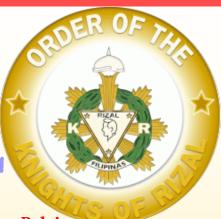


Newsletter Knights of RIZAL



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Diamond Chapter Antwerp—Flanders—Belgium



Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - Jan. 2011

Introduction

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

We are rapidly coming the end of this remarkable year in with we celebrated the 150th birth-day of the national hero Dr. José Rizal earlier this year.

On Dec. 30th, which is declared Rizal day in the Philippines, traditionally we commemorate his execution in 1896. But this year, that date is another exceptional milestone in the history of the KNIGHTS OF RIZAL.

Exactly 100 years ago, on Dec 30th, 1911, the **ORDEN DE CABALLEROS DE RIZAL** has been founded by a small group of people with one major objective: Keep the memory of Rizal and his philosophy alive so that his lofty ideas do not go to waste. Over the years, the order changed its name to its English translation **KNIGHTS OF RIZAL** and expanded its goals. The order received a legal character and official recognition by the Republic Act no. 646 on June 16, 1951 or 60 year ago.

History has taught us that Rizal's ideas were not only applicable to his countrymen, but also to people everywhere. They are not only universal, but even up to today they are still actual. This was probably partially the result of his genius analysis of human interactions during his travels around the world.

Therefore it is not surprising that, after a full century, the order keeps on growing and that knights are spreading all over the world, especially at the places where Rizal lived, studied, worked or at places he visited.

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Let us celebrate this historical moment together in the Philippine Embassy In Brussels on Dec. 30th.

Please also find some information about passed activities by our chapter and befriended organizations.

Enjoy reading this newsletter and hope to see you soon.

Fraternal greetings,

Sir Paul Verloo, KCR

Chapter Commander Diamond Chapter - Antwerp

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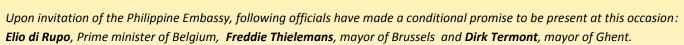
Order of the Knights of Rizal - 100 years

1911 - 2011

The Philippine Embassy in Brussels and the Knights of Rizal Area Council Belgium, representing the Belgian chapters, have worked out a variety of activities in commemoration of the death of Dr. José P. Rizal and to honor the erection of the 'Order of the Knights of Rizal' on December 30th, exactly 100 years ago.

Therefore it is with great pleasure that we invite the knights with their families and all other supporters to join us at that day. For the knights is the dress code: Rizal barong.

You can find the complete program of the event on following pages.



Accepted without reservation:

Joke Schauvliege, Flemish Minister for Environment, Nature and Culture, Mr. Philippe Sweenen, attaché trade and investments, Belgian Government, and representatives of several Philippine communities.

To conclude this Rizal day, and as a matter of fact, this memorable year wherein we also celebrated Rizal's 150th birthday last June 19th, we have planned a buffet dinner at the Best Western hotel, County House Hotel, 2-4 Square des Heros, 1180 Brussels. Knights of the Diamond Chapter can buy tickects from their (deputy) chapter commander or by bank transfer to the account of the Diamond Chapter, IBAN: BE86 9796 0951 3750 - BIC ARSP BE22. Your reservations will be confirmed by e-mail or SMS after receipt of the money. Only prepaid confirmed tickets can be accepted.

By our presence as a knight of Rizal, we can show that Rizal's ideals are absolutely not out-dated and at the same time we pay homage to the founders of the Order.

We hope to see you there.



Rizal Quiz and BBQ

On November 12th we had again a succesful bbq and quiz in "de Schuur" in Kruibeke.

We started with a sumptuous bbq from our regular caterer. When everyone had a full stomage it was time for some "mental physics". As with the previous quiz the questions were not only about J. Rizal but also about life in the Philippines in order to make them not too specialized.

The winners received their price from Sir Paul Verloo, Chapter Commaznder and Sir Dominiek Segaert, Area Commander for Belgium.







The price winners and the board of the Diamond Chapter

Friendship for the Philippines

On Sunday 28th September, Friendship for the Philippines organized their 9th bbq in Knokke in a full sports centre. Welcome words were spoken by sir Dominiek Segaert, councillor Maxim Willems and minister Marichu B. Mauro from the Philippine embassy.

