

Order of the Knights of Rizal

MANUAL

*"A life which is not consecrated to a great ideal is like a stone
wasted in the fields never to become a part of an edifice" - Rizal*

CODE OF ETHICS OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

A Rizalist –

**Loves his country and people;
Promotes international understanding among peoples and nations;
Venerates the memory of the nation's heroes by making their ideals his own;
Values honor as he values his life;
Strives to do justice to all his fellowmen;
Finds meaning and purpose in life;
Upholds freedom at all costs;
Maintains a tolerant and understanding attitude towards his fellowmen;
Believes in the value of education essential to the formation of the character of man;
Promotes social justice and general welfare;
Is industrious, self-reliant, persevering and conscious of the plight of the less fortunate;
Is truthful and honest in thoughts, words and deeds.**

PREFACE

"Order" it has been said is "heaven's first law." The Order of the Knights of Rizal as a civic and patriotic organization has demonstrated a phenomenal growth not only in membership but also in activities since it was incorporated as a private non stock corporation on November 16, 1916 and was known then as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal." The passage of Republic Act 646 converting the Orden de Caballeros de Rizal into a public corporation to be known in English as "Knights of Rizal" infused genuine interest in and recognition to its objectives as a legal entity charged with the propagation of Rizal's teachings and examples.

The Order has expanded considerably since the early 50's when there was only the Manila Council. Since then, chapters had been organized not only all over the Philippines but also in foreign countries having as members foreign nationals who are ardent admirers of our national hero.

The growth of the Order brought with it a myriad of problems concerning the implementation of its objectives; admission of members; administration of chapters; programs and procedures to be pursued; adoption of policies and answers to otherwise unexpected change of circumstances.

The Knight of Rizal Manual is an answer to the felt need to systematize and rationalize the rules and policies of the organization to put "order" so to speak in its objectives and operations.

We have thus put together in this manual a brief history of the Knights of Rizal, the governing charter of the Order, its Code of by-laws, rules, policies, directives and accepted practices including forms and rituals observed in Knighthood Ceremonies in the hope that this Manual will provide direction and serve the needs of the members of the Order for a meaningful service to our country and fellowmen in the Rizalian way.

This Manual would not have been made possible without the active support and cooperation of the members of the Supreme Council and the clerical Staff of the Order. We are aware that a Manual such as this cannot be inflexible and may need updating at some future time but we are happy in the thought that after 76 years of existence of the Order we have made a beginning and added a 46 stone" to the Rizalian edifice as our humble contribution to all those who believe in the ideas and ideals of Rizal.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

The Knights of Rizal Manual was published on December 30, 1985 during the incumbency of Sir Justo P. Torres, Jr., KGCR, as Supreme Commander. The manual was an answer to the felt need to systematize and rationalize the rules and policies of the organization to put order in its objectives and operations.

Since then, the Order of the Knights of Rizal has achieved unprecedented organizational growth and expansion, particularly at the start of the 90's. To date, it has 180 chapters throughout the Philippines and 48 chapters in foreign countries, with more chapters in the process of organization.

This growth and expansion, with the resultant increase in the Order's activities and projects, necessitated the updating of the manual. It reflects new policies, rules and regulations adopted by the Supreme Council concerning the administration of areas and chapters, programs and procedures to be pursued, as well as directions and guidelines.

It is hoped that the updated manual will provide added impetus to our collective efforts to further the growth of the Order and to propagate the teachings and ideals of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal.

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SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
DSS	Distinguished Service Star
ER	Esquire of Rizal
KM	Kabataang Maka Rizal
KR	Knight of Rizal
KOR	Knight Officer of Rizal
KCR	Knight Commander of Rizal
KGOR	Knight Grand Officer of Rizal
KGCR	Knight Grand Cross of Rizal
NOM	Non Omnis Moriar (Not everything in me will die)
ORDER	Order of the Knights of Rizal
OCR	Orden de Caballeros de Rizal
SC	Supreme Commander
DSC	Deputy Supreme Commander
SCh .	Supreme Chancellor
SP	Supreme Pursuivant
SE	Supreme Exchequer
SA	Supreme Archivist
ST	Supreme Trustees

GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY OF THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

The history of the Order of the Knights of Rizal go back to December 30, 1911 when Colonel Antonio C. Torres organized a group of 9 men from different walks of life for the purpose of commemorating in a fitting manner the execution and martyrdom of our foremost national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal. Thereafter, year after year, the same group would gather to celebrate the birth and commemorate the death of Dr. Jose Rizal. During Rizal Day celebrations, this group would be seen conspicuously on horseback reminiscent of the knights of old known for their chivalry and exemplary life.

To provide a continuing entity and to encourage others to join them, these admirers of Dr. Rizal on November 16, 1916, organized a private non stock corporation and named it the "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal." The incorporators of the corporation were: Antonio C. Torres, Juan Flameño, Martin P. de Veyra, Jose A. del Barrio and Jose S. Galvez.

Colonel Antonio C. Torres, who before the last war was Chief of Police of Manila, was the first Supreme Commander. The following have since then been Supreme Commanders of the Order: Martin P. de Veyra, Manuel Lim, Juan F. Nakpil, Herminio Velarde, Teodoro Evangelista, Hermenegildo B. Reyes, Santiago F. de la Cruz, Jesus E. Perpiñan, Vitaliano Bernardino, Jose Ma. Paredes, Claudio Teehankee, Jose S. Laurel III and the incumbent, Justo P. Torres, Jr.

In 1951 the Supreme Council of the Order created a Committee on Legislation for the purpose of studying the feasibility of filing a bill in the Congress of the Philippines to be enacted into law to enable the Order to secure a legislative charter. Justice Roman Ozaeta was the Chairman of the Committee with Sirs Carlos Hilado and Pedro Sabido as members.

The bill seeking to give the Order of the Knights of Rizal a legislative charter was docketed as Senate Bill No. 251, with then Senators Enrique Magalona, Lorenzo Sumulong, Esteban Abada, Emiliano Tria Tirona, Camilo Osias, Geronima Pecson, Jose Avelino and Ramon Torres as sponsors. In the lowerhouse, Congressman Manuel Zosa of Cebu was the principal sponsor of the measure. The explanatory note of the Bill read as follows:

"The purpose of the attached bill is to accord to the civic and patriotic organization known as "Orden' de Caballeros de Rizal" (Order of the Knights of Rizal) the same kind of official recognition and encouragement as that accorded to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines by Commonwealth Act No. 111, by granting to it a legislative Charter and investing it with the necessary powers to enable it more fully and more effectively to accomplish the laudable purposes for which it was organized."

"This Bill if enacted into law will also serve as a historical monument to Rizal; it will constitute an official recognition by the Republic of the Philippines of the inestimable value to the nation of his teachings and examples and of the wisdom and necessity of inculcating them in the minds and hearts of our people so they may strive to follow and practice them. The authors and proponents of this Bill believe that if the purposes thereof are faithfully and effectively carried out, social discipline, civic virtues, and love of justice will be fostered, promoted, and enhanced in this country, and that the Knights of Rizal as chartered entity is the most convenient instrumentality by which these desirable ends can be attained'. Let Rizal's life and martyrdom influence and guide the destiny of the nation. Let this and future generations live the Rizal Way. "

Recommended for approval on May 15, 1951, the measure was signed into law by the President of the Philippines on June 14, 1951, becoming Republic Act 646.

KR CHARTER EXEMPT FROM RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS OF CORPORATION LAW

It is patent from the wordings of Act 646 that the purpose in lifting the Knights of Rizal from its status of a purely private corporation to a "public corporation," is to broaden its powers and to exempt it from the restrictive provisions of the Corporation Law (now Corporation Code) to enable it to effectively carry out the objectives for which it was established. While it is true that the power granted to it "to make and adopt by laws, rules and regulations" is qualified in the sense that such adopted by laws, rules and regulations should not be inconsistent with the laws of the Philippines, the qualification should be construed as empowering the corporation to adopt by laws which are not illicit or contrary to morals, good customs, public order or public policy. (SEC Opinion, January 13, 1969).

THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL: AN ORGANIZATION

The Order of the Knights of Rizal is a civic and patriotic organization recognized by law as an instrumentality by which the teachings of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal may be propagated among the Filipino people, and others who may believe in his teachings to the end that they may emulate and

follow his examples. Aside from its being a civic and patriotic organization it is also cultural, non-sectarian, non-partisan and non-racial.

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes or objectives of the Knights of Rizal are as follow:

1. To study the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal;
2. To inculcate and propagate them in and among all classes of the Filipino people, and by words and deeds to exhort our citizenry to emulate and practice the example and teachings of our national hero.
3. To promote among the associated knights the spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry;
4. To develop a perfect union among the Filipinos in revering the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal; and
5. To organize and hold programs commemorative of Rizal's and martyrdom.

Comments:

Every member of the Order must be familiar with the objectives of the Knights of Rizal. Knowing the objectives of the Order provides a sense of direction for every member. Admission to the Order is not merely a ceremonial rite. It implies duties and responsibilities.

Every member has a mission to fulfill: "to study the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal, and to inculcate and propagate them among all classes of the Filipino people" and others who would want to follow his teachings and examples. Rizal himself said *"God has not made anything useless in this world, as all beings fulfill or fill a role in this sublime drama of creation, I cannot exempt myself from this duty, and however small, I, too, have a mission to fulfill as, for example, alleviating the sufferings of my people."*

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL HAS CORPORATE POWERS

As a legal entity the Knights of Rizal can exercise corporate powers. Thus, it shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for corporate purposes; to solicit and receive public contributions; to receive real and personal property by gift, devise, or bequest; to adopt a seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the City of Manila and elsewhere; to make and adopt by laws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Philippines, and generally to do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of Republic Act 646 and to promote the purposes of said corporation. (Sec. 3, Rep. Act 646)

MEMBERS OF THE ORDER

The members of the Order are known as Knights of Rizal (*Caballeros de Rizal* or *Mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal*) and are classified into five degrees for those having the necessary qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

All persons of legal age; of good moral character and reputation, who are in sympathy with the purposes of the Knights of Rizal, are eligible for active membership, upon unanimous approval of the Supreme Council *en banc* of a written application therefore duly endorsed by at least two active members of the Order. (Sec. 4, Rep. Act 646) '

The pertinent provisions of the Code of By-Laws of the Order shall likewise apply in the admission of new members.

DEGREES OF MEMBERSHIP

The five degrees of membership in the Order of the Knights of Rizal are as follows:

First Degree - Knight of Rizal (KR)

A candidate who is admitted and initiated into the degree of membership is known as a Knight of Rizal. To qualify for admission to the first degree, one must be of legal age; of good moral character and reputation, who believes in Rizal and is willing to learn more about him and follow his teachings. Application for membership shall be made in writing and duly endorsed by at least two members in good standing of the Order and approved by the Supreme Council or chapter concerned. (Art. IV, Sec. 1 Code of By Laws)

Second Degree - Knight Officer of Rizal (KOR)

A Knight Officer of Rizal is one who has been elevated to the second degree of the Order upon fulfillment of the following degree work requirements: He must have served the Order at least six months in the first degree, and must also be favorably recommended by a Special Committee created for the purpose by the Supreme Council or by the Chapter concerned. (Art. IV, Sec. 1 Code of By Laws)

Third Degree - Knight Commander of Rizal (KCR)

A Knight Commander of Rizal is one who has been exalted to the third degree of the Order. Any Knight of Rizal, regardless of the degree he is in or of the time he has served therein, who has fulfilled the requirements as may be prescribed by the Supreme Council for the purpose may be exalted as "Knight Commander of Rizal," upon approval of the Supreme Council. A Knight of Rizal who has been elected as a member of the Supreme Council or as Chapter Commander shall be qualified for exaltation as Knight Commander of Rizal. Provided, however, that any person, not a member of the Order, who has distinguished himself by meritorious service which has enhanced the objectives of the Order, or has written a book of general acceptance on Rizal, may also be exalted to this category upon written recommendation of the Prefectural Tribunal created by the Supreme Council or by the Chapter concerned, duly approved by the Supreme Council. The written recommendation of the Prefectural Tribunal created by the Supreme Council or by the Chapter concerned, shall specifically state the achievements of the candidate for exaltation which have been considered as the basis for the recommendation for exaltation.

Fourth Degree – Knight Grand Officer of Rizal (KGOR)

A Knight Grand Officer of Rizal is one who has been conferred the second 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 Knight Grand Officer of Rizal by the Supreme Council. Comments: By virtue of a resolution approved by the Supreme Council a Knight of Rizal duly elected as Supreme Trustee shall be qualified for conferment to the Fourth degree. (November, 1985)

Fifth Degree - Knight Grand Cross of Rizal (KGCR)

Knight Grand Cross of Rizal is one who has 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 Knight Grand Cross of Rizal by the Supreme Council at a Regular or Special General Assembly called for the purpose. After the election and organization of the Executive Officers of the Order; a trustee of the Supreme Council elected as Supreme Commander shall be conferred the Knight Grand Cross of Rizal.

OTHER AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE STAR - A Knight of Rizal who has performed an, outstanding achievement for the Order may be awarded the Distinguished Service Star upon the recommendation of the Prefectural Tribunal and approved by the Supreme Council.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS - A Knight of Rizal or any person who has performed an outstanding achievement for the Philippines or for the Order, may be awarded the Distinguished Service Cross upon the recommendation of the Prefectural Tribunal and approval by the Supreme Council. Comments: This is a higher award than the distinguished service star. The recipient of this award may be a person other than a member of the Order.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The Supreme Council shall determine the fees and other charges which shall be paid by members of the Order. Such fees may be increased or decreased by the Supreme Council, as circumstances may warrant.

Knights of Rizal or persons conferred the fourth and fifth degrees shall be exempted from payment of membership fees.

Unless otherwise changed or modified by the Supreme Council, the annual fees to be paid by the chapters and members of the Order shall be as follows:

1. Each chapter may collect from its members an annual membership fee in such amount that the member concerned may be willing or can afford to pay, irrespective of rank or position, provided that the same shall not be less than five pesos (P5.00) a month, or sixty pesos (P60.00) a year.

2. The fees collected from the members shall constitute the operating fund of the chapter to be used for its activities and projects, and for the payment of the corresponding chapter fee hereinafter provided.
3. In lieu of remitting a definite portion of the fees collected from its members, each chapter with a membership of less than fifty shall pay an annual fee of two hundred (P200.00) Pesos, and three hundred (P300.00) pesos if its members exceed fifty.
4. This resolution supersedes any previous directive, circular or memorandum issued by the Supreme Council on the subject of the payment of members' and chapters' fees insofar as they are inconsistent herewith.
5. This resolution is effective starting the year 1985. (Supreme Council Resolution March, 1985

CONFERMENT OF LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

General Principles

Any present member of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, or even a non-member who has been duly nominated, who possesses proven integrity, leadership potential, civic-mindedness, and with known patriotic endeavors and humanitarian services, and who believes in the lofty objectives of the Order, may be conferred Lifetime Membership by the Supreme Council, in a resolution duly approved to that effect.

Basis Of Conferring Lifetime Membership

The conferment of lifetime membership is conformably with the provisions of Section 7, Article IV of the 2005 Amended By-Laws of the Order, which provides as follows:

“Section 7 – Voluntary contributions or donations may be accepted from members or from the public. Members of the Order who have contributed or donated P25,000.00 or more, or its equivalent in any convertible foreign currency satisfactory to the Supreme Council, and members who have continuously and meritoriously served the Order for twenty-five years as confirmed by the Supreme Council, shall be considered as lifetime members. They shall be exempted from the payment of further annual membership dues without prejudice, however, to the applicable provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of this Article and such implementing guidelines as may be adopted on the matter by the Supreme Council from time to time.” – Art. IV, 2005 Amended By-Laws.

Modes Of Application For Lifetime Membership

A. Present Non-Members

1. A non-member of the Order, who possesses the above qualifications, may be nominated for lifetime membership through a written nomination submitted by a member or members in good

standing who shall attest to the qualification and eligibility of the nominee. The nomination must be accompanied by evidence of the qualifications of said nominee.

2. The Supreme Council shall then proceed to evaluate the nomination based on the evidence submitted on the qualification and eligibility of the proposed lifetime member.

3. The nominee, if found to be qualified, shall be informed in writing by the Supreme Council through the Supreme Commander. He shall be invited to join the Order and to accept the nomination for lifetime membership. Upon acceptance of said invitation, the Supreme Council, through resolution, shall approve the nomination and conferment of lifetime membership in the Order. The date, time, and place of his initiation and subsequent conferment of lifetime membership shall be stated in the written notice to be sent to the nominee.

B. Present Members

Any present member of the Order may also be similarly nominated in writing or he may, by himself, directly make known in writing submitted to the Supreme Council, of his desire to become a lifetime member of the Order.

The nomination shall then pass through the same procedure of evaluation as in the case of a non-member who has been so nominated.

Privileges And Ranks Accorded Lifetime Members

An approved conferment of lifetime membership carries with it the following privileges and ranks:

1. Exaltation to the third degree of Knight Commander of Rizal (KCR).
2. A specially-crafted plaque of lifetime membership.
3. Inscription of his name in bronze lifetime membership scroll conspicuously displayed at the Knights of Rizal Building at Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila.
4. A lifetime member shall be exempted from the payment of all annual dues of his chapter or the national headquarter, as the case may be.

Lifetime Membership Funds Handling And Disposition

1. All funds generated from lifetime membership shall be placed in a special trust fund.
2. The accumulated interests from this special trust fund may be used and appropriated only for specific projects to be designated by the Supreme Council.

GOVERNING BODY

The general administration and direction of the affairs of the corporation (Order) shall be in the hands of a Supreme Council (Board of Directors) of nine members, which is hereby vested with full powers and authority to act and perform all such functions as the corporation (Order) itself may do and perform. (Sec. 5, Rep. Act. 646).

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL

The election of the nine (9) elective trustees of the Supreme Council shall be in accordance with Article XIII, Section 2 of the Code of By-Laws and under the following procedure:

(a) Only members in good standing, as provided for in Article IV Section 4 and of Article X, Section 6, of the By Laws, shall be entitled to vote or be voted for in any office or position in the Order.

(b) Nomination for the nine elective trustees of the Supreme Council shall first be submitted to a Nominating Committee previously constituted by the Supreme Council in any number as it may deem proper.

Except for members under the National Headquarters, no Chapter shall nominate more than one (1) candidate to the Supreme Council. Such nominee shall be certified to as a member in good standing and reputation by the Supreme Commander in the case of members under the National Headquarters or by the Chapter Commander concerned.

All nominees for the Supreme Council shall first accept the nomination before they may be voted upon. (Art. V1, Section 1, Code of By Laws).

After the nominations are closed, the members present and qualified to vote shall proceed to vote, depositing their ballots in a box provided for that purpose. No voting by proxy shall be allowed.

(c) The Supreme Commander shall appoint a Board of Canvassers of at least three (3) members from among the voting members who shall canvass the ballots cast and verify that they tally with the number of members present and qualified to vote, the votes shall then be counted and recorded on tally sheets. The Chairman of the Board of Canvassers shall report the results of the voting to the Supreme Commander.

