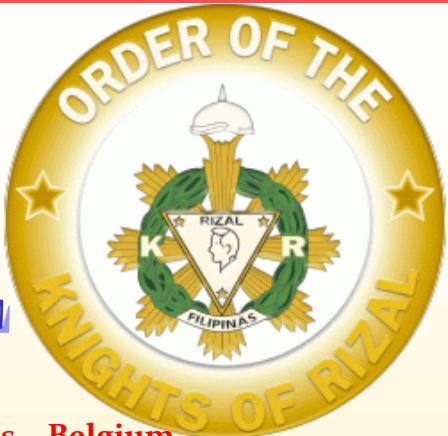




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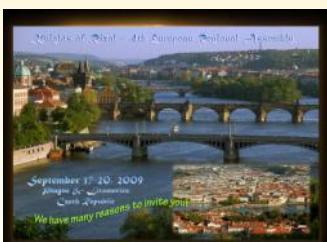
INTRODUCTION AND TOAST ON THE ASSEMBLY

Dear Brother Knights of Rizal

It is with great pleasure that we send you issue 15 of our Newsletter, now already in its 2nd volume since its birth in 2008.

In this September issue I want to invite you all as much as possible to our upcoming activities in the spirit of Dr. Rizal.

Especially I want to salute the delegation of 18 participants of our beloved KOR Diamond Chapter to attend the 4th European Assembly to be held in Prague this upcoming Sep. 17-18-19-20.



The Diamond Chapter will be represented by:

Sir Antonio & Lady Susan GUANSING, KGOR, Regional Commander for Europe

Sir Peter & Lady Babes VAN BOGAERT, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supreme Commander

Sir Pros SLACHMUYLDERS, KGOR, Chartering Commander of the KOR Diamond Chapter

Sir Paul & Lady Mayet VERLOO, KOR, Chancellor

Sir Ronny & Lady Phoebe FELIX, KR

Sir Dirk & Lady Grace VANDEWEGHE, KR and daughter Nicky

Sir Guy & Lady Mercy WATERLOOS, KR

Sir Geert & Lady Faith VERHAEGEN, KR

Sir Marc & Lady Felly HELSEN, KR

Sir Kristoff MORTIER, KR

Sir Father BAGO, KR

I am sure that also those Knights who cannot attend, will be in full spirit and will surely want to know about the program and brotherhood atmosphere during the Assembly. In this issue the totally updated program that was send to us by Sir Noubikko of Prague.

I myself I fully regret I cannot attend and take part in the Assembly due to the fact I have to teach on Friday till evening (missing already the program of Thursday and Friday) and it is impossible to take a plane still that day. To arrive only on Saturday noon and to leave already Prague on Sunday afternoon, gives me no opportunity and chance to really enjoy and participate seriously at the Assembly. So I deeply feel sorry for this and my thoughts go to you all.

Diamond Chapter: I am proud of this beautiful delegation together with the other Belgian Chapters of the Belgian Council.

Good luck to you all and God bless this Assembly!

Yours sincerely

Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR

Chapter Commander KOR Diamond

Deputy Area Commander Belgium – Europe

DIAMOND CHAPTER CAPTURED DURING SUMMER

From May till September 2009 the KOR Diamond Chapter was not sleeping and in full action.

CELEBRATION AALST

May 23 a delegation of Diamond attended the Dinner for a Cause for Gabay Kabataan Program and Gala Night of the Rizal Aalst Chapter, headed by Sir Albert AREVALO, KCR in De Brug Zaal in Aalst. During that evening KOR Diamond Chapter offered a resolution of brotherhood and friendship between Diamond & Aalst Chapter by Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR, Chapter Commander, witnessed by Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR, Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR, Sir Rudy NOLLAS, KGOR, Sir Albert AREVALO, KGOR and Sir Lino PARAS, KGOR. The affair was also visited by Minister & 1st Consul Sir Roy ECRAELA



Speech of Sir Dominiek

of the Philippine Embassy, Father BAGO and Father Apollo DE GUZMAN who came straight from London. Also our Newsletter co-editor Sir Ronny FELIX and Lady Phoebe enjoyed the event which also featured a delicious prepared dinner and a youth Filipino Folk Show, finalised by of course non stop ball room dancing.

Some impressions of the evening





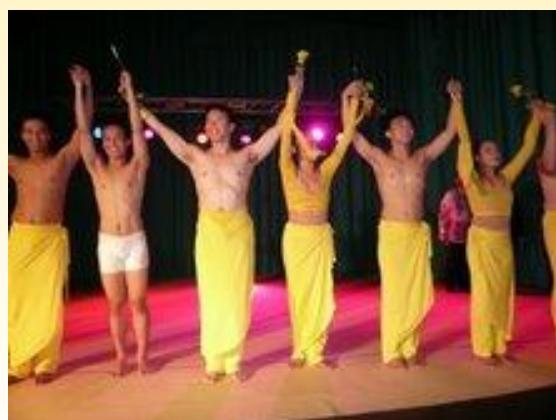
Father Apollo DE GUZMAN and Father BAGO



Youngsters performing a famous Filipino dance

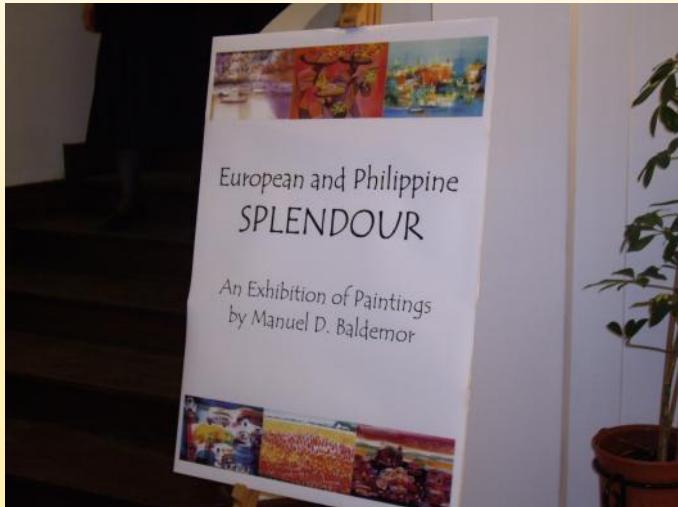
PANALANGIN

On **May 30** a delegation of the our Chapter attended in Brussels the Powerdance Group concert and performance "Panalangin" (Prayer Dance) choreographed by Mr. Douglas Nierras and coordinated by the CICM Bro. Hector Guazon. KOR Diamond also sponsored the event together with a lot of other organisations like Friendship for the Philippines and other sponsors like Western Union and ASEANA. Minister ECRAELA and Vice-Consul Gracia Rola of the Phil. Embassy graced the event of which the sponsoring was actively coordinated by Mrs. Dhell LULU, always in full swing for the Philippine Community.



