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# EDITOR'S NOTES

BY VW MARLON M. CASTOR, GRAND ORATOR

## Unexpected encore

*I was hoping to put my pen away for good knowing that I have put to bed the last regular issue of **The Cable Tow**. However, upon the request of our Grand Master and seeing the need of our brethren to acquaint themselves with the candidates for the position of JGW, I was compelled to take to the sheets again.*

In planning out this issue, I had asked **The Cable Tow** Secretary to call the respective DDGMs as well as the candidates to furnish the publication with their respective curriculum vitae as well as their proposed plans and programs for the Craft and for the brethren.

However, despite much prodding and despite earnest efforts to provide equal exposure to all the candidates, it seems that plans don't really push through according to instruction. Thus, it was a choice between meeting the deadlines or being placed at the whims of our candidates. Thus, the publication was compelled to work with what was given to it (which is akin to a reward to those who gave in to our requests and to those who submitted such information early for publication).

To the brethren who felt that the publication should have waited more, I beg for your indulgence as a few more days of delay would place the objective of this issue for naught. These issues are not grown in a day it seems and much

planning and lead time are necessary to ensure that it comes out on time.

To my brethren candidates, good luck on your candidacy and I trust that you all will only have the best interest of the Craft in mind and in heart.

Also included in this issue are the writings of a wizened Past Grand Master, reminders for the upcoming Annual Communications as well as recollections of the last of the Grand Master's global sojourn.

To all our readers, happy reading and see you in Tagaytay City!!!



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## LOOK AT WHAT WE FOUND!



**TOKYO INVASION:** A recent copy of The Cable Tow displayed at the Tokyo Masonic Center.

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin stands beside newly-reinstalled MW Don Reynolds of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. The two jurisdictions are working out a special treaty for their mutual benefit.

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## **MONDAY, April 24**

### **Welcome/Reception of Foreign Dignitaries/Brethren**

Aguinaldo Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Manila (9am to 5pm)

Guests can meet and greet the Grand Master and tour the GLP Grounds. An orientation is also conducted as well as pre-registration procedures.

## **TUESDAY, April 25**

### **Welcome/Reception of Foreign Dignitaries/Brethren**

Aguinaldo Hall, Plaridel Masonic Temple, Grand Lodge of the Philippines, Manila (9am to 5pm)

Guests can meet and greet the Grand Master and tour the GLP Grounds. An orientation is also conducted as well as pre-registration procedures.

## **WEDNESDAY, April 26**

### **On-site Registration / Distribution of Kits**

Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City (9am to 5pm)  
Delegates to the GLP's 101st Annual Communication may proceed to the registration booth to registration and/or claim their convention kits.

### **Fraternal Luncheon**

Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City (12nn to 1pm)  
Lunch for dignitaries and guests of the Grand Master (By invitation only)

### **Courtesy Call to the City Mayor**

Tagaytay City Hall (2pm to 3pm)  
The Grand Master and his team conducts a courtesy call to the Mayor of Tagaytay City at City Hall.

### **Welcome Cocktails**

Dignitaries Area, Taal Vista Hotel (5pm to 7pm) – by invitation only  
The Grand Master's guests can meet and greet the Grand Master prior to the opening of the AnCom. An AnCom Orientation will be also conducted and distribution of Visitor's Kit.

## **THURSDAY, April 27**

### **On-site Registration / Distribution of Kits**

Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City (9am to 5pm)  
Delegates to the GLP's 101st Annual Communication may proceed to the registration booth to registration and/or claim their convention kits.

### **Opening of the 101st Annual Communications**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel (8am to 12nn)

- Reception of the Grand Master (9am)
- Reception of dignitaries
- Reception of the Guest of Honor and Speaker (Hon. Antonio T. Carpio, Senior Associate Justice-Supreme Court of the Philippines)
- Presentation of the Philippine Flag
- Panunumpa sa Watawat
- Pagpupugay sa Watawat
- Singing of the Grand Lodge Hymn
- Invocation by the Grand Chaplain
- Declaring the Opening of the 101st AnCom by the Grand Master
- Welcome Remarks by the Deputy Grand Master RW Abraham N. Tolentino
- Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker by VW Oscar V. Badelles, JGL-Northern Mindanao
- Keynote Message by Hon. Antonio

T. Carpio, Senior Associate Justice

- Supreme Court of the Philippines
- Presentation of Token of Appreciation to the Guest of Honor and Speaker

AnCom

- Call to Order of the Annual Corporate Meeting of the GLP
- Presentation/Approval of the minutes and proceedings of 100th AnCom as minutes of the GLP as a corporate entity
- Presentation/Approval of the Reports of the Grand Guild of Past Masters, the Masonic Charities for Crippled Children, Inc., and the and Fraternal Relief Assistance Program
- Presentation by the Committee on AnCom Evaluation

## **Fraternal Luncheon**

Tagaytay International Convention

Center, Tagaytay City (12nn to 1pm)

Lunch for dignitaries and guests of the Grand Master (By invitation only)

## **The 101st Annual Communication**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel (2pm to 5pm) - AnCom delegates only

- Delivery of the Grand Oration
- Roll Call of Lodges
- Determination of Quorum
- Presentation/Approval of the minutes and proceedings of 100th

## **Grand Master's Night**

Tagaytay International Convention

Center, Tagaytay City (7pm to 12mn)

Open invitation to guests and delegates



## FRIDAY, April 28

### **The 101st Annual Communication**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel (8am to 12nn)- AnCom delegates only

- Presentation of the Report of the Grand Master
- Bidding for AnCom 2018
- Grand Lodge Officers' Reports
- Presentation/Approval of GLP Committee Reports

### **Fraternal Luncheon**

Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City (12nn to 1pm)  
Lunch for dignitaries and guests of the Grand Master (By invitation only)

### **GLP Annual Elections**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel (2pm to 5pm)- AnCom delegates only  
Election of Grand Lodge Officers

### **Dinner with the Past Grand Master**

,Taal Vista Hotel (7pm to 9pm) - By invitation only

## SATURDAY, April 29

### **Conferral of the Installed Past**

### **Masters Degree**

Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City (9am to 12nn)  
Conferral of the Installed Past Master's Degree to all qualified Past Masters and incumbent Worshipful Masters

### **Meeting/Orientation of Incoming GLP Officers**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel (8am to 12nn)  
Orientation meeting and coordination of all incoming GLP officers for MY 2017-2018

### **Fraternal Luncheon**

Tagaytay International Convention Center, Tagaytay City (12nn to 1pm)  
Lunch for dignitaries and guests of the Grand Master (By invitation only)

### **Installation of GLP Officers for MY 2017-2018/Closing of the 101st Annual Communications**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel (3pm to 5pm)  
Installation of the new Grand Master and his team. Declaration of the close of the 101st AnCom.

### **Fraternal Banquet**

Sampaguita Hall, Taal Vista Hotel  
6pm onwards



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# Charity

By MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM

CHARITY IS THE EXPRESSION OF LOVE: Mabuhay Shrine Temple Philippines Illustrious Potentate Juanito B. Vano, Jr. hand one of the bags of goodies to a little girl during the GLP's 104th Anniversary last December 19, 2016 as VW JB Licican stands in the background.

