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BUILDING A NEW MASONIC YEAR



From The East

By: W.:M.: Johannes “John” K. Calayag

As I begin this journey as Worshipful Master, I do so with deep gratitude and humility. Much of what we stand on today was built by those who came before us, and I am especially grateful for the vision and foundation established by our Past Masters. Their work reminds us that a lodge is not built by one person or in a single year. It is built over time by brothers who believe in something greater than themselves. I see that foundation not merely as something to preserve, but as a guide for where we can go together.

Our theme this year is simple: Foundation to Future. The work that will carry us there is just as clear: building together, serving together, and growing together. We will build on what has been entrusted to us, serve our lodge and our community with purpose, and grow not only in numbers, but also in brotherhood, character, and commitment.

I am humbled to carry forward the vision of those who came before me, and I ask each of you to walk this path with me, not as followers, but as brothers working side by side.

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Let us turn our brotherhood into action, our service into a lasting legacy, and our shared commitment into the future we are called to build. Together, with steady hands and faithful hearts, we will honor the foundation, serve the present, and create a future worthy of those who come after us.

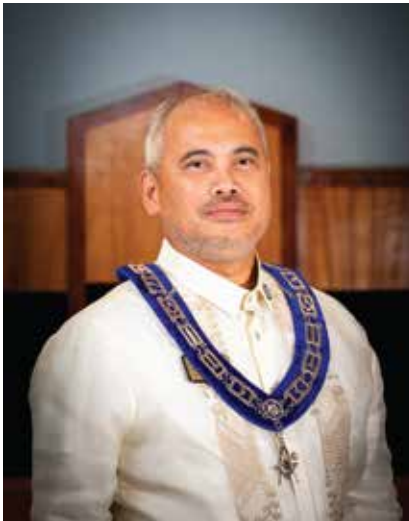
From The West

By: Bro. Angelito “Titus” F. Madria, PM



A Message on the State of Our Lodge and the Future We Envision:

Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 remains strong because of the dedication, unity, and brotherly love shared by our members. As we move forward, may we continue to honor our traditions while embracing new opportunities for growth, fellowship, and service. Together, we envision a future where our Lodge grows stronger, our brotherhood becomes deeper, and the light of Masonry continues to guide generations to come.



From The South

By: Bro. Ronaldo Q. Dela Cueva

Recognition to Junior Past Master Stephen Aganan

Today, we proudly recognize our Junior Past Master, Stephen Aganan, whose leadership, vision, and compassion have helped our lodge grow and succeed together.

As Worshipful Master of our lodge, you did more than simply lead—you encouraged, inspired, and brought out the very best in every member. Your ability to lead with purpose, humility, and compassion has made you an example of the kind of leader that others admire. In fact, you became the envy of other lodges because of the positive impact you have made through your leadership.

Your dedication and commitment have motivated all of us to perform our duties to the best of our abilities. You reminded us that true leadership is not about giving orders, but about inspiring others to work together toward a common purpose.

The establishment of the “Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum” is another testament to your vision and your commitment to the future of our lodge. Bringing this project to life required dedication, an open mind, perseverance, and the ability to see beyond the present. It is a legacy that we hope will continue to grow and serve future generations of our lodge.

Words cannot fully express our appreciation for all your hard work, dedication, and service to Solidarity Lodge. Your contributions will remain an important part of our lodge’s history and heritage.

As you pass the gavel to the next leader, I sincerely hope that you will continue to share your wisdom, guidance, and support with the future leaders of Solidarity Lodge. Your experience and leadership will continue to be invaluable to us.

With heartfelt appreciation, I wish you continued success, happiness, and fulfillment in all your future endeavors.

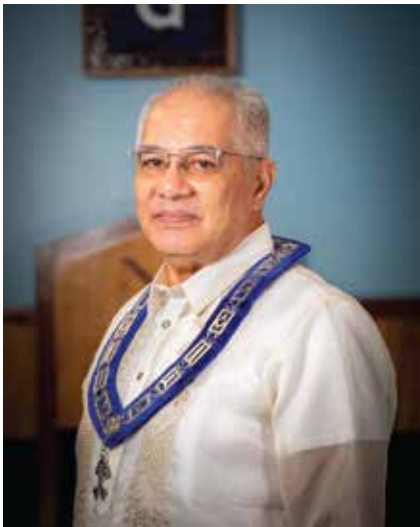
Thank you, Worshipful Brother Stephen, for your leadership, your vision, and, most importantly, for your dedication to Solidarity Lodge No. 1457.

Notice of Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting will be on September 11th, dinner is at 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report

By: Daniel Mederico V. Baula, PM



Brethren, we are embarking on a new Masonic Year and let us look forward to being involved in our finances. Let us be mindful of the growth of the Lodge and with it goes the increase in our budgeting, especially in our meals during the stated and called meetings. The increased cost due to inflation is not helping us altogether with the way we prepare our meals. It is important for us to be in coordination with our stewards so we may be efficient in our preparations. We also have to consider our rental cost for the year, which is affecting our finances as fundraising is geared towards our projects. Our only source is dues from members who are not endowed and the returns of our endowment from the Grand Lodge which normally just covers our annual returns. With these realities, we have to be proactive in supporting our Lodge which at the moment is slowly bleeding the general fund. Brethren, let us be involved in

keeping our lodge financially healthy with your commitment through voluntary efforts. Your attention will be highly appreciated!

