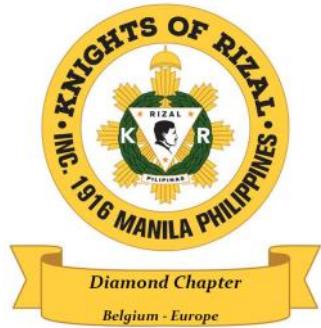


# Newsletter

## Knights of RIZAL

**Diamond Chapter Antwerp—Flanders—Belgium**



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**SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

- *Introduction*
- *Memorial Service*
- *In Memoriam*
- *Newly elected Supreme Council*
- *Pictures of the Philippines Independence Day Celebrations*



*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,**

**Calendar**

**Board coordinates & members**

*2016 was the year of elections in the Philippines. The presidential elections were won by Mayor Rodrigo Duterte with an overwhelming majority. We all hope that, as president of the Philippines, he can continue the excellent job as he did for his hometown Davao. Also in the Philippines the elections for a new Supreme Council were held in May. First of all I would like to extend my thanks for their hard work to the outgoing Supreme Council and especially to Sir Jeremias Singson, Supreme Commander and Sir Peter Plückebaum, overseas representative.*

*And also we welcome the incoming Supreme Commander Sir Reynato Puno and the new board.*

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*The Diamond Chapter and especially the El Fili team have been and are still very active in preparing the celebration for the 125th year of publication of the El Filibusterismo novel on the 10th September. Still some obstacles have to be overcome. We also ask everyone who is interested to come to make the reservation in the coming weeks, the reservation info is published here in our newsletter.*

*In order to obtain the necessary funds for this occasion we also organize a bbq on Sunday 21st August in Wetteren. We hope to see you all there! Sponsors are also welcome to put an ad in our program book for the celebration.*

*On our national holiday on the 21st July we have a fraternizing activity in Zeeland in the Netherlands. Everyone is welcome, also non-members of the KOR.*

*And finally, in order to complete the summer activities, we support the bbq organized by Sir Dominiek Segaert for 'Friendship for the Philippines' on Sunday 25th September.*

*To close, I would like to wish everyone a nice vacation and a safe trip back if you go abroad!*

*Non Omnis Moriar*

*Sir Ronny Felix, KCR*

*Chapter Commander 2015-2017*

*Distinguished Service Medal*

*Diamond Chapter - Antwerp*

*Board 2016*

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*Sir Dominiek Segaert, 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*

*Sir Marc Helsen, KCR, Deputy Exchequer*

# Memorial Service for Sir Danny Deckmyn

Op zondag 10 april vond een herdenkingsdienst plaats in Ninove ter ere van Sir Danny Deckmyn van de Diamond Chapter die 10 jaar geleden veel te vroeg overleed. Sir Dirk Vandeweghe maakte de onderstaande tekst die tijdens de dienst werd voorgelezen.

**Beste familieleden, beste vrienden, beste genodigden, beste medebroeders Knights of Rizal.**

We zijn hier allen samen verenigd om Danny; vader, echtgenoot, en dierbare vriend te herdenken.

Inderdaad, 10 jaren is het intussen geleden sinds Danny als gevolg van een smartelijk ongeval plots als bij donderslag uit ons leven verdween. En toch .... Is hij wel verdwenen ? Neen, hij is er nog.

Ondanks het gemis en de leegte die Danny achterliet gaf hij ons onbewust een sterk en belangrijk wapen mee. De vele, fijne en goede herinneringen. Dit verzachtte onze pijn en smart, daardoor is hij niet weg , daardoor blijft hij voorgoed in ons hart.

We denken aan Danny als de plichtsbewuste hardwerkende familieman. We denken aan Danny als de goed vriend waarmee je met enorm veel vertrouwen samen veel kon opbouwen. We herinneren Danny als de man wiens kenmerk bescheidenheid was. De man ook die met liefde en vriendschap , met veel succes, een bruggen bouwer was tussen onze en de Filippijnse cultuur. Een zeer gewaardeerde Knight of Rizal.

On Sunday 10th April, a memorial service was held in Ninove for Sir Danny Deckmyn of the Diamond Chapter who passed away too soon 10 years ago. Sir Dirk Vandeweghe created the text underneath which was read during the service.