(d) The nine candidates obtaining the highest number of votes shall be proclaimed elected by the Supreme Commander. The Supreme Council shall promulgate rules and regulations to insure the integrity of the election.

The newly elected trustees of the Supreme Council, including the immediate past Supreme Commander, shall then meet and elect from among themselves, the Officers as provided for in Article V, Section 2 of the By-Laws. Provided, however, that any Chapter Commander who is elected to the, Supreme Council shall ipso facto be considered resigned from his position as Chapter Commander. (Art. IV, Section 1, Code of By Laws).

SUPREME COUNCIL OFFICERS

Once the nine members (trustees) are elected by members in good standing in a general assembly called for the purpose they shall then meet and elect among themselves the following:

Executive Officers

1. Supreme Commander

2. Deputy Supreme Commander
3. Supreme Chancellor
4. Supreme Pursuivant
5. Supreme Exchequer
6. Supreme Archivist
7. Supreme Trustee
8. Supreme Trustee
9. Supreme Trustee

Supreme Commander

The Supreme Commander is the highest Executive Officer of the Order, as such he shall have general supervision over the management of the affairs of the Order; shall preside at all the meetings of the Supreme Council and the General Assemblies; shall sign all certificates, diploma, contracts and other important documents, shall also sign all checks drawn against bank accounts, jointly with the Supreme Exchequer; shall create with the approval of the Supreme Council, all, committees of the Supreme Council which he may deem necessary; shall submit to the General Annual Assembly a report covering the activities of the Order during his incumbency; shall call Regular or Special General Assemblies of the Order or special meetings of the Supreme Council whenever he deems it necessary, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required of him by these By Laws or the Supreme Council.

Comments: SC as Presiding Officer. The Supreme Commander is the presiding officer of the meetings of the Supreme Council and also the general and special assemblies of the Order. He is therefore, the Chairman of the meetings Of the Order. There is no gainsaying the fact, that it is a very responsible Position both from the point of administration and as head of the organization. He has a tremendous responsibility and his conduct and behavior is keenly observed by the Order's membership and the public as a whole. As presiding officer of the Order's meetings, he must see to it that the business is properly carried out and order is maintained at all times. He is a symbol of authority and should exercise his powers within reasonable bounds. It is suggested that during meetings he should keep calm and have his emotions well under control. He must be able to think clearly and objectively. He must be familiar with the provisions of the charter, by laws, policies, rules, circulars and accepted practices of the Order. In tight situations, he should not lose his sense of humor.

Rizal's Advice. *"The spirit of tolerance ought to prevail when it concerns trifles that do not affect the essential part of a thing; in discussions, the conciliatory tendency ought to dominate before the tendency to oppose. No one should resent defeat. When any opinion is rejected, its author, instead of despairing and withdrawing, should on the contrary wait for another occasion in which justice may be done him. The individual should give way to the welfare of (the) society. And so that the very delicate self esteem of the Filipino who is besides an unconscious individualist may come out least hurt in the discussions, and discontent may be avoided, it would be advisable that to all propositions, proposals, projects, etc., should always be added the ending: We think thus, if the other members have no objection, or any other similar phrase that you may deem more appropriate. I have heard many discussions arising from questions of self esteem. Laying this aside,* the decisions of the majority, after a sufficient discussion, are sacred and unquestionable."* (Letter to the members of La Solidaridad in Barcelona, January 28, 1889. Epistolario Rizalino, 11, No. 227, pp. 113 114).

Deputy Supreme Commander

The Deputy Supreme Commander shall assist the Supreme Commander in the performance of his duties, and in the absence, illness, inability or resignation of the Supreme Commander, shall have the powers to discharge the duties of the Supreme Commander, and shall sign all checks drawn against bank accounts, jointly with the Supreme Exchequer or Deputy Supreme Exchequer or such other officer designated by the Supreme Council, in the absence of the Supreme Commander.

In the event that both of the above officers are unable to discharge their duties as herein prescribed, the Supreme Chancellor shall be Supreme Commander pro-tempore with all the powers and duties of the Supreme Commander.

Comments: DSC as Operations Officer. The Deputy Supreme Commander is usually the operation-officer of the Supreme Council. He coordinates closely the administrative aspects of the national headquarters with chapters and affiliate organizations. Unless the Supreme Council designates another officer for the purpose, the Deputy Supreme Commander as a matter of long standing Policy, the director, of the National Leadership Institute. He sees to it that all duly formulated policies of the Supreme Council are carried out. The Deputy Supreme Commander works closely with the Supreme Commander for effective administration of the Order.

Supreme Chancellor

The Supreme Chancellor shall be the ceremonial officer of the Supreme Council and, as such shall assist the Supreme Commander in all the ceremonies of the Supreme Council, in the installation of officers or formation of chapters and in all social and civic activities of the Supreme Council; also, he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Supreme Commander or Supreme Council.

Comments: S Ch. as Ceremonial Officer. The Supreme Chancellor is the ceremonial officer of the Supreme Council. He makes or supervises all arrangements concerning ceremonies, rituals, and other activities where the prescribed rituals are to be observed. He must familiarize himself with the accepted and/or recognized requirements of protocol in order to maintain a smooth flow of the particular activity or ceremony. In a large measure, he must provide effective assistance to the Supreme Commander whenever occasions demand the same.

Supreme Pursuivant

The Supreme Pursuivant shall prepare and publish all orders and resolutions of the Order when directed by the Supreme Commander; shall sign all checks drawn against bank accounts, jointly with the Supreme Exchequer, in the absence of both the Commander and Deputy Supreme Commander; and in general, shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required by the Supreme Council.

Comments: The Supreme Pursuivant shall "Prepare and publish all orders and resolutions of the Order when directed by the Supreme Commander." He is therefore, a "heraldic" officer. In line with his

mandated duties, he must see to it that minutes of the meetings and activities of the Supreme Council are properly prepared, recorded and filed methodically. Likewise, he must effectively see, to it that certificates and citations are properly prepared and given to those entitled to them. He shall attend to the records of memberships and see to it that notices are delivered within a reasonable time before every meeting. He may also perform such other duties as the Supreme 'Commander or Supreme Council may deem fit for him to perform.

Supreme Exchequer

The Supreme Exchequer shall be the custodian of the funds and properties of the Supreme Council; shall keep an accurate account of all money received and disbursed by him, shall deposit all collections and funds of the Supreme Council; shall sign all checks drawn against such funds when disbursement thereof are authorized by the Supreme Council, jointly with the Supreme Commander, or the Deputy Supreme Commander, or the Supreme Chancellor, or the Supreme Pursuivant, as the case may be; shall submit monthly to the Supreme Council a statement of the financial, condition of the Order; and shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required of him by the General Assembly or by the Supreme Council.

Comments: The Supreme Exchequer is the "custodian of the funds and properties of the Supreme Council." He is actually one of the most trusted officers of the Supreme Council. He is charged with the custody of the funds of the Order and their proper disbursement pursuant to the By Laws of the Order and the sound policies of the Supreme Council. He signs checks and other monetary outlay together with the Supreme Commander. There can be no successful administration of the Order without an effective and efficient handling of the funds in the custody of the Supreme Exchequer. Thus, the Supreme Exchequer must in effect "police" income and expenses of the Order to see to it that funds are properly and wisely used to promote the objectives of, the Order.

Supreme Archivist

The Supreme Archivist shall keep all records, documents and correspondence of the order and of the Supreme Council as may be directed by the Council, shall act as Historian and Librarian thereof and make recommendations for the acquisition of such books, relics, or other objects pertaining to Dr. Jose Rizal or of interest to the order; and shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required of him by the Supreme Council.

Comments: The Supreme Archivist "shall keep all records, documents and correspondence of the Order and of the Supreme Council as may be directed by the Council, shall act as historian and librarian thereof and make recommendations for the acquisition of such books, relics, or other objects pertaining to Dr. Jose Rizal or of interest to the Order." It goes without saying that the Supreme Archivist shall see to it that records of the Order are properly kept and maintained. Whenever the Order deems it necessary it may appoint a curator for the Library Museum with such compensation and duration it may deem convenient. The Supreme Archivist and curator, if there be one, must maintain a working relationship to safeguard the interest of the Order in the maintenance, preservation and care of books, records, Rizaliana and other materials given to their care.

Supreme Trustees

The Supreme Trustees shall perform the duties that may be assigned to them by the Supreme Council. The Supreme Council may, in the proper and convenient administration of the Order, create such offices and positions and fix a reasonable compensation therefor.

Comments: The last three members of the Supreme Council are the Supreme Trustees. These trustees perform duties "assigned to them by the Supreme Council." While it is true that the Supreme Commander of the Order is the 'first among equals' (primus inter pares) the Supreme Trustees occupy positions equal to any member of the Supreme Council as the latter is a body composed of equals. Thus, the Order expects the trustees to be also in the forefront in the achievement of the programs and objectives of the organization. Invariably, trustees of the Supreme Council are given responsible positions in the over all program of activities of the order.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

The Supreme Commander by authority of the Supreme Council may set a day for the holding of an Annual or Special. Assembly of the Order whenever it is proper to call such assemblies pursuant to the Code of By Laws. Such assemblies are held on such events as to celebrate the birth of our national hero on June 19 and to commemorate his death on December 30 of every year. The Annual Assembly and Election of Trustees of the Supreme Council is held every year on a day set by the Supreme Council pursuant to the By Laws. Special Assemblies may likewise be held for the initiation, elevation, exaltation and conferment ceremonies.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES

After the election of the members of the Supreme Council and the organization of the elected officers, the functional committees are reactivated or additional committees are created to carry out the various activities of the order. These Committees are as follows:

Executive Committee - The Executive Committee is responsible, subject to the direction of the Supreme Council, for the formulation of guidelines, programs and operating policies and for the direction, coordination, and management of operations and activities of the Order. The Supreme Commander shall be the Chairman of the Committee and shall have a membership not exceeding five, all of whom are members of the Supreme Council.

Public Issues Committee - The Committee on Public Issues gathers, collates, observes, analyzes and examines the vital public issues as it affects the goals and objectives of the Order in particular and of the country in general to the end that legitimate measures may be taken and pursued in keeping with the basic principles of freedom, justice, honor and general welfare.

Finance Committee - The Finance Committee shall find ways and means of generating funds for the various activities and programs of the Order pursuant to its objectives and attend to such other matters pertaining to collection, disbursement and programming of the funds of the Order.

Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee - The Legislative and Legal Affairs Committee shall monitor legislative developments as it affects the Order and make studies and recommendations with the end in

view of safeguarding the interest of the Order. The Chairman and/or Co-Chairman of the Committee shall in appropriate cases act as the Legal Counselor of the Order.

Protocol, Ceremonial and Heraldry Committee - This committee shall see to it that the approved rituals and ceremonies of the, Order are observed and implemented. It may further make recommendations on the insignia, uniforms, banners, seals and other symbolic paraphernalia to be used or adopted by the Order, and to make such other recommendations for improvement or alteration of the same.

Nomination Committee - This committee shall receive and submit the names of qualified members for nominations to the Supreme Council on or at any annual election of trustees pursuant to the Code of By-Laws.

Publications and Research Committee - This committee shall gather, edit, collate, compile and recommend publication of all lectures, bulletin, speeches, and other scholarly works to the Supreme Council for distribution and dissemination to all chapters of the Order or the general public.

Public Relations Committee - This committee shall undertake programs to inform the general public of the activities of the Order and in the course thereof promote the objectives of the Order to a wider segment of our society.

Prefectural Tribunal Committee - This committee shall undertake the screening of prospective members of the Order, conduct interviews and make recommendations of those qualified for admission to the various degrees of the Order in accordance with the Code of By-Laws. The committee may also recommend those deserving of conferment and awards including distinguished service cross and distinguished service star.

Kababaihang Rizalista Committee - This committee shall provide a working relationship with the Kababaihang Rizalista as a counterpart organization and coordinate activities of interest to the Order and other affiliated organizations.

Esquires of Rizal and Kabataang Maka-Rizal Committee - This committee shall recommend program of activities for institutional chapters of students in schools, colleges and universities. Such recommendations on programs may refer to organization, supervision, discipline and compliance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Supreme Council from time to time.

Visitation Committee - This committee shall undertake the visitation of chapters and whenever possible coordinate with regional and chapter commanders. Sub committees may be formed in chapters to undertake visitation of members and friends of the Order.

June 19th and December 30th Celebrations Committee - This committee shall recommend and adopt measures to the end that appropriate activities or ceremonies are undertaken to celebrate the birth and commemorate the death of our national hero, Dr. Jose. Rizal.

Social Action Committee - This Committee on Social Action brings in to the fore the positive and dynamic Rizalist who is conscious of the plight of the less fortunate of our people. And, therefore,

analyzes the problems of the people and the community, as he tries to alleviate the same to arrest hunger, disease, insecurity, destitution and depravation by extending legal, medical, dental, psychological, educational and other material assistance, to lessen suffering and thereby promote peace and tranquility in society. The Rizalist then emulates the example of Rizal in Dapitan as a community worker.

Education and Seminars Committee - This committee shall undertake to recommend studies, programs and activities which will develop and improve the educational system attuned to the ideas and principles of Rizal specifically along character formation, nation building, enlightened citizenship and progressive economic development.

Rizal Centennial (Dapitan) Committee - This committee shall make recommendations on program of activities on the celebration of Rizal's Centenary in Dapitan, particular emphasis on his works in community development and related endeavors.

Rizal Essay and Oratorical Contests Committee - The Essay and Oratorical Contest Committee shall prepare subject to the approval of the Supreme Council the criteria regarding the holding of essay and oratorical contests and for the purpose shall recommend the qualifications of the contestants, judges, venue, prizes, theme, sectors to be involved whether national or regional, and such other matters as may in it or its judgment would be conducive to the promotion of the general objectives of the Order.

Community Service Committee - The Community Service Committee shall prepare plans, guidelines and programs to be pursued by the Order on a year round basis and for the purpose it may designate and call the assistance of regional or chapter commanders in the implementation of its programs to effect civic, patriotic, social endeavors, and in appropriate cases to respond to the call of emergencies for humanitarian reasons.

YEAR ROUND PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

The Order maintains a year round program of activities to carry out the objectives of the organization on a national and regional or chapter level in keeping with the teachings and examples of the National hero, to wit:

1. To study and spread the teachings of Rizal;
2. To organize and to hold annual programs in honor of Rizal such as June 19 (birth anniversary) and December 30 commemorating his martyrdom;
3. To hold programs, convocations, seminars, training institutes in schools and universities;
4. To hold oratorical and essay contests among students and private citizens;
5. To organize institutional chapters from the elementary to the college level under the auspices of the local chapter;
6. To help organize auxiliary units composed of women civic leaders who may function as counterpart organizations of the local chapter;
7. To solicit and donate books, writings and other reading materials by and about the national hero to libraries and other reading centers;
8. To sponsor contests and give awards to outstanding citizens for outstanding achievements in the arts and sciences, the professions, industry, agriculture and the promotion of international understanding.

9. To erect, if there be none, a monument, marker or bust of Rizal within the proper vicinity or locality,
10. To sponsor literary contests on poetry, essays and characters in Rizal's novels;
11. To participate and discuss public issues within the context of Rizal's philosophy and ideals which will promote unity, freedom and peace with justice; and
12. Any other such activity or project which will in one way or another lead to the development and perpetuation of the sublime memory of our national hero.

ANNUAL REPORT

During the Annual General Assembly and Elections of the members to the Supreme Council an annual report is prepared and distributed to the members present and to all chapters of the Order. The Annual Report contains the report of the Supreme Commander, its financial, position properly audited, national, regional, chapter and foreign activities of the Order and the activities and programs pursued during the year under review.

To assure attendance in the general assembly and elections all chapters and members are notified by the national headquarters/secretariat. The general assembly and elections take place in Manila because the principal office of the Order is in Manila which is pursuant to the Rep. Act. 646. The general assembly provides an opportunity for all officers and members of the Order to meet in a fraternal spirit.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

The Order maintains administrative offices at the Knights of Rizal Building, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila. It is headed by an administrative officer and assisted by a staff of employees.

As a matter of established policy the Deputy Supreme Commander is the operations officer. The administrative offices are under the direct supervision of the Supreme Commander assisted by the members of the Supreme Council.

The following are the members of the administrative staff of the Supreme Council:

1. The Administrative Officer
2. Bookkeeper/s
3. Clerk Typists
4. Watchman Caretaker
5. Messenger/s
6. Utility Man
7. Building Assistants

AREA AND CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

For effective administration of the Order and to provide a unitary chain of command, the Supreme Council divided the country into nine (9) areas and the foreign countries into as many areas as may be necessary, each of which has its own Area Commander. The Area Commanders are appointed by the

Supreme Commander, with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. The Area Commander, in turn, recommends the appointment of a deputy or deputies, executive officer, and other area council officers to assist him in the supervision of the area within the ambit of the objectives of the Order and in accordance with the rules, directives and policies laid down by the Supreme Council.

The Area Commander, by the nature of his position, must keep in close touch with the activities of the chapters in his area of operations. He also serves as a liaison between chapters, area and the Supreme Council.

The Area Commander has the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Represent the Supreme Commander and officiate in ceremonies such as oath-taking, initiation of new members, elevation to the second degree of Knight Officer of Rizal (KOR), and with the approval of the Supreme Council, exaltation to the third degree of Knight Commander of Rizal (KCR) of deserving members.
2. Exercise supervision over, and coordinate the different chapters in the area.
3. Communicate and liaison with the chapter commanders, calling them to a meeting when necessary, to see to it that they conduct activities consonant to the lofty objectives of the Order, and conformably with the Supreme Council's program of activities.

KR TERRITORIAL SUBDIVISIONS

The Order has for convenience adopted the political territorial subdivisions of the Government of the Philippines as follows:

METRO MANILA AREA (Manila, Quezon City, Kaloocan City, Pasay City, Mandaluyong City, Makati, San Juan, Malabon, Marikina, Navotas, Pasig, Pateros, Taguig, Paranaque, Las Pinas, and Valenzuela)

NORTHERN LUZON AREA (Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Pangasinan, Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Abra, Kalinga-Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Mountain Province, Nueva Vizcaya, Quirino, San Carlos City, Dagupan City, Laoag City and Baguio City)

CENTRAL LUZON AREA (Pampanga, Bulacan, Bataan, Zambales, Tarlac, Nueva Ecija, Angeles City, Olongapo City, Cabanatuan City, Palayan City and San Jose City)

SOUTHERN LUZON AREA (Aurora, Quezon, Cavite, Batangas, Laguna, Rizal, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, Palawan, Lucena City, Cavite City, Lipa City, Batangas City, San Pablo City and Puerto Princesa City)

BICOL AREA (Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur, Catanduanes, Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate, Iriga City, Naga City and Legaspi City)

WESTERN VISAYAS AREA (Negros Occidental, Iloilo, Antique, Capiz, Aklan, Guimaras, La Carlota City, Roxas City, San Carlos City, Bacolod City and Iloilo City)

EATERN VISAYAS AREA (Siquijor, Negros Oriental, Bohol, Cebu, Leyte, Southern Leyte, Eastern Samar, Northern Samar, Biliran, Calbayog City, Ormoc City, Tacloban City, Tagbilaran City, Dumaguete City, Lapu-lapu City and Toledo City)

WESTERN MINDANO AREA (Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi Tawi, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Pagadian City, Dapitan City, Dipolog City, Zamboanga City and Cotabato City)

EASTERN MINDANAO AREA (Surigao del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental, Misamis Occidental, Camiguin, Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Davao del Norte, Davao del Sur, Davao Oriental, Ozamis City, Butuan City, Oroquieta City, Cagayan de Oro City, Davao City and General Santos City.

