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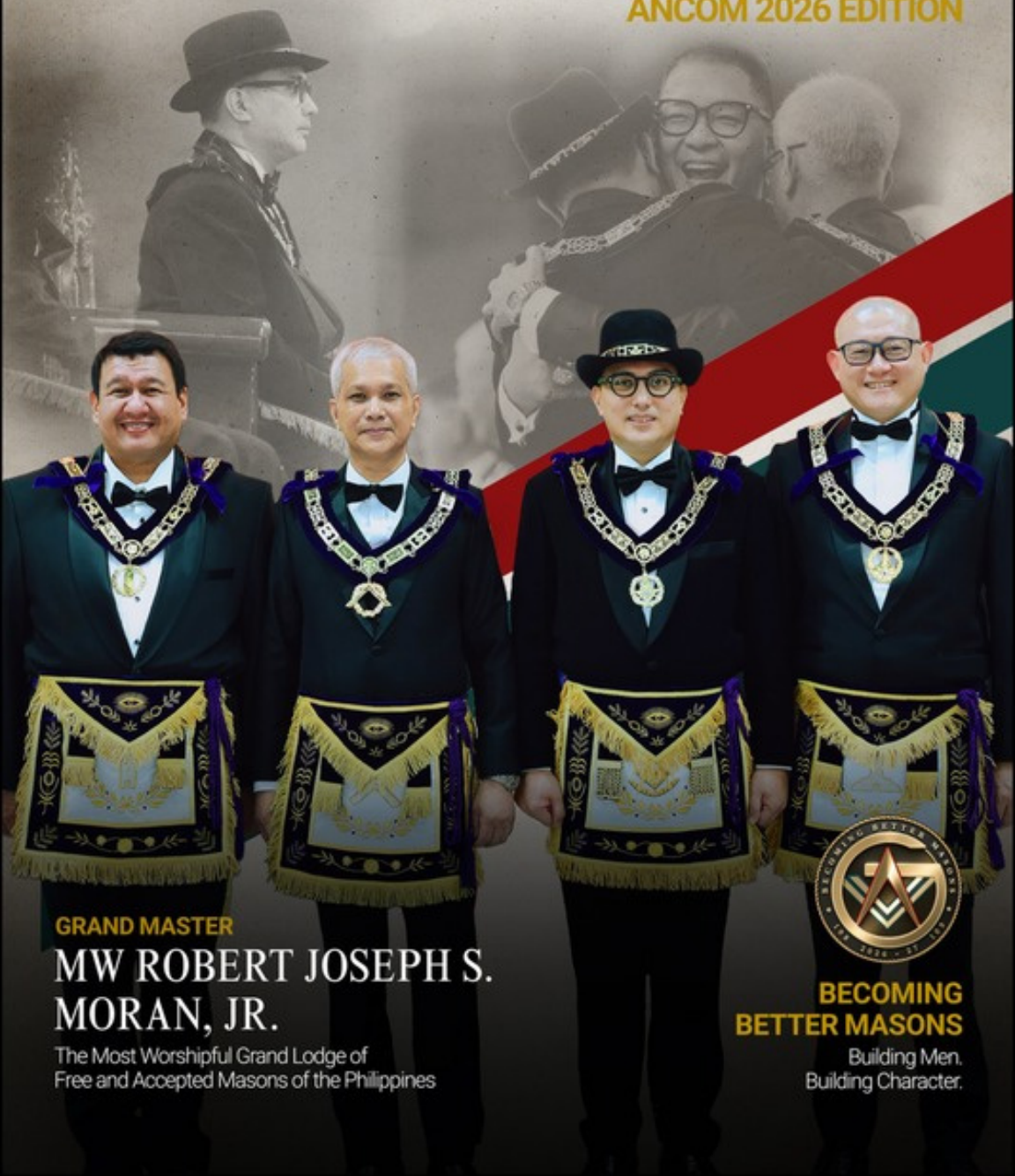
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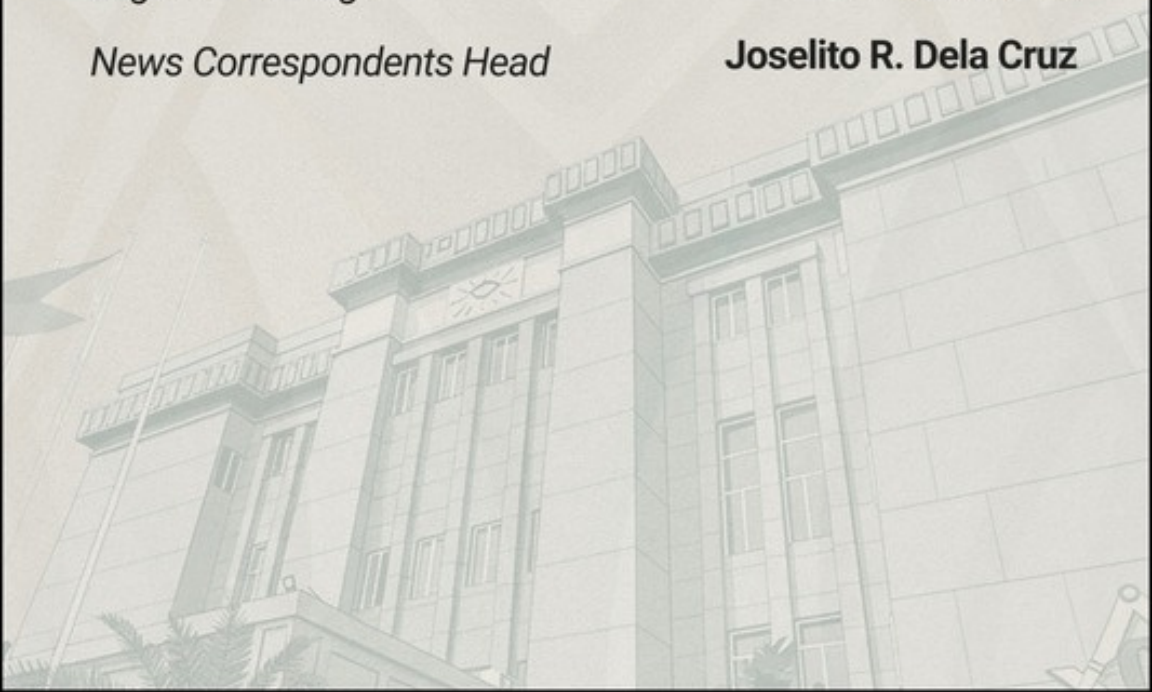
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Brethren,

It is with a great sense of pride and honor that we present "*The Cable Tow*" Special Issue – ANCOM 2026 Edition, which highlights the activities that transpired during the 109th Annual Communications of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

This issue is a chronicle of the Annual Communications, where brethren from across the nation and beyond borders travel by air, by sea, or by land to gather in unity to strengthen fraternal bonds, celebrate achievements, deliberate, and chart the course for the future of our Craft in general and of Philippine Freemasonry in particular.

We have sought to capture, within these pages, not only the events and proceedings that marked the Annual Communication, but also the spirit of service, dedication, and brotherhood that was exemplified in every gathering and in each interaction through which these precious moments reflect the enduring principles that continue to guide our Craft.

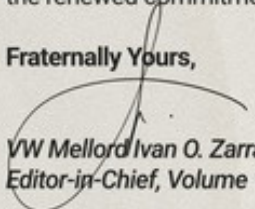
This special issue stands as both a historical documentation and a tribute to the collective efforts of those whose unwavering commitment and dedication made these activities successful and meaningful. It is our hope that this publication preserves these memories for future generations while continuously inspiring the active participation of the brethren in the noble endeavors of our organization.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to our Grand Master, MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr. for the trust and confidence he has given me as I handle the stewardship of *The Cable Tow* for this Masonic Year 2026. His vision and directives have been valuable in the planning and preparation of our editorial team as we carry out and perform our tasks of documenting the works, accomplishments, and all other activities of the Grand Jurisdiction for this year.

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

As this Masonic year begins, may this special issue remind us of the historical milestones we have achieved as an institution and the responsibilities that continue to lie before us. May we continuously carry forward the friendships strengthened, the lessons learned, and the renewed commitment to the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

Fraternally Yours,



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Message from the *Grand Master*

Brethren,

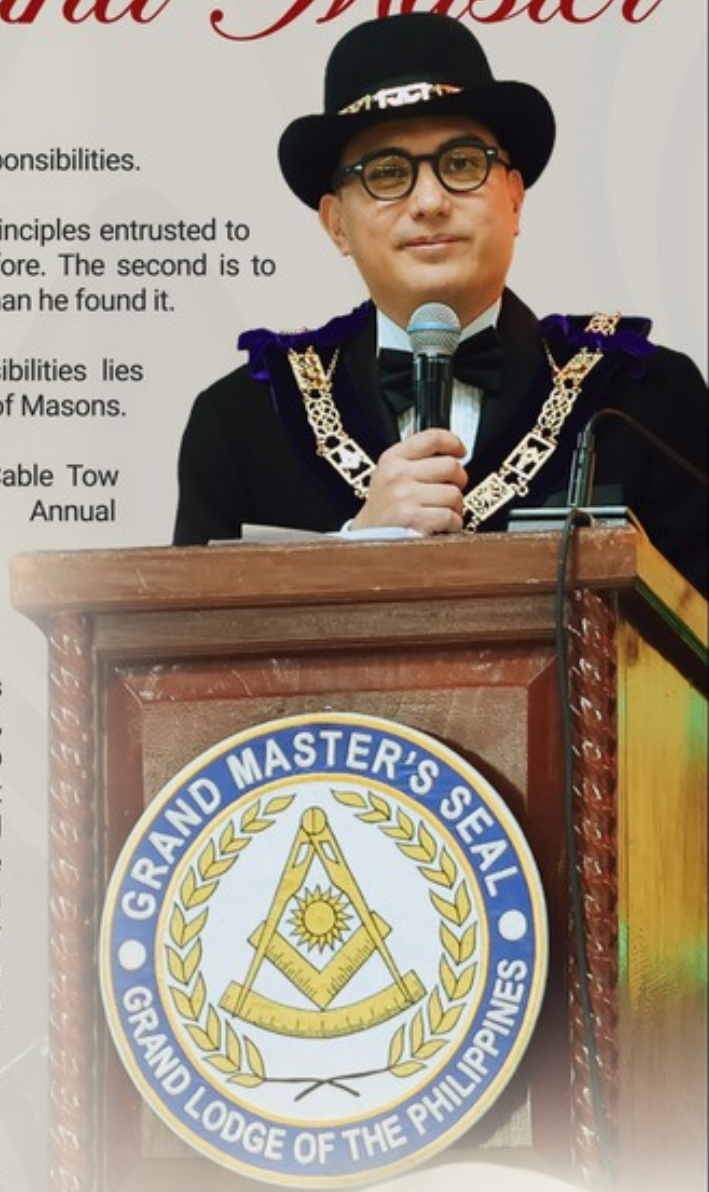
Every Mason inherits two responsibilities.

The first is to preserve the principles entrusted to him by those who came before. The second is to leave the fraternity stronger than he found it.

Between those two responsibilities lies the work of every generation of Masons.

This Special Issue of The Cable Tow records the 109th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines. Within its pages are the proceedings, milestones, and fellowship that marked an important chapter in the life of our Grand Jurisdiction. More importantly, it stands as a reminder that Freemasonry endures because each generation accepts its duty to preserve what it has inherited and to strengthen it for those who will follow.

ANCOM 2026 brought together brethren from every corner of our Grand Jurisdiction alongside distinguished visitors representing sister Grand Jurisdictions from around the world. Throughout the week, friendships were renewed, new bonds were formed, and the ties of brotherhood were strengthened. The presence of so many respected Masonic leaders was



both an honor and a reflection of the enduring relationships that unite our worldwide Masonic family. Though separated by geography, language, and culture, we remain bound by the same timeless principles and obligations.

Such gatherings remind us that the influence of Freemasonry extends far beyond the walls of our Lodges. The respect and goodwill shared among brethren are built over many years through faithful labor, mutual support, and a steadfast commitment to the values we profess. These bonds, strengthened across generations and jurisdictions, are among the fraternity's greatest treasures and among our most important responsibilities to preserve.

This Annual Communication also marked the beginning of a new Masonic Year. Leadership may change, but the mission of Freemasonry remains constant. Each generation receives the Craft in trust, benefits from the sacrifices and labors of those who came before, and assumes responsibility for those who will come after.

As we move forward under the theme Becoming Better Masons, Building a Better World, we are reminded that the future of our fraternity will not be shaped by any single event, administration, or individual. It will be shaped by Masons who strive each day to live the principles they profess, strengthen their Lodges, serve their communities, and lead lives worthy of the teachings they have received.

A Better World is never an accident. It only gets better when men intentionally choose to become Better Men.

The pages that follow preserve the memory of ANCOM 2026. The greater responsibility before us is to ensure that the spirit reflected in these pages—of brotherhood, service, fellowship, and unity—continues to find expression in our daily lives and labors long after this Annual Communication has passed into history.

