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Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - Jan. 2010

Introduction

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

Dear friends of our organisation,

It has been quiet for some time but be assured that KOR Diamond still got the spirit and it is our intention to inform you again about important “not-to-miss”-activities, after a successful musical-play Calamba Joe last June 19 with commemoration of the 149th birth anniversary of Dr. José Rizal, the elections and appointments of KOR.

We are happy to send you this 22nd issue of our KOR Diamond Newsletter.

We want to congratulate – and this also in the name of the whole KOR Belgian Council because we are ONE family – our appointed (for the 2nd time) Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR and also the new Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Dominiek Segaert, KGOR of KOR Diamond and his Deputy Area Commander for Belgium, Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR of KOR Rizal Brussels and of course all the appointees of the European Council.

In this issue we invite you for the very special Oath Taking KOR Europe Appointees on Sat. Nov. 6 at 3.30 p.m. in Hilton Brussels and we REMIND you at our very own ACTIVITY “RIZAL LECTURE THE BLUMENTRITT CORRESPONDANCE – BARBECUE – REGIONAL NEWS – FELLOWSHIP on Sat. 13 starting 4 p.m. at De Schuur in Kruibeke.

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We invite you to participate with as much as possible at these activities.

We also welcome some postulants and we sincerely invite everybody of the WHOLE BELGIAN AREA to participate in the extension of THIS NEWSLETTER. We are intending to INTRODUCE a CHAPTER IN THIS ISSUE for NEWS FROM OTHER BELGIAN CHAPTERS.

We invite the Chapters AALST – BRUSSELS RIZAL – CHARLEROI – EL FILIBUSTERISMO and also LION for sending us your activities, reports, news. This news will be put together on a BELGIAN AREA PAGE.

In our efforts to extend and enhance better communication we sincerely hope that we could and would hear more about each other.

Yours very sincerely and hope to see you on Nov. 6 and/or Nov. 13!

Please also browse on our updated website www.knightsofrizal.be

Yours very sincerely in Rizal

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Board 2010-2012

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Area Commander Belgium

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Sir Ronny FELIX, KOR, Archivist – Editor Newsletter

INVITATION
OATH TAKING CEREMONY & GALA DINNER
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6 – 2010
HILTON HOTEL – BRUSSELS



Our participation on this event is highly important to all of us. To foster camaraderie, to strengthen our brotherhood, and to set our goal and policy on how we are going to lead the Order of the Knights of Rizal in Europe, a mandate that the Supreme Council entrusted to each and every one of us for Rizalian Year 2010-2012.

We welcome the attendance of our brother knights, kababaihang Rizalista, Ladies of Rizal and friends to join with us and witness this auspicious occasion.

Details of event:

16:00Hrs. - 18:00 Hrs. – Oath Taking Ceremony and Exaltation

18:30Hrs. - 19:30 Hrs. – Reception

19:30Hrs. - 21:30 Hrs. – Gala Dinner (Full Meal Course, Red /white wine/ water)

21:30Hrs. - 01:00 Hrs. – Dancing

Cost: 60 Euro/person

Cash bar after dinner.

Special room rate: 90 Euro (double bed for two persons) breakfast included.

Fraternally yours

Sir Antonio A. Guansing, KGOR

Regional Commander, Europe

***Please inform Chapter Commander Sir Dominiek if you want to participate in this event.
Payment can be done on the evening at Hilton.***

SATURDAY NOV. 13 – 3.30 P.M. KRUIBEKE
LECTURE “THE RIZAL-BLUMENTRITT CORRESPONDENCE” BY SIR
LUCIEN SPITTAEL

BARBECUE

FELLOWSHIP

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 from 3.30 p.m. Start program 4 p.m. (final at around 7.30 p.m.).

*On the **program**:*

- ◆ *4 p.m. lecture with slides by Sir Lucien SPITTAEL, KGOR “THE RIZAL BLUMENTRITT-CORRESPONDANCE” – 30’ and 10’ chance to ask questions*
- ◆ *5 p.m. barbecue*
- ◆ *6.30 p.m. fellowship and news from the Area Council Belgium – looking back to Independence Day June 12 – Calamba Joe June 19 – activities and ceremonies Philippines – Oath taking ceremony Nov. 6 – future activities*
- ◆ *News from the European and Belgian Council*

Participation is very democratic!