FOREIGN AREA COUNCILS

On the other hand, the Foreign Area Councils are the following:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- Central USA (North and South)
- Eastern USA (I, II, III)
- Western USA. Hawaii, Guam and Alaska

CANADA

- Metro Toronto and Vicinities
- Central and Western Canada
- Eastern Canada

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND OCEANIA

EUROPE

ASIA AND ASEAN

SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND COORDINATOR

In order to effectively carry out the programs and policies of the Supreme Council in the light of expanded activities of the Order, the Supreme Council created in 1992 the appointive position of Special Assistant to the Supreme Commander. In 1993, the Supreme Council issued a policy that the position carries with it the rank of Deputy Supreme Commander for the covered areas, and has the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Represent the Supreme Commander and officiate in ceremonies such as charter presentation, initiation, elevation and exaltation.
2. Exercise administrative supervision, in coordination with the Area Commanders of the Chapters in the Area.
3. Perform such other duties that may be assigned from time to time.

In 1993, the Supreme Council also created the appointive position of a Coordinator in Foreign Countries with many Knights of Rizal Chapters, through whose efforts consolidation of organizational growth may be effectively carried out. The Coordinator has the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Oversee, in coordination with the Area Commanders, the projects and activities of the Chapters;
2. Exercise administrative supervision over the Area Councils;
3. Ensure the implementation by the Area Councils of the policies and programs of the Supreme Council; and
4. Carry out effectively the division of the Chapters into areas and make them responsive to the programs and policies of the Supreme Council.

FORMATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF CHAPTERS

The Charter of the Order including its Code of By-Laws authorizes the formation and administration of Municipal, City, Foreign and Institutional Chapters throughout the Philippines and in foreign countries.

Section 6 of Republic Act 646 provides: *"A group of five or more persons of legal age residing in any locality outside of Manila and who are of good moral character and reputation, may associate themselves and form a chapter of the corporation (Order) upon approval of a written petition to the Supreme Council. It shall be the duty of each chapter to promote and carry out the purposes of the corporation in the locality where the chapter is organized"*. Comments: Although the provision of law above requires only a minimum of five (5) persons to be able to form a chapter, the By-Laws of the Order requires at least nine (9) in order to complete the set of officers from Chapter Commander to the last Trustee similar to the set of officers of the Supreme Council. This is actually designed and accepted by a long standing practice because it is felt that Chapter membership and activities is a good training ground for higher and bigger responsibilities in the Order.

The pertinent provision of the Code of By-Laws in connection with the formation of chapters is as follows: *"A group of nine (9) or more persons of legal age, residing in any municipality or city and who are of good moral character and reputation, may organize themselves into a chapter of the Order upon recommendation of the corresponding Regional Commander and approval in writing by the Supreme Council upon petition filed for the purpose; provided, however, that only one chapter shall be permitted to organize in a municipality or city."*

ORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS

While we encourage you to organize satellite chapters of the Order within your territorial jurisdiction, we earnestly urge you, however, to do this under the following guidelines:

1. The organizer must orient the prospective Knights about our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, his teachings and principles, the Order of the Knights of Rizal and its avowed objectives;
2. The duties, roles and objectives of the Knights of the Order and his country (refer to the 5 questions asked of the postulants during the Knighthood ceremony) must be emphasized during the orientation;

3. After the orientation and they are sure of their intention to join the Order, the prospective Knights to compose the new Chapter (should not be less than fifteen – 15), should organize themselves by electing their set of chapter officers, as prescribed in the manual.
4. The elected officers must be listed down in the prescribed “Report of Chapter Formation” by the organizer and forwarded to the Order of the Knights of Rizal, together with the individual bio-data sheets of the proposed members, for review and approval of the charter by the Supreme Council;
5. Within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the Report of Chapter Formation and the bio-data sheets of the prospective Knights, the Order’s Secretariat will communicate with the organizer or the new chapter’s sponsor regarding the Council’s action and the application and at the same time, coordinate with him when and where the initiation of the new Knights and chartering of the new chapter will be held, subject always of course to the time schedule of the Supreme Council officers to be involved in the endeavor;
6. before any initiation or chartering is to be conducted by the Supreme Council, the following requirements must be first complied with:
 - a) The charter fee and the induction fees of the postulants must have been remitted to the Order;
 - b) No less than ten (10) of the postulants are properly attired in KOR uniforms and the rest in formal attire (Barong), black pants and black leather shoes; and
 - c) The fee and the medallion of the prospective Chapter Commander must have been likewise paid and remitted to the Order.

ANNUAL DUES

Effective September 1, 1998, all members of the Order who are carried under the National Headquarters shall be assessed annual dues of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) while all chapters will be assessed P500.00 a year. Foreign Chapters will remain at \$200 a year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of the nine (9) elective members of the Chapter Council shall take place on the second Sunday in February of each year in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) Only members in good standing as provided for in Section 5 of Article IV and Section 5 of Article V of these By Laws shall be entitled to vote or be voted upon for any office or position in the Chapter.

(b) Nominations for the nine elective members of the Chapter Council shall first be submitted by a Nomination Committee previously constituted by the Chapter Council in any number as it may deem wise. Additional nominations on the floor may, however, be made by any member in good standing.

All nominees for the Chapter Council shall first accept the nomination before they may be voted upon. Nominees present in the chapter assembly may manifest such acceptance verbally or in writing; nominees not present shall manifest such acceptance in writing.

After the nominations are closed, the members present and qualified to vote, shall proceed to vote, depositing their ballots in a box provided for that purpose.

(c) As soon as the voting is closed, the Chapter Commander shall appoint a Board of Canvassers from among the voting members who shall canvass the ballots cast; if they tally with the number of members present and qualified to vote, the votes shall then be counted and recorded on tally sheet; excess ballots shall be withdrawn by the chairman. The results of the voting shall be reported to the Chapter Commander by the Chairman of the Board of Canvassers.

(d) The nine candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be proclaimed by the Chapter Commander.

The newly elected members of the Chapter Council, including the immediate past Chapter Commander, shall then meet and elect from among themselves the Officers as provided for in Section 2 of Article VI of these By Laws. The elected Officers shall take and sign before the outgoing Chapter Commander the prescribed oath of their respective offices.

The members of the new Chapter Council may, at their discretion, postpone the election of the Officers.

REPORT OF CHAPTER FORMATION

TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL
ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

REPORT OF ORGANIZATION FOR _____ CHAPTER

Province of _____
Date Organized _____
Organizer or Special Representative
of the Supreme Council _____

OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER

	Full Name	Mailing Address
Commander	_____	_____
Deputy Commander	_____	_____
Chancellor	_____	_____
Pursuivant	_____	_____
Exchequer	_____	_____
Archivist	_____	_____
Trustee	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
Meeting Day	_____	_____
	(at least once a month)	Time Place

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the _____ Chapter of the KNIGHTS OF RIZAL has been satisfactorily organized and application for its formation is hereby approved.

OFFICIAL SEAL

ATTEST:

(To be accomplished by Supreme Council only)

Date received by S.C.	_____	Induction of Officers:
Date approved by S.C.	_____	Date: _____
Registration fee received:	_____	Place: _____
Date:	_____	Inducting Officer:
Official Receipt No.	_____	_____
Carded	_____	

POINTERS ON EFFECTIVE CHAPTER ADMINISTRATION

The Chapters of the Order provide the link between the Supreme Council and the members in the municipalities, cities, foreign countries and institutions where such chapters are established.

Administering a Chapter of the Order is no different from that of managing a business enterprise and by these we mean basic elements that go with successful administration. They may be summed up into the following: (a) Formulation of plans and objectives; (b) Delineation of authority and responsibility; (c) Careful selection of people to whom this responsibility is to be given; (d) Regularity in the holding of meetings, and (e) Sustained follow up and reporting to ascertain whether the assigned work has been achieved or completed.

THE CHAPTER COMMANDER

A word on the Chapter Commander may be in order. The success of Chapter administration depends largely on the leadership of the Chapter Commander. It may not be an exaggeration to say "tell me who is the Chapter Commander and I will tell you what kind of Chapter you have," is a truism which through the years has been proven correct. Hence, the head of the Chapter and its officers must be able to inspire by word and deed the general membership. The Chapter Commander must provide not only the expertise but serve as model worthy of emulation.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The activities of the Chapter must always be attuned to the objectives and policies of the Order. Needless to say, the Chapter's activities must be in line with the ideals and teachings of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. Although conditions existing in one region may not necessarily be similar to another region or community, nevertheless, Chapter's activities must be gird toward the development

and improvement of the Filipino character along Rizalian ideals and concepts. This must be so if we aspire to promote unity and love of country through individual and national discipline.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Chapter meetings provide an Opportunity for the members to come together to discuss and exchange views concerning the activities and problems pertaining to the chapter. The members can come together only when they are properly notified of the date, time and place of the meeting. As soon as the chapter is organized the Chapter Commander should strive to get a consensus among the members regarding the weekly or monthly meeting as the case may be.

It is important that at every meeting of the chapter there should be an outline or agenda of matters to be taken up. It is suggested that only relevant matters and live issues be taken up so as not to bore the members.

The presiding officer of the meeting should never make the mistake of monopolizing the discussions. He should not only hear the views of the members but better still he should listen. Wisdom can come even from the mouth of a child.

The Chapter Commander should be able to stimulate discussions and realizing at the same time the importance of each officer or member. The important thing is for the Chapter Commander as leader of the group to inspire and be the credible model for the general membership. Once good communication is established in the membership and mutual trust reigns, the Chapter's success is already assured.

CHAPTER'S FINANCES

If the Chapter is to succeed in its projects it is necessary if not essential that it should have funds. The funds can come from membership dues, fund raising, etc. Care however, should be exercised that the Chapter is not merely operated as a money making scheme. It is suggested that monies or funds generated by the chapter in legitimate endeavors be properly accounted for and deposited in reputable banking institutions in the name and for the account of the Chapter.

This is one delicate area of Chapter operations. It is therefore suggested that Chapter's funds be entrusted and its collection made by a most trusted officer or member.

CHAPTER DISPUTES

It happens invariably just like any other group or organization that disagreements and disputes show their ugly heads in the membership of the Chapter. While these problems are already parts of human affairs it must be avoided as much as possible, because precisely the Order of the Knights of Rizal is a fraternal organization and members must by all means give due respect to each other. This is the only sure way of promoting unity not only in the Order but among our people as well.

There are, however, situations in Chapter administration where disputes cannot but come into the open. This is one time where the Chapter Commander must show leadership and tact in handling the situation. Invariably, disputes of members in the Chapter must be contained and resolved within the

chapter itself unless the matter is one which is cognizable only by the Regional Commander or the Supreme Council.

CHAPTER'S PROPERTY

Pursuant to its charter (Rep. Act. 646) the Order of the Knights of Rizal is a public corporation and as such has the power to acquire real or personal property. A duly organized chapter may likewise acquire real or personal property and register the same in the appropriate registry as property of the Chapter of the Order. Evidence of ownership or registration as the case may be must be forwarded to the Supreme Council for approval and record. Property acquired by the Chapter must be administered by it within the territorial boundaries where it is established.

TEMPORALITIES OF THE ORDER

PROPERTIES OF THE ORDER

All properties of the Knights of Rizal whether real or otherwise belong to it as a corporation or legal entity. Its charter further provides that "any donation or contribution which from time to time may be made to the corporation by the Government or any of its subdivisions, branches, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities, or by any other person or entity shall be expended by the Supreme Council solely to promote the purposes for, which the corporation is organized. (Rep. Act 646, Sec. 7).

Use of Property, Assets and Earnings - No part of the Order's property or income shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer or any private individual, corporation or association except as may be necessary to compensate reasonably staff members and other employees and persons who have actually rendered services in furtherance of the purposes and/or objectives of the Order. Neither shall any of the property, assets or earnings of the order be used for other than the purposes/s for which it was organized. (Sec. 1, Art. VI111, Code of By Laws).

LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The Order has set up a Library and Museum which contains books, pamphlets, letters, paintings, paraphernalia and other papers, works and relevant materials concerning the life, works and writings of the national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. The Order is confident that in time it will serve the needs of Rizalists, scholars, historians and others interested in and about Rizal. At present the library museum has been receiving donations of worthwhile Rizaliana materials locally and abroad. Although it is still early to expect substantial flow of books and materials to be a haven for researchers, it will in due time be one considering the efforts being exerted by the Order to make it one of the finest book nooks of Rizaliana materials in the country.

COUNCIL OF ELDERS

There shall be a Council of Elders to be composed of all past Supreme Commanders and the incumbent Supreme Commander.

Council as Consultative Body - The Council of Elders may from time to time be consulted by the Supreme Council on vital matters affecting the interests and integrity of the Order; provided, however, that in the event of an internal controversy or dispute arising out of or in connection with the administration of the business or affairs of the Order or disposition of the assets of the Order or issues likely to cause or causing stalemate and/or deadlock or dissension in the Supreme Council, the matter shall be referred to the Council of Elders who shall act as arbitrators and whose decision shall be final. The recourse to the Council of Elders shall be made whenever the incumbent Supreme Commander, or any three of the Order's officers, or a majority of the members of the Supreme Council shall certify the same to the Council of Elders. (Art. IX, Secs. 1 & 2).

Comments: This article on the Council of Elders replaced the former provision on the Council of Advisers. It is believed that the change is advisable and necessary to insure stability, unity and promote desirable fraternal relationship between and among the members of the Order.

Internal controversies and disputes in other organizations had contributed intolerable hardships and in other instances brought its untimely demise. Intrigues, petty jealousies, personal ambitions, self-interest, factionalism or regionalism are some of the roots of selfish power play in many organizations or groups. These and others, we would want to avoid happening in our Order as a civic and patriotic organization in order to assure its dignity and respectability among our people.

It is precisely for this purpose that a provision on the "Council of Elders" was made part of the Order's by laws to do away with its members litigating matters in our courts of problems which otherwise can be solved in a fraternal atmosphere and decided by past supreme commanders whose judgment, experience and impartiality have been tested.

LOVE OF COUNTRY

"I have always loved my country and I am sure that if by chance men are unjust to me, I shall love her until death; and I shall enjoy the happy life, contented in the thought that all that I have suffered, my past, my present and my future, my life, my loves, my pleasures, I have sacrificed all of these for love of her. Happen what may, I shall die blessing her and desiring the dawn of her redemption." - Rizal, Hongkong, 20 June, 1892

MISCELLANEA / APPENDICES

1. Charter of the Knights of Rizal (Republic Act No. 646)
2. Amended By Laws of the Order of the Knights of Rizal (Approved: January 7, 2006)
3. Ceremonial Rituals of the Order (English Version)
4. Ceremonial Rituals of the Order (Pilipino Version)
5. Ritual for Necrological /Memorial Services

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 646

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 646 - AN ACT TO CONVERT THE "ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL" INTO A PUBLIC CORPORATION TO BE KNOWN IN ENGLISH AS "KNIGHTS OF RIZAL" AND IN SPANISH AS "ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL", AND TO DEFINE ITS PURPOSES AND POWERS

WHEREAS, a civic organization known as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" (Knights of Rizal) was incorporated under the Corporation Law of the Philippines in the year 1916 by patriotic citizens for the following purposes:

- "(a) To develop the most perfect union among the Filipinos in revering the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal;
- "(b) To promote among the associated knights the spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry;
- "(c) To study and spread the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal and keep ever alive his consecrated memory and to make effective his exemplary and exalted principles; and
- "(d) To organize the annual festivities in honor of Dr. Rizal."

WHEREAS, there is greater need than ever for the Filipino people to propagate and to practice the teachings of Rizal;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Rizal, if officially recognized and vested with appropriate powers, would be a convenient instrumentality by the which the teachings of our national hero may be propagated among our people to the end that they emulate and follow his examples; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant legislative Charter to the said Knights of Rizal in order to accord official recognition to it and to enlarge its powers so that it may more fully and more effectively accomplish the laudable purposes for which it was organized: Now, therefore

Section 1. The present civic organization known as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" is hereby converted into a body corporate and politic with powers hereinafter specified, under the name and style KNIGHTS OF RIZAL and in Spanish as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" (hereinafter called the corporation). The principal office of the corporation shall be in the City of Manila, Philippines.

Section 2. The purposes of this corporation shall be to study the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal, to inculcate and propagate them in and among all classes of the Filipino people, and by words and deeds to exhort our citizenry to emulate and practice the examples and teachings of our national hero; to promote among the associated knights the spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry; to develop a perfect union among the Filipinos in revering the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal; and to organize and hold programs commemorative of Rizal's nativity and martyrdom.

Section 3. The said corporation shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for corporate purposes; to solicit and receive public contributions; to receive real and personal property by gift, devise, or bequest; to adopt a seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the City of

Manila and elsewhere; to make and adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Philippines, and generally to do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for the election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Act and to promote the purposes of said corporation. The existing By-Laws for the "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Act shall remain in force as the By-Laws of the corporation until repealed or amended.

Section 4. All persons of legal age and of good moral character and reputation, who are in sympathy with the purposes of the corporation, are eligible for active membership, upon unanimous approval of the Supreme Council in banc of a written application thereof duly endorsed by at least two active members of the corporation.

Section 5. The general administration and direction of the affairs of the corporation shall be in the hands of a Supreme Council (Board of Directors) of nine members, which is hereby vested with full powers and authority to act and perform all such functions as the corporation itself may do and perform.

Section 6. A group of five or more persons of legal age residing in any locality outside of Manila and who are of good moral character and reputation, may associate themselves and form a chapter of the corporation upon approval of a written petition to the Supreme Council. It shall be the duty of each chapter to promote and carry out the purposes of the corporation in the locality where the chapter is organized.

Section 7. Any donation or contribution which from time to time may be made to the corporation by the Government or any of its subdivisions, branches, offices, agencies, or instrumentalities, or by any other person or entity, shall be expended by the Supreme Council solely to promote the purposes for which the corporation is organized.

Section 8. From and after the passage of this Act, it shall be unlawful for any person to falsely and fraudulently call himself as, or represent himself to be, a member of, or an agent for, the Knights of Rizal; and any person who violates any of the provisions of this Act shall be punished by imprisonment of not to exceed six months or a fine not exceeding five hundred pesos, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Section 9. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved: June 14, 1951

Order of the Knights of Rizal

Chartered Under Republic Act 646

SUPREME COUNCIL

Manila, Philippines

**(2005) AMENDED BY-LAWS OF THE
ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL**

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ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 – This organization shall be known as the ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL; in Spanish as ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL and in the national language as SAMAHAN NG MGA MAGINOONG MAKARIZAL. The term “Order”, wherever used herein, shall refer to said organization.

