

# Supreme Council Holds 1966 Session

The Supreme Council of the Thirty-third and Last Degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Republic of the Philippines, held its sixteenth annual meeting of February 10, 11, 12 & 13, 1966 at the Scottish Rite Temple. In this year's session, a total of thirty-one honors were given.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, the session began at 3:30 PM, with the opening of the Council session among the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General and Inspectors General Honorary, after which Masters of the Royal Secret were admitted. Main features of the meeting were the Allocation of Sovereign Grand Commander Benitez and the report of Grand Secretary General Velo. At this meeting, the honors were announced. At eight o'clock in the evening, the second meeting of the day was held, presided over by Ill. Camilo Osias, Ven. Lt. Grand Commander. Special features of the meeting were musical numbers by the Luzon Bodies Choir and the address by Sovereign Grand Commander Benitez. At this meeting, Master Masons were invited to attend.

On Friday, Feb. 11, the regular session of the Supreme Council was held at 3:30 PM, at which official business of the Council was taken up. At seven in the evening, the meeting was presided over by Sovereign Grand Commander Benitez. Main feature of the evening was the conferring of the Thirty-third and Last Degree with Ill. Macario Ofilada in charge. Only Sovereign Grand In-

spectors General and Inspectors General Honorary were present.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the session was begun at 1:30 PM, with Sovereign Grand Commander Benitez presiding. Further business of the Council was taken up and concluded at this meeting. The afternoon session started at 5:00 PM, with Ill. Teofilo A. Abejo, Grand Chancellor, presiding. The meeting received MW Serafin L. Teves, Grand Master, and other officers of the Grand Lodge. Features of the meeting were the conferring of the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor on twenty Masters of the Royal Secret and the address of Grand Master Teves. Closing remarks were given by Grand Commander Benitez. Musical numbers were furnished by the Luzon Bodies Choir. A fraternal banquet was held in the evening at 7:30 o'clock at the banquet hall of the Scottish Rite Temple. Toasts were given in honor of the President of the Philippines, the Grand Master, and the Sovereign Grand Commander. Main address of the evening was given by Bro. Isabelo de los Reyes, Jr., Supreme Bishop of the Philippine Independent Church and President of the National Council of Churches of the Philippines.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, the annual session was culminated with a church service at the Central Church with Ill. Jose L. Valencia preaching the sermon. Presiding at the service was Ill. Charles Mosebrook, PGM.

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Walter H. Schoening with the help of Rainbow girls from Manila Assembly at the Scottish Rite Temple, Taft Avenue, Manila. Mrs. Beth Barnes was Mother Advisor and Lizzie Rader was Worthy Advisor. Perla Assembly grew and prospered as the years rolled by leading to the growth of the Order of the Rainbow for girls in the Philippines.

Clark Assembly No. 2 was constituted by the late Walter H. Schoening on August 11, 1956 with the aid of the members of Perla Assembly in Clark Field Air Base, Angeles, Pampanga. Mrs. LaVerne Mabel Whitlock was Mother Advisor and Charlsie Stewart was Worthy Advisor. Their sponsoring body is Leonard Wood Lodge No. 105.

Cavite Assembly No. 3 was constituted in 1961 in Cavite City by Mrs. Agnes Schoening (who became Supreme Deputy of the Order in the Far East after the death of her husband, the late Walter H. Schoening) assisted by members of Perla Assembly.

Mrs. Agnes Schoening then left for the United States. The Supreme

Assembly appointed Mrs. Alice Bellis Supreme Deputy of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in the Philippines and Okinawa.

There are now three Assemblies of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in the Philippines to help our young girls between the ages of 12 and 18 prepare themselves for womanhood and become better leaders and better citizens of our country. As members of the Order, they will be able to encounter the problems of life with ease, tact, understanding and agility.

We hope that our Brother Masons and Sister Eastern Stars will help in the growth and welfare of the Order of the Rainbow for Girls in the Philippines.

The Advisory Board of Perla Assembly No. 1 is presently composed of Raymond Wilmarth, chairman; Bayani Y. Salcedo, Luis F. Lancero, Jr., Romeo T. Pasco, Benito Manenze, Laurence H. Gardner, Guillermo Madridejos, Virginia Domingo, (Mother Advisor of the Assembly); Maria Luisa Vicente, Carmen Karganilla, Fe Suaco and Flora Ostrea. △



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The various honors were awarded as follows: To be Sovereign Grand Inspectors General (Active): Ill. Bros. Jose Locsin Araneta, Remigio Montilla Abello, Cirilo Dictado Constantino, and Damaso Cruz Tria;

To be Inspectors General Honorary, 33°: Bros. Bernabe Africa, Edward Albert Bellis, Ruperto Sarrosa Demonteverde, Teofilo Marte, Leon Cabig Santiago, Isabelo Tupas and Raymond Everett Wilmarth;

To be knights Commander of the Court of Honor: Bros. Manuel Mon-

tila Abello, Jose Bautista Abejo, Cornelio Malabanan Aguirre, Timoteo Biloya Almonte, Gregorio Raguco Bailen, Domingo Cabali, Felix Manawis Caburian, William Howard Clark, Jr., Temistocles Elviña, Liberato Estal Littaña, Juanito Treyes Magbanua, Francisco Mateo, Pedro Domingo Melendez, Seldon W. O'Brien, Gil, Francisco Octaviano, Juan Villanueva Orenca, Alfredo Lamzon Ortiz, Castor Silvestre, Sotero Anselmo Torralba, and Stanton Youngberg. △