



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge  
of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines

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**EDICT NO. 347**

**CONDUCT OF ANCOM 2023  
IN METRO DUMAGUETE**

**WHEREAS**, under Section 1, Article IV, Part I of the Masonic Law Book, *“(t)he Grand Lodge shall hold its Annual Communication for the transaction of business in the City of Manila or in any other place as may be authorized by law x x x”*;

**WHEREAS**, Edict 168-Choa prescribes the rules and regulations on solicitation from and submission of proposals by subordinate lodges to host ANCOM outside of Metro Manila, among others;

**WHEREAS**, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Edicts 340-MW Suan and 344-MW Paulino were issued modifying the procedures for ANCOM 2021 and ANCOM 2022 but no specific procedures have been put in place yet for the hosting of the next ANCOM;

**WHEREAS**, during ANCOM 2022, it was proposed and accepted that the venue of the ANCOM 2023 will be held in Metro Dumaguete to be hosted by Masonic District R-XVIII (Negros Island Region);

**WHEREAS**, in holding the ANCOM, strict observance of health protocols to ensure safety of all ANCOM delegates, shall continue be adopted, hence the need for a specific guideline to govern the conduct of ANCOM 2023.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, **JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**, Grand Master of Masons in the Philippines, and by virtue of the authority and power in me vested by the Constitution of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Philippines, hereby promulgate and decree, as follows:

*Harmony for One and All: The Foundation of Genuine Masonic Fraternity.*

**Section 1. Venue and Host of the 2023 Annual Communication.**

- The Grand Lodge shall hold its ANCOM 2023 and conduct a physical format for the transaction of business in Metro Dumaguete to be hosted by Masonic District R-XVIII (Negros Island Region). Pending the issuance of a Circular to this effect, all delegates are encouraged to coordinate this early with the ANCOM Host for booking purposes.

**Section 2. Registration Fee.** - The registration fee shall be **Pesos: Three Thousand Five Hundred (P3,500.00)**, inclusive of ANCOM kits and food accommodation during the plenary sessions, to be collected from the following delegates:

- a. **Electing Delegates** – those who are the only eligible voters for all elective offices of the Grand Lodge and can vote on issues to be decided in the ANCOM. They comprise of the voting representatives of accredited Subordinate Lodges (*incumbent Worshipful Master, Wardens and the Immediate Past Master*); the Past Grand Masters (PGMs); incumbent elective and appointive Grand Lodge Officers (GLOs) except Grand Lodge Inspectors; and the Immediate Past Masters in representation of all Past Masters of lodges.
- b. **Registered Delegates** - shall refer to all attending and duly accredited Past Masters of subordinate lodges. Together with the Electing Delegates, they are eligible to vote on issues to be resolved by the ANCOM.
- c. **Non-Voting Delegates** - those not included in the above definition but who opt to register and attend the ANCOM as observers with designated seats.

**Section 3. - Two-Day Plenary Session.** - The ANCOM 2023 shall be a two-day plenary session to be held on April 27-28 (Thursday and Friday), 2023, including the election of officers and installation of elected and appointed officers, following the Order of Business which is hereto attached and marked as Annex “A”.

**Section 4. Procedure on Reports.** - The following procedures on Grand Lodge Reports and other Committee Reports requiring action during the plenary session of ANCOM 2023 shall be observed:

- a. All Reports of the Grand Lodge Officers, including GL Annual Budget or Appropriations, Standing and Special Committees, attached Organizations and such other papers and documents in

digitized format requiring deliberation, appropriate action, approval or ratification during the ANCOM shall be made available for downloading from the GLP Official Website thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled ANCOM;

- b. With proof of registration, ANCOM delegates defined in Section 2 (a) and (b) of this Edict, may submit their written comment or objection to any matter requiring action or approval during the ANCOM at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled ANCOM by letter or e-mail addressed to the GM at [ogm@grandlodge.ph](mailto:ogm@grandlodge.ph) or [glp\\_ogm@yahoo.com](mailto:glp_ogm@yahoo.com). The GM may reply to the same within five (5) days from receipt, and such comment or objection in brief shall be reported to the ANCOM for action or voting without further debate. No comment, objection or debate on other issues shall be entertained on the floor.

