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**Philippine Consulate in New York and Knights of Rizal in New York  
celebrates 157<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Jose Rizal**



**Knighting Ceremony of the nine members of Knights of Rizal – New York Chapter was held during the celebration of Dr. Jose Rizal’s 157<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary on 19 June 2018 at the Philippine Center.**

New York, 19 June 2017 – The Philippine Consulate General in New York, in partnership with the Knights of Rizal (KOR)-New York Chapter, led the commemoration of Dr. Jose Rizal’s 157<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary at the Philippine Center, New York.

The evening began with cocktails at the Philippine Center lobby, after which guests proceeded to the Center’s Kalayaan Hall for the formal part of the evening.

The program commenced with an offering of flowers to the bust of Dr. Rizal by Deputy Consul General Kerwin Orville Tate, Consul Arman R. Talbo who himself is a Knight, KOR members from New York and New Jersey, Ladies for Rizal, families of the Knights and guests from the Filipino-American community.

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Deputy Consul General Tate, in his welcome remarks, underscored the role of this generation to honor the dream of a free country and the sacrifice of Dr. Jose Rizal, not by dying for a cause but by living the national hero's struggle to uplift the lives of Filipinos.

Former Consul General and Knights of Rizal member Mario de Leon, Jr. gave his reflections on the life of the national hero and discussed Dr. Jose Rizal's travel to New York where he stayed in the former Manhattan Hotel from May 13-16, 1888 on his way to London. He mentioned that it was Sir Roger Alama of the New York Chapter who discovered the said footsteps of Rizal and facilitated the installation of the marker in the Hotel on 13 May 1995 which was recognized by the National Historical Institute.

A knighting ceremony of nine (9) members of KOR New York Chapter was officiated by Sir Francis Sison, KGCR, Sir Dean Suba, KGOR, Sir Victor Sison, KGOR and Sir Gali Munar and Sir Ed Toloza of KOR-NJ.

The Induction of the newly-elected officers of KOR-NY for 2018-2020 was also officiated by Sir Francis Sison and members of the Council of Elders. Sir Mariano Aquino, the new Chapter Commander, acknowledged the responsibilities of the Knights of Rizal and underlined the importance of brotherhood in achieving the vision of KOR.

New members of the Ladies for Rizal –New York Chapter were also inducted. END



The Newly inducted officers of the Knights of Rizal New York Chapter headed by the new Chapter Commander Mariano Aquino (4<sup>th</sup> from L) showing the freternal greeting.

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The new batch of the officers of the Ladies for Rizal New York Chapter was officiated during the 157<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Jose Rizal held at the Philippine Center.

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