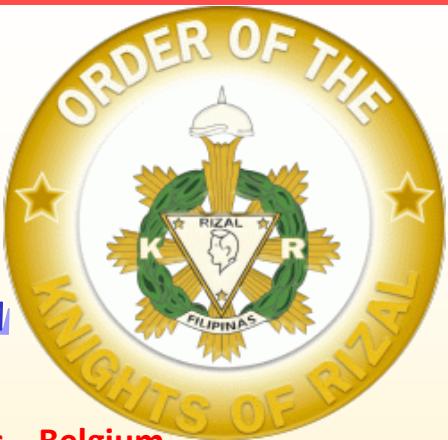




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Knights of RIZAL



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In behalf of the whole board we want to invite you sincerely in RIZAL BARONG AND APPROPRIATE MEDALS to join the PARADE at the Celebration of the 111th year of Philippine Independence this coming Sunday June 14 at Parc Du Cinquantenaire, just after the Holy Mass of 10.30 a.m. According to Sir Rudy Nollas, our Area Commander for Belgium and coordinator for the Parade, the start of the Parade will start between 11.30 and 11.40 a.m.

So, MAY WE KINDLY REQUEST ALL KNIGHTS OF OUR CHAPTER to be present ten to fifteen minutes before 11.30 a.m. Together with our banner of KOR Diamond and also with the Philippine Flags we will be joined with our brother knights from the other Belgian Chapters: Aalst, Brussels, Charleroi, El Filibusterismo and Lion.

May we also invite you to take notice of our June 19 commemoration of the birthday of Dr. Rizal which will take place at 6.30 p.m. in the garden of the Philippine Embassy, Avenue Molière 297, Brussels.

See all details in this short issue of our Newsletter. In this issue also further community news and our calendar.

This is our LAST issue of the Rizal Newsletter before September. We of the board wish you all a good summer and hopefully a successful summer holiday, here in Belgium or abroad or even in the Philippines.

Wherever you may go, cherish sunny moments and be blessed with happiness and optimism. And... spread the vibrant spirit of Rizal, learn more about him and let us make our communities stronger. In this issue also a topic on Rizal, edited by our Newsletter co-editor Sir Ronny Felix, KR.

See you very soon at the 111th celebration of the Philippine Independence scheduled on June 14 at Cinquantenaire Parc Brussels! More news on www.knightsofrizal.be.

Yours truly

Sir Dominiek Segael, KCR – Chapter Commander – Deputy Area Commander Belgium

Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR – Regional Commander for Europe

Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR – Special Adviser to the Supreme Commander

Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR – former Chapter Commander

Sir Roy De Mol, KCR – treasurer – Deputy Chapter Commander

Sir Rik Van Tiggele, KCR – Deputy Chapter Commander

Sir Paul Verloo, KOR – Chancellor



URGENT – PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION

111TH PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY JUNE 14

Again, dear Brother Knights, we urge you to confirm to me, your Chapter Commander, if you will attend the Philippine Independence Day this coming Sunday June 14. We will give you here the program.

PIC 2009 will be held at **PARC DU CINQUANTENAIRE (near the European buildings)**, JUBILEE PARC – AVENUE DE LA JOYEUSE ENTRÉE, CORNER AVENUE DU NERVIENS

From Central Station you can take the stop of METRO SCHUMAN and walk a few minutes.

Program:

8 a.m. ARRIVAL AND SETTING-UP OF TENTS

10.30 a.m. THANKSGIVING MASS

OECUMENICAL PRAYERS

11.30 a.m. TRADITIONAL PARADE (WITH KNIGHT OF RIZAL AND ALL ORGANISATIONS)

WELCOME REMARKS MR. JOHNNY VILLA, CHAIRMAN PIC 2009

AMBASSADOR H.E. CRISTINA G. ORTEGA READS THE MESSAGE OF THE

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

REMARKS BY MR. LINO PARAS, OVER-ALL COORDINATOR PIC 2009

12 noon LUNCH

2.30 p.m. CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS – PARLOR GAMES – TOMBOLA DRAWS

Can you please inform me, your Chapter Commander, if you will participate in the PARADE that will start like stated at 11.30 a.m.? **Please in RIZAL BARONG with your MEDAL.**

It is very important that we have an idea of how many Knights will participate in the parade.

