



EIGHTH DELEGATES FROM ARIZONA WESTERN USA RECEIVE AWARDS AND HONORS OF DISTINCTION

When 16 delegates from the Arizona Knights of Rizal (AZKOR) and KOREV (Knights of Rizal East Valley Chapter) and their respective Auxiliary Ladies for Rizal attended the recently concluded 6th USA Regional Assembly held on Sept. 3-5, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel in Elizabeth, New Jersey they expected to receive something to remember by. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Rizal, headed by the Supreme Commander, Sir Reynato S. Puno, KGCR, and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, had approved the awarding of the Distinguished Service Medal (DSM) to the following: Sir Ruben Reventar, KCR, Area Commander for Arizona - Western USA; Sir Frandioben "Jun" Saez, Chapter Commander of AZKOR; Sir James Campbell, KOR Deputy Chapter Commander of AZKOR; Lady Fe Rodriguez, Auxiliary Ladies for Rizal of AZKOR; and Sir Mario Binarao, KCR Chapter Commander of KOREV.

Sir Manny Torres, Deputy Area Commander for Arizona Western USA, also a delegate to the 6th USA Regional Assembly received his Distinguished Service Medal ahead of the above-mentioned Knights of Rizal at the 5th USA Regional Assembly held in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 5, 2014.

Sir Romeo "Joey" Balasta, former Deputy Commander of AZKOR and now the Archivist and Sir Ernesto "Boots" Echiverri, former Deputy Chapter Commander of KOREV and now the Exchequer - were both exalted to the third degree with the rank of Knight Commander of Rizal (KCR) by Sir Jeremias "Jerry" Singson, KGCR, former Supreme Commander 2014-2016 and Sir Reghis Romero II, KGCR, former Supreme Commander 2012-2014. Sir Boots Echiverri also became a lifetime member of the Order.

The Ladies for Rizal who accompanied their respective husbands were Lady Florita Campbell, Lady Fe M. Rodriguez, Lady Anjela Saez, Lady Carol Torres, Lady Matic Balasta, Lady Chato Echiverri, Lady Tess Binarao and Lady Marlene Reventar.

There were about 325 delegates that came from all over the United States and Canada, headed by Sir Judge Victor Sison, KGOR Chapter Commander of New Jersey and Sir Michael Dadap, KCR, New York Chapter Commander. The Overall Chairman of the 6th USA Regional Assembly was the USA Regional Commander Sir Francis D. Sison, KGOR, who was re-appointed by the Supreme Council for another two-year term 2016-2018.

It is the pride of the Knights of Rizal of Arizona consisting of three chapters, AZKOR (Arizona Knights of Rizal), KOREV (Knights of Rizal of East Valley) and GKOR (Goodyear Knights of Rizal) that one of their leaders, Sir Judge Tom D. Rodriguez, KGOR has been conferred with the highest degree with the rank of Knight Grand Cross of Rizal (KGCR). A KGCR is one who had been conferred the highest degree of the Order. Any Knight of Rizal or any person who has performed an outstanding achievement for the Philippines or for the Order, may be conferred the degree of KGCR by the Supreme Council at a Regular or Special General Assembly called for the purpose.