You have a great theme “Promoting Charity to Worthy Causes for our Worthy Brothers.” The key word in your theme is “Charity.” The synonyms of charity are kindness, assistance, altruism, benevolence, compassion, goodwill, generosity, relief, etc. With your leave, I like to discuss the essence and nuances of the word “charity” from the Volume of the Sacred Law, the first of our three greater lights.

To most masons, the Volume of the Sacred Law refers to the Bible. To others, it means the Koran, the Veda, the Bhagavad Gita, the Zend Avesta or the Tao Te King depending on their spiritual learnings. These different versions of the Volume of Sacred Law emphasizes that Masonry is not a religion. Rather, Masonry is a compendium of the virtues of the major religions over which men of different persuasions do not disagree. For this reason, men of different religions can unite in Masonry. This is the secret why Masonry has survived the tempests of time and the changes of climate. Freedom of religion is practised in the lodge. Masonry is open to people of all religions provided they believe in a Supreme Being. Since I am a Christian, let me discuss the meaning of charity from the biblical and Christian perspective. In the Holy Bible,

charity is the synonym of love. In 1 Corinthians 13, love is described as the greatest of all virtues, viz:

*“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophesy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have a faith that can move mountains but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames but have not love, I gain nothing.*

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*Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.*

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*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

To Christians, the greatest of all virtues is love or charity. Biblical commentators classify the different kinds of love. The highest kind of love is known as “agape.” Agape is God’s love to His creation, especially to mankind. The lowest kind of love is that driven by the appetite for sex. As masons, we took the obligation to be bound by a distinct kind of love,

i.e., brotherly love. Thus, as masons, we pledge to follow the virtues of “brotherly love, relief and truth.”

My point is that to understand the essence of “brotherly love,” we must know its origin, its historicity. “Brotherly love” is not a masonic obligation that was plucked out of thin air. “Brotherly love” is a commandment given by the Lord Jesus Christ to His disciples. In John 13:35, He says “*By this all men will*

to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.” The latitude of “brotherly love” is best expressed in the relationship between David and Jonathan. The first Christians, the first century Christian, followed this duty of “brotherly love” by caring for their fellow Christians more than caring for themselves. They thought of “them” before thinking of “selves.” To a great extent but not to its full extent, our cabletow expresses this

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know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” Clearly then, Jesus commanded His disciples, all twelve of them, to love one another. The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Hebrews, exhorted and I quote. “Let love of the brethren continue.” His challenge is to let “brotherly love” continue and increase. Obviously, our masonic forefathers have picked up the challenge of the apostle Paul when they imposed on all masons the duty to observe “brotherly love.”

biblical commandment of “brotherly love.” I like to believe that if Masonry continues to be an indestructible force for good in the universe, it is because masons not only profess but practice this virtue of “brotherly love.” The practice of “brotherly love” unites us and fulfils the words of the Psalmist “*behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity (Psalm 133:1).*”

Let me go to the second point of your

But what is “brotherly love?” The apostle Paul gives us the basic definition of “brotherly love” in Romans 12:10. He said, “Be devoted

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# **The official list of nominees for the position of Junior Grand Warden**



EDITOR'S NOTE: As much as the editorial desk of The Cable Tow would want to feature the profiles and programs of ALL the candidates, it has to consider its deadlines and the production capability of its printers. So despite its exhaustive efforts to retrieve such information through all available means to it, it can only feature those profiles and candidates that have replied to its urgent requests for the said information.



# VW RAMON G. TABOR

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

## **VW RAMON G. TABOR**

- 24 Years Mason
- Leonardo T. Pañares Memorial Lodge No. 220
- Masonic District R-X-B (Misamis Oriental, Camiguin)

RAMON GALVEZ TABOR, a resident of Richmond Hills Subd., Dongallo Hilltop, Camaman-an, Cagayan de Oro City, born on December 28, 1955 at Cagayan de Oro City to parents TRANQUILINO RUBIO TABOR, (deceased) and JOVITA GALVEZ and wonderfully married to JOSEPHINE VALMORES DONGALLO, a Fines Arts, major in Interior Design graduate of University of Sto. Tomas, (UST) Manila, who bore two (2) children named CHRISTOPHER and MARIA ANGELICA. Stands 5 feet and 11 inches tall and weighs 200 lbs. His personal interests in sports since childhood has been playing BASKETBALL.

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND POSITIONS HELD**

Atty. Tabor is a true blue Atenean having finished his elementary (1962-1969), high school (1969-1973), and college years at the Xavier University, Ateneo De Cagayan (1973-1977 and 1981-1985). He finished with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Economics pursued a Bachelor of Law degree later in the same institution.

He was a recipient of the LOYALTY AWARD for having faithfully and successfully gone through the Jesuit system of Education for nineteen (19) years at Xavier University, Ateneo de Cagayan. He was also an OUTSTANDING ALUMNI awardee of Xavier University, Ateneo de Cagayan in 1998 and PASSED the 1985 BAR EXAMINATION and being admitted to the Philippine Bar under Roll Number 34299.

VW Tabor was the past Chairman of the Board of Cagayan de Oro College (COC) Board of Trustees.

He was a Senior Partner of the TABOR, MORDENO TANGAN SUMICAD-HUERBANA & MORDENO Law Office located in Dongallo Compound, Camaman-an, Cagayan de Oro City.

He was also elected City Councilor of the Second District of Cagayan de Oro City and served as the Majority Floor Leader of the said City Council.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

He was elected for five (5) consecutive terms as City Councilor of Cagayan de Oro City from 1992 to 2013

He is a member and Past District Deputy Grand Master (PDDGM) for Masonic District No. 30, Free and

Accepted Masons of the Philippine,  
2003-2004.

Association (XU-AAA), 1998-  
1999.

He is a Past Master, Leonardo T. Pañares Lodge No. 220, Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, Cagayan de Oro City.

He is a member of the Mindanao Shrine Club, under the jurisdiction of Aloha Shriners, A.A.O.N.M.S.

He is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star (OES), Cadena de Amor Chapter No. 16, Cagayan de Oro City and is also a member of the Cagayan de Oro Eagles Club

Atty. Tabor also served in the following positions:

- Past Director, Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP) Misamis Oriental – Cagayan de Oro Chapter.
- Member, Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG), and Protestant Lawyer League of the Philippines (PLLP).
- Past President, Rotary Club of Cagayan de Oro-North, 1999.
- Past Vice-Chairman, for MINDANAO, Philippine Councilor's League (PCL), 1998-2001.
- Past National Secretary-General and National Executive Vice-President, Philippine Councilor's League (PCL).
- Past Vice-President, Xavier University, Ateneo Alumni

## SUMMARY

VW Tabor is the President of the Association of Law Students of the XU College of Law when he graduated in 1985.

He was admitted to the Bar in 1986 (Revolution Batch) and was elected as the youngest Director of the IBP-Misamis Oriental Chapter in 1987.

