



116th Rizal Martyrdom was celebrated worldwide

In Manila:

On December 30, 2012 the nation celebrated the re-enactment of the funeral procession on Dec. 30, 1912, when the urn containing the mortal remains of the national hero, Dr Jose P. Rizal, that was transferred from his mother's home in Binondo to the base of his monument at the Luneta Park, known in 19th century as Bagumbayan.

His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III led the flag raising and laying of wreaths at the Rizal monument. *(Report by Sir Carlos Arnaldo, KGOR)*



Photo above shows: Supreme Commander **Sir Reghis M. Romero II, KGCR** leading the funeral Cortege; His Excellency, President Benigno S. Aquino III, laid the ceremonial wreath on this Rizal Day celebration. He was accompanied by Mrs. Maria Serena Diokno, Chairperson of the National Historic Commission of the Philippines and the Supreme Council in Luneta Park.

In Canada:



Photo above shows the Martyrdom celebration in Winnipeg



and in Earl Bales Park, Toronto, Canada

In Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia:

Filipinos in Saudi remember Rizal's martyrdom
By Florante Catanus, ABS-CBN Middle East News Bureau

The Order of the Knights of Rizal (OKOR) Eastern Province Community Chapter, Saudi Arabia, led the celebrations to commemorate the 116th anniversary of the death of national hero Dr. Jose Rizal. Floral offering was held at the International Philippine School in Al-Khobar (IPSA) Multi-purpose Hall on Dec. 30, 2012. **Sir Gilcerio "Boy" Tuazon**, Chapter Commander, OKOR-EPCC talked about the Centenary of the transfer of the remains of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, from Binondo to Bagumbayan (Rizal Park) on December 30, 1912.

"Ang kabataan ang pag-asa ng ating bayan. Our national hero sacrificed himself for the sake of our children, for the sake of all Filipinos to enable us to get our long-sought freedom and the education that we needed to uplift all of us and free ourselves from the bondage of poverty and ignorance," said Tuazon.

The occasion was graced by Labor **Attache Adam Musa** of the Philippine Embassy/Philippine Overseas Labor Office. As guest speaker, he praised OKOR-EPCC for spearheading the occasion and for their advocacy to promote the life and works of Rizal, especially to the students.

The martyrdom of Rizal was re-enacted during the program. The event showcased the talents of selected students from the three pinoy schools in Eastern Province namely the Al Andalus International School (AAIS), Al Jazeera International School Dammam (AJISD) and International Phil. School Al-Khobar (IPSA).

The event was further boosted by the presence of **Sir Zane Thirlwall**, OKOR Regional Commander, MEAR.

NRyli in Baguio, Philippines

"Leaders under construction," that is how Baguio Mayor Mauricio Domogon addressed the 780 student leaders gathered at Baguio Teachers' camp for the 50th National Rizal Youth Leadership Institute December 13 to 16, 2012.



*Honorable Mauricio Domogon,
Mayor of Baguio*

NRyli started as a series of lectures given mainly by Knights, but has evolved into a combined leadership exercise integrating lectures, team building, reflection and analysis. The whole is interlaced with animation singing and dance. The Organizational Change Consultants International builds the lectures around exercises to bring out the lessons.

NRyli holds contests in oratory, extemporaneous speaking, essay writing, poster design, a special Rizal quiz, song and dance. Like the songs and oratory, the essays speak out the sentiments and attitudes of the young leaders, the new Rizalians.

This year, it was indeed a golden celebration in the choice of speakers: **Earl Valencia of Ideaspaces, Inday Varona of ABS-CBN, Dr Paul Dumol of University of Asia and the Pacific, Lourd de Veyra TV host, Howie Severino, Honorable Mayor Mauricio Domogon,** and our very own **Sir Joey Lina , KGCR, Philippine Senator and former supreme commander.**



19th Rizal International Assembly in Manila - Baguio, Philippines

Chairman **Sir Joey Lina, KGCR,** former Senator and Supreme Commander, is inviting the International Delegates to join in the Rizal International Assembly in the Philippines, that will be held from February 22-25, 2013. Deputy Supreme Commander **Sir Jerry Singson, KGCR,** will be his co-chairman.

Tentative Program and the Committees Chairpersons and members was released by the Rizal Headquarters. (see the attached four pages to this Rizal Newsbulletin).

News from MEAR (Middle East and African Regions)

Photo below left : the newly chartered Kuwait Chapter officers and members.

Photo below right: Supreme Commander Sir Reghis M. Romero II, KGCR, with the Knights and Ladies during the 19th Interschools Academics and Skills Contest on MEAR Assembly In Oct. 25-27, 2012. Sir Zane Thirlwall, KCR was awarded the Distinguished Service Star by the Supreme Council during the Assembly.



