

KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BELGIUM AREA WITH SUCCESSFUL CALAMBA JOE



On June 19, 2010 the Belgian Council of the Knights of Rizal organised for the very first time in history the performance of the touching musical-play "Calamba Joe", the life of the Philippine National Hero, Dr. José Rizal. It were the 15 actors and singers of The Pasundayag Sugbo Theater under the professional direction of playwright Sir Claudio Evangelio from Cebu, who brought the childhood, youth and revolutionary background of Dr. José Rizal. The performance was brought in the Cultural Centre Scharpoord in Knokke-Heist, hometown of Sir Dominiek & Leah Segært-Gallego, KGOR, Chapter Commander KOR Diamond and currently the newly assigned Area Commander for Belgium, following Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR. With the support of the city Knokke-Heist and the NGO Friendship for the Philippines some 250 participants gave afterwards very positive reactions. It was Minister and Consul Mr. Roy Ecræla of the Philippine Embassy who gave in the name of Ambassador H.E. Manalo a touching inspirational message. He congratulated the Belgian Chapters who made this performance possible: Diamond, Brussels, Aalst, Charleroi, El Filibusterismo, the Kababaihang Rizalista Belgium. Before the musical the KOR commemorated also the 149th birth anniversary of Dr. José Rizal. Finalising the musical show Sir Dominiek Segært got from the actors a huge Santo Nino in appreciation of heading the organisation of the musical, which was only 1 time and thus unique performed in Europe, namely in Belgium. Congrats came also by Sir Lino Paras, KGOR, former European Commander, Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Adviser to the Supremo, Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, the European Regional Commander. Also Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, living Wikipedia Rizal, was deeply touched and gave superb critics having witnessed a great show with historic value. With thanks to the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium for excellent relations in favouring this one time performance. The actors stayed with families of Sirs Paras, Guansing, Van Bogaert, Helsen, Verloo, Goossenaerts, Nollas, Cruz. In the week following the successful performance two thanksgiving barbecues were organised by Sir Nollas in Brussels and Sir Spittaël in Eeklo. A beautiful DVD about the event was produced by Sir Roelito Quiambao of Rizal Brussels. It can still be purchased by contacting **Sir Roelito on 0499217718 or r2og@yahoo.com** and you will have your dvd very soon. See more pictures about this event by Sir Ronny Felix, KOR, on our website www.knightsofrizal.be