



KNIGHTS OF RIZAL
DIAMOND CHAPTER ANTWERP
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EUROPE

REPORT JAN. 2008- FEB. 2010

- updated list board members 2010
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- program activities 2008 & 2009 + list board meetings
 - planning 2010
- Supported social and educational projects 2008-2010
- 10 years KOR Diamond 2000-2010: conclusion & resolution



KOR Diamond – 10th Chartering Anniversary – January 23 – 2010 (picture Sir Kristoff MORTIER, KR)

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1. THE BOARD AND THE MEMBERS 2010



KOR Diamond Chapter was chartered on Sunday January 23 – 2000 and celebrated its 10th Chartering Anniversary on Saturday January 23 – 2010.

BOARD

The **board** of **KOR Diamond on Jan. 23 – 2010** during the 10th Chartering Anniversary: front left to right: Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KGOR, Chapter Commander 2008-2011 & Deputy Area Commander Belgium 2008-2010 – Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supremo – Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR, Regional Commander Europe 2008-2010 and LIFE TIME MEMBER – accompanied by guest and Chartering Commander Sir Pros SLACHMUYLDERS, KGOR – Sir Paul VERLOO, KCR, Chancellor, Dep. Comm. & incoming Chap. Comm. 2011 – back: Sir Roy DE MOL, KCR, Dep. Comm. & treasurer – Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR, Former Chap. Comm. – new board member Sir Ronny FELIX, KOR, archivist, co-editor Newsletter – not on picture: Sir Rik VAN TIGGEL, KCR, Dep. Comm.



MEMBERS

Sir Pros SLACHMUYLDERS, KCR, Chartering Commander – Sir Kris ORTMANNS, KCR
 Sir Daniël ARKESTEYN, KR – Sir Fr. Paul ZWAENEOEL, KCR – Sir Ronny BARTELS, KR
 Sir Albert BIJLOOS, KOR – Sir Joseph SNEYAERT, KR – Sir Hugo SPEELMANS, KOR
 Sir Frank VAN OVERLOOP, KOR – Sir Paul ORTMANNS, KOR – Sir Frankie VERCAMMEN, KOR
 Sir François VERRIJT, KR – Sir Danny BERGHMANS, KR – Sir Eric BORGHIJS, KR
 Sir Martin HEMELAER, KR – Sir Danny VANDENBOGAERDE, KR – Sir Rudy LUYCKX, KOR
 Sir Willy HERMANS, KR – Sir Johan DE BOECK, KR – Sir Marc HELSEN, KR
 Sir Dirk VANDEWEGHE, KR – Sir Geert VERHAEGEN, KR – Sir Guy WATERLOOS, KR
 Sir Christian VANDERZEYPEN, KR – Sir Jan VAN DOORN, KOR – Sir Danny JANSSENS, KR
 Sir André FROEHLINGER, KR – Sir Dennis VAN DESSEL, KR – Sir Gerard VAN POPPEL, KR
 Sir Gert MEEUWSEN, KR – Sir Sylvain HERREMANS, KR Sir Michel DUBOIS, KR
 Sir Kristoff MORTIER, KR – Sir Thomas ROMAN (Hon. Member) – Sir Eric MEYSMAN, KR
 Sir Fr. BAGO, KR (Hon. Member) – Sir Alain RENS, KCR (Hon. Member) – Sir Marc WOUTERS, KR
 Sir Manuel DUCHESNE, KR – Sir Gino MOENS, KR – Sir Guido ROBYNS, KR
 Sir Joeri VERTONGEN, KR – Dirk WIEME, KOR

Sir Roland VAN REMOORTELE, KCR (Hon. Member) – Sir Christiaan TANGHE, KCR (Hon. Member)
 Sir Grégoire VARDAKIS, KCR (former Ambassador Belgium / Manila – Hon. Member)
 Sir Christian MEERSCHMAN, KCR (current Ambassador Belgium / Manila – Hon. Member – induction
 and exaltation July 2010 Headquarters Manila)

