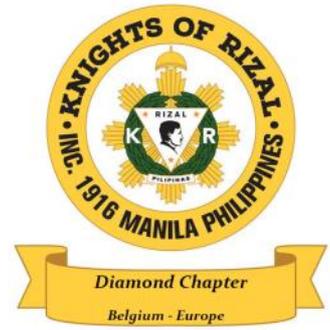




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Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - 2017

Introduction

Dear Brother Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter and affiliated chapters in Belgium, Europe and worldwide,

Dear friends of our organization,

As the newly appointed Chapter Commander 2017-2018 of the KOR Diamond Chapter, Belgium Area, Europe Region, I would like first of all to use this occasion to wish you all a very prosperous New Year. May the New Year bring you good health, love, peace and happiness and satisfaction in all your activities and projects, inspired by the acts and deeds of our National hero, Dr José Rizal.

It is an honor to become Chapter Commander of this very vibrant Chapter, which is the result of the efforts and commitment of my illustrious predecessors and its former and actual members and their partners. I would like to thank again our board for the trust they have put in me and Sir Ronny (as well as our predecessors) for the

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job well done.

Since our last Newsletter, we had first of all our classic autumn activity on 8th October 2016 in De Schuur, with BBQ, a presentation by Sir Kristoff of pictures/impressions of the successful 10th September 2016 (125th anniversary of the printing of *El Filibusterismo* in Ghent) celebration and our Tombola, animated by Sir Paul. It was again a nice activity and a good occasion to meet each other in a quite informal way and to strengthen our brotherhood.

On the 30th of December 2016, we had our traditional Commemoration of Dr Rizal's death anniversary, with flower offering and small cultural contributions by the different Chapters and our Counterpart organizations. The board of the Diamond Chapter brought some parts of the *Noli me Tangere*, prepared by Sir Dominiek. Of course, foods and drinks were offered to nourish our inner bodies.

Our latest activity was our 17th Chartering Anniversary in De Watermeulen in Kruibeke. The official part included the dubbing of three new Knights (Sir Marnix, Sir François and Sir Ronny), the exaltation of Sir Kristoff and Sir Dirk and presentation of the Distinguished Service Medal to some of our members. The cultural part, although shortened because our friend Sir Olaf Van Boetelaer, who was supposed to give a little lecture, was excused for medical reasons, was brought by some of our ladies in red, performing some dances, which was very much appreciated by our numerous guests. The great food and drinks and our ever growing brotherhood made it again a big success. Thank you all for your presence and contribution.

With quite some activities ahead, I am hoping to see you all in a very near future and it's my goal to include you all as much as possible in the organization of the activities for which we be held responsible. Thank you for your support and let's continue our mission and get our Chapter known for being vibrant, committed and precious as a real diamond.

Non Omnis Moriar

Sir Danny Vandenbogaerde, KCR

*Chapter Commander 2017-2019
Distinguished Service Medal
Diamond Chapter - Antwerp*

Board 2017

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Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, Pursuivant, Past Chapter Commander
Sir Roy De Mol, KCR, Exchequer, Deputy Commander
Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, Deputy Pursuivant, Deputy Commander
Sir Marc Helsen, KCR, Deputy Commander/Chancellor*

17th Chartering Anniversary Diamond Chapter



Saturday February 4th, the Diamond Chapter held its 17th Chartering Anniversary in de 'Watermeulen' in Krui-beke.

We were very pleased that we could welcome more than 70 knights, spouses and friends. Also present were Sir Lino Paras, KGCR, Sir Abeth Arevalo, KGOR, Sir Jim Rebong, KCR, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Sir Mario Fajardo, KGOR, the Brussels Chapter headed by Sir Carlo Mattheusen and a delegation of the Kababaihang Rizalista, headed by Lady Nina Fernandez.

The event opened with the bringing in of the colors and the playing and singing of the national anthems. The welcome address was given by Sir Paul Verloo, KCR.



