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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- *Sibylla Cumana*
- *Invitations*
- *Decisions from the board meeting*
- *Calendar*
- *Board coordinates & members*



Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - 2015

Introduction

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

Dear friends of our organization,

Last month we had our spring activity in De Schuur, where we announced the results of the evaluation of our Chapter. I want to thank all our members who participated actively in this evaluation: without you we cannot progress!

As a reminder, I added the results of the evaluation in this newsletter together with our guidelines for elevation and exaltation. This guideline is not determinant but should be considered as a first indication for promotion.

Again we are almost halfway through the year and there are still a lot of activities ahead. The different Philippine Independence celebrations are mentioned in the calendar. We also have the Rizal Birthday celebration on June 19th in the Philippine embassy in Brussels. A reason to meet our brothers of the other chapters in Belgium.

We also continue our activities in summer with a trip to the Oosterschelde in Zeeland, Netherlands.

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As a result of the evaluation of our chapter, I want to communicate more direct to our members about the decisions taken in the board. Therefore you will find a report of the results of the last board meeting.

So, dear friends, I hope to see you soon on one or many of the upcoming activities!

Non Omnis Moriar

Sir Ronny Felix, KCR

Chapter Commander 2015-2016

Distinguished Service Medal

Diamond Chapter - Antwerp

Board 2015

Sir Ronny Felix, KCR, Chapter Commander 2015 – 2016

Sir Paul Verloo, KCR, Past Chapter Commander

Sir Tony Guansing, KGOR, Trustee, Past Regional Commander for Europe

Sir Dominiek Segart, KGOR, Past Area Commander for Belgium

Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Advisor & Trustee

Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, Past Chapter Commander

Sir Roy De Mol, KCR, Exchequer, Deputy Commander

Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, Deputy Commander

Sir Danny Vandenbogaerde, KCR, Chancellor

Spring Bbq 11th April 2015 in De Schuur



Oath taking of Chapter Commander and Officers of the board

As it becomes now a tradition, we had our yearly spring bbq on Saturday 11th April. There were about 50 participants for this occasion on which we could also welcome our European Regional Commander, Sir Bhoy Alcoba, KGOR and Sir Lino Paras, KGCR and Special Adviser to the Supreme Council. It was also a pleasure to meet our brothers from the Charleroi Chapter: Sir Guy Libau, KCR and Chapter Commander and Sir Michel Collignon, KOR.

Although the rest of the program was held in a relaxed atmosphere, we started with a more official part: the oath taking of the Diamond Chapter Commander, Sir Ronny Felix, KCR and the officers of the board. It was Sir Alcoba who led the ceremony.

After this formal intro, Sir Bhoy made a report of the 20th International Assembly in Vigan of last February. This assembly could be considered as



Sir Dominiek hands over a copy of the Rizal stamp to Sir Cesar Alcoba

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one of the most succesful international gatherings of the Knights of Rizal.

By the time the presentation ended, our caterer was ready with the bbq which was as always magnificent!

After the dinner, Sir Ronny announced the results of the evaluation and the further steps to take.

A nice tombola closed the evening.



Sir Guy Libau - winner of the special price



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Fraternizing...

Next steps after Chapter Evaluation

Functioning of the board

- *Communicate results of the board meeting to members (partially or complete)*
- *Each member receives a function description of the board members*
- *Improved/increased communication with the members*

Website

- *Regular and faster updates*
- *Make pictures and texts 'copy ready'*
- *As much as possible without the name of the photographer*
- *Flashing of next upcoming activities (also other chapters/organizations)*

Newsletter

- *Faster publication*
- *Info about our members (we need input from the members)*
- *More articles about Jose Rizal and about activities other Rizal related organizations*

Supported projects

- *Detailed explanation of supported projects with yearly sponsoring amounts in the Newsletter*

Activities

- *'Time box' the speeches (only applicable within Diamond Chapter)*
- *Review the cost/formula of the menu for our annual Chartering Anniversary*
- *Additional bonding activities (1 or 2 a year), to make brotherhood grow and involve our ladies more*
- *Examine possibility of having other dinner formula in "De Schuur" or other venue*

Others

- *More clear description of promotions*
- *More active participation of the members (articles, info, etc)*

Guidelines

Elevations and exaltations

⇒ *Elevation of KR to KOR*

- ✿ *No down limit in number of years of membership, but minimum requirement of participation to 10 activities KOR (own chapter and other)*
- ✿ *It will be still left to the appreciation of the board (and chain of command) if elevation will take place*

