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Soaring high above the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, the Jewel and Symbol of the Junior Grand Warden takes flight, representing the aspirations, dedication, and leadership of the 12 esteemed nominees vying for this crucial position. This emblem of duty and honor signifies the beginning of a journey—one that will ultimately lead to the Grand Oriental Chair. As the Masonic community looks ahead, this cover stands as a tribute to the brethren who have stepped forward to shape the destiny of Philippine Masonry. Their path is one of wisdom, integrity, and unwavering service, and from among them, one will rise to guide the Craft into the future.

The future of Freemasonry is on the horizon—who among them will rise to the challenge?

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EDITOR'S PAGE

by VW Gene Illenberger, GSc (379)

Twelve Master Masons: Who Will Rise?

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines proudly presents the 12 esteemed brethren vying for the position of Junior Grand Warden (JGW), a critical step in the journey toward becoming Grand Master. This distinguished group represents the finest Masons throughout the jurisdiction, carefully selected for their dedication, leadership, and Masonic virtues.

Each nominee has undergone a rigorous selection process, including interviews with Past Grand Masters, ensuring that only the most qualified and capable brothers stand before the voting brethren. The Cable Tow Team has worked diligently to gather essential information about these 12 nominees, making it possible for the Craft to better understand their credentials, vision, and commitment to Philippine Freemasonry.

These brethren are the finest harvest of Masons across the jurisdiction, men who have proven their worth through years of service and dedication to the Craft. Now, the decision rests in the hands of our registered voting brothers, who will choose from among them the best candidate to shape the future of Philippine Masonry.

The elected JGW will embark on a journey that, in time, will lead to the highest office of Grand Master. This role demands wisdom, leadership, and a steadfast commitment to the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. As the Masonic community prepares for this crucial election, we stand united in our trust that the next Junior Grand Warden will continue to uphold the legacy of our forebears and lead the Craft into the future.

As we mark this important occasion, we also reflect on the unity that brought us here. The Cable Tow Volume 101 has been a labor of love—shaped by the work of writers, editors, photographers, artists, and supporters who made sure every page carried weight. Together, we've created a volume that honored the past, engaged the present, and looked to the future. Mga kuyang and ateng ko, thank you for your best work and for best agreeing.

Finally, let us celebrate this momentous occasion and support the brethren who have stepped forward in service to Freemasonry. One of them will be our future Grand Master—who among them will rise to the challenge?

Let there be more men in the light, and let there be more light among Masons,

VW Gene Illenberger, GSc
Editor-In-Chief

VW MANUEL FERDINAND C. ARBAS

Fuan Sumulong Masonic Lodge No. 169

Manuel Ferdinand "Patch" C. Arbas brings over two decades of distinguished public service and Masonic leadership. A seasoned Bureau of Immigration executive, legal scholar, and community servant, he is known for integrity, innovation, and dedication. Within the Craft, he has served as Worshipful Master, DDGM, JGL, and founding member of multiple lodges. His vision, "Elevating Brotherhood, Enlightening Minds, Empowering the Brethren," champions unity, mentorship, transparency, and lifelong Masonic learning. A Hiram Awardee and decorated brother, Bro. Patch is committed to building a legacy of light and service—worthy of the honor of Junior Grand Warden.

PROFILE

Manuel Ferdinand C. Arbas began his career at the Bureau of Immigration (BI) in January 1999, providing technical assistance to then Commissioner Rufus B. Rodriguez. Tasked with reviewing policies and procedures, he sought to streamline systems and address public concerns efficiently.

By July 1999, he was designated Technical Assistant for the Alien Registration Division (ARD), where, with the Commissioner's backing, he spearheaded reforms to reduce red tape. His innovations—many of which are still in place today—earned praise from international organizations and foreign chambers of commerce. These included the standardization of 17 ARD transactions, the creation of a computerized alien registration database, introduction of transparent window-type transactions, implementation of a tracking system for applications, streamlining processes for 20% workforce productivity gains, and the institution of Saturday overtime services for weekend departures.

In 2001, Commissioner Andrea D. Domingo reassigned him to the Commissioner's Office, leveraging his ARD expertise. He was instrumental in continuing the proposed Immigra-

JUAN SUMULONG MASONIC LODGE No. 169 F & A.M.
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tion Law, represented BI during deliberations on the Dual Citizenship Law (RA 9225), and helped refine the Public Information Assistance Manual. The Immigration Bill progressed to the Second Reading in the House and was refiled during the 13th Congress.

Following another leadership change in 2004, Commissioner Alipio F. Fernandez conducted a personnel review. Unlike many colleagues, Arbas was not returned to his mother unit, the Immigration Regulation Division, but reappointed to ARD as Technical Assistant. He was also tasked with representing the Commissioner at NAIA, acting on petitions to update or extend stays of foreign nationals, overseeing investigations of tampered travel documents, and managing the issuance of Special Work Permits to foreign nationals in entertainment, sports, and religious sectors.

Under Commissioner Marcelino C. Libanan (2007), Arbas—by then a Supervising Immigration Officer—was designated Deputy Chief of ARD and concurrently Chief of Technical Staff. Supporting the Commissioner's reforms in fiscal management, policy, and personnel development, Arbas contributed to the BI's recognition from embassies, chambers of commerce, government bodies, and the private sector. As Overall Area Immigration Director for NCR, he played a central role in these efforts.

When Commissioner Libanan's term ended in 2010, Arbas returned full-time as Deputy Chief of ARD. In October 2011, he was designated Deputy Chief of the Center for Training and Research (CTR), where he launched technical training modules such as fingerprint analysis (with the FBI) and detention facility protocols (with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology).

In 2012, via DOJ Department Order No. 145, Arbas was detailed to the Office of the Secretary to review high-impact policy matters, including Overtime Pay for BI personnel, Deportation Procedures, and BI's electronic payment systems.

Later that year, he was sent to Samar to evaluate the viability of a field office in Calbayog City. During his six-month tour, he inaugurated the Calbayog Field Office, conducted outreach with local officials across Samar's municipalities, hosted a local immigration radio program, and forged a Memorandum of Agreement with the Philippine National Police. Today, the Calbayog Office remains one of the region's top collectors.

Promoted as Acting Chief of ARD in 2016, Arbas pushed for better service delivery by reducing paperwork, consolidating forms, and streamlining processes across 21 ARD transactions. His reformist mindset led to various additional designations, including:

- Chair, National Alien Mapping Committee (2021–present)
- Member, BI Anti-Corruption Committee (2021–present)
- Vice-Chair, BI COVID Task Force (2020–present)
- Chair, BI Relief Operations Program: spearheading missions in Batangas, Davao City, Legazpi, Tuguegarao, and Cauayan
- Member, Doctrines Development Board (2018–present)
- Head, Gender and Development Focal Point System – TWG (2018–present)

In 2019, Arbas was elected President of the official BI employees' union, BUKLOD ng mga Kawani ng CID. Representing 1,600+ members, he advocates for employee welfare through collective bargaining, ensures fair deliberations in the Personnel Selection Board, and leads capacity-building initiatives.

PERSONAL

- Date of Birth: 07 November 1969
- Place of birth: Jaro, Leyte
- Parents
  +Dr. Juan M. Arbas and Lilia C. Arbas
- Spouse: Atty. Ma. Lourdes Consuelo M. Arbas

EDUCATION

University of the Philippines
- Bachelor of Arts
  Major in Political Science
- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Social Sciences

San Sebastian College of Law

- Juris Doctor

St. Francis of Assisi College

- Master's in Business Management

SERVICE RECORD

- 27 March 2007 to present
  Supervising Immigration Officer
  Bureau of Immigration Manila, Philippines
- 02 July 2003 to 27-Mar-2007
  Immigration Officer III
  Bureau of Immigration Manila, Philippines
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- 12 December 2000 to 01 July 2003 Immigration Officer II
  Bureau of Immigration Manila, Philippines
- 04 January 1999 to 11 December 2000
  Legal Assistant
  Bureau of Immigration Manila, Philippines
- 2 June 1996 to 14 June 1997
  Legal Officer I
  Small Business Guarantee Finance Corporation (SBGFC) Makati, Philippines
- 15 June 1997 to 3 January 1999
  Political Affairs Officer of former Finance Secretary Roberto "Tiger

Bobby" F. De Ocampo Manila, Philippines

MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Boy Scout of the Philippines
  Eagle Scout Awardee
  Lifetime Member
- West Tondo Lion's Club
  Committee Chairman/Founding Member
- Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
  Lifetime Member
- BUKLOD ng mga Kawani ng CID (BUKLOD)
- Bureau of Immigration Immigration Officers Association of the Philippines (IOAP)
- UP Runggiyan, Inc.
  University of the Philippines
- Lambda Rho Beta Law Fraternity
  San Beda College of Law
- Kusog han Salugnon, Inc.
  Quezon City
- San Juanico Golfer's Association, Inc. Tacloban City
- Camp Aguinaldo Golf Club
  Quezon City

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Manuel Ferdinand "Patch" C. Arbas has been honored both locally and internationally for his exemplary public service and leadership. He received the Medalya ng Kahusayan sa Paglilingkod in 2024 and the Medalya ng Kagalingan as Officer of the Year in 2017 from the Bureau of Immigration. His expertise in immigration law earned him multiple commendations as a lecturer and speaker, including from the PNP, DOJ, and U.S. Embassy. Recognized by organizations such as the Manila Action Lion's Club and various Filipino-Chinese chambers, his awards also span international recognition—from Japan's Ministry of Justice to the International Law Enforcement Academy in Thailand.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING, SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS, SEMINARS, SPECIAL COURSES

Since 2000, Brother Patch has participated in and lectured at numerous seminars, training programs, and international conferences on immigration law, border control, and public service leadership. He has served as a lecturer on Philippine immigration laws and policies for the Bureau of Immigration and the Philippine Immigration Academy. Notably, Brother Patch was involved in significant events such as the APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation) meetings, where his expertise in immigration policies played a vital role in discussions. He has also participated in leadership and governance seminars in New York, alongside programs organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Civil Service Institute, Korean Institute of Justice, and Columbia University. Brother Patch's work has consistently contributed to enhancing immigration service

delivery and fostering inter-agency coordination, both in the Philippines and on the international stage.

MASONIC PROFILE

Juan Sumulong Masonic Lodge No. 169

- Initiated: December 2, 2006
- Passed: January 10, 2007
- Raised: March 17, 2007
- Junior Warden: 2012
- Senior Warden: 2013
- Worshipful Master: 2014
- Grand Lodge Inspector: 2015 – Marikina Lodge No. 119
- District Grand Lecturer: 2016 – Masonic District NCR-F
- Junior Grand Lecturer: 2020–2021 – Masonic Districts NCR-E & NCR-F
- District Deputy Grand Master: 2023 – Masonic District NCR-F
- HIRAM Award Recipient: September 2024

CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

- Isaac I Puno Jr Masonic Lodge No. 401
- Unang Sigaw Masonic Lodge No. 430
- Commonwealth Masonic Lodge No. 460

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

- Aklan Masonic Lodge No. 205
- St. John the Baptist Masonic Lodge No. 362
- Mandaluyong City Masonic Lodge No. 277
- Katipunan Masonic Lodge No. 489
- Pinaglabanan Masonic Lodge No. 374
- Silanganan Lodge No. 19
- Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS/ORGANIZATIONS

Shriners International
Mabuhay Shriners International
- Batch Mapagbigay Alab – 2011, Batch Vice President

Maharlika Shrine Club
- Ambassador, 2021–2024

Order of the Secret Monitor (OSM)
- Pearl of the Orient Conclave No. 496 - Member
- Arch of Steel Conclave No. 9 Immediate Past Supreme Ruler
- Pillars of the East Conclave No. 8 Member
- Azur Conclave Member

Order of the Secret Monitor (UK Jurisdiction)
- Scarlet Cord No. 44 - Member

Grand Order of the Blue Rabbit
- Grand Herald (President) 2022 to present

Common Gavel Club
- Bureau of Immigration Chapter

President, 2007–2019

Travelers' Clubs
- Mandaluyong Traveller's Club
  Vice President, 2014–2019
- Traveler's Square and Compass
  President, 2019–2021
- Golfer's Club, CAGC
  Member
- QC Trowel Club
  Member
- Square and Compass We Connect
  Member

Masons Order of Law Association
Member

ULU Kinta Consistory No. 128
Member

York Rite (Plaridel Bodies)
Royal Arch / Mark Master
Member

MASONIC AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Manuel Ferdinand "Patch" C. Arbas has been consistently recognized for his unwavering dedication to the Craft. From 2017 to 2024, he received plaques and certificates of appreciation from various lodges and Masonic districts across the Philippines—including Batasan, Pinaglabanan, Commonwealth, Juan Sumulong, and Aklan—for his invaluable support, magnanimous service, and selfless commitment. He was also honored as Guest of Honor and Speaker in multiple installations and events, including

in Tacloban and Pinaglabanan. His contributions to the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Order of the Blue Rabbit, and the BI Common Gavel Club further underscore his Masonic spirit.

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"ELEVATING BROTHERHOOD, ENLIGHTENING OUR MINDS, EMPOWERING THE BRETHREN - TOGETHER, WE BUILD A LEGACY OF LIGHT."

This Three-Point Agenda aims to invigorate lodge activities and strengthen bond among members

STRENGTHEN LODGE UNITY AND FELLOWSHIP

Encourage stronger ties between younger and elder Masons through Mentorship Programs, ensuring the continuity of Masonic wisdom and values. Thus, the establishment of HOME-Home of Masonic Elders.

Invest in Membership Welfare and Engagement by Standardizing and institutionalizing a support system for members in need, such as healthcare assistance, financial aid, and mental health resources

Promote deeper brotherhood by organizing inter-lodge fellowship activities such as fora, sports events and community service projects.

ENHANCE MASONIC EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Introduce modular and accessible learning programs focusing on the teachings of Masonry, history and leadership.

Provide scholarship or grants for members to attend regional and international Masonic Conferences, fostering a global perspective.

Promote Transparency and Accountability in Lodge Operations

Institutionalize a uniform set of financial guidelines and regular auditing across all lodges to ensure trust and integrity

Implement workshop on best practices in lodge governance, empowering officers to uphold ethical standards

VW MICHAEL D. DAVID

Arcadio M. Evangelista Masonic Lodge No.254

A visionary builder both in the field and in the Craft, **VW Michael D. David** brings over two decades of Masonic service, unmatched leadership experience, and the structural mind of a civil engineer to his candidacy. As a Past DDGM, Charter Worshipful Master of multiple lodges, and Grand Lodge officer, he has consistently laid strong foundations for progress. His blueprint—rooted in education, unity, outreach, and lodge growth—reflects his commitment to shaping a future-ready Freemasonry. With his proven integrity, technical acumen, and passion for the Craft, he is more than ready to help build tomorrow from the Grand South.