Section 2 – The Order is a civic, patriotic, cultural, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section 1 – The general purposes of the Order shall be:

- [a] To study the teachings of Dr. Jose Rizal;
- [b] To propagate and inculcate said teachings in the minds of the Filipino people and other citizens of the world and, by word and deed, exhort them to emulate and practice the examples set by Dr. Jose Rizal;
- [c] To promote among the Knights of the Order the true spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry;
- [d] To develop a perfect union among Filipinos and other citizens of the world in revering the memory of Dr. Jose Rizal; and
- [e] To organize and hold programs, activities and annual festivities in honor of Dr. Jose Rizal.

Section 2 – The specific objectives of the Order shall be:

- [a] To study and spread the ideals, teachings and exemplary life of Dr. Jose Rizal especially among the Youth of the land;
- [b] To organize Chapters in the Philippines or any part of the world, undertake programs which will promote individual commitment to the ideals and teachings of Rizal, and encourage enlightened personal involvement in addressing contemporary issues; and
- [c] To train and develop the Youth in character building, citizenship training, democratic leadership, patriotism, universal brotherhood, and dedicated service to God, country and people.

ARTICLE III - DOMICILE

Section 1 – The principal office of the Order shall be in the City of Manila, Philippines.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Members of the Order shall be known as Knights of Rizal (Caballeros de Rizal or Mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal and shall be classified as follows:

- (a) by type – Regular and Honorary; and
- (b) by degree – 1st degree up to 5th degree.

Section 2 – (Members classified by type are as follows:)

(a) Regular members are those who join a Chapter and go through the normal initiation process and screening by the local Chapter Prefectural Tribunal. They start as Knights of Rizal (KR) and are levied annual dues to maintain their good standing.

(b) Honorary members are those who are awarded any degree of membership in recognition of their meritorious and distinguished service to the country or the Order. The award is granted by the Supreme Council upon written recommendation of its Prefectural Tribunal or a Chapter Council. The recommendation shall specifically state the achievements of the candidate which shall be the basis for action by the Supreme Council.

Section 3 – Members classified by degree are as follows:

First Degree – KNIGHT OF RIZAL (KR)

A Knight of Rizal is one who has been initiated in the first degree of the Order.

Any person of legal age, of good moral character and reputation, who believes in Rizal and is willing to learn more about him and follow his teaching is eligible for admission in this degree. Application for membership shall be made in writing, duly recommended by at least two (2) members in good standing of the Order, screened and favorably endorsed by the concerned Chapter Council, and approved by the Supreme Council.

Second Degree – KNIGHT OFFICER OF RIZAL (KOR)

A Knight Officer of Rizal is one who has been elevated to the second degree of the Order upon fulfillment of the following minimum degree work requirements:

He must have served at least six (6) months in the first degree, must be favorably recommended by a Chapter Prefectural Tribunal to the concerned Chapter Council, and favorably endorsed by the latter for approval by the Supreme Council.

Third Degree – KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL (KCR)

A Knight Commander of Rizal is one who has been exalted to the third degree of the Order.

Any Knight of Rizal, regardless of the degree he is in or of the time he has meritoriously served therein, who has fulfilled the requirements as may be prescribed by the Supreme Council for the purpose, may be exalted as “Knight Commander of Rizal” upon approval of the Supreme Council. A Knight of Rizal who has been elected as member of the Supreme Council or as a Chapter

Commander, or has been given lifetime membership, shall be qualified for exaltation as Knight Commander of Rizal.

Provided, however, that any person, not a member of the Order, who has distinguished himself by meritorious service which has enhanced the objectives of the Order or has written a book of general acceptance on Rizal, may also be exalted to this degree upon written recommendation of the Chapter Prefectural Tribunal to the Chapter Council concerned, and upon endorsement of the latter to the Supreme Council for its approval. The Supreme Council may on its own, and upon written recommendation of its Prefectural Tribunal, also exalt such a person to this degree. The written recommendation of the concerned Prefectural Tribunal shall specifically state the achievements of the candidate which have been considered as the basis for the recommendation for exaltation.

Fourth Degree – KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL (KGOR)

A Knight Grand Officer of Rizal is one who has been exalted to the second 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 Knight Grand Officer of Rizal by the Supreme Council.

A Knight of Rizal, with a third degree or lesser rank, who has been duly elected as Supreme Trustee, shall be exalted to the fourth degree with the rank of Knight Grand Officer of Rizal.

Fifth Degree – KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL (KGCR)

A Knight Grand Cross of Rizal is one who has been exalted to the highest degree of the Order.

Any Knight of Rizal or any person who has performed an outstanding achievement for the Philippines or the Order, may be conferred the degree of Knight Grand Cross of Rizal by the Supreme Council at a Regular or Special General Assembly called for the purpose.

After the election and organization of the Executive Officers of the Order, a trustee of the Supreme Council elected as Supreme Commander shall be conferred the Knight Grand Cross of Rizal.

Section 4 – (Membership Dues)

[a] The Supreme Council shall determine the annual membership dues, registration fees, other assessments and/or charges that shall be paid by members or chapters of the Order, which may be increased or decreased by the Supreme Council as circumstances so warrant.

[b] Of the annual membership dues collected from members, the following shall be remitted to the National Headquarters on or before January 31st of every Rizalian Year: (i) a minimum of P150.00 for each member of the Chapters in the Philippines, and (ii) a minimum of US\$15 net of bank charges, or its equivalent in any convertible foreign currency satisfactory to the Supreme Council, for each member of overseas Chapters.

Section 5 – Every member under the National Headquarters shall pay his annual membership dues, authorized assessments and other valid charges to the Supreme Exchequer while members of other Chapters shall pay their annual membership dues, authorized assessments and other valid charges to the Chapter Exchequers concerned.

Section 6 – (Member or Chapter in Good Standing)

(a) Every member of the Order who has paid all membership dues, authorized assessments and other valid charges, plus applicable surcharges owing thereon, and who is not under suspension from the exercise of any membership right or privilege, is a member in good standing of the Order.

(b) Every Chapter which has paid to the Supreme Exchequer all registration fees, chapter remittances under Section 4(b) above, authorized assessments and other valid charges, plus applicable surcharges owing thereon, and is not under suspension from the exercise of any Chapter right or privilege, is a Chapter in good standing of the Order.

Section 7 – Voluntary contributions or donations may be accepted from members or from the public. Members of the Order who have contributed or donated P25,000.00 or more, or its equivalent in any convertible foreign currency satisfactory to the Supreme Council, and members who have continuously and meritoriously served the Order for twenty-five years as confirmed by the Supreme Council, shall be considered as lifetime members. They shall be exempted from the payment of further annual membership dues without prejudice, however, to the applicable provisions of Sections 8 and 9 of this Article and such implementing guidelines as may be adopted on the matter by the Supreme Council from time to time.

Section 8 – (Termination or Suspension of Membership)

(a) Membership in the Order may be terminated:

- [i] By death or voluntary resignation;
- [ii] By failure or refusal to pay the annual membership dues, authorized assessments or other valid charges, plus applicable surcharges owing thereon, after having been duly served at least three (3) written notices; or
- [iii] By the commission of, or involvement in, any offense involving moral turpitude, or any misconduct or misbehavior affecting the dignity, integrity and/or reputation of the Order including, but not limited to, defiance of, or refusal to obey, an order or decision of the Council of Elders.

(b) Membership in the Order may be suspended, rather than terminated, depending on the circumstances of each case, for any of the causes specified in Section 8(a)[ii] or [iii] above.

Section 9 – The Supreme Council, on its own, in the case of any member of the Order, or the Chapter Council concerned in the case of any of its members, shall have the power to investigate and determine whether or not a member should be suspended or terminated. Provided, however, that the member concerned shall be notified in writing by the Supreme Pursuivant or Chapter Pursuivant, as the case may be, of such investigation at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the date set for the

hearing. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Supreme Council or Chapter Council concerned, sitting en banc, shall decide a case of suspension or termination. Provided, further, that the decision of the Chapter Council concerned for suspension or termination may be appealed to the Supreme Council for final decision.

Section 10 – Any member of the Order whose membership has been terminated or suspended under Section 8(a)[ii] of this Article may be reinstated upon recommendation of five (5) members in good standing and approval of the Supreme Council or the Chapter Council concerned, as the case may be. Provided, however, that in the case of termination or suspension of membership under Section 8(a)[ii] of this Article, reinstatement of the member concerned may be effected only, in addition to the fulfillment of the requirements herein, by full settlement of all his back accounts to the Order.

ARTICLE V – ADMINISTRATION

Section 1 – The general administration and direction of the affairs of the Order shall be vested in the Supreme Council (Board of Directors) of nine (9) elected trustees which is hereby vested with full powers and authority to act and perform all such functions as the corporation may lawfully undertake pursuant to its charter.

Section 2 – The following are the Executive Officers of the Supreme Council:

- Supreme Commander
- Deputy Supreme Commander
- Supreme Chancellor
- Supreme Pursuivant
- Supreme Exchequer
- Supreme Archivist
- Supreme Auditor
- Deputy Supreme Pursuivant, and
- Deputy Supreme Exchequer

Section 3 – The Officers referred to in the preceding Section shall hold their respective offices for a term of two (2) years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. No trustee elected as Supreme Commander can run for any further office elected by the General Assembly of the Order.

Section 4 – In case of vacancy by death, resignation or other cause in the Supreme Council, the latter shall appoint a member of the Order, of at least a third degree rank, who shall serve for the unexpired term.

Section 5 – All such positions, as well as those of the various committees created pursuant to these By-Laws, are honorary and no member of the Supreme Council or any member of a committee shall be paid or receive compensation for their services.

Section 6 – After the organization of the Supreme Council, the Supreme Commander, with the approval of the Supreme Council, shall proceed with the organization of the various committees and

the creation of the various positions, as may be required hereunder or as he may deem necessary for the proper administration of the Order.

ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1 – The election of the nine (9) Trustees of the Supreme Council shall be held during the General Assembly as provided under Section 2, Article XIII of these By-Laws. The election shall be governed by the provisions of this Article, other applicable provisions of these By-Laws, as well as such rules and regulations which the Supreme Council may promulgate from time to time to ensure the free, honest and orderly conduct of election.

Section 2 – Only members in good standing, as provided for in Section 6(a) of Article IV, shall be entitled to vote on any matter requiring votes or be voted upon for any office or position in the Order.

Section 3 – Qualified voters for the nine (9) Trustees of the Supreme Council shall be the following:

(i) Individual Voters – A member of the Council of Elders, a Trustee of the Supreme Council, a Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, a Knight Grand Officer of Rizal, a lifetime member, and a Chapter Commander, Deputy Chapter Commander and Chapter Chancellor shall be entitled to one vote each, provided said member is continuously a member in good standing of the Order for at least six (6) months prior to and including the date of the election; and

(ii) Chapter Voters – Each Chapter, including the National Headquarters voting as a Chapter, shall be entitled to one vote for the first nine (9) to fifteen (15) members of the Chapter provided the Chapter is a Chapter in good standing of the Order for at least six (6) months prior to and including the date of the election. A Chapter shall be entitled to one additional vote for every additional fifteen members, or a major fraction thereof, in excess of the first fifteen members of the Chapter provided the additional members are all members in good standing of the Order for at least six months prior to and including the date of the election. The Chapter vote or votes shall be cast by an Electoral Delegate or Alternate Electoral Delegate selected by the concerned Chapter Council among its members and whose names are notified in writing, at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of election, to the Supreme Council and the Election Tribunal specified in Section 5 hereunder.

Section 4 – [\(Overseas Representation\)](#)

(a) At least one office of Trustee in the Supreme Council shall be reserved for overseas representation in the Supreme Council. Such representation shall be rotated, in accordance with such schedules and arrangements as the Supreme Council may adopt, among the overseas areas into which the different overseas Chapters of the Order may be grouped by the Supreme Council. In the absence of a qualified candidate for the office of Trustee of the Supreme Council reserved for overseas representation, any other qualified candidate can be voted for said office.

(b) Any candidate from an overseas chapter, who wins an election for the office of Trustee in the Supreme Council, shall attend at least six (6) regular meetings of the Supreme Council for each year of his term of office.

Section 5 – (Election Tribunal)

(a) The Supreme Council shall constitute an Election Tribunal composed of five (5) members of the Order whose task is to conduct and ensure free, honest and orderly election of the Trustees of the Council. The Election Tribunal shall be assisted by a Nominations Committee, a Committee of Canvassers and such other committees as said Election Tribunal shall establish to assist it in carrying out its functions. The Election tribunal shall have the power to promulgate such implementing guidelines as may be necessary and proper to carry out its responsibilities provided the same are not inconsistent with the Charter of the Order, these By-Laws, and the rules and regulations adopted by the Supreme Council.

(b) Members of the Election Tribunal shall be members with at least a third degree rank, of known probity and reputation, and in good standing with the Order for at least three (3) years prior to their appointment to the Election Tribunal. Past Supreme Commanders and incumbent Trustees of the Supreme Council shall not be appointed to the Election Tribunal.

(c) The term of office of the members of the Election Tribunal shall be three (3) years provided that of the original five members appointed, one shall serve for one year, two for two years, and the other two for three years. Thereafter, each appointee to the Election Tribunal shall have a full three-year term.

(d) The members of the Election Tribunal shall elect their Chairman from among themselves.

Section 6 – The Election Tribunal shall cause the publication of a certified list of qualified voters at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the date of the election. Only qualified voters included in the list shall be allowed to vote. Any complaint regarding the eligibility of a voter on the list or the non-inclusion in the list of a qualified voter shall be submitted, within one (1) week after the date of publication, to the Election Tribunal specifying in writing the reasons for the complaint. The Election Tribunal shall render its decision on the matter within one (1) week after the submission of the complaint. Its decision shall be final and executory.

Section 7 – (Nominations)

(a) Nominations for the nine (9) Trustees of the Supreme Council shall, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date of election, be submitted to the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee shall be chaired by a member with at least a third degree rank. Except for members under the National Headquarters, no Chapter shall nominate more than one (1) candidate to the Supreme Council. Such nominee shall be certified to as a member in good standing by the Supreme Commander in the case of members under the National Headquarters or by the Chapter Commander concerned in the case of members from other chapters. All nominees for the Supreme Council shall first accept the nomination in writing before they may be voted upon.

(b) Any complaint relating to the eligibility of a candidate must be raised before the Nominations Committee within three (3) calendar days after the deadline for the submission of nominations. Said matter shall be resolved by the Nominations Committee within one week from receipt of the complaint. The decision of the Nominations Committee may be appealed to the Election

Tribunal within three (3) calendar days after receipt of the decision of said Committee. The Election Tribunal shall have one (1) week to resolve the appeal and its decision shall be final and executory.

Section 8 – No voting by proxy shall be allowed.

Section 9 – (Voting)

(a) During the General Assembly for the election of Trustee to the Supreme Council, the voting members, and electoral delegates or alternate electoral delegates as the case may be, who are present, shall proceed to vote in accordance with the provisions of this Section and such other procedures and arrangements as may be determined by the Supreme Council.

(b) The Election Tribunal shall appoint a Committee of Canvassers of at least three (3) members from among the voting members of the Order. The Committee shall canvass the ballots cast and verify that they tally with the numbers present and qualified to vote. The votes shall then be counted and recorded on tally sheets. The results of the voting shall be reported to the Chairman of the Election Tribunal by the Chairman of the Committee of Canvassers.

Section 10. The nine candidates securing the highest number of votes shall be proclaimed elected by the Chairman of the Election Tribunal in the event said candidates include a candidate whose nomination is reserved for overseas representation in the Supreme Council. Where no candidate, whose nomination is reserved for overseas representation, is among the nine (9) candidates securing the highest number of votes, then the candidate reserved for overseas representation who secures the highest number of votes among the candidates reserved for such overseas representation shall be proclaimed elected by the Chairman of the Election Tribunal together with the eight candidates securing the highest number of votes.

Section 11 – The Supreme Council may allow, at such times and subject to such rules and regulations as it may determine appropriate and necessary for the purpose, the use of postal, e-mail, and other electronic mail for the purpose of casting votes in the election of Trustees of the Supreme Council.

Section 12 – (Prohibited Acts)

(a) The following acts relative to the conduct of election shall be prohibited:

(1) When a candidate for any elective office in the Order or any other member of the Order, directly or indirectly, in any form or manner, by himself or through another, commits any of the following acts for the purpose of inducing or influencing a member or Chapter to withhold a vote or to vote for or against a candidate:

- [i] paying the dues or other indebtedness of any member or Chapter,
- [ii] giving of food, drink, entertainment, transportation or any article of value, or any similar consideration to any member or Chapter, or
- [iii] causing an expenditure to be made, offered or promised to any member or Chapter.

(2) When a member or Chapter of the Order calls for or conducts, or attempts to call for or conduct, an election for Trustees of the Supreme Council without the consent and approval of the Supreme Council or in opposition to the arrangements duly made for the purpose by the Supreme Council as mandated by the Charter of the Order, these By-Laws and other rules and regulations promulgated for the purpose by the Supreme Council.

(b) Any violation of the provisions of this Section shall be a ground for suspension or termination of a member or Chapter from the Order.

Section 13 – Any losing candidate desiring to contest an election result shall, within five (5) calendar days after the date of the election, file with the Election Tribunal, a written verified protest setting forth the specific ground therefore. The Election Tribunal shall render its decision on the matter within one (1) month from receipt of the election protest. The decision of the Election Tribunal may be appealed to the Council of Elders within one (1) week from receipt of said decision by the concerned member or Chapter and the decision of the Council of Elders shall be rendered within one (1) month from the date of receipt of the appeal. The decision of the Council of Elders shall be final and immediately executory.

Section 14 – The newly elected Trustees of the Supreme Council shall immediately meet after their proclamation and elect, from among themselves, the Officers as provided for in Section 2 of Article V of the these By-Laws. Provided, however, that the immediate past Supreme Commander, or, in his absence, any past Supreme Commander present, shall join and preside in such meeting. Provided, further, that any Chapter Commander who is elected to the Supreme Council shall ipso facto be considered resigned from his position as Chapter Commander.

Section 15 – The General Assembly for purposes of electing the Trustees of the Supreme Council may, upon approval of the Supreme Council, be held in a place outside the City of Manila and rotated, to the greatest extent practicable and beneficial, between Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1 – The Supreme Commander is the Chief Executive Officer of the Order, as such he shall have general supervision over the management of the affairs of the Order; shall preside at all the meetings of the Supreme Council and the General Assemblies; shall sign all certificates, diploma, contracts and all other important documents; shall also sign all checks or withdrawal slips drawn against bank accounts, jointly with the Supreme Exchequer; shall create with the approval of the Supreme Council, all committees of the Supreme Council which he may deem necessary; shall submit to the General Annual Assembly a report covering the activities of the Supreme Council in particular and of the Order in general during each year of his incumbency; shall call Regular or Special General Assemblies of the Order or special meetings of the Supreme Council whenever he deems it necessary, and shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required of him by these By-Laws or the Supreme Council.

