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Diamond Chapter Antwerp—Flanders—Belgium



Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - 2017

Introduction

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

Dear friends of our organization,

As Chapter Commander 2017-2018 of the KOR Diamond Chapter, Belgium Area, Europe Region, I would like first of all to use this occasion to thank my fellow board members and our precious members and their partners for the continuing support.

As already mentioned before, it is an honor to be Chapter Commander of this very vibrant Chapter. Despite the nice efforts and accomplishments of my illustrious predecessors, it's my objective to inject some new ideas and to have participation of our members increased, in order to avoid people to get bored, doing the same things year after year.

For that matter, a questioning is now sent, which allows the members to comment

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openly, to make suggestions and to show their participation interest for the different work groups. Once the groups constituted, brainstorm on the topics will be launched within each separate group and after choosing a selected number of proposals by topic, the groups will further examine the feasibility and implementation of the said proposals. In that way, nice and well prepared goals can be reached and give a new dimension to our Chapter.

Jumping now to our past activities, I can proudly announce that as well our spring activity as well as the PIC 2017 Celebration on Sunday 11th of June 2017 was both very successful, mainly due to the contribution of all of our members and their partners. Thank you so much again.

With the Birthday celebration of Jose Rizal coming up on 19th of June 2017, the outing to Kattendijke on 21th of July 2017, followed by the European Assembly on 25-27th of August 2017 and a long summer in between, I would like to wish all of you a very nice vacation and more inspiration to keep our Chapter vibrant.

Last but not least, I hope this newsletter and our website can be a source of inspiration for new members to join our Chapter.

Non Omnis Moriar

Sir Danny Vandenbogaerde, KCR

Chapter Commander 2017-2019

Distinguished Service Medal

Diamond Chapter - Antwerp

Board 2017

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Rizal Spring Activity - 22nd April

April is usually the month for the Diamond Chapter's spring activity.

We had a full house and could also welcome Sir Lino Paras, Sir Boy Velasquez, Sir Fr Jorgedy Bago and a delegation of the Las Damas de Rizal.



The cultural part was a movie recorded and presented enthusiastically by Sir Peter De Bruyn about his trip in the Philippines. Thanks Sir Peter for the very appreciated presentation!



This time we tried a new formula: the traditional bbq was replaced by a typical Belgian meal: "frietten met stoofvlees" and also "vol-au-vent met kip of Koninginnehapje" ("fries with beef stew" and "vol-au-vent with chicken"). Kudos also for the ladies who prepared the desserts.

Sir Paul Verloo led the tombola draw with a lot of prizes arranged by Sir Peter Van Bogaert.

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The results of the event will go completely to our sponsored projects in the Philippines.

Thanks to all our members who contributed to the success of the event!



4th Year Anniversary of Las Damas de Rizal Belgium.

On May 13, the Las Damas of Belgium celebrated their 4th anniversary in the Mariott Courtyard hotel in Brussels.



The welcome address was given by the outgoing president Lady Mary Ann Ballesteros.

Consul Anna de Vera of the Philippine Embassy led the induction of the new LDR Officers.

After the messages from the president of LDR Monaco, Lady Alice Reyes, from the president of LDR Paris, Lady Lina Brosas and from Consul Anna de Vera, the incoming president, Lady Cecile Impens-Sibug gave the closing remarks.

The event was also attended by delegations of the Brussels and Diamond Chapter and by the Belgian Area Commander Sir Jimboy Rebong, KCR, and by the Deputy Area Commander Sir Frank Velasquez, KCR.

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119th Philippine Independence Day Celebration in Brussels



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History OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

The history of the Knights of Rizal go back to December 30, 1911 when Colonel Antonio C. Torres organized a group of 9 men from different walks of life for the purpose of commemorating in a fitting manner the execution and martyrdom of our foremost national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal, thereafter, year after year, the same group would gather to celebrate the birth and commemorate the death of Dr. Jose Rizal. During Rizal Day celebrations, this group would be seen conspicuously on horseback reminiscent of the Knights of old known for their chivalry and exemplary life.