So again: PLEASE INFORM ME IF YOU WILL ATTEND the PARADE at 11.30 a.m.

Of course we INVITE YOU FOR THE WHOLE DAY IF POSSIBLE.



Marcela Agoncillo, her daughter Lorenza Agoncillo and Delfina Herbosa de Natividad, niece of Jose' Rizal working on: "The sun and stars", the first national flag of the Philippines.

INVITATION

BIRTHDAY NATIONAL HERO DR. JOSE RIZAL ~ FRIDAY JUNE 19 – 2009

Dear brother Knights

In the name of our board Diamond Chapter I invite you – together with the other Belgian Chapters – this **coming Friday June 19, 2009** on the occasion of the commemoration of the birthday of the Philippine National Hero, Dr. Jose Rizal.

We already put the important date and the celebration in our year program and reminded it in our 2 earlier published Newsletters, but it is only now that we can officialise the venue and the correct time. The celebration will be at the Philippine Embassy and will start at 6.30 p.m. and will end around 9 p.m.

Program:

- Welcome
- National Anthem
- Flower laying Rizal statue – garden Philippine Embassy by each chapter
- Introduction by Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, Regional Commander Europe
- Message by Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Area Commander for Belgium
- Inspirational word by each Chapter Commander of the Belgian Chapters (alphabetical order):
*Aalst Chapter – Sir Albert Arevalo, KCR
Brussels Chapter – Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR
Charleroi Chapter – Sir Jean-Claude Herman, KCR
Diamond Chapter Antwerp – Sir Dominiek Segaelert, KCR
El Filibusterismo Chapter – Sir François Ooms, KCR
Lion Chapter Waterloo – Sir Jean Jacobs, KCR*
- *Inspirational speech by Ambassador Excellency Cristina G. Ortega of the Philippine Embassy*
- Bayan ko – song
- Toast – reception offered by the different chapters



Dresscode: Rizal barong with appropriate medal / degree

Yours very sincerely

Sir Dominiek Segaelert, KCR
Chapter Commander Diamond Chapter 2008-2010
Deputy Area Commander Belgium – Europe

& board members

Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR
Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR
Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR
Sir Roy De Mol, KCR
Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR
Sir Paul Verloo, KOR

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MEMORANDUM No. 38

by Sir Virgilio S. Esguerra KGCR - Supreme Commander



The Order of the Knights of Rizal

(Chartered Under Republic Act No. 646)

SUPREME COUNCIL
Manila, Philippines



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MEMORANDUM No. 38, Series of 2009

**FOR : ALL REGIONAL & DEPUTY REGIONAL COMMANDERS
AREA & CHAPTER COMMANDERS
OFFICERS & MEMBERS OF COUNTERPART
ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT : 58th KNIGHTS OF RIZAL CHARTER DAY AND
148th JOSE P. RIZAL'S BIRTH ANNIVERSARY**

DATE : JUNE 4, 2009

The entire Filipino nation will be celebrating the 148th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal on June 19, 2009. The Philippine Embassies abroad, together with the different chapters of the Order, will also have the commemorative programs the focus of which is the birth, vision and principles of the "Great Malayan."

Likewise, the 58th KOR Charter Day will be celebrated on that same day. The KOR under R.A. 646 is 58th years old already when it became a law on June 14, 1951. The Order continues its struggle. As an organization, it has demonstrated a progressive growth in membership and activities since its incorporation several decades ago. By historical tradition, it is 98 years old and by R.A. 646, it is 58 years old.

Thus, by virtue of the foregoing, all are enjoined to celebrate the "birth anniversary" and "charter day" on June 19, 2009, Friday at the Rizal Park for the floral offering at 7:30 a.m. and at the National Headquarters for a program and fraternal snacks starting at 8:30 a.m. However, other chapters from here or abroad may celebrate the same in their respective regional venues.

