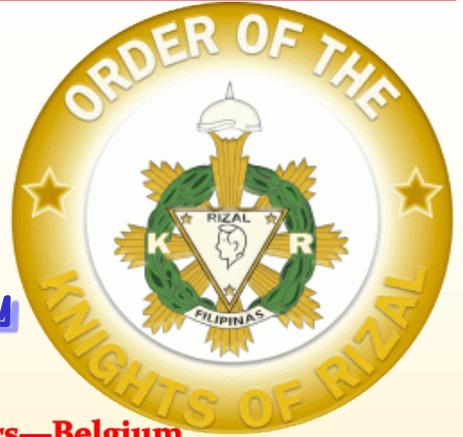


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Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - 2014

Introduction

Dear Brother Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter and affiliated chapters in Belgium, Europe and worldwide,

Dear friends of our organization,

Indeed, since last March no Newsletter has been issued. Nevertheless that does not mean that the Knights only have been relaxing or taking vacations. On the contrary, in springtime, all kinds of activities related to the Order and/or to the Philippines have been taken place.

In 2013, Las Damas de Rizal Belgium was baptized and one year later, On March 22nd, their first birthday was celebrated in their place of birth, the Countyard Marriott in Brussels in the presence of their sister organization of Paris and of course several supporting knights. The male guests became second place as the Damas were the stars with their performances in their glamorous gowns during this well-organized evening. With mutual support, the spirit of Rizal can only be fortified to everybody's benefit. Did Jose Rizal not propagated the equality between men and women?



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Because of non-availability of our regular venue on a Saturday in our preferred timeframe and because we did not want to skip this occasion to enforce our fellowship with our own members as well as with our brothers from the other Belgian Chapters, we decided to come together on the Sunday before school restarted after the Easter vacation. On this 6th of April, First Secretary and Consul Ivy Banson represented the Philippine Embassy and numerous knights of the Charleroi Chapter, headed by Sir Mario Fajardo, joined us in 'De Schuur' to enjoy the lively comments of Sir Lucien Spittaël to his photo documentary which he and his wife, Lady Madeline, made of their extended trip in the Philippines during our winter time. Even to make a summary of all his meetings he had, every place he visited and the presentations he gave, would take us too far in this context.

I am sure there will be occasions to come back to these topics if so desired. One of the highlights, I can tell you, was the meeting with the members of the Supreme Council. As a souvenir to this memorable occasion and as a token of the commitment of the Diamond Chapter, Sir Lucien donated each Supreme Council member, our unique chocolate Rizal medals, which, by the way, still can be produced on demand. Besides the usual delicious BBQ, some karaoke singing and a small tombola, the participants returned home with a satisfied feeling and a promise to join the brother Knights again at upcoming activities.

On Saturday 17th May, some of our board members witnessed the dubbing of 2 new Knights in the Charleroi Chapter. Great was our surprise to learn that one of the postulant's name was Jose Rizal. Do we have a case of predestination here or does coincidence really exist? In any way, we wished both a lot of success in their knight-hood as well as in their personal lives and hoped to meet them again which actually happened a few times during some of the following events.

A few weeks later, on Saturday 7th June, Aalst Chapter invited all the Knights to admire paintings of finalists in an International Painting Contest. The theme was "Life of Dr. Jose Rizal in Europe" and Belgium was first in a row



of 6 exhibitions in Europe that ended in Firenze, Italy on June 29 after passing Germany (14 June), Switzerland (19 June), Austria (21 June) and the United Kingdom (25 June). The person who made it possible for us to see these amazing masterpieces of Filipino artist was Sir Albert Arevalo, our Area Commander Belgium, one of the 7 jurors for the final judging. Although there were 2 categories, one for professionals and one for students, I was blasted away seeing all this talents not being able to distinguish the results of both categories. Some pictured a single aspect others combined a lot of recognizable landmarks in a collage and by doing so telling the complete story.

Some artist deliberately used a specific color tone whereas others used contrasting colors which are also to be found in the Philippine flag. Whatever way they used, all were showing an in-depth knowledge of Rizal's life in Europe.

