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KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER

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EUROPEAN APPOINTMENTS – CONGRATULATIONS

to Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, (second left front) former Chapter Commander of Diamond Chapter for his appointment as the new incoming Regional Commander Europe 2008-2010 following Sir Lino Paras, KGOR who lead the European region the last two years. Thank you.



OTHER APPOINTMENTS EUROPE

All other appointments for Europe since August 2008 you will find in the attachment Appointments Europe page 1 and 2 which were send from KOR Headquarters Manila. The **Area Commander for Belgium** is Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR (Brussels Chapter) and **Deputy Area Commander for Belgium** is Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR (Diamond Chapter).

ACTIVITIES KNIGHTS OF RIZAL FOR A CAUSE 2007-2008

Completely within the spirit of our the Philippine National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter have supported in 2006-2008:

1. Welcome Home (Malaybalay) – Sir Kris Van Thillo – 750 EUR
2. Tulong sa kapwa – Operation Smile – Sir Peter Van Bogaert – 750 EUR
3. Medical Outreach for the Urban Poor Kristong Hari (Quezon City) – Sir Tony Guansing – 750 EUR
4. Comprehensive Dental Mission (Davao) – Sir Geert & Faith Verhaegen – 400 EUR
5. Friendship for the Philippines Davao & Padada (6 years – 2002-2008)

Sir Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego – profit of the barbecue of Sun. Sep. 28

During activity of Sep. 28 in Knokkeshowing some pictures – film – documentation projects: max. 20 minutes.

JUNE 19 – BIRTHDAY RIZAL ACTIVITY – PHILIPPINE EMBASSY SUCCESSFUL

The commemoration of the birthday of Rizal was successfully held at the grounds and in the garden of the Philippine Embassy. Four of the five Belgian Chapters attended with a lot of participants (in alphabetical order): Aalst Chapter – Brussels Chapter –

Diamond Chapter – El Filibusterismo Chapter with inspirational messages from Consul Rola, who gave the message of Ambassador Ortega, Regional Commander Sir Lino Paras, KGOR and the different Chapter Commanders. Aalst Chapter presented a painting exhibit about Rizal and this was followed by – as usual – a fraternal salo salo with a lot of making-stronger-brotherhood-opportunities. Each Chapter provided in the food and drinks. Diamond offered drinks as wine, soft drinks.

MEETING BOARD KOR DIAMOND WITH SUPREME COMMANDER SIR ESGUERRA, KGCR – JULY 3 – MANILA

Sir Peter Van Bogaert, Sir Kris Van Thillo and Sir Dominiek Segaert brought a long visit to the KOR Headquarters in Manila. During the meeting different topics have been discussed. In a summary we can say that in the first place transparency in the making of decisions of the Supreme Council and the way the elections have been organised together with the appointments in Europe, were the main topics in the good discussion. We had the impression that the Supremo was listening and took his time. Nevertheless the different European Chapters didn't get a summary of the nominations of each area/region, which was promised and also proposed during the April 26-meeting in Brussels. The Supremo expressed that choosing the right person for the right place is not only a matter of votes. Each nomination is focussed in detail and also the merites of each candidate are discussed. The Belgian/Diamond delegation urged on a more open communication between KOR Headquarters and the regions and chapters. In the past, letters and other ways of communications were not always easily answered. In this we took home that Sir Ver would overlook the problems in Europe and he assured us he would take our recommendations for a better organised and devoted Order in consideration and even more than that. Lunch followed offered by Sir Ver.

(Meanwhile the appointments are known and details of the European Appointments together with the Area you can consult in an attachment in THIS KOR Newsletter Diamond)

BOARD MEETING KOR DIAMOND – SEP. 11 – 2008 – KNOKKE

Recently the board held a meeting in Knokke where the following topics were on the agenda: organisation activity KOR in Knokke Sep. 28 – financial situation KOR and

supported projects by KOR 2007-2008 – proposed project Sir Luyckx – Regional and Area appointments – future of KOR Diamond and Belgium – meeting with Supreme Commander Sir Esguerra, KGCR Manila on July 3 – agenda 2008-2009 – toast appointees Europe/Belgium.

ACTIVITY IN KNOKKE – SUNDAY SEPT. 28 – 12 NOON

FRIENDSHIP BARBECUE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

FOR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES



More than two weeks ago you probably received through email and some through normal post the invitation.

Place: Sport Centre Sint Bernardus High School

Meerlaan 2 – Knokke-Heist – 12 noon

In this Newsletter Issue 4 we again want to remind you about this event.

It **starts** at 12 noon with welcome by Senator Sabine de Bethune, Ambassador H.E. Cristina Ortega and councillor Mr. Maxim Willems, also acting mayor of Knokke-Heist for the moment.

12.30 p.m. a sumptuous barbecue will be served followed by a cultural program with Philippine ethnic dances by Silayan Dance Group, film showing Wow Philippines with a

view on the projects that have been sponsored by Knights of Rizal, a Rizal exhibition, tombola with Philippine arts and other prizes. Profit of this activity goes to Friendship for the Philippines/Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen (street children foundation Balay Pasilungan Davao, Saint Michael's School Padada, watershed program Sibulan farmers Davao).