In addition, for the locals, there will be a musical satire entitled "Rizal is My President" that will be shown on June 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Far Eastern University, Moraya, Manila. The musical satire is based on the book of the same title by Mr. Napoleon Almonte and the June 19 playdate is sponsored by the KOR and OCCI.

For your guidance.

Non Omnis Moriar!


SIR VIRGILIO R. ESGUERRA, KGCR
Supreme Commander

EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY KOR PRAGUE SEPT. 17-18-19-20

The Diamond Chapter will participate very actively and around 20 participants are already enrolled. Some others perhaps will follow.

We kindly urge to all PARTICIPANTS to inform Sir Dominiek your FLIGHT or TRAIN or OTHER TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE so the transportation within Prague to the hotels can be arranged economically (sharing taxis e.g.).

Even the participants who only stay two days, we kindly request to inform their schedule.

More info about the (changed) program you will find on the website www.knightsofrizal.net

KOR Diamond will also sponsor in the form of a one full page colour advert in the Souvenir Program Book. In advance congrats to Sir Noubikko of Prague for all the efforts!

BARBECUES AND PHILIPPINE CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS FOR A CAUSE

It is a tradition in our KOR Diamond Community that some members organise after the summer a barbecue for a cause. These are NOT organized by KOR Diamond but they are backed by some KOR Knights.

We invite you on Sunday Sep. 27 (noon) in Knokke for the 7th Anniversary of FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES with barbecue and cultural presentations and possibility of biking before 12 noon – info: dominiek.segaert@skynet.be – See also the flyer. Profits go to the street youth and educational foundation in Davao City and Padada, Mindanao.

And also CADAATAN supports an educational project in and around San Remio in Cebu province. CADAATAN organises on Sunday November 15 their 8th Autumn Barbecue in Kortemark – info: guy.waterloos@skynet.be – See also the flyer.



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for educational- & street children project
of Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego "Friendship for the Philippines" in
Balay Pasilungan (Davao City) & Saint Michael's School(Padada)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27 – 2009

Starting 9.30 a.m.: biking around quiet places Knokke-Heist

Start Sport Centre St.-Bernard High School – Meerlaan 2

12.15 u.: opening Senator Sabine De Bethune & Ambassador
Philippines Excellency Cristina Ortega – Councillor/Mayor Maxim Willems

12.30 noon: barbecue in Sport Centre St.-Bernard High School

2 p.m.: film WOW PHILIPPINES – tombola – dance Silayan Dance Group Oxfam Wereld-winkel – Exhibition & Stamps Philippines/Rizal & project

Participation: 15 EUR (adult) – children -12 jaar: 8 EUR

(participation only barbecue & afternoon program is of course possible – same price)

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Zondag 15 november - 12 u 00

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confronts
the youth of today*

to be held Saturday 27 June 2009
from 9h00 to 17h00
salle CHASSELOUP
64 avenue Théophile Gautier 75016 PARIS

Featuring four specialists in literature and history
of Rizal:

Mrs. Hélène Goujat, *José Rizal in Dapitan or the fruits
of an unintended scientific expedition*

Mrs. Maria Pilar Luna-Magannon, *Rizal in Paris*

Mrs. Héloïse Magannon-Brucelas, *Rizal and his writings*

Mr. Bernard Pot, *The birth of Nationalism in the Philippines.*

The young generation of Filipinos and Franco-Philippine families
(16 to 30) are cordially invited and should kindly contact
the Philippine Chaplaincy to register. A participation fee of 5€
is asked for lunch.

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WRITINGS ABOUT AND FROM JOSE RIZAL

Dear fellow knights and friends,

Starting from this newsletter we would like to present you a selection of writings about and from Jose Rizal.

We will start with some writings of Maximo Viola who travelled together with Rizal in Europe. These writings will give you an idea of the person behind the phenomena Rizal.

In the following newsletters we will continue the text which is too long to present in one issue. The current text is a copy from the website of dr Robert L. Yoder.