This was just the start of a very eventful month. After all, during June a lot of Philippine Independence Day Celebrations are being held, spread over the world. Several Filipino organizations in Belgium guarantee that this joyful feast was not passing by unnoticed. To show their support and gratitude, the Philippine Embassy invited their leaders for a breakfast on Sunday, June 8 during which the Independence Day Celebrations 2014 took an official start. All the details of this event can be read on the report on the official website of the Philippine Embassy in Brussel (philembassy.be) or can be googled using following input: Embassy hosts Agahan para sa Kalayaan 2014

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Because this year, the 116th Philippine Independence Day, Thursday June 12, was a workday, the celebrations took place in the weekends following the actual date so that everybody had the chance to be part of it in one way or another.

In the historical city of Bruges, the first one in a long row was organized on Saturday 14 June. The place was packed with visitors and participants to typical Filipino cultural activities. The proceeds went to humanitarian projects in the Philippines. A delegation of the Philippine Embassy and the Honorary Consul-General, Sir Peter Van Bogaert, showed their support by their presence.

The following day, Sunday June 15, Brussels was the next city in



(Photo above) The 2014 WPHC winners of Miss Young and Mrs Philippines together with organizers and friends. (Photo below) The Crowd. (Inset: right to left) Philippine Honorary Consul General Peter van Bogaert beams as he poses with Mr. Eric Ruben - Protocol Officer, Ms. Faith Bautea - Cultural Officer, and Mr. Romeo Gle, Property Officer.



which the festivities took place. After the holy mass and the indispensable parade of the Knights of Rizal and affiliated organizations behind the giant Philippine flag, the crowd had an almost unlimited choice of Filipino specialty foods of the various regions of the homeland, on the grass field alongside the Basilique of the Sacred Heart of Coeckelberg. Her Excellency Ambassador Victoria S. Bataclan brought the message from President Benigno C. Aquino III who could announce the economical growth over the last years, but emphasized that it is only meaningful if the newly gained progress can be shared with the poor. More speeches followed by singing and dancing act completed the cultural part till early evening. In the meantime, the steadily growing crowd of Filipinos and Belgians alike strolled along the countless stalls promoting their goods and services which makes the lives of the expatriates more comfortable. Again this PIC celebration of the KPSK (*), hosted by the Kababaihang Rizalista, Inc., Brussels Chapter, was a big success thanks to a whole army of volunteers. Well done. Next year, our brother knights of the Charleroi Chapter will be the host but I can tell you now already that also they have the full support of the Diamond Chapter.

A week later, on Sunday 22nd, COFAF (**) brought their traditional celebration again to the 'Beurshalle' in Bruges. This time, Knights of Rizal from different Belgian Chapters carried the various flags of the KKK in front of the parade as a reminder of the – successful and less successful – attempts of different heroes that eventually led to the independence of the Philippines in 1898. Other typically dressed groups of Filipino Associations in Flanders followed, to complete the colorful parade. A newly arrived member of the Embassy, gave one of his first addresses in Belgium, while he immediately could experience the way his compatriots and the 'natives' are joining and enjoying the food and drinks, the cultural acts and demonstrations of Arnis martial arts. The successes of the Belgian national football team during the World Championship in previous games resulted in an increased interest for the challenge against the Russian team that same evening. This fact caused the celebration to be cut short. However the foreseen program was completely presented as the breaks in between were kept to a minimum. Surprisingly many women got evenly enthusiastic as the male fans and because of the absence of the Philippine 'Azkals' team, the 'Red Devils' became a hype



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in this country and even admired by foreigners. But next year there is no excuse anymore, so, as soon as the date for 2015 is known, double underline this event in your agenda's.



Local organizations in Ghent, the other historical city, where Rizal's *El Filibusterismo* was printed, also honored the Filipino Heroes on Saturday 28 June. Smaller does not mean less important, therefore also here, the organization received the full support of the Philippine Authorities.