For in the end, the measure of our stewardship will not be found in the offices we held, the honors we received, or the events we attended, but in whether we leave the fraternity stronger than we found it.

Fraternally,

MW ROBERT JOSEPH S. MORAN, JR.
Grand Master

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Arrival of *Delegates*



ANCOM 2026: The Journey to Tagaytay

By: WB Jesus Miguel V. Buniy, PDDGM (: 72)

April 20, 2026 — Even before the first gavel was struck, before committee reports were presented, before any debates on resolutions were discussed, and long before the election for the Junior Grand Warden was held, the spirit of the 109th Annual Communications (ANCOM) of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines (MWGLP) for Masonic Year 2026 has already been felt.

It was witnessed in the unbroken procession of delegates arriving in the City; it resonated through the halls of the hotels and registration areas where brethren exchanged greetings and renewed acquaintances. Above all, it was felt in the warmth of brotherly handshakes, sincere embraces, and the familiar words that captured the essence of the gathering: *"It is good to see you again, my Brother."*

Over 6,000 brethren from the northern most reaches of Luzon to the southern frontiers of Mindanao and as well as over 900 foreign delegates coming from sister Grand Jurisdictions from foreign shores beyond the archipelago, Lodge Delegations journeyed from distant provinces while Foreign Visitors traversed oceans and crossed borders to answer the summons to gather and assemble in Tagaytay City, Cavite. The routes were different, the distances varied, but the destination remained the same. Drawn by the promise of fellowship and the enduring bonds of the Craft.

For thousands of Masons, coming from every corner of the Philippines and beyond, this day was not simply the first day of a convention; it was the first day of an annual reunion. But, regardless of the distance traveled, they arrived at a common destination

— not merely a place on a map, but a meeting of hearts united by the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The Annual Communication is a very special event for Masons. It is an opportunity to come together as one family. For many brethren, attendance at the ANCOM is something eagerly anticipated months in advance. Calendars are cleared. Travel plans are carefully arranged. Brethren coordinate their journeys together. Hotels are booked long before the event. The excitement begins weeks or even months before arrival.

For a brother Mason, ANCOM is more than an obligatory duty. It is a cherished tradition. There is a saying among senior Masons that no one will fully understand the impact of Masonry until he has attended his first Annual Communication.



In just four days, you can meet Masons from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao; meet and talk with Masons from other countries; and see how strong the Fraternity is alive and well.

This year, Tagaytay City was the focal point of that experience. Throughout the day, the registration areas buzzed with activities as delegates steadily arrived to complete their registration and claim their ANCOM kits and identification cards. Yet what might have been an ordinary queue elsewhere became something uniquely Masonic. Every line became an opportunity for fellowship, every wait an occasion for conversation. Whether standing beside a familiar face or a brother



Brethren who had not seen each other since the previous Annual Communications greeted one another like long-lost family members. Newly raised Master Masons found themselves standing beside Past Grand Masters and distinguished brethren whose names they had only read in Masonic publications.

Titles and distinctions mattered less than the common bond shared by all. Indeed, one of the most beautiful aspects of ANCOM is its ability to remind every Mason that beyond offices, ranks, and honors lies the simple truth that we all meet - On the level. From this, it is clear that the true strength of Masonry does not come from the ceremonial aspect or the titles given, but rather from the bonds built through fellowship. Harmony is indeed the strength of our fraternity.



whom they met for the first time, one could hardly resist offering a warm greeting and a friendly "Hello, Brother."

The Annual Communication also marked the culmination of a fruitful Masonic year under the leadership of Most Worshipful Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines.

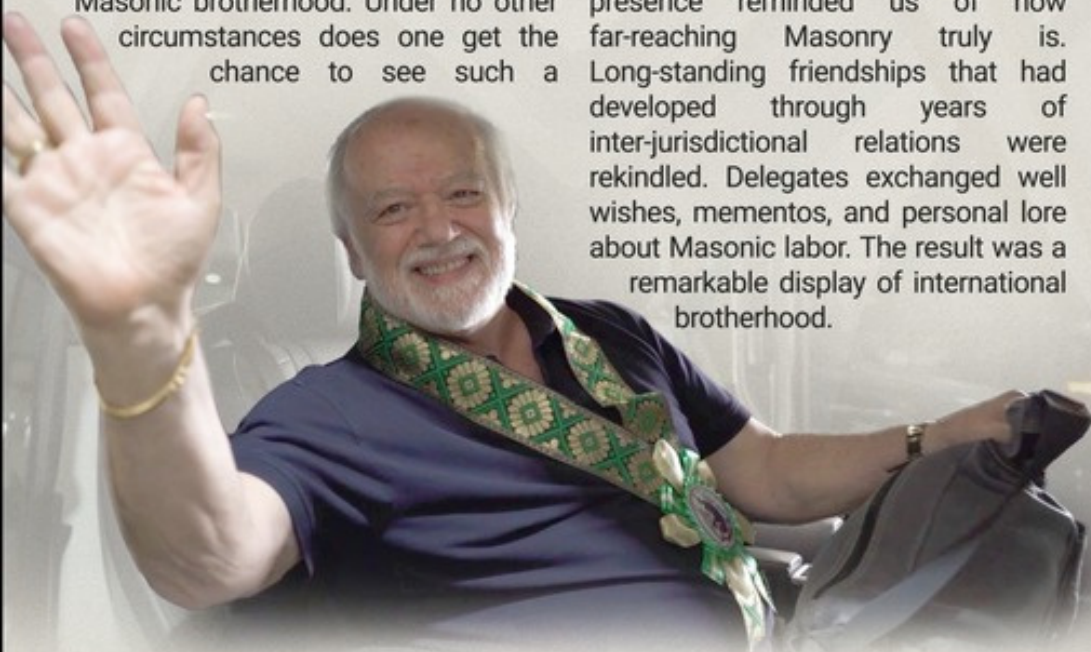
As delegates arrived, there was a palpable sense of reflection and gratitude. Brethren spoke proudly of the accomplishments achieved during the term. They recalled programs implemented, milestones reached, and challenges overcome. The gathering thus carried both celebratory and historical significance. It represented the closing chapter of one administration while preparing the Craft for the next, the assumption of our incoming Grand Master, RW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Deputy Grand Master.

Yet amidst the anticipation of official business, the arrival day remained centered on something more personal. The reaffirmation of our Masonic brotherhood. Under no other circumstances does one get the chance to see such a

diverse collection of men come together based on ideals and beliefs, and not based on their job, status, or geography. The array of Brothers who came to Tagaytay were from all walks of life, from different parts of the world, and from various ethnic backgrounds. Some of them were very young Master Masons who were attending their very first Annual Communication, while others were senior members who had attended many Annual Communications during the course of their Masonic lives.

Regardless of their different journeys to get there, they were all linked together by that which our Ritual refers to as the Mystic Tie - an invisible bond that transcends one's individual presence and was made visible by transforming thousands of individual arrivals into a collective homecoming.

The participation of more than 900 foreign delegates added to the significance of the event. Their presence reminded us of how far-reaching Masonry truly is. Long-standing friendships that had developed through years of inter-jurisdictional relations were rekindled. Delegates exchanged well wishes, mementos, and personal lore about Masonic labor. The result was a remarkable display of international brotherhood.



Tagaytay City became more than a host city, it had become the center for Global Masonry.

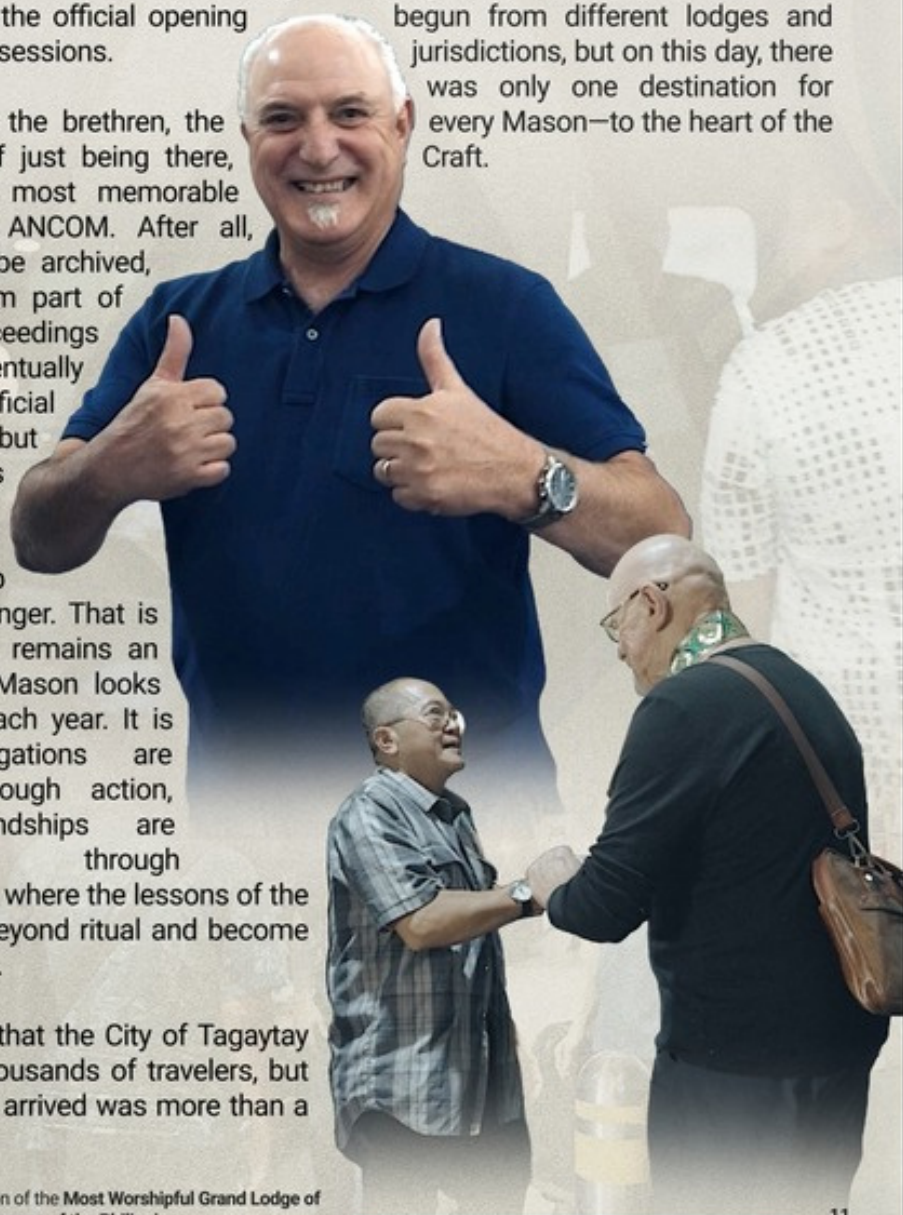
As the sun is in the west at the close of the day, the energy level of the gathered brethren had not dissipated. The Hotel lounges, dining halls, and other venues continued to be abuzz with conversation. New friendships formed and old friendships blossomed. And all of this was taking place before the official opening of the annual sessions.

For many of the brethren, the experience of just being there, became the most memorable part of the ANCOM. After all, reports can be archived, elections form part of history, proceedings are eventually recorded in official transactions, but the memories created through fellowship endure far longer. That is why ANCOM remains an event every Mason looks forward to each year. It is where obligations are renewed through action, where friendships are strengthened through presence and where the lessons of the Craft move beyond ritual and become living realities.

We may say that the City of Tagaytay welcomed thousands of travelers, but what actually arrived was more than a

gathering of delegates, it was the assembled strength of Philippine Masonry. It was a celebration of unity. A celebration of friendship. A celebration of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. And above all, a celebration of that cement of Brotherly Love and Affection which unites individual members into one common band of Brothers.

The journey to Tagaytay may have begun from different lodges and jurisdictions, but on this day, there was only one destination for every Mason—to the heart of the Craft.



ANCOM 2026

Sportsfest



BASKETBALL



PICKLEBALL



THE PICKLE TENT



GOLF



The Triumph of Harmony: Camaraderie and Brotherly Love at the ANCOM 2026 SPORTS FEST

By: WB Joselito R. Dela Cruz, PDGL (-12)

April 20 to April 22, 2026 — As the dawn broke over the scenic highlands of Tagaytay City for the 109th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, a different kind of Masonic labor commenced. Long before the sounding of the gavel in the Grand Halls, the Brethren gathered under the open skies, trading their aprons and business suits for jerseys and sports gear.

The ANCOM 2026 Sports Fest was organized and chaired by VW Stephen P. Parreño, DDGM (Masonic District Overseas – Camp Zama, Japan). It was not merely a display of physical athleticism; it was a profound, living testament to the core Tenets of our Craft: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth which translated beautifully onto the

basketball courts, pickleball courts, and golf courses.

On the hardwood of the *Summit Ridge, Tagaytay City*, the Annual Basketball Tournament was held for two days (*April 20 – 21, 2026*) which exhibited energy that was electric, yet deeply grounded in mutual respect. Dribbles echoed, sneakers squeaked, and intense plays unfolded as lodges and districts vied for victory. Yet, what truly defined the games was the exceptional sportsmanship on display.

