



# The Knights of Rizal

## 4<sup>th</sup> European Regional Assembly



**THEME: Keeping Alive the Friendship of Rizal and Blumentritt in the Future**

The **4<sup>th</sup> European Regional Assembly** will be held in Prague and Litomerice, Czech Republic on **September 18 and 19, 2009** with Welcome Party on **September 17** and Blessing at the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine on **September 20**.

### SUMMARY:

#### Sept 17, 2009 - Thursday – Welcome Party

**5:00pm – 5:30pm** – Private Blumentritt-Rizal EXHIBITION at the Clam Gallas Palace. Exposition of artifacts that includes museum collections that were just discovered and have never been publicly exhibited.

**5:30pm – 6:00pm** – Guided TOUR of the monumental Clam-Gallas Palace, a purely Viennese Baroque architecture projected by the imperial court architect in 1713. It was used by Mozart, Beethoven and Franz Kafka.

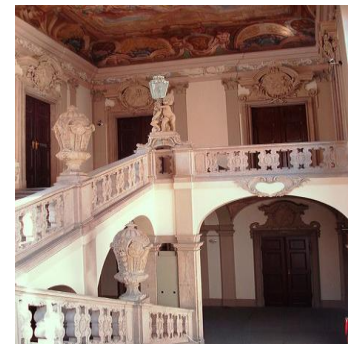
**6:00pm – 7:30pm** – PROGRAM at the Palace.

- Remarks by Area Commander, Sir Ludva, KGOR
- Remarks by UNESCO Commissioner Prof J. Lapuz
- Remarks by the Head of Cultural Club, Dr. Pavlicova
- Remarks by the City Council of Litomerice
- Remarks by the Curator of Ceske-Budejovice Museum.

*Musical remarks of Noli me Tangere will be rendered for the first time in Europe by multi-awarded Broadway Performers, PRIMO. Program is coordinated with the Cultural Club Prague-Aachen, The Philippine Embassy, Ceske Budejovice Museum and the Prague Art Support. Speeches will be simultaneously translated into Czech and German*

**7:30pm – 12:00pm** - Welcome PARTY at the PM Bar. (Food and Drinks)

- Keynote address by Regional Commander Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR
- Inspirational Lectures and Messages followed by Party.



## Sept 18, 2009 – Friday – Assembly

**9:00am – 11:30am** – ASSEMBLY at the Conference Hall of the Charles University, the nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious university and among the oldest in Europe, founded in 1348 by Charles I, the King of Bohemia, later known as Charles IV, the Holy Roman Emperor.



- 9:00am - REGISTRATION
- 9:30am – Lectures on Rizal and Blumentritt
- Keynote Message from Supreme Commander, Sir. V. Esguerra, KGCR
- Keynote MESSAGES from the European Regional Council
- REPORTS by Area and Chapter Commanders
- Historic Plan for Exchange Professors and Student Programs between Philippine Universities and Czech Universities.

### 12:00am – 1:30pm - LUNCH

**1:30pm - 4:30 pm** - Bus TOUR to the Prague Castle, passing thru the national theater, national museum, the Opera, the national gallery and other monumental landmarks of the city of Prague.



**4:00pm – 5:30 pm** - Coffee-BREAK at the Archbishop's Palace by the Prague Castle. A very rare experience in a Renaissance, Baroque and Rococo, seat of the Prague Archbishop. This Palace was given by Emperor Ferdinand I. to the Archbishop in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. It has been the Archbishop residence ever since.



**5:30pm – 6:30pm** - Walk TOUR along the medieval alley, then pass by the place where Rizal once stayed then down the Charles bridge and the boat dock.

**7:30pm – 11:00pm** - DINNER Boat night cruise. INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGES and PARTY at the Sumava, the largest floating boat along the Vltava River.



HURRAY to the Rizalists.  
FIREWORKS at the Vltava  
**9:30pm.** The Boat offers the best view city.



## Sept 19, 2009 - Saturday - LITOMERICE

9:00am – Bus meeting place – Top Hotel Congress

**10:30am – 12:00** - TOUR of Litomerice – the Garden of Bohemia in the 17th century. Witness the historic glory of Royal Litoměřice with Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque buildings, protected under an urban preservation order which for the most part is encircled by well-preserved Gothic fortifications.



- Floral OFFERING at the Rizal Park and Blumentritt  
- Inspirational Messages on the importance of the friendship of Rizal and Blumentritt

**12:00pm - 2:00pm** - LUNCH

**2:00pm - 5:00pm** - PROGRAM

- VISIT to Blumentritt-Rizal Museum
- Forum on Blumentritt-Rizal
- Inspirational Messages from the descendants of Blumentritt and Rizal.



