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## **KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER**

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# **FAREWELL**

# **SIR MUSHAKE**



On Sunday morning January 4, 2009 Sir Alexander Mushake, passed away in the age of 75. We, Knights of Rizal of Diamond Chapter, sincerely pass our condolences to Lady Jane Mushake, his beloved and ever optimistic wife.

May Sir Alex rest in peace.

Non Omnis Moriar!

Sir Mushake became Knight of Rizal in Europe in 1986 and he had many positions in the Knights and was the only holder of the Knight Grand Cross of Rizal (KGCR) within Europe. This highest degree (see picture) was given to him in November 2003 in Neuenweg (Germany). We, of the Diamond Chapter, could welcome him as our very special guest and Senior Executive Assistant to the Supreme Commander and Over All Advisor for Europe, during our meeting with many Knights on May 15, 2004 in Knokke where he dubbed also new members in our Order. In the years to follow he actively participated during the specially organised weekends by the El Filibusterismo Chapter Brussels to commemorate the publishing of the El Fili-novel. Indeed, in Belgium, he was known and he had a close brotherhood relation with Sir Lucien Spittaël of the El Fili Chapter with whom he shared so many history and background regarding Dr. Rizal. Sir Lucien, according to him on the phone, lost a close and sincere friend and will remember Sir Alex as a kind and devoted person who was a filantropist but also a sincere collectioner of history books about the Philippines and worldwide. His contacts with the National Historical Institute in Manila were only one of the examples.

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, our Reg. Comm. Europe, expressed in his condolences also the following: "Sir Alex proved to be a true Rizalist and one of the pillars of the Order of the Knight of Rizal around the world, particularly in our region in Europe."

Sir Peter Plückebaum, KCR, Deputy Regional Commander Europe shares with us these words of condolences he send to Lady Jane: "Sir Alex has impressed all of us always by his profound knowledge about Rizal and his unconditional dedication to our Order. I personally have always enjoyed our discussions about the orders matters and I have learned a lot of important details about Rizal. Details which I could not get from books but are necessary to understand Rizal's personality. „Our Sir Alex“ can not and by no one be replaced. We as Bonn Chapters of the Ladies and Knights and I'm sure we are expressing the feelings of all Chapters and members, lost a great man and a true Brother Knight."

Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Area Commander Belgium expressed it in this way: "We are saddened with the passing away of our Dear Brother in the Order, Sir Alex has dedicated his life for the cause of the Knights of Rizal."

The Knights of Rizal Belgium and Kababaihang Rizalista, Brussels Chapter extend our sympathy and prayers with your family in these difficult moments."

Sir Lino Paras, former Regional Commander for Europe, described Sir Alex as follows: "honest, kind, intelligent, soft-spoken, very sincere in his opinions, a dedicated and genuine Rizalist. He will stay in our hearts forever." Sir Alex did all he could to support the Order. We refer here also to the "In Memoriam" of Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGCR, our Supreme Commander and also the article written by Sir Pablo Trillana III, the Deputy Supreme Commander which we publish here under and in which he refers to Sir Mushakes help tot the Rizal Youth Leadership Institute.

In the name of El Filibusterismo Sir François Ooms, KCR, Chapter Commander, wrote: "We, the members of the El Filibusterismo Chapte, are saddened by the untimely demise of Sir Alexander Mushake KGCR a good friend, and we extend our outmost condolences to his beloved spouse and live companion Lady Jane, family, friends and well-wishers. May Sir Alexander Mushake, rest in peace."

Sir George Poblete, KGOR and Supreme Archivist will be the official representative on the funeral. He will coordinate with Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, Reg. Comm., Sir Peter Plückebaum, KCR, Deputy Regional Comm. Europe, Sir Rainer Weber, KCR, Chap. Comm. Wilhelmsfeld-Heidelberg, Sir Romeo Garcia, Area Comm. Germany, Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, former Regional Comm.

I, myself, as Chapter Commander of Diamond Antwerp, remember him as a true Rizalist with ideals. We shared post stamps and memorabilia on and about Rizal and through Sir Mushake, I got the interesting book about Rizal as a mason in which his freemason name was Dimasalang, now also the name of the Chapter of Ile de France in France, currently headed by Chapter Commander Sir Carlos Arnaldo, KCR.