Section 2 – The Deputy Supreme Commander shall assist the Supreme Commander in the performance of his duties, and in the absence, illness, inability or resignation of the Supreme Commander, shall have the powers and discharge the duties of the Supreme Commander, and shall

sign all checks or withdrawal slips drawn against bank accounts, jointly with the Supreme Exchequer or Deputy Supreme Exchequer or such other officer designated by the Supreme Council, in the absence of the Supreme Commander.

Section 3 – In the event that both the above officers are unable to discharge their duties as herein prescribed, the Supreme Chancellor shall be the Supreme Commander pro-tempore with all the powers and duties of the Supreme Commander.

Section 4 – The Supreme Chancellor shall be the ceremonial officer of the Supreme Council and as such shall assist the Supreme Commander in all the ceremonies of the Supreme Council, in the installation of officers or formation of Chapters and in all social and civic activities of the Supreme Council, and shall perform such other duties as may be require of him by the Supreme Commander or Supreme Council.

Section 5 – The Supreme Pursuivant shall prepare and publish all orders and resolutions of the Order when directed by the Supreme Commander; shall sign all checks or withdrawal slips drawn against bank accounts, jointly with the Supreme Exchequer, in the absence of both the Supreme Commander and Deputy Supreme Commander; and in general, shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required by the Supreme Council.

Section 6 – The Supreme Exchequer shall be the custodian of the funds and properties of the Supreme Council; shall keep an accurate account of all money received and disbursed by him; shall deposit all collections and funds of the Supreme Council; shall sign all checks or withdrawal slips drawn against such funds when disbursements thereof are authorized by the Supreme Council, jointly with the Supreme Commander, or the Deputy Supreme Commander, or the Supreme Chancellor, or Supreme Pursuivant, as the case may be; shall submit monthly to the Supreme Council a statement of the financial condition of the Order; shall submit to the General Annual Assembly the audited report covering the financial condition of the Order during each year of his incumbency; and shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required of him by the General Assembly or by the Supreme Council.

Section 7 – The Supreme Archivist shall keep all records, documents and correspondence of the Order and of the Supreme Council as may be directed by the Council; shall act as Historian and Librarian thereof and make recommendations for the acquisition of such books, relics, or other objects pertaining to Dr. Jose Rizal or of interest to the Order; and shall perform such other duties as are incident to his office or required of him by the Supreme Council.

Section 8 – The Supreme Auditor shall review and audit the disbursements and expenses of the Order from time to time and shall certify to the Supreme Council in writing that the financial statements and reports of the Supreme Exchequer were audited and reviewed by him; that the expenses and disbursements as shown therein are duly authorized by the Supreme Council in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws.

Section 9 – (a) The Deputy Supreme Pursuivant and the Deputy Supreme Exchequer shall respectively assist the Supreme Pursuivant and the Supreme Exchequer in the performance of the latter's duties. They shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Supreme Council.

(b) The Supreme Council shall appoint an Executive Director, and may create such other staff or employee positions, with such duties and reasonable compensations as the Council may determine appropriate, for the proper and efficient day-to-day administration of the Order.

Section 10 – The Supreme Council shall, subject to such changes as it may determine appropriate, divide the Philippines and overseas areas into as many regional or administrative areas as it may deem necessary for the efficient administration of the affairs of the Order. The Supreme Commander shall, with the concurrence of the Supreme Council, appoint incoming Regional Commanders, Deputy Regional Commanders and concerned Area Commanders from a list of at least three (3) nominees for each relevant position. The lists of nominees shall be submitted, at such time as the Supreme Commander may determine appropriate, by the concerned incumbent Regional Commanders in consultation with the Deputy Regional Commanders, Area Commanders and Chapter Commanders within their respective regional or administrative areas. The term of office of the Regional Commanders, Deputy Regional Commanders and Area Commanders shall be co-terminus with the term of office of the appointing Supreme Commander, unless sooner terminated by the latter with the approval of the Supreme Council.

Section 11 – The Regional Commanders shall be *ex-officio* members of the Supreme Council but shall not have the right to vote, and their attendance in the meetings of the Supreme Council shall not be counted to constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII – USE OF PROPERTY, ASSETS AND EARNINGS

Section 1 – No part of the Order’s property or income shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, officer, or any private individual, corporation or association except as may be necessary to compensate reasonably staff members and other employees and person who have actually rendered services in furtherance of the purposes and/or objectives of the Order. Neither shall any property, assets or earnings of the Order be used for other than the purpose/s for which it was organized.

ARTICLE IX – COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Section 1 – (a) There shall be a Council of Elders to be composed of all past Supreme Commanders and the incumbent Supreme Commander.

(b) The Council of Elders shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.

Section 2 – The Council of Elders may from time to time be consulted by the Supreme Council on vital matters affecting the interests and integrity of the Order; provided, however, that in the event of an internal controversy or dispute arising out of or in connection with the administration of the business or affairs of the Order or disposition of the assets of the Order or issues likely to cause or causing a stalemate and/or deadlock or dissension in the Supreme Council, the matter shall be referred to the Council of Elders who shall act as arbitrators and whose decision, reached by a majority of its members within thirty (30) calendar days from the time the issues have been elevated for its consideration, shall be final and executory. The recourse to the Council of Elders shall be made whenever the incumbent Supreme Commander, any three (3) Executive Officers of the Supreme

Council or a group of at least ten (10) members in good standing of the Order shall certify the same to the Council of Elders and only after conciliation efforts in accordance with arrangements established by the Supreme Council have failed.

ARTICLE X – CEREMONIES AND RITUALS

Section 1 – The ceremonies to be observed in the initiation of new members, in the elevation, exaltation and conferment to higher degrees and/or awards shall be the rituals prescribed by the Supreme Council.

Section 2 – The ceremonies for the admission of new members and the elevation to Knight Officer of Rizal (2nd degree) shall be performed by the Supreme Commander or Chapter Commander concerned, and the ceremonies for the exaltation to Knight Commander of Rizal (3rd degree) shall be performed by the Supreme Commander of the Order, or by any member of the Supreme Council or by any Knight of Rizal with the rank not lower than the 3rd degree upon authority from the Supreme Commander.

The ceremonies for the conferment of the Knight Grand Officer of Rizal (4th degree) and the Knight Grand Cross of Rizal (5th degree) shall be performed by the Supreme Commander and the other officers of the Order.

Section 3 – The ceremonies for the establishment of chapters shall also be prescribed by the Supreme Council and performed by the Supreme Commander or any member of the Supreme Council, or any Knight of Rizal with the rank not lower than the 3rd degree upon authority from the Supreme Commander; and shall be held at the domicile of the chapter or at some other place that the Supreme Council may designate.

ARTICLE XI – MUNICIPAL, CITY, OVERSEAS AND INSTITUTIONAL CHAPTERS

Section 1 – A group of nine (9) or more persons of legal age, residing in any municipality, city or equivalent political unit in the Philippines or overseas, of good moral character and reputation, and interested in promoting the purposes and objectives of the Order, may organize themselves into a Chapter of the Order upon recommendation of the corresponding Regional Commander and approval in writing by the Supreme Council upon petition filed for the purpose.

Section 2 – A group of nine (9) or more persons enrolled in the collegiate level in school, college or university and who are of good moral character and reputation may organize themselves into an institutional chapter of the Order called “Esquires of Rizal” upon recommendation of the corresponding Regional Commander and approval in writing by the Supreme Council: Provided, however, that only one institutional chapter shall be permitted to be organized in school, college or university.

Section 3 – It shall be the duty of each chapter to promote and carry out the purposes of the Order in the locality where the chapter is organized.

Section 4 – Upon approval of a petition for the organization of a chapter, the sum fixed by the Supreme Council shall be paid to the National Headquarters as registration fee of the chapter. Provided that the Esquires of Rizal shall be exempted from the payment of registration fees and chapter remittances to the Supreme Council.

Section 5 – The charter of any chapter which has ceased to be in good standing for at least two years shall be automatically cancelled, provided, however, that any chapter whose charter has been cancelled may be reactivated upon such terms as may be prescribed by the Supreme Council.

Section 6 – Each chapter shall elect its officers within one month after the election of Trustees to the Supreme Council and adopt such policies and guidelines set by and/or consistent with the Charter of the Order, these By-Laws and the rules and regulations formulated by the Supreme Council from time to time. The officers of each chapter shall hold office for a term of two years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Section 7 – The general administration and direction of the affairs of a chapter shall be in the hands of nine (9) Chapter Trustees who shall elect among themselves the following officers:

- Commander
- Deputy Commander
- Chancellor
- Pursuivant
- Exchequer
- Archivist
- Auditor
- Deputy Pursuivant, and
- Deputy Exchequer

Section 8 – The general administration and direction of the affairs of each chapter of the Esquires of Rizal shall be in the hands of the following officers:

- Grand Esquire
- Deputy Grand Esquire
- Chancellor
- Recorder
- Treasurer
- Scribe
- Auditor
- Deputy Recorder, and
- Deputy Treasurer

ARTICLE XII – COUNTERPART ORGANIZATIONS

Section 1 – The Kababaihang Rizalista, a national organization of women, the Kabataang Pangarap in Rizal (KAPARIZ), the Kapisanan Ng Mga Gurong Nagmamahal Kay Rizal (KAGUNARI), and the Philippine Association of Teachers of History and Rizal, Inc (PATHRI), the latter two being both

organizations of Rizal course teachers, the Maria Clara Ni Rizal (MACLARIZ) and Maria Clara Ni Rizal Senior Citizens Club, which are all dedicated to the same aims and purposes as the Knights of Rizal, are hereby recognized as counterpart organizations of the Order. The Supreme Council may, as it deems proper and necessary, recognize as a counterpart organization any other organization which is dedicated to and interested in promoting the purposes of the Order. Said organizations and the Order shall collaborate and coordinate their activities in pursuance of their common objectives.

ARTICLE XIII – MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

Section 1 – The Order shall hold annual and whenever necessary, special general assemblies.

Section 2 – The General Assembly for the purpose of electing Trustees of the Supreme Council as provided for in Section 1 of Article VI of these By-Laws shall be held every two years on the fourth Sunday of May of the relevant year or on such other date as the Supreme Council may determine.

Section 3 – Other Annual Assemblies shall take place in June and December of each year for any or all of the following purposes:

- (a) Initiation of new members;
- (b) Elevation to the 2nd degree (Knight Officer of Rizal);
- (c) Exaltation to the 3rd degree (Knight Commander of Rizal);
- (d) Conferment to the 4th degree (Knight Grand Officer of Rizal); and
- (e) Conferment to the 5th degree (Knight Grand Cross of Rizal).

Provided, however, that the Supreme Council may call special general assemblies, for any or all of the above purpose/s whenever necessary.

Section 4 – Special General Assemblies, other than those provided for in Section 3 of this Article, may be called by the Supreme Commander, at his discretion, upon written request of at least twenty-five (25) members in good standing or upon joint petition of two or more chapters concerned, on such date, time and place as the Supreme Commander may determine for the purpose of strengthening relations and for such other purposes as he may deem necessary. No business except those stated in the notice shall be discussed at any special assembly.

Section 5 – The Supreme Council shall hold regular meetings once a month. The Supreme Commander may call special meetings of the Supreme Council at his discretion or upon written notice of at least three (3) members of the Supreme Council on such date, time and place as the Supreme Commander may designate and for such purpose as he may deem necessary. Any Knight of Rizal may be invited by the Supreme Commander to attend any meeting of the Supreme Council for the purpose of expressing their opinion on matters of interest to the Order.

Section 6 - A majority of the members present at any general annual or special general assemblies shall constitute a quorum. Provided, however, that any and all proceedings held in any general assembly shall be considered valid in all respects once quorum has been declared by the Supreme Commander at any such general assembly.

Section 7 – In the meetings of the Supreme Council, the attendance of five (5) members thereof shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8 – No proxies shall be accepted or recognized at any general assembly of the Order.

Section 9 – Each Chapter of the Order shall meet regularly at least once a month. At the end of each Rizalian Year, each Chapter, through its Chapter Commander or Grand Esquire as the case may be, shall submit to the Supreme Council a written report of its programs and activities for the past Rizalian year.

[ARTICLE XIII(A)] – NOTICES AND MEETINGS

Section 1 – Notices of annual, or special general assemblies shall state the date, time, place and purpose or purposes of such General Assembly and shall be mailed to each Chapter through the Commander fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for such General Assembly.

Section 2 – Notices for the meetings of the Supreme Council shall be mailed or delivered personally to each member of the Supreme Council at least three (3) days prior to the date set for such meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1 – The Order of business in all meetings shall be:

- (a) Calling of meeting to order;
- (b) Roll call;
- (c) Determination of quorum;
- (d) Reading and approval of minutes;
- (e) Unfinished business;
- (f) New business; and
- (g) Adjournment

ARTICLE XV – UNIFORM, INSIGNIA, AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Section 1 – The uniforms, insignias, awards, decorations and titles for all degrees of the Order shall be those prescribed by the Supreme Council.

Section 2 – The uniforms, insignias or medals prescribed by the Supreme Council shall be worn by the members of the Order in all official assemblies, rituals, ceremonies of the Order and other appropriate occasions.

Section 3 – The Supreme Commander Emeritus is the ultimate honorific title that the Order can confer singly and for life on the most senior and deserving past Supreme Commander for outstanding service and leadership in the Order.

ARTICLE XVI – SEAL

Section 1 – The Order shall have a dry seal which shall bear upon its face in a circular design, the words: “KNIGHTS OF RIZAL” and “MANILA, PHILIPPINES” and within the circle, an equilateral triangle bearing the profile of Dr. Jose Rizal in the center, the name “Rizal” and the abbreviation and figures “Inc., 1916” under it, a five pointed star in each angle of the triangle all mounted on a sun with eight (8) salient rays as background.

Section 2 – All diploma and certificate for chapters, Knight of Rizal, Knight Officer of Rizal, Knight Commander of Rizal, Knight Grand Officer of Rizal and Knight Grand Cross of Rizal and other important documents issued by the Supreme Council requiring the Corporate seal, shall bear this dry seal when so directed by the Supreme Council.

Section 3 – The Supreme Pursuivant shall be the guardian of the official seal of the Order.

ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1 – These By-Laws may be amended or repealed either in full or in part by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members in good standing present and voting at the time such amendment or repeal is submitted to voting at a regular or a Special General Assembly called for the purpose.

ARTICLE XVIII – TRANSITORY PROVISIONS AND EFFECTIVITY

These 2005 Amended By-Laws shall take effect upon their approval provided that the incumbent Trustees of the Supreme Council shall not be eligible for any elective office during the first elections to be held under these 2005 Amended By-Laws; provided, moreover, that the date for the first election to be called after the approval of these 2005 Amended By-Laws shall be in accordance with the date specified under Section 2 of Article XIII of the March 27, 1983 Amended By-Laws, provided, further, that the term of office of the Incumbent Trustees of the Supreme Council shall end when their successors shall have been elected and qualified pursuant to the first elections conducted under these 2005 Amended By-Laws; and provided, furthermore, that past Supreme Commanders are ineligible to run for any office elected by the General Assembly. The members of the Committee on Revision of By-Laws shall not be eligible to vote during the first elections for Trustee of the Supreme Council conducted pursuant to these 2005 Amended By-Laws.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT AS RATIFIED ON JANUARY 7, 2006

(SGD)
SIR JOSE D. LINA, KGCR
Supreme Commander

(SGD)
SIR PABLO S. TRILLANA III, KGOR
Deputy Supreme Commander

(SGD)
SIR VICENTE G. RAMOS, KGOR
Supreme Chancellor

(SGD)
SIR REGHIS M. ROMERO II, KGOR
Supreme Pursuivant

(SGD)
SIR EUGENIO S. LABITORIA, KGOR
Supreme Exchequer

(SGD)
SIR REYNOLD S. FAJARDO, KGOR
Supreme Archivist

(SGD)
SIR TIRSO DC VELASCO, KGOR
Supreme Trustee

(SGD)
SIR REYNOLD A. MATEO, KGOR
Supreme Trustee and Deputy Supreme Exchequer

FREEDOM THROUGH EDUCATION

“I have given proofs as one who most wants liberty for our country and I continue wanting them. But I put as a premise the education of the people so that through education and work, they might have a personality of their own and make themselves worthy of them. In my writings, I have recommended the study of civic virtues without which redemption is impossible”. - Rizal

NON OMNIS MORIAR

ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL SUPREME COUNCIL Manila

RITUALS

I. FIRST DEGREE - KNIGHT OF RIZAL (KR)

Supreme Commander	S. C.
Deputy Supreme Commander	D. S. C.
Supreme Chancellor	S. CH.
Supreme Pursuivant	S. P.
Supreme Exchequer	S. E.

- one rap (attention or sit down)
- three raps (stand up)

SUPREME COMMANDER Bring in the colors. (*Gives three raps and everybody stands up. Flag is brought in and deposited on rostrum at the right side of S.C.*) (*Immediately following, the National Anthem is played.*) We will renew our pledge of allegiance to the flag. Right hand on left breast.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the Philippines/
and to the Republic for which it stands/
one nation under God/ indivisible/
with liberty/ and justice for all.”

PANATA SA BANDILA (TAGALOG)

“Panata kong ako'y magtatapat sa bandila ng Pilipinas/
At sa Republikang kaniyang kinakatawan/
Isang bansa sa lingap ng Diyos/ hindi mahahati/
taglay ang paglaya/ at katarungan sa lahat.”

SUPREME COMMANDER - (*one rap - everyone takes his seat*) I hereby declare this session open for business. The Knights of Rizal are gathered here tonight to confer the honors of knighthood to illustrious candidates who are seeking admission to the Order. By the action of the Supreme Officers, these candidates have been submitted to rigid scrutiny and are each sponsored by worthy members of the Order. Will the Supreme Pursuivant read the names of their respective sponsors?

(S P. reads the list)

SUPREME COMMANDER - I now command that the illustrious Candidates be brought in. The Supreme Chancellor will please conduct the candidates into the ceremonial hall.

(S. CH. conducts the candidates who are blindfolded).

-Lights off---Bells ring-

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - Illustrious Supreme Commander, it is my pleasure and privilege to present the illustrious gentlemen before you awaiting your pleasure to proceed with the ceremonies and rituals attendant to their admission to the Order of the Knights of Rizal.

SUPREME COMMANDER - Illustrious gentlemen: In the name of the Knights of Rizal, I bid you welcome to our company. You have been deprived temporarily of the light to symbolize the political darkness in which our people lived and at the time Rizal was marched to the field of Bagumbayan, on the fateful morning of December 30. In this brief interval, we ask you to pause and meditate on the sublime sacrifice that won for us the vibrant spirit of nationalism.

We trust you will always be reminded of the need and the duty to keep alive in our minds and in our hearts the teaching of Rizal.

SUPREME COMMANDER - (*Continues addressing the candidates*) Our rules prescribe that you give testimony of your intentions in seeking admission to our ranks, of your character and moral conduct, and of your willingness to accept the strict discipline of Knighthood.

