

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 17, 2022 – WRITE UP BY BERNARD ALVARES

As the TEGSA Men converged on 80 Commander Blvd., on the evening of Friday June 17th, there was a spring in their step and who could blame them, as they were about to celebrate the appreciation of their roles as Fathers and at least for that evening, they were kings of their Castle and masters of their domain. The Hall was packed to the gills thanks to the relaxation of Covid protocols and much to the relief of all who welcomed the return of the good times.

The evening proceedings commenced with an address by MC Flora Vaz who welcomed the gathering with a special tribute to all Fathers present illustrating her point with a quotation attributed to Barack Obama: "Any fool can have a child. That doesn't make a father. It's the courage to raise a child that makes you a father."

This was followed by Dinner catered by Nostalgia Kitchen who provided a varied fare of Peas Pula, Lamb Vindaloo, Vegetable Jalfrezi, Cucumber Tomato Avocado Salad topped up with Caramel Custard Pudding.

To burn off the calories after the sumptuous dinner, Members danced to the strains of music provided by DJ Peter Misquita which also included a jaw dropping Belly Dance performance which gave new meaning to 'tripping the light fantastic'. A draw for three Door prizes consisting of Gift Cards were provided by the Tegsa Committee who also thoughtfully provided a complimentary Bingo Card to all the Fathers.

It was great to see the Line Dancers and Couples share the dance floor alike choreographing their moves to the cadence of varied music genres provided by the DJ.

Members settled down for the evening's finale with a hush descending on the crowd to catch the Bingo numbers announced by the ever reliable Rosemary Soares. Thanks to the full house (no pun intended), generous cash pots were on offer which was received with great energy as evidenced by the winners' shrieks of "Bingo!!" and groans of winner wannabees.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention that the success of the entire evening was due in large measure to a MasterClass in organizing Fathers' Day by the ladies of the Committee: Flora Vaz, Maria Extross, Ruth Kempster, Adeline Gomes, Meena Farrell who deserve special thanks.