

THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL WINNIPEG CHAPTER INC ANNUAL REPORT

Annual Report for
2009

Knights of Rizal Winnipeg Chapter Inc 737 Keewatin Street Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R2X 3B9

Chapter Commander's Message

By Sir Dr. Tom Colina KGOR

Chapter Commander and Deputy Area Commander

The year 2009 once proved to be an activity filled year as the KoR Winnipeg Chapter embarked, initiated and maintained activities with the goal of fulfilling the mandate of studying and propagating the teachings and ideals of our national hero, Dr. Jose Rizal. As the Commander of this noble chapter, I am pleased to chronicle the year of tremendous accomplishments. Again, this newsletter form is adapted and presented in a chronological manner. A special note--Sir Rev. Dr. Neil again provides most of the pictures and images contained in this report. The Chapter hopes to maintain the standards to the 2010 year.

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JANUARY 2009

Knights of Rizal Winnipeg Chapter General Assembly

JOINTS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES OF THE KoR AND LKoR, LKoR WPG CHAPTER ELECTION and RATIFICATION OF LKoR CONSTITUTION

The Joint General Assemblies of the KoR and the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal, Winnipeg Chapter was held at the Philippine_Canadian Center of Manitoba on January 5, 2009. The current council members of the KoR Winnipeg Chapter remained on their two year posts while the LKoR, on this occasion, presented and ratified their constitution

as well as elected by secret ballot the LKoR executive council under the supervision of Lady Dr. Irene Guzman and Lady Lily Gonzales. The following comprise the executive council members with their corresponding post for the years 2009 and 2010:

Lady Leah Magsino, President;
Lady Gory Parado, Vice-President;
Lady Clarita Nazario, Secretary;
Lady Rosabelle de Leon, Assistant Secretary;

Lady Irene Medina, Treasurer;
 Lady Linny Redublo, Assistant Treasurer;
 Lady Vida Venzon, Media Relations Officer;
 Lady Laling Orallo, Media Relations Officer;
 Lady Julie Javier, Auditor;
 Lady Dr. Irene Guzman, Adviser;
 Lady Amie Crisostomo, Adviser;
 Lady Lily Gonzales, Adviser

Plan of Action was presented and approved by the attendees. Further, there was review of the general KoR fees requirements and a review of the current roster of the KoR Winnipeg Chapter was presented. Several projects that the KoR Winnipeg Chapter run through the year as well as proposal for upcoming projects were also reviewed. The upcoming projects are further elaborated upon farther down in this report.

The agenda of the KoR Winnipeg Chapter in this meeting included discussion and resolution to establish a website for the chapter. The 2009



Picture above: left to right: Ladies Olive Mestito, Gliz Gano, Amie Crisostomo, Vida Venzon, Dr. Irene Guzman, Julie Javier, Leah Magsino, LKOR President, Irene Medina, Rosabelle de Leon, Gory Parado, Laling Orallo, Grace Davies, and Clarisa Cairo.



standing left to right: Sirs Ramon Cairo, KOR, Art Domingo, KCR, Manny Joven, KOR, Claro Venzon, KCR, Cris Aglugub, KCR, Bert Penaflorida, KCR, Philip Pascual, KCR, Glynn Davies, KCR, Mario Javier, KCR, Les Crisostomo, KCR, Western Canada Executive Officer, and Dr. Paul Orallo, KCR.

seated left to right: Sirs Edgar de Leon, KCR, Deputy Chapter Commander, Mohamed Alli, KCR, Deputy Pursuivant, Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, Chapter Commander and Deputy Area Commander for Western Canada, Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, Area Commander for Western Canada, John Gano, KCR, Wpg. Chapter Advisor, Milton Mestito, KCR, Archivist, Felino de Jesus, KCR, Exchequer, and Moises Ben, KOR.