*Inform one of our board members in your area for reserving a ticket for the price of 22 EUR (children 6-12: 8 EUR – under 6: free). We would appreciate if you could inform us **before Nov. 8** 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, KCR, 03 5424411

Sir Ronny Felix, KOR, 0473491482

REMINDER – NOT TO FORGET: JAN. 29, 2011

11TH CHARTERING ANNIVERSARY

We kindly already invite you all on Sat. Jan. 29, 2011 (starting 4.30 p.m.) for the celebration of the 11th Chartering Anniversary of the KOR Diamond Chapter. As usual this great event will take place in Salons De Watermeulen in Kruibeke. The program and all details will be given in our December-issue of our Newsletter.

Kindly MARK this date already in your agenda so we are there with as much as possible knights. During this event will Sir Dominiek, after 3 years will give over the sabre of the commandership to Sir Paul Verloo, KCR, currently chancellor and also deputy chapter commander. Please: spread the news!

LOOKING BACK

Inauguration renewed Philippines Embassy

On Wednesday 9th June there was a reception for the inauguration of the renewed Philippines embassy in Brussels.

A delegation of the KOR Diamond Chapter was also invited for this occasion. It was also for many an opportunity to meet the new Philippine ambassador. Beneath are some pictures of the reception.



LOOKING BACK

SOME PICTURES OF THE CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE JUNE 12 and JUNE 13

PIC in Brussels June 12th

The Philippines Independence Celebration was held in the park of the Basilique of the Holy Heart in Koekelberg, Brussels.

The organization was in the hands of the Filipino Drivers Association and the Koalysion para sa Kalayaan. Under a bright sunshine the meeting was attended by the Philippine Ambassador His Excellency Enrique Manalo and his wife.

After the official ceremony, the participants could enjoy a free lunch and other delicacies at the different stalls.



LOOKING BACK

SOME PICTURES OF THE CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE JUNE 12 AND JUNE 13

PIC in Brugge June 13th

The PI celebration in Brugge was organized by the Council of Filipino Associations in Flanders. The official part was attended by the Philippine Ambassador H.E. Enrique Manalo and his wife and a delegation of the Knights of Rizal from the Diamonds and the El Filibusterismo Chapters.

The program was completed with performances of different Filipino groups and soloists.



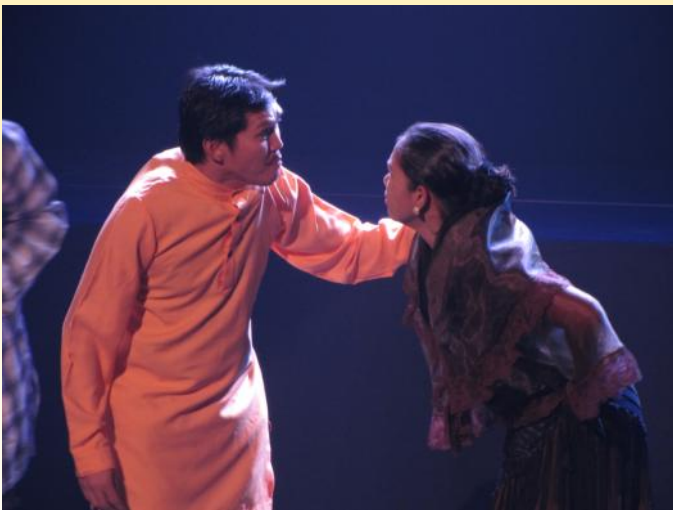
LOOKING BACK

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BELGIUM AREA WITH SUCCESFUL CALAMBA JOE

On June 19, 2010 the Belgian Council of the Knights of Rizal organised for the very first time in history the performance of the touching musical-play "Calamba Joe", the life of the Philippine National Hero, Dr. José Rizal. It were the 15 actors and singers of The Pasundayag Sugbo Theater under the professional direction of play writer Sir Claudio Evangelio from Cebu, who brought the childhood, youth and revolutionary back-ground of Dr. José Rizal. The performance was brought in the Cultural Centre Scharpoord in Knokke-Heist, hometown of Sir Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego, KGOR, Chapter Commander KOR Diamond and currently the newly assigned Area Commander for Belgium, following Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR. With the support of the city Knokke-Heist and the NGO Friendship for the Philippines some 250 participants gave afterwards very positive reactions. It was Minister and Consul Mr. Roy Ecraela of the Philippine Embassy who gave in the name of Ambassador H.E. Manalo a touching inspirational message. He congratulated the Belgian Chapters who made this performance possible: Diamond, Brussels, Aalst, Charleroi, El Filibusterismo, the Kababaihang Rizalista Belgium. Before the musical the KOR commemorated also the 149th birth anniversary