When a brother drove hard to the basket and fell, it was not just his teammates who rushed to lift him up—opposing players were the first to extend a hand.



The fierce competitiveness of the sports was seamlessly balanced by a gentle, underlying harmony. A hard-fought foul was instantly met with a warm embrace and an apologetic pat on the back, reminding everyone that while they wore different jerseys, they all belonged to the same global brotherhood.

During the awarding, the brethren of the National Capital Region emerged victorious as Over – all Champions placing the brethren of Bulacan as the 1st Runner - up, Cavite West as the 2nd Runner - up, and Nueva Ecija as the 3rd Runner – up.



Meanwhile, at *The Pickle Tent* in Tanauan City, Batangas, the one-day Pickleball Tournament (April 21, 2026) brought a dynamic and refreshing energy to the festival. The pickleball courts became a hub of vibrant camaraderie and infectious laughter. Senior Brethren played alongside younger Masons, bridging generations through a shared love for the game.

The rapid volleys and strategic dinks were accompanied by encouraging cheers from the sidelines. Win or lose, every match concluded not with bitter disappointment, but with genuine smiles, high-fives, and shared bottles of water. In the tight spaces of the court, the true geometry of Masonry was at work, squaring actions and keeping passion within due bounds.



The tournament ended by recognizing the following brethren with the following awards as Tournament Champion: Bro. Francis Junio and Bro. Carlo Lagrana; 1st Runner – up: Bro. Patrick Mendenilla and Bro. Jerrick Eugenio; 2nd Runner – up: Bro. Sheldon Esparrago and Bro. Gaudencio Wong; and 3rd Runner – up: Bro. Mark Pimentel and Bro. Ronnel Santiago.



THE PICKLE TENT





Lastly, the Villamor Airbase Golf Course in Pasay City, hosted the annual gathering of Golf enthusiasts which offered a more serene but equally powerful exhibition of fraternal bonding. Amidst the rolling green fairways, Brethren walked side-by-side, sharing quiet conversations, life updates, and words of encouragement. Golf is a game of personal integrity, and the sportsmanship displayed on the greens was exemplary.

Brethren celebrated each other's brilliant drives and offered comforting words during difficult sand-trap escapes. The walk from hole to hole became a moving sanctuary of brotherly love, where advice on life, leadership, and the craft was passed as naturally as tips on a swing.

The results of the Golf Tournament recognized the following participants - For the Special Awards: Most Accurate Drive No. 9 - Bong Dayao, Nearest to the Pin No. 12 - Jomar Dela Cerna, Longest Drive No. 18 - Hunley Fajota, Longest Putt No. 18 - Jeff Roque; Class "A" Champion - Godofredo Ergo, 1st Runner up - Vancouver Tan, 2nd Runner up - Charles Apun; Class "B" Champion - Andrew Dongay, 1st Runner up - Ian Lopez, 2nd Runner up - Severo Sinense; Class "C" Champion - Reynaldo Jampit, 1st Runner up - Rey Galapon, 2nd Runner up - Edmond Infante; Low Net Champion - Dace Arreglado; Low Gross Champion - Clover Arangote.





The ANCOM 2026 Sports Fest beautifully proved that true Masons play to build up, not to tear down. As the games concluded, the scores on the board faded, but the strengthened bonds of fellowship remained permanent.

The sweat shed, the laughter shared, and the hands shaken reinforced a timeless truth: that the greatest victory of the day was the unbreakable unity of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, forever moving forward, side-by-side, in perfect harmony.



Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Monument of *Dr. Bro. Jose P. Rizal*



Brethren pay tribute to Bro. José Rizal, embracing the call to Become Better Masons

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

April 22, 2026 — On the third day of the 109th Annual Communication (ANCOM) of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, brethren gathered at the José Rizal Monument in front of Tagaytay City Hall for a solemn wreath-laying ceremony honoring the life and legacy of the Country's National Hero and distinguished Mason, Dr. José P. Rizal.

The ceremony was led by MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., the Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines, together with the Grand Line Officers respectively: RW Robert Joseph S. Moran Jr., Deputy Grand Master, and RW Oliver C. Ko, Junior Grand Warden.



In his remarks, MW Canon expressed his appreciation for the participation of the brethren and foreign dignitaries whose presence added significance to this auspicious occasion. He likewise acknowledged Worshipful Master Brent Aizack D. Tolentino of Tagaytay Masonic Lodge No. 165, the incumbent City Mayor of the City of Tagaytay, Cavite for the support extended by the local government, which contributed to the successful conduct of this commemorative activity.

Hosted by the Masonic District Region 4 Cavite – West under the leadership of VW Joseller S. Paredes, District Deputy Grand Master, the ceremony served as a fitting tribute to the ideals of patriotism, service, and moral leadership embodied by Rizal.

VW Paredes, in his message to the brethren, underscored the significance of the occasion, stating: *"This wreath-laying ceremony is not merely an observance of tradition, but a sacred expression of our gratitude, reflection, and unity. As we lay this wreath, may it stand as a lasting symbol of our unwavering respect and remembrance. May this moment strengthen our collective resolve to walk in unity, to labor in peace, and to serve with integrity for the betterment of our community and all mankind."*



The wreath - laying ceremony highlighted the enduring commitment of Filipino Freemasons to uphold the values championed by Rizal—love of country, pursuit of truth, and service to humanity. As brethren gathered in solemn reflection before the monument, the occasion served as a reminder that Rizal's example continues to inspire Masons in their efforts to become better men, better citizens, and better servants of the society.

As one of the key activities on the third day of the 109th Annual Communications, the ceremony reinforced the deep connection between Philippine Freemasonry and the life, teachings, and ideals of Brother José Rizal.

More importantly, it reminded the brethren that the pursuit of patriotism, moral integrity, civic responsibility, and service to humanity remains central to the Masonic journey of



Becoming Better Masons.



Honoring Masonic History through a *Tree-Planting Activity*



Tree - Planting Activity: Masons as Environmental Stewards

By: WB Nathaniel S. Golia, PAGES (:346)

April 22, 2026 — As part of the three-day activities of the 109th Annual Communications (ANCOM) of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, a commemorative tree-planting ceremony was conducted within the grounds of the Tagaytay City Hall.

The activity was led by MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the jurisdiction of the Philippines, together with RW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, and RW Oliver C. Ko, Junior Grand Warden.

Joining them were Foreign Dignitaries, Grand Lodge Officers, and delegates from various jurisdictions who gathered in a symbolic act of environmental stewardship and fraternal unity.

The commemorative tree-planting activity revived a tradition established during the 2017 Annual Communication held in Tagaytay City. Conducted at the same site, this year's ceremony saw three trees symbolically planted by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and a foreign delegate, representing the unity and shared aspirations of the Masonic fraternity.



It also marks the unprecedented participation of foreign dignitaries and delegates, underscoring that this ANCOM and its events are, to date, the most attended in the history of the Grand Jurisdiction.

As the fraternity continues to promote programs that contribute to community development and environmental sustainability, such initiatives serve as tangible expressions of its commitment to future generations. The activity likewise aligned with the environmental and sustainability efforts under the pillar ***"Buhay at Kalikasan,"*** which would later become a top priority of the Grand Lodge under the leadership of the incoming Grand Master. Accordingly, this pillar calls upon members of the Craft to preserve, protect, and nurture the environment.



Through the simple yet meaningful act of planting trees, brethren from across the country and abroad demonstrated their commitment to environmental stewardship, exemplifying what it means to become better citizens.

Courtesy Call to *Tagaytay City Mayor,* WM Brent Aizack D. Tolentino



Tagaytay City Mayor welcomes the Grand Lodge Officers and Delegates of the ANCOM 2026

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

April 22, 2026 – The leadership of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, paid their respects and conducted a Courtesy Call to the City Mayor of the Host City of the Annual Communications and incumbent Worshipful Master of Tagaytay Masonic Lodge No. 165, WM Brent Aizack D. Tolentino, who warmly welcomed the brethren led by MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master of Masons in the Jurisdiction of the Philippines expressing his appreciation for the opportunity to host thousands of brethren and

delegates in Tagaytay City during one of the most significant events in Philippine Freemasonry.

Together with MW Canon were RW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Deputy Grand Master; RW Oliver C. Ko, Junior Grand Warden; Grand Lodge Officers; and other visiting foreign Masonic dignitaries. The courtesy call formed part of the official 109th ANCOM Programme and was intended to convey the fraternity's gratitude and respect to the host local government for its support of the annual gathering.

During the visit, Mayor Tolentino shared that the architectural design of the Tagaytay City Hall incorporates Masonic-inspired elements, reflecting the strong and enduring presence of Freemasonry within the City. He noted that these design features stand as a testament to the values of civic leadership, public service, and community building that many Freemasons have sought to uphold through the years.

Notably, WM Tolentino is the son of MW Abraham N. Tolentino, Past Grand Master, whose distinguished contributions to Freemasonry and public service have earned the respect and admiration of the brethren throughout the jurisdiction.

The courtesy call also provided an opportunity for fellowship and dialogue between the Grand Lodge, Foreign Dignitaries, and local

government officials. It highlighted the longstanding relationship between Philippine Freemasonry and communities throughout the country, founded on shared commitments to service, leadership, and nation-building.

As the 109th ANCOM continued its activities in Tagaytay City, the courtesy call underscored the importance of strengthening partnerships with institutions and communities that support the fraternity's mission. More importantly, it served as a reminder that the Masonic ideals of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth are best demonstrated through respectful engagement, civic responsibility, and dedicated service—hallmarks of the continuing journey towards **Becoming Better Masons.**



Grand Guild of Past Masters' *Annual Session*

Grand Guild of Past Masters holds their 41st Annual Convention in Tagaytay City

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

**GRAND GUILD OF PAST MASTERS
OF THE PHILIPPINES**



**FORTY-FIRST
ANNUAL CONVENTION**

2:00 PM – April 22, 2026
SIGTUNA HALL, TAGAYTAY CITY

MW DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM, GS
Grand Guild President

April 22, 2026 – The Grand Guild of Past Masters of the Philippines, under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, convened its 41st Annual Convention at Sigtuna Hall, Tagaytay City on April 22, 2026, a day before the plenary day one opening of the Annual Communications (ANCOM 2026). The gathering reaffirmed the Guild's enduring mission of service to Past Masters and their families, and its vital role in sustaining the welfare programs that embody the Craft's compassion and unity.





Presided over by MW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, PGM, GTreas, Grand Guild Vice President, the convention opened with the reception of Past Grand Masters and all Past Masters, followed by the invocation, flag presentation, and roll call by district. The proceedings reflected the Guild's hallmark of solemnity and brotherhood, with Past Masters from across the jurisdiction participating in the day's deliberations.

The Report of the Grand Guild President traced the Guild's remarkable growth since its founding by MW Reynato S. Puno, PGM, through Edict No. 84, forty-two years ago. What began as a modest initiative to provide death gratuities has evolved into a multi-million-peso program extending hospitalization and benevolence assistance to brethren in need. The report emphasized that the Guild's Officers have served without honoraria, driven purely by voluntary commitment and devotion to the Craft.

"Every resource entrusted to us is devoted almost entirely to the purpose of assistance", the report affirmed, underscoring the Guild's lean and efficient structure that ensures swift and accountable aid delivery.

The Treasurer's Report, presented by WB Benito Ty, revealed a sound financial position, with total funds amounting to ₱32,354,082.17 as of February 28, 2026. Disbursements included ₱4.96 million in death benevolence and ₱6.77 million in hospitalization assistance, attesting to the Guild's active and compassionate service. An investment report showed prudent fund management, with interest earnings contributing to sustainability.

The minutes of the 40th Annual Convention were read and approved, followed by reports from the Secretary and other officers. The assembly also conferred the distinction of Grand Guild President Emeritus upon MW John L. Choa, PGM, in recognition of

his more than forty years of dedicated service, including thirty-five years as President of the Guild.

One of the most meaningful highlights of the convention was the election of officers, which marked a smooth and heartfelt transition in leadership. With clarity of purpose and humility, the Guild's President, MW Danilo D. Angeles, PGM, expressed his desire to focus his full efforts on his demanding responsibilities as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

In the spirit of service and continuity, the brethren elevated MW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, PGM, the incumbent Vice President, to become this year's Grand Guild President. MW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching accepted the challenge with gratitude and resolve, pledging to continue the Guild's mission with the same dedication exemplified by his predecessors.

The convention concluded with a heartfelt message from MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master, represented by the Grand Historian, VW Jesher Y. Go, who commended the Guild for its steadfast service to Past Masters and their families. After the memorable singing of Auld Lang Syne song, the closing prayer brought the proceedings to a dignified close at 3:30 PM, with peace and harmony prevailing.

As the brethren departed Sigtuna Hall, the spirit of the Guild's guiding principle "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam", resonated with renewed strength. The 41st Annual Convention stood as a testament not only to the Guild's enduring legacy but also to the unity, compassion, and fidelity that define Philippine Masonry.



