge through its District Deputies down to all subordinate lodges through their respective elected officers.

Issued in 14 July 2022, the nine-page document sets the scheduling of the 2 assemblies well into the term of the District Deputy Grand Masters with No. 4 of the promulgation stating,

" Unless the Grand Master orders otherwise for health, safety and other justifying reasons, all Masonic Districts shall observe the prescribe dates of their particular District Conventions encompassing the period between July 15 and August 15 of each year. The Multi-District Conventions shall be held between the period September 1 - November 30 of each year, following the specific schedule of areas as may be prescribed by the Grand Lodge."

The time period mentioned is both practical and reasonable, considering that District Turn-Overs and Installations of Grand Lodge Inspectors are expected to be executed within the first 2 months of the Masonic Year (May and June). Giving ample time for Districts and their constituent Lodges to prepare for their District Conventions in the next 2 months (July and August); a prerequisite to the bigger assembly that is the Multi-District Convention which is set between the fifth and seventh month of each Masonic Year (September to November). Thus, by December, the jurisdiction can focus on the Anniversary of the Grand Lodge, the local lodge elections, and the year-end gatherings of Districts and Lodges. Come January until March of the next year - Districts can center in on the critical exemplification of Elected Lodge Officers, a precursor to Lodge Installations - which must be accomplished on or before the 31st of March. The Annual Communication concludes the Masonic Term in April, and the cycle begins anew with the new set of Grand Lodge Officers that shall steer the Grand Lodge and the entire jurisdiction to its next chartered course.

Edict No. 346 - MW Pimentel completes the synchronicity of eight (8) key Grand Lodge / District Activities starting 2022 and the succeeding years: District Turn-Over, GLI Installations, District Convention, Multi-District Convention, GLP Anniversary, Exemplification, Lodge Installations, and the Annual Communication.

The succeeding 32 pages of this TCT Issue, will feature the nine (9) Multi-District Conventions held under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines. Starting with the three (3) Mindanao MDC's in October 2022; followed in November by the mega event at NCR held at the Plaridel Masonic Temple - the seat of the GLP itself, the three (3) in Luzon, and the Visayas in; and finally the Overseas which occurred later in March 2023.

The Ceremonies and Proceedings in each of these Communications were followed closely by each Host District and Lead Lodge as stipulated in the Edict. The Masonic Education delivered by our Senior Grand Lecturer, VW Dennis L. Cunanan or his designate is also included and considering the seriousness of the issues being discussed is a must read for One and All.

Although the highlight in seven of the nine Multi-District Conventions were the selection of nominees for the Junior Grand Warden position come AnCom 2023, equal importance should be given to the several resolutions submitted and adopted by each assembly. Such resolutions emanating from the Brethren, subordinate lodges, or Masonic Districts represent the voices of the jurisdiction that can bring significant changes or improvement in the Temple of Philippine Masonry whether for strength or ornament.

MASONRY IN MINDANAO

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In the first three weekends of October 2022 – MW Johnny Ty Pimentel and his retinue of Grand Lodge Officers travelled back and forth from the Grand Lodge to different areas of Mindanao to attend the annual gathering of Masons in three (3) separate assemblies known as the Southern, Northern, and Western, Mindanao Multi-District Conventions to help settle important matters, forward lodge and district Resolutions, and nominate Candidates to be elected for the position of Junior Grand Warden in each Annual Communication (AnCom) of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

24th SOUTHERN MINDANAO MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

October 1 - the four Masonic Districts in Regions 11 and 12 kickstart the first of nine Multi-District Conventions throughout the Philippine Jurisdiction with **RXI Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, & Davao de Oro** as the host district. The event, held at the Davao del Norte Sport Complex Gymnasium, Tagum City began a day earlier – in September 30 with a series of Sports Competitions that aim to foster camaraderie among the Brethren of the 14 Lodges in the Masonic Districts of R-XI Davao City & Davao del Sur; R-XI Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro (formerly Campostela Valley), & Davao Oriental; R-XII SOCKSARGEN; and R-XII North Cotabato & Cotabato City. **Lead Lodge - Tagum No. 204.**

26th NORTHERN MINDANAO MULTI DISTRICT CONVENTION

October 8 – the second leg was assembled with the cooperation of the four (4) Masonic Districts in Region 10 namely R-X Misamis Oriental & Cagayan de Oro City; R-X Misamis Oriental & Camiguin; R-X Bukidnon NORTH; and R-X Bukidnon SOUTH as well as the lone Masonic District of R-XIII Agusan & Surigao. The event was held in Margaret Hotel, Maramag, Bukidnon with **R-X Bukidnon SOUTH** as the host district and **Laureano S. Ledres Sr. No. 271** as the lead lodge.

28th WESTERN MINDANAO MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

October 15 - the Masonic Districts of Region 9 or the ZAMBOANGA PENINSULA, grouped into R-IX Zamboanga del Sur & Sibugay; R-IX & R-X Misamis Occidental & Zamboanga Del Norte; R-IX & ARMM Zamboanga City, Sulu, Basilan, & Tawi-Tawi, together with two Region 10 Districts of R-X Misamis Occidental and R-X & BARMM Lanao Provinces – finished the third run of Multi-Districts in Mindanao at Top Plaza Hotel, Echaves St. Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte hosted by **RIX & RX - Zamboanga del Norte & Misamis Occidental** and its lead lodge - **Antonino G. Lim No. 162.**



RXI - DAVAO DEL NORTE, DE ORO, & ORIENTAL, EMBLAZES 24TH SOUTHERN MINDANAO MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

BY: VW EDGAR S. BENTULAN, SR. ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Accepting a challenge of hosting a formidable, massive event like multi-district Masonic convention (MDC) is no joking matter to take, especially at a time when you are yet trouncing

the dreadful effects of the Covid-19 pandemic in your district. But MD RXI - Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte and Davao de Oro was ready and resolute enough to do it.



Such were the words of exuberance from VW Arnold O. Lao, District Deputy Grand Master of host District during the 24th Southern Mindanao Multi-District Convention, who expressed "always willing to support every Masonic undertaking," in his report to The Cable Tow.

The convention was held at the RDR Gymnasium, Davao del Norte Sports and Tourism Complex, Tagum City on September 30 and October 1, 2022. According to VW Arnold Lao, himself as convention presiding Master, it was attended by all lodges under Southern Mindanao District and even other District lodges.

"Dubbed the most fun-filled," said VW Lao, it was impressively spirited by various sports events widely participated by the brethren in attendance, such as the DDGM's Southern Mindanao Shooting Competition, golf, lawn tennis and basketball tournaments simultaneously held on the convention's first day.

"The presence of MW Johnny T. Pimentel, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines", VW Lao said, "immensely honored and privileged the convention and the Grand Master's Night" which was accordingly "emblazed and highlighted with different entertainment performances from the brethren" to enhance and sustain the evening's conviviality.

VW Arnold Lao revealed, this year's multi-district convention carried the

Grand Master's administration theme of "Harmony and collective actions to strengthen and promote unity and camaraderie among Brother Masons from the different districts, more importantly provide the space to connect and work together to further sustain the goals and values of our Fraternity."

The host DDGM in his own words, was heartily thanking all the sponsors and benefactors for their generosity and the all-out involvement of the District's brethren, committee chairs and members, and friends who contributed to make that memorable convention full of fun, monumental, and a wholesome event. He likewise thanked the DDGMs and District officers for their wholehearted support, hard work, dedication, and sacrifices in ensuring the complete success of the convention.



Masonic Districts & Chartered Lodges of Northern Mindanao (Region X & XIII):

R X I -Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro, & Davao Oriental

Mati Aurora No. 190
Shangri-la No. 196
Tagum No. 204
Panabo Dalisay No. 237
Don Salvador P. Lopez 276
Davao de Oro No. 443

R X I - Davao del Sur & Davao City

Sarangani No. 50
Davao No. 149
Datu Bago No. 197
Digos No. 198
Toril No. 208
Beacon No. 213
Podomo No. 294
Madayaw No. 403

R XII - North Cotabato & Cotabato City

Kutang Bato No.110
Kidapawan No.170
Rio Grande No.192
Bantugan No.223
Shariff Kabunsuan 266
Midsayap No.267

R XII - SOCKSARGEN

Mt. Matutum No.156
Koronadal No. 209
Dadiangas No. 225
Daguma Mt. Range 244
Kaduh No.278
Maribulan No.304
Sultan Kudarat No.348

MASONIC DISTRICT RXI DAVAO ORIENTAL, DAVAO DEL NORTE & DAVAO DE ORO
Under the Jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines

24th Southern Mindanao
MASONIC MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

SEP 30
OCT 01
2023
Davao de Oro, & Davao Oriental, Marikina, Tagum City

VV JOSELITO B. CABALLERO
Junior Grand Master

MW JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Grand Master

VW ARNOLD O. LAO
Grand County Grand Master

OTHER EVENTS:

- BASKETBALL: Nagaon Holiday Sports - Sept 30; Davao Training Center - Oct 1
- GOLF: South Pacific Challenge (Philippines) - Marikina City - Sept 30
- TENNIS: Henry Thomas Court - Tagum City - Sept 30
- SHOOTING: Monte Tagum (Philippines) - Firing Range - Sept 30

HARMONY FOR ONE AND ALL: THE FOUNDATION OF GENUINE MASONIC FRATERNITY



WM Ramil Y. Tiu, of Tagum No. 204 after opening the Lodge for the Multi-District Convention relinquishes the gavel to VW Arnold O. Lao - DDGM of the Host District R-XI Davao Del Norte, Davao De Oro, and Davao Oriental to preside over the august masonic assembly.



BUKIDNON SOUTH LODGES TRAILBLAZE 26TH NORTHERN MINDANAO MDC

BY: SIS. DOROTHY L. PORTAL

Under its theme "Harmony for One and All," VW Laureano 'Dondon' M. Ledres, Jr., District Deputy Grand Master for RX - Bukidnon South District, welcomed MW Johnny T. Pimentel, Grand Master, the Grand line officers and the brethren of Northern Mindanao in the 26th Northern Mindanao Multi-District Convention (MDC) held at the Margarett Business Hotel in Maramag, Bukidnon last October 8, 2022. VW Ledres, a practicing anesthesiologist serving several hospitals in the region, was at this time concurrently president of the Agila Shriners Club, Cagayan de Oro City Chapter.