FEBRUARY 2009

KoR 17th International Assembly–Manila, Philippines

The 17th Annual International Assembly saw members of the KoR Winnipeg Chapter contribute to the Canadian delegation, led by region commander Sir Ka Miling Silverio, KGCR. The meeting set a record in attendance for foreign chapter members' attendance who numbered over 392 delegates. The Assembly was set off with a wreath laying ceremony held at the Dr. Jose Rizal monument in Luneta Park. The representative from the Winnipeg Chapter included Sir Dr. Tom Colina, Rod Cantiveros, Ed and Lady Cora Kean, Lady Clarita Nazario. The Winnipeg attendees were also assigned the pleasurable task of participating in the Canadian Rigodon Contingent (see picture beside). The Rigodon Contingent performed during formal sessions at the Manila Hotel on February 20, 2009. The agenda for the Assembly



included a tour of the Manila City Hall and a lunch hosted by the mayor of Manila, Alfredo Lim. As well, a day trip to Calamba, Laguna, the hometown of Dr. Rizal was highlighted by a Summits of Leaders. Other events that transpired included a tour of Fort Santiago in Manila where Dr. Rizal was held prior to his execution. It now stands as a memorial that honors our national hero. The Assembly also became an opportunity to launch the book "Rizal is My President" written by Napoleon Almonte. The Canada Region was honored on February 22, 2009, when two of its own members, Sirs Jimmy Marasigan, Canada Region Pursuivant and Dr. Tom Colina, Winnipeg Chapter Commander and

Deputy Area Commander for Western Canada, were exalted to the rank of KGOR.

Congratulations to the 17th International Assembly Committee headed by Sir Rogelio M. Quiambao, KGCR, over-all chairman; Sir Lamberto C. Nanquil, KGCR, co-chairman; Sir Pablo R. Chavez, KGOR, vice-chairman; Sir Reghis M. Romero II, KGOR, souvenir magazine; and members composed of Sir Esmeraldo Plastina, KGOR; Sir Vicente Ramos, KGOR; Sir Ambeth Ocampo, KCR; Lady Bernardita S. Lazaro. Ms. Gemma Cruz-Araneta, Sir Reynaldo Mateo, KGOR and Sir Reynaldo B. Malig, KGOR.

MEAAC Open House

The Manitoba Ethnocultural Advisory and Advocacy Council (MEAAC) plays an important role in the province of Manitoba by ensuring that the programs and policies of our provincial government remain current with the needs of our ethnocultural communities. Sir Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, Area Commander for Western Canada, continues his second year as council member and representative of the KoR and the Filipino Community of Winnipeg in MEAAC. The Council accomplishes their goal by acting as a vehicle for communication between Manitoba's ethnocultural communities and our government. Sir Rev Neil and other MEAAC members with the honourable Minister Nancy Allen hosted

an Open House event at the Manitoba Legislature Building on February 25, 2010 (below: Sir Rev Neil with Minister Nancy Allen and fellow MEAAC member).



MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2009

ICAPEA and Other Organizational Meetings

Organizational meetings in March 2009 revolved around new initiative—a project proposal that was designed to serve our seniors, through the New Horizons Federal program entitled “Linking Generations in a Multicultural Context”. This unique project was approved and was slated to begin in March 2009. Unfortunately, one of the other partners of the initiative backed out of the partnership and the grant was scuttled. Undaunted and motivated from success from previous partnerships and collaborations, the KoR Winnipeg Chapter with the Manitoba Association of Filipino Teachers (MAFTI) quickly re focused and resolved to formulate another proposal to submit with a deadline date of May 2009. Again, New Horizons for Seniors with the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development of Canada(HRSDC) had called for proposals in the regional level related to Elder Abuse Awareness. With key contributions by Mrs. Gemma Dalayoan, MAFTI representative, A project entitled “ Innovative Cultural Approaches in the Prevention of Elder Abuse” with acronym “ICAPEA” was manifested. With inexhaustible efforts by the steering committee composed of Sir Rev. Neil, Mrs. Dalayoan, Sir Dr. Tom, Sir Felino De Jesus, KCR and Chapter Exchequer and Sir Mohamed Ali, KCR and Chapter Deputy Pursuivant, the deadline was met and the proposal submitted. As of the date of writing

this report, the KoR Winnipeg Chapter has been informed of a successful grant application and is in the process of negotiating the contribution agreement with HRDSC and this approved project is slated to begin in February of 2010. Due to disclosure protocols related to the project proposal, the project will be further elaborated upon and publicly announced once the formal negotiations and agreements have concluded.

In April, the Winnipeg KoR Chapter celebrated the 3rd ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION OF KoR WPG. CHAPTER, INC. and recalled significant accomplishments including the founding of the chapter in 1991 with Sir Dr. Roland Guzman as its first Chapter Commander, as well as being awarded in 1996 *The Most Outstanding Chapter* Trophy with Sir Dr. Romy Magsino as its Chapter Commander.

Much of May was spent on the business of finishing off the project proposal previously mentioned. Sir Rev Neil confirmed the need and support for the project with successfully soliciting letters of endorsements from over fifteen organizations throughout the Western Canada Region.