PERSONAL DATA

- Age : 49 years old
- Nationality : Filipino
- Religion : Roman Catholic
- Date of Birth : September 7, 1975
- Civil Status : Married

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, De La Salle University, Manila
  Year Graduated: 1997
- High School, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Tarlac City
  Year Graduated: 1992
- Elementary, Don Bosco Technical Institute, Tarlac City
  Year Graduated: 1988

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

- ASEAN Engineer
  Specialist in Construction Management and Project Management
- DPWH Accredited Materials Engineer II
- DPWH Accredited Materials Engineer I
- Fellow, Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc.
- Civil Engineer-PRC No. 81539

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Manager/Proprietor
  DAMICO Builder and Supplies
  (2002-Present)
- Assistant Manager/ VP-Operations

ARCADIO R. EVANGELISTA MEMORIAL LODGE # 254
ANAO, TARLAC
Masonic District #111 Tarlac South

LSD Construction and Supplies (1997-Present)

AWARDS RECEIVED/DISTINCTIONS

- 2020: Most Outstanding Regional Coordinator, Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc.
- 2019: Most Outstanding Regional Coordinator, Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc.
- 2018: Most Outstanding Regional Coordinator, Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc.
- 2015: Nominated as Junior Grand Warden, Lodge, District & Region III Level
- 2014: Nominated as Junior Grand Warden, Lodge and District Level
- 2007: Best in Community Project Award, Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers, Inc.
- 2006: Most Outstanding Lodge (AREM Lodge #254) in the District, District #35
- 2006: Most Outstanding Worshipful Master, District #35, Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines
- 2006: Chairman, The Outstanding Councilor of the Philippines, Junior Chamber International Philippines
- 2004: Outstanding Local Organization Movement in Community Project Area 1, Junior Chamber International Philippines
- 2004: Distinction in Safety and Health Program Area 1, Junior Chamber International Philippines

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/CLUB AFFILIATIONS

PHILIPPINE INSTITUTE OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, INC. (PICE)

- National Auditor – 2024–Present
- National Director – 2013, 2023
- Regional Coordinator, Region III– 2011–2012, 2014–2017
- Director, Tarlac Chapter 2009–2012
- President, Tarlac Chapter – 2007
- Vice President – Internal, Tarlac Chapter – 2004–2005
- Member, Tarlac Chapter 1997–Present

FREEMASONRY (Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines)

- Member, Arem Lodge No. 254 2002–Present
  - Warden – 2003–04
  - Worshipful Master – 2005
- Charter Member, Tarlac Kaunlaran Lodge No. 360 2005–Present
- Grand Lodge Inspector, Victory Lodge No. 116 – 2006
- District Deputy Grand Master, MDRIII-G (Tarlac) – 2008–09
- Charter Member, Heroes Lodge U.D. – 2008–10
- Honorary Member, AB Yap Lodge No. 328 – 08
- Dual Member, AB Yap Mem.

Lodge No. 328 – 2010
- Charter Worshipful Master, Ang Rehenerasyon Lodge No. 402 – 2012–15
  - Lodge Secretary – 2015–16
- Grand Tyler, GLP – 2013–14
- Grand Historian, GLP – 2021-22
- Charter Worshipful Master, Green City Lodge No. 459 – 2019

SCOTTISH RITE & RELATED BODIES

- Member, Tarlac Bodies AAS&R – 2008–Present
- Pampanga Bodies AAS&R – 2017–Present
  - Venerable Master – 2015–16
  - Charter Member/Senior Warden – 2013–14
- Charter Venerable Master, Melting Pot Bodies AASR – 2023–24

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR

- Member – 2011–Present
- Treasurer, Pillars of the North 2014

SHRINERS / SHRINE CLUBS

- Member, Philippine Shriner Association – 2003
- Member, Mt. Arayat Shrine Club – Mabuhay Shriners 2015–Present

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

- Knights Commander, Heneral Macabulos Chapter – 2023–2024
- Regional Grand Commander, Central Luzon – 2024–Present

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

- Charter President, New Clark Tarlac Eagles Club – 2020–2022
- Regional Governor, CLR XX – 2021–Present

DON BOSCO ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

- President, Don Bosco Tarlac Past Pupils Association – 2020–2024
- National Auditor, Don Bosco National Federation of Past Pupils – 2019–2020
- Batch President, DBXCII (Tarlac Batch '92) – 2014–Present

JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL (JCI)

- President, Tarlac Centennial Jaycees – 2004
- Treasurer – 2001–2003
- National Vice President Central Luzon – 2005
- National Director for Community Affairs – 2006

OTHER CLUBS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, PCCI-Tarlac Chamber

of Commerce – 2003–Present
- Member, ASEAN Engineering Register – 2016–Present
- Member, Philippine Practical Shooters Association 1988–Present
- Member, Tarlac Shooters Club, Inc. – 1988–Present
- Safety Practitioner (Accredited by DOLE/OSH) – 2007
- Member, Plumb & Level Club 2013–Present
- Member, Present Bosconian Travellers, Inc. – 2013

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Social Community Services (Regionwide)
- Disaster Quick Response Program (NDCC-PICE)
- PICE Tarlac Outreach Programs
- Free & Accepted Masons Outreach Program
- DBTPPA Outreach Programs

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"LAYING STRONG FOUNDATIONS, BUILDING BRIDGES, AND ELEVATING THE FRATERNITY"

Blueprint for Progress: Strengthening the Foundations of Freemasonry

Theme: Laying Strong Foundations, Building Bridges, and Elevating the Fraternity

Freemasonry, like a well-engineered structure, stands firm on the strength of its foundation, the integrity of its members, and the durability of its principles. To ensure the longevity of our fraternity, we must reinforce our pillars of unity, expand our reach, and construct a future that is resilient and progressive. As a civil engineer and a dedicated Mason, my vision when elected as Junior Grand Warden and progressed to the grand ladders and be seated in the Grand East revolves around four structural components: Masonic Education (Foundation), Fraternal Unity (Bridges), Community Engagement (Structures), and Lodge Expansion (Growth & Development).

1. FOUNDATION: MASONIC EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Just as a strong structure requires a solid foundation, our fraternity needs well-grounded Masons who are equipped with knowledge and leadership skills.

A. Masonic Leadership Academy

Develop a structured Training & Development Framework for lodge

officers, focusing on Masonic jurisprudence, ritual proficiency, and organizational management.

Introduce a Masonic Leadership Pipeline to ensure continuity of knowledge and effective succession planning.

B. Digital Masonic Learning Platform

Design an Online Knowledge Hub where brethren can access lectures, resources, and discussions on Masonic history, philosophy, and governance.
Host Virtual Engineering of the Craft Webinars, featuring experts discussing how Masonic principles apply in modern professional and personal life.

C. Strengthening the Lodge Mentorship Program

Establish a Masonic Structural Support System where senior members guide younger brethren in their journey.

Implement a Blueprint for Success, a structured mentorship guide ensuring consistency across all lodges.

2. BRIDGES: INTENSIFYING FRATERNAL UNITY

Bridges connect places and people. As Masons, we must reinforce our fraternal bonds and create pathways that unite brethren across different generations and backgrounds.

A. National and Regional Masonic Summits Organize Inter-Lodge Conventions to share best practices, promote camaraderie, and strengthen regional ties. Conduct Fraternal Engineering Workshops to discuss how Masonic principles can address contemporary challenges.

B. Strengthening Youth and Family Involvement

Establish Masonic Family Linkages, fostering stronger ties with affiliated and appendant bodies.

Launch Brotherhood Beyond Borders, encouraging deeper interaction among lodges nationwide.

C. Masonic Welfare and Support Program

Expand the Masonic Support Framework, ensuring financial, employment, and healthcare assistance to brethren in need.

Reinforce the Brotherhood Safety Net, a fund dedicated to emergency aid for distressed Masons and their families.

3. STRUCTURES: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & SOCIAL IMPACT

A well-built structure serves the people who use it. In the same way, Freemasonry must extend its influence to society through

meaningful community projects.

A. Masonic Disaster Response Initiative Create a Masonic Rapid Response Team, trained in disaster relief and emergency management.

Establish a Relief and Reconstruction Program, providing aid and rebuilding assistance after calamities.

B. Nationwide Masonic Medical and Educational Outreach

Implement Building Blocks of Education, a scholarship and school rehabilitation program for underprivileged children of masons - students.

Organize Masonic Health and Wellness Missions, offering medical checkups, blood donations, and free health services.

C. Sustainability and Environmental Initiatives

Launch Masons for Sustainable Development, engaging in tree planting, waste management, and green building advocacy.

Encourage Eco-Friendly Lodge Operations, integrating sustainable practices in Masonic events and facilities.

4. GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: OUTSPREADING FREEMASONRY'S REACH

A well-planned city continuously expands to accommodate growth. Likewise, Freemasonry must establish new lodges in underserved areas to ensure accessibility for worthy men seeking Light.

A. Identifying Underserved Areas for Lodge Expansion

Conduct a Masonic Infrastructure Assessment to map out areas where new lodges are needed.

Develop a Lodge Establishment Master Plan to strategically guide expansion efforts.

B. Support for Lodge Formation and Development

Provide Structural Guidance for brethren who wish to charter new lodges.

Ensure that newly formed lodges have a Strong Foundational Framework, supported by established districts.

C. Strengthening Rural and Provincial Freemasonry

Launch Bridging the Gap, an outreach program introducing Freemasonry to professionals in remote areas.

Encourage Lodge Rehabilitation and Modernization, ensuring that rural lodges receive necessary support for sustainable growth.

VW ROBERTO B. FAJARDO

Laong Laan Lodge No.185

VW Roberto B. Fajardo is a proven Masonic leader, decorated public servant, and decorated Shriner with a heart for service and a mind for strategy. A Past Master, Past Illustrious Potentate, and retired PNP Major General, he brings decades of leadership, integrity, and brotherhood. His "RBF" program champions Real Brotherhood and Friendship—focusing on family, education, justice, and care for our elderly Brethren. With national and international Masonic distinctions and a legacy of civic engagement, Kuyang Fajie is deeply qualified to serve as Junior Grand Warden and help steer Philippine Freemasonry toward a compassionate, united, and forward-thinking future.

Born: Sept 18, 1964

SPOUSE

Ma. Theresa A. Fajardo
- Grand Treasurer Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star (GCOES)
- Past Worthy Matron Mayon Chapter #1 Order of the Eastern Star (OES)

CHILDREN

- PCAPT Reuben Antonio A. Fajardo (PNP) – Petitioner, Laong Laan Lodge No. 185
- Caralei Nicole A. Fajardo, member, Mayon Chapter No. 1, OES
- Ensign Roberto II A. Fajardo (PN, AFP) – Petitioner, Laong Laan Lodge No. 185

MASONIC PROFILE

- Member of Laong Laan Lodge (LLL) 185
- 1st Degree: 07/05/1997
- 2nd Degree: 03/07/1998
- 3rd Degree: 05/02/1998
- Proficiency 06/02/1998
- Past Master LLL 185

SHRINERS PROFILE

- Aloha Shrine Temple - Member
- Saigon Shrine Club - Past President
- Mabuhay Shrine Temple
  - Past Illustrious Potentate 2018
  - Chief Rabban 2017
  - Asst Chief Rabban 2016
  - High Priest & Prophet 2015
  - Oriental Guide 2014

LAONG-LAAN LODGE NO. 185
FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES
MASONIC DISTRICT NCR-E
2018
20 POTENTATE

- Shriners International
  - International Shrine Provost Marshal - Rank of Major
- International Shrine Yatching Club

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

- Past Grand Lodge Inspector (GLI) of Kapayapaan Lodge
- Past Grand Lodge Inspector for 4 Yrs of Frank Reed Horton Masonic Lodge No.379
- Past District Grand Lecturer MD NCR-E
- Past Grand Sword Bearer
- Past Grand Bible Bearer 2019
- Committee on Disaster & Relief Operations 2022
- Committee on Masonic Association/Appendant Bodies & Club Accreditation 2024

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

- Member Scottish Rite 32nd Degree 2000
- Member Order of the Secret Monitor (OSM)2012
- Past Worthy Patron Order of the Eastern Star (OES) Mayon Chapter # 1 2015
- Member Committee on accreditation of appendant bodies, clubs, etc of GLP 2024.
- Past President Sons Of Luzon Masonic Rider Club 2023-2024
- Past President Mabuhay Shriners Motorcycle Riders Club
- Past Sovereign Grand Chancellor APO-Mason Inc. 2023-2024
- Present Grand Chapter OES as Grand Trustee 2025
- Member Quezon City Trowel Square & Compass Club

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Frank Reed Horton Masonic Lodge No. 379

AWARDS

- Hall of Fame Award Shriners International 2018
- Outstanding Mason in Government Service, MY 2018
- Outstanding Mason in Government Service, MY 2019
- Numerous Certificate of Appreciations from the different Lodges & Shrine Clubs

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity
- Board of Directors Loyola Grand Villas (LGV) 2023 to Present
- Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Alumni Association
- Past President PMA Hinirang Class of 1987 (2019-2024)
- Board of Director Ateneo De Naga Batch of 1981.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Elementary: Naga Parochial School, 1977
- High School: Ateneo De Naga,

ABUHAY
2018

1981
- College: Philippine Military Academy (PMA) Graduate, 1987

MASTERAL DEGREES

- Master of Business Administration (MBA), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA), Philippine Christian University (PCU)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA), Asian Institute of Management (AIM)
- Graduate, Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Jose Rizal University (JRU), Mandaluyong

OTHER CREDENTIALS

- Career Executive Service Eligible (CESE) – Passed

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Philippine Military Academy (PMA), Cadet (1982–1987)
- Philippine Constabulary (PC), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP):
  - Lieutenant to Captain, (1987–1990)
- Philippine National Police (PNP):
  - Captain to Police Major General (PMGen), (1990–2020)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assigned to Region 5, Bicol with the Regional Special Action Force (RSAF) for almost 4 years (1987–1991)
- Intelligence and Operations Officer, Basilan Constabulary Command (1991–1992)
- UN Peacekeeper in Cambodia under the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) (1992)
- Chief, Station Drug Enforcement Unit (SDEU), Mandaluyong PNP, NCRPO
- Member, Task Force Sanglahi, Anti-Terrorism Task Force
- Member, Police Anti-Crime Emergency Response (PACER), Anti-Kidnapping Unit of the PNP
- UN Peacekeeper in Haiti under the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH)
- Senior Executive Assistant (SEA) to then CPNP, Kuyang Jesus Verzosa
- Budget Officer, Headquarters Support Service (HSS), Camp Crame
- Returned to Bicol as Regional Comptroller (R6), Police Regional Office 5
- District Director, Naga City Police Office
- Provincial Director, Camarines Norte
- Division Chief, Weapons, Transportation & Communication Division, Directorate for Research & Development (DRD)
- Regional Chief, NCR CIDG (2014)
- Director, Anti-Kidnapping Group (AKG) (2015)
- District Director, Northern Police District (NPD), NCRPO (2016)
- Director, Highway Patrol Group (HPG) (2018)
- Director, Civil Security Group

(CSG), supervising FEO and SOSIA
- Retired in 2020 as Major General of the PNP

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"REAL BROTHERHOOD AND FRIENDSHIP"

His Masonic plans and programs for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines emphasize Real Brotherhood and Friendship (RBF) and support for the elderly brothers.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

F-Family Oriented Brotherhood: Rekindle the purpose of Masonry in our life and emphasizing on our tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth. We will consciously include and actively involve our family in all of our masonic endeavors as possible.