On December 14, 2012, Deputy Region Commander **Sir Delfin Lumberlo, KCR** was presented a **Meritorious Citation** for Chartering the Kuwait Chapter. Area Commander **Sir Alex Glnete, KCR** was also presented with a Meritorious Citation for his exemplary work in the Region.

News from Canada Region

116th Anniversary of Dr. Rizal Martyrdom, Toronto

The Order of the Knights of Rizal Central Canada celebrated the **116th Dr. Jose P. Rizal Martyrdom on December 30, 2012,** at Earl Bales Park and Time Zone Banquet Hall, Bathurst Ave., Toronto. This Martyrdom event was hosted by **Brampton Chapter.** Hon. **Sir Consul Bolivar Bao** of the Philippine Consulate in Toronto led the wreath laying at the Rizal Monument (*in sub-zero weather*), at Earl Bales Park Toronto, together with Canada Regional Commander **Sir George R. Poblete, KGCR,** Host Commander **Sir Delfin Pailleo, KCR** and Region Adviser **Sir Lapulapu Cana, KGCR.** They were followed by the Knight Commanders and Ladies of the Knights of Rizal, Kababaihang Rizalista and Aspirations of Rizal. Hon. Senator **Tobias C. Enverga Jr.** joined the Wreath Laying ceremonies and delivered his encouraging message, that by working together, we can accomplish more and achieve our goals. The Knights and Ladies continued the indoor program and dinner in the Time Zone Banquet Hall. Regional Adviser **Sir Popoy Cana, KGCR,** delivered his inspirational message. **Sir Manny Bade** recited the Spanish rendition of "Mi Ultimo Adios". **Consul Sir Bolivar Bao** was Knighted by the Degree Team of **Sir Ed Prillo, KGCR.** **Sir Mauro Calagio Jr.** was promoted to KOR.





(Photo above shows the Knights In Central with Consul Bollvar Bao

the Knighting of Consul Bollvar Bao.)

17th Youth Recognition Awards, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

The Order of the Knights of Rizal of Winnipeg Chapter, headed by Chapter Commander Sir Felino de Jesus, KCR, issued Recognition award to 17 students at the Philippine Cultural Centre of Manitoba (PCCM) in Winnipeg. Their hard working Committee includes: Co-chairman Sir Mohamed Ali, KCR, Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, Deputy Commander Sir Edgar de Leon, KCR, Sir Ed Kean, KCR, Sir Art Domingo, KCR, Sir Nap Eborra, KCR, Sir Manny Fabre, Lady Gory Parado and Sir Kenn Green.



The 17th Youth Recognition Award Recipients with the Knights and Ladies of the Knights of Rizal Winnipeg Chapter, supporters and friends on December 30, 2012 commemoration of Dr. Jose Rizal's Martyrdom...

Winnipeg City Council approved Rizal Park: Trough the persistent effort, great presentation and support of the Winnipeg Chapter Knights and Ladies, Sir Councilor Mike Pagtakhan, KCR, was able to get the approval to build the Rizal Park in the City of Winnipeg, where a 7 ft. Rizal statue on a 5 ft. pedestal will be erected.

The Rizal Park will be located near the corner of the previously named highway "Dr. Jose Rizal Way". The Lombard North Developments will cover the cost of production and installation of the statue, which is estimated to amount to \$ 250,000. Appreciation also goes to Mayor Sam Katz, Councilor Devi Sharma and Council Ross Eadie; the Rizal Winnipeg Advisers, Commanders and Sir Claro Venzon, KCR.

4th Canada Region Assembly and 14th Canada Commanders' Ball:

Canada Region Council planned to hold this 4th Canada Region Assembly from Aug. 30 - Sep. 2, 2013 in the City of Montreal, Canada. This Assembly will be hosted by Deputy Area Commander of Montreal Sir Rey L. Balansi, KCR. More details will be issued, upon receipt of the final approval of the Supreme Council.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals:

These medals was created to mark the 60th Anniversary of Her Majesty's accession to the throne as Queen of Canada. It serves to honor significant contribution and achievements by Canadians to the Society.

We are honored to have six Rizal Canada Commanders as recipients of this Queen Medal. This medal is one of the prestigious recognition issued by the Government of Canada.

Rizal Knight recipients are: Sir Gene Dorotheo Sr, KCR, Sir Ben Ferrer, KCR, Sir Romi Manaquill, KCR, Sir Alex Parucha, KCR, Sir George R. Poblete, KGOR and Sir Emiliano R. Silverio, KGCR.

