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## **KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER**

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The Filipino Community of Antwerp and  
The Order of The Knights of Rizal – Diamond Chapter(Antwerp)  
invite you on

**9 November 2008 in St. Franciscus Church  
547 Bredabaan, Merksem, Antwerp at 15:00**

Entrance: Free

WORLD'S RIZAL SOCIETY  
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www.st-franciscus.be



**SUNDAY NOV. 9 AT 3 PM MERKSEM**

### **SINT-FRANCISCUSKERK**

The University of Santo Tomas Singers, founded in 1992, is the University's premiere mixed choral ensemble composed of a select group of students and alumni representing the different colleges and faculties of the Pontifical and Royal University of Santo Tomas – the oldest university in Asia, under the baton of Prof. Fidel G. Calalang Jr.

The UST SINGERS will be **in Belgium as from 6<sup>th</sup> till 10 November 2008**. As always the Filipino Community of Antwerp will be their hosting family during their stay. They are all together 29 people.

And on **Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008** they will sing in our Sunday Mass at one o'clock PM in our church in **Sint Franciscus Kerk, Bredabaan 547 in Merksem**, where they will have a concert at **3 p.m. (1500 hours)**. This event will be **organized by the Filipino Community of Antwerp and the Order of the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter, Antwerp, Belgium**.

***Participation: free***

***Program: welcome by the Regional Commander Europe KOR and Filipino Community Antwerp, Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR and Chapter Commander Diamond KOR and Dep. Area Comm. Belgium, Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR.***

***Special guest: Ambassador Cristina Ortega***

***Concert – Reception hosted by Fil. Antw. Comm. & KOR Diamond – everybody is welcome***

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**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED ON THIS BEAUTIFUL OCCASION!**

**THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY ANTWERP TOGETHER WITH THE  
KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND – ANTWERP WELCOME YOU!**

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIAMOND CHAPTER**

**YOU ARE ALSO CORDIALLY INVITED**

**DEC. 7 – 11 a.m. – 7.30 p.m. – 3RD PASKO SA BRUSSELS 2008 –  
Center of Interactive Communication A.A. Dock's (Boulevard International 7  
– 1070 Brussels – [www.aadocks.be](http://www.aadocks.be) – Information: Arsenio P. Reyes**

Coordinator, Pasko sa Brussels/Bruxelles 2008 - [apreyes.philbe1@gmail.com](mailto:apreyes.philbe1@gmail.com))

**DEC. 30 – 2008 – RIZAL DAY – PHILIPPINE EMBASSY – TIME AND INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE AREA COMMANDER FOR BELGIUM, SIR RUDY NOLLAS, KGOR**

**JAN. 31 – 2009 – 9<sup>TH</sup> CHARTERING ANNIVERSARY KOR DIAMOND – SALONS DE WATERMEULEN AT KRUIBEKE – 5.30 PM – INDUCTION OF KNIGHTS – SPECIAL RIZAL PROGRAM – FRATERNAL DINNER IN A SPECIAL ATMOSPHERE – FELLOWSHIP – DANCING**

**WELCOME!**

**INVITATION FROM PHILIPPINE SPORTS &  
ENTERTAINMENT BELGIUM**

**NOEL CABANGON – NOVEMBER 15**



Philippine Sports & Entertainment  
Belgium  
presents

**NOEL CABANGON**

with  
*Nikko Rivera*  
*(keyboards)*

Centre le Fanal  
8 Rue Joseph Stallaert  
1050 Bruxelles

Saturday, 15 November 2008  
Doors open 6:30pm/ Show starts  
7:30pm

For tickets, reservations & more details:  
Pls. contact Ms. Ligaya Gravidez @ 0494450640 or 023036963

Noel Cabangon grew up in a small town in La Union province called Rosario and he hails from a modest family. He started as a folksinger in the 1980's and was part of the now legendary band 'Buklod'. He performed in folk houses, music lounges and at concerts in many places in the Philippines. In December 2007 he featured as front act for the band 'America' in Araneta Coliseum, with an audience of over 5000.

He also performed at many concerts outside the country. Last March he was in the Netherlands to perform the live music in the multimedia play "Infanta" by Noel became known to the larger public in 2001 with the popular song *Kanlungan* or *Pana-Panahon*, as most people would call it. With this song he got a lot of air time.