In his extemporaneous speech in mixed English, Tagalog and Visayan as guest of

honor and speaker, MW Johnny T. Pimentel underscored the continuous growth and expansion of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines with the increase of lodges and "people who are joining our fraternity." He said the concern for the duty of members to "protect the integrity and image of our Craft" has also correspondingly increased. More than ever, we must always be on our guard, the Grand Master said. "Do not pass a candidate to the next degree if he cannot pass the proficiency exam!" was his



emphatic admonition. GM Pimentel asserted this, at the same time reiterating his concern about how some lodges handle their candidates. "Masonry is the best organization in the

world, we must protect its integrity and image," he exhorted. "We are a temple building in progress and we should not forget and miss asking ourselves everyday this: Am I a better man today?" he reminded the brethren.

VW Dennis L. Cunanan, Senior Grand Lecturer (SGL), gave the Masonic Education lecture enunciating GLP edicts to remind brethren about the proper conduct as Masons and how petitioners should be handled "with dignity and honor." He said, "There is nothing wrong in testing the petitioner's humility and sincerity, but testing his financial limits and violating his dignity are another thing."

As per final count made by VW Ferdinand Roque, PDDGM, overall convention coordinator, the MDC registered a total of 272 officers and members of 33 Masonic lodges and two on UD of the whole five Masonic Districts in Northern Mindanao present, plus the 10 brethren in the Grand Master's entourage, making a milestone in the history of Bukidnon Freemasonry. The event was trailblazed by the modest four blue lodges under Bukidnon South



District under DDGM Laureano Ledres, namely, Laureano S. Ledres Masonic Lodge No. 272, Zosimo Montemayor Lodge No. 212, Lake Pinamaloy Lodge No. 230, and Tani U. Telow Lodge No. 473.

Elected as candidate in the 26th Mincon for Junior Grand Warden in the 2023 Annual Communication in Dumaguete City on April 27-28, 2023, was VW Jeoffre Wilkom Acebido, PDDGM. He is Regional Trial Court (RTC) judge of Misamis Oriental, Branch 41, Cagayan de Oro City. His mother lodge Misamis Oriental Masonic Lodge No. 335, he was DDGM for MD RX-A in 2012, Junior Grand Lecturer (JGL) for Northern Mindanao in 2015.



Wives of Masons in a photo opportunity with MW Pimentel - the Grand Master from Mindanao.

Masonic Districts & Chartered Lodges of Northern Mindanao Region X & XIII:

RX - Bukidnon NORTH

Mount Musuan No. 155
 Bukidnon No. 245
 Don Camilo Osias No. 253
 Tangkulan No. 287
 Mt. Kitanglad No. 456

RX - Bukidnon SOUTH

Zosimo Montemayor No. 212
 Lake Pinamaloy No. 230
 Laureano S. Ledres, Sr. No. 271
 Tani U. A Tellow No.473

RX - Misamis Oriental & CDO

Maguindanao No.40
 Macajalar No.184
 Tolomeo C. Galarita No.242
 Carmen Valley No.250
 Kitanglay No.256
 Makahambus No.315
 Misamis Oriental No. 335
 Seven Cardinal Virtues No. 390
 Ildefonso G. Agbuya No. 425

RX Misamis Oriental & Camiguin

Apo Kahoy No.166
 Leonardo Pañares No. 220
 Camiguin Island No.296
 Cagayan de Oro No.298
 Benjamin O. Go No.303
 Don Antonio Cosin No.308
 Kagay-An No.385

RXIII - Agusan & Surigao

Agusan Valley No. 160
 Timberland No. 219
 Mt Diwata No. 236
 Red Mountain No. 241
 Kamayo No. 255
 Butuan No. 299
 VW Andoni Dumlao No. 424
 Agusan Marsh No. 474

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 RX-BUKIDNON SOUTH

MW Johnny T. Pimentel
 Grand Master

VW Laureano M. Ledres, Jr.
 DGM

Theme: "Harmony, For One and All"
 Host District: RX Bukidnon South

The Margarett Business Hotel
 Maramag Bukidnon

8th Oct 2022

26th Multi-District Masonic Convention



Past Grand Masters MW Peter Lim Lo Suy and MW Agapito S. Suan, Jr. - join MW Johnny Ty Pimentel, Grand Master during the 26th Northern Mindanao Multi-District Convention.



MASONIC DISTRICT R-IX & R-X ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE & MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL HOSTS 28TH WESTERN MINDANAO MDC IN DIPOLOG BY: WM AL BRAIN TENORIO (214)

More than two years of hiatus in mass gatherings -- face-to-face conventions above all -- due to the Covid-19 pandemic, was literally a long drought of deprivation of the brethren from the priceless moments of fellowship. The anticipation of the brethren's deep longing to reconnect and make up for the lost times, made the convention hosting even more so exciting and challenging.

Such was the atmosphere that pervaded the 28th Western Mindanao Multi-District Convention hosted by Masonic District R9 & R10 in Dipolog City that October 14 & 15, which was attended by a total of 271 registered delegates representing 25 lodges in the five districts. The convention kicked off on the 14th with some sports tournaments competed by the convention delegates.



Golf was held at Dakak Golf Club in Dakak Resort, Dapitan City; tennis in Mibang tennis court, Dipolog City; while basketball was played at the Dipolog City Sports Complex. The convention official business was formally opened the following day at the Atrium, Top Plaza Hotel in Dipolog City by the lead lodge, Antonio G. Lim Masonic Lodge No. 162. The tribute to the

flag was uniquely performed in Visayan version by WB Jossil R. Macute during the opening program. MW Johnny T. Pimentel, Grand Master, honored the brethren with his presence and his entourage of grand line officers led by VW Paul L. Dumlao, grand chief of staff. All five District Deputy Grand Masters (DDGM) of Western Mindanao were present, namely VW Michael Jones S. Lahi, VW Alexander M. Betoya, VW Rey C. Urbiztondo, VW Aga Khan S. Lucman, and host VW Steve Kelly G. Hung, DDGM of R10-Zamboanga del Norte & Misamis Occidental. With VW Steve Kelly Hung as convention presiding master, the plenary session was moderated by WB Al Brain C. Tenorio to tackle some major resolutions, the most contentious of which was the proposal for the restructuring of MD RX-D BARMM Lanao Provinces into two districts which was defeated by 19 votes against, 12 in favor and 17 abstention. VW Paul Dumlao rendered the Masonic Education discoursing in lament the reported unmasonic transgressions committed by some lodges, particularly the treatment of petitioners and candidates for degrees which violates Edict No. 328 (MW Suan) and other relative laws and regulations.

Also, highlighting the convention agenda was the election of a nominee for Grand Junior Warden. Of the two (2) candidates who vied for the nomination, VW Gadwin E. Handumon, PDDGM of RIX & X-B (Misamis Occidental and Zamboanga del Norte), was elected over VW Alexander U. Dimaporo, PDDGM of RX-BARMM Lanao Provinces. Handumon is municipal mayor of Plaridel, Misamis Occidental.

The Grand Master's Night fellowship was hosted at the scenic Dipolog City Boulevard Function Hall which was graced by the presence of the Hon. Vice Mayor Senen O. Angeles who gave the message on behalf of City Mayor Darrel Dexter Uy.

Credited for the success of the 28th Mincon hosting under the leadership of VW Steve Kelly G. Hung were following working committee chairmen: Finance headed by VW Herminio S. Mercado; Solicitation and Souvenir Program by WB Al Brain C. Tenorio; Transportation and Logistics, WB Leywell E. Villanueva and Bro. Hipolito Panoy Jr.; Operations, VW Romelo Vergara and WB Glen Mar Dadan; Awards and Grand Master's Night, VW Pio Rufo Pino and WB Jossil R. Macute; and, Security and Medical, WB Virgilio Ranés and VW Serafin Uy.



Antonio G. Lim Masonic Lodge No. 162 reporting for the MDC:

First Row(Left to right) - SW Elias Bagiuo; WM Glen Mar Dadan; JW Ian Angeles.

2nd (L-R) - Bro tres Lloyd Tiu; Bro Edelburgo Cheng; Bro Jay Montealto; Bro Remeo Awit.

3rd(L-R) WI Jossil Macute; WB Andrei Junio; Bro Hipolito Panoy, Jr.; Bro Arnold Campaner; Bro Faisal Macaundas; Bro Conrod Capitanía; and VW Pio Rufo Pino.

Masonic Districts & Chartered Lodges of Western Mindanao Region IX, X, & BARMM

R – I X

Zamboanga del Sur & Sibugay

Dr. Jose G. Hofileña No. 153
 Salug Valley No. 216
 Sinuguey Valley No. 246
 Illana Bay No. 274
 Baganian Peninsula No. 275
 Dr. Aurelio Mendoza No. 283

R - I X & R - X

Misamis Occidental & Zamboanga Del Norte

Antonino G. Lim No.162
 Bernardo A. Neri No.214
 Sindangan No.240
 Rizal Shrine No.434

R - I X & ARMM

Zamboanga City, Sulu, Basilan & Tawi-Tawi

Mt. Apo No. 45
 Bud Daho No. 102
 Juan S. Alano No. 137
 Bud Bongao No. 288
 Samboangan No. 310
 Fairway No. 415

R - X BARMM

& Lanao Provinces

Maranaw No. 111
 Iligan No. 207
 Glicerio A. Lim, Sr. No. 222
 Lake Lanao No. 227
 Manticao No. 243
 Judge Valerio V. Rovira No.259
 Radja Indarapatra No. 387
 Omar Manabilang No. 471

R - X Misamis Occidental

Mt. Malindang No. 130
 Gregorio O. Calit No. 154
 Palilan No. 239
 Don Lorenzo Tan No. 265
 Timoteo S. Uy, Sr. No. 349



Presiding District Officer, VW Steve Kelly G. Hung, DDGM of Host District R-X Zamboanga del Norte & Misamis Occidental relinquishes the gavel of authority to the Grand Master - MW Johnny T. Pimentel as a sign of utmost respect to the highest-ranking Mason in the jurisdiction.



