



Newsletter Knights of RIZAL



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Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - Jan. 2009

SATURDAY APRIL 4 - 4.30 P.M. KRUIBEKE

**RIZAL IN BELGIUM LECTURE - QUIZ - LOOKING BACK AT 17TH
INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY KOR MANILA AND FORWARD TO EUROPEAN
ASSEMBLY PRAGUE - BARBECUE**



Indeed, we can truly say that the date of Sat. 4 is approaching for inviting you all again to a relaxing activity where we figured out a nice program in the spirit of Rizal and where brotherhood is again touching our hearts.

The venue is DE SCHUUR at Broekdam-Noord 47 at Kruikeke centre. Welcome at 4.30 p.m. Start program 5 p.m. (final at around 9.30 p.m.).

On the program:

- ◇ Rizal in Belgium & Europe - multimedia lecture by guest speaker Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, Rizalist
- ◇ Rizal Quiz (with topics from the lecture)
- ◇ A review of the 17th International Assembly KOR Manila
- ◇ Looking forward to the European Assembly Prague Sep. 17-18-19-20
- ◇ Fraternal barbecue
- ◇ News from the European and Belgian Council

Participation is very democratic!

Inform one of our board members in your area for reserving a ticket for the price of 22 EUR (children 6-12: 8 EUR – under 6: free). We would appreciate if you could inform us **before April 2** if you will join us in this special spring-activity.

You can pay your tickets after reserving at the entrance to our exchequer and Deputy Chapter Commander Sir Roy De Mol, KCR

Profit of this event will go to TRIAS vzw specifically to ASHI, a microfinance ngo in Manila & Davao in the Philippines – more news about TRIAS will be given in a further Newsletter

Tickets:

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Dresscode: casual (so no barong needed)



HERINNERING - REMINDER

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

DIAMOND CHAPTER ANTWERP BELGIUM – EUROPE

CHAPTER COMMANDER
SIR DOMINIEK SEGAERT

INVITATION RENEWING MEMBERSHIP 2009 UITNODIGING HERNIEUWING LIDMAATSCHAP 2009

2009-03-30

Beste vrienden Knights

Twee maand geleden – op 31 januari – mochten wij de 9^{de} verjaardag vieren sinds de start van de Diamond Chapter van de Knights of Rizal. Het was een bijzonder geslaagd vriendenfeest waarbij in de eerste plaats broederschap én de herinnering aan de Filipijnse vrijheidsheld Dr. José Rizal de rode draad vormden. Ook mochten we 4 nieuwe en heel gemotiveerde Rizal-vrienden tot Knight 'slaan'. Het doet deugd dat de Diamond Chapter een enthousiaste koers vaart. Graag houd ik er aan om het voltallige bestuur te danken voor het vertrouwen in mij gesteld als Chapter Commander.

Een maand geleden verzochten wij U om het **lidgeld** voor **2009** te betalen. Dit bedraagt **40 EUR**. Wellicht is het een vergetelheid maar, mede namens de board, zou ik jullie heel dankbaar zijn, mocht de betaling gebeuren **voor 20 april** op ons rekeningnummer **979 6095137 50** (Diamond Chapter Rizal – Venneborglaan 90 – 2100 Deurne). Namens het bestuur wil ik jullie alvast danken voor de hernieuwing van het lidmaatschap en aan de nieuwe Knights voor het hopelijk blijvend engagement voor onze vereniging.

Op 25 maart kwam het bestuur andermaal samen en wij houden U via deze Newsletter en onze website www.knightsofrizal.be graag op de hoogte van de plannen van de **komende activiteiten**.

Dank bij voorbaat voor jullie engagement en tijdige betaling van het lidgeld.

Fraternally yours in Rizal

NON OMNIS MORIAR

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Sir Paul Verloo, KOR

Dear brother Knights

Two months ago – Jan. 31 – we could celebrate with you the 9th anniversary since the chartering of the Diamond Chapter of the Knights of Rizal. We look back at a successful activity where brotherhood and remembering our Philippine national hero Dr. José Rizal formed the spirit of this celebration. Also we could dub 4 new Knights of Rizal. I am very pleased and happy that the Diamond Chapter is until now successful. I am honoured to thank the complete board of our chapter who gave to me their confidence as Chapter Commander.

