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Knights of Rizal - Diamond Chapter - 2016

Introduction

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

Dear friends of our organization,

Recently we experienced in Belgium the atrocities of the so-called Islamic State. Feelings of anger, resent and compassion are overwhelming. Everyone tries to cope with these events in his own way. Nevertheless, many abominations of this kind have occurred throughout history, in every part of the world and by any race. There have always been people who tried to impose their ideas and demands by cruel force. And finally they were always defeated by human reason and justice.

That is why we also have to fight these distorted minds and twisted ideas, each in his or her own way.

For the moment it is also a time for compassion and condolences towards the innocent victims of these attacks and their families. And we must not bow down because of what happened but continue to create a better life for everyone!

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Also within the Knights of Rizal, we look at the future while not neglecting the past. That is why you will find in this issue again a mix of past and upcoming events.

I hope to see many of you present on the new events for this year!

Non Omnis Moriar

Sir Ronny Felix, KCR

Chapter Commander 2015-2017

Distinguished Service Medal

Diamond Chapter - Antwerp

Board 2016

Sir Ronny Felix, KCR, Chapter Commander 2015 = 2016

Sir Paul Verloo, KCR, Past Chapter Commander

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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

Sir Marc Helsen, KCR, Deputy Exchequer

Chartering Anniversary Diamond Chapter

January 30 was the 16th Chartering Anniversary of the Diamond Chapter. We welcomed Mr Ralph Abarquez from the Philippine Embassy, Sir Mario Fajardo, KGOR and Belgian Area Commander, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR and Past Regional Commander with Lady Antonina from the Kababaihang Rizalista, Sir Felipe Yap, KCR and Brussels Chapter Commander, Sir Jose Perez, KCR and Past Brussels Chapter Commander, Sir Frank Velasquez, Incoming Chapter Commander El Filibusterismo Belgium, Ladies Mary-Ann Ballesteros and husband Jaak, Maria Mercader, Visitation Rojas, Vilma Moralde and Alily Malangit – all from the Las Damas de Rizal.



Sir Peter Plückebaum, KGOR and member of the Supreme Council, could not attend because of illness. In total about 70 people attending the yearly gathering.



Sir Herbert Cockx

We could also welcome a new Knight, Sir Herbert Cockx, dubbed by Sir Ronny Felix. Sir Mario Fajardo elevated three of our knights to the rank of Officer: Sir Willy Demeyere, Sir Peter Uhrig and Sir Eddy Verheye. Sir Tony Guansing exalted Sir Marc Helsen to the rank of KCR. Also two of our Knights, Sir Guy Waterloos, KCR and Sir Geert Verhaegen, KCR, received the Service Medal for their continuous support to Filipino fellow men in their own organizations.

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Elevated Knights Sirs Willy Demeyere, Peter Uhrig and Eddy Verheye



Sir Marc Helsen, exalted to KCR

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Distinguished Service Medal for Sirs Geert Verhaegen and Guy Waterloos

Sir Francois Ooms, KGOR, took the Certificate of Appreciation from the Diamond Chapter and the present for Sir Peter Plückebaum.

After the ceremonies and after a toast on the New Year from the Chapter Commander and the different messages, the fun part started with a sumptuous buffet.



Afterwards everyone could stretch the legs on the music arranged by our local dj's Sirs Roy De Mol, Danny Vandenbogaerde and Geert Verhaegen.

It was already midnight when the last participants left.