To provide a continuing entity and to encourage others to join them, these admirer of Dr. Rizal on November 16, 1916, organized a private non-stock corporation and named it the "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal." The incorporators of the corporation were: Antonio C. Torres, Juan Flameño, Martin P. de Veyra, Jose A. del Barrio, and Jose S. Calvez.

Colonel Antonio C. Torres, who before the last war was Chief of Police of Manila, was the first Supreme Commander. The following have since then been Supreme Commanders of the Order: Martin P. de Veyra, Manuel Lim, Juan F. Nakpil, Herminio Velarde, Teodoro Evangelista, Hermigildo B. Reyes, Santiago F. dela Cruz, Jesus E. Perpiñan, Vitalino Bernarcino, Jose Ma. Paredes, Claudio Teehankee, Jose S. Laurel III, Justo P. Torres, Jr., Simeon C. Medalla, Condrado M. Vasquez, Sr., Filemon H. Mendoza, Angel Rizal Alvarez, Elias B. Lopez, Lamberto C. Nanquill, Demetrio L. Hilbero, Rogelio M. Quiambao, Vicente P. Palmon, Carmelo T. Gempesaw, Jesus B. David, Jose D. Lina, Jr., Hilario G. Davide, Jr., Virgilio R. Esguerra, Pablo

S. Trillana III, Reghis M. Romero II, Jeremias C. Singson, and the current Supreme Commander Reynato S. Puno. He is the third Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to lead the organization after Claudio Teehankee and Hilario G. Davide, Jr.

In 1951, the Supreme Council of the Order created a Committee on Legislation for the purpose of studying the feasibility of filing a bill in the Congress of the Philippines to be enacted into law to enable the Order to secure a legislative charter. Justice Roman Ozaeta was the Chairman of the Committee with Srs Carlos Hilado and Pedro Sabido as members. The bill seeking to give the Order of the Knights of Rizal a legislative charter was docketed as Senate Bill No. 251, with then Senators Enrique Magalona, Lorenzo Sumulong, Esteban Abada, Emiliano Tria Tirona, Camilo Osias, Geronima Pecson, Jose Avelino and Ramon Torres as sponsors. In the lower house, Congressman Manuel Zosa of Cebu was the principal sponsor of the measure. The explanatory note of the Bill read as follows:

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"The purpose of the attached bill is to accord to the civic and patriotic organization known as "Orden de Caballeros de Rizal" (*Order of the Knights of Rizal*) the same kind of official recognition and encouragement as that accorded to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines by Commonwealth Act No. 111, by granting to its legislative Charter and investing it with the necessary powers to enable it more fully and more effectively to accomplish the laudable purposes for which it was organized."

"The bill is enacted into law will also serve as a historical monument to Rizal; it will constitute an official recognition by the Republic of the Philippines of the inestimable value to the nation of his teachings and examples and of the wisdom and necessity of inculcating them in the minds and hearts of our people so they may strive to follow and practice them. The authors and proponents of this bill believe that if the purpose thereof are faithfully and effectively carried out, social discipline, civic virtues, and love of justice will be fostered, promoted, and enhanced in this country, and that the Knights of Rizal as chartered entity is the most convenient instrumentally by which this desirable ends can be attained: Let Rizal's life and martyrdom influence and guide

the destiny of the nation. Let this and future generations live the Rizal way."

Recommended for approval on May 15, 1951, the measure was signed into law by the President of the Philippines on June 14, 1951, becoming Republic Act 646.