NETWORKS IN NCR

Editor's Note:

After three initial Multi-District Conventions that started in Mindanao, the fourth leg of the jurisdiction's Multi-District Assembly was scheduled next in the National Capital Region – seat of the Grand Lodge itself on the first Saturday of November (5). Among the eight (8) participating Districts and 76 chartered Lodges in the NCR Multi-District Convention were as follows:

Masonic District NCR-A

Scottish Rite Temple, Manila

Manila-Mt. Lebanon No. 1
St. John's-Corregidor No. 3
Cosmos No. 8
Mencius No. 93
Palawan No. 99
Jacques DeMolay No. 305
Macario R. Ramos No. 355
Trinity No. 367
South Palawan No. 464
MW Jolly R. Bugarin 468

Masonic District NCR-B

Plaridel Masonic Temple

Bagumbayan No. 4
Island-Luz-Minerva No. 5
Biak-na-Bato No. 7
Nilad No. 12
Walana No. 13
Labong No. 59
Service No. 95
Intramuros No. 363

Masonic District NCR-C

Plaridel Masonic Temple

Dalisay No. 14
Sinukuan No. 16
Araw No. 18
Dapitan No. 21
Jose Rizal No. 22
Zapote No. 29
Luzon No. 57
Kasilawan No. 77
Keystone No. 100
La Guardia No. 378
Katarungan No. 450
Master Builder No. 461

Masonic District NCR-D

Plaridel Masonic Temple

Noli Me Tangere No. 42
Taga-Ilog Lodge No. 79
F.D. Roosevelt No. 81
High Twelve No. 82
Hiram Lodge No. 88
Manuel A. Roxas No. 152
Saigon No. 188
Escudo No. 371
GSec Reynold S. Fajardo 383
Dr. Sun Yat Sen No. 398
WB Isaac I. Puno, Sr. No. 401
Sultan Haroun Al Rashid Lucman 406

Masonic District NCR-E

Capitol Masonic Temple

Quezon City No. 122
Rafael Palma No. 147
Capitol City No. 174
Laong-Laan No. 185
Andres Bonifacio No. 199
Norberto S. Amoranto No. 358
AG MW Pedro M. Gimenez 370
Frank Reed Horton No. 379
Valenzuela City No. 466

Masonic District NCR-F

Capitol Masonic Temple

Silanganan Lodge No. 19
Marikina No. 119
Teodoro M. Kalaw No. 136
Juan Sumulong No. 169
Mandaluyong City No. 277
Pinaglabanan No. 374
Batasan No. 381
Pasig City No. 409
Solidarity No. 421
Unang Sigaw No. 430
Commonwealth No. 460

Masonic District NCR-G

Makati, Las Piñas & Parañaque

Batang Buhay No. 27
King Solomon No. 150
Jacobo Zobel No. 202
Kagitingan No. 286
Gen. Artemio Ricarte No. 322
Wenceslao Trinidad No. 365
Hadji Buto Rasul No. 393
Mamayang Pilipino No. 475

Masonic District NCR-H

Las Piñas, Parañaque,

Muntinlupa & Taguig City

Muog No. 89
MW Roberto Q. Pagotan 282
Palanyag No. 323
Dr. Filemon C. Aguilar
(Las Piñas) No. 332
Muntinlupa City No. 414
Taguig No. 431

A special feature on the Lodges and Districts of the National Capital Region shall be included in the 5th Issue of Volume 99 of the Cable Tow. It will be the fourth Installment of TCT's Walkabout Series in celebration of our GLP's 110th Founding Anniversary.

YOUNGEST MASONIC DISTRICT LEADS NCR 2022 MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

BY: VW EDGAR S. BENTULAN, SR. ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The hosting of the Multi-District Convention in the National Capital Region (NCR) last November 5 comprising of eight (8) Masonic Districts, was stirringly hurdled by the youngest district - NCR-H which received a thumbs-up seal from the Grand Master even with barely 12 weeks of preparation!

VW Raymundo L. Noble, DDGM of NCR-H, was convention presiding Officer; and performing as Master of Ceremonies was VW & ILL. Nelson Yau, PDDGM, who also served as the Convention's Protocol

VW James Buno, head of convention registration disclosed, the plenary attendance could be placed at 450 and all 76 lodges in the National Capital Region were represented, with 253 voting delegates present.

MW Johnny T. Pimentel, the Convention Guest of Honor & Speaker, was impressed on how so well organized and smooth the conduct of the plenary proceedings was steered by the Host District, especially the electronic election of the candidates for the Junior Grand Warden and other aspects of the event.



Officer.

In his speech, the Grand Master, time and again reminded the brethren on the proper handling of petitioners by lodges. According to him one very important lesson imparted to petitioners is humility. This, however, should not be abused by the brethren in lodges.

He also appraised the NCR Brethren of the significant number of cases resolved at GLP; the digitalization of documents in the Grand Lodge Archives; the validity of online



submission of Reports (Edict No. 352 - MW Pimentel); as well as the improvements made on the Grand Lodge Offices.

Not only was the Grand Master accompanied by his grand line officers but also by MW & ILL. Romeo S. Momo, PGM and Mabuhay Shriners Potentate, and the two Grand Light Officers - RW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, Deputy Grand Master and RW Raul E. Canon, Junior Grand Warden. RW Ariel T. Cayanan, Senior Grand Warden came in later.

Masonic District NCR-H is currently the youngest of the eight (8) Masonic Districts in the National Capital Region with 76 Blue Lodges under their watch.

It can be recalled, that NCR-H was carved out from the 13 constituent lodges of Masonic District NCR-G by virtue of Edict 327 - MW Suan in December 2019. MD NCR-H is currently comprised of six of these lodges in NCR South namely, Muog No. 89, MW Roberto Q. Pagotan No. 282, Palanyag No. 323, Dr. Filemon C. Aguilar (Las Piñas) No. 332, Muntinlupa City No. 414, and Taguig No. 431.

For his Masonic Education, VW Dennis L. Cunanan, Senior Grand Lecturer, gave a very profound lecture on "How do we really guard the West Gate? By physical strength? By financial capacity? Or, by willingness to be better?" The strength of an organization, the SGL said, is its weakest link. As Masons, regardless of eminent station, we cannot just turn a blind eye on what is transpiring during meetings and fellowships. He further elaborated on Edict No. 328 of MW Suan.

The smooth conduct of the plenary was substantially due to the efficient facilitation of Committee Chair, VW Cornelio "Jun" Samaniego III were eleven (11) resolutions from the participating Districts was adopted and endorsed for the upcoming Annual Communications.

Registration of qualified voting delegates of lodges for JGW candidates was finely automated with nine (9) nominees for Junior Grand Warden submitted by the eight districts for election.

After the votes were tallied, the NCR-MDC Elecom proclaimed the following as nominees for Junior Grand Warden in the 2023 Annual Communications in Dumaguete:



1. VW Gerard A. Ceballos, NCR-F
2. VW Teodoro Kalaw IV, NCR-F
3. VW Vladimir F. Pelaez, NCR-A

The following deserved the credit for the successful hosting of the Multi-District Convention due to their skilled experience in hosting: VW Edwin P. Costes, one of the pillars of MCML-414 and VW Bernardo Bondoc who was in charge of the convention edicts and protocol.

All working committees of the convention were each steered under the chairmanship of the NCR DDGMs.

The Technical Working Group was headed by VW Eric Rodriguez and WB Raymond Wong as co-chairmen.

The sport competitions which preceded

the formal convention proceedings were ably chaired by VW Michael Parado, DDGM for NCR-A. VW Jose Justo Yap, PDDGM, who facilitated the accommodation for the use of the NBI gymnasium for the basketball event, also took the lead for the Fun Shoot activity competed by gun enthusiasts among the Brethren.

Overall Champion of the Sports Events was the NCR-A District besting NCR-H, the first runner-up. Other District winners were NCR-D, NCR-F, and NCR-B who ended respectively as the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th runners-up.

By a unanimous vote, NCR-A was elected as Host for the next Multi-District Convention in the National Capital Region.





LODGES OF LUZON

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Following the annual assembly of their Mindanao and NCR counterparts, the Host Districts of Northern, Central, and Southern Luzon held their Multi-District Conventions in the month of November 2022, bringing MW Johnny Ty Pimentel and his Grand Lodge Officers to three (3) distinct gatherings in Luzon:

9th NORTH LUZON MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

November 11 & 12 - the nine Masonic Districts in Regions 1 and 2 as well as the Cordillera Administrative Region continued the fifth of nine Multi-District Conventions throughout the Philippine Jurisdiction with **RI – CAR Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, & Abra** as the host district. The event, held at the Centennial Arena, Laoag City began with a series of Sports Competitions that aim to foster camaraderie among the Brethren of the 57 subordinate Lodges in the Masonic Districts of CAR - Mt. Province, Kalinga, & Apayao; R-1 & CAR - Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, & Abra; R-I & CAR - Benguet & La Union; R-I Pangasinan; R-II Cagayan; R-II Isabela (North); R-II Isabela (South) & Quirino; R-II Nueva Vizcaya (North) & Ifugao; and R-II Nueva Vizcaya (South). **Lead Lodge - Laoag No. 71**

31st CENTRAL LUZON MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

November 18 & 19 – the sixth leg of nine Multi-District Conventions was the assembled with the cooperation of the ten (10) Central Luzon Districts namely R-III Bataan; the two (2) Bulacan Districts of EAST & WEST; R-III Nueva Ecija EAST & Aurora; the other three Nueva Ecija Districts in the NORTH, SOUTH, & WEST; and Masonic Districts of Pampanga; Tarlac; and Zambales. With 85 lodges to attend to, it took two district organizers **R-III Bulacan EAST and R-III Bulacan WEST** to host the 2-day event which was held in the Victory Coliseum at San Rafael, Bulacan. **Lead Lodge - Quingua No.364**

SOUTHERN LUZON MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

November 30 – District Host **R-IV Laguna EAST** brought together the eleven (11) Masonic Districts of Region IV CALABARZON & MIMAROPA, as well as BICOLANDIA's Region V namely R-IV Batangas, the three Cavite Districts - CENTRAL, EAST, & WEST; the 2 Laguna Districts of EAST and WEST; as well as the Masonic Districts of R-IV Mindoro, R-IV Quezon & Marinduque, R-IV Rizal; R-V Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, & Catanduanes; R-V Albay, Masbate, & Sorsogon. The one-day gathering of 73 lodges (59 from Region 4 and 12 from Region 5) finished the third run of the Luzon Multi-Districts at the Cultural Center Auditorium in the Provincial Capitol at Sta. Cruz, Laguna. **Lead lodge - Makiling No. 72.**

LAOAG LODGE NO.71 CAPS ITS CENTENNIAL BY HOSTING THE 9TH NORTH LUZON MDC BY BRO. MIGUEL THIBODEAU (71)

For the Brethren of Laoag Lodge No. 71 in the Masonic District Region 1 & Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR) – Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, & Abra; it was more than a 'double whammy' to host the 2022 Multi-District Convention in November 11 & 12. The timing was a special year as it fell on the celebration of the Lodge's first 100 years of existence.