He is the Senior Partner of the TABOR, MORDENO, TAN-GAN LARA-MAAGAD & SUMICAD-HUERBANA Law Office and a member of the Board of Trustees of Cagayan de Oro College (COC) Phinma Education.

He was elected City Councilor in 1992 and completed his three (3) terms as Councilor in 2001 and was appointed in 2005 as Consultant of the City Government and Overseer of the Roads and Traffic Administration (RTA).

In his comeback bid, he was again elected City Councilor of the Second District of Cagayan de Oro City during the last May 14, 2007 election.

A member of the SCINTILLA LEGIS fraternity and Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.



# VW EDWIN I. CORVERA

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**



**VW EDWIN I. CORVERA**

- 23 Years Mason
- Makiling Lodge No. 72
- MD RIV Laguna



# VW JOSE A. LIM III

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

**VW JOSE A. LIM III**

- 38 Years Mason
- Sarangani Lodge No. 50
- Masonic District RXI-A  
(Davao City & Davao del Sur)

VW JOSE “BOYET” A. LIM III is the consummate businessman. He sits as Chairman and CEO of several companies which includes Duratrak Corporation, Milesplus Retread Corporation, Toyota Davao City, Inc., Toyota General Santos, Inc., Toyota Tagum City, Primeclass Land Corp., True Deals Finance & Leasing Corporation, and Toyota Matina, Davao. This native of Matina, Davao was raised as a Master Mason at Sarangani Lodge No. 50 on the 28th of August 1978. He is married to Sis. Dolly and is blessed with three children: Denise, Jose IV, and Danielle.

#### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

VW Boyet, as he is more fondly called, studied at the Buluan Public Elementary School and Notre Dame of Tacurong High School. He took up Business Management at the Mindanao State University and the Ateneo de Manila University, as a scholar in both schools. Later, he took up an Entrepreneurship Course at the Asian Institute of Management.

#### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

VW Lim was a member of the Philippines Jaycees, Davao Chapter (1979 – 1982). He is also a member of Class of 1984 of Rotary District 3860 and was a part of the Group Study Exchange to the United States and Canada. He was a member of Rotary Club of East Davao (1984 – 1989) and served as Director of the American Chamber of Commerce-Davao Chapter from 1992 to 1995.

He is also a co-Founder in 1994 of The Sports Foundation of St. Andrew, Inc. (SFOSA), an association of

golfers who are Freemasons, for the promotion of Charity, Fitness and Fellowship and Chairman of the Board in 1999 of St. Andrew’s, Inc., a corporation formed to establish and operate a Golf Driving Range, one of the main purposes of which is to support the masonic charities of SFOSA.

VW BOYET LIM is a Honorary Member, Class ’68, of the Philippine Military Academy.

#### **MASONIC CAREER**

VW Boyet was raised to the Degree of Master Mason in Sarangani Lodge No. 50. In November 1978, he was conferred the 4th – 32nd Degrees of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Davao Bodies (with special dispensation from then Ill. Ricardo Cruz, 33°SGIG on the 6-month prescription period from time of raising to qualify for the Higher Bodies)

In 1981, he served as Chairman of the Special Committee on Land Acquisition for the Greater Davao

Masonic Temple site (now site of the Greater Davao Masonic Center)

In February 1981, he became Founder and First Editor-in-Chief, the Trestle Board, Official Organ of Sarangani Lodge which was named Best Publication by the Grand Lodge in 1997. From 1981 to 1985, he served as Conferral Director of the Davao Bodies under the supervision of then Ill. Bro. Ireneo Irasga, Sr., 33° IGH. In 1982, he was installed as Master of Sarangani Lodge for which term the Lodge was awarded the Grand Master's Cup as the Most Outstanding Lodge

In the same year, VW Boyet became a member of the York Rite of Freemasonry. Also in 1982, he became a Master of Kadosh, Davao Bodies of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

From 1982 to 1983, he was Co-Chairman of the Executive Committee of GDMT Project under the Board of Governors which was chaired and vice-chaired by VW Paul T. Arcangel and VW Benjamin S. Geli, respectively. Specifically handled major fund-raising activities.

In February 1984, he became a Grand Lodge Awardee for Distinguished Masonic Services. In April 1984, he became a member of the Harry S. Truman Centennial Class, Cebu

Shrine Club, Aloha Temple. From 1984 to 1985, he served as District Grand Lecturer of Masonic District 18 and awarded Most Outstanding DGL.

In 1994, he became a Grand Master's Award of Merit for the Preparation and Implementation of Grand Lodge goals for Masonic Year 1993-1994. In 1999, he was awarded Most Outstanding Mason of the Philippines in the field of Business, during the 83rd Ancom held in General Santos City on the 22nd day of April 1999.

In March 2008, he was given the Hiram Award--- the highest award a Masonic Lodge can give its member

In May 2005, he was part of IOTA Class, Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent. From 2009 to 2010, he served as District Deputy Grand Master, District RXI-A, being awarded as Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master.

From July 2011 to present, he serves as Ambassador to the Agila Shriners. From 2012 -2014, he served as Chapter King Cobra, The Philippine King Cobra [Banakon] Chapter - Davao Snake Pit, Grand and Glorious Order of the Knights of the Creeping Serpent

## STATEMENT OF PROGRAM

**FOR THE FRATERNITY**

**Background:**

The Philippines has entered an era of prosperity in which the relevance of Freemasonry can play a significant role in growing the country morally and economically.

Freemasons are in every sector of our society. By the practice of our tenets and principles, we can greatly contribute to the moral strength of our country alongside her economic growth.

**Objectives:**

- To reinforce the primacy of Masonic character in every Mason; and
- To enhance the image projected by every Masonic temple (or center) in its location in order to gain the respect and admiration of the community.

**Propositions:**

- In reinforcing the primacy of Masonic character in every Mason
  1. Pursue the institutionalization of the IMES, its standard materials and methodology of education. Then form District IMES teams under the DGLs to implement

the IMES GL jurisdiction-wise.

2. Include a Code of Conduct for Masons to help us all adopt Masonry as a way of life.
3. It is our daily behavior as Masons that make us good or bad examples in our private and public lives.
4. Improve the petition process for membership to ensure that only those truly qualified are admitted. Detail that process, define the obligations of sponsors as well as the sanctions for irresponsible sponsorship of a petition.

- In enhancing the image projected by every Masonic temple in its location...
  1. Create a set of minimum facility standard requirements for all Masonic temples that must be followed to project a consistent positive image of the fraternity in the community.
  2. Address the image projected by these facilities by starting with the five temples in the jurisdiction that need the most improvement and have them prioritized in GM visitations. We can only be as strong as our weakest representation.

3. Encourage subordinate lodges and appendant bodies to hold an annual fund-raising event dedicated to supporting the maintenance and improvement of Masonic temples.
4. Hold appropriate events within the premises of the temples with the participation of children in the neighborhood to share with them an early education of what Masonry is. This will help us earn social approbation in the community.  
This is also an opportunity for Demolays and Jobies under the supervision of Masons to take part in such events and help them develop their own sense of social responsibility.