There was also a large delegation of the KOR Diamond Chapter present.

As usual, the bbq was very neat and sumptuous. The participants could enjoy a belly dance group and of course everyone went home with one or more presents from the tombola.

Congratulations to sir Dominiek and his staff for the perfect organization!











Cadaatan

On November 6th, Cadaatan organized the 10th anniversary edition of their Winterbarbecue. The Diamond Chapter was represented by sir Paul Verloo, Chapter Commander. Many members were excused.

The place was totally sold out and the participants could enjoy the many attractions. Congratulations to our sir Guy Waterloos and his staff for the smooth organization of such a big event!

Underneath are some pictures of the occasion.











INVITATION & PROGRAM

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL

KABABAIHANG RIZALISTA

AREA COUNCIL OF BELGIUM – EUROPE

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30 - 2011 2.30 - 11 PM

COMMEMORATION
RIZAL DAY &
CELEBRATION
100 YEARS KOR

BRUSSELS

PHILIPPINE EMBASSY & BEST WESTERN HOTEL

BELGIUM – EUROPE

(beforehand: each chapter is free to organize a solemn flower offering at Ghent in Henegouwenstraat and Brussels in Rue Philippe de Champagne with suggestion of time 11 a.m. – end 11.30 a.m.)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM: 2.30-6 p.m. – FREE PLACE: PHILIPPINE EMBASSY – AVENUE MOLIERE 297 – BRUSSELS PROGRAM:

- ♦ 3.00 p.m. welcome by Sir Dominiek Segaert, KGOR, Area Commander KOR Belgium national anthem invocation prayer song flower laying Introduction by Ambassador H.E. Victoria Bataclan
- inspirational word <u>or</u> significant number (song, poem) by each chapter
- ♦ 3.30 p.m. opening of the painting exhibit "RIZAL" (artist René Robles) by curator Mr. Vir Cuizon cutting ribbon short explanation of the paintings
- ♦ 4.00 p.m. showing of "PLUMA", documentary narrated by Howie Severino (famous Filipino journalist) and starring Rocco Nacino as Rizal
- ♦ 4.45 p.m. reciting some excerpts of the Embassy's chosen passages of "Rizal's letter to the women of Malolos" and "Philippines, a history hence" Embassy staff will explain short what these passages could mean for us and for the youth
- ♦ Closing word by Sir Lino Paras, KGOR and Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, Regional Commander KOR Europe Non Omnis Moriar fraternal sign and embrace
- ♦ 5.15 p.m. reception hosted by the Philippine Embassy (sparkling wine, other drinks) and offered by the Philippine Embassy on the occasion of Rizal Day and for the Belgian celebration of 100 years KOR worldwide
- ♦ Offering frame to Embassy to commemorate 100 years KOR worldwide
- ♦ 6.30 p.m. end of program and proceeding to Hotel Best Western Square des Héros 7 p.m. buffet drinks, desserts, coffee and apero included

EVENING PROGRAM: 7-11 p.m. – PARTICIPATION 59 EUR PLACE: HOTEL BEST WESTERN – SQUARE DES HEROS – BRUSSELS MENU:

- ♦ Apero (cava of the house or fruit juice own choice) at Knights Bar
 - ♦ Asian Soup
- ♦ Buffet warm and cold dishes: marinated salmon salmon Bellevue chicken curry and rice all kinds of fish chicken on two styles: Belgian and Asian pork chop pineapple buffet of salads and cold cuts
 - ♦ Dessert buffet: chocolate mousse tiramisu fruits
 - ♦ 1/2 bottle of wine per person
 - ♦ 1/2 bottle of water per person
 - ♦ Coffee

Deadline of enrollment for the evening program: Dec. 23 – 2011 – please buy your tickets (59 EUR) for the buffet with your Chapter Commander or Deputy Chapter Commander – please pay cash – tickets will not be refunded.

Thank you very much. Let us act all united and make from this special activity a BIG success. We of KOR and Kababaihang Rizalista are grateful for the cooperation with the Philippine Embassy!

