



Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization (KFCO)

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AGM Chairman's Report

**Good afternoon, friends, Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Welcome and thank you for coming out today and joining us in our KFCO AGM and Election.**

Before I begin let me introduce to you the current Executive Council: Maria Salac – Vice Chair, Fe Tabago – Treasurer, Jean Dacanay – Secretary, Josie Salac – Auditor, Rene Sevilla – PRO, Lourdes Lachica – Business Manager, Directors: Rodel Meier and Eula Rulloda. Lydia Bernardino was appointed as treasurer in September of 2025. These Executive Council has been together before and after the pandemic. We hold our meetings every second Monday of the month or as needed.

I see lots of new and familiar faces today. KFCO does not charge any membership and based on the CBL page 5, Article IV, Section 1- Eligibility. (Read the article). All we are asking is to fill up an application form so you will be included in the Membership master list.

Going to the KFCO events report, the main mandate of KFCO is to commemorate the declaration of the Philippine Independence in 1898. And KFCO celebrates it yearly on, before or after that date. KFCO named it as INDEPENDENCE DAY GALA. Last year it was celebrated on June 7, 2024 @ Mississauga Grand Banquet and event Centre which was attended by 210 guests from all over metro Toronto/Mississauga. And we had 34 Advertisers in our Souvenir Program who had supported us in this event.

The 2nd big event was chaired by Lourdes Lachica, our Business Manager. It was attended by different groups, organizations and individuals and to name a few: the programs of KCCC: Line Dancing , led by Gerry and Merilyn Macasero, Hula Fanatics, led by Mea , FSM, Silayan, Siony's Dance Troupe, JDL, Musika, Church group, and Individual guest, like Clem Cabillan and others. There were at least 300 to 400 participants in that event.

Last but not least that KFCO celebrates is the Philippine Festival of Mississauga (PFM) led by Linda Carin and Committee and partners and our hired Consultant, Rosary and Kim Escano. . According to the City We are in the top 10 in the Festival Category Celebrations this year. As per gauge by the city we had at least 50K spectators last year.

With regards to our merging with KCCC, it is still on-going. The two parties had accepted and approved the merging. The delay will be our Grant application to GROW GRANT by TRILLIUM. If approved, it will be a 3-year contract and we can't do the transition because the application is under the banner of KFCO.

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I think I covered our 3 accomplishments for the year.

Thank you!