Mr Oliver Delfin, Consul of the Philippine embassy in Brussels, read a message of Consul General and CDA mr Alan Deniega. And Sir Dominiek Segart, KGOR, read a message of the Belgian Ambassador in Manila, H.E. Sir Roland Van Remoortele, KCR.

The ceremony started with the dubbing of three new postulants: Ronny De Blaere, Marnix Van de Voorde and Francois Smets. Sirs Dirk Vandeweghe and Kristoff Mortier were exalted to the third degree as KCR.



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The team that coordinated the El Fili celebration on the 10th September last year received the Distinguished Service medal. The members who received the award were: Sirs Herbert Cockx, KR, Willy De Meyere, KOR, Kristoff Mortier, KCR, Peter Uhrig, KOR, Danny Vandenberghe, KCR, Dirk Vandeweghe, KCR and Eddy Verhey, KOR.

After the ceremony, the new board was presented, followed by a photosession. Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, closed the formalities with the fraternal sign.



The sumptuous dinner which was served in a new style was very well appreciated by many of the participants.

Some ladies of the KOR had prepared a few dances. The rest of the ladies and knights could not wait to join them on the floor for the rest of the evening!



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21st International Assembly in Davao 23-25 February



On February 23-25, the KOR organised its 21st International Assembly in Davao, the city of president Duterte. Europe and especially Belgium was represented with a big delegation. The European Commander, Sir Tony Guan-sing, KGOR, was accompanied by Sir Abeth Arevalo, KGOR and Deputy European Commander, Sir Jim Rebong, KCR and Belgian Area Commander, Sir Lino Paras, KGCR and overall adviser for Europe, Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Sir Geert Verhaegen, KCR and Sir Felipe Yap, KCR. Also present was Sir Carlos Simbillo, KCR and Area Commander for Italy. Also H.E. Consul General Alan Deniega from the Philippine Embassy in Belgium was attending the assembly.



The meeting was presided by the Supreme Commander Sir Reynato Puno, KGCR. During the ceremony, president Duterte received the rank of KGCR. During his acceptance speech, president Duterte's main message was that he hoped to see the Knights of Rizal in the forefront of a future campaign to shift to the federal type of government.

Speech of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

[Delivered at SMX Convention Center Davao City| 23 February 2017]

Good evening.

Chief Justice Reynato Puno Sr., Supreme Commander Knights of Rizal, and other members of the Supreme Council; members of the Knights of Rizal; honorable guests; my beloved countrymen.

Your conferment upon me today of the Knight Grand Cross of Rizal, the highest degree was the Knights of Rizal could give any person with, is truly humbling.

I must confess, however, that I suffer the sense of inadequacy knowing that I stand before assemblage of men who are so fused with patriotic fervour, deeply imbued with Dr. Jose Rizal's ideals and visions, and dedicated to the diffusion of his writings and teachings.

Tell me, how does one relate appropriately to such people with lofty credentials? That is the circumstance under which I labour and I can only hope that I would justice the award that you bestow upon me today.

My friends, when I threw my hat in the presidential ring, I knew that our country has beset to the multitude of problems, some minor but mostly major.

I did not know then how deeply ingrained and enormous those problems were. Nonetheless and early on, I felt that there must be a meaningful change or reform with those occupying the highest positions in government. We know what we need or ought to do but we do not do them because our concept of government is parochial and we cannot rise above our family ethnic and clan loyalties.

As we push through ourselves to a better Philippines, I recall Dr. Jose Rizal's writings. Thus I have also written the change or reforms if they are to bear fruit must come from the above for change or reforms that come below are upheavals, both violent and transitory.

Perhaps, it would be good for us to revisit the wisdom contained in the words of Dr. Jose Rizal, which reverberate

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from centuries passed.

To start with after Rizal published the *Noli Me Tángere*, he created a lot of enemies. And Father Sanchez of the Society of Jesus, who feared for his life and safety and security, warned him of terrible consequences.

He asked Dr. Jose Rizal, "You do not fear the consequences of your boldness?"