**Section 5. Composition of the ELECOM.** - The Election Committee shall take full control and charge of election proceedings for ANCOM 2023 and shall be composed of the following:

MW Pacifico B. Aniang, PGM	-	Chairman
VW Dennis L. Cunanan	-	Member
VW Rogelio D. Gevero, Jr.	-	Member
VW Raymond Joseph Ian O. Mendoza	-	Member
VW Kenneth B. Yambao	-	Member

**Technical Working Group**

VW Joey Y. Pangilinan  
Bro. Jonathan A. Paulo  
Bro. Glenn Anthony A. Losentes  
Bro. Ryan A. Escarez  
Bro. Angelo O. Castro, II  
Ms. Lara C. Medalla - Technical Support

**Section 6. Provision for Hybrid Set-up.** - The Grand Lodge reserves the option to call for a hybrid program for ANCOM 2023, that is, part physical and part online, as the situation may warrant such as declaration of stricter COVID-19 health protocols restricting mass gatherings; change of alert level status limiting or prohibiting 100% venue capacity; occurrence of natural calamities impacting land, sea or air transportation and other compelling reasons affecting physical attendance or travel within and without the ANCOM venue. In such event, the modification shall be announced through a Circular to be issued by the

Grand Master. The ANCOM host shall prepare for such eventuality by ensuring availability of online facilities at the ANCOM site.

**Section 7. Applicability Clause.** - Except as otherwise provided for under this Edict, all applicable and/or relevant Grand Lodge edicts and regulations in the conduct of ANCOM shall remain applicable.

This Edict shall take effect immediately upon posting in the official Grand Lodge Website or by official e-mail transmission to lodges and shall be read in open lodge at the stated meeting next following its receipt and that action thereon recorded in the Minutes of the meeting of the Lodge.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines in the City of Manila, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

  
**JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**  
Grand Master

Attest:

  
**DANILO D. ANGELES, PGM**  
Grand Secretary

JTP/DDA/DLC/vangie

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**106<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNICATION  
APRIL 27-28, 2022  
METRO DUMAGUETE**

**ANCOM PROGRAM AND  
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**APRIL 26, 2022. WEDNESDAY**

9:00 AM - Courtesy call on the Provincial Governor/Vice-Governor,  
Mayor of Dumaguete City and other local officials by the  
Grand Master and Grand Lodge/ District Officials

**APRIL 27, 2022, THURSDAY**

**MORNING SESSION (8:00 AM)**

1. Opening of the Grand Lodge by the Deputy Grand Master
2. Reception of the Grand Master (GM) and Turn-Over of the Gavel to the GM
3. Reception of Dignitaries and PGMs
4. Reception of the Philippine Flag  
Singing of the Lupang Hinirang  
Panunumpa at Pagpupugay sa Watawat  
Singing of the GL Hymn
5. Opening Prayer by the Grand Chaplain
6. Welcome Remarks by the Host District
7. Reception and Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker;
8. Address of the Guest Speaker
9. Grand Oration

**RECESS (Lunch Break 12:00 PM)**

**AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 PM)**

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
2. Approval of Resolution that the current proceedings be adopted by the GLP as minutes of the Grand Lodge as a corporate body
3. Approval of Edict No. 347 Re Conduct of the ANCOM 2023 in Metro Dumaguete
4. Approval of the 105<sup>th</sup> ANCOM Proceedings held on April 28, 2022 in Manila
5. Acknowledgement of Grand Representatives present
6. Approval/Disapproval/Notation of various Reports of GLP officers, attached Organizations, Standing and Special Committees for MY 2022-2023

RECESS

EVENING – GRAND MASTER’S NIGHT

**APRIL 28, 2023, FRIDAY**

MORNING SESSION (8:00 AM)

1. Turn-Over of Gavel to the Chairman of the ELECOM
2. Casting of Votes for the Position of GM, DGM, SGW, GTr and GSec
3. Announcement of Qualified Candidates for the position of JGW as trimmed down by the PGMs from 12 to 7
4. Selection of five (5) final candidates drawn by the PGMs’ representative
5. Speech of the Candidates (five [5] minutes each)
6. Voting
7. Canvassing of Votes and Proclamation of Winners

RECESS (Lunch Break 12:00 PM)

AFTERNOON SESSION (1:00 PM)

1. Installation of Elected and Appointed Officers
2. Closing of the Grand Lodge

**Separate Activity**

Conferral of Past Master’s Degree (Venue to be announced)