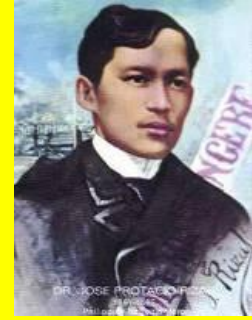


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WELCOME AT PASKO SA BRUSSELS 2008

Please be informed that from Friday December 5 there is a special **WEBSITE of Pasko Sa Brussels** where you can find information about the program (2 parts) and the bus schedule if you are coming by train to Brussels South. All information is clear and can be helpful, so everybody, by car or public transport, can easily reach the Pasko Sa Brussels venue at AA Dock's Brussels.

We thank everybody of the KOR Diamond who can attend the affair full of original Filipino Christmas Spirit!

www.paskosabrussels.be



Pasko sa Brussels 2008



Projects:

1. Classroom Galing sa Mamamayang Pilipino Abroad–Zamboanga City
2. Renovation of the Holy Cross Parish Convent, Carigara - Leyte
3. Help the Street Children, Lord of Hope Parish, Caloocan City
4. Chapel Renovation, Bgy Guadalupe, San Carlos City, Negros
5. Baptist Church Renovation, Bgy Sta Cruz I, Bislig City, Surigao del Sur

**Experience Christmas the
Filipino way in**

Paskong Pinoy

December 7, 2008
11.00—19.30
AA Dock's,
Boulevard International
1070 Bruxelles

Featuring

*A bazaar of Philippine products,
culinary delights, an afternoon
of Philippine carols and variety
tombola and discorama
Philippine-Christmas-motif de
black box.*

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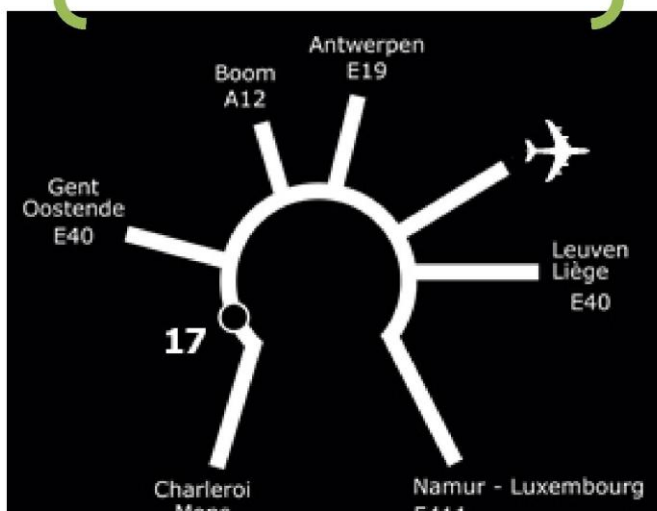
Ring exit 17

Bus 78

(Midi train station)

Direction: Humanité

Stop: Blvd International



Erratum: the **bus number** from Midi Station (Brussels South – in Dutch Brussel Zuid) is **NOT 78 but 49**. The time table for the bus can be found in the website www.paskosabrussels.be which became operational last Friday. Just click the timetable and you will have all information at your finger.

INVITATION RIZAL DAY – DECEMBER 30

Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, together with the Belgian Council of KOR, invites all Knights on Tuesday December 30 at 6 p.m. at the Philippine Embassy (Avenue Molière 297 – 1050 Brussels) on the occasion to celebrate Rizal Day.

On the program there will be a flower offering and a commemoration of Dr. Jose Rizals Martyrdom.

Sir Rudy requests us to please be on time and to wear Rizal barong or winter uniform (you can choose).

Can you please confirm to me your attendance and participation in this program. Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely
Sir Dominiek

JAN 31 – KOR DIAMOND 9TH CHARTERING ANNIVERSARY

Please be reminded that in a short while we will send out official invitations for our 9th Chartering Anniversary on Saturday January 31 at 4.30 p.m. at Salons De Watermeulen in Kruibeke.

This is a very – not to be missed – occasion to spread out our personal New Year greetings and to strengthen our brotherhood between or members, their partners, family, friends and brother knights of other chapters who will attend this special occasion.

Details of the program and the participation price will be given in one week from now.

Already the following is known: induction of 10 new Knights, offering of Distinguished Service Star of Rizal, performance of Lady Aurea M. Taguiang (President Kababaihang Rizalista London and wife of Sir Alfonso T. Taguiang, KCR, Area Commander UK and Chapter Commander London) with poems of Rizal and an overview of Rizal's youth, inspirational speech Chapter Commander and Regional Commander, messages of Area Commander, reception and toast on the New Year, fraternal dinner and fellowship.

Please mark Jan. 31!