A true Rizalist surely remarked already that I skipped 19th June, the birthday of the national hero Dr. Jose Rizal, our example and guide. Forgotten? Of course not. As they did already many years before, the Philippine Embassy in Brussels kept their beautiful venue available for this occasion, of which the Knights and their counterparts happily made use of. Ample food and drinks were available as well as an acceptable weather condition so that the flower laying ceremony

could be held at the Rizal statue in the garden. The Presidents Room was not big enough to accommodate all the attendants, clearly telling us that more people get in the ban of the teaching of Rizal. This is not so difficult; once you start to learn more about him by reading his life story and his novels you only want to discover even more details. Nonetheless, these gatherings for commemorations are essential and even deepening our conviction that Rizal was a visionary, with timeless ideas, applicable in almost all cultures. The growing number of participants proves that our duty as a Knight of Rizal, to maintain his memory and spread his ideology, is successful and should perhaps be intensified. Fellowship is not a hollow word but is a verb, as it includes actions like meeting each other, listening, supporting, and helping each other with worthy undertakings in the spirit of Rizal. I will surely be present at the next gatherings, and I dare to hope you will too. As a lasting token of our excellent relationship with the Philippine Embassy, the Belgian Council of the



Knights of Rizal via our Area Commander, Sir Abet Arevalo, handed over to Consul General Robespierre Bolivar, who represented Ambassador Victoria Bataclan, a painting picturing Dr. Jose Rizal in Ghent at the time of the printing of the *El Filibusterismo*. The two-part artwork is painted by Sherwin Paul Gonzales, one of the finalists in the "Life of Dr. Jose Rizal in Europe" painting competition (see above) and will be permanently displayed at the Embassy in Brussels.

On the way to the 5th European Regional Assembly in Firenze, a delegation of the Supreme Council headed by the Supremo himself, Sir Jeremias Singson, KGCR had a stop-over in Belgium. One of the former Supreme Commanders and presently member of the Council of Elders, Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGCR was also part of the company. Sir Peter Pluckenbaum, KGOR, newly elected to represent the Overseas Chapters in the Supreme Council was also present and undoubtedly will stay in close contact with us during his 2 year mandate. At the occasion of their entry in Europe, the Belgian chapters organized a welcome party on Saturday 23rd August. Not every Knight had the



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opportunity to go to the European Assembly in Firenze, Italy. That is why, awards were granted in Brussels as well as the exaltation to KGOR of Sir Mario Fajardo, Commander Charleroi Chapter. From our own chapter, Sir Ronny Felix and Sir Roy De Mol received both the Distinguished Service Medal for their invaluable contribution to the order. On top of it, Sir Roy also received the official certificate of his Life Time Membership. Congratulations to our fellow brothers and many thanks for the job already done. The highlight of the evening however, was the awarding of the 'Rizal Women of Malolos Award', granted to Mrs. Brigitte Van Ypersele de Strihou, wife of Mr. Jacques Van Ypersele, the Principal Private Secretary of King Boudewijn and his brother King Albert II. More about the merits of this modest woman in a separate article.

This short stay in Belgium is just the start of their journey on the Old Continent with the 5th ERA in Firenze, Italy as main objective. Detailed report of this event will follow in our next Newsletter. Another duty for the Knights is awaiting us as the President of the Philippines, Benigno 'Noynoy' Aquino III, is scheduled to come to the Capital of Europe mid September. You will probably remember that he also became a member of the Order of the Knights of Rizal and is holding the rank of KGCR. Because a lot of guests are invited, our assistance was requested and as expected with a stream of positive reactions as a result. As there will be new presidential elections in 2015, it is probably the ultimate opportunity to meet him in Belgium.

All the above, did not stop some of our members to accept the invitation from Dr. Fritz Hack-Ullmer of Heidelberg, Germany to travel to Heidelberg and be present at the inauguration of a Rizal Marker. The complete tale can be found further in this issue and make us long to follow their footsteps as they were following Rizal's footsteps during his stay at the university. At our next Chapter activity, on November 8, we will bring this trip alive. The participants will tell you more details about their experiences with more pictures and stories. Mind you!! Afterwards there will be a quiz about their trip and/or the period of Rizal's stay in Germany. Come prepared and re-read the information available on (our) website, books, articles and the like. You will be able to familiarize yourself better with the subject and perhaps surprise the presenter with your acquired knowledge about the subject. Perhaps, your enrichment might even lead to winning a worthwhile prize. What this prize will be is kept secret till the official announcement in September.

But before and after we shall meet each other in 'De Schuur' for our own pre-winter activity, I hope to meet you at the big scale BBQ's of befriended organizations led by one of our brother knights of the Diamond Chapter. Please find their invitations and check out their projects in the Philippines. Their achievements so far, prove that their efforts were effective and deserve our continued support.

