

ROSARY & THANKSGIVING DINNER – October 7, 2016

This long anticipated event had a big crowd waiting for the doors to open at 6:00pm. The chairs were arranged facing a beautifully decorated altar with Our Lady's statue in the centre.

As members filed past the registration table where committee members did an excellent job of checking off their names and handing out dinner coupons. Within the next 30 mins the hall was packed to capacity and everyone was in their seats ready to start the Rosary.

The emcee for the evening and cultural secretary Sheilah D'Souza welcomed members and guests and wished us all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Being the feast day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, what better way of offering thanks than to recite the Rosary together to commence the evening.

Sheilah D'Souza did a wonderful job of coordinating the recitation of the Rosary with meditations for each mystery. After every decade an invocation to the Holy Spirit was sung. The words were projected on a screen so that everyone could take part - what a wonderful idea. Carol Fernandes did an excellent job with the projector. After the rosary a Thanksgiving prayer and the grace before dinner was presented by Linda Rashid.

It was about 7:15 pm and time to take our chairs back to our tables and get ready for some dancing and dinner. Carol Fernandes played some lovely music so that we could get on the floor and work up an appetite for the meal.

By now we could get whiffs of the lovely dinner that was being heated in the kitchen. The caterer was none other than Konkan Delite. How can you go wrong when you order from Konkan Delite - A pat on the back for Inno Soares the catering chair person.

Table numbers were called out, one from each side of the hall while dinner was being served by the committee members and their spouses. The dinner was delicious and consisted of: Chicken Supreme, Beef Pepper Steak, Pulao and a very tasty vegetable dish of White Pumpkin. The dessert was an amazing Diplomat pudding topped with red jello.

Music and dancing resumed after dinner while people went around buying their bingo tickets and getting their coffee and cookies.

Bingo started precisely at 9:00 pm with the usual two rounds.

Thanks to all the committee members and their spouses for their hard work in organizing this lovely evening. The whole evening went off like clockwork, which could not happen without good planning and execution. Congratulations!!!

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