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Diamond Chapter Antwerp—Flanders—Belgium



Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - Jan. 2012

Introduction

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

Dear friends of our organization,

Another year is almost passed. Looking back at the previous Newsletter, we learned that last June was a active month for the Knights with an unique exhibition of replicas of Rizal's typical clothes by The Rizal Traveling Museum, a few days later followed by the world's first viewing of the documentary film 'Rizal, the first hero' in the presence of the starring actor, the producer and the fashion designer. The latter event took place during Rizal's birthday celebration and the opening of the Rizal library. At the same time the participants to these abovementioned activities could enjoy the beauty of the venue that the Philippine Embassy in Brussels has to offer.

Hopefully you could spend some time with the family(-in law) in The Philippines, in Belgium or anywhere in the world and can you categorize this year's summer as memorable with plenty pictures/videos to proof it.

Some of these pictures might even be so good they can be entered in the international foto competition titled 'SMILES FOR THE WORLD'. Is it not so that the Filipinos are worldwide known for their eternal smiling faces? Let us show it again. More details in the letter from the Embassy later on.

After the summer, at the end of October, a big team of dentists voluntarily went to the Philip-

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pires to treat poor people with a dental problem for free. One of our knights coordinated this gigantic mission whereas his wife was part of the medical team. Another member of the Diamond Chapter and co-sponsor travelled with the team for a while. His report about this trip can be found further in this newsletter.

Before we can close 2012 with a great New Year's Eve dinner with friends and family, there are still a few dates to look forward to. The Ladies of Rizal, Brussels invite you all at their Dinner & Dance Christmas party 2012 on December 22nd in Zemst (see further).

Our brother knights of the Charleroi Chapter will have their Knighthood Ceremony one week later, on Saturday December 29th in Drogenbos (see further).

And one of the reasons for the establishing of the Order of the Knights of Rizal is to commemorate the day of his birth and the day of his death. So, on December 30th this year it will be no different.

Everybody is invited to participate with us, Knights and Ladies of Rizal, to the activities in the Philippine Embassy on Sunday 30 December, starting as from 14:00 with a reception, snacks and food offered by the 4 Belgian Chapters: Aalst, Brussels, Charleroi and our own Diamond Chapter.

A more elaborated schedule of that day is to be found on one of the following pages.

We would be very pleased to see you there on this special day to honor, in the presence of Her Excellency Ambassador Victoria S. Bataclan, the national hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

A year might end but is immediately followed by the next one. As a Knight we took the oath to spread the ideas and the teachings of Rizal. In this context, there is no ending but a continuous effort which, in many cases, results in dubbing new convinced Knights. That is why I am proud to announce that during our 13th chartering Anniversary celebration, next January 26th, we will expand our Chapter with several new Knights. The well-known venue has been renewed and expanded; the food has been top all the time; the brotherhood between Filipinos and Europeans nowhere else stronger.

In other words, there is no reason to miss the opportunity to witness the above. Everybody with the right Rizalian mind is more than welcome.

Sir Paul Verloo, KCR

Chapter Commander 2011-2013

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Diamond Chapter – Antwerp - Belgium

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Rizal BBQ and Quiz

Sumptuous food, instructive and funny quiz, drinks and gathering among friends; it is becoming the recipe for our annual Rizal quiz in the Schuur in Kruibeke.

Last October 27th we had about 40 participants. New element was a tombola. The lucky guy in this tombola was our own board member Sir Rik Van Tiggel who won many prizes. Underneath are some pictures of the gathering.





Third Dental Mission Philippines

Mindanao Island, South Cotobato Province, Koronadal

This report was made by Sir Peter De Bruyn who attended the Dental Mission project together with his wife, Lieve.

Thank you Sir Peter for your involvement and this article!

"Thank you so much to all the Belgian volunteers for the good care you took of us. Come again!" Bienvenida Gomez, 56 years, just received a complete new set of teeth and she looks brilliant with happiness... Out of the many reactions received from the patients, it is obvious that they enormously appreciate the Dental Mission Philippines, mainly because many of them could not afford a similar treatment by a private dentist due to the high cost.