Other Events:

March was also the month that saw a well respected member of the Chapter and the Winnipeg Filipino Canadian Community pass away. Sir Bayani Custodio's obituary is below. April also saw another Knight, Sir Ben Lucero, KOR and veteran, pass away.

The KoR Winnipeg Chapter in fulfilling our commitment to the seniors of the community was involved and co sponsored the Seniors Fest

held on May 3, 2009, see below for photos. Sir Kevin Lamoreaux, KCR and Member of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba representing the Riding of Inkster, introduced a resolution on the floor of the Manitoba Legislature as part of the province wide celebration of 50 Years of Filipino immigration to Manitoba (see page 7 and 8 for collage of the event and the copy of the resolution).

BAYANI TALA CUSTODIO (published on March 04, 2009)



BAYANI TALA CUSTODIO Bayani Tala Custodio passed away peacefully on February 26, 2008 at St. Boniface Hospital. He was predeceased by his wife Carolina Custodio, sister Pagasa, brothers Arsenio and Magtangol, and nephews Dante and Macairog. He is survived by Pacita and family (in the Philippines), sisters Victoria, Luningning and Tagumpay, children Hati, Pempoy (Sean), Cholo (Ruby and Wendy), grandchildren Nena and James Buduhan, Mesia and Kent Walker, goddaughter Cora Simon (Melanie, Edgar, Sharon, Nathan, Colin, Gavin and Teegan), great-grandchildren Isaac and Jun Walker, nephew Gil, nieces Mely, Minerva, Ligaya (Lorelei), Aida (Ramon and Michelle), and many more relatives in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines. Dad was a veteran of the Second World War. He worked in the family construction business building bridges and piers throughout the Philippines. He was a building code inspector for the city of Manila. In Winnipeg, he worked at Quality Bedding and Mayers Packaging. Dad was a craftsman who would patiently coax the beauty out of the scraps of wood he collected. He enjoyed his fishing expeditions whether it was at Breezy Point or on the river banks at St. Norbert. But he was perhaps happiest in the kitchen. His culinary skills are legendary among his family and friends. He came to Canada in 1965 with his family and five suitcases. We, his children, came to appreciate the rewards of his hard work. By example, he showed us that helping other people was not an inconvenience but a privilege. Dad proudly volunteered in the community so that his cultural heritage could be passed onto the younger generations. He was a generous man who wanted only happiness and success for his family and friends. In keeping with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at St. Ignatius Church (corner of Stafford and Corydon) on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Cancer Care Manitoba, the Canadian

Diabetes Society, or a charity of your choice. The family would like to thank the Winnipeg Ambulance Services, St. Boniface Hospital Emergency and Intensive Care Units for their kindness to and care of Dad.





Sir MLA Kevin Lamoureux, Inkster Constituency, introduced on the Floor of the Manitoba Legislature on May 26, 2009, the Resolution entitled "Filipino Community Celebrates 50 years of being in Manitoba". More than sixty Filipino-Canadians were at the Public Gallery to attend this very memorable event.

**Sir Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR
Area Commander for Western Canada**



The following resolution will be introduced at 11:00 am sharp on Tuesday May 26.
The public is welcome to attend and watch the debate

Moved by Kevin Lamoureux, MLA for Inkster

Filipino Community celebrates 50 years of being in Manitoba

WHEREAS it is important to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Filipino community's presence here in Manitoba; and

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WHEREAS it was 1959 when a handful of healthcare workers and a few others who originated from the Philippines made the decision to make Manitoba their home; and

WHEREAS over the last 50 years the population of the Filipino community has grown through live births and immigration to an estimated 50,000 people; and

WHEREAS Manitoba socially and economically has benefited by the many contributions that the Filipino community has made in all sectors of Manitoba society; and

WHEREAS immigration has grown over the last number of years with the Philippines being Manitoba's primary source of immigrants; and

WHEREAS the Filipino community will be organizing events like Philippine Independence week, Folklorama pavilions, Rizal day, many fiestas and numerous other activities in 2009, all of which will lead to dialog about the 50th anniversary.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba extend its best wishes to members of the Filipino community living here in Manitoba.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba acknowledge the valuable contributions that members of the Filipino community have made which has greatly enhanced the quality of life for all Manitobans.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2009

