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Order of the Knights of Rizal

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FOR/TO : ALL KNIGHTS OF RIZAL
Regional and Deputy Regional Commanders
Area and Deputy Area Commanders
Chapter Commanders
Counterpart Organizations

Subject : Rizal Sesquicentennial Excellence Challenge

Date : 12 October 2010

1. Nature

As a run to, and in commemoration of, the sesquicentennial anniversary in 2011 of the birth of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, the Supreme Council of the Order of the Knights of Rizal (hereinafter called the Order) has launched the Rizal Sesquicentennial Excellence Challenge (hereinafter called the Rizal Challenge). The Rizal Challenge is a landmark project among the Regions, Chapters and members of the Order worldwide. The Rizal Challenge throws the gauntlet of friendly rivalry among the Order's constituencies to motivate, stimulate, acknowledge and reward practices, initiatives, programs and achievements that express the spirit and purpose of the Order at its best and brightest.

2. Rationale

Membership and the vigor of members are of fundamental importance to ensure any organization's continuing growth and development. It is said that an organization that ceases to grow, begins to die. This principle applies to any organization including the Order.

The capacity to attract new, qualified and active members into the Order is the shared responsibility of its chapters and members worldwide. It is an obligation borne from the privilege of membership and the rewarding experience of common brotherhood.

Renewed vitality and innovative ideas will bring together more hearts and minds for sharing and service. As a vital component of the sesquicentennial commemoration of the birth of Jose Rizal, the Order

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therefore challenges and enjoins all its Regions, Chapters and members to step forward and up, and participate in the Rizal Challenge.

3. Specific Goals

The Rizal Challenge is a milestone project aimed at achieving the following:

- (a) substantially increase worldwide membership of the Order by increasing membership of each Chapter by at least 50%;
- (b) spur Chapters to sponsor and organize additional new Chapters and counterpart organizations as well as establish brother-chapter arrangements between overseas and national (Philippine) Chapters;
- (c) increase Lifetime Membership in each Chapter;
- (d) stimulate, motivate and nurture the emergence of leaders, within and outside the Order, who innovate across sectors and beyond borders through initiatives and projects that promote Rizalian values and impact the public with the temper of generous service; and
- (e) commemorate and celebrate the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal with appropriate, innovative and substantive programs that mirror his spirit of service and sacrifice for others.

4. Eligible Participants

- (a) Every Chapter of the Order which has complied with the following:
 - (i) a membership base of at least fifteen (15) members;
 - (ii) has paid and remitted on time its annual dues and/or any applicable fees and charges to the International Headquarters of the Order, said remittances being duly receipted for by the latter; and
 - (iii) in good standing in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Order and without any suspension or disciplinary action duly imputed against it by the Supreme Council.

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(b) Regional officers, Chapter Commanders and members of the Order.

Those nominated and/or to be conferred individual awards must likewise be in good standing in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Order and without any suspension or disciplinary action duly imputed against said officers or members by the Supreme Council.

5. Period of the Rizal Challenge

The Rizal Challenge shall cover the period commencing as from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011. This period has been fixed to cover activities and initiatives already accomplished as from the month of the election of the new Supreme Council (May 2010) up to the end of the competition period.

6. Criteria for the Rizal Challenge Awards

Chapters of the Order must address the Challenge on the basis of the following criteria:

- (a) the most number of new, active and qualified members initiated within a Chapter during the competition period - 20%
- (b) the most number of new and active Chapters and counterpart organizations sponsored and organized, as well as active brother-chapter arrangements established, by or through the auspices of a Chapter during the competition period - 20%
- (c) the most number of Lifetime Members recruited by a Chapter during the competition period - 10%
- (d) the most substantive corpus or body of initiatives, projects and programs within the competition period that promoted and embodied the spirit and purpose of the Order at its best and brightest. This corpus of achievements should include not only substantial projects that were specifically related to the commemoration or celebration of Rizal, his works and life but also such projects as would promote the welfare of a community or the general public which would thereby clearly reflect the spirit of service and sacrifice of Dr. Jose Rizal. This corpus of achievements should specify the meetings and assemblies of the concerned Chapter. - 50%



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(7) Awards

(a) Chapter Awards

(1) The first three Chapters determined to have achieved the highest ratings pursuant to the criteria shall be conferred the overall international champion awards as follows:

- (i) 1st Place -El Amor Patrio International Excellence Award (Gold)
- (ii) 2nd Place -El Amor Patrio International Excellence Award (Silver)
- (iii) 3rd Place -El Amor Patrio International Excellence Award (Bronze)

(2) Two additional Chapters which have achieved the next highest rankings, one among the overseas regions and the other among the national (Philippine) regions, shall be conferred the regional champion awards as follows:

- (i) 4th Place -El Amor Patrio Overseas Excellence Award
- (ii) 5th Place -El Amor Patrio National Excellence Award

The names of all the winning Chapters shall be inscribed in the Hall of Honor at the International Headquarters of the Order.