Rizal answered: "Father, you are a missionary. When you are on a mission, do your duty without fear of consequences. Are you not afraid, too?"

Father Sanchez retorted: "That is completely a different thing."

Rizal said, "Not at all, Father. Your mission is to baptize pagans. Mine is to dignify men."

In his letter to Resurrección Hidalgo, he said, "I have laughed at my misfortunes because nobody wanted to weep with me."

These are but two of the country's messages of the wisdom that Dr. Jose Rizal either said or wrote. But these two meaningful outstand because of their simplicity and richness in their meaning and implication.

To say that Dr. Jose Rizal was ahead of his time is no empty statement.

For instance, my administration has proposed to shift from a governmental structure to a federal system. But it is really nothing new for in this the *Filipinas Dentro de Cien Años*, "The Philippines a Century Hence," published at *La Solidaridad* circa [1889] and 1890.

Dr. Jose Rizal saw the merits and the advantages of a federal system of government. No wonder, he predicted that the Philippines would probably adopt a federal republic once liberated.

For now, we do not need to discuss what these advantages are. That will follow later. Frankly, I hope to see the Knights of Rizal in the forefront of the campaign to shift to the federal type of government.

All of us know how Dr. Jose Rizal died. But we do not know how he lived. Men become heroes not so much because they have died but more so of how they lived.

Indeed, Dr. Jose Rizal's life was a heroic struggle to dignify the Filipino.

As aptly said by Leon Maria Guerrero, it was when he was commissioned to write a brief of Dr. Jose Rizal's life that he discovered that the way Dr. Jose Rizal died was not so important as the way he lived.

And since his life was essentially apostleship, the way he lived was not so much important as what he thought and wrote. One's thoughts revealed in the words government wants life. That is how things are.

Dr. Jose Rizal is as relevant to us now as he was in this nation during his lifetime. His words echo and re-echo through the years, but sad to say, it seems that we have not profited enough from their wisdom.

We need to re-examine our conscious along the lines of Dr. Jose Rizal. Rizal's thoughts, aspirations, and vision, and then decide whether we strengthen the bond that unites us as a people and nation or tear this country apart.

Finally, let us not delude ourselves into believing that Dr. Jose Rizal was a faultless being because he was not, he was mortal like us.

Summing up the person that Dr. Jose Rizal was, Leon Maria Guerrero in 1961 award winning biography of Dr. Jose Rizal, entitled, "The First Filipino":

"Rizal was not perfect and he was not always right, but I trust that those who read the story of his life will perceive that his humanity is precisely the secret of his greatness."

You can be a Rizal, I can be Rizal in our own modest ways and within the limits of our competence and capacities. We can all be Rizals.

Thank you and good evening to all.



The Ullmer collection

It is well known that Rizal lived in 1886 for two months in Wilhelmsfeld in the house of Pastor Ullmer where he wrote the last chapters of his Noli.

Most Rizal internet sites and biographers mention that Pastor Ullmer invited Rizal to stay in the vicarage with the Ullmer family. This is not correct. In a letter to Pastor Ullmer Rizal wrote: "... I would ask you, if possible, to let me live with you..." From this letter we learn that Rizal invited himself in the vicarage! Rizal's stay in Wilhelmsfeld was delightful, he learned a lot about the German way of living, religion and the German language.



Pastor Ullmer



Checking the Ullmer collection in NLP

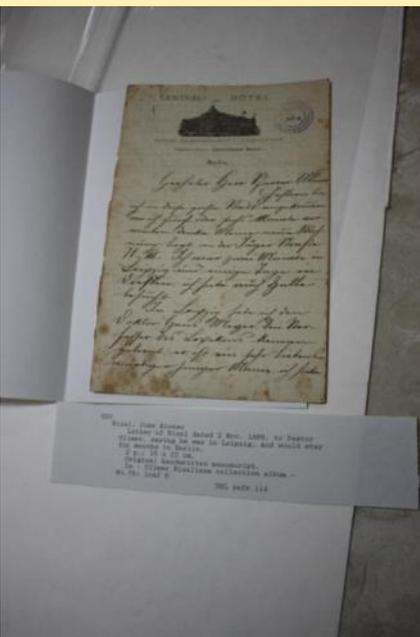
The next era in the Rizal-Wilhelmsfeld story happened in 1959. In preparation for the centennial of Rizal's birthday in 1961, the Jose Rizal National Centennial

