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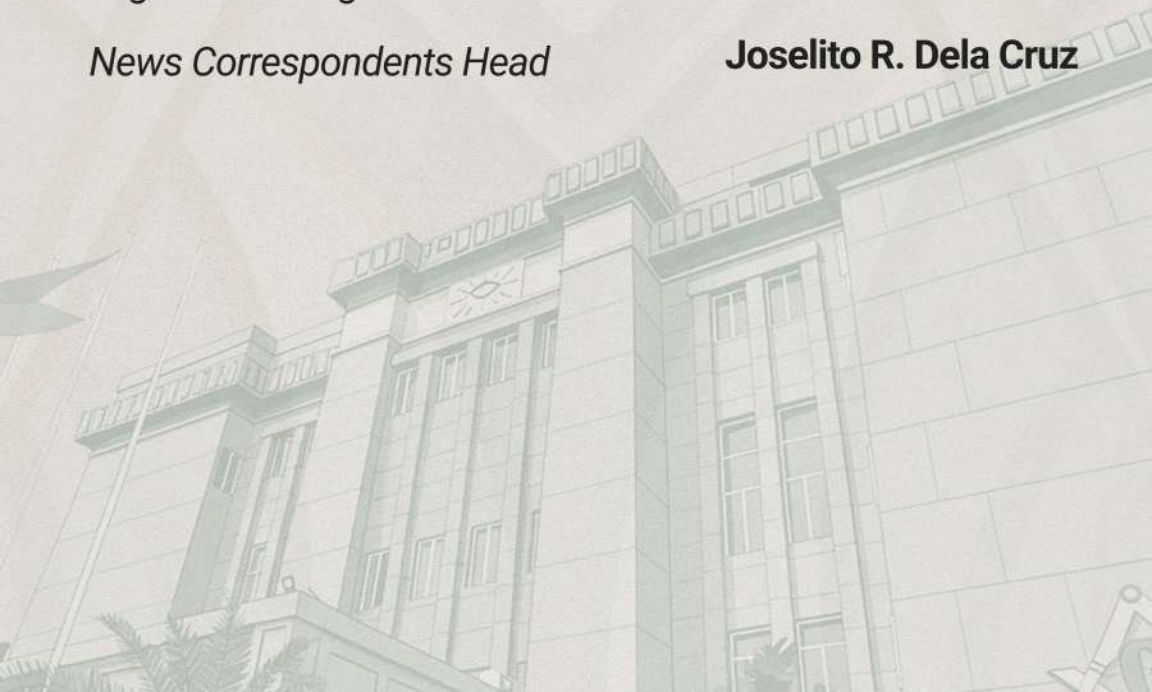
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Brethren,

One of the highlights of our Grand Master's Plans and Programs for this year is the **BBM's Pillars of Service**. In this issue, we highlight the collective efforts of the whole jurisdiction in giving a **Brighter Future** by assisting in strengthening opportunities for better **Education**. By helping provide opportunities to learn, we help open doors that empower the next generation to shape a better tomorrow.

Education is more than the acquisition of knowledge—it is the foundation upon which individuals, families, and communities can build better lives. A student given the opportunity to pursue an education may, in time, become a professional, a teacher, a community leader, or simply a responsible citizen who extends the same helping hand to others. With this Pillar, we therefore leave a lasting legacy as we help build a brighter future for our partner beneficiary.

We also featured the foundation of our Masonic Organization, from Lodge Constitutions of the newly Chartered Lodges up to the Cornerstone Laying of proposed sites for the erection of new Masonic edifices and Consecrations of the newly built Masonic Temples. These symbolic milestones are sacred to every Mason and it is a privilege to witness these ceremonies being presided over by the Grand Master himself.

These three milestones—**Constitution, Cornerstone Laying, and Consecration** can be viewed as expressions of a single Masonic lesson: what we build must have a purpose, a foundation, and a future.

We are also happy to share the newly launched **e-GLP Online Platform** which gives access to consolidated pertinent information relevant to our daily activities in the Craft.

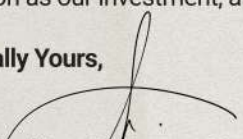
Good news also comes our way as the ANCOM Committee officially launches its Online Registration in preparation for the Annual Communications for Masonic Year 2027.

Something to watch out as well, is that for every issue of this edition, we will feature articles on our Grand Lodge-sponsored Masonic Youth Organizations, Appendant Bodies and Orders and accredited Masonic Clubs for the brethren to learn more about them.

I am equally grateful to our Editorial Team who have shared their time, talents, and insights to make this first issue possible. Their dedication reflects the spirit of collaboration that lies at the heart of this noble institution.

In closing, let us continue to build—with wisdom as our plan, service as our purpose, education as our investment, and a Brighter Future as our enduring legacy.

Fraternally Yours,



VW Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga, Grand Scribe
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GLP NEWS & Activities

BRIGHTER FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION: A Reflection on the First Pillar of Service under MW Robert Joseph S. Moran's Theme "Becoming Better Masons"

By: WB Felipe C. Del Rosario III, PDDGM (18)

When the Grand Master, MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, introduced this term's Masonic theme "**Becoming Better Masons**", he offered the Craft a vision both aspirational and deeply rooted in our ancient teachings. It is a theme that calls each brother to demonstrate, through daily conduct, that the lessons of the lodge have shaped his character. More than a motto, it is a challenge to live Masonry genuinely, where improvement is continuous, virtue is practiced, and service becomes a natural expression of one's obligations.

To give structure to this theme, the Grand Master laid down Three Pillars of Service, each representing a vital dimension of Masonic engagement. In this first issue, we turn our attention to the **First Pillar: Brighter Future (Education)**. A pillar that stands at the heart of Masonic growth and societal upliftment.

It has been believed upon and proven that the first light of Masonic improvement is through education. Freemasonry has always regarded education as the cornerstone of personal and collective advancement. Hence, imperatively putting Masonic Education as a priority agenda in every regular meeting. The Grand Master's focus on Brighter Future (Education) is therefore both timely and essential.

Under this pillar, all Subordinate Lodges are strongly encouraged to undertake an Adopt-a-School initiative as the primary mode of compliance under this Pillar, in support of the education of the youth, particularly in disadvantaged public schools, with priority given, where practicable, to "Last Mile Schools" and other underserved public educational institutions. Such projects shall be designed to produce substantial and lasting benefit to students and public educational institutions. Other permissible labors include, but are not limited to:

- A. Construction, repair, or upgrading of classrooms and school facilities, including water and sanitation systems, libraries, and information technology rooms;
- B. Provision of major equipment, books, and technological resources;
- C. Installation and maintenance of internet connectivity and learning systems;

D. Electrification through conventional or renewable energy sources;
E. Support for access-related improvements such as roads and bridges, where feasible and properly coordinated with the appropriate authorities; and
F. Other similar projects addressing critical educational needs of underserved communities.

Perhaps the most meaningful expression of this pillar is this system's active participation in a nationwide initiative supporting the public school system. Lodges across the jurisdiction have embraced this program as a natural extension of the Grand Master's educational thrust. It is a symbolic and practical affirmation of the Masonic belief that education is the foundation of societal progress.

By helping prepare classrooms, providing learning materials, supporting teachers, and creating safe and welcoming environments for students, including SPED learners, our lodges demonstrate that Masonry's concern for education extends beyond the lodge room and into the heart of the community.

Through this pillar, the brethren show that sharing and spreading education is a light toward improvement, and that Masons are committed to strengthening the institutions that shape the next generation. It is a tangible proof that the first pillar is not merely conceptual but rather lived, practiced, and felt by the communities we serve.

The theme of **Becoming Better Masons** is inseparable from the virtues that define our Craft. Education is the bridge that connects these virtues to action, and the *"First Pillar: Brighter Future (Education)"* is one of the clearest demonstrations of this connection.

Across the jurisdiction, lodges have embraced and responded to the call for the first pillar with enthusiasm and creativity. Their efforts show that the brethren understand the importance of education as the foundation of Masonic improvement.

In this issue, we present the Lodges' activities in line with the First Pillar of Brighter Future (Education). These activities are the living proof that the Craft is committed to growth. They show that the lodges have taken the Grand Master's theme to heart and are actively working to embody the ideals of the fraternity.

As we move forward in this Masonic Year, may we remember that education is not a requirement imposed upon us. It is a privilege we owe to ourselves and to the Craft.

May the pillar inspire us to keep learning, keep improving, and keep building a future illuminated by wisdom. So mote it be.

**BBM Pillars of Service
Brighter Future (Education)**

Central Luzon



E. Abalos Elementary School
Apolinario Mabini Masonic Lodge No. 235







Manao Elementary School
Zaragoza Masonic Lodge No. 263









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KATAPUSAN NG PAG-ARAL
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"Silid Paganan Para sa Kinabukasan ng Kabataan"
AUGUST 11, 2024
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GRAND MASTER



Jose R. Dizon Masonic Lodge No. 264
Tibag Elementary School | July 19, 2026



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JOSE R. DIZON MASONIC LODGE No. 264





Aliaga Masonic Lodge No. 404
Sta. Monica Elementary School | July 18, 2026



Nueva Ecija Masonic Lodge No. 167

Violago-Gatdula Elementary School | July 18, 2026

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Ang Rehenerasyon Masonic Lodge No. 402
Green Village Elementary High School

**BBM Pillars of Service
Brighter Future (Education)**

Southern Luzon



Proposed ICT Room of
Estanislao Villanueva
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
By: Pilar Lodge No. 15

Pilar Masonic Lodge No. 15

Cayetano Topacio Elementary School | July 18, 2026



TURNOVER CEREMONY OF
ICT ROOM



Molino Masonic Lodge No. 352

City of Bacoor National High School, San Nicolas | July 18, 2026





NTARYA NG BINAKAYAN







Pintong Bato Masonic Lodge No. 51
Gov. PF Espiritu Elementary School| July 18, 2026







Carmona SORTEO Masonic Lodge No. 451
Paligawan Matanda Elementary School | July 18, 2026





Dasmariñas Masonic Lodge No. 346
Salitran IV Integrated High School | July 18, 2026



Emilio Aguinaldo Masonic Lodge No. 31
Aguinaldo Elementary School | July 18, 2026





Bagong Ilaw Masonic Lodge No. 79

Gen. L. San Miguel Elementary School | June 25, 2026

San Antonio Elementary School | July 3, 2026



Magdiwang Masonic Lodge No. 238

Ladislao Diwa Elementary School, Julian Felipe Elementary School, Manuel Roxas Elementary School, Cavite National High School, Noveleta Elementary School | July 22, 2026



