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Newsletter



Diamond Chapter Antwerp—Flanders—Belgium



Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - Jan. 2009

INTRODUCTION

Dear Brother Knights of Rizal,

Enjoy after the celebration of the Holy Easter in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus the beautiful sunny days of spring. Together with the board of KOR Diamond I truly wish you warm hearts and days now summer is looking at us.

We of KOR Diamond want to reflect in this issue of the Newsletter at our spring activity of last April 4 and we want to look forward to some other activities where you are most welcome.

April 20 was the deadline of renewing your membership. Most of our members already renewed and thank you very much for your trust and fidelity! The Knights who forgot or postponed it, will get a personal and last invitation to renew. Hopefully in our chapter we will have a 100 % renewal. Please, if you have any ideas to make our Chapter better, don't hesitate to send your reactions to dominiek.segaert@skynet.be

Some last info about the 4th European Assembly in Prague are in this issue and also on the website – thank you Sir Ronny Felix, KR, Sir Geert Verhaegen, KR, Sir Kristof Mortier, Mrs. Leah Gallego for your contribution of pictures - souvenir pictures of April 4.

Please look also browse into our calendar and updated website www.knightsofrizal.be See you very soon at the 111th celebration of the Philippine Independence scheduled on June 14 at Cinquantenaire Parc Brussels!

Yours truly

Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR – Chapter Commander – Deputy Area Commander Belgium Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR - Regional Commander for Europe Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR - Special Adviser to the Supreme Commander Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR – former Chapter Commander Sir Roy De Mol, KCR – treasurer – Deputy Chapter Commander Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR – Deputy Chapter Commander

Sir Paul Verloo, KOR – Chancellor



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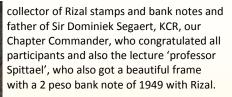
SUCCESSFUL RIZAL LECTURE, QUIZ & BARBECUE



The participants to the quiz

Last April 4, 2009 the KOR Diamond Chapter organised its yearly cosy and brotherhood activity at De Schuur in Kruibeke where 54 participants could enjoy a very interesting lecture of about 45 minutes about the life of Dr. Rizal and particularly his travel into Europe and of course his stay in Belgium. This was presented to us by our guest speaker Sir Lucien Spittael, KGOR, techniise for the 3rd time. Questions were exclusively chosen by Sir Spittael. You will find all questions and answers for your file in our updated website www.knightsofrizal.be

Winners were Mrs. Bing Migom-Requieron (wife of Michel Migom) and Sir Kristoff Mor-





Sir Geert Verhaegen

After this truly warm-up our stomachs (and brains) were well enough trained for a



Sir Lucien Spittael during his presentation cally assisted by Sir Ronny Felix, KR and Sir

Danny Vandenbogaerde, KR.

After his lecture we could all participate at the Rizal –quiz, an initiative we now organ-



Sir Tony and Sir François



The jury

tier. Because of this ex aequo an extra question (and good answer) gave the first prize to Mrs. Bing Migom-Requieron, a frame with a Philippine 1 peso bank note of 1949



The winners congratulated by our board

Bangko Sentral Ng Pilipinas with the portrait of Dr. Rizal, offered by Mr. Jacques Segaert,

Sir Albert Bijloos

sumptuous barbecue in a casual style and at a very democratic price. Sir Dominiek thanked everybody for the participation and dedication to our chapter and mentioned very special the participation of Sir Albert Bijloos, KOR, who is member since the very beginning at is always attending our meetings with his wife Fe and children. Among the participants we had board members Sir Kris & Marisa Van Thillo and children, KCR, former Chapter Commander, Sir Roy & Mrs. De Mol and children, KCR, treasurer and Sir Rik & Mrs. Van Tiggel, KCR, both Deputy Commanders, Sir & Mrs. Paul Verloo, KOR, Sir Dirk & Grace Vandeweghe, KR, Sir Guy & Mercy Waterloos, KR, Sir Martin Hemelaer, KR, Sir Kristoff & Rama Mortier, KR and the mother of Rama, Sir Ronny & Phoebe Felix, KR, Sir Geert & Faith Verhaegen, KR, Sir Marc & Mrs. Helsen, KR, Sir Danny & Mrs. Vandenbogaerde, KR, Sir François & Mrs. Ooms, KCR and Chapter Commander El Filibusterismo and German friends, Michel & Bing Migom-Requieron, Herman & Eric, Sir Lucien Spittael, KGOR, Mrs. Leah Segaert-Gallego & Magalie, Sir Albert & Fe Bijloos,

KOR and children and our Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR. Excused were Sir Peter & Babes Van Bogaert, KGOR, Sir Eric & Jacqueline Borghijs, KR, Sir François & Mrs. Verrijt, KR, Sir Danny & Marilou Berghmans-Ferrater, KR, Sir Hugo & Mona Speelmans, KOR, Sir Michel & Rosy Du Bois, KR and Sir Joseph & Divina Sneyaert-Mariano, KR.

Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, also gave a small introduction of the program of the 4th European Assembly Sep. 17-18-19-20 (see website and also Prague chapter <u>www.knightsofrizal.net</u> were all UPDATED details are mentioned and also possibility to attend only during the weekend Sep. 19-20 and a choice of 2 packages with hotel/ participation fee.

At the end we could also see some pictures of the 19th International Assembly of KOR last February in Manila, attended by Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Sir François Ooms, KCR and Sir Pros Slachmuylders, KCR and Chartering Commander of Diamond.

Enjoy some souvenir pictures of this KOR April 4-activity in a friendly and casual atmosphere. Our next activity will of course be the attending but also actively participation in the parade at the Philippine Independence Day Sunday June 14 at Cinquantenaire at Brussels and of course on the commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Rizal, June 19.

More pictures



Happy faces



An action picture of the bbq

More news about this will be given later.

NOM – More power to KOR Diamond! Your Chapter Commander, Sir Dominiek A satisfied commander

More pictures can be seen on our website:

www.knightsofrizal.be

MUNTING NAYON

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND KNIGHTS OF RIZAL WORLDWIDE

Browse once at www.mnnetherlands.com of editor Eddie Flores and Orquidia Valenzuela

It is a beautiful balanced website and worth looking at!

There is also a professionally printed version of Munting Nayon (which means small community). More info at their website.

Also browse at the updated websites of

www.kababayan.be

www.pinoy-pinay.be

www.cadaatan.be

www.philembassy.be

Do you have an interesting link that relates Belgium and the Philippines?

Don't hesitate and send your proposal to the Chapter Commander or any of our board members (see under).

EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY PRAGUE SEP. 2009



In our last Newsletter and also on the home page of our website we presented you the program of the 4th KOR European Assembly Sep. 17-18-19-20.

Through Sir Noubikko Ulanday, KCR, Prague Chapter Commander & Deputy Area Commander for Czech Republic, we can now inform you that the LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT PARTICIPATION IS ONLINE ON THE WEBSITE www.knightsofrizal.net

We want to mention the fact that NOW Knights who can only participate the weekend of Sat./Sun. Sep. 19-20, have a special participation fee.

For the WHOLE ASSEMBLY PACKAGE we refer to the Package with 4 **** hotels and 3 *** hotels, participation fee included.

It is necessary to REGISTER before July 2009.

Until now our brother chapter Brussels and the Area Council of Belgium are still looking into the possibility for CAR POOL-ING and/or reserving a BUS for the trip BRUSSELS-PRAGUE-BRUSSELS.

 ${f L}$ From the moment we know more about this, we will inform you through our Newsletter and website.

WITH WIZZ AIR TO PRAGUE

The RIZAL Wall in Prague and

Our devoted Brother Knight Sir Guy Waterloos, KR and also Sir François Ooms, KCR Chapter Commander of El Fili, suggested to book a ticket to Prague from Charleroi for ONLY 60 EUR with WIZZAIR (click www.wizzair.com for more info and time tables – every day flight at 5.25 p.m. – arrival 6.55 p.m. Return flight Prague-Charleroi at 3.25 p.m. with arrival at 5 p.m. Of course this all on a first come, first serve base.

Other carriers, e.g. SN Brussels Airlines, have different time schedules and fees.

The moment we have an idea of how many interested KOR of our Chapter there are, we could ask for a package. As for know, booking a flight to Prague for the Assembly is on an individual base.



We would like to ask our members to inform the Chapter Commander if they are willing to participate at this beautiful occasion.

Thursday Sep. 17 - Welcome - Blumentritt-Rizal Exhibit at Clam Gallas Palace – guided tour Palace – evening program with Cultural Club Prague & Aachen – Philippine Embassy – Prague Art – welcome party

View of Prague and the castle

Friday Sep. 18 – Convention at Conference Hall Charles University – lunch – bus tour Prague Castle, National Theatre, Opera, National Gallery, landmarks Prague - coffee break Archbishop's Palace - walk tour medieval alley - din-Ferdinand Blumentritt ner boat nigh cruise Vltava River – firework

Saturday Sep. 19 - Litomerice - tour - floral offering Rizal Park - Blumentritt - lunch - visit Blumentritt-Rizal Museum - evening party Vinevard