Let me end this article here, because I think you want to learn more about the topics mentioned above. Take care of yourself and see you soon.



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Sir Paul Verloo, KCR

Distinguished Service Medal

Deputy Area Commander Belgium 2012-2014

Chapter Commander 2011-2015

Diamond Chapter - Antwerp

*NOM
Board 2012-2013*

Sir Paul Verloo, KCR, Chapter Commander Diamond—Antwerp
Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, Trustee, Past Regional Commander for Europe
Sir Dominiek Segaert, KGOR, Past Area Commander for Belgium
Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Advisor & Trustee
Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, Past Chapter Commander
Sir Roy De Mol, KCR, Exchequer, Deputy Commander
Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, Deputy Commander
Sir Ronny Felix, KCR, Archivist, Editor newsletter
Sir Danny Vandebogaerde, KCR, Chancellor

* *KPSK: Koalisyon Para Sa Kalayaan*

** *COFAF: Coalition of Filipino Associations Flanders*

*** *ARNIS: a Filipino martial art*

Award for Mme Brigitte van Ypersele de Strihou

This document describes the motivation for the award given by the Knights of Rizal



RECOMMENDATION: WOMAN OF MALOLOS AWARD (OKOR) FOR:

**MME. BRIGITTE VAN YPERSELE DE STRIHOU,
WIFE OF
JACQUES VAN YPERSELE DE STRIHOU
CHIEF CABINET OF KING ALBERT 11 OF BELGIUM**

**BRIEF HISTORY OF JACQUES AND BRIGITTE'S HUMANITARIAN AND PHILANTHROPIC
PROJECTS IN TACLOBAN, PHILIPPINES**

(STCDC) St. Therese child Development Center

Jacques and Brigitte were instrumental in soliciting funds for establishing this school. This

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started as an apostolate of a small catholic community and catered mostly to children of community members. This later grew to become a school of about 20000 students as this was opened to outsiders who wanted to bring their children in. Through a scholarship program, again established by Jacques and Brigitte, many children who otherwise could not have enrolled were helped in their studies.

Bliss Housing Project

Many community members could not afford to have their houses. Some just squatted on vacant lots they did not own. A few even lived under bridges. Community leaders made arrangements with the government to develop an area for housing. The lots would be paid for in affordable monthly installments. Jacques and Brigitte were able to look for funds so that more than 50 units of row-houses could be built. It was not the whole unit actually, but the basic shell: roof, walls, floors, doors, etc. The owners had to furnished their homes at their own pace, and according to their design.

Soliman Housing project

A similar project was undertaken in northern barrio named Soliman.

Livelihood Projects

Several projects were done to provide some means of livelihood. Among these:

- a. Brick Factory
- b. Candle making
- c. paper-making
- d. Cooperative store
- e. Poultry

Funds to start these projects were solicited by Jacques and Brigitte.

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(STEFTI) St. Therese Educational Foundation of Tacloban, Inc.

In 2001, when the old school – STDC – was established, Jacques and Brigitte helped in soliciting donations for a new school – STEFTI. Starting as a tutorial school with 47 children, the school has now more than 2000 children, several hundred of these avail of scholarships in varying degrees, through generous sponsors and benefactors.

A Technical-vocational school has been set up in STEFTI compound.

This works in collaboration with a government agency to train-out-of-school youth in technical skills so they can find a place in the job market. These skills include: Welding, Pipe-fitting, Electrical installation and Maintenance and Computer Hardware Servicing. Jacques and Brigitte have helped greatly in this project.

Special Scholarships

Jacques and Brigitte have been able to secure donors and benefactors for this program. Students on the collegiate level who come from poor families and who otherwise would not be able to afford a college education are the beneficiaries of this program. To date, more than 50 have been able to finish their studies and are now able to help their families.

As reported by:

*Dr. Boy Palami and Sonia Palami
Administrator and Director of STEFTI INC.
Tacloban, Philippines*

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Sir Felino Paras, KGCR

Over-all adviser and Special

Ass't to the Supreme Commander

For European affairs

Knights of Rizal, Brussels, Belgium

Sir Cesar "Bhoy" Alcoba, KGOR

Project Coordinator

Past Area Commander

Member Europe Council

Knights of Rizal, Brussels, Belgium

Note: Jacques and Brigittes Humanitarian Projects are not only concentrated in the Philippines, they also have similar projects in Africa (Congo) and India (Kerala).