Cavite Masonic Lodge No. 2

Ladislao Diwa Elementary School | July 1 and 3, 2026

Bonfal Pilot Central School and Bonfal Proper Day Care Center | July 17, 2026

Bonfal West Elementary School | July 30, 2026



Bagong Buhay Masonic Lodge No. 17

Bagumbuhay Elementary School and Binakayan Elementary School | July 10, 2026





Saint Augustine Masonic Lodge No. 300 F & A.M.
Masonic District R-IV Cavite Central
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BRIGADA ESKWELA '26

**Bayanihan sa Paaralan:
Nagkakaisa para sa
Kaayusan at Kaalaman**

Felipe G. Calderon Elementary School
June 5, 2026

TRICE MARTIRES MASONIC LODGE NO. 350

BRIGADA ESKWELA 2026

JUNE 1-5, 2026

"Supporting the Education of the Filipino Youth"

DepEd

Trece Martires City Masonic Lodge No. 350
Feliciano Cabuco Trece Martires Elementary School
Francisco Osorio Integrated Senior High School
Tahanang Talangpaz (A Community for Elderly Augustinian Recollect Sisters
of the Philippines)
Mother Teresa Spinelli's Treasures Inc.
June 5, 2026

MANINIOG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

La Naval Masonic Lodge No. 269

Salitrran Elementary School | June 26, 2026
Maniniog Elementary School | June 29, 2026
Pitombayog National High School | June 29, 2026
Josephine M. Cojuangco National Technical-Vocational School | June 29, 2026
Mayantoc Central Elementary School | June 30, 2026



St. Augustine Masonic Lodge No. 300

Felipe Calderon Elementary School | July 27, 2026





Katimugan Masonic Lodge No. 509

Aginaldo Elem School | June 5, 2026

Paranaque National High School | June 8, 2026

Baclaran Elem. School unit 1, 2 and Central | June 8, 2026

Balubad Elementary School | June 10, July 15 and 29, 2026

Bagumbuhay Elem. School | July 24, 2026



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Mt. Mainam Masonic Lodge No. 49
Pueblo Del Mar National High School | June 5, 2026





Magtagumpay Masonic Lodge No. 410
Layong Mabilog Elementary School | June 5, 2026





Almagea Masonic Lodge No. 499
 Bilog Elementary School | July 17, 2026



Laang Kawal Masonic Lodge No. 516
 Crusher Elementary School | June 1-8, 2026

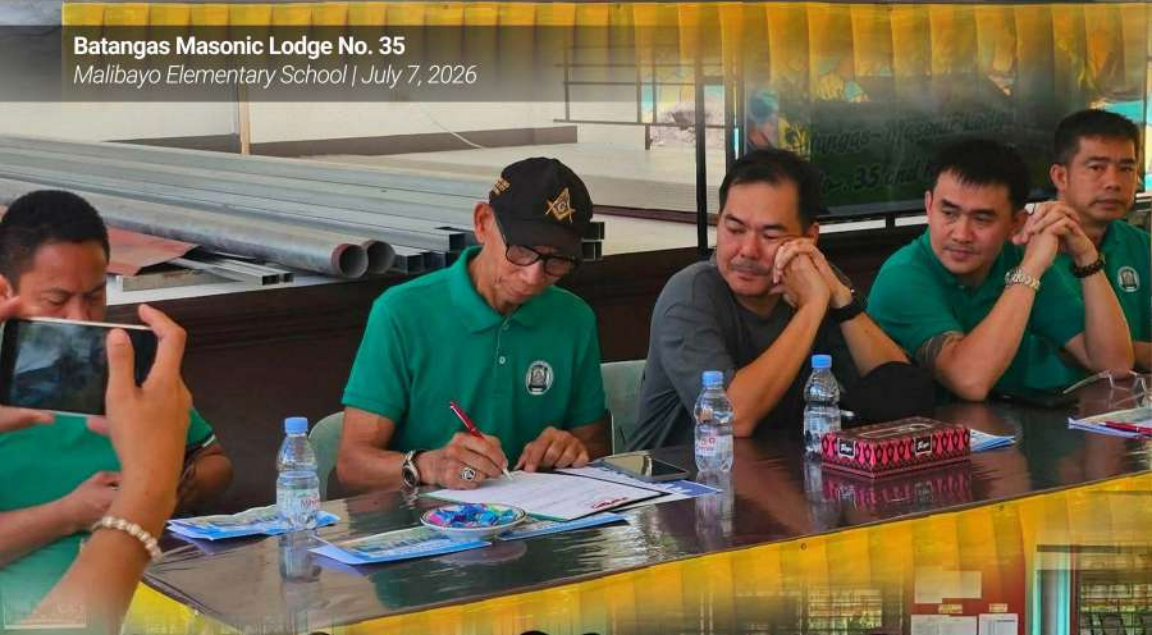


Cavite La Progressus Lodge No. 467
Himensulan Elementary School | June 22, 2026





Batangas Masonic Lodge No. 35
Malibayo Elementary School | July 7, 2026





Sixto Lopez (Batulao) Masonic Lodge No. 129
Luya Elementary School | July 3, 2026





Mabini Kalaw Lodge No. 195
Sto. Niño Elementary School | July 17, 2026





Mabini Kalaw Masonic Lodge No. 195
Magsaysay Elementary School | July 17, 2026





Dr. Jose P. Laurel Masonic Lodge No. 325
Mahabang Buhangin Elementary School | July 11, 2026





Nasugbu Masonic Lodge No. 407
 Utd Elementary School | July 18, 2026





San Jose Masonic Lodge No. 429
 Banay Banay 1st Elementary School | July 31, 2026



Padre Garcia Masonic Lodge No. 433
 Quilo Quilo North Elementary School | July 2, 2026

Batangas City Masonic Lodge No.35
Dr.Ernesto H. Malabanan Masonic Lodge No.515



Dr. Ernesto H. Malabanan Masonic Lodge No. 515
Malibayo Elementary School | July 7, 2026





Masonic District Region IV - Laguna East
Lopez Elementary School | August 4, 2026





Dr. Jose P. Rizal (Calamba) Lodge No. 270
 Hornalan Elementary School | June 11, 2026







Cabuyao City Masonic Lodge No. 442
Cabuyao Integrated National High School | July 2, 2026



Bantayang Bato Masonic Lodge No. 447
Caingin Elementary School | June 5, 2026





Balintawak Masonic Lodge No. 28
Villa Victoria Elementary School | July 11, 2026



Filipinas Bondoc Peninsula Masonic Lodge No. 465
Brgy. Anusan Elementary School and Brgy. Anunang Elementary School | July 8, 2026



Kalilayan Masonic Lodge No. 37
Lucena East 3 | July 2, 2026





Tayabas Masonic Lodge No. 43
SNED Tayabas | July 25, 2026



Moriones Masonic Lodge No. 399
*Taytay Elementary School, Kaganhao Elementary School, Kinyaman Elementary School,
 Makulapnit Elementary School, Bangguangan Elementary School | July 5, 2026*





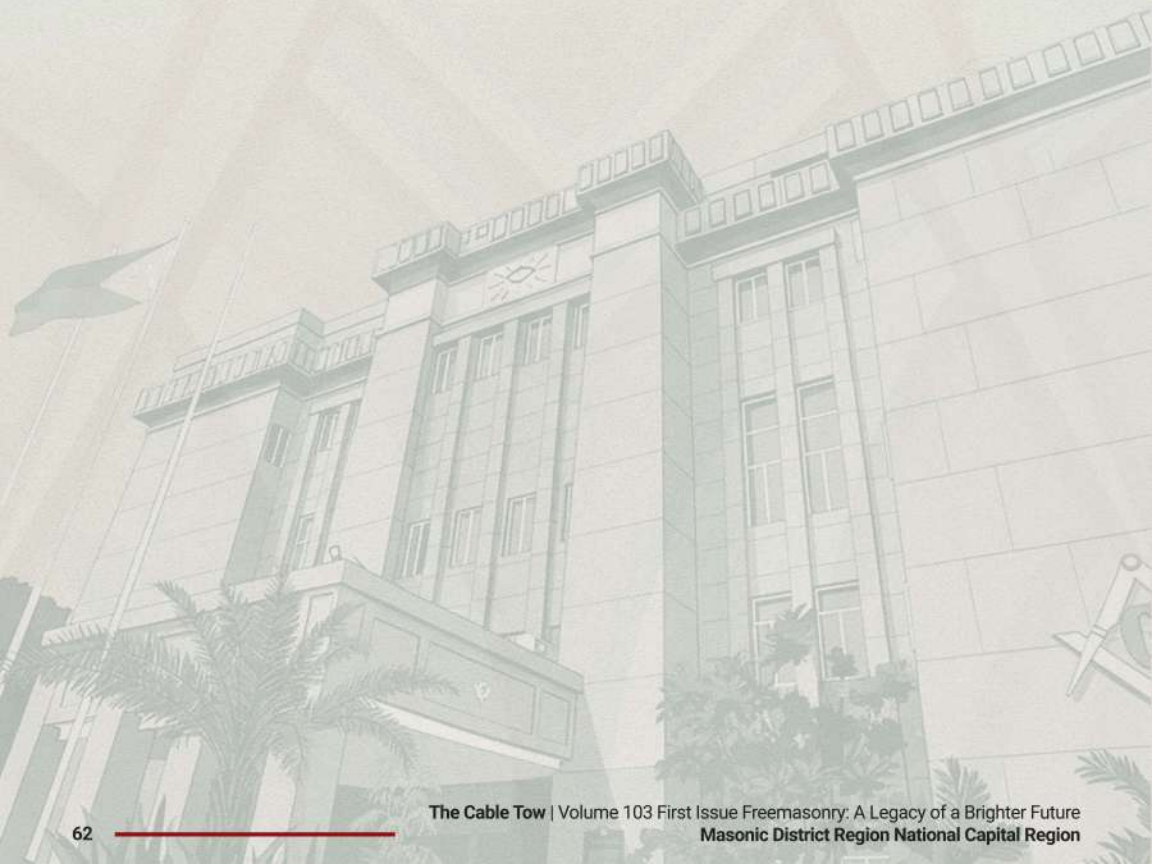
Pacific Masonic Lodge No. 501
Tongohin Elementary School and Tongohin National High School | July 31, 2026