Commission sent a few Rizal scholars to perform Rizal research and asked the embassies for help. Mrs. Paz P. Mendez, wife of Ambassador Mauro Mendez assigned to Paris, made some Rizal research in France, Germany and

Belgium. In 1959 she drove to Wilhelmsfeld and with the help of Pastor Gottlob Weber, father of past Chapter Commander Heidelberg-Wilhelmsfeld, Sir Rainer Weber, KGOR, she finally came in contact with the Hack family from Heidelberg who were the descendants of Pastor Ullmer. This was Paz Mendez' greatest Rizalian achievement. The Hack family was in possession of a lot of Rizal memorabilia, now known as the Ullmer collection.



Envelope addressed to Pastor Ullmer



Letter from Rizal to Pastor Ullmer

The Ullmer collection consists among others of drawings made by Rizal, postcards and letters Rizal sent to the Ullmer family, several Rizal calling cards, newspaper clippings, and an original Noli me tangere with dedication to Pastor Ullmer.

In 1961 Drs. Hans and Fritz Hack decided to donate this priceless Ullmer collection to the Philippine government.

I was in Manila during the 150th anniversary of Rizal's Birthday where I had the privilege to see and photograph the Ullmer collection.

Sir Lucien Spittael, KGOR

Is it time for the rehabilitation of Dr. José Rizal?

By Sir Marnix Van de Voorde

As we all know, there is much known and documented about the life of Dr. José Rizal.

Even before I became a member of the Order, I had always questioned myself if, when and under which circumstances the rehabilitation of this extraordinary person that Rizal was, could become a fact. Maybe it was already on the agenda, discussed or whatever, for sure not much can be found or is documented about it as far as I know.

No doubt the independence of the Philippines, even after almost 120 years is still a sensitive subject in Spain which Peter Van Bogaert had confirmed me some time ago when I asked him about it. At the time of Rizal's execution, Spain had lost already most of its colonies, just a few countries were left, one of them, The Philippines. To lose their "Splendour of the East", was for Madrid unimaginable and to be objected by all means of power, Rizal was executed ... since ever then remembered by all as National Hero of the Philippines.

In today's world of globalization, integration and cooperation, countries often seek the way of processing their national tragedies by asking one's persons or people's rehabilitation for crimes committed during colonization, occupation or war. Could this be the case for Dr. José Rizal?

It is never too late for reconciliation and rehabilitation, Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

H.E. MICHEL GOFFIN NEWLY ASSIGNED BELGIAN AMBASSADOR MANILA

Sir Dominiek Segaert

On Feb. 20, 2017 our King Filip of Belgium approved the assignment of 24 new Heads of Diplomatic Missions as proposed by Foreign Minister Mr. Didier Reynders. The assignment for the bilateral missions will get the official green light after the Heads of State of the host countries have given their approval.



The incoming Belgian Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines will be H.E. Michel Goffin who will

replace H.E. Roland Van Remoortele, Honorary Knight Commander of Rizal, in the summer of this year. H.E. Van Remoortele has been serving two terms as Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines.

Currently H.E. Michel Goffin is Acting Director-General for Multilateral Affairs and Globalisation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Brussels. H.E. Michel Goffin was former Belgian Ambassador to Pakistan and was also posted in Bagdad, Ankara, Belgrado, Canberra, Jakarta and New York. He has a Master Degree in Archeology and History of Art. He studied at the Catholic University Leuven and is married to Meagen Baldwin. He was also Head of Mission in the EU Delegation to Laos where he was really a key holder to many development realisations within Laos in coordination with the EU.

The Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter and the Knights of Rizal Area Council of the Kingdom of Belgium wish to congratulate H.E. Michel Goffin with his new post and wish him and his wife a good stay in the Philippines where he can work further on excellent bilateral relations between Belgium and Philippines!

H.E. ENRIQUE MANALO, FORMER PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM & EU NOW ACTING SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Sir Dominiek Segaert

Since March 2017 H.E. Enrique A. Manalo is the Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, Manila. Before this appointment he served as the Undersecretary for Policy. And what many of the Knights of Rizal in Belgium will remember is that H.E. Manalo was the Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium and Luxembourg, Head of the Philippine Mission to the European Union from 2010 till 2011 and later he became the Philippine Ambassador to the United Kingdom till 2016.

Manalo is the son of the former Philippine Ambassador to Belgium, H.E. Armando Manalo. He was the political adviser of the Philippine Mission to the United Nations. His mother, H.E. Ambassador Rosario Manalo, is the first female diplomat of the DFA who was very recently elected as the Rapporteur of the 23-member Committee of Experts of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the so-called CEDAW-agreement.



Sincere congrats, H.E. Manalo for your appointment as Acting Secretary of the DFA in the name of KOR Diamond and the KOR Area of Belgium!

Commemorative Rizal Stamps Presented in Belgium

This article appeared on the website of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs



The publication of the Belgian Post or BPost Rizal Stamps was made possible through the efforts of Sir Dominiek Segaert, past Area Commander for KOR Belgium and 2014 Kaanib ng Bayan Philippine Presidential Awardee, and his Brother Knight, Sir Dirk Vandeweghe, on the occasion of the 125th Anniversary of the Publication of "El Filibusterismo" in Ghent, Belgium on September 2016.

04 January 2017 — The Order of the Knights of Rizal (KOR) in Belgium led the celebration of the 120th anniversary of the martyrdom of Philippine national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, at the Philippine Embassy on December 30, 2016.

Chargé d’Affaires Alan Deniega led the floral offering by the bust of Rizal at the Bulwagan ng mga Pangulo.

Sir Dominiek Segaert, past Area Commander for KOR Belgium and 2014 Kaanib ng Bayan Philippine Presidential Awardee, and his Brother Knight, Sir Dirk Vandeweghe presented the first copies of the Belgian Post Rizal stamps to Charge d’Affaires Deniega and Sir Jim Rebong, Area Commander of KOR Belgium.

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The Rizal stamp was specially designed by a Belgian national, Mr. Rik Driesen, in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the printing of *El Filibusterismo* in Ghent, Belgium, on September 2016.

“Rizal is a symbol of unity between Europe and the Philippines, and we intend to keep the spirit of unity even further,” said Chargé d’Affaires Deniega. He also talked about Rizal as a renaissance man and a critical thinker.

During his remarks, Sir Rebong talked about how Rizal valued change and how the national hero has been recognized as the father of the Philippines’ non-violent revolution.

KoR’s counterpart organizations such as the *Kababaihang Rizalista* and *Las Damas de Rizal*; Rev. Fr. Carmelo Horlador, Chaplain of the Filipino Catholic Chaplaincy Belgium, and Rev. Fr. (Capt.) Paul John Camiring of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe of NATO attended the event.

The commemorative stamps are exclusively distributed by the KoR Diamond Chapter Belgium. For more information, they may be reached through telephone numbers +32479691865 and through email at felilong@gmail.com or dominiek.segaert@skynet.be.



