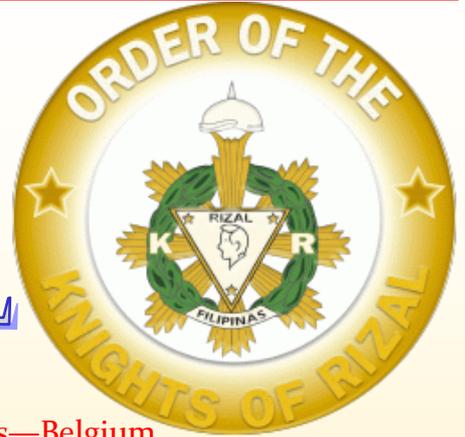


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Maligayang Pasko at Mapayapa at Manigong Bagong Taon!

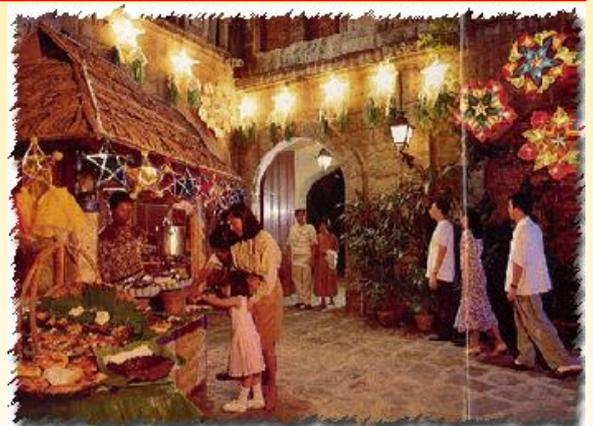
Dear Brother Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter and affiliated chapters in Belgium, Europe and worldwide,

Dear friends of our organisation,

To all Brother Knights and Ladies of Rizal, the Chapter Commander and Board of KOR Diamond Chapter WISH YOU ALL AN INSPIRATIONAL, MERRY CHRISTMAS

2009 and AN OPTIMISTIC, STRONG 2010 where the values and goals of Dr. Jose Rizal, the NATIONAL HERO of the REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, may live strong further and open the eyes of ALL HUMAN BEINGS WHO STRIVE FOR UNITY, PEACE, RESPECT, TRUE FRIENDSHIPS. We also

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wish the Philippine people peaceful elections in May 2010.

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

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

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

May we express these WISHES also on this coming RIZAL DAY, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 at 6 P.M. when we will commemorate the death of our Hero and Martyr. With this NEWSLETTER ISSUE 18 we REMIND you kindly to attend RIZAL DAY & our 10TH CHARTERING ANNIV. JAN. 23. Details in this issue. Welcome!

Yours very sincerely in Rizal

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

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

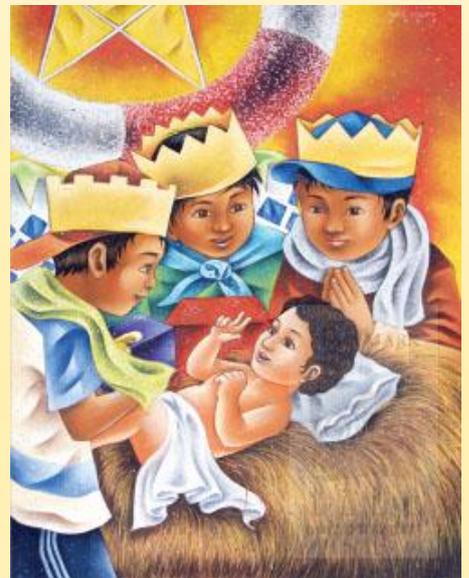
Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supreme Commander Manila

Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR, Past Chapter Commander

Sir Roy DE MOL, KCR, Deputy Commander

Sir Rik VAN TIGGEL, KCR, Deputy Commander

Sir Paul VERLOO, KOR, Chancellor



Our updated website:

www.knightsofrizal.be

We also kindly refer to the website of Munting Nayon, published by Eddie Flores:

www.mnetherlands.com



**REMINDER
INVITATION
RIZAL DAY – DECEMBER 30**

Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Area Commander for Belgium, together with the Belgian Council of KOR, invites all Knights on

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30 at 6 p.m.

at the PHILIPPINE CHAPLAINCY CENTRE

(28 Rue de l'Ourthe – near Saint Remy Church – 1180 Molenbeek – Brussels) on the occasion to commemorate the 113th year of Rizal's Martyrdom. The venue was chosen due to the ongoing renovation of the Philippine Embassy at 297 Avenue Molière in Brussels.

PROGRAM:

* FLORAL OFFERING & COMMEMORATION DR. RIZAL'S MARTYRDOM

* PRAYER

* PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM

* WELCOME ADDRESS BY Sir Rudy NOLLAS, KGOR, AREA COMMANDER

* MESSAGE FROM THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY

* INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE BY THE CHAPTER COMMANDERS

KOR AALST: Sir Albert AREVALO, KCR

KOR BRUSSELS: Sir Edmund ROJAS, KCR

KOR CHARLEROI: Sir Jean-Claude HERMAN, KCR

KOR DIAMOND ANTWERP: Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KCR (Chap. Commander represented & message spoken by Sir Paul VERLOO, KOR, Chancellor - Sir Dominiek abroad till Jan. 2)

KOR EL FILIBUSERISMO: Sir François OOMS, KGOR

KOR LION WATERLOO: Sir John JACOBS, KCR

* MESSAGE PRESIDENT LADIES OF RIZAL/KABABAIHANG RIZALISTA: Lady Nina FERNANDEZ

* REMARKS FROM CONSULTANT TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR

* PAST REGIONAL COMMANDER, Sir Felino PARAS, KGOR

* FRATERNAL MESSAGE FROM Sir Antonio GUANSING, KGOR, REGIONAL COMMANDER EUROPE

* RECEPTION

DRESS CODE: UNIFORM RIZAL

REMINDER INVITATION

FOR MEMBERS & NON MEMBERS

EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

10TH CHARTERING ANNIVERSARY

**DIAMOND CHAPTER – ANTWERP
BELGIUM**

SATURDAY JANUARY 23 – 2010

4.30 P.M.

WHERE?

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

PROGRAM?

welcome

dubbing ceremony of new Knights (KR) – elevation to KOR – KCR – KGOR

Proposal and approval new board KOR Diamond 2010-2011

A short film introduction musical-play "Calamba Joe" (the Life of Dr. Rizal) – possible performance in Belgium June 19, 2010 at the Cultural Centre Scharpoord in Knokke-Heist (to be confirmed by all Chapters)

Inspirational talk by the Philippine Embassy: Sir Roy Ecræla, Consul / Minister and from Jan. 11 2010, Chargé d'Affaires upon arrival of the newly assigned Philippine Ambassador

Message from the Royal Embassy of Belgium through Ambassador His Excellency Christian Meerschman (through webcam/skype from Manila)

Short review supported project KOR Diamond victims typhoons

reception – toast on the New Year

special guests (surprise)

fraternal dinner – world buffet with drinks

the new Newsletter and updated website

dessert – coffee – fellowship

news from the Diamond Chapter – Belgian Council – European Council – Supreme Council

Dancing

PARTICIPATION? 55 EUR members and non-members – children from 7 half price – everything included (all drinks, apero, wines, water, coffee, ...)