**Dear family members, dear friends, dear guests, dear brother Knights of Rizal.**

*We are all here together united because of Danny; to remember him as a father, as a husband and as a dear friend.*

*Indeed, 10 years ago now since Danny abruptly disappeared out of our lives like a bolt from the blue because of a painful accident . And yet ... Is he really gone? No, he is still here with us!*

*In spite of the loss and emptiness that Danny left behind, he gave us unconsciously a strong and important weapon: the many nice and good memories. This relieve our pain and sorrow, so he is not gone, so he will remain in our hearts once and for all.*

*We remember Danny as the conscientious hard-working family man. We remember Danny as a good friend with whom you could do so many things and always with a tremendous confidence. We remember Danny as a very modest man. We remember Danny as a bridge builder between our and the Filipino culture, which he did with a lot of love and friendship, and with great success.*

*Danny also was a highly respected Knight*

**NON OMNIS MORIAR.** Beste Danny , ook of Rizal.  
in U gaat niets verloren, in ons hart en  
geest blijf je verder leven.

**NON OMNIS MORIAR.**

*Dear Danny, this is also applicable to you,  
in our heart and mind you keep on living  
forever.*



## In Memoriam

*On the 11th May Mr. NILO GAPASIN passed away. He was the former President of the Pangasinense Association of Belgium. He served for many years for the goodness of the association.*

*May he rest in peace.*



# Congratulations!

*Our sincere congratulations to the newly elected Supreme Council and to the outgoing Supreme Council!*

*The newly elected trustees of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Rizal:*

**Sir Reynato Puno**  
**Supreme Commander-Elect**



**Sir Reynato Puno**

*incoming Supreme Commander*

**Sir Avelino Torres**  
**Supreme Chancellor-Elect**  
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**Supreme Chancellor-Elect**

**Sir Rene Elias Lopez**  
**Deputy Supreme Pursuivant-Elect (to be confirmed)**

**Sir Reynaldo Malig**  
**Supreme Auditor-Elect**

**Sir Maximo Salazar tie**  
**Supreme Pursuivant-Elect**

**Sir Frisco San Juan tie**  
**Supreme Archivist (to be confirmed)**

**Sir Diosdado Santos**  
**Deputy Supreme Commander-Elect**

**Sir Enrie Mendoza**  
**Supreme Exchequer-Elect**

**Sir Jaime Marasigan**  
**Overseas Representative/**  
**Deputy Supreme Exchequer**



# Philippine Independence Day Celebration Bruges



# Philippine Independence Day Celebration Brussels



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## 155th Birth Anniversary of Dr Jose Rizal

*On Sunday 19th June the Knights of Rizal celebrated the 155th Birth Anniversary of Dr Rizal. The celebration was hosted by the Philippine Embassy, led by mr Alan L. Deniega, Deputy Chief of Mission and Consul General .*

*Mrs. Faith Bautista was the MC for the occasion which started with a floral offering by the different representatives of the Knights of Rizal, the ladies of the Kabbabihang Rizalista and the Las Damas de Rizal.*

*After the welcome speech of Sir Danny Vandenbogaerde, KCR and Deputy Area Commander, the new Consul General, mr Alan L. Deniega addressed the attendees. In his speech he mentioned that he*



**Sir Alan L. Deniega  
Consul General**



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was stationed before in Japan and Singapore, two countries that were also visited by Dr J. Rizal. Mr Deniega also remarked that he was surprised that there were a lot of non-Filipinos who were a member of the Knights of Rizal which showed the international character of Dr Jose Rizal.

Sir Felino Paras, the highest KOR Commander in Belgium entertained the public with a fraternal message.

Before the reception, the Manila A Capella Choir which was hosted by Sir Abeth Arevalo, KGOR, entertained the attendance with their interpretation of some popular songs.



## Trip to Kattendijke



*Na een succesvolle trip vorig jaar organiseren we in juli opnieuw een trip naar Kattendijke – Zeeland. Een dagje ontspannen onder vrienden en oesters en kruikels verzamelen. Iedereen is welkom - ook niet-Knights. Het enige dat we vragen is dat iedereen zorgt voor voedsel en drank. Ter plaatse kan ook bbq georganiseerd worden (wel zelf meebrengen). En ook niet vergeten: jullie goed humeur meebrengen!*

*Datum: donderdag 21 juli 2016*

*Tijd: we verwachten iedereen tussen 10 en 11 uur ter plaatse (gebruik eigen vervoer)*

*Locatie: Oude Zeedijk, Kattendijke (zie maps)*

*After a successful trip last year, we again organize a trip to Kattendijke - Zealand. A day to relax amongst friends and collect oysters and creases. Everyone is welcome - also non-Knights. We only ask that everyone takes care for food and drinks. You can also bring your bbq. And do not forget: bring your good mood!*