A-Assist Build Each Brother Better: Foster a culture of mutual support, education, and personal growth. We will make sure that we continue making good men better in Masonry.

J-Justice Swiftly Dispensed: We will ensure fairness, transparency, and swift resolution of conflicts within the fraternity. Harmony will be our beacon in appreciating and resolving disagreements and misunderstandings amongst Brethren.

I-Invest in Masonic Home for the Elderly: Establish a Masonic Home to aid and assist elderly brothers. With our aging demographics, this initiative will hopefully help extend the span of their labors with us.

E-Enhance Charitable & Relief efforts: We will focus on equipping our brethren and our lodges to undertake proper community development work, disaster mitigation & relief response, and social welfare support. This will be our humble contribution in making our communities better and prepared facing societal challenges and circumstances.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

1. Family oriented Initiative for a Real Brotherhood and Friendship program, promoting camaraderie, justice, support, and mentorship among brothers & family

2. Adopted Masonic Education: continue to Develop a comprehensive education program, including workshops, seminars, and online resources.

3. Join Community Outreach: Conduct regular community outreach programs, focusing on disaster relief, health clinics, and education.
4. Invest in Masonic Home Construction: Secure funding, land and resources to build a Masonic Home for elderly brothers.

5. Elderly Brother Support: Provide regular visitations, financial assistance, and healthcare support to elderly brothers.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIS)

1. Membership Growth: Increase membership by 10% annually.
2. Elderly Brother Support: Assist 50 elderly brothers yearly.
3. Masonic Home Progress: Complete Masonic Home construction in 3 years.
4. Community Engagement: Conduct 4 outreach programs annually.
5. Financial Transparency: Ensure financial accountability.

VW REY PETER B. GILLE

Tolomeo Galarita Masonic Lodge No.242

A seasoned civil engineer and dedicated public servant with 42 years in the DPWH, **VW Rey Peter B. Gille** brings visionary leadership rooted in service and community-building. As PDGL, CJGL, and PJGD, his Masonic journey reflects deep commitment and experience across multiple lodges and appendant bodies. With his theme, "Building a Stronger Brotherhood Through Service," he aims to uplift Freemasonry through infrastructure development, educational innovation, and green initiatives. His blueprint for progress blends fraternal duty with nation-building. A true builder in both profession and spirit, VW Gille stands ready to help shape a future where Masonry is a way of life.

PROFILE

- Born on October 22, 1959, in Malaybalay, Bukidnon.
- Married to Melania G. Gille, Past Grand Royal Matron 2023–2024, Order of the Amaranth (Businesswoman: Remey Trucking Services, Rem's Bayad Center, Rem's Property Leasing).
- Blessed with one daughter, Rizza Mae G. Gille-Sabijon, Past Honored Queen 2019, Jobs Daughter International (Businesswoman), married to Mr. Glenn Kenneth Sabijon (Businessman).

EDUCATIONAL PROFILE

Elementary: Bukidnon Normal Laboratory School (1966–1972)

Secondary: Bukidnon National High School (1972–1976)

Tertiary: Central Mindanao University – BS Civil Engineering (1981)

Post Graduate:
Xavier University – MBA (1997)
Liceo de Cagayan University – Doctor in Management (2008)

MASONIC PROFILE

Raised: April 17, 1997
Mother Lodge: Punta Sulawan Lodge 242 (now Tolomeo Galarita Memorial Lodge)

TOLOMEO C. CALABRITA MASONIC LODGE NO. 242
MASONIC DISTRICTS CDO-CEN, CDO-MISOR & MISOR-CAM
PHILIPPINES
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DUAL & CHARTER MEMBER:

- Kagay-an Lodge 385

PLURAL & CHARTER MEMBER:

- Opol Lodge 425 (now Ildefonso Agbuya Masonic Lodge 425)
- Mt. Kitanglad Lodge 456

HONORARY MEMBER

- Kitanglay Lodge 256
- Benjamin O. Go Lodge 303
- Maguindanao Lodge 40

PAST POSITIONS HELD

- Past Worshipful Master (2003)
- Past District Grand Lecturer (PDGL) (2010)
- Centennial Junior Grand Lecturer (CJGL) (2012)
- Past Junior Grand Deacon (PJGD) (2018)

APPENDANT BODIES AFFILIATION

- Mindanao Bodies IGH, 33°
- Agila Shriners International
  - Executive Aide (2014-2015)
  - Committee Chairman on Donations (2023)
- Order of the Eastern Star since 2005
  - Order of the Amaranth since (2005)
  - Past Royal Patron (2007)
  - Past District Deputy Grand Royal Patron (2010-2011)
  - Past Grand Sentinel (2017-2018)
  - Grand Associate Patron (2022-2023)
  - Grand Royal Patron (2023-2024)
- Order of the Secret Monitor (OSM) since August 2019
  - Kagay-an Conclave No. 27
    - Immediate Past Position: Supreme Ruler (2022-23)
    - Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler of Mindanao (2024-Present)
- DPWH Plumb & Level Club, Inc.
  - National President (2023-Present)

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

- Assistant Secretary, Regional Operations (CAR, Region I, II, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII) (2023-2024) compulsory retirement at age 65.
- OIC-Assistant Secretary, Information Management and Technical Services (2023-2023)
- Regional Director, DPWH Region XI, Davao City (2020-2023)
- Assistant Regional Director, DPWH Region X, Cagayan de Oro City (2018-2020)
- District Engineer:
  - Bukidnon 1st DEO, Malaybalay City (2006-2013)
  - Lanao Del Norte 2nd DEO, Iligan City (2013-2018)

CIVIC PROFILE

Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE)

- National Vice President (2024)
- National Business Manager (2023)
- Chapter President, Misamis Oriental - CDO Chapter (2011)

Road Engineering Association of the Philippines (REAP)

- Chapter President, Region XI - Davao City (2023)
- Chapter President, Region X - Cagayan de Oro City (2015–2020)

Philippine Coast Guard Auxiliary (PCGA)

- Rear Admiral (RADM)
- Deputy National Director for Administration (2021–2023)

Fraternal Order of Eagles

- Member, Cagayan de Oro Eagles Club (2001)
- Charter President, Malaybalay City Eagles Club (2007)
- Charter Governor, Bukidnon Region (2013)

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"MASONRY: OUR WAY OF LIFE"

If favored with the honor of serving as Junior Grand Warden, he will dedicate the term to embodying and actualizing the theme: Building a Stronger Brotherhood Through Service.

As a civil engineer, Gille's profession revolves around designing and building infrastructures that strengthen communities. With 42 years of dedicated service in the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), rising through the ranks, [Name] has firsthand experience in planning and executing infrastructure projects that create lasting impact. As a Mason, [Name] upholds the principle that humanity is one family, united under the Supreme Architect of the Universe, with a duty to aid, support, and uplift one another. This commitment to service and development will be the guiding force behind his initiatives.

BUILD AS THE CORNERSTONE OF MY LEADERSHIP

B-Boost the well-being of Brethren by initiating and expanding infrastructure-driven programs, including:

- Construction and renovation of Masonic halls and facilities to provide better meeting spaces
- Development of multi-purpose community centers in partnership with Masonic Lodges
- Ensuring accessibility improvements in Masonic buildings for elderly and disabled members

U - Upgrade Masonic outreach by fostering infrastructure-based community service projects in collaboration with appendant bodies and allied organizations, such as:

- Construction of footbridges and waiting sheds in underserved areas
- Rehabilitation of public schools and community centers
- Water and sanitation projects in partnership with local government units

I - Improve sustainability and environmental responsibility by incorporating green building initiatives in lodge renovations and community projects.

L - Lead the modernization of Masonic lodges through:

- Expansion and decentralization of IMES (Institute of Masonic Education and Studies) classes
- Development of an online Masonic library with architectural and engineering resources
- Regular Masonic lectures and workshops focused on infrastructure planning and development

D-Develop fraternal bonds through collaborative projects that integrate Masonry with engineering and construction, such as:

- Lodge-sponsored infrastructure projects to support local communities
- Inter-lodge and inter-district construction challenges to promote teamwork and technical skills
- Fellowship-building initiatives through hands-on projects that strengthen both brotherhood and service

SUPPORTING THE GRAND MASTER'S VISION

In addition to his proposed programs, he pledges his full support in advancing the initiatives of the Grand Master, including:

Institutional Strengthening - Enhancing the Grand Lodge's administrative and operational capabilities to better serve constituent lodges.

Digital Transformation - Leveraging Information Technology to streamline processes and improve communication across all levels of the fraternity.

Legislative Reforms - Updating the

Book of Edicts and ensuring the regular dissemination of Grand Lodge pronouncements.

Financial Sustainability - Developing a long-term Master Plan to secure the fiscal stability of the Grand Lodge.

Infrastructure and Economic Growth-Strengthening economic cooperation among Brethren through construction-related collaborations and initiatives.

Youth Development - Deepening engagement with Masonic Youth Orders, mentoring the next generation of Masons through technical training programs.

Community-Based Charity Work - Expanding philanthropic efforts with a focus on infrastructure projects that create lasting impact.

Through dedication, unity, and development, I firmly believe that we can build a stronger Brotherhood and continue to uphold the noble values of Freemasonry.

VW CRISANTO RAFAELITO G. GUALBERTO V

Bagong Buhay Masonic Lodge No. 17

Crisanto Rafaelito G. Gualberto V is a dedicated and accomplished Mason with over a decade of service to the Craft. His leadership experience as Worshipful Master, Grand Lodge appointments as District Grand Lecturer, Grand Lodge Inspector, and Junior Grand Lecturer, along with his active participation in numerous Masonic Orders, exemplify his commitment to Freemasonry's principles. As an entrepreneur and COO, he brings strategic thinking and operational expertise to the table. His focus on Masonic education, modernization, and strengthening the Masonic Family aligns with the Grand Lodge's vision. Kuyang Raffy's vision for the future of Freemasonry, rooted in knowledge and growth, makes him an ideal candidate for Junior Grand Warden.

PROFILE

Civil Status: Married
Citizenship: Filipino
Age: 52
Date of Birth: June 4, 1973
Place of Birth: Manila
Profession: Entrepreneur
Occupation: Chief Operating Officer
Spouse: Joycelyn P. Gualberto
Children:
Crisanto Rafaello P. Gualberto
Julia Adia E. Gualberto

MASONIC PROFILE

Date Raised: October 10, 2008
Mother Lodge: Bagong Buhay Masonic Lodge No. 17
Worshipful Master: MY2018

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

- District Grand Lecturer: 2019
- Grand Lodge Inspector: 2021-24
- Junior Grand Lecturer: 2022-Southern Luzon

OTHER LODGE MEMBERSHIP/S

Plural Lodge Memberships

- Dasmariñas Masonic Lodge No. 346 – Region 4, Cavite-East
- San Jose Masonic Lodge No. 429 – Region 4, Batangas
- Albert J. DeLange Lodge No. 1403 – Grand Lodge of Texas, USA

BAGONG BUHAY MASONIC LODGE NO. 17 F. & A.M.
1907
G.L.P.
MASONIC DISTRICT R-IV
CAVITE-CENTRAL

CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

- San Jose Masonic Lodge No. 429
- Perdona Y Abraza Masonic Lodge No. 441
- Freedom Lodge No. 1461 – Grand Lodge of Texas, USA
- St. Germaine Masonic Lodge (UD)

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Bantayang Bato Masonic Lodge No. 447

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT/S

- Chairman, Committee on Youth (2019)
- Member, Committee on Ways and Means (2019)

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

Order of the Secret Monitor
- Member, Eastern Archipelago Conclave No. 359 (Singapore)
- Member, Cavite Conclave No. 20
- Supreme Ruler (2021), Batangas Conclave No. 25

Shriners International
- Member (2012), Arabia Shrine (Texas, USA)
- Member (2024), Mabuhay Shriners International

Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite
- Member (2014), Philippine Bodies
- Venerable Master (2023), Las Piñas Bodies

Grand and Glorious of Knight of the Creping Serpent (GGOKCS)
- Secretary (2023), PSI Class

York Rite International
- Member, Pilipinas York Rite Chapter No. 11
- Charter Member, Las Piñas Chapter No. 42

Allied Masonic Degrees
- Member, Maharlika Council No. 9

Masonic Order of Athelstan
- Illustrious Master, Star of the Orient No. 173

Knight Masons
- Member, Adelphi Council No. 118
- Charter Member, Lemuria Council No. 126

PROFESSION/OCCUPATION

Director – Land Stabilization / Consultant
LandCo Pacific Corp.
2023 – Present

Director – Operations Manager
Barrago Construction Corp.
2016 – Present

Director – Chief Operating Officer
Pueblo Niño Development Corp.

Pueblo Niño Development Inc.

2003 – Present
Director – General Manager
Costa De Madera Corp.
2000 – Present

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master's in Management, Major in Public Administration
Philippine Christian University – Manila
2021

Postgraduate Diploma in Property and Project Management
Diploma in Higher Education
De La Salle Graduate School – RCBC, Makati
2006

Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management and Computer Science
De La Salle University – Dasmariñas
1994

Secondary Education
St. James School of Parañaque
1990

Primary Education
Benedictine Abbey School, Alabang, Muntinlupa City
1986

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- Member
  Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen and Professionals (BCBP)
  2012 – Present
- Member
  Tagapagpatupad Class of 1992, Philippine National Police Academy Alumni Association (PNPAAA)
  2008 – Present

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"KNOWLEDGE RESONATES GROWTH, THE TRUE PATH TO PERFECTION"

In preserving our ancient teachings, it will guide us in the practice of our Principal Tenets and will cultivate decency, integrity, and compassion (love) among us Masons.

For over a decade, I have been a living witness to the annual change in the leadership of the Craft, wherein the incumbent Grand Masters anchor their stewardship on certain norms of conduct which seeks to instill morality and the practice of Masonic Principles and Virtues among the brethren. The force of their direc-

tion has mostly emphasized on the duties of a Mason to himself, to his brother Masons, and to the community.

The teachings of Freemasonry are not a random collection of moral principles, but rather an organized and coherent system of doctrines relating to the perfectibility of human conduct. The preservation of our ancient teachings is embodied in several Masonic Orders within the Craft. Empowering and strengthening these Orders will lead to the preservation of our ancient traditions that have long been taught for generations.