BALDEMOR SHINES AT NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION BOZAR

On June 9 KOR Diamond attended at the BOZAR Centre for Fine Arts in Brussels the opening of a solo painting exhibit by multi-awarded Filipino and UNICEF artist Manuel D. BALDEMOR, painter, sculptor, printmaker, writer and book illustrator. In her speech, Ambassador Cristina G. ORTEGA extolled the works of the artist on which the European influences in culture could be found in his style and art. Also Honorary Knight of Rizal and former Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines Exc. Christiaan TANGHE – now Belgian Ambassador to Indonesia – attended the affair together with our Honorary Consul General Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR and our Honorary Consul, Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR, European Commander KOR. A reception followed. The exhibit ended June 11.



Announcement of the event



Ambassador Ortega and M. Baldemor



Sir Peter and Ambassador Ortega



Sir Dominiek and Lady Leah with mr Baldemor



Former Belgian Ambassador Christiaan Tanghe



Painting on linen



General view



General view



Sir Peter and Sir Dominbiek



One of the artist's paintings

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Sun. June 14 the Philippine and Belgian Community celebrated the 111th Anniversary of Philippine Independence at Parc du Cinquantenaire in Brussels together with representations of the different Belgian Chapters of the Knights of Rizal. Diamond participated with a delegation of 25 Knights and their Ladies. Due to bad weather conditions the parade had to be finalised earlier than scheduled and in the afternoon the Knights headed again the colourful parade, this time in sun and full swing. A toast on Philippine Independence! The celebration was organised by Koalisyon Para sa Kalayaan (KPSK) and was headed by its president Sir Johnny VILLA of KOR Brussels Chapter.



Parade in the rain



Waiting for the official speeches



Ambassador Ortega and officials



Former Belgian Ambassador Christiaan Tanghe

BIRTHDAY RIZAL AT EMBASSY

Just a few weeks the Philippine Embassy would be temporary transferred to an office at 65 Avenue Louise, due to serious renovations – the Philippine Embassy building is now officially owned by the Philippine Government and is now totally Philippine ‘ground or soil’ (!) – the Belgian Council of the Knights of Rizal, headed by Sir Rudy NOLLAS, KGOR, organised a commemoration program on the birthday of Dr. Rizal on **June 19** at the garden of the Philippine Embassy. After welcome remarks, singing of the national anthem the program started very solemnly and in respect for the national hero whose statue glances at the Embassy Garden. It were Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR, Chap. Comm., together with Sir Paul VERLOO, KOR, Chancellor of Diamond who lead flowers by our Chapter. After an introduction by our Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR and a message by Minister Sir Roy ECRAELA, each Chapter Commander spoke an inspirational message. The event was also attended by the Kababaihang Rizalista headed by Lady FERNANDEZ. Diamond Chapter attended with a delegation of (see group picture, from right to left) Sir Father BAGO, Sir Antonio GUANSING, Sir Kristoff MORTIER, Sir Guy WATERLOOS, Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, Sir Dirk VANDEWEGHE, Sir Ronny FELIX, Sir Paul VERLOO and Sir Danny BERGHMANS. The event was followed by a salo salo.



Speech of Sir Dominiek



The audience



Group picture



Diamonds are forever

FUND RAISING NIGHT BRUSSELS

On **July 4** the Rizal Brussels Chapter organised in Vilvoorde a Fund Raising Night for the Scholarship Grant of the Knights of Rizal, Supreme Headquarters, Philippines. The event was headed by Chapter Commander Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR. Some KOR Diamond members also attended the affair.



**Sir Edmund “Travolta” in full action with Ladies
Phoebe and Mayet**

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR H.E. GREGOIRE VARDAKIS HONORARY COMMANDER & VISIT HEADQUARTERS

From July 1 till Aug. 20 Sir Dominiek & Lady Leah SEGAERT-GALLEG, KCR, enjoyed their summer holiday in the Philippines. After a visit a KOR International Headquarters in Manila where the Belgian delegation met Sir Vic RAMOS, KGOR , we extended our sincere wishes for a speed and good recovery of our Supreme Commander Sir ESGUERRA, who was hospitalized and could not be visited. Due to doctors advise Sir ESGUERRA will also not attend the European Assembly in Prague and will be represented by Sir POBLETE of the Supreme Council. On **July 3** Sir Dominiek brought a courtesy visit to Sir Vicente RAMOS, KGOR, Supreme Exchequer of the Supreme Council. Arranging some administrative matters and purchasing of medals and pins were also finalised with Mrs. Maureen FERNANDEZ of the secretariat of the KOR Headquarters.

On **July 6** Sir Dominiek knighted His Excellency Grégoire VARDAKIS to Knight of Rizal in a Ceremony held at the Royal Belgian Embassy at Ayala Avenue, witnessed by the Assistant of the Belgian Ambassador, Mrs. Anne BLOEMEN. The Knighting Ceremony was followed by the Ceremony of Exaltation of Ambassador H.E. Grégoire Vardakis to Honorary Knight Commander of Rizal, the 3rd degree. After giving over the appropriate medal and certificate to the Ambassador a warm applause followed. Originally the Ceremony of exaltation would have been finalised by Supreme Commander Sir ESGUERRA who was at that time confined at the hospital.



**Belgian Ambassador Grégoire Vardakis
with Sir Dominiek, Lady Leah & Magalie**



**His Excellency Grégoire Vardakis, Sir Dominiek and
the Assistant of the ambassador mrs Anne Bloemen**

The Order of the Knights of Rizal
Supreme Council Manila – Philippines
Diamond Chapter – Antwerp – Flanders – Belgium – Europe



THE SUPREME COMMANDER
By virtue of the authority in them vested by the Constitution of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, hereby confers on
HIS EXCELLENCY GREGOIRE VARDAKIS
AMBASSADOR KINGDOM OF BELGIUM - EUROPE

to Knight Commander of Rizal, 3rd degree of the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter in recognition of his dedication to the national well-being and his continuing interest in, and willingness to propagate, the lofty objectives of the Order and his dedication to the Philippines as Ambassador for the Kingdom of Belgium and his support for the Philippines and working for excellent bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Belgium and the Republic of the Philippines

Given on the 6th day of July, in the year of our Lord, two thousand nine (2009) at 11 a.m. at the Royal Belgian Embassy – Makati – Manila
in the name of the Supreme Commander, Sir Virgilio ESGUERRA, KGCR – Manila – Philippines
by

Sir & Lady Dominiek & Leah SEGAERT-GALLEG, KCR
Nominated Knight Grand Officer of Rizal, KGOR
Chapter Commander Diamond 2008-2010
Deputy Area Commander for Belgium
Distinguished Service Medal



**Sir Dominiek offering the certificate
to His Excellency**

CALAMBA LAGUNA

During the summer holiday our Chapter Commander brought a visit to the home town of Dr. Rizal, Calamba with again a visit to the now green painted house of Rizal. The group was joined also by Sir Christian DONNERS, KOR of El Filibusterismo Chapter Belgium and now active in Cebu Chapter. After the visit we were joined by Sir Peter & Babes VAN BOGAERT, our Special Assistant to the Supremo. A lunch and a visit to the Rizal Garden at the residence of Sir Peter & Babes in Laguna finalised a nice day in full spirit of Rizal.