Sunday Sep. 20 - blessingf at the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine with Catholic Mass at the Shrine - Philippine Community - lunch Shrine Garden

More info: website www.knightsofrizal.net - Sir Noubikko tel. 001420 775 727 888 - info@knightsofrizal.net

PHILIPPINE CONTEMPORARY DANCE CONCERT & PERFORMANCE OF PRAYER **BRUSSELS MAY 30**

Knights of Rizal Diamond Antwerp invite you all through the CICM Friends Brussels - Belgium to a full Philippine Contemporary prayer dance concert, the first ever here in Brussels. It will be held on 30th May 2009, Saturday, in Salle Lumen 34 Chaussee de Boondael 1050 Brussels at 7:00 pm.

Entitled "Panalangin", a prayerful and powerful dance repertoire, the show will be for the benefit of the CICM (Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary). It will financially support the studies of Filipino seminarians intending to become priests and the faculty enhancement program of the CICM. Entrance is 5 EUR. CICM Friends are looking for sponsors (25 EUR) to help



expenses for this concert. The performance is not all to come one May 30!

suitable for children below 10 years.

This is brought to us here in Belgium by the Powerdance Group, directed and choreographed by Douglas Nierras with his executive manager, Jonnel Cruz. This group and the CICM had joined forces to stage this all-prayer dance repertoire and our dear Fr. Pedro Penaranda, CICM rector.

If you would like to have more info, please contact Ms. Dhel Lulu at 0476 398750 or through dhelulu55cofabxl@yahoo.com who is responsible for the venue and solicitation committee.

them realize the project's goals and cover up the We of KOR Diamond are surely encouraging you

First International RIZAL Lecture Series in Paris

The First International Rizal Lecture Series will be held in Paris on the 27th June 2009.

These lectures are organized by the **Dimasalang Ile de France Chapter** and primarely intended for the young university students that are children or friends of the Knights of Rizal.

Following is the invitation letter for the lectures:



Order of the Knights of Rizal Dimasalang île de France Chapter

Paris Chapter

Paris, le 17 avril 2009

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, Regional Commander for Europe

Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, Overall Coordinator/Advisor to the Regional Commander for Europe

All Area and Chapter Commanders

Copy Area and Chapter Deputy Commanders

On behalf of the Dimasalang île de France and Paris Chapters, we cordially invite you to encourage and support your younger generation Filipinos and Filipinas, and children of European/Filipino families to attend our :

First Rizal International Lecture Series: Rizal and his values today

organised by the Philippine Chaplaincy

the Order of the Knights of Rizal

Dimasalang île de France Chapter

and the Franco-Philippine Cultural Association

9AM to 5 PM, Saturday 27 June 2009 St Joseph Hall, Notre Dame de Grace de Passy 10 Rue de l'Anonciation Paris 75016

The programme features four University Lecturers, specialists in litterature and the history of Rizal and of the Philippines during his time :

Mme Hélène Goujat, Docteur en Espagnol : José Rizal à Dapitan ou les fruits d'une involontaire expédition scientifique

Mme Maria Pilar Luna Magannon, sociologist and historian : Rizal in Paris

Mlle Eloise Magannon, Maitrise en Litterature: The Writings of Rizal- the Noli and the Fili

Sir Bernard Pot, KCR, ethnologue: La Naissance du Nationalisme aux Philippines

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Titles subject to confirmation. A synopsis in the original language shall be distributed ; a summary in the other language shall be given after each speaker.

A modest contribution of 5 € provides a programme with synopses and a light lunch. Students and others requiring overnight stay, kindly email in advance to Sir Elpi Caimoy, KOR who shall arrange lodging with families in Paris. Our hosting families will ensure transportation to the event and accompany them to the airport or railway station for their return trip.

While this invitation is aimed mainly at students and young professionals, our knights are always welcome, especially if you are a parent of one of the younger participants.

Kindly email your responses, giving names, age and educational institution of the young persons participating, time and date of arrival/departure (specifying plane, train or bus) and whether lodging is needed, to Sir Elpi Caimoy, KOR :

e_caimoy@hotmail.fr

Regretfully, because of our very limited budget, transportation by plane, train or bus shall be at the expense of the participants. We look forward to welcoming you to this 'first' in France and trust you will appreciate integrate the values to be learned in this lecture series.

Non Omnis Moriar !

Rien en moi ne peut mourir !

Hindi lahat sa akin ay papanaw !

