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Induction of APOGLA Executive Officers and Board of Directors FY 2026 on the occasion of the organizations 45th Anniversary and APO Centennial Celebration held at Courtyard by Marriott-Baldwin Park last December 13, 2025. Inducting Officer is Sis. Betta David, past president 2017.

APOGLA at 45: Celebrating Legacy and Leadership

By Bro. Dony Rondilla

Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles (APOGLA) proudly celebrated its 45th Anniversary and Induction of Officers on December 13, 2025, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Baldwin Park. The event carried added significance as it coincided with the Centennial Anniversary of Alpha Phi Omega, founded in 1925—marking a century of leadership, friendship, and service.

The evening highlighted a meaningful transition of leadership, honoring outgoing President Sis Jen Evangelista for her dedicated service and welcoming incoming President Brod Jobee Jovellanos as he assumes the presidency. The program, chaired by Sis Hazel Hermoso, was both elegant and engaging. Sis Betta David formally inducted the Executive Officers and newly elected Board of Directors, reinforcing the fraternity’s enduring commitment to service and excellence.

Entertainment added warmth and energy to the celebration. Brod Herome Bolisay serenaded the crowd with song, while DJ Luigi kept the dance floor alive with music that inspired non-stop line dancing and joyful fellowship among new and longtime members alike.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Dr. Librado Ureta Award for 2025 to Brod Roehl Reyes, recognizing his outstanding service and dedication to APOGLA. The program flowed smoothly Brod Rennel Atienza and Sis Daemma Mendez serving as emcees. Capturing every memorable moment was Brod Bernard Gopez, whose candid and posed photographs documented everything from elegant portraits to couples dancing the night away.

Raffle prizes added excitement, camaraderie flowed freely, and the celebration carried on with usual sharing of APO drinks under the table until the hotel staff caught on and eventually confiscated the drinks and directed us to the bar. The fellowship

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Brothers, friends, and future family,

It's an honor to serve as your new president. This Alumni fraternity Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles is more than letters on a shirt — it's a bond built on Leadership, Friendship, and Service. Together, we've celebrated achievements, learned from challenges, and grown as individuals.

As we begin this new chapter together, my vision is simple but powerful: to strengthen the bonds that unite us, to uphold the traditions that define us, and to embrace the opportunities that will help us grow. I promise to lead with integrity, to listen with empathy, and to ensure that every voice in this brotherhood is heard and valued.

This year, let us commit ourselves to service — to our community, to each other, and to the ideals we stand for. Let us create memories that will be told for years to come, and let us leave a legacy that future brothers will be proud to inherit.

Together, we can make this a year of unity, purpose, and unforgettable moments. I am honored to walk this path with you, and I look forward to everything we will accomplish side by side.

Here's to our brotherhood, our journey, and the incredible year ahead."

Yours in Service,

Bro Joseph "Jobee" Jovellanos

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Greetings of peace my beloved brothers and sisters in Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles. As we welcome 2026 - the Year of the Horse as it is known, the horse can be untrained, wild, and stubborn in the beginning but can also be willing to help others in need, empathetic & compassionate.



That is what my intentions are for this Executive Officers and the Board of Directors this year. To move in a direction where the past is our foundation and the future is for the betterment. Being on the Board back in 2000, under the administration of past president Jun Linsangan and COB Herman Somera has brought great memories of leadership, friendship, and service.

And thus we are off to a great start with positive vibes and a team moving on and willing to leave behind any hindrances to our advancement.

We'll see you in the General Membership Meetings.

May We Always Be,
Bro. Rene Yenke, Alpha Theta '76



ACNA & APO Centennial Updates

By Dony Rondilla



The **Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Council of North America (ACNA)** currently unites 36 alumni associations across the U.S. and Canada, including APOGLA where our very own, Brod Art Rivera was elected to lead ACNA for the 2026–2027 term. Under his leadership, ACNA plans several key initiatives for 2026, including the IHMDO project in Boracay in coordination with APO Philippines Chair Dr. Edna Corpuz-Navallo, a “Back to School” Outreach in Baguio City. ACNA will also convene the TOPS (The Organizers and Presidents) Summit during the ACNA Fall Meeting, hosted by APO CVC Alumni Association.

The global APO community recently celebrated its 100th Anniversary. ACNA hosted a centennial celebration in San Diego hosted by APO–San Diego Alumni Association, while the largest regional event was hosted by APO Greater New York, featuring visits to Lafayette College and the resting place of founder Frank Reed Horton.

Following the New York celebration, issues emerged regarding clarity in organizational identity between Alpha Phi Omega USA and Alpha Phi Omega Philippines. APOUSA leadership mandated the need for alumni organizations using the APO name to clearly identify “USA” or “Philippines” in their official titles across platforms to avoid confusion. Many APO Philippines alumni associations have expressed concerns, noting existing state and federal registrations. This matter will be discussed at the ACNA Spring Meeting, scheduled for March 27–29, 2026, in Las Vegas, featuring a Fremont Street Experience with a fun 1970s theme.