Update on the preparations for the El Filibusterismo Celebration

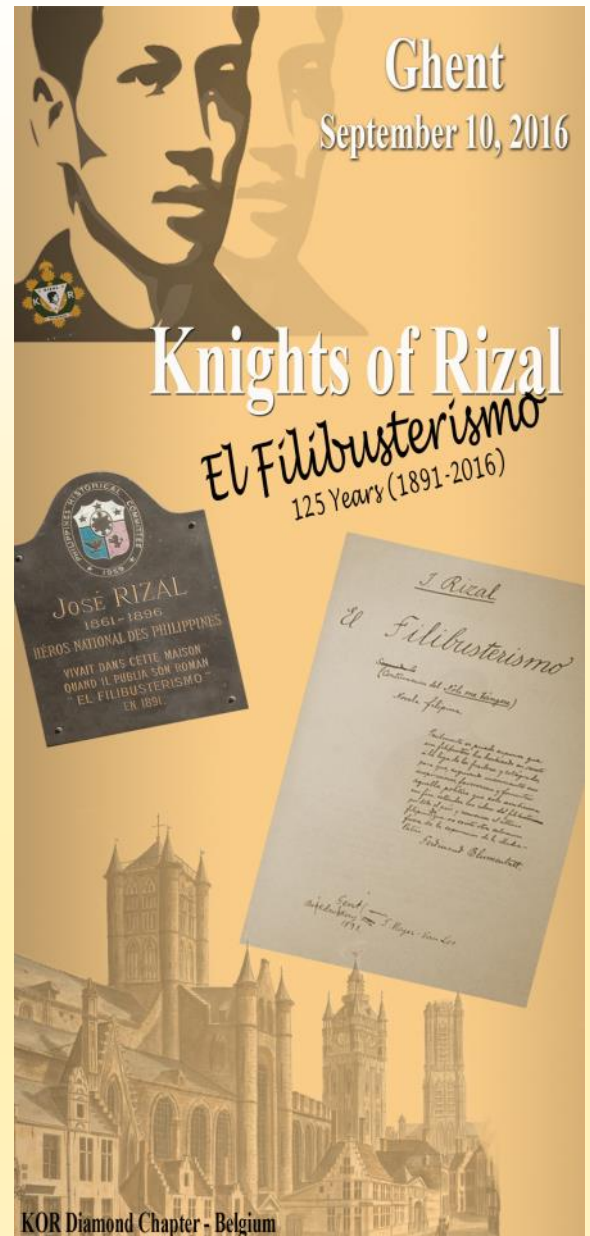
Dear friends, in the previous newsletter you could read about the project for the celebration of the publication of the El Fili in Ghent. We want to keep you regularly updated about the project.

We had our first meeting with the staff of the Councillor for Culture. One of our requests was to install a statue of J. Rizal at the new library (this was the place where the company was situated that printed the El Fili). Unfortunately our wish was not granted because the city council has strict rules for new statues. In the meantime the El Fili group has filed a new request for a commemorative tile, plate or a bench.

We are very grateful to the city council that they give us the opportunity to use two of their halls: the Pacification hall and the Throne hall. Because of unavailability on the 17th September, we will have the celebration on the 10th September.

Of course we will need sponsoring for supporting the celebration. On Sunday 21st August we will organize a bbq in Wetteren, near Gent.

The project group is now preparing the detailed program for the celebration. In the coming weeks we will prepare a leaflet to announce the celebration.



Bagumbayan March Dec.30 2015

By Sir Peter Plückebaum

Dec. 30 found many members of the KoR joining the Bagumbayan March and even more waiting for the Procession in Rizal Park. Together with Sir Avelino Torres, KGOR, Supreme Chancellor, I had the honor to accompany Sir Rey Malig, KGOR, Supreme Exchequer, reenacting the Bagumbayan March as the Jesuits who accompanied Rizal (Sir Rey) and who were the friends of Rizal.



The Bagumbayan March ended this time in the Original Field where there is now the light and sound show which was specially presented at this early morning for the Knights and the affiliated Associations like Ladies for Rizal, Las Damas etc.

The Ceremony was solemn as usually and the President did a good job to raise the Flag together with the Supreme Commander of the Knights of Rizal, Sir Jeremias C. Singson, KGCR (of course with support of others like Vice President, secretary of Internal Affairs and LGU, City Mayor of Manila and others).



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The flag raising ceremony was framed by the presentation of the Philippine Air Force, with their latest



acquisitions like Fighter / bombers, helicopters , and an aerobatic team which showed the colors of the Philippine Flag. That was the first time ever , that Rizal was honored by the Armed forces in that manner. This airforce parade is usually reserved for dignitaries like Presidents etc. So I understand it as an upgrade of Rizal's importance to the country.