Rizal Masonic Lodge No. 20
Brgy. Bebito Elementary School | July 24, 2026

**BBM Pillars of Service
Brighter Future (Education)**

*National Capital
Region*



Cantilan Pilot School
**COMPUTER
LABORATORY**



Mencius Masonic Lodge No. 93
Cantilan Pilot School | July 24, 2026







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UNIT PROJECT
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Visayas





GRACIANO LOPEZ JAENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Graciano Lopez Jaena Lodge No. 194
Graciano Lopez Jaena Elementary School | July 21, 2026



Ernesto S. Salas Masonic Lodge No. 280
Alianza Elementary School | July 17, 2026



MW Ruperto S. Demonte Verde Masonic Lodge No. 320
Lantad Elementary School | July 2026





YUBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BRIGADA ESKWELA
MIGUEL S. MONDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SITIO BAIS, BRGY. YUBO, LA CARLOTA CITY

BRIGADA ESKWELA
MIGUEL S. MONDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SITIO BAIS, BRGY. YUBO, LA CARLOTA CITY

Manuel M. Abello Lodge No. 260
Miguel S. Mondia Elementary School | July 10, 2026

MOUNT KALADIAS
MASONIC LODGE NO. 91
BRIGADA ESKWELA
TOGETHER, Kaladias Elementary School | July 17, 2026
JUNE 17, 2026
WEDNESDAY
KALADIAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
KALADIAS, CALIFORNIA

Mt. Kaladias Masonic Lodge No. 91
Kaladias Elementary School | July 17, 2026



Negrense Masonic Lodge No. 200
Carmen Elementary School | July 4, 2026



MW Joseph E. Schon Masonic Lodge No. 186
Lamesa Elementary School | July 17, 2026

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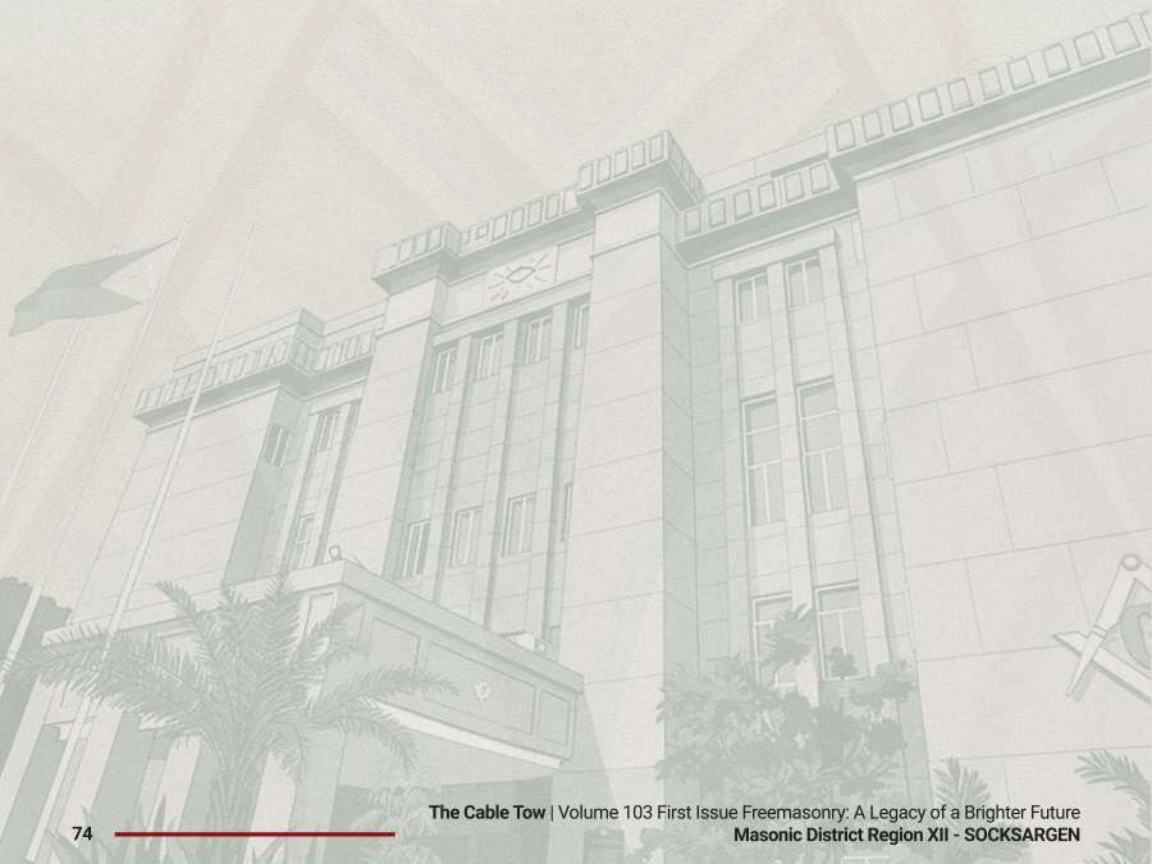
Kanlaon Masonic Lodge No. 64
*Sibato Elementary School, Angeles J. Montinola Farm School,
 Lantad Elementary School, Don Albino and Doña Dolores Jison Integrated School
 La Purisima Concepcion Elementary School, Hinayan Elementary School, and
 Tayap Elementary School | July 22 and 24, 2026*





**BBM Pillars of Service
Brighter Future (Education)**

Southern Mindanao





Dadiangas Masonic Lodge No. 225
Upper Labay Elementary School | July 14, 2026



Maribulan Masonic Lodge No. 304
Spring Integrated School | July 16, 2026



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Daguma Mt. Range Masonic Lodge No. 244
Pilot Elementary School | August 7, 2026



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Overseas



A Gift That Inspires
Learning and Comfort
Program
MESSAGE
Gil Quiambao Jr.
District Deputy Grand Master
Camp Zama Japan

Rising Sun Masonic Lodge No. 151
Lapu-Lapu Elementary School | July 17, 2026

FOR MASONIC LODGE NO. 151
BRIGHTER FUTURE PROJECT
DONATING 3 TVs
+ CEILING FANS
July 11
8:00 AM







Okinawa Masonic Lodge No. 118
Katutubo Village Elementary School | July 17, 2026



Lodge *Constitutions*

DIFFUSING FURTHER LIGHT: STRENGTHENING PHILIPPINE FREEMASONRY THROUGH EIGHT NEWLY CHARTERED LODGES

By WB Jesus Miguel Bunyi, PDDGM (72)

The journey of every Masonic Lodge begins with a vision. A gathering of Brethren united by a common purpose, and inspired by the desire to bring the Light of Masonry closer to their communities. From that vision begins a journey of labor, perseverance, and a commitment to transform a dream into a permanent institution of the Craft.

Under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, this journey begins with a Dispensation from the Grand Master, allowing certain Brethren to work together as a Masonic body. The purpose is to demonstrate their proficiency in the ritual and administration of a Lodge, maintain proper records, observe the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, and prove themselves worthy of being entrusted with a Charter.

The **Charter** is an instrument emanating from the Grand Lodge and, in this jurisdiction, signed by the **Grand Master and Grand Secretary**, authorizing the Brethren therein named, when duly assembled, to permanently **Initiate, Pass, and Raise** all worthy men who meet the requirements of the Craft. It constitutes the Lodge as a regular body under the authority of the Grand Lodge and signifies that the brethren have satisfactorily fulfilled the requirements entrusted to them and are prepared to assume the responsibilities of a permanent Lodge.

The Ceremony of Constitution of a Lodge gives solemn expression to this new beginning. Through the ancient symbolism of Corn, Wine, and Oil, the emblems of nourishment, refreshment, and joy. The new Lodge is dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry and to the continuing cultivation of its members. The ceremony reminds the brethren that a Lodge is not merely a place where Masons meet, but a living institution through which the principles of the Craft are practiced and transmitted.

It was in this spirit that the 109th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, held in Tagaytay City in April 2026, marked another milestone in the continuing growth of Philippine Freemasonry. Eight Lodges were granted their Charters and permanent lodge numbers to the following:

They were: Lord Baden Powell Masonic Lodge No. 522, Nalucaban Masonic Lodge No. 523, Boyet D. Sy Masonic Lodge No. 524, Lim Hock Chiu Masonic Lodge No. 525, MW Jose Reyes Guerrero Masonic Lodge No. 526, MW Rosendo C. Herrera Masonic Lodge No. 527, Legazpi City Masonic Lodge No. 528, and General Antonio Narciso Luna Masonic Lodge No. 529.

Their Charters therefore signify both an achievement and a charge. Eight new Lodges now stand as additional pillars in the Masonic landscape of the Philippines, entrusted to diffuse further Light, nurture better men towards Becoming Better Masons, serve their communities, and strengthen Philippine Freemasonry.

The following pages are the chronicles of the stories behind these eight newly constituted Lodges. Their beginnings, their Brethren, their labors, struggles, triumphs that carried them from dispensation to constitution and from aspiration to a permanent place in the Craft.

Lord Baden Powell

Masonic Lodge No. 522



1440 San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila

June 22, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution of Lord Baden Powell Masonic Lodge No. 522

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



The story of Lord Baden-Powell Masonic Lodge No. 522 began with a shared vision among Brethren who found a natural affinity between the ideals of Freemasonry and the principles of Scouting. Conceived in 2021, the proposed Lodge brought together like-minded Masons who were inspired by the life and ideals of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the worldwide Scouting movement, and by his enduring emphasis on character, service, discipline, brotherhood, and duty.

The initial concept was advanced by WB Kristoffer Giovanni B. Llacuna, PDGL, together with Brethren from Frank Reed Horton Masonic Lodge No. 379 and Jacques DeMolay Memorial Lodge No. 305. While the idea was conceived among a small circle of Brethren, it was through the encouragement and active support of WB Angelo A. de Leon, PDGL, of Cupang Masonic Lodge No. 295, that the vision gained greater momentum. He would later serve as the Lodge's first Secretary.



What began as an idea eventually brought together Masons united by the conviction that the values cultivated in Scouting could find meaningful expression within the Masonic fraternity. As the organization developed, the brethren reorganized their ranks and secured an extended Dispensation, taking the next important step toward becoming a regularly constituted Lodge.