**7:00pm - 10:00pm** - Evening PARTY at the Vineyard.

**10:30pm** – Return to Prague

## Sept 20, 2009 - Sunday – BLESSING at the Infant Jesus of Prague Shrine (Sto. Nino)

**10:30** – TOUR to the Shrine Museum’s collection of the Infant Jesus capes.

**11:00** - Private CATHOLIC MASS Service at the Shrine of the Infant Jesus of Prague.



**12:00** – LUNCH at the Shrine Garden.



*Co-Sponsored by the Filipino Community and Prague Art Support*

**PARTICIPATION and REGISTRATION FEE :** €150 (per person)  
(US\$190 CAD\$220.00 PHP7500)

*Fee covers 4-day venue. Assembly-conference Lunch. Dinner (buffet) River Boat Cruise; Tour to Prague Castle; Snacks at the Archbishop Palace, Trip to Litomerice; Lunch and Dinner in Litomerice; Lunch BBQ at the Shrine of the Infant Jesus Garden. And, the Dinner buffet at the Welcome Party. Champagne, wine, softdrinks and coffee included. Private bus transport from one venue to another; and the City-tour of Prague included. Fee also includes raffle prizes and Czech souvenir bags worth €25. The rest and other goodies are paid by the Sponsors.*

## **HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS :**

*(Discounted group rates. Deadline for Room Reservation July 30/2009)*

### **TOP HOTEL PRAGUE (\*\*\*\*) Breakfast included**

**Queen Double Bed** (rate good for 2 persons)

€68 (US\$88 CAD\$112.00 PHP4000)

*Add €12 for extra bed*

### **EURO HOTEL PRAHA (\*\*\*) Breakfast included**

**Queen Double Bed** (rate good for 2 persons) – the hotel is a kilometer away from the Top Hotel Congress.

€58 (US\$78 CAD\$100.00 PHP3700)

*Add €12 for extra bed*

**ARRIVAL INFORMATION:** *There are no hotel courtesy transport in Prague, but taxis and transport vans are readily available at the airport, train or terminal bus for your convenience.*

*Email us your specific arrival and we will prepare specific information for your needs. Email: [transport@knightsofrizal.net](mailto:transport@knightsofrizal.net)*

### **MEETING PLACE: TOP HOTEL CONGRESS PRAGUE**

Blazimoka 1781/4 - Prague, Czech Republic 14900

website: <http://www.tophotel.cz>

**Tel:** 420 267 284 111

### **PROGRAMME and ACTIVITIES:**

Please download the most recent information copy at <http://www.knightsofrizal.net/>

**TO REGISTER:** The easiest and most cost-effective is to register on internet online <http://www.knightsofrizal.net>

### **WAYS TO SEND PAYMENTS** *(on or before July 15 2009.)*

By **PayPal** – <http://www.knightsofrizal.net>

By Bank wire - Transfer

**In Philippines** – *Coordinator:*

*Mr. Romelio Casillan*

*MetroBank, Philippines.*

*Account Number:422 3422 158 392*



## SOUVENIR BOOK and DVD

Your contribution to the **Souvenir Book and DVD** will go a long way in insuring the Event to be successful as it was conceived. Your support will guarantee the place of the Knights of Rizal in Czech Republic's history.

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Or go directly to link  
<http://www.lovepinoy.com/eform/rizal-souvenir.htm>

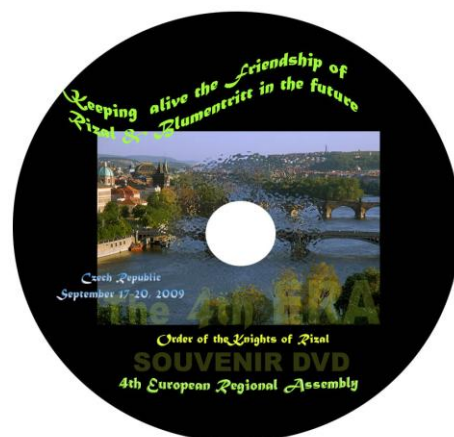
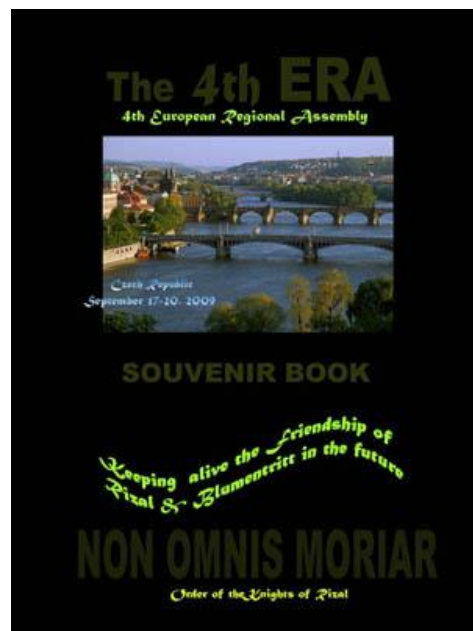
## GUESTS with PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS coming from Non-EU countries

Schengen Visa is required to come to Czech Republic but this is the only visa you need if you plan to visit other European Union countries. Visa fee application is approximately \$21.