The Rizal house in Calamba



Group picture



**Sir Dominiek and Sir Christian in
Sir Peter's Rizal garden in Laguna**



**Rizal bust in
Sir Peter's garden**

BELGIAN NATIONAL DAY

GOODBYE AMBASSADOR H.E. VARDAKIS

WELCOME AMBASSADOR H.E. MEERSCHMAN

On **July 21** also a delegation of the KOR Diamond Chapter attended the Belgian National Day. Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, Mr. Reynaldo GALLEGOS, Sir Johan DE BOECK, Sir Pros SLACHMUYLDERS, Chartering Commander were spotted among the guests on a sumptuous reception held in Waterfront Cebu City Hotel organised by the outgoing Ambassador of Belgium and Mrs. Grégoire VARDAKIS and the Consul Ad Honorem of Belgium and Mrs. Enrique BENEDICTO. A few weeks later Ambassador VARDAKIS would leave after five years his diplomatic post. Currently he is assigned as Ambassador in Costa Rica. Sir Grégoire VARDAKIS is followed by Ambassador H.E. Christian MEERSCHMAN, formerly Belgian Ambassador to Kazakhstan. The Chargé d'Affaires and Consul of the Royal Belgian Embassy H.E. René PEETERS & his wife organise for all Belgians a reception on Friday **Sep. 18**, 6.30 p.m. at New Horizon Hotel in Mandaluyong City.

The Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter congratulate H.E. Christian MEERSCHMAN and his wife with the new post in Manila and wish them a good stay in the Philippines. To H.E. Grégoire VARDAKIS, KCR, Honorary Commander of Rizal, and his wife, we sincerely wish good bye and good luck and hopefully till in Belgium on one or more activities of our Chapter, especially our 10th Chartering Anniversary KOR Diamond on Jan. 23, 2010.



Speech of Ambassador Vardakis



Group picture



Sir Johan De Boeck and Sir Dominiek



With Sir Pros in Cebu

BOARD MEETING KOR DIAMOND

On **Friday Sep. 4** the Diamond Chapter held its 6th board meeting of the year at the residence of Sir Dominiek & Lady Leah in Knokke. Plenty topics were discussed and among them were: activity in Knokke Sep. 27, delegation & participation European Assembly Sep. 17-20, quiz and barbecue in Kruibeke Oct. 17, future of KOR Diamond, elevations, suggestions, 10th Chartering Anniversary Jan. 23, acceptance new members and board members, ethics, website, newsletter, life time membership. A dinner prepared by Leah finalised the evening in Knokke. On the pictures we see the board members and wives.



BONN HISTORICAL BUILDING



BONN: The Order of the Knights of Rizal gained a foot-hold in the European continent when the BONN CHAPTER was founded in this classical-style edifice on September 30, 1977. The Bonn Chapter was organized by H.E. Sir Gregorio Abad, KGOR, Philippine Ambassador to Germany from 1977 to 1984.

The Bonn Chapter is the first chapter of the Order to be established in Germany, which became the forerunner of the numerous Rizal Chapters now existing in several countries of Europe.

The building, located at Am Kurpark 6, which directly faces the big wooded park of Bonn-Bad Godesberg, served as the Philippine Embassy/Chancery from 1972 to 1978.

(Photo: Sir Celso A. Lacuna, KGOR)

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Final Schedule nfor 4th European Regional Assembly Prague



The Knights of Rizal

4th European Regional Assembly



THEME: Keeping Alive the Friendship of Rizal and Blumentritt in the Future

WHEN: September 18 and 19, 2009 with Welcome Party on September 17 and Blessing at the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine (Sto Nino de Praga) on September 20.

TIMETABLE:

Sept 17, 2009 - Thursday

1:00pm – 3:30pm – REGISTRATION

TOP HOTEL CONGRESS PRAGUE,
Blazimoka 1781/4 - Prague, Czech Republic 14900
website: <http://www.tophotel.cz>

Tel: 420 267 284 111



4:00 pm – Buses are parked in front of Top Hotel to bring Delegates to Clamm-Gallas Palace. Husova 20, Prague www.prague.net/clamm-gallas. All Buses are assigned with tour guides.

(Delegates are requested to wear uniform)

5:00pm – 6:00pm – Clam-Gallas Palace.

Open Exposition of museum collection of Blumentritt and Rizal by Magister Stejskalová, Curator of Ceske-Budejovice and Guided TOUR of Clam-Gallas Palace.

6:00pm – 7:30pm – PROGRAM at the Clam-Gallas Palace:

Welcome: Dr. Pavlicova Head of Prague-Aachem Cultural Club

Welcome remarks and presence acknowledgment of KOR Leaders from Chapter Commander, NoubikkoUlanday

Acoustic Guitar Music by Cocoy, Emmanuel and Joey.

Welcome Remarks from Area Commander, Czech Amb. Sir Ludva, KGOR

Remarks from City Council of Litomerice Mayor Sir Chlupac, KCR

Remarks from UNESCO Commissioner Prof J. Lapuz

Blumentritt and Rizal Presentation by Mgr. Stejskalová, Curator of Ceske-Budejovice

Discussion – Open Forum on the Collection

Acoustic Guitar Music by Cocoy, Emmanuel and Joey.

Invitation for a glass of wine (Wine, drinks and finger foods after the program.)

Program coordinated by The Clam-Gallas' Cultural Club Prague-Aachen, with support from The Philippine Embassy, Ceske Budejovice Museum, The City of Litomerice and the Prague Art Support. Speeches will be translated into Czech and English by Jan Prochazka. Music at the gate by Cocoy, Emmanuel and Joey (Green Apple)

7:45 pm – Buses are parked along the Parizska Street to bring Delegates to PM Club, Trojicka 10, Praha 2 www.pmclub.net



8:00pm – 12:00pm - Welcome PARTY at the PM Club & Cocktail Music Bar. (Food and Drinks)



Welcome remarks by Regional Commander Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR.

