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PH CONSULATE IN CHICAGO COMMEMORATES 124th ANNIVERSARY OF DR. JOSE RIZAL'S MARTYRDOM

Philippine Consulate personnel trooped to Margate Park in Chicago on 30 December 2020 to offer flowers at the monument of Dr. Jose Rizal to commemorate the 124th anniversary of his martyrdom.

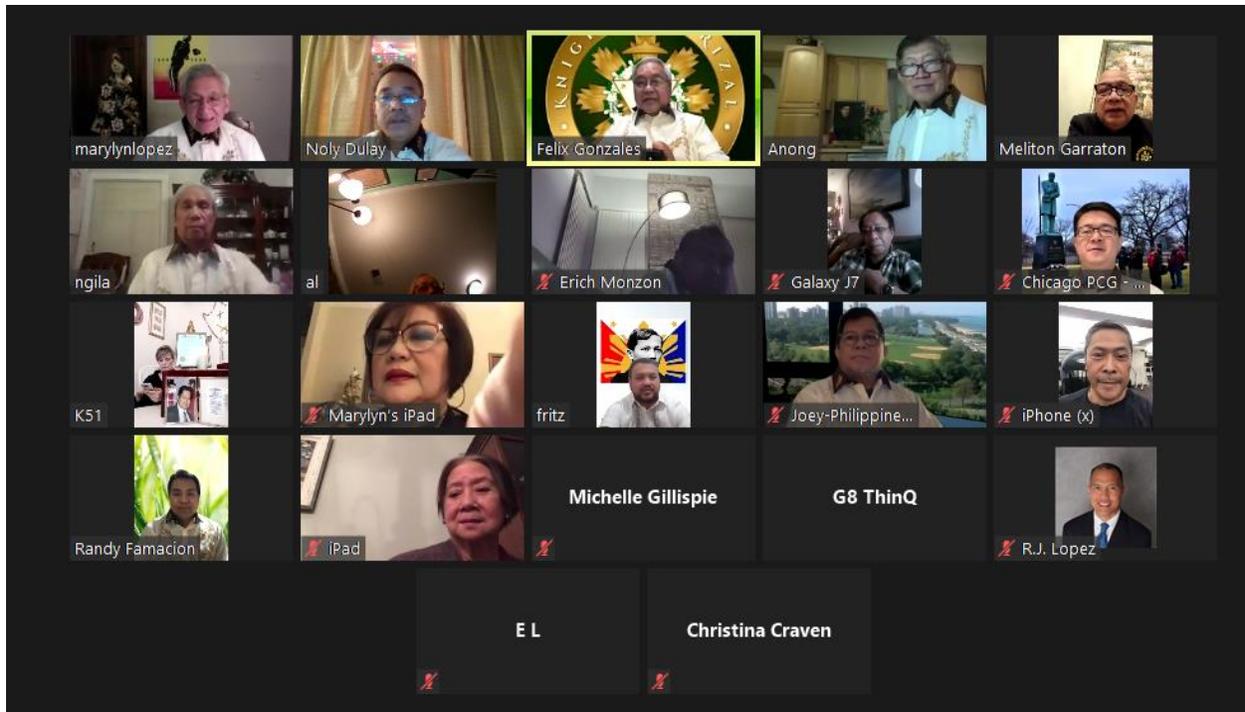
In contrast to the windy and snowy weather, fresh flowers from the Philippine Consulate General and Knights of Rizal (KoR) adorned the monument that day. The Rizal Monument has served as the center of celebration for Filipinos in Chicago to recall the patriotism of our great hero who was martyred for the sake of freedom and liberty of the Filipino people.

The Consulate was led by Acting Head of Post Consul Ryan Francis D. Gener, who is also the KoR Maynilad Chapter Commander. He noted that amid the loss and tragedy, 2020 will be better known for the Filipino people's collective response in courageously facing the pandemic head-on. "The selfless service of Filipino front liners, the generosity of the community, and the empathy shown by loved ones and strangers alike, have shone a piercing light through the darkest of nights. The *bayanihan* spirit that the Filipino community has exhibited is a manifestation that Rizal's heroism is alive and well."

The KoR Central USA Area, led by Commander Sir Mariano A. Santos, also commemorated the event in the evening of 29 December 2020 via videoconference, which was scheduled to coincide with the KoR commemoration in Manila. **END**



Philippine Consulate officials led by Acting Head of Post, Consul Ryan Gener, (3rd from left) with fellow Knights of Rizal members (L-R) Sir Noly Dulay, Sir Fritz John De Jesus and Sir Joey Erandio at the Rizal Monument in Chicago for the floral offering on the occasion of the 124th anniversary of Dr. Rizal's martyrdom



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