

THE TRESTLEBOARD

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THE CLOSING GAVEL



Final Word From The East

By: W.:M.: Stephen Aganan, PM

As this final issue of the Trestleboard for the 2025–2026 Masonic year is published, I have the opportunity to reflect upon one of the greatest honors of my Masonic journey—the privilege of serving as Worshipful Master of Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 A.F. & A.M.

A year ago, I stood before the Brethren with a simple theme: Building Value, Living the Light. Those words became more than a motto; they became a guide for every decision we made throughout the year. Our goal was

not merely to conduct meetings or complete a calendar of events, but to strengthen our Lodge in ways that would benefit both the present and the generations that follow.

Together, we welcomed new Brothers into our fraternity, strengthened our ritual work, expanded our educational programs, honored deserving students and educators, reached out to inactive members, supported our community, and continued building relationships throughout our Masonic District.

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We also laid important groundwork for the future through long-term planning, officer development, and the establishment of the Solidarity Heritage Library & Museum, an initiative dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of our Lodge while helping secure its future.

While these accomplishments are worth celebrating, I believe the true success of this year cannot be measured by programs or statistics alone. Rather, it is found in the friendships strengthened, the lessons shared, the laughter around the dinner table, the quiet conversations between Brothers, and the countless acts of kindness that often go unnoticed. These moments remind us that Freemasonry is, above all else, about people.

No Worshipful Master serves alone. I owe a debt of gratitude to our officers, committee chairmen, Past Masters, and every Brother who gave generously of his time, talents, and counsel throughout the year. Your willingness to serve made every accomplishment

possible.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to our families. Their patience, encouragement, and sacrifices often go unseen, yet they are indispensable to the success of every Mason who chooses to serve his Lodge.

As one administration concludes and another begins, I encourage every Brother to give our incoming officers the same support and encouragement that you so generously gave me. The strength of Solidarity Lodge has never rested upon one man, but upon the collective labor of Brothers united in a common purpose.

Serving as Worshipful Master of the first Filipino Masonic Lodge in Texas has been one of the greatest privileges of my life. I will forever be grateful for the confidence you placed in me and for the opportunity to labor beside each of you.

Though my year in the East has come to a close, my commitment to this Lodge has not. I look forward to continuing to serve wherever I may be called, remembering always that while officers may change, the work of Freemasonry never truly ends.

Thank you, my Brethren, for the honor of allowing me to serve.

Fraternally,

Stephen Aganan, PM
Worshipful Master

Elected and Appointed 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

Chaplain - Jerwin P. Garcia

Senior Deacon - Gerald V. Santerina

Junior Deacon - Marcial M. Rosal

Senior Steward - Mark L. Fajardo

Junior Steward - Ricaredo B.

Tuazon

Marshal - Alejandro N. Hagad, III

Master of Ceremonies - George C. Doclan, III

Musician - Roberto B. Narajos, Jr.

Tiler - Parish C. Saculles

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 17 - Installation Setup
- July 18 - Installation of Officers
- August - Stated Meeting

Notice of Stated Meeting

The next Stated Meeting will be on August 18th, dinner is at 6:30 pm and the meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.

Member Spotlight: Senior Warden & Worshipful Master-Elect

By: W.M.: Stephen Aganan, PM

This month's Member Spotlight recognizes our Senior Warden and Worshipful Master-Elect, Brother Johannes K. "John" Calayag, whose dedication, humility, and steady leadership have prepared him to lead Solidarity Lodge No. 1457 A.F. & A.M. into the coming Masonic year.

One of the unique aspects of our Masonic journeys is that Brother John and I began them at nearly the same time. We entered the Lodge as Entered Apprentices together, learned our lessons side by side, advanced through the degrees together, and have had the privilege of serving as officers alongside one another over the years. It has been especially meaningful to watch his growth as a Mason and a leader, and I have no doubt that the experiences we have shared have strengthened both our friendship and our commitment to the Craft.

Throughout his years in the Lodge, Brother John has earned the respect of the Brethren through his quiet professionalism, dependability, and willingness to serve wherever needed. Rather than seeking recognition, he has consistently focused on supporting the work of the Lodge and encouraging those around him. His thoughtful approach to leadership reflects the values that define Freemasonry—integrity, humility, and service to others.

As Senior Warden during the past year, Brother John played an integral role in many of our Lodge's accomplishments. He



Johannes K. "John" Calayag

worked closely with the officers in planning Lodge activities, mentoring newer officers, supporting degree work, and helping implement initiatives that will benefit the Lodge well into the future. His contributions have been instrumental in advancing our long-term strategic plan and our Vision 40 and Beyond leadership succession initiative.

With his election as Worshipful Master for the 2026–2027 Masonic year, Brother John now prepares to assume the Oriental Chair. Those who know him understand that he approaches this responsibility with sincerity, dedication, and a genuine desire to serve the Brethren of Solidarity Lodge.

Leadership in Freemasonry is not measured by titles or honors, but by one's willingness to serve faithfully and leave the Lodge stronger than it was found. Brother John has demonstrated those qualities throughout his Masonic journey, and I am confident he will continue to do so as Worshipful

Master.

Please join me in congratulating Brother Johannes K. Calayag and wishing him every success as he prepares to lead Solidarity Lodge during the coming Masonic year. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless his administration with wisdom, strength, and continued success.

Installation

The installation is scheduled for July 18, 2026 at Arabia Shriners.

Schedule of Events:

2:30 pm - Opening of the Lodge
(Master Masons Only)

3:30 pm - Program
Reception to follow

Installing Team:

Installing Officer: Alejandro V. Lim, Jr., PM

Installing Marshal: William M. Villa-Real, PM

Installing Chaplain: Juanito F. Del Rosario, PM

Installing Master of Ceremonies: Melvyn S. Jurisprudencia, PM

Attire:

Officers: Barong Tagalog

Members: Barong Tagalog or Suit,

Past Masters: PM Jacket

Guests: Formal