Inspirational entertainment by various international representatives.

All-time Favorite Song by Lady Ching Vianzon – Kababaihan New Jersey

Poem Rendition of Mi Ultimo Adios by Lady Auria Taguiang – London

Philippine Polk Dance by Kababaihan of Canada

Duet Song Rendition of Ang Bayan Ko by Sir Dr. and Lady Dra. Nepotente, Hamburg

Music Entertainment by Jennifer Colliantes from Canada and Filipino Group Green Apple

10:30 pm – Buses are park in front of the to PM BAR to bring the Delegates back to the hotel. Bus leaves at 10:30, 11:-00 and 12:00 midnight.

Sept 18, 2009 - Friday - LITOMERICE

9:00am – 45-minute bus travel to Litomerice. Buses are parked at the Top Hotel. www.litomerice.cz



10:30am – 12:00

Travel to Litomerice with city tour and historical visits to the places where Rizal and Blumentritt were.

Upon arrival in Litomerice will be floral offering to the final resting place of Prof. Ferdinand Blumentritt. Then visit and flower offering to Rizal Park.

12:30pm – LUNCH at Salva Guardia. www.salva-guarda.cz

Message from the Chapter Commander of Litomerice Mayor Sir Chlupac, KCR

2:30pm – 3:30pm -Assembly Program at the Litomerice Theater

- Presentation of Litomerice Projects

3:30pm – 5:00pm - Visit to Blumentritt-Rizal Museum Bastion

5:30pm – Bus leaves for Prague. *Bus is parked in front of the Litomerice City Hall*

6:30pm – Experience dinner in one of the coolest and most modern beer bar in Prague at The PUB- Pilsner Unique Bar. Veleslavinova 3, Prague 1

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10:30 pm – Buses are park in front of the to PM BAR to bring the Delegates back to the hotel. Bus leaves at 10:30, 11:-00 and 12:00 midnight.

Sept 19, 2009 – SATURDAY – PRAGUE

ASSEMBLY at the Top Hotel Congress Convention Center

Blazimoka 1781/4 - Prague, Czech Republic 14900 <http://www.tophotel.cz>

8:45 am – meeting place, Top Hotel Congress

9:15 am – Processional: Philippine Flag/Czech Republic Flag
Area Commanders, Deputy, Regional, Advisers, Supreme Council.

Program Host: Sir Dr. Sam Bernal, MD, PhD.

Call to Order – Supreme Council

Invocation

Philippine National Anthem

Czech National Anthem

Pledge to the Philippine Flag

Welcome Remarks: Sir Noubikko Ulanday

Source speakers:

Sir Jaroslav Ludva, KGOR – Area Commander for Czech Republic

Sir Celso Lacuna, KGOR – Former Area Commander Germany

Sir Romeo Regis, KGOR – Supreme Council

10:15 - Coffee break

10:30 - *Area Commanders Report*

12:30 - Buffet LUNCH

14:00 Knighthood and Awarding Ceremonies

- Initiation to 1st degree* with the Knights of Rizal (KR)
- Conferment to 4th degree* with rank the Knights Grand Officer of Rizal
- Conferment to 5th degree* with the Knights Grand Cross Officer of Rizal
- Awarding* of Distinguished Service Medal
- Awarding* of Distinguished Service Cross Medal

Fraternal Address, Rededication and Fraternal Sign.
Knights of Rizal Hymn, Pilipinas Kong Mahal.

Music by Victoria Matveena.

4:00pm (16:00 hours) Coffee Break

4:30 pm - Bus TOUR to the Prague Castle, the passing thru the National theater, National museum, the Opera, the National gallery, Charles University, Rudolfinum, the Charles Bridge and other monumental landmarks of the city.



Meeting place – Buses are parked in front of the Top Hotel Congress.

7:30pm – 10:00pm – River boat Cruise and Party at the largest floating boat along the Vltava River, the Sumava.



9:30pm
Exclusive
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for the Knights of Rizal.



10:30 pm – Buses are parked along the dock in front of the Intercontinental Hotel to bring the Delegates back to Top Hotel.

Sept 20, 2009 – SUNDAY – PRAGUE

9:45 am – *Meeting place – Top Hotel Congress. Bus is parked at the Top Hotel.*

10:30 -TOUR to the Shrine Museum's collection of the Infant Jesus (Sto. Nino de Praga) Garments.

**11:00 - Private
CATHOLIC MASS
Service at the Shrine
of the Infant Jesus of
Prague.**



1:00 pm– LUNCH. “Farewell and See you in the 5th ERA” reception by the **Prague Art Support at the ROMA HOTEL. www.yourpraguehotels.com Ujezd 24, Praha 1**

3:00 pm *Buses leave for Top Praha Hotel.*

END OF THE 4TH EUROPEAN REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

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Czech Republic



FIETSTOCHT & VRIENDSCHAPS-BARBECUE

t.v.v. onderwijs- en straatkinderenproject

van inwoners Dominiek & Leah Segert-Gallego in Balay Pasilungan (Davao City – Filippijnen)
& Saint Michael's School Padada

ZONDAG 27 SEPTEMBER 2009

Vanaf 9.30 u.: inschrijven fietstocht langs rustige plekjes Knokke-Heist
start Sportzaal St.-Bernardus – Meerlaan 2

12.15 u.: opening Ambassadeur Filippijnen Excellentie Cristina Ortega
& Schepen Maxim Willems

12.30 u.: barbecue – optreden dans en muziek Silayan & Pag-lbig
film project – tombola – Oxfam

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info: 050 601320 of 0479691865

(men kan ook uitsluitend deelnemen aan de barbecue – zelfde deelnameprijs)



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FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES 7 YEARS

On **Friday Sep. 11** the board and volunteers of Friendship for the Philippines (Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen) held an evaluation and working meeting in Knokke for preparing the upcoming celebration of the 7th Anniversary, scheduled on



Sun. Sep. 27, 12 noon in Knokke with biking (for the volunteers) and a delicious barbecue and performances with Philippine dances and folk songs by Silayan (Brugge) and Pag-Ibig Choir (Gent). See also the banner in this Newsletter. Participation for the barbecue is 15 EUR (children -12 is 8 EUR). Info: Sir Dominiek (0479 691865) of Leah (0479 691866). Proceeds go to the street youth & educational project Friendship for the Philippines in Davao (Balay Pasilungan) and Padada (Saint Michael's School), this all in the spirit of Rizal. Some KOR Diamond members will assist in the organisation during the day.

Please: enrol before Sep. 23.