**Timeline:**

1. If and when elected as JGW, initiate the detailed planning of the proposals in consultation with the PGMs, the Grand Line Officers and District Officers thru dialogues and FAQ reference materials.
2. Present the final proposal with their materials to the incumbent GM as a support program for his incumbency and for the initiation of its

implementation.

3. If and when ascent thru the grand ladder happens, intensify the pursuit of the proposal thru its completion thru-out the jurisdiction.

**OVERALL STRATEGIC PURPOSE**

Freemasonry is the greatest fraternity in the world but, sadly, this may be largely by our own account.

The moral and legal entanglements of Masons in private enterprise and government service that we hear about everyday collide with our most coveted view of the fraternity. It also weakens the convictions of the majority of Masons who, though may be less in social stature, form the base and stability of our fraternity.

Freemasonry has never been found wanting in her guidance. And around us are countless opportunities by which we can exemplify what we are thru our behavior and by standardizing the image projected by our temples.

In conclusion, we all dream to belong to an institution whose composition and image we can be proud of. And out there is a growing population of good men who, without doubt, will be willing to submit to an institution that can reinforce their character and enable them to become more useful citizens to society.



# VW EDILBERTO P. CARRABACAN

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**



**VW EDILBERTO P.  
CARABBACAN**

- 43 Years Mason
- Nueva Vizcaya Lodge No. 144
- Masonic District RII-E (Nueva Vizcaya (North), Ifugao)



# VW RICARDO C. MARQUEZ

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

## VW RICARDO C. MARQUEZ

- 22 Years Mason
- Kagitingan Lodge No. 286
- Masonic District NCR-G  
(Makati, Las Piñas,  
Parañaque)

In whatever field he may find himself in, VW RICARDO CORNEJO MARQUEZ have found ways to excel and distinguish himself whether it be in his personal life, his professional career as a police officer, and a respected and well-loved member of the Craft.

The former Chief of the Philippine National Police was born in August 28, 1960 in Maragondon, Cavite. He is married to Sis. Luzviminda and is blessed with a brood of three which were named Maria Gwendolyn, Fae Andrea B. Marquez, and Lou Erika B. Marquez.

#### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

VW Ric Marquez took his primary education at Tulay Elementary School (1966-1972) in Maragondon, Cavite. He then acquired his secondary education at Bucal National High School (1972-1976) also in Maragondon, Cavite. After high school, he went to Philippine Military Academy from 1978 to 1982 in Baguio City.

He later earned his Masterals degree in Management from the Philippine Christian Academy in Quezon City from 1995-1996. At present, he is working on his dissertation on his doctoral degree in Peace and Security Studies from the Bicol State University in Legaspi City.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

As a police officer, he was Deputy Task Force Commander for the PNP's Anti Illegal Drugs Special Operation Task Force from 2007

to 2008. He was then assigned as Provincial Director for the Nueva Ecija Police Provincial Office from 2008 to 2010. From Nueva Ecija, VW Ric held the Executive Officer's position for the Directorate for Investigation and Detective Management from 2010 to 2012. He later became Deputy Director for the Directorate for Operations, (2012-2013) and then Regional Director for the Police Regional Office 1 in 2013.

In 2015, he was the Commander for the Papal Security Task Force and Commander for the APEC Security Task Force in the same year.

From 2013 to 2015, he was Director for Operations of the Philippine National Police and ultimately appointed as Chief of the Philippine National Police from 2015 to 2016.

#### **AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

During his career, VW Ric Marquez earned numerous awards and citations which includes the following:

- Two (2) Philippine Legion of Honor Awards (2015 and 2016)
- Cavalier Award (2016) by the PMA Alumni Association Incorporated Outstanding Achievement Award by the PMA Alumni Association Incorporated CSG Senior Police Commissioned Officer of the Year 2000
- PNP Junior Police Commissioned Officer of the Year 1995
- PNP Regional Command (RECOM) 4 Junior PCO of the Year 1995
- PNP RECOM4 Junior Field Officer of the Year 1994
- Cavite Provincial Police Command Junior Officer of the Year 1994
- Pope Francis Service Medal
- Five (5) PNP Distinguished Service Medals
- Twelve (12) PNP Outstanding Achievement Medals
- Seven (7) PNP Special Service Medals
- Four (4) PNP Heroism Medals
- Three (3) Bronze Cross Medals
- 16 PNP Merit Medals
- 8 Military Merit Medals
- 50 PNP Efficiency Medals
- 29 PNP Commendation Medals
- Two (2) Military Commendation Medals

- Military Civic Action Medal
- Four (4) PNP Good Conduct Medals Four (4) Campaign Medals and Ribbons Two (2) Presidential Unit Citation Badges
- Honor Graduate Award (Philippine Constabulary Training Command)
- Numerous Certificates/Plaques of Merit/Commendation/Appreciation

### **MASONIC CAREER**

Equally stellar is VW Ric Marquez's masonic career. He was raised as a master mason in Kagitingan Lodge No. 286. In 1997, he was elected as Lodge Secretary. The following year, he was elected as Junior Warden and eventually became Worshipful Master of his mother lodge in 2000.

He is also a dual member of La Piñas Lodge No. 323 and held several positions in the Grand Lodge such District Grand Lecturer for Masonic District No. 13 (MY 2001), District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 13 (MY 2002), Junior Grand Lecturer for NCR (MY 2005-2006), Grand Marshal (MY 2013).

He was also a member of the Committee on Jurisprudence in the MYs 2005 and 2017

During his Masonic journey, VW Marquez earned awards such as the

Jose Abad Santos Bronze Medal, the Hiram Award, and a Plaque of Merit for Most Outstanding Worshipful Master in the Grand Jurisdiction, MY 2000 and the Most Outstanding Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, MY 2000. In 2015, he was also adjudged

as the Most Outstanding Mason in the Police Service.

VW Marquez is also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason (Master of the Royal Secret) of the Cavite Bodies, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite.

## **... but the greatest of these is**

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theme ... charity or love to worthy causes. The object of your charity or love is not every cause but worthy causes. Given the amplitude of the word love or charity as understood in the Holy Scriptures, I urge you to be liberal in the interpretation of the phrase “worthy causes.” Again, the Scriptures tell us that the early Christians were advised to extend “brotherly love” not just among themselves best even to strangers. Again, listen to the exhortation of the apostle Paul: “*See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good to one another and for all men (1 Thess. 5:15).*” To the early Christians, “brotherly love” does not only mean to love one another but to love all, and all includes even their enemies. To love our enemies is impossible for the ordinary man to do. It demands extraordinary love. And extraordinary love, the love that extends to enemies, can be

given only by those who have been empowered by the Living Spirit of the Great Architect of the Universe. Therefore, when you think of “worthy causes,” think of what the Scriptures tell the early Christians to do as part of their duty to observe “brotherly love.” They were told to feed the hungry, take in the stranger, clothe the naked and visit prisoners. For what reason? The Lord Jesus has the answer, He said: “*Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me. (Matt. 25:40).*” I urge you therefore to practice charity, to scatter your love, not only to our brethren but also to the untouched and the untouchables of our society. That is the length and breadth of “brotherly love” as understood in the Holy Scriptures, the Rule and Guide of our faith. Masonic charity knows no shores, goes beyond borders, looks for the loveless and lifts the left behind.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The aforementioned article was extracted from Past Grand Master MW Reynato S. Puno's speech delivered last March 15, 2017 at the Heritage Hotel in Pasay City during the Installation of Worthy Brothers.