At the international level, the International Council of Alpha Phi Omega (ICAPO), with their full members APOUSA and APO Philippines together with their associate members, APO–Canada and APO–Australia, continues its collaborative effort to advance the principles of Alpha Phi Omega worldwide.

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continued the following morning with a relaxed brunch hosted by Brods Jobee Jovellanos and Brod Bodjie Gapido.

As APOGLA celebrates 45 years within Alpha Phi Omega's 100-year legacy, the anniversary served as a powerful reminder of the bonds forged, the service rendered, and a future filled with promise.



Pictures APOGLA 45th & APO Centennial Celebrations



APOGLA Supports APO San Pablo City AA Gift Giving Project

APOGLA supports APO San Pablo City Alumni Association (SPCAA) gift giving project to deserving recipients of the city. The project was implemented last December 16 last year in observance of APO’s 100th year anniversary.

Beneficiaries of the gift giving consisted of 500 heads of families. Each was given a food pack of five kilos of rice and canned goods.

True to the principles of leadership, friendship and service, APOGLA has been supporting APO SPCAA for this Christmas gift giving to deserving families the past three years.

Reported by **Bro. Bernardo Gopez Jr.**
Alpha Sigma Chapter
Director - APOGLA, Member - APO SPCAA



The State of APOGLA: Reflection and Renewal

By Dony Rondilla

More than four decades ago, in 1980, a group of young men—new to life in a foreign land but bound by a shared creed—formed Alpha Phi Omega Greater Los Angeles (APOGLA). We arrived in the U.S. young, ambitious, and still carrying the energy of our college years. While building new lives, we also longed for connection—for the brotherhood that had shaped us. APOGLA became that home.



In the early years, everyone wanted to contribute, lead, and serve. Brotherhood naturally expanded to include our families. Our spouses and children were part of everything—meetings, picnics, Christmas parties, and service projects. Those were APOGLA's golden years, when brotherhood, family, and service were perfectly intertwined.

As time passed, our children grew up and moved on, and with their absence, some of the vitality of our gatherings faded. Then came deeper losses.

We lost Brother Toti Ayo, the embodiment of leadership—our moral compass who guided without dictating and kept us true to our ideals. We lost Brother Bonjie Ingco, the heart of friendship, whose warmth and humor bound us together. And we lost Brother Geoffrey Arroyo, the quiet model of service, who simply showed up and did what needed to be done without seeking recognition.

With the loss of these three brothers, it felt as though APOGLA lost its pillars. Gradually, we began to drift—not by intention, but through the quiet erosion that follows the loss of those steady constants.

Today, we find ourselves at a difficult juncture. As we grow older, tolerance sometimes wanes. Small misunderstandings that once dissolved easily can now lead to distance or division. Some members have formed smaller groups that provide belonging, but collectively these have scattered our focus and diluted our shared identity.

There have been sincere efforts to bring in new members and encourage leadership, yet experience and commitment are not easily transferred. Leadership is not about titles—it is about heart, history, and shared responsibility.

It would be easy to say APOGLA is in decline, but perhaps that is too simple. Like people, organizations have seasons. We were born of youthful energy, matured through family and friendship, and are now in a season of reflection. This need not be decay—it can be renewal, if we choose it.

The question before us is simple but profound: what does APOGLA mean to us now? What do Leadership, Friendship, and Service look like in our later years?

Our legacy is real—the friendships forged, the service rendered, the families brought together. But legacy is not only what we did; it is what we choose to keep alive. Perhaps our task is not to recreate the APOGLA of our youth, but to reimagine it for our time.

We may be older, but our mission remains timeless: to be leaders in our community, friends to one another, and servants to humanity. If we hold fast to that, the light of APOGLA will not fade—it will simply shine differently, shaped by experience, wisdom, and enduring brotherhood.

Bro. Roehl Reyes is Dr. Librado I. Ureta Awardee of 2025

APOGLA's past president Bro. Roehl Reyes is the 2025 Dr. Librado I. Ureta awardee for his exemplary display of leadership, friendship and service. Bro. Roehl is from Chi Chapter Batch '79 (Manuel S. Enverga University Foundation - Lucena, Quezon).

Brod Roehl Reyes was APOGLA's president in 2022. In 2016, he spearheaded the amendment of the APOGLA CBL and successfully split the 501c3 and 501c7 organizations. During his term he was also responsible for the re-creation of the website apogla.org.

The Librado Ureta awardee joined APOGLA in 1984 and from that time on, had held various positions aside from being President, like secretary, and Chairmanship of several service projects. He also served in the Board of Directors several times, and was Chairman of the Board in 2002, 2015, and 2016.