Beste collega ridders, vrienden,

Vanaf deze nieuwsbrief willen wij een selectie brengen van geschriften over en door Jose Rizal.

We zullen starten met enkele geschriften van Maximo Viola die samen met Rizal in Europa reisde. Deze geschriften zullen jullie een idee geven van de mens achter het fenomeen Rizal.

De tekst zal in de volgende nieuwsbrieven vervolgd worden vermits deze te lang is om in één uitgave te presenteren. De huidige tekst is een kopij van de website van dr Robert L. Yoder.

My Travels with Doctor Rizal

by Maximo Viola

About the month of June or July of the year 1886 Doctor Rizal arrived at Barcelona from Madrid en route to Paris. From the railroad station he went directly to my house on Vergara Street, number 1, floor 3, room 2, though we knew each other only by name. I was then leafing through one of my text books, reviewing for the final examination for the degree of Licentiate in Medicine and Surgery when I heard the sound of the bell ringing at the door of my house, followed by a voice asking for me from the landlady who went out to open the door. When she informed me that someone was looking for me, I came out to meet him, and when he introduced himself by giving his name, I joyously embraced him, conducting him immediately to my room.

After having talked a little about his projected trip to Germany, he asked me if he could stay at my house, because, not planning to stay more than a week in that city, he didn't want to spend much for hotels and other luxuries that he didn't need. Informed of his purpose, the landlady had no inconvenience to take him in, installing him immediately in my room, which could easily hold two beds.

It can be said that the life of the illustrious traveler in this city had nothing notable about it. Like great men, he visited his friends and fellow countrymen, monuments and institutions without pomp or ceremony. During the day I could not accompany him in his excursions as much as I wished for the reason that I was preparing for my final examinations as I have previously stated. At night I accompanied him sometimes to the Café Pelayo – a gathering- place of the Filipino colony – and sometimes to other amusement centers, including "houses of low-flying doves" [01] who's ways, luxury or poverty, and other customs in the refinement of vice were unknown to him at Madrid. Inasmuch as he was eager to know everything, because the day when, as a writer, he would have to combat such a vice in its diverse manifestations for being unnatural and anti-physiological, according to him, he would be informed of its cause, the better to correct it. It must be noted that in these excursions, rather of a character more inquisitional than voluptuous, he always hinted to me that he had never been in favor of blindly obeying the whims of nature when their call was not duly justified by a natural and spontaneous impulse.

Mijn reizen met dr Rizal

door Maximo Viola

Ongeveer in juni of juli van 1886 kwam dr Rizal aan in Barcelona vanuit Madrid, op weg naar Parijs. Hij ging rechtstreeks van het spoorwegstation naar mijn huis in de Vergarastraat, nummer 1, 2^{de} verdiep, kamer 2, naastenstaande we elkaar enkel kenden van naam. Ik was op dat moment door één van mijn leerboeken aan het bladeren met het oog op het finale examen voor de graad van Licentiaat in de Medicijnen en Heelkunde toen ik het gerinkel van de bel aan de deur van mijn huis hoorde, gevolgd door de stem van de huisbazin die naar mij vroeg toen ze de deur had open gedaan. Toen ze me informeerde dat iemand naar me vroeg kwam ik naar beneden om hem te ontmoeten en toen hij zich voorstelde door zijn naam te vernoemen omhelsde ik hem verheugd terwijl ik hem onmiddelijk naar mijn kamer leidde.

Nadat we even hadden gesproken over zijn geplande trip naar Duitsland vroeg hij me of hij in mijn huis kon verblijven omdat, met de bedoeling niet langer dan een week in die stad te blijven, hij niet veel wilde spenderen aan hotels en andere luxe die hij niet nodig had. Nadat ze geïnformeerd was over zijn bedoeling had de huisbazin geen probleem om hem binnen te nemen. Ze installeerde hem onmiddelijk in mijn kamer die gemakkelijk twee bedden kon bevatten.

