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LEADERS OF TOMORROW



The Master's Message

By: W.M.: Stephen Aganan, PM

THE WORK CONTINUES

At our June Stated Meeting, the members of Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 elected the officers who will guide our lodge during the 2026–2027 Masonic year. I extend my sincere congratulations to each brother elected and appointed to serve. I offer special congratulations to Brother Johannes K. Calayag, affectionately known to many of us as John, on his election to the Oriental Chair.

Following the election, I shared

a simple message with Brother John: the lodge is completely behind you, and presiding over this lodge is one of the most fulfilling experiences you will ever have. Having spent many years progressing through the line and having had the privilege of serving as Worshipful Master, I can attest that there is no greater honor than being entrusted with the care of a lodge and the welfare of its members.

While elections are often viewed as the conclusion of one chapter and the beginning of another they are equally important as a

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demonstration of continuity. The strength of a lodge is not found in a single officer or administration, but in its ability to build upon the work of those who came before and prepare those who will follow.

Last year, Solidarity Lodge adopted a three-year strategic plan covering the period from this masonic year through the 2027 - 2028 masonic year. The purpose of that plan was simple: to provide continuity in leadership, programs, communications, community involvement, financial planning, and long-term growth. Our objective has never been to accomplish everything in a single year, but rather to establish a framework that successive officers can build upon and refine.

The first year of that plan focused on strengthening officer development, expanding communications, maintaining meaningful community service programs, launching long-term capital funding initiatives, and increasing member engagement. As we enter the next phase of the plan, I am confident that the

incoming officers will continue these efforts while advancing the goals established for Years Two and Three.

Central to that vision is our leadership succession initiative, Vision 40 and Beyond. As Solidarity Lodge approaches its 40th Anniversary in 2033, we recognize that the future health of our lodge depends upon the leaders we develop today. Through structured mentoring, officer training, and the active involvement of our Past Masters, Vision 40 seeks to ensure that future officers are prepared not only to occupy a station but to lead effectively when called upon.

One of the greatest lessons of Freemasonry is that leadership is a journey rather than a destination. Each station and place provides opportunities to learn, grow, and serve. Whether a brother serves as Tiler, Junior Deacon, Senior Deacon, Warden, or Master, he contributes to the continuity and success of the lodge. Through mentorship and shared experience, we preserve our institutional knowledge while preparing the next generation of leaders.

The election of officers is therefore more than an annual requirement, it is an affirmation of our confidence in the future. It reflects our belief that the brothers elected to serve possess the character, dedication, and commitment necessary to continue moving Solidarity Lodge forward.

As we look ahead to the coming Masonic year, I encourage every member to support our incoming officers, participate in lodge

activities, and remain engaged in the work before us. Together, we will continue strengthening our programs, serving our communities, supporting our families, and preparing Solidarity Lodge for its 40th Anniversary and beyond.

The work continues, and the future remains bright.

June Birthdays



Actual:

Rexie A. Tinampay
Roberto P. Vicerra
Gerald V. Villanueva
Louis Christian L. Antenor
Paz Muguerza Jr.
Juneldhim C. Tala, PM
Jose A. Montes
Ricaredo B. Tuazon
Florante A. Gaid, PM
Manuel R. Roxas Jr.
Nestor C. Duremdes Jr., PM
Arturo V. Valdez, PM
Roger R. Austria, PM

Masonic:

Juanito F. Del Rosario, PM
Edgardo L. Gonzales
Rexie A. Tinampay
Charles A. Montes
Michael Omar P. Sevilla, PM
Leovigildo G. Fulo, PM
Danilo L. Legaspi, PM
Paz Muguerza Jr.
Alberto C. Saligumba
Vicente B. Melgarejo

Notice of Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting will be on July 10th, dinner is at 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.

From The West

By: Bro. Johannes "John" K. Calayag



I'm deeply grateful to the brethren, Past Masters, and sisters of Solidarity Lodge for the encouragement, support, and trust they've shown throughout this year.

It was a busy year. Very busy.