Bro. Roehl represented the organization as delegate to the Philippine Biennial Conventions and ACNA conventions several times offering full and active support to all the candidates sent by our organization. Outside of APOGLA, the awardee served as 2012 ACNA VP and led in many of GLA's "PAKAIN" service projects during APO Philippines Conventions feeding convention volunteers.

Bro. Roehl Reyes has two daughters who are successful in their own fields and also a grandpa to three going on four early this year.



APOGLA APOkid Scholarship Award 2025

by Sis. Cory Alcantara



Matthew Jacob Madrigal is the recipient of the **APOKIDS Scholarship Award for 2025**. Matthew and his parents were not in attendance during the awarding during APOGLA's Christmas Party held at the Marriott Hotel in Baldwin Park last December 13. Bro. Rene Yenke accepted the award on his behalf being a co-worker of his father Jun Madrigal at USPS.

Matthew Madrigal is the son of Brod Jun and Sis Tess Madrigal and is currently in the 12th grade, having 10 honors in Advance Placement classes, including Chemistry, Differential and Integral Calculus, Macroeconomics, English and World History. He also received 10 honors in these classes categorized as high level Math and Sciences.

A 4.0 GPA is an excellent achievement for a high school graduating student. Matthew scored 4.65 which surpasses the goal of excellence. Matthew received one thousand dollars (\$1,000.) scholarship grant from APOGLA. Congratulations Matthew!

Do What I Say, Nil What I Do.

By Bro. Ferdie Yambot



Have you ever wondered if there are easy and practical ways anyone can set for oneself to become a better person socially, emotionally and even healthily for brighter days ahead? From the desk of the Village Shrink, here comes some quick pointers that are not so hard to achieve.

1. An act of kindness however simple it can make your day! Things like holding a door for someone, offering help, or paying a loved one for a sincere compliment can show your compassion and amiableness. What goes around comes around so many will like and emulate what they see/feel to make this world more livable. Do it by for a habit to witness how delightful and convenient they become!
2. Meaningful Compliment – Instead of casual passing remarks, take a serious moment to notice something genuine, i.e. someone’s hard work, creativity, kindness, sense of humor, and tell them warmly and politely. Meaningful and thoughtful compliments help strengthen relationships, spread positivity, and create deeper connections. It strongly brightens not just his/her day, but yours too.
3. Health Mindfulness – To maintain a healthy weight, most people resort to dieting; not only imposing but in fact, restricting, therefore hard to sustain. Instead, try to think about what you consume more so as a “way of life” than as a restrictive regimen resulting in healthier habits.
4. The old-fashioned tradition of personalized note writing – A handwritten note, a short letter, or even a simple postcard can bring happiness in a way a text/msg never can. It is a genuine expression of gratitude that offers encouragement. Whenever inspiration strikes, this small gesture helps nurture relationships and keeps you close to the people who matter most!
5. Start a Gratitude Journal. Reflecting on things you are grateful for can improve both mental and physical health; you’ll be amazed how it can transform your mindset. I will inspire you to stick to pleasant tasks and habits even more. and of course, praise the good Lord for ALL of it!
6. Never Stop Learning. Push yourself out of your comfort zone by trying totally new experiences/ activities. You’ll never know what might become your new favorite thing! Keep exploring so the brain always gets refreshed.

In summary, I am restating my title “Do what I Say, Nil what I do” then in fairness, am daring to grade myself on each pointer. (I challenge myself and encourage you to do the same.)

On #1 (Random Kindness), I am good at 80% on most chances I got. I blame in-attentiveness for the shortcomings. Improvement can come easily.

On #2 (Showering Compliments) I fell to 50% with laziness as my excuse. It’s easy to get better.

On #3 (Health), I rise to 90% as dictated by my senior age (past BINGO ha ha ha). I can’t afford laxity and carelessness anymore, else!

On #4 (Personal Note), a failing grade of 60% because of technology convenience along with insufficiency of tools and materials at time of need. (My darling needs to hide my cell phone and give me a pen and note pad. ha ha ha)

On #5 (Gratitude Journal), right now, I’m on an awful 50% as I plain rely on my already feeble mind to log my gratefulness. It’s now given that my brain cells are not as organized as they used to be (though they tend to get sharper with concentration) HAIST. I have challenged myself to at least, a passing grade as it might inspire me to become spiritually and intellectually better; I’ll get me a diary with a tied pen to make it happen.

On #6 (Trying totally new things), I bounce back to a tolerable 70% (pasang AWA ha ha ha) due mainly to my inquisitiveness. Lately, I’m into house construction planning/drawing on a ranch/farm setting. Scouting for in-expensive ranches in the San Diego county rural areas is quite fun and entertaining. Who knows.... I might be able to build a “Fernando’s Hide Away... OLE”.