Welcome

The board – Sir Dominiek – Sir Tony – Sir Peter – Sir Kris – Sir Roy – Sir Rik – Sir Paul

SUCCESFUL CONCERTS UST SINGERS

The concerts of the UST Singers in Belgium were very successful and the audiences in the Saint Martinus Church of Westmalle (Friday Nov. 7) and the Saint Franciscus Church of Merksem (Sunday Nov. 9) gave the singers a warm applause! The concert in Merksem was organised by the Catholic Filipino Community of Antwerp and the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter. The concert in Westmalle was organised by the local community in cooperation with the parish. We needn't to say that again Filipino culture and hospitality were spread out in Belgium. A warm thank to everyone who could attend the concert and especially a very special thank to the families who hosted the choir members. A special thanks for the family Goossenaerts who organised the hosting of all choir members. Thank you very much. In her inspirational speech CDA and Deputy Chief of Mission Mrs. Sta Catalina expressed her warm feelings for the unbelievable power that comes from the UST Choir. She represented also Ambassador Cristina Ortega who was abroad. Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, our Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Special Assistant to the Supreme Commander and Sir Dominiek Segaert, Chapter Commander Diamond and Deputy Area Comm. Belgium thanked the audience for their enthusiasm and support. Children of the Catholic Philippine Community offered flowers to the choir members in a very emotional moment since the UST the other day would leave Belgium. Belgium is marked in their hearts and pohan till next year. Thank you also to the Catholic Philippine Community of Antwerp for the delicious salo salo afterwards. Sir François Ooms, Chapter Commander of the El Filibusterismo Chapter and Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, also attended the concert.



MEETING KOR EUROPE IN BONN – GERMANY

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR and Sir Peter Plückebaum, KCR, respectively Regional Commander and Deputy Regional Commander for Europe organise at the Dormotel Regina (Markt 81 – 53757 Sankt Augustin in Germany – tel. 02 241 / 995560 and info@dormotel-sankt-augustin.de and website www.dormotel-sankt-augustin.de) A MEETING OF THE REGIONAL, AREA, CHAPTER & DEPUTY CHAPTER LEADERS (or their representatives) on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 December.

In their invitation letter Sir Tony and Sir Peter write:

“This first meeting is of high importance and should get the highest priority on your schedule. It is a first step to have a coordination and cooperation in our Region.” In the program we find important agenda topics that will upgrade the KOR and the brotherhood within Europe. As example Sir Tony and Sir Peter will approach together with the participants an approach to a common understanding and agreement on Rizalism as base for our Order. More transparency and communication are very important.

From the Diamond Chapter Sir Dominiek Segaeert, KCR, our Chapter Commander and also Sir Danny Berghmans, KR, will represent Antwerp. If there is another board- or member who is interested to give input into this important meeting, they can contact Sir Dominiek or Sir Tony (see communication details under of the board).

CONGRATULATIONS TO VZW CADAATAAN WINTERBARBECUE

Last Sunday November 30 the vzw Cadaatan – who supports elementary schools in an educational and feeding project around San Remigio in Cebu – hosted almost 500 participants for their annual Winter Barbecue in Kortemark (West-Flanders) with a child friendly program and beautiful Filipino atmosphere. Not only a delicious barbecue attracted so many friends of Mr. Luc Waeyaert, outgoing president and Sir Guy Waterloos, KR of our KOR Diamond and vice-president of vzw Cadaatan, but also the given feed back and results of the project gave a special glance at the affair. Honorary Consul General Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, attended the affair and gave also greetings from our Regional Commander Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR and also Honorary Consul. Among the plenty volunteers and helpers at the barbecue we also spotted Sir Dirk Vandeweghe, KR of our KOR Diamond who was indeed very very busy. Mr. Luc Waeyaert is postulant of KOR Diamond. More power to your organisation, Sir Luc and Sir Guy! We of Diamond are proud about you!

APRIL 4 – 2009 – RIZAL LECTURE & QUIZ & BARBECUE

At De Schuur (Kruibeke) KOR Diamond will organise its Spring Activity on Sat. April 4 starting 4 p.m. with a multimedia presentation about Dr. Rizal in Europe and Belgium presented by Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, followed by an interactive quiz with all Knights and participants. A barbecue will finalize this activity. It is already the 3rd issue of a Rizal Quiz organised by KOR Diamond. Please mark April 4 in your agenda.

WEBSITE KOR DIAMOND AN UPDATE

Recently our member Sir Ronny Felix, KR approached the board with a suggestion of a new lay-out of the current website. Also Sir Danny Berghmans, KR, proposed to help our Deputy Chapter Commander Sir Roy Demol, KCR, and Sir Ronny Bartels, KR to reorganise a website.

In an upcoming BOARD MEETING of Wed. Dec. 10 we will try to schedule a meeting where there could be established a small website-group who decide about the input of the new website. We keep of course the same website address and if there is a small group who share their ideas about the website, the new website can only become better.

To coordinate this a bit we will try to organise a meeting.

Let's hope, brother knights, we could launch the new website at our 9th Chartering Anniversary on Jan. 31 at Kruibeke.

To be continued...

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Your opinion and remarks are welcome!