PAYMENT?

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

DEADLINE?

We really would appreciate to CONFIRM your participation and payment on or before January 15, 2010

Please ALSO send an email to confirm your participation.

Info : Sir Dominiek Segaert, KCR, Chapter Commander & Deputy Area Commander Belgium –

dominiek.segaert@skynet.be

EXPRESS MEDICAL RECRUITING FILIPINO NURSES BELGIUM 2010

The following message and information is published upon request of Express Medical Belgium through our member and devoted Knight Sir Marc Helsen, KR. KOR Diamond doesn't take any responsibility for the information and for all specific questions upon the matter, please contact Sir Marc Helsen, KR on 0470/99 47 53 or through his email: marc.helsen2@telenet.be

"Like some of you know already, the Belgian authorities decided and agreed to accept the coming of around 1000 Filipinos (women/men) for nursing and working totally legally in different Belgian hospitals.

The screening of the candidates will take place in the beginning of 2010 and will end after a few months.

Sir Marc Helsen wants to inform all possible candidates to make a detailed Curriculum Vitae with surely mentioning email address and telephone number in the Philippines and/or Belgium. The central office of Express Medical will contact them for a screening.

He asks also to forward this information to other organisations who have contacts with Filipinos in the Philippines and/or Belgium and especially those with the necessary qualifications.

All CV's and information regarding the applications have to be send to Mrs. Bernadette Vranken, Management Assistant of the Central Office of Express Medical: bernadette.vranken@expressmedical.be

Mrs. Vranken will inform the candidates if there application will turn out into an interview. Only the central office will communicate further with them.

Please do not overwhelm Mrs. Vranken with all possible questions. Use only this address for sending a CV and official letter (please in word document) with application. More specific information or other questions can be asked to Sir Marc Helsen."

(information provided by Sir Marc Helsen, KR on 2009-12-20 to the Chap. Comm.)

CONDOLENCE AND PRAYERS

- ◆ *Recently beginning December 2010 the Europe Regional Council received the message of Sir Alfonso & Lady Aurea Taguiang, KCR, the London Chapter Commander & Area Commander for UK and Ireland, of the passing away of Sir Juanito "Nito" Solis, KCR and Life Time Member of the Order of the Knights of Rizal. In the name of the KOR Europe, our Regional Commander, Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, send sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family of Sir "Nito" and the London Chapter. We of KOR Diamond offer our sincere condolences, sympathy and prayers for the family.*
- ◆ *Through our Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, we of KOR Diamond Chapter were informed in Oct. about the death of the son of Sir Jimboy Rebong, KOR of Rizal Aalst Chapter. We of KOR Diamond offer our sincere condolences, sympathy and prayers for the family.*

Our heartfelt condolences and solemn prayers and may their souls rest in peace in the bosom of our dear Almighty God.

PASKO SA BRUSSELS

As in the past years, the 4th Pasko sa Brussels celebration this year at Dec. 6, 2009, was well-attended, the venue "Salle Boetendael" (near Square des Héros) was full-packed with excited participants ready to feel early Christmas with the Philippine Community in Belgium.



"Pamaskong Misa" (Christmas Mass) curtain-raised the event and was celebrated by Fr. Enrique Luzung, a Filipino scholar-priest from Leuven. Filipino choir merged members from Pag-ibig sa Diyos Catholic Community, El Shaddai DWXI-PPFII and Couples for Christ religious groups and sang beautifully the repertoire for the mass under the baton of Doddy Dimaculangan.

"Salo-salong Pamasko" followed with numerous vendors displaying varied Filipino dishes and delicacies which eventually brought participants to numerous choices of what to eat. So many "Sariling atin" drinks were offered in the organizer's bar for the delight of the attendees at reasonable prices. There was even "lechon" in one of the stalls. Other exhibitors showcase Philippine products and crafts with as low as 20% off Christmas sale. Beautiful lanterns brightly lighted in one of the corners of the venue ready to be brought home by interested buyer.

A moment of silence was given in respect of beloved "Nonoy" Reyes, one of the founders of Pasko sa Brussels and an icon in the Philippine organisations, who died last year in the Philippines. He is deeply missed by so many friends and his beloved family.



From l. to r.: Lady Leah, Sir Dominiek, Amb. H.E. Cristina G. Ortega, Sir Cesar "Boy" Alcoba, Ms. Del Lulu, Consul General Marichu Mauro, Sir Peter Van Bogaert



Santa Claus with the children & Ms. Dhel Lulu

FILCOM Christmas tree was cooperatively decorated by Philippine Community leaders as their names were called by the Chairman, Ms. Dhel Lulu, COFAB President:

KOR Diamond Chapter (Mr. Dominiek Segaert), Council of Filipino Associations in Flanders (Ms. Minabelle Vanantwerpen), Filipino Catholic Community in Antwerpen (Honorary Consul General Mr. Peter Van Bogaert, representing Hon. Consul Mr. Antonio Guansing), Friendship for the Philippines (Ms. Leah-Segaert-Gallego), KOR Aalst Chapter (Mr. Albert Arevalo), Mabuhay Friends Club-Belgium (Ms. Nellie Narbonita), Association of Pangasinense (Mr. Nilo Gapasin), Samahan (Ms. Tess Fabian), Couples for Christ (Mr. & Mrs. Romeo/Marivic Medina), Unifil (Ms. Corazon Reosura), Tayantangan (Mr. Serafin Castor), El Shaddai – DWXI-PPFII (Ms. Milagros Reyes), Pampango (Ms. Lilia Velasquez), Pag-ibig Sa Diyos Catholic Community (Ms. Edwin Martinez/Ms. Remie Valencia), Grand Ilocandia sa Belgium (Mr. & Mrs. Jun/Vivian Aniceto), Carinosa (Ms. Elvie Galvan), Phil.-Belgian Women's Club (Ms. Flor Panes), Papaya Nueva Ecija (Mr. Edwin de Guzman/Ms. Shirley Bacay), Phil. Folkloric Troupe (Mr. Frank Velasquez), Kumpare (Mr. Rolly Limson), Libmanan (Ms. Raquel Aldea), Filipiniana-Europa (Ms. Juliet

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Regidor), Filipino Community in Limburg (Ms. Eleanor Demabildo), Antipodes/Aseana Travel (Ms. Benilda Rebong), KOR Brussels (Bhoy Alcoba), COFAB (Ms. Dhel Lulu).