But because of the people around us, the brothers willing to step up, the sisters always ready to help, and the constant support behind the scenes, the workload never felt overwhelming. In many ways, it became enjoyable, because it was shared together.

That matters.

As we move forward, I'm confident that same spirit of unity and support will continue to carry this lodge even further.

From The South

By: Bro. Angelito "Titus" F. Madria, PM

Celebrating Another Successful Year at Solidarity Lodge No. 1457

As another Masonic year comes to a close, we pause to recognize and



thank every Brother of Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 for making this year one of growth, fellowship, and accomplishment. The strength of our lodge is found in the dedication of its members, whose commitment to our shared values continues to inspire and uplift our Brotherhood.

Throughout the year, we gathered in friendship, supported one another in times of need, and worked together to advance the principles of Freemasonry within our community. We take great pride in honoring the Past Masters whose leadership and wisdom continue to guide our path forward.

Thank you, Brethren, for your service, support, and brotherly love. Together, we continue to build a legacy worthy of those who came before us.

Secretary's Desk

By: Bro. Juvenal T. Usero, Jr., PM

The Masonic Year of 2025–2026 shall long be remembered as a season of both noble achievement and solemn trial. As we look back upon its course, we are reminded



that every labor undertaken in the service of the Lodge is made meaningful not only by success, but by the spirit in which it is borne. Through unity of heart, steadfastness of purpose, and fidelity to our sacred obligations, the brethren were enabled to endure the demands of the year with courage and grace.

Among the greatest blessings bestowed upon the Lodge during this year was the faithful support of the brethren, whose presence, encouragement, and fraternal devotion strengthened every worthy endeavor. Under the honorable and distinguished leadership of Worshipful Master Stephen Aganan, the Lodge was guided with wisdom, dignity, and unwavering purpose. The united labors of the Officers and members reflected a deep and abiding commitment to the principles of the Craft, while the gracious encouragement of the Ladies of Solidarity served as a constant wellspring of inspiration and strength. Through these shared sacrifices and noble efforts, the sacred bonds of our Masonic family were not only preserved but deepened, and the year itself was

crowned with harmony,
fellowship, and renewed fraternal
zeal.

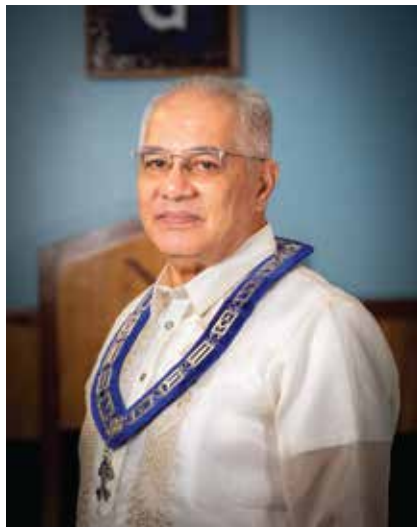
Yet even in the midst of these blessings, the year bore its measure of burdens. The challenge of guiding the Lodge without the full and regular presence of its members placed upon the Officers a labor both weighty and exacting. To sustain participation, encouragement, and forward movement demanded not only effort, but steadfast faith, patience, and sacrifice. Such trials, though difficult, have a sacred way of teaching us that the true strength of the Lodge is revealed not in ease, but in perseverance; not in comfort, but in devotion; and not in the absence of hardship, but in the resolve to remain united in purpose and faithful to one another. Thus, the difficulties of this year stand also as a testament to the enduring spirit of the brethren and to the solemn truth that great blessings are often born through steadfast labor and shared responsibility.

Treasurer's Report

By: Daniel Mederico V. Baula, PM

Greetings Brethren! This masonic year has been exciting to serve you all with the extra attention you have given. I hope we have more understanding of our situation financially and I look forward to the support you will be extending the lodge for its existence.

Support to the stewards' fund is very essential aside from the understanding that our earnings from the endowment fund is not enough to sustain the lodge. We



have embarked on a separate fund which would need our attention as well that hopefully will complement the budget of our lodge in the future. Let us continue the light and move forward to the ensuing masonic year with more enthusiasm and fervor!