So, albeit the very slim window of time for preparation, when while attending the 8th Multi-District Convention in Lingayen, Pangasinan last March 23, 2022, Laoag 71 Master Joenberg Chua, asked the Brethren if they "are willing to take the daunting challenge of hosting the next North Luzon MDC in Laoag, their answer was an enthusiastic, resounding "YES"!

It should be noted, this was the second MDC to be held in North Luzon in 2022 after that rather somewhat desultory multi-district assembly called at the behest of MW Rolin Paulino, PGM that March in Pangasinan for the region at a time was yet vaguely cleared from the Covid Pandemic.

Approaching our April 3 Centenary, our calendar was already filled with activities planned ahead of time by our Centennial Committee seriously tasked to make the observance of our 100th Year a memorable one. Not knowing the gravity of the task ahead us, we came to a consensus of commitment that as long as the brethren worked together, we could accomplish anything. So we boldly placed the bid to host the next MDC.

WM Joenberg Chua, DDGM of R1 & CAR, along with VW Secretary Jose 'Joey' Soriano presented to the convention delegates our plan for the succeeding multi-district convention as part of the highlights of our yearlong Centennial Celebration. After a few deliberation, the brethren in attendance voted on the floor for Laoag 71 to host of the next North Luzon MDC in Laoag City.

Soon our excitement wilted to an unsettling concern. We knew not what we got ourselves into. Laying out the plans and shortly after finding out that we only had seven months to





prepare for the convention instead of an entire year, we realized that we were facing a gargantuan challenge. But confident in the ability of our brethren to come together and overcome any insurmountable challenge that may seem ahead of us.

Finally in November 11, after months of weekly meetings, Laoag Masonic Lodge No. 71 welcomed MW Johnny T. Pimentel, JGW Raul Canon, and their respective parties, as well as the brethren from Region 1, Region 2, and the Cordillera Administrative Region into the “City of Sunshine” that is Laoag for the ceremonial tip-off initiated by the Masonic District RI/CAR - Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, & Abra, led by our very own VW Charles Javier Calapini, DDGM. Aside from the basketball playoff held at the Municipal Auditorium of San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte, we also had a Shootfest participated by the delegates from most districts.

After the ensuing sports events, the brethren came together for the evening cocktail party and fellowship tendered by the Lead Centennial Lodge held at the San Nicholas Auditorium, Ilocos Norte where the cagers among brethren earlier had their basketball tournament.

The official parley and plenary proper had as its venue the Centennial Arena in Laoag City the following day, November 8 with a surprisingly unexpected attendance of almost 800 delegates, one of the largest multi-district convention turnouts for year 2022. This was presided by VW Charles J. Calapini, host DDGM with the opening and floor works performed by the Officers of Laoag 71 led by WM Joenberg Chan.

For his keynote address, our Guest of Honor & Speaker, MW Johnny T. Pimentel, took to task the importance of harmony among brethren as he also stressed the proper treatment of petitioners and candidates by the brethren. He was joined by VW Dennis Cunanan, Senior Grand Lecturer who lamented, detailing some abuses done by lodges on their treatment in the handling of petitioners and candidates for Masonic Degrees.

Both MW Pimentel and SGL Cunanan regretted to mention that there have already been members of the Craft who were either suspended or expelled for grievous violations of our Masonic laws and regulations. They implored the brethren to be more morally prudent and circumspect in their conduct with petitioners applying to be members of the Fraternity, exhorting to always uphold the principles and virtues of Masonic uprightness and moral values.

Of the four brethren from the districts vying for nomination as candidates for Junior Grand Warden in the forthcoming Annual Communication in Dumaguete City, the convention elected two from Northern Luzon, namely VW Bonhoefer V. Bernardez (Lam-Ang No.164) and VW Eduardo V. Interior (Gualberto C. Agatep, Sr. No.341).

For the next convention, the North Luzon Brethren chose Baguio Masonic Lodge No. 67 of RI-CAR Benguet & La Union to host the 10th Iteration of the North Luzon Multi-District Convention to be held in Baguio City this 2023.



NORTH LUZON DISTRICTS & CHARTERED LODGES

CAR - Mountain Province, Kalinga, & Apayao

Bontoc No. 140
Rio Chico No. 182
Mampiya-an No. 284
Bessang Pass No. 314
Apayao No. 396

R-I & CAR - Benguet & La Union

Baguio No. 67
La - Trinidad No. 344
Union No. 70
Siete Martires No. 177
Diego Silang No. 417
Francisco Isabelo Ortega 452

R-1 & CAR - Ilocos Sur, Ilocos Norte, & Abra

Laoag :: No. 71
Abra :: No. 86
Angalo :: No. 63
Lam-Ang :: No. 164

R-I Pangasinan

Pangasinan No. 56
Agno No. 75
Alfonso Lee Sin No. 158
Moises J. De Guzman No.161
Hundred Island No. 201
Edilberto Tamondong 217
Urdaneta No. 302
Jose H. Yuchongtian No. 354
Calasiao No. 449

R-II Cagayan

Mabini No. 39
Gonzaga No. 66
Itawes No. 215
Sanchez Mira No. 233
Gualberto C. Agatep Sr. 341
Tuguegarao No. 408
Leon Angel Bañez, Jr. 458

R-II Isabela (North)

Isabela :: No. 60
Mallig Plains :: No. 191
Tumauni :: No. 251
San Mariano :: No. 307
Pinacanauan :: No. 318
Cassili Creek :: No. 340
Aurora :: No. 405
Deodoro C. Go :: No. 445

R-II Isabela (South) & Quirino

Cagayan Valley No. 133
Maharlika No. 180
Rufino S. Roque No. 289
Ganano No. 313
San Mateo No. 319
Timpuyog No. 343
Santiago City No. 457
Saranay No. 193
Diffun No. 317
Pinappagan No. 353

R-II Nueva Vizcaya (North) & Ifugao

Cordillera No. 178
Villaverde No. 206
Mt. Palali No. 420
Ifugao No. 218

R-II Nueva Vizcaya (South)

Magat No. 68
Salinas No. 163
Ari-Tau No. 279
Guillermo E. Bongolan 330

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CENTRAL LUZON MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

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“ONE BULACAN” UNITE FOR 31ST CENTRAL LUZON MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

BY: VW RICKY SANTOS, PDGL (364)

For the first time in two years, Bulacan East & West Masonic Districts, also known as "One Bulacan" hosted the 31st Central Luzon Multi-District Convention which was held at San Rafael, Bulacan on November 18 and 19, 2022.

Inspired by the theme "Pagkakaisa Para sa Isa't Isa," the 31st Multi-District Convention was attended by 827 brethren from the ten (10) Central Luzon Districts, namely R-III Bataan, Pampanga, Tarlac, Zambales and the Nueva Ecija Districts NORTH, SOUTH, WEST, EAST & Aurora.

The convention was preceded on November 18 by a fellowship golf event at the Royal Northwoods Golf & Country Club in San Rafael, Bulacan which was opened by MW Pacifico "Boy" Aniang, PGM, joined by the two District Deputy Grand Masters - VW Ramon Mañalac and VW Ericson Pan of Bulacan East and West respectively. RIII Zambales bested the Golfers from the other nine districts by emerging as the Champion. They will be representing Central Luzon for the Golf Competition in the First GLP Mini Olympics in Metro Dumaguete come AnCom 2023.

San Rafael Municipal Mayor Mark Cholo Violago welcomed the delegates with his message of grateful appreciation to the host districts for choosing San Rafael as venue of the 31st Iteration of the Multi-District Convention in Central Luzon.

In his keynote address, MW Johnny T. Pimentel expounded on his administration theme "Harmony for One and All," observing the significant increase of petitioners and also the intolerable occurrences of un-Masonic





practices of some Lodges in the handling of petitioners and candidates for membership. He encouraged One and All to be more circumspect in the handling of petitioners and in becoming Agents of Harmony.

The convention proper on November 19 had for its lead lodge Quingua No. 364 with WM Enrico Carlo Mariano as the opening master and VW Ericson Pan as convention presiding master.

MW Pacifico Aniag, PGM in his inspirational message mentioned his delight about the impressive turnout of attendance and the successful hosting.

Two resolutions were in the plenary: "Proposal for the Adoption of the Unified Vehicle Sticker for all members of the GLP" as presented by WM Oscar Orosco

of Pres. Diosdado Macapagal Masonic Lodge No. 469 of RIII Pampanga. On the other hand, VW Ryan Cardinal explained the joint resolution of Bulacan East & West "Prohibiting Master Masons to Invite Petitioners in Other Organizations, Fraternities, or Other Social Club during the Petition Period." Both Resolutions were adopted.

The elected nominees as candidates for Junior Grand Warden were VW Hossain VC. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei of R-III Nueva Ecija East & Aurora; VW Kenneth Yambao of R-III Tarlac; and VW Augusto Roxas of R-III Bulacan East.

Chosen to be host district for the next Central Multi-District Convention was R-III Nueva Ecija North, as gladly accepted by VW Tito Jesus Toquero on behalf of VW Edwin Ubungin - their DDGM.



From left to right:
MW Pacifico Aniag, PGM;
RW Ariel T. Cayanan, SGW;
MW Johnny Ty Pimentel,
Grand Master; and RW
Raul Canon, JGW – share
lite Moments while waiting
for the Program Proper
during the 31st Central
Luzon MDC.