In the Philippines, the Czech Embassy is located on Rufino Pacific Tower in Makati. Office hours for the visa section are only during Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon. Applicants are entertained on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Here are some of the basics in applying for the Schengen visa:

1. Download the pdf file of the **visa application form** (in English) from their website:  
<http://www.mfa.cz/visaform> : [Instructions on how to complete the Application for Schengen Visa](#)
2. **Recent photo** with light background - 3.5 x 4.5 cm size
3. **Visa fee** – the exact amount varies according to current exchange rates, so it is advised to call the Embassy at +63 2 811 11 55 or 811 1156
4. **Travel and medical insurance** – availed from any of the following insurance companies:



- i. Fortune General Ins. Corp
- ii. Generali Pilipinas
- iii. Blue Cross
- iv. Philam Insurance
- v. MAPFRE Asistencia
- vi. AIG Assist/Assistcard
- vii. Paramount Life and General Insurance Co.
- viii. Insurance of the Philippine Islands Co.
- ix. Standard Insurance Co.
- x. ACE Insurance
- xi. Malayan Insurance
- xii. Worldwide Travel Insurance
- xiii. Global Assist/Global Insure or
- xiv. PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL Insurance Co. Ltd.

**5. Passport**

**6. Air tickets** or document with confirmed ticket reservation

**7. Bank certification**

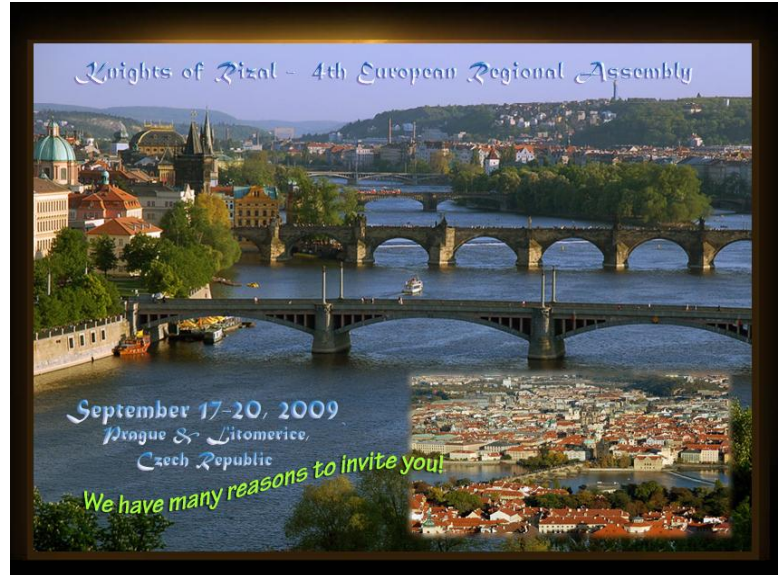
**ADVISE:** Please apply for visa as early as May so we can assist you for any additional document or if ever you will need any assistance from us.

**OTHER TRAVEL INFORMATION**

**About Czech Republic:** Prague is beautiful and as magical as a renaissance city frozen-in- time. Paris is no-doubt the city of romance, and Prague can be called the romantic city... Czech Republic is not an expensive place to explore. You can still enjoy a glass of beer in a nice pub for one euro. Prague is also located in the heart of Europe . A side-trip to Vienna is only about 4 hours by driving and so is Poland. Up-north is Dresden, Germany is only about 2 hours by car.

For those who are celebrating their birthday in Prague as we were once told in advance, a treat to experience a Bohemian and Russian Champagne is waiting for you. Its on us for you and the guests!

... now add a traditional bohemian cake to make that an unforgettable experience! *Cakes and torts are made exclusively by the Chefs of the River boat cruise.*



**Currency Exchange Rates**

US\$ 1 = 20.5 Korune  
€1 = 26.51 Korune  
CAD\$1 = 16.10  
PHP 1 = .42

Note: It is advisable to withdraw from an ATM machine when you want to have korune currency. Most currency exchange offices charge 2% service charge on top of their lower rates.

**Spoken language:** Czech, Slovak, German, Russian, but many establishments speak English. Yes “broken-english” but real lovely and romantic for the ambiance!

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