On the occasion we also spotted different Knights of Rizal of Diamond Chapter and other Chapters. Also the "living encyclopedia of Dr. Jose Rizal" in Belgium, Sir Lucien & Lady Madeleine Spittaël, KGOR, attended the festivities.

The Philippine Embassy encapped the tree with tinsels symbolizing guidance, concern and love for the community led by Ambassador Cristina Ortega, with Consul General Marichu Mauro, Vice Consul Chris Rola and Honorary Consul General Peter



Van Bogaert. A glass plaque was offered to the Ambassador as a token of appreciation by the FIL-COM and she in turn, delivered a very inspiring Christmas message.



There was a loud applauding from the spectators of the beautiful numbers rendered by the children, Philippine Embassy and other Philippine groups as entertainment. The children's presentations were choreographed by the "best trainers in town" namely Del Nala, Grace Castillo and Juliet Regido

A plane ticket to the Philippines from KLM Airlines was the tombola major prize sponsored by the ASEANA TRAVEL through Mr. Marc Lambert & Ms. Benilda Rebong. There was also the gift-giving to the children by "Sta. Claus".

Added to the program was the oath-taking of the newly-acquired Dual Citizens in Belgium and the Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation by the Philippine Embassy to the Philippine Independence Celebration 2009 and Pasko sa Brussels 2009 initiators and members of the organizing committee.

Also certificates of appreciation were given to the organisations who until now supported the victims of the typhoons in and around Manila.



Also KOR Diamond Chapter received a certificate of appreciation to help the people in these difficult times.



Indeed, this whole-day feasting of early Filipino Christmas celebration in Brussels held on the 6th December in Salle Boetendael in Uccle was an enjoyable day to remember, both by the children and the old ones, as well. We are indebted to the wholehearted cooperation of the Philippine Embassy, the Filipino Chaplaincy and the Philippine Community. This year's organizer of this traditional big Filipino Christmas occasion, the Council of Filipino Associations in Belgium (COFAB), wish to thank everyone who came and joined them in this triumphant event. *Salamat sa inyong lahat!!*

As chairman Dhel Lulu expressed it also on the Munting Nasyon Website (www.mnetherlands.com): "Once again thanks for sharing and regards to all of the Filipino in Brussels and your friends too!"

The fabulous MC - Joel Sampang

More pictures of Pasko sa Brussels

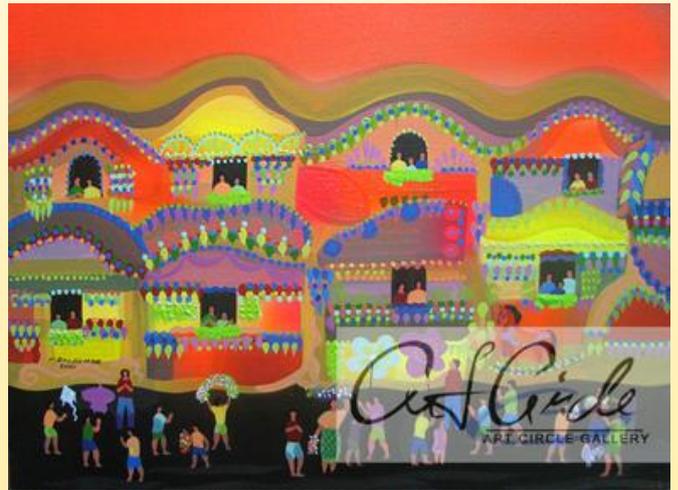
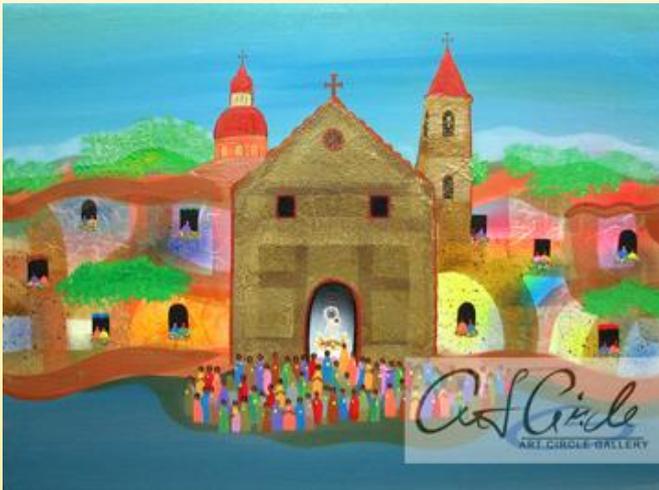


Certif. KOR Diamond support victims typhoons
Diamond Knights are Sirs Paul Verloo, Dominiek Segært, Peter Van Bogaert, Ronny Felix & Sylvain Herremans together with H.E. Ambassador C. G. Ortega

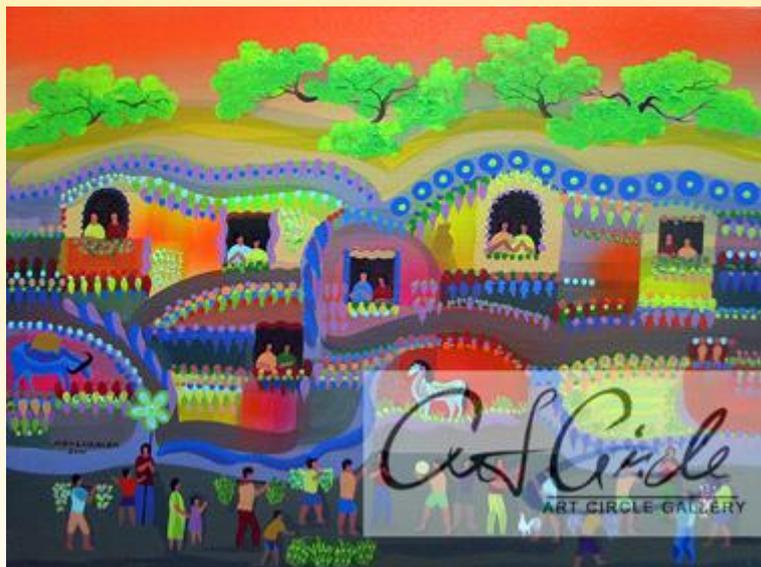
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S WISHES FROM
OUR BELOVED AMBASSADOR
H.E. CRISTINA G. ORTEGA

"May the gifts of the season... peace, hope, love, health and happiness be yours throughout the New Year. Thanks for all your support. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. Cristina G. Ortega. Ambassador – December 2009"

Some paintings by award winning Philippine artist Manuel
Baldemor – recently on visit in Belgium – picture by courtesy of Art Circle Gallery



<http://www.artcircle-gallery.com>



FAREWELL EXCELLENCY ORTEGA & GRACE-FILLED NEW YEAR

KOR Diamond received through Dhel Lulu of COFAB the following kind invitation that we want to spread to all our members.