Het kan gezegd worden dat het leven van deze beroemde reiziger in de stad niets opmerkelijks was. Zoals gedistingeerde heren bezocht hij zijn vrienden en landgenoten, monumenten en instellingen zonder gewichtigdoenerij of vormelijkheid. Gedurende de dag kon ik hem niet vergezellen in zijn uitstappen zoals ik wilde omdat ik mij moest voorbereiden op mijn finale examens zoals ik reeds eerder vermeld had. 's Avonds vergezelde ik hem soms naar het Cafe Pelayo – een ontmoetingsplaats van de Filipijnse kolonie – en soms naar andere plaatsen van amusement, inclusief "huizen van laagvliegende duiven" [01] wiens manieren, luxueus of armoedig, en andere gewoontes in de verfijning van ondeugd hem onbekend waren in Madrid. In de mate dat hij enthousiast was om alles te willen weten zou hij, als schrijver, het misschien ooit moeten opnemen tegen zulk een ondeugd in al zijn verschillende onnatuurlijke en anti-fysiologische verschijningen en dan zou hij beter geïnformeerd zijn over de oorzaak en er beter tegen kunnen

One of the friends he visited at Barcelona was Mr. Eusebio Corominas, editor of the daily newspaper, *La Publicidad*, organ of Mr. Morayta [02] of Barcelona. This editor accompanied him several times in his excursions in the environs of the city, now amusing themselves, no visiting factories of woolens and other articles, such as glass, porcelain, and others.

As we lived in the same room, I noticed that he had the habit of going to bed early, lighting a candle on his night table, opening a book, and after six or ten minutes, he put out the light bidding me goodnight. As he followed this custom regularly every night, I took it that he said his prayers. When I asked him if it was a Trisagion [A hymn with the words, "Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us, . . ." – rly] or some other prayer that he recited, he replied that it was neither one nor the other, but a methodical study of the German language that consisted of committing to memory five radical words of German before sleeping. This practice multiplied by 365 days of the year would enable one at the end of that period to be a regular academician of the language.

Shortly before leaving Barcelona, he left at the editorial office of *La Publicidad*, a well-done crayon drawing of the bust of Mr. Morayta, copied one night in a moment of artistic inspiration from a photograph that he carried with him. He also left there the draft of an article on the Caroline Islands, a burning question at the time, with the instruction to pigeonhole it should its publication prove embarrassing to the paper. To this delicate gesture Mr. Corominas replied that he, who was the author of that picture that differed only from the original by the phenomenon of speech, could also be the author of that article which was from that moment accepted for publication without any reservation.

Worth mentioning also was the clay bust of the one who had been my house companion, named Juan . . . , native of Valencia, former intern at the Hospital de Sta. Cruz, which Rizal made and presented to him as a remembrance, when both were living together in a boarding home in Barcelona, Rizal being on his way to Madrid.

The fame of Doctor Rizal, since a student as a great talent and possessor of an encyclopedic knowledge being well known, I wished to verify for myself if that store of knowledge that he possessed was due exclusively to his application to study or rather the result of his privileged memory. Hence, one day I interrupted him in his studies with the proposal that he and I study a subject never before seen by both and the work chosen was a textbook of a Mexican student of civil engineering who also lived in the same house. We decided to study a paragraph of sufficient length from it. Through this test I estimated that with regard to facility of memorization, he could not be classified as number one, but as to retentive memory he is undoubtedly above the number mentioned, for, six or seven months after that competition, when we were at Berlin and he was already my professor of German, it occurred to me to ask him if he still remembered what we competitively studied together in Barcelona and he instantly recited it so well as if he had just committed it to memory at that very moment. He added that he was not among

reageren.

Het moet vermeld worden dat, gedurende deze uitstappen, die eerder van onderzoekende dan van wellustige aard waren, hij mij steeds liet doorschemeren dat hij nooit een voorkeur had gehad om blind aan de grillen van de natuur te beantwoorden wanneer deze roep niet verantwoord was door een natuurlijke en spontane prikkel.

Eén van de vrienden die hij bezocht in Barcelona was mr Eusebio Corominas, redacteur van het dagblad "La Publicidad", orgaan van mr Morayta [02] van Barcelona. Deze redacteur vergezelde hem verschillende malen op zijn uitstappen in de omgeving van de stad, waarbij ze zich nu eens amuseerden en dan weer fabrieken van wol, glas, porcelein en andere bezochten.