*Date: Thursday 21st July 2016*

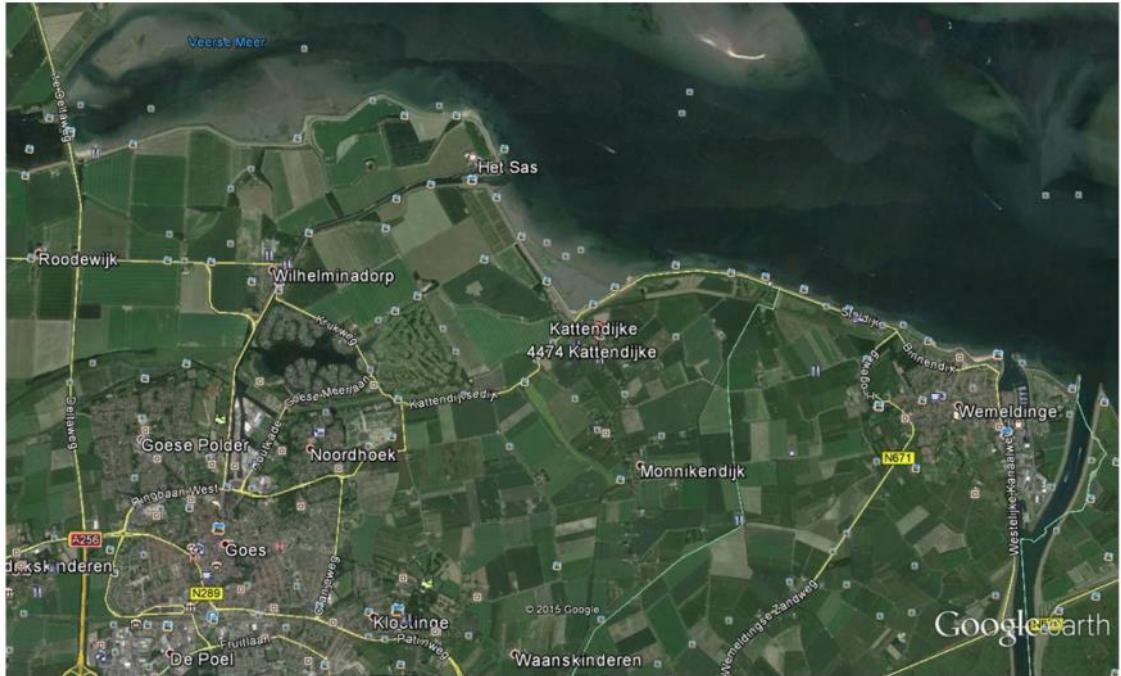
*Time: we expect you between 10 and 11am (use your own transport)*

*Location: Oude Zeedijk, Kattendijke (see maps)*



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# BBQ Invitation



## BBQ 125 jaar/years EL FILIBUSTERISMO

### Knights of Rizal – Diamond Chapter

Ten voordele van de organisatie van de viering van 125 jaar El Filibusterismo - Dr José Rizal 1891-2016  
Fundraising for the organization of the celebration of 125 years El Filibusterismo - Dr José Rizal 1891-2016

**PLAATS/VENUE:** ZAAL VZW PAROCHIALE WERKEN KRISTUS KONING

Oude Aardeweg 39 a - 9230 WETTEREN

**TIJDSTIP/TIME:** 21 AUG 2016 – Deuren/Doors open: 11u – BBQ: 12u

**PRIJS/PRICE:** 12 jaar en ouder/ 12 years and older: 18€

(1X Worst, 1X Kip, 1X Zalm)(1X Sausage, 1X Chicken, 1X Salmon)

4-11... jaar/years : 11 € (2X Vlees)(2X Meat)

Onder de 4 jaar/ Below 4 years: GRATIS/FREE

Inclusief: groenten, aardappelen, rijst, pasta, sauzen – Including: vegetables, potatoes, rice, pasta, sauces

Dranken en gebak aan democratische prijzen / Drinks and cake at democratic prices

ANIMATIE/ANIMATION + OPTIE/OPTION: BEZOEK ROZENKWEKERIJ /VISIT ROSE HORTICULTURE

TOMBOLA + RAAD WEDSTRIJDEN: PRIJZEN: EEN GEDROOGDE HAM en EEN FLES CHAMPAGNE

TOMBOLA + GUESS CONTEST: PRIZES: ONE DRIED HAM and ONE BOTTLE OF CHAMPAGNE

Info: Willy: 0486/382816

Danny: 0478/420404

Lucien: 0499/700183

*We are looking for sponsors!*

*On the day of the El Fili celebration we will distribute a program book (A5 format) to all participants.*

*We kindly invite you to sponsor this celebration by placing an advertisement in our program book.*