Together with my wife Lieve, we went to the Philippines from October, 20th until November, 7th. The first couple of days, we had the pleasure to be welcomed by Sir Peter Van Bogaert, Honorary Consul of the Philippines and his wife Baby. We were invited to stay at their home in Calauan and were able to do some sightseeing in their neighborhood. Rizal is never far away in the Philippines and on our way to Calauan, we passed Calamba, where Dr. José Rizal was born on June, 19th 1861. A huge statue inaugurated in 2011 is commemorating the birth of our Hero. We were also honored to be able to visit the Headquarters of the Order of Rizal on Roxas Boulevard (in Manila) where we were welcomed by the Administrative Officer, Sir Arnold L. Montero.



Sir Peter Van Bogaert & Sir Peter De Bruyn at the statue of Rizal in Calamba

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Sir Peter De Bruyn and Sir Peter Van Bogaert at the Headquarters of Rizal in Manila

The Third Dental Mission Philippines took place in Koronadal city, situated on the most southern island of the Philippines, Mindanao. The Philippines, an archipelago consisting of 7.107 islands, has recently reached 100 million inhabitants, of which the main part is Roman Catholic. This year, the mission was organized in collaboration with "Operation Smile", an international medical charity organization mainly operating children with cleft lip and open palate.

47 Belgian volunteers (dentists, dental technicians, etc.) landed on Ninoy Aquino International Airport in Manila, on Thursday, October, 25th. Through a local flight, the group arrived in General Santos (Mindanao) where the journey took them further to "The Farm" in Koronodal, the location for the mission. The trip went through a beautiful scenery, with deeply carved river beds, never ending pineapple plantations from the American company Dole and on the background hills which finally end in the mountains Matutum and Busa, where the biggest eagle in the world holds its nests, the Philippine Monkey Eating Eagle.



The first afternoon, a group of volunteers left for the South Cotabato Gym and Cultural Center, the venue of the Dental Mission. A few volunteers left for the South Cotabato Provincial Hospital, the location for the local Operation Smile Mission. The volunteers of both missions installed all their material and took all necessary preparations in order to be able to start the mission.

The first night ended with a welcome dinner, offered by the Governor of South Cotabato, Mr. Arthur Y Pingoy jr.



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The next day it was busy around the Gym and Cultural Center when the bus with the Belgian delegates arrived. All patients had been screened in advance and strolled into the Center after which they were guided to the respective division where they were going to be treated. The Hall was divided into four Divisions:

Oral Surgery where teeth were extracted;

Prosthodontics (labo) where new sets of teeth on measure were produced and “obturators.”

Resto and Endio where fillings were executed

Oral prophylaxis where calculus was removed and the teeth were cleaned



The Resto and Endio department where fillings were executed

Because preventions are at least as important as treatment, a prevention team executed visits to schools in the Province in order to learn to children how they have to maintain their teeth.

During the first day of the Mission, an obvious amount of patients was treated for a new set of teeth. Primary to the Mission, approximately 350 sets of teeth had been made in the Philippines which needed to be tested, and if needed adapted. On top of this number, some 100 new sets of teeth were made by the prosthodontics team during this mission.

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Dental Mission: production of prostheses

Each morning of the Mission started with a good breakfast under the patio, a great covered terrace in "The Farm", followed by a briefing. The numbers of the treatments of the previous day were always communicated and confirmed and an evaluation was made.

Each evening ended with a typical Filipino buffet: lechon or pork (Philippine specialty), pansit (a type of vermicelli originating from the Chinese who first discovered the island), fried fish, rice, etc. Also the delicious fruits could not be missed: pineapple, bananas, papaya, etc. A local beer (San Miguel) and a rum (Tanduay) with local music from a band were the ideal ingredients to end the day.