We believe that for the Craft to survive in the coming decades, the importance of preserving and re-emphasizing what binds us together should be a priority in the development of the plans and programs of the Grand Lodge which we have identified as follows:

Relevant and Relatable Masonic Education: In conveying relevant and relatable education, this will enable the brethren of this generation to apply our ancient teachings to the present times which should continuously be aligned to maintain decency within the Craft.

Modernization of our Administrative Processes: With the fast pace of technological advancement, we should also be able to adapt to these changes by modernizing our processes. The integration of available technology in our Administrative Work will definitely promote a real-time and more reliable process in every transaction which shall help maintain the integrity of our work.

Strengthening our Masonic Orders: Our Appendant Bodies and Masonic Family Organizations are the lifeline of our Craft. By empowering these Bodies and our Youth Orders, we will ensure the continuation of our practices as we protect and preserve the important teachings of our Craft.

In summary, the path we aim to thread is a lifelong commitment that requires self-awareness, dedication, and willingness to growth. By re-evaluating the direction of the Craft, we can plot its future and focus on key areas for development. For we believe that Knowledge resonates Growth and this is the true path to perfection.

VW OLIVER C. KO

Cebu Lodge No. 128

Bro. Oliver C. Ko is a visionary leader grounded in tradition and driven by innovation. With decades of experience in business leadership and deep Masonic service—from Worshipful Master to District Deputy Grand Master—he has consistently exemplified dedication, integrity, and brotherly love. His push for digital transformation through the "OneStop Online App" showcases his forward-thinking approach while protecting the Craft's sacred traditions. Rooted in a lifetime of community and fraternal service, he champions transparency, education, and inclusivity. Bro. Ko is ready to help Freemasonry evolve while honoring the wisdom of the past.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Born: November 25, 1974
Father: MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., PGM
Mother: Elizabeth C. Ko
Spouse: Anna Theresa Saldaña Ko
Children: Inara Elise S. Ko, 13 y.o.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Sophia University
  Tokyo, Japan
  Japanese Language Institute (JLI), 1995-1997
- Ateneo de Manila University
  Quezon City
  BS Management, 1991-1995
- Sacred Heart School for Boys
  Cebu City
  Secondary Education (High School), 1987-1991

  Primary Education (Elementary), 1981-1987

WORK EXPERIENCE

Palmax Solutions, Inc.

- Chief Executive Officer, 2003–Present
- Customized Modular Fit-Out Contractor, 2015–Present
- Customized Furniture Manufacturing & Importer, 2008–Present
- Wooden Pallet Manufacturing, 2000–2012

CEBU LODGE NO. 128 F. & A.M.
CEBU CITY, PHILIPPINES
CBS
MASONIC DISTRICT R7
CEBU BOHOL SIQUIJOR
G.L.P.
G.L.P.

PKS Shipping Co., Inc.

- Port Operations Manager, January 2003–June 2012

GH Clothing, Inc.

- Factory Manager, January 2000–December 2002

Tamiya Philippines, Inc.

- General Control
- Purchasing & Warehouse Supervisor, January 1998–December 1999

ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

CASINO ESPAÑOL DE CEBU

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

MARIA LUISA PARK ASSOCIATION, INC.

- Board of Directors 2017-Present
- Chairman, Building and Construction 2023-Present
- Member, Grievance Committee
- 2017, 2023- Present
- Chairman, Community Activities
- 2017-2018
- Chairman, Security 2018-2022

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ATENEO DE CEBU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

- Board of Trustee, 2011

COUPLES FOR CHRIST

- Strategic Chapter

2003-2009

MASONIC HISTORY

CEBU LODGE NO. 128

- Initiated: March 27, 2010
- Passed: May 1, 2010
- Raised: May 21, 2010

DUAL/PLURAL MEMBERSHIP

- Leon Kilat Masonic Lodge No. 437
- Panglao Masonic Lodge No. 486

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Sun Lodge No. 6, Grand Lodge of China

MASONIC POSITIONS HELD

Worshipful Master
Cebu Lodge No. 128
MY 2017

District Grand Lecturer
MDR7-Cebu MY 2018

District Deputy Grand Master
MDR7-Cebu, Bohol, Siquijor
MY 2019-2020

Junior Grand Lecturer
Central Visayas
MY 2022

MASONIC APPENDANT BODIES

MABUHAY SHRINERS
2010-Present

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

ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR

- Grand Guide
  Grand Conclave of Southeast Asia 2023
- Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
  Grand Conclave of Southeast Asia 2021-2022
- Grand Visitor
  Grand Conclave of Southeast Asia 2020-2021
- Deputy Provincial Grand Supreme Ruler
  Habagatan Provincial Grand Conclave 2021- Present
- Director of Ceremonies
  Pillars of the South No.18.
  2018-2022

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"HUMILITY AND CHARITY, TRUE MARKS OF A MASON"

MISSION AND VISION

I envision Freemasonry advancing towards the future while returning to its roots, reviving timeless principles and traditions, respecting the wisdom and voices of our elders, and valuing above all the essence of brotherhood.

LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY

My leadership philosophy centers on an unwavering commitment to transparency and inclusive decision-making. I believe in cultivating a culture of openness, building trust, shared responsibility, and actively involving individuals at all levels.

MODERNIZATION OF OUR ANCIENT BROTHERHOOD

Embracing the demands of modern times, our vision involves leveraging technology through a comprehensive "OneStop Online App" that

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streamlines some of our Masonic operations. The app facilitates online transactions, enabling seamless submission of reports and requests, and easy payment of fees and annual dues. The app also enables concerned officers to review reports. handle requests and confirm payments.

The Constitution, Laws, Edicts, Circulars are digitized for effortless browsing and searching. ensuring a wealth of Masonic knowledge at one's fingertips through the app or portal.

Connectivity among lodges and brethren is modernized by providing easy access to information on other lodges and facilitating direct communication between any lodges through their secretaries.

This digital transformation ensures efficiency, accessibility, and transparency in our Masonic practices, adapting to the evolving needs of our members in the digital age.

MEMBERSHIP AND PRE-MEMBERSHIP

In our Fraternity, the West Gate has always been jealously guarded. The unique practice of circulating petitioner names and profiles to all lodges must, therefore, be reinforced. Through the use of the "OneStop Online App," the notices are published and made easily accessible to every lodge and every brother Mason.

Every candidate and petitioner, as they are given a peek at what Masonry is all about, must be sufficiently oriented and educated not only on their own conduct and decorum but, equally importantly, on how a Mason treats and handles petitioners. A guide for such orientation should be unified in our jurisdiction, accommodating the traditions of lodges but keeping in line with what is proper and acceptable in these modern times.

Every new Mason must be educated not only of the precepts and teachings of Masonry. He must also be informed both of the written and unwritten traditions in our jurisdiction. Thereby ensuring the preservation of the essence of our Fraternity.

ADDENDUM TO PROTECTING THE WEST GATE

The formation of new lodges in recent years has facilitated the growth of Masonry in our jurisdiction. This growth, however, must be kept in check and maintained at a sustainable pace.

Hence, at the initial stages of forming a new lodge, a proposal accompanied by a recommendation from all of the Lodges within the District must first be presented to the DDGM prior to its endorsement.

The recommendation from all the Lodges within the District is obtained through a majority vote during the Lodge's Regular Stated Meeting and this petition should have been circularized for at least 3 months prior to voting.

VW RAYNER C. LORENZO

Bagong Ilaw Masonic Lodge No. 97

VW Rayner C. Lorenzo brings visionary leadership, financial acumen, and unwavering Masonic dedication to his candidacy for Junior Grand Warden. A Past DDGM of two Cavite districts, Hiram Awardee, Charter Master, and key proponent of youth development, he exemplifies excellence in both ritual and service. As a successful entrepreneur and chairman of a diversified business group, he leads with integrity, strategy, and heart. His consistent record of innovation, relief efforts, and global representation proves he is not only ready—but meant—to help steer the Craft toward a brighter, more responsible future. A brother for our time, and the next.

PROFILE

- Civil Status : Married
- Citizenship: Filipino
- Date of Birth: May 15, 1974
- Spouse: Ruby Vida F. Lorenzo

CHILDREN

- Reign Yshanti F. Lorenzo
- Ralph Jared F. Lorenzo
- Reese Yshabel F. Lorenzo

MASONIC PROFILE

- Initiated: June 7, 2014
- Passed: July 26, 2014
- Raised: August 16, 2014
- Mother Lodge: Bagong Ilaw Masonic Lodge No. 97

MASONIC OFFICES

- The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free And Accepted Mason of the Philippines
  - Past Assistant Grand Treasurer 2024
  - Past Treasurer 2024
  - Vice Chairman - Committee on Grand Lodge Scholarship 2019
  - Vice Chairman Committee on Cavite Affairs 2019
  - Member - Committee on Ways and Means 2023-2024
  - Member Committee on Financial Relief and Assistance

BACOOR ILAW MASONIC LODGE NO. 975 F.&A.M.
EST. 1925
MASONIC DISTRICT R-IV
CAVITE-CENTRAL

2023-2024
    - Member - Committee on Masonic Cemetery 2021-2022
    - Member Committee on Ways and Means 2019
    - Member - Committee on Environment and Disaster Preparedness 2019
    - Member - Committee on Sports 2019
- Mabuhay Shriners Philippines
    - Past President 2023-2023 Maharlika Shrine Club
- Shriners International - Colorado Corporation - Member 2024
- District Deputy Grand Master MY 2019-2020
  MD Region IV Cavite - East
- District Deputy Grand Master MY 2020-2021
  MD Region IV Cavite – Central
- Worshipful Master MY 2018
  Bagong Ilaw Masonic Lodge No. 97
- Charter Master MY 2018
  Katarungan Masonic Lodge No. 450
- Outstanding District MDRIV Cavite Central 2020-2021
- Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master MY 2019-2021
  MD Region IV Cavite - East and Central
- Hiram Awardee 2022
  Bagong llaw Masonic Lodge No. 97
- Proponent in Organizing Katarungan Centennial Chapter No. 101, Order of DeMolay
- The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite - Imus Bodies - Member
- The Ancient and Accepted York Rite - Luzon Bodies - Member
- Widow's Sons Masonic Riders Association - Member
- DeMolay Frank S. Land Fellow - Member
- Cavite La Progressus Masonic Lodge No. 467 - Honorary Member
- Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 - Honorary Member
- Carmona Sorteo Masonic Lodge No. 451 - Honorary Member
- Micronesia Masonic Lodge No. 173 (Guam, USA) - Honorary Member

OTHER MEMBERSHIP AFFILIATIONS

- Gamma Epsilon International Fraternity and Sorority
  National President 2023-Present
- Philippine Federation of Pest Management Operators, Associations, Inc. - Past Director 2012-2015
- Pest Exterminator Association of the Philippines (PEAP) - Past Director and Vice President 2011-2015
- Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA) - Past Chairman Manila 2010
- Pest Exterminator of the Philippines - Past Director and Public Relation Officer (PRO) 2009-2011
- Entomological Society of the

Philippines - Member 2005
- Certified Pesticide Application of the Philippines (under FPA) - Member 2002
- University of the Philippines Alumni Association - Member 1997-Present
- PFPMOA Memorandum of Agreement for Household Pesticides Regulations - One of the Signatory for FDA
- Junior Chamber International (JCI) Philippines - San Pablo 7 Lakes - Past Member
- Rotary Club of Pasay Southeast District 3810 - Member 2014-Present
- Philippine Federation of Pest Management Operators, Associations, Inc. - Past Director 2012-2015
- Pest Exterminator Association of the Philippines (PEAP) - Past Director and Vice President 2011-2015
- Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA) - Past Chairman 2010
- Pest Exterminator of the Philippines - Past Director and Public Relation Officer 2009-2011 (PRO)
- Entomological Society of the Philippines - Member 2005
- Certified Pesticide Application of the Philippines (under FPA) - Member 2002
- University of the Philippines Alumni Association - Member 1997-Present
- PFPMOA Memorandum of Agreement for Household Pesticides Regulations - One of the Signatory for FDA

LORENZO GROUP OF COMPANIES

Import Hauz
2025–Present
- Limited Edition Motorbikes

Pest Science Corporation – Middle East Public Health Pest Control Services LLC
2024–Present

Arzo Supply Chain Solutions, Inc.
2023–Present

Vespa Cafe
2021–Present

Upright Solutions & System Consultancy Inc.
2020–Present

Balat Manufacturing Corporation
2020–Present

Arzo Hotel & Resorts, Inc.
2019–Present
- Arzo Hotel Grand Lodge
- Arzo Hotel Manila
- Arzo Hotel Premier
  Arzo Hotel Makati

7 Power Motors Inc.
2016–Present

GIVENCHY

Superhouse Solution Café Inc.
2015–Present
- Coffee Brewtherhood (5 Branches)
- Yield Specialty Coffee

5RL Experts Realty Company
2015–Present

Globalview Travel & Tours Corp.
2012–Present

Novicide, Inc.
2007–Present
- Importer of Pesticides

Science House, Inc.
2007–Present
- Distributor of Quality & Innovative Pesticides & Equipment

Pest Science Corporation
2002–Present

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chairman, CEO and President
Lorenzo Group of Companies
2018 - Present

Strategic Leadership

Lead and oversee the strategic direction and operational management of a diverse portfolio of companies across various industries. including luxury motorbike distribution, pest control services, logistics, warehousing, transportation services, hospitality, it solutions, retail, and real estate. Drive growth and profitability by setting and executing long-term business strategies, ensuring competitive advantage and market leadership

Business Oversight

Manage day-to-day operations, resource allocation, financial oversight, and ensure alignment with organizational goals. Spearhead market expansion initiatives, secure investment, and identify opportunities for innovation and operational improvements across all business verticals

Regulatory Compliance & Risk Management

Ensure compliance with industry regulations and standards, maintaining operational integrity and adherence to best practices

Leadership & Team Management

Provide leadership and guidance to senior management teams, fostering talent development, and promoting a culture of collaboration and high performance

External Relations & Stakeholder Engagement

Build and maintain strong relationships with key stakeholders,

partners, and customers, ensuring high levels of customer satisfaction and service excellence.

Represent the company in public and business forums, enhancing brand reputation and diving corporate initiatives.

Vice President for Operations
Environmentguard Pest Control Inc.
1999-2000

Overseeing the company's daily operations, ensuring efficient service delivery while maintaining high standards of quality and environmental sustainability.

Managing resources, and aligning operational activities with business goals, while also ensuring compliance with industry regulations

Division Manager
MAPECON Green Charcoal Phil.
1997-1999

Managing teams, setting division targets, and implementing operational strategies to optimize productivity and efficiency

Oversees the operations and performance of the team, ensuring alignment with the company's strategic goals.