Welcome Dinner and Fellowship Night for the *Foreign Delegation*



A Celebration of Global Brotherhood: The Grand Lodge of the Philippines hosts the Welcome Dinner for Foreign Dignitaries and their delegation.

By: WB Jesus Miguel V. Buniy, PDDGM (:72)

April 22, 2026 — One of the highlights of the Annual Communications 2026 was the Welcome Dinner for Foreign Dignitaries hosted by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines held at the Alta D' Tagaytay Hotel in Tagaytay City.

The highly anticipated and dubbed by many as "the Best ANCOM Ever" brought together more than 900 dignitaries from over 25 sister jurisdictions from around the globe and made the welcome dinner one of the largest international Masonic gatherings in the history of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and has

transformed ANCOM 2026 into an epicenter for the global Masonic community. It also marked the first major social event and set the tone for a week filled with fellowship and Masonic labor.

The event also highlights the strength of Masonry in general. Transcending beyond borders, regardless of nationality, creed, and language. Distinguished guests included Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and senior Masonic leaders from Asia, North America, Europe, Oceania, and neighboring jurisdictions.

To show the utmost respect and appreciation for the visiting brethren, the Grand Line Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines were present and in full force. Joining them were the Past Grand Masters, whose attendance underscored the importance of maintaining and strengthening relations with sister Grand Lodges.

To formally open the festivities, Most Worshipful Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master of Masons of the Philippines, warmly welcomed the distinguished guests from sister jurisdictions across the globe. He emphasized that gatherings such as these provide an opportunity to rekindle fraternal ties with brethren from afar and renew the enduring bonds of friendship, brotherhood, and mutual respect that have long distinguished Freemasonry among the world's greatest fraternities.

MW Canon's message resonated strongly among the delegates, many of whom had traveled thousands of miles to participate in the ANCOM

The Welcome Dinner served as a celebration of the universal character of Freemasonry and its ability to bring together men from different backgrounds guided by the same values and principles.

The event provided guests with a first-hand opportunity to experience the hospitality and the genuine warmth and friendliness that Philippine Masonry is known for.

The visiting dignitaries were welcomed with a relaxed and festive atmosphere. Laughter and fellowship filled the venue as brethren exchanged stories and strengthened relationships that extend far beyond formal Masonic interactions. The evening serves as a reminder that while Freemasonry is founded on ritual and tradition, it is the bonds of brotherhood among its members that truly give strength to the Craft.



Guests were treated to a special performance by the country's renowned "Soul Siren" Nina, who thrilled the audience with her hit songs and energetic stage presence. Her performance added warmth and excitement to the evening, further enriching the spirit of fellowship and celebration.

Luke Mejares, a prominent Filipino R&B and soul singer-songwriter and a Senior Demolay, also took the stage and delighted the crowd with an equally impressive and energetic performance.

Both performances were warmly received by local and foreign guests and provided a fitting backdrop to a fun-filled evening.

As the program came to an end, tokens of appreciation were handed out to the distinguished guests. Serving as mementos and a lasting reminder for an unforgettable and meaningful event.





The success of the welcome dinner was apparent through the smiles of the participants. A fitting kick-off to a week dedicated to furthering the teachings of Freemasonry. It demonstrated the Grand Lodge of the Philippines' commitment to promoting harmony and mutual understanding among the brethren whithersoever dispersed.

More importantly, it reminded everyone in attendance that regardless of distance, culture, or jurisdiction, Freemasons remain united by the same principles and bound together by the same fraternal ties.

The Welcome Dinner for Foreign Dignitaries was a fitting opening to the ANCOM 2026. A celebration of friendship, fellowship, and the enduring bonds of Brotherhood that continue to unite Masons throughout the world.

Opening of the *109th* Annual Communications



A Grand Opening in Perfect Harmony: The 109th Annual Communication unfolds in Tagaytay City, Cavite

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

April 23, 2026 – The dawn of April 23, 2026 marked a defining moment in Philippine Masonry as brethren from across the jurisdiction. From nearly every corner of the Masonic world, gathered at the Tagaytay City Velodrome for the opening of the 109th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. What unfolded was a masterclass in ceremonial precision, time management, and fraternal hospitality. An opening ceremonies that moved with remarkable swiftness despite the unprecedented number of foreign dignitaries and local delegates in attendance.

The morning ceremonies commenced with admirable precision as Right Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., Deputy Grand Master formally opened the Grand Lodge followed by a prayer led by Very Reverend Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga, Grand Chaplain and then proceeded to receive the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Raul E. Canon, Jr.

MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master, delivered warm and dignified Welcome Remarks as he received the Allied and Appendant Bodies, and the many visiting Foreign Delegations. What could have been a logistical

challenge of immense scale became instead a showcase of the GLP's discipline and ceremonial mastery, setting the tone for the deliberations ahead.

The Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon. Alexander G. Gesmundo, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines, was also accorded with a proper reception who later on, during his address to the convention, underscored the esteem with which the GLP is regarded in national civic life.



The brethren welcomed an extraordinary 995 foreign delegates, a historic milestone for Philippine Masonry, yet the entire reception unfolded with remarkable order and efficiency. Yet, even with this extraordinary turnout, the ceremonies flowed seamlessly. The reception lines moved with admirable efficiency, demonstrating the GLP's mastery of large-scale ceremonial logistics. Delegates from abroad repeatedly remarked on the warmth, orderliness, and dignity of the proceedings. An early testament to the Philippines' growing reputation as a premier Masonic destination.

The formal opening ceremonies showcased the solemnity and grandeur that define Philippine Masonry. The entrance of the Philippine Flag, the singing of Philippine National Anthem, and the Pledge of Allegiance set a tone of patriotic reverence. But it was the Tribute to the Philippine Flag that became the emotional

centerpiece of the morning, delivered by MW Bernie Khristianne "Khris" Albano, Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, and a proud son of Dalisay Lodge No. 14, his Tribute to the Flag became one of the most stirring moments of the opening ceremonies. His eloquence commanded the full attention of the thousands in attendance, his voice rising and falling with the cadence of conviction. He spoke of brotherhood, liberty, and the shared Masonic ideals that bind nations together, drawing profound meaning from the symbolic heroism embodied in the Philippine flag, a banner whose very design carries the unmistakable imprint of Masonic inspiration. His message resonated deeply, reminding every brother present that the principles we uphold transcend borders and generations.

The Grand Lodge March, which reverberated the entire velodrome, further elevated the atmosphere, reminding all present of the unity and strength of the Craft in the Philippines.

Roll calls of Grand Officers, Lodges, and Grand Representatives followed in swift succession, culminating in the determination of a quorum and the grand oration, all executed with the efficiency of a well-rehearsed symphony.

The Grand Oration itself stood out as a moment of intellectual and inspirational brilliance, delivered by the Grand Orator, VW Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, former Senator of the Republic and the incumbent





Secretary of Education of the Philippines. His message, meticulously prepared and eloquently delivered, wove together civic insight, Masonic philosophy, and a profound call to national and fraternal duty. It was a rare privilege for the Craft to hear a public servant of his stature speak from the East with such clarity, depth, and heartfelt conviction. The morning's proceedings concluded precisely on schedule. The program's smooth progression, despite its breadth, was a triumph of planning, discipline, and fraternal cooperation.

Beyond the ceremonial excellence, ANCOM 2026's opening day sent a clear message to the global Masonic community. That the Philippines is ready to take its place as a premier Masonic destination in Asia and beyond.

The flawless reception of nearly a thousand foreign delegates, the dignified observance of ancient traditions, and the heartfelt hospitality extended by Filipino brethren all combined to create an atmosphere of genuine fraternal fellowship. The Tagaytay Velodrome, transformed into a Grand Masonic Arena, became a living testament to what Philippine Masonry can offer to the world—warmth, order, beauty, and brotherhood.

Brethren from abroad expressed admiration not only for the ceremonies but also for the spirit that animated them. A spirit that made them feel at home in a foreign land, embraced by a fraternity that transcends borders.



As the brethren proceeded to the scheduled lunch break, the sentiment was unanimous: the opening of the 109th Annual Communication was not merely successful. It was inspiring.

It demonstrated that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines can host a global gathering with grace and precision. It showcased the country's unique blend of solemnity and hospitality and it reaffirmed that ANCOM is not just an annual meeting, it is a homecoming-. A celebration of unity and a flare calling Masons from all nations to experience the vibrancy of Philippine Masonry.

Much of this success stands as a testament to the steady leadership and meticulous guidance of the presiding officer and Grand Master, MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., under whose direction the Opening Ceremonies unfolded with dignity, order, and unmistakable fraternal warmth.

In Tagaytay City, on that bright April morning, the Craft stood tall... and the world took notice.



Merienda Cena for the Ladies of the Foreign Dignitaries

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By: WB Joselito R. Dela Cruz, PDGL (:12)



April 23, 2026 — The Grand Lodge of the Philippines warmly welcomed the Ladies of the Foreign Dignitaries with an elegant Merienda Cena as part of the Annual Communication (ANCOM) 2026 celebrations in Tagaytay City. The gathering highlighted Filipino hospitality while fostering fellowship and cultural exchange among guests from various Masonic jurisdictions.

Held in an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie, the event honored the distinguished ladies whose presence added grace and significance to the

Annual Communication. The occasion celebrated not only international friendship but also the enduring bonds of unity, mutual respect, and sisterhood shared within the global Masonic family.





Embodying the Filipino tradition of welcoming guests through food, the Ladies of the Grand Lights, led by Sis. Honey Moran and Sis. Emilyenne Rivera, prepared a carefully curated Merienda Cena showcasing some of the country's most beloved culinary offerings. The menu featured the crisp, golden Lechon, comforting Arroz Caldo infused with ginger and toasted garlic, Pancit Guisado symbolizing long life and enduring friendships, and savory miniature Empanadas.

Guests also enjoyed a selection of traditional Filipino desserts, including Bibingka, Puto Bumbong, Leche Flan, and the country's world-renowned Manila mangoes. Each dish reflected the

richness of Philippine cuisine while serving as a heartfelt expression of appreciation for the visiting dignitaries and their companions.

The beautifully decorated venue was filled with cheerful conversations and shared laughter as guests enjoyed the afternoon together. The gathering provided an opportunity for old friendships to be renewed and new relationships to flourish, demonstrating that despite differences in culture and language, the values of friendship, respect, and sisterhood remain universal.

The Merienda Cena served as one of the memorable social events of ANCOM 2026, leaving guests with a meaningful experience of Filipino warmth and hospitality. As the afternoon concluded, organizers expressed their hope that the event would remain a cherished memory for the visiting ladies and that they would carry with them the spirit of friendship and goodwill long after returning to their respective home countries.



Grand Master's *Night*



GRAND MASTER'S NIGHT 2026: A Splendid Homecoming of Brotherhood, Celebration, and Masonic Excellence

By: WB Felipe C. Del Rosario III, PDDGM (Araw Lodge No. 18)

April 23, 2026 — There are evenings in our Masonic calendar that shine brighter than the rest. Nights when the Craft gathers not merely to celebrate, but to remember who we are, what binds us, and why we continue to labor together. At the heart of ANCOM 2026 in Tagaytay City, one such evening unfolded with grandeur and heartfelt joy, the **Grand Master's Night 2026**.

With an estimated 7,000 brethren, families, and guests filling the venue, the atmosphere was electric long before the program officially began. The program was hosted by

Ms. Tanya Chinita and VW Novid Jafari. They were engaging, dynamic, and attuned to the pulse of the crowd setting the tone immediately.

From the very first lines of the opening spiels, the message was clear: "Bawat Isa sa Masoneriya ay Mahalaga." Each one matters, each brother counts, each story contributes to the living tapestry of Philippine Masonry.

The well-coordinated program guided the evening with warmth and humor, acknowledging the diversity of the

brethren present, Past Masters, newly raised brothers, those who traveled from distant provinces and abroad, those foreign dignitaries and brethren, and those who had not slept since the previous day. Yet all stood together as one Masonic family.

The hosts captured this spirit perfectly. *"Tonight, we gather beneath one sky, in one place, as one Masonic family... Thousands of brethren. Thousands of stories. Thousands of lives."*

The evening opened with an invocation, grounding the celebration in gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe. Dinner and fellowship followed, laughter echoing across tables, glasses raised in fraternal cheer, and stories shared among old friends and new acquaintances.



The area erupted in applause as the Grand Lodge headed by MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., together with RW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., RW Ruel S. Rivera, and RW Oliver C. Ko conferred the following awards:

- Most Outstanding District Deputy Grand Master - VW Irvin I. Estrada (MDR4 Batangas)
- Most Outstanding Junior Grand Lecturer – VW Rex D. Kiok (Central Luzon D – Tarlac)
- Most Outstanding District Grand Lecturer – VW Ryan M. Lara (MDR4 Batangas)
- Most Outstanding Grand Lodge Inspector – VWI Edwin L. Paras (MD NCR – G)
- Most Outstanding Worshipful Master – WB Randy Ronald M. Lao (EAML31)
- Most Outstanding Lodge Secretary – WB Arturo L. Ilagan, PDGL (TML273)
- Most Outstanding Master Mason – WB Jackson T. So (TML431)
- Grand Master's Award for Service to the Craft – WB James Andrew G. Bamba (PLF69)



These individual awards honored exemplary leadership, steadfast commitment to Masonic education, and unwavering service to the brethren.