A view in the hall



Scene from the musical



Scene from the musical

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The group with at the left Sir Claudio Evangelio

Guansing, Van Bogaert, Helsen, Verloo, Goossenaerts, Nollas, Cruz. In the week following the successful performance two thanksgiving barbecues were organised by Sir Nollas in Brussels and Sir Spittael in Eeklo. A beautiful DVD about the event was produced by Sir Roelito Quiambao of Rizal Brussels. It can still be purchased by contacting Sir Roelito on 0499217718 or r2oq@yahoo.com and you will have your dvd very soon. See more pictures about this event by Sir Ronny Felix, KOR, on our website www.knightsofrizal.be.



The actors with the Kababaihang Rizalista & the Knights of Rizal

of Dr. José Rizal. Finalising the musical show Sir Dominiek Seghaert got from the actors a huge Santo Nino in appreciation of heading the organisation of the musical, which was only 1 time and thus unique performed in Europe, namely in Belgium. Congrats came also by Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, former European Commander, Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Adviser to the Supremo, Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, the European Regional Commander. Also Sir Lucien Spittael, KGOR, living Wikipedia Rizal, was deeply touched and gave superb critics having witnessed a great show with historic value. With thanks to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium for excellent relations in favouring this one time performance. The actors stayed with families of Sirs Paras,



Mr Roy Ecraela & Sir Dominiek during their word of thanks

LOOKING BACK

SIR DOMINIEK SEGAERT CONFIRMED TO KGOR WITH EXALTATION TO KCR FOR BELGIAN AMBASSADOR H.E. CHRISTIAN MEERSCHMAN



Last July 3, 2010 Sir Dominiek Segart, Chapter Commander of the KOR Diamond Chapter (Antwerp) and Area Commander Belgium, was confirmed to Knight Grand Officer of Rizal at a solemn ceremony at the International Headquarters of KOR in Manila attended by the Supreme Council officers and the Council of Elders. Sir Pablo S. Trillana III, KGCR, the newly elected Supreme Commander, presided over the ceremonies witnessed by Council of Elders Chairman Sir Lamberto Nanquil, KGCR and members Sir Roger Quiambao, KGCR and Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGCR. During the same ceremonies the Belgian Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Christian

The Supreme Council with Sir Christian Meerschman and Sir Dominiek

Meerschman was also initiated to the KOR and exalted to the third degree rank as Knight Commander of Rizal, KCR. A light merienda followed and was attended by Mrs. Leah Gallego Segart and family and staff of the Belgian Ambassador.



Elevation ceremony of H.E. C. Meerschman



Sir C. Meerschman, Sir Dominiek, Leah and Magalie

Filippijnse avond



afdelingen Blankenberge - Damme - Knokke

Casino Blankenberge
Zeedijk 150 (Consciencezaal)

Zaterdag 20 november 2010
om 20 uur

- Koor Pag-Ibig
- Dansgroep Silayan
- Film Wow Philippines
- Heerlijk hapje



Kaarten :

voorverkoop : € 6 leden - € 8 niet-leden

aan de deur : € 8 leden - € 10 niet-leden

Rita Van Stalle (Blankenberge) 0486.45.11.61

Willy Soenens (Damme) 050.35.05.74

Dominiek Segaert (Knokke) 0479.69.18.65

M.m.v. Provinciaal bestuur vtbKultuur West-Vlaanderen,
Filippijnse Ambassade - Brussel,
gemeentebesturen Blankenberge en Knokke-Heist

Pasko sa Brussels 2010

Organized by Council of Filipino Associations in Belgium (COFAB)

AN INVITATION

The Philippine Community's celebration of the 5th **Pasko sa Brussels** will be held on **December 5, 2010, Sunday** in **Salle Le Fanal, 6 Rue Joseph Stallaert 1050 Brussels**, from **11 in the morning till 20h00**. It will start with a Pamaskóng Misa (Christmas Mass) for the FILCOM, followed by a Salu-salong Pamaskó, wherein stalls would offer a variety of food and delicacies at reasonable prices. The program, which will be participated by the different community groups, promises an enjoyable entertainment. Furthermore, a tombola raffle will give you the opportunity to win fabulous gifts, with a **plane ticket to the Philippines from ASEANA Travel** as the major prize. The gift-giving to our community children (0-10yrs.) by Sta. Claus has of course been a much-awaited part of this traditional celebration.

