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KNIGHTS OF RIZAL DIAMOND CHAPTER

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**MALIGAYANG PASKO AT MANIGONG BAGONG
TAON!!!**



To all Brother Knights and Ladies of Rizal, the Chapter Commander and Board of KOR Diamond Chapter WISH YOU ALL AN INSPIRATIONAL, MERRY CHRISTMAS 2008 and AN OPTIMISTIC, STRONG 2009 where the values and goals of Dr. Jose Rizal, the NATIONAL HERO of the REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, may live strong further and open the eyes of ALL HUMAN BEINGS WHO STRIVE FOR UNITY, PEACE, RESPECT, TRUE FRIENDSHIPS.

May the TRUE SPIRIT of Christmas, that is born together with the BABY JESUS, INSPIRE US ALL, BROHTERS AND LADIES WITHIN BELGIUM, EUROPE, WORLDWIDE.

FEEL THE JOY, SHARE THE BLESSINGS, LIVE THE LOVE OF CHRISTMAS!

THANKS TO EVERYBODY WHO SEND THEIR CHRISTMAS- & NEW YEAR GREETINGS THROUGH ELECTRONIC MAIL OR BY POST.

**May we express these WISHES also on this coming
RIZAL DAY, TUESDAY DECEMBER 30 at 6 P.M.
when we will commemorate the death of our
inspirator. With this NEWSLETTER ISSUE 9 we
REMIND you kindly to attend RIZAL DAY & our 9TH
CHARTERING ANNIV. JAN. 31. Details in this issue.
Welcome!**

Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR, Chapter Commander Diamond – Antwerp – Deputy Area
Commander Belgium

Sir Tony GUANSING, KGOR, Past Chapter Commander, Life Time Member, Regional
Commander for Europe

Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supreme Commander Manila

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(1. Karoling sa Traysikol – painting by Jеспelino – by courtesy of Hallmark – LIFE – 2008 –

Christmas Cards for the benefit of Children Leukemia Patients –

log in on www.hallmarkforlife for all information)

(2. Ang Regalo ng Pasko – painting by Nani Reyes – Hallmark – LIFE – 2008)

REMINDER INVITATION RIZAL DAY – DECEMBER 30



Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Area Commander for Belgium, together with the Belgian Council of KOR, invites all Knights on **Tuesday December 30 at 6 p.m.** at the Philippine Embassy (Avenue Molière 297 – 1050 Brussels) on the occasion to celebrate Rizal Day.

On the program there will be a flower offering and a commemoration of Dr. Jose Rizals Martyrdom.

Each Chapter will offer flowers in respect for the National Hero.

A short inspirational talk will be given by each Chapter.

An inspirational message will be given by Excellency Ambassador Cristina G. Ortega.

Reception follows wherein each chapter offers.

Diamond Chapter will offer a delicious glass of white wine – Sauvignon of Chili – produced by Fair Trade – Oxfam – who also has partners in the Philippines

Sir Rudy requests us to please be on time and to wear Rizal barong or winter uniform (you can choose).

Please confirm to me your attendance and participation in this program.
Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely

Sir Dominiek



Dr. Jose R. Rizal, the Philippines' foremost national hero was executed at Bagumbayan, now known as the Luneta in Manila. Before execution, he was incarcerated at the dungeons of Fort Santiago in Intramuros (Spanish Walled City) where he wrote his last masterpiece, "Mi Ultimo Adios" (My Last Farewell). Rizal gave up his life for love of country as can be gleaned from the following stanza in his famous valedictory, (Mi Ultimo Adios):

*Adios, patria adonada, región del
sol querida, patria
del mar de Oriente, maestro perdido
¡adieu!
a donde voy alegre, la triste mustia
vida
si fuera más brillante, más fresca,
más florida
también por ti la diera, la diera por
tu bien.*



To Read: a Christmas Inspiration for Rizalians

Rizal's First Christmas in Dapitan

(an article taken by courtesy of www.joserizal.ph)

After a short time, Jose Rizal began to enjoy the simple life of Dapitan.