Equally celebrated were the group awards, recognizing the collective labor of lodges and districts that demonstrated excellence in governance, charity, membership development, and community engagement:

- Most Outstanding Masonic Lodge – Talavera Masonic Lodge No. 273
- Most Outstanding Masonic District – MDR3 Nueva Ecija (East & Aurora)
- Grand Master's Award for Masonic Publication – "The Level" of Pangasinan Masonic Lodge No. 56

These recognitions stood as a testament to the vibrancy and strength of Philippine Masonry. Proof that when brethren work together, the Craft flourishes.

The emotional core of the evening came when the hosts invited everyone to look around and appreciate the brother beside them, regardless of lodge, district, or background. It was a moment of reflection, unity, and gratitude.

The entire place thundered with the collective declaration: "BAWAT ISA SA MASONERIYA AY MAHALAGA". This was more than a theme, it was a lived experience that night.





The raffle segment, always a crowd favorite, was handled with humor and anticipation. With pre-drawn prizes and only the top three selected live, the excitement never waned. Even those who did not win were reminded, *"Kung hindi man kayo manalo tonight... tandaan ninyo, may Gigi De Lana at Bamboo naman!"*

And indeed, the highlight performances of the night came from two of the country's most beloved artists. Gigi De Lana, whose powerful vocals and charismatic stage presence captivated the brethren, and Bamboo, whose iconic energy brought the crowd to its feet. Their performances transformed the venue into a concert arena, brethren singing along, waving lights, and celebrating the joy of being together.





As the program drew to a close, the sky above Tagaytay erupted in a spectacular fireworks display, a fitting finale to a night dedicated to unity, gratitude, and the enduring spirit of the Craft.

The fireworks illuminated the faces of thousands of brethren and their families, reminding everyone that Freemasonry is not only a fraternity of builders, but also a fraternity of joy, hope, and shared purpose—, a clear message that everyone felt that night.

The Grand Master's Night has always been a cherished tradition, but this year's celebration stood out as a defining moment of the ANCOM 2026.

It was a night when brethren from every corner of our jurisdiction, and from distant lands, came home, joined by visiting brethren from foreign jurisdictions eager to experience firsthand the warmth, unity, and dynamic spirit that define Philippine Masonry.



As the hosts closed the evening with heartfelt thanks, their words echoed the sentiment of all who were present. Grand Master's Night 2026 was not merely an event, it was a celebration of who we are, and who we continue to be, as Masons.

**A family.
A brotherhood.
A light that
shines brighter
when we stand
together.**



Resumption of the **Annual Communications and Plenary Proper**

Justice, Accountability, and Harmony: ANCOM 2026 Resumes Plenary

By: WB Jesus Miguel V. Bunyi, PDDGM (:72)



April 24, 2026 — The resumption of the Annual Communications and Plenary Proper was among the most awaited items on the agenda of the week. It drew more than 6,000 registered brethren to attend and packed the Tagaytay City Velodrome up to its rim. All are eager to participate in the legislative, administrative, and judicial functions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

As the general assembly reconvened,

the atmosphere in the venue was electric. The plenary is not merely a gathering, but it represents the very essence of the Annual Communication. The opportunity for the brethren to exercise their rights, fulfill their obligations, and collectively influence the direction of the Grand Lodge.

The morning session was primarily dedicated to the presentation of reports from the various Grand Lodge Committees.



Brethren were encouraged to ask for clarifications, and the Grand Master allowed discussion regarding any unclear matters.

These reports provided the brethren with a comprehensive view of the condition of the fraternity. Including matters in governance, finance, jurisprudence, masonic education, and lodge management. Through open discussion, the delegates were allowed to carefully review every detail and recommendation before giving their approval.

Among the most anticipated portions of the morning proceedings was the report of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Raul E. Canon, Jr.

During his term, MW Canon led one of the busiest and most productive administrations in the history of the Grand Lodge. He strengthened fraternal ties among the brethren and throughout the jurisdiction. Under his stewardship, 1,385 Master Masons were raised, 18 lodges were Constituted, and eight Charters were granted to Lodges Under Dispensation. Equally noteworthy was his prudent handling of the Grand Lodge affairs, resulting in an operating surplus exceeding PhP21,000,000. His administration also reached a milestone as the subordinate Lodges obtained a 100% Compliance Rate in their financial and reportorial obligations. Marking a culture of accountability, discipline, and

commitment throughout the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master's commitment to bringing the Grand Lodge closer to the subordinate Lodges was evident in his extensive travels throughout the jurisdiction. During his incumbency, He personally visited 256 Masonic temples and 449 lodges, representing approximately 95 percent of all the constituent Lodges, making him the Grand Master who led not from a distance, but alongside those he was called to serve.

The delegates responded to MW Canon's Accomplishment Report with a standing ovation, acknowledging his efforts in implementing Institutional Reforms through the issuance of 54 Circulars and 33 Edicts to improve the work in the Craft by addressing ambiguities and providing greater clarity. His unwavering commitment to upholding the highest standards of accountability in the government of the Grand Lodge helped restore the trust and confidence of the brethren.

At the sound of the gavel in the East, the brethren were brought back in full force for the resumption of the afternoon session. The most anticipated deliberations and disposition of pending disciplinary cases from the previous and current administrations were to be discussed.

For the brethren, this proceeding served as a powerful reminder that regardless of rank, title, or eminence of station, every Mason is bound by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Craft and accountability for his actions.



MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., presided over the deliberations with fairness and a deep understanding of Masonic Laws and Jurisprudence. Throughout the session, he carefully explained the facts, findings, and recommendations of each case. Making sure the delegates understood the issues before calling them to vote.

Various cases involving prominent personalities in the fraternity attracted significant attention. Among them were former Grand Lodge Officers, Past Grand Masters, and other brethren accused of unauthorized transactions, financial irregularities, abuse of authority, and other violations contrary to the teachings of Masonry. The cases were discussed extensively, and representations for appeals, clarifications, and compassion were heard. MW Canon presided over the

deliberations masterfully and everyone was allowed to plead their cases and express conflicting opinions. Throughout the entire process, the one goal remained: to protect the integrity of the institution and ensure that justice would be served.

The deliberations reinforced that accountability is essential to preserving harmony. True harmony cannot be achieved by ignoring wrongdoings but by addressing them fairly and in accordance with the laws, rules, and regulations of the Craft.

By the end of the afternoon session, the voice of the brethren had been heard, pending cases from previous administrations were finally resolved, penalties were affirmed, modified, or sustained as the plenary deemed





proper. Justice was dispensed not through emotion or personal affiliation but through the collective wisdom of the assembly guided by Masonic principles.

The most remarkable aspect of the proceedings is that despite the sensitive and potentially divisive nature of the matters discussed, opposing views were expressed. And at the end of the day, the brethren saw each other as brothers and parted upon the square. Harmony ultimately prevailed, a true testament to the enduring principles of Freemasonry.

As the sound of the gavel in Grand East signaled the conclusion of the proceedings. There was a sense that an important Chapter in the history of the Grand Lodge had come to an end and had remarkably achieved another landmark. The fraternity confronted and tackled the difficult issues, rendered its judgments, and

reaffirmed its commitment to accountability and good governance.

The resumption of the Annual Communication and the Plenary Proper reminded every delegate of the importance of the ANCOM and why it is the ultimate embodiment of Masonic democracy and governance. It is where the voice of the brethren is heard, where leadership is held accountable, and where the collective wisdom of the Craft determines its course.

In the end, the proceedings reflected the very message that guided the administration of Most Worshipful Raul E. Canon, Jr., "Bawat Isa sa Masoneriya ay Mahalaga." Each one in Masonry matters. Every voice counts. Every decision carries weight. And through justice, accountability, and unity, the fraternity continues to move forward stronger than before.

Election of the *Grand Lodge Officers* for Masonic Year 2026

**A Tradition of Voice and Vision: The Election of the Grand Lodge Officers
for Masonic Year 2026 – 2027**

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

April 24, 2026 — This year, ANCOM 2026 showcased the Grand Lodge of the Philippines' remarkable ability to honor time-tested tradition while embracing modern innovation.

In keeping with ancient Masonic customs, the election of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary was conducted via *viva voce*, a solemn and transparent method where the will of the Craft is expressed openly upon the floor.

In this process, MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., Grand Master, acting in his official capacity and representing the entire ANCOM 2026 delegation, casted his singular and collective vote based on the nominations made with unanimity. This reaffirmed the enduring principle that the highest offices of the Grand Lodge are entrusted through unified consent, fraternal confidence, and the living voice of the brethren.



Honoring this venerable tradition of election, the following officers were then officially proclaimed for Masonic Year 2026–2027:

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| • Grand Master | MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr. |
| • Deputy Grand Master | RW Ruel S. Rivera |
| • Senior Grand Warden | RW Oliver C. Ko |
| • Grand Treasurer | MW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, PGM |
| • Grand Secretary | MW Danilo D. Angeles, PGM |



Having thus fulfilled the ancient custom of electing the highest officers of the Grand Lodge through the living voice of the Craft, ANCOM 2026 then turned to a different but equally dignified process for selecting the Junior Grand Warden.

Here, the GLP demonstrated its remarkable capacity to honor tradition while embracing innovation, shifting from the solemnity of viva voce to a technologically advanced system designed for precision, transparency, and broad participation. This seamless transition, from the collective voice expressed upon the floor to the secure electronic ballot, highlights the unique character of Philippine Masonry, where time-honored practices and modern systems coexist in harmony for the good of the Fraternity.



At ANCOM 2026, this tradition once again took center stage. Delegates, in particular official voting ones, from lodges across the archipelago gathered not merely to vote, but to participate in a process that is deeply symbolic of the Craft's values.

In Philippine Masonry, the electoral process is truly one of a kind. A kind that is a blend of democratic practice, moral discernment, and ritual dignity that sets it apart from civic elections and organizational voting systems, and perhaps even from other Masonic jurisdictions.

The election of the Junior Grand Warden is not simply a matter of choosing a capable administrator. It is an act of collective trust. Unlike public elections, where campaigns may be driven by rhetoric, partisanship, or

or mass persuasion, the Philippine Masonic electoral process is intentionally restrained. It is governed by decorum, ethical expectations, and a shared understanding that leadership in the Craft is a calling, not a conquest.



The process is unique in several ways. That, there is no public campaigning in the political sense, and candidates are expected to uphold humility and propriety. That, voting delegates vote as Masons, not as blocs or factions, guided by conscience and the good of the Fraternity. That, the vote is sacred, conducted with ritual solemnity and under the watchful eye of the Grand Lodge. And that, the outcome is accepted with harmony, for unity is valued over victory.

This culture of disciplined democracy is what makes the Philippine Masonic electoral tradition stand apart. It is not merely about choosing a leader. It is about reaffirming the Craft's commitment to character, brotherhood, and the orderly succession of authority.

The Junior Grand Warden occupies a pivotal place in the Grand Lodge hierarchy. While the office is often seen as the first major step toward the Grand East, its responsibilities are substantial, and clearly in preparing for greater leadership roles in the years ahead.

For this year, RW Hossein Vito Cruz Shamshoddin Vostakalaei, ascended to this office that traditionally demonstrate a blend of experience, humility, administrative competence, and devotion to the Craft. His election signals the trust of the entire jurisdiction and the hope that he will one day serve as Grand Master.





In a display of modern efficiency and uncompromising integrity, the Grand Lodge of the Philippines once again employed its state-of-the-art electronic voting system. A hallmark of its commitment to transparency and order. Inside the ANCOM 2026 venue, secured voting terminals stood ready, each one part of a super-electronic, fully auditable, and cheat-free platform meticulously supervised by the Committee on Elections (Elecom) under the leadership of MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr., PGM.

Through the process, accredited voting delegates: the Immediate Past Masters, Worshipful Masters, Senior Wardens, and Junior Wardens of constituent lodges lined up with

discipline and patience to cast their ballots. The process was swift, seamless, and remarkably orderly, demonstrating how Philippine Masonry has embraced technology not merely for convenience, but to safeguard the sanctity of the Masonic vote and uphold the Craft's enduring commitment to fairness, harmony, and truth. The process is deliberate, dignified, and deeply fraternal which is an embodiment of the Craft's belief that good men, guided by principle, can govern themselves wisely.

In an age where public elections can be divisive and contentious, the Masonic Electoral Process stands as a quiet testament to what democracy can look like when grounded in virtue. Philippine Masonry has preserved this



tradition with care, ensuring that every election, especially that of the Junior Grand Warden, remains a model of order, respect, and brotherly love.

With this sacred exercise, the Craft once again demonstrated that leadership in Masonry is not about ambition, but about service, humility, and fidelity to the obligations that we all have sworn.