As in the past, this year's **Pasko sa Brussels** will showcase the best of Filipino culture, delicacies and products. The **Council of Filipino Associations in Belgium (COFAB)** invites you, your family and group to join us in this Christmas celebration ~ the Filipino way. This year's event will be coordinated by Phil. Folkloric Troupe (Mr. Frank Velasquez) assisted by Filipiniana-Europa vzw (Ms. Juliet Regidor).

We would like to solicit your support once again in the disposal of the tombola tickets. Should you wish to share a number in the program and participate in the exposition of food and crafts, please feel free to contact the corresponding persons mentioned below. Furthermore, we suggest green as the theme color with some touches of red, or just plain green, as what your preference would be.

An advanced wish of a Blessed Christmas & a Happy, Prosperous New Year to everyone!

Truly yours

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WRITINGS ABOUT AND FROM JOSE RIZAL

Dear fellow knights and friends,

This is the fourth part of the writings of José Rizal about his youth as a student. The English text is a copy from the website of dr Robert L. Yoder. The translation is from Ronny Felix.

Memoirs of a Student in Manila

Chapter 4: 1872 - 1875

Today I'm going to relate to you my studies. As I had expected, I was introduced at the Ateneo Municipal to the Rev. Father Minitier [administrator - Zaide] who at that time was Father Magin Ferrando. At first he did not want to admit me either because I had come after the period of admission was over or because of my rather weak constitution and short stature: I was then eleven years old. But later, at the request of Mr. Manuel Jerez [Manuel Xeres Burgos - Zaide], nephew of the ill-fated Father Burgos (16) and now Licentiate in Medicine, the difficulties were removed and I was admitted. I dressed like the rest, that is, I put on a coat with a ready-made necktie. With what fervor I entered the chapel of the Jesuit Fathers to hear Mass, what most fervent prayers I addressed to God, for in my sadness I didn't know whom else to invoke. After Mass, I went to class where I saw a great number of children, Spaniards, mestizos, (17) and Filipinos, and a Jesuit who was the professor. He was called Father José Bech. He was a tall man, thin, with a body slightly bent forward, with hasty pace, an ascetic, severe and inspired physiognomy, sunken, small eyes, sharp Grecian nose, fine lips forming an arch whose ends turned towards his beard. The Father was somewhat a lunatic so that one should not be surprised to find him sometimes disgusted himself, playing like a child. Among my classmates I should mention to you some were quite interesting and perhaps would be mentioned by me frequently. One boy or young man of my own province called Florencio Gavino Oliva had an excellent mind but was of ordinary studiousness. One Joaquin Garrido, a Spanish mestizo, with poor memory but bright and studious. Resembling him very much was one Moises Santiago, mathematician and penman. One was Gonzalo Marzano, who then occupied the canopied throne of a Roman Emperor. You should know that in the Jesuit colleges, in order to stimulate students, they put up two empires, one Roman and the other Carthaginian or Greek, constantly at war, and in which the highest positions were won through challenges, the winner being the one who made three mistakes less than his rival. They put me at the tail end. I scarcely knew Spanish but I already understood it.

After retreat (18) I left and I found my brother waiting for me to take me home, which was about twenty-five

Beste collega ridders, vrienden,

Dit is het vierde deel van de geschriften van José Rizal over zijn jeugd tijdens zijn studententijd. De Engelse tekst is een kopij van de website van dr Robert L. Yoder. De vertaling is van Ronny Felix.