"A very "cold snowy" Holiday Greetings to all of you, from me & COFAB. I wish you Peace & Joy this Holiday Season and may 2010 be another year full of hope and prosperity for all of us! ! !

"Happy Christmas & Grace-filled New Year to All"

Allow me too, to extend to all of you the invitation to COFAB Christmas Party, Thanksgiving to Pasko sa Brussels 2009 and Despedida for Ambassador Cristina Ortega (3 in 1) on January 1st, Friday 19h00 in Chinatown Restaurant, 1 Private Dreef 1860 Meise. It will be a "Western Outfit" night, buffet dinner (18euro adult; 10euro child below 12, drinks not included) and you will dance to your feet's content till 2am.

I hope you can make it and let's have an enjoyable New Year's Day together. I will appreciate it much if you will care to reply and tell how many are coming from your family/group.

We intend to assemble in Quick Louise at 17h00-18h00 January 1st before proceeding to the venue. Should you have some questions, please call me.

Thank you and best regards!

Dhel"

(you can email Dhel Lulu on dhelulu55cofabxl@yahoo.com

or phone: 0476398750)

I kindly invite all our KOR Knights to this occasion. Some of you already personally said goodbye to Excellency Cristina G. Ortega during the Pasko sa Brussels last Dec. 6.

BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HIS EXCELLENCY CHRISTIAN MEERSCHMAN SIGNED RESOLUTION OF BROTHERHOOD KOR DIAMOND DEC. 17 – 2009

During a business trip to the Philippines and Indonesia, our member Sir Johan De Boeck, KR got from our Chapter Commander Sir Dominiek Segart, KCR, the task and the request to have a meeting with our very own newly assigned Belgian Ambassador H.E. Christian Meerschman in Manila. During a lunch in Manila together with our Consul and Deputy Chief of Mission Mr. René Peeters, he introduced the KOR Diamond Chapter and the will to strengthen ties with the Belgian Embassy. H.E. Meerschman accepted and signed a resolution of brotherhood offered by Sir Dominiek. During July and August 2010 we will inform the Ambassador of the different educational and medical projects that have been supported by the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter and the still going on projects in the spirit of Rizal. (to be continued)

**The Order of the Knights of Rizal
Diamond Chapter – Antwerp – Flanders – Belgium**



Hereby gives this

**RESOLUTION OF BROTHERHOOD TO
HIS EXCELLENCY CHRISTIAN MEERSCHMAN
AMBASSADOR KINGDOM OF BELGIUM – EUROPE &
KNIGHTS OF RIZAL – DIAMOND CHAPTER – ANTWERP – BELGIUM – EUROPE**

to strengthen the friendship and brotherhood with the Diamond Chapter of Antwerp in Belgium and through this to make more effort to unite all Knights & Ladies in and outside Europe. Given also 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. Non Omnis Moria!

Given on the 17th day December in the year of our Lord, two thousand nine (2009) at 12.30 p.m. at l'Opera – The Fort – Taguig City – Metro Manila
Offered by

Sir Dominiek & Lady Leah SEGAERT-GALLEGO, KCR
Chapter Commander Diamond 2008-2010
Deputy Area Commander for Belgium
Distinguished Service Medal

Knokke-Heist – Belgium

For acceptance signed by
His Excellency Christian MEERSCHMAN
Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium

Witnessed by
Sir Johan DE BOECK, KR
Knight of Rizal 1st degree – KOR Diamond Chapter

CALAMBA JOE MUSICAL PLAY IN BELGIUM

Soon the different Chapter Commanders and some interested Knights will be informed about a meeting to finalize a possible performance of the Musical Play Calamba Joe about the life of Dr. Rizal.

This meeting will be held just before or after the 10th Chartering Anniversary and the different Chapters will be given the possibility to give a few preferred dates for an informal meeting.

Meanwhile Sir Claudio Evangelio, KGOR and Sir Günther Vomberg, KCR, both from Cebu and recently in Belgium (see Newsletter 17) will be asked to give the KOR Belgian Council more specific information regarding the requirements for the play.

Possible date and venue (this is a proposal) could be Saturday June 19 (the birthday of Rizal) at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Centre Scharpoord, Meerlaan 32, 8300 Knokke-Heist. Again: this is a proposal and should be backed by ALL chapters. Because of interesting agreements with the Mayor and Councillors of Knokke-Heist the venue and the date are taken in consideration and option by the Belgian Council of KOR.

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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 5th and last 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 5

by Maximo Viola

Friend Blumentritt accompanied us in our regular excursions and if he had to leave our company for some time because of his professional occupations, then one or two friends of his, like Dr. Klutschack, took his place. At night, we took dinner invariably at the same hospitable house of our semi-Filipino friend. After talking about Philippine themes preferably, he accompanied us unto the door of our hotel. The following day, very early, the tireless friend would be in the lobby of our hotel waiting for the customary hour of our coming down and, after breakfast, he accompanied us to resume our interrupted excursions, taking us to curious places, more or less instructive and other places of historical attraction.

With a previous understanding, one afternoon, our amiable host invited us to a beer-hall in which the best beer of Bohemia was served. While there we overheard the conversation of some tourists who were occupied a neighboring table. They were discussing the convenience of making the railroad pass by one of the towns close to Leitmeritz (I don't remember the name of the town). Friend Blumentritt introduced us to the president of the club who, after the usual greetings and welcome, said, among other things the following: That, if later a Filipino traveler would have a chance to reach those places, the project under discussion would be a reality, in which case we could recommend the inclusion in the itinerary of the traveler of that town for whose improvement they were interested. After him, Dr. Rizal replied with an extemporaneous speech in German which was applauded by the audience at the end, particularly by the president of the club who asked how much time Rizal had spent learning German. When Rizal replied that he had studied the language eleven months, their admiration rose and they called him a privileged talent. For his part Professor Blumentritt embraced and felicitated him