One month ago we invited to you to renew your **membership for 2009**. We would be grateful to pay the amount of **40 EUR before April 20** on our account **979 6095137 50** (Diamond Chapter Rizal – Venneborglaan 90 – 2100 Deurne). In the name of the whole board I want to thank you for renewing your membership and to the new Knights I sincerely hope you will engage yourself for a very long time in our chapter.

March 25 we organised a board meeting and be assured that we will further inform you through this Newsletter and our website www.knightsofrizal.be about the **coming activities of our Chapter**.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in paying the membership fee.

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**TULONG SA KAPWA (HELPING OUR NEIGHBOURS)
THANKS
KOR DIAMOND CHAPTER**



Knights of Rizal
Diamond Chapter
c/o Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR
Special Adviser Supreme Commander
90 Venneborglaan
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March 15, 2009

Brother Knights

I offer my sincere appreciation to your gracious donation of 750 EUR for helping us to continue our worthy cause to deliver surgical care to the poor in the Philippines. The recently concluded surgical mission, held in Silay City, Negros Occidental, was the 2nd mission that we have conducted to the Philippines.

During the 1st mission, which was held on February 10-13, 2008, we successfully operated on 59 people, 28 of whom are children. This was followed by this year's mission, held on February 16-20, 2009, wherein we successfully operated on 50 people. These unfortunate people are suffering from conditions that are easily treated but causes incapacitation due to their lack of resources to seek treatment.

As a physician and a fellow Knight of Rizal, I realized that I am in a unique position to follow in Dr. Jose Rizal's footsteps. I recognized that I can utilize my skills to help my fellow Filipinos.

The Honorable Sir Hilario J. Davide, Jr., KGOR, in his keynote address during the 17th International Assembly of the Knights of Rizal on February 20, 2009 asked the question: 'Are human beings really capable of achieving a world where there is brotherhood, caring, sharing and lasting peace?'. To this I answer, yes, one person at a time.

NON OMNIS MORIAR!

Sincerely,

Gino Ang, MD, KR

Cc:
Sir Winston Magno, KCR
Angie Bartolome

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 14 – BRUSSELS

More than in time but since this is always a special event in the curriculum of activities of the Philippine-Belgian community, we already invite to take part in the celebration of the Philippine Independence Day, this year scheduled on Sunday June 14, 2009.

We of KOR Diamond Chapter fully support this meaningful event!

Place: Parc de Cinquantenaire – Brussels (at the side of Avenue de la Joyeuse Entrée).

It is this year the 111th celebration of Philippine Independence which will be headed by Koalisyon Para Sa Kalayaan A.S.B.L. with headquarters at 28 Rue de l'Ourthe, 1080 Brussels. It is organised in cooperation with the Philippine Embassy,

Filipino Chaplaincy & FILCOM Belgium and Luxembourg.



**Sir Johnny Villa KCR
Chairman**

Chairman is Sir Johnny Villa, KCR, with over-all-coordinator Sir Lino Paras, KGOR. Secretary is Bhel Mesa assisted by Ning Gooris. Good luck to the different committees.

Sir Rudy Nollas, Area Commander KOR Belgium, will coordinate the important parade and will head the invitation committee. Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, our Regional Commander for Europe and leader of the Filipino Catholic Community Antwerp will also coordinate in sound and solicitation of prizes. To the Knights of Belgium is asked to help not only in the parade but also in some physical arrangements. Mrs. Dhel Lulu is coordinating the transportation committee. Other committees are now formed.

We thank our board member Sir Paul Verloo, KOR, chancellor KOR Diamond who represented the KOR Diamond during the PIC meeting at the Philippine Embassy last Saturday March 28.