Without any doubt, this mission can be seen as a great success. The perfect organization (thanks to Sir Geert Verhaegen and his charming wife, Faith), sometimes in difficult circumstances, definitely contributed to this success. But above all, the positive, friendly and flexible attitude of the volunteers, combined with the immense willingness to work hand in hand with the Filipino colleagues, resulted in a fantastic result. Thanks to the third Dental Mission Philippines, 6.110 patients did receive a treatment and thanks to Operation Smile, some 47 patients were treated. The group of volunteers, a mixture of young and experienced dentists, did show a dynamism and team spirit seldom observed.

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One of the patients, just before and after the operation

This mission gave a new face to all treated patients, so that they could smile again, so typical for all Filipinos. It is this smile which we cherish and gave a special place in our warm hearts, never to forget...

*Mabuhay ang Filipinas,
Long live the Philippines*

Non omnis moriar

Sir Peter De Bruyn



Streetlife in Manila

Dasuguan ng Pilipinas



Embassy of the Philippines

Brussels

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TO: ALL FILIPINOS IN BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG

29 November 2012

Dear Kababayan,

The Embassy is pleased to invite you to participate in the national competition entitled **"Smiles for the World: A Filipino Photo Essay Contest on *Calidad Humana*."** The competition is jointly organized by the Embassy of Chile, Embassy of Brazil, Cultural Center of the Philippines, University of Santo Tomas, University of Asia and the Pacific, University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, Coca Cola, McDonald's and the Philippine Star. It is intended to showcase, through the medium of photography and a short essay, the delight of the Filipino smile as an expression of human qualities such as friendship, steadfastness, cheerfulness, optimism, fortitude and resilience, among others, thus portraying a culture of excellence in society.

This year's competition is open to all Filipino citizens, regardless of age, place of residence and occupation. **The deadline for submission of entries is on 28 February 2013.** All entries shall be mailed or delivered personally to the following address:

The Ambassador
Embassy of Chile
17/F Liberty Center Building
104 Horacio V de la Costa
Salcedo Village, Makati City

The awarding ceremonies are expected to be held in the first week of July 2013, and that the cash awards are US\$1,000 for first place; US\$ 600 for second place; and US\$ 400 for third place. There will be non-cash prizes as well. Enclosed is the Executive Summary of the photo essay contest with relevant information on the rules of the competition. For more details of the contest, kindly access the link <http://projectch.com>.

The Embassy strongly encourages everyone to take part in this worthwhile activity. *Mabuhay kayong Lahat!*

Very truly yours,


VICTORIA S. BATACLAN
Ambassador

EMBASSY OF CHILE embassy of brazil
CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES
UST UA&P UP ATENEO UNIVERSITY
Coca-Cola mc donald
The philippine star

A PHOTO CONTEST OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

A FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTION

“SMILES FOR THE WORLD”

The photo must represent the Smile (Smiles) of Filipinos or Filipinas and include a message and its explanation, in not more than one page, addressed to the rest of the world.

Example: “Because we Filipinos are people of peace, friendship and hospitality, we send you these Smiles”.

Executive Summary

The “CALIDAD HUMANA” of Filipinos (Human Compassion, Sense of Humaneness, Strength of Character, Human Tone) is unique in the world. This is clearly expressed through their cordiality and friendliness, their positive outlook in life, and a permanent SMILE in their faces.

This Photo CONTEST is geared towards the Philippines cultivating this virtue, avoiding its debilitation and sharing this with other countries around the world.

This project intends to collaborate with the UNO's initiative of a “Happier World”.

"SMILES FOR THE WORLD"

A National Photography Essay Competition on Calidad Humana

Background

In the past school year, the Embassy of Chile, the University of Santo Tomas, and the University of Asia and the Pacific organized and concluded the first *Calidad Humana* national narrative essay writing competition. More than 150 entries were received from students, ages 15 to 30, all over the country. From the 150 entries, a preliminary panel of judges selected 30 entries, which went through final judging in order to select the three (3) essays whose subject persons of the corresponding narrative were deemed most representative of the Filipino strength of character, resiliency, and cheerfulness.