(b) Chapter Commander Awards

The Chapter Commanders of the five winning Chapters shall be constituted as the **Crisostomo Ibarra Fellows**. Their names shall be inscribed in the Hall of Honor at the International Headquarters of the Order. In addition, they shall be conferred the following medallions:

- (i) Chapter Commander of the 1st Place Chapter Winner - The Gold, Green and Brown Sesquicentennial Medallion of Honor
- (ii) Chapter Commander of the 2nd Place Chapter

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Winner - The Gold Sesquicentennial Medallion of Honor

(iii) Chapter Commander of the 3rd Place Chapter Winner - The Green Sesquicentennial Medallion of Honor

(iv) Chapter Commanders of the 4th and 5th Place Chapter Winners - The Brown Sesquicentennial Medallions of Honor

(c) Regional and Area Commander Awards

The concerned Regional Commander(s) and Area Commander(s) and their Deputies who were responsible, with supporting documentation, for the first five winning Chapters shall be constituted as the **Padre Florentino Fellows**. Their names shall be inscribed in the Hall of Honor at the International Headquarters of the Order. In addition, they shall be conferred the Gold and Green Sesquicentennial Medallions of Honor.

(d) Individual Member Awards

Chapter Commanders, with the endorsement of their concerned Regional and Area Commanders, may nominate Chapter members who have distinguished themselves and contributed immensely to the achievement of the goals of the Rizal Challenge and to the success of their Chapters in the project. The members, selected by the Board of Judges, shall be conferred the Sesquicentennial Distinguished Service Cross, the Sesquicentennial Distinguished Service Star or the Sesquicentennial Distinguished Service Medal as appropriate.

8. Board of Judges and Administrative Matters

The Board of Judges shall be constituted by the Supreme Council and announced to the fraternal organization at such time as the Supreme Council may determine appropriate. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be final and unappealable.

The administration of the Rizal Challenge shall be under the direction of the Rizal Challenge Committee headed by the following Co-Chairmen: Sir Reghis Romero II, KGCR (Policy and Resource Mobilization) and Sir Avelino V. Torres, KGOR (Operations).



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The members of the Council of Elders shall constitute the Advisory Board.

Members of the Rizal Challenge Committee shall include Sir Jeremias Singson, KGOR, Sir Vic Ramos, KGOR, Sir Reynold Mateo, KGOR, Sir Santy Chua, KGOR, Sir Peter Plueckebaum, KGOR, Sir Roger Alama, KGOR, Sir Rey Banta, KGOR, Sir Jaime Marasigan, KGOR, Sir Jose Cua, KGOR, Sir Domingo Ortega, Jr., KGOR, Sir Nestor Jongco, KCR, Sir Alex Genite, KCR, and such other Knights of the Order as may be appointed by the Committee from time to time, after consultations with and concurrence of the Supreme Commander. The Rizal Challenge Committee shall be assisted by the Order's Regional and Area Commanders and their Deputies within their respective areas.

The Rizal Challenge shall at all times be subject to the supervision and control of the Supreme Council and the Supreme Commander and they may promulgate, from time to time, such other rules, regulations and changes in relation thereto as they may deem necessary and appropriate for the success of the project.

9. Deadline for Submission of Entries and Date of Awards

Entries to the Rizal Challenge, in the form of Accomplishment Reports, clearly spelling out in detail compliance with the criteria as specified herein shall be submitted on or before 1 May 2011. Whether the Accomplishment Reports are sent via e-mail or by post, the same must be received by the International Headquarters on or before the deadline to ensure sufficient time for the process of evaluation, judging and proclamation of winners.

Barring unforeseen events, the Rizal Challenge Awards are scheduled to be conferred in Manila, on 19 June 2011, in fitting ceremonies commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal.

For further inquiries, please contact Mr. Edgar Rosero (Administrative Officer) and/or Ms. Maureen Fernandez (Assistant Administrative Officer) at the IHQ of the Order, telephone 528-1974; telefax 528-1973; or e-mail okorian84@yahoo.com.**

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Your favorable response and participation will be deeply appreciated, for which we thank you in advance.

With our highest compliments and best wishes for your continued good health and success, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

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