Under the leadership of WB Marco A. Gregorio, PDGL, of Luzon Masonic Lodge No. 57, as Worshipful Master, with WB Angelo A. de Leon, PDGL, as Senior Warden and WB Kristoffer G. B. Llacuna, PDGL, as Junior Warden, the Lodge undertook the work required of a Masonic Lodge. They were joined by eleven other qualified charter members who assumed key offices and responsibilities: WB Orlando C. Ramon, PDGL, as Secretary; Bro. Vernard V. Quijano, Treasurer; WB Jose A. Roncesvalles, PDDGM, Auditor; Bro. Rex Karl S. Teoxon, Chaplain; Bro. Fiel M. Mirasol, Marshal; WB Adam L. Quiambao, Senior Deacon; Bro. Jose Amiel D.V. De Leon, Junior Deacon; WB Melvin P. Mallo, PDGL, Senior Steward; WB Jose Rizalino Ortega, PJGL, Junior Steward; WB Domingo B. Sumayo Jr., PDGL, Almoner; and Bro. Jose Antonio L. Dimaano, Bible Bearer.

Through their collective labor, the original vision gradually took form. Lord Baden-Powell Masonic Lodge No. 522 became more than an association of Masons with a common interest in Scouting. It became a Lodge founded upon a shared commitment to Brotherly Love, fellowship, service, and the formation of upright men with values that resonate deeply in both the Masonic and Scouting traditions.

The culmination of this journey came on June 22, 2026, when MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, presided over the Ceremony of Constitution of Lord Baden-Powell Masonic Lodge No. 522. Held at the Jose Abad Santos Hall of the New Plaridel Masonic Temple, 1440 San Marcelino Street, Ermita, Manila, the ceremony formally welcomed the Lodge into the ranks of the regularly constituted Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

Nalucaban

Masonic Lodge No. 523



Borongan, Northern Samar
June 20, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution and Installation of Nalucaban Masonic Lodge No. 523

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



The name “Nalucaban” traces its origins to a place deeply rooted in local folklore, where a diwata, or deity, was believed to dwell in a swamp near the area where young boys played baseball. According to the community’s enduring tale, the diwata bestowed upon these young players extraordinary skill and prowess, helping them rise to become champions in Little League competitions. From the mid-1970s to the early 1980s, these boys, later famously known as the “Nalucaban Kids,” achieved remarkable success in both national and international competitions, bringing their humble agricultural and fishing community in Pambujan, Northern Samar, into the national spotlight and earning recognition across Asia and even in the United States.

Beyond its folklore, the Nalucaban story represents the enduring values of teamwork, discipline, perseverance, and the pursuit of excellence. These same qualities resonate deeply with the teachings of Freemasonry and provide a meaningful foundation for the Lodge that now bears the name.



One of those Nalucaban Kids became a Master Mason who now serves as a Charter Member of Nalucaban Masonic Lodge No. 523. His commitment and support became one of the major contributors to the formation of the Lodge. His journey from the baseball fields of Nalucaban to the Masonic fraternity beautifully connects the community's celebrated past with its emerging Masonic future.

On June 20, 2026, the Ceremony of Constitution of Nalucaban Masonic Lodge No. 523 was held at Northern Samar Masonic Lodge No. 211 in Barangay Dalakit, Northern Samar. The ceremony was officiated by MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, with the assistance of Grand Lodge officers and witnessed by the Lodge members and brethren from the district.

Later that day, the Grand Master served as Guest of Honor and Speaker at the First Installation of the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Lodge. The newly constituted Lodge entrusted its leadership to WB Gilbert F. Layon, PJGL, as Worshipful Master; WB Michael C. Uy, PDDGM, as Senior Warden; and VW Dante C. Tan, DGL, as Junior Warden. The occasion marked a significant milestone in the Lodge's journey, as its first officers formally assumed their respective stations and the Lodge commenced its continuing labor as a constituted Lodge of the Craft.

For the Brethren of Nalucaban Masonic Lodge No. 523, the Charter represents more than the formal recognition of a new Lodge. It carries forward a proud community legacy. The courage, discipline, perseverance, and pursuit of excellence once embodied by the Nalucaban Kids now find renewed purpose in Masonry. An obligation to a lifelong pursuit of personal improvement. A commitment to the continuing work of building better men towards Becoming Better Masons.



Boyet D. Sy

Masonic Lodge No. 524



Bataan Masonic Temple in Orani, Bataan

May 15, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution of Boyet D. Sy Masonic Lodge No. 524

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*

The story of Boyet D. Sy Masonic Lodge No. 524 began with a simple yet meaningful aspiration. To establish a new Masonic Lodge in Bataan that would strengthen the Craft, promote fellowship among the Brethren, and continue diffusing the Light of Freemasonry in the community.

The idea took shape in 2023, when five Master Masons of Masonic District R-III–Bataan namely WB Arsenio “Boyet” D. Sy, WB Mario A. Balbuena, WB Willard G. Carlos, WB Ronaldo J. Francisco, and WB Emerson R. Bernales, began meeting regularly following a consultation called by then District Deputy Grand Master WB Boyet Sy. What initially emerged as a proposal to establish a Masonic obelisk eventually developed into a more enduring vision: the formation of a new Lodge in the province.

Guided by the principle of “Making Good Men Better,” the Brethren began the careful work of organizing the Lodge. After consultations with other Master Masons in the district, Orion, Bataan, was selected as the proposed Lodge’s home, strategically situated between existing Lodges in Mariveles and Balanga.

On June 21, 2024, the organizing Brethren agreed to name the new

Lodge “Common Gavel,” after one of the working tools of a Master Mason and a symbol of the labor required to shape and perfect the rough stone of human character.



Before the work could be completed, the Brethren suffered a profound loss. On September 8, 2024, WB Arsenio D. “Boyet” Sy, one of the principal proponents of the Lodge, unexpectedly passed to the Celestial Lodge Above. His death deeply affected the brethren of the Masonic District of Bataan and nearly brought the organizing effort to a halt.

Although confronted by adversity, the Brethren gathered their strength and resumed their labor. In the memory of their departed Brother, they found renewed purpose. On November 9, 2024, they reconvened, determined to complete what they had begun.

In the months that followed, the brethren unanimously agreed to set aside the original name, “Common Gavel,” and honor the brother whose vision and dedication had helped give life to their endeavor. Thus, adopted the name Boyet D. Sy, preserving in its name the memory of a Mason remembered for his humility, integrity, generosity, and unwavering devotion to the Craft.

The Charter of Boyet D. Sy Masonic Lodge No. 524 stands not only as the culmination of the brethren’s labor, but also as an enduring tribute to the memory and Masonic legacy of a worthy Brother. Though WB Boyet Sy has laid down his working tools, the work to which he devoted himself continues through the brethren who now labor under his name.

This legacy was formally enshrined in the Craft during the Ceremony of Constitution of Boyet D. Sy Masonic Lodge No. 524, presided over by MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, assisted by RW Oliver C. Ko, SGW, RW Hossain Shamsoddin Vostakalaei, JGW. The ceremony was held on May 15, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. at the Bataan Masonic Lodge No. 104 Temple in Orani, Bataan, in the presence of PGM MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Lodge officers, Charter Members, and newly raised Brethren of the Lodge. In this solemn occasion, the vision of a departed Brother found new life in a Lodge dedicated to carrying forward his commitment to Freemasonry, fellowship, and service.

The following brethren were entrusted with the leadership of the lodge and were installed: WB Mario A. Balbuena PDDGM as Worshipful Master, WB Victorino S. Cruz PDGL as Senior Warden, and WB Ronaldo J. Francisco as Junior Warden.

Lim Hock Chiu

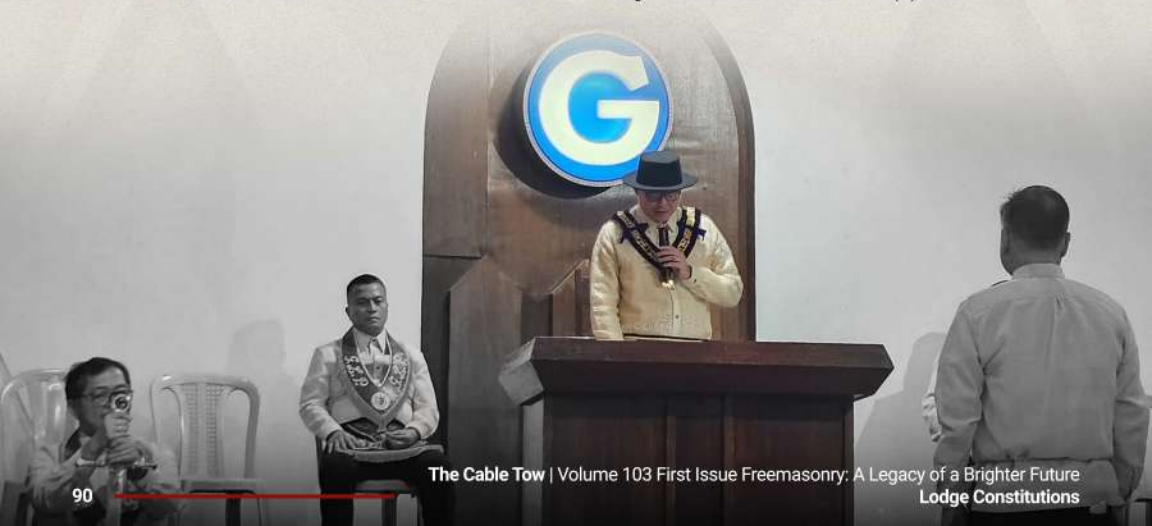
Masonic Lodge No. 525



Brgy. Carmen—New Annex, Ozamiz City
May 23, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution of Lim Hock Chiu Masonic Lodge No. 525

*Presided over by: Right Worshipful Oliver C. Ko,
Senior Grand Warden of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



The Lodge was named in honor of Brother Lim Hock Chiu, whose long and faithful service to Freemasonry earned him a Golden Apron for laboring faithfully in the quarries of masonry for Fifty Years. He was the only Master Mason among his peers to receive this distinction during his lifetime. A recognition not merely of longevity, but of a life devoted to the principles and ideals of the Craft. His humility, diligence, and quiet dedication became the inspiration for the brethren who would carry his name forward through a new Lodge.



The choice of his name was therefore both a tribute and a charge. The Brethren sought not simply to preserve the memory of a worthy Mason, but to perpetuate the virtues his life represented. The Lodge's identity is founded upon four guiding values: Dedication, Humility, Brotherhood, and Industry. Virtues that challenge every Mason to labor faithfully, serve without seeking reward, and uphold the dignity of the Craft.