To Lady Jane Mushake of the Kababaihang Rizalista and the family of Sir Alex, the board and all members of Diamond Chapter Belgium, I repeat our sincerest condolences.

Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR

Chapter Commander Diamond Antwerp

Deputy Area Commander Belgium

## **FUNERAL SERVICE**

Sir Alex Mushake, KGCR, will be given to the Lord on Monday January 12, at 1 p.m. (13 hours in the afternoon) at the church near the cemetery. Address: Nieder-Ramstädter StraBe in Darmstadt, Hessen (Germany).

If you could attend the funeral service, please be in Rizal Barong or winter jacket. Please forward your participation/attendance to Sir Spittaël at [lucienspittaël@hotmail.com](mailto:lucienspittaël@hotmail.com)

Sir Wolfgang Kandler, KCR, of Metro Cologne Chapter forwarded us the direction information, in case you want to attend the funeral (followed by a brotherhood meeting in remembrance of Sir Alex):

The cemetry is located in Darmstadt in the triangle of the following streets: Nieder-Ramstädter StraBe / Herdweg 105-107 / Alter Friedhof

Coming from North there are 2 options to use the Highway (Autobahn):

1. A67 (from Wiesbaden), Exit Autobahn Dreieck Darmstadt / Griesheim (N° 6) and to follow A672 Direction Innenstadt
2. A5 (from the Frankfurt Airport), Exit Kreuz Darmstadt (N° 26) and to follow A672 Direction Innenstadt

## IN MEMORIAM

### FAREWELL TO YOU

## SIR ALEXANDER M.A. MUSHAKE, KGCR

*Over-all Adviser, European Region*

Now that you have joined our departed Brothers in the endless caravan that seeks passage to the inscrutable Abode of the Blessed Beyond, let it be written that the memory of our association and oneness with you, **SIR ALEX**, will remain etched forever in the altar of the Order and your Chapter which you animated so generously with the fire of your patriotism and internationalism and the bounty of your abiding concern for your countrymen and those of the other peoples.

We felt destitute and orphaned by your loss. We recall the numerous meetings you spent with us and the pilgrimages we had with you; the spirited exchanges we shared on the life and writings of Dr. Jose Rizal and plans for the Order -- which always ended as we bade adieu with reiteration of Friendship and renewals of Fraternal Love. We also cherished those moments when with equal depth and breadth, we cheered with you the happy endings and took umbrage at the unjust wounds and sores that pester the membership, swept the Order, and crippled the Motherland. All this will be hard to forget.

And so with your passage from this Earth to a new and Eternal Universe, may this Memorial follow you, dear Brother, wherever you may be. And although you could no longer feel the rain as it drops on Baguio City nor admire the sunbaked-beauty of Calamba and Dapitan; although you could no longer catch the mist that at the coming of the evening shrouds Rizal's beloved Shrine, rest assured that We, the ones you left behind in the nightfall of your knighthood, shall carry on the noble task: to enlighten the people everywhere, and patiently scribe on the pages of time the enduring Life, the omniscient Thought, that triumphant Dawn that is Gat Jose Rizal.

Brother: **"NON OMNIS MORIAR"** - Not Everything In You Will Die!

Presented by the Supreme Council, on this 7th day of January in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Nine. A.D. in Welhemsfeld – Heidelberg, Germany.

(SGD) Sir Virgilio R. ESGUERRA, KGCR – Supreme Commander

**✝ IN REMEMBRANCE OF**

**SIR ALEXANDER M.A. MUSHAKE, KGCR**

**by SIR PABLO S. TRILLANA III, KGOR**

**Deputy Supreme Commander**

**Chair, Executive Committee of the Rizal Youth Leadership Institute**

The RIZAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (RYLI) *Executive Committee* joins the rest of our brother knights, their ladies and counterpart organizations in expressing our condolences to Lady Jane Mushake, immediate family members, relatives and friends of Sir Alexander Mushake for the untimely demise of Sir Alex.

The RYLI cannot forget Sir Alex's unconditional and regular support, not only for the Knights of Rizal IHQ activities, but also for his financial contributions to the youth leadership institute seminars of the RYLI in Davao City, Cebu City and in Baguio City for which we had a total of more than 1,000 youth participants in the three-day seminars in Cebu and Baguio cities this 2008. Sir Alex was always quick to respond to the RYLI's call for financial support --knowing perhaps that the regular youth leadership seminars is the *raison d' etre* of the Order of the Knights of Rizal.