Special guests on the 7th Anniversary are Ambassador H.E. Cristina G. ORTEGA, Minister & Consul Sir Roy ECRAELA, acting mayor of Knokke Sir Maxim WILLEMS (representing Mayor Leopold LIPPENS).

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SATURDAY OCT. 17 – 4.30 P.M. KRUIBEKE

PHILIPPINES & RIZAL QUIZ – LOOKING BACK AT THE 4TH EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY PRAGUE – BARBECUE

Still far way but approaching: Sat. Oct. 17. We invite 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 Kruibeke Centre. Welcome at 4.30 p.m. Start program 5 p.m. (final at around 9.30 p.m.).

On the **program**:

Quiz Philippines & Rizal by our member Sir Michel DU BOIS, KR and his wife Rosy AMARO, assisted by his sister Mrs. Christine DU BOIS. We sincerely thank Sir DU BOIS for his initiative.

A review of the 4th European Assembly KOR Prague
Fraternal barbecue

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 Oct. 12** if you will join us in this special pre-summer-activity where the profit will go to one of our educational projects in the spirit of Dr. Rizal.

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

Dress code: casual (so no barong needed)

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. Sir Michel DU BOIS, KR, will also inform us about the goals of TRIAS and the microfinance ngo.

Tickets:

Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, 050 601320 or 0479691865

Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, 03 6664385

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, 03 2191491

Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, 03 3257116

Sir Roy De Mol, KCR, 03 5419482

Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, 0475 763663

Sir Paul Verloo, KOR, 03 5424411

Invitation of the Cologne City Chapter



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(chartered under Republic Art 646)
Kababaihang Rizalista
COLOGNE CITY CHAPTER
Knights and Ladies
of Rizal Cologne 1996 e.V.
Amtsgericht Köln 43 VR 13949



Knights and Ladies of Rizal Cologne 1996 e.V. Höninger Weg 249a 50969 Köln

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ANKÜNDIGUNG

Wir die Knights and Ladies of Rizal möchten unsere neuen Mitglieder nun in den Kreis der Knights aufnehmen und laden deshalb zur Aufnahmefeier (Knighting) ein.
Geladene Gäste sind uns jederzeit willkommen.
Nach erfolgter Zeremonie ist des weiteren ein lockeres Beisammensein mit Gedankenaustausch, kleinem Snack und Getränken geplant.

Ort: Cafe KlatschMohn
Bergisch-Gladbacher-Str. 499
51067 Köln-Holweide

Datum: 27.September 2009
Zeit: 15:00 Uhr

Über Euer Erscheinen und somit der Unterstützung unserer Kandidaten wären wir sehr erfreut.
Weitere Informationen werden folgen.
Die Anzahl der vorhandenen Plätze ist leider räumlich begrenzt, daher bitten wir um rechtzeitige Bekanntgabe der Beteiligung (eine Woche vorher und per E-Mail, an obige Adresse).

Mit brüderlichen Grüßen
(Yours in Rizal)

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WRITINGS ABOUT AND FROM JOSE RIZAL

Dear fellow knights and friends,

In continuation of the previous newsletter we publish here the 2nd part of the 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. The English text is a copy from the website of dr Robert L. Yoder. The translation is from Ronny Felix.

My Travels with Doctor Rizal – part 2

by Maximo Viola

A few days later I received letters from him. These letters reiterating his suggestion made at Barcelona that I complete my studies by traveling with him through Europe. He also attentively wrote me from various places where he stayed for awhile. Sometimes he told me about his impressions of the cities he visited and sometimes about the study of eye disease under the tutoring of the French professor [Louis de] Wicker and the German [Otto] Becker whose pictures he sketched at the end of his letters to me.

From Heidelberg he had the kindness to send me an inspired poem (whose whereabouts I don't now know) requested by me to be recited at a gathering of Filipinos at the house of some lady Catalan friends at Barcelona.

Having finished my medical studies, I resolved to travel, leaving Barcelona on 3 December 1886 and arriving at Paris the following day. [06] At the expressed request of Friend Rizal I went to see the painter Juan Luna to get from him a diamond solitaire ring, a jewel that, together with my own, was almost taken away from me by professional pickpockets while I was standing before a shop window on a Paris boulevard. After a brief sojourn at that brains of Europe, I continued my trip to Berlin after sending a telegram to my good friend Rizal who was waiting for me but who, on account of illness, could not meet me as he had wished at the railroad station upon my arrival at that capital city.

Despite the late hour of my arrival – midnight – I found him awake and suffering from a fever for which reason I bade him goodbye soon to go to the Central Hotel to lodge at his suggestion. [07] Early in the morning of the following day my sick friend who could scarcely sleep the night before was now knocking at the door of my room. I dressed quickly and we went together to his house at Leipziger or Jaegerstrasse, number 71, 3rd floor, to analyze his ailment that he had al-

Beste collega ridders, vrienden,

Als vervolg op onze vorige nieuwsbrief publiceren we hier het 2de deel van de 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 Engelse tekst is een kopij van de website van dr Robert L. Yoder. De vertaling is van Ronny Felix.

Mijn reizen met dr Rizal – Deel 2

door Maximo Viola

Enkele dagen later ontving ik brieven van hem. Deze brieven herhaalden zijn voorstel, dat hij in Barcelona had gedaan, dat ik mijn studies zou volbrengen door met hem door Europa te reizen. Hij schreef me ook opmerkzaam vanuit de verschillende plaatsen waar hij voor een tijdje verbleef. Soms vertelde hij me over zijn indrukken van de steden die hij bezocht en soms over de studie van oogziekten onder de leiding van een Franse professor [Louis de] Wicker en de Duitse [Otto] Becker die hij tekende aan het einde van zijn brieven aan mij.

Vanuit Heidelberg had hij de voorkomendheid om mij een bevlogen gedicht op te sturen (waarvan ik niet meer weet waar het gebleven is) dat ik had gevraagd om voor te dragen tijdens een bijeenkomst van Filipinos in het huis van enkele Catalaanse vriendinnen.

Nadat ik mijn medische studies had beëindigd, nam ik me voor om te reizen. Ik vertrok uit Barcelona op 3 december 1886 en kwam aan in Parijs de volgende dag. [06] Op uitdrukkelijk verzoek van vriend Rizal bezocht ik de schilder Juan Luna om van hem een diamanten solitair ring te krijgen, een juweel dat, samen met mijn eigen, bijna gestolen werd door professionele zakkenrollers terwijl ik voor een etalage stond op een Parijse boulevard. Na een kort verblijf op in het brein van Europa, zette ik mijn reis naar Berlijn verder na het versturen van een telegram aan mijn goede vriend Rizal, die stond te wachten op mij, maar die, wegens ziekte, mij niet kon ontmoeten aan het treinstation bij mijn aankomst in die hoofdstad.