DISTRICTS & CHARTERED LODGES IN CENTRAL LUZON (REGION 3)

R-III Bataan

Bataan No. 104
 Luis J. Reyes No. 224
 Meridian No. 268
 Dambana ng Kagitingan 377
 Di-Nalupig No. 438

R-III Bulacan EAST

Baliuag No. 301
 Kakarong No. 327
 San Jose Del Monte No.357
 Quingua No. 364
 San Miguel De Mayumo 412
 WB Manuel Ibasco No. 432
 Pulo ng Iilan No. 439

R-III Bulacan WEST

Malolos No. 46
 Marcelo H. Del Pilar No.272
 Cupang No. 295
 St. John the Baptist No.362
 Hagonoy No. 369
 Bulacan No. 400
 Primera Republica No.444

R-III Nueva Ecija EAST & Aurora:

Pantabangan Bonari No.203
 Talavera No. 273
 Palayan City No. 331
 Model No. 373
 Alluim Cepa No. 453
 Ang Bagong Bayan No.463
 Manuel L. Quezon No.262
 Kasiguruhan No. 423

R-III Nueva Ecija NORTH

Memorial No. 90
 Narra No. 171
 Molave No. 261
 San Jose City No. 309
 Gov Eduardo L. Joson No.326
 Golden Beehive No. 388
 Kadanglaan No. 392
 Gen Miguel Malvar No.427

R-III Nueva Ecija SOUTH

Cabanatuan No. 53
 Gen. Llanera Memorial 168
 Kapatiran No. 228
 Kapitan Pepe No. 293
 Santa Rosa No. 297
 Mario S. Garcia No. 306
 Factoria No. 311
 San Leonardo No. 386
 Jaen Triangle No. 476

R-III Nueva Ecija WEST

Nueva Ecija No. 73
 Gen. Manuel Tinio No.167
 Apolinario Mabini No.235
 Zaragosa No. 263
 Eulogio R. Dizon Mem. 264
 Antonio R. Lamson 290
 Eulogio R. Dizon No. 321
 Aliaga No. 404

R-III Pampanga

Pampanga No. 48
 Leonard Wood No. 105
 Jose Abad Santos No. 333
 Magalang No. 391
 Tiburcio No. 394
 Porac No. 411
 Pres. Diosdado Macapagal 469
 Aslagan No. 470

R-III Tarlac

Isagani No. 96
 Victory No. 116
 Arcadio Evangelista 254
 Pura No. 312
 Apolinario B. Yap No. 328
 Cosmo P. Antonio No. 339
 Tarlac Kaunlaran No. 360
 Ang Rehenerasyon ng
 Concepcion No. 402
 La Paz Masonic No. 413
 Moncada No. 446
 Green City No. 459
 Enrique M. Cojuangco No.472

R-III Zambales

Lincoln No. 34
 Pinatubo No. 52
 Zambales No. 103
 Unity No. 285
 Teodoro R. Yangco No.351
 Subic Bay No. 361
 Mt. Redondo No. 372
 Sagrada Familia No. 375
 San Marcelino No. 380
 San Felipe No. 384
 Mt. Tapulao No. 389
 Justice Alejo Labrador No. 395
 Primo Maniquis No. 440

2022 Southern Luzon MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION



Cultural Center Auditorium · Provincial Capitol Grounds, Sta Cruz Laguna · November 30, 2022 · 9AM
Hosted by Masonic District Region IV Laguna-East and Makiling Lodge No. 72

MD RIV - LAGUNA EAST HOSTS "ONE OF THE BEST" MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION

BY: VW OLIVER C. OCAMPO, PDGL (72) & BRO KEITH B. BITAO (72)

Masonic District RIV - Laguna East headed by VW Jesus Miguel V. Bunyi, DDGM, hosted the hugely-attended Southern Luzon Multi-District Convention (MDC) in Cavinti and Sta. Cruz, Laguna last November 29-30, 2022. It was attended by around 500 delegates representing 11 Masonic Districts in Southern Luzon, including Grand Line officers who were in the official party of the Grand Master. The MDC was a joint effort of the six (6) Masonic Lodges in the District namely,

Malinaw No. 25 (San Pablo City); Pinagsabitan No. 26 (Sta. Cruz); Makiling No. 72 (Los Baños); Sierra Madre No. 181, (Paete); Alaminos No. 428 (Alaminos); and Mabitag UD in Mabitag, Laguna.

The convention kicked-off at 8:30 a.m. of November 29 with a "shot-gun" tea-off opening the 1st MD RIV Laguna East Invitational Golf Tournament held at Caliraya Springs Golf & Country Club, Cavinti, Laguna. This was participated by about 100 golfers, mostly delegates led by Bro. SW Milbert Oliveros, Pinagsabitan Lodge No. 26, and friends of Masons.

The Grand Master's Night graced by MW Johnny T. Pimentel, tendered at the Clubhouse of the Golf and Country Club with overflowing food and drinks, became a scintillating venue for the brethren of Southern Luzon to greet and reconnect close interactions after two years of social distancing lulling Masonic functions caused by the pandemic.

The convention proper was formally opened the following day at the Cultural Center of Laguna in the Provincial Capitol Complex. To welcome the delegates and guests was no less than Hon. Ramil L. Hernandez, provincial governor. Delegates representing eleven (11) Masonic Districts joined by a number of Grand Line Officers





were present with VW Jesus Miguel V. Bunyi as host convention Presiding Officer.

Two (2) District resolutions were adopted in the plenary session for presentation in the 2023 Annual Communication: the Ruby Apron Award proposed by Sierra Madre Masonic Lodge No. 181 and Carmona Sorteo Lodge No. 451; and, Additional Ritual and Floor works for the transition from being tiled to public form while the Lodge is open, which was presented by VW Benedicto Pana.

In his message, MW Johnny T. Pimentel enumerated the accomplishments and activities of the Grand Lodge, citing the edicts and circulars issued during his term of office.

He likewise implored the brethren to protect the integrity and image of the Craft because "people have high regard for

Masons and that we should be careful with our actions in public as these reflect on the fraternity." The Grand Master congratulated the Host District and its constituent Lodges for the successful Multi-District Convention which he considered as "one of the best" that he attended.

Two nominees for Junior Grand Warden in the 2023 AnCom election were elected by the delegates, VW Robert Joseph S. Moran (Pilar 15) and VW Noel Rosal (Mayon 61).

Photo Caption Below: MW Johnny Ty Pimentel and other GLP and District Officers of Southern Luzon pay tribute to the Monument of Dr. Jose Rizal at the Provincial Capitol. The National Hero, is also a Freemason, and a Native of the Province of Laguna.





DISTRICTS & CHARTERED LODGES SOUTH OF LUZON (REGION 4 CALABARZON & MIMAROPA AND REGION 5 BICOL REGION)

R-IV Batangas

Batangas No. 35
Sixto Lopez (Batulao) 129
Mabini Kalaw No. 195
Dr. Jose P. Laurel No. 325
Nasugbo No. 407
San Jose No. 429
Lumang Bayan 433

R-IV Cavite CENTRAL

Cavite No. 2
Bagong Buhay No. 17
Bagong Ilaw No. 97
Magdiwang No. 238
La Naval No. 269
Saint Augustine No. 300
Trece Martires City 350

R-IV Cavite EAST

Pilar No. 15
Emilio Aguinaldo No. 31
Pintong Bato No. 51
Primera Luz Filipinas 69
Dasmariñas No. 346
Molino No. 352
Pangarap No. 448
Carmona Sorteo No. 451

R-IV Cavite WEST

Mt. Mainam No. 49
Indang No. 115
Tagaytay No. 165
Mendez-Nuñez No. 316
Magtagumpay No. 410
Silang No. 416
Perdona y Ablaza No. 441
Cavite La Progresus 467

R-IV Laguna EAST

Malinaw No. 25
Pinagsabitan No. 26
Makiling No. 72
Sierra Madre 181
Alaminos No. 428

R-IV Laguna WEST

Dr Jose P. Rizal
(Calamba) No. 270
San Pedro No. 292
Perpetual No. 426
Cabuyao City No. 442
Bantayang Bato No. 447

R-IV Mindoro

Tamaraw No. 65
Mindoro No. 157
Halcon No. 249
Bongabong No. 324
Generoso Madrigal No. 368

R-IV

Quezon & Marinduque

Rizal No. 20
Balintawak 28
Kalilayan No. 37
Tayabas No. 43
Plaridel No. 74
Moriones No. 399
Filipinas Bondoc Peninsula
No. 465

R-IV Rizal

Ang Tipolo No. 334
Bernardo Carpio No. 359
Montalban No. 376
WB Gil Fernando No. 454
Pintong Silangan No. 435
Morong No. 455

R-V Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, & Catanduanes

Isarog No. 33
Camarines Norte No.107
Julian Ocampo No.146
Daet No. 247
Naga City No. 257
Catanduanes Island No. 291
Camarines Sur No. 382

R-V Albay, Masbate, & Sorsogon

Bulusan No. 38
Mayon No. 61
Ma-Bu-Ti No. 329
Tabak No. 436
Masaraga No. 462



VISITING THE VISAYAS

Editor's Note:

The seventh leg of the Multi-District Assembly held under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines brought the MW Johnny Ty Pimentel and his Grand Lodge retinue to a Visit in the Visayas on the 4th Saturday of November with Masonic District R-VII Cebu, Bohol, & Siquijor as Host District and Cebu No.128 as Lead Lodge. Present were the Districts & Chartered Lodges of Regions VI, VII, VIII & VXIII:

R-VI Panay Island

Iloilo-Acacia No. 11
Makawiwili No. 55
Hamtik No. 76
Kalantiao No. 187
Graciano O. Lopez Jaena 194
Aklan No. 205
MW Ricardo G. Galvez, Sr. 229
Quintin Salas No. 231
XIX Martyrs No. 342

R-VII (CBS) Cebu, Bohol, & Siquijor

Maktan No. 30
Dagohoy No. 84
Cebu No. 128
Mt. Moriah No. 252
Datu Lapu-Lapu No. 347
Siquijor No. 418
Crescent No. 419
Talisay Sugbo No. 422
Leon Kilat No. 437
Chocolate Hills No.477

R-VIII Leyte

Makabugwas No. 47
Tacloban No. 221
Ormoc No. 234
Santiago L. Chua No. 336
Sogod Bay No. 337
Biliran No. 338
Palo Liberation No. 397

R-VIII Samar

Mt. Huraw No. 98
Northern Samar No. 211
East Gate No. 232

R-XVIII (NIS) Negros Island Region

Kanla-on No. 64
Mt. Kaladias No. 91
MW Joseph E. Schon No. 186
Negrense No. 200
Dalusan - M.V. Ko No. 210
Manuel M. Abello No. 260
Ernesto S. Salas No. 280
MW RS Demonteverde, Sr. 320



MW JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

Grand Master

Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines



VW KEVIN G. CO

District Deputy Grand Master
MDR-CBS



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NOVEMBER 26, 2022

STARS ALIGN AT THE “ONE VISAYAS” MASONIC MULTI-DISTRICT CONVENTION 2022

By: Bro. Rufino Ranulfo Z. San Juan IV / TCT Head News Correspondent

The stars aligned and shone brightly at the 25th Visayas Masonic Multi-District Convention (“One Visayas”) held on November 26, 2022, at the Casino Espanol de Cebu in Cebu City.

For one, the Grand Line was in complete attendance at the Multi-District Convention. With MW Johnny T. Pimentel, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, at the Convention were RW Don T. Ramas – Uypitching (Deputy Grand Master), RW Ariel T. Cayanan (Senior Grand Warden), and RW Raul E. Canon Jr. (Junior Grand Warden). MW Pimentel noted that, in his more than three decades as a Mason, this was the first time that all four Grand Line luminaries were present at a Multi-District Convention.