These ideals are eloquently reflected in the Lodge's seal. At its center is the portrait of Brother Lim Hock Chiu, surrounded by symbols representing Masonic morality, faithful labor, and the development of the youth through its connection with the Order of DeMolay. Encircling these emblems is the golden dragon forming the Ouroboros, symbolizing continuity, renewal, and the timeless nature of the Masonic Brotherhood.

For the brethren of Lim Hock Chiu Masonic Lodge No. 525, the Charter marks both an achievement and a beginning. In bearing the name of a worthy Brother, they accept the responsibility of making his legacy live on. Not merely in memory, but in their daily labor, service, and pursuit of Further Light.

RW Oliver C. Ko, Senior Grand Warden of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, presided over the Ceremony of Constitution of Lim Hock Chiu Masonic Lodge No. 525. The ceremony was held on May 23, 2026, at 2:00 P.M. at the Mt. Malindang Masonic Temple, Brgy. Carmen, New Annex, Ozamiz City, and later in the day witnessed the First Installation of its elected and appointed officers, Worshipful Master Conrad Lim, Senior Warden Joselito Bulawin, Junior Warden Chester Mondoy were entrusted with the management and supervision of the lodge.



MW Jose Reyes Guerrero

Masonic Lodge No. 526



1440 San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila
May 12, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution of MW Jose Reyes Guerrero Masonic Lodge No. 526

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



MW Jose Reyes Guerrero Masonic Lodge No. 526 stands as a beacon of Masonic principles, paying tribute to a man whose legacy of service and leadership continues to inspire generations. Named after MW Jose Reyes Guerrero, PGM, who served as Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines in 1991. Beyond the fraternity, he served as Chief of the Customs Police Division of the Bureau of Customs, bringing to his public service the same discipline, integrity, and sense of duty expected of a Mason.

The idea of establishing the Lodge came from dedicated members of the Assembly of Customs Travelers, Inc. (ACT), an accredited Masonic organization composed principally of personnel from the Bureau of Customs. United by their shared interest and Masonic fellowship, those Masons envisioned a Lodge where Brethren could deepen their bonds, pursue further Light, Light, and translate the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth into meaningful service to the Craft and the community.



The proposed Lodge found a natural sponsor in Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4, the mother Lodge of MW Guerrero. With its historic connection to the namesake and its commitment to the advancement of Philippine Freemasonry, Bagumbayan Lodge No. 4 provided guidance and support as the brethren undertook the requirements for the formation of the new Lodge.

On December 9, 2024, the Lodge was formally instituted and granted a Dispensation by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The period that followed was one of preparation, labor, and Masonic growth as the brethren demonstrated their readiness to assume the responsibilities of a regular Lodge.

Having satisfactorily fulfilled the requirements of the Grand Lodge, the Lodge was among those granted a Charter during the 2026 Annual Communication in Tagaytay City. Its Ceremony of Constitution was subsequently conducted on May 12, 2026, at the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in Manila, with MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, presiding. The installation of the elected and appointed officers of the lodge followed, entrusting the leadership to WM Reummel Sison, SW Caliph Dagpin and JW Enrico Cruz.

For the Brethren of MW Jose Reyes Guerrero Masonic Lodge No. 526, the Charter represents both an achievement and a charge. In bearing the name of a Past Grand Master and a public servant, they are committed to uphold the Masonic virtues of aid, charity, and temperance, which stand as a lasting tribute to the man whose name it proudly bears



MW Rosendo C. Herrera

Masonic Lodge No. 527



1440 San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila
May 27, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution of MW Rosendo C. Herrera Masonic Lodge No. 527

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



MW Rosendo C. Herrera Lodge Masonic Lodge No. 527 was born of a promise of immense brotherly love and respect among brethren of a common heart. MW Rosendo Herrera was our Grand Master for masonic year 1983, and served several years as Sovereign Grand Commander of the 33rd degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Philippines, as well as Grand Master of the Order of Demolay in the early 2000s. He was a well-loved mover and pillar of Philippine Freemasonry locally and internationally for his 50-year Masonic life.



After his death on Oct. 1, 2021, a closely knit masonic community bound by a common admiration for MW Rosendo C. Herrera set forth to build a Masonic Lodge honoring him. Among the main movers of the lodge were MW Herrera's closest friends MW Reynato S Puno and MW Tomas G Rentoy III, members of his mother lodge Pilar Lodge No. 15 and the beloved Cavite jurisdiction led by MW Robert Joseph S Moran Jr., together with Masons who were members of the Order of DeMolay, which MW Herrera championed in his masonic service.

With the aid of Dr. Filemon C. Aguilar Masonic Lodge No. 332, which was the sponsoring lodge, MWRCHML 527 was numbered in the 2026 Ancom and chartered on May 27, 2026, on the 82nd birthday of MW Herrera's beloved wife, Sis. Ching Herrera. The charter officers installed were VW Bernardo S. Afable Jr., SGD as Worshipful Master, VR Michael James M. Villacruz, GC as Senior Warden, and WB Severino V. Vergara, PM as Junior Warden.

Their first candidate raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason was Bro. Antonio S. Herrera, youngest son of MW Rosendo C. Herrera.

MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, presided over the Ceremony of Constitution of MW Rosendo C. Herrera Masonic Lodge No. 527. At the Grand Lodge Masonic Temple, in San Marcelino St., Ermita, Manila, with Grand Lodge officers, charter members, and newly raised members of the Lodge in attendance.



Legazpi City

Masonic Lodge No. 528



Doña Maria Subdivision, Tagas, Daraga, Albay
June 27, 2026

Ceremony of Constitution of Legazpi City Masonic Lodge No. 528

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*

The story of Legazpi City Masonic Lodge No. 528 began with a simple but meaningful vision: that the Light of Masonry received by one generation might be faithfully shared with the next.

The idea emerged amid the continued growth of Mayon Lodge No. 61 and the increasing number of worthy petitioners seeking admission into the Craft. The founders envisioned a Lodge with a distinctive character. Where future generations of Masons could find a place to labor together, allowing the bonds of family and the bonds of the Craft to reinforce one another. The purpose was not to inherit Masonry by blood, but to allow a father's example to inspire a son, brothers by blood to become Brothers by obligation, and Masonic values to find continuity from one generation to another.

By August 2024, the proposal had gained sufficient support. With the favorable endorsement of Mayon Lodge No. 61, the petitioning Brethren gathered on August 15, 2024, at Balagon Ihaw-Ihaw House in Legazpi City, where the first officers of the proposed Lodge were elected, led by WB Jerome C. Lee, PDDGM as Worshipful Master, WB Eugene C. Cua, PDDGM as Senior Warden and WB Noel E. Rosal, PDDGM, as Junior Warden. The name Legazpi City Masonic Lodge was adopted, identifying the Lodge with

the city and community where its Brethren intended to labor and serve.



Twenty-seven Brethren signed the petition for its establishment, each contributing to the foundation of what they hoped would become a permanent Lodge within the jurisdiction.

Under the leadership of MW Ariel T. Cayanan, Grand Master of Masons, the Lodge was granted a Dispensation to Form a Lodge, and its Institution Ceremony was held on November 30, 2024, at the Plaridel Masonic Temple in Manila. In 2025, MW Raul Canon Jr., Grand Master of Masons, granted an extension of the Dispensation, during which six worthy men were initiated, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: Bros. Roberto E. Rosal, Ian Denzel C. Sy-Reyes, Tim Kendric A. Cua, Kirk Lemuel A. Cua, Oscar Robert H. Cristobal, and John Ben-Hur J. Rebueno.

Their raising gave tangible expression to the founders' original vision: the Lodge was no longer merely being formed by its founders. It had begun to form Masons of its own.

At the 2026 Annual Communication in Tagaytay City, the Lodge was declared entitled to a Charter after satisfactorily completing the requirements prescribed to form a new Lodge. On June 27, 2026, at the Seville Masonic Center in Daraga, Albay, MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of Masons, formally constituted Legazpi City Masonic Lodge No. 528 as a regular Lodge of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

What began as an idea became a petition, then a Lodge laboring under Dispensation, and finally a regularly constituted Lodge. Its founders laid the foundation; succeeding Brethren must now strengthen it.

For Legazpi City Masonic Lodge No. 528, the Charter marks not the end of its journey, but the beginning of a greater labor to preserve the Light received, strengthen the bonds of Brotherhood, serve the community, and pass the principles of Masonry faithfully from generation to generation.



Lodge *Consecrations*

The Rite of Consecration

By: WB Nathaniel S. Golla, PAGS (346)

The Rite of Consecration pertains to dedicating the Masonic Hall or Temple to Freemasonry, rather than to the legal existence of a Lodge. A newly constituted Lodge may hold its meetings in a temporary or shared venue, but when it constructs or acquires a permanent hall or building, it is examined, approved, consecrated, and formally set apart for Masonic purposes.

The Masonic Law Book provides that the dedication of a Masonic Hall may be open to the public. During the ceremony, the Grand Master presides, and the members must be properly clothed as Master Masons, while an emblem representing the hall is placed at the center together with the ceremonial vessels and lights.

The Rite of Consecration does not create the Lodge or grant it a Charter. Instead, it gives a particular building its solemn Masonic purpose. Masonic temples are dedicated to: **Freemasonry**, its **Virtues**, and **Universal Benevolence**.

The ceremony transforms the hall or temple, symbolically and morally, from an ordinary physical structure into a place of Masonic labor, instruction, reflection, fellowship, and service.

The principal elements employed in the dedication are corn, wine, and oil:

- **Corn**, the emblem of nourishment, is used in dedicating the hall to **Freemasonry**.
- **Wine**, the emblem of refreshment, is used in dedicating the hall to **Virtue**.
- **Oil**, the emblem of joy, healing, and consolation, is used in dedicating the hall to **Universal Benevolence**.

These elements teach that the hall must offer more than physical accommodation. Within its walls, the brethren should receive moral nourishment, find refreshment from their labors, and be inspired to bring relief and consolation to those in distress.

At the conclusion of the rite, the Grand Marshal formally proclaims, under the authority of the Grand Lodge, that the hall has been dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry in due and ancient form.

A dedicated hall must therefore be more than an impressive structure. It should serve as:

- a classroom for Masonic education;
- a place for developing responsible and ethical leaders;
- a planning center for environmental and humanitarian programs;
- a source of assistance during disasters and emergencies;
- a refuge of brotherly concern for distressed brethren and their families; and
- a point from which service radiates into the wider community.