Vermits we in dezelfde kamer woonden merkte ik op dat hij de gewoonte had om vroeg naar bed te gaan, een kaars aan te steken op zijn nachttafel, een boek te openen en zes tot acht minuten later deed hij het licht uit en wenste me goedenacht. Sinds hij deze gewoonte elke avond volgde nam ik aan dat hij telkens bad. Toen ik hem vroeg of het een Trisagon (hymne) of een ander gebed was dat hij opzegde, antwoordde hij dat het geen van beiden was maar een methodische studie van de Duitse taal die bestond uit het van buiten leren van vijf fundamentele Duitse woorden vóór het slapen gaan. Deze praktijk vermenigvuldigd met 365 dagen van het jaar zouden iemand, aan het einde van deze periode, in staat moeten stellen om een compleet academicus van de taal te zijn.

Kort voor het verlaten van Barcelona liet hij op het redactiekantoor van "La Publicidad" een mooie potloodtekening achter van de buste van mr Morayta die hij, in een moment van artistieke inspiratie, gekopieerd had van een foto die hij bij had. Hij liet daar ook het klad achter van een artikel over de Caroline-eilanden, een heet hangijzer in die tijd, met de instructie om het te klasseren indien de publicatie te genant voor het dagblad zou zijn. Mr Corominas antwoordde op dit delicat gebaar dat hij, die de schepper was van het beeld dat enkel van het origineel verschilde door het fenomeen van de spraak, ook de schepper kon zijn van het artikel dat vanaf dat moment aanvaard was voor publicatie zonder voorbehoud.

Vermeldenswaard was ook de buste van klei die Rizal had gemaakt van mijn vroegere huisgenoot, Juan . . . uit Valencia, een voormalig intern van het Hospital de Sta. Cruz en aan hem had geschenken als aandenken wanneer beiden in een logement verbonden toen Rizal op doorreis naar Madrid was.

De faam van dr Rizal kennend, sinds zijn studententijd een groot talent en bezitter van een encyclopedische kennis, wenste ik voor mezelf te verifiëren of deze kennis die hij bezat kwam door zijn aanleg om te studeren of eerder het resultaat was van een bevoordeerde geheugen. Daarom onderbrak ik hem op een dag in zijn studies met het voorstel dat we beiden een onderwerp zouden studeren dat we nog nooit gezien hadden, namelijk uit een leerboek van een Mexicaanse student burgerlijk ingenieur die ook in het huis verblijft. Wij besloten om een voldoende lange paragraaf uit het boek te leren. Door deze test schatte ik dat hij op het vlak van

those who could memorize with extraordinary facility, for when he was a student at the Ateneo, some of his classmates were ahead of them, including Mr. Marzano.

Before his departure abroad, [03] we decided among various members of the Filipino colony to offer him a modest dinner whose characteristic dish was *pansit* [04] prepared by a fellow countryman, Pedro Arcenas, with *bijon* and *mique* obtained from a Filipino family. Those who attended that fraternal dinner were Felix Rojas, [05] Pedro Arcenas, Cándido Reyes (former military man), Rafael Ampuero (R.I.P.), some Cubans, and the present writer. The speakers were brilliant, especially our guest of honor whose important speech I don't know where it could be found now. The following day we bade him goodbye at the railroad station where he boarded a train for France.

[01] A euphemism for houses of ill repute.

[02] Professor Miguel Morayta, was a Spanish liberal who sympathized with Philippine aspirations and was elected president of the Asociación Hispano-Filipina that had been founded by the Filipinos at Madrid on 12 July 1888. In addition to publishing the Barcelona *La Publicidad* he was at one time a member of the Spanish parliament or Cortes.

[03] During the Spanish regime, the Filipinos did not speak of Spain as a foreign country. Hence Rizal, who was on his way to another European country, was said to be going abroad.