Philippines Heritage Week Celebrations

Strong in numbers and proud of their culture, the month of June is the time for celebration of Filipino Heritage in Winnipeg. The KoR Winnipeg Chapter membership are intimately involved either as organizers, sponsors or participants. Part of the Heritage Week Celebrations actually occurred on May 30, 2009 when the "Share Our World" event occurred at the PCCM. This is an event designed to break down barriers between multicultural groups that attends the event. On June 6, 2009, a flag raising ceremony at the PCCM signals the formal start of the Heritage Celebrations and as stated previously, 2009 was also the time to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Filipino Immigrants to Manitoba. On June 7, 2009, an ecumenical service—"Celebration of Faith" was held at the PCCM. June 10 was the date that MAFTI presented a

cultural night and held their presentations and graduations of the MAFTI Rondalla School of Music. June 12, 2009 was when the Philippines Independence Day Ball was held at the Marlborough Hotel at 331 Smith Street. This was the occasion to commemorate the 111th Anniversary of the proclamation of Philippines Independence. On June 18, again at the PCCM, new comers to Winnipeg were toasted in the event called "Welcome to our Baging Dating". On June 19, 2009, the KoR Winnipeg Chapter formally celebrated the 148th Birthday of Dr. Jose Rizal, the 4th Anniversary of the Peace and Unity Agreement of the Order of the Knights of Rizal, and the 1st Anniversary of the Official Unveiling of the "Dr. Jose Rizal Way" in Winnipeg. The celebration wrapped up with a "Community Picnic" on June 20, 2009 at Assiniboine Park.



Picture above: KoR Winnipeg Chapter attendees of the Philippines Independence Day Ball held at the Marlborough Hotel June 12, 2009. A series of collages encapsulating the the Heritage Week Celebrations is below.





Rizal Cup 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament



KoR Winnipeg Chapter Golf Tournament

On a bright sunny Sunday, August 29th, at Kingswood Golf Course in La Salle, Manitoba, sixteen Knights and Ladies started to tee off at noon so as to compete for the much coveted Championship Grand Trophy donated by Sir Dr. Roland and Lady Dr. Irene Guzman. After a delicious steak dinner in Kingswood Country Club at 6:30 P.M. was held a brief program emceed by Sir Felino de Jesus, KCR, Exchequer. Prizes were presented by Sir Dr. Roland Guzman, KGOR,

Canada Region Advisor, Sir Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, Area Commander for Western Canada, Sir Felino de Jesus, and Sir Glynn Davies, KCR, Chairman of KoR Golf Tournament Committee to the following:

1. Champions for "Longest Drive" : Sir Gilles Delay, KOR, and Lady Dr. Lydia Lucman.
2. Champion for "Closest to the Pin" : Bro. Mario Galang, Member of the Sto. Nino Cenacle.
3. Champion Team of Sir

Manny Fabre, KCR, Sir Gilles Delay, KoR, Lady Precy Fabre and Lady Dr. Lydia Lucman received the "Sir Dr. Roland & Lady Dr. Irene Guzman Team Championship Grand Trophy". 4. Complimentary Prizes were also given to all the participants and guests.

Let us thank our donors of prizes for their

generosity, namely, Sir Terry Duguid, KCR, official LP Candidate in Winnipeg South Constituency, Sir Ross Desiderio, KOR, of Weston Travel, Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, of Pearl Family Dental Care, Sir Glynn Davies, KCR, Mr. Oscar Surla of Sarbit Travel Agency, & JS Furniture, and Sir Dr. Roland & Lady Dr. Irene Guzman



KoR 4th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, August 29, 2009, Kingswood Golf Course & Country Club

Picture above: KoR Golf Tournament Aug 29 2009 045-1 –

Front row from left to right : Sirs Glynn Davies, KCR, Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, Dr. Roland Guzman, KGOR, Ladies Dr. Lydia Lucman & Precy Fabre, Sirs Manny Fabre, KCR, & Art Domingo, KCR. Middle row : Ladies Olive Mestito & Gory Parado, LKoR Vice-President, and Sir Felino de Jesus, KCR. Back row: Sirs Gilles Delay, KoR, Dr. Norman Barnabe, Ed Kean, KCR, Milton Mestito, KCR, Archivist, and Les Crisostomo, KCR, Western Canada Executive Officer. (Not in the picture: Sirs Dr. Rudy Padua, KCR, & Conrad Almazan, KoR, and Bro. Mario Galang)