Dr. José P. Rizal on the internet

The rizalists who want to widen their knowledge about Rizal further, can find an interesting site on the internet: www.rizalinfo.net.

On this site you will find a categorized overview of the very extensive correspondence from/to Rizal, as well as his poetry, novels, prose, paintings, sketches, sculptures, map and plans.

The diary shows you a much elaborated lay-out of his activities and gives you a direct link to a related document. The webmaster, Gilbert Isaac, expresses his sincerest thanks and appreciation for the invaluable contribution and indispensable collaboration and cooperation with the following:

Lucien Spittael, KGOR

Dr. Robert L. Yoder

This website is dedicated to Dr. Jose P. Rizal in honor of his 150th birthday commemoration on June 19, 2011

The Life and Works of Dr. Jose P. Rizal

Works and Life Chronicle Page

- ♦ Letters written and received by Dr. Jose P. Rizal
 - This database contains most of the known and published works of the national hero which includes:
 - ⇒ <u>Memorable and Political writings of Dr. Jose P. Rizal</u>
 - ⇒ Poetry written by Dr. Jose P. Rizal
 - ⇒ Novels written by Dr. Jose P. Rizal
 - ⇒ <u>Prose written by Dr. Jose P. Rizal</u>
 - ⇒ Paintings by Dr. Jose P. Rizal
 - ⇒ Sketches drawn by Dr. Jose P. Rizal
 - ⇒ <u>Sculptures by Dr. Jose P. Rizal</u>
 - ⇒ <u>Maps and Plans drawn by Dr. Jose P. Rizal</u>
 - ⇒ <u>Diary of Dr. Jose P. Rizal</u>
 - ⇒ Other Rizalianas

Seven Wonders of Nature

Do you remember the voting for the New Seven Wonders of Nature?



In our Newsletter 27 we encouraged you to vote for the only location in the Philippines selected: The Puerto Princesa Underground River.

As you can see below, this unique phenomenon made it to the Top 7.

For more details, please open the official website: www.new7wonders.com
The Provisional New7 Wonders of Nature



<u>AMAZON</u>

<u>HALONG BAY</u>

FALLS

JEJU ISLAND

<u>KOMODO</u>

PUERTO
PRINCESA TABLE
UNDERGROU MOUNTAIN
ND RIVER

Invitation

12th Chartering Anniversary

KOR Diamond Chapter - Antwerp - Belgium

Saturday 28 January 2012

WHERE

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

PROGRAM

- ♦ welcome reception
- ◆ dubbing ceremony of new Knights (KR) elevation to KOR exaltation to KCR

FURTHER PROGRAM STILL TO BE FINALIZED

WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSLETTER EARLY JANUARY 2012

- ◆ toast on the new year
- ♦ fraternal dinner world buffet with drinks
- ◆ news from the Diamond Chapter Belgian Council European Council Supreme Council
- ♦ dessert coffee fellowship
- ◆ Dancing disco

PARTICIPATION

59 EUR members and non-members – children from 7 half price – everything included till 12 midnight (all drinks, apero, wines, water, coffee, ...)

RESERVATION

Before Jan. 23 through confirmation

paul.verloo@hotmail.com - 0486 565 806

dominiek.segaert@skynet.be - 0479 691 865

PAYMENT

We prefer payment on the account

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IBAN BE86 9796 0951 3750

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Invitation

Our brother knight from the Brussels Rizal Chapter, Sir Cris PINKIHAN, KOR, asked us to inform all of you of a benefit concert that will be held in Gent on 14th January 2012.