Ondanks het late uur van mijn aankomst - middernacht - vond ik hem wakker en koorts lijdend, reden waarom ik snel afscheid van hem nam en me naar het Central Hotel begaf op zijn suggestie. [07] Vroeg in de ochtend van de volgende dag klopte mijn zieke vriend, die de vorige nacht nauwelijks kon slapen, op de deur van mijn kamer. Ik kleedde me snel aan en we gingen samen naar zijn huis aan de Leipziger of

ready outlined to me the previous night. After expounding his family's antecedents, his individual mnemonics and his rare physiology, he described the symptoms of his sickness which were afternoon fevers preceded by shivering, occasional coughing, and fatigue. Examining his lungs by percussion and auscultation I found nothing appreciable that confirmed his opinion that he had incipient pulmonary tuberculosis. All these symptoms were due to the vegetarian diet he had imposed upon himself on account of his financial difficulties. To this physiological poverty one must add his fondness for physical exercise and the extraordinary exertion he imprudently made at a gymnasium where he had promised to equal the strongest gymnast there in lifting weights (I don't know exactly how many pounds) after only a week's practice and with a diet to which he was not yet accustomed. After coming out successfully from that engagement, because to him where there is a will there is a way, his health suffered in the manner already described in spite of his well-developed and carefully cultivated muscles. Contributing no little to his poor health was his excessive love for study stimulated by that group of scholars among whom he moved, who further encouraged his natural predisposition to being a polyglot. In order to be sure of the diagnosis I advised him to consult some Berlin specialist, who, after examination of his sputum and other secretions, concluded by confirming the absence of the suspected sickness and advising him to continue the regimen previously adopted by the patient himself, that is Fowler's arsenical liquor, a good diet, moderate exercise, etc.

On account of my arrival at Berlin, his attention was divided. He busied himself trying to get me a modest room on Kanonierstrasse, number 39, floor 3. He was more preoccupied about the health of the native country than about his own. After being installed in that place we began the study of German, he quite willingly becoming my teacher of that difficult language. With the exception of the luncheons that we took together at the restaurant, according to Berlin custom, each one paying for his own, I took supper with him at his house at his expense for one week and with my turn the following week at my house.

Despite this custom and our mutual intimacy, when he suffered a financial crisis, he didn't come to me, but his solitaire diamond ring which I had brought him from Paris disappeared. And when I inquired about the strange phenomenon, he explained to me that by necessity he used it as a family remembrance and by necessity, also, he stopped using it. And only before that crisis he had offered me sincerely, placing at my disposal, money that was reserved for contin-

Jaegerstrasse, nummer 71, 2e verdieping, om zijn aandoening, die hij me reeds de vorige nacht beschreef, te analyseren. Nadat hij de antecedenten van zijn familie uiteen zette, zijn individuele geheugensteuntjes en zijn zeldzame fysiologie, beschreef hij de symptomen van zijn ziekte hetgeen koorts in de namiddag was, voorafgegaan door rillingen, incidenteel hoesten en vermoeidheid. Toen ik zijn longen onderzocht door percussie en af te luisteren vond ik niets merkbaar dat zijn mening bevestigde dat hij beginnende longtuberculose had. Al deze symptomen waren te wijten aan de vegetarische voeding die hij zichzelf had opgelegd op grond van zijn financiële problemen. Aan deze fysiologische armoede moet men zijn voorliefde voor lichaamsbeweging en de buitengewone inspanning toevoegen die hij roekeloos deed op een gymnasium, waar hij beloofd had om de sterkste gymnast te evenaren in het gewichtheffen (ik weet niet precies hoeveel kilo) na slechts een week oefening en met een dieet waar hij nog niet aan gewend was. Nadat hij met succes uit deze verbintenis kwam omdat, volgens hem, waar een wil is er een weg is, moest zijn gezondheid het ontgelden op de wijze zoals reeds beschreven en in weerwil van zijn goed ontwikkelde en zorgvuldig gecultiveerde spieren. Niet weinig bijdragend aan zijn slechte gezondheid was zijn buitensporige liefde voor studie, gestimuleerd door die groep geleerden waaronder hij zich bewoog die zijn natuurlijke aanleg als polyglot verder aanmoedigden. Om zeker van de diagnose te zijn adviseerde ik hem om een Berlijns specialist raadplegen die, na onderzoek van zijn spuwsel en andere afscheidingen, besloot dat hij de vermoedde ziekte niet had en adviseerde hem om het regime verder te zetten dat hij eerder gevuld had, dat is Fowler's arseen-likeur, een goede voeding, matige lichaamsbeweging, enz.

Wegens mijn aankomst in Berlijn was zijn aandacht verdeeld. Hij hield zich bezig met te proberen om me een bescheiden kamer te bezorgen in de Kanonierstrasse, nummer 39, etage 2. Hij was meer bezorgd over de gezondheid van het geborteland dan over zijn eigen. Nadat ik geïnstalleerd was zijn we begonnen met de studie van het Duits, hij werd heel bereidwillig mijn leraar van die moeilijke taal. Met uitzondering van de lunches die we samen namen in het restaurant, volgens de Berlijn gewoonte elk voor zichzelf betalend, nam ik het avondmaal met hem in zijn huis op zijn kosten gedurende een week en op mijn beurt de volgende week in mijn huis.

Ondanks deze gewoonte en onze wederzijdse intimiteit kwam hij niet naar mij toen hij getroffen werd door een financiële crisis maar zijn solitair diamanten ring die ik voor hem had meegebracht van Parijs verdween. En toen ik hem vroeg over het vreemde verschijnsel legde hij me uit dat door noodzaak hij het gebruikte als een familie aandenken en door noodzaak hij ook stopte met het te gebruiken. En vlak voor die crisis had hij me oprocht geld aangeboden en ter beschikking gesteld dat was gereserveerd voor eventuele kosten.

gent expenses.

His special passion for the study of languages reached its apogee when he found himself associated with polyglots who were members of the Geographical and Ethnographical Society of Berlin of which he became a member after the presentation of an original scholarly work, an indispensable condition for admission. It was known that this corporation, composed of scholars of different nationalities did not confer the honor of membership unless the aspirant fulfilled that essential requisite of the presentation of an original, not a trite work. For that reason Rizal, not wishing to be behind the scholars, presented his important paper *Tagalische Verskunst* (The Tagalog Art of Versification) – written in correct German, a paper that immediately won the warmest of praises by the members, particularly of the president.

