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KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER

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Feel free to forward this newsletter to interested Rizalists or upcoming members!



RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP – THANKS

A lot of Knights already renewed their membership since we send out invitations to do so for the year 2008. Thank you very much. May we ask to those Knights who didn't renew yet, to do so this coming week. For 40 EUR you are a whole year member of our Order and Chapter. Your continuous support means that Diamond Chapter is surely a very active Chapter. Don't hesitate to let us know your reactions or ideas in which we can commemorate the Philippine National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. (please forward 40 EUR on

our account **979 6095137 50** of **Diamond Chapter – Rizal** – Venneborglaan 90 – 2100 Deurne (Antwerpen) with subject: MEMBERSHIP KNIGHTS OF RIZAL)

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our new Knights: Sir Danny Berghmans, Eric Borghijs, Johan De Boeck, Ronny Felix, Martin Hemelaer, Danny Vandebogaerde, Dirk Vandeweghe, Geert Verhaegen and Guy Waterloos! We sincerely hope you will further devote yourself to the noble goals of our order and are willing to learn more about the national hero Dr. Rizal. We encourage you to take a lot of opportunities to upgrade your knowledge and interest in our order.

Welcome!

You surely coloured our 8th Chartering Anniversary last Sat. Jan. 26 at Salons De Watermeulen in Kruibeke with special guests Mrs. Angelina Sta Catalina, Minister and Consul General and also Mrs. Pimentel, wife of Senator Pimental and daughter Laurraine (who is married to the son of our members Sir Eric and Mrs. Borghijs, KR). We were also honoured with the presence of Sir Roy Ecraela, 1st secretary & Consul of the Philippine Embassy. From the Knights of Rizal we were honoured by the presence of Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, Regional Commander for Europe, Sir François Ooms, KCR, Chapter Commander El Filibusterismo, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Chapter Commander Brussels Rizal Chapter.

Also congratulations to Sir Paul Verloo who was elevated to KOR, who is since March 27, 2008 also officially a new board member in our Chapter. Welcome, Sir Paul!

Of course we congratulate Sir Roy Demol and Sir Rik Van Tiggel who were elevated last Jan. 26 to Knight Commander of Rizal, KCR by Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, Regional Commander for Europe.

Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR gave the Commandership officially over to Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, who is assigned 2008-2010 as Chapter Commander. We thank Sir Kris Van Thillo for his further devotion for the Order.

LIFE TIME MEMBER

We congratulate Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, former Chapter Commander with his Life Time Membership.

HONORARY MEMBER

We welcome Father Bago (Seamen Chaplaincy Antwerp) as our Honorary Member.







NOMINATION SUPREME COUNCIL SIR PETER VAN BOGAERT, KGOR

The board of Diamond Chapter has nominated Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, for taking part in the election of the SUPREME COUNCIL in MANILA (scheduled May 25). Official nomination forms and letters are already send to KOR Headquarters since the deadline of submission is April 5. A copy of the nomination has been send to the Regional Commander Europe, Sir Lino Paras, KGOR. We

support fully Sir Peter. Meanwhile also Sir Pros Slachmuylders, KCR, Charter Commander, has been nominated by different European Chapters. Also Sir Peter is backed by Belgian and European Chapters.

CALENDER 2008-2009

Please mark the following dates and activities in your agenda. Again a lot of opportunities to share more brotherhood and friendship with our brother-knights:

- **Sunday June 8 – Independence Day** – more news about the venue, program will follow in the upcoming newsletter
- **Sunday June 15** – 4 p.m. (till 8.30 p.m.) – Showing movie (documentary) (60') "**José Rizal – The Man, the Hero, the Filipino**" (production of Bookmark – Ateneo de Manila (Department of History) – followed by **quiz and barbecue** – De Schuur (Broekdam-Noord – Kruibeke Centre)
- **Thursday June 19** – time to be confirmed – **Commemoration birthday of Dr. Jose Rizal** – Flowerlaying – Reception – Possible venue (has to be confirmed by our Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Bhoy Alcoba) is the Philippine Embassy Brussels
- **Sunday September 28** – Knokke – **Big barbecue + bicycle driving (optional) for a cause – Educational project Friendship for the Philippines Davao** – organised by our Chapter
- **Saturday January 31 – 2009 – 9th Chartering Anniversary** – Dubbing new knights – elevations – dinner – buffet – dancing – Rizal commemoration