The concert is held at:

ICC Gent

International Convention Center

Van Rysselberghedreef 2

Citadelpark B—9000 Gent

The concert starts at 16h00 doors will open at 15h00

Cost: 20 euro including snacks and tombola ticket

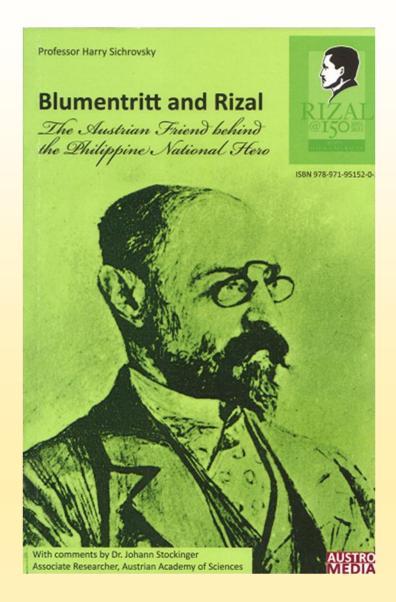
The benefits of the concert will go to the Philippine Educational Playschool in Cebu City.

Tickets can be ordered through:

⇒ ronny felix tel. 0473/491 482



Available books



Blumentritt and Rizal The Austrian Friend behind the Philippine National Hero

By Professor Harry Sichrovsky (ISBN 978-971-95152-0-3)

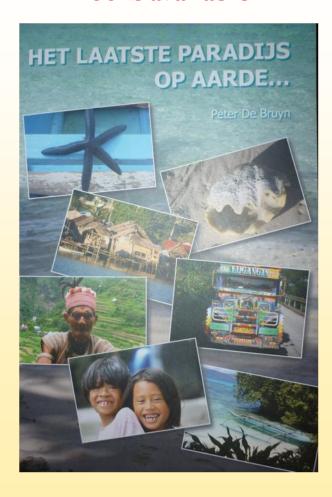
'To honor the friendship between Austria and the Philippines'

In memory of Prof. Harry Sichrovsky this book is printed on the occasion of 150th birthday of Dr. Jose Rizal in cooperation with the Philippine Austrian Cultural Society, Inc.

A limited quantity of this interesting book is obtainable via Sir Lucien Spittael during one of the upcoming Rizal activities. It can also be ordered via e-mail at lucienspittael@hotmail.com.

The price is € 15,00 (plus shipping costs, if any).

Books available



Het Laatste Paradijs op Aarde... (written in Dutch)

By Sir Peter De Bruyn, KR.

Last April, Sir Peter introduced his book in Aalter. Since then many copies were sold already. We recommend this book to everybody who is interested in foreign cultures, especially in the Philippines. He describes in a very personal style the experiences of himself and his family during the trip he made in 2010, comparing them with his memories from 20 year ago when he was working there. The book also contains some remarkable anecdotes from other trips he made to different part of the world.

The proceeds of the book will go to 2 projects:

The <u>ICM boarding school in Banaue</u>, run by a Belgian sister Annie: sponsoring transportation to allow the poorest girls to go home during the weekends.

Operation Smile: International organization treating mooth and dental defects, like harelips, etc.

In November 2012, Sir Peter and his wife Lieve will participate in one of their mission during which the sponsor-money will be handed over the responsible managers.

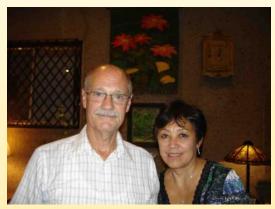
The book can be ordered, as long stocks last, via banktransfer to account no. 380-0519177-07 of Peter De Bruyn at the price of 23,00 Euro (shipping cost included). Do not forget to mention your name and address. Also available during KOR Diamond activities and at the Consulate in Deurne.

KOR Diamond chapter endorse this respectful initiative of one of its members fully.

My Rizal sesquicentennial trip in the Philippines (10th - 30th June 2011)

In the current and coming newsletters we will print here a report of Sir Lucien Spittael and his wife Madeline's recent trip to the Philippines where he attended many celebrations for the 150th Birthday of Jose Rizal.

Part 2



Madeline & Lucien Spittael

We were booked for a couple of days vacation at the world famous Peacock Garden Resort and Spa in Baclayon. We were picked up at the Tagbilaran airport by a driver from the resort who brought us to this "paradise on earth" place where one feels like one is living in 19^{th.} Century European opulence, with 21^{st.} Century luxury and facilities.



Main building Peacock Garden & Spa Resort



Resort rooms

The resort features a fine dining restaurant, a Classical Rome-inspired Spa, a wine cellar, a music & dance club, a fitness room, an infinity swimming pool and a games room.