The election of the Junior Grand Warden is a reminder that the future of the Fraternity rests not only on power, but on character. All the best and fraternal congratulations to the newly Elected Grand Lodge Officers for Masonic Year 2026!



OUR WAY OF LIFE

PEDRO



A Harvest of Brotherhood: Foreign Dignitaries Find Joy and Harmony at Pedro Farms

By: WB Joselito R. Dela Cruz, PDGL (-12)

April 24, 2026 – The brisk, refreshing breeze of the Tagaytay Highlands escorted our esteemed foreign dignitaries to a spectacular Agro - Tourism Retreat: the lush, modern landscapes of Pedro Farms in Silang, Cavite owned and operated by VW Peter Irving C. Corvera, Grand Auditor.

Stepping away from the formal deliberations and grand auditoriums, Masonic leaders and their families from different jurisdictions all over the world found themselves immersed in an oasis of sustainable innovation and natural beauty. This agricultural tour was more than a sightseeing excursion; it became a vibrant celebration of cross-border fellowship, wrapped in the genuine warmth of Filipino hospitality.

As the dignitaries toured the state-of-the-art, environmentally

controlled greenhouses, their initial curiosity quickly blossomed into pure happiness. Walking along rows of vibrant microgreens, crisply grown hydroponic lettuces, and brilliantly colored edible blossoms, the guests were treated to an experiential journey of picking fresh produce right from the soil.

Laughter and lively conversations echoed beneath the glass roofs as Grand Masters and representatives from different hemispheres compared notes on farming techniques, sampled crisp, pesticide-free greens, and posed for photographs with dirt on their hands and bright smiles on their faces. The sheer delight of connecting directly with the earth, away from the rigid structures of daily life, infused the morning with a refreshing, youthful energy.



FARMS



Beyond the aesthetic beauty of the farm, the atmosphere was deeply charged with an overwhelming sense of gratitude and thankfulness. Time and again, the visiting dignitaries expressed their profound appreciation to the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for organizing an itinerary that so thoughtfully combined intellectual Masonic labor with peaceful recreation.

Many remarked on how deeply touched they were by the meticulous care provided by their Filipino hosts—from the smooth transit down the scenic highways to the cold, refreshing local drinks that greeted them at every turn. They expressed a distinct thankfulness for being shown a side of the Philippines that highlighted both its agricultural ingenuity and its commitment to a sustainable future.

As the morning rolled into a leisurely lunch featuring freshly harvested

farm-to-table culinary creations, the sentiment of universal sisterhood and brotherhood reached its peak. Dignitaries stood to offer heartfelt toasts, noting that the tranquility of Pedro Farms provided the perfect backdrop for cultivating deeper personal bonds.

They expressed that while they arrived in Tagaytay as representatives of separate jurisdictions, the kindness experienced on this tour made them feel entirely at home, as one singular family under the All-Seeing Eye.

When the buses finally prepared to head back toward Tagaytay City, the foreign dignitaries departed Pedro Farms with arms full of healthy gift packs and hearts full of beautiful memories. The day stood as a shining highlight of ANCOM 2026—a beautiful testament to how nature, hospitality, and brotherly love can turn a simple farm tour into an unforgettable harvest of international harmony.



Past Grand Masters' Night *and Testimonial Dinner*

A Tribute To The Great Pillars of Philippine Masonry

By: WB Jesus Miguel V. Bunyi, PDDGM (:72)

April 24, 2026 – One of the most profound events in the ANCOM 2026 was the Past Grand Masters Night and Testimonial Dinner, which was held at the Taal Vista Lodge Hotel on April 24, 2026.

Conducted in a more intimate and private setting, a fitting environment to pay tribute to the Past Grand Masters whose leadership, vision, and dedication shaped the course of Philippine Freemasonry.

Among the attendees were Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, Delegates from sister Grand Jurisdictions, distinguished guests and their ladies. Collectively gathered to pay respect to the men who, at different periods of history, held the highest office in the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

The occasion was formally opened with a welcome remark from RW Oliver C. Ko, JGW. He warmly welcomed all the guests in attendance and stressed the importance and significance of this night. Not merely a social event, but a celebration of the Past Grand Masters, whose years of dedicated service and collective efforts laid the foundation upon which Philippine Masonry continues to thrive today.

The Past Grand Masters represent generations of leadership and stewardship. Each leaving their unique mark on the fraternity through programs and reforms. Their decisions strengthened the institution and furthered the teachings of Masonry. They served with unwavering commitment, preserving the dignity, integrity, and reputation of the Craft.



The Grand Lodge of the Philippines stands where it is today because of the dedication of these leaders. Their willingness to serve, often at great personal sacrifice, helped strengthen the foundations of Philippine Masonry and ensured its continued growth for future generations.

The Grand Lodge of the Philippines stands where it is today because of the selflessness of these men. Their vision paved the way and ensured the continuous growth of Masonry.

Among the Past Grand Masters in attendance were;

- MW Danilo D. Angeles (1995)
- MW Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr. (2005)
- MW Romeo A. Yu (2006)
- MW Pacifico B. Aniag (2008)
- MW Peter U. Lim Lo Suy (2009)
- MW Avelino I. Razon, Jr. (2010)
- MW Juanito P. Abergas (2011)
- MW Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr. (2012)
- MW Alan La Madrid Purisima (2014)
- MW Tomas G. Rentoy III (2015)
- MW Voltaire T. Gazmin (2016)
- MW Romeo S. Momo (2018)
- MW Agapito S. Suan, Jr. (2019)
- MW Rolan C. Paulino (2021)
- MW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching (2023)



The Grand Line Officers, led by MW Raul E. Canon, Jr, gave tokens and mementos to the Past Grand Masters.

RW Robert Joseph S. Moran, DGM, led the toast honoring the Past Grand Masters in attendance and all of the Past Grand Masters withersoever dispersed. He thanked them for their leadership, wisdom, and commitment. Noting that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines would not have achieved its present stature without their contributions, he concluded by wishing them continuous good health, happiness, and many more years of service to the fraternity they deeply love.

Responding on behalf of all the Past Grand Masters present, MW Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr. extended his gratitude to the Grand Master, MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., for organizing this event and this wonderful tribute. Emphasizing that their accomplishments were driven not by personal recognition but by their genuine love for the fraternity. He shared that the greatest legacy a Mason can leave is one founded on dignity, integrity, and selfless service. He also reaffirmed the continuing commitment of the Past Grand Masters to support the Grand Lodge of the Philippines and its future leaders.

MW Raul E. Canon, Jr., spoke in tribute and appreciation for the accomplishments of the Past Grand Masters and their contributions to the Craft. In his speech, he honored them by saying, *"I stand among you, not only as one of you, but as one with you. Together, drawing from the well of our shared experiences and collective wisdom, we stand as one. God Bless the Council of Elders, God Bless the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, and God Bless Freemasonry."*

As the event ended, a sense of gratitude filled the air. A joyous event as the Grand Lodge of the Philippines paid tribute to its Great Pillars that stood the test of time.

The Past Grand Masters' Night and Testimonial Dinner was more than a recognition ceremony, it was a heartfelt tribute to the men who helped build, guide, and strengthen Philippine Masonry through the years.

It was an opportunity for the present generation of leaders and brethren to express their appreciation for those who came before them and whose contributions continue to shape the future of the Craft.



Grand Lodge Officers Installation for *Masonic Year 2026*

Hail to the 108th Grand Master! The Grand Lodge of the Philippines formally installs the Officers of the Grand Lodge for Masonic Year 2026–2027

By: VVV Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga, Grand Scribe (Editor-in-Chief)



April 25, 2026 — The 109th Annual Communication (ANCOM) 2026 marked another milestone in the history of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines as the newly Elected and Appointed Officers for Masonic Year 2026 were officially installed to their respective offices.

The ceremony of installation symbolizes the continuity of Masonic Leadership, the preservation of ancient landmarks, and the renewal of each member's commitment to the Craft and to the timeless principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

For the Masonic Year 2026, the care and stewardship of the Grand Jurisdiction has been entrusted to Most Worshipful Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr., who was installed as the 108th Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines. The historic installation ceremony was presided over by MW Tomas G. Rentoy, PGM as the Installing Officer and MW Santiago T. Gabionza, Jr., PGM as the Master of Ceremonies.





Joining MW Moran as the Grand Lights are Right Worshipful Ruel S. Rivera as Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Oliver C. Ko as Senior Grand Warden, and Right Worshipful Hossain Vito Cruz Shamsoddin Vostakalaei as Junior Grand Warden. Together with the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge, they all together assume the responsibility of leading Philippine Freemasonry through another meaningful year of labor and service.

The ceremony of installation serves not only as a turn-over of authority, but also as a reaffirmation that unites Masons throughout the jurisdiction of the ideals and principles that we share. The officers pledged to faithfully discharge the duties entrusted to them, promote harmony among the lodges under its jurisdiction, live up to our solemn obligations and ancient traditions, and to uphold the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

In his inaugural address, MW Moran emphasized the importance of strengthening the fraternity by Becoming Better Masons as a result of becoming better leaders and better citizens. His programs for this year focus on relevant Masonic Education, impactful community service, and the continuous cultivation of stronger fraternal relationships among the brethren.

During the installation program, the brethren were also able to express their gratitude to the immediate Past Grand Master, MW Raul E. Canon, Jr. by awarding him with the Past Grand Master's Apron, Jewel, and Ring. His year of service contributed to the continued growth, development, and improvement of the Grand Lodge, leaving a blueprint upon which the incoming officers can build within the coming years. The transition in leadership exemplified the Masonic principle that leadership is both a privilege and a responsibility entrusted to its leaders for the benefit of the Craft.





As the Grand Lodge of the Philippines enters a new Masonic Year, the installation of its officers stands as a reminder that Freemasonry is a living institution that thrives in the oneness of its members—one that honors its traditions while preparing for growth and improvement for a better future. Guided by dedicated leadership, inspired by the teachings of the Craft, and hopeful for a brighter future, the brethren look forward to a productive year of labor, service to humanity, and fellowship.



"To be installed into any office is not merely to receive authority and power, but to accept the sacred calling and duty of leading by example, serving with humility, and laboring for the welfare of the Craft and the generations of Masons to come". - GScr/EiC

Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines

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CIRCULAR NO. 1 – MW MORAN

TO : ALL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OF THE SUBORDINATE LODGES IN THIS GRAND JURISDICTION

SUBJECT : ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE PHILIPPINES FOR MASONIC YEAR 2026-2027

For the information and guidance of the Brethren, the following are the Elected and Appointed Officers of the Grand Lodge of Philippines for Masonic Year 2026-2027.

ELECTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Grand Master	MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, Jr.
Deputy Grand Master	RW Ruel S. Rivera
Senior Grand Warden	RW Oliver C. Ko
Junior Grand Warden	RW Hossain VC. Shamsoddin Vostakalaei
Grand Treasurer	MW Don T. Ramas-Uypitching, PGM
Grand Secretary	MW Danilo D. Angeles, PGM

APPOINTED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

Assistant Grand Treasurer	VW Jeffrey N. Co
Assistant Grand Secretary	VW Sherwin C. De Joya
Grand Auditor	VW Edgar B. Tolentino
Grand Chaplain	VR Michael James M. Villacruz
Grand Orator	VW Juan Edgardo M. Angara
Grand Marshal	VW Irvin I. Estrada
Grand Historian	VW Edwin P. Costes
Senior Grand Deacon	VW Bernardo S. Afable, Jr.
Junior Grand Deacon	VW Lesmond Raymond G. Seguin
Grand Standard Bearer	VW Jovel G. Mendoza
Grand Sword Bearer	VW Julius J. Barles
Grand Bible Bearer	VW Eduardo V. Interior
Senior Grand Lecturer	VW Stephen P. Parreño

"Becoming Better Masons"

Junior Grand Lecturers

NCR A & B (<i>Manila</i>)	VW Bryan Ginza C. Kiok
NCR C & D (<i>Manila</i>)	VW Mark Christopher C. Yu
NCR E & F (<i>Manila & Quezon City</i>)	VW Giancarlo George V. Yorobe
NCR G & H (<i>Quezon City, Mandaluyong, Pasig, Marikina, & Taguig</i>)	VW Erickson A. Flores
NCR I & J (<i>Makati, La Piñas, Pasay, Parañaque, & Muntinlupa</i>)	VW Raymond M. Fernandez
Northwestern Luzon A (<i>Ilocos, Abra, Benguet & La Union</i>)	VW Jaime D. Bumactao, Jr.
Northwestern Luzon B (<i>Pangasinan</i>)	VW Eugene T. Jimenez
Northeastern Luzon A (<i>Cagayan</i>)	VW Bonifacio R. Benitez
Northeastern Luzon B (<i>Isabela North, West & Central</i>)	VW William A. Que, Jr.
Northeastern Luzon C (<i>Isabela South & Quirino</i>)	VW Jeffrey C. Bacoling
Northeastern Luzon D (<i>Nueva Viscaya & Ifugao</i>)	VW Jose L. Carreon, Jr.
Northeastern Luzon E (<i>CAR, Mt. Province, Kalinga & Apayao</i>)	VW Randy B. Bulwayan
Central Luzon A (<i>Nueva Ecija South</i>)	VW Crisanto P. Carlos, Jr.
Central Luzon B (<i>Nueva Ecija West</i>)	VW Jesus Romeo T. Rigor
Central Luzon C (<i>Nueva Ecija North</i>)	VW Bryan John M. Francisco
Central Luzon D (<i>Nueva Ecija East & Aurora</i>)	VW Alfred Leonard B. Domingo
Central Luzon E (<i>Pampanga</i>)	VW Kenneth D.G. Vega
Central Luzon F (<i>Tarlac</i>)	VW Rampel Luis P. De Guzman
Central Luzon G (<i>Bataan</i>)	VW Janrey P. Maglaqui
Central Luzon H (<i>Zambales</i>)	VW Nestor E. Pacer
Central Luzon I (<i>Bulacan</i>)	VW Augusto C. Roxas
Southern Luzon A (<i>Cavite</i>)	VW Joseph A. Canon