East Gate

Masonic Lodge No. 232



Brgy. Songco, Borongan City, Eastern Samar
June 19, 2026

Consecration of the Temple of East Gate Masonic Lodge No. 232

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*





Green City

Masonic Lodge No. 459

Consecration of the Temple of Green City Masonic Lodge No. 459

*Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



Capas, Tarlac
August 7, 2026



Umingan

Masonic Lodge No. 497



Brgy. Lubong, Umingan, Pangasinan

June 18, 2026

Consecration and Dedication of the Temple of Umingan Masonic Lodge No. 497

Presided over by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines





Lodge

Cornerstone Laying

The Ceremony of Cornerstone - laying

By: WB Nathaniel S. Golla, PAGS (346)

Under Philippine Masonic practice, the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master conducts the ceremony. In their absence, the Grand Master may delegate a present or past Grand Lodge officer. The Grand Lodge is opened for the purpose, after which the Grand Officers and brethren proceed in ceremonial order to the construction site.

Cornerstone laying is performed at the beginning of the construction of a building. The ceremony is ordinarily conducted at the northeast corner of the proposed building. In Masonic symbolism, the northeast represents the place where an Entered Apprentice stands at the beginning of his moral and spiritual development.

The Book of Constitution, working tools, and vessels of corn, wine, and oil are brought to the ceremonial platform near the northeast corner.

The cornerstone symbolizes the essential principles upon which the entire building must rest. If the foundation is not true, the structure placed upon it cannot remain stable. In the same manner, a Mason who lacks integrity, discipline, compassion, and fidelity to his obligations cannot effectively contribute to the stability of his Lodge or community.

The ceremony includes the preparation of a sealed casket or time capsule. The Grand Secretary reads a record of its contents, after which the Grand Treasurer deposits it beneath the cornerstone. The objects placed inside preserve a record of the institution, the building, and the generation responsible for its erection.

The cornerstone is symbolically tested with the traditional working tools:

- The **square** determines whether its angles conform to rectitude.
- The **level** determines whether it is horizontally true.
- The **plumb** determines whether it is upright and properly aligned.

These tests carry moral meanings. The square signifies upright conduct; the level teaches equality and fairness; and the plumb represents integrity and rectitude of life. A stone found square, level, and plumb is declared properly formed and suitable for its intended position.

After the stone has been laid and tested, it is consecrated with corn, wine, and oil:

- Corn invokes nourishment and prosperity for those engaged in honest labor.
- Wine invokes refreshment, peace, and harmony.
- Oil invokes joy, healing, and consolation for the afflicted and distressed.

Morong

Masonic Lodge No. 455



A. Natividad St., Sitio Lanang, Brgy. CCL, Morong, Rizal
July 11, 2026

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of Morong Masonic Lodge No. 455

*Led by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*





Siargao

Masonic Lodge No. 494

Cornerstone Laying Ceremony of Siargao Masonic Lodge No. 494

*Led by: Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.,
Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines*



Brgy. Cabugao, Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte
July 8, 2026



Commemoration of the *165th Birthday of Dr. Bro. Jose P. Rizal*



Masons join the Local Government Unit of Los Baños, Laguna in launching the “Rizal Classrooms of the future”

By: VW Oliver C. Ocampo, JGL (72)

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines joined the Municipal Government of Los Baños, Laguna, the Department of Education, and various stakeholders in the formal launch of the “Rizal Classrooms of the Future” at Los Baños Central Elementary School on 19 June 2026, commemorating the 165th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

The Grand Master was represented by Right Worshipful Ruel S. Rivera, Deputy Grand Master, joined WB Neil Andrew N. Nocon, Mayor of Los Baños and WB Marlo PJ Alipon, Vice Mayor of Los Baños together with government officials, educators, and community leaders in launching the initiative. The program aims to enhance the learning environment through the integration of technology, innovation, and multi-sectoral collaboration, providing learners with greater opportunities to thrive in the digital age.

In his message, RW Rivera acknowledged the students in attendance as the future heroes of the nation, emphasizing that they are being shaped to become the

next generation of leaders and public servants. He described education as the great equalizer in society and a vital instrument for nation-building. Concluding his remarks, he conveyed the Grand Lodge's full support for the program and reaffirmed its commitment to helping ensure its success.



Accompanying RW Rivera during the event were: VW Irvin I. Estrada, Grand Marshal; VW Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga, Grand Scribe; VW Oliver C. Ocampo, Junior Grand Lecturer, Southern Luzon–Laguna; VW Gil Quiambao, District Deputy Grand Master, Japan; VW Norman T. Tolentino, District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District R-IV Laguna East; VW Abner Valenzuela, District Grand Lecturer; WB Aga P. Macasaet, Worshipful Master, Makiling Lodge No. 72; Bro. Rizal C. Huelgas, Junior Warden, Makiling Lodge No. 72

Also present were brethren from Makiling Lodge No. 72 and other lodges throughout Southern Luzon, demonstrating the Masonic fraternity's continued commitment to supporting educational initiatives and community development.

The "Rizal Classrooms of the Future" project stands as a testament to the power of collaboration among government, educational institutions, civic organizations, and community partners in creating a brighter future for Filipino learners.

Among the invited speakers and partners of the initiative were representatives from the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines headed by the Deputy Grand Master, RW Ruel S. Rivera whose presence underscored the fraternity's enduring commitment to education and civic responsibility - principles exemplified by Brother Jose Rizal himself.



Returning to the Hero's Birthplace

By: VW Abner P. Valenzuela, Jr., DGL (PML26)

After the launching of the educational initiative, Laguna Masons gathered at the Rizal Shrine in Calamba City for the 165th Birth Anniversary Commemoration of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

There could be no more fitting venue for such a celebration than Rizal's ancestral home, the very place where the Hero was born on June 19, 1861. Every year, Laguna Masons converge upon this historic site to honor not only the country's foremost National Hero but also one of the most illustrious members of the Craft, rekindling his advocacy for patriotism, liberty, and love of country.

The program opened with an invocation by Bro. Jeff C. Manaig, followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and the Tribute to the Flag led by WB Marino A. Garcia, PDGL.

WB Gerry L. Perez, Worshipful Master of Dr. Jose P. Rizal (Calamba) Lodge No. 270, delivered the Welcome Message, reminding those present of the significance of preserving Rizal's legacy through meaningful acts of remembrance and service.

A scholarly presentation on the Life and Works of Dr. Rizal was delivered by Sir Knight Alexander Jordan, KCR, Knight Commander of Nagcarlan Chapter of the

Knights of Rizal, highlighting the Hero's enduring contributions to Philippine nationhood as the "First Filipino."

Messages from the Masonic leadership followed, with VW Jose Sonny A. Monares, Sr., District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District R-IV Laguna West, addressing the gathering before VW Norman T. Tolentino, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District R-IV Laguna East, introduced the Guest of Honor and Speaker.



Representing MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, was RW Ruel S. Rivera, Deputy Grand Master who was accompanied by the Grand Marshal, VW Irvin I. Estrada and the Grand Scribe, VW Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga.

As the official representative of the Grand Master, Right Worshipful Rivera delivered the message of the Grand Lodge, emphasizing the profound significance of commemorating Rizal's birth anniversary not merely as a historical observance but as a continuing call to action.

He reminded the Brethren and the public that the virtues exemplified by Rizal - love of country, devotion to truth, intellectual excellence, and moral courage-remain as relevant today as they were during his lifetime.



For Masons, Rizal occupies a singular place in history. His membership in the Craft reflected the very ideals that shaped his life and works: the pursuit of knowledge, the dignity of man, the equality of all people, and the universal brotherhood of humanity. His Masonic principles found expression not only within the Lodge but also in his writings and in his unwavering commitment to the peaceful reform and upliftment of his nation.

The program concluded with the awarding of tokens of appreciation by the District Deputy Grand Masters and a closing prayer by Bro. Jeff C. Manaig.

A wreath-laying ceremony followed, with floral tributes offered by the Grand Lodge Officers, the Masonic Districts of Laguna East and Laguna West, and their constituent lodges, symbolizing the enduring gratitude of the Craft to one of its greatest sons.



One Legacy, *One Mission*

Viewed together, the day's events presented a powerful message.

The launching of the Rizal Classrooms of the Future looked toward tomorrow by investing in the education and development of Filipino youth. The commemoration at the Rizal Shrine looked back to the life and sacrifices of the Hero who inspired generations to dream of a better nation.

One celebrated Rizal's vision for the future; the other honored the life that made that vision possible.

Together, they affirmed that the greatest tribute to Dr. Jose P. Rizal is not merely to remember him but to continue his work.

For the Masons of Laguna, the annual pilgrimage to Rizal's birthplace is more

a ceremonial duty. It is a reaffirmation of their obligation to preserve the ideals of Brother Rizal and to translate those ideals into concrete acts of education, patriotism, and public service.

As the 165th birth anniversary of the Hero came to a close, the message was unmistakable: Rizal's legacy lives on, not only in monuments and memorials, but in classrooms where children learn, in communities where citizens serve, and in the hearts of Masons and Filipinos who continue to labor for the betterment of God, country, and humanity.

In honoring Rizal, they renew the timeless conviction that enlightened minds, virtuous lives, and devoted hearts remain the strongest foundations upon which a nation can be built.



GLP *Updates*

a. The launching of the e-GLP Application

The launching of the e-GLP Application marks a significant step towards the modernization and digital innovation of our online systems, providing the brethren with a more convenient, accessible, and efficient way to stay connected to the programs, activities, and relevant information about the Grand Lodge.

This initiative reflects a continuing commitment to embracing technology in the service to the Craft, strengthening communication, improving access to essential resources, and bringing the fraternity closer together through a single digital platform.