# VW ROLEN C. PAULINO

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

## VW ROLEN C. PAULINO

- 20 Years Mason
- Lincoln Lodge No. 34
- Masonic District RIII-C  
(Zambales)

**BORN ON THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER in 1962, VW ROLEN C. Paulino slowly worked his way into prominence from a simple businessman to the chief executive of one of the country's major cities.**

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND    MASONIC CAREER**

VW Rolen earned his elementary education from the Angeles University in Angeles, Pampanga in 1972. Four years later he finished his secondary education from the same institution. He then earned his college degree in BS Commerce from Columban University in Olongapo City majoring in Business Administration in 1987.

VW Rolen was raised a Master Mason on the 19th day of March 1996 at Lincoln Lodge No. 34. In 2002, he became a Past Master of his mother lodge. Three years later, he was appointed District Grand Lecturer of Masonic District RIII-C. In 2014, he was appointed Grand Organist of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

**PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

VW Rolen started his career as General Manager of Pauline's Trading from 1982 to 1992 in Olongapo City. From there, he became Sports Director of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority from 1992 to 1998.

VW Paulino is a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason (Inspector General Honorary) from the Western Luzon Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite .

He is also a member of the Order of Eastern Star – Rebecca Parrish No. 5 where he became Worthy Patron for twice in 2008 and 2011.

In 1998, he decided to run as city councilor of Olongapo City and successfully winning a seat which he held until 2004. In 2004, he decided to vie for the position of Vice Mayor which he won and occupied until 2007.

He is also a noble of the Mabuhay Shriners – Chuck Demorse Memorial Shrine Club where he was a High Shereef (President) in 2015.

**PLANS and PROGRAMS**

Three years after last occupying a public office, he ran for Mayor of Olongapo City and won. Until the present, he is still the city's Chief Executive.

VW Paulino believes that leadership involves people development, to create a highly productive team within our Fraternity. This can only be attained in an environment

where good leaders can emerge through programs promoting closer ties with brethren-mentors and initiatives that foster is no alternative for hand-on / touch base leadership; the old school of learning from the seniors who have invested their invaluable Time, Talents and Treasure in multiplying themselves.

challenge. A good leader wilfully takes this challenge, knowing that he must conquer himself first before he can lead someone. He is committed to the principle of leadership by example. And that you are subject to the scrutiny of everyone and hold the higher ideals of transparency and accountability. He is the one

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*VW Rolan carries on the principle that a leader must be an exemplar of discipline himself. Of all the things we have to govern in this life, governing/controlling or disciplining ourselves is the greatest challenge. A good leader wilfully takes this challenge, knowing that he must conquer himself first before he can lead someone. He is committed to the principle of leadership by example.*

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Through this, we do not only bring their hearts closer to each one but to promote our tradition - "on the level".

VW Rolan carries on the principle that a leader must be an exemplar of discipline himself. Of all the things we have to govern in this life, governing/controlling or disciplining ourselves is the greatest

who walks the talk and someone who is upright at home and in the community, but a humble servant of all. He is a motivator, a mentor, a confidant, a life coach and a brother imbued with a sense of purpose. Brethren, I take that challenge to create that environment – where lodges and district can take the brotherhood to that point and to the next level.



# **VW LEONCIO B. SOLAMILLO**

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

## **VW LEONCIO B. SOLAMILLO**

- 21 Years Mason
- Juan S. Alano Lodge No. 137
- Masonic District R-IX & ARMM-C (Zamboanga City, Jolo, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi)



# VW TRESE D. WENCESLAO

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

**VW TRESE D. WENCESLAO**

- 19 Years Mason
- Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73
- Masonic District RIII-D  
(Nueva Ecija (South))

As a man of the bar and bench, VW Trese D. Wenceslao knows fully well the importance of the law in the lives of men and of masons.

Our brother from the Regional Trial Court of Cabanatuan City was born on the 13th of October 1965 in Ma. Aurora, Aurora. He is married to Emerita Cruz of Quezon, Nueva Ecija.

#### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

VW Wenceslao earned his primary education at the Cabanatuan East Central School. He then took up his high school at the Nueva Ecija High School.

He then pursued at Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science degree and later, Bachelor of Laws from Araullo University.

#### **PROFESSIONAL CAREER**

His career in government service started in 1997 as a Clerk of Court for RTC Branch 29, Cabanatuan City. In 2000, he became the Legal Officer, for the City Government of Cabanatuan City.

In 2002, he served as Provincial Adjudicator for the Department of Agrarian Reform before being appointed as Presiding Judge for the Municipal Trial Court of Cabanatuan City in 2005.

He also served as Acting Presiding Judge of the Municipal Trial Court in the province of Aurora. During his free time, he is a professor of law at the Araullo University and the Wesleyan University-Philippines.

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

Aside from being a member of the Craft, VW Wenceslao is also a member of other organizations such as the Kabukiran Shrine Club, where he serves as President. He is also President of the Nueva Ecija Chapter of the Philippine Judges' Association. He was Past President of the Traveler's of Nueva Ecija Shooting Association, and a member of the Pampanga Alumni Association of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity.

#### **MASONIC CAREER**

In 1997, he became a member of Nueva Ecija Lodge No. 73 before eventually becoming its Worshipful Master in the year 2001. The following year, he was appointed as Grand Lodge Inspector before being appointed as District Grand Lecturer of Masonic District R-III-D in 2003. In 2004, he was appointed as District Deputy Grand Master and was elected and installed as Venerable Master of Cabanatuan Bodies, A.& A.S.R. in 2005.

In 2006, he became a member of Aloha Temple, Maharlika Shrine and was appointed as Senior Grand Steward in 2014.