2. ACTIVITIES & BOARD MEETINGS 2008 – 2009 – 2010

2.1. Report 2008

- Renewal membership 2008 – collecting membership fees – paying dues to KOR Headquarters Manila
- Bimonthly publication of KOR Diamond Newsletter and update website
- January 26 – 8th Chartering Anniversary – giving over commandership Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR to Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR – Kruibeke – dubbing KR 1st degree: Danny BERGHMANS – Eric BORGHUIS – Johan DE BOECK – Ronny FELIX – Martin HEMELAER – Danny VAN DEN BOGAERDE – Dirk VANDEWEGHE – Geert VERHAEGEN – Guy WATERLOOS - elevation 2nd degree: Sir Paul VERLOO, KR – exaltation 3rd degree (KCR) Sir Roy DE MOL, KOR – Sir Rik VAN TIGGEL, KOR – Special guest Mrs. Aquilino PIMENTEL (wife of Senator PIMENTEL) and daughter Lorraine
- February 16-17 – Attending regional meeting “Rizalism” in Schriesheim – Germany
- February 23 – Participating Joint Induction Ceremony KOR Brussels Chapter & Kababaihang – 2nd year inaugural celebration – Hilton Brussels
- June 8 – Participation, sponsoring and co-organising 110th Philippine Independence Day – Brussels
- June 9 – Participation Special Gala “The Philippine National Folk Dance Company BAYANIHAN” on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of Philippine Independence - Brussels
- June 15 – Organising showing documentary “Rizal, the man, the hero, the Filipino” – quiz – barbecue – Distinguished Service Medal to Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR & Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR, given by Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR, Regional Commander for Europe
- June 19 – Participation, co-organising, sponsoring commemoration 147th birth anniversary Dr. Jose P. Rizal – Participation opening art exhibit “Rizal” of painter René Robles organised by KOR Aalst Chapter – Philippine Embassy – Brussels
- July 3 – Informal meeting at KOR International Headquarters Manila with Sir Virgilio ESGUERRA, KGOR, Supreme Commander – lunch Intramuros – Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR – Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR – Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR
- September 28 – Participation, co-organising, sponsoring 6th anniversary Friendship for the Philippines in Knokke-Heist, educational and street youth project in Davao City and Padada by Sir Dominiek & Lady Seguert-Gallego

- October 18 – Participation induction Regional Commander Europe, Deputy Regional Commander Europe, Area Commanders, Deputy Area Commanders, Chartering new KOR Charleroi Chapter at Hilton – Brussels – large delegation of KOR Diamond
- November 9 – Organising concert “UST-singers” (University of Santo Thomas Singers – Manila) – Saint-Franciscus Church – Merksem (Antwerp)
- December 7 – Participation & sponsoring Pasko sa Brussels organised by Council of Filipino Associations Belgium, FILCOM Belgium & Luxembourg, Philippine Embassy & Filipino Chaplaincy
- December 30 – Participation, co-organising, sponsoring Rizal Day at Philippine Embassy – Brussels

Board meetings 2008

- March 15 – Knokke
- April 18 – Antwerp (Deurne) – Honorary Consulate General
- September 11 – Knokke
- October 30 – Antwerp
- December 10 – Antwerp

Other meetings 2008 (selection)

- April 26 – Regional Consultative Meeting with the European Council – Brussels
- December 13-14 – Regional Meeting KOR Bonn (Sankt-Augustin) – Germany
- February – May – different meetings with Council of Filipino Associations (COFAB) regarding co-organising Philippine Independence Day Brussels