Rizal became prosperous. Aside from his lottery prize, Rizal earned more money by practicing medicine. Some rich patients paid him well for curing their eye ailments. He began to buy agricultural lands in Talisay, a barrio near Dapitan. He planned to build his house in this scenic barrio by the seashore.

As Christmas came nearer, Rizal became more cheerful. His savings increased, for the cost of living in Dapitan was cheaper than in Calamba. His health improved. Many Dapitan folks, who were formerly indifferent to him, became his friends.

No wonder, Rizal enjoyed his first Christmas in Dapitan. He was one of the guests of Captain Carnicero at a Christmas Eve dinner in the comandancia (house of the commandant). The other guests were three Spaniards from the neighbouring town of Dipolog and a Frenchman named Jean Lardet. It was a merry feast. The guests enjoyed the delicious dishes prepared by the commandant's native cook. With the exception of Rizal, they drank beer, for he disliked hard liquor. At midnight, Captain Carnicero, Rizal, and other guests went to church to hear the Mass of the Noche Buena.

In a letter to his mother, dated January 5, 1893, Rizal described how he enjoyed his first Christmas in Dapitan. He said:

"I spent a merry Christmas here. It could not have been merrier. I had a happy dinner on Christmas eve, together with my host (the commandant), three Spaniards from a neighbouring town, and a Frenchman. We heard Mass at 12:00 midnight, for you know I go to Mass here every Sunday."



INVITATION

FOR MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS

EVERYBODY **IS WELCOME!**

**9TH CHARTERING
ANNIVERSARY**

**DIAMOND CHAPTER – ANTWERP
BELGIUM**

SATURDAY JANUARY 31 – 2009

4 P.M.

WHERE?

SALONS DE WATERMEULEN – Burchtstraat 160 – 9150 KRUIBEKE –
location: www.watermeulen.be

PROGRAM?

- welcome
- dubbing ceremony of 12 new Knights (KR)
- elevation to KOR
- award Distinguished Service Star of Rizal
- reception – toast on the New Year
- special guests (surprise)
- fraternal dinner – world buffet with drinks
- special Rizal program – poems of Dr. Jose Rizal – Life & Work by Lady Aurea M. Taguiang – President Kababaihang Rizal – London - UK
- dessert – coffee – fellowship – dancing
- news from the Diamond Chapter – Belgian Council – European Council – Supreme Council – launching new & updated website KOR Diamond

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

PAYMENT?

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

DEADLINE?

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

Please ALSO send an email to confirm your participation.

Info : Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, Chapter Commander &
Deputy Area Commander Belgium –
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See our article (end of this Newsletter) taken from Pinoy Kasi Blog about Sir & Lady Taguiang who are Freeman of the City of London.

!!!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!!

- to the London Chapter and Sir Alfonso T. Taguiang, KCR, Area Commander UK and Lady Aurea M. Taguiang, President Kababaihang Rizalista London for their celebration with inducting members on Dec. 28 – thanks for your Christmas- and New Year Greetings!

- our Knight Sir Danny Berghmans, who – during his active participation at the European Regional Meeting Bonn last Dec. 13-14, became member of the Regional Ethical KOR Commission, Regional KOR marketing commission and Assistant Regional KOR webmaster
- to all participants of the European Regional Meeting last Dec. 13-14 in Bonn at Dormotel Sankt Augustin, which was presided by our Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR assisted by our Deputy Regional Commander for Europe, KCR, Sir Peter Plückebaum, who have done so many efforts to make this meeting successful – excerpts of details of the minutes (edited by Sir Garcia and Sir Brennock) of this meeting will soon be published in an upcoming Newsletter and later in our website.
- the delegates of the Belgian Chapters at the meeting in Bonn were: Sir Tony Guansing (KGOR, Regional Commander Europe, past Chapter Commander Diamond), Sir Rudy Nollas (KGOR, Area Commander Belgium), Sir Dominiek Segaert (KCR, Deputy Area Commander Belgium, Chapter Commander Diamond), Sir Danny Berghmans (KR, Diamond), Sir François Ooms (KCR, Chapter Commander El Filibusterismo), Sir Lucien Spittaël (KGOR, El Filibusterismo), Sir Marc Minique (KCR, representing Lion), Sir Tony Sienes (KCR, Brussels), Sir Mario Fajardo (KCR, Charleroi)
- the organisers of the successful Pasko Sa Brussels Dec. 7, respectively coordinator Arsenio P. Reyes and co-coordinator Minabelle Vanantwerpen-Siason!
- to the staff of the Philippine Embassy and H.E. Ambassador Cristina G. Ortego for organising the thanks & award evening for all who contributed to the success of the Independence Day last June at Tours & Taxis Brussels and Pasko Sa Brussels at AA Dock's Brussels. We really enjoyed the atmosphere of 'bayanihan' (community between the Filipino-Belgian-Luxembourg groups) at our beloved Embassy.