We fondly remember Sir Alex's simple request during th latter part of 2008 as consisting of nothing but readings materials that included yearbook and souvenir programs for which his requests were attended to.

He would tell us in an August-September 2008 greeting card from Germany addressed to the IHQ that while he was bedridden during the first quarter of 2008, he was thinking of nothing but Jose Rizal!

We bid Sir Alex Adieu knowing and believing in NON OMNIS MORIAR! (Not Everything in You Will Die)!

## **OUR WEBSITE: AN UPDATE AND GOOD NEWS:**

### **LAUNCHING NEW WEBSITE AFTER JANUARY 16**

Dear Brother Knights, through the efforts of our new webmasters Sir Danny Berghmans, KR and Sir Ronny Felix, KR, and with the support of Sir Roy Demol, KCR

and Sir Ronny Bartels, KR, we are proud to announce you the birth of our totally restyled and updated website.

It can be seen after Jan. 16.

All reactions are welcome (articles, messages, activities from brother- and sister-organisations) on the special link at the home page that sends everything directly to [dominiek.segaert@skynet.be](mailto:dominiek.segaert@skynet.be) (after coordinating and editing, the articles or contributions will be forwarded by the Chapter Commander to the webmasters who are taking care of the end editing and lay-out).

Our new website will be officially launched on Jan. 31, 2009 during our 9<sup>th</sup> Chartering Anniversary in Kruibeke.

Thank you Sirs for the big work. Also thanks to the board for their remarks, suggestions regarding our new website.

More power!



**REMINDER**

**PLEASE INFORM BEFORE JAN. 23**

***INVITATION***

**FOR MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS**

**EVERYBODY **IS** WELCOME!**

**9<sup>TH</sup> CHARTERING**

**ANNIVERSARY**

# DIAMOND CHAPTER – ANTWERP BELGIUM

**SATURDAY JANUARY 31 – 2009  
4 P.M.**

## **WHERE?**

SALONS DE WATERMEULEN – Burchtstraat 160 – 9150 KRUIBEKE –  
location: [www.watermeulen.be](http://www.watermeulen.be)

## **PROGRAM?**

- welcome
- dubbing ceremony of 8 new Knights (KR)
- elevation to KOR
- award Distinguished Service Star of Rizal
- reception – toast on the New Year
- special guests (surprise)
- fraternal dinner – world buffet with drinks
- special Rizal program – poems of Dr. Jose Rizal – Life & Work by Lady Aurea M. Taguiang – President Kababaihang Rizal – London - UK
- dessert – coffee – fellowship – dancing
- news from the Diamond Chapter – Belgian Council – European Council – Supreme Council – launching new & updated website KOR Diamond

**PARTICIPATION?** 55 EUR members – 60 EUR non-members – children half price – everything included (all drinks, apero, wines, water, coffee, ...)

## **PAYMENT?**

We prefer payment on the account 979 6095137 50 of DIAMOND CHAPTER RIZAL – 2100 DEURNE with amount of ADULTS/CHILDREN.

## **DEADLINE?**



We really would appreciate to CONFIRM your participation and payment on or before January 23, 2009.

Please ALSO send an email to confirm your participation.

Info : Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, Chapter Commander & Deputy Area Commander Belgium – [dominiek.segaert@skynet.be](mailto:dominiek.segaert@skynet.be)

## **NEW YEAR GREETINGS SUPREME COMMANDER**

January 7, 2009

To All our Brother Knights, their Ladies  
and the Counterpart Organizations:

Despite Freezing Climate in Some Parts of the World,  
My Warmest Wishes for the New Year to Everyone!

Let Peace, Joy and Hope reign in our Hearts!

NON OMNIS MORIAR!

SIR VIRGILIO R. ESGUERRA, KGCR  
Supreme Commander

## **INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY KOR MANILA MORE INFORMATION – PROGRAM: SEE NEXT NEWSLETTER**

The International Assembly Knights of Rizal is scheduled on February 20-21-22 in 2009 in Manila. KOR Diamond will participate in this event and will send some delegates and will also support. KOR Diamond will also participate in the program book which will be edited by the program book chairman in Manila together with Sir Rey T. Banta, KGOR, Regional Commander USA. More power to the International Assembly!

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