Beste collega ridders, vrienden,

Als vervolg op onze vorige nieuwsbrief publiceren we hier het 4de laatste 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 5

door Maximo Viola

Vriend Blumentritt vergezelde ons regelmatig op onze excursies en als hij ons soms alleen moest laten als gevolg van zijn professionele bezigheden dan namen één of twee vrienden van hem, zoals dr Klutschack, zijn plaats in. 's Avonds namen we steeds het avondeten in hetzelfde gastvrije huis van onze semi-Filipijnse vriend. Na gebabbeld te hebben over bij voorkeur Filipijnse thema's, begeleidde hij ons tot aan de deur van ons hotel. De volgende dag, heel vroeg, stond onze onvermoeibare vriend in de lobby van ons hotel te wachten op het gebruikelijke uur dat wij naar beneden kwamen en na het ontbijt vergezelde hij ons om onze onderbroken excursies te hervatten, waarbij hij ons naar merkwaardige en min of meer leerzame plaatsen bracht en anderen van historische waarde. Bij een eerdere bijeenkomst, op een namiddag, had onze charmante gastheer ons uitgenodigd naar een bierhal waar het beste bier van Bohemen werd geserveerd. Daar hoorden we toevallig een gesprek tussen enkele toeristen aan een naburige tafel. Ze bespraken het gemak om de spoorlijn langs een van de steden dicht bij Leitmeritz te laten lopen (ik herinner me niet meer de naam van de gemeente). Vriend Blumentritt introduceerde ons bij de voorzitter van de club die, na de gebruikelijke begroeting en welkom, onder andere het volgende zei: dat, indien later een Filippijnse reiziger de kans zou hebben om die plaatsen te bezoeken zou het project, dat nu ter discussie lag, een realiteit zijn en in welk geval we een inlassing konden laten opnemen van deze stad in de reisroute van de reiziger. Daarop antwoordde dr Rizal met een onvoorbereide toespraak in het Duits die werd toegejuicht door het publiek achteraan, in het bijzonder door de voorzitter van de club die vroeg hoeveel tijd Rizal had besteed aan het leren van het Duits. Wanneer Rizal antwoordde dat hij de taal elf maanden had bestudeerd steeg hun bewondering en noemden zij hem een bevoorrecht talent. Professor Blumentritt omarmde en feliciteerde hem van harte, een waardevol eerbetoen, eraan toevoegend dat ze het zelf moeilijk vonden om toespraken in

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warmly, adding that they, themselves, found it difficult to improvise speeches in their own language, for which reason they didn't expect this from an extemporaneous speaker, a showing worthy of a tribute, inasmuch as there was a great distance between writing well in German as Dr. Rizal had already demonstrated previously in his various letters, and the literary merit that never had the learned Philippinologist imagined Rizal possessed.

Rizal, desiring to commemorate our sojourn at the semi-Filipino Austrian home, asked one day, after a luncheon, for pencil and other things necessary for a crayon drawing, and after working for awhile, he produced a picture of our host, Blumentritt, seated in the dining-room chair. The souvenir pleased our friend and his respectable family very much. Among the rarities we admired at Leitmeritz, I remember two volumes of the Bible edited in ancient times for which the English government had offered three thousand pounds sterling.

As a conclusion to so much affability displayed by the affectionate family of our unforgettable Blumentritt, they tendered us on the day before the eve of our departure a fraternal farewell banquet on Schutzen-Inseln (Shooters' Isle), served nicely by one of the famed restaurants of that picturesque islet inhabited by some centuries-old trees. After the dinner, the conversation turned to the personal merits of the author of the *Noli me tângere*, Professor Blumentritt spoke to me of him in laudatory terms saying that Dr. Rizal was the greatest son of the Philippines and his coming to the world was like the apparition of a rare comet of special brilliance that could only be admired once every two centuries.

The following night we returned the hospitality of the generous Filipino-Austrian family, tendering them a modest dinner in the upper floor of the restaurant of our hotel, or rather in the same room where we were living. Rizal's diamond necktie pin was lost here, but none of the dinner guests learned about the loss until later, after a few days of our arrival at Vienna. Discovering the loss of his pin that he had worn on his necktie on the night of the dinner, Rizal immediately wrote Friend Blumentritt giving details of the probable place where it had been lost. Upon an investigation of the hotel boys, it was found out that one of the boys who cleaned our room found the jewel on the rug. It was taken by Blumentritt and sent with a letter to Rizal at the Vienna Hotel Metropole in a perfumed package. That honesty of the boy of the Hotel Krebs led Rizal to make critical comparisons which were cer-

hun eigen taal te improviseren. Daarom hadden ze dit niet verwacht van een onvoorbereide spreker vermits er een grote afstand was tussen goed in het Duits te schrijven zoals dr Rizal al eerder had aangetoond in zijn diverse brieven en de literaire verdiensten die de wijze Philippinologist nooit had vermoed bij Rizal.

Rizal, die wenste om ons verblijf in het semi-Filipijnse Oostenrijkse huis te gedenken, vroeg op een dag na de lunch om een potlood en andere dingen die nodig zijn voor een krijttekening, en na een tijdje werken produceerde hij een portret van onze gastheer, Blumentritt, zittend op een stoel in de eetkamer. Onze vriend en zijn respectabele familie waren opgetogen met het aandenken. Onder de unieke zaken die wij in Leitmeritz bewonderden, herinner ik me twee volumes van de Bijbel bewerkt in de oudheid voor dewelke de Engelse regering drieduizend pond sterling had geboden.

Ter afsluiting van zoveel goedwillendheid van de aanhankelijke familie van onze onvergetelijke Blumentritt boden ze ons op de dag, voorafgaand aan de vooravond van ons vertrek, een broederlijk afscheidsbanket op Schutzen-Inseln (Schutter's Eiland), mooi opgediend door een van de beroemde restaurants van dit schilderachtige eiland met enkele eeuwenoude bomen. Na het diner ging het gesprek over de persoonlijke verdiensten van de auteur van de "Noli me Tangere". Professor Blumentritt sprak in lovende termen over hem door te zeggen dat Dr Rizal de grootste zoon van de Filippijnen was en zijn komst in de wereld was net als de verschijning van een zeldzame komeet van speciale glans die alleen kon worden bewonderd eenmaal per twee eeuwen. De volgende avond retourneerden we de gastvrijheid van de gulle Filipijnse-Oostenrijkse familie door hen een bescheiden diner aan te bieden op de bovenste etage van het restaurant van ons hotel, of liever gezegd in dezelfde ruimte waarin we woonden. Rizal verloor hier zijn diamanten stropdas speld, maar geen enkele van de gasten wist iets over het verlies tot later, na een paar dagen na onze aankomst in Wenen. Na de ontdekking van het verlies van zijn pen die hij had gedragen op zijn stropdas op de avond van het diner, schreef Rizal onmiddellijk zijn vriend Blumentritt met details van de vermoedelijke plaats waar ze was verloren. Bij navraag van het hotelpersoneel, werd ontdekt dat een van de jongens die onze kamer had gereinigd, het juweel op het tapijt had gevonden. Blumentritt had de speld aangenomen en stuurde ze met een brief naar Rizal naar het Weense Hotel Metropole in een geparfumeerd pakket. De eerlijkheid van de jongen van het Hotel Krebs leidde Rizal tot kritische vergelijkingen die zeker zeer ongunstig waren voor het spaanse volk.

De volgende dag vergezelden onze vriend en broeder Blumentritt, zijn vrouw Doña Rosa, hun kinderen Loleng, Federico en Conrado, en professor Klutschack ons naar het treinstation waar ieder van ons tranen liet wegens ons trieste afscheid. We vertrokken naar

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tainly very unfavorable to the Spanish people.