KR CHARTER EXEMPT FROM RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS OF CORPORATE LAW

It is patent from the wordings of RA 646 that the purpose in lifting the Knights of Rizal from its status of a purely private corporation to a "public corporation" is to broaden its powers and to exempt it from the restrictive provisions of the corporation law (*now corporation code*) to enable it to effectively carry out the objectives for which it was established. While it is true that the power granted to it "to make and adopt by-laws, rule, and regulations" is qualified in the sense that such adopted by-laws rules and regulations should not be inconsistent with the laws of the Philippines, the qualification should be construed as empowering the corporation to adopt by-laws





A group of the Knights of Rizal, 1912
Un grupo de caballeros de Rizal, 1912

which are not illicit or contrary to morals, good customs, public order or public policy (SEC. Opinion, January 13, 1969).

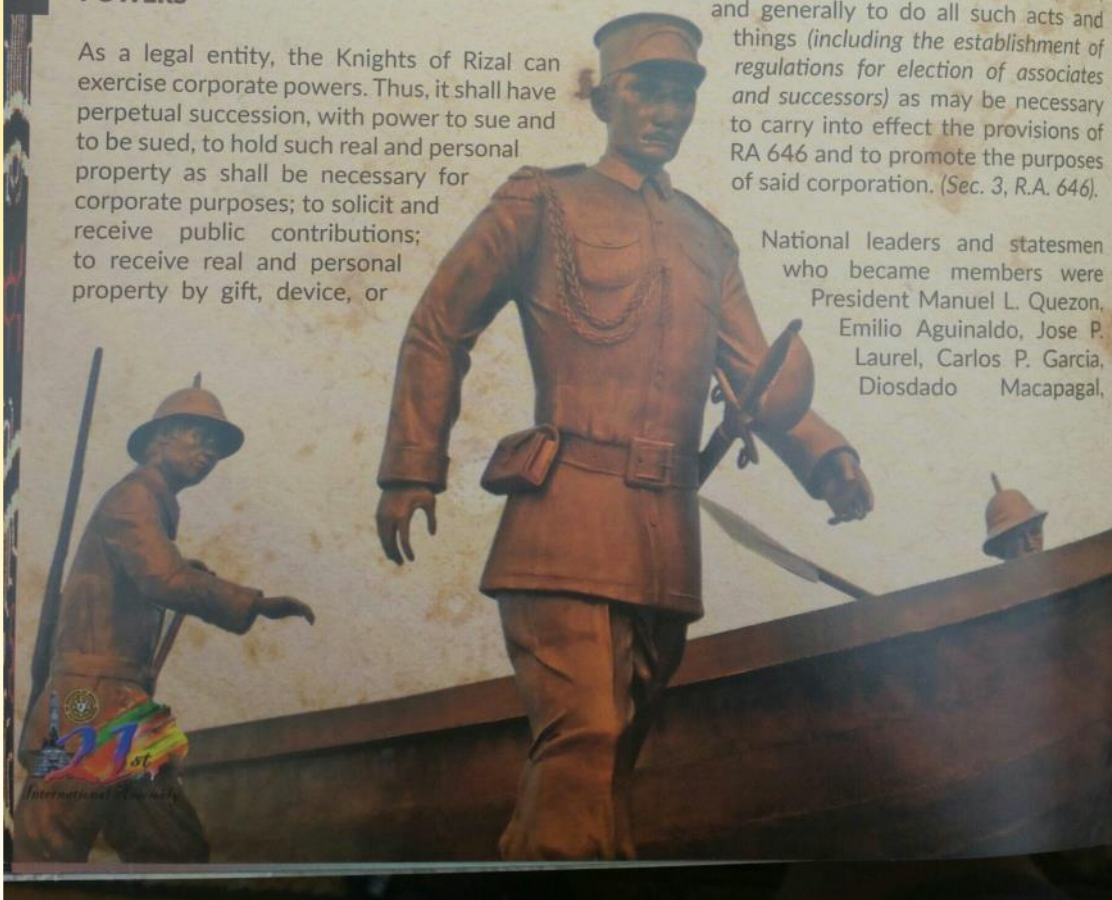
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KNIGHTS OF RIZAL HAS CORPORATE POWERS