The wealth of good to excellent essays from the first competition has encouraged the organizers to hold a second competition, for school year 2012-2013, this time involving photos depicting the Filipino capacity to manage life's challenges with elegance, cheerfulness, fortitude, and an unmistakable expression of these human qualities in one's countenance and demeanor. The organizers have expanded to include the University of the Philippines, the Ateneo University, the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, the Embassy of Brazil and The Philippine Star.

The Thematic Concept

"*Smiles for the World*", whose Spanish origin is, "*Sonrisas para el Mundo*", is intended to showcase through the medium of photography and a short essay the delight of the Filipino smile as an expression of such human qualities as friendship, spirit of peace, steadfastness, open-mindedness, nobility of character, gutsiness, cheerfulness, optimism, sporting spirit, fortitude, magnanimity, resilience, endurance, and many others that portray a *culture of excellence* in the family, in school, at work, in the immediate community, and in society at large.

*The **Project** then, would aim at three dimensions of "Calidad Humana":*

- a) research in order to identify the main components of the Filipino Human Compassion.*
- a) its preservation among Filipinos and elevation to the highest level of nobility; and b) its transmission to the rest of the world, especially through the overseas Filipino workers.*

We quote from the literature of the previous competition, to highlight the underlying theme of the whole undertaking.

"CALIDAD HUMANA, literally translated as *the quality of being human* and loosely translated as *strength of character*, may refer to the sum total of distinctively human characteristics that dignify and ennoble a person and enable him to contribute to a culture of excellence either in his immediate, mediate, or broader environment ... either in unusual or day-to-day situations and circumstances. It is not a *state* a person is in but a constant *movement* to attain the state of human perfection.

"*Calidad humana* marks the person noble in his dealings, steadfast in his convictions, and unfaltering in his equanimity, without any pretensions ... everything that contributes in the end to LIFE WELL SPENT.

"One need not have most, or much less all, positive traits in heroic proportions, nor would one need to be exempt from defects of character. What is needed for *calidad humana* is a quality or a cluster of qualities that steadily stands out in one's personal and social life, hand-in-hand with an unwavering struggle for the other human virtues."

Competition Rules

1. This year's competition is open to all Filipino citizens, regardless of age, place of residence, and occupation.
2. There shall be only one entry per person.
3. An entry, to be considered, shall comprise the following:
 - a. Three copies of 8x10 photo showing one or more Filipinos at home, in school, at work, at play, at leisure, or in portraiture. The photography subject(s) shall be existing persons, with the setting identifiable upon request of the organizer. Winners might have to be asked to produce 13R photo size
 - b. A message with no more than 200 characters (letters) in font Arial 12 devoting the smile of the photo to the rest of the world.
 - c. A one to three paragraph photo essay in English, with no more than 200 words (excluding punctuation marks), appropriately titled, that succinctly explains the message of the photo. While the essay shall be in English, Filipino words or terms may be used if deemed expedient by the author for absence of satisfactory equivalents in English.
 - d. An accomplished form, see below, that indicates:

Full Name (First, Middle, and Last), Age (with Date-Month-Year of Birth)

Title of the Photo-Essay

Category of Entry (Professional or Amateur)

Brand of Camera Used and Technical Settings (if any)

Home Address, Land Line, Mobile Number, and e-mail Address

Current School and/or Place of Work and Corresponding Mailing Address

Certification from School/University Head, Employer, or Barangay Captain
of Authenticity of Professional or Amateur Photographer Status

All entries shall be put inside a *sturdy* manila envelope or its variation and mailed or delivered personally to the following address:

THE AMBASSADOR
Embassy of Chile
17/F Liberty Center Building
104 Horacio V de la Costa
Salcedo Village, Makati City

4. There shall be three major awards for first to third places under each category.

Entries shall be the property of the Embassy of Chile, which reserves the right to use the work, edit and publish it as deemed appropriate, but always duly acknowledging the author.