Purchasing Officer
MAPECON Philippines Inc.
1996-1997

Sourcing, negotiating and procuring materials and equipment necessary for the company's pest control operations, ensuring the best value while maintaining high quality

Managing supplier relationships, inventory control, and ensuring timely delivery of goods to meet operational needs

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED

Pest World Conference
Denver, Colorado
October 2024

Pest World Conference
Honolulu, Hawaii
October 2023

Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA)
Pest Summit
Kyoto, Japan
November 2023

Pest World Conference
San Diego, California
October 2019

Pest World Conference
Orlando, Florida
October 2014

Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA)
Pest Summit
Adelaide, Australia
July 2012

Pest World Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 2011

Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA)
Pest Summit
Manila, Philippines
November 2010

Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA)
Pest Summit
Bali, Indonesia
September 2010

Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA)
Pest Summit
Beijing, China
November 2009

Federation of Asian and Oceania Pest Managers' Association (FAOPMA)
Pest Summit
Tokyo, Japan
October 2008

EXPERTISE

- Strategic Business Leadership
- Financial Management & Oversight
- Sales & Marketing Strategy
- Operational Excellence & Process Optimization
- Innovation & Transformation
- Risk Management & Corporate Governance
- Leadership & People Development

EDUCATION

2019-2021 Graduate
Master in Business Administration
Cavite State University

1991-1996 | Graduate
Bachelor of Science in Biology
University of the Philippines
Los Baños

1987-1991 Graduate
High School
Laguna College

1983-1987 Graduate
Elementary
San Pablo Central School

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP: OUR MASONIC WAY OF LIFE, MAKING GOOD MEN BETTER!"

With Freemasonry being a system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, it is inherent upon us, brethren of the Craft, to preserve well and live accordingly its glorious history and momentous teachings. This will ensure that we do not only make all those good men who enter our west gate better but are responsible enough to lead our communities now and be able to contribute towards as bright future not only for our time but also for the next generations to come. It is our fervent belief that we have enough Masonic landmarks, laws and jurisprudence that can govern and guide us well in leading our jurisdiction.

Aside from our tenets, of brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, we are also passionately guided by our belief in our principles and four important values that help define our path in masonry and our life: Integrity, Friendship, Respect and Service. In today's world filled with uncertainty, these principles ring as true now as they have at any point in the organization's history.

We, Freemasons, should be focused on building ourselves as people of integrity, and our quality of brethren must provide the structure to help achieve that goal. Being Freemasons must give us a sense of purpose, supporting and guiding every brethren on their journey through life. Collectively, we should be bonded through an understanding of unity and equitability-principles fundamental to our fraternity. That is integrity, we build good people.

Our fraternity must continue to provide the common foundation for friendships between members, something that we aspire that will last for life. Being a Freemason means something different to each and every one of us who joins, but whether looking to make acquaintances or develop our own potential, we should all share a sense of togetherness that strengthens our ability to succeed and grow. When we talk about our definition of friendship, we are building together.

Freemasonry must continue to bring

people together irrespective of race, religion, or other perceived differences that can divide us as a society and as a community. We as Masons are expected to be of high moral standing and are encouraged to talk openly about what the organization does and what it means to be part of it. That is respect and clearly about building Unity.

Whether participating in events, fundraising for a charitable cause or volunteering for public or community organizations, service should always be at the very heart of every brother Mason. Our members make valuable contributions by donating time, resources and skills. We stand tall being Responsible Masons by being Responsible Brothers to our Brethren, Responsible Father or Member of the Family, Responsible Citizen of the Community and Responsible Leaders in whatever undertaking we are into in life. That is our brand of Service as Master Masons. That we should be Responsible Leaders in our Craft and in our respective communities.

PLAN OF ACTION

Revisit the past to inspire us being Freemasons.

We will make sure that all brethren, young and old, will be inspired and motivated by our prodigious history as a Craft and as a Jurisdiction. We will highlight the best moments and milestones in history that can inspire our current Brethren serve and lead the lodges and our Most Worshipful Grand Lodge well. We will be tasking all Lodges to find time to recognize their prominent and illustrious members especially those who walked their halls or communities and ask them to revisit their history to reminisce best time and moments that strengthen their camaraderie and harmony. We look back to move forward well.

Advisers, Guides and Mentors to keep us on Track as Masons.

The wisdom and guidance of the Past Grand Masters including past Grand Line Officers will be highly requested to support the jurisdiction govern the lodges and lead the brethren. As we empower the brethren and their Lodges in administering their respective affairs, we will make sure that they will not go astray but be always on track with proper guidance and mentoring. We will be hosting gatherings and events that will foster and guarantee not only fortification of friendship but the right mind condition to follow rules and protocols void of innovations and never improvise. This will make sure that we live by the very essence of why we are Freemasons with the obligations and rituals that made us better individuals from when we entered as good men. With proper inspiration, we will live by our obligations.

Learning Together, Growing Together, Leading Together

Our learning institutions (e.g. IMES) and Monthly Masonic Educations will be anchored not just in conveying information but premised on the platform of mutual learning and proper understanding. We will make sure that we get to disseminate well in all nook and corners of the jurisdiction the need to continue learning with our curriculum in our Institute for Masonic Education and Studies (IMES). This will not only bring in knowledge but help mold the Mason in every good brother become better. Our Monthly Masonic Educations will support our learning process to inspire every brother grow as an individual and be exceptionally motivated to lead. With correct knowledge, we learn, we grow and we lead impeccably.

IV. Listening Process

We will put in place a system of Listening Process in dealing with issues, challenges and concerns within the Jurisdiction. Our Harmony Officers will be trained and equipped to genuinely listen, patiently mediate and responsibly serve their respective Lodges and brethren therein. We will try our very best to bring down the number of cases being filed and resolve all those on deck swiftly and with utmost zeal. Fellowships after every stated meeting and masonic events will be used as extension of the day's affair to bring in the right mood and atmosphere to talk and resolve pressing issues and concerns. We will recognize and banner well all lodges and brethren who can exemplify and practice well the process of listening and resolving conflict in the true interest of brotherhood and harmony. Offering to truthfully listen, we offer a hand to help build genuine solidarity.

V. Arm in Arm-Linking Arms

Even with this plan being a continuing work in progress, I personally intend to move things arm in arm with every willing brother forward. I honestly believe that there is no monopoly of knowledge and strength in one person. Together on the Level, we can talk well, achieve more and responsibly lead.

Lines will always be open for communication. Comments, suggestion and feedback will be sincerely and sensibly be studied and attended to. My strength will be amongst brethren and this is what will guide me to be a Responsible Leader. Our Masonic Way of Life of Making Good Men Better will be our continuing legacy in our Lodges, in our Families, in our Jurisdiction and in our Communities building Responsible Leaders.

These plans and programs leverage more than three hundred years of organized Freemasonry, as found in its principles, laws, customs, and tradi-

tions. We need to revisit the past so that we may be properly guided in determining the future of our brotherhood. It is also important to realize that our speculative fraternity, together with our operative predecessor, have lasted throughout the centuries precisely because we have employed our allegorical and symbolic implements for our personal and institutional betterment.

Understanding this, we would hopefully be led to more harmony between and among our members. so that the principal Tenets of the Fraternity would always prevail and taken to heart in a qualitative sense. I believe that genuine compliance with Masonic principles, laws, customs, and traditions is measurable. Quantitatively, this should lead to a significant reduction, if not total elimination, of cases filed by brothers against brothers.

Revisiting the past will also take on a personal touch if I will be fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to serve our Craft and implement my plans and programs. The "Past" that I am referring to not just means our principles, laws, customs, and traditions that have stood the test of time and have become our proud character as an institution. As previously mentioned, the "Past" also includes those who have previously served our jurisdiction with distinction, such as our Past Grand Masters and Past Grand Line Officers, The "Past" will therefore be present and active in the Grand Lodge by assisting the Grand Master in his governance of the jurisdiction. Those who have served with distinction in the past will be given a voice in the present so that we will have a meaningful, harmonious, and sustainable future. Through their insights and experience, the Grand Lodge will be better able to serve the Craft and its members.

Lastly, I recognize that I have no monopoly of knowledge or skill. I therefore commit to be open and inclusive. The Brethren will be part of the Grand Lodge polity-development and decision-making process.

Atin po ang Masonerya. At ang Masonerya po ay para sa ating lahat.

Mga Kuyang, kasama po kayo sa ating paglalakbay. Kasama ko po kayo at kasama ninyo ako. Wala po tayong iwanan.

VW RAMON C. MAÑALAC

Quingua Masonic Lodge No. 364

Bro. Ramon C. Mañalac is a dedicated Mason whose leadership is forged through years of committed service—from Worshipful Master to Past DDGM. As a Charter Master and Hiram Awardee, he has consistently built lodges and harmony alike. His vision, "MM CARES—Mabuting Mason," aims to uplift Masonic character through continuous education, strong Blue Lodges, and structured mentorship for petitioners. Grounded in humility and driven by purpose, Bro. Mañalac champions peace through understanding, leadership by example, and growth by education. A builder of men and Masonry, he is the steady, principled choice for Junior Grand Warden

PROFILE

Date of Birth: November 23, 1962
Spouse: Teresa M. Mañalac
Children:
Ma. Margarita Mañalac-Copia
Tristan Cesar M. Mañalac
Gerald D. Copia (son-in-law)
Grandchildren:
Teo Alonzo M. Copia
Raya Georgina M. Copia
Occupation: Agri-Entrepreneur

MASONIC JOURNEY

Quingua Masonic Lodge No. 364

- Initiated as Entered Apprentice: November 10, 2006
- Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft: November 24, 2006
- Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: January 23, 2007
- Master Mason Proficiency Completed: February 23, 2008
- Worshipful Master (Masonic Year 2010–2011)

San Miguel De Mayumo Masonic Lodge No. 412

- Charter Worshipful Master (Masonic Year 2012–2013)

Grand Lodge of the Philippines

- Past District Grand Lecturer (DGL) – 2012

QUINGUA MASONIC LODGE No. 364 F.& A.M.
2007
MASONIC DISTRICT
RIII BULACAN EAST
364
364

- Past District Deputy Grand Master (PDDGM)
  Masonic District R3 Bulacan East
  Masonic Year 2022

MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- San Miguel De Mayumo
  Masonic Lodge No. 412
- Valenzuela
  Masonic Lodge No. 466
- Primera Republica
  Masonic Lodge No.444
- Gen Alejo Santos
  Masonic Lodge No. 496
- Pinagrealan
  Masonic Lodge No. 495
- Mabuhay Shriners Inc.
  Mt Arayat Shrine Club

AWARDS

Hiram Awardee, 2021

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"MM CARES!!! MABUTING MASON"

The "Mabuting Mason" Program of Governance is anchored on the first objective of Freemasonry, and that is "to make good men better". By walking the talk, every Mason can exemplify the qualities of a good man. The way we live following the tenets of our Craft and the way we treat every person with utmost respect and dignity - these are the qualities of a Mabuting Mason. This is what sets us apart from other brotherhoods/fraternities.

Program of Governance:

A) To institutionalize Continuous Masonic Education (CME),

B) To strengthen the blue lodges, and

C) To institutionalize the management of observers and petitioners.

Specifics:

A) To institutionalize Continuous Masonic Education,

A.1 Introduce continuous education to improve the understanding of our tenets, symbols, and rituals for the improvement of one's character and moral values.

A.2 Provide a program of instruction to nurture genuine harmony and mutual understanding among the brethren.

A.3 Endeavor a call for peace based on a mutual understanding, between and among the brethren, exerting all reasonable effort to find a common ground for reconciliation, between them. In this way we can minimize the

filing of complaints between brothers.

B) To strengthen the blue lodges

To strengthen the blue lodges, by creating a comprehensive program of governance focusing on strengthening the lodge for a strong lodge will provide a firm foundation for the fraternity in the years to come. A comprehensive leadership training course will be introduced; and

C) To institutionalize the management of observers and petitioners

To institutionalize the management of observers and petitioners by introducing an Orientation program that will help them really understand what Freemasonry is and what it is not, as well as managing their expectations on how to become one. This will be assigned to the Senior Warden as part of his role in guarding the west gate.

Approaches:

A) To institutionalize Continuous Masonic Education

Phase 1 - Short-term (1st 100 days)

• Introduce a re-orientation lecture per lodge to understand better the meaning of all our rituals, symbols, and obligations in coordination with IMES.

• Put emphasis on character and attitude improvement of Master Masons.

• Implement guidelines or syllabus for the past masters, to use for mentoring.

• Utilize the district officers as the implementors of change.

• Discuss the proper procedure in handling the observers and/or petitioners.

• Develop lecturers or trainers per lodge to facilitate Continuous Masonic Education headed by the Lodge Chaplain.

• Re activate the district mediation council, to be headed by the incumbent DDGM, and the past DDGM's and other Senior Mason within the district as members

• Implement a feedback mechanism. This will ensure continuous improvement/enhancement of the program

Phase 2

• Masonic education specifically for Master Masons two (2) years onwards, institutionalizing the practice of harmony, brotherly love and character building.

• To expand the IMES coverage to include specifically:
  - leadership development program; (to prepare the lodge members for
  - a leadership role in their respective lodge)

- a dedicated subject on conflict resolution through amicable discussion and/or mediation

Phase 3

• Institutionalize and train the Harmony Officers, per lodge in the performance of their official duties and responsibilities in handling misunderstandings and conflicts.

• Re-activate the Past Master's council to assist the Harmony Officers to resolve any misunderstanding and conflicts between or involving brothers within the lodge.

• Assign Past Masters of the lodge to mentor and guide the newly raised brother

B) To strengthen the Blue Lodges,

• To develop a program of instruction about leadership, humility, accountability and character building in coordination with IMES.

• Leadership training course and lodge management course will be a requirement for all master masons

C) To institutionalize the management of observers and petitioners.

• To develop a program of orientation/instruction for the observer as to the nature of Freemasonry and to help them understand Freemasonry, if this is for them.

• Institutionalize the "Tried and Proven" lecture on every degree and establish it as a prerequisite before proceeding to the succeeding degree.

In the end, the program of governance will be able to achieve:

- Harmonious relationships within the lodges and their respective districts.
- Minimize, if not totally prevent, the filing of cases against brother Masons.
- Minimize disagreements on proper handling/managing of petitioners.
- Understand the wisdom of the Edicts issued and ensure strict compliance thereto; (Edicts must not be interpreted or be used to find fault in a brother but rather it should be our guide' to put order, in our institution).
- Embody peace among the brethren based on mutual understanding (kapa-yapaan sa pag-uunawaan); and
- Avoid or totally stop throwing blame among the brethren but rather encourage a culture of helping brethren overcome the difficulties and challenges that they are experiencing in their journey to becoming a Mabuting Mason.

VW AMBROCIO S. MARANAN, JR.