THANK YOU FOR THE SUGGESTIONS OF NEW WEBSITE SIR RONNY & SIR DANNY

A special word of thanks to Sir Ronny Felix who designed as a suggestion a new style for our new website. We discussed the design during the last board meeting Dec. 10. Thanks for all the work. It looks great.

Also Sir Danny Berghmans put up a new design on Dec. 27. We also thank him for his very attractive design.

Together with the input of Sir Roy Demol and Sir Ronny Bartels and the Chapter Commander Sir Dominiek Segaert, we hope to compromise the new designs into one design wherein everybody can find himself.

The first reactions by the board on the two designs are very positive. Of course we have to make 1 website and together with the creativity and brotherhood of Sir Ronny and Sir Danny we hope to find a compromise.

SO HAVE A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE AND JUST WAIT AND SEE...

In the beginning of January 2009 we hope to have a meeting with the designers so everybody can back the new website. Hopefully we can then launch the new website at our 9th Chartering Anniversary Jan. 31

INVITATION BY COLOGNE CHAPTER - GERMANY

The Cologne Chapter (Germany) organises on Saturday March 14 at 5 p.m. in Holiday Inn (Am Stadtwald – Dürener Straße 287 – Köln) a Gala Evening for the benefit of finalising a professional school library in Ilocos Norte Region Pid Dig.

In attachment you will find an invitation. All information can be asked to Sir Detlef Frorath, KCR.

Payment from Belgium can be done (45 EUR) on IBAN DE75371600870929368002 – BIC GENODED1CGN of Kölner Bank on the name of Knights and Ladies of Rizal – Köln - Germany

Information with Sir Detlef and Elma Frorath of Cologne City Chapter – Knights & Ladies Rizal (established in 1996) at 00 49 221 8209831 or through email d.frorath@netcologne.de

Visit their website at www.knightsofrizal-cologne.de

INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY KOR MANILA

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

2008

IN SOME PICTURES

Find here under some picture souvenirs from 2008: our 8th chartering anniversary, giving over commandership, opening Rizal Stamp Exhibit with Ambass. Ortega & former Belgian Ambass. Tanghe, European Regional Consultative meeting Brussels, birthday Rizal Embassy, visit International Headquarters Manila with Supreme Commander Sir Esguerra, KGCR, board meetings, Santo Thomas Singers, activity Knokke Friendship for the Philippines, Joint Knights of Rizal Ceremony Brussels Hilton, European Meeting Bonn, Award Evening Philippine Embassy with Ambass. Ortega. In our upcoming new website we can show more and a demonstration of the new website will be given on our 9th Chartering Anniversary on Jan. 31! Enjoy!

(photographs of Sir Guy Waterloos, Sir Danny Berghmans, Leah Gallego, picture June 19 of Sir Jack Coleman Brussels Chapter).