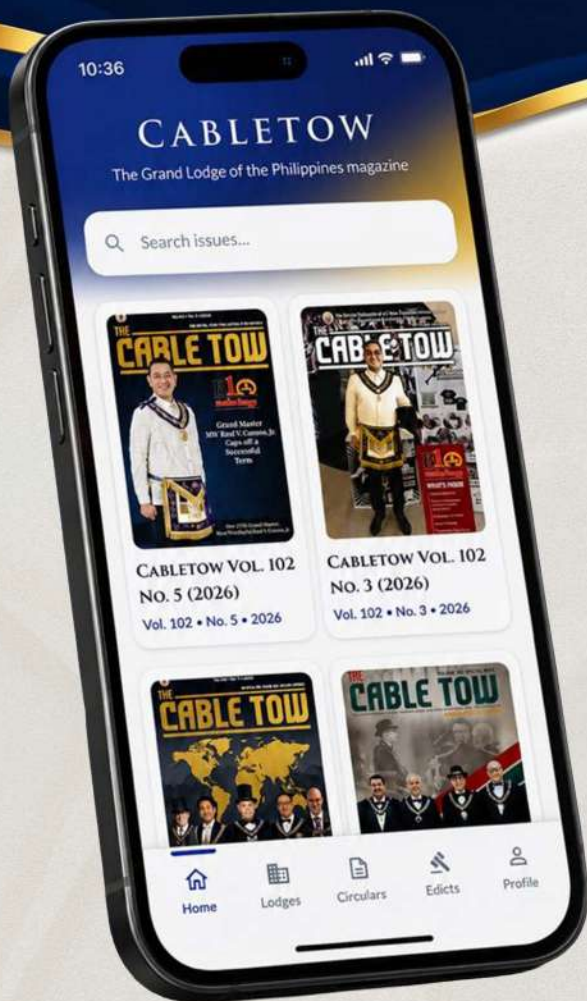
We encourage all the brethren to support and explore the e-GLP Application as we move forward toward a more connected and progressive Masonic Community.



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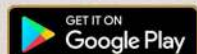


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GLP *Updates*

b. The launching of the ANCOM 2027 Online Registration

The online registration for the Annual Communications for Masonic Year 2027 is now officially open! All brethren, local and foreign, are encouraged to register early and secure their participation in this highly anticipated gathering. To be held at the Subic Bay Exhibition and Convention Center from April 19 to 24, 2027.

The ANCOM 2027 promises to be a meaningful occasion and celebration of Brotherhood, Fellowship, and Unity. Aiming to bring together brethren from across the world for an enriching and memorable convention.

Register online now and be part of this momentous and historical event!

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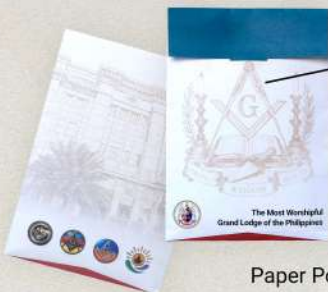
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International Order of the *Rainbow for Girls*



**IORG Philippines: Building Leaders, Strengthening Sisterhood,
and Living a life of Service**

By: Angelica Yvonne Z., Grand Worthy Advisor



The **International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG)** is a youth organization for girls and young women ages **10 to 20**, providing opportunities for leadership, personal growth, friendship, and service. Founded in **1922** by Reverend **William Mark Sexson**, the Order is guided by the seven lessons of the Rainbow: **Love, Religion, Nature, Immortality, Fidelity, Patriotism, and Service.**

Through its activities, leadership opportunities, community projects, and ceremonies, Rainbow encourages its members to grow into confident, compassionate, and responsible young women while forming friendships and memories that last beyond their years in the Order.

A Rainbow Legacy in the Philippines

Rainbow first found its home in the Philippines in **1948** with the institution of **Manila Assembly No. 1**, sponsored by Mayon Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star. Although the Assembly eventually surrendered its charter as many of its American members returned to the United States, the Order continued through **Perla Assembly**, which became Perla Assembly No. 1.

The years that followed saw Rainbow steadily grow, with Assemblies established in Pampanga, Cavite, and other parts of the country. As its membership expanded, the **Grand Assembly of the Philippines and Guam** was formally organized in **1988**, bringing together and providing guidance to the growing Rainbow community.

Nearly eight decades since its introduction to the country, **IORG Philippines** continues to bring together young women from different communities through a shared commitment to leadership, sisterhood, and service. While generations of Rainbow Girls have come and gone, the lessons of the Rainbow continue to inspire young women to lead with confidence, serve with compassion, and make a difference in their communities.





Continuing the Work of Rainbow

The present term of the Grand Assembly of the Philippines continues to build on the legacy of Rainbow through programs and initiatives designed to strengthen the Rainbow experience from membership development and leadership formation to service, communication, and community engagement.

The Grand Assembly continues to encourage Rainbow Girls to discover the potential within themselves and to become leaders not only within the Order but also in their schools, families, communities, and future professions.

Among the initiatives being developed and strengthened is **Rainbow Academy**, the Grand Assembly's training and development initiative, which focuses on providing members with opportunities for continuous learning. Through programs centered on **Rainbow Leadership Development, Assembly Management, and Etiquette and Protocol**, Rainbow Academy seeks to equip members and leaders with the knowledge and skills needed to strengthen their Assemblies and prepare young women for leadership.

Service remains at the heart of the Rainbow experience through initiatives such as the **Rainbow Book Nook**, a nationwide literacy project of the Grand Assembly. Through this initiative, the Grand Assembly aims to establish a Rainbow Book Nook in every community or location where an Assembly is present, creating accessible spaces where young learners can discover the joy of reading. By bringing books closer to communities throughout the country, the project reflects Rainbow's commitment to education, service, and making a positive impact beyond the walls of the Assembly room.

The present Grand Term has also strengthened the Order's efforts in communication and documentation through the establishment of **PRISM**, the official publication of the Grand Assembly of the Philippines. PRISM serves as a platform for sharing the stories, accomplishments, experiences, and voices of Rainbow Girls from across the jurisdiction, preserving the memories and milestones that continue to shape the Order.

Complementing this initiative is the establishment of the **IORG Philippines website**, providing a central online platform where members, parents, supporters, and those interested in learning more about the Order can access information about IORG Philippines, its programs, activities, and initiatives. Together, PRISM and the IORG Philippines website represent the Grand Assembly's efforts to strengthen its presence, improve communication, and bring the stories of Philippine Rainbow to a wider audience.

Through these initiatives, the Grand Assembly continues to build an environment where Rainbow Girls can **learn, lead, serve, connect, and grow** ensuring that the lessons and values of the Order remain relevant and accessible to the next generation of young women.

Rainbow in Action: The Luzon Jurisdictional Session

Recently, Rainbow Girls and leaders from across Luzon gathered for the 5th Luzon Jurisdictional Session, hosted by Barasoain Assembly No. 25. The session brought together members from different Assemblies for a weekend centered on **leadership, fellowship, learning, and sisterhood**.

Jurisdictional Sessions continue to serve as an important platform for strengthening leadership and building connections among Rainbow Girls across Luzon. Beyond the programs and activities, these gatherings remind our members that leadership is not only about taking on a role, but also about learning from others, empowering our sisters, and creating a positive impact wherever we are.

Most importantly, the session strengthened the bonds among our Assemblies and reminded every Rainbow Girl that she is part of a sisterhood that extends far beyond her own Assembly.





Looking Toward the Future

As IORG Philippines continues its journey, the Grand Assembly remains committed to strengthening its foundations while creating new opportunities for the next generation of Rainbow Girls.

From leadership programs and membership development to community service and national gatherings, the work continues with the belief that every Rainbow Girl has something valuable to offer. By providing young women with the guidance, opportunities, and support to discover their strengths, IORG helps shape leaders who are prepared to face the future with confidence and compassion.

More than seven decades after Rainbow was first introduced to the Philippines, its lessons remain as relevant as ever. The faces and generations may change, but the values represented by the seven colors of the Rainbow continue to guide its members.

Today, the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in the Philippines looks toward the future with renewed energy and purpose continuing to build leaders, strengthen sisterhood, serve communities, and inspire every young woman to find her own place beneath the Rainbow.





For in every color lies a lesson, in every sister a leader, and in every generation, a new reason to keep the Rainbow shining.

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Job's Daughters *International*



JDI Philippines: Blooming in Sisterhood, Leading with Purpose, Soaring Together

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What is Job's Daughters International?

Job's Daughters International was founded in Omaha, Nebraska on October 20, 1920 by Mrs. Ethel T. Wead Mick. It is a non-profit youth organization for girls ages 10-20 who bear a Masonic heritage or sponsorship. This organization aims to build leadership skills, confidence, and community service through a sisterhood grounded in moral and social values.

Throughout the years, the group formed into a global organization and currently exists in the USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia, and the Philippines.

JDI Philippines Throughout the Years

The **first Bethel** in the Philippines was instituted on **December 15, 1956** in **Olongapo City**. Today, the Philippines has more than 30 active Bethels under the Grand Guardian Council of the Philippines. JDI Philippines has grown to be an active and proficient organization, with members representing the jurisdiction at Supreme Sessions and gaining international offices and recognitions. One of the many ways this growth and dedication are celebrated is through the annual Supreme Session.

Every year, Job's Daughters International holds its Supreme Session—a week-long gathering of Daughters from around the world filled with fun activities and friendly competition. JDI Philippines has consistently competed in Ritualistic and Non-Ritualistic Competitions, bringing home numerous awards. In this year's **Supreme Musician and Supreme Librarian's Promotional Jingle Challenge**, Bethel No. 4 Iloilo City took the First Place, while Bethel No. 21 Cotabato City earned a Highly Commended award.

Another highlight is the annual Miss International Job's Daughter Pageant, which evaluates representatives on their ritual expertise, public speaking, and leadership capabilities. The Philippines is proud to have had two Miss International Job's Daughters—Mom Marion in 1996–1997 and Sis. Maia in 2019–2021. The current Miss Philippines Job's Daughter 2026–2027, Sis. Nicole, recently represented the Philippines in Springfield, Missouri, carrying the country's name and flag with grace and pride!

JDI Philippines has come a long way since 1956. Across the islands, hundreds—if not thousands—of Jobies and Majority Members call one of the 45 Bethels (plus one Bethel under Dispensation) their home. Its greatest achievements lie not just in its growth and accolades, but in the countless lives of young women it has transformed.



FROM THE TABLE OF *Our Senior Grand Lecturer...*

TEMPERANCE: THE DISCIPLINE OF SELF-MASTERY

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A Short Masonic Education Lecture

Temperance is often understood merely as moderation in food, drink, or physical pleasure. But in its deeper Masonic sense, **Temperance is the discipline by which a man governs himself**—his appetites, emotions, words, ambitions, and passions.

It is not weakness.

It is strength under control.

It is the quiet power to pause before speaking, to think before acting, and to resist the temptation to allow anger, pride, or personal desire to determine our conduct.

A man may possess intelligence, authority, wealth, or influence; but unless he possesses self-control, these advantages may become instruments of harm. The first person a Mason must therefore learn to govern is not another man—but himself.