Juddo

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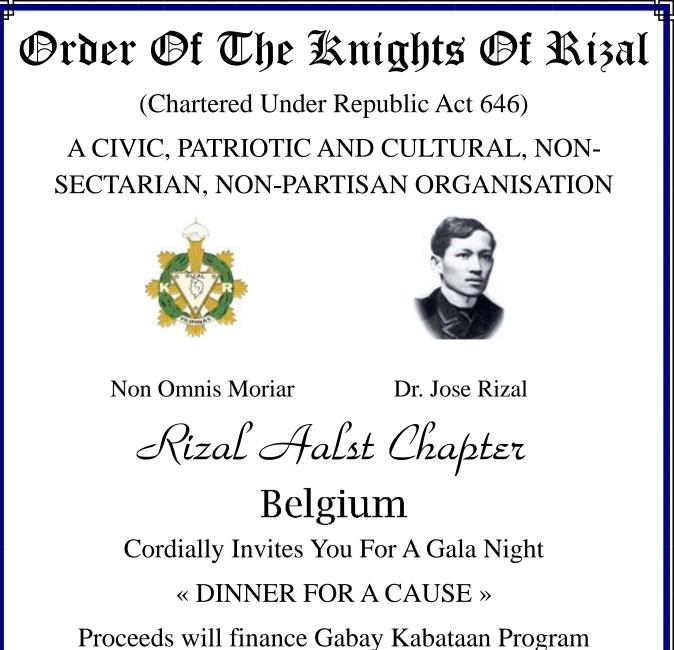
Sir Bernard Pot, KCR Commander Dimasalang Ile de France Chapter

Sir Shariff Jess Umali, KCR Chapter Commander Paris

Dinner for a Cause in Aalst

Through Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, our Area Commander for Belgium and Sir Albert Arevalo, KCR, Chapter Commander of KOR Aalst, we invite you for a Gala Night at De Brug Zaal, Herstshage 11-19, 9300 Aalst on Sat. May 23, 2009 at 6.30 pm. We encourage the Knights of Rizal members to participate in this Fund Raising event "Dinner for a Cause". Kindly inform us soonest for your attendance. The venue is a 5 minutes walk from the railway station in the centre of Aalst.

If you want to attend: please inform <a>apvarevalo@yahoo.com



On May 23, 2009 at 18:30 Hrs.

At De Brug Zaal

Herstshage 11-19, 9300 Aalst

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WELCOME AT THE 111TH CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY JUNE 14 BRUSSELS



111thPhilippine **AUDEDENDENCE** T BRUSSELS, BELGIU

Sa diwa ng pasasalamat at pagpupuri sa Poong Maykapal at sa paggunita ng ating Inang Bansa sa

Ika-111 Taong Kalayaan ng Pilipinas

sa Pamumuno ng Koalisyon Para sa Kalayaan (KPSK) sa pakikipag-ugnayan ng Pasuguan ng Pilipinas sa Belgium at sa pakikipagtulungan ng mga Samahang Sibiko at ng buong Sambayanang Pilipino sa Belgium kami ay lubos na nag-aanyaya sa pagdaraos ng

Kalayaan 2009: Ipagdiwang ng Masaya,



Parc du Cinquantenaire / Jubeelpark Brussels Centrum (Near Metro Schuman & EEC) June 14, 2009, Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Baon Ko, Baon Mo, Salu-salo Tayo

Program of Activities

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	USHOU - Arrival and Setting-up of Tents			orients	
	10h30	-	Thanksgiving Mass	- Rev. Fr. Raymund E. Gaspar, Main Presider	
			Ecumenical Prayers	 Pastors of Christian Churches 	
			Traditional Parade	- All Civic Organizations & the Filipino Community	
			National Anthem	- Knights of Rizal	
			Welcome Remarks	- Mr. Johnny Villa, Chairman PIC 2009	
			Reading of the Philippine President's Message and Inspirational Talk: H.E. Cristina G. Ortega – Philippine Ambassador to Belgium		
			Remarks:	- Mr. Lino Paras, Over-all Coordinator PIC 2009	
			Lunch: Food Sharing & Fellowship		
	14h30	-	Cultural Presentations, Parlor Games & Tombola Draws		
	19h00 - End of Program				
It	would	66	e a great pleasure	if you and your family could join us.	

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SANTA CRUZ DE MAYO

ANTWERP MAY 31 - 1 P.M.