*The sponsorship rate is: 50 euro for a full A5 page and 25 euro for a half page.*

*We really would appreciate your cooperation!*

*Please contact Ronny Felix at felilong@gmail.com (tel. 0473/491 482) or the board of the Diamond Chapter: board@knightsofrizal.be*

# GRAND CELEBRATION

In cooperation with the Philippine Embassy and the City Council of Ghent

## 125 Years Publication of the 'El Filibusterismo' in Ghent

10<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 - City Hall Ghent

### Program

Restaurant 'De Abt'

- 10 am: Registration
- 11 am: Flower Offering (at Rizal marker)
- 11.15.am: Exposition Rizal books, stamps and paper money
- 12.15 am: Lunch (coffee, tea, water included)

City Hall

- 2.00 pm: Welcome
- 2.10 pm: Speeches and lectures by Mr Termont – Mayor of Ghent, H.E. Ambassador of the Philippines, KOR Supremo, Dr Ambeth Ocampo, Dr Fritz Hack, Sir Lucien Spitaël
- Performances by the Pag-Ibig choir of Ghent, presentation of the Belgian-Philippines postal stamp.
- 5.30 pm: Reception
- 6.30 pm: Touristic walk
- 8 pm: Dinner (only when reserved)

Entrance Fee: 12 euro per person (incl. lunch & goodie bag)

Additional Dinner: 35 euro per person (drinks not included)  
17 euro for children

Reservations:

**reserve your seat before August 15**

by mail: [board@knightsofrizal.be](mailto:board@knightsofrizal.be)

Additional info with the Chapter Commander Ronny Felix - tel. 0473/491 482

Payments: Bank transfer: IBAN: BE86 9796 0951 3750

BIC: ARSBE22

Name: Knights of Rizal-Diamond Chapter

Reference: El Fili Celebration

**IMPORTANT: Reservation and Payment beforehand is mandatory.**

**No admittance without reservation and payment.**

KOR Diamond Chapter - Belgium

# VRIENDSCHAP VOOR DE FILIPPIJNEN – 14 JAAR



## VRIENDSCHAPSFEEST

Zondag 25 september 2016 - Knokke-Heist – 12 u.

Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego nodigen jullie van harte uit t.v.v.  
straatjongerenproject Balay Pasilungan Davao & scholen Davao del Sur

**12 u. deuren open – zaal 'T VERZET – Duinenwater 45 – Knokke-Heist  
(bij zwembad Sportoase) – plan: [www.jeugdclubtverzet.be/informatie](http://www.jeugdclubtverzet.be/informatie)**

Welkom – Woord H.E. Alan L. Deniega, Deputy Chief of Mission Philippine Embassy & Consul General – Z.E. Christian Meerschman, voormalig Belgisch Ambassadeur Burgemeester Graaf Leopold Lippens – Schepen Ingrid Reubens

**12.30 u. barbecue** (3 gangen met groentjes, rijst, aardappelen) – Fair Trade-bar

**14 u. optreden PAG IBIG-KOOR uit Gent o.l.v. Jelly Verheye-Manguray**

**KAARTEN? 0479691865 / 0471564799 OF 050601320**

Of via [dominiek.segaert@skynet.be](mailto:dominiek.segaert@skynet.be) (Jozef Nellenslaan 145) – betaal via KBC

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**O** neemt deel aan VIERING 14 JAAR VVF & BARBECUE zondag 25 sept. 2015 – 12 u.

- \_\_\_\_\_ volwassenen à 19 EUR \_\_\_\_\_ EUR  
- \_\_\_\_\_ kinderen (-12) à 12 EUR \_\_\_\_\_ EUR

Totaal \_\_\_\_\_ EUR

**O** Ik stort op BE40 7481 2314 7263 van Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen **OF O** CASH

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## CALENDAR

- ◆ **19th June 2016: Rizal's Birthday Celebration**
- ◆ **Sa. 25th June: Philippine Independence Day Celebration Gent Zuid-park (KAANGAYAN VRIENDENKRING VZW)**
- ◆ **Thursday 21st July: trip to Kattendijke**
- ◆ **Sunday 21st August: bbq for supporting the El Filibusterismo project in Ghent - Parochie Kristus Koning in Wetteren**
- ◆ **Saturday 10th September: 125 years El Filibusterismo - City Hall Ghent**
- ◆ **Sunday 25th September: Vriendschapsfeest - Knokke-Heist**
- ◆ **Saturday 8th October: Rizal Autumn Activity - De Schuur Kruibeke**

## NEXT NEWSLETTER

*Our next Newsletter will be published in September 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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