August Birthdays



Actual:

Loreto B. Caluya
Eddie Florendo Huliganga
Daniel Mederico V. Baula, PM
Danilo P. Maines
Jefren L. Demeterio
Luis A. Sumaylo
Juanito F. Del Rosario, PM
Estanislao B. Suerte, PM
Manelo A. Nunez
Edmundo T. Valencia
Juvenal T. Usero, Jr., PM

Masonic:

Felix V. Luchavez, PM
Arturo G. Baltao
Joven J. Villanueva, PM
Lorenzo Perez
Emilio T. Tico
Allan N. Tuliao
Edmundo T. Valencia
Guilberto Medrano, PM
Vigilante M. Roxas
Derek G. Palisoc
Antonio J. Peralez, PM
Alistair M. Sy
Mario P. Dipasupil, Jr., PM

September Birthdays



Actual:

Jerrald White S. Aves
Lorenzo Perez
Derek G. Palisoc
Marlon M. Villanueva, PM
Alejandro V. Lim, Jr., PM
Charles A. Montes
Gerardo H. Lizarondo, PM

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Ruber C. Rivera
Jose Valdez, PM
Cipriano R. Sta. Rosa, PM
Urbano S. Yap, Jr.
Santiago J. Gutierrez, PM
George C. Doclan, III

Masonic:

Cipriano R. Sta. Rosa, PM
Angelito F. Madria, PM
Oliver S. Ayes
Reynaldo B. Climacosa, PM
John Fabian B. Royo

October Birthdays



Actual:

Sohrab A. Sardual
Jeffrey L. Lungub
Edwardo B. Libranda
Guilberto Medrano, PM
Rexie P. Pajarillaga
Stephen Aganan, PM
Angelito F. Madria, PM

Masonic:

Jose S. Siplon, PM
Florante A. Gaid, PM
Pocholo De Dios Dimayuga
Rodolfo O. Lagera
Joel A. Lazaro
Jose Valdez, PM
Danilo P. Maines
Wilfredo O. Costales

Lodge Calendar:

Please click on this [link](#) to view our lodge calendar for the year. Here are some highlighted events that are coming up:

- September 11 - Stated Meeting
- September 18 - MM Conferral
- October 9 - DDGM Official Visit

Member Spotlight: Brother Jerwin P. Garcia

By: Stephen Aganan, PM

Solidarity Lodge is pleased to shine this month's member spotlight on Brother Jerwin P. Garcia, whose life reflects the values of hard work, lifelong learning, family, and service. Born and raised in Batangas, Philippines, Brother Jerwin grew up in a family that valued education, perseverance, humility, and responsibility. Both of his parents were teachers, and his father later pursued a career at sea as a radio officer. Their example taught him the importance of discipline, adaptability, and having the courage to embrace new opportunities. These lessons have guided him throughout his life.

Brother Jerwin earned a degree in Electrical Engineering from Mapúa Institute of Technology and passed the Philippine Professional Regulation Commission licensure examination. He later transitioned into information technology, joining the Norwegian engineering company Aker Kvaerner Philippines as an IT Manager. His career brought him to the United States in 1999, when he transferred to the company's San Francisco office. In 2004, he moved to Houston to serve as IT Implementation Manager for North America. Following Jacobs Engineering's acquisition of Aker Solutions, formerly Aker Kvaerner, in 2011, Brother Jerwin began a new professional chapter in cybersecurity. His work in this constantly evolving field has strengthened his commitment to protecting people, information, and organizations. It has also reinforced the importance of



preparedness, responsibility, continuous improvement, and lifelong learning.

At the heart of Brother Jerwin's life is his family. He and his wonderful wife, Alicia, have three children, Azel, John, and Joshua, and are blessed with three grandchildren. His experiences as a husband, father, and grandfather have taught him patience, sacrifice, unconditional love, and the importance of being present for those who matter most. His family remains his greatest source of inspiration and strength.

When he is away from work, Brother Jerwin enjoys playing golf and traveling. Golf has helped him cultivate patience, focus, and perseverance, while traveling has introduced him to new places, people, and perspectives. Both pursuits give him opportunities to relax, continue learning, and create lasting memories with family and friends.

Brother Jerwin was drawn to Freemasonry by a desire to grow as a person, strengthen his character,

form meaningful friendships, and serve others. The principles of brotherhood, moral character, self improvement, and service closely reflect the lessons that have shaped his life and the man he continually strives to become.

In such a short time, Brother Jerwin has hit the ground running and proven himself to be a valuable asset to Solidarity Lodge. His willingness to contribute, learn, and serve has already made a meaningful impression on his Brothers. He has also taken on an important role in preserving and sharing our heritage as the founding Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum.

Brother Jerwin looks forward to sharing his experiences, learning from his Brothers, and finding new ways to serve his family, community, and a purpose greater than himself. Solidarity Lodge is fortunate to have him among its members, and we look forward to witnessing the many contributions he will make in the years ahead.