Previous events

Las Damas de Rizal



Previous events

Aalst Chapter – Painting exhibition



Previous events

Philippine Independence Day – Brussels



Previous events

Philippine Independence Day – Bruges



Previous events

Philippine Independence Day Ghent



Previous events

Birthday Rememberence Rizal



Previous events

Visit Supreme Commander – Brussels



Trip to Heidelberg, July 11-13, 2014



Last July, four Knights of the Diamond Chapter went for a trip to Heidelberg, Germany, to walk into the footsteps of Jose Rizal. This is their travelogue.

After talking about it on several occasions the moment has finally arrived. In a couple of days we will be leaving for Heidelberg ... One week ahead we meet up at Sir Willy's home for some final preparations and check off the last details.



I have to admit when my alarm clock sounded it was quite hard to get out of bed. But we're supposed to meet up around 4.45 AM at Sir Eddy's place. I know, it's hard to believe, but everybody is on time ... How is that possible ... J

Thanks to our driver Sir Willy we arrived around 10.30 am at "Hotel Traube". in Leimen, Sir Lucien is yet to be seen ... no trace of him at all ... After lunch we meet each other by chance in front of the desk of the hotel. No time to chitchat, Sir Lucien reminds us, the clock is ticking, it's already time to leave so we arrive in time for the "Unveiling of the new Rizal marker" on the Rizal Ufer at the Mannheimer Straße. Quickly we put our luggage in our room and change into our barong tagalog.



The marker is composed of a rock with a memorial plaque and a bench. On the plaque the first couple of lines of the beautiful poem "A Las Flores de Heidelberg" are mentioned. Dr. Fritz Hack-Ullmer and his wife took the initiative to have this marker installed. It was Dr. Fritz Hack-Ullmer and his wife who translated the poem into German in the past. In the poem Dr. Rizal describes the beautiful flowers growing on the riverbanks of the Neckar River. In his mind he sends



the flowers home to his native and so beloved country the Philippines. The idea behind the bench is that it gives the hikers the opportunity to savor and appreciate the beauty that nature has to offer and to enjoy the view of bird sanctuary across the Neckar River. And who knows maybe take a moment to read the introduction to this beautiful poem of Dr. Jose Rizal.

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As is normal with all inaugurations several prominent people prepared speeches: Mr. Wolfgang Erichson, the Mayor of Heidelberg, the Consul-General, Mr. Mardomel Melidor of the Philippine Embassy in Berlin, Chapter Commander of the Knights of Rizal, Heidelberg-Wilhelmsfeld Chapter, Sir Werner Filsinger (KCR). And Dr. and Mrs. Fritz Hack-Ullmer.

Mrs. Hack-Ullmer recited the poem, translated by them into German, "A Las Flores de Heidelberg" (An die Blumen von Heidelberg).

In addition, among those present were Honorary Vice-Consul, Mrs Cecile Atienza-Krause from Stuttgart. Mr. Hans Zellner, Mayor of Wilhelmsfeld, Mr. Manfred Holzmann, Former Mayor of Wilhelmsfeld, Representatives of the Knights Of Rizal, Heidelberg-Wilhelmsfeld Chapter : Sir Rainer Weber (KGOR), Sir Werner Baumann (KCR), Sir Werner Filsinger (KCR) and Sir Detlef Wintjen. The Knights of Rizal, Diamond Chapter from Belgium are represented by : Sir Lucien Spittaël (KGOR) accompanied by Lady Madeline, Sir Kristoff Mortier (KOR), Sir Willy De Meyere (KR) and Sir Eddy Verheye (KR). And, of course not to be forgotten, the Ladies of the Kababaihan Rizalista.



The ceremony concluded with a cordial reception. During this reception Dr. Hack-Ullmer was so kind to invite us for a diner at his house later that evening. We gladly accepted the invitation.

