

Dear Members,

In my previous email, I provided a brief overview of the upcoming events — the Feast of our Patron Saint, the New Year's Eve Ball, and the elections to be held on Feast Day.

I am pleased to inform you that this year, for the Feast Luncheon, we will be serving a Goan menu to delight your palates! The menu will feature *Chicken Cafreal*, *Pork Vindaloo*, *Sannas*, *Pulao*, and other delicacies, including vegetarian dishes and a Goan dessert.

Since the Feast is being celebrated in Virginia this time, we understand that some of our members from Maryland may find the distance challenging. If you would like assistance with carpooling, please reply to this email and indicate your location. We will do our best to connect you with someone who can help. To ensure we have enough time to coordinate, please respond as soon as possible. In the subject line, kindly write: ATTENTION: FEAST – CARPOOL.

For the Feast Mass, we are also seeking volunteers to join the choir. Two practice sessions will be held - November 23rd – in Virginia, and November 30th – in Maryland. Attendance at both practices is mandatory. If you or a family member are interested, please contact - Manoel Fernandes – (571) 306-8518 or Efgia Mendes – (240) 383-2117.

We would also like to address a membership matter. Some members have reported that their PayPal accounts are being automatically debited \$15 for membership renewal. If this applies to you, please cancel the automatic renewal immediately. As agreed last year, annual membership dues have increased to \$25. If you wish to continue with automatic renewal, kindly update the amount to \$25. We appreciate your ongoing support.

This year, elections will be held to select a new Committee for the next term. We welcome nominations for the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Webmaster

We are also looking for youth representatives to play an active role in the Association and to help cultivate future leaders within our community.

Finally, I encourage you to show your support by attending the Feast and inviting friends and family to join us. Your participation keeps our Association strong and vibrant.

Warm regards,

Rabbie Godinho

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