Supremo and Lady Gemma Cruz - Areneta

After the ceremony we all assembled at the IHQ for a sumptuous breakfast (we were all very hungry because many of us had to leave home as early as 2 or 3 am).

The official program included among others the conferment of the Woman of Malolos Order to Lady Gemma Cruz - Araneta, who most of us know already as a backbone for our Order (please also screen Google).

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Specially to mention is also our Att. Sir Jasarino, who was conferred KGOR. Sir Jasarino is the lawyer who has mastered the task to lead the legal team of the KoR in the case of the "Torre de Manila".

I'm not a lawyer, but I can imagine how difficult and hard the work is to establish a new vision on Philippine Heritage and in this case especially for the Rizal Monument. It is a milestone in the preservation of Philippine Heritage and I hope Sir Jasarino will be part of our hall of fame. His exemplary role makes him a real deserving KGOR.

We also had a wonderful intermission of a gifted singer, young at age but already a great voice (we should hear him more often).

The many knights from all over the world had spent their time wisely. I recommend that every Knight should at least once in his life as Knight of Rizal join this key event.

Tired but satisfied we all went home at about noon time.

I may mention that our MC Professor Sir Chua, KCR did a wonderful job and that our office staff including Robert, who is now retired but still very supportive, made this event a success.

Rizal Spring Activity 23rd april 2016

In De Schuur, Broekdam-Noord,
Kruibeke

Program

- ❖ 5 pm to be decided
- ❖ 6 pm: bbq
- ❖ 7.30 pm: Bonding & Tombola

Tickets & reservation

Please make timely reservations with one of the board members but surely before 10th April 2016. We prefer bank transfer ot 979-6095137-50 of Diamond Chapter, Deurne but payment at entrance can also be accepted.

*Adults: € 22.00 6-12 years: € 12.00 < 6 years: free
Beverage at democratic prices.*

You are welcome as from 4.30 pm

Gelieve te reserveren vóór 10 april!

Please reserve before 10th April!

ZAT. 7 MEI 2016

SAT. MAY 7 2016

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VF. 18u00 **DISCO & KARAOKE**

met Discobar SUPER SOUND
& DJ Gino

en optreden van Crystal-Lynn



De opbrengst gaat naar de
projecten op de Filippijnen

ORGANISATIE: CADAATAN-KORTEMARK



FREE ENTRANCE

GRATIS INKOM

Memorial Service Sir Danny Deckmyn

Sir Willy Demeyere has asked our support for a memorial service for Sir Danny Deckmyn. Sir Danny was a Knight Officer of Rizal and died 10 years ago dramatically after a work accident. He was 46 years old.

On the 10th April 2016, a mass will be held at 10.30 in the church of Ninove followed by a flower ceremony at his grave.

All knights are invited to attend in their Rizal barong.

CALENDAR

- ♦ *10th April 2016: Memorial service Sir Danny Deckmyn - Ninove church*
 - ♦ *Saturday 23rd April 2016: Spring Activity Rizal in 'De Schuur' Kruibeke, Broekdam Noord*
 - ♦ *Saturday 7th May: Filipino Market - Kortemark*
 - ♦ *Sa. 4th June Brugge Beurshalle (World Mission for Peace)*
 - ♦ *12th June 2016: Philippines Independence Day Celebrations in Brussels Koe-
kelberg (KPSK)*
 - ♦ *Sunday 12th June Brugge Beurshalle (Cofaf - Mina Siason)*
 - ♦ *19th June 2016: Rizal's Birthday Celebration*
 - ♦ *Sa. 25th June: Gent Zuidpark (KAANGAYAN VRIENDENKRING VZW)*
 - ♦ *Sunday 21st August: bbq for supporting the El Filibusterismo project in Ghent
- Parochie Kristus Koning in Wetteren*
 - ♦ *10th September: 125 years El Filibusterismo - City Hall Ghent*
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NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in June 2016. 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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