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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,

After a long summer period we are again preparing for the end of year activities. Last months there were the outing of the Diamond Chapter in Zeeland together with our friends from the Brussels Chapter, the sponsoring bbq in August for the El Fili celebration and of course the celebration of the 125th year of publication of the El Fili on the 10th September.

*For the celebration, a project team of 12 people worked almost a year for the preparation of this memorable day. Therefore I wish to thank especially the members of our team for their devotion: **Sir Lucien Spittaël**, KGOR, **Sir Dominiek Segaert**, KGOR, **Sir Danny Vandenberghe**, KCR, **Sir Paul Verloo**, KCR, **Sir Guy Waterloos**, KCR, **Sir***

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Dirk Vandeweghe, KOR, **Sir Kristoff Mortier**, KOR, **Sir Peter Uhrig**, KOR, **Sir Willy De Meyere**, KOR, **Sir Eddy Verheye**, KOR and **Sir Herbert Cockx**, KR. Without their dedication and willpower we would not have had such a successful day!

I also would like to thank our retired Ambassador, H. E. Victoria Bataclan for granting us the opportunity to use the magnificent Pacification Hall in the City Hall of Ghent. And of course I like to thank especially Mrs Faith Bautista, Cultural Officer at the Philippine embassy for her support throughout the preparatory work.

Also a kudos to the mayor of Ghent, mr Daniel Termont, and his staff with whom we had regular meetings.

But looking forward to new activities, we have our yearly Rizal Autumn Activity on Saturday 8th October during which we will look back on the previous celebration and show the pictures taken by Sir Kristoff Mortier.

I hope to see many of the knights on this occasion which will also be an opportunity for creating a stronger brotherhood!

Non Omnis Moriar

Sir Ronny Felix, KCR

Chapter Commander 2015-2017

Distinguished Service Medal

Diamond Chapter - Antwerp

Board 2016

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Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, Deputy Commander

Sir Danny Vandenbogaerde, KCR, Chancellor

Sir Marc Helsen, KCR, Deputy Exchequer

125th Year of Publication of the El Filibusterismo in Ghent.

By Sir Ronny Felix, KCR
Diamond Chapter Commander

Saturday 10th September 2016

After a year of preparation, the celebration for Jose Rizal's masterpiece could finally start on a warm and sunny Saturday morning.

The Diamond Chapter of Antwerp was the organizing chapter with the assistance of the Philippine embassy and the City Council of Ghent.

The guests were welcomed in the restaurant 'De Abt' at 10 am. Thanks to the overwhelming response, we could welcome not only the other 4 Belgian Chapters - Aalst, Brussels, Charleroi and El Filibusterismo Belgium but also delegations from Germany, Italy, France and the Netherlands. The Las Damas came with a large delegation from Belgium and France and also the ladies of the Kababaihang Rizalista were present.



The participants leaving the restaurant for the flower offering



Sir Peter Vanbogaert at the marker



All in all about 130 persons were welcomed.

At 11 am there was a flower offering at the commemoration plate in the Henegouwenstraat where Rizal stayed during his contacts

with the printing office Meyers - Van Loo.

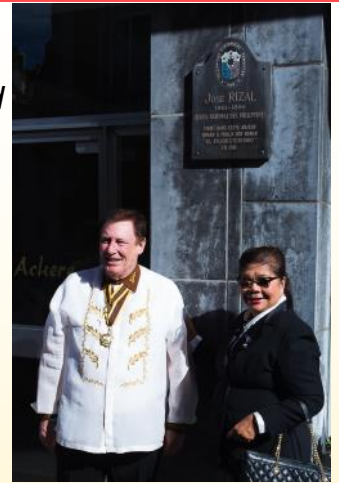
Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR gave a speech after which H.E. Victoria Bataclan, Philippine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Head of the

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Philippine Mission to the European Union and Sir Ronny Felix, KCR and Diamond Chapter Commander, offered flowers.

After returning to 'De Abt', Sir Dominiek Segært and Sir Dirk Vandeweghe presented to ambassador Bataclan example of the stamp that would be made in honor of the printing of the El Fili in Ghent .



**H.E. Victoria Bataclan
and Sir Ronny Felix**

Sir Dominiek Segært, Sir Dirk Vandeweghe , H.E. Victoria Bataclan, mrs Faith Bautista

Dr Fritz Hack-Ullmer presented his German translation of the 'El Filibusterismo'. The public could then enjoy an exposition of books about Rizal, stamps and paper money with Rizal's image. Also different versions of the 'El Fili' and the 'Noli' were displayed. The requisites for the exposition came from the private collection of Sirs Eddy Verheye, Lucien Spittaël and Dominiek Segært.