As you Folks can tell, the village Shrink is in business AGAIN!



GOINGS ON by Sis. Fely Logarta-Montecillo

HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all! Here's hoping 2026 will be a better one than the previous years. May the Lord give us a year full of love, laughter and more blessings!

The year 2026 sources say, is special for certain anniversaries particularly the 250th birthday of the United States (America 250) alongside major sports events like the FIFA, World Cup, and Winter Olympics.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all celebrants this month! To all born under the zodiac sign of Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) and Aquarius (January 20 to February 18), here's wishing you the best on your natal day and everything good in the year ahead.

Congratulations to the newly-inducted officers for the year 2026! We know there's a lot of work and challenges ahead but we feel secure that you are up to meeting them all and that you are all capable of doing what is expected of you. Good luck!

The recent events in APOGLA both happy and sad proved our unified action towards whatever event takes place. We were all together as we said good bye to our beloved late Brod Tony Amon and we were also together as we welcomed the New Year, sharing the joy of the birth of an APOkid or grandkid, celebrating graduations and other special occasions.

We all share in both sad and happy events. The important word there is SHARE. How happy and proud I am to be a part of this the APOGLA!

The Alpha Chapter is happy to know that Brod Nanding Lim , Batch '57, is in town and so will Sis Yoyie Guansing Hijada, Batch '65. A mini reunion is in the offing specially with the coming in of Brod Jham Jamero. That surely would be a blast!

TREASURER'S REPORT *By Sis. Cory Alcantara*

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| 2. Almazan, Alex*** | 31. Junio, Virgil |
| 3. Almazan, Irma*** | 32. Languisan, Paul |
| 4. Amon, Ophel | 33. Linsangan, Jun |
| 5. Angeles, Oscar | 34. Mansilla, Beeboy |
| 6. Ang-Gayon, Melody | 35. Medina, Mishael |
| 7. Ansula, Bong | 36. Mendez, Daemma*** |
| 8. Aralar, Rhoderic | 37. Mendoza, Armando |
| 9. Argonza, Arvin | 38. Ninofranco, Edgar |
| 10. Atienza, Rennel*** | 39. Paggao, Jerome |
| 11. Cabarles, Boyet | 40. Picazo, Cesar |
| 12. Cajucom, Wilfredo | 41. Reyes, Roehl |
| 13. Castillo, Leonardo | 42. Rondilla, Dony |
| 14. Cervania, Apolinario | 43. Sy, Sancho |
| 15. Chin, Jhun | 44. Tecson, Edgardo |
| 16. Conferido, Reuben | 45. Trinidad, Luis 'Pip' |
| 17. David, Betta*** | 46. Valera, Liza |
| 18. David, Chris*** | 47. Ventura Beatriz |
| 19. De Vera, Armin | 48. Yambot, Ferdie |
| 20. Duldulao, Geildy | 49. Yenko, Rene |
| 21. Emperado, Rudy | |
| 22. Fajardo, Malou | |
| 23. Galang, Emma | |
| 24. Gopez, Bernard | |
| 25. Guerrero, Mark | |
| 26. Hermoso, Hazel*** | |
| 27. Javierto, Mandy | |
| 28. Jove, Nestor*** | |
| 29. Jove, Shirley*** | |

As of January 17, 2026

** New members*

*** Paid extra year*

****Paid as couple*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY CELEBRANTS



MEMBER:

- 02 - Domel Evangelista
- 07 - Mike Chua
- 08 - Jun Madrigal
- 10 - Genevieve Evangelista
- 13 - Oscar Angeles,
- 14 - Wilson Lautchang
- Ernesto Retotaur
- 20 - Bobet Lara
- 24 - Gil Magno
- 25 - Lino Chatto,
- Albert Peralta,
- Sammy Clarete
- 28 - Vinz Argonza
- 30 - Jeff Guevarra

SPOUSE:

- 13 - Ella Gomez
- 20 - Minda Chin
- 24 - Myrna Nino
- 26 - May Sy,
- Alma Delmolin

APO KIDS:

- 01 - Michael Arevalo
- Matt Emperado
- 04 - Celeste Medina
- 07 - Lindsey Mejia
- 09 - Alexa Reyes
- Aileen Talabis
- 10 - Andrew Evangelista
- 12 - Grant Gomez
- 22 - Chinggoy Serrano
- 24 - Clarissa Tecson
- 27 - Paulo Carbon, Alpha Kappa '23 (USC)
- Maria Rica Serrano
- 31 - Gavin Trinidad

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JANUARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join us on our 1st GMM of the year!
January 17, 2026
4PM - Midnight
at the Rosemead Masonic Temple
8637 Valley Blvd., Rosemead CA 91770
GMM @ 6PM



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