Timpuyog Masonic Lodge No. 343

VW Ambrocio "Ambo" S. Maranan, Jr. stands as a beacon of integrity, humility, and Masonic vision. A respected entrepreneur, seasoned public servant, and decorated Mason, VW Ambo brings over a decade of service and leadership within the Craft. His dedication to enlightenment, unity, and compassion is evident in his visionary programs for Masonic education, almoner reform, and community outreach. As the official nominee of Northeast Luzon, his credibility is solid and earned. With a heart for the brethren and a mind for progress, VW Ambo is more than ready to serve as Junior Grand Warden—bringing light, love, and leadership to all.

Date of Birth: November 15,1954
Occupation: Businessman
Spouse: Arlene Dy Maranan
Children: Joanna, Janice Master Masons Joseph Albert and John Ambrose

BUSINESS LEADERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS:

- AEON FILMS, AEON ENTERPRISES and ASM ENTERPRISES, INC
- First Quantum Mineral Corp. (Incorporator) and Queen Green Power OPC (Treasurer)
- He is deeply committed to philanthropy, contributing time and resources to charitable causes

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE

- Political Affairs Officer III, House of Representative (2001)
- Branch Manager, PCSO Isabela (1991-1993)
- Executive Assistant, Isabela Governor's Office (1988-1991)

EDUCATION

- University of the East, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (1977)

MASONIC JOURNEY

- Worshipful Master (2018)
- District Grand Lecturer (2019)
- Junior Grand Lecturer, Northeast

Tumpuyog Lodge No. 343 F. & A.M.
2003
Ramon, Isabela, Philippines
MASONIC DISTRICT RII
ISABELA
SOUTH
MMXXIV
G.L.P.

Luzon (resigned to pursue Junior Grand Warden nomination)

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

- IMES Class of 2015
- Mabuhay Shriners (Past High Sheriff)
- Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent (Past Chapter King Cobra)

AWARDS

- Most Outstanding Master Mason
- Most Outstanding Worshipful Master
- Hiram Awardee

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"ADVANCING MASONIC BROTHERHOOD THROUGH OPPORTUNITY AND KNOWLEDGE EQUIPPED WITH A SIMPLE LIGHT FOR GREATER ENLIGHTENMENT."

VISION FOR THE FRATERNITY

Fostering unity, growth and opportunity among Masons. With a strong balance of leadership, integrity and humility, to bring more light to Fraternity as Junior Grand Warden.

A. MASONIC ENLIGHTENMENT

- The significance of light
- The evolution of man
- Underestimating the power of evil
- Adherence to the Divine law
- Obligations- discussion on every obligation upon each brother
- Landmarks understanding each landmark in Freemasonry
- Tenets of the Craft- video presentation of the principal tenets of masonry, discussion, in depth analysis of brotherly love, relief and truth
- Cardinal Virtues- further analysis of the cardinal virtues
- Demeanor- Masonic conducts during stated meetings, fellowship, outside masonry, friends, family, community and the church
- The power to control self - summary of masonic education na naisip ko for every Lodge, aside from Masonic lectionary every month by the SGL for the whole masonic year.

METHOD

Lodges will designate one day each month to conduct a Masonic lecture.

A single topic, chosen from the enumerated list of ten key themes, will be discussed in an interactive format. Every good point raised during the discussion shall be noted and compiled. These compiled notes will then be distributed to all members as reminders and references.

At the end of the Masonic year, all lecture notes will be collated and compiled into a piece of Masonic literature—a valuable resource for future members seeking Light and deeper understanding.

Attendance is mandatory.

These extra Masonic activities are to be recorded in the minutes of each meeting and submitted to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. This serves as documentation of the Lodge's active compliance with the slogan and vision of the Grand Master.

Indicators of success in this program may include the following:

a) Decreased tardiness and absenteeism
b) Increased number of volunteer degree lecturers
c) Fewer erring brethren and fewer complaints elevated to the Worshipful Master or Grand Master
d) Increased participation in Lodge activities
e) Higher Lodge funds and 100% collection rates
f) More outreach projects conducted
g) Improved quality of petitioners being accepted
h) Fewer negative outcomes from balloting
i) Stronger and healthier inter-Lodge interactions
j) Higher quality of Christian life among members—marked by joy, contentment, and spiritual fulfillment
k) And other measurable improvements aligned with Masonic values

B. QUANTIFYING ALMONERS FUND

When the Almoner's sack of assistance is pass around, we only give whatever amount we may think of. If we are to assess every bro a 1% of their monthly income, the fund will go a long way to assist a brother or anyone in the community like widows, orphans, hospitals and schools. Example, if a bro earns 50k a month, he is supposed to give 500.

C. ADAPT A HOSPITAL PROGRAM

A govt hospital shall be chosen by a nearby lodge or group of lodges(district) to be given quarterly assistance, in kinds or monetary Needs shall be determined by the hospitals to be given to the nearby lodge (or district) for deliberation in RSM (or DCM) Fund shall come from the Almoner's sack of assistance.

Kuyang Ambo is a simple yet serious brother, true to his words and with open heart and mind to anyone who needs guidance and love. Together with the brethren in his jurisdiction, he aims to grow professionally and masonically with great regards to humanity and honor to the Almighty.

VW ALMERICK B. PUA PHEE

Siete Martires Masonic Lodge No.177

Bro. Almerick B. Pua Phee is a steadfast Mason and leader with over two decades of fraternal service marked by integrity, vision, and humility. A Worshipful Master twice over, Hiram Awardee, and Most Outstanding WM in North Luzon, he blends strong business acumen as a CPA and hotelier with deep-rooted Masonic values. His vision, "Rediscovering Fraternal Roots," centers on revitalizing Masonic fundamentals through education, mentorship, and active engagement. With proven leadership in and out of the Lodge and a sincere dedication to the Craft, Bro. Almerick is well-equipped to guide the Brethren forward as Junior Grand Warden—steady, principled, and purpose-driven.

- Date of Birth: December 19, 1976
- Place of Birth: Baguio City
- Spouse: Cheryl B. Pua Phee
- Children:
  Aiana Castiel B. Pua Phee
  Alymer Kenrich B. Pua Phee

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- BS Accountancy
  Saint Louis University, Baguio City
- Secondary and Primary Education
  La Union Cultural Institute, San Fernando City, La Union

PROFESSIONAL

- Certified Public Accountant
- Vice President: Camp 7 Lumber and Construction Supplies, Baguio City
- President: Plaza De Castiel Hotel, Urbiztondo, San Juan, La Union

MASONIC PROFILE

- Initiated: March 29, 2003
- Passed: May 10, 2003
- Raised: June 28, 2003

MOTHER LODGE

- Siete Martires Masonic Lodge
- Worshipful Master 2006 & 2017

SIETE MARTIRES
LODGE NO. 177 F. & A.M.
1964
MASONIC DISTRICT R1 - CAR - BENGUET & LA UNION

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

Baguio Masonic Lodge No. 67

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- Emilio Aguinaldo Masonic Lodge No. 31
- Talavera Masonic Lodge No. 273
- Sultan Haroun Al-Rashid M. Lucman Masonic Lodge No. 406

GRAND LODGE APPOINTMENTS

- 2009 - District Deputy Grand Master
- 2008 - District Grand Lecturer
- 2007 - Grand Lodge Inspector

NOTABLE GLP RECOGNITION/S RECEIVED

- Hiram Awardee
- Most Outstanding Worshipful Master per Multi District, North Luzon MY 2017
- Most Outstanding Lodge per Multi District, North Luzon MY 2017

MASONIC AFFILIATIONS

- Mabuhay Shriners International - Bamboo Shrine Club
- Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpents - PI Class

MEMBERSHIP TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

- La Union Hotel, Resort and Restaurant Association
- Alpha Kappa Rho
- PNPA Tagapagsanggalang Class 2004 Adopted Member

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"REDISCOVERING FRATERNAL ROOTS: REVISITING MASONIC FUNDAMENTALS"

Our programs involve a combination of Masonic Education, Reflection, Active participation in Lodge Activities, Mentorship and Guidance, Fostering Brotherhood, and honoring Ancient Practices shall help members reconnect with the core values of Freemasonry.

MASONIC EDUCATION

Set Up Weekly / Monthly Study Groups and the use of Digital Tools for Study and Connection: Organize a group within the Lodge or a few like-minded brothers to meet regularly. to study Masonic literature. Focus on specific books, rituals, or the meanings of key symbols. Understanding the deeper meanings of Masonic symbols and rituals can help reinforce the teachings of Freemasonry.

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REFLECT ON THE CORE VALUES OF FREEMASONRY

Brotherhood: Reflect on the importance of brotherly love, charity, and relief within the Masonic community.

Morality and Ethics: Reflect on how the principles of truth, justice, and personal integrity are reflected in both our everyday lives and Masonic practices.

Community and Service: Reflect on how Freemasonry encourages and inspire members to make a positive impact on the community and society at large.

PARTICIPATE IN LODGE ACTIVITIES

Engage in Lodge Meetings and promote Active Involvement: Attend regular Lodge meetings to reconnect with fellow Masons and engage in discussions about the values and practices of Freemasonry. Take part in organizing events, charity work, and ritualistic activities within the Lodge. Being actively engaged can help us rediscover the sense of purpose and community that Freemasonry provides.

MENTORSHIP AND GUIDANCE

Seek Mentorship: Establish a formal program where newer members are paired with experienced Masons who will guide them in both the ritualistic and philosophical aspects of the craft.

REVITALIZE RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Honor Ancient Practices: Explore the rich traditions and ceremonies that form the backbone of Masonic teachings. This may include revisiting old rituals and incorporating them into current practices to keep the spirit of Freemasonry alive. Holding of Lodge of Instruction to ensure everyone understands their symbolism and importance.

BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Foster Brotherhood: Strengthen the bonds within the Lodge by encouraging brotherly communication, social activities, and charitable efforts that reinforce the Masonic spirit.

TEACH AND SHARE THE MASONIC MESSAGE

Public Outreach: Host public events to educate others about Freemasonry and its values. This could help non-Masons understand the fraternal bonds that exist within the Fraternity and possibly attract like-minded individuals who are interested in Masonic teachings.

VW CORNELIO F. SAMANIEGO, III

Silanganan Lodge No. 19

VW Cornelio F. Samaniego, III is an exemplary candidate for Junior Grand Warden, with a strong record of leadership and service within the Masonic community. As Past District Deputy Grand Master, he demonstrated commitment to Masonic values and successfully led initiatives to support the growth of Lodges. His extensive experience, including serving as Worshipful Master, Grand Lodge Inspector, and District Grand Lecturer, equips him to contribute effectively to the Grand Line. His proposed fundraising programs for Lodge Temple construction and dedication to improving transparency reflect his drive to enhance the fraternity. With humility and a clear vision, he is ready to serve.

Civil Status: Married
Citizenship: Filipino
Age: 54
Date of Birth: December 5, 1970
Place of Birth: Bahada, Davao City
Occupation: Lawyer
Spouse: Marjorie R. Samaniego
Child: Cornelio R. Samaniego, IV

Mother Lodge: Silanganan Lodge No. 19
Date Raised: February 6, 2010
Date Passed: December 12, 2009
Date Initiated: October 17, 2009

Worshipful Master: 2014-2015
Senior Warden: 2013-2014
Junior Warden: 2012-2013

MASONIC DISTRICT POSITIONS

Masonic Year November 4, 2023
Grand Lodge Inspector
Silanganan Lodge No. 19

Masonic Year 2022-2023
District Deputy Grand Master
MD NCR-F

Masonic Year 2021-2022
Grand Lodge Inspector
Mandaluyong City Masonic Lodge No. 277

Masonic Year 2015-2016
District Grand Lecturer
MD NCR-F

Silanganan Lodge No. 19
1908
GRAN ORIENTE ESPANOL
1917
GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES

MASONIC DISTRICT
NCR-F

MASONIC LODGE MEMBERSHIPS

Honorary Member
Solidarity Masonic Lodge No. 421
October 2023

Honorary Member
Pinaglabanan Masonic Lodge No. 374
March 2023

Honorary Member
Batasan Masonic Lodge No. 381
February 2023

Honorary Member
Commonwealth Masonic Lodge No. 460
Masonic Year 2023

Honorary Member
Unang Sigaw Masonic Lodge No. 430
Masonic Year 2023

Honorary Member
Lakan Masonic Lodge No. 483
Masonic Year 2023

Honorary Member
Teodoro M. Kalaw Masonic Lodge
No. 136
Masonic Year 2023

Honorary Member
Pasig City Masonic Lodge No. 409
Masonic Year 2023

Honorary Member
Mandaluyong City Masonic Lodge
No. 277
Masonic Year 2020

UD & Charter Worshipful Master
Danilo Delapuz Lim Masonic Lodge
No. 503
May 2023 & May 2024

Charter and Dual Member
Katipunan Masonic Lodge No. 489
June 2023

GLP COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Committee on Preliminary Investigation
Masonic Year June 2023 – November 4,
2023

Committee on Grievance
Masonic Year 2022 – 2023
Masonic Year 2019

Committee on Jurisprudence
Masonic Year 2018

Committee on Grievance
Masonic Year 2018

APPENDANT BODIES

Mabuhay Shriners International
Grand Lodge of the Philippines

Scottish Rite
Quezon City Bodies Chapter
Capitol Masonic Temple, Quezon City

York Rite
Capitol City Chapter
Capitol Masonic Temple, Quezon City

Order of the Secret Monitor
Pearl of the Orient No. 409
Capitol Masonic Temple, Quezon City

MASONIC CLUBS

Luzon Shrine Club
Past President, 2018

Metro Manila Shrine Club
Member

Maharlika Shrine Club
Member

QC Trowel Club
Member

OTHER MASONIC MEMBERSHIPS

Advisory Council Member
Pasig City Chapter No. 113, Order of DeMolay
Capitol Masonic Temple
2023 – Present

Advisory Council Member
Jacques DeMolay Priory No. 13, Order of DeMolay Knighthood
Capitol Masonic Temple
2023 – Present

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
University of the East
(1992–1996)

AB Political Science
Trinity College of Quezon City
(1991–1992)

University of the East, Rosales, Pangasinan
(1988–1990)

High School Diploma
Rosales National High School, Rosales, Pangasinan
(1983–1987)

Elementary Certificate
Carmay Elementary School
(1976–1982)

ELIGIBILITY

RA 1080 2004 Bar Examination
Admitted to the Philippine Bar
(May 2, 2005)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Private Practitioner
Court-Litigator

Director IV, Procurement Service, June 2024 to August 2024
Department of Health

Practicing Lawyer
2005 to Present
(20 Years in Practice)

Legal Consultant to the Chairman of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA)
2010

Legal Assistant / Researcher
Oscar A. Inocentes
and Associates Law Office
1998 to 2003

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"HUMILITY COMES HARMONY"

GENERAL PLANS IF ELECTED

1. To extend financial assistance to Subordinate Lodges of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines by way of spearheading fundraising programs purposely to help and build Lodge Temples. Fundraising programs such as Golf tournaments, Fun Shoot, Bowling, etc. With the grace of GAUTO and If elected as Junior Grand Warden, and with the blessing and/or consent of the incumbent Grand Master, I will volunteer myself to spearhead the fundraising program. The program will be considered as one of the projects of the incumbent Grand Master. This project will continue successively in favor of the incoming Grand Master.