The following day our friend and brother Blumentritt, his wife Doña Rosa, their children Loleng, Federico, and Conrado, and Professor Klutschack accompanied us to the railroad station where all of us shared tears at our sad parting. We departed for

PRAGUE

The recommendation furnished us gallantly by Professor Blumentritt to Dr. Willkomm (may he rest in peace), professor of natural history at the University of Prague, greatly simplified and made pleasant the Rizalian system of visiting this city; the said professor, accompanied by his charming daughter, served as our sightseeing guide in our visits to the remains of the celebrated geographer Ptolemy or Copernicus, [11] one of the three inventors of the planetary system; to the laboratories of bacteriology; museums of natural history; to the tiny cave which served as the prison cell of St. John of Nepomunceno; the bridge from which the said martyr was thrown into the river marked with a piece of marble, worn out by the kisses of so many votaries. With a recommendation of Dr. Willkomm we took leave of him and his kind family to go to

BRUNN

About this city I remember no notable event related to Rizal, except our sightseeing, according to the guidebook. From here we moved on to

VIENNA [12]

Beautiful Austrian capital city whose best buildings were located in the majority on a beautiful street called Ring (in the form of a ring). In accordance with the suggestions of Dr. Willkomm and Baedeker we found it necessary to spend four days in the tour of its grand and artistic buildings as well as in the analytical examination of the sacred ornaments and images of saints exhibited in a timely exposition held at that capital. Some of the images exhibited had more ancient or historic value than artistic. One of the exhibits was a wooden crucifix, of natural size, at whose back was a large hole through which could pass a watermelon of ordinary size. As Rizal had a well-developed and cultivated artistic sense, I asked his opinion on this object. According to him, in its day, the crucifix was made to talk, replying to sermons delivered by the preacher from the pulpit, the better to convince the audience. In one of our tours of that city, Rizal encountered the figure of a temptress in the form of a Viennese woman, of the

PRAAG

De aanbeveling, ons galant aangeboden door professor Blumentritt bij dr. Willkomm (moge hij in vrede rusten), hoogleraar in de natuurlijke historie aan de Universiteit van Praag, vereenvoudigde en veraangenaamde sterk het Rizaliaanse systeem van het bezoeken van deze stad. De genoemde professor, vergezeld door zijn charmante dochter, deed dienst als onze gids tijdens onze bezoeken aan de overblijfselen van de beroemde geograaf Ptolemaeus of Copernicus, [11] één van de drie uitvinders van het planetaire systeem, aan de laboratoria van bacteriologie, musea van natuurlijke historie, aan de lawaaierige of kleine grot die diende als gevangenis van St. Jan van Nepomunceno, de brug waar de genoemde martelaar vanaf werd gegooid in de rivier met een stuk marmer, verweerd door de kussen van zoveel gelovigen. Met een aanbeveling van dr. Willkomm namen we afscheid van hem en zijn vriendelijke familie om te vertrekken naar

BRUNN

Over deze stad herinner ik me geen opmerkelijke gebeurtenis in verband met Rizal, behalve onze sightseeing, volgens de reisgids. Vanaf hier zijn we verhuisd naar

WENEN [12]

Prachtige Oostenrijkse hoofdstad waarvan de beste gebouwen voor het merendeel zijn gelegen in een mooie straat, Ring genaamd (in de vorm van een ring). In overeenstemming met de suggesties van dr. Willkomm en Baedeker vonden we het nodig om vier dagen uit te trekken voor een toer van de magnifieke en artistieke gebouwen, alsmede in het analytisch onderzoek van de heilige ornamenten en beelden van heiligen tentoongesteld in een gelegen komende expositie, gehouden in deze hoofdstad. Sommige van de beelden tentoongesteld hadden meer oudheidkundige of historische waarde dan artistieke. Een van de exposities was een houten kruisbeeld van natuurlijke grootte, op wiens achterkant een groot gat was, groot genoeg om een watermeloen van normale grootte te laten doorgaan. Vermits Rizal een goed ontwikkeld en gecultiveerd artistiek gevoel had, vroeg ik zijn mening over dit object. Volgens hem was het kruisbeeld indertijd gemaakt om door te praten, om de preken te beantwoorden die door de predikant vanaf de preekstoel werden uitgesproken, om zo beter het publiek te overtuigen. In een van onze trips in die stad, kwam Rizal een verleidster tegen in de vorm van een Weense vrouw, van de familie van de Camelia's of Margarite, van een buitengewone schoonheid en onweerstaanbare aantrekkingskracht. Deze was schijnbaar uitdrukkelijk verzocht om de beker van het mondaine plezier aan de apostel van de Filippijnse vrijheid te schenken, die tot dan toe onder zijn vertrouwelingen de reputatie van eerbaarheid had genoten zoals zijn roemrijke

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family of the Camellias or Margarite, of extraordinary beauty and irresistible attraction, who seemingly had been expressly invited to offer for a moment the cup of mundane pleasure to the apostle of Philippine freedom who, until then, had enjoyed among his intimates, the fame worthy of his glorious name-sake St. Joseph.

With the exception of this case I knew of no other slip of Rizal during more than six months of our living together. His "fall" in Dapitan, under that regime and atmosphere which were very difficult from a free life, where the vegetative life predominated over a very active intellectual life to which our hero was accustomed, deserved separate consideration by the doctors of the Holy Mother Church, who ought to know how to judge within the pretended conversion of Rizal whether his love for Miss Josephine, which was not sealed by the vow of chastity, was in accordance or not with the well-known moral dictum that "Idleness the mother of all vices." With regard to his platonic love for his former fiancée, Leonor Rivera, there is the circumstance, proving the control of his clear and strong mind over his heart, that despite his very great love for her, moderation impelled him to send her from Berlin for the Christmas of 1886, nothing more than a modest little box of stationery, although there were in the shop special kinds suitable for sweethearts and at bargain prices.

In order to change panoramas, in the continuation of our trip, we preferred to take a little ship of the kind that made trips on the famed Danube in conjunction with the railroad.

During the fluvial trip, the novelty consisted of the interpretation of historical events connected with the famed river and the fact that we used paper napkins on the dining table for the second time, a hygienic and economical novelty. The end of that river trip was

LINZ

We spent little time here in sightseeing on account of the slight importance of the city, and soon we took the train to go on to

SALZBURG

At this place we also did not stay long, just enough to see the city according to the suggestions in the guidebook of Baedeker. Afterwards, we continued on to

MÜNCHEN [13] (MUNICH)

A pretty city in which, among other things described by Bae-

naamgenoot St Jozef.