**Dr Fritz Hack-Ullmer
signs his book**



A view at the expo

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After a lunch in the restaurant and a short walk, the guests arrived in the 16th century city hall of Ghent. The audience was seated in the old court hall named The Pacification Hall.



After the welcome words of our MC, Sir Dominiek Segaeert and the invocation of Fr Jorge Bago, the organizing Diamond Chapter Commander, Sir Ronny Felix welcomed the guests.

Mayor Termont who was abroad, was represented by Councillor for Culture, Tourism and Events, Annelies Storms. After her message, Ambassador Victoria Bataclan gave her speech. It was the last official event for the ambassador because she retired the following day.

The Regional Commander for Europe, Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR and the Overall Advisor for Europe



Sir Amberth Ocampo



Sir Fritz Hack-Ullmer

and highest in rank, Sir Lino Paras, KGCR, gave the last messages before the lectures.



Mr Raul Pangalangan

Sir Ambeth Ocampo gave a very witty account about his first research into the life of Jose Rizal.

Sir Fritz Hack-Ullmer, who is the great grandson of Pastor Karl Ullmer, the friend of Jose Rizal, stated that, according to him, Rizal was the first Filipino who introduced the culture of novel writing in the Philippines, based upon European equivalents like Alexandre Dumas, Victor Hugo and Benito Calches.

Mr Raul Pangalangan, judge at the International Criminal Court in Den Hague, said that many of the current issues in the Philippines are debated by making use of arguments and terms derived from Western liberalism. But still a lot of Filipinos hold illiberal positions

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because they distrust liberalism's historical advocates, starting from the ilustrados to modern-day educated elites.
Sir Lucien Spittael, KGOR, gave a lecture about the stay of Dr Rizal in Brussels and Ghent.

In between the lectures, the public was entertained by the Pag-Ibig choir of Ghent.



The Pag-Ibig choir



Sir Dominiek Segart and Sir Lucien Spittael

After the last lecture and after the handover of some presents by the Diamond Chapter for the speakers, Sir Ronny Felix invited everyone for some drinks and snacks.



Sir Ronny Felix hands over a gift to Mr. Ambeth Ocampo



The reception



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At 6.30 pm, everyone could attend a touristic walk to the famous spots in Ghent, led by Sir Kristoff Mortier, KOR.

The memorable day ended with a dinner in the restaurant 'De Abt'.



Announcement

The following pieces of Filipino craftwork are for sale by mr Jan Verbeeck, the previous consul in Manila.

De volgende stukken Filipijns handwerk zijn te koop gesteld door de vorige consul in Manila, dhr Jan Verbeeck.

Te koop : handwerk uit de Filippijnen

1) Karbouw in massief acaciahout

hoogte : ong. 46 cm lengte : ong. 55 cm

prijs : 95 Euro



2°) Karbouw hoogte : ong. 32 cm lengte ong. 48 cm

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Prachtige bloempotten in gebakken aarde met buitenkant in glazuur uit Myanmar – hoogte 25 cm doormeter : 20 cm prijs 23 Euro



Interested? Tel. Jan Verbeeck: 0471/542 473

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Knights of Rizal

Diamond Chapter Antwerp

Invitation

17th Chartering Anniversary **Saturday 4th February 2017**

VENUE

- ❖ *Salons De Watermeulen – Burchtstraat 160 – 9150 KRUIBEKE – www.watermeulen.be*

PROGRAM

- ❖ *17:00 Welcome – reception*
- ❖ *Dubbing, elevation and exaltation rituals*
- ❖ *Inspirational speeches*
- ❖ *Group pictures*
- ❖ *Fraternal dinner – buffet style*
- ❖ *Dessert – coffee – fellowship*
- ❖ *Dancing – disco*

RESERVATIONS

Please make your reservations through one of the board members below before Saturday 28th January:

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CALENDAR

- ♦ *Saturday 8th October: Rizal Autumn Activity - De Schuur Kruibeke*
- ♦ *Friday 30th December: Commemoration of Rizal's Death Anniversary*
- ♦ *Saturday 4th February 2017: 17th Chartering Anniversary, De Watermeulen, Kruibeke*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in December 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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