We have said that Rizal's fondness for the study of languages in Berlin was much developed, and, in fact, besides German, that he completely mastered English through the means of a German grammar. When he mastered the English language, he studied Italian by means of an English grammar, and, thus, he proceeded successively with respect to other languages which he studied. He had already mastered French in Madrid as he proved by the publication of articles in French and by teaching French to some fellow countrymen residing in that Spanish capital. Not notwithstanding, at Berlin, he studied with some predilection that language under a Parisian teacher, Madame Lucie Cerdolle, a teacher of French to the imperial family, who, with typical French amiability, invited us to eat at her house one day. Through that invitation I learned that Rizal was her pupil and teacher at the same time, that is, he explained to her with his own comments, the rules of French grammar, and she, in turn, explained to him rhetoric and the idioms of the French language. And when I wanted to know the reason for that unnecessary French luxury, he explained to me that his purpose was henceforth to write in French in case his *Noli me tángere* should fail, and his compatriots didn't respond to the objectives of that book.

Besides his linguistic studies Rizal assiduously attended different clinics, classrooms, and conferences among which are worthwhile mentioning the clinic of Dr. Schultzer, whose assistant he was, the descriptive anatomy class of Dr. Hans Virchow, Jr., the conferences on anthropology of Dr. Virchow, Sr., and besides he was a collaborator of other scientific societies.

Among various books placed on his study table, beside Greek

Zijn speciale passie voor de studie van de talen bereikte zijn hoogtepunt toen hij omging met polyglots die lid waren van het Geografisch en Etnografisch Genootschap van Berlijn waar hij lid werd na de presentatie van een origineel wetenschappelijk werk, een onmisbare voorwaarde voor toelating. Het was bekend dat deze vereniging, die was samengesteld uit wetenschappers van verschillende nationaliteiten, niet het lidmaatschap verleende tenzij de kandidaat voldeed aan de essentiële vereiste van de presentatie van een origineel, niet alledaags werk. Om die reden presenteerde Rizal, die niet wenste achterop te geraken tussen de geleerden, zijn belangrijke tekst "Tagalische Verskunst" (De Tagalog Verskunst) - geschreven in correct Duits, een document dat onmiddellijk de warmste lof won onder de leden, in het bijzonder van de president.

Ik heb gezegd dat Rizal's voorliefde voor de studie van talen in Berlijn heel groot was en in feite, naast het Duits, kreeg hij het Engels volledig onder de knie door middel van de Duitse grammatica. Toen hij het Engels beheerde, studeerde hij Italiaans door middel van de Engelse grammatica, en zo ging hij achtereenvolgens verder met betrekking tot de andere talen die hij studeerde. Hij had het Frans al onder de knie in Madrid hetgeen hij bewees door de publicatie van artikels in het Frans en door Frans te onderwijzen aan sommige landgenoten die in de Spaanse hoofdstad verbonden waren. Niettegenstaande studeerde hij die taal met enige voorliefde in Berlijn bij een Parijse lerares, Madame Lucie Cerdolle, een lerares Frans bij de keizerlijke familie die, met de typisch Franse gemoedelijkheid, heeft ons op een dag uitgenodigd om bij haar thuis te komen eten. Door deze uitnodiging kwam ik te weten dat Rizal tegelijk haar leerling en leraar was, dat wil zeggen, hij legde haar op zijn eigen manier de regels van de Franse grammatica uit, en zij op haar beurt legde hem de retoriek en de uitdrukkingen van de Franse taal uit. En toen ik de reden wilde weten voor deze onnodige Franse luxe, legde hij me uit dat het zijn doel was nu om in het Frans te gaan schrijven in het geval zijn "Noli me tángere" zou mislukken en zijn landgenoten niet zouden reageren op de doelstellingen van dat boek.

Naast zijn taalkundige studies woondde Rizal onverdroten verschillende medische praktijken, lessen en conferenties bij waaronder de moeite waard om te vermelden de praktijk van Dr Schultzer, wiens assistent hij was, de beschrijvende anatomie klas van dr. Hans Virchow, Jr, de conferenties over de antropologie van Dr . Virchow, Sr, en daarnaast was hij een medewerker van andere wetenschappelijke verenigingen.

Onder de verschillende boeken op zijn studie tafel, naast de Griekse en Latijnse teksten van het Evangelie, waren er ook enkele met zeldzame tekens die achterstevoor werden gelezen: het was een Hebreeuwse Bijbel, van waaruit hij soms enkele passages voor mij vertaalde met betrekking tot de religieuze ideeën die hij had uiteengezet in de "Noli me tángere", die hij in die periode verbeterde en inkortte voor

and Latin texts of the Gospel, there were also some with rare characters that were read backwards: It was a Hebrew Bible from which he sometimes translated for me some passages related to the religious ideas he expounded in the *Noli me tangere*, which he was correcting and cutting down at the time for economic and aesthetic reasons, suppressing words, passages, and chapters more or less bombastic. He said that he had studied Hebrew on purpose in order to be on the level of those who had written on the religion of Christ. Inasmuch as the original Bible was in Hebrew [actually the Old Testament excluding those books in the Roman Catholic Old Testament what Protestants call the Apocrypha. The New Testament was originally written in Greek] he wanted to drink in the original fountains and at all events to be able to sustain religious polemics that his novel might arouse. According to his criterion, the religion of Christ was the most perfect among all the known religions not only for the moral spirit of its doctrines but also because it is the religion that has greatly influenced the discipline and moralization of mankind. However, on account of the modifications introduced by malice or religious fanaticism, it has become at present like a building that by dint of driving wedges into it, it has been greatly disfigured and threatens to fall apart. By way of example he cited Purgatory which is simply one of so many mystical inventions intended principally for the exploitation through the sale of ribbons, rosaries, and other religious articles to the candid and ignorant poor. As regards Hell he added it should not be as painted or photographed or cinematographed in religious books whose direct object is also the exploitation of one's fellow men. To Dr. Rizal Christ was a religious genius, just as Castelar was an oratorical genius and Bismarck was a genius in politics.

Reading some passages of his novel in process of correction, he told me that many of his characters were his relatives and friends with fictitious names who, in fact, were involved in the events described in it. He, himself, was one of the victims of some of the outrages and abuses committed by some of its characters.