In our professions, Temperance teaches us to pursue success without sacrificing integrity. It restrains ambition from becoming greed, confidence from becoming arrogance, and authority from becoming abuse. It reminds the Mason in leadership that power is not a privilege to be enjoyed, but a responsibility to be exercised with fairness, humility, and restraint.

A temperate professional does not allow pressure to destroy his principles. He does not make decisions in anger, exploit the weakness of others, or seek advancement at the expense of his honor. He understands that reputation may open doors, but only character allows a man to remain worthy of the trust placed in him.

In the community, Temperance makes us more patient citizens, responsible neighbors, and compassionate servants. In a world where people are often quick to judge, quick to condemn, and quick to speak, the temperate Mason chooses understanding over hostility and reason over outrage.

He listens before responding; he corrects without humiliating; he disagrees without becoming disagreeable; he knows that not every provocation deserves a reaction, and not every opinion must become a conflict.

Temperance is especially important within the Lodge. Many disturbances in Masonic harmony do not arise from great questions of principle. They begin with small excesses—an uncontrolled word, an injured pride, an excessive desire for recognition, or an ambition that refuses to wait.

Brethren may disagree. Such disagreement is natural. But Temperance prevents disagreement from becoming division. It teaches us to express our convictions without wounding a Brother, to accept correction without resentment, and to exercise authority without destroying fraternity. Harmony does not mean that everyone must think alike. **Harmony means that even when we differ, we remain governed by Brotherly Love.**

The temperate Mason does not use his office, title, or influence to dominate others. He does not measure his worth by the jewel he wears, the seat he occupies, or the applause he receives. He remembers that Masonic office is temporary, but Masonic character must endure.

Brethren, the true test of Temperance is found in the moments when no one restrains us but ourselves—when we have the opportunity to retaliate but choose forgiveness; when we could speak harshly but choose kindness; when pride urges us forward but humility tells us to step back.

Temperance asks each of us:

What must I govern more carefully?

Is it my anger? My tongue? My appetite? My pride? My ambition? Or my desire always to be proven right?

The purpose of Freemasonry is not simply to make us more knowledgeable in ritual or more prominent in the Craft. Its purpose is to transform our conduct—to make us more disciplined, more compassionate, more trustworthy, and more useful to humanity.

A Mason who learns to govern himself becomes a better professional, a better citizen, a better Brother, and a better man.

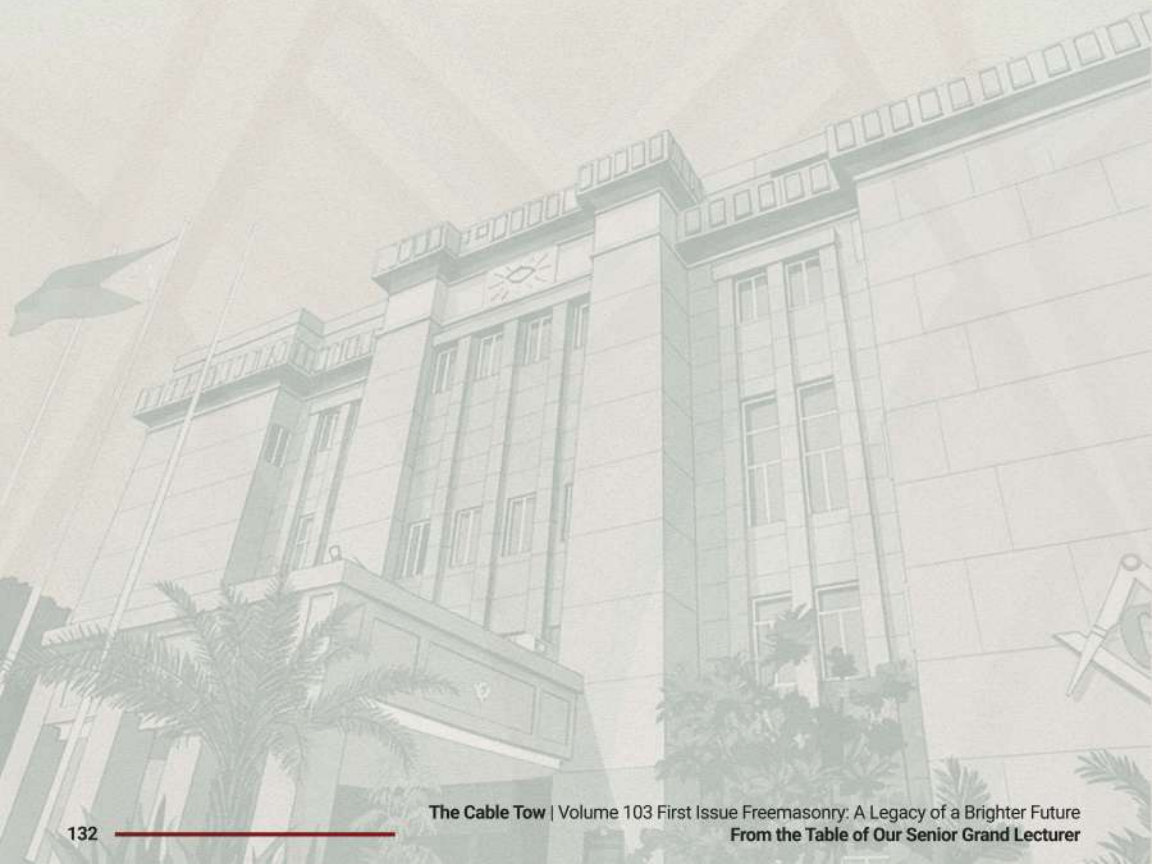
For the man who cannot control himself will eventually be controlled by his passions. But the man who practices Temperance becomes master of his own conduct—and therefore worthy of the confidence of his family, his profession, his community, and his Lodge.

Let us therefore practice Temperance not only in what we consume, but in what we say, what we desire, and how we exercise influence.

For when our passions are restrained, our judgment becomes clearer.

When our pride is moderated, harmony becomes possible.

And when we learn to govern ourselves, Freemasonry truly accomplishes its noble work of making **better Masons—and better men.**



THE PHILIPPINE FLAG

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INTRODUCTION BY PRIME MINISTER CESAR VIRATA

The Philippine Flag was designed by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, colors and all, in Hongkong while they were in exile and was sewn by Mrs. Marcela Agoncillo, wife of Felipe Agoncillo. Mrs. Agoncillo was assisted in the embroidery work by her daughter Lorenza and Mrs. Delfina Herbosa, a niece of Dr. Jose Rizal. The flag was finished in five days and was given to Aguinaldo just before he left Hongkong on May 17, 1898 for Manila to resume the revolution against Spain since the main objective was independence.

The original flag, made of silk, was light blue on top representing peace, truth and justice (compared with the dark blue now). The bottom stripe is red representing patriotism and valor. The sun, with eight rays which represented the eight provinces that initially revolted against Spain, also had a mythical face. The sun represents energy and life. The current flag does not have the mythical face. The equilateral triangle which contains the sun and the three five pointed stars representing Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The white equilateral triangle symbolizes equality was adopted from the Masonic fraternity symbol and motto which was also used by the Katipunan.

As early as October 31, 1896, Emilio Aguinaldo had already spoken about the Filipino nation as compared with the Katipunan references to Katagalugan^[1]. At first there were several flags of the Katipunan and some were designed by area commanders themselves.

The Filipino Flag was first used as a battle flag when the Filipinos won over the Spanish marines in the Battle of Alapan, May 28, 1898 a day declared to be the Flag Day.

Considering that there were a number of countries interested in colonizing Filipinas so General Emilio Aguinaldo set the proclamation of independence on June 12, 1898, waved the Filipino flag when the Banda Matanda of San Francisco de Malabon played Marcha Filipina, composed by Julian Felipe, which became the National Anthem. At that time the National Anthem had no lyrics. To show to the other naval warships that the Filipinos are in control, the Filipino Flag was flown on top of the Bacoor Church so it could be seen in Manila Bay.

The inauguration of the First Republic of Filipinas was on January 23, 1899 in Barasoain Church in Malolos, Bulacan.

After two weeks, the Filipinas-American war started so the Filipino Army had to defend the Republika ng Filipinas against the American colonizing forces. President Aguinaldo was eventually captured on March 22, 1901 in Palanan, Isabela and he pledged allegiance to the US Government on April 19, 1901. However, the Philippine American war continued in several places and last portion was the Moro wars until 1913.

During the American occupation, some resistance continued, the American Philippine Commission passed a law known as the Brigandage Act of 1902 which prohibited membership in an armed band and also the display of the Philippine flag and other national symbols such as the singing of the national anthem.^[2] This prohibition lasted up to 1919, for 17 years the Filipino Flag could not be shown.

The Iglesia Filipina Independiente (IFI) or also known as the Aglipayan Church which was born during the revolution used the Filipino Flag as part of its vestments and displayed the flag in the altar as part of its rites. In addition, their Flores de Mayo processions included characters dressed in flag designs, others showed suppression of freedom and liberty. The IFI members expressed their patriotic and nationalistic feelings against the American rule.

During the rest of the American rule which was up to July 4, 1946, the Filipino Flag could only be displayed under the American Flag.

The American rule in the Philippines was interrupted by the Japanese occupation from 1942 to early 1945. During Japanese Military Government the Filipinos were ordered to display the Japanese Flag and the Filipino Flag was allowed to be flown again when 2nd Republic of Philippines was created although considered to be a dummy government.

Finally on July 4, 1946, the Philippine Independence was regained so the American Flag was lowered and the Philippine Flag was flown again alone as a sovereign nation.

The Philippine flag is a national symbol which embody the national ideals and traditions and which express the principles of sovereignty and national solidarity.

All Filipinos should revere and respect at all times the flag, anthem and other national symbols.

In fact we take our patriotic oath before our Flag.

Ako ay Filipino
Buong Katapatan Nanunumpa
Sa watawat ng Pilipinas
At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag
Na may dangal, katatungan at kalayaan
Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang
Maka Diyos
Maka-tao
Maka-kalikasan
At
Maka bansa.



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[1] It is posited by some scholars that the term "Katagalugan," as used by the Katipunan, refers to the entire country and not just the Tagalog region.
[2] The applicable law that expressly imposed this prohibition was the Flag Law of 1907. This law, approved by the Philippine Commission to reinforce the 1901 Sedition Act, made the display of the Philippine flag (and other national symbols) treasonous. The same law also prohibited the playing and singing of the national anthem.



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