Noel has released five albums. These are: "*Pasakalye*"- 2001, "*H'wag Mangamba*"- 2002, "*Medjas*" in 2003, and "*Noël*" (Christmas album) also in 2003. He recently released his 5<sup>th</sup> album, "*Himig Nating Pag-ibig*", a collection of mostly original works which speaks not only about romantic love but also on other facets of life.

His music video "*Kayod Kabayo, Kayod Barya*", a song from *Pasakalye* which portrays the hardships of street vendors and common Filipinos, won the Best Music Video Awards for the 2002 Catholic Mass Media Awards (CMMA).

"*Pauwi Na*", a tribute to the Filipino overseas workers, from his album *Medjas*, was nominated as finalist in the Best Alternative Music Category. "*Tinamaan Mo*", from *Medjas* album, a bossa-nova-type of song about love, was awarded as the Best Jazz Recording, in the 17<sup>th</sup> Awit Awards – a prestigious award being given to Filipino recording artists by the Philippine Association of the Recording Industry (PARI).

Recently, Noel frequently appeared as guest composer/singer for the popular television program of GMA7 "Debate".  
For more information see : <http://www.filippijnengroep.nl/category.php?categoryid=17>

(information provided by Mrs. Ligaya Gravidez of Filipino Sports and Entertainment  
Belgium – 0494450640 or landline 02 3036963)

**FOR TICKETS, RESERVATIONS AND DETAILS: CONTACT  
LIGAYA!**

**0494450640 or landline 02 3036963**

Dear friends

Dear brother Knights



In the name of KOR Diamond Chapter we wish to express to the KOR Brussels Chapter and to the family of Sir Ramil our sincerest condolences with the death of Sir Ramil Parducho last Sat. Oct. 18 in Brussels. We pray for his soul and for the courage and hope in these difficult times for the family Parducho and the KOR Brussels and his friends and relatives.

We are all close with you and share our thoughts of brotherhood and friendship with you all.



Wednesday Oct. 22 there was at St. Remi Church near Koekelberg in Brussels at 7 p.m. a Necrological Service in memory of our brother knight of Brussels Chapter. This was an official function for the KOR wherein all Knights wore their Rizal winterjacket or barong.

All Knights of KOR were informed by this event in a separate mailing on Monday Oct. 20. Due to a school obligation I could not attend as Chapter Commander of KOR Diamond. Condolences have been sent to the family by KOR Diamond Antwerp. Also Sir Don Brennock, KCR, Dublin Ireland, forwarded through the Diamond Chapter his sincere condolences to KOR Brussels and the beloved family of Sir Ramil.

## **A MORE TRANSPARENT & DEMOCRATIC KOR**

### **WE STAND UNITED WITH ALL KOR**

During the successful joint KOR-activity organised by KOR Brussels (see short report under) Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR stated the wish for a more united KOR in Europe and he urged to have more transparency and democracy. After the recent visit at KOR Headquarters and the talk with Supreme Commander Sir Esguerra last July together with Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR – now Consultant to the Supreme Commander – and Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, the Supremo hailed the steps that have been taken for more brotherhood and unification. Sir Dominiek pledged for diplomacy in our words and interactions, even there are sometimes disagreements which are only human. The Diamond Chapter proposed a resolution of brotherhood on the special occasion of the Chartering of the Charleroi Chapter, to be led by Sir Jean-Paul Herman and also after the turn over ceremony and oath taking of the regional council and the area council.

In this he also read a fraternal message from Sir Peter Plückebaum (see also complete text in attachment), currently Chapter Commander of KOR Bonn and the newly appointed Deputy Regional Commander for Europe. The complete text was read and Sir Peter excused himself that he could not attend the KOR-event at Brussels last Oct. 18 due to another KOR-activity.

Sir Rainer J. Weber, KCR, Chapter Commander Wilhelmsfeld-Heidelberg got recently an extended and detailed answer from the Supreme Commander Sir Esguerra, KGCR,

regarding his view on the past situation in Europe wherein he urged for democracy and transparency. In the newly elected Regional and Area Councils here in Europe we have to stand now united. In the answer of Sir Esguerra we find that the Supremo stands for a collective responsibility, not unipersonal attitude; cooperative effort, not one man team; collaborative design, and not selfish motive. He states: "The leadership in the Supreme Council which is at the helm of the thousands of brother knights all over the globe follow the Rizalian doctrines, principles and values. Our decisions as mandated by our By-Laws and Republic Act 646 have the support of our brother knights and even counterpart organizations all over the world."