Elected Officers For MY 2026 - 2027

Worshipful Master - Elect:

Johannes K. Calayag

Senior Warden - Elect: Angelito F. Madria, PM

Junior Warden - Elect: Ronaldo Q. Dela Cueva

Secretary - Elect: Juvenal T. Usero, Jr., PM

Treasurer - Elect: Daniel Mederico V. Baula, PM

Lodge Calendar:

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

- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 10 - Stated Meeting & Thanksgiving by outgoing officers
- July 18 - Installation of Officers

Investing in the Future

At our June Stated Meeting, the brethren approved several updates to the Lodge's fees and dues structure. These changes are intended to ensure the continued financial health of Solidarity Lodge while providing the resources necessary to support our programs, facilities, charitable efforts, and future growth.

Effective January 1, the annual dues of the Lodge will be increased to \$250.00 per year. This adjustment reflects the rising costs associated with operating the Lodge and helps ensure that we can continue providing meaningful programs, educational opportunities, and fellowship for our members.

The brethren also approved an increase in the Endowed Membership Fee to \$1,500.00. In accordance with Grand Lodge law, this amount will become effective on June 24 following the annual election of officers. Endowed Membership remains one of the most meaningful ways a Mason can support the long-term financial stability of the Lodge while securing his membership for life.

In addition, the Lodge approved a revision to its Degree Fees. Effective June 24, the fees for the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degrees will each be \$500.00. These fees help offset the costs associated with candidate education, degree conferrals, materials, and other expenses incurred in preparing men for membership in the Craft.

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Member Spotlight: The Master of Ceremonies Guiding Our Future Brothers

By: W.M. Stephen Aganan, PM

Among the appointed officers of the Lodge, the Master of Ceremonies serves an important role in the development and education of our candidates. Working alongside the Senior Deacon, he assists in preparing candidates for initiation and advancement and helps ensure that they receive the guidance, instruction, and support necessary to progress in their Masonic journey. From the Candidate Information Program to ritualistic instruction, Masonic education, and information concerning the customs and usages of the Craft, the Master of Ceremonies helps lay the foundation upon which future Master Masons are built.

This year, that responsibility has been entrusted to Brother Alejandro N. Hagad, III, or simply Brother Alex as we know him. Brother Alex has faithfully carried out the duties of his office while demonstrating a willingness to serve whenever called upon. He is always ready to lend a helping hand and can be counted on to support the Lodge in whatever way he can.

One notable example of his dedication was his leadership of the Lodge Safety Committee. When tasked with overseeing this important effort, Brother Alex took the initiative to research and present information regarding medical emergencies that could occur within the Lodge. His presentation helped raise awareness among the brethren and encouraged preparedness in the event of an emergency.



Alex N. Hagad, III

Brother Alex's commitment to service extends beyond his official duties. His reliability, positive attitude, and willingness to step forward whenever assistance is needed exemplify the spirit of Freemasonry and contribute to the success of our Lodge.

We thank Brother Alex for his faithful service as Master of Ceremonies and for his continued dedication to the brethren of Solidarity Lodge.

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These updates are not merely financial adjustments; they are investments in the future of our Lodge. By maintaining a sound financial foundation today, we ensure that Solidarity Lodge remains strong, vibrant, and capable of serving future generations of Masons for many years to come.

July Stated Meeting to Feature Officers' Thanksgiving Dinner

The July Stated Meeting of Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 will include a special Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by the outgoing officers of the Lodge.

As the 2025–2026 Masonic year comes to a close, the officers wish to express their gratitude to the brethren for the support, encouragement, and cooperation they have received throughout the year. As a gesture of appreciation, the outgoing officers will be providing the evening meal for the brethren and guests in attendance.

Please note that this dinner is being sponsored by the outgoing officers and not by the Lodge. It is their way of saying thank you to the membership for helping make the year a successful one.

We encourage all brethren and their families to join us for an evening of fellowship as we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the opportunities ahead under the leadership of our newly installed officers.

We hope you will join us for good food, fellowship, and an opportunity to celebrate another successful year in the history of Solidarity Lodge.