[04] *Pansit* is a favorite dish of Filipinos. It is made of noodles called *bijon*, made of rice, or *mique*, made of flour, with pork, shrimp, chicken, and other ingredients sautéed with garlic and onion.

[05] Félix Ma. Roxas was a distinguished Filipino lawyer who served as mayor of Manila from 1905 to 1917. He died at the age of 72 on June of 1936.

gemak van memorizeren hij zeker geen nummer één was maar wat betreft het vasthouden geheugen was hij ontzegensprekelijk uitzonderlijk. Want zes of zeven maanden na deze wedstrijd, wanneer we in Berlijn waren en hij reeds mijn leraar Duits was, vroeg ik hem of hij zich nog herinnerde wat wij concurrerend gestudeerd hadden in Barcelona. Hij zegde het onmiddelijk zo goed op alsof hij het pas had geleerd. Hij voegde eraan toe dat hij niet behoorde tot diegenen die iets met uitzonderlijk gemak konden onthouden want dat toen hij student was aan het Ateneo, sommige van zijn klasgenoten beter waren dan hij, inclusief mr Marzano.

Vóór zijn vertrek naar het buitenland [03] besloten we, onder de verschillende leden van de Filipijnse kolonie, om hem een bescheiden diner aan te bieden. De karakteristieke schotel was *pansit* [04], gemaakt door een landgenoot, Pedro Arcenas, met *bijon* en *mique* verkregen van een Filipijnse familie. Diegenen die het diner bijwoonden waren Felix Rojas [05], Pedro Arcenas, Cándido Reyes (ex-militair), Rafael Ampuero (R.I.P.), enkele Cubanen en ikzelf. De sprekers waren schitterend, zeker onze eregast wiens belangrijke speech niet meer te vinden is.

De volgende dag namen we afscheid aan het station waar hij een trein nam naar Frankrijk.

[01] Een eufemisme voor huizen van slechte naam

[02] Professor Miguel Morayta, was een Spaans liberaal die sympathiseerde met de Filipijnse ambities en verkozen werd als president van de Asociación Hispano-Filipina die opgericht werd door Filipinos in Madrid op 12 juli 1888. Bijkomend bij het uitgeven van "La Publicidad" in Barcelona was hij op een bepaald moment lid van het Spaans parlement of Cortes.

[03] Gedurende het Spaanse regime spraken de Filipinos niet over Spanje als een vreemd land. Vandaar dat van Rizal, die onderweg was naar een ander Europees land, gezegd werd dat hij naar het buitenland ging.

[04] *Pansit* is de favoriete schotel van de Filipinos. Hij wordt gemaakt van noodles genaamd *bijon*, van rijst of *mique*, gemaakt van bloem met varkensvlees, garnalen, kip en andere ingredienten, gebakken met look en ajuin.

[05] Félix Ma. Roxas was een voorname Filipijnse advocaat die burgemeester van Manila was van 1905 tot 1917. Hij stierf op de leeftijd van 72 jaar in juni van 1936.

CALENDAR

- ◆ Sun. June 14 – Philippine Independence Day
- ◆ Fri. June 19 – Commemoration Birthday Dr. Jose Rizal
- ◆ June 27— First International RIZAL Lecture Series— Paris
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Fri. Sep. 4 – 2009 – Board meeting KOR Diamond in Knokke
- ◆ Sep. 17-18-19-20 – European Assembly KOR – Prague
- ◆ Sun. Sep. 27 – 7th Anniversary Friendship for the Philippines – Knokke with barbecue and cultural presentation and... biking around Knokke! – 12 noon – info: Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR – dominiek.segaert@skynet.be
- ◆ Sat. Oct. 17 – 4.30 p.m. – 4th Rizal Quiz – Lecture – barbecue (casual attire) – De Schuur – Kruibeke (same venue as April 4 – Rizal Quiz)
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Sat. Jan. 23 – 10th Chartering Anniversary KOR Diamond (PLEASE MARK THIS DATE FOR THIS UNIQUE OCCASION!)



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Our next Newsletter will be published in the 1st week of September 2009.

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