Mechanics:

Each District of the entire Jurisdiction will be the one to execute the Fundraising program under the control and supervision of the incumbent Grand Master.

Each District will collect Seed Money from District Lodges to finance the program. The District through the DDGM will distribute solicitation letters to District Lodges.

The proceeds or amount solicited by each Lodge within the District will go directly to the Lodge, and a separate account for that purpose will be open. The funds will be reported to the District and the DDGM through the District Secretary shall report to the Grand Lodge for purposes of transparency and accountability.

The funds solicited by each Lodge shall be used exclusively to finance the building of a Lodge Temple and/or buying a lot.

For this purpose, remittances under existing Edicts regulating the fundraising of Subordinate Lodges through the Districts will be suspended temporarily (Edict No. 255-Gabionza, 3% of Gross earnings) (Edict 255-A, Gazmin, 10% of Gross earnings).

2. Guarding the West Gate under Edict No. 275-MW TGR, III

By way of an Edict, additional duties of the Grand Lodge Inspector (GLI) before a Petition Form will be submitted to the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Before circularization under Circular No. 12, the Petitioner must submit the following requirements to be attached to his Petition Form, subject to the inspection and review by the Grand Lodge Inspector (GLI) assigned to a particular Lodge. If applicable to the Petitioner, the following requirements, are;

- NBI Clearance;
- PNP Clearance;
- Drug Test;
- Valid Government-issued ID; and
- Court Clearances (i.e. RTC, MeTC, Sandiganbayan).

Any requirements (if applicable) that the Petitioner fails to meet, his Petition shall be outrightly denied by the Grand Lodge Inspector.

3. To continue performing my duties and responsibilities as Junior Grand Warden by way of expressing support to the sitting Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and the other Grand Line Officers.

VW HOSSAIN VITO CRUZ SHAMSODDIN VOSTAKALAEI

Talavera Masonic Lodge No. 273

VW Hossain Vito Cruz Shamsoddin Vostakalaei is a seasoned leader with extensive experience in both education and business. His leadership roles, including as President of multiple institutions and organizations, reflect his ability to drive progress. With a deep understanding of Masonic traditions and values, he has served in key Masonic positions, including Worshipful Master and District Deputy Grand Master. His focus on strong leadership, continuous Masonic education, and the welfare of lodge members makes him a perfect candidate for JGW. His dedication to charity, governance, and technological advancement will, given the chance, propel Philippine Masonry into a brighter future.

PROFILE

- Age: 46 years
- Date of Birth: November 20, 1978
- Citizenship: Filipino
- Religion: Methodist
- Spouse: Jasmin A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
- Name of Children:
  - Massoud A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
  - Amir Jan A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
  - Hossain A. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
- Father's Name: Dr. Massoud N. Shamsoddin
- Mother's Name: Dr. Cresencia V.C. Shamsoddin

EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy, Araullo University (2009)
- Master of Arts in Educational Management, Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc. (2003)
- Master of Hospital Administration, St. Bernadette College of Lourdes (December 20, 2021)
- Bachelor of Arts, Major in Mathematics, Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc. (2001)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc. (2006)
- Secondary (High School), Divina

TALAVERA MASONIC LODGE No. 273
Est.1986
MASONIC DISTRICT R.III NUEVA ECIJA EAST AND AURORA
MMXIX
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF F. & A.M. OF THE PHILIPPINES

Pastora College, Gapan City (1996)
- Primary (Elementary), Divina Pastora College, Gapan City (1992)

EXECUTIVE AND LEADERSHIP ROLES

President / Board of Trustees
Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges, Inc. / Castellano, San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija
June 2021 – Present

President / Board of Trustees
Dr. Gloria D. Lacson Foundation Colleges of Cabanatuan City, Inc.
Cabanatuan City
June 2021 – Present

President / Board of Trustees
Dr. Gloria D. Lacson General Hospital / Castellano, San Leonardo, Nueva Ecija

President
Royal Crest Hotel and Restaurant
Cabanatuan City

President / CEO
M-GEN Power 168 Construction Corporation

President / CEO
JHAM Power 168 Industrial Corporation

Board of Director
Philippine Red Cross – Nueva Ecija Chapter
2019 – Present

BLUE LODGE AFFILIATION

Mother Lodge: Talavera Masonic Lodge No. 273

- Initiated: August 16, 2003
- Passed: September 20, 2003
- Raised: October 18, 2003

Dual Member:
- Gen. Llanera Masonic Lodge No. 168

Charter and Dual Member:
- San Leonardo Masonic Lodge No. 386

MASONIC OFFICES HELD

Worshipful Master
- Gen. Llanera Masonic Lodge No. 168 (2015–2016)

Past District Grand Lecturer
- Masonic District R3-D Nueva Ecija South and Aurora (2018–2019)

Past District Deputy Grand Master
- Masonic District R3-D Nueva Ecija East and Aurora (2021–2022)

APPENDANT & ALLIED MASONIC BODIES

Mabuhay Shriners International

- Ambassador (2020-22)
- Oriental Guide (2022)
- High Priest and Prophet (2023)

- Assistant Rabban (2024)
- Chief Rabban (2025)

Saigon Shrine Club
Mother Club

Kabukiran Shrine Club
Club President (2020–22)

Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent
ETA Class 2004

Order of the Secret Monitor
Active Member

Widow Sons
Member

Order of DeMolay
Senior DeMolay

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

Hiram Award
Talavera Masonic Lodge No. 273
2025

Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM)
105th AnCom 2022

PLANS & PROGRAMS

"MASONRY WILL ALWAYS BE OUR WAY OF LIFE"

My Plans and programs for our beloved craft consist of providing a solid foundation towards the Advancement of freemasonry in the Philippines through strong leadership, enhanced masonic education and a strong emphasis on the welfare of lodges and its members.

LEADERSHIP

The beauty and uniqueness of freemasonry is that we are both democratic and autocratic thus the opinion and vote of every brother in good standing are important and every voice should be heard. I will make sure that our democratic way of life is diligently observed in the grand lodge and subordinate lodges at the same time to strictly implement the laws and regulations of our institution. I will also endeavor to continue the work started by the past grand masters of proper governance with the same transparency and integrity.

EDUCATION

Masonic Education is the key to making good men better. 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 continuous learning programs that will help develop the intellectual capabilities of each and every brother in support of the Lodge, of the Grand Lodge and that of the community where we belong.

TECHNOLOGY

To continuously improve our current digital platform by introducing an app that would enable us to identify current members and their membership status including a digital version of their dues card which can be further enhanced to provide other services in the future in order to protect and secure the west gate and to adopt and improve our best practices as we move forward to the future of Philippine Masonry.

LODGES AND MEMBERS

The lodge and its members can be considered the backbone of our fraternity, therefore, I would like to emphasize more on extending our masonic charity to our masonic families, widows and orphans by adding more charitable programs focusing on educational and medical assistance. As freemasons we are encouraged not only to practice charity in its cerebral or spiritual sense but also to engage in a practical one.

"Panag Uyon ug Panimbang" (Harmony and Equilibrium)

by VW Raymund Joseph Ian O. Mendoza
Grand Orator (M.Y. 2022 - 2023)

Most Worshipful Johnny T. Pimentel, Grand Master of all Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines, including the subordinate lodges in the territories of Guam, Japan, and South Korea; Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, our distinguished visiting dignitaries in the East, Right Worshipful Sirs, Very Worshipful Sirs, Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and brethren of this grand jurisdiction, a pleasant morning to all.

Today, the Great Architect of the Universe smiles upon us! After a three year hiatus from our usual face to face assembly, and the forced adoption of hybrid Annual Communications, we are blessed to physically assemble in this beautiful and charming island City of Dumaguete. 'The City of Gentle People', known for their warm hospitality, is also referred to as 'University City', being home to several schools, colleges and universities, particularly the renowned Silliman University. Among its attractions are world class resorts, dive sites, lakes and the seasonal attraction of dolphin and whale watching. This island paradise of Dumaguete was listed as 5th in Forbes Magazine's, "7 Best Places to Retire Around the World".

This Grand Lodge is compelled by our Masonic Law Book, which ordained the opening of the Grand Lodge, at this hour and day for a Plenary Session as part of the Annual Communication. To be presided by Most Worshipful Grand Master Johnny T. Pimentel with the attendance of the Worshipful Masters and Wardens of its subordinate Lodges, Immediate Past Masters representing the Past Masters of their Lodges as members of the Grand Lodge and Master Masons. During its Plenary Session, Grand Lodge is to contemplate those significant events pertaining to the Craft's labors, based on established workings and principles, and endeavor to address the challenges of the future.

The most significant event, compels us to reflect upon the most formidable nightmare in this period of the 21st century. No nation or people were spared from the wrath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the extreme adversities, many of our brethren amidst critical health challenges, stayed faithful to their calling as professionals, and in the true spirit of service to humanity held on. Our Grand Lodge and its subordinate lodges became symbols of Faith, Hope and Charity when they served our "kababayans" or countrymen, by organizing logistics and support, sharing Relief and Brotherly Love in their respective communities. The Craft suffered with the world, particularly, when a number of our brethren suffered and paid the ultimate sacrifice in the ministering of our afflicted, "mga kaigsoonan" or our brothers and sisters, "ilabina ang mga kabus", especially the poor, in the vernacular. We mourned... we wept, and today we exalt those, who were sacrificed through their dedication, and taken from their loving families. Along with many great brethren who were overwhelmed by the scourge of the virus, causing their unexpected ascension onto the Celestial Lodge. Sorrow, sorrow, sorrow... we suffered the loss of these irreplaceable pillars of the Craft, our beloved, MW Rudyardo V. Bunda (PGM 1982), MW Rosendo C. Herrera (PGM 1983), MW Oscar V. Bunyi (PGM 2000), MW Eugenio S. Labitoria (PGM 2002), and MW Jaime Y. Gonzales (PGM 2007). Brethren, may we please all rise and pause in silence, for a moment of devotion, to honor their remembrance. (Pause for 10 seconds) Please be seated.

Brethren, we have all been longing for this day when our dear members will once again assemble and meet as masons in this Grand Communication, to perform our respective duties as this Grand Lodge has done since it was formed in 1912. In Craft Masonry, Panag uyon in Cebuano, or Harmony is best exemplified when a Lodge is at work. Symbolically, the pillars of our society are put to task. Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Harmony to adorn our great undertakings, symbolized by the Master and Wardens of a Lodge, so that we may practice these great moral duties into our daily lives. However, by invoking these pillars, their use cannot be unbridled. Sweeping justifications in the misuse of the term 'harmony' have disturbed the balance with other virtues like 'justice', 'wisdom' and 'fortitude'.

The culprit - a distorted notion of masonic Harmony, which has time and again been abused; by misinformed brethren, brethren with mercenary motives and even by ruffians. The usual fallacious reasoning is whispered to the complainant, "Bro., bitawan mo na kasi yan para sa fraternal harmony", or "Brother, just let it go for the sake of fraternal harmony", in English context, regardless if the offense was blatantly serious or extremely injurious. Our

hearts are torn when brethren file cases against each other. However, I wither into a black hole when I hear judgments against the person of the offended brother like, "E, hindi kasi yan well done..", or, "Ah, because he is not well done..", referring to an inherent flaw in the complainant brother, as he did not experience the same right of passage that they have gone through; or, when we hear brethren justifying that 'hazing is a part of ritual' when they recklessly quote, "A a B & F h d...et cetera..". I experienced a memorable incident as a Grand Lodge officer, with a more senior and elderly brother, who was being brought to process, for publicly insulting and slandering an Entered Apprentice Mason, where he quipped, "Why are you defending him against me, he's not even a brother yet!" I had to take a deep breath and proceed prudently, and even asked him to calm down... No wonder... There is still so much confusion in the temple.

The less informed, uninformed, or misinformed brethren, will be those prone to Masonically err. Their failure or refusal to seek Masonic light after the final removal of their Masonic hoodwinks, is consequential to their lack of Masonic knowledge, and become excuses for them. They assume as correct practices, what they have heard or seen, from other equally less informed brethren. Our masonic development is not measured by length of membership in years, but by the quality of time we put into our labor and learning. Passive and lackey brethren simply adopt bad examples as the norm, or as part of tradition. Certain brethren will perfectly put to memory our obligation, but do not give importance to the sanctity of its solemnity, given in a consecrated altar dedicated for the service of the Great Architect of the Universe. Harmony, dear brethren, should not be used as an excuse to whitewash and acquit unmasonic acts which violate our sacred obligations. Harmony is not a license to violate our laws!

The clarion call for more harmony in the Craft have become... not, by sheer level of noise alone... more deafening. This is ascribed to serious recurring breaches of masonic laws, resulting in years of unresolved conflict by brethren against the Grand Lodge, masonic entities, fellow brothers and their family members, violating our sacred obligations, laws and ordinances of the Craft. Save in serious irreversible cases, nothing is more paralyzing like that of the pandemic plague of Covid 19, than a Grand Lodge peppered with internal strife among its members. Let us recall the recent themes of some immediate Past Grand Masters, among them are, "Charity & Humility, Foundations of a True Mason"; "Clear Vision of Masonic Harmony"; and our current theme, "Harmony For One and All: The Foundation of Genuine Masonic Fraternity". These noble themes, brethren, underscore the escalating malevolence bearing weight upon the progress of our moral and

venerable institution. However, we are not to despair. This past year, much has been done to overcome the shackles of discord within the Craft, in fact, we can proudly say that it has been a banner year, for masonic justice being upheld, with a momentum for moral regeneration.

The Philosophy Strength - is a pillar inspired by Divine Justice or Divine Right, when reduced to human virtue it is the very cement and support of civil society. As a divine attribute, it is infinite and cannot exist in the secular realm. Left alone, it would devour everything in its path like a Ragnarok causing catastrophes leading to the end of the world. Untempered, it would leave no room for mitigation or consideration, and would demand the annihilation of anything imperfect. Can it be tempered by an equally powerful divine attribute, like that of Divine Mercy and yet remain infinite? Both virtues are equally boundless, one cannot overcome the other without canceling out or imploding into oblivion.

Wisdom - as we learn in higher studies, was manifested through vibration echoed into eternity and became the LOGOS or the WORD. In the world, this attribute is found in our thought or conscience from which we derive our decisions and actions. This gives us the ability to contrive.