# VW RUDY L. ONG

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

## VW RUDY L. ONG

- 24 Years Mason
- Labong Lodge No. 59
- Masonic District NCR-B  
(Manila)

**MASONIC PROFILE**

- Raised as a Master Mason (December 1992)
- WM, Labong Lodge No. 59 (1995-1996)
- Grand Lodge Inspector (1996-1997)
- District Grand Lecturer (1997-1998)
- District Deputy Grand Master (1998-1999)
- The year our republic celebrated its centennial year in which the GLP played an active role in its celebration.
- Managing Editor, Cabletow (1999-2000)
- Editor in Chief, Cabletow (2000-2001)
- Junior Grand Lecturer, NCR (2012-2013)
- During centennial year of the Grand Lodge of the Phils, Vice President, Luzon Shrine Club
- Committee Chairmanship:
  - Awards Committee, the 1st non-PGM to hold this position
  - Rituals & Works
  - Resolutions
- Committee Membership:
  - Revision and Updating of Constitution
  - Masonic Temples and Buildings
  - Ways and Means
  - Necrology
  - Computerization
  - Management Audit

**MASONIC ACHIEVEMENTS**

- District Level NCR-B
  - Most Outstanding Worshipful Master
- National Level, during the term of MW Enrique Locsin
  - Most Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master

**PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

- President, Felipe Apparel Inc., licensee of Walat Disney, Nickelodeon apparel
- Vice-President, UNO Seafood Group Restaurants
- Committee Member – Federation of Filipino-Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Inc. (2015-2017)
- President, SIDGAP (Screen Imaging, Digital & Graphics Association of the Phils)
- Committee Member, ASGA (Asian Screen Printing & Graphic Imaging Association)
- President, Pasay City (Host) Lions Club, oldest running Lions Club in the Phils. (2008-2009)
- President, UST Math Society (1984-1985)
- President, The Travellers Group (2001-2004)

**EDUCATION**

- Primary and Secondary School: Saint Jude Catholic

School (1971-1981)

- Tertiary: University of Santo Tomas, B.S. Mathematics Major in Actuarial Science (1981-1985)

system

13. Work on a feasibility study on retirement homes for elderly masons
14. Come up with an ideal workable health care program

## PROGRAMS

1. Institutionalize the orientation of petitioners
2. Formalize the membership committee set-up
3. Organize a Grand Guild Lodge of Inspectors and a Grand Guild of Lecturers
4. Launch an “adopt a lodge” program
5. Initiate “ByThePlumb” projects, a community service programs that would raise awareness of the good deeds of Masons and correct misconceptions about Masonry
6. Invite notable speakers regularly on topics such as time management, leadership, and self-development
7. Foster twinning with local or foreign lodges
8. Contribute to the propagation of our nation’s public education
9. Update changes in electoral reforms
10. Decentralize IMES and deputize District Grand Lecturers to be part of IMES
11. Improve transparency and communication between the Grand Lodge and blue lodges and appendant bodies
12. Formulate a faster and more effective disaster relief response

## EDICTS AND CIRCULARS

1. Designation of a Web Master, a Chief of Corporate Communications as well as a Chief of Archives and provide them a fixed tenure to ensure the continuity of their works
2. Honoring departed brethren thru visual images every AnCom
3. Setting a number of DGLs on every district tantamount to the number of lodges
4. Organization of Fun Run to raise funds for the awareness and prevention of Prostate Cancer
5. Setting up of Masonic logos on different localities where lodges are situated
6. Coordinate with the Grand Guild of Past Masters to expedite the release of benefits and be given during the last rites
7. Restoration of charters of lodges
8. Designation of Marshall as the only director of ceremonies during conferrals
9. Mandate all districts to implement lodge of instruction the whole year round
10. Effectivity of scholarship privileges to deserving candidates
11. Manage our own blood bank
12. Setting up of a watering hole for retirees



# VW LEONARDO P. CHUA

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

**VW LEONARDO P. CHUA**

- 42 Years Mason
- Cagayan Valley Lodge No. 133
- Masonic District RII-D (Isabela (South), Quirino)



# VW J. ERMIN ERNEST LOUIE R. MIGUEL

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

**VW J. ERMIN ERNEST LOUIE R.  
MIGUEL**

- 10 Years Mason
- Luzon Lodge No. 57
- Masonic District NCR-C  
(Manila)

**Brother Jay Miguel is the PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF MANDALUYONG CITY. Prior to his promotion, he was the Presiding Judge of the Metropolitan Trial Court of Manila. Appointed to the Judiciary in 2009 at the age of 39, he is one of the youngest judges of the Republic.**

An awardee of the MOST OUTSTANDING JUDGE Award by the City of Manila, he was nominated twice, in 2014 and 2015, to receive the coveted JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD by the Supreme Court Society for Judicial Excellence.

Prior to his appointment to the judiciary, he served as the Director of the Legal Department of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) where he was significantly responsible for the recovery of PLDT shares in the name of a Marcos shell corporation amounting to 25 Billion pesos and the recovery of 687 Million US Dollars of Marcos Swiss deposits.

Immediately after passing the 1996 Bar Examinations, he organized the law offices of ROCO NAVERA MIGUEL & ASUNCION and assumed the position of the law firm's Managing Partner specializing in corporate, local government and civil law cases. He was also a lecturer on Corporation and Partnership Laws and The Philippine Legal Environment at the De La Salle University College of Business Economics and a Professor of Criminal Law at the Unibersidad ng Maynila Law School.

Born and raised in Naga City to the late Judge Ernesto A. Miguel and Dr. Marielu Miguel, he finished his secondary education at the Ateneo de Naga University. He pursued his Bachelor's Degree in Marketing at San Beda College in Manila and took up law at the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law where he graduated with a Juris Doctor degree in 1996.

His elementary graduation was eventful as it was during this day when his father, a Master Mason of Isarog Lodge No. 33, brought him to a meeting of the Bicol Chapter DeMolays which at that time was accepting petitions. He was then only 12 years old, unmindful of what DeMolay meant, obviously not expecting that he was to become one of its Master Councilors. In 2008, he was invested with the honor, rank and title of Chevalier by the Philippine Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. In 2011 he founded the Luzon Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

The proverbial Masonic ladder began for him when he was raised a Master Mason of Luzon Lodge No. 57 at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in 2006. Six months after his raising, he was elected Lodge Secretary, a

position he held for three years. He assumed the Oriental Chair of his mother lodge in 2011. In 2012 he was appointed Grand Lodge Inspector. In 2013, he was appointed District Grand Lecturer. In 2014, District Deputy Grand Master of MD-NCR-C; and in 2015 Senior Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. During the same Masonic Year, he also served as President of IMES. It was during his term as President of IMES when

CENTURIES. OUR TRADITIONS HAVE SURVIVED MONARCHIES, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS UPHEAVALS, EVEN CONSPIRACY THEORIES. THEY MUST BE PRESERVED.

BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE PARAMOUNT. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WELFARE OF EACH OF OUR

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*“OURS IS NOT A SIMPLE ORGANIZATION OF MEN. FREEMASONRY IS STEEPED IN RITUAL DATING BACK CENTURIES. OUR TRADITIONS HAVE SURVIVED MONARCHIES, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS UPHEAVALS, EVEN CONSPIRACY THEORIES. THEY MUST BE PRESERVED.*

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he piloted the ON-LINE LECTURE SERIES on Masonic Jurisprudence where every Master Mason, here and abroad, could access the lectures. He has been teaching Masonic Jurisprudence since 2011.

Just recently, he was conferred the HIRAM AWARD by his Lodge.

Excerpts from one of his speeches:

“OURS IS NOT A SIMPLE ORGANIZATION OF MEN. FREEMASONRY IS STEEPED IN RITUAL DATING BACK

BROTHER MASONS. AND THAT IS THE REASON FOR MY PROPOSITIONS FOR ON-LINE, FREE AND ACCESSIBLE IMES, INTERNET ACCESS OF ALL LODGES, DECENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS FOR ALL THE BRETHERN, SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS.