For the ones who want to bike in the morning, a **biking program** is planned starting around 9.30 at Meerlaan 2 in Knokke till around 11.30 a.m. A map is provided with a proposed schedule.

Later in the **afternoon** the newly appointed Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, will make an inspirational message to all Knights and interested participants.

Dress code: BARONG RIZAL (no medals).

There will be a **delegation of Germany, France, Brussels**. Also the former Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines, Sir Christiaan Tanghe and his wife Gul, will attend.

This all in the spirit of Rizal. Updates of recently supported projects will be given (see also above article 'Recently supported projects KOR Diamond).

End of activity around 4.30 p.m.

In the souvenir program a message of Philippine Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Ortega – who will also attend – and also Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Grégoire Vardakis and a inspiring word of the Supreme Commander Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGCR to support the activity and the unification of a KOR Europe with more brotherhood and transparency.

Participation: 15 EUR – children -12 at 8 EUR – Payment cash at entrance after confirmation of your participation to any of the board members: please see list of board at the end of this Newsletter.

DEAD LINE OF CONFIRMATION WEDNESDAY SEP. 24 – ON THURSDAY SEP. 25 IN WE HAVE TO INFORM OUR CATERER. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SIR PROS SLACHMUYLDERS AND ARTICLE IN CEBU DAILY "RIZAL'S AFFAIR WITH LA PETITE SUZANNE'

In attachment we give you a published article of a journalist for the Cebu Daily in which Charter and former Chapter Commander of Diamond Sir Pros Slachmuylders, KCR – currently living in Cebu – is featured regarding his research on Rizal and his friendship with Suzanne Tilly and Sir Pros his love for family trees and research on Rizal, in which he surely has been inspired by Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, who is – as you all know – a running encyclopaedia about Rizal. Feel free to read the interesting article.

NEW CHAPTER IN BELGIUM : CHARLEROI – OCT. 18

On Saturday October 18 the new Chapter Charleroi will be chartered at Hilton Hotel in Brussels. Exact information about time and program is not available now but as soon we get this information from our new Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR and our European Commander, Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, we update you with the details. For the ones who are interested: note this date in your agenda.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEP. 28 – FRIENDSHIP BARBECUE KNOCKE (12 NOON) – SEE INVITATION

DEC. 30 – RIZAL DAY – PHILIPPINE EMBASSY – EVENING

JAN. 31 – 9TH ANNIVERSARY GALA EVENING KOR DIAMOND WITH DUBBING NEW KNIGHTS – RIZAL LECTURE OR TOPIC – DINNER – DANCING (KRUIBEKE - THIS IS OUR TRADITIONAL HIGH LIGHT OF THE YEAR)

3RD CANADA REGION ASSEMBLY & 9TH COMMANDERS BALL

A report about this event that took place in Toronto last Sep. 5-6-7 you will find in the attachment. For your information. It is a detailed report about the successful event send to us by Sir Virgillio Esguerra, KGCR, Supreme Commander and Sir Lino Paras, KGOR former European Commander and written by Sir George R. Poblete, KGOR, Supreme Archivist.

SUPREME COUNCIL'S REPORT (2006-2008)

In attachment we give all Knights of Diamond Chapter the report of the SC by Sir Virgilio R. Esguerra, KGCR acting Supreme Commander for that period and now Supreme Commander after the SC Elections in May. Please read it with attention.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIR GUY AND MERCY

The Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter want to congratulate our brother Knight Sir Guy Waterloos who got married with Ms. Mercy Cortuna last August 29 in Belgium. Good luck to the happily married couple and thank you for your dedication as Rizalists!

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

To the family of Sir Kris & Marisa Van Thillo-Insay with the passing away of Marisa her mother, Mrs. Salvacion Valderrama Insay, last Aug 8, 2008 in the Philippines. We pray for her soul and wish the family courage. We were touched by the inspiring words of Mother Teresa that were expressed: "Faith in action in love and love in action is service."

FAMILY NEWS AND SUGGESTIONS

More family news? A newly born Rizalist? Pohon? Maybe? A wedding announcement? Sharing in happiness but also carrying each other in moments of tears? We of the Newsletter of KOR Diamond sincerely appreciate to receive family news of our brother Knights and partners. Feel free to send us you news or other suggestions for this Newsletter. Everything – also critic – is highly appreciated!

POSTULANTS

Until now we have 5 postulants who are interested to become a Knight. Not included in those 5 is also current Belgian Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines in Manila, Excellency Grégoire Vardakis, who expressed his interest in the Knights and is willing to become a Knight in the future.

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AGAIN... SORRY... THE UPDATE OF THE WEBSITE IS COMING...

Promises... are made... to be broken? Surely not, but until now we didn't find time to update seriously our website. Instead of making promises again, we will inform you the moment our website is seriously updated. This Newsletter wants to inform you directly on current issues in the interest of our brother Knights of Diamond but also Knights of other Chapters in and outside of Belgium.

Again: feel free to say your meaning, opinion... We are all brothers and... sharing... is caring!



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