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Southern Luzon B (<i>Laguna</i>)	VW Oliver C. Ocampo
Southern Luzon C (<i>Rizal</i>)	VW Ralph Jason A. Contrevida
Southern Luzon D (<i>Batangas</i>)	VW Cristaldino B. Torino
Southern Luzon E (<i>Quezon & Marinduque</i>)	VW Jay Herbert U. Dael
Southern Luzon F (<i>Bicol – Camarines Norte, Sur, & Catanduanes</i>)	VW Ronald C. Ngo
Southern Luzon G (<i>Mindoro</i>)	VW Renzo Emmanuel K. Dimatulac
Western Visayas A (<i>Panay Island</i>)	VW Anthony Andrew C. Gustilo
Western Visayas B (<i>Negros Island</i>)	VW Albert T. Tecson
Central Visayas (<i>Cebu, Bohol, & Siquijor</i>)	VW Efren A. Nemenio
Eastern Visayas (<i>Samar & Leyte</i>)	VW Ralph S. Uy
Western Mindanao A (<i>Zamboanga del Sur</i>)	VW Joel M. Galicia
Western Mindanao B (<i>Ozamis</i>)	VW Davidson Y. Chiong
Northern Mindanao	VW Ernesto M. Sanches
Southern Mindanao A (<i>Davao</i>)	VW Jeffrey Jefferson Y. Coronel
Southern Mindanao B (<i>Socksargen & North Cotabato</i>)	VW Dave R. Arreglado
Eastern Mindanao (<i>CARAGA</i>)	VW Nelson C. Nelmidia
Overseas A (<i>Japan</i>)	VW Johncar A. dela Cruz
Overseas B (<i>Korea</i>)	VW Ian D.C. Encarnacion
Overseas C (<i>Guam</i>)	VW Hilary Aris J. Talens
Overseas D (<i>Saipan</i>)	VW Crisostomo C. Beltran
Senor Grand Steward	VW Atila S. Barre
Junior Grand Steward	VW Abbey Charles F. Gawaran
Grand Pursuivant	VW Peter Irving C. Corvera
Grand Organist	VW Jose Lucius Pocholo M. Dizon
Grand Cyber Warden	VW Joey Y. Pangilinan

Grand Scribe
Grand Tyler

VW Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga
VW Saddrudin A. Masukat

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NCR – A	VW Jose Justo S. Yap
NCR – B	VW Mark T. Rellon
NCR – C	VW Roberto – Damian A. Morico V
NCR – D	VW Robert K. Chua
NCR – E	VW Hernando B. Tapang
NCR – F	VW Jefferson D. Valencia
NCR – G	VW Doeletone L. Gatdula
NCR – H	VW Dante E. Tan
NCR – I	VW Yeshter Donn P. Baccay
NCR – J	VW Noel F. Yumul

Northern Luzon

CAR - Mt. Province, Kalinga & Apayao	VW Wilson C. Ramirez
RI – Pangasinan (<i>West</i>)	VW Kristian Jayson L. Mateo
RI – Pangasinan (<i>East</i>)	VW Jestoni P. Aquino
RI – CAR – Benguet & La Union	VW Harry Christian V. Nool
RI – CAR – Ilocos Norte, Sur, & Abra	VW Jonathan E. Florentino
RII – Nueva Viscaya (<i>North</i>) & Ifugao	VW Vincent Luis D. Sinfuego
RII – Nueva Viscaya (<i>South</i>)	VW Rizal C. Lubong
RII – Isabela (<i>North</i>)	VW Roland Rey Y. Monroy
RII – Isabela (<i>Central</i>)	VW Gilbert B. Bautista
RII – Isabela (<i>West</i>)	VW Faustino Michael T. Dy
RII – Isabela (<i>South</i>)	VW Danny S. de Leon
RII – Quirino	VW Aurelio T. Badajos
RII – Cagayan (<i>North</i>)	VW Rogelio T. Yapit
RII – Cagayan (<i>South</i>)	VW Rodolfo M. Banatao, Jr.

Central Luzon

RIII – Pampanga	VW Randy T. Bonifacio
RIII – Bataan	VW Leo Ruben C. Manrique
RIII – Zambales (<i>North</i>)	VW Magiting A. Cruz
RIII – Zambales (<i>South</i>)	VW Cristopher R. Gongora
RIII – Nueva Ecija (<i>North</i>)	VW Raul D. Garcia
RIII – Nueva Ecija (<i>South</i>)	VW Dominador E. Matias
RIII – Nueva Ecija (<i>West</i>)	VW Calter Alfred G. Interior
RIII – Nueva Ecija (<i>East</i>) & Aurora	VW Dennis D. Villasenor

RIII – Tarlac (*North*)
 RIII – Tarlac (*South*)
 RIII – Bulacan (*East*)
 RIII – Bulacan (*West*)

VW Redentor E. Cabanizas
 VW Alex B. Ramos
 VW Edwin A. Ibasco
 VW Romel B. Cruz

Southern Luzon

RIV – Cavite (*East*)
 RIV – Cavite (*Central*)
 RIV – Cavite (*West*)
 RIV – Laguna (*West*)
 RIV – Laguna (*East*)
 RIV – Batangas
 RIV – Quezon & Marinduque
 RIV – Mindoro
 RIV – Rizal
 RV – Camarines Norte, Sur, &
 Catanduanes
 RV – Albay, Sorsogon & Masbate

VW Nestor D. Altarejos
 VW Crisanto Rafaelito G. Gualberto V
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 VW Jose Sonny A. Monares
 VW Norman T. Tolentino
 VW Benjamin G. Privado, Jr.
 VW Sasan C. Motavalli Kachae
 VW Jeffrey T. Gregorio
 VW Jarvis P. Cinches
 VW Marc Desie D. Pimentel
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Visayas

RVI – Panay Island
 RVI – Negros Island
 RVII – Cebu
 RVII – Bohol & Siquijor
 RVIII – Samar
 RVIII – Leyte

VW Ryan R. Castro
 VW Ian F. Hinolan
 VW Christopher C. Villafior
 VW Doni D. Piquero
 VW Vincent Paul L. Rosales
 VW Rey Francisco V. Pil

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RX – Cagayan de Oro (*Central*)
 RX – Misamis Oriental & CDO
 RX – Misamis Oriental & Camiguin
 RX – Lanao del Sur & Maguindanao
 RX – Bukidnon (*North*)
 RX – Bukidnon (*South*)
 RXIII – Agusan & Surigao

VW Conrad P. Lim
 VW Rommel Robert G. Handumon
 VW Wilfredo G. Bibera, Jr.
 VW Jamal E. Manabilang
 VW Heinz Guderian L. Villanueva
 VW Jerry U. Telow
 VW Brando E. Faelnar

Western Mindanao

RIX – Zamboanga del Sur &
 Sibugay
 RIX – Misamis Occidental &
 Zamboanga del Norte
 RIX – Zamboanga City, Suly &
 Tawi-Tawi
 RX – Misamis Occidental
 RX – Iligan City & Lanao del Norte

VW Marcos M. Bahinting
 VW Virgilio T. Ranes
 VW Frederick Ian S. Capin
 VW Marlon L. Quimno
 VW Ivan Gerardo J. Banaag

Southern Mindanao

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RXII – North Cotobato & Cotobato City	VW Gregorio B. Cordero, Jr.
RXII – Socksargen	VW Rabmor Thomas T. Bartolome

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Okinawa, Japan	VW Jackson T. So
Camp Zama, Japan	VW Gil T. Quiambao, Jr.
South Korea	VW Thomas Alvin S. de las Alas
Northern Marianas Island	VW Giovanni Rosanno C. Tan

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NCR – C	VW Gene Franco I. Galicia VW Ulysses G. Biacora VW Jon Carlo M. de Leon VW Augustine F. Chan VW Abelardo M. Tubal
NCR – D	VW Robert K. Chua VW David B. Reyes, Jr. VW John Edron S. Dagupan VW Franco D. Mesina VW Marvin D. Eucariza VW Jonathan T. Kaw
NCR – E	VW Benedicto Augusto M. Cruz VW Abdulkhayr A. Macabato VW Richard D. Guani VW Emerson L. Margate
NCR – F	VW Edmund A. Anguluan II VW Ernest Luke L. Lim

NCR – G	VW Luigi Antoine Fernando C. Lopez
	VW Nathaniel C. Baldonado
	VW Leonard L. Lu
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	VW Renante M. Galang
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	VW Edwin M. Martinez
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	VW Chris Angelo T. Olan
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	VW Onofre I. Domingo
RI – Pangasinan	VW Emanuel O. Abalos
	VW Reynaldo A. Caburnay
	VW Charles Ryan V. Romero
RI – Pangasinan	VW Peter Paul V. Sison
	VW Juan Carlo A. Tambio
	VW Regie Orlando Q. Bernal
RI – CAR – Benguet & La Union	VW Leonardo G. Benavidez, Jr.
	VW Fortunato R. Poyaoan, Jr.
	VW Johnson S. Miguel
	VW Charlito G. Flores
RI – CAR – Ilocos Norte, Sur, & Abra	VW Jude P. Bigornia
	VW Roberto V. Villalon
RII – Nueva Viscaya (North) & Ifugao	VW Amie Edison P. Calata
	VW Belmar G. Querido
	VW Arsenio M. Apostol, Jr.
	VW Khristian Jay M. Valdez
RII – Nueva Viscaya (South)	VW William V. Bastero, Jr.
	VW Marvin I. Barut
	VW Romeo L. Romero
RII – Isabela (North)	VW Patrick Norman L. Baggao
	VW Ernesto T. Cubangbang
	VW Rogelio D. Parallag

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RII – Isabela (Central)	VW Francis Arden A. Gay-ya VW Oswald V. Caro IV VW Ferdinand D. Ercilla VW Michael G. Mauricio VW Leopoldo T. Allabo, Jr. VW Manolito Dominic B. Adviento VW Reynaldo D. L. Mina VW Ross A. Ronquillo VW Roger P. Agcaoili VW Virgo A. Gulidan VW Loreto T. Ignacio VW Elpidio G. Javonillo VW Antonio M. Addun, Jr. VW Darwin Dante A. Agatep III VW Efren N. Macarubbo VW Ricardo G. Quilang VW Nuevo Heroe G. Castañeda
RII – Isabela (West)	
RII – Isabela (South)	
RII – Quirino	
RII – Cagayan (North)	
RII – Cagayan (South)	

Central Luzon

RIII – Pampanga	VW Tony B. Garcia VW Erwin Richie M. Dominguez VW Julito A. Rabena II VW Paul Geoffrey S. Datu VW Joel Jaime P. Payumo VW Mario P. de Jesus VW Emerson C. Reyes VW Ariel Q. Batungbacal VW Bryan V. Vallejos VW Fermin Axel C. Domansi, Jr. VW Billy Bogs D. Domil VW Genero M. Binan VW Vergel O. Cadiang VW Roland Anjo Q. Syfu VW Alejandro J. Cos VW Leon B. Guinto VW Alexander J. Daus VW Crisostomo C. Rivera, Jr. VW Manuel B. Buenaventura VW Efren G. Bandong VW Rommelito M. Muncal VW Clarence S. Silvestre VW Rainier Van Albert I. Purisima VW Carlos Joe N. Blas VW Marcelo N. Jampil VW Joseph Anthony R. de Guzman
RIII – Bataan	
RIII – Zambales North	
RIII – Zambales South	
RIII – Nueva Ecija (North)	
RIII – Nueva Ecija (South)	