A SERVANT LEADER SERVES BUT HE ALSO MUST LEAD. HE LEADS WITH VISION, WITH INTEGRITY, AND HE LEADS BOLDLY.”



# VW EDWARD Y. CHUA

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

**VW EDWARD Y. CHUA**

- 28 Years Mason
- Makabugwas Lodge No. 47
- MD RVIII-B Leyte



# VW MICHAEL DJ DAVID

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

## VW MICHAEL DJ DAVID

- 14 Years Mason
- Arcadio Evangelista Memorial Lodge No. 254
- Masonic District RIII-G (Tarlac)

**PROFESSIONAL  
ACCREDITATION**

- Specialist in Construction Management and project Management (June 2014)
- Materials Engineer II – Accreditation No. 2973 (November 2013)
- Materials Engineer I – Accreditation No. 2973 (2008)
- Civil Engineer – PRC No. 81539

**EDUCATION**

- College: Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineer, De La Salle University, Manila (1992-1997)
- High School: Don Bosco Technical Institute, Tarlac City (1988-1992)
- Elementary: Don Bosco Technical Institute, Tarlac City (1985-1988)
- Elementary: College of the Holy Spirit, Tarlac City (1982-1985)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Manager / Proprietor (2002-Present), DAMICO Builder and Supplies
- Assistant Manager / VO-Operations (1997-Present), LSD Construction and Supplies

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS  
/ CLUB AFFILIATIONS**

- Venerable Master (2015-Present), Pampanga Bodies AAS&R
- Member (2015-Present), Mt. Arayat Shrine Club – Mabuhay Shriners
- Secretary (2015-2016), Ang Rehenerasyon Lodge No. 402, F&AM
- President (2014-Present), DBXCII – Batch President
- Regional Coordinator (2014-Present), PICE Region III
- Treasurer (2014-Present), Pillars of the North, Order of the Secret Monitor
- Board of Directors (2013), PICE National
- Charter Member / Senior Warden (2013-Present), Pampanga Bodies AAS&R
- Grand Tyler (2013-2014), Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines
- President (2013-Present), Bosconian Travellers, Inc.
- Member (2013-Present), Plumb & Level Club
- Worshipful Master (2012-2015), Ang Rehenerasyon Lodge No. 402, Free and Accepted Masons Concepcion, Tarlac
- Honorary Member (2012), Magalang Lodge No. 391 F & AM

- Regional Coordinator (2011-2012), PICE Region 3
- Member (2011-Present), Order of the Secret Monitor – Philippines
- Dual Member (2010-Present), Free & Accepted Masons, AB YAP Mem. Lodge No. 328
- Board of Directors (2009-2012), PICE Tarlac
- District Deputy Grand Master (2008-2009), MDRIII-G, Province of Tarlac
- Member (2008-Present), Tarlac Bodies AAS&R
- Charter Member (2008-2010), Heroes Lodge U.D., Free & Accepted Masons,
- Honorary Member (2008), AB YAP Lodge No. 328 F&AM
- District Deputy Grand Master (2008-2009), Masonic District R3-G
- Safety Practitioner (2007), Accredited by DOLE/OSH
- President (2007), Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers Inc., Tarlac Chapter
- Grand Lodge Inspector (2006), Victory Lodge No. 116, Free & Accepted Masons,
- National Director for Community Affairs (2006), Junior Chamber International Philippines
- Charter Member (2005-Present), Tarlac Kaunlaran Lodge No. 360, Free & Accepted Masons,
- National Vice President – Central Luzon (2005), Junior Chamber International Philippines
- President/Worshipful Master (2005), Arem Lodge No. 254, Free & Accepted Masons
- Vice President – Internal (2004-2005), Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE) – Tarlac
- President (2004), Tarlac Centennial Jaycees
- Warden (2003-2004), Free & Accepted Masons Arem 254
- Member (2003-Present), Tarlac Chamber of Commerce
- Member (2003), Philippine Shriner Association
- Treasurer (2001-2003), Tarlac Centennial Jaycees
- Member (2002-Present), Arem Lodge No. 254, Free & Accepted Masons,
- Member (2002-2009), Tarlac Centennial Jaycees
- Member (1997-Present), Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PICE), Tarlac
- Member (1988-Present), Philippine Practical Shooters Association
- Member (1988-Present), Tarlac Shooters Club, Inc.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- Social Community Services (region wide)
- Disaster Quick Response Program (NDCC – PICE)

- PICE Tarlac Outreach Programs
- Free & Accepted Masons Outreach Programs

**AWARDS RECEIVED/  
DISTINCTION**

- 2016 Nominated as Junior Grand Warden – Lodge, District & Region III Level
- 2015 Nominated as Junior Grand Warden – Lodge, District & Region III Level
- 2014 Nominated as Junior Grand Warden – Lodge and District Level
- 2009-2013 Distinction as Installing Officer & Master of Ceremonies in the Different Lodges in Tarlac
- 2007 best in Community Project Award, Philippine Institute of

- Civil Engineers, Inc
- 2006 Most Outstanding Lodge (AREM Lodge #254) in the District #35
- 2006 Most Outstanding Worshipful Master in District #35, Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines
- 2006 Chairman, The Outstanding Councilor of the Philippines, Junior Chamber Int'l. Phils
- 2005 Most Outstanding National Vice President in Area 1, Junior Chamber International Phils.
- 2004 Outstanding Local Organization Movement in Community Project Area 1, Junior Chamber Int'l Phils.
- 2004 Distinction in Safety and Health Program Area 1 (Jaycees)

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Freemasonry is the oldest Fraternal Organization in the world; it has several affiliate branches in several other countries.

- PAST NATIONAL MASTER COUNCILOR, INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF DEMOLAY
  - Recipient of several prestigious organizational awards.
  - Attended as guest speaker in various Induction and

Installation of Officers.

- Hosted the 6th National DeMolay Conclave and Congress in the Development Academy of the Philippines, Tagaytay City, Philippines.
  - Member since 1991.
- MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS
  - Elected as Vice-president of the Mapua Shooting Team Organization in 1992.



# VW EDWIN P. COSTES

**NOMINEE FOR THE POSITION OF JUNIOR  
GRAND WARDEN**

**VW EDWIN P. COSTES**

- 13 Years Mason
- Pilar Lodge No. 15
- MD RIV Cavite East

Born on October 15, 1974 in Manila, VW Edwin Costes is fluent in English and Filipino and can understand and speak Chinese. He has good analytical skills and high degree of computer literacy. He enjoys a good game of golf and is highly personable.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- PRESIDENT JASPER JEAN SERVICES, INC., January 2000 - Present
- DIRECTOR - INTEGRATED METRO BUS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION, November 2005 - Present
- CONSULTANT - AIR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE, March 2005 - March 2007
- CONSULTANT - DRUGMAKER'S LABORATORY, INC., May 2000 - April 2001
- PROCUREMENT ASSOCIATE - ROCKWELL LAND CORPORATION, May 1997 to July 1999
- PROFESSIONAL CIVIL ENGINEER - D.M. CONSUNJI, INC., June 1996 to June 1997

### **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- 1999 - 2001, ASIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT, Master's in Business Management Degree, May 2001
- 1998 - 1999 A T E N E O GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, Units in Master in Business Administration

- 1991 - 1995 M A P U A INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering
  - Ranked 30th in the May 1996 Board Examination for Civil Engineers given by the Professional Regulatory Commission of the Republic of the Philippines with a general average of 85.5%
- 1986 - 1991 C H I A N G KAI SHEK COLLEGE, High School Diploma, March 1991.