Clockwise from top left: (1) Charge d’Affaires Alan Deniega leads the floral offering at the bust of Dr. Jose Rizal with (from left to right) Sir Peter Van Bogaert of KOR Diamond Chapter Belgium, Sir Lino Paras, KGCR, Overall Adviser for KOR Europe, Sir Tony Guansing, Regional Commander for KOR Europe, and Sir Dominiek Segaert, past Area Commander for KOR Belgium. (2) From left: Sir Dominiek Segaert, past Area Commander of KOR Belgium, Charge d’Affaires Deniega, and Sir Jim Rebong, Area Commander of KOR Belgium; (3) Sir Dominiek Segaert, and his Brother Knight, Sir Dirk Vandeweghe, presents the first copies of the Rizal stamps to Charge d’Affaires Deniega. (4) Non-Filipino KOR members joined in the singing of the Philippine National Anthem with passion like a true Filipino.

Batang Transformers project

One of the Knights of the Diamond Chapter, Sir Eric Borghijs, KOR and his wife Jacqueline are related to the former senator Pimentel. They support the BATANG TRANSFORMERS project which stands for Building a Peaceful Nation Young Leaders Camp.

Comment by Sir Ronny Felix



This is a young leaders camp organized by the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) led by former Senate President Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel and occurs on a yearly basis.

CONCEPT OF THE BATANG TRANSFORMERS

Organized and Conducted by the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG), in partnership with the Mindanao State University and Philippines Society for Public Administration

"Why should a religion of love war against a religion of peace, and vice versa."

This is a four day youth leadership program conceptualized and initiated by former Senator Chairman of the the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance, Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel Jr. as part of his continuing advocacy for peace through transformational leadership in our country. Sen. Nene Pimentel has always believed that the youth should assume and play a

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leading – and activist - role in the development of our country.

Considering the continuing conflict in the southern part of the Philippines, and considering the continuing lack of understanding and misperceptions and prejudices against the minorities and other sectors in the country, and considering further the potential and powerful role that the youth can - and must play - in breaking down these prejudices and misconceptions, this unique and innovative initiative will bring youth leaders from the minorities to this four day training workshop dubbed as “Batang Transformers.”

The unique feature of the four day program is in the composition of invited participant youth leaders. The participants will be drawn mostly from the minorities (including Muslim, lumad, dumagat, cordilleran, igorot, itawes, etc.)

The following are the broad objectives of the four day program

- ⇒ *Contribute to the process of character building through transformational and servant leadership, solidarity and service to the community.*
- ⇒ *Inspire, mobilize and contribute to the youth leaders’ becoming change makers in the community*
- ⇒ *Contribute to breaking down the psychological divide between and among the ethnically divided members of the youth sector.*

In other words, the Youth Camp shall,

- ⇒ *Positively: Build bridges of love, trust, understanding among the youths of the land coming from our diverse cultures.*
- ⇒ *Negatively: Demolish walls of hatred, misunderstanding, and discrimination among them.*
- ⇒ *Overall stress: Youth Leadership potential for human & communal development.*

The following will be emphasized during the four day program:

- ⇒ *Transformational / servant leadership*
- ⇒ *Values and ethics*
- ⇒ *Patriotism and love of country*
- ⇒ *Indigenous approaches to good governance and peace building*
- ⇒ *Good and Smart practices at the local level (Mindanao and Cordilleras)*

Before returning home, the youth leaders will be asked to prepare re-entry / action plans focussing on the theme “My role as a servant leader for peace and nation building: What I can do as a young leader in my barangay”.

With P100,000.00 donation, you can sponsor Four (4) participants for Luzon (35,200); Two (2) from Visayas (P26,000,00); Four (4) from Mindanao (42,900); total of P104,700.00.

Sir Eric Borghijs, KOR

Carillon bell with inscription 'Non Omnis Moriar'

One of our Knights in the Diamond Chapter, Sir Eric Borghijs, KOR and his wife Jacqueline sponsored a project in their local community, Puurs, for installing a carillon. Because of their sponsoring effort they were allowed to leave an inscription on one of the bells. Sir Eric decided for the famous expression of Jose Rizal: 'Non Omnis Moriar'.

In order to make more publicity for the name and importance of Jose Rizal and the Knights of Rizal, Sir Eric and Jacqueline published an article in the local parish newspaper. In this article they explained about Rizal and his ideals, about the organization of the Knights of Rizal and especially the Diamond Chapter.

