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KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER

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In this EXTRA Newsletter 5:

- **Short review successful activity in Knokke with KOR in cooperation with Friendship for the Philippines Sun. Sep. 28**

- Invitation KOR Belgium in Brussels – Hilton – Oct. 18 with

*** chartering New Chapter Charleroi KOR**

*** official inducting of the New Regional Commander for Europe; Area & Deputy Area Commander Belgium; thanking Past Regional Commander Europe, Area Commander Belgium**

*** reception and dinner**

READ THE SPECIAL ARTICLE ABOUT THIS EVENT!

- Some reminders**
- Get better Sir Don and Sir Tony**
- 17th KOR International Assembly Feb. 20-21, 2009**
- Welcome back, ... Sir Lucien!**



Knights of Rizal – Diamond Chapter – picture taken Jan. 2008

KOR ACTIVITY IN KNOCKE FOR FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES: 260 PARTICIPANTS

Indeed, 260 people attended the KOR Diamond Activity in cooperation with Friendship for the Philippines, last Sunday Sep. 28 in Knokke. The Friendship Day was not only attended by quite a lot of Diamond members but also the KOR of the Brussels, El Filibusterismo and Aalst Chapters were there, not to forget members of Bonn and Hamburg and even Cologne (Germany). The Lion Waterloo Chapter was excused. The event that started with biking around Knokke in the morning had his highlight with a sumptuous barbecue of which the profit went to the street children- and school foundation Friendship for the Philippines, active in and around Davao City.

RIZAL & PROJECTS EXHIBIT & DOCUMENTARY "RIZAL THE HERO"

Non stop there was a Rizal-exhibit in the music class of the location Saint Bernard High School (through the courtesy of Mr. Gert Maene, principal of the school we could use the school facilities) with more than 100 rare Rizal-stamps and Rizal-paper money. The Rizal-documentary "Rizal, the hero" was permanently shown in the music class in very good conditions. Also an exhibit about the 5 projects that have been supported by KOR Diamond were expressed in the activity.

GUESTS

The Friendship Day was attended by H.E. Cristina Ortega, Ambassador and Senator Sabine de Bethune of the Belgian Government together with Former Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines Sir Christiaan Tanghe and wife Gul not to be forgotten the attendance of Sir Roy Ecraela, Consul and 1st secretary. From KOR Europe attended Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, new Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, new Area Commander for Europe, Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, past Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Bhoy Alcoba, KGOR, past Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Peter Plückebaum, KCR, Deputy Regional Commander for Europe (Bonn), Sir Lucien Spittaël and Lady Madeleine and Sir Marc Minique of El Filibusterismo and the following friends of Germany: Detlef Frorath, KCR, and Lady Elma (Cologne), Sir Repotente, KCR

(Hamburg), Sir Wollenweber (Bonn), not to forget the past chapter commander of Diamond Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR and Marisa, Sir Arevalo, KCR of Aalst, Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR, incoming chapter commander Brussels, Lady Nina Fernandez, president Kababaihang Rizalista and of course our Honorary Consul General Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR.

The event highlighted also with film- and power point showing the results of the fundraising activities of the last 2 years (see also our Newsletter 4 of September with the details of these organisations).

The Silayan Dancers gave beautiful Filipino dance performances and a tombola finalised the day around 4.30 p.m.

RESULT TO BE EXPECTED MIDDLE OF OCTOBER

KOR Diamond and Friendship for the Philippines are still waiting for some bills to be paid and by the end of this week (Oct. 10) or beginning next week (Oct. 13) we will announce the profit of the activity that will go to Friendship for the Philippines as agreed in the recent board meetings of KOR Diamond. MORE POWER TO KOR DIAMOND AND OF COURSE KOR BELGIUM!

Also thank you Sir Peter, Sir Kris, Sir Paul, Sir Geert, Sir Guy, Sir Dirk and all attending Knights for their help in the barbecue (and cleaning up!) as well as the volunteers of Friendship (see a part of the group in the picture below).

MESSAGES



Ambassador of Belgium in the Philippines

H.E. Grégoire Vardakis wrote a message for the occasion.

Senator Sabine de Bethune of the Belgian Government, Vice-President of the Senate stated the importance of the bilateral relations between Belgium and the Philippines and specified in how development programs can further be supported by the Ministry of Development. The message of **Ambassador Cristina Ortega** highlighted the recent results of Friendship for the Philippines in southern Mindanao. In a simple souvenir program the Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines, Excellency Grégoire Vardakis reflected on his recent visit to the Balay Pasilungan-project of Friendship and also **Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGCR, Supreme Commander** of the KOR in Manila, expressed his gratitude for the event especially as it highlights further steps in a stronger unification and brotherhood between all knights, worldwide and especially in the European region. Due to an unexpected appointment **Mr. Maxim Willems,, councillor and acting mayor of Knokke-Heist** had to excuse himself a little time before the official start of the event. Also **Sir Paul Breyne, Governor of West-Vlaanderen**, excused himself in a letter he sent a few weeks before the event.