Adding glitter to the evening were other dignitaries from the Grand Lodge, namely, VW Dennis L. Cunanan (Senior Grand Lecturer), VW Pablo Y. Dumlao (Grand Chaplain), and VW Joey Pangilinan (Grand Historian).

MW Pimentel, the Convention’s Guest of Honor and Speaker, delivered an impassioned speech that was interrupted several times by the standing ovation of more than 300 delighted brethren in attendance.

A digital painting of MW Pimentel was later given to him as a special token by the Host DDGM VW Kevin G. Co. The painting, done by noted architect and artist Bro. Rey Villegas, was presented via a time lapse video on the LED wall.



The stars also aligned for VW Oliver C. Ko, PDDGM, PJGL, of MDR-VII who was elected as the Visayas nominee for Junior Grand Warden. VW Edward Chua of MDR-VIII backed out and expressed support for VW Ko’s candidacy. RW Ramas – Uypitching cast the singular and collective vote that formalized the election of VW Ko as the Visayas

nominee for Junior Grand Warden. VW Ko is the son of MW Pablo C. Ko Jr., PGM.

MW Pimentel also announced the appointment of VW Bryan Y. Teson as the new Junior Grand Lecturer for MDR-VII. VW Teson replaced VW Ko after the latter accepted his nomination by MDR-VII to the Junior Grand Warden position.

Playing host to this well-attended convention was MDR-VII led by VW Kevin G. Co, DDGM, with Cebu Masonic Lodge No. 128 (led by WM Marlon L. Ko) as the Host Lodge.

They were assisted by the Jobs Daughters International – Bethel 11. VW Co thanked all brethren who supported the successful hosting of the Convention, especially the youngest members of the Craft who he says are the “future of the District” He gave his special thanks to VW Bryan Y. Teson (for helping oversee the preparations), WB Marlon L. Ko (event day set up), VW Elorde Talisic (transportation and accommodation), Bro. Warren Chu (online and onsite registration), Bro. Graeme Elmido (emcee and raffles), Bro. Rodney Lerias and Bro Jay Turla



The convention was participated in by about 350 brethren from MDR-VI – Panay Island (led by VW Alexander Que, DDGM), MDR-VII – Cebu, Bohol, and Siquijor (Host District, led by VW Kevin G. Co, DDGM), MDR-VIII – Leyte (led by VW Ralph Uy, DDGM), MDR-VIII – Samar (led by VW Medino Acuba), and MDR-XVIII – Negros Island Region (led by VW Gig Emperado, DDGM).

Unlike previous conventions where petitioners were allowed to volunteer in the preparations, VW Co says this convention was fully prepared and implemented by District officers, newly-raised Masons, Fellow Craft Masons, and Entered Apprentice Masons of MDR-VII.

(musical director and LED video presentation), VW Benjamin Tan and the District Grand Lecturers (Chairman and Members of Election Committee), Bro. Dick Clarion (tribute to the flag), Bro. Rey Villegas (time lapse painted portrait token to the Grand Master), and the newly-raised Master Masons, Fellow Craft Masons, and Entered Apprentice Masons of MDR-VII (event day registration and distribution of souvenirs).

VW Co further expressed hope that “stars will continue to align as they have during the Convention and put one of MDR-VII’s brightest stars lined up in the Grand Oriental Chair.”



Text Tribute on the Grand Master’s Portrait, presented during the 25th Visayas MDC:

"We thank our beloved Grandmaster, Most Worshipful Johnny T. Pimentel, for gracing this 25th Visayas Masonic Multi- District Convention. For giving us his invaluable time to be present as the head of this constituted gathering and in sharing with us his treasured thoughts and lessons of wisdom with his brethren in this part of the country. Truly, we are with him in resonating that Philippine Masonry is a cut above the rest. Always copied, but never will be equaled, as it has been since time immemorial. And that "HARMONY" between each and every one of us is the foundation of this true and great fraternity. So to give tribute where is due, we are conferring this humble token of appreciation in the form of his MW's painted portrait. A beacon of respect, camaraderie, coherence and accord."



VW Kevin G. Co
 District Deputy Grand Master
 MD R VII - Cebu , Bohol, Siquijor / Host District



Breeze from the Overseas

Observations of the Districts and Lodges
of Guam, Saipan, Japan, and Korea

By VW Gregory Blas, PDGGM

OVERSEAS MULTI-DISTRICT ORGANIZED IN GUAM

Coinciding with the opening of a Lodge of Master Masons earlier that day at the Hyatt Hotel in Tamuning, the Masonic District of Guam played host to Overseas Multi-District Convention on March 18, 2023 with Micronesia No. 173 as the Lead Lodge.

At 1:50 PM that third Saturday, Grand Honors were given to Guam DDGM, VW Nicomedes "Nick" Dela Cruz and his party. The District Deputy Grand Master was then escorted to the East where Worshipful Master Aries Navarro turned-over the Gavel, for him to preside over the convention. VW Jose Carlo Delos Santos, PDDGM was called upon to be the Master of Ceremonies. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, MW Johnny T. Pimentel, was then received with grand honors and escorted to the East by the Marshal.

The agreement was made, after the usual ceremonies – including invocation, receiving of the US flag, and the singing of the Grand Lodge hymn – that Guam would once again host the next Multi-District Convention.

Of the five (5) Overseas District Deputies, only three were present: The DDGM of the Host District (Overseas – A / Guam), VW Dennis Olaes (Overseas - B / Okinawa), and VW Grandee Dumlao (Overseas - E / North Marianas Island). There were no representatives from Overseas – C / Camp Zama, Japan and Overseas – D / South Korea.

At the plenary, as eight (8) other resolutions from earlier Conventions were also resubmitted not having been acted upon at the National Level:

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| 1. MDG 2018 -1 | Appointment of the Junior Grand Lecturer for Overseas |
| 2. MDG 2018 -2 | Prince Hall Lodges on Guam |
| 3. MDG 8/2018-3 | Calling the Lodge from Labor to Refreshment |
| 4. OVSA 9-2019-4 | Overseas Exemption from Edict 297 Tolentino |
| 5. CML44 2021 -2 | Edict 329 Suan – Conducting Multiple Candidates |
| 6. CML44 2021 -3 | Mariana Islands (Guam & Saipan omitted in MLB 2019)
Addendum to delete Marshall Islands |
| 7. CML44 2021 -5 | DGL is not required to be a PM |
| 8. CML44 2022 -3 | Overseas Exemption from Philippine Laws |

Emon Masonic Lodge No.179 submitted the most recent resolution, series 2023 – 4, Lodge Resolution for Multi-District Convention for Overseas Lodges; which was adopted by those present.

The Grand Master, in his speech, reminded the Overseas Brethren of Edict No. 346 especially the scheduling of District and Multi-District Conventions. Dates were establish



to provide a timely flow for nominations and the routing of resolutions to appropriate committees.

Considering the immense distances between Guam, Japan, Korea, and the Mariana Islands - Guam District Deputy - VW Nicomedes Dela Cruz, requested the office of the Grand Master to hold the Overseas MDC beyond the specified date which was approved and scheduled to coincide with MW Johnny T. Pimentel's visit.

Over the past decades, District Conventions were usually held in sync with the Grand Master's Overseas Visitations which were usually scheduled at the first quarter of the year (January to March) near the end of his term but MW Pimentel cited the numerous Lodge Installations taking place during that time and the potential difficulty for committees to review matters referred to them during that time. To ensure compliance with GLP mandate, the Masonic District of Guam has begun the process of updating the District By-laws.

The Overseas Districts under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines is composed of seven (7) subordinate lodges, organized into five (5) districts: Overseas - A / Guam (Charleston No.44, Milton C. Marvin No.123, & Micronesia No.173); Overseas - B / Okinawa (Okinawa No.118); Overseas - C / Camp Zama, Japan (Rising Sun No. 151); Overseas - D / South Korea (MacArthur No.183); and Overseas - E / North Marianas Island (Emon No.179). With some of the lodges thousands of kilometers apart, Multi-District attendance has always been a problem for our Overseas Brethren.

Closing of the Multi District Convention:

There being no other business to bring before the brethren, the Lodge was closed in short form at 2:45 PM by the DDGM and again to be opened at the sound of the Gavel, for the purpose of Installing the Elected and Appointed Officers of Micronesia Masonic Lodge No. 173 F&AM for the Ensuing Masonic Year.



MASONIC EDUCATION

VW DENNIS L. CUNANAN
SENIOR GRAND LECTURER



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Below is the Special Lecture delivered during the several Multi-District Events in our jurisdiction for this Masonic Year.

TESTING THE FINANCIAL CAPACITIES OF THOSE WHO KNOCK

It has come to the attention of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines of several situations whereby other organizations are aligning themselves with the rituals and practices of our Fraternity. Although imitation is the sincerest form of flattery that mediocrity can pay to greatness – as quoted by our Brother Oscar Wilde, the said emulation have drawn negative reactions in various masonic quarters.

But that is not what we shall discuss today.

What is to be tackled today are the humiliating actions of some Brethren and their Lodges that is putting our beloved Craft to shame – EXTORTION!

Many of these cases, now under investigation are about Lodges and their members soliciting money from petitioners and candidates. Some under the guise of selling raffle tickets and other fund drive projects; some involved soliciting business, professional, and other services without paying for the same or paying for less than their adequate consideration; there are those who borrow money or anything of value while others ask the petitioners to buy them something at the latter's expense. There were those requiring petitioners to bring, pay, or contribute for food or refreshments in several occasions. What is more degrading is inviting petitioners and candidates to restaurants, cafes, hotels, health clubs, bars or drinking establishment and similar places and requiring them to pay the full or portion of the cost.

Although these are isolated cases and does not reflect the general practices and principles of our august order, these actions tarnish the reputation of our Most Worshipful Institution, resulting to Institutional Disharmony. They are considered unmasonic conduct and must be sanctioned and penalized. Those who will be found guilty shall suffer up to 18 penalties as prescribed under Edict 328 of MW Suan:

1. Warning or Reprimand
2. Suspension for a Definite Period
3. Removal from Appointive Office
4. Removal from Elective Office
5. Perpetual Disqualification to hold any appointive or elective office in the blue lodge or in the Grand Lodge
6. Disqualification from being a member of the conferral team
7. Disqualification from receiving Hiram Award
8. Disqualification from receiving Longevity Award
9. Disqualification for the Privilege of Dimit
10. Disqualification for Honorary Membership in any lodge
11. Disqualification to Join Appendant Bodies and Masonic Clubs or Association
12. Disqualification to be Issued Certificate of Good Standing in case of Foreign
13. Affiliation
14. Disqualification to Become Guest of Honor and Speaker in any Masonic
15. Function
16. Disqualification to Act as Installing Officer
- 17.