2.2. Report 2009

- Renewal membership 2009 – collecting membership fees – paying dues to KOR Headquarters Manila
- Bimonthly publication of KOR Diamond Newsletter and update website
- January 31 – 9th Chartering Anniversary – Kruibeke – dubbing KR 1st degree: Michel DU BOIS – Marc HELSEN – Sylvain HERREMANS – Kristoff MORTIER – elevation 2nd degree: Sir Frank VAN OVERLOOP, KR – Sir Frankie VERCAMMEN, KR – Distinguished Service Star Medal for Sir Marc MINIQUE, KCR (El Filibusterismo Chapter) – moment of silence remembering Sir Alex MUSHAKE, KGCR (+ Jan. 4 – 2009) – special Rizal program with poems and theatre by Lady Aurea TAGUIANG (from London – Kababaihang Rizalista) – inspirational messages Sir Roy ECRAELA, Consul Philippine Embassy – Sir Rudy NOLLAS, KGOR – Sir Lino PARAS, KGOR – Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR – Sir François OOMS, KGOR – Sir Peter PLÜCKENBAUM, KGOR – launching of the restyled Newsletter KOR Diamond by Sir Ronny FELIX, KR and the new website KOR Diamond www.knightsofrizal.be by webmaster Sir Danny BERGHMANS, KR
- April 4 – Organising 2nd big Rizal Quiz and lecture “Rizal in Europe” by Sir Lucien Spittaël followed by barbecue – Kruibeke
- March 14 – Participation Gala-Evening KOR & Kababaihang Rizalista in Köln (Germany)
- May 23 – Participation Gala Night & Dinner for a Cause for the Gabay Kabataan Program of KOR Aalst
- May 30 – Participation & sponsoring performance “Philippine Contemporary Dance Concert & Performance of Prayer” entitled “Panalangin”
- June 9 – Participation opening exhibit Filipino painter Sir Manuel D. BALDEMOR followed by reception with Ambassador H.E. Cristina G. ORTEGA in the BOZAR in Brussels
- June 14 – Participation, sponsoring and co-organising 111th Philippine Independence Day – Brussels
- June 19 – Participation, co-organising, sponsoring commemoration 148th birth anniversary Dr. Jose P. Rizal – Philippine Embassy – Brussels
- July 3 – Courtesy visit to Sir Vicente RAMOS, KGOR, Supreme Exchequer of the Supreme Council by Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR, Chap. Comm. – administrative formalities and visit to the KOR Staff Mrs. Maureen FERNANDEZ & Mr. Edgar ROSERO
- July 6 – Dubbing ceremony to KR of H.E. Grégoire VARDAKIS, Ambassador for the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of the Philippines followed by exaltation to KCR – Royal Embassy of Belgium – Manila (ceremonies / rituals lead by Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR, Chap. Comm. – Sir Virgilio ESGUERRA, KGCR, Supreme Commander, ill and hospitalized – get better message to the Supreme Commander)

- September 17-20 – Participation with 16 Knights “4th European Regional Assembly” – Prague – Czech Republic
- September 27 – Participation, co-organising, sponsoring 7th anniversary Friendship for the Philippines in Knokke-Heist, educational and street youth project in Davao City and Padada by Sir Dominiek & Lady Segært-Gallego
- October 17 – Organising Rizal “Mabuhay Quiz” by Sir Michel & Rosy Du Bois, KR – report 4th European Assembly Prague – support victims typhoons Manila with update by Sir Eric & Jacqueline Borghijs-Van den Eede (project Lorraine Pimentel) – barbecue – Kruibeke
- December 6 – Participation & sponsoring Pasko sa Brussels organised by Council of Filipino Associations Belgium, FILCOM Belgium & Luxembourg, Philippine Embassy & Filipino Chaplaincy
- December 17 – Meeting with Belgian Ambassador H.E. Christian Meerschman and signing resolution of brotherhood with KOR Diamond – lunch – Manila – Sir Johan De Boeck, KR
- December 30 – Participation, co-organising, sponsoring Rizal Day at Filipino Chaplaincy in Brussels
- December 30 – Meeting London (UK) KOR Diamond (represented by Sir Dominiek & Leah Segært-Gallego, KCR, Sir Dirk & Grace Vandeweghe-Getutua, KR) with KOR London (Sir Alfonso & Lady Aurea TAGUIANG, KCR, Area Commander UK & Ireland)

Board meetings 2009

March 25 – Kalmthout
 May 22 – Antwerp
 September 4 – Knokke
 November 27 – Antwerp

Other meetings 2009 (selection)

January 30 – Meeting FILCOM leaders Philippine Independence Day – Brussels
 March 21 – 1st Consultative meeting for appointed officers by the Supreme Council
 March 28-29 – 2nd Regional Meeting KOR Bonn (Sankt-Augustin) – Germany
 March – June – different meetings with Koalisyon Para Sa Kalayaan regarding co-organising Philippine Independence Day Brussels