SEPTEMBER 2009

KoR 4th European Regional Assembly

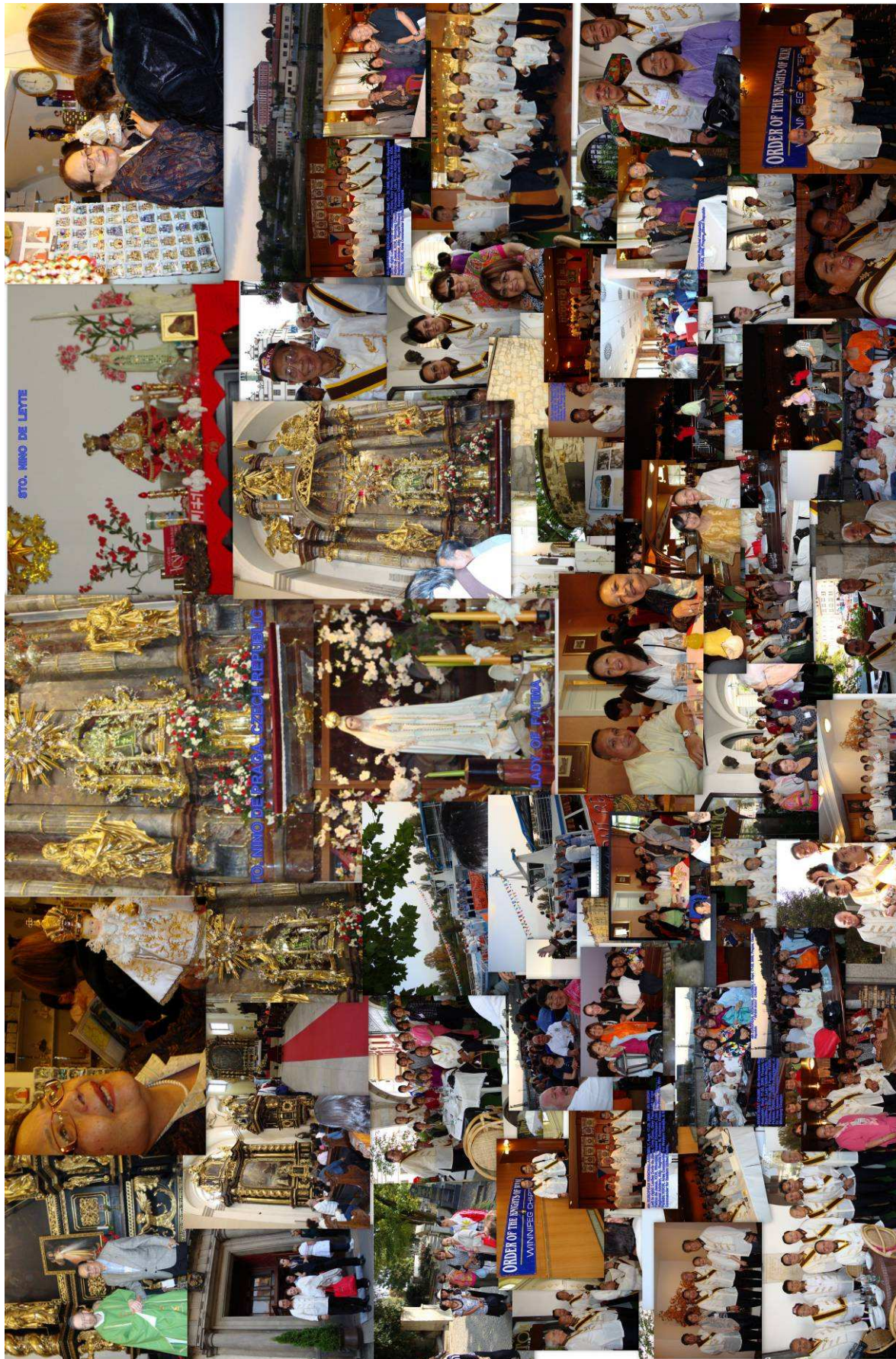
Sir Rev. Neil led the delegation from the Western Canada Region and stated that “the 4th European Regional Assembly was indeed a grand opportunity for the over 150 Knights and their Ladies from Canada, United States, Philippines, England, Ireland, France, Spain, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Austria and the Czech Republic, to rededicate themselves to the Rizalian Ideals of justice, freedom, integrity and unity, and to renew old friendships and make new friends “. Other members of the Winnipeg Chapter that attended included Sirs Felino De Jesus and Ed Kean, and Ladies Gory Parado, Dr. Irene Guzman, Cora Kean, Dory de Jesus, Julie Javier and Clarita Nazario.

