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New York Commemorates 122nd Anniversary of Rizal's Martyrdom



The Philippine Consulate General in New York and the Knights of Rizal –NY Chapter commemorated the 122nd Death Anniversary of Jose Rizal on 19 December 2018 at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center in New York.

19 December 2018, New York – The Philippine Consulate General in New York in partnership with the Knights of Rizal-New York Chapter held a commemorative event on 19 December 2018 at the Philippine Center on the occasion of the 122nd death anniversary of Philippine national hero Dr. Jose P. Rizal.

In his welcome remarks, Consul General said that the Filipino people are blessed to have produced heroes of Dr. Jose Rizal's caliber and underlined the importance of each and every Filipino's responsibility to make sure that Dr. Rizal's life is forever remembered.

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“It obligates us as trustees of his memory to do our best to live up to the ideals and hopes that he willingly sacrificed his life for”, said the Consul General.

The program included a Knighting Ceremony of three new members of the Knights of Rizal-New York Chapter namely Sir Alfonso Ompod Jr., Sir Mario Dalman and Sir Edgardo V. Elep. The Knighting ceremony was presided over by Sir Francis Sison and Sir Victor Sison, both Knight Grand Cross of Rizal and Sir Atty. Dean Suba, Knight Grand Officer of Rizal. Consul Arman R. Talbo, a KOR-NY member, was also exalted to the rank of Knight Commander of Rizal. Knights from other chapters in the US Northeast were also present to witness the solemn ceremony. To date, there are already more than 100 members of the KOR-NY

The program was also highlighted by a reflection from Ms. Olive Abarquez, Founder of the Alumni of the Rizal Youth Leadership Institute and Jose Rizal Model Student of the Philippines in 1998. Ms. Abarquez, currently an NYC Public School Teacher, urged the KOR Officers to engage the youth in the activities of the KOR and underscore the importance of the role of the youth and Rizal’s ideals and virtues in the family and in community building.

An additional 11 members of the Ladies for Rizal Auxiliary for New York were sworn in by Sir Atty. Suba, KOR East Coast Regional Commander. Carla Angeline Mongado, a newly-inducted member rendered a beautiful love song.

The evening’s activities also solemnly featured a dramatic Tableau of Rizal’s execution, staged by members of the New York Chapter.

Sir Mariano Aquino, KOR-NY Chapter Commander thanked all the present and new members of the New York Chapter and expressed hope for more activities geared for the youth in the coming activities of the Knights. END



New members at the Knighting Ceremony of the KOR-NY Chapter held during the 122nd Death Anniversary of Jose Rizal in New York on 19 December 2018.

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Consul Arman R. Talbo exalted to the rank of Knight Commander of Rizal



Sir Mariano Aquino, KOR-NY Chapter Commander (Left Photo) acknowledged the guests at the 122nd Death Anniversary of Jose Rizal. Ms. Olive Abarquez, Founder of the Alumni of the Rizal

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Youth Leadership Institute and Jose Rizal Model Student of the Philippines in 1998 shared her reflections about Jose Rizal and his impact on the youth (Right photo)



The new members of the Ladies for Rizal, NY Chapter were inducted at the 122nd Death Anniversary of Jose Rizal held at the Philippine Center in New York.

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