18. Disqualification for Dual or Plural Membership
19. Expulsion from the Craft
20. Institution of civil damages
21. Institution of criminal action

These penalties are to be imposed on erring members of the Craft, officers of the blue lodges and incumbent appointed officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, and to any visiting foreign brethren.

In fact, the Master of the Lodge can impose items 1 to 3 immediately: Warning or Reprimand; Suspension for a Definite Period; Removal from Appointive Office - providing the violator with copy of the action and duly reported to the Grand Secretary.

If the violator is an incumbent appointed Grand Lodge Officer, the Worshipful Master shall immediately report his violation to the Grand Master for the imposition of appropriate penalty. Provided, finally that the other penalties enumerated under items 4 to 18 may be recommended by the Worshipful Master or the District Deputy Grand Master, DGL or GLI, to the Grand Master for appropriate action.

Lodges found to have tolerated any violation of Edict 328 can be required by the Grand Master to show cause why their charter

should not be suspended or arrested. The immediate arrest of their charter may be ordered if so warranted as when the violations are repetitive or place the Craft at serious risk. In addition, the Lodge may be deprived of its right to participate and/or cast its votes in any District and Multi-District Convention and in the Annual Communication.

All cases involving these violations are subject to immediate action or summary hearings without necessity of complying with the procedural requirements under Article XVIII - Charges, Trials and Procedures of the Ordinances. Summary hearings shall be terminated within five (5) days. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grand Master, to the exclusion of all other masonic authority and in the interest of the Craft, may immediately assert jurisdiction to act and decide cases for violation of the said Edict.

Brethren, there is nothing wrong in testing the humility of a petitioner or candidate. However, testing their financial limits is a different matter and is uncalled for.

EDICT NO. 328 of MW Suan consolidated the Rules and Instructions in the Admission and Treatment of Petitioners, providing disciplinary sanctions and penalties. Some them we have just mentioned above. And Its



opening paragraphs are in harmony with our Grand Master's Quote: **PHILIPPINE FREEMASONRY IS A CUT ABOVE THE REST.**

Ours is... "an international fraternal organization and considered as the oldest fraternal brotherhood in the world with philosophies, traditions, ceremonies and rituals that can be traced in antiquity and are conducted for its symbolic lessons through a dramatic format designed to impart allegorical lessons and impress high moral principles upon the candidate;

since time immemorial, masonic rites and rituals are non-violent in nature and entirely different from the initiations followed by school-based and community-based fraternities;

the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines has proscribed and never tolerated any act or conduct that violates the dignity of its petitioners and candidates in the more than a hundred years of its continued existence in the Philippines and has established various self-policing mechanisms and internal rules of conduct among its members long before the enactment of laws dealing on hazing.

We are constantly being reminded about Guarding the West Gate and that no Petitioner is so important, and no increase in numbers is so urgent, that we cannot take time to thoroughly investigate all who knock upon our doors." Yes, these reminders are true but who will Guard the Guards?

Let us also not forget to guard our actions. We have to be vigilant as well to those within our ranks who have misguided perceptions in

testing the limits and capacities of the petitioners and candidates within our watch. These include ALL District Officers (DDGMs, DGLs, and GLIs) – never say "bahala na ang mga WM sa kanila". These include ALL Worshipful Masters - never say "bahala na si Senior/Junior Warden sa kanila". These include ALL Lodge Members – never say "bahala na ang three lights sa kanila". These include ALL Visiting Brethren – never say "Bisita lang ako dito, bahala na ang lodge na ito sa kanila." The actions that all of us should take in preventing and dealing with this issue swiftly and decisively can be found in Edict 328 and issued in December 9, 2019 – even before the Pandemic.

There is this story that may be too cliché, but considering the topic of the day let me say it anyway:

*There were four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have. The story may be confusing but the message is clear: **NO ONE TOOK RESPONSIBILITY SO NOTHING GOT ACCOMPLISHED.***

It is a story that plays out often in organizations and companies and on teams—anywhere there is culture that lacks accountability. Let us therefore get our acts together and be accountable.





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METRO DUMAGUETE

APRIL 27-28, 2023

Welcoming Brethren

MW Johnny T. Pimentel
Grand Master

RW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching
Deputy Grand Master

DESTINATION: DUMAGUETE CITY

BY: VW CARY DUVAL S. UY, PDGL/ TCT HEAD NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Masonic District R-XVIII - Negros Island Region, together with Mt. Kaladias No. 91 – mother Lodge of RW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, our Deputy Grand Master are busy as a beehive as the final preparations for the **106th Annual Communication** are in full swing.

As early as August 2022, our MW Johnny Ty Pimentel penned **Edict No. 347**, giving direction and clarity from the Grand Lodge on the conduct of the event which is set to happen in Metro Dumaguete from April 27 to 28, 2023 (Thursday and Friday). The six-page document issued in August 12, is the official reference for the Brethren as to Registration, Programs, and Order of Business for the two-day event. **Kindly refer to page 88 of this issue to see the first four pages of the Edict.**

In November 5, 2022 – our Grand Master issued **Circular No. 8 for Updates on AnCom 2023 – Metro Dumaguete**. Reiterating the Registration Fee of 3,500ph and stipulating the deadline on March 15, 2023.

For Transportation and Hotel Billing, the Brethren are directed to coordinate with Host District - MD R-XVII (Negros Island Region). Contact Persons and their contact numbers can be found on the first page of the Circular. **See page 92.**

Prior to AnCom Proper, the **MW Johnny T. Pimentel Grand Master's Cup – the First GLP Mini-Olympics**, is set in Dumaguete City from April 25 (Tuesday) to April 26 (Wednesday). The two-day Sports Tournament which is in line with the Grand Master's Theme – Harmony for One and All: The Foundation of Genuine Masonic Fraternity" shall consist of Billiards Competition, Basketball Tournament, and Golf Competition. The details on these events can be referred to in **Circular No. 14 and 14-A – MW Pimentel (see page 93).**

For the Official Schedule of ANCOM 2023, kindly refer to the Grand Master's **Circular No. 15** found at **page 95 of this Cable Tow Issue.**



GOOD DAY BRETHERN!

Although the registration for ANCOM 2023 (April 27-28) in Dumaguete, is now closed, Barong Bag / Kits are still available @ P1,000.00 only via 2-step process:

STEP ONE: ADVANCE PAYMENT

Bank Payments can be made to the Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)
 Bank Account No.: 9210-0095-47
 Account Name: Rowell B. Gaga-a / Gig T. Emperado / Dante T. Angeles
 Bank Address: Units 1 & 2 Uymatiao Bldg, San Jose St., Dumaguete City

REMINDER: Do keep your Bank Receipts for Claiming of Kits.

STEP TWO: CLAIMING OF KITS

Show Proof of Payment via

FB Messenger to: **AnCom Dumaguete**
 or email: **workinggrp23ancom@gmail.com**

Together with your

Name:
 Masonic District:
 Lodge Name & Number:
 Shirt Size:
 Contact No.:
 Email address:

Note:

Barong Bag/Kits will be given at the Uypitching Multi-Purpose Hall (UMPH)
 from April 25 onwards.

Claiming by Proxy will be allowed after signing in our master list by the bearer.

RW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching
Deputy Grand Master
Grand Lodge of the Philippines, F. & A.M



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EDICT NO. 347

CONDUCT OF ANCOM 2023 IN METRO DUMAGUETE

WHEREAS, under Section 1, Article IV, Part I of the Masonic Law Book, *"(t)he Grand Lodge shall hold its Annual Communication for the transaction of business in the City of Manila or in any other place as may be authorized by law x x x"*;

WHEREAS, Edict 168-Choa prescribes the rules and regulations on solicitation from and submission of proposals by subordinate lodges to host ANCOM outside of Metro Manila, among others;

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Edicts 340-MW Suan and 344-MW Paulino were issued modifying the procedures for ANCOM 2021 and ANCOM 2022 but no specific procedures have been put in place yet for the hosting of the next ANCOM;

WHEREAS, during ANCOM 2022, it was proposed and accepted that the venue of the ANCOM 2023 will be held in Metro Dumaguete to be hosted by Masonic District R-XVIII (Negros Island Region);

WHEREAS, in holding the ANCOM, strict observance of health protocols to ensure safety of all ANCOM delegates, shall continue be adopted, hence the need for a specific guideline to govern the conduct of ANCOM 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, and by virtue of the authority and power in me vested by the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, hereby promulgate and decree, as follows:

Harmony for One and All: The Foundation of Genuine Masonic Fraternity.

Section 1. Venue and Host of the 2023 Annual Communication.

- The Grand Lodge shall hold its ANCOM 2023 and conduct a physical format for the transaction of business in Metro Dumaguete to be hosted by Masonic District R-XVIII (Negros Island Region). Pending the issuance of a Circular to this effect, all delegates are encouraged to coordinate this early with the ANCOM Host for booking purposes.

Section 2. Registration Fee. - The registration fee shall be **Pesos: Three Thousand Five Hundred (P3,500.00)**, inclusive of ANCOM kits and food accommodation during the plenary sessions, to be collected from the following delegates:

- a. **Electing Delegates** - those who are the only eligible voters for all elective offices of the Grand Lodge and can vote on issues to be decided in the ANCOM. They comprise of the voting representatives of accredited Subordinate Lodges (*incumbent Worshipful Master, Wardens and the Immediate Past Master*); the Past Grand Masters (PGMs); incumbent elective and appointive Grand Lodge Officers (GLOs) except Grand Lodge Inspectors; and the Immediate Past Masters in representation of all Past Masters of lodges.
- b. **Registered Delegates** - shall refer to all attending and duly accredited Past Masters of subordinate lodges. Together with the Electing Delegates, they are eligible to vote on issues to be resolved by the ANCOM.
- c. **Non-Voting Delegates** - those not included in the above definition but who opt to register and attend the ANCOM as observers with designated seats.

Section 3. - Two-Day Plenary Session. - The ANCOM 2023 shall be a two-day plenary session to be held on April 27-28 (Thursday and Friday), 2023, including the election of officers and installation of elected and appointed officers, following the Order of Business which is hereto attached and marked as Annex "A".