As a legal entity, the Knights of Rizal can exercise corporate powers. Thus, it shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and to be sued, to hold such real and personal property as shall be necessary for corporate purposes; to solicit and receive public contributions; to receive real and personal property by gift, device, or

bequest; to adopt a seal and to alter the same at pleasure; to have offices and conduct its business and affairs in the City of Manila and elsewhere; to make and adopt by-laws, rules, and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the Philippines, and generally to do all such acts and things (including the establishment of regulations for election of associates and successors) as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of RA 646 and to promote the purposes of said corporation. (Sec. 3, R.A. 646).

National leaders and statesmen who became members were President Manuel L. Quezon, Emilio Aguinaldo, Jose P. Laurel, Carlos P. Garcia, Diosdado Macapagal,



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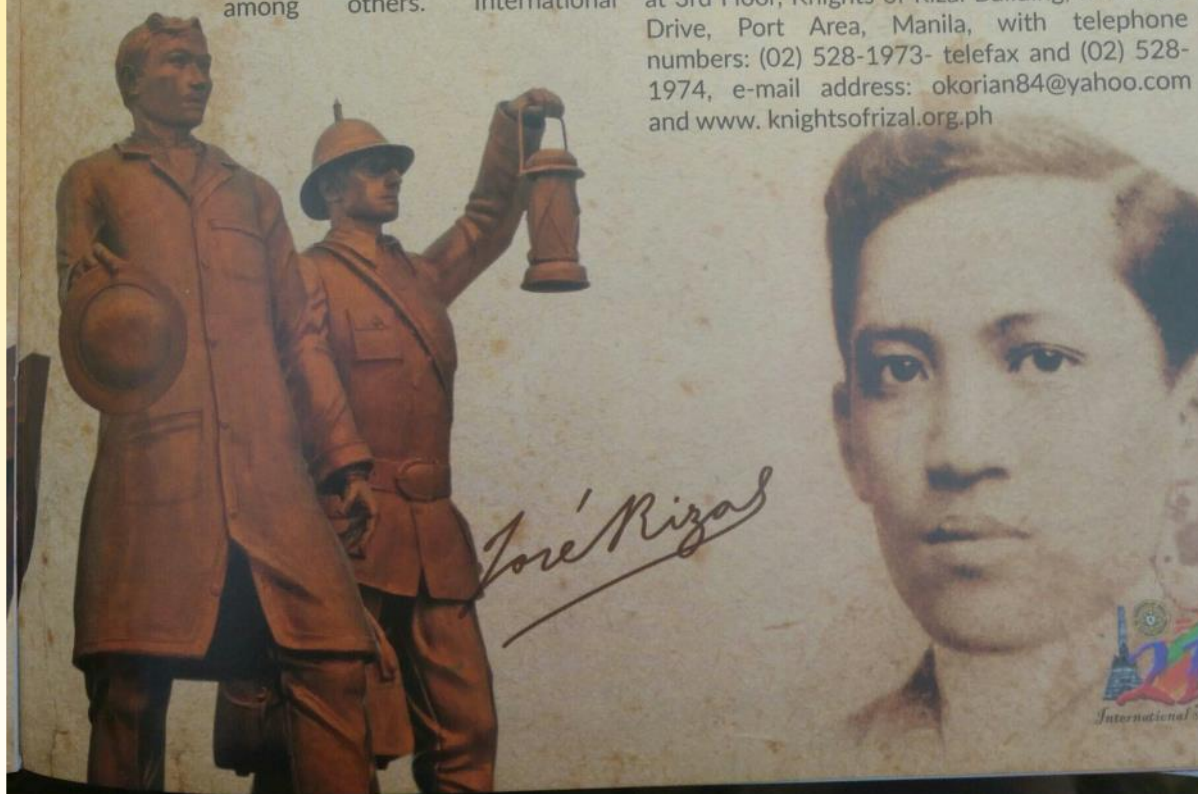
Ferdinand E. Marcos, Fidel V. Ramos, Joseph Ejercito Estrada, and Benigno S. Aquino, III. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was recipient of the Teodora Alonzo Award, highest award given to women.