A panel of three (5) individuals shall decide on the preliminary qualifiers based on the criteria below. A final panel of five (5) judges, to be selected by the organizing committee, shall determine the winners without regard to scores earlier given to qualifying essays. To determine further the prospective winners' views on the competition theme (i.e., the congruence between the person and his work), the organizers shall conduct individual interviews with them, either face-to-face or through Skype.

The decision of the preliminary and final panel of judges shall be deemed final.

Without attempting to give weights to the criteria for qualifiers and winners, the basis for judgment shall be as follows:

Effectiveness of the photo, with the corresponding essay, to capture the spirit behind the Filipino smile and what it stands for;

The overall quality of the photo and essay entry as a medium of expression, without necessarily appealing to technical considerations, except perhaps for grammar, mechanics, and usage in the case of the essay;

The uniqueness and impact with which the photo and the essay convey the theme of the competition

Judging shall always be on the photo and the essay in combination.

Manila, 2012-2013.

Invitations



Ladies of Rizal Inc., Brussels
"Dinner & Dance Christmas Party 2012"

Peking Wok
Brusselsteenweg, 471
1980 Zemst

25€ Adult
11€ Children up to 11 yrs. old
5€ Children up to 4 yrs. old

Dec. 22, 2012
Time: 18h00

Ticket # 101

Contact Person: Lady Maryann Ballesteros #0488.233.562



Order of the Knights of Rizal

"Chartered Under Republic Act 646"

A Civic, Patriotic and Cultural,



Charleroi "Brussels South" Chapter

Knighthood Ceremony

Restaurant: *La Cite du Mandarin*

1st Floor

192 R. Kuiken

1620 Drogenbos

December 29, 2012 (Saturday)

Knighthood Ceremony: 17h30 (5:30pm)sharp!

Dinner: 19h00 (7:00pm)

Eat All You Can!

Drink All You Can!

Participation fee: 35,00€

Dress Code:

KOR Official Uniform

Coat & Tie or Barong Tagalog

Visitors/Guests: Formal

Contact person:

Sir Willy Cruz, KCR – GSM: 0478 394 573

Sir Mario Fajardo, KCR – GSM: 0488 310 083

Sir Cris Pinkihan, KOR– GSM: 0485 469 338

Sir Guy Libau, KOR – GSM: 0472 405 059



Invitation & Program

Rizal Day 2012



*Philippine Embassy
Avenue Molière, 297, 1050 Brussels*

***Sunday, December 30th, 2012.
13:30 – 18:00***

13:30 Doors open and welcome at the Philippine Embassy

14:00 Reception, including hot soup, chicken sandwiches, finger foods and pancit.

*15:00 Flower Offering headed by H.E. Ambassador Victoria Bataclan
(at Rizal statue in the garden, if weather permits)*

15:30 Cultural program with short inspirational speeches, folk songs and folk dance presented by the 4 Belgian Chapters of the Knights of Rizal and the Kababaihang Rizalistas in the Presidents' Hall.

All Filipinos and everybody interested in the Philippine Hero are welcome to commemorate with us the untimely death of Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

Invitation

13th Chartering Anniversary

KOR Diamond Chapter - Antwerp - Belgium

Saturday 26 January 2013

WHERE

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

PROGRAM

- ♦ *welcome reception*
- ♦ *dubbing ceremony of new Knights (KR) – elevation to KOR – exaltation to KCR*
- ♦ *toast on the new year*
- ♦ *fraternal dinner – world buffet with drinks*
- ♦ *news from the Diamond Chapter – Belgian Council – European Council – Supreme Council*
- ♦ *Folk dance by the ladies*
- ♦ *dessert – coffee – fellowship*
- ♦ *Dancing – disco*

PARTICIPATION

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

RESERVATION

Before Jan. 21 through confirmation

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CALENDAR

- ♦ *December 30th: Rizal Day*
- ♦ *January 26th 2013: 13th Chartering Anniversary Diamond Chapter—De Watermeulen—Kruibeke*
- ♦ *13th April: Rizal Garden Party (At the house of Sir Peter De Bruyn in Aalter)*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in January 2013.

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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