The Assembly was held in Prague and Litomireci, Czech Republic. This report recognizes the hard work of Sir Noubikko Ulanday, KCR, the Over-All Chairman of the Assembly Committee and his staff and congratulate them for a job well done ! Let's also thank our Supreme Chancellor, Sir Reghis Romero III, KGOR, and Sir George Poblete, KGOR, Supreme Archivist and Liaison to the International Chapters who represented our Supreme Commander, Sir Virgilio Esguerra, KGCR, for having graced the Assembly with their presence and words of wisdom. A series of collages on page 16 and 17 contains images of the Assembly).

Sir Terry Duguid, KCR, Acclaimed as Liberal Candidate







OCTOBER2009

KoR 13th Youth Recognition Award Night

On October 30, 2009, at the PCCM, the 13th Youth Recognition Award (YRA) Night was held to honour and recognize eleven young outstanding Filipino-Canadian students who graduated from high school last June this year and who were nominated by their respective Principals for their academic and leadership excellence, and whose selection was adjudicated by the KoR-YRA Awards Committee of which Sir Felino de Jesus, KCR, has been the Chairperson since 2006 .

Below is a list of triumphant KoR Scholars for 2009, along with their corresponding percentages achieved and their respective schools. Page 19 contains a photo to commemorate the event.

Order of the Knights of Rizal
Winnipeg Chapter Inc.

YRA 2009

Name	Grade	School
Arcinas, Liane	92.50%	Gordon Bell H. S.
Babaran, Brian John D.	92.20%	Maples Col.
Daet, Juliet	92.08%	St. Mary's Academy
Francisco, Vincent	96.20%	Maples Col.
Froyalde, Joseph	91.50%	D. M. C. I.
Jimenez, Juan	92.60%	Maples Col.
Khan, Deirdre	IB 94.87%	Kelvin H. S.
Leyson, Ariel	96.40%	St. Paul H. S.
Medina, Irish	94.80%	Maples Col.
Sangalang, Ruth	92.38%	U of W Collegiate
Uson, Miguel	94.33%	Sisler H. S.



Ondoy Victims Aid and Fundraising

A series of disasters in the form of multiple typhoons hit the Philippines galvanizing the Filipino Canadian Community of Winnipeg. Using an established system, the Fil Can Disaster Relief, KoR Winnipeg members Sir Rev. Neil, Sir Rod Cantiveros, KCR and Chapter Public Relations Officer and current President of the PCCM, and Sir Nap Ebor, KCR and Chapter Chancellor were instrumental in helping raise over \$100,000.00 in aid for the typhoon victims. The cash donation is coursed through the Canadian Red Cross which issues tax-deductible receipts to the individual donors of \$10 or more, and remits the cash donation to the Philippine

National Red Cross, which in turn distributes aid to the areas in the Philippines that needs help the most.

Individual efforts were expended by members of the Chapter, sending aid to their respective family affected by the disaster. This report recognizes the special efforts by Sir Alan Canlas, KOR and owner of AngPeryodiko and Forex Branch of Winnipeg, who answered a special call for help from the Hospicio De San Jose in Manila, an orphanage severely affected by the typhoon, sending significant personal donations to the orphanage.

NOVEMBER 2009

10th Commander's Ball, Toronto, Canada

The 10th Commanders Ball of the Knights of Rizal, Canada Region, under the leadership of Sir Emiliano (Ka Miling) Silverio, KGCR, Canada Region Commander, held on November 6, 2009, at 6:00 P.M., in Ellas Banquet Hall, 35 Danforth Rd., Corner Warden, Toronto, Ontario. Sir Mike Murphy, KCR, Oakville-Halton Chapter Commander, was the Chairperson of the Commanders' Ball. Over 150 Knights, Ladies and Guests attended. The Winnipeg Delegates were Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, Winnipeg Chapter Commander and Deputy Area Commander, Lady Leah Magsino, President of the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal, Lady Gory Parado, and Rev. Neil – see picture on right.