Panag uyon or Harmony - Why is harmony the strength and support of all societies? Divine Beauty is a natural consequence of Divine Creation. We are the microcosm of the macrocosm. In this world, Panag uyon is manifested in the proportions and balance we find in nature. The classic example is Pi or the golden ratio of nature found in the beautiful patterns of creation. Science has unraveled that in the atomic and subatomic levels, a universe of their own is at work. This is evident in the latest study of "Quarks", which are the smallest particles in the universe, which are far smaller and operate at much higher energy levels than the protons and neutrons in which they are found. These particles thrive harmoniously in their own minute universe, indifferent to our daily concerns but essentially connected. Conversely on the grander scale, Panag uyon pervades and extends throughout the heavenly bodies, where new galaxies are born and space continues to expand. In the astral universe our astronomers seek to understand the epoch of the first stars, known as the 'Cosmic Dawn'. Such Divine Beauty! With all these parallel systems or levels of creation, there seems to be a basis for the cinematic concept of Marvel superheroes', "Multiverse''. Seriously brethren, Panag uyon adorns all creation because it is the catalyst of Wisdom and Strength.

Panimbang or Equilibrium - Symbolically Panimbang and Harmony differ slightly in application. Harmony relates to the proportions and balance, while the dynamic search for stability refers to Panimbang.

Infinite Wisdom provides direction for Divine Justice and Divine Mercy, although the latter appear conflicting, they are not hostile to each other. They are made to work together with Infinite Wisdom above, weighing in on them, not just for mere balance but essentially for stability. The contrasting virtues on each side of the scales are constantly adjusting, acting as a whole to maintain Panimbang or Equilibrium and achieve the resulting Divine Equipoise. We seek to achieve such Universal Equipoise, which encompasses all our relationships with the Supreme Being, our families, friends and others. We seek it in relation to what is material and spiritual, good and evil, light and darkness. We seek Panimbang within ourselves, between our passions and vices and our reverence to our immortal souls.

It is humbly hoped that, Grand Lodge examines how we can reinforce the handling and mentoring of our candidates by subordinate lodges. From the moment candidates sign their petition form, we submit that there should be an introduction to a basic mentoring course in the study of our laws, ordinances and virtues. These lessons best supplement the aging, "Tried and Proven" modules. Indoctrination of our laws and basic principles before candidates begin their masonic journey become guides, to determine whether the candidate is duly and truly prepared. We profess obedience to our laws, however, if we fail to understand them, true intention will be wanting. Even beyond the petitioning stage of candidates, the primordial concern persists, the growing lack of understanding and knowledge of Freemasonry, particularly on how our laws work, among a number of our members. By preparing our candidates at the first stages of their interest in the Craft, we narrow the gap between those Masonically knowledgeable and those who are sadly, Masonically ignorant.

Panag uyon ug Panimbang in dealing with organizations from without:

Two fundamental issues were brought to center stage this past Masonic year. They involved questions on where we stand in relation to transgressions, whether actual or perceived, against the fraternity from other organizations.
First issue: Religious Toleration - In tempering the impact of social media interactions that threatened to open old wounds, the Grand Master exhorted the brethren in his message, "Xxx I wish the brethren will bear in mind that Philippine Freemasonry has no quarrel with the Catholic church, or any church denomination and should refrain from engaging in a running argument over any religious dogma and theological issues. Since the formation of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines more than a century ago, we have no record of attack, criticism, or enmity against the church and we have always been supportive of religion".

The message also stressed that the

object of the Papal Bull in the early 18th century was aimed against the anti-clerical Continental Freemasonry in Europe and different from the causes of Philippine Freemasonry. It also commended the great efforts of MW William H. Quasha who visited the Pope in 1959, in an attempt to bridge our relations and have the Vatican reconsider its condemnation of Philippine Freemasonry. In 1962 MW Quasha met with his Eminence Rufino Cardinal Santos, Archbishop of Manila who was a Council Father to the Second Vatican Council, proposing that the Church and Freemasonry, sharing the belief in God, set aside their differences and defend against communism which had sworn to destroy both institutions. Such noble pursuits are like stones cast in a placid lake, creating ripples that may have spattered into Vatican II's revision of the Code of Canon Law in 1983, producing a more liberal attitude towards Freemasonry.

The latest version of the code states that, "A person who joins an association which plots against the Church is to be punished with a just penalty; however, a person who promotes or directs an association of this kind is to be punished with an interdict". The older law provided that, "Those who join a "Masonic sect" or other societies of the same sort, which plot against the Church or against legitimate civil authority, incur ipso facto an excommunication simply reserved to the Holy See". The specific mention and singling out of the phrase, "Masonic sect" and the phrase, "against legitimate civil authority" was removed in the 1983 Code of Canon Law, repealing the 1917 Code. The current tone addresses a logical condemnation of associations hostile to the Church, and affirms the reason for the older provision as one that was more political in nature.

Second issue: Freedom of Association - The Grand Master issued a circular on the matter of the 'Fraternal Order of Eagles', addressing reports of alleged misappropriation of Masonic rituals and symbols. Urging prudence and toleration it said that, "Xxx Freemasonry is one of the foremost defenders of individual liberties including the right to freely associate, and we are not one who will readily trample this right at the slightest cause or for any perceived provocation". Elaborating that, "Over decades, we have co-existed freely and harmoniously with contemporary service organizations and modern societies, except we proscribe membership to those whom we consider as clandestine entities posing as Masonry." Later, the issue was identified as an isolated incident by schism among factions of the fraternity subject of the controversy. The circular emphasized that, "Philippine Freemasonry is a cut above the rest, unrivaled as a reputable, benevolent, and philosophical fraternity, a major driver of Philippine history, and time-tested in strength as a brotherhood of man"; and it finally welcomed any emulation of our

work, by any organization as long as no deception, illegality, or acts prejudicial to our interest are involved.

We thus recall, the judicious measure of Circular No. 46 - MW Wenceslao Trinidad, which declared back then several organizations clandestine or spurious, and prohibited membership of Masons in these organizations or be expelled from the membership of the Craft. In the roaring 20's there was a proliferation of illegal and irregular Masonic persuasions. Notably annoying was the case of the largest group. A labor organization founded by some Masons that had hundreds of Mason members, the Legionarios del Trabajo. At the peak of its notoriety, they used rituals and regalia of Masonic Orients. They were hostile to the Catholic Church. They were subversive and the government banned the military and police from joining their ranks or suffer the penalty of being removed from public office. The Supreme Court sustained this measure in the case of Chief of Police, Pateros v. Secretary of the Interior, concluding that there was an irreconcilable conflict between the sworn duty of the police officer and the obligation of a Legionary.

On this subject, we call the attention of our incoming Grand Officers to the resurgence of a group styled, Gran Logia Soberana del Archipelago Filipino and Supremo Consejo del Grado 33 del Filipinas. The original issue has long been settled on record in the 1920's. That no other Grand Bodies in the Philippines were allowed to operate, particularly any remnants of Lodges under Grand Orient obedience. Either they affiliated with the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands in 1917, or thereafter declared CLANDESTINE. Our present Grand Lodge of the Philippines cannot communicate MASONICALLY with any and all Grand Orients not in AMITY with our Grand Lodge. This is in concord with the international Masonic community and the Grand Orients from which these 'new' groups fictitiously claim to derive direct or vicarious authority or legitimacy. Thus, making them spurious and illegal. The danger is DECEPTION and CONFUSION, and their heavy reliance on the use of social media and influencers in "recruiting" their members while claiming that they are a legitimate Masonic Grand Entity in this jurisdiction, contrary to mainstream Masonic laws and jurisprudence.

At this juncture, it is instructive to remind the brethren, of the decree of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, declaring the Grand Lodge of Modern Mixed Masons (GLMMM) a clandestine masonic organization, it being not part of regular Freemasonry, and not recognized among the international community of regular Grand Lodges.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines is the only sovereign, regular and supreme masonic authority in this Grand Jurisdiction, no other grand jurisdiction can exist here without its express authority and recognition, especially, spurious groups claiming Masonic lineage.

In closing dear brethren, let us remember that Panag uyon or Harmony balances all contrasting elements, between the spiritual and divine, as well as the material and worldly. It restores unity by inclusion, taking the good with the bad. To proportion problems and challenges we face, in light of our rights and freedoms, always seeking to achieve and maintain universal equipoise in the application of justice and the creation of an orderly society. Thus, achieving a non-destructive state of Panimbang or Equilibrium.

The Great Architect of the Universe unites with all Creation, achieving stability and sustainability in our lives. As children of the Great Architect we are endowed and blessed, with the light of Divine Wisdom, as well as the shadow of Divine Ignorance. As Masons, the divine nature of our soul is affirmed through our Hiramic experience, a fulfillment of God's Divine Mercy. We must, therefore, reciprocate and share the love and compassion with all children of Creation, for we all deserve to be loved, and to love, despite our frailties in pursuing perfection.

Maayong adlaw sa tanan..
A good day to all.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The following is the Grand Oration delivered on April 27, 2023, during the 106th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, held in Dumaguete City. VW Raymund Joseph Ian O. Mendoza served as Grand Orator to MW Johnny Ty Pimentel. We have included his piece in this issue as one of its key points – Equilibrium highlights the main objective for Masonic Year 2024 – 2025.

The Final Word

MW Ariel T. Cayanan

106TH Grand Master

Sa aking mga Kapatid,

As the Masonic year draws to a close, I am filled with both gratitude and a renewed sense of purpose. This past year, we have walked the path of light together — hand in hand, heart to heart — as we strove to bring more light not only into our Lodges but also into our personal lives, our communities, and the very spirit of our beloved Craft.

A simple but profound vision guided our shared journey: **"Let There Be More Men in the Light, and Let There Be More Light Among Masons."** These words, which I chose as the theme of my term in the Grand East, were not mere poetry nor hollow aspirations. They were drawn from three starting resources found in each lodge – Light, Manhood, and Masonry. Our theme was a challenge. A sacred call for each of us to deepen our understanding of the Craft; to raise the standards of Masonic leadership; and to open the doors of our temples to those who seek knowledge, virtue, and true Brotherhood.

In the last 12 months, our administration introduced to the Brethren the EDUCATION that is Institutional, Jurisdictional, and Personal. It is our fervent hope that through the light of these three types of learning – each brother will grow towards ENLIGHTENMENT. And as every Mason in our jurisdiction is bathed in the light of knowledge, virtue, and true Brotherhood – our words and actions will harmonize Philippine Masonry into an ideal state of EQUILIBRIUM. In this very spirit of EDUCATION, ENLIGHTENMENT, and EQUILIBRIUM, I now call your attention to one of the most pivotal events in the Masonic calendar — **the selection of our next Junior Grand Warden.**

In the 6th Installment of The Cable Tow, we present twelve of the most esteemed and qualified Brethren from across the jurisdiction. Twelve Craftsmen who have stepped forward - not for recognition, not for glory, but to answer the call of service. Aside from being nominees; they are torchbearers of Masonic Light. Each one represents decades of dedication, learning, and quiet

labor in the quarries of our Craft.

The Junior Grand Warden's Station is more than just a seat in the Grand South. It is the beginning of a four-year ascension that will culminate in the highest leadership of Philippine Masonry. The brethren that we will elect will help shape the next half-decade of the GLP. Their values, wisdom, and character shall become the voice, face, and soul of our Fraternity in the years to come. That is why, I implore you, my Brothers, to take the time to read this issue of The Cable Tow thoroughly. Absorb every word. Learn their stories, their aspirations, and the principles that guide them.

To vote is your right. To vote informed is your duty. This is your Fraternity. This is our shared future.

Each of these twelve men has been carefully evaluated through a rigorous selection process, including interviews with Past Grand Masters. **This is not politics. This is not popularity. This is Masonry. And the bar must be high.** I am proud of this slate of nominees, just as I am proud of the process that brought them before you. But only you, my Brethren, can decide who among them will be entrusted with the Light of Leadership. You are not merely electing an officer. You are choosing a future Grand Master. Let that sink in.

In sifting through each of the twelve profiles, you shall be able to familiarize yourselves with every nominee and gauge them according to the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. May your hearts be guided not by friendship nor regional pride, but by the greater good of the Craft. Let your decision be one that you can explain to your Lodge and your conscience with pride. As we reflect on the year behind us, I would like to take this moment to sincerely thank all of you—for your support, for your labor, for your presence in the Lodge, and for simply showing up for the Craft when it mattered.

You have embraced the call to bring more men into the light—and I have seen this in the petitioners, in the public programs, in the outreach projects you have organized, and in the vibrancy of our newly raised Brethren.

Likewise, you have answered the second half of the challenge: to let there be more Light among Masons. This Light is not measured by rituals alone but is seen in the way we uplift one another, correct each other with compassion, and hold each other to higher standards. It shines in the lodge halls where Past Masters mentor the young, and in the committees where plans for tomorrow are forged with honesty and care.

You have done well, my Brothers. I am proud to serve a jurisdiction so alive with purpose and unity.

As your Grand Master, I am currently preparing my term report, which shall summarize the achievements, challenges, and milestones of our journey this Masonic Year. I look forward to presenting this to all of you during our upcoming Annual Communication at the World Trade Center in Pasay City from April 24 to 26.

There, we shall gather not just to vote, but to reflect, to celebrate, and to reaffirm the brotherhood that binds us across the archipelago. I hope to see many of you there - not just in the habiliments of Masons, but clothed in full Masonic Spirit.

Let ANCOM 2025 be a gathering of men in the Light — brothers who care deeply for the Craft, who think critically about its future, and who take seriously the responsibility of electing our next leaders. Brethren, leadership is not found but formed. It is formed in the silence of reflection, in the fire of responsibility, and in the mirror of truth. It is formed in the way we vote. It is formed in the way we speak to our newly raised brothers. It is formed in the way we hold ourselves accountable to our obligations.

I now call the Brethren's attention to the last paragraph in our 12th Masonic Education for the Masonic Year: **Educated Masons elect Enlightened Masonic Leaders. Enlightened Masonic Leaders nurture more Masons through Education. Together, Educated Masons and Enlightened Masonic Leaders bring about a well-balanced or Equilibrated form of Masonry.**

As we prepare to hand the torch to the next Grand Master, let us recommit ourselves to being the kind of Masons worthy of being led. Let us not forget: The Light we seek is not somewhere far—it is within each of us. But it must be tended. It must be fed. It must be passed on with integrity, not dimmed by neglect or obscured by ego.

Let this message be both a thank you and a charge: Go forth, my brothers. Read. Reflect. Decide. Never forget why we knocked at the doors of Masonry in the first place: Not for titles. Not for politics. But for Light.

Tayong lahat mga Kapatid,

Kuyang Ariel T. Cayanan
Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines
10 April 2025 - GLP, Manila

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GRAND MASTER 2024-25
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Great Men Wear Aprons.

They are Heroes and Leaders. They are bold, brave, brilliant and big-hearted men.

But there are thousands of greater but nameless Masons out there—helpful citizens, successful professionals, responsible family providers and caring fathers. All worthy brethren. They strive everyday to make themselves deserving of this apron.

Make yourself count. Make your apron proud—of you. It's what more than a hundred years of having a GLP meant. More than a hundred years of making good men better.

MW TEODORO M. KALAW, PGM

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