We made eager use of the good weather to visit the Heidelberg Castle. It was mainly the octagonal tower and the huge wine barrel that caught our attention. Were it not that Dr. Rizal wrote about them in the letters to his family. (Letters dated Heidelberg, 9 February, 26 (?) February and 11 March 1886)

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The Heidelberg Schloss (castle) was the former residence of the Electors of the Pfalz. Now it's a battered complex due to being the center of many battles throughout its history. In the late 17th century, the palace was repeatedly attacked during the Thirty Years' War and the Palatine War of Succession and ultimately destroyed by the French in the War of the Grand Alliance. The French King Louis XIV claimed rulership over the Pfalz and ordered the devastation of the city and its castle twice. The once-proud residence caught fire – and was left in ruins. In the 17th century the garden was celebrated as the “eighth wonder of the world”. While time has taken its toll, Heidelberg Palace's fame lives on to this day.



The “Heidelberg Fass”, or the “World's Largest Wine Barrel”, was built in 1751 by Prince Elector Karl Theodor to house the wine paid as taxes by the wine growers of the Pfalz. It stands seven meters high, is eight and a half meters wide, holds 221,726 liters of wine, and on top of it a floor where according to Dr. Rizal 4 couples could easily dance. Of course Prince Elector Karl Theodor had to put a guard in place to keep the wine from being stolen. He appointed an Italian, the court jester, a dwarf. He was supposedly known for his ability to drink large quantities of wine and if someone asked him: You want one more he answered ‘perché no ?’ or ‘why not ?’ And so he adopted the name: “Perkeo”. Legend has it that he died when he mistakenly drank a glass of water. But of course this remains a legend true or false, we'll never know ...

While admiring the huge barrel we all became a bit thirsty ... And is there a better place to have a drink than in a typical old student bar like “Zum Seppl” (Hauptstraße 213). The bar/restaurant is housed in an historical building from around the end of the 17th century. In the beginning they even had a brewery. Over the years more and more students frequented the bar and turned it into as it is know now.



Afterwards we went to the home of Dr. Hack-Ullmer and his wife. They were so kind to invite us earlier that day for a diner. We not only had a great and amusing evening but it was also very interesting. Learned a few things also. I'm convinced we will remember that evening for a very long time. By the way, it's not every day you're invited by the great-grandson of Pastor Karl Ullmer hé.



Again the night was very short. After breakfast we headed for Heidelberg to discover the Altstadt or the old city and to visit the places where Dr. Rizal worked and stayed. We had the advantage to have a highly qualified guide and personal driver with us. Sir Lucien brought us first to the eye clinic where Dr. Rizal assisted under Dr. Otto Becker, a renowned ophthalmologist from that era. The clinic is located at the Bergheimer-

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straße nr 20. From the clinic we drove to the Alte Brücke (old bridge) from where we walked, but first there was one who had to “den aap uithangen” (play the fool)...



Just across the old bridge on the left side is the Obere Neckarstraße, in house number 11. From this address Dr. Rizal wrote on July 31, 1886 his first letter to Ferdinand Blumentritt. The letter was the beginning of a close and intense friendship between the two. Dr. Rizal arrived on February 3, 1886 at Heidelberg and the first few weeks he stayed at the Karlstraße number 16. Unfortunately the marker disappeared during renovations. The university now uses the building.



On our stroll through the old city we crossed the Kornmarkt with its beautiful statue of Maria and view of the castle on the background.



The Heiliggeistkirche or the Church of the Holy Ghost (Marktplatz) has been home to Catholics and Protestants alike throughout the centuries. It's a 14th century gothic masterpiece. In 1706 a divider separating the two denominations was put in when both wanted to have services there. With the celebration of the 500th year (Quincentenary) anniversary of the university the separation was lifted and rebuild afterwards. We assume Dr. Rizal never witnessed this separation wall. The separation was definitely removed in 1936. The grave of the founder Ruprecht III is still to be seen in the church.



As mentioned before, Heidelberg was devastated during the many wars that struck the city. On the opposite side of the church lies the only building that survived the burning down of the city by the French in 1693. Hotel Ritter (Hauptstraße 178). The cloth dealer Carolus Belier and his wife Francina had it build in the year 1592 in the traditional red sandstone.

Little is known about its long history.