(Pauses ... then asks the following questions):

1. Have you studied the teachings on patriotism and love of country of our hero, Dr. Jose Rizal?
2. Do you promise to conduct to the best of your ability your life as a good man in accordance with the principles and idealism of Rizal?
3. Are you willing to assume your share of the responsibility, to propagate and uphold the doctrines of patriotism taught by Rizal?
4. Do you pledge to abide willingly by the Order's rules and regulations; and by the orders of its duly constituted officers?
5. Do you voluntarily pledge to do all these without mental reservation?

SUPREME COMMANDER - Having satisfactorily answered these questions which, I think, have been given in good faith, the Supreme Chancellor will now remove the blindfolds but please remain standing.

(Supreme Chancellor and wardens remove blindfolds)

SUPREME COMMANDER - May, I ask the Chairman of the Prefectural Tribunal if the candidates before us have been interviewed as required by our laws and may we hear the recommendations of the same Tribunal?

PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE PREFECTURAL TRIBUNAL: Illustrious Supreme Commander, it is my privilege to announce that this Prefectural Tribunal has conducted, as prescribed by our laws, a quiet investigation and evaluation of the public and private lives of all candidates here before us and has found them acceptable and meritorious. By virtue, therefore, among others, of their knowledge of the teachings of Rizal, we have found them worthy of admission into our Order. This Tribunal wishes to take this opportunity to express its warm and sincere congratulations to the candidates.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - Illustrious Supreme Commander, having complied with the required tests of their loyalty and devotion to the teachings of Rizal, I rise to assume the privilege of petitioning for the last and solemn dubbing of Knighthood.

I will now ask the Deputy Supreme Commander to lead the Oath prescribed by our Rules.

DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER – Illustrious gentlemen, you will now repeat after me:

“I, _____ I do solemnly promise upon my word of honor that:

1. I shall seriously study the teachings of Rizal, and endeavor to put them into practice always keeping in mind the Order's motto "NON OMNIS MORIAR" (not everything in me will die);
2. I shall work for a perfect union among the members of my community;
3. I shall do no wrong and shall protect and defend my fellow man against all violence and injustice;
4. I shall endeavor, as far as possible, to extend assistance to my brother Knight and fellowman to enhance their programs, and promote their welfare; and
5. I shall uphold and obey strictly the by laws of the Order and its rules and regulations.”

CEREMONIES FOR THE KNIGHTING

*(S. CH. will lead members and conduct the candidates to the dais of S.C.
S CH. will hand the sword to S.C. and new members will kneel on cushion with left knee.
During dubbing ceremonies, the congregation will remain standing.)*

"Pronounced with first initiate in case of mass initiation."

SUPREME COMMANDER – By virtue of the authority vested upon me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order, I DUB YOU *(he taps left shoulder with sword)* KNIGHT OF RIZAL. Arise, Sir *(Christian or given name)*. The Supreme Chancellor will now present to you the certificates corresponding to your rank and the medal of the Order which you will wear on all appropriate occasions.

(After dubbing, medals are pinned on members by sponsors/ladies)

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - The sponsors and ladies of the new Knights will now please come forward and pin the medals.

SUPREME COMMANDER - *(After dubbing, all candidates, Supreme Commander gives one rap to sit down.)* Supreme Chancellor will you kindly introduce the new Knights to the Assembly?

To be dispensed within ceremonies en masse,

SUPREME CHANCELLOR – Illustrious Supreme Commander, if the chair consents: the new members have selected one among them to express their gratitude for the honor of knighthood conferred upon them. Sir _____ will give the response.

To be dispensed within ceremonies en masse.

(Remarks for three minutes)

(END OF THE CEREMONIES FOR THE FIRST DEGREE)

II. SECOND DEGREE - KNIGHT OFFICER OF RIZAL (KOR)

SUPREME COMMANDER - (One rap of the gavel) I hereby declare this Assembly open for elevation to the second degree with rank of Knight Officer of Rizal. The worthy Supreme Pursuivant will please read the names of the illustrious Knights who will be elevated today to the second degree with rank, of Knight Officer of Rizal.

SUPREME PURSUIVANT - Illustrious Supreme Commander, Sirs *(reads names of candidates)* have been recommended for elevation to the second degree with rank of Knight Officer of Rizal.

SUPREME COMMANDER - The Chairman of the Prefectural Tribunal will please read the recommendations for the elevation of the candidates.

PRESIDING OFFICER OF THE PREFECTUFAL TRIBUNAL: Illustrious Supreme Commander, it is my privilege to announce that this Tribunal, in accordance with its prerogative, has found the candidates, by virtue of their loyalty and devotion to the teachings of Rizal, worthy of elevation to the second degree with the rank of Knight Officer of Rizal. We therefore, recommend that they be so elevated.

SUPREME COMMANDER - Sir (*reads names of candidates*) Considering the exemplary work you have performed as Knight of Rizal and the zeal and diligence which you have shown in studying and emulating the life and ideals of our Hero, as evidenced by the favorable recommendation of the Prefectural Tribunal, I have the honor and pleasure to elevate you to the second degree with rank of Knight Officer of Rizal. (*Three raps of the gavel - everybody in the hall stands*). The Illustrious Deputy Supreme Commander will now administer the pledge.

DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER - Candidates: Are you ready to subscribe to the pledge of Knight Officer of Rizal? (*CANDIDATES ANSWER*) D.S.C. continues: Please put your right hand on your left breast and repeat after me:

“I, _____, reiterate the solemn pledge of a Knight of Rizal to propagate by all the means within my power and, above all, by my acts and deeds, the ideals and teachings of the Bagumbayan Martyr, an exemplar of all patriots.

“I pledge further, as a Knight Officer of Rizal, to urge and inspire my fellow countrymen, especially the "Fair Hope of the Fatherland," to emulate Rizal in his patriotic ideals and endeavors, so that the Philippines may become a great and happy nation, respected and admired by all peoples, giving substance and reality to the dream of the National Hero.

“The Knights of Rizal present are witnesses to the solemn promise I hereby make.”

SUPREME COMMANDER - The Worthy Supreme Chancellor will now present to the Illustrious Knights Officers of Rizal the medals which corresponds to their new degree.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - May I request the respective ladies of the candidates, if present, to assist in the presentation of the insignia? (*The Supreme Chancellor awards the medals and certificates to the candidates, assisted by their respective ladies. After pinning the insignia on the candidates, the Chancellor faces the Supreme Commander and says:*)

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - Illustrious Supreme Commander, the medals and certificates corresponding to the second degree with rank of Knight Officer of Rizal have been awarded the worthy persons of our new Knight Officer of Rizal.

(END OF THE CEREMONY FOR THE SECOND DEGREE)

III. THIRD DEGREE - KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL (KCR)

SUPREME COMMANDER - I hereby declare this Assembly open for exaltation ceremony to the third degree with the rank of Knight Commander of Rizal. Will the Supreme Pursivant read the citations for the worthy candidates for exaltation to the third degree with the rank of KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL?

(Supreme Pursuivant reads the citation of each of the candidates.)

SUPREME COMMANDER - Candidates for Exaltation: The Order of the Knights of Rizal has followed very closely your behavior; and it is our pleasure to inform you that the Supreme Council of the Order, in its desire to reward and recognize your exemplary conduct and your devotion to the ideals of our National Hero, has approved your exaltation to the third degree with the rank of KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL.

SUPREME COMMANDER - Candidates for Exaltation: Are you ready to subscribe to the pledge?
(Candidates Answer)

SUPREME PURSUIVANT - All candidates please put your left hand upon the book of the Hero and place your right hands upon your hearts and repeat after me the words of the pledge:

“I, _____ having been exalted to the third degree of Knight Commander of Rizal, reiterate the solemn pledge to propagate by my acts and deeds, the ideals and teachings of the Bagumbayan Martyr, and exemplar of all patriots.

“I pledge further to inspire my fellow countrymen to emulate Rizal in his patriotic ideals and endeavors, spread his teachings and make effective his exemplary and exalted principles.

“I pledge finally that I shall ever dedicate myself to the lofty goals and objectives of the Order, and strive always to live up to the expectations and comply with the obligations of a Knight Commander of Rizal.

“The Knights of Rizal here present are witness to the solemn promise I hereby make.”

SUPREME COMMANDER - *(continues)* May I now call on the Supreme Chancellor to present to the worthy Knights who have proven themselves worthy of exaltation to the third degree with the rank of KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL, the medallions and certificates which correspond to their new degree. May I also request the respective ladies of the candidates, if present, to assist in the presentation of the insignia?

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - *(S. CH. pins the medallions on each of the candidates; after pinning on all candidates, the S.CH. faces the S.C. and says:)* Illustrious Supreme Commander, the medallions and certificates corresponding to the third degree with rank of KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL have been awarded to the worthy persons to our new KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL.

SUPREME COMMANDER - Worthy Brethren: You have attested with your presence the exaltation of our brother knights to the degree with rank of KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL. In behalf of all the members of the Order, I wish to congratulate our dear Brethren for their exaltation.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR - Illustrious Supreme Commander, our labors for the day have come to an end. I commend to your attention the splendid work accomplished by those assigned to the preparation and performance of the ceremonies, and the conduct and deportment of the Knights during the ceremonies which are true to the noble traditions of Knighthood.

SUPREME COMMANDER - So be it. Now we will greet the new day *(three raps)* with our sign. *(Right palm above facing left palm below.)*

REDEDICATION BY THE SUPREME COMMANDER - As we close these rituals, let us each and everyone rededicate ourselves to the noble objectives of our Order and renew our pledge to promote among our fellowmen the spirit of patriotism and Rizalian chivalry. So be it.

ADJOURNMENT
(*One rap*)

R I T U A L
for
KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL (KGOR)

SUPREME COMMANDER: I now declare open the ceremonies for the conferment of the fourth degree with the rank of KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL, on Sir _____. I call on the Deputy Supreme Commander and the Supreme Chancellor to escort Sir _____ and his family to the dais.

Sir _____, the Order of the Knights of Rizal has followed very closely your achievements and it is our pleasure to inform you that the Supreme Council of the Order, in its desire to reward and recognize your single-minded dedication and selfless devotion in promoting the objectives of our Order which you have served loyally and long, has approved your exaltation, to the fourth degree with the rank of KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL. Will the Supreme Pursuivant read the citation.

SUPREME PURSUIVANT: (*Reads the citation*)

SUPREME COMMANDER: Having proven yourself worthy of exaltation to the fourth degree with the rank of KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL, I have the honor and privilege of presenting to you the medallion and insignia of the Order corresponding to your new rank which you will wear on appropriate occasions. (*Supreme Commander, assisted by the conferee's family, pins the medallion on Sir _____.*) Worthy Brethren, you have attested with your presence the exaltation of Sir _____ to the fourth degree with the rank of KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL.

SUPREME COMMANDER: In behalf of all the members of the Order, I wish to congratulate our dear brother Sir _____ for his exaltation.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: Illustrious Supreme Commander, may I propose that our new Knight Grand Officer of Rizal, Sir _____ address this assembly?

SUPREME COMMANDER: Worthy Brethren, I beg of you to listen to the response of Sir _____.

(*After response*) The Supreme Chancellor will escort Sir _____ to his seat.

R I T U A L
for
KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL (KGCRC)

SUPREME COMMANDER: I NOW DECLARE OPEN THE CEREMONIES FOR THE CONFERMENT OF THE KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL ON _____

DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER: The Honorand, _____ was duly nominated for the highest degree, the KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL and the Supreme Council has unanimously confirmed his nomination. May I request all the KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL present, Trustees of the SUPREME COUNCIL, the National President of the Kababaihang Rizalista and the members of the Family of the honorand to escort the honorand to the front of the ceremonial dais. *(When everything is ready, the Deputy Supreme Commander continues):* May I now request our Illustrious Supreme Commander Sir _____, Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, to officiate at the conferment.

SUPREME COMMANDER: I now request the Supreme Chancellor, the Supreme Pursuivant and Supreme Trustees of the Supreme Council to conduct the honorand and the family to the ceremonial dais. ALL KNIGHTS GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL shall stand witness to this solemn occasion.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: *(Upon reaching the ceremonial dais):* Illustrious Supreme Commander, I take pleasure in presenting to you Sir _____ who has fully complied with all the formalities required by the By-Laws of the Order and the rules for conferment of the highest degree with rank of KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL. The honorand is now ready to receive the award.

SUPREME COMMANDER: Sir _____, considering the civic virtues you possess and your invaluable achievements and services in consonance with the lofty goals and principles of the Order of the Knights of Rizal and in the service of our country, I have the extreme pleasure and distinct honor to welcome you to our fold. The Supreme Pursuivant will please read the citation.

SUPREME PURSUIVANT: *(Reads the citation)*

SUPREME COMMANDER: *(Placing his right hand on the right shoulder of the honorand, the Supreme Commander says):* (Sir _____), by virtue of the powers/vested upon me as Supreme Commander of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, I hereby confer upon you the highest degree of the Order, the KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL. *(After lifting his hand from the shoulder of the honorand, he places the sash and medallion with the assistance of the immediate members of the family and continues):* I now have the honor and privilege of presenting to you the insignia of the order corresponding to your new rank which you will wear on appropriate occasions. *(After hanging the sword and presenting the diploma to the honorand, the Supreme Commander continues):* For and in behalf of all the Knights of Rizal, I congratulate you, Sir (first name), for receiving this honor, and ours is the distinct privilege to confer upon you the highest degree within the gift of the Order. *(All participants shall return to their respective seats).*

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: Illustrious Supreme Commander, may I now propose that our new Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, Sir (name) address this assembly?

SUPREME COMMANDER: Worthy Brethren, I beg of you to listen to the address of Sir (*first name*)

HONORAND: (*Delivers speech*)

SUPREME COMMANDER: I now declare the assembly closed.

RITUAL FOR
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE STAR/
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

For

Sir _____
Chapter _____

SUPREME COMMANDER: I hereby declare this Assembly open for our special ceremonies this morning. (*Three (3) raps of the gavel*) We shall proceed with the ceremony for the awarding of Distinguished Service (Star/Cross) of Rizal on the person of Sir _____ (*rank*).

I now call on the Deputy Supreme Commander and the Supreme Chancellor to escort Sir _____ to the dais.

May I now call on the Supreme Chancellor to present to Sir _____ (*rank*) his medal.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: (*Supreme Chancellor pins the medal on Sir _____.* After pinning, the Supreme Chancellor faces the Supreme Commander and says): Illustrious Supreme Commander, the medal for the Order's Distinguished Service (Star/Cross) of Rizal has been awarded to Sir _____.

SUPREME COMMANDER: Worthy Brethren: You have attested with your presence the awarding to Sir _____ the Distinguished Service (Star/Cross) of Rizal. In behalf of all the members of the Order, I wish to congratulate our dear brother Sir _____ for this award.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: Illustrious Supreme Commander, may I propose that our Sir _____ address this assembly?

SUPREME COMMANDER: Worthy Brethren, I beg of you to listen to the response of Sir _____.

(*After response*) The Supreme Chancellor will escort Sir _____ to his seat.

NON OMNIS MORIAR

MGA MAGINOONG MAKA-RIZAL
KATAAS-TAASANG KAPULUNGAN
Maynila

MGA SEREMONYA

I UNANG ANTAS - MAGINOONG MAKA RIZAL (Knight of Rizal)

K. P. Kataas-taasang Puno (Supreme Commander)
K. K. Kataas-taasang Kalihim (Supreme Pursuivant)
K. I. Y. Kataas-taasang Inat Yaman (Supreme Exchequer)
K.T. Kataas-taasang Tagapati (Supreme Chancellor)
P. K. P. Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno (Deputy Supreme Commander)

Mga Hudyat: - Isang Katok ng Malyete: Makinig o Umupo
- Tatlong Katok ng Malyete: Tumayo

K. P.: Ipasok ang mga watawat.
(Kakatok ng makatlo. Lahat ay tatayo. Ipapasok ang watawat at itatayo sa rostrum sa kanang panig ng K.P.)

Aawitin kasunod ang:

PAMBANSANG AWIT

Bayang magiliw, perlas ng Silanganan,
Alab ng puso, sa dibdib mo'y buhay,
Lupang hinirang, duyan ka ng magiting,
Sa manlulupig, di ka pasisiil.

Sa dagat at bundok, sa simoy at
Sa langit mong bughaw
May dilag ang tula at awit
Sa paglayang minamahal.
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y
Tagumpay na nagniningning,
Ang bituin at araw niya'y
Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim.

Lupa ng araw, ng luwalhati't pagsinta
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo.
Aming ligaya na pag may mang-aapi
Ang mamatay ng dahil sa iyo.

K.P.: Tayo ay muling susumpa ng katapatan sa Watawat. Ang kanang kamay ay ilagay sa kaliwang dibdib.

LAHAT: Ako'y sumusumpa ng katapatan sa watawat ng Pilipinas at sa Republikang kanyang kinakatawan, isang bansa na sumasa Diyos, hindi mahahati, taglay ang kalayaan at katarungan sa lahat.

K.P.: (*Kakatok ng minsan; ang lahat ay uupo*) Ipinahahayag kong bukas na ang pulong. Ang mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal ay natitipon dito ngayon upang ipagkaloob ang karangalan ng pagka-maginoo sa mga dakilang kandidato na naghahangad umanib sa Kapatiran. Ayon sa mga Kataas-taasang Pinuno, iniharap ang mga kandidatong ito sa mahigpit na pagsusuri at ang bawa't isa ay pinananagutan ng mga karapat-dapat na kasapi ng Kapatiran. Mangyaring basahin ng Kataastaasang Kalihim ang pangalan ng kani-kanilang tagapanagot. (*Babasahin ng Kataas taasang Kalihim ang talaan*).

K.P.: Iniuutos ko ngayong ipasok na ang mga dakilang kandidato. Ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati ay mangyaring lumabas at isama dito sa bulwagan ang mga kandidato. (*Ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati ay lalabas at pagkaraan ng ilang saglit ay ihahatid ang mga kandidato sa bulwagan. Ang mga kandidato ay pipiringan---Patayin ang ilaw; Patunugin ang kuliling*).

K.T.: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, aking kasiyahan at pribilehiyo na iharap sa inyo ang mga dakilang mga Ginoo na ngayon ay naghihintay sa inyong pasiya upang simulan ang mga seremonya at ritwal ukol sa kanilang pagsapi sa Kapatiran ng mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal.

K.P.: Dakilang mga Ginoo: sa ngalan ng mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal, malugod namin kayong tinatanggap sa Kapatiran. Pansamantala kayong pinagkaitan ng liwanag upang unawain ang dilim na pampolitika na pinagdaanan ng ating mga kababayan, at noong si Rizal ay pinalakad tungo sa liwasan ng Bagumbayan noong makasaysayang umaga ng Disyembre 30. Sa maiksing patlang na, ito, hinihiling naming manahimik kayong sandali at dili-dilihin ang dakilang pagpapakasakit ng nagbigay sa atin ng marubrub na diwa ng pagka-makabayan. Nananalig kaming lagi ninyong isasa-ala-ala ang pangangailangan at ang tunkuling manatiling buhay sa ating isipan ang mga aral ni Rizal.