2.3. Report start 2010

- renewal membership 2010 – collecting membership fees – paying dues to KOR Headquarters Manila

- Bimonthly publication of KOR Diamond Newsletter and update website

- January 23 – 10th Chartering Anniversary – Kruibeke - dubbing KR 1st degree: Manuel DUCHESNE – Gino MOENS – Guido ROBYNS – Joeri VERTONGEN – Marc WOUTERS – elevation 2nd degree: Sir Ronny FELIX, KR – exaltation 3rd degree: Sir Paul VERLOO, KOR – confirmation of the conferment to the 4th degree, KGOR: Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR – messages Sir Roy ECRAELA, Consul & Minister Philippine Embassy – Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR – Sir Rudy NOLLAS, KGOR – Sir Lino PARAS, KGOR – Sir Pros SLACHMUYLDERS, KGOR, Chartering Commander – message Sir Peter PLÜCKENBAUM, KGOR, Deputy Regional Commander Europe 2008-2010 – program brochure with messages of CDA Mrs. Mauro MICHU, Philippine Embassy – H.E. Christian MEERSCHMAN, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium – Sir Virgilio R. ESGUERRA, KGCR, Supreme Commander – fragment musical-play “Calamba Joe” – fraternal dinner – update supported projects – almost 100 participants

Board meetings start 2010

February 18 – Kalmthout

2.4. Planning 2010

- April 14-17 – Assisting hosting Dr. Emmanuel Calairo, Faculty De la Salle University, Dasmarias & Dr. Rosalina F. Calairo, retired faculty, University of the Philippines, Los Banos (endorsement from KOR International Headquarters)
- April 24 – Rizal & Filipino-Dutch language Quiz – barbecue – update supported projects
- June 13 – Participation, sponsoring and co-organising 112th Philippine Independence Day – Brussels
- June 19 – Organising, hosting performance musical-play “Calamba Joe” (by Sir Al Evangelio) in Cultural Centre Knokke-Heist – activity for all KOR – commemoration 149th birth anniversary Dr. Jose P. Rizal
- July – 1st week – visit KOR International Headquarters Manila – official ceremony conferment Sir Dominiek Segaert to KGOR – initiation rituals to KR and exaltation to KCR to His Excellency Christian Meerschman, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of the Philippines
- September 26 or October 3 – Participation, sponsoring 8th anniversary Friendship for the Philippines in Knokke-Heist, educational and street youth project in Davao City and Padada by Sir Dominiek & Lady Segaert-Gallego
- November – Organising Quiz and dinner – family activity – lecture “The Blumentritt Correspondence & Rizal in Europe” by Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR – date to be confirmed
- December 30 – Rizal Day

Board meetings 2010

March
April
September
November

Other meetings 2010 (selection)

March – Consultative meeting working committee different KOR Chapters Belgium regarding organising musical-play “Calamba Joe” by Sir Al Evangelio, KGOR in Knokke-Heist on June 19

March – June – different meetings with Koalisyon Para Sa Kalayaan regarding co-organising Philippine Independence Day Brussels

April – May – meetings of the working committee “Calamba Joe”

3. SUPPORTED

SOCIAL & EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS 2008-2010

1. OPERATION SMILE – TULONG SA KAPWA

Throughout the world, Operation Smile volunteers repair childhood facial deformities while building public and private partnerships that advocate for sustainable healthcare systems for children and families. Together, we create smiles, heal humanity and change lives, one smile at a time. KOR Diamond supported the project in the Philippines through contact person Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR

2. WELCOME HOME – MALAYBALAY

A concrete project to support and help children and youth with hearing disabilities and also complete deaf people. KOR Diamond supported the project in the Philippines through contact person Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR.

