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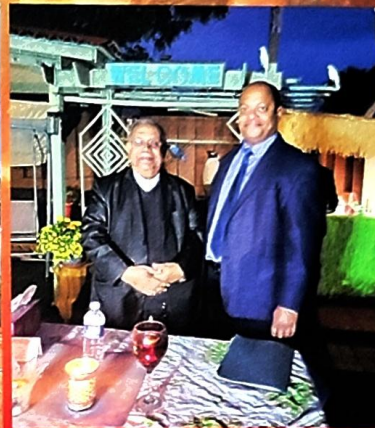
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Dear Friends,

Mannar Friendship Association is honoured to host our Mannar Bishop, Fidelis Lionel Emmanuel Fernando to a fundraiser dinner, on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Kingsley & Christina's residence. During his 2018 visit, the Bishop became an honorary member of Mannar Friendship Association. After 5 years and many a trials and triumphs we are grateful to have been graced by his presence.

Under the Bishop's leadership, Diocese of Mannar - Sri Lanka, is in the process of building, Madhu Maatha Hospital. At this event we raised over \$8,000.00 Dollars. Pictures and videos from this fundraiser event and the Video of the ongoing construction of Madhu Maatha Hospital are available on our website, (www.MFAonline.ca). Funds to build the hospital building is being provided by the Catholic Archdiocese. Funds for the medical equipments are being donated by organizations like MFA from around the world. Therefore, MFA has pledged to continue to raise funds for this project. More details to follow...

Great many thanks to all the MFA members and well-wishers who joined us this evening and contributed generously at this fundraiser event. Special thanks to Fr. Al who joined us from New York, USA. Many thanks to Christeen (Dushy) Seevaratnam for organizing this event. Our thanks to Jeyabalan, Shiranie & Family for your Music and DJ services as always. Our choir team by Eugene great many thanks. To Bertie & Christina Kingsley and family great many thanks from all of us for so graciously hosting us.

Thanks very much to all of you for your continued support.

Thank you and God Bless,

Sylvester Nicholas
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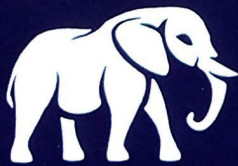
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WELCOME SPEECH (Sylvester Nicholas)

INTRODUCING MCS

(Raveena Raveendran)

CAROL SONGS AND SANTA

(Eugene John Vaz, Irene Eugene Vaz, Anjalie Juliet Vaz, Anushka Juliet Vaz, Joseph Santhanpillai, Emarancia Joseph, Ashani Nicholas, Niranjan Nicholas, Jeyabalan Peris, Indra Xavier, Annanathan Fernando, Inparany Annanathan.

Keyboard: Gilbert Donbosco | Guitar: Michael Mathew | Santa: Murugesan Sivapackiampillai)

OPENING DANCE - PUSHPANJALI

(Dheepthi Gnaneswaran)

SONG 1 (Annanathan Fernando)

GROUP DANCE

(Bavan Linga, Murugesan Sivapackiampillai, Bertie Kingsley, Felix Nixon Francis, Jeyabalan Peris, Sutha Bavan, Shiranie Peris, Christine Kingsley)

SONG 2 (Mathusha Thass)

COUPLE DANCE (Delani & Sarathkumar)

SONG 3 (Ruban Remisier)

COUPLES GROUP DANCE

(Bavan Linga & Sutha Bavan ; Niranjan & Ashani Nicholas; Jayaabalan & Shiranie Peris; Bertie & Christine Kingsley)

SONG 4 (Krishna Punniyam)

SURPRISE PERFORMANCE

(Thass Sivapathasuntharam; Bobby Vijay; Felix Nixon Francis; Niranjan Nicholas; Bertie Kingsley)

SONG 5 (Bavan Linga)

VOTE OF THANKS (Indra Xavier)

DINNER

(Dinner time Singers - Dass, Nixon, Bobby,ETC)

RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW

DANCE FLOOR OPEN



Canada's Committee Members 2023



From Top Left to Right: Sylvester Nicholas, Gaster Benedict, Ashani Nicholas, Dr. Victor Figurado, Christeen (Dushy) Seevaratnam, Bertie Kingsley, Aruntha Gaster, Jude Yoganathan, Emerencia Joseph, Sri Mylvaganan Vijeyaratnam, Jacoline Shanthirajah, Meleni David, Anton Balarajah, Sumi Balarajah, Michael Xavier, Indra Xavier, Jayabalan Peris, Shiranie Jayabalan, Niranjan Nicholas, Christina Kingsley, Joseph Kodithor



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Celebrated on November 19, 2022



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Dear members, sponsors, honoured guests, well wishers, families and friends

Thank you for gathering to celebrate our 22nd Annual Mannar Night.
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To our 5th President and tonight's Stage Sponsor, Sylvester Nicholas, of HomeGuard Funding Ltd. - The Mortgage Centre, our gratitude for your council and leading MFA for the last Ten Years.

Our Platinum Sponsors and long standing members; Indra Michael Xavier, of HomeLife/Future Realty Inc.; Christeen Dushy Seevaratnam of Chapel Ridge Funeral Home Ltd.; we express our thanks for your continued contribution to our association.

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To our Patrons Meleni David, of Meleni David Personal Injury Lawyers and Jude Yoganathan, P.Eng., we thank you for being the financial backbone of MFA since the founding of Mannar Friendship Association. Tonight both of you have pitched in to cover expenses needed by MFA to make this night a success, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To our entire program participants, for joining us this evening and providing us with a most delightful display of Talents, we thank you. All our performers have spent weeks preparing and rehearsing for Mannar Night. Your commitment to the success of Mannar Night 2023 is noted and remembered.

Our MC, Raveena Raveendran, you've worked with MFA for weeks rehearsing for Mannar Night. Thank you for your time and talent. Our Photo and Videographer, Mahenthiran; DJ, Nimal Ji; Makeup Artist, Constantine (Rajan); thank you for stepping up and making this a memorable night. TJ Print & Promo - Alan for design and print services for Mannar Night Souvenir Booklets and Tickets; Software and Webhosting services by Ajanth software services; Slide Show and Videography - Jerom Rajadurai; and to our gracious host, The Estate Banquet & Event Centre - Jeet Bansal and his staff for serving us tirelessly tonight, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.

We want to extend our thanks to all the volunteers who've made this 22nd Annual Mannar Night a tremendous success. Special thanks to: Jayabalan & Shiranie Peris, Michael (Master) & Indra Xavier, Bertie & Christine Kingsley, Niranjan & Ashani Nicholas, Meleni & Sri. We exist to serve. Whether it be man made or natural disasters that befell our Mannar community, we're there to help alleviate the suffering.

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