From the Church it's only a few minutes on foot to the Universitäts Platz. Rizal's second lodging (Grabengasse, 12) The marker is still present. Nowadays the building serves as a bookstore of the chain Lehmanns. On April 22, 1886 while Dr. Rizal was staying at this address he wrote his famous poem “A Las Flores de Heidelberg”.



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The Heidelberg University is Germany's oldest university; it was founded in 1386 when Elector of the Pfalz, Ruprecht III, got the permission of the Pope to establish a university in his residential city. During the stay of Dr. Rizal in Heidelberg the University celebrated its 500 years existence. Dr. Rizal witnessed these celebrations from close by. The University Aula was completely renovated for this occasion and hasn't been altered since. So we can assume we still can see this Aula the way Dr. Rizal saw it during his stay in Heidelberg.



With a combined ticket the visitor gets entrance to the Aula and to the Karzer (Augustinergaße 2). In the early years, universities had their own jurisdiction. When students acted up, the university had the ability to incarcerate them. One of the common offenses had to do with getting drunk and releasing the pigs of the farmers into the town. However, public drunkenness was probably a more common offense, as well as disrespect for public officials.

The student/prisoners had to bring whatever they needed for a comfortable stay, including bedding, food, and a keg of beer. Don't forget, at that time drinking water was dangerous and could lead to dysentery and death. When visiting the Karzer or student jail one gets the impression it became in fact an honor to be incarcerated in the jail, the party continued once inside. Moreover, the locked up students were also allowed to attend university lectures, via a special door into the hall, so that they didn't miss their studies. To amuse themselves the students created their own graffiti on the walls. The most recent inscriptions and drawings of 19th century wall art have remained. We don't know whether Dr. Rizal stayed there or not.



Some of the Rizal-tourists were starting to get hungry. As we were walking through the Hauptstraße we could not resist any longer and we sat down in a charming little restaurant. Sir Lucien, who's not only our driver and our guide, but also our accountant ... tried to have people sitting at the table next to us to pay our bill with the excuse that he lost his wallet. But you know what? These people also lost their wallet ... No luck today ... hahahaha.



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After lunch we continued our trip with a visit at Wilhelmsfeld. After having written the poem "A Las Flores de Heidelberg" Dr. Rizal moved to Wilhelmsfeld. During one of his walks on the magnificent Philosophenweg (see later) Dr. Rizal met Pastor, Karl Ullmer. Dr. Rizal went to live for a couple of months with the family of Pastor Karl Ullmer. In Wilhelmsfeld Dr. Rizal found the peace and the quiet to finish his last chapters of the Noli Me Tangere. Living in Wilhelmsfeld gave him also the opportunity to ameliorate his knowledge of the German language. Nowadays the name of the street "Rizal Straße" and "Rizal Park" remind the visit of Dr. Rizal. On the left and right side of an the oversized statue of Dr. Rizal in Rizal Park the busts of four of his friends are placed; Pastor Karl Ullmer, Ferdinand Blumentritt, Rudolf Virchow and Dr. Otto Becker.



From Wilhelmsfeld we return to Heidelberg and take the time to have a drink in the Hirschgasse. Now a fancy and expensive Hotel but in Dr. Rizal's time students came here to have fencing competitions, Dr. Rizal came here 3 or 4 times but there is no knowledge of his participation. The interior of the hotel still reminds one of those times.



But time is running out, ..., along a steep road followed by a brisk hike through the woods we reached the Philosophenweg. Here Dr. Rizal had many walks and passed quite some time. It's a place where people come to walk, relax or simply to admire the magnificent view of Heidelberg Altstadt. We made a good choice by coming here this weekend, four times a year they organize a lightshow "Castle in flames" with fireworks. This spectacle reminds the spectators of the war between the Germans and the French, especially the one in 1693 when the French put fire to the castle and burned down



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almost the whole of the city. To pass the time we had left we have a chat with our colleague's photographers next to us and we try to eat a sandwich with Wurst (sausage).