Regional Council picture left to right:

seated: Sir Mike Murphy, KCR, Oakville-Halton Chapter Commander & Chairperson 10th Commanders' Ball, Sir Emiliano Silverio, KGCR, Canada Region Commander, & Sir Dr. Chito Collantes, KGOR, Senior Consultant to the Supreme Commander.

standing left to right: Sirs Ernie Reyes, KCR, Toronto Chapter Trustee, Sir Ralph Bunag, KCR, Area Commander for Central Canada, Ed Prillo, KGOR, Canada Region Exchequer, Jimmy Marasigan, KGOR, Canada Region Pursuivant, ,

Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, Western Canada Area Commander, Joe Damasco, KGOR, Canada Region Chancellor, Nady Cruz, KCR, Toronto Chapter Trustee, Doug Ord, KCR, Canada Region Deputy Archivist, Jimmy Lupangco, KCR, Toronto Chapter Archivist, Wilfred Gomez, KCR, Dimasalang Chapter Commander, Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, Wpg. Chapter Commander & Western Canada Deputy Commander, and Noel Lalicon, KCR, Toronto Chapter Commander.

LKoR Declamation Contest

To enhance awareness of our hero for the youth of the community, on November 29, 2009, an exciting program was developed by the LKoR with Lady Leah Magsino chairing the event in the form of a Declamation Contest where five young Declamation Contestants declaimed beyond our expectations Dr. Jose Rizal's *My Last Farewell* before a very appreciative audience of Ladies, Knights, parents and guests. The event was held at the PCCM on The Board of Judges under the chairmanship of Sir Gem Anis, KCR, announced the following results:

1. Joshua Ofiaza, a Grade 8 student from Maples Collegiate, won 1st Cash Prize of \$200 donated by the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal and a Certificate of Appreciation. Joshua also won the privilege of declaiming *My Last Farewell* at the Rizal Day Commemorative Program on Dec. 30th at the PCCM.

2. Kristiana Guerrero, a Grade 4 student from Collicutt Elementary School, won 2nd Cash Prize of \$100 donated by the Knights of Rizal, Winnipeg Chapter, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

3. Jaenna Calingasan, a Grade 8 student from Springs Christian Academy, won 3rd Cash Prize of \$50 donated by Lady Clarita Nazario & Family, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

4. Sidney Cairo, a Grade 5 student from Chancellor Elementary School, won 4th Consolation Prize of \$25 donated by Sir Winston Esperanzate, KCR, and Lady Nita, and a book on Dr. Jose Rizal donated by Lady Clarita Nazario, and a Certificate of Appreciation.

5. T.J. de Jong, a Grade 10 student from Grant Park High School, won 5th Consolation Prize of \$25 donated by the Esperanzates, and a colorful Rizal T-shirt donated by the Nazarios, and a Certificate of Appreciation.



Declamation Contest sponsored by the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal held at the Philippine-Canadian Centre of Manitoba (PCCM) on November 29, 2009 .



December 2009

Rizal Day Celebration 2009

The Knights and Ladies of the Knights of Rizal of the Winnipeg Chapter had a lively commemoration of the 113th Anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal's Martyrdom on December 30, 2009, at the Philippine-Canadian Centre of Manitoba. At 3:30 P.M. a photo session took place in the Chapel Lawn Funeral Home. At 6:30 P.M. the Commemorative Program began. The Entrance of Colours was led by the Flagbearers Sir Mohamed Alli, KCR, and Sir Ed Kean, KCR. Lady Gory Parado, LKoR Vice-President, led the singing of the National Anthems, *Lupang Hinirang* and *O Canada*, and the Ceremonial Rite songs *Bayang Pilipinas*, *Pilipinas Kong Mahal*, and *Panahon Lumipas*. Sir Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, prayed the *Grace Before Meals*. Dinner was catered by Sir Dino and Lady Lourdes and Kelly Miranda of Pampanga Restaurant and dance music was provided by young Glen, son of the late Sir Tony Bonifacio, KR, owner of AJB Music.

After dinner Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, gave the Opening Remarks, and Lady Leah Magsino, LKoR President, read a Christmas Message of Peace and Commitment from Sir Dr. Romy Magsino, KGOR, former Deputy Canada Regional Commander, and introduced Mr. Joshua Ofiaza, a Grade 10 student from Maples Collegiate who won first prize at the Declamation Contest sponsored by the Ladies of the Knights of Rizal held on November 29, 2009, at the PCCM. Joshua declaimed Dr. Rizal's *MY LAST FAREWELL* with inspiring enthusiasm

Three new Knights were initiated to the Order with Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, as the Presiding