Dining room



Students's song "Gaudeuamus Igitur Juvenes Dum Sumus"



Swimming pool



Swimming pool

The owner is Baclayon resident Mr. Hans Schoof and his resort can only be described as a major Rizal testimonial.



Rizal cards

A particular speciality is the Hemingway smoking room.



Hemingway room

Here you can relax and savour one of a range of exclusive cigars. I am a non smoker but gave in to temptation to smoke a 'God of Fire' Churchillian 2004 cigar. Around you on the walls hang pictures of Rizal's nine girlfriends and a collection of famous cigar smokers; William Holden, Charles De Gaulle, Che Guevara, Humphrey Bogart, Alfred Hitchcock, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro, Mark Twain, Al Capone, Orson Welles, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro, Mark Twain, Al Capone, Orson Welles, Charlie Chaplin, John Wayne, George Patton, Sammy Davis Jr., Ernest Hemingway and several others.



Hemingway room +Rizal's girlfriends



Hemingway room + famous cigar smokers

Together with Mr. Hans Schoof, nipping on a very old port wine, we talked about Rizal as he is a Filipino at heart and a Rizalist. Meanwhile, Madeline enjoyed a 2-hour relaxing session in the Spa. Following this, fully refreshed, she was amazed to find me smoking. When we retired to our room we were able, through the huge picture window, to enjoy the magnificent view of the beautifully illuminated infinity pool.

Our room featured a marble bathroom, lounging area, cable TV, DVD player, writing table, coffee-maker and minibar.



The infinite swimming pool seen from our room

The Peacock resort is really a monument to Rizal. It contains a collection of First Day Cover Rizal stamps, hundreds of antique postcards from locations Rizal described in his diaries and much Heidelberg student memorabilia. Two fine busts of Rizal and Ferdinand Blumentritt by the Czech sculpture, Libor Pislak, are mounted centrally on the wall.



Rizal FDC stamps collection



Old postcard of places Rizal visited



Dining room with Heidelberg student memorabilia



Rizal and Blumentritt bust

A special highlight is a couch used by Dr. Rizal during his stay at the vicarage of Pastor Ullmer in Wilhelmsfeld in 1886.



Couch vicarage Pastor Ullmer

The Schoofs have created a true haven for visitor relaxation. There is a peaceful, relaxed and calm atmosphere, with well-trained and highly attentive staff who served us delicious German food (and beer!). There is also somebody available to serve you at the poolside bar at all times.





Poolside bar

Poolside bar

An early morning ride aboard a native banca, for some dolphin watching, is available, with a stop at Pamilacan Island's quiet beach, or an adventurous buggy trip in the woods, with an experienced guide describing the flora and fauna.



Exiting adventurous buggy tour

Our trip ended on a high, with an invitation from Mayor Dan Neri Lim for me to give a presentation on Rizal at the University of Bohol in Tagbilaran.





Rizal presentation at the Univ. of Bohol

Mayor Lim, Mr. Hans Schoof, Lucien, Madeline

The Peacock Resort is, undoubtedly, one of the finest resorts we have ever stayed in. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end.

16th June:

We were chauffeured to the airport by a resort driver. After our relaxed leisure break in Bohol our hectic schedule was resumed immediately on return to Manila, with an un-scheduled TV interview on the

same evening.



Lucien, Mrs. Lisa Bayot and TV team

CALENDAR

- ♦ December 30th—Rizal Day
- ◆ January 28th—12th Chartering Anniversary KOR Diamond dubbing new Knights elevation KOR exaltation KCR Rizal program Dinner Dancing Salons De Watermeulen Kruibeke
- March 31st Activity in De Schuur Kruibeke

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published beginning January 2012.

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone who shows an interest in the Knights of Rizal! They are always welcome at one of our activities.

Also former members who wish to receive again news from our Chapter are free to request to put their email address again on our list. We respect the view of everybody!

Please send suggestions, articles (also from the OTHER BELGIAN CHAPTERS) to the Chapter Commander.

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