K.P.: (*Magpapatuloy ng pagsasalita sa mga kandidato*) - Ang ating mga kautusan ay nagtatagubilin na patunayan ninyo ang mga hangarin sa pagsapi sa ating kapatiran, ang inyong mabuting kaasalan at marangal na kilos, at ang inyong maluwag sa kaloobang pagtanggap sa mahigpit na disiplina ng pagka maginoo.

(*Titigil ng saglit at saka magtatanong ng mga sumusunod*).

1. Napag aralan ba ninyo ang mga aral ng kabayanihan at pagmamahal sa bayan ng ating bayaning si Jose Rizal?
2. Nangangako ba kayong sa abot ng inyong kakayahan, na mamumuhay bilang isang taong marangal sangayon sa mga tuntunin at simulain ni Rizal?
3. Kukusain ba ninyo na tumulong na palaganapin at ipagtanggol ang mga aral tungkol sa pagmamahal sa bayan na itinuro ni Rizal?
4. Sumusumpa ba kayong susundin ng maluwag sa kalooban ang mga kautusan at alituntunin ng Kapatiran at ang mga utos ng kaniyang mga halal na pinuno?

5. Kusang loob ba kayong sumusumpa na gagawin ang lahat ng ito nang walang pasubali sa inyong kaisipan?

Matapos ninyong masagot ng buong kasiyahan ang mga tanong, na sa aking paniwala ay taos sa inyong kalooban, aalisin ng Kataas-taasang Tagapati ang piring at ihahatid kayo sa inyong upuan. *(Aalisin ng Kataas-taasang Tagapati at ng mga tanod ang piring. Ihahatid ang mga kandidato sa kani-kanilang upuan ngunit sila ay mananatiling nakatayo).*

K.P.: Maitanong ko nga sa Pangulo ng Tribuna ng Kapatiran kung ang mga kandidatong kaharap natin ngayon ay kinapanayam alinsunod sa hinihingi ng ating alituntunin at mangyaring marinig natin ang kanilang rekomendasyon?

PANGULO NG TRIBUNA: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ikinararangal ko pong ipahayag na isinagawa ng Tribuna, ayon sa ating alituntunin, ang isang tahimik na pagsisiyasat at pagsusuri sa pamumuhay pambayan at pansarili ng mga kandidatong nasa harap natin, at napatunayang sila ay may sapat na katangian at sila'y maaring tanggapin. Alang-alang, samakatuwid, sa kanilang kaalaman sa mga aral ni Rizal at sa iba pang katangian, karapat-dapat silang tanggapin sa Kapatiran. Nais samantalain ng Tribuna ang pagkakataong ito upang paabutin sa mga Kandidato ang taos pusong pagbati.

K.T.: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, matapos tupdin ang kinakailangang pagsubok sa kanilang katapatan at dibusyon sa mga aral ni Rizal, tumitindig ako upang angkinin ang tanging karapatang hilingin ang huli at mataimtim na paggagawad ng taguri ng Pagka-Maginoo. Ngunit bago ko iharap ang mga kandidato sa inyo, hinihiling ko sa Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno na mamuno sa Panunumpa sang-ayon sa ating mga kautusan.

P.K.P.: Marangal na mga Ginoo, uulitin ninyo ngayon kasunod ko:

“Ako, si _____ ay mataimtim na nangangako ng buong katapatan na:

1. Mataimtim kong pag-aralan ang mga aral ni Rizal at sisikapin kong isagawa ang mga ito, na laging nasa isip ang sawikain ng Kapatiran ‘NON OMNIS MORIAR’ - Hindi Lahat ng Nasa Akin ay Mamamatay;
2. Sisikapin kong magkaroon ng ganap na pagkakaisa ang mga bumubuo ng aking pamayanan;
3. Hindi ako gagawa ng masama at aking kakalingain at ipagtatanggol ang aking kapwa laban sa fahat ng karahasan at kawalang katarungan;
4. Sisikapin ko, hanggat maaari, na tulungan ang aking kapatid na Maginoo at kapwa na mapasulong ang kanilang kaunlaran at maitaguyod ang kanilang kapakanan;
5. Paninindigan ko at susunding mahigpit ang mga alituntunin ng Kapatiran at ang kanyang mga kautusan at tuntunin.”

Seremonya sa Pag-gagawad ng Taguring Maginoo

(Ihahatid ng Kataas-taasang Tagapati ang mga kandidato sa plataporma ng Kataas-taasang Puno. Ibibigay ng K. T. ang sable sa KP at ang mga bagong kasapi ay luluhod ng kaliwang tuhod sa almohadon. Nananatiling nakatayo ang kalipunan habang patuloy ang seremonya).

K.P.: (*Wiwikain lamang sa unang tatagurian kung marami ang kandidato*). Sa bisa ng kapangyarihang itinalaga sa akin ng Saligang Batas at ng mga alituntunin ng Kapatiran, iginagawad ko sa iyo ang taguring MAGINOO NI RIZAL. (*ipapatong sa kaliwang balikat ang sable*). Tumindig ka Maginoong (*banggitin ang pangalang Kristiyano ng Kandidato*). Ibibigay sa inyo ngayon ng Kataas-taasang Tagapati ang Medalya ng Kapatiran na isusuot sa mga kaukulang pagtitipon o pagkakataon.

K.T.: Ang mga ninong at Ginang ng mga bagong Maginoong Maka-Rizal ay mangyaring lumapit at ikabit ang mga medalya. (*Matapos tagurian ang lahat at maikabit ang mga medalya, kakatok ng minsan ang K.P. upang umupo ang lahat*).

K.P.: (*Hindi isasagawa kung ang seremonya ay para sa marami*) Kataas-taasang Tagapati, mangyaring ipakilala ninyo ang mga bagong Maginoong Maka Rizal sa kapulungan.

K.T.: (*Ipakikilala ang mga bagong kasapi ayon sa pangalang batay sa abakada at bawa't kasaping matawag ay tatayo at tatanggapin ng palakpakan. Pagkatapos nito, haharap ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati sa Kataas-taasang Puno.*) Kataas-taasang Puno, kung mamarapatin ng Pamunuan, ang mga bagong kasapi ay pumili ng isa sa kanila upang magpahayag ng kanilang pasasalamat dahil sa karangalan ng Pagka-Maginoo ni Rizal na ipinagkaloob sa kanila. Si Maginoong _____ ang magsasalita. (*Mga tatlong minutong pangungusap*).

(*Wakas ng Seremonya para sa Unang Antas*)

II -SEREMONYA SA PAGTATAAS SA IKALAWANG ANTAS SA RANGGONG MAGINOONG PINUNONG MAKA-RIZAL (Knight Officer of Rizal)

K.P.: (*Kakatok ng Minsan*) Ipinahahayag kong bukas na ang kapulungan para sa pagtataas ng antas sa ikalawang baytang sa ranggong Maginoong Pinunong Maka-Rizal (Knight Officer of Rizal). Mangyari lamang basahin ng Kataas-taasang Kalihim ang mga pangalan ng mga dakilang Maginoo na itataas ngayon sa ikalawang antas.

K.K.: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ang mga iminumungkahing mataas sa ikalawang antas ay ang mga sumusunod: Sir _____ (*Basahin ang pangalan ng mga kandidato*).

K.P.: Mangyari lamang basahin ng Pangulo ng Tribuna ang mga mungkahi ukol sa pagtataas ng antas ng mga kandidato.

PANGULO NG TRIBUNA: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ikinararangal kong ipahayag na ang Tribuna ng ito, alinsunod sa kanyang karapatan, ay nagsiyasat at nakilalang ang mga kandidato, dahil sa kanilang katapatan at pagmamahal sa mga aral ni Rizal, ay karapat-dapat na itaas ng antas. Samakatuwid, aming iminumungkahing sila'y itaas sa ikalawang Antas, sa ranggong MAGINOONG PINUNONG MAKA-RIZAL o KNIGHT OFFICER OF RIZAL.

K. P.: Ginoong (*babasahin ang pangalan ng mga kandidato*), alang-alang sa mga ulirang gawain na inyong naganap bilang isang Maginoong Maka-Rizal at sa pagsisikap at sigasig na inyong ipinakita sa pag-aaral at pagtulad sa buhay at mga simulain ng ating bayani, na pinatutuhanan ng ulat ng Tribuna,

karangalan at kasiyahan ko na itaas kayo sa ikalawang antas sa ranggong MAGINOONG PINUNONG MAKA-RIZAL o KNIGHT OFFICER OF RIZAL.

(Kakatok ng Makatlo; Ang lahat ay tatayo)

III. SEREMONYA SA PAGTAAS NG ANTAS SA IKATLONG BAYTANG
SA RANGGONG MAGINOONG PUNONG MAKA-RIZAL
(KNIGHT COMMANDER OF RIZAL)

K.P.: Ipinahahayag kong bukas na ang kapulungang ito para sa seremonyang pagtataas sa ikatlong antas sa ranggong Maginoong Punong Maka-Rizal (Knight Officer of Rizal). Mangyari lamang basahin ng Kataas-taasang Kalihim ang parangal sa mga dakilang kandidato.

K. K.: *(Babasahin ang parangal sa bawat kandidato).*

K.P.: Mga kandidato, ang kapatiran ng mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal ay matamang sinubaybayan ang inyong mga kilos, at ikinagagalak naming ipabatid sa inyo na ang Kataastaasang Kapulungan ng Kapatiran, sa kanilang pagnanais na gantimpalaan at kilalanin ang inyong ulirang gawi at katapatan sa mga simulain ng ating Pambansang Bayani, ay pinagtibay ang pagtataas sa inyo sa ika-tatlong antas ng Kapatiran sa ranggong Maginoong Punong Maka-Rizal (Knight Commander of Rizal). Handa na ba kayong manumpa?

(Sasagot ang mga kandidato)

K.P.: Ang mga kandidato ay pinakikiusapang ipatong ang kaliwang kamay sa aklat ng Bayani, ang kanang kamay sa tapat ng puso, at bigkasing kasunod ko ang panunumpa:

"Ako, si _____ ay muling sumusumpa, bilang isang Maginoong Maka-Rizal, na palalaganapin ko sa lahat ng paraang nasa kapangyarihan ko, at sa ibabaw ng lahat, sa aking mga kilos at gawa, ang simulain at aral ng Martir ng Bagumbayan, isang dakilang halimbawa sa lahat ng mga bayani.

"Isinusumpa ko ring hihimukin at pasisiglahin ang aking mga kababayan, lalo na ang mga Kabataang Pag-asa ng Bayan', na tularan si Rizal sa kanyang makabayang simulain at gawain, upang ang Pilipinas ay maging dakila at maligayang bansa, iginagalang at hinahangaan ng lahat ng tao, na nagbibigay diwa at katotohanan sa mga pangarap ng ating Pambansang Bayani.

"At sa wakas, isinusumpa kong itatalaga ang aking sarili at sisikapin kong laging mamuhay ng ayon sa inaasahan, at tumalima sa mga pananagutan ng pagiging Punong Maka-Rizal.

"Ang mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal na naririto ngayon, ang mga saksi sa taimtim na panunumpang aking isinagawa."

K.P.: *(Magpapatuloy)* Tinatawagan ko ngayon ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati upang ikabit sa mga Maginoong naging karapat-dapat na mataas sa ikatlong antas, ang mga medalyong nauukol sa kanilang bagong antas. Hinihiling ko ring ang mga ginang at abay ng mga kandidato, kung naririto, ay tumulong sa pagbibigay ng medalyon.

K.T.: Marangal na K.P. ang mga medalyon ukol sa ikatlong antas ng Maginoong punong Maka Rizal ay naipagkaloob na sa dakilang katauhan ng mga bagong Maginoong Punong Maka Rizal.

K.P.: Mahal kong mga Kapatid; Pinatunayan ninyo sa pamamagitan ng inyong pagdalo ang pagtataas sa ikatlong antas ng Maginoong Punong Maka-Rizal. Sa ngalan ng lahat ng kasapi ng Kapatiran, binabati ko ang minamahal kong mga kapatid dahil sa kanilang pagkakataas.

K.T.: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ang ating mga gawain sa araw na ito ay tapos na. Nais lang ipagparangalan sa inyo ang maningning na nagawa ng mga nangasiwa sa paghahanda at pagganap ng mga seremonya, ang kilos at gawi ng mga Maginoo sa panahon ng mga seremonya, na ayon sa pinagkaugalian ng pagkamaginoo.

K.P.: Iyan na nga ang nangyari. Ngayoy batiin natin ang bagong araw (*tatlong katok*) ng ating senyas. (*Kanang palad so ibabaw; ang kaliwang palad sa ibaba*). Sa pagtatapos ng ating seremonya, ay mangyaring ialay nating muli ang ating sarili sa mga magiting na layunin ng ating Kapatiran, at muli nating ipangako na palalaganapin sa ating mga kababayan ang diwa ng pagmamahal sa bayan at ang pagkamaginoong Maka-Rizal. Mangyari nawa ito. Itinitindig na ang Kapulungan (*Isang katok*)
(*Wakas ng Seremonya para sa Ikationg Antas*)

IV – SEREMONYA SA PAGGAWAD NG IKA-APAT NA ANTAS (KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL)

Kay

Oras: alas _____ ng umaga/hapon; Petsa: _____; Lugar: _____

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Binubuksan ko na ang seremonya para sa paggawad ng ika-apat na antas, Knight Grand Officer of Rizal, kay Sir _____.

PANGALAWANG KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Si Sir _____, ay nahirang upang tumanggap ng ika-apat na antas KNIGHT GRAND OFFICER OF RIZAL at ito ay pinagtibay ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal. Hinihiling ko sa Kataas-taasang Puno na panguluhan ang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Pinakikiusapan ko ang Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno, ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati at ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim, at ang lahat ng mga kasapi ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal na ihatid si Sir _____, pati na ang mga kasapi ng kanyang pamilya sa harap ng plataporma na pagdarausan ng seremonya. Ang lahat ng nariritong Knight Grand Cross of Rizal at Knight Grand Officer of Rizal ay pinakikiusapang tumayo at maging saksi sa makasaysayang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: (*Pagdating sa harap ng Ceremonial Dais*) Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, malugod kong inihaharap sa inyo si Sir _____ na nakatupad sa lahat ng pangangailangan ng ating Saligang Batas upang tanggapin ang karangalan na ika-apat na antas Knight Grand Officer of Rizal. Ang pararangalan ay handa na para tanggapin ang karangalan.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Sir _____, dahilan sa inyong magiting at mabunying paglilingkod sa bansang Pilipinas, isang malaking karangalan para sa Kapatiran ng Mga Maginoo Ni Rizal na ikaw ay mataas sa ika-apat na antas ng Kapatiran. Pinakikiusapan ko ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim na mangyaring basahin ang kasulatan ny pagkilala ni Sir _____.

KATAAS-TAASANG KALIHIM: *(Babasahin and kasulatan ng pagkilala)*

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Sir _____, sa pamamagitan ng kapangyarihang iginawad sa akin bilang Kataas-taasang Puno ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal, iginagawad ko sa ‘yo ang ika-apat na antas Knight Grand Officer of Rizal. Isang karangalan na ipinagkakaloob ko sa ‘yo ang medalyong ito bilang tanda ng iyong taglay na antas “Knight Grand Officer of Rizal”. Tinatawagan ko ang Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno para ibigay kay Sir _____, ang sable na nauukol sa kanyang antas. *(Iaabot ang sable at ang kasulatan ng pagkilala)* Sa ngalan ng lahat ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal, binabati kita Sir _____, KGOR, sa pagtanggap mo sa karangalang ito na itinuturing naming aming ding karangalan at minimithing karapatan para maigawad sa iyo ang ika-apat na antas ng Kapatiran. *(Lahat ng mg kasapi sa seremonya, ay babalik sa kanilang upuan)*

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: Kataas-taasang Puno, iminumungkahi ko po na ang ating bagong Knight Grand Officer of Rizal, Sir _____, ay bumigkas ng mga pananalita sa kapulungang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Mga kapatid, ang ating bagong Knight Grand Officer of Rizal, Sir _____.

(Talumpati ng bagong KGOR)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ang ating gawain sa araw na ito ay tapos na. Nais kong ipagparangal sa inyo ang maningning na nagawa ng mga nangasiwa sa paghahanda at pagganap ng mga seremonya, ang kilos at gawi ng mga Maginoo sa panahon ng mga seremonya, na naayon sa pinakaugalian ng pagkamaginoo.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Iyan na ang nangyari, ngayo’y batiin natin and bagong araw ... *(tatlong katok)* ng ating senyas *(kanang palad sa ibabaw – ang kaliwang palad sa ibaba)*. Sa pagtatapos ng ating seremonya ay mangyaring ialay nating muli ang ating sarili sa mga magiting na layunin ng ating Kapatiran, at muli nating ipangako na palaganapin sa ating mga kababayan ang diwa ng pagmamahal sa bayan at ang pagka-maginoong Maka-Rizal. Mangyari nawa ito. Itinitindig na ang Kapulungan. *(Isang katok) (Wakas ng seremonya)*

V – SEREMONYA SA PAGGAWAD NG PINAKAMATAAS NA ANTAS (KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL)

Sa Kagalang-galang _____

alas _____ ng umaga/hapon, ng (petsa) _____ sa _____

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Binubuksan ko na ang seremonya para sa paggawad ng pinakamataas na antas, Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, sa Kagalang-galang _____.

PANGALAWANG KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Ang Kagalang-galang _____, ay nahirang upang tumanggap ng pinakamataas na antas KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF RIZAL at ito ay pinagtibay ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal. Hinihiling ko sa Kataas-taasang Puno na panguluhan ang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Pinakikiusapan ko ang Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno, ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati at ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim, at ang lahat ng mga kasapi ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal na ihatid sng Kagalang-galang _____, pati na ang mga kasapi ng kanyang pamilya sa harap ng plataporma na pagdarausan ng seremonya. Ang lahat ng nariritong Knight Grand Cross of Rizal ay pinakikiusapang tumayo at maging saksi sa makasaysayang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: (*Pagdating sa harap ng Ceremonial Dais*) Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, malugod kong iniharap sa inyo ang Kagalang-galang _____ na nakatupad sa lahat ng pangangailangan n gating Saligang Batas upang tanggapin ang karangalan na pinakamataas na antas Knight Grand Croos of Rizal. Ang pararangalan ay handa na para tanggapin ang karangalan.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Kagalang-galang _____, isang karangalan para sa Kapatiran ng Mga Maginoo ni Rizal na ikaw as mapasama sa amin. Pinakikiusapan ko ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim na mangyaring basahin ang kasulatan ny pagkilala.

KATAAS-TAASANG KALIHIM: (*Babasahin and kasulatan ng pagkilala*)

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Kagalang-galang _____, sa pamamagitan ng kapangyarihang iginawad sa akin bilang Kataas-taasang Puno ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal, iginagawad ko sa ‘yo ang pinakamataas na antas Knight Grand Cross of Rizal. Isang karangalan na ipinagkakaloob ko sa ‘yo ang medalyong ito bilang tanda ng iyong taglay na antas “Knight Grand Cross of Rizal”.

Tinatawagan ko si Maginoo _____ para ibigay sa ating Kagalang-galang _____, Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, ang sable na nauukol sa kanyang antas. (*Iabot ni Maginoo _____ ang espada*).