Memoires van een student in Manila

Hoofdstuk 4: 1872 - 1875

Vandaag zal ik het hebben over mijn studies. Zoals ik verwacht had werd ik in het Ateneo Municipal voorgesteld aan de eerwaarde Pater Minitier [beheerder - Zaide] die op dat moment Pater Magin Ferrando was. In eerste instantie wilde hij mij niet toelaten, ofwel omdat ik na de toelatingsperiode gekomen was ofwel vanwege mijn nogal zwak gestel en korte gestalte: ik was toen elf jaar oud. Maar later, op verzoek van de heer Manuel Jerez [Manuel Xeres Burgos - Zaide], neef van de noodlottige Pater Burgos (16) en nu licentiaat in de geneeskunde, werden de problemen opgelost en werd ik toegelaten. Ik kleepte me net als de rest, dat wil zeggen, ik droeg een jas met een kant-en-klare stropdas. Met welk een ijver ging ik in de kapel van de paters Jezuïeten naar de mis, welke vurige gebeden richtte ik naar God, want in mijn verdriet wist ik niemand anders te aanroepen. Na de mis, ging ik naar de klas waar ik een groot aantal kinderen zag, Spanjaarden, mestiezen, (17) en Filippino's en een Jezuïet, die de professor was. Hij werd pater José Bech genoemd. Hij was een lange man, dun, met een lichtjes voorover gebogen lichaam, met haastige pas, een ascetische, ernstige en uitstekende gelaatstrekken, diepliggende, kleine ogen, scherpe Griekse neus en fijne lippen die een boog vormden waarvan de uiteinden zich in de richting van zijn baard keerden. De pater was een beetje een gek, zodat men niet verrast moest zijn om hem soms, walgend van zichzelf, te zien spelen als een kind. Onder mijn klasgenoten waren enkele heel interessant en zouden misschien door mij vaak worden vermeld. Een jongen of jonge man van mijn eigen provincie genaamd Florencio Gavino Oliva had een uitstekende geest maar had maar een gewone ijver. Ene Joaquin Garrido, een Spaanse mestizo, met een slecht geheugen maar helder en leergierig. Sterk op hem lijkend was Moises Santiago, wiskundige en schrijver. Er was Gonzalo Marzano die toen de baldakijnen troon van een

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minutes from the college for I didn't want to stay in the walled city (19) which seemed to me very gloomy. I found a companion called Pastor Millena, a boy of my own age. The house was small, located at Caraballo Street. A river ran alongside two corners. The house consisted of a dining room, a drawing room, a sleeping room, and kitchen. A bower covered the small space between the gate and the stairs. My landlady was an unmarried woman called Titay, who owed us over 300 pesos. Her mother lived with us, a good old woman, almost harmless insane, and some young Spanish mestizos, the fruits of frail love affairs. I shall not tell you how much I suffered, nor shall I tell you of my displeasures and joys. I will only tell you what happened to me in the class during that year. At the end of one week, I was promoted and I stayed at noon at the Colegio de Sta. Isabel, (20) paying three pesos there. I lived with Pastor. A month later I was already the emperor. Ah, how happy I was when for the first time I got a religious print for a prize! In the first quarter I won a first prize with the grade of excellent, but afterwards I was disgusted on account of some words uttered by my professor, and I did not want to study hard any more, so that at the end of the year, to my misfortune, I obtained only accessit (21) in all my subjects, grade of excellent without getting any first prize. I spent my vacation in my hometown and I accompanied my elder sister Neneng to Tanauan for the town feast. This happened in 1873. But my happiness was never complete for my mother was not yet with us. I went to visit her then alone without telling my father about it. This was after the school term and I told her that I received accessit. With what delight I surprised her! But afterwards we embraced each other weeping. It was almost more than a year that we had not seen each other. Even now I remember with sad pleasure the mute scene that occurred between us. Ah, how cruel men are towards their fellow men! I visited her again.

When vacation was over, I had to return to Manila to enroll for the second year course and to look for a landlady inside the walled city, for I was tired living outside the city. I found one on Magallanes Street, number 6, where lived an old lady called Doña Pepay, widow, with her daughter, also a widow, called Doña Encarnacion with four sons. José, Rafael, Ignacio, and Ramon. Nothing extraordinary happened to me this year. I only had other classmates, or rather, I encountered again three who were my classmates in Biñan. They were called Justiniano Sao-jono, Angel and Santiago Carrillo. At the end of the year I won a medal and I returned to my hometown. I visited my mother again alone and there, like another Joseph, I predicted, interpreting a dream of hers, that within three months, she would be released, a prediction that was realized by accident.

But this time I began to devote myself during my leisure hours to the reading of novels, though years before I had already read *El Ultimo Abencerraje*, (22) but I didn't read it with ardor. Imagine a boy of twelve years reading the

Romeinse keizer bezet. U moet weten dat men in de jezuïetencolleges, om studenten te stimuleren, twee rijen opzette, een Romeins en een Carthaags of Grieks die voortdurend in oorlog waren en in dewelke de hoogste posities werden gewonnen door uitdagingen, waarvan de winnaar diegene was die drie fouten minder dan zijn rivaal maakte. Ze zetten me aan het uiteinde. Ik kende nauwelijks Spaans, maar ik had het al begrepen.