Underneath is a copy of the article in the paper.

Calendar:

- ◇ 08/04/17 - Reception of carillon bells Puurs/Breendonk
- ◇ 20/05/17 - Inauguration ceremony for the carillon Puurs/Breendonk with carillon nocturne
- ◇ 21/05/17 - First carillon concert Puurs/Breendonk

Comments by Sir Ronny Felix



Dr. José Rizal en zijn 'ridders'

Dr. José Rizal, bewaker van de Filipijnen, vrijheidsrijder, domineer, en nu wordt aangenaam als de man die de Filipijnen bewaking van stevens gaf, maar hij is meer dan dat.



Dr. José Rizal
Jose Rizal kon schrijven en lezen op 3-jarige leeftijd. Hij schreef zijn eerste gedichte op eenjarige leeftijd. Hij was een echte polyglot en sprak tweeduizend talen waaronder Latijn, Spaans, Engels, Frans, Chinees en Japans. Hij oefende verschillende beroepen uit: ontwerper, antropoloog, auteur - 'El Filibusterismo', zijn 2e boek, werd uitgebracht in Gent in zijn -architect, cartograaf, enzovoort. Hij was expert in oosterse geschiedenis, schermen en een schepscutter. Hij reisde naar de Verenigde Staten, Spanje, Engeland, België, Zwitserland, Oostenrijk, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Italië, Singapore, Borneo, Tsjecho, Duitsland. Rizal woonde een tijdje in Brussel en Parijs.

De idealen van Rizal
De Orde van 'de Ridders van Rizal' is opgericht (1911) om de idealen van deze Filipijnse nationale held te handhaven. Rizal leefde in een samenleving die onderdrukking, onrechtvaardigheid en ongelijkheid voorbracht. Onder de Spaanse onderdrukking zag Rizal Filipijnse leiders samenspannen met de Spaanse autoriteiten om hun rijkdom te verzekeren ten koste van de Filipijnse boeren. Hij sprak openlijk tegen deze onrechtvaardigheid en ongelijkheid. Rizal deed dit via zijn romans. Dat irriteerde de Spaanse autoriteiten. Hij werd ter dood veroordeeld vanwege zijn liefde voor rechtvaardigheid en gelijkheid. Jose Rizal was moedig, meelevend, goed opgeleid en zacht. Hij wilde niet vechten met het zwaard, maar met de

pen. Hij bleef tot zijn dood ongetrouwd, maar bleef bij zijn ouders, maar in plaats daarvan vergaf hij hun vele fouten.

De Orde van 'de Ridders van Rizal'
Van de Orde werd een wereldwijd charter verboden door gebieden (Filipino (1960-1961) als een misbruik van - niet-partijpolitiek, non-partijpolitiek, patriottische en culturele organisatie, sinds de oprichting in de Orde gereguleerd over de hele wereld, waaronder België. Het internationale hoofdkantoor is gevestigd in Manila. In samenwerking met vele orden is deze organisatie. Het lidmaatschap wordt van voortdurende deelname aan de jarenlange projecten van de Orde.

Knights of Rizal, Diamond Chapter, Antwerp
In België zijn er 4 afdelingen van de Knights Of Rizal, waarvan één in Antwerpen. 'de diamanten afdeling'. 'The Diamond Chapter' ondersteunt in de Filipijnen het volgende project: 'Vriendschap voor de Filipijnen' - project ten voordele van de staatkinderen in Davao, 'Philippine Dental Mission' - gratis tandheelkundige zorgen, waarvan dit jaar Guido Lemmens, voorzitter van Breendonk, deelnam, 'The Welcome Home Foundation' - hulp aan minderjarige kinderen, Tybison Ondoy - project van Eric Borghijs, voorzitter van Breendonk, en 'Operation Smile Philippines' - operatieve hulp aan kinderen met gezichtsmisvormingen.