RIII – Nueva Ecija (<i>West</i>)	VW Rommel U. Tinio VW Mervin P. Gonzales VW Sonny C. Ma VW Virgilio G. Sagun, Jr. VW Ver R. Pangilinan VW Enrico C. Villafuerte VW Custer L. Sadornas VW Russell T. Magtoto VW Jose Roberto C. Bautista VW Dennis C. Hernandez
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RIII – Tarlac (<i>South</i>)	VW Odilon H. Tumang VW Ronald T. Macalino VW Randy T. Ligsay VW Noel L. Agravio
RIII – Bulacan (<i>East</i>)	VW Ronald S. Villanueva VW Erwin Alexis B. Aquino VW Emmanuel Q. Tongco VW Ian Francis Y. Lim VW Michael Gerard S. Hernandez VW Rabindranath L. Sierra
RIII – Bulacan (<i>West</i>)	VW Apolonio M. Tanghal VW Benjamin L. dela Cruz VW Rogelio D. C. Pimentel VW Alexander S. Hung VW Richard S. Ng
Southern Luzon	
RIV – Cavite (<i>East</i>)	VW Anthony G. Nava VW Anthony B. Villarosa VW Tristan Jay T. Reyes VW Randy Ronald M. Lao VW Patrick P. Sarmiento
RIV – Cavite (<i>Central</i>)	VW Juanito B. Villanueva VW Alwin M. Tumalad VW Edwin L. Villarín

	VW Erwin B. Bellen
	VW Ben D. Osorio
	VW Ephraim Vincent M. Yuson III
RIV – Cavite (<i>West</i>)	VW Boister O. Apitan
	VW Reynaldo B. Fajardo
	VW Bonifacio A. Nocon
	VW Glenford S. Dayo
	VW Antonio O. del Val
	VW Bryan R. Silan
RIV – Laguna (<i>West</i>)	VW Jextaire J. Fabian
	VW Felix O. Bautista
	VW Anner A. Marquez
RIV – Laguna (<i>East</i>)	VW Reginald P. Evangelista
	VW Rosalito G. Martires
	VW Abner P. Valenzuela, Jr.
RIV – Batangas	VW Alexander M. Onte
	VW Erik Noble B. Castillo
	VW Mishael Alwyn D. Castillo
	VW Romeo E. Medalla, Jr.
	VW Prospero M. Lucena II
	VW Dondon V. Perez
RIV – Quezon & Marinduque	VW Rodol O. Florido
	VW Paul Nikk D. Areja
	VW Rey Leonard M. Arceno
	VW Arlan M. Granali
	VW Ramon A. Orfanel
RIV – Mindoro	VW Jachin Constans G. Concepcion
	VW John Philip S. Dimapilis
	VW Murphy B. Utara, Jr.
RIV – Rizal	VW Marvin P. Maghanoy
	VW Lino S. Ong
	VW Allan O. Corpuz
	VW Marlon Ramon L. Navarro
RV – Camarines Norte, Sur, & Catanduanes	VW Carlos R. Raymundo, Jr.
	VW Ricky M. Praferosa
	VW Philip James D. Buenafe
	VW Efren G. Belgado
	VW Nestor M. Curativo
RV – Albay, Sorsogon & Masbate	VW Rafael Jaime D. Caguia, Jr.
	VW Raul E. Rosal
	VW Lionelle L. Andes

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	VW Nicasio M. Botin
	VW Brian Joseph L. Castaneda

RVI – Negros Island	VW Manfred Von P. Magat VW Felix A. Saldajeno VW Cristito B. Saguran VW Elton Dick J. Abrea VW Rey Augustus Z. Alaparc, Jr. VW Marzani M. Agarao
RVII – Cebu	VW Peter Adrian B. Canlas VW Jan Adam M. Mose VW Paulo Crispino C. Sucalit VW Russell V. Ledesma VW Ronaldo C. Montilla VW Graeme June Y. Elmido
RVII – Bohol & Siquijor	VW Jose Leonard C. Lupisan VW Lord R. Marapao V
RVIII – Samar	VW Art Sherwin L. Gabon VW Marino Azur G. Estonio
RVIII – Leyte	VW Ireneaus E. Zamora VW Galileo L. Cellona VW Randie S. Dagatan VW William James C. Julio

Northern Mindanao

RX – Cagayan de Oro (<i>Central</i>)	VW Melchor P. Caniedo VW Lemuel B. Gonda VW Bryan Lucky Z. Noble
RX – Misamis Oriental & CDO	VW Fayed Philip S. Tan VW Allen G. Luzon VW Felix D. Villaluz II
RX – Misamis Oriental & Camiguin	VW Crispin H. Hababag VW Moises Rommel J. Rodriguez VW William G. Padilla VW Sergio E. Yap II
RX – Lanao del Sur & Maguindanao	VW Jalandie A. Puno VW Nur-ul Yassien E. Dangcal
RX – Bukidnon (<i>North</i>)	VW Erick Carlson T. Libot VW Joel A. Cabrera VW Archimelan B. Andrada
RX – Bukidnon (<i>South</i>)	VW Ariel G. Tan VW Ralph Matthew S. Balgos
RXIII – Agusan & Surigao	VW Sherwin Lester P. Mailig VW Erwin G. Ruiz VW Reynante N. Sibayton VW Robert Floyd N. Salise VW Michael O. Toyco

Western Mindanao

RIX – Zamboanga del Sur &
Sibugay

RIX – Misamis Occidental &
Zamboanga del Norte

RIX – Zamboanga City, Suly &
Tawi-Tawi

RX – Misamis Occidental

RX – Iligan City & Lanao del Norte

VW Peter Ryan B. Revillas
VW Bonifacio B. Arañas
VW Joel G. Vercide
VW Mohammad Ali D. Dacula
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Given under my hand and the seal of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 7th day of May, A.L. 2026.


ROBERT JOSEPH S. MORAN, JR.
Grand Master

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Grand Master's *Inaugural Ball*



An Evening of Elegance and Brotherhood: The Grand Master's Inaugural Ball

By: VW Mellord Ivan O. Zarraga, Grand Scribe (Editor-in-Chief)

In a splendid celebration of Masonic Tradition and Fellowship, distinguished brethren and guests gathered at the iconic and breathtaking backdrop of Taal Lake at the Taal Vista Hotel for the Grand Master's Inaugural Ball, a more fitting occasion to honor the newly installed Officers of the Grand Lodge. The grandeur of the venue, combined with the warmth of fraternal fellowship, created an atmosphere that was both dignified and memorable. It is the final event culminating all the activities of the 109th Annual Communication for Masonic Year 2026.

The Grand Master's Inaugural Ball showcased the finest traditions of Philippine Freemasonry. Brethren and

their ladies arrived in elegant formal attire, filling the ballroom with an air of sophistication and pride. The evening commenced with ceremonial introductions and acknowledgments of distinguished guests, including Past Grand Masters, Grand Lodge Officers, and the Representatives of Foreign Jurisdictions.

Throughout the evening, attendees enjoyed the program filled with musical performances and an exciting fellowship. The Grand Master, MW Moran prepared tokens and gifts to all the Foreign Delegations who attended the whole of the Annual Communications. In return, the representatives of each Foreign Delegation also extended their gifts



and tokens to the Grand Master. The night was simply filled with a strengthened bond between Grand Jurisdictions.

More than a social gathering, the Grand Master's Inaugural Ball served as a symbol of camaraderie and harmony within the Craft. The timeless Masonic principles were reflected exhibiting the importance of remembering that while labor is essential to the progress of the Craft, fellowship among brethren is equally important to strengthen the bonds of brotherhood. The evening reminded all guests that Freemasonry thrives not only through its teachings but also through the genuine friendships formed among the brethren.



As the celebration drew to a close, the guests slowly departed with renewed enthusiasm for the coming Masonic Year. Inspired with the vision of MW Moran, strengthened by the spirit of brotherhood that filled Taal Vista Hotel, they all looked forward to another year of progress while laboring in the quarries of Freemasonry.

The Grand Master's Inaugural Ball will forever be remembered as a night of unity, celebration, and elegance—a fitting commencement to the new administration in the continuing Grand History of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines.

Foreign Delegation

ANCOM 2026 Experience

995 Strong: A Historic Gathering of Foreign Delegates at the ANCOM 2026

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

The opening of the 109th Annual Communication at the Tagaytay City Velodrome set a new benchmark in the history of Philippine Masonry with the arrival of 995 registered foreign delegates. This is a figure explicitly documented as unprecedented registration. Their presence transformed ANCOM 2026 into one of the most internationally attended Masonic events ever hosted by the Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

What made this moment remarkable was not only the sheer number of visiting brethren but the efficiency and dignity with which they were received. Despite the expected long reception lines and the diversity of jurisdictions represented, the GLP executed the

reception of foreign dignitaries with impressive speed and flawless decorum. The process moved so smoothly that many delegates expressed admiration for the GLP's mastery of ceremonial hospitality.

These brethren, hailing from Asia, Oceania, North America, Europe, and Africa, brought with them the colors, customs, and fraternal warmth of their respective Grand Lodges. Their participation enriched the Opening Ceremonies, underscoring the Philippines' growing reputation as a vibrant Masonic crossroads.

Throughout the morning, the Velodrome echoed with greetings in multiple languages, handshakes exchanged across cultures, and the



unmistakable spirit of universal brotherhood.

Many delegates shared that they had long wished to attend ANCOM in the Philippines, drawn by the country's reputation for warmth, hospitality, and deeply rooted Masonic tradition.

By the time the Grand Lodge March reverberated the entire velodrome, the message was unmistakable. That, the Philippines is not just a host-, it is a Masonic destination.

ANCOM 2026 proved that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines can welcome the world with grace, precision, and heartfelt fraternity. The presence of 995 foreign delegates was more than a statistic, it was a testament to the global respect earned by Philippine Masonry and a preview of even greater international engagement in the years ahead.



Message from the Foreign Delegation:

Coordinated by: VW Gil Quiambao, DDGM (:195)

"I am still feeling amazed by the incredible brotherhood and energy at this year's Annual Communication in Tagaytay. An absolutely unforgettable week of fellowship, tradition, and brotherly love.

Great to see brothers from all over coming together. Truly a powerful and uplifting experience. The sense of brotherly love and harmony at the AnCom 2026 was unmatched. It was wonderful reconnecting with old brothers and meeting new ones.

The fellowships such as, Foreign Dignitaries Night, GM night with amazing entertainments, GM Ball made the trip completely worth it. It's always refreshing to be surrounded by so many dedicated brothers striving for the same goals.

My congratulations again to MW Robert J Moran, RW Ruel Rivera, RW Oliver Co, and RW Hossain S Vostakalaei. Also all elected and appointed officers for this ensuing year".

RW Paul A. Guerrero
Grand Lodge of New York
Illustrious Potentate, Mecca Shriners Temple No. 1

"The delegates from the Grand Lodge of Washington who attended ANCOM 2026 were extremely pleased and proud to have been part of the four-day event. Many shared that it was the best ANCOM they had ever attended and described it as a truly memorable experience. The fellowship, organization, and hospitality left a lasting impression on everyone. They are already looking forward to returning and participating again in ANCOM 2027 in Olongapo City".

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington

"I had the distinct honor of attending the 2026 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, accompanied by a delegation of 30 brothers from the Grand Lodge of Japan.

The grand scale of the proceedings, combined with the characteristically warm and enthusiastic welcome we received, has left a profound and lasting impression on all of us. In particular, the meticulous attention and courtesies extended to the dignitaries exemplified the deepest respect and exceptional hospitality of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines, commanding our utmost admiration.

This Annual Communication served as a gathering of eminent leaders from Grand Lodges around the globe, providing an invaluable opportunity to strengthen our international bonds through close communication. I extend my profound gratitude to all the brothers of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines for ensuring the resounding success of this communication and for welcoming us so graciously into their midst".

MW Kenzo Hirata
Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Japan

It was a memorable experience gifted by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines to the delegation of visiting brethren including ours from the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory which I had the distinct pleasure to lead.

The anticipation from numerous brethren in our jurisdiction was made evident in the number who attended resulting in over 100 registrants to Ancom 2026. Daily formalities were impressive with grandiose pomp and ceremony and reception of all attendees, be they from overseas or domestic.

The nightly activities were of a scale unfamiliar to regular attendees of Ancom over the years, and the events where the ladies were invited were also memorable as they are grand with music and presentations - the Merienda Cena, Pedro Farms, the GM Night, and the Inaugural Ball.

On a personal note, I thank the IPGM, MW Raul Canon, Jr. for all his accommodations of our jurisdiction's requests during his term which includes an installation of a lodge using NSW & ACT ritual; and his warm reception of our delegation as well as his kind gesture in gifting our delegation of an Ancom opening in which I was able to pay Tribute to the Flag.

I also congratulate MW Robert Moran for a hugely successful organization of Ancom 2026 which culminated in his installation as the Grand Master. His official visit to our Installation in 2024 and Proclamation in 2025 have earned him a warm spot in many of our brethren's hearts for which we felt impelled to reciprocate. We wish him all the best during his term.

On behalf of the members of our jurisdiction, I extend congratulations to the team of MW Robert Joseph S. Moran, RW Ruel S. Rivera, DGM, RW Oliver C. Ko, SGW, and RW Hossain VC Shamsoddin Vostakalaei, JGW and all elected and appointed officers in the ensuing Masonic year.

MW Bernie Khristianne Albano

Grand Master

United Grand Lodge of New South Wales & Australian County Territory



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