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DIAMOND CHAPTER

The board: Sir Dominiek Segært, KCR, Chapter Commander – Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR – Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR – Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR – Sir Roy Demol, KCR – Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR – Sir Paul Verloo, KOR – Sir Rudy Luyckx – Sir Paul Zwaenepoel, KCR, incoming KGOR

Last board meeting March 15 in Knokke. Upcoming board meeting April 18 in Deurne.

Any Knight who wishes to put an agenda point, please feel free to forward it do dominiek.segaert@skynet.be

The board will attend the **Consultative European Meeting of the Knights of Rizal** on April 26, 2008, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at Rue de l'Ourthe 28 – 1080 Brussels (this is at the Philippine Chaplaincy). Besides assigned board members this meeting will be attended by Area Commanders, Deputy Area Commanders and Chapter Commanders. The main topic of this meeting: nominations for European and regional/area functions, activities in Europe, by-laws, election Supreme Council.

ALL KNIGHTS ARE WELCOME FOR A BARBECUE FOR SHARING BROTHERHOOD AFTER THE MEETING AROUND 6.15 PM

Please inform Chapter Commander Sir Dominiek if you will attend the barbecue in Brussels where we can meet Knights from whole Europe. It is also a moment of gathering with the Belgian Chapters. AGAIN: please inform if you want attend the barbecue!

WEBSITE 1 – OUR WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED – WAIT AND SEE

www.knightsofrizal.be

Our website will be soon updated. We hope by the end of the 4th week of April (week starting April 28) to have an updated version wherein you will find:

- history of the Knights of Rizal – International
- history of the Knights of Rizal – Belgium

- pictures
- reports of the activities 2008 (until now)
- contact with other Chapters

Contributions will be made by the board members but feel free to send opinions or reactions. Sir Roy De Mol, KCR and Sir Ronny Bartels, KOR, will take care of editing the website and the end of this month.

If you have a **contribution for the website or this simple newsletter**, feel free to post it first to dominiek.segaert@skynet.be

WEBSITE 2 – BROWSE TO www.mnnetherlands.com

If you surf to www.mnnetherlands.com and you click on 'Articles' you will find 2 articles posted about 1. our 8th Chartering Anniversary and 2. resolution of brotherhood between Diamond & Brussels Chapter – A lot of other interesting articles about the Filipino-Dutch-Belgian Communities are featured in this magazine published by Sir Eddie Flores. More power to Munting Nayon which also has a printed version!

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER THANK SIR KRIS & PAUL ORTMANN'S

- Sir Kris Ortmann's, KCR – Former Chapter Commander – for providing the insurance to the Chapter so during all activities our Chapter is insured!

You want more information regarding a good insurance? Feel free to contact Sir Kris Ortmann's who will inform you with pleasure. His contact number is 03 239 12 44 (Grote Steenweg 624 – 2600 Berchem – cell 0475 251964 – kris@ortmanns.biz)

- Sir Paul Ortmanns, KR – Doctor – Specialist lungs – for providing consultancy and only paying the fee that is paid back by the health insurance – this is only for members of Knights of Rizal – Contact: Liersesteenweg 341 – 2547 Lint – paul.ortmanns@telenet.be – 03 488 13 88)

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**WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL
WE ALSO WILL SUPPORT AND
PARTICIPATE IN THE**

Philippine Independence Day Celebration 2008

Brussels – June 8 – 2008

Correct venue and program will be posted in our next Newsletter!