Na de retraite (18) ging ik weg en ik vond mijn broer wachtend op me om me naar huis te brengen wat ongeveer vijftientig minuten van de universiteit was want ik wou niet in de ommuurde stad (19) verblijven die me erg somber leek. Ik vond een metgezel genaamd Millena Pastor, een jongen van mijn eigen leeftijd. Het huis was klein, gelegen in de Caraballo straat. Een rivier liep langs de twee hoeken. Het huis bestond uit een eetkamer, een salon, een slaapkamer en een keuken. Een prieel bedekte de kleine ruimte tussen het hek en de trap. Mijn hospita was een ongehuwde vrouw genaamd Titay die ons meer dan 300 pesos verschuldigd was. Haar moeder woonde bij ons, een goede oude vrouw, bijna onschuldig krankzinnig, en enkele jonge Spaanse mestiezen, de vruchten van zwakke liefdesaffaires. Ik zal je niet vertellen hoeveel ik geleden heb, noch zal ik je vertellen van mijn ongenoegens en vreugde. Ik zal je alleen vertellen wat mij is overkomen in de klas tijdens dat jaar. Aan het eind van een week, werd ik gepromoveerd en ik bleef 's middags aan het Colegio de Sta. Isabel (20) waar ik drie pesos betaalde. Ik woonde samen met Pastor. Een maand later was ik al de keizer. Ach, hoe blij was ik toen ik voor de eerste keer een religieuze prent kreeg als prijs! In het eerste kwartaal heb ik een eerste prijs gekregen met een uitstekende beoordeling maar daarna walgde ik wegens een aantal woorden, geuit door mijn professor, en wilde ik niet meer hard studeren zodat aan het eind van het jaar, tot mijn ongeluk, ik alleen accessit (21) kreeg voor al mijn vakken, een uitstekende beoordeling zonder dat ik een eventuele eerste prijs kreeg. Ik heb mijn vakantie in mijn geboortestad doorgebracht en ik begeleidde mijn oudere zus Neneng Tanauan naar het stadsfeest. Dit gebeurde in 1873. Maar mijn geluk was nooit volledig want mijn moeder was nog niet bij ons. Ik ging haar toen alleen bezoeken zonder mijn vader erover te vertellen. Dit was na het schooljaar en ik vertelde haar dat ik accessit had gekregen. Met welk een vreugde verraste ik haar! Maar daarna hebben we elkaar huilend omhelsd. Het was bijna meer dan een jaar geleden dat we elkaar hadden gezien.

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Count of Montecristo, (23) enjoying sustained dialogues and delighting in its beauties and following step by step its hero in his revenge. Under the pretext that I had to study universal history, I importuned my father to buy me Cesare Cantu's work, (24) and God alone knows the benefit I got from its perusal, for despite my average studiousness and my little practice in the Castilian tongue, in the following year I was able to win prizes in the quarterly examinations and I would have won the medal were it not for some mistakes in Spanish, that unfortunately I spoke badly, which enabled the young man M. G., a European, to have an advantage over me in this regard. Thus, in order to study the third year course, I had to return to Manila and found Doña Pepay without a room for boarders. I had to stay at the house of D. P. M. together with a rich fellow townsman called Quintero. I was discontented because they were strict with me but I kept regular hours, which was good for me. I prayed and played with the landlord's children. My mother was not delayed in coming out free, acquitted, and vindicated, and as soon as she was out she came to embrace me. I wept. . . .

After two months and a half, I left that house and returned to the recently vacated room in the house of my landlady, Doña Pepay, and returned also to the same life as before. As a result of what happened to me in my studies, as I have already narrated, I received only the first prize in Latin, that is, a medal, not like last year, so that I returned to my hometown discontented, though I knew that many would have danced with joy for less. My family resolved to put me in the college as a boarder. Indeed it was time for I was giving very little attention to my studies. I was already approaching thirteen years and I had not yet made any brilliant showing to my classmates. Until here lasted my happiest days, though short; but what does it matter if they were short?

Calamba, 7 April 1879.