Section 4. Procedure on Reports. - The following procedures on Grand Lodge Reports and other Committee Reports requiring action during the plenary session of ANCOM 2023 shall be observed:

- a. All Reports of the Grand Lodge Officers, including GL Annual Budget or Appropriations, Standing and Special Committees, attached Organizations and such other papers and documents in

digitized format requiring deliberation, appropriate action, approval or ratification during the ANCOM shall be made available for downloading from the GLP Official Website thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled ANCOM;

- b. With proof of registration, ANCOM delegates defined in Section 2 (a) and (b) of this Edict, may submit their written comment or objection to any matter requiring action or approval during the ANCOM at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled ANCOM by letter or e-mail addressed to the GM at ogm@grandlodge.ph or glp_ogm@yahoo.com. The GM may reply to the same within five (5) days from receipt, and such comment or objection in brief shall be reported to the ANCOM for action or voting without further debate. No comment, objection or debate on other issues shall be entertained on the floor.

Section 5. Composition of the ELECOM. - The Election Committee shall take full control and charge of election proceedings for ANCOM 2023 and shall be composed of the following:

MW Pacifico B. Aniag, PGM	-	Chairman
VW Dennis L. Cunanan	-	Member
VW Rogelio D. Gevero, Jr.	-	Member
VW Raymond Joseph Ian O. Mendoza	-	Member
VW Kenneth B. Yambao	-	Member

Technical Working Group

VW Joey Y. Pangilinan
Bro. Jonathan A. Paulo
Bro. Glenn Anthony A. Losentes
Bro. Ryan A. Escarez
Bro. Angelo O. Castro, II
Ms. Lara C. Medalla - Technical Support

Section 6. Provision for Hybrid Set-up. - The Grand Lodge reserves the option to call for a hybrid program for ANCOM 2023, that is, part physical and part online, as the situation may warrant such as declaration of stricter COVID-19 health protocols restricting mass gatherings; change of alert level status limiting or prohibiting 100% venue capacity; occurrence of natural calamities impacting land, sea or air transportation and other compelling reasons affecting physical attendance or travel within and without the ANCOM venue. In such event, the modification shall be announced through a Circular to be issued by the

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Grand Master. The ANCOM host shall prepare for such eventuality by ensuring availability of online facilities at the ANCOM site.

Section 7. Applicability Clause. - Except as otherwise provided for under this Edict, all applicable and/or relevant Grand Lodge edicts and regulations in the conduct of ANCOM shall remain applicable.

This Edict shall take effect immediately upon posting in the official Grand Lodge Website or by official e-mail transmission to lodges and shall be read in open lodge at the stated meeting next following its receipt and that action thereon recorded in the Minutes of the meeting of the Lodge.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in the City of Manila, this 12th day of August, 2022.


JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Grand Master

Attest:


DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM
Grand Secretary

JTP/DDA/DLC/vangie



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CIRCULAR NO. 8 – MW PIMENTEL

**TO : ALL GLOs, DDGMs, JGLs, DGLs, MASTERS, WARDENS,
PAST MASTERS AND ALL MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE
LODGES**

SUBJECT : UPDATES ON ANCOM 2023 – METRO DUMAGUETE

Following the representations of RW Don Terng Ramas-Uypitching, Deputy Grand Master and Chairman, ANCOM 2023 Host Committee, preparations for the holding of physical ANCOM in Metro Dumaguete are in full blast and accordingly, everything is expected to be ready in time for the April 27 – 28, 2023 convention.

In this regard, the brethren are reminded of the following:

1. The ANCOM Fee remains at P3,500.00 per Edict No. 347 inclusive of meals. Those who previously paid P1,000.00 registration fee should complete the prescribed amount of P3,500.00 in order to be considered as Registered Delegates.
2. ANCOM registration is now resumed. The deadline for ANCOM registration and payment shall be on March 15, 2023. There shall be no further extension or onsite registration.
3. The ANCOM Hosts are coordinating with airline companies servicing the route for additional flights to accommodate the influx of delegates and visitors to the area and shall share flight information with the brethren in due time.
4. For hotel and billeting accommodation, please coordinate with the ANCOM Host Committee as follows:

Ancom Host Website: ancom2023dumaguete.online

Coordinators/Contact Numbers:

VW Gig T. Emperado, DDGM RXVIII-Negros Island - 09209213295

Bro. Felixberto S. Zamora, Jr. - 09275374042

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CIRCULAR NO. 14 – A – MW PIMENTEL

TO : ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS, DDGMs, DGLs, GLIs,
MASTERS, WARDENS AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE SUBORDINATE LODGES OF THIS JURISDICTION

SUBJECT : UPDATE/REVISION ON THE MW JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
GRAND MASTER'S CUP (1ST GLP MINI OLYMPICS)

Relative to Circular No. 14, the jurisdiction is advised that the previously planned Shooting Competition was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the organizing committee. A Billiards Competition will be held in its place. Also added is the Fun Run as a special event in the Mini-Olympics organized by the Host District.

The "MW Johnny T. Pimentel Grand Master's Cup" shall now consist of the following events:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1) Billiards Competition | April 25 th |
| 2) Basketball Tournament | April 25-26 th |
| 3) Golf Competition | April 26 th |

The Host District, Masonic District R-XVIII will also be hosting a Fun Run, a separate event which will start early in the morning from 5am to 7am on April 27 to be held at Rizal Boulevard, Dumaguete City.

Details of the events may be viewed at <https://www.ancom2023.gtiarmedcars.com>. All interested participants may contact them for the event mechanics and coordination purposes.

Masonic Districts, Subordinate Lodges and all Allied Masonic Organizations and Clubs are encouraged to send their delegates to the said events.

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This Circular shall take effect upon publication in the GLP website and shall be read in open Lodge at the Stated Meeting following its receipt and action thereon duly recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in the City of Manila, this 11th day of April 2023.


JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Grand Master

Attest:


DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM
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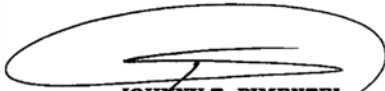
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Further information shall be released as may be necessary.

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Given under my hand and the Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in the City of Manila, this 5th day of November 2022.


JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Grand Master

Attest:


DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM
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CIRCULAR NO. 15 – MW PIMENTEL

**TO : ALL GRAND LINE OFFICERS, DDGMs, DGLs, GLIs,
WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS AND OFFICERS AND
MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES**

SUBJECT : OFFICIAL SCHEDULE OF ANCOM 2023

This Circular hereby sets forth the official schedule for the upcoming Annual Communications in Dumaguete City from April 25-28, 2023. Kindly take note that in consideration of unforeseen events and contingencies, the time and details in the schedule below may be subject to change without prior notice.

APRIL 25, 2023 - TUESDAY

MW Johnny T. Pimentel Grand Master's Cup – Circular No. 14-A
(1ST GLP MINI OLYMPICS consisting of the following events:
Golf Competition/Billiards/Basketball/Fun Run)

APRIL 26, 2023 - WEDNESDAY

- 9:00 AM - Courtesy call on the Provincial Governor/Vice-Governor, Mayor of Dumaguete City and other local officials by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge/ District Officials (Masonic Attire)
- 9:45 AM - Wreath laying Rizal Monument – Dumaguete Quezon Park (Masonic Attire)
- 10:00 AM - Annual Convention of the Grand Guild of Past Masters (Venue: UMPH)
- 6:00 PM - Welcome Dinner for Past Grand Masters and Foreign Dignitaries/Guests (By Invitation Only) (Separate Program)

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Semi Formal / Casual Attire

Brooke's Place, Upper Batinguel,
Dumaguete City

APRIL 27, 2023 - THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION (8:00 AM)

(Attire: Elected Grand Line Officer – Tuxedo
PGMs & Grand Line Officers – Barong Tagalog
Delegates – Masonic)

1. Opening of the Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master
2. Reception of the Grand Master and Turn-Over of the Gavel by the DGM to the GM
3. Reception of Dignitaries and PGMs
4. Opening Prayer by the Grand Chaplain
5. Reception of the Philippine Flag

Singing of the Lupang Hinirang
Panunumpa sa Watawat
Tribute to the Flag
Singing of the Grand Lodge Hymn

6. Welcome Remarks by the Host District
7. Grand Oration
8. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

RECESS (Lunch Break 12:00 PM)

AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 PM)

1. Approval of Resolution that the current proceedings be adopted by the GLP as minutes of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines as a corporate body
2. Approval of Edict No. 347 Re Conduct of the ANCOM 2023 in Metro Dumaguete
3. Approval of the 105th ANCOM Proceedings held on April 28, 2022 in Manila

4. Acknowledgement of Grand Representatives present
5. Presentation of the Grand Treasurers Report
6. Presentation of the Grand Secretary's Report
7. Presentation of the Senior Grand Lecturer's Report
8. Presentation of the Grand Master's Report
9. Referral of the Grand Master's Report, GS Report, GT Report and SGL Report to the Committee on Grand Lodge Officers' Reports
10. Presentation/Approval of the Grand Auditor's Report
11. Presentation/Approval of the reports of various Standing and Special Committees Report
12. Presentation of Reports of Attached Organizations

RECESS

EVENING – GRAND MASTER'S NIGHT (Separate Program)

Starts at 6:30 pm at Pantawan 2 & 3

Attire: Semi-formal / Casual

APRIL 28, 2023, FRIDAY

MORNING SESSION (8:00 AM)

1. Continuation of the Approval/Disapproval/Notation of various Reports of GLP officers, attached Organizations, Standing and Special Committees for MY 2022-2023 (if needed)
2. Bidding for Ancom 2024
3. Turn-Over of Gavel to the Chairman of the ELECOM
4. Casting of Votes for the Position of GM, DGM, SGW, GTr and GSec
5. Announcement of Qualified Candidates for the position of JGW as trimmed down by the PGMS
6. Selection of five (5) final candidates drawn by the PGMS' representative

7. Speech of the Candidates (five [5] minutes each)
8. Voting Proper (ELECOM to announce queuing system)
9. Canvassing of Votes
10. Proclamation of Winners

RECESS (Lunch Break 12:00 PM)

AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 PM)

1. Conferral of Past Master's Degree (Venue: UMPH Annex) (if time will permit)
2. Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers
3. Closing of the Grand Lodge

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Given under my hand and the Seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in the City of Manila, this 11th day of April 2023.


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Attest:


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