Vice Presidents Ferdinand Lopez, Salvador H. Laurel; Chief Justices Roberto Concepcion, Claudio Teehankee, Marcelo B. Fernan, Andres R. Narvasa, and Hilario Davide, Jr.; Justices Calixto O. Zaldivar, Condrado V. Sanchez, Roman Ozaeta, JBL Reyes, Quintin Paredes, Jose Ma. Paredes, Condrado M. Vasquez, Justo P. Torres, Jr., Reynato S. Puno; Senators Claro M. Recto, Jose W. Diokno, Gil J. Puyat, Jose J. Roy, Camilo Osias, Lorenzo M. Tañada, Lorenzo Sumulong, Benigno Aquino, Jr., Edgardo J. Angara, Ernesto M. Maceda, Juan Ponce Enrile, Blas Ople, Heherson T. Alvarez, Alan Peter S. Cayetano, and Aquilino Pemintel, Jr.; high government officials and prominent personalities like Salvador Araneta, Jose D. Ingles, Jorge Bocobo, Narciso Ramos, Carlos P. Romulo, Jorge B. Vargas, Jose Y. Yulo, Leoncio Lopez-Rizal, Sixto Y. Orosa, Jose V. de Venecia, Ruben D. Torres, Alfredo S. Lim, Hernado Perez, Renato S. de Villa, Jose D. Lina, Jr., Alfonso T. Yuchengco, Cesar E.A. Virata, Rufino Cardinal J. Santos, Jaime Cardinal L. Sin and Don Emilio T. Yap; educators Leoncio B. Monzon, Condrado Benitez, Francisco T. Dalupan, and Teodoro Evangelista, among others. International

personalities who became members of Order were King Juan Carlos I of Spain, US Secretary of State, Henry Albert Kissinger, Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim of Malaysia, Senator Paul Harty of Belgium, Sir Austin Coates of Vienna, Austria, Senator John Ensign of Las Vegas, USA and Dr. Daisaku Ikeda of Japan, among others. Likewise, most of the members of the diplomatic corps in the Philippines particularly those from Latin America joined the Order, meanwhile on assignment in this country, and continued the propagation of the ideals and teachings of Rizal in their own countries.

The Kababaihang Rizalista, Inc., an international organization of women, the Kabataang Pangarap ni Rizal (KAPARIZ) a youth organization, the Kapisanan ng mga Gurong Nagmamahal kay Rizal (KAGUNARI) and the Philippine Association of Teachers in History and Rizal, Inc. (PATHRI), organization of educators/teachers on Rizal; and the Maria Clara ni Rizal (Maclariz), Maria Clara Senior Citizen Club and the LASDAMAS de Rizal — all dedicated to the same aims and purposes as of the Knights of Rizal are recognized as counterpart organizations of the Order and collaborate and coordinate their activities in pursuance of their common objectives.