### **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER FOR MASONIC DISTRICT NCR-D OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES
- MEMBER, ROTARY CLUB OF PARANAQUE, DISTRICT 3830
  - Recipient of Paul Harris Fellow Award in 2010
- PAST MASTER, PILAR LODGE No. 15, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES -

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**THE EMPTY CHAIR OF SOLOMON:** The Grand Lodge of Japan, F. & A.M. awaits the installation of its new Grand Master.

# MW Gazmin attends Japan 2017 AnCom

IN HIS LAST OFFICIAL OVERSEAS TRIP AS GRAND MASTER Of Masons, MW Voltaire T. Gazmin upon the invitation of outgoing Japanese Grand Master MW Norihiro Inomata, traveled to Tokyo, Japan with a handful of GLP officers to witness the changing of the guards at the Grand Oriental Chair of the Grand Lodge of Japan, F. & A.M. held last March 24, 2017 at the subterranean halls of the Tokyo Masonic Temple.

The Grand Master was accompanied by Sis. Rhodie as well as his team, composed of Grand Secretary MW Danilo D. Angeles, Jr., Assistant Grand Treasurer and Chief of Staff VW Manuel Luis P. Idquival, Assistant Grand Secretary VW Oliver V. Yabut (with Sis. Paulie), Grand Orator and **The Cable Tow** Editor-in-Chief VW Marlon M. Castor, Junior Grand Lecturer for Overseas VW Ricardo P. Idquival and Special Assistant to the Grand Master Bro. Raul Recto (with Sis. Mary Anne), left Manila

for Tokyo via Philippine Airlines last March 23, 2017 and arrived at Haneda Airport later that day.

Upon arriving in Japan, the Grand Master's entourage was welcomed by the Japanese brethren led by their Grand Master MW Norihiro Inomata.

After the customary pleasantries, the team was billed at the The New Sanno Hotel and later that night, invited to a Welcome Dinner at



**WELCOME PARTY:** Brethren from the Grand Lodge of Japan, F. & A.M. welcomes the arrival of the Grand Master's party at the Haneda Airport in Tokyo, Japan.

the Scottish Rite Hall adjacent to the Grand Lodge Hall of Japan. The masonic halls of the Tokyo Masonic Center offered a certain novel experience as they were built underground so as to save on taxes on superstructures constructed in Tokyo. After the dinner, the group returned to the hotel to rest for the evening.

The following day, the group returned to the Tokyo Masonic Center to attend the opening of the 61st Annual Communications of Japan where Grand Master MW Voltaire T. Gazmin's entourage was received during the ceremonies. Joining them on these occasion were Past Grand Masters MW Pablo C. Ko, Jr., MW Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr., and MW Tomas G. Rentoy III. Also joining the group were VW David Ingram, DDGM for Japan (Camp Zama) and VW Hector Emberga, Grand Representative to Japan, who ably assisted the Grand Master's team during their stay. After the opening ceremonies, the AnCom was called in recess and the Grand Master's team returned to the hotel to join the sisters in a special tour provided by the Japanese hosts.

The tour took the group to Taito City where they were treated to a special bento lunch as well as a view of the Japanese Imperial Palace nearby. After that, they were driven off to Odaiba for some hours of shopping



Clockwise from Top: Immediate Past Grand Master MW Norihiro Inomata addresses the guests during the welcome dinner; Incoming Grand Master MW Shinya Takeda is greeted by the Grand Marshal for his installation; MW Voltaire T. Gazmin poses for a photo with the rest of the GLP officers in front of the Tokyo Masonic Center; Eating a bento box lunch at Ibiya Park near the Imperial Palace; MW Voltaire T. Gazmin hands a copy of his autobiography to Immediate Past Grand Master MW Norihiro Inomata.





and were picked up after three hours to return to the hotel.

On the morning of their third day from their arrival in Tokyo, the Grand Master's group met with the brethren from lodges in Okinawa under the GLP's jurisdiction to discuss important matters. They were joined by VW Hiroshi Yagi, DDGM for Japan.

In the afternoon, MW Voltaire Gazmin's entourage returned to Tokyo Masonic Center to attend the installation of MW Shinya Takeda as the new Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Japan. Inside the crowded halls of the installation venue, a simple yet solemn ceremony took place. After the ceremonies, the guests were brought to the New Sanno Hotel where a fraternal banquet awaits them.



The next day being a Sunday, the Grand Master and his group attended a Catholic mass in Japanese at the St. Anselm's Church in Tokyo. After the mass, the Grand Master's team accompanied by Immediate Past Grand Master MW Norihiro Inomata took the famed Japanese railway system to the city of Yokohama to spend the day before their return trip home to Manila. Yokohama is the hometown of MW Norihiro Inomata and the place where Filipino Mason Gen. Artemio Ricarte spend his days in exile.



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been privileged to have worked with several brethren who, in one way or another, contributed their time, energy, and resources to the realization of the vision that we have laid out last year.

Just a few weeks ago, I was accompanied by the core group I had in the Grand Lodge. These brethren regularly comes into the GLP on a regular basis and even going to the extent of compromising their livelihood just to be accompany me in some of my travels, not only in the Philippines but also elsewhere around the world.

To the core team of Team VTG (you know who you are), thank you very

much of sharing your time during my adventure in the Grand East. I hope that our companionship will go beyond our tenure in the GLP. To all the brethren who likewise assisted us, I also thank you for the help that you have extended to us.



RICARTE's SHRINE: MW Voltaire T. Gazmin and his party pose before the stone marker of Gen. Artemio Ricarte, a Filipino Mason and patriot.

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YOKOHAMA ESCAPE: The Grand Master's entourage enjoyed the sights and sounds of Yokohama, the hometown of MW Norihiro Inomata, Immediate Past Grand Master of Japan. Joining them are other Filipino brethren likewise in sojourn in the laid-back city of Yokohama, Japan.



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*by MW Voltaire T. Gazmin*

# Team VTG's final ride

AT THE TIME OF THIS WRITING, I am but a mere 30 days, 6 hours, and 20 minutes from relinquishing my position as the Grand Master of Masons in this grand jurisdiction.

The year indeed flew too fast---too fast to even accomplish all the things I have set out to do when I knelt on the altar of Freemasonry almost a year ago in Tagaytay City.

Being the Grand Master does have its share of privileges, yet the position does come with a lot of responsibilities and a lot more work than what the brethren regularly see.

With such a gigantic work load, a Grand Master needs a good and competent team to help him accomplish his goals and reach his objectives.

Over the past few months, I have

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MW Voltaire T. Gazmin and the GLP officers.