Next meeting is scheduled **April 15** at 6.30 p.m. at the Philippine Embassy, Avenue Molière 297, Brussels. At that time all committees will be activated and will present already some temporary results.

The organisers are still thinking about a THEME for the day. It should be a short slogan. Suggestions are welcome at villajohnny@yahoo.com

More news and details will be published in an upcoming Newsletter.

EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY PRAGUE SEP. 2009

Through Sir Noubikko Ulanday, KCR, Prague Chapter Commander & Deputy Area Commander for Czech Republic, we present you in short the current program schedule of the European Assembly for Sep. 17-18-19 and 20.

The program details and correct participation fee and prices will be given very soon since Sir Noubikko is still negotiating about some program topics.

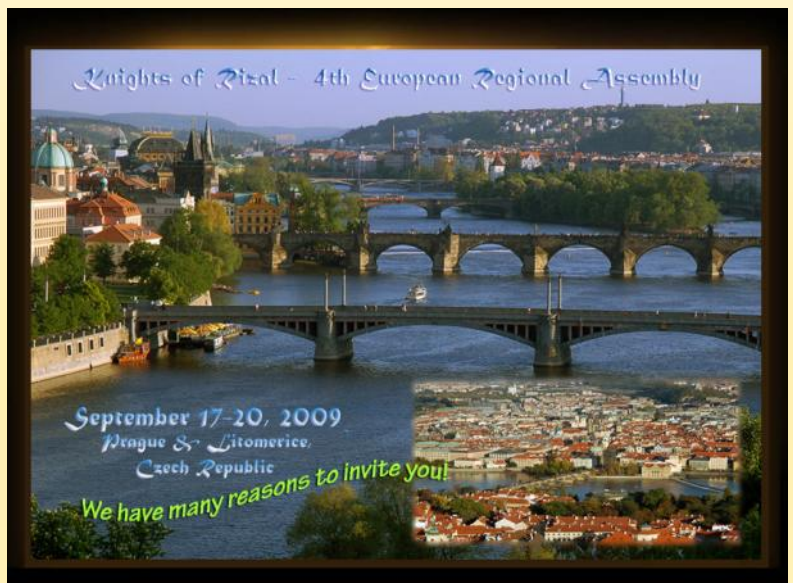
We would like to ask our members to inform the Chapter Commander if they are willing to participate at this beautiful occasion. This can be done during our April 4 occasion where Sir Ronny Felix will show the program details of the Assembly.

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

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 – dinner boat night cruise Vltava River – fireworks

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

Sunday Sep. 20 – blessing 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

Some details of the program are already at the website of KOR Diamond www.knightsofrizal.be

This program is not yet definitive. We thank Sir Noubikko for his big effort to create a beautiful program.

NOTICE

KOR Diamond Chapter in cooperation with KOR Brussels Chapter will keep you informed about alternative travelling to Prague (bus, car pooling, train).

Airplane fares will also be available.



COURTESY PHOTOS
José Rizal (1861-1896) and Ferdinand Blumentritt
(1853-1913)

The program and the participation are still updated by Sir Noubikko and team and we expect in a few weeks other suggestions, also for those who through their working schedule can only attend the event for the weekend (e.g. Friday evening till Sunday). Some members of our Chapter are indeed very interested but can only come during the weekend. We hope that the Keynote address from Supreme Commander Sir V. Esguerra could perhaps be rescheduled from Friday to Saturday and also the message from the European Regional Headquarter Brussels.

More news also on our April 4 event! Spread the news about this event!

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

GET BETTER!

We truly wish Patricia, wife of our new Knight and member Sir Sylvain Herremans, a good recovery after her heart operation a few weeks ago. Patricia is home now and in the name of all Knights, we wish you all the best!

TRIAS!