Sunday May 31 is the yearly

celebration of Santa Cruz de

of Antwerp through Sir Antionio everybody who will attend to Dance Group (see above) will Guansing, KGCR, our Regional wear their Filipina Dress (ladies) include one or two Prayer Commander for Europe, we and Barong Tagalog (men). invite your friends and brother knights to this special occasion.

ores de Mayo; Mayo the Philippine Community We would like to encourage also a possibility that the Nierras

The mass starts at 1 p.m. at Saint Franciscus Churck at Bredabaan, Antwerp (Merksem). There is Dances in the 1 p.m. Mass of May 31. More info: Sir Antonio Guansing at 0475 422 861

For the first time in Antwerpen vzw BFS (Belgisch - Filipijnse Solidariteit) together with Internationaal Comité, KAV, IVCA, Stad and District Antwerpen and Sunshine Concerts with the support of Nationale Loterij, organizes a traditional Flores de Mayo Parade.

On the website of BFS you can find a location map for Park Spoor Noord.

MULTICULTURAL MAYFLOWER PARADE 2009





Zaterdag 16 mei 2009

in

Park Spoor Noord (gelegen ten westen van Viaduct Dam)

**** GRATIS INGANG ****

Flores de Mayo (Meibloemenparade) is een historische schoonheidsoptocht die overal in de Filipijnen wordt gehouden in de maand mei. Dit is een zeer kleurrijke traditie die geassocieerd wordt met jeugd, liefde en romantiek, maar iedereen mag deelnemen aan dit evenement.

PROGRAMMA (begin 13.00 uur)

- Belgisch en Filipijns volkslied
- Feestelijke opening Flores de Mayo
- Welkom + toespraak door de Filipijnse consul-generaal
- Optredens van muziek- en dansgroepen
- Multiculturele Bloemenparade

Doorlopend tijdens het evenement: workshops, informatiestandjes, kinderani-matie (maquillage), eet- en drinkstandjes

Hulde Koninginnen en Koningen met bloemen en erelinten

(einde voorzien rond 19.00 uur)



Dit evenement is een samenwerking van volgende partners en vzw Sunshine Concerts:



OUR DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMANDER EUROPE, SIR PETER PLÜCKEBAUM, KGOR, RIZAL IN EUROPE **AND PHILSTAR**

Sir Peter Plückebaum, KGOR, our Dep. Regional Commander for Europe, guided recently Mrs. Precosia SOLIVEN of the Philstar, in Germany. She is also the wife of the late editor of the Philstar Newspaper, Max Soliven. Mrs. Soliven is Unesco Ambassador and Sir Peter could propagate the European significance of Dr. Jose Rizal.

We, the editors of Newsletter KOR Diamond, advise all our readers to look once to read the complete article on the following link:



Please pay 40 EUR on 979 6095137 50 of Diamond Chapter Rizal – Venneborglaan 90 – 2100 Deurne.

Thanks to everyone from whom we received the renewal already some weeks ago.

CALENDAR

- Friday May 22 2009 Board meeting KOR Diamond Honorary Consulate Deurne
- Saturday May 23 2009— Gala evening & Dinner for a Cause— 6.30 pm— KOR Aalst info: apvarevalo@yahoo.com
- Saturday May 30 2009— Powerdance Group by Douglas Nierras & Jonnel Cruz— Salle Lumen— 34 Chausée de Boondael— 1050 Brussel— 7 pm
- Saturday May 16— 1 pm— Park Spoor Noord— Antwerp— Flores de Mayo— Multicultural Mayflower Parade
- Sunday May 31 2009— 1 pm— Saint Franciscus church— Antwerp (Merksem) Mass & Santa Cruz de Mayo
- Sun. June 14 Philippine Independence Day
- Fri. June 19 Commemoration Birthday Dr. Jose Rizal
- June 27— First International RIZAL Lecture Series— Paris
- July 2009 visit KOR Diamond KOR Headquarters & meeting Sir Esguerra, Supreme Commander
- July-Aug. 2009 Official Acceptance and Knighting Ceremony Honorary Commandership Excellency Sir Grégoire Vardakis – Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines
- Sep. 17-18-19-20 European Assembly KOR Prague
- Sun. Sep. 27 7th Anniversary Friendship for the Philippines Knokke with barbecue and cultural presentation and... biking around Knokke! – 12 noon – info: Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR – <u>dominiek.segaert@skynet.be</u>
- Sun. Nov. 15 Barbecue vzw Cadataan 8th edition! Kortemark noon info: Sir Guy Waterloos, KR – <u>guy.waterloos@skynet.be</u>
- Wed. Dec. 30 Rizal Day Philippine Embassy Brussels
- Sat. Jan. 23 10th Chartering Anniversary KOR Diamond (PLEASE MARK THIS DATE FOR THIS UNIQUE OCCA-SION!)

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published end of May or beginning June.

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone who shows an interest in the Knights of Rizal! They are always welcome at one of our activities.

Also former members who wish to receive again news from our Chapter are free to request to put their email address again on our list. We respect the view of everybody!



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