Building Our Legacy

By: Stephen Aganan, PM

The Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum (SHLM) was founded with a long-term purpose: to develop a lasting source of financial support for the lodge and help secure its future for generations to come.

This will not happen overnight. Along the way, SHLM will develop educational, historical and cultural programs consistent with its mission and vision as a nonprofit educational institution. These

programs are not separate from the larger goal. By preserving our history, educating our members and families, and creating meaningful public-facing activities, SHLM can build the institutional strength needed to support the lodge's long-term sustainability.

The first donor to the First 100 Founders campaign was PAMAT Charities. That initial commitment was followed by donations from all seven members of the SHLM Board of Directors. Four of those directors are Past Masters or are currently serving as Master. Additional lodge members have since joined the effort, bringing the campaign to 14 Founders.

We initially asked the Past Masters of the lodge to set an example through their donations and pledges. As we all know, leadership in the lodge does not end when you leave office; it continues beyond your term as you lead by example in many ways. Among our lodge's 53 Past Masters, 11 have participated—a rate of approximately 20.75%. That total includes the four participating directors who are Past Masters or presently serving as Master. We are grateful to PAMAT Charities, the Board of Directors and every member who has already contributed. Their early support has given SHLM a foundation on which to build.

At the same time, the campaign's initial phase moved more slowly than expected. That experience taught us something valuable: goodwill and respect for the institution will not build SHLM by themselves. Success will require a deliberate fundraising system,

personal invitations, regular communication, wider participation among our lodge families and visible programming that demonstrates the value of the institution.

SHLM is now a Houston-area nonprofit recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. To advance its mission and maintain a strong educational identity, its developing work will include:

- Historical preservation and collections
- Masonic history
- Exhibitions and public interpretation
- Oral-history projects
- Educational and cultural programming
- PAMANA (Language Program)

These activities will preserve our heritage while helping SHLM grow into an enduring institution capable of contributing to the lodge's long-term financial stability. All fundraising, programming and financial support must remain consistent with SHLM's charitable and educational mission and applicable nonprofit requirements.

Our goal for this fiscal year is to fill 50 of the 100 available slots in the First 100 Founders Campaign. With 14 Founders enrolled, we have reached 28% of this year's goal and need 36 more to reach 50.

The pledge program begins with the Cornerstone level at \$600, payable as a one-time gift or at \$10 per month over 60 months. Additional levels include Ashlar, Working Tool, Lodge Builder, Solomon's Friends and SHLM

Patron. Annual payment options are also available, and contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SHLM is ultimately about stewardship. It is about preserving the lodge's heritage, fulfilling our educational mission and building a financial foundation that can help sustain the lodge well into the future.

If you or a member of your family has not yet made a pledge, please consider becoming one of the First 100 Founders and helping us reach our next milestone of 25. This is our opportunity to build a legacy that will serve both our present lodge family and the generations that follow.

The pledge levels and payment option information is on the next page.

A Message of Thanks

By: Angelito F. Madria, PM

Thank you, WB Stephen, for your dedication, leadership, and faithful service to our Lodge. Your commitment and brotherly spirit have helped strengthen our fraternity and inspire us all. We are grateful for the time and heart you have given to the Lodge, and we look forward to the continued impact of your leadership and friendship.

With sincere appreciation and brotherly love.

Fraternally yours,
WB Angelito Madria



Become One of the First 100 Founders

Join the first 100 individuals, families, lodges, organizations, and charities whose generosity will help establish the Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum and preserve our heritage for future generations.

Founders Level	Total	Monthly
☐ Cornerstone	\$600	\$10/month
☐ Ashlar	\$1,500	\$25/month
☐ Working Tool	\$3,000	\$50/month
☐ Lodge Builder	\$4,500	\$75/month
☐ Solomon's Friends	\$6,000	\$100/month
☐ SHLM Patron	\$9,000	\$150/month
☐ Other Contribution Amount: \$_____		

Payment Schedule

- ☐ One-Time Gift
☐ Monthly (60-Month Pledge)
☐ Annual Gift

Payment Method

- ☐ Credit/Debit Card
☐ ACH / Bank Transfer
☐ Check
☐ Cash

PLEDGE COMMITMENT

Donor Information

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Important Information

The Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum (SHLM) is a nonprofit organization recognized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Please make checks payable to:

Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum

Donation receipts will be provided for all contributions.

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24TH OCTOBER
2026

PEARLAND GOLF CLUB

3123 Flower Field Ln,
Pearland, TX 77584

REGISTRATION

Per team of 4 **\$500**
Individual **\$150**
Hole in one entry **\$20**

Prices are subject to credit card fees
when paying by credit card.
Breakfast, lunch, & giveaways
included

7:00 AM

Registration & Breakfast

8:00 AM

Ceremonial Tee Off & Photos

8:15 AM

Shotgun start

Prizes for Hole-in-one and closest to the pin competitions.

First, second, & third place teams will win
trophies and cash prizes.

Part of the proceeds will benefit the lodge scholarship & other community charity projects.

Register now with John
713 208 6973

<https://www.solidarity1457.org/golf>