

NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 2 – JUNE 2008

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER

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RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP PART 2 – THANKS

We are very happy to inform you that almost 100 % of our members renewed between Feb. and May their loyal membership for 2008. Thank you very much.

INDEPENDENCE DAY 1 – JUNE 8 – BRUSSELS – TOURS & TAXIS

**URGENT – PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION PHILIPPINES INDEPENDENCE DAY
SUNDAY JUNE 8 – 2008**

**KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER – EL FILIBUSTERISMO CHAPTER – LIONS CHAPTER
PARTICIPATE IN THE PARADE WITH THE HISTORY OF THE FILIPINO FLAGS**

Again, dear Brother Knights, we urge you to confirm to me, your Chapter Commander, if you will attend the Philippine Independence Day this coming Sunday June 8. We will give you here the program.

PIC 2008 takes place at Tours and Taxis just near Brussels North Station. Gates opens 9 a.m.

We, Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter (together with El Fili Chapter under the Commandership of Sir François Ooms, KCR and Lions Chapter under the Commandership of Sir Jean Jacobs, KCR will lead the parade that will START at 11.45 a.m. (after the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.).

Can you please inform me, your Chapter Commander, if you will participate in the PARADE that will start like stated at 11.45 a.m.?
Please in RIZAL BARONG with your MEDAL.

It is very important that we have an idea of how many Knights will participate in the parade.

In attachment I also hereby include the advertisement of KOR Diamond that will be published in the Souvenir Book of PIC 2008. As you will see everybody who renewed his membership or who informed us to intend to renew his membership before June 8 is included in the members list.

So again: PLEASE INFORM ME IF YOU WILL ATTEND the PARADE at 11.45 a.m. Of course we INVITE YOU FOR THE WHOLE DAY IF POSSIBLE.

INDEPENDENCE DAY JUNE 8 – PROGRAM

From the Chairman of PIC 2008, Ms. Dhel C. Lulu we got during the last PIC Organisers meeting at the Philippine Embassy last Friday May 16, the detailed program.

You find the PROGRAM and the ORGANISING COMMITTEE in attachment of this newsletter.

You will see that the organising committee really has done its best for a beautiful program.

REMINDER – JUNE 15 ACTIVITY – KRUIBEKE

In the name of our board I sincerely invite you to participate in our next activity which is planned on **Sunday June 15**, starting 3.30 p.m. (till 8.30 p.m.) at De Schuur (Broekdam-Noord 47 – Kruiseke Centre). On the **program** we will show the beautiful **documentary "José Rizal – The Man, the Hero, the Filipino"** (production of Bookmark – Ateneo de Manila (Department of History)), a small **quiz** and a sumptuous **barbecue** wherein we will share our brotherhood and friendship. Please inform me or one of our board members in your area for reserving a ticket for the price of 22 EUR (children 6-12: 8 EUR – under 6: free). We would appreciate if you could inform us *before June 6* if you will join us in this special pre-summer-activity where the profit will go to one of our educational projects in the spirit of Dr. Rizal. Dresscode: formal (no barong needed).

Tickets:

Sir Dominiek Segart, KCR, 050 601320 or 0479691865

Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, 03 6664385

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, 03 2191491

Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, 03 3257116

Sir Roy De Mol, KCR, 03 5419482

Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, 0475 763663

Sir Paul Verloo, KOR, 03 5424411

INDEPENDENCE DAY 2 – BRUSSELS – BASILIEK KOEKELBERG

We inform our Knights that on the same day Sunday June 8, around 12 noon there is another Philippine Independence Day celebration at Basiliek Koekelberg Brussels. It will start with a mass and will be followed around 1.30 p.m. with a parade headed by the KOR Chapters Brussels Chapter and Aalst Chapter. This information was send to me by Sir Alcoba, KGOR, outgoing Area Commander for Belgium KOR. This announcement for everybody who is interested.

OTHER DATES

June 19 – birthday Dr. José Rizal – until now we have no information about the venue and time schedule for the commemoration of Dr. Rizal's birthday. We will keep you informed, but nevertheless, please incorporate June 19 in your agenda. Normally the celebration will take place in the evening.



Sep. 28 – activity in Knokke – bicycle driving 10-12 a.m. beautiful spots of Knokke-Heist – 12.30 noon barbecue for educational project Friendship for the Philippines (of Sir Dominiek & Leah) – short filmshowing ongoing project – cultural performance by the Silayan Dancers with Ms. Alpha Galecio (dances from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao) – tombola

Tickets can be bought or reserved at 17 EUR (Sir Dominiek). Included is a free tombola and a three course barbecue with vegetables (wok) and rice or potatoes and bread.

A view of the building program of Balay Pasilungang of Friendship of the Philippines which has currently building plans (bakery for the children, extra rooms, investment in training skill programs). Another goal of Friendship is the sponsorship of scholarships and facilities support of the Saint Michael's School of Padada, Boys and Girls Town of Father Franco in Budha and the Watershed program of the Sibulan Cooperative.





RESULTS ELECTION OF SUPREME COMMANDER AND SUPREME COUNCIL MANILA MAY 25

Please find in attachment the results of the last election of the Supreme Commander and Supreme Council held at KOR Headquarters Manila. We congratulate Sir Vergilio Esguerra, KGCR, for being elected at Supremo and also congrats to all elected council members.

We sincerely wish to acknowledge our sincere thanks to Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR of Diamond Chapter, who was nominated as a candidate for trustee in the Supreme Council. Unfortunately he was not elected. Nevertheless we are happy that you accepted the nomination by our Chapter. Our Chapter is in Outstanding Position as mentioned by Manila.

It was Sir Pros Slachmuylders, KCR, our Chartering Commander, who was the electoral delegee for Diamond Chapter in Manila last May 25. We thank him for his devotion and cooperation.



END OF DUTY REGIONAL COMMANDER EUROPE & AREA COMMANDER BELGIUM

In a letter dated May 17, Sir Lino Paras, KGOR informed us he is not a candidate anymore for European Regional Commander for the Rizalian year 2008-2010. In a letter of May 22, Sir Bhoy Alcoba, KGOR, also informed he ends his duty as Area Commander for Belgium.

We of Diamond Chapter wish them both all the luck and further devotion to the Order.

After de Consultative Meeting of KOR in Brussels held on April 26 each chapter had the time till May 25 to submit a list of nominees for the position of European Regional Commander, Deputy Regional Commander and Area Commander. It is the Supreme Council who will finally decide upon recommendations made by the Chapter Commanders and the outgoing European Commander for the positions. More news will probably follow in the next few weeks.

Nominations made by the Board of Diamond Chapter:

*Regional Commander: Sir Don Brennock - Sir Lucien Spittaël - no 3rd name
Deputy RC: Sir François Ooms - Sir Rainer Weber - Sir Peter Plückenbaum*

Sir Dominiek Segaert

Area Commander Belgium: Sir Tony Guansing - Sir François Ooms - Sir Dominiek Segaert

WEBSITE – OUR WEBSITE WILL BE UPDATED – WAIT AND SEE

www.knightsofrizal.be

Our website will be soon updated. We had the idea to update the website by May 2008 but to various reasons, it was until now impossible to start the update.

I will do my best to inform Sir Roy De Mol, KCR and Sir Ronny Bartels, KOR (thank you!) by the middle on June 2008 the necessary updates so they can edit it in an updated. Sorry for the delay. Some topics that you will find than starting middle of June:

- 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.

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



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