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- (16) Father José A. Burgos (1837-1872) and two other Filipino clergymen Jacinto Zamora (1835-1872) and Mariano Gomez (1799-1872) were garroted on the 17th of February 1872 on Bagumbayan Field Manila falsely charged of complicity in the mutiny at the Cavite Arsenal in 1872.
- (17) Mestizo in the Philippines to Filipinos of mixed parentage; hence, Spanish mestizo is the offspring of a Spaniard and a Filipino; a Chinese mestizo, of a Chinese and a Filipino; American mestizo, of an American and Filipino, etc.
- (18) A Catholic practice consisting of a certain number of days devoted to religious meditation and exercises.
- (19) This is the Walled City of Manila or intramuros where many churches and convents and gov-

Zelfs nu ik herinner me met een droevig genot de stomme scene die zich tussen ons afspeelde. Ach, hoe wreed zijn mensen voor hun medemensen! ik bezocht haar opnieuw.

Toen de vakantie voorbij was moest ik terug naar Manila om me in te schrijven voor het tweede cursusjaar en op zoek gaan naar een hospita in de ommuurde stad, want ik was het moe om buiten de stad te wonen. Ik vond er één in de Magallanes straat, nummer 6, waar een oude dame genaamd Doña Pepay woonde, een weduwe, met haar dochter, ook een weduwe, genaamd Doña Encarnacion met vier zonen: José, Rafael, Ignacio, en Ramon. Niets bijzonders overkwam mij dit jaar. Ik had alleen andere klasgenoten of liever gezegd ik ontmoette opnieuw drie die mijn klasgenoten waren in de Biñan. Ze heetten Justiniano Sao-Jono, Angel en Santiago Carrillo. Aan het eind van het jaar heb ik een medaille gewonnen en ging ik terug naar mijn geboorteplaats. Ik bezocht opnieuw alleen mijn moeder en, net als een andere Jozef, voorspelde ik, de interpretatie van een droom van haar, dat ze binnen drie maanden zou worden vrijgelaten, een voorspelling die per toeval werd gerealiseerd.

Maar deze keer begon ik mijn vrije uren te besteden aan het lezen van romans alhoewel ik al jaren eerder El Ultimo Abencerraje (22) gelezen had maar ik had het zonder enthousiasme gedaan. Stel je een jongen voor van twaalf jaar die de Graaf van Montecristo (23) las, genietend van aanhoudende dialogen, verrukkelijk in hun schoonheid en stap voor stap zijn held volgend in zijn wraak. Onder het mom dat ik universele geschiedenis moest studeren, drong ik er bij mijn vader op aan om me Cesare Cantu's werk te kopen (24), en alleen God weet het voordeel dat ik kreeg door de inzage, want ondanks mijn gemiddelde ijver en mijn kleine kennis van de Castiliaanse taal, was ik in het volgende jaar in staat om prijzen te winnen in de driemaandelijke examens en ik zou de medaille gewonnen hebben ware het niet voor sommige fouten in het Spaans, dat ik helaas slecht sprak, zodat de jonge man MG, een Europees, een voordeel had ten opzichte van mij in dit verband. Zo, om het derde jaar te kunnen studeren moest ik terug naar Manilla waar Doña Pepay geen ruimte voor huurders had. Ik moest verblijven in het huis van D.P.M. samen met een rijke stadsgenoot, Quintero genaamd. Ik was ontevreden omdat ze strict met me waren maar ik hield er normale werkuren op na, wat goed was voor mij. Ik bad en speelde met de verhuurder's kinderen. Mijn moeder kwam op tijd vrij, vrijgesproken en in

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ernment buildings were found.

- (20) *This was a large boarding school for girls in front of the Ateneo. Apparently it then admitted boys as day boarders.*
- (21) *Second prize.*
- (22) *Spanish version of Les aventures du dernier Abencérage a novel by Viscount Francios Rene de Chateaubriand (1768-1848)*
- (23) *A novel of Alexander Dumas, father (1802-1870)*
- (24) *Cantu's book was entitled Universal History.*

het gelijk gesteld, en zodra ze vrij was kwam ze naar mij om me te omhelzen. Ik huilde. . . .