Monument is Danny Vandenberghe (Breendonk) de nieuwe voorzitter van de Diamond Chapter. Een 'ridder van Rizal' houdt van het land en zijn volk, bevordert het begrip tussen volken en naties streeft ernaar om recht te doen aan al zijn medemens, verdedigt de vrijheid ten koste van alles; is tolerant en toont begrip ten opzichte van zijn medemens; gelooft dat onderwijs essentieel is voor de vorming van mensen; bevordert sociale rechtvaardigheid en het algemeen welzijn en is vlijtig, zelfredzaam, en doet er wat aan!

Jacobo



Van l naar r: Sir Danny Vandenberghe, KOR, Chapter Commandeur 2016 (Breendonk); Sir Gerrit Verhaeghe, KOR, organisator parochie 'Philippine Dental Mission' en Sir Eric Borghijs, KOR (Puurs).

Rizal Spring Activity 22nd April 2017

In De Schuur, Broekdam-Noord, Kruibeke

Program

- ❖ 5 pm Program stil to be decided – programma details volgen later
- ❖ 6 pm: bbq
- ❖ 7.30 pm: Bonding & Tombola

Tickets & reservation

Reservations/reservaties

Via bank BE86 9796 0951 3750 Diamond Chapter, Deurne

payment at entrance is also accepted?betaling bij inkom is ook toegestaan

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ZAT. 27 MEI 2017

SAT. MAY 27 2017

OC 'DE KOUTER' - KORTEMARK

ICHTHEEMSTRAAT 2A - 8610 KORTEMARK

VANAF 10U00

FILIPPIJNSE MARKT

PHILIPPINE MARKET

met Aziatische producten en eetstanden

VF. 18U00

**DISCO &
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met optreden van

Leah Bien



De opbrengst gaat naar de
projecten op de Filippijnen

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FREE ENTRANCE

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GRATIS INKOM

NGO FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES 15 YEARS IN DAVAO



The NGO Friendship for the Philippines will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Sunday October 1, 2017 at 12.30 noon at 't Verzet, Duinenwater in Knokke-Heist with a barbecue and the cultural program wherein also some ladies of the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter will participate. Some dances and songs will be performed and also some Philippine-Belgian youth will be engaged in the program. For the celebration Sir Dominiek & Lady Leah Segart-Gallego & daughter Magalie and the 20 volunteers of the group hope that again like every year around 300 people will attend.

This year some special guests have confirmed to attend to join the celebration of 15 years of helping poor students and street youth in and around Davao City. The project has been visited a few times by the Royal Belgian Embassy, e.g. H.E. Grégoire Vardakis and H.E. Christian Meerschman and diplomats of the European Union and DFA Manila.

Please mark the date of October 1 already in your agenda and come to Knokke-Heist.

Friendship for the Philippines / Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen has been sponsored also the last 15 years by KOR Diamond.



On the pictures. Left: with Consul-General Mr. Alan Deniega. Right: the whole group of volunteers of Friendship with also helping knights Sir Dirk, Sir Eddy, Sir Herbert, Sir Willy.

CALENDAR

- ◆ *Saturday 22nd April 2017: Rizal Spring Activity - De Schuur Kruibeke. Met frituur!*
- ◆ *27th May: Filipino Market - Kortemark*
- ◆ *11th June: Philippine Independence Day - Koekelberg - Brussels*
- ◆ *19th June: Birthday Anniversary Jose Rizal - Philippine Embassy*
- ◆ *25-27 August: European Assembly - Brussels*
- ◆ *1st October: bbq Vriendschap voor de Filipijnen - Knokke-Heist*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in May or June 2017. Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone who shows an interest in the Knights of Rizal! They are always welcome at one of our activities.

Also former members who wish to receive again news from our Chapter are free to request to put their email address again on our list. We respect the view of everybody!

Please send suggestions, articles (also from the OTHER BELGIAN CHAPTERS) to the Chapter Commander.

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