In the political field it is worthwhile remembering some of his points of view on the anomalous situation of the Philippines of that era. For the present he said he was not in favor of revolution. Because a social disturbance of that kind would foment and excite the latent colonial avarice of other powers, especially Japan, whose proximity to our Archipelago and the numerical superiority of her inhabitants with all their modern advancement in war materiel would undoubtedly make the Philippines a prey of that powerful nation, and it

economische en esthetische redenen, woorden, passages en hoofdstukken weglatend die min of meer bombastisch waren. Hij zei dat hij met opzet Hebreeuws studeerde met doel om op het niveau van degenen te staan die over de godsdienst van Christus geschreven hadden. Aangezien de originele Bijbel in het Hebreeuws was [eigenlijk het Oude Testament met uitzondering van die boeken in het rooms-katholieke Oude Testament die de protestanten de "Apocriefen" noemen. Het Nieuwe Testament is oorspronkelijk geschreven in het Grieks] wilde hij van de originele fonteinen drinken en altijd in staat te zijn om de religieuze polemieken, die zijn roman zouden kunnen opwekken, te kunnen weerstaan. Volgens zijn criterium was de godsdienst van Christus de meest perfecte onder alle bekende religies - niet alleen voor de morele geest van haar doctrines maar ook omdat het de religie is die de discipline en omgangsvormen van de mensheid sterk beïnvloed heeft. Echter door de wijzigingen, met opzet ingevoerd of door religieus fanatisme, is het op dit moment als een gebouw dat door middel van het inbrengen van wiggen, sterk is vervormd en dreigt uiteen te vallen. Bij wijze van voorbeeld citeerde hij het Vagevuur hetgeen gewoon één van de vele mystieke uitvindingen is, in hoofdaak bestemd voor de uitbuiting door de verkoop van linten, rozenkransen en andere religieuze voorwerpen aan de onbevangen en onwetende armen. En hij voegde eraan toe dat de hel niet zo geschilderd of gefotografeerd of verfilmd moet worden in religieuze boeken wiens direct doel ook de uitbuiting van de medemensen is. Voor dr Rizal was Christus een religieus genie, net als Castelar een oratorisch genie was en Bismarck een genie in de politiek was.

Bij het lezen van enkele passages van zijn roman tijdens het verbeteren vertelde hij me dat veel van zijn personages zijn familie en vrienden met een fictieve naam waren die in feite waren betrokken bij de gebeurtenissen die erin beschreven werden. Hijzelf was één van de slachtoffers van een aantal van de wantoestanden en misbruik gepleegd door enkele van zijn personages.

Op politiek gebied is het de moeite waard zich sommige van zijn standpunten over de abnormale situatie van de Filipijnen van dat tijdperk te herinneren. Voorlopig zei hij dat hij niet voor de revolutie was. Omdat een sociale verstoring van die aard de latente koloniale hebzucht van andere mogendheden zou aanstoken en opwekken. Met name Japan waarvan de afstand tot onze archipel en de numerieke superioriteit van haar inwoners, met al hun moderne vooruitgang in oorlogsmaterieel, de Filipijnen ongetwijfeld ten prooi zou brengen aan die machtige natie en het zou menselijkerwijs onmogelijk zijn om het juk af te schudden als we dat zouden willen doen.

Daarom was zijn huidig plan, voegde hij eraan toe, beperkt tot het verzoek aan de hoofdstad voor liberale hervormingen, aan het inprenten of doen ontwaken van de geest van solidariteit van de Filipijnse mensen – nu gehinderd door de regerende broeders, voor het stimuleren

would be humanly impossible to shake off her yoke when we would want to do so. Therefore his plan for the present, he added, was limited to asking the Metropolis for liberal reforms, to inculcate or awaken the spirit of solidarity of the Filipino people hindered by the reigning friars, to stimulating the creation of diverse societies, and to fomenting and establishment of more or less cultural institutions, and others. As soon as the consolidation of that innate and natural sentiment for liberty induced by enlightenment is discerned in the popular spirit and instinct, then Spain, for the reason that she is a backward nation and consequently weakened by the stupidity of her rulers, justly or unjustly, would have no alternative but to renounce her sovereignty and accept our independence, but a legitimate independence based upon union and insured by a solid education.

[06] He stayed at the Hotel de Paris, 37 Rue Maubeuge, from the 4th to the 10th December 1886.

[07] The bill of the Central Hotel proves that Viola stayed there from 11 to 14 December. From the hotel he moved to a boarding house.

van de oprichting van diverse verenigingen en het aanmoedigen en oprichten van min of meer culturele instellingen en anderen. Zodra de versteviging van dit aangeboren en natuurlijke gevoel voor vrijheid, dat opgewekt wordt door bewustwording, opgemerkt wordt in de populaire geest en instinct, dan zou Spanje, omdat ze een achterlijke natie is en dus verzwakt door de domheid van haar heersers, terecht of onterecht geen ander alternatief hebben dan om afstand te doen van haar soevereiniteit en onze onafhankelijkheid te aanvaarden, maar een legitieme onafhankelijkheid gebaseerd op unie en verzekerd van een solide onderwijs.

[06] Hij verbleef in het Hotel de Paris, 37 Rue Maubeuge, van de 4e tot de 10e december 1886.

[07] De factuur van het Central Hotel bewijst dat Viola er verbleven heeft van 11 tot 14 december. Vanuit het hotel is hij naar een pension verhuisd.

READING SUGGESTIONS RIZAL

MAKAMISA, THE SEARCH FOR RIZAL'S THIRD NOVEL by Ambeth R. OCAMPO, New Edition 2008, Anvil, Manila, ISBN 978 971 27 2131 1 (bp) or 978 971 27 2139 7 (np)

About the making of Makamisa, Rizal's third novel and to proof that Rizal is not a closed book, but that there is still a matter for study on. Jose Rizal really stays an 'enigma'.

RIZAL'S TEARS AND SMILES by Benedicta Ma. ROSARIO, 2008, ISA JECHO PUBLISHING, INC., Quezon City, ISBN 978 971 610 086 0

About different inspiring facts of Rizal's life: happiness and sadness but always with a dash of hope.

RIZAL WITHOUT THE OVERCOAT by Ambeth R. OCAMPO, Expanded Edition, 2004, 2008, Winner National Book Award by Manila Critics Circle, Anvil, Manila, ISBN 971 27 0899 3 (bp) or 971 27 0920 5 (np)

In this beautiful and so easy to read book Ocampo brings Rizal back to ground level: who was Rizal really? Do we know another Rizal... without the overcoat like we always see him on stamps or in books? How did he live? What did he eat? What did he study? Who were his friends? What did he read? Who was... the everyday Rizal? I personally enjoyed this book and so many times you just have to smile during reading! (Sir Dominiek)

DIMASALANG, THE MASONIC LIFE OF DR. JOSE RIZAL by Reynold S. FAJARDO, no ISBN number available nor publisher – can be bought at KOR Headquarters – this book was offered to me by the late Alex MUSHAKE on Sep. 23, 2004. It highlights the way that Rizal was a mason in the Philippines (and outside). This historical fact has mostly been neglected in studies about Rizal. Brother Reynold S. FAJARDO is a Scottish Rite Mason and writes very clearly. Superb. Interesting.

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- ◆ 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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