Na twee en een halve maand, verliet ik dat huis en keerde terug naar de inmiddels vrijgekomen kamer in het huis van mijn hospita, doña Pepay, en keerde ook terug naar hetzelfde leven als voorheen. Als gevolg van wat mij overkomen was in mijn studies, zoals ik al heb verteld, kreeg ik alleen de eerste prijs in het Latijn, een medaille, niet als het vorige jaar, dus keerde ik ontevreden naar mijn geboortestad terug hoewel ik wist dat velen voor minder zouden hebben gedanst van vreugde. Mijn familie besloot om mij in het college onder te brengen als een kostganger. Het werd inderdaad tijd want ik schonk heel weinig aandacht aan mijn studie. Ik was al bijna dertien jaar en ik had dus nog niets laten zien aan mijn briljante klasgenoten. Tot hier duurden mijn gelukkigste dagen, hoewel kort, maar wat doet het ertoe als ze kort waren?

Calamba, 07/4/1879.

(16) Vader José A. Burgos (1837-1872) en twee andere Filipijnse geestelijken Jacinto Zamora (1835-1872) en Mariano Gomez (1799-1872) werden aan de paal gewurgd op 17 februari 1872 op Bagumbayan Field Manila, ten onrechte beschuldigd van medeplichtigheid aan de muiterij op het Cavite Arsenal in 1872.

(17) Mestizo in de Filipijnen om Filipino's van gemengde afkomst aan te duiden, vandaar dat de Spaanse mestizo de nakomeling is van een Spanjaard en een Filipijnse, een Chinese mestizo van een Chinees en een Filipijnse, Amerikaanse mestiezen, van een Amerikaan en Filipijnse, enz.

(18) Een katholieke praktijk bestaande uit een bepaald aantal dagen besteed aan religieuze meditatie en oefeningen.

(19) Dit is de Ommuurde Stad van Manilla of intramuros waar veel kerken en kloosters en overheidsgebouwen werden gevonden.

(20) Dit was een grote kostschool voor meisjes aan de voorkant van het Ateneo. Blijkbaar liet het dan jongens toe als daghuurders.

(21) de tweede prijs.

(22) Spaanse versie van Les aventures du dernier Abencérage, een roman van burggraaf Francios Rene de Chateaubriand (+1.768 tot 1848)

(23) Een roman van Alexander Dumas, de vader (1802-1870)

(24) Cantu's boek was getiteld "Universele Geschiedenis".

CALENDAR

- ♦ *Sat. Oct. 9 – 6 p.m. Board meeting & dinner of KOR Diamond in Knokke*
- ♦ *Sat. Nov. 6 – 3.30 p.m. – OATH TAKING CEREMONY EUROPEAN COUNCIL – APPOINTEES – RECEPTION – DINNER – DANCING – Hilton Brussels*
- ♦ *Sat. Nov. 13 – 4.30 p.m. – DINNER FOR A CAUSE – BARBECUE – LECTURE “THE RIZAL-BLUMENTRITT CORRESPONDENCE” by Sir Lucien Spittaet, KGOR – Venue DE SCHUUR – Kruibeke – mark this date!*
- ♦ *Sat. Nov. 20 – 8 p.m. – PHILIPPINE CULTURAL AND TOURISM EVENING – FILM – DANCE BY SILAYAN DANCE GROUP BRUGGE – MUSIC BY PAG-IBIG CHOIR AND MUSIC GROUP GENT*
Venue: Casino Blankenberge (Zeedijk) – organised by vtbKultuur Knokke – Blankenberge
- ♦ *Sun. Dec. 5 – 11 a.m.-8 p.m. – 5TH PASKO SA BRUSSELS – UNIQUE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WITH PHILIPPINE SPIRIT – Salle Le Fanal, 6 Rue Joseph Stallaert, 1050 Brussels*
- ♦ *Friday Dec. 10 – 6 p.m. Board meeting of KOR Diamond at the Honorary Consulate – Deurne*
- ♦ *Sat. Jan. 29 – 4.30 p.m. – 11th ChARTERING ANNIVERSARY KOR Diamond – Salons De Watermeulen – Kruibeke – Giving over Chapter Commandership to Sir Paul Verloo, KCR – dubbing new Knights – elevation KOR – exaltation KCR – Rizal program – Dinner – Dancing*
- ♦ *Dec. 30 – Rizal Day*
- ♦ *April 30 – 2011 – 5 p.m. – DINNER FOR A CAUSE – 4TH RIZAL QUIZ – Venue DE SCHUUR – Kruibeke*

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