⇒ *Exaltation of KOR to KCR*

- ✿ *No down limit in number of years of membership, but minimum requirement of participation to 20 activities KOR (own chapter and other)*
- ✿ *It will be still left to the appreciation of the board (and chain of command) if elevation will take place*

⇒ *Awarding of the Service medal, Star and Cross: will be left to the appreciation of the board and chain of command*

tasks in the board

CHAPTER COMMANDER – RONNY FELIX

General supervision of the management of the Chapter
Communication to members & other organizations
Final acceptance of articles for Newsletter

Final acceptance of articles on website

DEPUTY CHAPTER COMMANDER – ROY DE MOL

Assist the Chapter Commander

Replaces the Chapter Commander in case of absence

CHANCELLOR – DANNY VANDENBOGAERDE

Organizing activities (quiz, lectures,...)
Ceremonial officer
Reporting of meetings

PURSUIVANT – KRIS VAN THILLO

Collection of memberships
Logistical matters (hiring location, for festivities, drinks, foods, other equipments)
Collecting articles for newsletter
Collecting/Controlling updates for website

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DEPUTY PURSUIVANT – RIK VAN TIGGEL

assist the Pursuivant in the performance of his duties

Other duties as agreed in the board

EXCHEQUER – ROY DE MOL

Payment of contributions to KOR Manila

Purchasing matters (medals, etc)

ARCHIVIST – PAUL VERLOO

Keeps record of all the documents and correspondence

Advices the acquisition of books, relics and other objects in relation to Dr Rizal or the KOR.

Keeps track of insurances

Co-reporting of board meeting (to be checked with Chancellor)

AUDITOR – DOMINIEK SEGAERT

Regular review of the expenses

Review of the financial statement

Follow-up of admission. elevations, exaltations

Keep track of participation to events of members

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ADVISOR – PETER VAN BOGAERT, TONY GUANSING, DOMINIEK SEGAERT

Sponsoring

Advise on difficult topics, based on their experience and built up relations with other organisations

SIBYLLA CUMANA

By Sir Lucien Spitael, KGOR

One of Rizal's unknown works is the humorous "Haec est Sibylla Cumana" (This is Sibylla Cumana)

The "Cumaeen Sibyl" was the priestess presiding over the Apollo oracle at Cumae, a Greek colony located near Naples, Italy. The word Sibyl comes from the ancient Greek word Sibylla meaning prophetess.

Rizal wrote this oracle parlor game in 1895 for his pupils in Dapitan.

I saw the original Sibylla Cumana for the first time at the house of Mr. Francisco Lopez Rizal (Grandchild of Paciano Rizal) in Manila in 1995. Every time we went to the Philippines we visited Mr. Francisco Lopez Rizal and his brother Mr. Jose Lopez Rizal. (Foto 1)



Unfortunately Mr. Francisco Lopez Rizal passed away a couple of days before our arrival in Manila end November 2013 at the age of 100. We went to his wake and offered our condolences to the grieving family.

The original is very well preserved and kept in a vacuum plastic box in the house of Mr. Francisco Lopez-Rizal and consist of the game book with a carved octagonal wooden top with number I to VIII carved on each side. (Foto2)

On the cover Rizal sketched a wild-eyed sorceress. The first 2 pages contain 52 questions to be asked to Sibylla.

Page 3 and 4 contain a numerical table which consist in

the Y-axis 52 numbers (corresponding to the Questions) and in the X-axis numbers I to VIII (corresponding to the numbers on the wooden top). Rizal wrote 8 possible answers to each question. The next 52 pages contain 8 possible answers to each of the 52 questions. (Foto3)

How the game is played?

You pick a question.

Twirl the wooden top.

Go to the corresponding number on the table for the answer. (Foto4)

Some examples questions:

What will my future be? Will I get married?

Will my wife be good-looking?