Met uitzondering van deze zaak wist ik van geen enkele andere dwaling van Rizal gedurende meer dan zes maanden van ons samenleven. Zijn "val" in Dapitan, onder dat regime en omgeving die zeer moeilijk waren voor een vrij leven, waar het vegetatieve leven overheerste over een zeer actief intellectueel leven waaraan onze held gewend was, verdiende een bijzondere beschouwing door de theologen van de Heilige Moeder Kerk. Zij moesten weten hoe te oordelen binnen de vermeende bekering van Rizal of zijn liefde voor juffrouw Josephine, die niet verzegeld was door de gelofte van kuisheid, al of niet in overeenstemming was met het bekende morele gezegde dat "Ledigheid de moeder van alle ondeugden is". Met betrekking tot zijn platonische liefde voor zijn voormalige verloofde, Leonor Rivera, is er nog de omstandigheid, waaruit de controle blijkt van zijn duidelijk en sterke karakter over zijn hart dat, ondanks zijn zeer grote liefde voor haar, gematigdheid hem ertoe aanzette om haar vanuit Berlijn voor de Kerst van 1886, niets meer dan een bescheiden doosje van schrijfbodenigheden te sturen, hoewel er in de winkel speciale soorten waren, geschikt voor geliefden en heel goedkoop.

Om, tijdens de voortzetting van onze reis, van panorama te veranderen, gaven we de voorkeur aan een klein schip van het soort dat trips op de beroemde Donau deed in combinatie met de spoorweg.

Tijdens de rivierreis bestond de nieuwheid uit de interpretatie van historische gebeurtenissen in verband met de beroemde rivier en het feit dat we papieren servetten op de eettafel voor de tweede keer gebruikten, een hygiënische en economische vernieuwing. Het einde van die rivierreis was

LINZ

We hebben hier weinig tijd voor bezienswaardigheden gependend op grond van het geringe belang van de stad, en we namen spoedig de trein naar

SALZBURG

Op deze plek hebben we ook niet lang vertoeft, net genoeg om de stad te zien volgens de suggesties in de reisgids van Baedeker. Daarna gingen we verder naar

MÜNCHEN [13]

Een mooie stad waar men, onder andere beschreven volgens Baedeker, het beste bier in Duitsland kon drinken. Hier waren de twee beste brouwerijen die in volle groei waren en waar we bij de maaltijd weer papieren servetten kregen. Ik herinner me niets anders dat Rizal in deze stad overkwam. Vanaf hier zijn we doorgegaan naar

NUREMBERG

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deker, was that here one could drink the best beer in Germany. Here were the two best breweries which were expanding and where, at the meal served to us there, we were again given paper napkins. I don't remember any other thing that happened to Rizal in this city. From here we passed on to

NUREMBERG

One of the old cities of Germany for the architectural style of its buildings as well as for its aspect and the plan of its streets. Among the varied impressions gathered of this ancient city I recall only the different apparatus used for torture by the Inquisition, some of human form in whose cavity could be enclosed perfectly a person sentenced to suffer martyrdom through iron nails arranged in such a way that when the apparatus operated the person inside it would be hit immediately by the tips of the nails on all parts of his body. Other instruments of torture simulated horses with their saddles full of nails protruding in all directions, stirrups that compressed until the bones of the feet of the hapless condemned man were fractured by means of certain springs. All this could not fail to hurt our feelings, especially of Dr. Rizal who had paid much attention to them. He also took notice of a very deep well that in order for a pail to reach its bottom two or three minutes were needed. The favorite industry here was the large scale manufacturing of dolls which invaded all the markets of the world. We embarked for

ULM

The cathedral of this city was considered the largest and tallest in all Germany. It was under construction at that time and its tower still lacked the last story. Notwithstanding, in climbing those stairs of hundreds of steps, I was forced to rest twice, and even then, upon reaching the last story under construction, I felt dizzy with fatigue, while my companion Rizal was able to climb those stairs without resting and the least trouble. From this city we passed on to

STUTTGART

After the regular tour about which I remember nothing we passed on to

BADEN

The same method of sightseeing, after which we were to RHEINFALL or CASCADE OF THE RHINE

It was the grandest cascade of Europe; we forded the great river in front of the same cataract in a banca (boat) which

Een van de oude steden van Duitsland gekenmerkt door de architectonische stijl van de gebouwen en door het aspect en het plan van de straten. Onder de gevarieerde indrukken verzameld van deze oude stad herinner ik me alleen de verschillende toestellen, gebruikt voor marteling door de Inquisitie, sommige van een menselijke vorm in wiens holte een persoon perfect kon worden ingesloten en veroordeeld tot een martelaarschap door middel van ijzeren nagels, zodanig georganiseerd dat wanneer het toestel werd gebruikt, de persoon binnenin onmiddellijk getroffen werd door de punten van de nagels op alle delen van zijn lichaam. Andere martelinstrumenten simuleerden paarden met hun zadels vol uitstekende nagels in alle richtingen, beugels die gecompriemd werden tot de voetbeenderen van de ongelukkige veroordeelde man werden gebroken door middel van veren. Dit alles kon niet anders dan onze gevoelens kwetsen, zeker van dr. Rizal die er veel aandacht aan besteedde. Hij schonk ook veel aandacht aan een zeer diepe waterput waarin een emmer twee of drie minuten nodig had om de bodem te bereiken. De favoriete industrie hier was de grootschalige productie van poppen die alle markten van de wereld binnendrongen. We scheepten in voor

ULM

De kathedraal van deze stad werd beschouwd als de grootste en hoogste van heel Duitsland. Hij was op dat moment in aanbouw en de toren miste nog het laatste verdiep. Desondanks moest ik twee keer uitrusten tijdens het beklimmen van de honder treden en zelfs daarna, bij het bereiken van het laatste verdiep in aanbouw, voelde ik me duizelig van vermoeidheid, terwijl mijn metgezel Rizal die trappen zonder te rusten en de minste problemen kon beklimmen. Van deze stad we gingen we verder naar

STUTTGART

Na de reguliere excursie waarvan ik me niets herinner gingen we verder naar

BADEN

Dezelfde methode van sightseeing waarna we verder gingen naar

RHEINFALL of WATERVAL VAN DE RIJN

Het was de grootste waterval van Europa, we doorwaadden de grote rivier tegenover dezelfde waterval in een banca (boot) die erg hard trilde door de stroming geproduceerd door de grote hoeveelheid water in haar duizelingwekkende en lawaaiige val. We kochten wat souvenirs van ons bezoek aan deze prachtige waterval en daarna zijn we verder gegaan naar

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vibrated very much on account of the surge produced by the great quantity of water in its vertiginous and noisy fall. We bought some souvenirs of our visit to that beautiful cascade and then we proceeded to

SCHAFFHAUSEN [14]

I refer again to Baedeker's guidebook with regard to our visit to this place. From here to

BASEL [15] (BALE)

The same forgetfulness with regard to impressions of some importance.