Officer, namely, Sir Kenn Green, KR, Sir Jean-Jacques Javier, KR, and Sir Roldan Sevillano, Jr., KR. Sir Art Domingo, KCR, was awarded by Chairman Sir Glynn Davies, KCR, the *Key Knight Plaque* for exemplary participation in the KoR activities during the RY 2009. New Lifetime Member Sir Les Crisostomo, KCR, was scheduled to be presented by Sir Dr. Roland Guzman, KGOR, the *Lifetime Member Plaque*; but unfortunately said Plaque did not arrive on time from the Manila OKoR International Headquarters. Sir MLA Kevin Lamoureux, KCR, gave the Closing Remarks. Sir Felino de Jesus, KCR, Exchequer and YRA Chair, and Sir Terry Duguid, KCR, acted as the Masters of Ceremonies. A copy of the program as well as a collage depicting the event is on the proceeding pages.



"Non Omnis Moriar"



Dr. Jose Rizal

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL, WINNIPEG CHAPTER INC. COUNCIL:

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 Chapter Commander & Deputy Area
 Commander for W. Canada

Sir Edgar de Leon, KCR
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 Archivist

Sir Randy Viray, KCR
 Auditor

Sir Mohamed Ali, KCR
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 Commander

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 Western Canada Advisor

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 Area Commander for Western Canada

Sir Les Crisostomo, KCR
 Executive Officer

Sir John Gano, KCR

Sir Manny Fabre, KCR

Sir Fausto Yadao, KCR

Sir Reis Pagtakhan, KCR

Sir Rod Cantiveros, KCR

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113th Commemoration of Dr. Jose Rizal's Martyrdom



Wednesday, December 30,
 2009

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113th COMMEMORATION OF DR. JOSE RIZAL'S MARTYRDOM

December 30, Wednesday, 2009

Part I: 3:00 P.M. - *Wreath-Laying Ceremony* at the Everlasting Granite Memorial Bench Marker of Dr. Jose Rizal in the Garden of Serenity, Chapel Lawn Memorial Gardens, 4000 Portage Ave., Winnipeg City. Chairpersons: Sir Edgar and Lady Rosabelle de Leon, KCR, and Mr. Andrew Earle, Manager for Funeral Services.

Part II: 6:30 P.M. - *Dinner & Ceremonial Rites* at the Philippine-Canadian Centre of Manitoba (PCCM), 737 Keewatin St., Winnipeg City.

1. Entrance of Colors and Wpg. Chapter Council Officers and Advisors
Flagbearers: Sir Mohamed Ali, KCR, and Sir Ed Kean, KCR
2. National Anthems: *Bayang Magiliw* - Lady Precy Fabre
O Canada - Lady Gory Parado, IKoR Vice-President
3. Invocation: Sir Rev. Dr. Neil Parado, KGOR, Area Commander for Western Canada
4. Dinner (catered by Sir Dino & Lady Lourdes Miranda, KOR, of Pampanga Restaurant)
- Acknowledgement of Guests: Sir Les Crisostomo, KCR, and Sir Mario Javier, KCR
5. Greetings Welcome: Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KGOR, Wpg. Chapter Commander & Deputy Area Commander
6. Declaration *My Last Farewell*: Joshua Ofaza, a Grade 10 student from Maples Collegiate, to be introduced by Lady Leah Magsino, IKoR President, who will also read the Christmas Message from Sir Dr. Romy Magsino, KGOR, Canada Regional Commander
7. Community Singing *Bayang Pilipinas*
8. Ceremonial Rites: *Masters of Ceremonies* Sir Edgar de Leon, KCR, Deputy Chapter Commander
Sir Nap Ebor, KCR, Chancellor
- * Initiation to the 1st Degree (Knight of Rizal - KR): Sir Dr. Tom Colina, KCR, Presiding Officer
- * Elevation to the 2nd Degree (Knight Officer of Rizal - KOR): Sir Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, KGOR, Presiding Officer
9. Community Singing *Pilipinas Kong Mahal*
10. Presentation of Awards:
Lifetime Member Plaque: Sir Les Crisostomo, KCR, Awardee, to be presented by Sir Dr. Roland Guzman, KGOR
Key Knight Award: Sir Art Domingo, KCR, Awardee, to be presented by Sir Glynn Davies, KCR, Key Knight Cm. Chair
11. Closing Remarks: Sir Edgar de Leon, KCR, Deputy Chapter Commander
12. Community Singing *Panahon Lumipas*
13. Group Picture for the 3rd USA Regional Assembly Souvenir Program

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Masters of Ceremonies: Sir Felino de Jesus, KCR, Exchequer, and Sir Terry Duguid, KCR

