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**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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143rd Founding Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus Literary Contests

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chiefs, CID and SGOD
Heads of Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. This Office, through the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID), announces the invitation from the Knights of Columbus Literary Contests.
2. For detailed information and contest mechanics, please see the attached files.
3. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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February 28, 2025

WILFREDA D. BONGALOS, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of City Schools -Tagbilaran City

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Madam:

The Bohol Knights of Columbus will be celebrating its 143rd Founding Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 2025. In this year's celebration we opt to conduct Literary Contests by sponsoring (1) On-the-Spot Essay Writing and (2) Oratorical Speech contests at Bohol Institute of Technology - International College, Gallares St., Tagbilaran City to be participated by selected secondary students of all public and private schools of this division.

With this set of activities, we request your good office to support us by disseminating this activity through a division memorandum inviting all public and private schools of this division to join the competition by sending one (1) student contestant for each contest category except for Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School which shall be given two (2) slots per contest category-1 contestant from Junior High School and 1 contestant from Senior High School due to its huge student population.

Enclosed herein are the contests guidelines, criteria and prizes for the participants' reference.

Favorable response is very much highly appreciated. Thank you and more power.

Very truly yours,


SK SERVANDO T. JUMAUID, JR.
(Faithful Navigator)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LITERARY CONTESTS
On the occasion of the 143rd Founding Anniversary
of the Knights of Columbus

This Literary Contests consist of On-the-Spot Essay Writing Contest and Oratorical Contest. This is a joint-undertaking of Fourth Degree Assemblies and Councils of the Knights of Columbus based in Tagbilaran City, namely:

1. St. John Paul Assembly No. 3669;
2. Msgr. Gelacio Ramirez Assembly No. 1538;
3. Dao Sta. Cruz Council No. 16297 (Brgy. Dao);
4. San Roque Council No. 16818 (Brgy. Tiptip);
5. Immaculate Heart of Mary Council No. 14601 (Brgy. Taloto);
6. St. Joseph Cathedral Council No. 5698
7. Bohol Council No. 3290.
8. SK Pedro Caunan Council No. 9329 (Lindaville Subdivision)
9. Bohol Institute of Technology-International College Council

To highlight the significance of the 143rd anniversary celebration of the foundation of the Knights of Columbus, the aforementioned assemblies and councils spearhead this Literary Contests. The theme or topic of the contest will focus on patriotism and good citizenship in furtherance of the core values and principles of the Knights of Columbus.

I. ON-THE-SPOT ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

A. MECHANICS:

1. The contestants shall come from public and private secondary schools in Tagbilaran City. There shall be only one contestant for every school except for Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School which shall be given two (2) slots - 1 contestant from Junior High School and 1 contestant from Senior High School due to its huge student population.
2. The contestants shall wear their respective school uniform.
3. The venue of the contest will be at Room ____, Second Floor, Main Bldg., Bohol Institute of Technology-International College, Gallares St., Tagbilaran City. The contestants shall be at the venue before 9:00 o'clock on March 29, 2025.
4. The specific topic or theme of essay contest shall be agreed by the Board of Judges and the same must not be divulged to anyone and shall be announced only to the contestants at the venue on the day of the contest.
5. The entry must be written in English, with at least 250 words and must not exceed 400 words.

6. The participants shall be given one (1) hour to write and finish the essay.
7. A proctor shall be assigned to manage the actual conduct of the contest, maintain decorum and preserve the integrity of the contest.
8. Entries shall be judged anonymously by the judges. Each contestant shall be assigned a number to be written on his/her piece or paper instead of his/her real name.

B. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

A. Originality -----	20%
B. Structure -----	20%
C. Adherence to Topic -----	20%
D. Language -----	20%
E. Organization -----	20%
TOTAL:	100%

- A. Originality - the idea, perspective, or presentation is unique and fresh.
- B. Structure - sentence length and paragraph breaks enhance the clarity, meaning, and movement of the writing.
- C. Adherence to the topic – the essay effectively explores or relates to the theme of the contest.
- D. Language - vocabulary is appropriate to the subject and style. Word choice is precise and evocative.
- E. Organization - there is a clear development of ideas. The writer has shown a progression of thought in a clear and logical way.

II. ORATORICAL CONTEST

A. MECHANICS:

1. The contest is open for all public and private secondary schools in Tagbilaran City. There shall be only one contestant from every school except for Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School which shall be given two (2) slots – 1 contestant from Junior High School and 1 contestant from Senior High School due to its huge student population.
2. The topic or theme of the oration is this issue – Is Patriotism a virtue? How can one be patriotic in today’s society?

3. The piece must be original. It must bear the name and address of the author.
4. The delivery shall not be less than five (5) minutes but not to exceed seven (7) minutes.
5. The speaker must refrain from using slanderous or libelous words or statements.
6. The contestants must wear Filipiniana-inspired attire.
7. The contestants must arrive at the venue 30 minutes before the start of the competition.
8. The venue of the contest will be at the AV Hall of Bohol Institute of Technology-International College, Gallares St., Tagbilaran City.

B. CRITERIA FOR JUDGING:

A. Relevance to the theme -----	25%
B. Delivery -----	25%
C. Mastery -----	25%
D. Stage Presence -----	25%
TOTAL	100%

- A. Relevance to the theme – the way the speech respond or address the chosen topic.
- B. Delivery – Clarity of speech, proper pronunciation of words and variation of pitch.
- C. Mastery - committing the entire speech to memory allowing for more natural delivery through eye contact.
- D. Stage presence - Appropriate use of hands, body, facial expressions and demeanor.

III. PRIZES (for both Essay Writing and Oratorical Contests):

First Prize ----- P5,000.00

Second Prize ----- P3,000.00

Third Prize ----- P2,000.00

Every non-winning entry is entitled to a consolation prize of P500.00 each.

IV. PUBLICATION OF THE WINNING ESSAY/ORATORICAL PIECE

The Knights of Columbus shall have the right to publish the essay or oration piece declared as winners in any local newspapers in Bohol.