BERN [16]

After the usual sightseeing, we went to

LAUSANNE

Here we boarded a little steamer sailing on Lake Lemman. Soon after our departure there appeared a thick fog that impeded vision within two meters from the steamer, thus compelling the captain to sound the horn every five minutes while the phenomenon lasted. We disembarked at

GENEVA

One of the best cities of Switzerland most visited by foreigners. After getting from the customs the luggage sent from Berlin, we spent our time visiting the city in which German, Italian, and French were spoken. Our indefatigable traveler, Rizal, was able to talk with its polyglot inhabitants. Some afternoons we sailed on rented steamers covering a good portion of that lake of crystalline waters slightly tinted blue. In these fluvial excursions our Rizal learned to row for the first time with his extraordinary resistance, being my rower on going under my direction and my director on the return. On the fourth or fifth day of our stay there, or rather on 19 June 1887, he told me that he was 26 years old. After a few more days of our usual excursions, we checked our luggage, each one going his own way, he to Italy and I to Barcelona. Before concluding these lines I must state that the economical spirit of that martyr during our travels was always in harmony with what was strictly necessary and indispensable, but compatible with comfort and security. Thus our roundtrip tickets from Stetlin until Geneva, good for three months, were of second class, with first-class privileges on the steamers in conjunction with the railroad. The rooms we took at the hotels were also of the second class. On the 23 June of the said year, we boarded together the same train and we separated upon

SCHAFFHAUSEN [14]

Ik verwijst nogmaals naar Baedeker's reisgids met betrekking tot ons bezoek aan deze plek. Van hier naar

BASEL [15] (BALE)

Dezelfde vergeetachtigheid met betrekking tot de belangrijkste indrukken.

BERN [16]

Na de gebruikelijke sightseeing, gingen we naar

LAUSANNE

Hier zijn we aan boord van een klein stoomschip gegaan en zeilden op het Meer van Lemman. Kort na ons vertrek verscheen een dikke mist die het zicht belemmerde binnen twee meter van de stoomboot, waardoor de kapitein gedwongen was om om de vijf minuten de hoorn te blazen zolang het fenomeen duurde. Wij gingen aan land in

GENÈVE

Een van de beste steden van Zwitserland die door buitenlanders het meest bezocht worden. Na het ophalen van de bagage, die verzonden was uit Berlijn, bij de douane, besteedden we onze tijd aan een bezoek aan de stad waar er Duits, Italiaans en Frans werd gesproken. Onze onvermoeibare reiziger, Rizal, was in staat om te praten met haar meertalige inwoners. Sommige middagen zeilden we in gehuurde stoomboten een goed deel af van het meer met het kristallijne water dat licht blauw getint was. Tijdens deze waterexcursies leerde onze Rizal voor het eerst te roeien met zijn buitengewone weerstand, als mijn roeier onder mijn leiding in het opgaan en mijn conducteur tijdens de terugkeer. Op de vierde of vijfde dag van ons verblijf daar, of beter gezegd, op 19 juni 1887, vertelde hij me dat hij 26 jaar oud was. Na een paar dagen van onze gebruikelijke excursies, controleerden we onze bagage en elk ging zijn eigen weg, hij naar Italië en ik naar Barcelona. Vóór het einde van deze tekst moet ik vermelden dat de zuinige ingesteldheid van deze martelaar tijdens onze reizen altijd in harmonie was met wat strikt noodzakelijk en onmisbaar was, maar in harmonie met comfort en veiligheid. Dus waren onze rondreis tickets van Stetlin tot Genève, goed voor drie maanden, voor de tweede klasse, met eerste klasse privileges op de stoomschepen in samenhang met de spoorweg. De kamers die we in de hotels namen waren ook voor tweede klasse. Op 23 juni van dat jaar hebben we samen dezelfde trein genomen en we verlieten mekaar bij het bereiken van de grenzen van Zwitserland, hij naar Italië en ik naar Barcelona.

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reaching the frontiers of Switzerland, he going to Italy and I to Barcelona.

[11] The author Dr. Viola, writing from memory in January 1913, that is 26 years after his travel, was not certain whether it was Ptolemy or Copernicus. As he says further on, he lost his travel notes during the 1896 Revolution.

[12] The bill of Hotel Metropole of Vienna is preserved. It attests to the stay of the travelers Rizal and Viola from 20-24 of May. A postal card sent by Dr. Viola to his father affirms that they arrived at Vienna on that day, the 20th.

[13] The bill of the Rheinscher Hof or Rhine Hotel in München (Munich) proves the travelers lodged there from the 26-30 May 1887. A paper napkin with the mark of Lowenbran-keller in München with a note that it was used on 29 May 1887 tells us that on that day the travelers drank beer there.

[14] The bill of Hotel Müller of Schaffhausen proves that they stayed there on the 2nd and 3rd June 1887.

[15] A paper napkin with the stamp of Baversiche Bierhalle, Basel, and with a note that it was used on 3 May 1887 proves that Rizal and Viola had drunk beer at that place on the day mentioned.

[16] Extant is a bill of the Schweizerhof of Bern.

[11] De auteur dr Viola, vanuit het geheugen schrijvend in januari 1913, dat is 26 jaar na zijn reizen, was niet zeker of het Ptolemaeus of Copernicus was. Zoals hij verder zegt verloor hij zijn reisnota's tijdens de revolutie van 1896.

[12] De factuur van Hotel Metropole van Wenen is bewaard gebleven. Het bewijst het verblijf van de reizigers Rizal en Viola van 20 tot 24 mei. Een briefkaart verzonden door dr Viola aan zijn vader bevestigt dat ze zijn aangekomen in Wenen op die dag, de 20^{ste}.

[13] De factuur van het Rheinscher Hof of Rijn Hotel in München (Munich) bewijst dat de reizigers daar verbleven van 26 tot 30 mei 1887. Een papieren servet met het merkteken van Lowenbran-Keller in München, met een aantekening dat het gebruikt werd op 29 mei 1887, vertelt ons dat op die dag de reizigers daar bier dronken.

[14] De factuur van Hotel Müller van Schaffhausen toont aan dat zij er verbleven op de 2e en 3e juni 1887.

[15] Een papieren servet met de stempel van de Baversiche Bierhalle, Basel, en met een aantekening dat het gebruikt werd op 3 mei 1887 bewijst dat Rizal en Viola daar op die dag bier hadden gedronken.

[16] Er bestaat een factuur van het Schweizerhof van Bern.

In the next issue of our newsletter we will start with the writings of José Rizal about his youth as a student.

In de volgende uitgave van onze nieuwsbrief starten we met de geschriften van José Rizal over zijn jeugd als een student.

CALENDAR

- **Wed. Dec. 30 – Rizal Day – Philippine Chaplaincy – Rue de l’Ourthe (near St. Remy Church) – 6 p.m. – Brussels**
- **Sat. Jan. 23 – 10th Chartering Anniversary KOR Diamond - starting 4.30 p.m. (PLEASE MARK THIS DATE FOR THIS UNIQUE OCCASION!)**

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Our next Newsletter will be published in January 2010.

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