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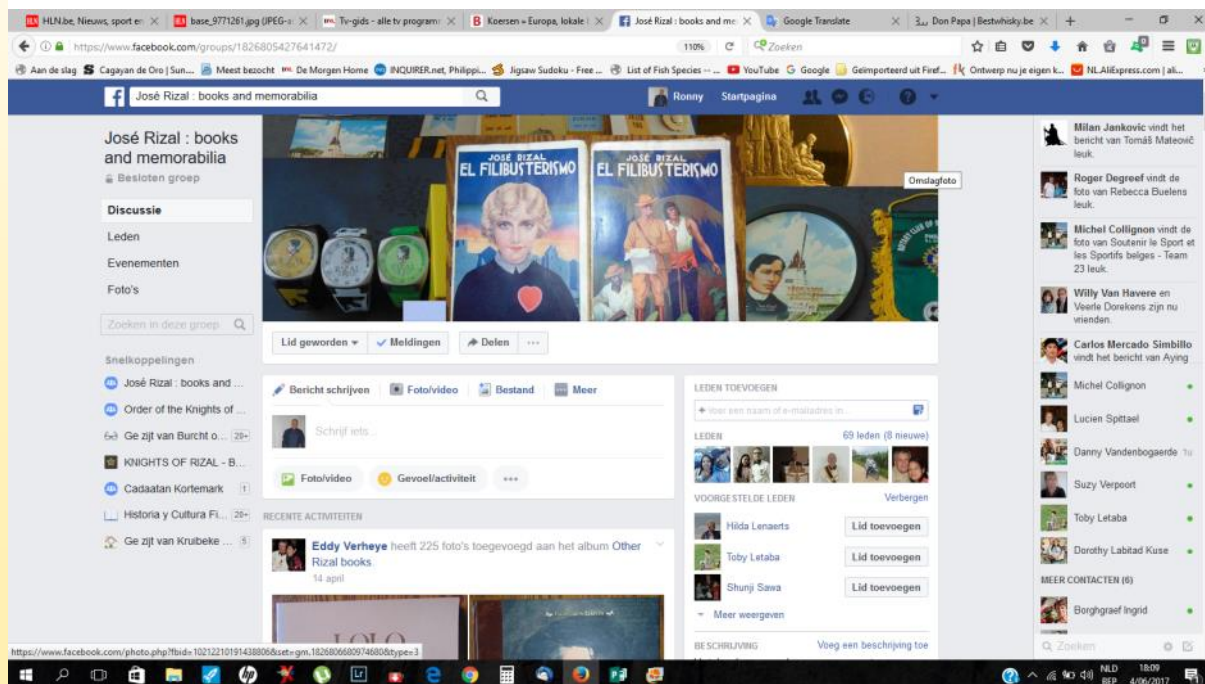


Sir Eddy Verheye, KOR, creates new Rizal page on Facebook

Sir Eddy Verheye, KOR, from the Diamond Chapter, is in the process of creating a catalogue of Rizal books and memorabilia on Facebook.

The page is called José Rizal : books and memorabilia. Sir Eddy has probably the largest collection in Belgium about Rizal and is now scanning everything in order to put it available to the public.

It is a huge job and in a later stage the documents will be completed with additional informative text.



A view on Sir Eddy Verheye's Rizal library



In memoriam

His actions and life lessons continue to guide and live through us for future generations to learn from. In this way he lives on in our actions and in our prayers for a safe passage.
God bless.

**Mag ingat sa byahe!
Safe journey to the House of the Father!**

*How many seasons came and went,
so many years have now been spent.
For time ran fast
and now at last you're strong.*

*Ilang panahon ang dumating at lumipas
Kay daming taon ang nagdaan
Dahil sadyang mabilis ang pagtakbo ng panahon
Ngunit sa wakas, ikaw ngayon ay panatag na
(Freddie Aguilar, "ANAK")*

De familie dankt u voor uw gebed
en alle blijken van medeleven en vriendschap.

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On the 17th March 2017, Rev. Paul Zwaenepoel passed away.

Fr Zwaenepoel, who was an honorary member of the Diamond Chapter, was a Scheut missionary or CICM.

He applied for and was granted the Philippine citizenship on May 16, 1975 by the former president of the Philippines Ferdinand Marcos.

He was a missionary in the Philippines from 1949 till 1987.

Trip to Kattendijke



Reeds het derde jaar op rij organiseren we in juli opnieuw een trip naar Kattendijke – Zeeland. Een dagje ontspannen onder vrienden en oesters en kreukels verzamelen. Iedereen is welkom - ook niet-Knights. Het enige dat we vragen is dat iedereen zorgt voor voedsel en drank. Ter plaatse kan ook bbq georganiseerd worden. En ook niet vergeten: jullie goed humeur meebrengen!