Our new member Sir Michel Du Bois and his wife Rosy suggested to inform our members about the goals of TRIAS (www.triasngo.be) and specifically a microfinance project of ASHI who in the person Mrs. Mila Mercado, director, was guest in Belgium of TRIAS together with Markant and UNIZO last March 27 during the International Conference of Womens Entrepreneurs in Brussels. Profit of our upcoming activity will go to TRIAS which is headed by Senator Sabine de Bethune (special guest during KOR-activity in Knokke last Sep. 28, 2008). This was agreed during board meeting KOR last March 25 at the residence of Sir Kris & Marisa Van Thillo, KCR, former

Chapter Commander. We thank Sir Du Bois for this beautiful and meaningful suggestion.

EUROPE!

Last weekend March 28 and 29 there was again a European Meeting of the Area and Deputy Area Commanders of the different regions in Europe to work further into a solid KOR Europe. It was Sir Wolfgang Kandler, KCR, Chapter Commander of Metro Cologne who hosted together with his active chapter this occasion. Sir Guansing, KGOR, European Reg. Comm. was assisted by the Dep. European Comm. Sir Plückebaum, KGOR. Last successful meeting was held also in Bonn (Sankt Augustin) in December. A week before, Sat. March 21, there was in Brussels a Consultative meeting for all Chapter Commanders and Area, Deputy Commanders headed by Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, our Regional Commander for Europe. For Diamond Chapter Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supremo, was the representative. Keyword in the meeting was communication. Chapter Commander Sir Dominiek of Diamond was excused due to other earlier made commitments.

WEBSITE!

During February and March the website www.knightsorizal.be was visited by an average of 1800 people which means that our information resource of our chapter is already widely known and accepted. All Newsletters are also put on the website by just clicking "News of the Chapter". The most recent Newsletter will be put above. More power to KOR!

COLOGNE!

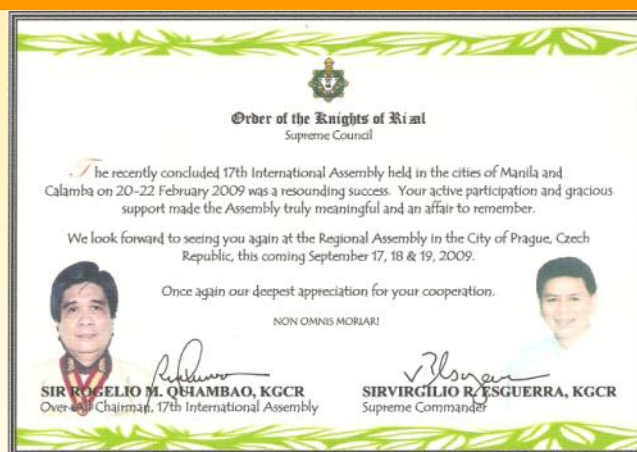
Chapter Commander Sir Dominiek & wife Leah spend the weekend of March 13-14-15 in Cologne and beside sightseeing they took the opportunity to greet the Knights of Rizal and Kababaihang Rizalista Cologne City Chapter and participated at the successful Gala-evening of March 14 at Holiday Inn Am Stadtwald where the profit goes to a beautiful school library project in Ilocos Norte, region Pid Dig. Congrats to all KOR there and Sir Detlef Frorath, Chapter Commander and Lady Elma Frorath for walking again in the foot steps of Dr. Rizal by supporting education in the Philippines.

CALENDAR

- ✿ Sat. April 4 – Rizal Activity – Lecture Rizal in Belgium – Quiz – News – Barbecue – Casual – Kruibeke
- ✿ Wed. April 15 – PIC Meeting – Philippine Embassy – Brussels
- ✿ May 2009 – Board meeting KOR Diamond
- ✿ Sun. June 14 – Philippine Independence Day
- ✿ Fri. June 19 – Commemoration Birthday Dr. Jose Rizal
- ✿ 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 – 12 noon
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- ✿ Sun. Nov. 15 – Barbecue vzw Cadataan 8th edition! – Kortemark – noon
info: Sir Guy Waterloos, KR – guy.waterloos@skynet.be
- ✿ Wed. Dec. 30 – Rizal Day – Philippine Embassy – Brussels



THANKS CARD KOR HEADQUARTERS MANILA



NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published May 5.

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 point of view of everybody!

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