Tinatawagan si Maginoo _____ para ibigay kay Maginoo _____, Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, ang nauukol na kasulatan ng pagkilala. (*Iabot ni Maginoo _____ ang kasulatan*)

Sa ngalan ng lahat ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal, binabati ko kayo Maginoo _____, Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, sa pagtanggap ninyo sa karangalang ito na itinuturing naming aming ding karangalan at minimithing karapatan para maigawad sa iyo ang pinakamataas na antas na abot ng makakaya ng Kapatiran. (*Lahat ng mg kasapi sa seremonya as babalik sa kanilang upuan*)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: Kataas-taasang Puno, iminumungkahi ko po na ang ating bagong Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, ang Kagalang-galang na _____, KGCR, ay bumigkas ng mga pananalita sa kapulungang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Mga kapatid, ang Kagalang-galang _____, na Knight Grand Cross of Rizal.

(*Talumpati*)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ang ating gawain sa araw na ito ay tapos na. Nais kong ipagparangal sa inyo ang maningning na nagawa ng mga nangasiwa sa paghahanda at pagganap ng mga seremonya, ang kilos at gawi ng mga Maginoo sa panahon ng mga seremonya, na naayon sa pinakaugalian ng pagkamaginoo.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Iyan na ang nangyari, ngayo’y batiin natin and bagong araw ... (*tatlong katok*) ng ating senyas (*kanang palad sa ibabaw – ang kaliwang palad sa ibaba*). Sa pagtatapos ng ating seremonya ay mangyaring ialay nating muli ang ating sarili sa mga magiting na layunin ng ating Kapatiran, at muli nating ipangako na palaganapin sa ating mga kababayan ang diwa ng pagmamahal sa bayan at ang pagka-maginoong Maka-Rizal. Mangyari nawa ito. Itinitindig na ang Kapulungan. (*Isang katok*) (*Wakas ng seremonya*)

SEREMONYA SA PAGGAWAD NG
“DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS/STAR/MEDAL OF RIZAL”

Kay

Maginoo _____

Chapter _____

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Binubuksan ko na ang seremonya para sa paggawad ng Distinguished Service (Cross/Star/Medal) of Rizal Award sa Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____.

PANGALAWANG KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Ang Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____, ay nahirang upang tumanggap ng “Distinguished Service Cross/Star/Medal of Rizal Award” at ito ay pinagtibay ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal. Hinihiling ko sa Kataas-taasang Puno na panguluhan ang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Pinakikiusapan ko ang Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno, ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati at ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim, at ang lahat ng mga kasapi ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal na ihatid ang Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____, pati na ang mga kasapi ng kanyang pamilya sa harap ng plataporma na pagdarausan ng seremonya. Ang lahat ng nariritong Maginoog Maka-Rizal ay pinakikiusapang tumayo at maging saksi sa makasaysayang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: (*Pagdating sa Ceremonial Dais*) Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, malugod kong iniharap sa inyo ang Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____, na nakatupad sa lahat ng pangangailangan n gating Saligang Batas upang tanggapin ang karangalan na “Distinguished Service Cross/Star/Medal of Rizal Award”. Ang pararangalan ay handa na para tanggapin and karangalan.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____, dahilan sa inyong magiting at mabunying paglilingkod sa Kapatiran, isang malaking karangalan para sa Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal na kayo ay gawaran ng “Distinguished Service Cross/Star/Medal of Rizal Award”. Pinakikiusapan ko ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim, Sir _____, KGOR, na mangyaring basahin ang kasulatan ng pagkilala in Maginoo _____.

KATAAS-TAASANG KALIHIM: (*Babasahin ang kasulatan ng pagkilala ni Maginoo _____, ng _____ Chapter*).

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Sa ngalan ng lahat ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal, binabati kita Maginoo _____, sa pagtanggap mo sa karangalang ito na itinuturing naming aming ding karangalan at minimithing karapatan para maigawad sa iyo ang “Distinguished Service Cross/Star/ Medal of Rizal Award”.

(Lahat ng mga kasapi sa seremonya ay babalik sa kanilang upuan.)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGPATI: Kataas-taasang Puno, iminumungkahi ko po na an gating bagong pinarangalan ng “Distiguished Service Cross/Star/Medal of Rizal Award” Maginoo _____, ay bumigkas ng mga pananalita sa kapulungang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Mga kapatid, ang Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____.

(Talumpati ng bagong pinarangalan ng “Distinguished Service Cross/Star/Medal of Rizal Award”)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGPATI: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ang ating mga gawain sa araw na ito ay tapos na. Nais kong ipagparangalan sa inyo ang maningning na nagawa ng mga nangasiwa sa paghahanda at pagganap ng mga seremonya, ang kilos at gawi ng mga Maginoo sa panahon ng mga seremonya, na naayon sa pinagkaugalian ng pagkamaginoo.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Iyan na ang nangyari. Ngayo’y batiin natin ang bagong araw (*tatlong katok*) ng ating senyas (*kanang palad sa ibabaw – ang kaliwang palad sa ibaba*). Sa pagtatapos ng ating seremonya ay mangyaring ialay nating muli ang ating mga sarili sa mga magiting na layunin ng ating Kapatiran, at muli nating ipangako na palaganapin sa ating mga kababayan ang diwa ng pagmamahal sa bayan at ang pagka-maginoong Maka-Rizal. Mangyari nawa ito. Itinitindig na ang kapulungan. (*Isang katok*).

SEREMONYA SA PAGGAWAD NG
“RIZAL WOMEN OF MALOLOS AWARD”

Kay

Kagalang-galang _____

Petsa: _____

Lugar: _____

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Binubuksan ko na ang seremonya para sa paggawad ng “Rizal Women of Malolos Award” sa Kagalang-galang _____.

PANGALAWANG KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Ang Kagalang-galang _____, ay nahirang upang tumanggap ng “Rizal Women of Malolos Award” at ito ay pinagtibay ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal. Hinihiling ko sa Kataas-taasang Puno na panguluhan ang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Pinakikiusapan ko ang Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno, ang Kataas-taasang Tagapati at ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim, at ang lahat ng mga kasapi ng Pinakamataas na Sanggunian ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal na ihatid ang Kagalang-galang _____, pati na ang mga kasapi ng kanyang pamilya sa harap ng plataporma na pagdarausan ng seremonya. Ang lahat ng nariritong Maginooog Maka-Rizal at mga mag-aaral ay pinakikiusapang tumayo at maging saksi sa makasaysayang seremonyang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: (*Pagdating sa Ceremonial Dais*) Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, malugod kong inihaharap sa inyo ang Kagalang-galang na Maginoo _____, na nakatupad sa lahat ng pangangailangan ng ating Saligang Batas upang tanggapin ang karangalan na “Rizal Women of Malolos Award”. Ang pararangalan ay handa na para tanggapin and karangalan.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Kagalang-galang _____, dahilan sa inyong magiting at mabunying paglilingkod sa bayan, isang malaking karangalan para sa Kapatiran ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal na kayo ay gawaran ng “Rizal Women of Malolos Award”. Pinakikiusapan ko ang Kataas-taasang Kalihim na mangyaring basahin ang kasulatan ng pagkilala sa Kagalang-galang _____.

KATAAS-TAASANG KALIHIM: (*Babasahin ang kasulatan ng pagkilala*).

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Sa ngalan ng lahat ng mga Maginoo ni Rizal, binabati ko ang Kagalang-galang _____, sa pagtanggap ninyo sa karangalang ito na itinuturing naming aming ding karangalan at minimithing karapatan para maigawad sa iyo ang “Rizal Women of Malolos Award”

(*Lahat ng mga kasapi sa seremonya ay babalik sa kanilang upuan.*)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGPATI: Kataas-taasang Puno, iminumungkahi ko po na ang ating bagong pinarangalan ng “Rizal Women of Malolos Award” Kagalang-galang _____, ay bumigkas ng mga pananalita sa kapulungang ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Mga kapatid, ang Kagalang-galang _____.

(*Talumpati*)

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGPATI: Marangal na Kataas-taasang Puno, ang ating mga gawain sa araw na ito ay tapos na. Nais kong ipagparangalan sa inyo ang maningning na nagawa ng mga nangasiwa sa paghahanda at pagganap ng mga seremonya, ang kilos at gawi ng mga Maginoo sa panahon ng mga seremonya, na naayon sa pinagkaugalian ng pagkamaginoo.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Iyan na ang nangyari. Ngayo’y batiin natin ang bagong araw (*tatlong katok*) ng ating senyas (*kanang palad sa ibabaw – ang kaliwang palad sa ibaba*). Sa pagtatapos ng ating seremonya ay mangyaring ialay nating muli ang ating mga sarili sa mga magiting na layunin ng ating Kapatiran, at muli nating ipangako na palaganapin sa ating mga kababayan ang diwa ng pagmamahal sa bayan at ang pagka-maginoong Maka-Rizal. Mangyari nawa ito. Itinitindig na ang kapulungan. (*Isang katok*).

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Day Month Year Time Place

SUPREME COMMANDER: (*Striking the gavel twice*) _____ and members of the family, distinguished guests, beloved brother Knights and their Ladies, the Assembly will now come to order.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: Illustrious Supreme Commander, as Supreme Chancellor of the Order, it is with regret that I announce the untimely passing on the ____ day of this month of our Brother Sir _____ (rank).

SUPREME PURSUIVANT: Illustrious Supreme Commander, by virtue of the many good deeds of our departed brother Knight, Sir _____, I ask, as Supreme Pursuivant of this Order that his name be enrolled in the Order’s Chapter of the Immortals.

SUPREME COMMANDER: The good deeds of our deceased brother Knight, Sir _____, being a matter of public knowldege, let his name be so enrolled in the Order's CHAPTER OF THE IMMORTALS.

SUPREME PURSUIVANT: The name of Sir _____ has been so enrolled in the Order's CHAPTER OF THE IMMORTALS.

SUPREME COMMANDER: Beloved Brother Knights, we recall on this solemn occasion that God in His infinite Wisdom has summoned our beloved Colleague. (*Brief Remarks*): Great is our loss and that of his beloved family and greater still is the loss of our country. Ardent Rizalist, his lifetime of service to God, country and his fellowmen will always be remembered and revered. We take solace in that he has gone to his just Reward.

The Deputy Supreme Commander will now lead the opening prayers for the repose of the soul of our departed brother. *(3 strokes of the gavel, everyone stands, head bowed in meditation).*

DEPUTY SUPREME COMMANDER: *(Reading the prayers)*

- Lord, receive in Your Kingdom of Salvation Your servant who awaits Your mercy.
- Lord, free his soul as You saved Enock and Elias in sure death common to man.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Noah from the great deluge.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Abraham from the land of the Chaldeans.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Job in his sufferings.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Isaac's soul from his Father who wished to destroy him.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Lot from Sodom's rain of fire.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Moses from the hand of King Pharoah of Egypt.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved the souls of the 3 young men from the burning oven in the hands of the impious King.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved Susana from false testimony.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved David from the hands of Saul and Goliath.
- Lord, save his soul as You saved St. Peter and St. Paul from prison.
- Lord, pity and save his soul and' permit him to enjoy by Your side eternal peace.
- ALLAMEN.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR: I rise to petition that we now hear the eulogies of the speakers chosen for this solemn occasion.

SUPREME COMMANDER: So be it.

(The speakers successively without further announcement deliver their respective eulogies.)

SPEAKERS: 1. _____;
2. _____;
3. _____

Response: _____

SUPREME COMMANDER: Brothers, before we part, let us say our final prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of our departed brother, Sir _____. *(3 strokes of the gavel - All rise. The Supreme Commander reads the following prayers).*

O Divine Master, all powerful and true God, by whose decree come forth all things, from whom mercy and forgiveness come, hear our supplications which, we, the KNIGHTS OF RIZAL, offer with fervor for our departed brother, Your son (name), who now, You have wished to leave this world. Receive our humble prayers and send forth Your angels to take him to Your Kingdom. Oh! Omnipotent God, Ruler of the Universe, Merciful God, Light of True Light - Savior of all stricken mortals, Protector of the Weak, may the prayers of the KNIGHTS OF RIZAL reach You as we invoke Your mercy and grace with true devotion in this gathering, so that in eternity he may receive Your Divine compassion and blessings with our national hero JOSE RIZAL.

(After this prayer, taps is sounded marking the end of the ceremony).

SUPREME COMMANDER: I now declare the assembly closed.

LUKSANG LAMAYAN NG PAG-ALAALA

Alang-alang kay

sa ilalim ng pagtaguyod ng Kataas-taasang Kapulungan
ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal

(Araw) (Buwan) (Taon)

(Takdang Oras) (Pook)

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: (*Kakatok ng makalawa*) _____ at ang kanyang pamilya, mga mabunying panauhin, mga kapatid at mga kamaginoong Maka-Rizal, ipinahahayag kong bukas na ang kapulungan.

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: Mabunying Kataas-taasang Puno, bilang Kataas-taasang Tagapati, buong lungkot kong ipinatalastas ang pagyao nuong ika-_____ (araw, buwan, taon) ng ating kasama sa Kapatiran na si Maginoo _____ (Pangalan at Antas).

KATAAS-TAASANG KALIHIM: Mabunying Kataas-taasang Puno, batay sa mga maraming kabutihang nagawa n gating yumaong kapatid na Maginoo _____ na naaayon sa mga adhikain at mga alituntunin ng ating Kapatiran, hinihiling ko, bilang Kataas-taasang Kalihim ny Kapatiran ng mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal na ang pangalan ng ating kapatid na Maginoo _____ ay maitala sa kabanata ng walang kamatayan ng ating Kapatiran.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Sapagka't hindi lingid sa kaalaman ng lahat ang mga kapuri-puring gawa ng ating kapatid na Maginoo, ay bayaang maitala ang kanyang pangalan sa kabanata ng walang kamatayan ng ating Kapatiran.

KATAAS-TAASANG KALIHIM: Sa utos ng Kataas-taasang Puno, naitala na ang pangalan ni Maginoo _____ sa kabanata ng walang kamatayan ng ating Kapatiran.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Mga itinatangi kong Ka-maginoong Maka-Rizal, itanim natin sa ating isip at damdamin na ang ating kapatid _____ ay tinawag ng ating dakilang lumikha upang lakbayin ang landas na patungo sa buhay na walang hanggan. (*Sandaling pangungusap*): Ang kanyang buhay sa daigdig na ito, na inilaan niya sa paglilingkod ng tapat sa Diyos, sa bayan, at sa kanyang kapwa ay hindi kailan man mawawaksi sa ating ala-ala, at nararapat na pag-ukulan ng pagpipitagan. Matindi man ang pangungulilang naghahari sa ating kalooban, gaya rin ng nararamdaman ng kanyang pamilya, at malaki ring kawalan sa ating bayan ang kanyang pagyao, subali't sa kabilang dako, dapat tayong magalak sapagka't sang-ayon sa banal na kasulatan, "Ang mga kaluluwa ng mga banal ay nasa kamay ng Diyos, at hindi sila maaabot ng pagdurusa".

Ang Pangalawang Kataas-taasang Puno ay hinihiling na manguna sa pambungad na panalanging alay sa ating namayapang kapatid na Maginoo _____.

PANGALAWANG KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: (*Babasahin ang panalangin*)

- Panginoon, tanggapin po ninyo sa inyong kaharian ang kaluluwa ng inyong anak na naghihintay ng inyong awa.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kina Enoch at Elyas sa kamatayang naghihintay sa bawat pangkaraniwang nilalang.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Noe sa pagkagunaw.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Abraham sa lupain ng mga Kaldyano.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Job sa kanyang mga pagdurusa.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Isaac sa kamay ng kanyang amang ninais na siya'y ipahamak.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Lot sa nag-aapoy na ulan sa Sodom.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Moises sa kamay ny haring Pharaoh ng Ehipto.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay ninyo sa mga kaluluwa ng tatlong kabataan sa loob ng nag-aapoy na pugon ng haring makasalanan.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay Susan sa bulaang salaysay.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay David sa mga kamay ni Saul at Goliath.
- Panginoon, iligtas po ninyo ang kanyang kaluluwa, gaya ng pagkaligtas kay San Pedro at kay San Pablo sa bilangguan.
- Panginoon, kaawaan ninyo at iligtas ang kanyang kaluluwa at bigyan po ninyo siya ng buhay na walang hanggan sa inyong kaharian kasama ng lahat ng inyong mga banal.

LAHAT: Siya nawa.

KATAAS-TAASANG TAGAPATI: Hinihiling ko na pakinggan ang mga talumpating parangal para sa ating yumaong kapatid kaugnay ng maringal na pagkakataong ito.

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Siya nawa.

(*Ang mga nakahanay na tagapagsalita ay isa-isang magsasalita ayon sa kanilang pagkakasunod-sunod sa hanay ng hindi na ipakikilala*)

Mga Tagapagsalita:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Pagtugon: _____

KATAAS-TAASANG PUNO: Mga kapanalig sa matayog na adhikain ng Kapatiran ng mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal, bago po tayo maghiwa-hiwalay, mag-alay po tayo ng pang-huling panalangin alang-alang sa walang hanggang pamamayapa at pagpapahingalay ng kaluluwa ng ating kapatid na si _____ . (*Tatlong katok ng malyete – lahat ay tatayo; babasahin ng Kataas-taasang Puno ang sumusunod na panalangin*):

O Banal na Panginoong lumikha ng langit at lupa, ikaw na nagkaloob sa amin ng lahat ng biyaya, dinggin mo ang aming taimtim na panalangin bilang mga Maginoong Maka-Rizal. Buong puso at pagpapakumbaba naming isinasamo na igawad ninyo sa kanya ang inyong bendisyon upang siya’y maging karapatdapat sa inyong pagmamahal. Nawa’y ihatid siya ng inyong mga banal na anghel sa inyong kaharian, upang makasama niya ang aming bayaning Gat Jose Rizal.

(*Ang pagtatapos ng seremonya at pagtitindig ng kapulungan ay ihuhudyat ng katok ng malyete*).

PAST SUPREME COMMANDERS

Sir Antonio C. Torres, KGCR	1916
Sir Martin P. de Veyra, KGCR	1941-42
Sir Manuel Lim, KGCR	1947-50
Sir Juan F. Nakpil, KGCR	1961-52
Sir Herminio Velarde, KGCR	1953-54
Sir Teodoro Evangelista, KGCR	1955
Sir Hermenegildo B. Reyes, KGCR	1956
Sir Santiago F. dela Cruz, KGCR	1959-64
Sir Jesus E. Perpinan, KGCR	1965-66
Sir Vitaliano Bernardino, KGCR	1967-69
Sir Jose Ma. Paredes, KGCR	1970
Sir Claudio Teehankee, KGCR	1971-83
<i>Supreme Commander Emeritus</i>	
Sir Jose S. Laurel III, KGCR	1984-85
Sir Justo P. Torres, Jr., KGCR	1985-86
Sir Simeon C. Medalla, KGCR	1986-87
Sir Conrado M. Vasquez, Sr., KGCR	1987-88
Sir Filemon H. Mendoza, KGCR	1988-89
Sir Angel Rica Alvarez, KGCR	1989-90
Sir Elias B. Lopez, KGCR	1990-92