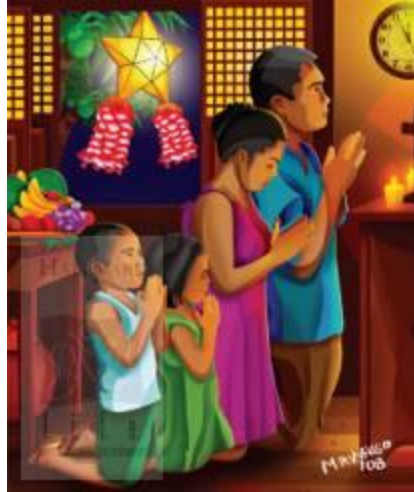












OUR GUESTS ON JAN. 31 – SIR ALFONSO & LADY AUREA TAGUIANG

FROM LONDON

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL & KABABAIHANG RIZALISTA

Currently Sir Taguiang is Area Commander for the United Kingdom & Ireland. Lady Aurea is President of KR London.

In PINOY KASI (a Pinoy blog for Pinoys in their homeland and overseas) of June 23, 2006 we read the following:

The Lord and Lady of the House-Pinoys in United Kingdom

Aurea and Alfonso Taguiang share the same honor with those British entertainment luminaries such Sean Connery and Diana Rigg, that is to be addressed Sir and Lady.

Filipina served at Queen Elizabeth's 80th birthday lunch

June 22, 2006 Updated 08:06pm (Mla time)

GUESS who was at the 80th birthday lunch of Queen Elizabeth II last week? Apart from royalty and other dignitaries, a Filipina met with the British monarch for the second time. She is Lady Aurea Taguiang.

The native of Malasiqui, Pangasinan, Taguiang is the lead waitress at Mansion House, official residence of the Lord Mayor of the City of London. She served the Queen once before, when the British visited Mansion House in 1999, according to information from the British embassy in Manila.

Last May, when Lord Mayor David Brewer visited the country, he told reporters that Taguiang would again have the honor to serve the Queen during her birthday lunch on June 15.

Taguiang and her husband Alfonso earned the titles Sir and Lady in 1998. They were granted the honor of becoming Freeman of the City of London by act of the Lord Mayor and the Court of Common Council in one of the oldest surviving traditional ceremonies still in existence today; the first one is believed to have been presented in 1237. According to the British embassy, the medieval term "freeman" means someone who was not the property of a feudal lord, but enjoyed privileges such as the right to earn money and own land. Town dwellers protected by the charter of their town or city were often free. The titles came 12 years after Taguiang earned a post in the prestigious Mansion House in 1986; there, she has become a favorite of Lord Mayors.

As lead waitress at Mansion House, she has served Lord Mayors of London and their guests for 20 years, during which she has waited upon international leaders such as Nelson Mandela, King Hussein of Jordan, and our very own President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. She has also served notable Britons Baroness Margaret Thatcher, Princess Diana, and Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown, now Prime Minister (2008)

According to an article from the British embassy, last week's event stands out as extraordinary for the Filipina. "It is my greatest honor to serve the Queen. It had been my dream as a child," she said, recalling singing rhymes about the Queen as a young girl.

Taguiang is a senior member of the Mansion House wait staff. "The key to my success is my loyalty and my dedication to the job," she says of her 20 years on the job. Like many Filipinos, Taguiang and her husband went abroad to look for greener pastures. In 1975, they moved to England and entered the catering industry in the hope of providing better education for their six children.

According to information provided by the embassy, the couple made the difficult decision to temporarily leave their children in the Philippines, including the youngest, who was only 11 months old at the time. When they gained solid financial footing, the Taguiangs eventually brought their four youngest children to England; the two oldest are pursuing careers in the Philippines and Canada.

Though her job involves long hours and difficult labor, Taguiang says she thoroughly enjoys her work. "After working for some time, it becomes a pleasure; it becomes a passion to serve," she says.

Taguiang considers herself a loyal subject of the Queen, but she has never forgotten her native land. In her spare time, Taguiang organizes tours for Filipinos visiting England. Her husband Alfonso is a lifetime member of the Order of the Knights of Dr. Jose Rizal.

In this capacity, Sir and Lady Taguiang continue to honor the Philippines with their charitable work.

(author: Cathy – June 23 – 2006 – Pinoy Kasi)

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Your opinion and remarks are welcome!

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