News from Belgium

On October 27, 2012, the **Diamond Chapter held their annual Rizal Barbeque and Quiz** contest in Belgium, where 40 students participated.

From Oct. 27 - Nov. 7, 2012, **Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR** and Honorary Consul to the Philippines and wife Lady Baby, together with **Sir Peter De Bruyn**, joined the **Third Dental Mission to South Cotabato in the Philippines**.

On December 29, 2012, the **Charleroi "Brussels South" Chapter** conducted Knighthood Ceremonies.

On December 30, 2012, **Rizal Day was celebrated at the Philippine Embassy in Brussels**. This event was graced by H. E. **Ambassador Victoria Bataclan**. Rizal Commanders present were **Sir Lino Paras, KGCR**, past Region Commander in Europe, **Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR**, Region Commander for Europe, **Sir Lucien Splttael, KGOR**, **Sir Dominlek Segaert, KGOR**, past Area Commander for Belgium, **Sir Bhoy Alcoba, KGOR**, **Sir Abeth Arevalo, KCR**, Belgium Area Commander. Representatives from **Aalst, Charleroi, Brussels and Diamond Chapters** include **Sir Paul Verloo, KCR**, **Sir Anthony Sienes, KCR**, **Sir Jim Rebong, KCR**, **Sir Roy Demol, KCR**, **Sir Ronny Felix, KCR**, **Sir Marlo Fajardo, KCR**, **Sir Jose Peres, KCR**, **Sir Kristoff Mortier, KCR**, **Sir Guy Waterloos, KCR**, **Sir Dick Vanderweghe, KOR**, **Sir Geert Verhaegen, KOR**, **Sir Julien Kuse, KR** and **Emcee Sir Johnny Villas, KCR**.

On January 27, 2013, Diamond Chapter of Antwerp, Belgium will celebrate their 13th Chartering Anniversary.

Rizal Bulletin: This International Rizal Bulletin is issued to the Supreme Council by Rizal Administrator. The Editor send this by electronic mail to the Region Commanders. They in-turn should distribute this to their Areas/ Chapters Commanders and members. This bulletin contains worldwide news and major news in the Philippines that keeps the Areas and Chapters in the International Regions informed on Rizal Projects.

(Editor's Note: I would appreciate the submission of timely written reports by the Region Commanders or their assigned correspondents so that we can have a good coverage of activities from all Chapters.)

This is your Bulletin. Keep the Editor informed of the Rizal projects you are doing in your Region, Area and Chapters.

Reminders: Topics below are guidelines *(always refer to the OKOR constitution and by-laws)*. Most had been published in the earlier issues of the Rizal Bulletin.

Communication: Correspondences and Reports from Regions and Chapters to Rizal Headquarters are normally addressed to the Administrative Officer. If you have important memos requiring immediate action, do not hesitate addressing a copy to the Supreme Commander *(Please refrain from sending and distributing stirring and malicious/ hate email with copies to many people. This affects the productive work of our Knights.)*

Reports: The Regions and Areas must submit their "**summary report**" of their operation to the Supreme Commander, preferably a month before the 19th International Assembly in the Philippines.

Recommendations: The Region and Area Commanders should submit, recommendations for promotion and awards for their Knights, to the Supreme Council, preferably two months before each Assembly. Use the proper Recommendation form for exaltation, conferment and award of service medals. Submit your nominations on time, to obtain approval of the Supreme Council and Commander. *(Awards shall be given only to members in good standing).*

Membership:

Lifetime Membership – The Chapter/ Area and Region Commander are encourage to recommend worthy applicants for Lifetime Membership to join this exclusive group supporting the Order.

Annual Membership Dues - Regions/ Areas and Chapters were reminded to ask their member Knights to pay their annual dues to the Supreme Council Exchequer before the end of January.

Active Knights are those in good standing and are actively supporting their chapter, area and region. *(Members in good standing are Knights who pay their annual dues.)*

Active Chapter: A Chapter is considered active, if they are "**chartered**", and have at least nine paid members, working together to achieve the ideals of Rizal.

Chapter Commander: A Chapter Commander is usually elected by the members of the Chapter and is approved by the Area/ Region Commander. Chapter Commanders should work with the Area and the Region. He develops and implements Rizal projects together with his chapter members. He encourage the initiation of new members, promotes his active members, and initiate the awarding of service medals and certificates to his worthy members who has performed well to attain the ideals of Rizal. The Chapter Commander is the "**catalyst**" of his members.

Region Commanders: Represents the Supreme Council in the interpretation of the Order of the Knights of Rizal constitution and is responsible for the effective operation of the Region..

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