The next day after breakfast we already had to check out to continue our Rizal road trip to Rudesheim am Rhein. Rudesheim has become a charming but very touristic destination and is listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Drosselgasse is not to miss on your visit. Unlike us Dr. Rizal didn't take the car to go over there like us but he took the boat on his Rhine trip. On August 10, 1886 Dr. Rizal docked at Rudesheim, during his stay here he made a drawing of a tower and of the statue, the Germania (Niederwalddenkmal)

This 38 metres tall monument represents the union of all Germans after the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71. It was inaugurated on September 28, 1883. The Franco-Prussian War or Franco-German War is often referred to in France as the War of 1870 (19 July 1870 – 10 May 1871). There was a conflict between the Second French Empire and the German states of the North German Confederation led by the Kingdom of Prussia. When Dr. Rizal visited the Germania he used the cog-wheel railway that was installed in 1884 to go up the hill, in 1954 it was replaced by a cable car ride.



That's the end of our Rizal Tour in the city of Heidelberg not such a long time ago, ladies and gentlemen.

If some of you Knights should be interested in this excursion feel free to contact one of our colleagues of the travel agency "Rizalian Tours in Europe". We will make you an interesting offer. No strings attached ... J J J

Just one last note: Luckily we were just in time home for the finals of the World Championship Soccer. The one and only Lady who accompanied us on our excursion was very happy and especially when Germany won the cup ... isn't it so ? Lady Madeline ... J

Text & images by Sir Kristoff Mortier (KOR)

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With thanks to Sir Willy De Meyere (KR) and Sir Eddy Verheye (KR).

Upcoming Events

VRIENDSCHAP VOOR DE FILIPPIJNEN – 12 JAAR



VRIENDSCHAPSBARBECUE

Zondag 28 september 2014 - Knokke-Heist - 12 UUR

Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego nodigen jullie van harte uit! T.v.v. straatjongerenproject Balay Pasilungan Davao City, Saint Michael School Padada & basisscholen in Davao del Sur

PROGRAMMA? WAAR?

12 u. deuren open – zaal 'T VERZET – Duinenwater 45

(bij zwembad Sportoase) – plan: www.jeugdclubtverzet.be/informatie

Welkom Ambassadeur H.E. Victoria Bataclan – Z.E. Christian Meerschman, voormalig Belgisch

Ambassadeur Manila & Burgemeester Graaf Leopold Lippens

12.30 u. barbecue (3 gangen met groentjes, rijst, aardappelen)

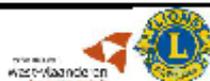
14 u. optreden FILIPINIANA EUROPA o.l.v. Juliet Frisnedi Regidor

Tombola – Filippijns dessertbuffet – overzicht 12 jaar VVF – Fair Trade bar

Hartelijk dank voor 12 jaar steun – www.vvfilippijnen.be



DEELNAME? 17 EUR – kinderen -12: 10 EUR



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Rizal Activity 8th November 2014

In De Schuur, Broekdam-Noord,
Kruibeke

Program

❖ 4 pm: presentation of the trip to Heidelberg by Sir Lucien Spittaël, Sir Kristoff Mortier, Sir Willy De Meyere and Sir Eddy Verheye

❖ 6 pm: bbq

❖ 7.30 pm: Quiz about the presentation

❖ Tombola

Tickets & reservation

Please make timely reservations with one of the board members but surely before 31st October 2014. We prefer bank transfer at 979-6095137-50 of Diamond Chapter, Deurne but payment at entrance can also be accepted.

Adults: € 22.00 6-12 years: € 12.00 < 6 years: free

Beverage at democratic prices.

You are welcome as from 3.30 pm

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CALENDAR

- ◆ *Saturday 13th September: Oath taking ceremony - Belgian Area Council - Brussels*
- ◆ *Monday 15th September: Visit President Aquino, St Michael and St Gudula cathedral, St-Goedeleplein, 1000 Brussels*
- ◆ *Sunday 28th September: Friendship for the Philippines - Jeugdhuis 't Verzet, Duinewater 45, Knokke-Heist*
- ◆ *Saturday 8th November: Rizal Autumn activity - De Schuur - Kruiseke*
- ◆ *Sunday 16th November: Winterbbq Cadaatan - Kortemark*
- ◆ *Tuesday 30th December: Commemoration of Rizal's Death Anniversary*
- ◆ *Saturday 24th January 2015: 15th Chartering Anniversary, De Watermeulen, Kruiseke*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in September 2014. This issue will contain the report of the 5th ERA council.

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!

Please send suggestions, articles (also from the OTHER BELGIAN CHAPTERS) to the Chapter Commander.

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