3. KRISTONG HARI – MEDICAL OUTREACH POOR

Voluntary medical work in the slums with education on basic health and free medical consultation. Focus on tuberculosis, respiratory, malnutrition, intestinal maladies. KOR Diamond supported this project through contact persons Sir Peter & Lady Babes VAN BOGAERT-DEL VILAR, KGOR

4. DENTAL MISSION – DAVAO

Comprehensive and intensive checkups and helping people with dental problems. Complete treatment. This project sets up mobile dental clinics in urban & rural areas. KOR Diamond supported this project in Davao through contact persons Sir Geert & Faith VERHAEGEN-NUNEZ, KR

5. FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES

This is an 8 years old social & educational project that supports neglected youth in and around Davao City through the street youth foundation Balay Pasilungan and also the Saint-Michael's school of Padada, an elementary and high school where we give partly scholarships for the poor. Friendship also supported IDIS, for clean and safe water in and around Davao the Sibulan organic banana cooperative in Davao & Don Bosco Boys & girls town by Father Franco in Budha, bordering Davao & Bukidnon. The organisation Friendship is based in Knokke-Heist and presided by Sir Dominiek & Lady Leah SEGAERT-GALLEGO, KGOR.

6. VICTIMS OF THE TYPHOONS MANILA & AREA

Through contact persons Sir Michel & Rosy DU BOIS-AMARO, KR – who organised for KOR Diamond a Quiz for NGO TRIAS – and Sir Eric & Jacqueline BORGHIJS-VANDENEDE, KR – who supported a victim project by Alain & Lorraine BORGHIJS-PIMENTEL in the areas of Metro Manila – KOR Diamond organised a significant fund raising.

FUTURE

Within the spirit of Rizal in the first place educational and social projects in which the neglected youth can make a better start through self respect, will be further sponsored by KOR Diamond. Since the Chapter focuses on real coordinators, contact persons, we have been able to make in certain parts in Philippine society really the difference. Loving and caring for the commemoration of Rizal is not just a number of words, but it has to be made into reality. This is also Rizalism.

4. 10 YEARS KOR DIAMOND: CONCLUSION & RESOLUTION FOR THE FUTURE

In the past two years KOR Diamond also has made significant efforts to make closer friendship and brotherhood between chapters and Rizalists in and outside Belgium. Symbolizing this, we started a tradition of offering a certificate of resolution of brotherhood.

The following chapters – visited by KOR Diamond – received and signed resolutions:

- London Chapter – United Kingdom – 2008 & 2009
- Brussels Chapter & European Council – Belgium – 2008 & 2009
- Aalst Chapter – Belgium – 2009
- City Köln Chapter – Germany – 2009

- Her Excellency Cristina G. ORTEGA – former Philippine Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Community – Brussels – 2008 & 2009
- His Excellency Christiaan TANGHE, KCR – former Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines – Manila – 2007 & 2008
- His Excellency Grégoire VARDAKIS, KCR – former Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines – Manila – 2008 & 2009
- His Excellency Christian MEERSCHMAN, incoming KCR – Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines – Manila – 2009
- Sir Al EVANGELIO, KGOR, award-winning play writer musical-play “Calamba Joe” & Sir Gunther VOMGERG, KCR, Cebu Chapter on visit in Belgium & attending board meeting November 27 – 2009

KOR Diamond will make further efforts in a good communication with its own members and the members inside Belgium, Europe, worldwide through our regularly (almost monthly, mostly bimonthly) Newsletter KOR Diamond that is co-edited by Sir Ronny FELIX, KOR and our bimonthly updated website www.knightsofrizal.be by our webmaster Sir Danny BERGHMANS, KR.

Our resolutions also consist of a working for a stronger KOR with devoted Knights and we try to put in each activity a true Rizalian spirit by organising lectures, quiz, exhibitions (stamps, paper money, memorabilia Rizal), projecting documentaries and/or movies Rizal, discussions, commemorative activities in cooperation with other Chapters, attending each others activities where it is possible.

Further we urge to sponsor social and educational projects in the Philippines and make closer ties with Philippine and other embassies, NGO's, Philippine-Belgian organisations and promoting Philippine culture.

We may truly say that we try to be an outstanding chapter, not only in number of members but first of all in the input of our activities.

Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KGOR
Chapter Commander KOR Diamond Antwerp – Belgium 2008-2011
Deputy Area Commander Belgium 2008-2010

5. WEBSITE

www.knightsofrizal.be