Sir Lucien





AN INVITATION TO FILIPINO-BELGIAN COMMUNITIES

"TRIUMPHS THROUGH REFORMS WITHIN NATION'S REACH"

**KOALISYONG PARA SA KALAYAAN (KPSK)
and
WORLD MISSION FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT (WMPD)
in its 20th years Anniversary**



HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE

**THE 117th PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE
ANG 117 TAONG PAGDIRIWANG NG KALAYAAN NG PILIPINAS
SA BRUGGE**

**Saturday 6 June 2015, Beurshal, (near fountain) 2 Hauwerstraat, 8000 Brugge
starts at 11 am Eucharistic Concelebration of Filipino Priests**

FREE ENTRANCE

- *Come ! bring families and friends and enjoy this "HAPPY TOGETHER EVENT"*
- *the spectacular MAD CLAP BAND and flashback intermission, presentation and parade of*
- *KNIGHTS OF RIZAL (KOR) and other Filipino-Belgian groups and organizations-2 pm*
- *Multicultural children Talent show 2:30 pm*
- *Separate RAFFLED TOMBOLA BIG PRIZES OF KPSK & WMPD*
- *highlighted by stage performances OF MISS YOUNG, MRS and 50 Plus candidates 4 pm,
(catwalk, swimsuit, talent and gown presentation)*
- *the nostalgic parade of former BINIBINING PILIPINAS FROM 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014,*
- *the crowning and awarding of trophies to 2015 BINIBINING PILIPINAS and other titles*
- *as rated by our distinguished jury, with Philippine Ambassador Hon. Mrs. Victoria Bataclan,
and Hon. Mr. Dirk De Fauw of the City of Brugge 7:30 pm*

**Enjoy the traditional Filipino warm foods and products sold by vendors
and services offered by our Donors and Sponsors * OPEN DJ DISCO SOUND*

Makrel Fishing

Info



Participation for boat trip: 50 euro. We will need app. 50 persons

Boat leaves at **07H00**

Others who stay ashore can collect oysters and creases (kreukels)

There is room for picnic and event. bbq

You use your own transport.

Payment beforehand by bank transfer to **979-6095137-50 of Diamond Chapter, Deurne**

Please inform the board beforehand if you participate

21st July at 7 am

Roompotsluis, Oosterschelde

Invitation



On Sunday Sep. 27, 2015 from 12.30 noon you are all cordially invited for the yearly barbecue to support the 13th anniversary of the small NGO Friendship for the Philippines (a street youth and educational project in and around Davao City by Sir Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego). Participation is 18 EURO. Venue: Zaal 't Verzet at Duinenwater near Sportoase and Lakeside Paradise in Knokke-Heist. More news on www.vvfilippijnen.be or contact dominiek.segaert@skynet.be

Results from last board meeting in May

As promised, we will communicate more about the decisions and proposals made in the board.

Following items were discussed in our last board meeting.

- 1. As a step towards unifying the different Filipino Independence Day celebrations, the KPSK will join with the World Mission for Peace and Development, led by Mrs Consorcia De Leon, on June 6th in Brugge.*
- 2. The Rizal stamp, printed by BPOST, will only be ready by January 2017. We are investigating to organize a suitable program around this event*
- 3. Anniversary of the publication of Il Filibusterismo on the 18th September 2016. Is under investigation when and how to organize. Of course, in due time, we want to include some members to form a project team for this organization.*
- 4. Sir Lucien Spitael proposed to have a Rizal Run in 2016. This run would start from Rue de Champagne in Brussels till the city of Gent. Of course, it should be run by different people who each run a number of km's. This proposal must still be evaluated with the members. Who is interested?*
- 5. This year we will sponsor 'Friendship for the Philippines' for an amount of 750 euro.*
- 6. The new autumn activity in De Schuur was discussed. We will come with more details later.*
- 7. Fraternizing activity on July 21st. We will hire a boat for Makrel fishing on the Oosterschelde in Zeeland, Netherlands. Those people who want to come with but do not like the boat trip, can stay ashore. There are possibilities to collect oysters and creases (kreukels) and to have a picnic (or bbq?). The boat trip (including fishing gear will be 50 euro. We need 50 people for the boat.*

CALENDAR

- ♦ *June 6th: Philippines Independence Day Celebration in Brugge (KPSK & WMPD) - Beurshalle*
- ♦ *June 14th: Philippines Independence Day Celebration in Brugge - Beurshalle*
- ♦ *June 19th: 154th birthday of Jose Rizal - Philippines Embassy*
- ♦ *June 20th: Philippine Independ. Celebration in Gent (KAANGAYAN VRIENDENKRING VZW) - Zuidpark*
- ♦ *July 21st: Fraternizing activity: Makrel boat fishing*
- ♦ *Sunday September 27th: 13th Anniversary Friendship for the Philippines*
- ♦ *October or November: Autumn activity 'De Schuur' Kruibeke*
- ♦ *Sunday 16th November: Winterbbq Cadaatan - Kortemark*
- ♦ *Wednesday 30th December: Commemoration of Rizal's Death Anniversary*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in July 2015. 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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