A picture of some of the members of the board of KOR and Friendship for the Philippines after the celebration in Knokke together with Sir Dominiek and wife Leah and daughter Magalie, Sir Peter, Sir Bhoy, Sir Geert, Sir Paul, Sir Tony, Sir Kris, Senator Sabine de Bethune, Ambassador Cristina Ortega, former Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines Sir Christiaan Tanghe and wife Gul, Sir Roy Ecraela, Consul & 1st secr. Phil. Emb., and volunteers Ria, Gerard, Guido, Nyke, Philippe, Gert, Dirk after the barbecue and cultural performance with also a non-stop Rizal exhibit.

**KNIGHTS OF RIZAL AREA OF BELGIUM
OCTOBER 18 – 4 P.M. – HILTON BRUSSELS
DIAMOND CHAPTER IS CORDIALLY INVITED**



Diamond Chapter cordially invites all Knights and the Ladies to the special activity organised by **KOR Belgium and hosted by the KOR Brussels Chapter** on **Saturday October 18 starting 4 p.m.** at Hilton Hotel Brussels (38 Blvd. Waterloo – 1000 Brussels – nearby Avenue Louise).

The **program** starts with the official **start and induction** of the Newly Assigned Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR (past Chapter Commander of Diamond and still member of our board), together with the assignment of the newly Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR (outgoing Chapter Commander of Brussels Chapter) and Deputy Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, currently also Chapter Commander Diamond KOR. Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR is the incoming Chapter Commander of Brussels Chapter.

There is also a **thank ceremony** for thanking the outgoing Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Lino Paras, KGOR and Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Bhoy Alcoba, KGOR.

All Chapters of Belgium are hereby invited and of course the European Chapters.

After this short ceremony a **new Chapter, namely Charleroi Chapter**, will officially be chartered together with the induction of some officers and knights.

This all will be followed by a **reception** and a delicious **dinner** at the top floor of Hilton overlooking our national capital Brussels. The evening will be followed by great **dancing** and chances for a lot of **fellowship** between the Knights and Ladies.

Each ticket is also a tombola tickets of which beautiful prizes can be won.

Participation is 55 EUR and this can be paid the day itself.

PLEASE, INFORM SIR DOMINIEK SEGAERT, YOUR CHAPTER COMMANDER IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE.

WE, OF DIAMOND CHAPTER, WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO JOIN THIS EVENT.

IT IS ALSO AGAIN A SIGN OF BROTHERHOOD BETWEEN ALL BELGIAN CHAPTERS AND IS – TOGETHER WITH THE SUCCESSFUL KOR ACTIVITY IN KNOCKE – THE BEGINNING OF A GREATER UNIFICATION AND BROTHERHOOD WITHIN BELGIUM AND THE EUROPEAN REGION.

THUS, TRY TO ATTEND THIS EVENT AND INFORM SIR DOMINIEK THROUGH MAIL WITH HOW MANY PERSONS YOU CAN ATTEND.

**DEADLINE OF CONFIRMATION: PLEASE BEFORE OCTOBER 16.
THANK YOU!!!**

ALREADY A FEW KNIGHTS OF THE DIAMOND CONFIRMED TO ATTEND, INCLUDING OUR HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL, SIR PETER VAN BOGAERT, KGOR.

WELCOME!

17TH KOR INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY FEB. 20-21, 2009

Please find in attachment the information regarding this International Event that will take place in Manila. All Knights of all Chapters in Belgium are of course invited. If you are intending to go to the Philippines in that period, it would be a good occasion to join this assembly. You are welcome.

REMINDERS

- DEC. 30 – RIZAL DAY – PHILIPPINE EMBASSY – DETAILS AND TIME WILL FOLLOW
- JAN. 31 – 9TH CHARTERING ANNIVERSARY KOR DIAMOND CHAPTER IN SALONS DE WATERMEULEN IN KRUIBEKE – SPECIAL RIZAL PROGRAM – INDUCTION NEW KNIGHTS – SURPRISE – FRATERNAL DINNER – DANCE

GET BETTER

WE THINK ABOUT YOU

- We want to wish our brother-knight of Ireland **Sir Don Brennock, KCR**, all the best after his hospitalization two weeks ago. We sincerely hope you are at better hand and that you recover in the best situation. We thank you very much for your brotherhood and further interest and devotion in the KOR Europe. Sir François Ooms, KCR and Chapter Commander of El Filibusterismo, informed us about your situation and we surely hope you are good!
- We also wish **Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR**, our incoming Regional Commander for Europe a full recovery after his eye operation (cataract) a couple of weeks ago. Get well!

WELCOME BACK IN BELGIUM, SIR LUCIEN!

We of Diamond Chapter want to welcome Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR and his wife Lady Madeleine who are back in Belgium after the long period that Sir Lucien was posted by the Belgian Army and NATO abroad (recently Afghanistan, France etc.). They are back now in their new house in Eeklo. Again: welcome home, Sir Lucien. We thank you for your further devotion to our Order and also your interest in our Diamond Chapter!

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Your opinion and remarks are welcome!