We can only stand together and go on now with an open mind and friendship. In this case it is also wishful and wise to look now forward. The KOR Europe is surely focused now in its pledge for a closer KOR. Let's look in each others eyes and surely this will benefit all chapters and Knights worldwide.



**SUCCESSFUL JOINT KOR ACTIVITY  
ORGANISED BY KOR BRUSSELS  
CHARTERING KOR CHARERLOI**

**BIG PARTICIPATION OF KOR DIAMOND**

120 participants coloured the good organised KOR-activity of KOR Brussels last Sat. Oct. 18 at Hilton. During a turn over ceremony Sir Lino Paras, KGOR as outgoing Regional Commander gave the European leadership to Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR. Sir Tony



became officially the newly appointed KOR Regional Commander for Europe. There was also Area Council Turn Over wherein Sir Cesar Alcoba, KGOR as outgoing Area Commander Belgium give the leadership to Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, the incoming Area Commander and Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, the incoming Deputy Area Commander for Belgium. Also attending were Sir Romy Garcia, KCR, incoming Germany Area Commander and Sir Noubikko Ulanday, KCR, incoming Deputy Area Commander Czech Republic.

After this the KOR Brussels presented the new board where Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR, became the new Chapter Commander. After the dubbing and chartering of the Rizal Charleroi Chapter there was elevation and exaltation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. Also the Kababaihang Rizalista had their oath taking ceremony with Lady Fernandez as president. After this Sir Dominiek of Diamond and Dep. Area Commander delivered a message and read also a message of Sir Plückebaum from Bonn as Dep. Regional Comm. Europe. He also invited the attending chapters to sign a resolution of brotherhood (see above). Sir Roy Ecraela, Consul and 1<sup>st</sup> secretary brought in the name of Ambassador Ortega gave an inspirational message. Sir Rudy Nollas urged for a moment of silence in memory of Sir Ramil Parducho who passed away suddenly earlier that day. Father Bago lead the prayers. Sir Lino Paras closed the ceremonies. Cocktail, prayers led by Fr. Raymond Gaspar, messages of Sir Nollas, Sir Van Bogaert and of course of Sir Tony, the newly EuropComm, fraternal dinner, tombola and dancing followed till late in the night and early in the morning at the top. floor of Hilton Brussels. Master of Ceremony Sir Johnny Villa, KCR did a great job.

Diamond Chapter attended with 20 participants who all signed the resolution of brotherhood between Diamond, the newly chartered KOR Charleroi Chapter, Brussels Chapter and all attending Chapters.

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR

Sir Fr. Bago, KR Hon. Member

Sir Dominiek & wife Leah Segaert-Gallego, KCR

Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR

Sir Guy Waterloos & wife Mercy, KR

Sir Dirk Vandeweghe & wife Grace, KR

Sir Ronny Felix & wife Phoebe, KR

Sir Martin Hemelaer, KR

Mr. Michel Dubois & wife Rosy (postulant KR)

Sir Paul Verloo & wife Marietta, KOR

Sir Geert Verhaegen & wife Faith, KR

Sir Danny Vandenbogaerde & wife Gina, KR – 2 persons

Later that evening also Sir Johan Deboeck, made a visit to the event.

## **FRIENDSHIP BARBECUE KNOKKE SEP. 28 RESULT**



Like we promised in our Newsletter 5 where you could read a report about the successful activity that KOR Diamond organised together with Friendship for the Philippines/Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen in Knokke-Heist, we are proud to present that the netto result of the barbecue is **2351,57 EUR**, which is 300 EUR more than the year before when Friendship organised this also in Knokke. The 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Friendship together with the help of KOR Diamond resulted in a huge success and high participation even from other Chapters in and outside Belgium with 260 people.

From the bottom of our heart: THANK YOU. The complete profit goes to Balay Palungan Davao City and Saint Michael's School of Padada, respectively a street children program, scholarship and school.

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**Your opinion and remarks are welcome!**