Datum: vrijdag 21 juli 2017

Tijd: we verwachten iedereen tussen 10 en 11 uur ter plaatse (gebruik eigen vervoer)

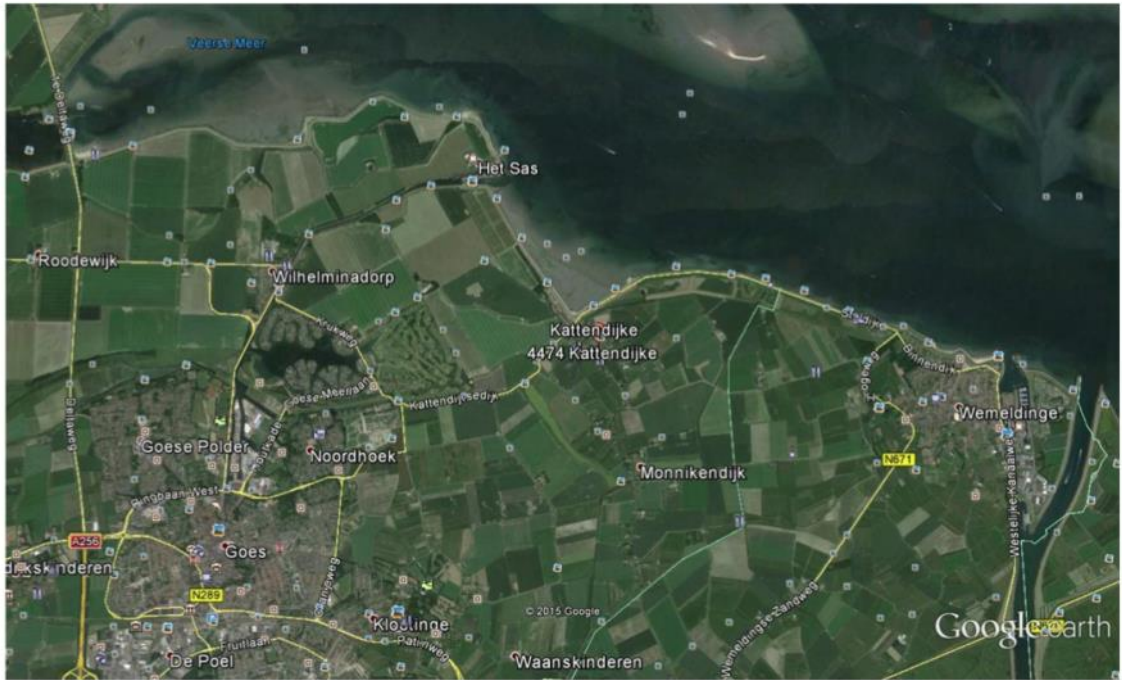
Locatie: Oude Zeedijk, Kattendijke (zie maps op volgende bladzijde)

Already the third time in a row, we again organize a trip to Kattendijke - Zeeland. A day to relax amongst friends and collect oysters and creases. Everyone is welcome - also non-Knights. We only ask that everyone takes care for food and drinks. There is also possibility to bbq. And do not forget: bring your good mood!

Date: Friday 21st July 2017

Time: we expect you between 10 and 11am (use your own transport)

Location: Oude Zeedijk, Kattendijke (see maps on next page)



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CALENDAR

- ♦ *19th June: Birthday Anniversary Jose Rizal - Philippine Embassy*
- ♦ *21st July: Outing Kattendijke, Zeeuws-Vlaanderen*
- ♦ *25-27 August: European Assembly - Brussels*
- ♦ *1st October: bbq Vriendschap voor de Filipijnen - Knokke-Heist*
- ♦ *28th October: Rizal Autumn Activity*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in August 2017. 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 (danny.vandenbogaerde@telenet.be).

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